

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

Area Catholic doctors urged today to back a worldwide appeal to Pope Pius XII to name St. Gerard as the "Patron of Mothers" by the Holy Father.

The appeal, which was made in Rochester by the Redemptorist Fathers who staff St. Gerard's Church, is being circulated in the area.

The appeal was issued for his canonization in 1954. The church has not designated him as the "Patron of Mothers" because of the widespread practice of invoking his aid 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 Gauchaud 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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# Funeral Services Held For 4 In Corning Area

Corning—Four deaths were reported from the Corning area this week. They are:

**Corning** — The funeral of Samuel Ferraro of 70 W. William St. was held Saturday, Jan. 5, with prayers at the A. W. Beilby and Son Funeral Home followed by Solemn High Mass in St. Vincent de Paul Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery.



**ST. GERARD MAJELLA**  
Jella is declared "Patron of Mothers"

Mr. Ferraro died in Corning Hospital the preceding Wednesday following a three month illness.

Celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Joseph Guilford, pastor. The Rev. James Wolfe, assistant pastor, was deacon and the Rev. James Malley, assistant pastor at St. Mary Church was sub-deacon.

The bearers were: Louis and Michael Ferraro, both nephews of the deceased and Angelo Costello, Louis Costello, and Ralph Ferraro, all grandchildren.

He was born in Italy Oct. 23, 1881, the son of Louis and Maria Domenica Ferraro.

Later, after his first wife's death in 1944, he married Angelina Giambone in St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Mr. Ferraro had resided in Corning for 58 years where he was employed by Corning Glass Works. He retired in 1949 and in 1952 received his 50 year service pin. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

Surviving are: his wife Angelina; two sons, Ralph of Mt. Morris and Peter of Gang Mills; two daughters, Mrs. Leo Rumiano, Mrs. Thomas Viselli, both of Corning; three stepsons, Myron, Peter and Samuel Giambone, all of Corning; three step-daughters, Mrs. James DiLaura, Mrs. Leo Graham, both of Corning and Mrs. Lawrence Howland of the Watkins Road; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two nephews, Louis and Michael Ferraro, both of Corning.

**Corning Weddings**  
Castellana — Caruso  
Corning — The marriage of Miss Concetta Carmelita Caruso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caruso of 50 Wilson Street, and Thomas Robert Castellana, son of Mrs. Mary Castellana of 266 West Erie Avenue, and the late Thomas Castellana, took place Saturday, December 29 at 9 a.m. in St. Mary Church.

The pastor, the Rev. Thomas Brennan, performed the double ring ceremony and celebrated Nuptial Mass.

The church was appropriately decorated with polssettas for a Christmas wedding.

Attending the couple were Miss Mary Caruso and John Castellana.

**Engagements**  
Corning — Mr. and Mrs. Justin F. DeWolfe of Corning announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Frederick Stevens, son of Mrs. Jabez Stevens of 111 Bridge Street, and the late Mr. Stevens.

Miss DeWolfe is a graduate of Northside High School, Class of 1956, and is employed as a receptionist in the dental office of Dr. Robert L. Dates.

Mr. Stevens was graduated from St. Mary School and attended Corning Free Academy. He served three years with the United States Marine Corps and is now employed at Ingersoll-Rand Co., Painted Post.

A spring wedding is being planned.

**Rochester Nurses To Hold Holy Hour**  
Rochester Chapter of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses will hold its monthly Holy Hour on Monday, Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Columbus Civic Center chapel. All nurses are invited.

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# \$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 underway.

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. Bishops handling more than half of the refugees arriving in this country.

**Housing Needed For Refugees**  
An urgent appeal for housing facilities for Hungarian refugees was made today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Rattigan, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities.

House and apartment owners are asked to contact the Catholic Resettlement Committee, 50 Chestnut Street.

Information needed by the Resettlement Committee from landlords includes: rent, rental available, facilities for individual or family groups, furnished or unfurnished, and whether accommodations include board.

Approximately 80 Hungarian families are expected to arrive in Rochester as soon as government clearance allows them to leave Camp Kilmer.

**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. Laufer 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 CENACLES COUNCIL** of Greece is making plans for a hockey match in Rochester's War Memorial on Feb. 4 according to Grand Knight Vincent L. Tofoany. Plans will be unfolded later, he said.

**Library Committee To Highlight Women's Meeting**  
Monroe County Council of Catholic Women will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Columbus Civic Center. Mrs. Lynn F. French, president, will preside.

The library and literature committee will present the feature of the evening with Miss Marian Warner, chairman and Miss Rosemary M. Schifferl, co-chairman.

Miss Sophia Cudizillo will speak briefly on the library program at St. Stanislaus and Mrs. John J. Englert will tell about the program at St. Thomas.

Miss Clara Neal and Miss Schifferl will speak about "Books and Children" and Miss Warner will speak about the books in the Catholic Evidence Library. "The Life of Man with God" by Thomas Verrier Moore will be reviewed by the Rev. Leo McManus.

**Dansville KC Auxiliary Party Set**  
Dansville-K. of C. Auxiliary will meet Monday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. followed by a luncheon and card playing.

Co-chairmen are: Mrs. Thomas Faulls and Mrs. Frederick McLane assisted by Mesdames James Conway, Joseph Fearon, William Kelly, Fred Letter, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and the Misses Thelma Englert, Julia Giebel, Louise Giebel, Charlotte Simon and Gertrude Lander.

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