

## St. Gerard Majella

### Area Doctors Urged To Back Appeal Asking Pope To Name 'Mother's Saint'

An appeal for area Catholic doctors to join in a worldwide petition asking Pope Pius XII to officially proclaim St. Gerard Majella, the Patron of Catholic Mothers, as the Mother's Saint for this week in Rochester by the Redemptorist Fathers who staff St. Joseph's Church.

ST. GERARD was a Redemptorist lay-brother, famed for his holiness. He was canonized a saint in 1904 by Pope Pius X. Although the Church has not officially designated him as the patron saint of mothers he is popularly known as "the Mother's Saint" because of the widespread practice of invoking his blessing for the safety of mothers and children, particularly in cases of childbirth.

On January 30th according to the Rochester Redemptorists, their Superior General in Rome, the Very Reverend William Gaudreau will present a petition to the Holy Father asking him to officially name St. Gerard the "Patron of Mothers." The petition will stress the saint's reputed care of expectant mothers who invoke his protection.

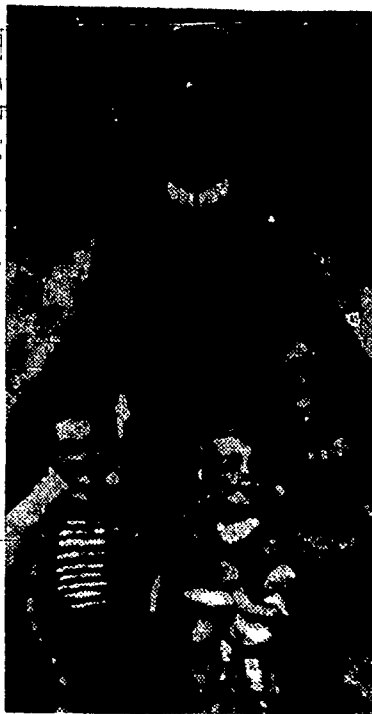
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IN THE appeal to area doctors to support with their own testimonies the petition in behalf of St. Gerard, the local Redemptorist Fathers state:

"Catholic mothers-to-be in all parts of the world have come to look on St. Gerard as their special patron. There is hardly a Catholic hospital in the United States that does not have a shrine to St. Gerard in the maternity section. Many doctors have had personal experience in their practice of the spiritual and physical good this devotion accomplishes."

Area doctors are urged by the Redemptorists to join their petitions with the thousands of



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doctors, bishops and others who are asking the Holy Father to make the devotion to St. Gerard official in the Church. Since the letters must be in Rome by January 25th, doctors are advised to write their petitions immediately. They are asked to write on their professional stationery and give their letters to the Rector of

### Expectant Mothers Invited To Cathedral Blessing Rite

Expectant mothers will be given a special church blessing at Sacred Heart Cathedral following Rosary Guild services there Monday, Jan. 14, at 7:45 p.m.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will impart the blessing.

He stated that mothers-to-be from city and suburban parishes are invited to attend the Cathedral rite to receive the blessing.

Bishop Casey will also confer a blessing with a relic of St. Gerard Majella, and a blessed medal of the Saint will be given to those attending the blessing ceremony. St. Gerard is popularly called "the Mother's Saint."

Following the church ceremony, an illustrated talk will be given in the Cathedral school hall describing weekend retreats at the East Ave. Cenacle Convent. The talk is also open to the public.

THE RITUAL blessing to be given by Bishop Casey includes the prayer for mother and child:

"Receive the sacrifice of the contrite heart and the ardent desire of thy servant who humbly asks Thee for the welfare of the child which Thou didst grant her to conceive. Guard the work which is Thine and defend it from all the deceit and harm of our bitter Enemy, so that the hand of Thy mercy may assist her delivery, and her child may come to the light of day without harm, be kept safe for the holy birth of Baptism, serve Thee always in all things, and attain to everlasting life."

### Geneseo Adoration Unit Conducts All-Night Vigil

Geneseo—Members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society at St. Mary Church, Geneseo, ushered in the new year with an all-night vigil which began at 10 p.m. New Year's Eve and ended at 7 a.m. New Year's Day.

REV. PETER JANKOWSKI, spiritual director, suggested that it might be a good way to begin the new year and that a few prayers for peace might accomplish what armies and even the United Nations have not been able to do.

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the nearest Redemptorist Church (St. Joseph's in Rochester) or to air-mail them directly to: Very Rev. William G. Grangell, C.S.S.R., Via Merulana, Roma III/35, Italia.

