

# St. Patrick Parish To Open \$250,000 Campaign For School Modernization

A fund raising program with a goal of approximately \$250,000 will be inaugurated in St. Patrick Parish, Elmira with the official opening scheduled for Saturday evening, May 18 according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, V.F., pastor.

The funds will be used for a complete modernization and renovation of the present school building and the erection of a new parish hall to be situated at the rear of the school building with an entrance from Clinton Street just west of the convent.

Foley Associates of Rochester under the direction of Thomas F. O'Connell will handle arrangements.

**WORK ON THE** modernization of the school building will commence immediately after the closing of the school for the summer vacation and the work on the new parish hall will follow the completed school work.

Plans being prepared under the direction of Leo F. Considine of the Haskell, Considine and Haskel Architectural firm call for replacement of all present interior walls in the three-story building with a ceramic tile wainscoting, the installation of acoustical tile ceilings, asphalt tile floors, fluorescent lighting and the addition of a new program system. New type windows, doors and the building of a new north stairway of steel with soapstone treads will also be included.

A NEW ROOF will be another feature of the work and new desks and chalkboards of the latest type will be provided.

Seating capacity of the parish hall will accommodate 500 persons for lectures or other similar affairs, while 350 can be comfortably seated at a parish dinner.

The building will have ten classrooms, offices, a library with toilet facilities on each floor. The basement will continue to be used for lunch rooms, storage facilities, heating plant and will provide space for a new incinerator.

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## News

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### Vocation Topic Discussed At Montour Falls

Montour Falls — Following the pattern set by the Church during the month of March, the Mission Club of St. John's Atone-ment Seminary devoted the March meeting to the topic of vocations.

The meeting was opened with the recitation of the new prayer for vocations composed by Pope Pius XII. Highlight was a discussion on vocations to the priesthood, conducted by students of the seminary. Chairman of the group was Denis Walsh of Brooklyn.

Participants in the discussion were Richard Garcia of Ridge-wood, N.J., Richard Trapp of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., and George McKeage of Brooklyn.

Students are offering for the loan of one week a time recording of this discussion on a 5 inch reel, 7 1/2 speed. Running time is approximately 23 minutes. Address requests to president of the C.S.M.C.

The seminarians sponsored a triduum for vocations on March 15, 16 and 17 at the seminary for "an increase of worthy aspirants to the Vineyard of the Lord."

### Easter Basket Distribution Set

Annual distribution of Easter baskets to the children patients at St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira will again be sponsored by the Infant of Prague committee of the Ladies of Charity. Mrs. James Caparulo is chairman, assisted by Mrs. R. L. Ogden, Mrs. Justin Donahue, Miss Mary Girardi and Miss Helen Graney.

Other business transacted at a meeting held last Monday evening was the presentation of new affiliates to the committee. They were: Mrs. Anthony Vitellino, Mrs. Margaret Packard, Mrs. Ann Manacchio, Mrs. James Graner and Mrs. William Liddy.

A report was given by Mrs. Frank Leo, chairman of the Toy committee.

A large number of toys have been donated and will be gift wrapped by the committee members.

### Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, March 24 — Church of the Assumption, Fairport; St. Michael, Lyons; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport.



SEVERAL EDUCATORS and officials of Corning Area School District were among the some 700 persons who visited St. Patrick School in Corning for an open house program last Sunday afternoon. Shown (from left) are Joseph Thelen, chairman of a FairUp, Chairman of the school; Wilbur T. Miller, principal of Corning Free Academy; the Rev. William M. Cannon, pastor; Richard McDonald, district officer; the Rev. Gerald E. Dunn, assistant pastor; and Earl Dunn, school board member.

### Watkins HNS To Be Host To Elmira KC Council

Watkins Glen — The Holy Name Society of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen met at the Municipal Building, Monday, March 11. Plans for the remainder of the year were presented and discussed.

Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will journey to Watkins Glen to join with the Holy Name Society in the Annual Communion Breakfast, Sunday, March 31. The group will attend the 8:30 Mass in St. Mary of the Lake Church and then in a body to the Jefferson Hotel for breakfast. Father Claude, O.F.M., Administrator of St. Anthony's Minor Seminary and Padua High School will be the guest speaker.

