

Hibernians Plan National Convention In New York City, Order's Birthplace

The national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, scheduled in New York City from August 6 to 10 and celebrating the 120th anniversary of the order, is expected to attract members of the AOH and Auxiliary from this area.

It will be the order's first national convention in its birthplace in some 55 years. It was May, 188, when a small group of Irish immigrants met in the basement of St. James' church in Manhattan. There they received the charter sent from Ireland, that authorized formation of the AOH in America.

Present-day Hibernians say that in spirit they trace their origin far back into ages past, to those orders into which the people of Ireland were divided in earliest times: the Druids, or singers; the Brehons, or judges and lawyers; the Ollahns, or historians; and the Knights and Soldiers, defenders of the country.

EARLY YEARS of the AOH in America were at times stormy. The local division halls in New York were havens for the vast wave of Irish immigrants which came during the 1830's and 1840's. Soon after its founding, the AOH was confronted with a whirlwind of anti-Catholic and anti-Irish bigotry. Mobs sometimes roamed the streets, attacking Catholics and breaking windows in the churches.

Archbishop John Hughes of New York asked members of the AOH to protect the sacred edifices. The Hibernians armed themselves and garrisoned the churches. In 1844, members of the Know-Nothing Party marched on old St. Patrick's Cathedral, in lower Manhattan, but were beaten off by a band of AOH defenders.

Through the years the AOH in America has always supported Irish national movements and has given aid to the old country in times of famine and other economic emergencies. The Hibernians have seized every opportunity to stress the need for a unified Ireland. They took with disfavor on any form of violence.

DURING ITS 120 years, the AOH has distributed more than \$20,000,000 in sick benefits, \$10,000,000 in death benefits and \$7,000,000 for various charitable causes. For many years the AOH has been a large contributor to missionary work in China, India and Burma.

Under the leadership of the national president, Michael J. Dowd of Washington, D. C., there are 122,000 Hibernians in 343 divisions. There are also 72,000 members of the ladies auxiliary in 300 units.

To be admitted to the AOH, a man must be of Irish birth or descent through either parent, a practicing Catholic, between the ages of 18 and 45, and in good health. Persons over 45 are admitted to "social membership," without right to sickness or death benefits but with power to vote and hold office.

Newboys Boycott Smutty Magazines

Melbourne, Australia — (NC) — A refusal by Catholic newboys in some suburbs here to deliver objectionable publications has caused a sharp decline in their sales and alarmed their distributors.

The boys have told news agents for whom they work that they consider 21 magazines morally objectionable and cannot in conscience sell or distribute them.

Some news agents have respected the boys' wishes and praised their attitude. Others have objected, threatened action and reported the situation to the wholesale distributors.

New Hospital
Harrisburg, Pa. — (NC) — A new 200-bed general Catholic hospital will be built here, Bishop George L. Leach of Harrisburg has announced.



Summer Formal Planned

DIRECTING PLANS for the Annual Summer Formal of the Alumnae Association of Our Lady of Mercy High School scheduled at Lake Shore Country Club on Friday, July 20 are: Mary Lou Matillo (left) and Claire Van Loo, chairmen.

Addison Vacation School Attracts 75 Children

Addison—A daily attendance of about 75 children was recorded for the two week Vacation School of Religion concluding last Friday at St. Catherine Church in the village.

The final day's program included a party and refreshments held at noon.

FIFTEEN YOUNG children of the First Communion Class received Holy Communion for the first time at the 8:30 Mass last Sunday morning, and the other children of the Vacation School sang and also received Holy Communion in a body.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the Rev. Francis H. Turner, pastor, enrolled all the First Communion Class members in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. A breakfast was served in the church hall after Mass to the First Communion Class, which was prepared and served by the four visiting nuns.

The daily sessions were conducted from 9 to 11:30 a. m. and started off each day with the students and nuns assembling in the church for morning prayers after which they retired to the church hall for religious instruction, book projects, Bible stories, singing of hymns and a recreational period in Curtis Square.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS were given to the First Communion Class in preparation for reception of their first Holy Communion by Sister M. Pierre, principal of St. Patrick School in Owego. This is Sister Pierre's 20th year as a Vacation Religious School instructor among the children of St. Catherine's Church.

Sister M. Dominica of St. Cecilia School faculty in Rochester instructed the students of the second and third grades on "The Creed" as a special project.

Sister M. Gemma of Mount Carmel School, Rochester, instructed the fourth and fifth grade pupils on "The Sacraments" as a special project.

Sister M. Finn-Barr, of St. Patrick School, Owego, instructed the sixth, seventh and eighth grades on "The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass" and "The Sacred Vessels Used in celebrating Mass."

The nuns stayed in Addison for the two weeks period, at the home of Miss Katherine Wood on Maple Street.

In New York the American Friends of Captive Nations issued a statement urging President Eisenhower and Congress to extend the sympathy of the U. S. Government to "those brave workers" in Poznan.

The organization said that "the bloody oppression of the workers proves that the communists have not changed" their methods.

'We Want Bread And God!'

Chicago — (NC) — One of the placards carried by Polish workers during the riots in Poznan read: "We Want Bread And God."

Stanley Pieza, correspondent here for the N.C.W.C. News Service, learned this through a letter written by an eyewitness to the rioting.

The same eyewitness reported that one of the Polish Army divisions refused to obey orders of the Red rulers to shoot down hungry Poles in Poznan.

