



ING GUEST SPEAKER, the Rev. Benedict A. Ehmman, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, are these principals at Catholic Daughters of America state convention here. In photo (from left) are: Mrs. John J. McMahon, district deputy; Monsignor William J. Chemung-Schuyler, dean; Rev. William A. Burns, Court St. Rita Chaplain; Mary Katherine Margraff, grand regent, Court St. Rita and Father Ehmman.

CDA Delegates Hear Ehmman At Banquet

More than 500 delegates, members and friends were in attendance at the Golden Jubilee observance banquet climaxed the 25th biennial meeting of the Catholic Daughters of America last week at the Mark Hotel in Elmira.

Rev. Benedict A. Ehmman, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, was the featured speaker at the banquet. He explained the meaning of the Golden Jubilee, "50 years of the Catholic Daughters of America." He said that the Catholic Daughters of America are a part of the Church, and that they are working for the betterment of the world.

Other officers elected to State offices in addition to Miss Curry as State Regent were, Mrs. Margaret D. Laneto, vice regent; Mrs. Mary D. Harrington, secretary; Mrs. Jane Benzing, treasurer and Mrs. Mary M. Donahue, Monitor.

Miss Margraff Renamed By CD

Miss Mary Katherine Margraff was re-elected Grand Regent of Court St. Rita 137, Catholic Daughters of America at the regular monthly meeting held last Monday evening in Elmira.

The Court is planning an initiation ceremony to be held at an early date.

Dr. Emil Gefell To Observe 60th Year In Priesthood

Sixty years in the Holy Priesthood will be observed by the Rev. J. Emil Gefell, pastor-emeritus of St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester on Wednesday, May 30, Memorial Day.

Pontifical Low Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, who will also preach the sermon in St. Peter and Paul Church at 8 a.m. in observance of the Diamond Sacerdotal Jubilee of Father Gefell. The public is invited to the Mass according to the Rev. Robert J. Fox, pastor.

Father Gefell's 60-year span in the Priesthood touches two centuries and he had much to do in the pioneering of the Diocese of Rochester.

He recalled this week going with the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester as notary when the four counties of Tioga, Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben in 1890 were transferred to the Diocese of Rochester.

FATHER GEFFEL has a 43-year record as pastor, at St. Peter and Paul's, is the founder of St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Churches, Rochester having been the first organizer of Italian Catholics in Rochester and was one of the few Rochesterians to know the late Pope Pius XI.

Born in Rochester, July 16, 1870, Father Gefell attended St. Peter and Paul School and was the first boy of that parish to become a priest.

Father Gefell was the ninth pastor of the 112-year-old parish. His predecessor, the late Rev. Francis H. Sinclair, held the pastorate for 45 years until his death in 1907. Dr. Gefell believes there is a record in the fact that for 83 years the parish had only two pastors. He retired in 1950.

Dr. Gefell made his Golden Jubilee as a priest on May 30, 1946 with celebration of Mass in the presence of His Excellency Bishop Kearney. He said this week that he believes the only other two priests in this diocese to mark their 60th anniversary were the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Gefell met the then Father Ratti, the future Pope Pius XII, in Milan, Italy in 1932. Father Gefell had just finished his philosophy course in Rome and was enroute to Germany for a vacation.

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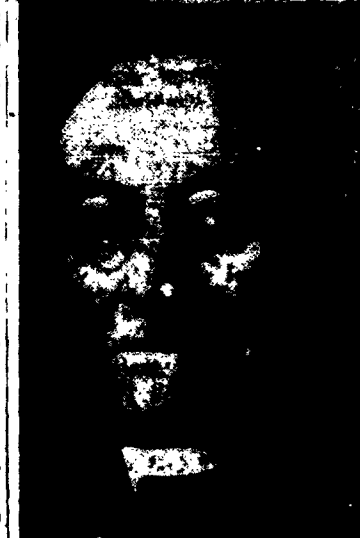
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DR. J. EMIL GEFFEL

James Griffin of Corning and the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Bloomer of Elmira.

The diamond jubilee is the eldest of three priest-sons of the late John B. and Astasia Gefell. The other two are the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Gefell, who died in 1929 while pastor of St. Plus X Church, Cohocton.

After completion of four years at St. Andrew-Seminary in 1889, the young man was sent by Bishop McQuaid to the North American College in Rome, where he studied under the distinguished Cardinals Salotti and Laperche and was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

Father Gefell was ordained May 30, 1896 by Cardinal Raimondo, vicar general of Rome in the Cathedral of St. John Lateran.

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Retreat In Ithaca Parish To Mark Feast Centenary

Ithaca - Plans for a four day Retreat for all children and adults of Immaculate Conception Parish to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Extension of the Feast of the Sacred Heart to the Universal Church were announced today.

Rev. Gereon Lindsay O.F.M. Cap. will conduct the Retreat beginning Thursday, May 31 and terminating with a Solemn Closing on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15 p.m. Each day there will be Mass, Communion, Instruction and Benediction.

