

Monsignor Byrne Memorial Church Erected In India



Memorial Church

in India honors the late Monsignor Edward Byrne, 40 years professor at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester. Built through funds contributed by seminarians to honor their former teacher, the new St. Jerome Church stands in a predominantly Hindu section of south India.

Students of St. Bernard's Seminary have erected a church in India to honor the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Byrne, scripture professor at the seminary for 40 years.

The new St. Jerome Church was dedicated by Most Rev. Benedict Mar Gregorios, noted prelate of India's Syro-Malankarite, who visited Rochester in 1955.

Seminarians at that time gave the Archbishop a \$2,000 check to be used for construction of a church in memory of their venerable seminary professor who died in 1952.

Monsignor Byrne, besides his teaching duties, had long served as director of the Mission Society at the seminary. He has been succeeded in this position by Rev. Robert F. McNamara, seminary history professor, who arranged with Mar Gregorios to build the memorial church.

St. Jerome, patron of the new parish, is the Church's famed bible scholar of the fourth century to whom the late Monsignor Byrne had a humble devotion.

Mar Gregorios in a letter to the Mission Society at St. Bernard's told the students he built the white-walled St. Jerome's Church in Nedumangad, a predominantly Hindu center at the southern tip of India.

The Indian archbishop stated, "On the day of the dedication, 63 people were received into the Church."

"I have great hopes for the future," the prelate said and asked the students to "continue to play in a special way for this mission station."

St. Jerome's was dedicated Dec. 8, 1956, and is designed for Catholic ceremonies of the Syro-Malankara rite which conducts church services in the Syriac language.

A detailed story of the new St. Jerome's Church and the Syro-Malankara rite will appear in the forthcoming issue of "Sheaf" alumni publication of St. Bernard's Seminary.

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Redemptorist Rector To Mark Silver Jubilee

The Very Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, and widely known throughout the Rochester Diocese for his pulpit and special occasion talks will observe his 25th anniversary in the priesthood this Sunday, May 26.



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Knights Of Equity Slate Communion

Knights of Equity and a Communion breakfast will be held Sunday, June 9, following a Mass at 8:30 a. m. at Our Lady of Victory Church, Pleasant St. Breakfast will be served at the Cadillac Hotel.

For reservations contact Peter O'Connell, chairman, 110 129-12 or Joseph Kennedy, chairman, 110 2-8576.

New Province, Superior Named By Notre Dame Nuns

School Sisters of Notre Dame teaching in the Rochester area were informed this week of the election of a new Provincial Superior and the creation of a new province for their order which includes the local Sisters.

The new Northeastern Province will include New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Puerto Rico.

Formerly the Sisters had their motherhouse in Baltimore, Md., and received their assignments from the Mother Superior of that province.

Headquarters for the new province will be located at Wilton, Conn., about 10 miles from Bridgeport.

New Mother Superior is Mother Mary Pascal. She will be assisted by Sister M. Emmanuel and Sister M. Theodore. Sister Emmanuel was at one time on the staff of St. Michael School, Rochester.

Authorization for division of the Baltimore Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame into an Eastern and Northeastern Province was received from Rome where Mother General Mary Rebecca resides.

First American to hold the office of Mother General since the foundation of the American Congregation, Sister Rebecca taught at St. Michael and Holy Family Schools, Rochester, for more than 10 years.

School Sisters of Notre Dame have 83 nuns teaching in Rochester at Holy Family, Holy Ghost, Holy Redeemer, St. Boniface, St. Michael, St. Peter and Paul and St. Joseph Commercial Schools. Sister M. Beatrice, superior at Holy Family convent, is local school supervisor of the order.



St. Pius X Church Blessed

THE NEW \$60,000 St. Pius X Church, CHH is being blessed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, shown above in the Rev. Donald J. Murphy, pastor who with his people designed and constructed the church. The ceremony in which parishioners participated took place, Sunday, May 13.

K. C. State Convention To Open With Mass

With His Excellency Bishop Kearney presiding, a Solemn High Mass, this morning, Friday, May 24 at 9 a. m. in St. Joseph Church will open formally the 62nd annual convention of New York state Council of Knights of Columbus in Rochester.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the session.

Celebration of the Mass will be by Rev. James R. Barnett, S. J., chaplain of Rochester. Council host to the convention will be assisted by the Rev. Paul G. Wood, rab, dean and the Rev. John S. Wheat, sub-deacon.



FRANK FLANAGAN

Assistant in the bishop will be the Very Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.S.R. and dean of St. Joseph's. Monsignor Richard K. Byrne, dean of St. Andrew's, will be in charge of the Mass. The K. of C. Mass will be followed by V. McGrath will sing responses.

Convention registration yesterday, Thursday was followed by an open house in Columbus Civic Center.

OTHER EVENTS for the Knights include a welcome Mass at 8:30 a. m. at St. Andrew's church, followed by a business session at 2 p. m. in hotel ballroom. State ball game, 9 p. m.

Business sessions and election of state officers, Saturday. Columbus Civic Center, 9 a. m. State Deputy Frank D. Flanagan will preside. Winners of

State Catholic War Veterans, Auxiliary Conclude Convention, Name Officers

Charles F. Shelley, of Brooklyn was elected commander of New York State Catholic War Veterans and Mrs. Dorothy Hillen of New York City was named president of the state auxiliary at convention sessions held in Powers Hotel, Rochester, from Thursday to Saturday, last week.

