



### Parents Association Leaders

OFFICERS of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, Parents Association were elected Monday. At meeting are: (from left) Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain; Sister Mary Raphael, S.M., principal; Francis T. Woods, president; John Cascio, retiring president. Also named are: Clarence Doty, vice president; Mrs. Alice Cleary, recording secretary; Mrs. John Kosmicki, corresponding secretary; Edward B. Curtin, treasurer.

## Bishop Casey To Dedicate Center

Watkins Glen — Dedication of the \$175,000 Catechetical and Social Center in St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Watkins Glen will take place Sunday, May 18. His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. and bless the new building.

Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church

will assist Bishop Casey at the Mass and in the dedication.

A PRESENTATION Ceremony is planned in the new hall at 7:45 p.m. that day, Father Ehmann announced. Open house will be conducted for friends and parishioners.

Leading roles will be taken in the program by the church trustees. Mayor Mrs. Marcus M. Cass will represent the Watkins Glen community; Children of the parish will present the entertainment.

THE NEW structure comprises a combination gymnasium and hall seating 450 persons. Two large and one small classrooms are included for Catechism classes. A conference and reading room and fully equipped kitchen round out the facilities provided.

The sum of \$100,000 was raised in a campaign last Fall to supplement money on hand to build the center. Leo Conditine was the architect and McLane Construction Co. of Elmira, the general contractor.

The building is on Tenth Street, nearby the entrance of Watkins Glen State Park and closely adjoining the church and rectory on Decatur St.

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## Set Special Program For Knight Ladies

A varied program of entertainment has been arranged for the visiting and local ladies of the Knights of Columbus at the New York State convention to be held in Elmira from Thursday, May 22 until Saturday, May 24.

An open house party will be held in Columbus Center on Thursday for all visitors, local and area members and ladies. The affair will include entertainment, dancing and refreshments.

THE CONVENTION will open on Friday at 10 a.m. with a Mass in St. Patrick's church. Bishop James E. Kearney will be the celebrant. The ladies are invited to assist at the Mass.

A tea and entertainment program has been slated for Friday in the Langwell Hotel from 2 until 4 p.m. Mrs. James P. O'Leary and Mrs. Edward A. Clauss are co-chairmen.

Hostesses for this affair are Mesdames Joseph B. Rempe, Frederick D. Specchio, Joseph T. Limoncelli, John E. Strong, Paul Scanlin, Francis Lisi, Louis A. Laufersweller and Paul W. Szymanski.

NEW YORK STATE COLUMBIANS will be held in the Mark Twain Hotel on Saturday at 11 a.m. Mrs. Edward J. Frayne is assisting the chairman. Following the luncheon the ladies will be guests of Elmira Council on a trip to Corning for a tour of the Corning Glass center.

Chartered buses will leave from the Mark Twain Hotel. Ladies of Columbus of Corning will meet the visitors and escort them through the center. Mrs. T. A. Doran is chairman of this activity.

A CARD PARTY will be held Tuesday, May 27, by the student government. Co-chairmen Myra Hubish and Lorraine Czechowicz have been named their committee heads.

Publicly, Philomena Calabrese and Marie Norton; tickets, Mary Ann Kamin and Mary McCarthy; prizes, Mary Lou Allore and Judy Sherman; decorations, Mary Ellen Daly and refreshments, Thalia Balch. The public is invited.

On Thursday morning the voices of all the classes resounded through the Little Flower Chapel as they sang the Mass of St. Michael the Archangel. They were observing the feast day of Sister Marie Michel. The Mass was celebrated by Father McGhan, the hospital chaplain.

New Sodality officers for the coming year were elected Wednesday night. They are: Rose Mary Sisolak, junior, Binghamton, president; Phyllis Gorsky, freshman, Elmira, vice-president; Mary Lee Wangitis, junior, Milldred, Pa., treasurer; Judy Sherman, freshman, Hornell, secretary; Rose Mary Hubbard, freshman, Avoca, historian.

# K of C Convention Starts Thursday

Elmira Knights of Columbus will welcome the 63rd annual convention of the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus starting in the Mark Twain Hotel on Thursday, May 22.

The convention will officially open with Bishop James E. Kearney celebrating a Mass in St. Patrick's church on Friday, at 10 a.m.

Bishop William S. Scully of Albany will preach the sermon at the Mass. Bishop James J. Navagh, of Ogdensburg, several Monsignors, Priests, representatives from the Supreme Council, State Council will also be in attendance.

EMMETT BURKE and his staff of state officers will meet on Thursday night with convention chairman Edward A. Clauss and Grand Knight Joseph B. Rempe of Elmira Council to go over final details of the meeting that is expected to draw nearly 2,000 delegates, members, guests and friends to Elmira.

Following the Mass, the delegates and members will assemble in the ballroom of the Mark Twain Hotel for the opening operation ceremonies that will include the official welcome of Eton, Edward A. Moores, Mayor of the City of Elmira.

