

## Benedictine To Give Talk At Breakfast

A father-son Holy Communion breakfast will be sponsored by the Holy Name Society of Saint Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira on March 9th, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

GUEST SPEAKER will be the Rev. Augustine McGowan O.S.B., attached to the Monastery of Mount Saviour in Elmira.

The committee states that each man of the parish is invited to sponsor a son or a boy, and to attend Holy Mass and the breakfast together. The price is \$1.50 for two, with an additional 25c for each additional son sponsored, up to the maximum of \$2 a family, regardless of the number of sons sponsored.

The women of the Immaculate

## Scranton Educator Gives Communion Breakfast Talk

The Rev. G. Gordon Henderson, S.J. of the University of Scranton, told members of Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, that "neglect is the primary cause of juvenile delinquency."

The occasion was the annual corporate Communion Breakfast held at the Dunn Memorial last Sunday, which was preceded by Mass and the reception of Holy Communion.

Father Henderson urged the council members to strive to assist youngsters in programs that will curb delinquency.

The university guidance counselor said that while such things as Sputniks are important in our everyday life, youth is more important for today and the future.

FATHER HENDERSON urged intense Catholic action by all members of the council. He urged members never to be self-conscious about their faith but to defend it with vigor.

The priest advised council members to provide leadership in their community and in doing so make it a better place in which to live.

The speaker said that "we don't know how lucky we are." He said that in meeting other members of the Jesuit society from other parts of the world and after hearing of the conditions under which they have lived, one realizes that we live in a wonderful country.

Father Henderson told of his



CAPT. VINCENT J. SEMINTELLI, right, Corning dentist, receives Army commendation ribbon from Colonel E. H. Vandervort at Fort Dix ceremony just previous to his discharge from the Army. (U.S. Army photo.)

## Corning Dentist Awarded Army Commendation Ribbon

Corning — Dr. Vincent J. Semintelli, who was a captain in the Fort Dix Dental Service, was cited only a week ago before receiving his discharge, opened an office here for the practice of dentistry Monday of this week. It is located in the office building of Dr. C. M. Lapp.

Dr. Semintelli, who was released to an active reserve status with rank of captain, was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant by Col. E. H. Vandervort, post dental surgeon at Fort Dix.

The young former Army dentist is now residing with his family at 234 Chemung St. He is the son of Vincenzo (Jimmy) Semintelli, well known W. Market St. restaurant man, and Mrs. Semintelli of 131 Kingsbury Ave.

ACCORDING TO the citation accompanying the award, "Captain Semintelli has displayed unusual initiative in all duties assigned to him, and has demonstrated outstanding professional ability in all phases of military dentistry." Singled out for praise were his achievements as supply officer for the new dental clinic opened at Dix last August, and as a teacher in the clinic's professional training program.

Dr. Semintelli attended St. Mary's School and was graduated from Corning Free Academy with the class of 1947. He attended Fordham University and the University of Buffalo where he received his degree in 1951.

After serving his internship at the Buffalo Veteran's Hospital, he became a staff dentist in June 1953 at the Buffalo State Hospital and continued in this capacity until he reported for Army duty in February 1956.

For the past two years, Dr. Semintelli was stationed at Ft. Dix, N. J.

His wife is the former Eleanor Grace of Elmira. They have four sons, Vincent 4<sup>th</sup>, Mark 3, Robert 2 and John 1.

## Immaculate Holds High School Forum

Ithaca — Despite the inclement weather, more than 50 students attended the High School Forum held in parish hall under auspices of the Religious Education Classes of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca.

Rev. Msgr. William Byrne opened the program with prayer. Rev. Edward Zimmer was chairman of the forum and acted as moderator for the speakers and the participating audience.

THE PROGRAM included talks by three students — Mary O'Connor who spoke on Religious Images; Michael McCarthy whose topic was Confessions; and David Gilbert whose subject was Papal Infallibility. Following each talk the audience was divided into small groups for informal discussion after which a spokesman for the group would be called upon to give that particular group's answer to a pre-given question. Father Zimmer summarized the conclusions.

