



Day after Christmas funeral rites were held for thirteen year old Dolores Perrin at St. John's Church, Greece. Father Frederick Bush is shown meeting casket at church entrance as Dolores' playmates and school pals watch. Dolores died with her wish fulfilled, "I want to be a Catholic."

Dolores Gets Her Wish

'I Want To Be A Catholic' Dying Girl Tells Parents

By FATHER ATWELL

On the day before Christmas, thirteen year old Dolores Perrin died with her one request fulfilled — her desire to become a Catholic.

And on the day after Christmas, her playmates and school pals put aside their Christmas toys to attend Dolores' funeral Mass at St. John's Church, Greece.

DOLORES had been scheduled to come home for two hours on Christmas day but her three years' struggle against cancer was just too much for her to hold on any longer.

At half past eight on Monday morning, Dolores died.

Last Saturday evening, she asked her mother to call hospital chaplain Father Paul Wohlrab. She told her mother, "I think I am going to die," and now she confided to the priest, "I'm afraid."

Father Wohlrab repeated to her the age old story of how Christ loved little children, how He said, "Let them come unto Me." The priest then heard Dolores' confession for the last time and helped say her prayers. Despite her pain she smiled her thanks.

She slipped into a coma and never regained consciousness.

NURSES at the hospital tell how the young girl always said, "Thank you," even when they brought her medicine.

They also describe Dolores' heroic patience as the dreaded cancer ate away at her life.

To ease the pain, doctors prescribed hypo injections, but even the needle hurt her frail little limbs. A nurse remarked once, "The Blessed Virgin suffered, Dolores; and she offered it up for the Christ Child." Next time the hypo was due, Dolores didn't object, and when it was over she said to the nurse, "I thought of what you told me and I offered it up for Jesus, and I didn't mind it so much this time."

Over a year ago, when Dolores' parents realized that their young daughter had little hope of ever getting better, they asked her what she would like to have, anything she wanted and they would try to get it for her.

Dolores thought a moment and said, "What I'd really like is to be a Catholic."

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Perrin, her parents, are members of the Baptist Church but they called nearby St. John's Catholic Church and talked with Rev. Frederick Bush, assistant pastor there.

Mrs. Perrin brought Dolores to



DOLORES PERRIN

the rectory for catechism instruction, but then Dolores grew too weak to leave her home at 177 Standish Rd., Greece. So Father Bush continued the instructions there and that is where Dolores made her First Communion.

Since September of this year, the curly, blonde haired pupil of Greece Central School has had to stay at St. Mary's hospital. She was never strong enough to attend Mass there, so either Father Wohlrab or Father Bush brought our Lord in Communion to her bedside.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey gave her the Sacrament of Confirmation in a private ceremony at the hospital on Oct. 10. Also confirmed on that occasion was nine year old Robert Wilson, a leukemia victim who died just a few days afterwards.

WHY DID a little girl like Dolores want to be a Catholic? Most youngsters her age, so adults seem to think, are busy with school activities, neighborhood parties, and just plain "having fun."

Dolores had many chums who attended St. John's parochial school. She often came to church with them when they would come to confession on Saturday afternoon or when they were passing by on their way for a summer

St. Anthony Lists Novena Opening

A new Novena in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Anthony will open in St. Anthony Church, Elmira on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p. m.

Creche Made By Man For Parish Church



CHRISTMAS CRIB in St. Patrick's Church, Mount Morris, admired by Gerald, Robert and Mary Ann LaBarbara children of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony LaBarbara of St. Patrick's parish. The crib was built by Mr. LaBarbara. (Fred Beurlin Photo).

Religious Rites To Highlight New Year

Spiritual preparation for the new year of 1957 will be made at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday night, Dec. 31 where His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey will celebrate a Pontifical Low Mass at 7:45 p. m.

The annual New Year's Eve Holy Hour from St. Francis of Assisi Church will be broadcast over radio station WSAW from 11:15 p. m. to 12:15 a. m. The Rev. Charles Bauer will be celebrant and the Rev. Joseph Cirincione will conduct the Holy Hour, reciting the prayers and giving the talks.

Year-end Nocturnal Adoration will take place in Our Lady of the Cenacle Retreat House, 693 East Ave. beginning Dec. 31 and continuing through the night to the morning of New Year's Day.

The Rev. John Havas, S.J., of McQuaid Jesuit High School will preach the Holy Hour from 8 to 9 p. m. Friends who are unable to spend the night at the Cenacle may attend the Holy Hour.

