



Church-School For Greece

OUR LADY OF MERCY Parish in Greece will have a new church and school on site on Denise Road where the Rev. John S. Whalen, pastor breaks ground assisted by trustees Henry Albert, (left) and Victor Melanson,

Cenacle Retreat League Corporate Communion Set

On Pentecost Sunday, May 25, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will offer the Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Cenacle Retreat League on the occasion of its third annual Corporate Communion at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 4 p.m.

Rev. Joseph Egan of St. Bernard's Seminary will preach and the Bersean Choir of Nazareth Academy will furnish the music.

The officers of the retreat league are: Geraldine Moylan, president; Marguerite G. Colgan, vice-president; Edna Hasselwander, secretary; Josephine Kany, treasurer.

Cenacle Lists Jesuit Father

Over the Pentecost weekend, a retreat for lay-women will be conducted at the Cenacle Retreat House, 593 East Ave., Rochester, by Rev. Charles F. X. Dolan, S.J. of Buffalo. A section of the house is reserved for women of the Watertown parishes, while the remaining portion is available to women of the diocese who will choose that weekend for prayer with Mary as did the Apostle during the ten days preceding the first Pentecost in the Cenacle of Jerusalem.

The retreat opens with supper at 6 p.m. on Friday and closes with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

PERPETUAL HELP SOCIETY
Perpetual Help Society will meet Wednesday, May 21, 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital Auditorium. Chairman will be Mrs. Helen Brehany.

Missionary, Army Chaplain

Father Erb 25 Years A Priest

A Rochester-born priest who is distinguished as a foreign missionary, Army Chaplain, educator, and organizer will mark his silver anniversary in the Holy Priesthood on Sunday, May 25. He is the Rev. Charles G. Erb, S.V.D.

Father Erb will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Family Church, Rochester at 11 a.m., May 25. He will be assisted by two nephews, the Rev. Charles Francis Adams, O.F.M. and the Rev. Francis Joseph E. G. Rochester diocese priest, in Elmira.

A breakfast for the immediate family at Plantation Inn, Spencerport will follow the Mass. A reception at Holy Family Hall, corner Jay and Ames Sts., Rochester will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

FATHER ERB was born August 3, 1906, son of the late William J. and Helen Esse Erb of Rochester. He was the 11th of 11 children.

The jubilarian who is the only religious in his immediate family has three nephews, priests and three nieces, nuns.

They are: Rev. Charles Francis Adams, O.F.M., St. Bonaventure University, Okan; Rev. Francis Erb, of Elmira and Rev. Raymond Quetschenbach, S.V.D., missionary to the Philippines in 1937. Also Sister Helen Marie, S.S.P., Yonkers, missionary nurse, Ghana West Africa; Sister Mary Gerard, R.S.M., Erie, Auburn and Sister Mary Elizabeth, postulant, Mercy Motherhouse, Rochester.

ORDAINED IN 1933 by His Eminence, Cardinal Immiter at St. Gabriel's, Moedling near Vienna, Austria. Father Erb attended Holy Family School, Rochester, LaSalle Word Seminary, Canastota, Pa., St. Mary's Divine Word Seminary, Techny, Ill.; St. Gabriel's; Harvard University and University of London, England.

Presently attached to Divine Word Seminary, Girard, Pa., Father Erb has had diversified activity. He was a missionary to Ghana (Gold Coast) West Africa in 1947. While there he served as pastor of Christ the King Church, Accra.

He taught in Mt. Mary Teachers Training College, Senayana, Krobo, and was director of the Accra Catholic Press Bureau and NCWC News Service correspondent for the area. During his stay in Africa he organized Catholic Action and Catholic Youth Organization in the Accra diocese. He was one of the organizers of the first National Eucharistic Congress on the Gold Coast.

Father Erb was exhibit manager of the Mission Scenarium held in Rochester's War Memorial in Oct., 1935 and of the Vikarama in Philadelphia the following year. Since his return to the United States in 1934 he has gone about the country lecturing, conducting retreats and promoting the missions.

DIVINE WORD Society television presentations were produced by Father Erb. With Father "Foto," August Freitag, S.V.D., he turned out Missionaries of Tomorrow, one of the first, if not the first, vocation films made in the United States, in 1937. Since then he has produced "The Holy Priesthood," "First Eucharistic Congress in the Gold Coast" and other color-sound 16 mm. films.

