



# Bishop Kearney's Easter Greeting

My Dear People,

May I extend to all of you my best wishes for a happy Easter. I am so deeply indebted to all of you this year for all the prayers you so kindly offered for me during my illness.

The many messages of encouragement and the hundreds of notes assuring me of Masses and prayers found me helpless to reply to each of them.

Let my Easter blessing include the deep gratitude of my heart for your wonderful devotion and my sincere thanks for your prayers day after day for my recovery.

God has kindly brought me back to my Cathedral to bless the holy oils on Holy Thursday, so that I may thus share in the administration of the sacraments where these holy oils are used.

My prayers of thanks to Him on the Resurrection will be followed closely by my sincere prayer that His choicest blessings may come to all of you on this most beautiful feast.

My most sincere thanks and Easter Blessing to all.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,  
 + James E. Kearney  
 Bishop of Rochester

## 'A Dream Come True' New Nazareth College Library Building Will House Books Worth Quarter Million

By ROBERT SMETT

The shelves are dusty — with the clean, white powder of new plaster. Within three months they will sparkle with fresh wax and hold the more than 37,000 books that make up the Nazareth College library, a quarter of a million dollar collection.

The new Nazareth College library building is nearing completion on the East Ave. campus.

When visitors enter the large foyer of the gothic styled building, they will see etched in green marble the apt words of St. John's gospel, "In the Beginning was the Word . . ."

Off the foyer will be the "Treasure Room" paneled in dark oak where rare editions will be kept.

ACCORDING TO Sister M. Dominic, college librarian since 1941, one room in the new building will be completely devoted to the works of Maurice Baring, Hilaire Belloc and G. K. Chesterton, three great Catholic writers of the twentieth century.

The librarian's office, a secretary's office, cataloging and book processing room, a spacious reception room and a study to house current periodicals and reserve books, all open out of the foyer.

The large and well lighted reading room, paneled in walnut and lined with reference books, will open onto the "stacks," the "stacks" are actually 40 rows of shelves, each over 20 feet long and two stories high.

At the end of each row of shelves will be a "carrel" or alcove, where a desk, lamp and chair will be strategically placed for best window lighting. These private little studies, 39 in all, will be reserved for faculty, honor students and upper classmen.

In the basement area of the new library there will be a processing room for bookbinding, a large lecture hall, three classrooms and a lounge for the library staff.

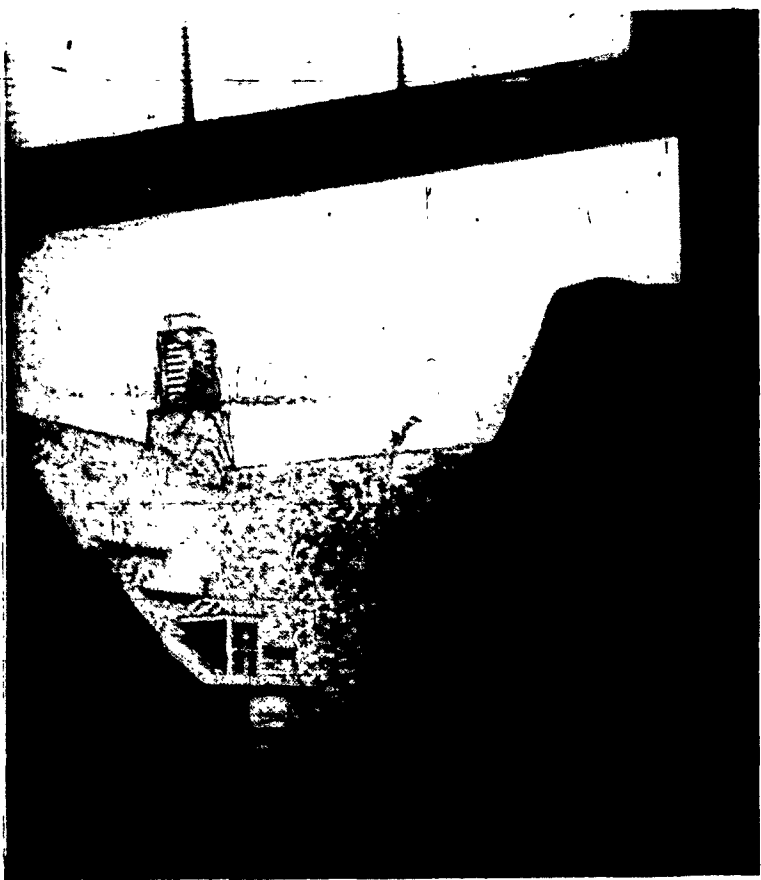
HEADED BY Sister Dominic, the library staff includes Miss Barbara Davis, Mrs. Edward McGraw, Sister Dorothy Ellen and Miss Madeline Irtig.

