

# Diocese Collects 304,022 Pounds In Clothing Drive

The Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for the needy of the world, conducted in 136 parishes of the Rochester Diocese during last Thanksgiving week, amassed 304,022 pounds of clothing, bedding, and shoes, according to the final report issued this week by the Rev. E. Leo McManus, diocesan director.

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Although 11 per cent less than the previous year's record collection, the recent collection constitutes the second largest total in the history of the annual clothing drives.

In issuing the report Father McManus expressed the gratitude of His Excellency Bishop Kearney to priests and people of the diocese for their consistent generosity.

THROUGHOUT the diocese 136 parishes, including two Ukrainian parishes, and two institutions participated. The largest parish donation in the diocese was that of Sacred Heart Cathedral, with 24,513 pounds of clothing contributed.

Of the participating parishes, 53 registered increases over their 1956 totals.

"Considerable as is the amount of clothing donated to the Thanksgiving collection," explained Father McManus, "the report does not include contributions which are made throughout the year by various parishes or by individual families to friends and relatives abroad."

"PARISHIONERS of St. Stanislaus parish in Rochester, for example, have sent abroad approximately 150 cartons of clothing independently of this collection. Nor does this report include the contributions of new clothing for infants and children to the Pope's Storeroms, a project of the Foreign Relief Committee of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women."

Expenses of the shipment of the clothing to the Catholic Relief

## Priory Status Granted Mt. Saviour Monastery

Status of Mount Saviour Monastery, Elmira was raised to that of a Conventual Priory and the Very Rev. Damasius Winzen was appointed first Conventual Prior, according to word from Rome.

The decision marking the end of the first or "foundation" stage of the Benedictine monastery, was made by the Sacred Congregation of Religious, Vatican office handling matters pertaining to religious orders.

Mount Saviour becomes an independent member of the Confederation of Benedictine Abbeys throughout the world.

THIS OPENS the way for the next step, that of being raised to an abbey, in the monastery's development. This will take place when the monastery has met the necessary requirements consisting of a minimum number of 12 solemnly professed monks and the buildings which will enable the community to live the monastic life in full accordance with St. Benedict's Rule.

Necessary funds are expected through a campaign now being formulated to permit resumption of building of the monastic enclosure as originally planned, it was announced at Mount Saviour.

Since completing the first stage in the building plans in 1952, the Chapel of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, it was necessary to attend to the essential living requirements and postpone any further development in the original plans.

Mt. Saviour was founded in the spring of 1951, in the hills between Elmira and Corning. Father Damasius Winzen, the prior, was the monastery founder and has been the temporary superior up to now.

His appointment as a Conventual Prior makes him permanent superior of the monastery and gives him the privilege of attending the congress of Abbots held in Rome every six years.

## Award Winners Named In Chemung County Hibernian Essay Contest

Julia Loughlin of Notre Dame High School and Ann Etorre of St. Patrick Grammar School were named last night (Thursday, Jan. 9) as the first prize winners in the 1957-58 (Chemung County) Hibernian Essay Contest.

The announcement was made by Matthias F. Fennell, chairman of the contest sponsored by the Msgr. John J. Lee Division (Chemung County No. 1), Ancient Order of Hibernians.

In winning top honors in the high school division, the 17-year-old Miss Loughlin registered her third straight first-place finish in the three years that the Chemung County Hibernians have sponsored the contest.

THE NOTRE DAME senior, whose winning topic was "The Story of Our Lady of Knock," will receive a \$25 award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gerald Loughlin of 1053 Davis St., Elmira.

The winner in the grammar school section, Miss Etorre, 13, recently moved here from Pittsburgh, Pa. An eighth grade student, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Etorre of 458 W. Water St.

Her winning composition was entitled, "Why Did the United States Give a Statue of Commodore John Barry to Ireland?" She will receive \$15.

Two other Notre Dame students placed second and third in the high school competition.

Margaret Laux, a 16-year-old high school junior, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Laux of 807 Euclid Ave., Elmira, was awarded second place. Her prize will be \$15.

Alice McLaughlin, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McLaughlin of Hornby Road, Corning, will receive \$10 for her third-prize finish. Both students wrote on the subject, "The Story of Our Lady of Knock."

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL students made it a "clean-sweep" in their division, with Mary Ellen McGuire taking third place. They will receive \$10 and \$5 respectively.

Their essays were written on the same subject as Miss Etorre's prize-winning effort, the life of Commodore John Barry. Both are eighth grade students at St. Patrick's.

Miss Foody, 13, is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy M. Foody and the late Mr. Foody of 605 Fifth St. Miss McGuire, 13, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McGuire of 974 Bridgman Street.

