



New Parish Breaks Ground For Rectory

GROUNDBREAKING for rectory of Christ the King Church, located at Kings Highway and Portland Ave. took place Wednesday, April 3. In photo at left, a group of school children with their principal, Sister M. Patrice, S.S.J., watch as the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, pastor, begins groundbreaking ceremony. At right on shovel is the pastor with Bernard H. Florack, vice president of Christ the King Holy Name Society and Men's Club. Next to shovel is Charles F. Ryan and his grandson. To be completed sometime in June, the rectory will be a center entrance colonial structure, according to contractor Charles F. Ryan & Son, Inc.

Military Units Seek Men

Knights Of St. John Open Membership Drive

Catholic laymen of this area are now being invited to join the military units of the Knights of St. John in the various commanderies of Rochester according to Colonel Emil G. Eckert.

Members of the order, attired in black uniforms, white and black plume chapeaus, escort the Bishop at solemn rituals and young priests to their first Masses.

The knights also serve at the annual Blessing of Graves at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

THE ORDER is enrolling Catholic laymen between the ages of 16 to 50 in the order, organized not only here in Rochester but throughout the United States and in Canada, South America and Africa.

Program of the knights covers fraternity, benevolence, suitability, military training, sports and good fellowship and offers opportunity for forming life long friendships, Colonel Eckert said.

The organization was formed in Rochester in the 19th century by the Redemptorist Fathers of St. Joseph Church, Rochester to encourage men in the parishes to organize in a semi-military group. Incorporated by a special act of the legislature of the State of New York under the title of Roman Catholic Union of the Knights of St. John, the group, later became known as the John First District Command-

ery, Rochester Regiment, c/o Colonel Emil G. Eckert, 365 Andrews St., Rochester 5, N. Y. Inquirers are asked to give full name, address, city and zone, name of parish and age.

THE NAME and ideals of the early knights are kept alive by the present day members, Col. Eckert said, including "a final devotion to and respect for the Church's authority, a sense of honor, love of truth, courage, respect for womanhood and indiscriminating charity, motivated by the love of God."

The knights are inviting any man interested in joining this largest Catholic semi-military organization in this country to communicate with Knights of St. John, First District Command-



COL. EMIL G. ECKERT

Founders of the society placed themselves under the protection of St. John the Baptist, patron of the Knights of St. John Hospitalers. The latter society dates back to the year 1048 A. D. when Catholic merchants from Central Europe, trading in the East, formed a military society for their own protection against infidels attacking along their trade routes.

The knights of old maintained hospices for travelers and hospitals for the sick, some of which are found today in Jerusalem.

The club's first officers are Martha Kramarova, president; Carolyn Christ, vice-president; and Mary Ann Wheeler, secretary.

Father Kress Heads Auburn Civil Defense Chaplains

Appointment of the Rev. Robert L. Kress assistant pastor of St. Mary Church Auburn by his Excellency Bishop Kearney as head of the Civil Defense Chaplain Service in Auburn was announced today.

As Chaplain Service Director, Father Kress took the Religious Affairs Course at the Staff College of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, Battle Creek, Mich., at the expense of the city of Auburn.

With this training, Father Kress is now equipped to organize and direct the Chaplain Service of the Auburn Civil Defense, according to a Bulletin issued for the first time this month. He is being assisted by Rev. Mr. Lyman B. Stookey, assistant deputy director.

THE BULLETIN is published for clergymen in Auburn and stresses the need for preparedness of all clergy for possible enemy attack.

"Such an attack may never come," the Bulletin says, "but it certainly can, and if it does

and we are unprepared, the suffering and destruction will be greater because of our failure. And our failure will be unforgivable."

Director of Civil Defense in Auburn is Arthur E. Stephen. The Bulletin is published at 46 North St., Auburn.

Father Kress was formerly pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester, before coming to Auburn.



McQuaid Fathers

Fathers Club of McQuaid Jesuit High School will hold its annual afternoon of recollection on Sunday, April 14, in the school chapel. The Rev. James R. Barnett, S.J., moderator, will conduct the exercises beginning at 2 p. m.

Raymond Fitzpatrick and Thomas McCabe, co-chairmen will lead the recitation of the Rosary. Services will close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:30 p. m.

Annual Sports Night Program Listed In East Rochester

Holy Name Society of St. Jerome Parish will hold its annual sports night dinner, Monday, May 6 at the Columbus Youth Association building in East Rochester. The Rev. B. J. Gesell Memorial award will be given to a village youth who has excelled in sportsmanship during the year.

THE AWARD, named after the late pastor who built the CYA building, was given to Lawrence Weiss in 1954. Weiss starred for the St. Bonaventure University basketball team this year

which placed third in the National Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden.

Approximately 400 men comprise the Holy Name Society at St. Jerome's with Carl Mancuso as its president. The group is conducting a paper drive tomorrow with proceeds going to the school building fund.

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row with proceeds going to the school building fund. Nick Ursatta is chairman of the banquet and Frank Clemente is chairman. Assisting are Joseph Bulley, Nicholas DeMare, Mark Harloff, Jr., Conrad Schleg, John Trevisan and Louis Providence. The Rev. Roy B. Murphy is pastor.

Library Commission - Louisville, Ky. - (NC) - The Catholic Library Association will hold its annual conference on April 23 to 26 at the Kentucky Hotel here.

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