Masses on New Year's Day at the Cathedral will be at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 a. m.; 12:15 (noon) and 5 p. m. (afternoon).

Down town churches list Mass schedules for New Year's Day as follows:

St. Mary's Church — 7, 8, 9:30, 10:15, 10:30, 11, 11:30 a. m.; 12:15 (noon) and 5 p. m. (afternoon).
Corpus Christi Church, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 a. m.; 12:15 (noon) and 5 p. m. (afternoon).

Our Lady of Victory Church — 8:30, 9:30, 11 a. m.; 12:10 (noon) and 5 p. m.

St. Joseph's Church — 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9, 10:30, 11:30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Nurses Caps Given Students

Fifty-seven freshmen students at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing received their caps at ceremonies last Friday in the hospital chapel. The caps were blessed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, who is recovering from a recent operation at the hospital.

Sister Martina, administrator of the hospital, and Sister Frances, director of the School of Nursing, presented the caps to the students. The Rev. Paul Wohlrab, hospital chaplain, presided.

Assisting in the capping ceremonies were Miss Ann German and Miss Mary Woerner, instructors at the school.

A reception and tea for families and friends followed the ceremonies.

Paper Drive for Cubs Set By Newark KC

Newark — A new cub pack is being formed by Newark Council, Knights of Columbus.

Harry O'Neill, chairman, said a paper drive will be conducted on Dec. 29 as a project to raise funds for the new pack.

Newark residents may call 1941-J or 410 if they have any questions.

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Open House Scheduled in Fairport's New School For Religion Classes

An "Open House" schedule at the new School of Religion and Convent of the Sisters, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart at 10 Baumer Place, Fairport is announced today by the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor of Church of the Assumption.

The schedule follows:
For Priests and Sisters, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28 and 29, 2 to 5 p. m.

For Socialists and High School Students, Sunday, Dec. 30, 2 to 4 p. m.

For the Parishioners and former Parishioners of Assumption Parish, on New Year's Day, 2 to 5 p. m.

The unique school in which released time religious instruction is being given to 500 pupils is located near the new Central Public School on Baumer Place running west from South Main St. in Fairport. The children come across the street in a few minutes from public school classes to attend the "Released Time" classes of religion.

Four Sisters of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart make up the faculty. The Sisters' Motherhouse is in Baltimore, Md., and they have another foundation in the Diocese of Rochester in Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca.

The Catholical Center and convent were built following a successful campaign in Assumption Parish which resulted in \$122,000 being pledged in November, 1955. Ground for the structure was broken on March 4, 1956. The school, only one of its kind in the diocese, put into use this month, is now ready for the Open House.

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The letter said: "It is hoped that each parish will have a large representative delegation attend this eleventh annual Mass."

"It is respectfully requested that all members be advised and encouraged at their December meetings to unite in this pious custom of honoring the Holy Name of Jesus on that morning."

"Planned and systematic arrangements on the part of each individual parish will increase the numbers in attendance."

"Your assistance in making this invitation known to all the men in your parish will be regarded as a courtesy to His Excellency, and greatly appreciated by those concerned with arrangements."

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FIRST EVENT in the new School of Religion and Convent of the Sisters, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, 10 Baumer Place, Fairport, shows the Rev. Leonard A. Kelly, pastor, Assumption Church, celebrating Mass at which 200 children attended and received Holy Communion.

Holy Name Mass Set On Feast

Eleventh annual Solemn Mass observing the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus will be celebrated at 11:30 a. m., Sunday, Jan. 6, (Epiphany Sunday) at St. Joseph Church, Franklin St., Rochester, the Rochester Deanery Holy Name Union, sponsoring, announced this week.

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College Students To Hold Annual Christmas Formal

The undergraduate association of Nazareth College presents the annual Christmas formal "Christmas Cotillion" at the Rochester Club on Friday, Dec. 28. Dancing will be from ten until one to the music of Syl Novelli and his orchestra.

Committee is as follows:
General chairman, Anne Marie Stokes; tickets and publicity, Aurelia Vail; decorations, Bonnie Blanchard; invitations, Anne Reed; general order, Marian Callahan.

Chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. Arden Howland, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gruchmann, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Moynihan.

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Fordham President Heads College Group

Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., president of Fordham University, has been elected the president of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York. At the annual meeting of the association held recently in Queens College, Fr. McGinley was the unanimous choice of the members of the association.

The membership consists of the 125 institutions of higher education in New York State. Fr. McGinley succeeds Dr. William Brown, President of Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

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