



CORNERSTONE of the new Our Lady of Lourdes School, Elmira is laid in appropriate ceremony by the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor assisted by the Rev. Joseph S. Maloney, assistant pastor with parishioners watching.

Realization Of Need, Successful Drive Result In Opening Of Up-to-Date School

Successfully retiring of the debt on Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira in August, 1950 was hailed in "The Grotto", newly issued parish publication.

As the parish continued to develop, the need for a school became apparent. To build the school required, a campaign for funds had to be conducted.

Organizing the campaign on Oct. 31, was a committee headed by J. A. Coughlin and Dr. Gerald Connelly. On this committee were Leo E. Conidine, L. W. Hastings, M. E. Kennedy, Dan F. Kennedy, M. L. McInerney and C. A. Mowrey.

On Nov. 7, 1954, announcement was made that the Sisters of Mercy would staff the new school.

Interested that we are in a school for our children and who have played a far more important part than we realize in our "Victory."

Bids were subsequently let on the building of the school. Cornerstone laying with Father Schwab officiating took place on Sunday Oct. 28, 1956.

In the early part of 1957, Feb. 17, announcement was made that the new eight-classroom school with kindergarten and modern facilities would be opened in September for kindergarten and grades one to four. Registrations were taken that day.

THE SCHOOL was opened on Sept. 4, 1957 with the faculty comprising Sister Mary Jonatha, principal teaching fourth grade; Sister Mary Annunciata teaching first; Sister Mary Therese, grade two and Sister Marie Therese, grade three. The kindergarten taught by Mrs. Patricia Hart, opened Sept. 9, this year.

The students number 136 pupils.

In August of this year, decision was made to remodel St. Patrick School Elmira, Park Place. To take care of the pupils at St. Patrick's arrangements were made to use the new Our Lady of Lourdes school building.

New York Church Lourdes Grotto Is Duplicated

A unique feature of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, a feature, the sheer beauty of which has won the greatest admiration from all privileged to visit the church is the large grotto of Lourdes which forms the rear background of the Sanctuary.

Credit for this was given to His Excellency Bishop Kearney who suggested in the summer of 1940 that the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor, visit the Church of Notre Dame du Lourdes on Morningside Drive at 113th St. New York City and view the grotto in that church.

Father Schwab and Leo Conidine, Elmira architect made the trip and were immediately impressed with the grotto which stands behind the main altar of the church so that the first object meeting the eye of anyone entering is the beautiful statue of the Virgin in her niche in the cliff some distance above and to the altar's right.

As Bishop Kearney had expressed his desire that the new church have a similar grotto, plans were somewhat altered to accommodate the grotto.

The statues of St. Bernadette were created by Daprato Studios of Chicago and the grotto construction was executed by William H. Malby and Sons of Corning.

Southern Tier Nursing Schools To Attend Meet

Six student nurses from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing and Arnold Oden Memorial Hospital School of Nursing will join student nurses from all State as delegates to the N.Y.S. Student Nurses Convention to be held at Syracuse Oct. 13-16.

The students of both local hospitals with St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell and Alfred University School of Nursing comprise Area 11 of the New York State Student Nurses Association.

Regular business meetings are planned to discuss problems pertinent to the successful function of the State Organization, to hold election of State Officers and to revise the Constitution and By-Laws.

Principal speaker at the convention will be Dean Charles Noble of Syracuse University.

HIGHLIGHTS of the Convention include a tour of the Onondaga Pottery Plant and the Bristol Meyers Laboratories; a Talent Show staged by the students; and Uniform Day during which all students attending the Convention will wear their respective school uniforms.

At this Convention the first "Student Nurse of New York State" will be chosen. This is the climax of a contest held in the Spring. Miss Nancy Arnold of Alfred University School of Nursing is Area 11's candidate for the title.

LOCAL STUDENTS who will attend this Convention are: Miss Carol Bailey and Miss Sonja Porter of Arnold Oden and Miss Grace Semmlink, Miss Marlan Barara, Miss Patricia Murphy and Miss Mary Congdon of St. Joseph's. Miss Congdon is president and Miss Porter vice-president of area 11.

Open House Slated At Elmira Hospital

Sister Anne Maurice, Director of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital has announced an Open House Program on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Juniors and Seniors of area High Schools interested in nursing as a career, and their counselors have been invited to participate in the program. Parents of the students will also be most welcome.

Tours of the Nurses' Residence are being planned, and displays on the various phases of nursing will be set up with student nurses acting as "patients." Students will also assist faculty members as hostesses.

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon. A general assembly of the group will conclude the afternoon's activities.

