

## Diocesan Sodality Union Marks Twenty-Five Years

Thirty thousand sodalists in twenty-five years is the impressive record to be marked at all the jubilee rites of the Rochester Diocese Sodality Union this Sunday, Oct. 14.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Sodality Anniversary Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Boniface Church and attend the jubilee banquet immediately following.

Currently, 4,000 are enrolled in active sodality groups in over 90 schools and parishes throughout the twelve county Rochester Diocese.

Bulk of the present membership comprises young Catholics of high school and college age, although some few adult groups continue an active sodality program.

The Sodality is a centuries-old church organization with a two-fold purpose — personal holiness of its members and apostolic action.

Pope Pius XII recently described it as the "outstanding form of Catholic Action."

**FIRST ORGANIZED** in the Rochester Diocese at Our Lady of Victory Church, Pleasant St., Rochester, in 1870, the sodality program was also adopted in other parishes of the Diocese.

Oldest of the sodality groups still in operation are the St. Boniface parish sodalities whose charters date back to 1875 (for young women) and 1877 (for young men).

**BISHOP JOHN F. O'Hara**, third bishop of Rochester, in 1931 appointed Rev. Robert J. Fox, now pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, to coordinate sodality activities on a diocesan-wide basis.

Miss Helen Guntert was elected president of this newly organized "Sodality Union."

Attending the first sodality union meeting on Nov. 11, 1931 at the Columbus Civic Center were 500 delegates from 43 parishes. Rev. Daniel Lord, S.J., famed organizer of the sodality movement in the United States was guest speaker.

Father Lord returned to Rochester in 1934 to launch a sodality sponsored drive against indecent and crime-themed motion pictures.

He continued to visit Rochester sodality meetings and aided in extending the sodality program throughout the Diocese.

**DEANERY UNIONS** were organized in 1935 in Geneva, Auburn, Elmira, and Corning to promote sodality activities in these areas.

Also in 1935, the diocesan sodality union arranged a week in Catholic Action. Over 500 attended these classes at the Columbus Civic Center, Rochester.

**HIS EXCELLENCY**, Bishop of Duane Hunt of Salt Lake City James E. Kearney brought Bishop to be keynote speaker at a diocesan wide sodality rally held Oct. 9, 1938. Father Lord also attended as guest speaker.

Observance of the sodality's patronal feast day, Dec. 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception, was marked in 1938 with Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney. Offerings contributed by each sodality group were presented to the Bishop at the offertory time of the Mass and later used to aid needy families of the Diocese.



TWENTY-FIVE years of coordinated sodality activity will be marked at anniversary observance Sunday. First Rochester diocesan sodality union president Helen B. Guntert, seated, goes over final plans with Mrs. Joseph (Margaret Larkin) McMahon, left, toastmistress of banquet, and present head Grace Corcoran.

national Catholic Community Service (NCCS) and U.S.O.

In 1946, the sodality union was divided into two sections — the parish sodality union to coordinate sodalities organized in parishes, and the school sodality union to aid sodalities established in the high schools and colleges of the Diocese.

Father J. Joseph O'Connell was first director of the school sodality union.

**LARGEST** rally of sodalists in their 25 years of coordinated activity in the Diocese was held in 1948. The three-day Congress of Mary attracted over 3,000 sodalists who heard noted youth leaders — the Jesuit Fathers J. Roger Lyons, Richard Rooney, and Francis LeBuffe, as also Miss Dorothy Willmann who had been a frequent visitor to local sodality meetings and is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the anniversary banquet following this Sunday's (Oct. 14) Mass.

A monthly Holy Hour was started in 1951 to deepen the spiritual life of Catholic young people and to pray for vocations to the religious life. Holy Hours were conducted in Holy Redeemer, Sacred Heart, Holy Rosary, and St. Monica churches. St. Joseph's in downtown Rochester was finally decided as most convenient and the devotion continues to be held there on the second Sunday of each month.

**AIMING TO** aid Catholic teenagers in public high schools, the Sodality Union sponsored four simultaneous week-long missions held in 1953 in Holy Redeemer, Sacred Heart, Blessed

Sodality Union Past Presidents	
Helen Guntert	1931-1933
Mary Leary	1933-1935
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Margaret Larkin	1937-1939
McMahon	1939-1941
Rita Doolin Eise	1941-1943
Florence Dietrich	1943-1945
Wuest	1945-1947
Fern Smith Bryan	1947-1949
Barbara Davis	1949-1951
Bernice Terhart	1951-1953
Walker	1953-1955
Robert Hines	1955-1957
James Free	1957-1959
Katherine Moynihan	1959-1961
Grace Corcoran	1961-1963

Members of various sodality groups responded to an invitation from the Monroe County Home to sing at the 6:30 a.m. Mass celebrated there every Sunday. This practice, inaugurated in 1939, was continued until 1952.