As an Army chaplain he served from 1942 to 1946 with the Air Force and Coast Artillery in Alaska and the Aleutians. He



REV. CHARLES G. ERB

was division artillery chaplain, 42nd Rainbow Division in France, Germany and Austria. He was separated from the service with the rank of major and holds the Bronze Star Medal.

EARLY IN HIS priesthood, 1933 to 1942 he was editor of The Little Missionary, children's magazine. He also edited the so-called Blue Book, directive for SVD minor seminaries. He founded The Shepherd for members of his Future Priests Club, one of the first such vocation clubs in the country.

Other early assignments were prefect of discipline at Society of the Divine Word Seminary in Epworth, Iowa; Techny, Ill. and East Troy, Wisconsin. He also taught English, History, Religion and German at SVD seminaries.

Women's Groups Plan Programs

Plans made by women's organizations for coming events follows:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
The Catholic Women's Club will meet Monday, May 19 at 8 p.m. at the club house. Installation of officers and directors to serve for 1938-39 will be held.

Mrs. William D. Gasser will become president; Mrs. George B. Wheelan and Miss Mary L. Clark, vice-presidents; Miss Mildred A. Gilman, recording secretary; Mrs. Lawrence V. Driscoll, corresponding secretary; Miss Luella E. Donke and Miss Luella C. Barthardt, treasurer and assistant treasurer, respectively. Mrs. Cyril J. Statt, Mrs. Sarto W. Stallrecht, Mrs. William V. Magovern, Miss Geraldine Moylan and Miss Helen Louise Whalen will be installed as directors.

MEMBERS attending will have the opportunity of seeing some Kodachrome slides to be shown by Mrs. Robert E. Shellberg. Rather than the usual tourist pictures Mrs. Shellberg and her husband came home from Europe with pictures of window displays, merchandise in small select shops, unusual foods and restaurants and interiors of homes where they were dinner guests of friends.

A social hour will follow with Mrs. J. Howard Fitzgerald as hostess. Assisting her will be Mrs. Cyril J. Statt, Mesdames Charles Bailey, Edward J. Ehrlich, Vincent G. Carroll, James C. Carson, William J. Lemay, Charles Lill, Lawrence J. Moon, Joseph F. Ritz, Philip T. Sharp, George A. Thorne and the Mesdames Mildred A. Gilman and M. Geraldine Moylan.

ST. AGNES MOTHERS
Annual Mothers' and Daughters' Communion breakfast of St. Agnes Mothers' Club will be held Sunday, May 18, Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. in the school auditorium preceding the breakfast.
Mrs. Fred Ritz, president and

her staff will be installed. Also to be seated are: Mrs. Raymond Weis, vice president; Mrs. Paul Geary, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Ryan, treasurer.

Guest speaker will be Monsignor Joseph E. Vogt, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church.

Committees assisting Mrs. Ritz, breakfast chairman are: the Mesdames Joseph Hoffman, Thomas Scheffel, Edward Skelly, and Raymond Weis.

McQUAID MOTHERS

The Mothers' Club of McQuaid Jesuit High School will meet in the school's cafeteria Friday evening, May 16, at 8 o'clock.

Led in procession by the officers and the board of directors, the mothers will form a "living rosary" to honor Mary the Mother of Jesus, under a title which is a hundred years old this year; Our Lady of Lourdes.

Brian Fleming, representing the students of McQuaid, will be assisted by his mother, Mrs. Charles Fleming, in the traditional ceremonial crowning of a statue of Mary.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, given by Rev. James R. Barnett, S.J., rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School, will conclude the evening's ceremonies.

A business meeting—Mrs. Arthur Jones presiding—will follow the ceremonies. Mrs. Howard Lybold, chairman of the nominating committee, will present the slate for the election of new officers, take charge of the election, and conduct the installation of the new officers.

WINS ORATORY PRIZE

John A. Shields, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shields of 165 Butler Dr., Pittsford, won second prize at the annual Holy Cross College oratorical contest. Shields is a graduate of Aquinas Institute and was one of the debating champions of New York in 1935. He is a junior at Holy Cross.

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