Benefit Card Party Set At St. Anthony

Arrangements were completed for the annual Fall Benefit Card Party to be held in St. Anthony School, Elmira on Tuesday evening, Oct. 15.

The affair is being sponsored by the several Societies of the parish and will feature a fancy work booth and a raffle. Refreshments will be served.

Journalist Students Slate Conference

Our Lady of Mercy High Journalists, Jeanne Casaretti, Dorothy Becker, Doris Hamilton, and Kathy Burns will attend the 14th Annual Scholastic Editors Conference, sponsored by the Democrat and Chronicle and the Rochester Times-Union, Saturday, Oct. 12 at Strong Auditorium, River Campus, University of Rochester.

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Lourdes Parish Highlights

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June 28—Rev. Michael Donnon O'Neill ordained as a Franciscan in Washington.

1955
Men of parish volunteer as servers.
Chimes installed in church at cost of more than \$2,500.00 by Wilson Ross, J. Albert Coughlin, M. M. McInerney and Mrs. Gerald Connelly's efforts in spearheading drive to raise funds.

1954
Week of Aug. 1—Holy Name Society installed playground equipment.

Oct. 31—Parish Paper "Grotto" announced a campaign for new school. Gerald chairman J. A. Coughlin and Dr. Gerald Connelly, on committee Leo E. Conidine, L. W. Hastings, M. E. Kennedy, Daniel F. Kennedy, M. L. McInerney, C. A. Mowrey.

Nov. 7—Announcement made of Sisters of Mercy to staff school.

Dec. 4—Opening dinner for Drive. Bishop Kearney, Monsignor Brien and Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, spoke.

Dec. 19—Pledges totaling \$138,466 announced.

1955
Sunday, Oct. 28—Cornerstone of school building laid.

1957
Feb. 17—Announcement made school would open in September with kindergarten and grades one to four. Registrations begun June 22—Joan Connelly, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Humphrey-B. Connelly, received habit of Sisters of St. Joseph in Rochester.

Renovation of St. Patrick School, Elmira not completed it was impossible to open school by Sept. 4. Monsignor Brien asked Father Schwab if children of Patrick's might use the new Lourdes school with half day sessions of upper grades in morning and lower in afternoon using six rooms. Arrangement was made.

August 11—Faculty of Sister Mary Jonatha, principal teaching fourth grade, Sister Mary Annunciata, first; Sister Mary Therese, second, and Sister Marie Therese, third, announced.

School opened Wednesday, Sept. 4. Kindergarten with Mrs. Patricia Hart teaching, opened Sept. 9. Registration showed 136 pupils in Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Lay Catechists' Course Slated

Ithaca Special course on "Methods of Teaching Religion to High School students" will begin in Ithaca, on Monday evening, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in immaculate Conception School.

This course has been planned especially for Catholic parents with children of high school age, and for parishioners who would be willing to assist in the religious education classes for Catholic students attending public high schools.

A similar course on the "Methods of Teaching Religion to students attending grade school" is also being held on Monday evenings at the school.

Anyone interested in attending either course is invited to the school on Monday evenings, or if further information is desired about the courses, it may be obtained by contacting the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, 325 North Plain Street in Ithaca.

British Island Catholic Paper

St. Luke, British Antilles—FRANCE: An official weekly news paper was launched here by the newly created Catholic Diocese of Castries, which embraces the whole of this British held island.

The paper called The Catholic Counter of Castries, is edited by the Rev. J. Jesse.



THE FACULTY for the new Our Lady of Lourdes School, Elmira is shown on steps of the school with the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor. The four Sisters of Mercy are: Sister Mary Jonatha, principal; Sister Mary Annunciata, Sister Marie Therese and Sister Mary Terrance.



KINDERGARTEN youngsters at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Elmira are being assisted with their outer garments by Mrs. Norman Baker, alternate kindergarten teacher.

Bus Reservations Limited For 'Bishop Kearney Day'

Because of the limited number of buses traveling to Rochester for Bishop Kearney Day, it has been necessary to limit each parish to a definite number of reservations. In most cases each parish will have its own bus for its own officers and people. This will enable each parish to make the journey a wonderful parish pilgrimage for the sake of building up parish spirit and enthusiasm. It was announced that each parish will have an evening bus.

Addison Parishioners Plan to Attend Jubilee

Addison Members of St. Joseph's Church, Addison, N.Y. are planning to attend the Jubilee in Rochester, N.Y. on Oct. 12 at the Bishop's Way Memorial.

Departure is at 4:30 p.m. and will be followed by an evening bus.

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