**DURING THE** war years, sodalists were active in the Na-

## Vatican Pact With Russia Not Possible

Frankfurt, Germany (NC) — A concordat between the Holy See and the Soviet Union is impossible so long as the U.S.S.R. remains under a communist regime. Father Gustav Gundlach, S.J., said at a congress of East European experts and expatriates.

Father Gundlach is on the faculty of the Papal Gregorian University at Rome. He is advisor to Pope Pius XII. In the field of economics and social relations, LOCAL arrangements between individual dioceses and communist authorities need not be ruled out on general terms, Father Gundlach added, if they concern the needs of the Church. This, however, would not mean a weakening of the Church's stand against communism as such, he added.

Although the Holy Father recently mentioned the possibility of the Church's adjusting herself to any kind of civilization, not only the civilization of the West, Father Gundlach said, this does not justify the conclusion that the Church could co-exist with communism, for "communism is not a civilization."

**FATHER GUNDLACH** explained that the Church must under all circumstances seek ways and means to secure a minimum of the necessary requirements for the welfare of souls. She will, therefore, always seek a "modus vivendi" with hostile governments in order to care for those in need of her teachings and Sacraments.

**Faculty Residence**  
Syracuse (NC) — Plans for a faculty residence for Le Moyne College here, the fourth unit of a projected 13-building campus, have been announced by Father Robert F. Greven, S.J., president.

## 'Can't Ban Christianity' Bishop Tells German Reds

Fulda (NC) — "Christianity cannot be ignored or banned," Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Freusberg of Fulda stated in a sermon at Weimar, East Germany.

The prelate, who maintains his residence at Erfurt in communist-controlled East Germany, was preaching at a Mass in near-by Weimar preceding the opening of the convention of the Christian Democratic Union of the Soviet zone.

In strong words the prelate protested against the infiltration of the schools with atheistic materialism.

A clash between school and home will result if this practice continues, the Bishop said, since in the later case Christian families are bound in conscience to teach their children Christian truths.

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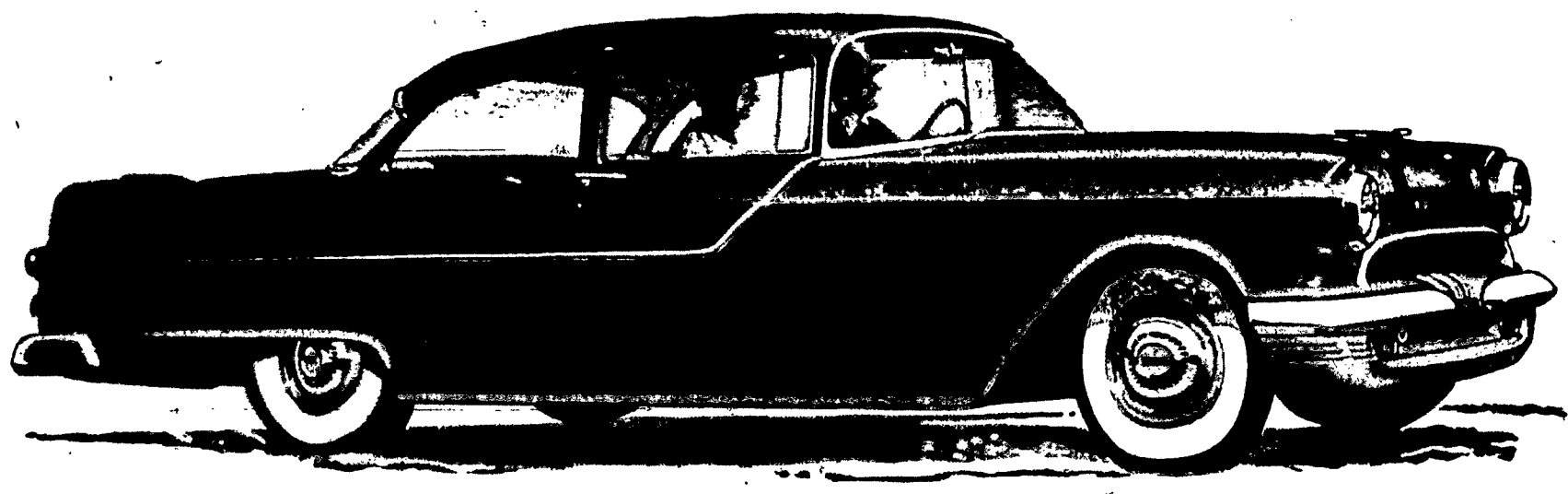
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