THE REDEMPTORIST Fathers suggest that doctors write their petitions in their own words or use one of the following sample letters:

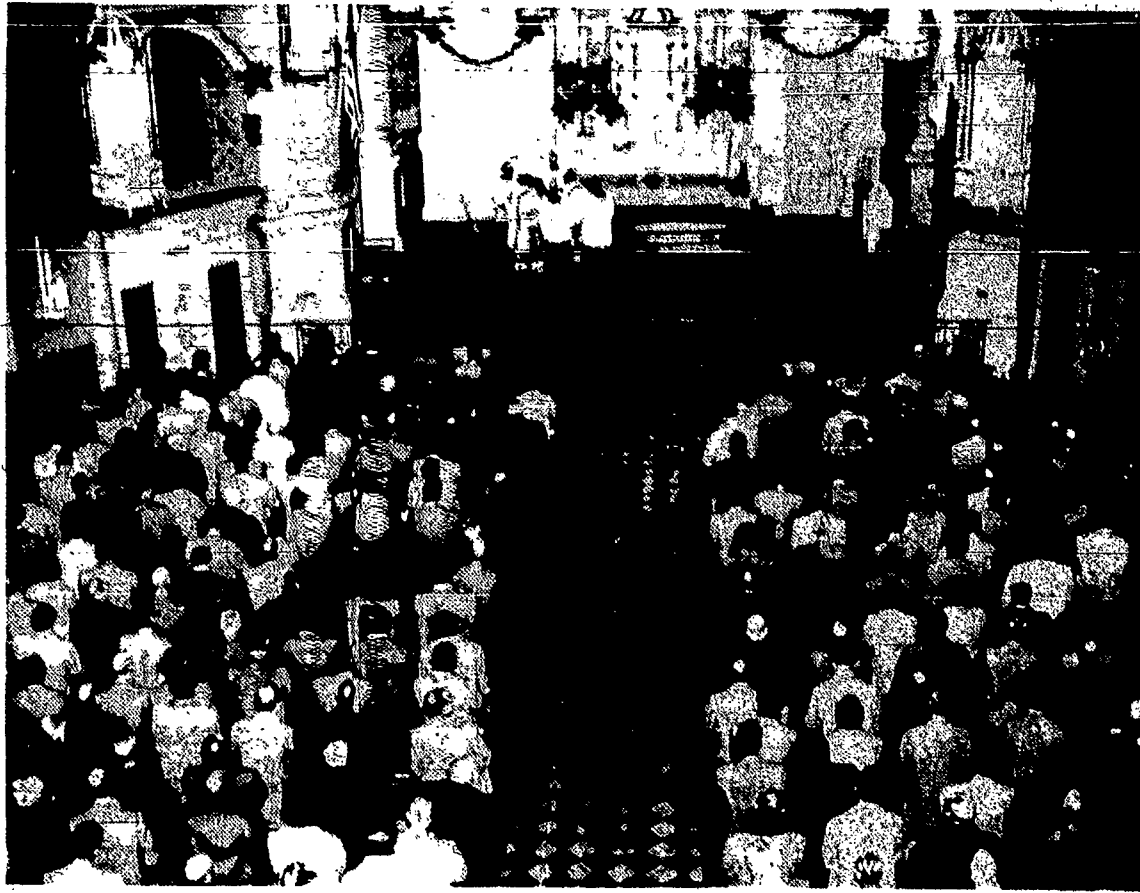
Your Holiness:

I, Doctor N. N. (name and specialty, title, etc.) wish to join the illustrious members of the Hierarchy and other members of my profession in requesting that St. Gerard Majella be declared "Patron of Mothers".

Date  
Name of Hospital  
City, State  
Country  
(No "Yours truly" or the like is used)

John Doe, M.D.

Your Holiness: I, Doctor N. N., having experienced in my own practice the truly marvelous benefits, both spiritual and physical, that are affected by devotion to St. Gerard Majella, especially in maternity cases, wish to join the illustrious members of the Hierarchy and other members of my profession in requesting that St. Gerard Majella be declared "Patron of Mothers".



### Retreatants Of Diocese Open Year

AN EVENING MASS carrying out the suggestion of His Excellency Bishop Kearney attracts laymen from throughout the Diocese of Rochester to St. Joseph Church, Rochester marking the opening of the 1957 year. Retreatants also marked the record of 2,797 retreatants at Notre Dame Retreat House during 1956 and reported last week. Redemptorist Fathers were officiating of the Mass and sermon was by the Rev. William Jamison, C.S.S.R. (Tom Casey Photo).

