



FACADE of the new St. Pius X Church in Chili (left) and interior view with the Rev. Donald J. Murphy, pastor, reading the announcements.

Christmas 'Golden Mass' Celebrated At Mercy High

Our Lady of Mercy High School's traditional commemoration of the ancient custom of the Christmas Golden Mass took place (today) Friday, Dec. 14, when students, prior to the Mass, will place their offerings on the auditorium stage for the Christmas poor baskets. The Rev. Richard Tormey, school chaplain, will be the celebrant.

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ST. PIUS X CHURCH SITE of sixteen and a half acres is located between Chili Avenue and Chestnut Ridge Road. The new St. Pius X Church is shown in center foreground of above aerial photo. In lower right hand corner of photo may be seen the parish convent.

Classmates Attend Rites For Msgr. T. J. McMahon

New York — Solemn Requiem Mass for Msgr. Thomas J. McMahon, 47, pastor of the new Church of Our Saviour, which is under construction here, and former-national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, was offered in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dec. 10. Celebrant of the Mass was Msgr. Charles L. Giblin, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Nyack, N. Y., and the sermon was preached by Msgr. Joseph F. Connolly, pastor of St. John Chrysostom Church in the Bronx.



MONSIGNOR McMAHON

Attending from Rochester were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, V.G., pastor of St. Mary Church and the Rev. Elmer A. McNamara of the St. Bernard Seminary faculty, classmates of Monsignor McMahon at the North American College.

Msgr. McMahon died in his sleep (Dec. 6, 1956) at his residence here. He was born in Tuxedo Park, N. Y., on April 5, 1909, the son of James and Elizabeth Brennan McMahon. He attended Cathedral College here and entered St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, N. Y., in 1928.

In 1930, he went to the North American College in Rome, where he was ordained on December 5, 1933. He received the degree of doctor of sacred theology "summa cum laude" from Rome's Gregorian University in 1935 and the degree of doctor of philosophy from Fordham University in 1936.

While in Rome he attended the Propaganda University and served as secretary to the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church. In August, 1943, the Sacred Congregation appointed Father McMahon-national-secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. He succeeded Bishop Bryan J. McEntagart, now rector of the Catholic University of America, Washington. Father McMahon, at the time of his appointment had been professor of Church history at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers.

In 1945, Father McMahon was named a Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor and three years later was named a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. He then went on a four-month relief mission to the Near East and there organized Catholic relief efforts in Israel, in Arab Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt. In 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1953, Monsignor McMahon made strong representations in behalf of the SNEWA to the United Nations secretariat, urging the internationalization of Jerusalem. In June, 1953, Msgr. McMahon was named a Protonotary Apostolic by Pope Pius XII, and in 1954 was named a consultant of the Archdiocese of New York. In September, 1955, after serving for 12 years, he left the post of national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Cardinal Spellman appointed him pastor of the new Church of Our Saviour.

Sociologists Meeting Milwaukee, Wis. — (NC) — Marquette University will be host to the 18th annual convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society from December 27 to 29.

Hungarian Services Set

Local and refugee Hungarians are invited to an evening Mass at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 in St. Patrick Church, Plymouth Ave. N. and Brown St. according to the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor. Sermon and confessions will be in the Hungarian language. A reception in the parish hall will follow services.

Card. Spellman To Lead Centennial Pilgrimage

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York will personally lead a major National Pilgrimage-Cruise to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in September of 1958. It was announced today by Bert E. White, vice president and general manager of DePrez Travel Bureau, Powers-Hotel-Lobby, 34 Main St. West, LOcust 2-9885.

Donor To Build School Auditorium

St. Paul — (NC) — Ignatius O'Shaughnessy, St. Paul philanthropist, will build the auditorium of the new Archbishop Murray Memorial High School, being planned by Sisters of St. Benedict of the St. Paul Priory here. It will be the combined gift of Mr. O'Shaughnessy and his wife, Lillian G. O'Shaughnessy. Announcement of the gift was made by Mother Marceline.

Mrs. Milillo Named By Mr. Morris Unit

Mt. Morris — The Rosary Society of St. Patrick Parish held its annual meeting in the club rooms in St. Patrick School last Monday evening and elected officers for the coming year. Mrs. Mickey Milillo was elected president to succeed Miss Ruth Constantine who has served as president for the past two years. Mrs. Leonard Didas was elected vice-president; Mrs. Irving Fisher, secretary, and Mrs. Thomas Leavy Jr. as treasurer.

Do It Today
Don't brag about what you are going to do tomorrow—somebody might ask you what you did yesterday.

St. John Fisher Men List Christmas Ball At Oak Hill

Invitations have been issued to the staff and students of St. John Fisher College for the annual Christmas Ball. The Student Board of Governors has announced that this sixth annual formal dance will be held on Friday, Dec. 14 at Oak Hill Country Club at 9 p.m. Richard Kurz and David Young, co-chairmen, have appointed the following committee: Guy Pilato, Pierre Landry, Richard Flaherty, Ronald Scutler. They have arranged for the music of Johnny Hartzog and his orchestra. The official Christmas Reception at the College begins on Friday, Dec. 14. Lectures will be resumed on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

John Willig, Nun's Father Dies

Funeral services for John Willig, 78, formerly of 336 Norton St., who died Sunday, Dec. 2, 1956, were held at the August M. Maier Funeral Home on Wednesday morning, Dec. 5, and in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Funeral Mass was celebrated by Rev. L. Emmett Davis. Mr. Willig was a member of St. John's Benevolent Society, of which he had been Financial Secretary for over twenty-five years. He also belonged to Commandery No. 40, Knights of St. John. He is survived by two daughters, Sister Mary of Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Hong Kong, and Mrs. Francis (Helen) Seltz of Rochester; also one granddaughter. Members of St. John's Benevolent Society were active and honorary bearers. The following were active bearers: Frank Adams, William Bartz, Carmel Keinsbliek, Arthur Leo, Conrad Miller, and Stanley Fabrikis. Stephen Kuchman and Frank Schaefer were honorary bearers. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where final blessing at the grave was given by Rev. James Baker.



ROBERT J. HIRSCH

Robert Hirsch Opens Law Office

Robert J. Hirsch has opened his own office for the general practice of law at 100 Times Square Bldg. A member of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, he belongs to the SH Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus. Hirsch attended St. Bonaventure University and graduated from the University of Rochester and Albany Law School. An Army veteran of World War II, Hirsch was in the insurance field prior to going to law school. He and his wife, the former Joanne Dietrich, live in 96 Gorsline St. Three films in full color will be shown at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 2:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m., to which the public is invited. No tickets are required.

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IN MEMORY of the late Rev. Charles J. Bruton, first pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, this bronze plaque made in New York was dedicated Sunday in the Church vestibule. Monsignor Maynard Connell, present pastor, blessed the plaque and later highly commended the achievements of the parish's founder. Friday Night Committee erected the memorial.