RECOGNITION as "honorable mentions" in the grammar school division was given: Ann Patten of St. Casimir's, and Mary Lou Hentz, Mary Gallagher and Patricia Grant of St. Peter and Paul's, Kewan Coggins, Jean Woodard, Jean Mack, Carol Keenan, Sharon Clark and John Sullivan of St. Patrick's.

The top three local winners in each division will be considered for prizes in the New York State Hibernian Essay Contest.

## Elmira Sisters Of Mercy Launch Drive To Reduce High School Debt

Elmira Sisters of Mercy will launch a debt-reduction campaign at the kickoff dinner to be held at Notre Dame High School cafeteria on Tuesday, Jan. 14. The Sisters plan to reduce the \$750,000 debt on the new Notre Dame High School. This project has the authorization and blessing of His Excellency Bishop Kearney and His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey.

Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F. will speak at the dinner.

The planning committee, together with captains and workers, will hear the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain of Notre Dame High School, expound the purpose of the January fundraising campaign. Co-chairmen Theodore LeBreeque and Bert Seifried will further explain the drive, issue work kits and direct the line of action.

MOTHER MARY MAGDALENE, mother general of the Sisters of Mercy will be present to outline the financial status of the community and urge Elmira-ans to cooperate in the urgent need for funds.

In September 1955, Notre Dame opened its doors to 341 high school students at the total cost of \$1,508,500. Of this amount \$611,000 was raised by pledges from the people of the Elmira area. It was, therefore, necessary for the Sisters of Mercy of the diocese to assume a debt of nearly one million dollars. Through their sacrifices and careful management that debt has been reduced to \$750,000.

The carrying of the debt remains necessary since tuition received from the 492 students now enrolled shoulders only the running expenses of the school, not the principal and interest on the debt, according to the Sisters.

TO EQUIP additional rooms and maintain school facilities boosts considerably yearly expenditures and leaves no available money for debt reduction or payment of interest.

Since a further need for funds to finance the building of a teacher-training college for the Sisters of Mercy and the expansion of living accommodations

for the young aspirants is required, friends of Notre Dame are being asked to lighten the Notre Dame debt. Only by reducing the Elmira debt can the Sisters hope to carry on their new building project to meet state requirements.

General solicitation for the drive will take place between Jan. 14 and 29 when the final report will be given. The first report will be submitted by the captains at a meeting on Jan. 20.

Captains of the drive include Michael Rybak, John Richardson, George Good, Basil Wallencourt, Samuel Josbeno, Bernard Lutz, John Cascio, Joseph Cesare, Arthur O'Meara, William Danaher, M. Joseph Danaher.

Awards for the local contest will be made soon by Division President Donald J. Seaman and Contest Chairman Fennell.

Pope Honors Arabian Sheikh

Rome (NC) — Sheikh Fahad Al-Salem Al Sabah, brother of the ruler of Kuwait, has been presented with the insignia of the Order of St. Gregory the Great here in recognition of his courtesy to the Church.

Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, made the presentation here.

After the ceremony the sheikh and his wife, Princess Badia Al Sabah, were received in private audience by the Pope.

Kuwait, which lies at the head of the Persian Gulf, is the seat of the smallest Apostolic Vicariate of the Church. There are approximately 5,000 Catholics among the territory's 300,000 inhabitants.



REDUCTION OF DEBT on Notre Dame High School, Elmira is goal of campaign being planned by (seated, from left) Sister M. Raphael, principal and Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain; standing, Theodore La Breeque and Bert Seifried, co-chairman.

Dr. Arthur D. Smith, Edward Curtin, Stanley Creighton, Thomas Maxcy, Gerald McInerney, Gerald Frawley, Joseph McNamara, Robert Carroll, Thomas Butler, Eugene Agan, Sr., Leonard Murray, L. W. Hastings, Dr. Thomas Burke, Edward Hee, William O'Brien, John Gridley, Dr. John K. Cusick and Douglas Breed.

Trenton Chancery

Trenton, N. J. — (NC) — The Diocese of Trenton's chancery office has moved into new quarters here on Lawrenceville Rd. The old chancery office and St. Mary's Cathedral were destroyed by fire.

Sodalities To Mark Feb. 3 Feast Day

Sodalities of the Diocesan Federation, high schools and parishes, will observe the Feast of the Purification, Monday, Feb. 3 according to the Rev. Edward E. Etelkirkchner, director.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at a Mass in St. Michael's, Rochester at 7:45 p.m. Arrangements in other key areas are being made.

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