

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1956

SERVED IN CORNING

### Greek Orthodox Pastor Enters Catholic Church

East Pittsburgh, Pa. (NC)—The pastor of the independent schismatic Church of St. John the Baptist here has announced that he has entered the Catholic Church because of "the desire for truth."

The Rev. Basil Simeon Zeleniak announced his decision to his congregation.

IN A WRITTEN statement, later, he said that his inquiries into the fundamental tenets of the Orthodox Church often presented problems of theology for which he could find no answer. He cited the question of the foundation of authority in the Church.

"After long study and consideration I fully realized that the truth (which surpasses all understanding) is the deposit of super-natural faith safeguarded by the authority of the Catholic Church," he said in his written statement, which was prepared for the Byzantine Catholic World, newspaper of the Byzantine Rite Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

"On this occasion I would like to call upon my friends, fellow priests and faithful to reconsider their standings in relation to the truth of their faith, and if they find lack of peace, I invite them to follow me and join in the humility of the true flock of Christ in order that all of us may be one flock under one pastor."

Corning - The Rev. Zeleniak served as pastor for a year of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Corning leaving here about two and one half years ago to accept a pastorate in Youngstown, Ohio. He was succeeded here by the Very Rev. Magr. Nicholas J. Wolochuk, present pastor. He also served in Buffalo.

The local church is in the Scranton Deanery of the Orthodox Church affiliated with Greece. The Rev. Zeleniak who served as pastor of a Syrian parish in Allentown, Pa. before coming to Corning was ordained in 1949. His brother, the Rev. John Zeleniak is dean of the Scranton Deanery with a pastorate in Taylor, Pa., near Scranton.

### Elmira Library Adds New Books On Varied Topics

St. Christopher's Library, in Elmira has added the following new books:

In connection with the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, two books are presented:

A Report On The American Results by John LaFarge, S.J., photos by Margaret Bourke-White.

St. Ignatius and the Jesuits by Theodore Maynard.

Seeds Of The Desert by Rene Voillaume.

Soldier Of The Spirit by Michael Carragues. Both of these are concerned with the life of Charles de Foucauld.

The High Romance by Michael Williams who tells of his adventurous life.

Life Of Thomas Cranmer by Theodore Maynard, the life story of the Archbishop of Canterbury who in 1536 was burned at the stake.

The Dead Sea Scrolls And The Originality Of Christ by Geoffrey Graystone, S.M.

They Saw His Glory by Melsie Ward.

A Testimonial To Grace by Avery Dulles, S.J.

Saints And Their Attributes by Helen Reider.

The Year And Our Children by Mary Reed Newland.

A John LaFarge Reader, selected and edited by Thurston N. Davis and Joseph Small.

The Catholic In Secular Education by J. M. O'Neill.

The Last Hour by Edwin O'Connor.

A picture of Russia and of Russian influence in Communist China is given graphically in Moscow Was My Parish by A. A. Bissonnette, A.A. and Four Years In A Red Hell by Harold W. Ripney, S.V.D.

The Library is located at the corner of East Church and State Streets in the Catholic Daughters' Rooms. Summer hours are Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. All are invited to enjoy its facilities.

### KC Major Degree Listed In October

Plans are announced by Edward A. Claus, District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus to hold an exemplification of the Third Degree of the Order in Elmira on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Commenting in September a series of first and second degrees will be held in the District in preparation for the scheduled Major Degree.

Candidates for the honor will come largely from Elmira, Corning, Waverly and Watkins Glen.

### Remedial Reading Sessions Successful

Corning—A spokesman for the Sisters of Mercy, who conducted a four week session in remedial reading here this summer, said week termed the second annual session at St. Vincent de Paul's School as the most successful yet held in the Corning area.

A capacity student body of 75 attended the session which was designed to aid both elementary and high school children who have experienced difficulty in reading. The School in Corning was one of three supervised by the Catholic order of Rochester.