The Nominating Committee for this year will consist of the following: Rev. Edward A. Shannon, Moderator of the Society; James Angelo, chairman; Henry McAnarney; and Joseph A. Franzese.

All members of the Confraternity were urged to take part in the All Night Vigil on Holy Thursday night.

Nominations of officers and

### 3 Week Mission At St. Anthony

Rev. William A. Burns, pastor of St. Anthony Church, Elmira announces the opening on Sunday evening of the annual three weeks Mission. The first week will be for the women of the parish.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. The daily Mass schedule will be announced at all the Masses on Sunday.

Rev. Robert Lynch, O.F.M., and Rev. Malcolm MacDonald, O.F.M. will conduct the services.

### Painted Post Unit Attends Breakfast

Painted Post — Some 51 members of the Catholic Woman's Club of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary attended the Communion breakfast served in the church hall following Mass Sunday, March 10.

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### 850 Inspect Remodeled Corning School

Corning — Upwards of 850 persons, including many parents of Catholic school children, were among those inspecting the newly remodeled St. Patrick School Sunday afternoon during a special open house program.

One of the features of the open house was the opportunity to inspect the newly decorated classrooms. This work has been done voluntarily by about 50 men of the parish in their spare time under the direction of Joseph Thelen, with John Benza, as painting supervisor.

Sisters of St. Joseph, who teach at the school, were in their classrooms to greet the visitors, meet the parents of pupils and to show special exhibits in the classrooms.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. William M. Mocker, Mrs. Thomas Moore, Mrs. Anthony Irragi, Mrs. William Nelson, Mrs. Charles Golber, Mrs. John Benza, Miss Mary Mikolajczak, Mrs. Jerome Miller.

Mrs. John V. Ward, Mrs. Thomas O'Leary and Mrs. Francis Bierwiler, Mrs. Thelen and Mrs. James Mulcahy were co-chairmen of the open house.

### Legion of Mary

Watkins Glen — About 18 members of the Legion of Mary group or their Auxiliary attended the services at Elmira.

### 700 St. Joseph Sisters Celebrate Patronage Feast

Seven hundred Sisters of St. Joseph gave their pupils "a day off" this week so the Sisters could give solemn honor to their patron at feast day rites in their Pittsford, Motherhouse chapel.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey celebrated the March 19 pontifical Mass honoring St. Joseph.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, chancellor, was assistant priest at the Mass. Rev. William H. Shannon was deacon and Rev. Albert Schnacky, subdeacon.

A 90 voice choir of novitiate nuns sang the Mass. The congregation of 700 Sisters attending the Mass also joined in the ordinary Mass chants.

Over 100 priests attended the feast day Mass.

BISHOP CASEY, in his talk following the Mass, told the Sisters to continue their dedicated work to the limit of their ability. "and by that word 'limit,' I mean the extreme limit."

He cited the advice of America's first canonized saint, the nun St. Frances Xavier Cabrini who told her own community of sisters, "Work hard 'till you feel that you can work no longer. Then say, 'My Jesus, I can do no more,' and begin to work again."

THE REWARD for such a life of "total consecration" comes not in this world, Bishop Casey said, but from Christ alone who promised, "He that shall lose his life for My sake, shall find it."

Bishop Casey thanked the Sisters for their tradition of "loyal and cooperative" service in the Rochester Diocese.

"Your service has been given cheerfully and willingly without thought of self or personal inconvenience," Bishop Casey said to the Sisters.

They currently staff 51 diocesan elementary schools, 4 high schools, 1 hospital, 1 senior college, as also St. Joseph's Villa for children and St. Ann's Home.

Attending the Mass, besides novices of the community studying at the Motherhouse, were St. Joseph Sisters from throughout the twelve-county Rochester Diocese.

U. S. History Milwaukee (NC) - Marquette University's liberal arts students will be required in the future to take a course in American history or government, according to Father Adrain J. Kochanski, S.J., dean.

### High School 'King and Queen'

CROWNING CEREMONY of Mardi Gras for junior high school students in St. Anne School, Hornell Pine Room sponsored by Mothers Club shows Mrs. Joseph Schleder crowning Robert Fazio "King Rex" and Mrs. Harry Joyce placing crown on Miss Mary Kay, "Flarebug the Queen."

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