The parochial school children will be heard on Monday and Tuesday mornings, May 28 and 29, and the public school children during release time class in private homes in the rural areas on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

City public school children will have their confessions heard after school on Monday and Tuesday. At 2:15 and 4 p.m. Thursday Father Lindsay will give an instruction, the Sacred Heart to the children and adults, followed by confessions.

FATHER GEEON will conduct a Holy Hour of Reparation and Benediction on Friday evening at 7:45 for all high school students and adults of the parish and again on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. The parochial and public school students have been working energetically on the Sacred Heart.

The students posters and papers will be displayed in Parish Hall during the retreat and 48 Sacred Heart statues will be awarded as prizes by Monsignor Byrne to the boy and girl in each grade whose poster or essay merited it. Prizes will be distributed from the stage of parish hall on Sunday, June 3 following the 8 o'clock Mass for the public grade and high school students and following the 9 o'clock Mass for the parochial school students.

SOLEMN CLOSING will take place in the church on Sunday at 2:15 for all children and adults. There will be a sermon consecration of Human Race to the Sacred Heart.

Masses Arranged In Masonic Temple

Ithaca - Arrangements for Mass to be said in the Newfield Masonic Temple on the First Friday at 8 a.m. and the First Saturday at 8 a.m. have been made by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca.

These arrangements were made to accommodate the large number of Catholics in the area. A chartered bus will bring the children to the Ithaca Church for sermon and Benediction at 4 p.m.

The Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart Enthronement in the Homes, Benediction and Veneration of Relic of St. Margaret Mary.

The announcement said, "In the early days of Christianity devotion to the Sacred Heart was buried, as it were, in the life of the Church. It was buried not in the sense that a corpse is buried, but in the sense of a smoldering fire, keeping itself alive beneath the surface of the ground. Love of Christ, symbolized by His Heart, moved silently through the ages until the seventeenth century when the Sacred Heart chose a 24-year-old nun, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque to be the Apostle of devotion to His Sacred Heart."

"Because of man's attitude towards Him in the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord asked to have the first Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi kept as a special feast in honor of My Heart. He asked for a 'public devotion' with its own ecclesiastical feast and special practices. And He promised that His Heart will pour out in abundance the powerful effects of its influence on all those who will render it this honor and who will procure that others shall render it also."

In June 1856 that request was granted and extended to the universal Church by Pope Pius IX. As a united parish devoted to the Sacred Heart the priests, Sisters of St. Joseph, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, adults and children will honor His Sacred Heart in a most momentous way on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the answer to His request."

"Sacred Heart Club", a spiritual organization for public grade school students has been meeting monthly in Parish Hall after confessions on the eve of the First Friday. Games, film strips or stories are planned for the children by Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Helpers and supervised by Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

The children wear their Sacred Heart Club buttons to school and to their meetings. The number of children who are consoling the heart of Jesus by receiving Holy Communion on the First Fridays of every month is increasing.

The Centennial program will be in operation during the First Friday of June and the Club members are planning on honoring the Sacred Heart on the Friday following, June 8, Feast of the Sacred Heart.



MAY QUEEN - Miss Joan Connolly of St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing is shown with her attendants, Miss Jean Heaton (left) and Miss Angela Norrell.

Fr. Marvin Heard At May Rites Of Student Nurses

May Day observance at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing was attended by 200 people last week. Following High Mass which was sung by the students in the Little Flower Chapel, a Communion Breakfast was held.

The Procession from the Nurses Residence began at 2 p.m. and proceeded around the front of the Hospital to the Auditorium in the Dunn Memorial Building where the Queen, Miss Joan Connolly, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Humphrey Connolly of 120 Morningside Dr., was crowned by Rev. Philip E. McGhan.

Following the coronation and the recitation of the Living Rosary by the students, the Queen crowned Mary, Queen of May. Rev. James J. Marvin, assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church of Rochester said in part: "The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of all mankind. The speaker pointed out that we tell our earthly mother of our love for her better by our action than by our words. Father reminded his listeners that 'we love our Mother because she gives us life and cares for our bodily welfare. Mary is really a mother, by giving us life through Jesus Christ whom she gave to us. Mary, the Mother of God is the Mediatrix of all graces. Our Heavenly Queen stays the Hand of God's just anger. This was exemplified at Lourdes and later at Fatima.'"

FATHER MARVIN continued (Continued on page 2-A)

Library To Close May 30

St. Christopher Library in Elmira will be closed all day Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30 but will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday of that week from 2 until 5 p.m. each afternoon.

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DCCW To Map Anniversary

Chemung-Schuyler Deanery of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet Monday evening May 28 at 8 p.m. in Dunn Memorial.

All presidents and chairmen of the various committees are urged to be present and submit activities reports.

Plans for the observance of the twenty fifth anniversary of the Deanery will be discussed.

Sewing Guild Attends Dinner

Members of St. Anthony Sewing Guild held a dinner as their final activity of the season last week in the annex, Elmira.

Mrs. Mario Forte, president, and the other officers were in charge of arrangements.