St. Louis See Plans Independent Paper

St. Louis — (NC) — An independent weekly newspaper will replace the St. Louis Register, published since 1941 as part of the Register system of diocesan newspapers, as the official publication of the St. Louis archdiocese, it has been announced by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter.

The name for the new paper has not yet been chosen but Archbishop Ritter disclosed that a printing contract has been awarded. The St. Louis Register has a circulation of 103,000.

Consecration Rite Slated In Rockford

Chicago — (NC) — Consecration of Magr. Donald M. Carroll as Bishop of Rockford, Illinois, will take place August 30 in St. James Pro-Cathedral in Rockford, it was announced here.

Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, will be consecrator and will officiate at the enthronement of the new Bishop immediately following the consecration.

Bishop elect Carroll, a native of Chicago, has been serving as secretary of the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, D. C.

Bill Would Exempt Churches On Tax

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — A bill introduced in the House would exempt churches from paying federal excise tax on bowling alleys, billiard or pool tables, map, Steven B. Desormain (R-N.Y.) is the sponsor.

The measure was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee which has several similar bills under consideration.

Lawn Fete Plans Completed By Rexville Parishioners

Rexville—Plans for a Lawn Fete to be held in the Rexville Community Hall on Sunday, July 22 have been completed by St. Mary's parishioners, they announced today.

Main feature will be a roast beef dinner served from 12 noon until 3 p. m. Refreshments will also be served on the grounds.

Various games for both children and adults are planned to complete the program of entertainment.

COMMITTEE chairmen are: Tickets, Leo Harkender; Food, Ed Grumley; Paul Harkender; Kitchen, Mrs. James McNell; Mrs. Paul McKinley; Mrs. John Kramarik; Dining Room, Mrs. Leo Harkender; Mrs. Paul Harkender; Mrs. Joseph FitzPatrick; Refreshments, Mrs. Stanley Murray; Leo McCormick; Games, Lynn Birmingham; Layton Austin; Eugene Ludden; Robert Dempsey; Ellen Murray; Apron, Booth; Mrs. Felix Ciosey; Publicity, Mrs. John Murphy; Mrs. William O'Hagan.

The Rev. Joseph E. Haffey, pastor of St. Mary's announced that there will be a 7 a. m. Mass as well as the regular Mass at 8 a. m.

All 5 Children In Family Choose Life In Religion

When the younger brother of Sister Bernadette Mary, music teacher at St. Helen School here, begins studies for the priesthood soon, he will join three sisters and a brother in the religious life.

J. Michael Donovan of Utica, a recent graduate of Utica Catholic Academy, will enter Sacred Heart Seminary in Callicoon, N.Y., to study for the priesthood in the Order of Franciscan Friars Minor.

BESIDES SISTER Bernadette Mary, Franciscan Sister at the Gates school, other Donovan children include Father William J. Donovan, assistant pastor of St. John's Church, Utica; Sister Mary of Lourdes, X-ray technician at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Camden, N.J.; and Geraldine E. Donovan, since last August a postulant nurse at St. Francis Hospital, Miami, Fla. They are the children of Alder-

man Gerald F. and Anne O'Hare Donovan of Utica.

Harvard Glee Club Salutes Pope Pius

Vatican City — (NC) — The Harvard Glee Club members rendered a musical salute to Pope Pius XII when the group's name was read out at a general papal audience.

The glee club was accompanied by Father Russell Wool, Robert, Philip, John and Paul, professor of music at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

Anna Gilles Rites At St. Augustine

The funeral of Anna Gilles, widow of Charles M. Gilles was conducted at the Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home, 363 Chili Ave. and at St. Augustine Church on Tuesday morning, July 3. Mrs. Gilles died unexpectedly at her home 5 Post Ave. on July 1, 1956.

Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Albert V. Ryan. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy was in the Sanctuary.

Mrs. Gilles was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Augustine Church.

Mrs. Lewis Gayton of Fillmore, a niece was the sole survivor.

Robert, Philip, John and Paul, professor of music at the Sweetland were bearers and interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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Father From R Mass In

Hornell—Firm returning from the Rev. William his home parish July 8 at 11 a. m.

After studying at St. Bernard's Father Cosgrove, North American Co. for advanced studies dained by Bishop I nor, rector of the chapel on Dec. 17.

In his first Mass Rev. James R. C newly ordained pr was Deacon and the E. Smith, newly ap ant pastor of St. Hornell was Subde ant Priest was the M. McDonnell, pas natus Loyola Chur

SERMON WAS the Rt. Rev. Msgr Burns, former vice North American (Rome. Monsignor phasized the sacred priest assumes whee Sacrament of Holy comes an emissary High Priest, to Orders.

At the Mass also Rev. Msgr. John E. cello of the Roch the Rev. David M sor at St. Andrew the Rev. Robert Mc fessor at St. Bernar the Rev. James F Corring; the Rev. bona, professor at Seminary, the Rev. and the Rev. Norb Hornell and Frater O.F.M. of Washing Father McDonnell master at dinner in in the American I Seneca St. which by 65 relatives and guests.

MORE THAN 100 tended a reception American Legion I to 6 p. m. Thirty present. At Fathe side were his par Mrs. Ray-E. Cos Hill St. Hornell.

Feuding at the and assisting in rangements were women members of parish.

The Misses Arme beth Brill, Mrs. R J. Vincent O'Brien Quartz, Mrs. Dus Mrs. Quartz, Mrs. mond, Mrs. Edwin Humbert Solo, M honey, Mrs. Willi and the Misses Le and Mary Lou Quar Father William arrived in Hornell ago after completin study at Rome's No College.

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