

Reception Closes Monsignor Byrne's Golden Jubilee Celebration In Ithaca

Warty 500 persons gathered at the Ithaca Hotel of the city of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday evening to close the Golden Jubilee celebration of Monsignor William Byrne who on Saturday, June 1, commemorated the 50 anniversary of his ordination. Monsignor Byrne has been among the highest in honor for nearly 50 years.

The reception Sunday brought to a close a number of events planned to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Monsignor Byrne. The program opened with the Immaculate Conception Choir of 22 girls, dressed in golden gowns, singing Hallelujah. Rev. William Thomas read the opening prayer. On behalf of the people of the parish, Rev. Otto J. Vogt, president of Monsignor Byrne with a beautiful hand-painted picture of the Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, Monsignor Byrne was presented with a framed testimonial from the parishioners and also a framed testimonial from members of the Third Order of St. Francis. Rev. Edward A. Zimmer made the presentation of a gift from parishioners.

Monsignor Byrne said he was deeply appreciative of all concerned in his Golden Jubilee celebration. He paid tribute to Mrs. Paul Scott, general chairman, who he said gave the jubilee program into a celebration much greater than he ever anticipated. Monsignor Byrne thanked everyone who helped in any way to make his Golden Jubilee such an outstanding and happy occasion. The choir group sang with the singing of "Ave Maria." Mrs. Anne Tracy was accompanist.

In the receiving line on Sunday evening were Monsignor Byrne, his sister, Margaret of Rochester; Mrs. Paul Scott, general chairman; Mrs. George Bossert, secretary to Monsignor Byrne; Mrs. Anna Sheehan and Miss Susan Lambert, members of the 5th grade graduating class, presented to those present, holy cards and booklets.

A full page picture of Monsignor Byrne and the story of his life are contained in the booklet, as well as the entire jubilee program, reception program and Golden Jubilee Committee.

The booklet also contains a picture of Pope Pius XII and a copy of a letter from the Apostolic Delegate, A. G. Cicognani, which conveys to Monsignor Byrne the special apostolic benediction of the Pope, with the express wish of His Holiness that the blessing be shared by all the members of Immaculate Conception Parish, by the clergy and religious associated with Monsignor Byrne, and by the relatives and friends who joined in observing the Golden Anniversary.

BOOKLETS MAY be obtained by those desiring them by calling available next Sunday in Parish at the Rectory; they will also be available following the Masses.

Two special anniversary cakes were on display—One the work of Mrs. Richard Taber which was in the form of a large Missal similar to one used by the priest at Mass. Inscribed on the cake was some of the Latin which is said

as Mass begins. On the right side of the cake were golden jubilee wishes. The other cake on display was a three tier cake especially inscribed for Monsignor Byrne, the gift of the Blessed Martin Guild of Immaculate Conception Church.

Music for the reception was furnished by Eddie Moore and his orchestra.

The following committee chairmen assisted Mrs. Scott in arrangements for the reception: Head Table: Mrs. Harold LaBonte, Mrs. Leo Speno; Hostess:

Following the Mass, Miss Margery Brophy presented to Monsignor Byrne on behalf of the children of Immaculate Conception School, a spiritual bouquet.

At 10 o'clock Friday morning, the eighth grade graduating class honored Monsignor Byrne at a Communion Breakfast in Parish Hall. The assistants and Sisters and lay teachers were guests. St. M. Florita of Rochester was also present.

Miss Martha Maxson was toastmistress for the program which followed the breakfast. She spoke for the class on "Why We Love Monsignor." Parodies in keeping with the golden jubilee were sung by the graduates. David Moore and Diane Driscoll paid tribute in verse to Monsignor.

Miss Maxson made the presentation of a money tree on which was 50 new \$1.00 bills to Monsignor Byrne, a gift from the

Census Programs Increases Converts

Indianapolis, Ind. — (NC) — A Catholic Census and Information program conducted early in 1956 increased by 27 per cent the number of converts in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

During 1956, there were 1,729 converts in the archdiocese as compared with 1,351 during 1955, according to the 1957 Official Catholic Directory. This was an increase of 378.

Because the instruction period of the census and information program was continued well into 1956, the full impact of the program is expected to become still more evident during 1957.

Hornell CDA Present Gift To Mercy Nuns

Hornell — A picnic supper and business meeting Monday completed the year's activities for Court St. Ann, Catholic Daughters of America.

The Misses Mary and Virginia Onorato were co-chairmen. Presiding at the business session, Mrs. Phyllis Weber, grand regent reported on the NCCW conference Sunday at St. Ann School.

A card of congratulations was sent to the Rev. John W. Brill on the occasion of his 25th ordination to the priesthood. A check for \$100 was given to the Sisters of Mercy for their use at St. Ann Convent.

A meeting of the trustees reports: Mrs. Anita O'Connor as chairman; Miss Frances Carroll, secretary; Mrs. Anna Hillman and Miss Josephine Fitzgerald as auditing and Mrs. Mary Crandall and Miss Mary Milne as purchasing trustees.

New officers and trustees will meet at a later date to appoint chairmen and committees for the coming year.

Martha Wisniski's Rites In Campbell

Campbell — Mrs. Martha M. Wisniski, 81, died at her home in Campbell Saturday, June 1, 1957. She had resided here for the past 46 years where she and her husband, Valentine, were engaged in farming. He died in 1941.

Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church on the following Tuesday morning by the Rev. S. H. Balasewski, followed by burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Bath.

Born in Germany, October 6, 1875, Mrs. Wisniski was a member of St. Joseph's Church and the Rosary Society of that church and was the oldest member of the Merchantville Grange in the Town of Thurston.

Surviving are a son, Leo of Campbell; five daughters, Sister Mary Mansueti and Sister Mary Valenta, both of the Third Order of St. Francis, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Richard Lincoln of Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. Henry Knowles and Mrs. Paul Post of Campbell; a sister, Mrs. Selma Wiekinski of Chicago, Ill.; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Corning Weddings

Gehl-Hoyt — Immaculate Heart of Mary Church here last Saturday morning was the scene of the wedding of Miss Sherry Rae Hoyt of Painted Post and Thomas Joseph Gehl of Corning.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Hoyt of the village and her husband is the son of Frank-Gehl of 211 Sly Ave. and the late Mrs. Gehl.

The double ring ceremony was performed and Nuptial Mass celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. Harold F. Rogers.

Miss Dolores Tahany of Painted Post, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Clarice K. Hoyt, sister of the bride and Miss Denise A. Killigrew, another cousin.

Francis Gehl was best man for his brother. Ushering were James Gehl and George Wingate.

Winifred Lanigan's Funeral Rites Held

Corning — Requiem Mass was offered Monday morning of this week in St. Mary Church for Miss Winifred Lanigan of 157 W. Third St., who had died the previous Thursday in Corning Hospital. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

She was born in Tioga, Pa., in 1887, the daughter of the late John and Mary Dunn Lanigan. She came to Corning as a young woman and for a time was employed in the former Tellan News stand. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, its League of Sacred Heart and the Rosary Society.

Surviving are: one sister, Mrs. Teresa O'Laughlin of Buffalo; two nieces, Miss Gertrude O'Laughlin of Buffalo and Sister Mary Alexius of Our Lady of Mercy High School at Rochester. There are also several cousins.

Manhattanville Area Graduates To Meet

Graduates and students of Manhattanville College from the Rochester area and future freshmen will be honored at luncheon on June 15 at the home of Mrs. Robert E. McGraw.

Club members will serve as hostesses and Mrs. William T. Howe will present the program for next year's activities.

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