In addition to the Catholic students in attendance, a number of their non-Catholic friends were present also. A general invitation to non-Catholic students to attend the forum had been extended through publicity releases.

Following the forum, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given in Church by Rev. William Thomas. Refreshments were then served in parish hall by a committee who assisted Mrs. Charles Christian, chairman of the helper division of the Confraternity.

Colombia Clergy — Bogota, Colombia (NC) — Colombia has gained 558 priests in the past five years, bringing the total number of diocesan and religious priests to 3,884.

## Named To Orthopedic Surgeons' Academy

Corning — Cmdr. James R. Dineen, Medical Corps, USN, a resident of this city where he attended St. Mary's School and Corning Free Academy, before receiving his medical degree from the University of Rochester, was named a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

The appointment was made at the Academy's 25th annual meeting in New York City this month. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Dineen of 65 West Fourth Street, and husband of the former Miss Dorothy Seger of Jamestown.

Membership in the 2,300-member

## Rochester Girl Named At Niagara

Niagara University, N.Y. — Marjorie Steine of 67 Rogers Plwy. is among 28 students in the College of Nursing at Niagara University, who have been named to the current dean's list released by Sister Olive Marie, O.S.F., dean.

# Jesuit Survivor Of Hiroshima Bomb To Speak At Catholic Family Dinner

"I was A-Bombed" is the topic for the Rev. Hubert F. Schiffer, S.J., principal speaker for the 28th Anniversary Dinner of the Catholic Family Service, Sunday evening, March 2, at Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira.

A Jesuit priest, he survived the bombing of Hiroshima and helped rebuild the Japanese City. He is on the faculty of a Japanese University and was instrumental in rehabilitation work for children in Japan after World War II.

FATHER SCHIFFER was serving at the Jesuit Church of Our Lady's Assumption in Hiroshima, when an American Bomber dropped an atomic bomb on the city on August 6, 1945. "If I live a hundred years, I'll never quite get those few minutes out of my mind," said Father Schiffer. "I could see nothing, hear no sound — I must be dead I thought."

After a convalescence of more than a year, Father Schiffer who to this day carries glass and splinters from the atomic explosion in his body was permitted to go back to work. The Jesuit priest then called some Japanese Sisters to Hiroshima to open an orphanage as there was a great need for such a home for thousands of homeless children, who were wandering around the city. They slept in holes, under bridges or in empty freight cars. Stealing food was the only way they knew to survive and they acted like alley cats.

IN DECEMBER of 1947, the Hiroshima "Garden of Light" began shedding its beams of compassion on homeless children. Today, nearly 100 boys and girls of all ages are living, learning and playing in this home, founded by Father Schiffer, against every conceivable obstacle.

Dr. James A. Mark is General Chairman for the third year of this leading Catholic event. Honorary Chairman is His Excellency Bishop James E. Keane, and William S. Bennett, Chairman of the Board of Governors is Honorary Vice-Chairman.

Assistant Chairmen who are also in charge of tickets are the Rev. Leonard J. Kujawski, Assistant Pastor of St. Casimir's Church, and the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Chaplain of Notre Dame High School. Also on the ticket committee are members of the Board of Governors of the Service and Mrs. Francis D. Preston, who has on her Committee, the Chairmen of the Active and Honorary Committees of the Ladies of Charity.

DR. MARK'S Committee includes Messrs. and Mesdames George Bragg, John Dowdle, Samuel LeMark, Donald Levinger, Anthony Rossi, Miss Madeline Ruddle. Committee working with Father Hogan is made up of Messrs. Robert Carroll, O. Lawrence Creighton, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Charles Karl, Joseph MacNamara, Richard Wagner, Misses Helen and Leone Ganey, Messrs. and Mesdames M. Joseph Danaher, Daniel F. Kennedy, Charles Kromer, Carmen Rossi, Glenn Weiland, Misses Frances Battersby, Claire Lacy, Adeline and Genevieve Mezzur make up Father Kujawski's committee.

Dr. Mark will be toastmaster and Bishop Kearney will be guest of honor and will share the speaking program with Father Schiffer.