The Sisters, all especially trained for this work, began these remedial classes in 1951 and have continued them, expanding each year. The original class in Corning was held in St. Mary School, while this year's classes were conducted at St. Vincent de Paul School because of the additional facilities.

### Fraternity Meets

Cleveland—(NC)—Phi Kappa, national Catholic social fraternity, will hold its annual convention here September 4 to 6.

## St. Joseph Nuns To Mark 50 Years At St. Peter, Paul's

The Golden Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Peter and Paul School, Elmira, will be celebrated by the parish this fall.

The present parochial school building was built by the Rev. John C. Long who was pastor from 1896 until 1916. Two years after he became pastor, the corner stone of the new school was laid. At the time of its completion, this school was considered to be one of the finest in the city of Elmira. It was staffed by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Mary from Lockport, who had come to Elmira in 1866.

AN HISTORIC change came to the parish in 1897. That year, by a Papal Rescript of Pope Leo XIII, Chemung county was taken from the Diocese of Buffalo and annexed to the Diocese of Rochester. As a result of this transfer, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Mary ceased to teach in Elmira, although the actual change was delayed until 1906.

In September of 1906, the parish school reopened with the diocesan congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph as teachers. Father Long, the parishoners and the children welcomed the new Sisters to St. Peter and Paul Parish, and for fifty years, these Sisters of St. Joseph have given their talents, their strength and their sacrifices to the parishioners of Mother Church, a spokesman said.

School opened in 1906 with 178 pupils. Sister Isadore was the first principal. The first faculty consisted of Sister Isadore, Sister Alice, Sister Sylvia, Sister Cecilia Agnes, and Sister Ernestine. They have all since gone to their reward.

The list of principals over the golden era of fifty years consists of:

Sister Isadore, 1906-1907; Sister Alice, 1907-1914; Sister Antonette, 1914-1920; Sister Adelaide Marie, 1920-1926; Sister Antonia, 1926-1927; Sister Teresa Vincent, 1927-1930; Sister Scholastica, 1930-1933; Sister Marie Thomas, 1933-1938; Sister Anna de Sales, 1938-1941; Sister Mary Ernest, 1941-1943; Sister Maria, 1943-1948; Sister Helen Joseph, 1948-1955.

Sister Mary Grace is the jubilarian superior and principal. Last year, the parish school reached its all time high in registration. A new class room was opened, making for the first time a school of eight single rooms.

A NEW CONVENT for the Sisters of St. Joseph was planned by Rev. William J. Naughton, and built by the present pastor, Rev. Hubert A. Bisky. The doors

### Solemn Vows Professed At Mt. Saviour Rites

Solemn vows were pronounced by Brother Maur Laforet at Mount Saviour Monastery, Madigan Road near Elmira, on the feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15.

At the Offertory of the High Mass celebrated by Very Rev. Damasus Winzen, prior, Brother Maur took the vows which bind him for the rest of his life and received the special blessing of consecration of the monk.

Brother Maur is the son of Mary and the late Francis Laforet of E. Boston, Mass. He had served with the Medical Corps of the Armed Forces and attended Boston College before coming to Mount Saviour in 1952. After completing the preliminary period of postulancy at Mount Saviour, he spent his year of novitiate at the Abbey of St. Benoit-du-Lac in Quebec, Canada. At the end of the novitiate, he took vows for a period of three years which were concluded on Aug. 15.

Brother Maur is the fourth member of the community to pronounce solemn vows during this year, and the second to do so at the Mount Saviour Monastery, the other two having taken place in Rome. The ceremony was attended by relatives and friends of Brother Maur and many local residents.

ON SUNDAY, Aug. 19, the Monastery will hold its annual celebration, which has become known as "Dedication Day." It marks the fourth anniversary of the anniversary of the dedication of the chapel to Our Lady, Queen of Peace.

Once each year the Monastery holds an "open house" with food available and various items all donated to the Monastery by friends and sold to raise money, which this year will be used to complete the interior of a new building the monks have been constructing for the past two years.