### Bp. Casey To Offer Mass, Bless Trinitarian Missionary Cenacle

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will celebrate Mass and bless the new Christ the King Missionary Cenacle, 205 Edinborough St., Rochester on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m.

Mother Mary Sebastian, Rector and Mother Custodian General of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, the community occupying the Cenacle will attend. The sisters were previously housed in the Cenacle on Prince St. They first came to Rochester in 1929.

THE CEREMONY will be private and besides Bishop Casey and the Sisters, present only will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George F. Pedrinio, pastor of Holy Apostles Church; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church; the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, pastor of St. Patrick Church and the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of Annunciation Church, parishes in

which the Sisters serve.

AN OPEN HOUSE for members of the Trinity Alliance, a lay auxiliary, followed by the group's monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m.

The Sisters will have an open house for all their friends on Sunday, Jan. 20 from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Superior of the Cenacle is Sister M. Jean Anthony who is assigned to Holy Apostles Parish. With her in the new Cenacle are Sister Helen Marie, Annunciation; Sister Mary Pauline, St. Patrick and Sister Marie Reparatrice, Immaculate Conception.

THE MISSIONARY Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity give religious instruction to children attending public school. They also take census and do parish visiting. The Sisters have another Missionary Cenacle in Lyons. Their motherhouse is located in Philadelphia, Pa.

## Courier Journal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1957

### \$1 A Member Campaign Launched For Refugees

A "dollar-a-member" campaign, launched by the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus to aid the Hungarians who have fled Soviet rule and persecution is getting response in councils of the Rochester diocese.

State Deputy Frank D. J. Flanagan of Flushing named Hugh A. Doyle of New Rochelle, past state deputy and chairman of the State Council's standing committee for emergencies and disasters to head the drive.

All funds collected by grand knights will be turned over by Chairman Doyle to Catholic Relief Services - National Catholic Welfare Association, the agency of the U. S. Bishop handling more than half of the refugees arriving in this country.

ROCHESTER COUNCIL members have received an appeal from Grand Knight Donald E. Woerner, not only for financial assistance of \$1,000 or more but for cooperation in securing homes and jobs for the refugees. Contributions are being sent to William E. Young, financial secretary, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y.

In Dansville, the Rev. John C. O'Donnell was named chairman by Grand Knight Edwin C. Lauer III of Dansville Council. A letter sent to members by Father O'Donnell states that "in addition to the ordinary charitable impulses to help these Hungarian Refugees, there is the fact that 80 percent of these people are Catholic." The minimum goal is \$350.

OUR LADY OF THE CENACLE COUNCIL of Greece is making plans for a hockey match in Rochester's War Memorial on Feb. 4 according to Grand Knight Vincent L. Tofany. Plans will be unfolded later, he said.

Members will meet in the church at 7:30 p. m. for Holy Hour Devotions, which will be conducted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Leo E. Meehan and Mrs. Don Foley's bands.

### Catholic U. Library Lists Fr. McNamara Book

Washington — (NC) — This list of Catholic books released within the past week is prepared by the Library of the Catholic University of America, continuing a service begun in April, 1953.

NEW CATHOLIC BOOKS  
BAILEY, J. H. A History of the Diocese of Richmond: The Formative Years. (Chancery Office, Diocese of Richmond, Va., \$2.25). Covers the period from July 11, 1820 to July 30, 1872.

Denzinger, H. J. D. The Sources of Catholic Dogma. (Herder, \$3.50). Translated by Roy F. Deferrari from the thirteenth edition of Denzinger's Enchiridion.

GARRITY, D. A. Irish Stories and Tales. (Pocket Books, 5c Paper). Reprinted from 44 Irish Short Stories, twelve of the original tales have been omitted from this reprint edition.

HARTE, T. J. Papal Social and digest.

KEMPF, PLACIDUS. The Mass Year. (Grail, 35c Paper). A daily Mass guide for 1957, including

minute meditations on the Ordinary.

McNAMARA, ROBERT F. The American College in Rome, 1855-1955. (Christopher Press, 35 So. Street, Rochester 4, New York, \$15). A documented history with a foreword by Cardinal Mooney.

MERTON, THOMAS. The Silent Life. (Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, \$3.50). General considerations on the monastic life and on the Benedictines, Cistercians, Carthusians and Camaldoleses in particular.

PALOMINO, ENRIQUE. In Black and White: Evolution of an Artist. (Academy Library Guild, P. O. Box 348, Fresno, California, \$5.95). Many of these pictures constitute a moral commentary on contemporary conditions, particularly social.