DONALD J. FOLEY of 133 Belmont Dr. Irondequoit, and a leader in Monroe County CWV, was elected to a three year trustee office in the CWV state department.

In resolutions the veterans advocated elimination of aid to unfriendly nations, refusing Red China admittance to the United Nations and ouster of the Soviet Union from the UN for its occupation of Hungary.

Resolutions also asked the U. S. government to recognize as



DONALD J. FOLEY

propaganda Russian statements that U. S. exports to Russia contain germs and requested addition of Yugoslavia, to the CWV embargo list of Russia and the satellite countries.

Another petitioned Congress for the allocation of funds to install inter-denominational chapels in Veterans Administration psychiatric hospitals throughout the country.

The veterans and auxiliary delegates adopted resolutions extending their best wishes for the full recovery of His Excellency Bishop Kearney from his recent illness.

Other state officers elected were: George P. Anton, Bronx, first vice commander; Roger F. Murphy, Kingston, second vice; Hicksville, third vice commander; Thomas F. Kelly, Kings county, treasurer; Edward Morris, Bronx County, Judge Advocate (re-elected); Harold Card, New York City, welfare officer; William Choley, Yonkers, historian; Frank McDermott, Queens County, officer of the day, and Dr. Louis Gaeta, Queens County, medical officer (re-elected).

The auxiliary also elected Enia Daley, Albany, first vice president; Adelle Galschieski second vice president; Josephine Depreta, third vice president; Mary A. Fitton, welfare officer; Caroline Lence, treasurer; Josephine Bonfield, historian; Helen Faucett, ritual officer; Delirina Kelly and Rose O'Connell, trustees, all of New York City.

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promotion director for his contributions to Rochester Youth, to Raymond N. Ball, chairman of the board of Junior League, Trust Co. and Thomas J. Hargrave, chairman of the board of Eastman Kodak Company for their combined efforts in instituting a memorial to Monroe County War dead in the Community War Memorial.

Dr. James F. Slavin of New York presided at the veterans sessions and Mrs. Delwina Kelly, the auxiliary.

Speakers included National Commander William Bell of Cleveland and the Rev. Joseph Durne of New York who is chancellor of the military order and liaison to all military Catholic chaplains throughout the world.

Holy cards of St. Sebastian, patron of Catholic War Veterans, were distributed to all delegates. Monroe County auxiliary was awarded a plaque for the second year for the best county history book presented at the convention.

Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Friday opened the convention.

ASSIGNED TO the Redemptorist Mission Band in Boston, he conducted numerous missions in parish churches and religious institutions throughout northeastern United States. He also served at the same time as Director of (Redemptorist) Vocations talking to pupils in hundreds of schools in this same section.

He was named in 1934 to be rector of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, to succeed Very Rev. James T. Connolly, currently the provincial superior of the Redemptorists.

Father Whelan also served nearly five years as a U. S. Army Chaplain.

Dr. Madden To Head Catholic Physicians

Dr. William L. Madden was elected president of the Catholic Physicians Guild at the annual Communion Breakfast, Sunday, May 19, in Columbus Civic Center.

Mass in the Center chapel at 8:30 a. m. was celebrated by Monsignor Arthur E. Ratigan, moderator. An outline of the planned closed retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House in the fall was given by the Rev. William Jamison, C.S.S.R., of the staff.

Elected also are: Dr. Charles R. Mathews, vice president; Dr. Robert E. Wolf, secretary and Dr. Frederick J. Martin, treasurer. Trustees are: Dr. Gerald E. Gagnier, Dr. Dorothy G. Lodi and Dr. John S. Keegan.

Bp. Kearney To Preside At Foundress Day Rites

Marking Foundress Day at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 8 Prince St., Saturday, May 25, feast of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, His Excellency Bishop Kearney will celebrate Mass at 9 a. m. Assisting will be the Rev. James R. Barnett, S. J.

Class members and Religious of the Sacred Heart will fill the chapel, due to increased enrollment which is reported more than double during the past four years.

Improvements made possible by gifts received during the convent drive are finished since the Bishop joined in marking the feast day, a year ago.

INCLUDED ARE renovation of the kitchen with installation of modern equipment and sand blasting of the older buildings together with remodeling of the front to secure unification of line and color. The improvement program was completed with new planting and landscaping.

Rochesterian Seeks Class Members

Brother Raphael M. Laffan, a graduate of Holy Apostles School, Lyell Ave., Rochester in the class of 1913, expressed an interest to hear from members of that class and from other graduates of the school in a letter to the Courier-Journal this week.

Brother Laffan, a member of the first American foundation of the Olivetan Benedictine monks, may be reached at Regina Coeli Monastery, Lake Arthur, Louisiana.

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Cabrini Circle Lists Recollection

An hour of recollection for Mother Cabrini Circle will be conducted at 8 p. m. Monday, May 27 at St. Joseph's Home at Hospitality by the Rev. Charles Schenk, C.S.S.R., and St. Joseph's Church.

Members are urged to attend and bring their friends.

The following day, Sunday, May 28, the Religious of the Sacred Heart will take special pleasure in congratulating the members of the Society of the Helpers of the Holy Souls.

On that day Mere Marie de la Providence, the foundress of the Helpers of the Holy Souls, will be beatified in Rome. Both societies will be rejoicing in the honor thus conferred for the first time on a child of the Sacred Heart.

Mere Marie, as Eugenie Smet attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Lille in France from 1836 to 1943, and there was a member of the Sodality of the Children of Mary.

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