The "real" founder of the Nazareth College library, says Sister Dominic, was the first dean of the women's college, the late Sister Teresa Marie, whose foresight enabled the college to collect many of the books now considered priceless.

AMONG THE many treasures of the library is a 72 volume set of the Jesuit Relations, presented to the college by James P. B. Duffy. This collection of reports, now out of print, made by the early Jesuit missionaries to the New World, is invaluable to the study of early American history.

Also on the shelves are two volumes of "Euclid," geometry books printed in the 15th century donated by Monsignor Joseph E. Grady of St. Bernard Seminary. He also gave the library two equally early copies of the works of St. Augustine.

"A dream come true" is what Sister Dominic calls the fast-rising library building on the Nazareth campus. "Finally there is room for everything and a com-



A "DREAM COME TRUE" for Nazareth College head librarian Sister M. Dominic is the fast rising new library building on East Ave. campus.

fortable and relaxing place for study." When completed, the library will be able to house 100,000 volumes.

Sister Dominic recalls the first library, small and crowded, when Nazareth College was located in the building on Augustine St., now the residence of the Basilian Fathers, who staff Aquinas institute.

Growth in the number of books and value of the library has been great in the past quarter century. The library catalogue alone is now valued at over \$60,000.

A HIGHLIGHT of the new building will be a large stained-glass window by John C. Mehan, local artist. Left to his own choice as to the window's subject, Mehan decided on St. Jerome as the focal point.

"In St. Jerome, compiler and editor of the Church's Latin edition of the Bible," Mehan said, "I feel I have chosen a symbolic figure in the annals of Catholic learning."

Planned for official opening in the Fall, the new Nazareth College library, constructed at the cost of \$800,000, is the first in a long range three million dollar

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'Christ Is Risen!' — The Feast of Easter will recall once again for the Christian world how Our Lord Jesus Christ arose from the Tomb on the first Easter. Here St. Lucy School pupils, Anne Marie Mosca and James Dambra, listen attentively as their pastor, Father Gennaro Ventura, reads for them the story of the Risen Christ on the first Easter. (Photo by Paul Contestable, Courier-Journal Photographer)

## Lift-Slab Building Used For School

Fort Wayne, Ind. — (NC) — The first Fort Wayne building to be erected by the lift-slab method of construction will be a \$400,000 school of St. Henry's parish.

Three stories high, the building will include 18 classrooms. Upon completion, however, the first floor of the structure will provide temporary church facilities for the new parish.

Under the lift-slab method of construction, concrete floors are poured on the ground, and then lifted into place as side walls are completed.

## Vatican Tests New Transmitters

Vatican City — (NC) — Vatican Radio has begun a series of experimental broadcasts to test the reception of transmissions from its new Ponte Galeria station.

The transmitters of the new radio station will be sufficiently powerful, when completed, to be heard any place in the world.



## Love Speaks From The Cross

By MONSIGNOR PATRICK J. FLYNN

VII—"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

WHEN THE FINAL moment of death comes for Christ on the cross it finds Him with a prayer on His lips—a prayer of supreme trust in His Eternal Father.

We hear Jesus, in this awesome climax of His life, crying out with a loud voice and saying: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." These are Christ's last words from the cross. "And bowing His head, he gave up his spirit." (John 19:30).

How carefully the gospel writers speak of this moment. Here Christ is not a weak victim succumbing to death. Neither is He overpowered by it.

Here on the cross, Christ, according to the Evangelists, "lays down" His own life. He "breathes forth" His spirit. He "surrenders" His soul of His own free will and when He will, Christ and not death intrusts His soul to the Father.

We see, Christ bow His head before death comes, as if about to fall asleep. He is unlike other men who bow their heads in dumb surrender only after.

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## National Report

# Catholic School Enrollment Nears 5 Million Mark

By JOHN J. DALY, Jr.  
 (Staff Writer, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Washington — (NC) — With elementary schools leading the way, the nation's Catholic schools again have set an all-time high enrollment mark, an estimate made here discloses.

About 4,875,200 students are now enrolled in all the educational institutions sponsored by the Church in this country. This is an increase of 698,527 since the 1953-54 school year.

The total estimate represents still another step forward in the schools' enrollment march which began about 20 years ago and has continued since.

This information is taken from estimated statistics prepared by the Education Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The 1953-54 school year was used as the basis of comparison in the statistics because figures for that year represent the most recent actual count of enrollment, teaching staffs and school buildings, the department said. The report for the 1953-54 academic session was released in July, 1956, by the NCWC unit.

Catholic grade schools in the current school year are enrolling an estimated 3,785,000 pupils, a jump of 549,740 since the 1953-54 count of 3,235,261.