### Diocese Collects Record 169 Tons In Clothing Drive

The Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for the needy of the world, conducted in 139 parishes of the Rochester Diocese during last Thanksgiving week, amassed a record total of a third of a million pounds of clothing, bedding, and shoes, according to the final report issued this week by the Rev. E. Leo McMannus, diocesan director.

The total of 377,609 pounds contributed and packed in 9,422 cartons represents an increase of 25 per cent, or 87,243 pounds, over the 1955 collection.

In issuing the report Father McMannus expressed the gratitude of His Excellency Bishop Kearney to the priests and people of the diocese for their generous contributions.

THROUGHOUT THE diocese 139 parishes, including two Ukrainian parishes, and three institutions participated. The largest parish donation in the diocese, and perhaps in the nation as well, was that of Sacred Heart Cathedral, with 28,000 pounds of clothing contributed.

In a communication to Father McMannus, Monsignor Edward E. Swanstrom, national director of

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the collection, said: "Indeed, this is surely a record for a single parish, and the priests and parishioners are to be congratulated for their great generosity."

Of the 139 parishes contributing, 103 showed increases over their 1955 totals. Parishes of the diocese which revealed proportionately large increases were led by St. Patrick, Dansville (\$125 pounds), which almost quadrupled its 1955 donation. Parishes which tripled their donations were St. Patrick, Corning (1,685 pounds), Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry, with All Saints, Ludlowville (948 pounds), St. Dominic, Shortsville, with its chapel in Manchester (975 pounds), and St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg, with St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken (1,410 pounds).

Fourteen parishes at least doubled the amount of their previous contributions: St. Anne, Rochester (6,435 pounds); Holy Redeemer, Rochester (2,639 pounds); Immaculate Conception, Rochester (3,900 pounds); Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Rochester (2,700 pounds); St. Pius X, Rochester (1,656 pounds); St. Mary, Corning (3,000 pounds); St. Peter and Paul, Elmira (1,124 pounds); St. Francis, Geneva (1,000 pounds).

Before 1915 when Monsignor Goggin began his Sunday services the chapel was shared by the late Father Francis H. Sullivan, then pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester. Monsignor Goggin's family were among the first to attend the chapel.

THE CHAPEL was made a public oratory in 1916 and Monsignor Goggin was given independent charge and has continued down through the years to administer its affairs.

Seating about 400 persons, the chapel during the winter has Mass on Sundays at 8 a. m. and in the summer at 8 and 9:30 a.m.

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### Fr. Weisenborn Receives Transfer

Word was received this week of the transfer of Rev. George Weisenborn, S.S.C., now at Our Lady of Victory parish in Rochester, to the Sacred Heart Monastery, Fairhaven, Mass.

Father George, a native of Rochester has served as curate of the "Little French Church" for the past year and a half.

As a boy, Father George lived in St. Salome Parish. He studied at St. Andrew and St. Bernard seminaries and seminaries in Europe. Since his ordination in 1939 he has served in several parishes of the Diocese of the Sacred Heart.

His assignment to Our Lady of Victory marked his first extensive visit to his home town since his ordination.

During his assignment in Rochester, he actively led many of the parish functions and added much of himself to the continued growth of the little parish.

Father George's new assignment will take effect immediately. No word has yet been received as to his successor.

Winter Sports  
Sports enthusiasts will be interested in the many new books on winter sports which are available at the public library.

### Nurses To Dine

Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses will hold its annual banquet Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3:30 p. m. in Powers Hotel ballroom. Tickets are \$4 and are available at all hospitals and nursing services.

The board of directors will meet at the hotel at 3 p. m. that afternoon.

The council consists of eight chapters located in Auburn, Canandaigua, Corning, Elmira, Geneva, Hornell, Rochester and Sonyea. Mrs. Loretta Linehan is president and Miss Barbara Hogan, vice president.

### Panel Discussion Listed At McQuaid

Mothers' Club of McQuaid Jesuit High School will visit Friday, Jan. 18, in the school cafeteria at 8 p. m. A panel discussion entitled, "Yes, Your Son Is A Teen-Ager" will take place with Gerald Barrett presiding.

Participants in the discussion will be the Rev. Richard Torrey, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School; Rev. Thomas McCall, S.J., student counselor at McQuaid; and Rev. Robert White, S.J., faculty member of McQuaid.

### Birth In 'Iron Lung'

Twins were born to a mother in an "iron lung" respirator during the Massachusetts polio epidemic in 1955. Three lives were saved, thanks to the March of

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