Tickets may be obtained from

## \$20,000 Raised For Nuns By 2 Corning Parishes

Corning — The Sisters of Mercy fund was increased by \$20,000, the gifts of St. Mary's and St. Vincent de Paul's parishioners according to final tabulations announced a few days ago.

Edward D'Arcangelo of St. Vincent's, who was drive chairman, said the drive officially came to an end on Monday.

Over one-half million dollars was raised for the Order through out the Rochester Diocese according to the latest figures, Mr. D'Arcangelo stated.

Funds are to be used for a new training college in Rochester, estimated at a cost of \$1,250,000, and an indebtedness on Notre Dame High School in Elmira.

The Sisters of Mercy maintain 24 schools throughout the Diocese including St. Vincent's and St. Mary's elementary schools.

Vice chairmen in the local drive were Charles Houston of St. Vincent's and Francis O'Brien of St. Mary's.

## Immaculate Women Hold Day Of Recollection

Ithaca — The Day of Recollection held for the women of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca, on Feb. 23, was attended by over 100 women.

Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, conducted the spiritual exercises and gave three talks, "Devotion To The Holy Ghost," "An Introduction To Spiritual Reading," and "Abandonment To The Will Of God." Father O'Brien told the women that some spiritual reading everyday was important for the strengthening of their spiritual lives and quoted the sayings of saints and famous authors on this subject.

The women were also given this thought to ponder and consider — that the Hand of God is over all things and that whatever happens does so because God either wills it or permits it.

Rev. Otto J. Vogt, moderator, of the Council of Catholic Women, sponsors of the Day of Recollection, gave two spiritual readings.

## Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, March 2 — St. Ambrose, Rochester; Capuchin Monastery, Geneva.

## 'Catholic News' Editor Finds Pupil's Missal

Hornell — A sixth grade pupil of St. Ann's School who misplaced her Missal in St. Ignatius Loyola Church, here learned that it was found by William A. Spring, assistant editor, "The Catholic News," New York while in Hornell.

The pupil, Patricia McClafferty, 359 Canisteo St. Hornell, received a letter from him written on the Catholic newspaper stationery.

Spring wrote, "I want to thank you for losing your Missal. Because if you didn't leave your Missal in Church, and if it wasn't in the vestibule, last Sunday, I wouldn't have been quite so comfortable at Mass, because I think there is only one proper way to follow the Mass, and that is to use a Missal."

"I don't mean to scold, but you shouldn't lose it, or your Rosary, because they are very important things in making us realize the importance of the Divine Service."

The New York editor recalled being in the area for Knights of Columbus events and of a rough trip home through the snow.

He told the school girl he is going to send a new Missal "and I hope you won't be leaving it around in pews."

## Tompkins Deanery Presents Lenten Talks On Mass

Ithaca — A series of talks on "The Mass" will be the Lenten project of the Tompkins-Tioga Deanery of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Rev. Otto J. Vogt, moderator of the Deanery, will give these talks on the four Sundays of March in Parish Hall at 8:15 p.m. after Novena Services in church. Father Vogt plans to discuss the practical aspects of the Mass, explain the ceremonial parts, and go through the use of the Missal.

Dates and subjects of the series of talks will be:

March 2 — History of the Mass — The Story Behind the Mass.

March 16 — How to use the Missal.

March 23 — Slides on the Mass.

March 30 — The Mass and You — with explanation of Holy Week Ceremonies.

## Book Tea Attracts 50 To Corning CDA

Corning — Annual book tea of Court St. Joseph, Catholic Daughters of America, attracted about 50 persons to the CDA Rooms Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16, with the Rev. Gerald Dunn, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church as guest speaker.

He spoke in the absence of the Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter's and Paul's Church, Elmira, the originally scheduled speaker.

Father Dunn spoke on "Literature," with emphasis on Catholics reading the Bible and other Catholic periodicals. He said that each individual must choose for herself what is most inspiring for her.

Literature, he explained, is divided into three categories, the informative, pleasurable and inspiring. He suggested that the latter is most profitable.

Mrs. Katherine Ward and Mrs. Eileen Hutzman were chairmen.

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