Since the foundations were poured during the summer of 1954, the building has slowly progressed, made possible by the donations of friends, until this year

### Father Ehmman Listed For Talk

London, Ont. — The Rev. Benedict Ehmman, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen will speak on the first day of the 17th North American Liturgical Week to open here on August 20.

The meeting will be the first held by the North American Liturgical Conference in a Canadian City. Father Ehmman's address on Monday, August 20, at 2 p.m. will be on "How Christian Worship Works."

According to Conference officials, aim of many of the talks will be to show how the people of the ordinary parish can be brought to an understanding of the liturgy—the official public worship of God and their role in it.

One feature will be the introduction of a prayer and song card that has been designed especially for the Sunday Mass in the parish. Dialogues, Mass week which this year will be used to use of this card and a demonstration of its effectiveness.

The last two days will center on the Holy Week. Special sessions for priests, seminarians, religious, lay and church musicians will be held on the last day of Conference, Wednesday, August 22.



STUDYING RELIGION in the Mendon Firehouse, and typical of Religious Vacation Schools in the Diocese of Rochester is this group of pupils from 4th to 7th grades being taught by Sister Frances Martina of Sisters of St. Joseph. Children are of St. Catherine's Parish, Mendon.

### Summer Classes Attract 3,685 School Children

Seventy-five more children in the Diocese of Rochester were taught religion during this summer, than last year, according to the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine reporting a total registration of 3,685 in 54 parishes where religious vacation schools were conducted.

Singled out for special mention in Father Schnacky's report was the work of the Rev. Charles R. Reynolds, pastor of St. Thomas Church, Leicester.

Father Reynolds conducted Vacation Schools in five different locations, Cuylerville, Retsof, Piffard, York and Greigsville with one Sister stationed in each of these places. In all 144 children were taught.



DIOCESAN DIRECTOR, the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, also administrator of St. Catherine Church, Mendon in dual role shows slides explaining religious truths to pupils from kindergarten to third grade. This Religious Vacation School is one of 54 conducted in Diocese of Rochester this summer.

| Parish                 | Registration |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Annunciation           | 203          |
| St. Augustine          | 25           |
| St. Francis Assist     | 90           |
| St. Patrick            | 245          |
| Addison                | 35           |
| Aurora                 | 38           |
| Union Springs          | 51           |
| Caledonia              | 80           |
| Cato                   | 68           |
| Clifton Springs        | 104          |
| Savannah               | 104          |
| Dryden                 | 149          |
| Elmira Heights         | 114          |
| Genesee                | 92           |
| Henrietta              | 100          |
| Rush                   | 67           |
| Honeoye Falls          | 95           |
| King Ferry             | 73           |
| Ludlowville            | 65           |
| Livonia, Conesus       | 105          |
| Livonia Center         | 40           |
| Hemlock                | 16           |
| Honeoye                | 34           |
| Lyons                  | 208          |
| Marion                 | 45           |
| Mendon                 | 62           |
| Port Byron             | 48           |
| Moravia                | 62           |
| Owasco                 | 30           |
| Trumansburg            | 71           |
| Newark                 | 26           |
| Nunda                  | 20           |
| Groveland              | 20           |
| Ovid, Romulus          | 97           |
| Dundee                 | 38           |
| Scipio, Genoa, Fleming | 97           |
| Scottsville            | 91           |
| Shortsville            | 169          |
| Sodus                  | 47           |
| Trumansburg            | 78           |
| Interlaken             | 78           |
| Watkins Glen           | 201          |
| Weedsport              | 76           |
| Wolcott, East Bay      | 62           |
| Total                  | 3685         |

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### Novena To Open At St. Anthony

A new Novena in honor of Our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony will open in St. Anthony Church, Elmira on Tuesday evening, August 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Services include special Novena prayers, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Anthony. Petitions for favors may be sent to the rectory and they will then be placed on the Shrine of St. Anthony.

### Minor Basilica

Dyersville, Iowa — (NC)—the Church of St. Francis Xavier here has been elevated to the rank of a Minor Basilica by Pope Pius XII.

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