Catholic high schools now have an estimated 1,000,000 stu-

dents on their rolls as compared to the 1953-54 tally of 900,000. This represents an estimated increase of 100,000.

These figures indicate that Catholic grade and high schools now enroll an estimated 11.6 per cent of all children attending elementary and secondary schools in the United States. This compares to estimated 11 per cent ten years ago.

These percentages are not included in the report distributed by the NCWC unit. They are, however, based on statistics for Catholic schools released by the department and also on public school enrollment figures supplied by the Office of Education in the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

THE NCWC Education Department predicts that by next school year—revising an estimate of 1960 made last year—enrollment in Catholic schools alone will soar over the 4 million mark.

Next year also, it adds, Catholic high schools should reach a new high of 820,000 students.

Should the grade schools pass 4 million next year and reach the projected enrollment of about 4,480,000 given for them in 1960, it will mean these schools will have achieved a 100 per cent expansion in 15 years.

And should the high schools soar past the 800,000 mark next year, it will mean they will be only about 20,000 students short of a 100 per cent expansion in 13 years and certainly will make it in 14 years.

THE ESTIMATED total number of Catholic schools in the United States this year stands at 12,559. This is an increase of 41 since 1953-54, accounted for almost entirely by 421 new grade schools.

These 12,559 schools are staffed by an estimated 147,210 persons as compared to the actual count of 131,713 taken in the 1953-54 academic year. Once again, grade schools—with a 12,617 expansion in the number of teachers accounted for most of the 15,497 increase.

AS FOR enrollment in the country's 251 Catholic colleges and universities, the estimated total for this year is 310,000 students. This is an increase of 21,907 since the 1953-54 total of 288,093.

In the 118 major seminaries this year, there are about 12,000 students as compared to 11,000 in 1953-54. In the 150 minor seminaries, there are about 13,000 students as against 12,000 in 1953-54.

## American Catholics Confirmed in Faith

WASHINGTON — A study by the National Catholic Welfare Conference shows that American Catholics are more firmly rooted in their faith than ever before. The study, based on a survey of 10,000 Catholics in 1956, shows that 80 per cent of the respondents are practicing Catholics, up from 75 per cent in 1953.



CROWDED ALTAR RAIL at Rochester's St. Patrick's Church for noon-time Mass shows increased number of parishioners receiving Holy Communion as result of recent relaxed fasting regulations. At St. Patrick's, number of Communicants has "doubled and tripled" as it has in most churches of the diocese. Celebrant of Mass, shown in photo, is Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Grogan, P.A., rector emeritus of St. Bernard Seminary, Server is Patrick Begans.

## Communicants 'Doubled and Tripled' New Eucharistic Fasting Laws Spur Great Gains In Holy Communion Reception

"Biggest thing that has happened in the Church since the Resurrection" to enable people to receive Holy Communion frequently is the new fasting laws recently proclaimed by Pope Pius XII, according to the Rev. Edward P. Calens, S.S.C.C., pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, Rochester.

Reception of Holy Communion at the noon day Mass at the "little French church" on Pleasant St. in downtown Rochester has increased from 200 to nearly 1,500 a week.

BEFORE THE NEW fasting laws, 12 to 15 people received Holy Communion at the noon-time Mass, according to Father Calens. Now between 150 and 200 approach the altar daily to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Marked increases have also been noted at Corpus Christi and St. Patrick Churches, two other downtown Rochester parishes where noon Masses are regularly celebrated.

Communicants have "doubled and tripled" since announcement of the new decree, according to Pastors Monsignor John E. Maney and Father Leo Mooney.

All pastors contacted stated that they noted not only an in-

crease in number of communions but also a deeper spirit of devotion in their parishioners.

"The hand of God is evident in the new fasting laws issued by the Holy Father," His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, stated this week.

"Concrete results are already in evidence at the late Sunday Masses," Bishop Casey said. He noted the increased number of parents of young children taking advantage of the new regulations. Parents are now able to prepare breakfast for their families and then receive Holy Communion at a later Mass.

Mother Mary of the Immaculate Conception, superior of Holy Angels Home whose Sisters make

hosts for many parishes of the diocese reports that the nuns are working "night and day" to fill the increased orders of altar breads.

Mother Superior stated that orders of Holy Angels for the last week of February amounted to 53,000 altar breads, whereas orders for the last week of March neared 105,000.

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## Berlin Bishop Thanks Protestants

Berlin — (NC) — Bishop Julius Döpfner of Berlin publicly thanked Protestants who have opened their churches for the celebration of Mass in places without a Catholic church.

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The new laws of Pope Pius XII require a three hour fast from solid food and alcoholic beverages, a one hour fast from other liquids, and permit Mass at any time.

Berlin's are open daily from 8 P.M. and Easter Sunday from 10 P.M. The feast of Holy Trinity is celebrated on June 10, 1957.

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