OPENING business session in the Mark Twain ballroom will be at 2 p.m. The final in the state-wide Knights of Columbus oratorical contests will be held in the ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

Scheduled to compete for top honors are eight finalists, one from each of the chapter area in the state. The winning orator will receive a \$2500 scholarship and a \$1500 scholarship will be given the runnerup. The public is invited to attend the speaking contest.

Following the oratoricals the convention ball will be held in the ballroom commencing at 9 p.m.

Business session will again open on Saturday at 9 a.m. and continue until completion of all details. Election of officers for the coming year will conclude the sessions.

## Miraculous Medal Novena Will Start On Sunday

A Solemn Novena in honor of the Miraculous Medal will open in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira on Sunday (May 18) at 7:45 p.m.

Rev. George E. Browne, C.M. will conduct the services and speak at all Masses on Sunday.

SERVICES will be held each day at 7:45 p.m. and will include congregational recitation of the traditional Novena prayers, sermon, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the relic of St. Bernadette.

Daily Masses will be at 7 and 11:10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The 11 a.m. daily Mass will be for the children of the parish and will be preceded by the Novena prayer.

All parishioners and friends are invited to assist at this Mass.

**New Affiliates Created by Group**  
St. Rose of Lima committee of the Ladies of Charity met last week following a picnic supper. Guests of the committee were these new affiliates: Mesdames Edward Collins, John Diefenderfer, Charles Emery, George Lovell and the Misses Joyce Nagy and Rosemary Sando.

## Knights Slate State Banquet

Annual state banquet at the Knights of Columbus State Convention in Elmira will be held on Saturday, May 24 at the Mark Twain Hotel at 7:30 p.m. The affair is expected to attract about 600 delegates, members and guests.

Bishop James J. Navagh of the Ogdensburg Diocese will be the



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guest speaker. Other speakers will be Bishop Kearney of Rochester, Emmett Burke, state deputy, Joseph F. Lamb, supreme secretary.

EDWARD A. CLAUSS, convention chairman will open the program and the address of welcome will be given by Grand Knight Joseph B. Rempe. Supreme director William E. Burke will be toastmaster.

Samuel A. DeRenzo and Francis T. Woods are co-chairmen of the dinner and are being assisted by Bernard J. Lochern, Louis A. Laufersweller, Clement J. Knuth and Justin F. Romasser.

Mrs. Daniel F. Kennedy, talented Elmira vocalist will sing and be accompanied by Mrs. Joseph P. O'Neill. Tickets will go on sale at the Mark Twain Hotel on Thursday, May 22.

## Catechists Get Diplomas Sunday

Ithaca — His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, will present diplomas to a class of 15 Certified Lay Catechists in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, in parish hall, Ithaca, on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m.

Fourteen of the catechists are parishioners of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, and one is a member of St. John's Parish, Newark Valley.

Following an intensive course of 30 weeks of Learning Methods on Teaching Religion, which has been conducted by the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, and a course in Christian Doctrine in charge of Father William Thomas, the 15 graduates are qualified to teach Christian Doctrine to others, primarily children enrolled in released time religious education classes. Four of the Catechists have been especially trained in the teaching of high school methods.

The program Sunday will include the presentation of a play-ette entitled "Our Lady's Gifts," with a group of children from religious education classes taking part.

Pontifical Benediction will take place in church after graduation followed by a reception in parish hall. Hostesses will be members of the Sacred Heart Catechetical Guild and Helpers of the Confraternity in Ithaca.

All the parishioners and friends are invited.

**New College**  
Windsor, Ont. — (NC) — Cardinal McGulgan, Archbishop of Toronto, offered Mass here at the opening of Holy Redeemer College, the Redemptorist Fathers' new house of studies.

## Elmira Knights Open House Fete

Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus will be host to the delegates, guests and members together with their ladies at an open house party to be held in Columbus Center on Thursday, May 22 at 8 p.m.

A program of dancing, entertainment and refreshments is arranged under the direction of Thomas E. Coggins and Frank Kublak.

## Spaghetti Supper Set At St. Cecilia's

A benefit spaghetti supper will be held in St. Cecilia Church hall, Elmira on Saturday, May 17 from 5 until 8 p.m. Proceeds will be used for the Boy Scout Camp Fund.

The supper will be prepared and served by the Men's Club and the Fathers of Boy Scout Troop 66.

John Karski Jr., Scoutmaster and John Bellinger, assistant Scoutmaster are co-chairmen of arrangements.

## Forty Hours

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

Sunday, May 18 — Precious Blood, St. Cecilia, St. George, Rochester; St. Mary, Bath; St. Patrick, Cato; St. Joseph, Cayuga; St. Pius X, Chili; St. Felix, Chilton Springs; St. Patrick, Moravia; St. Patrick, Mumford; St. John, Newark Valley; Sacred Heart, Romulus; St. Patrick, Savannah; St. Joseph, West Bloomfield.

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