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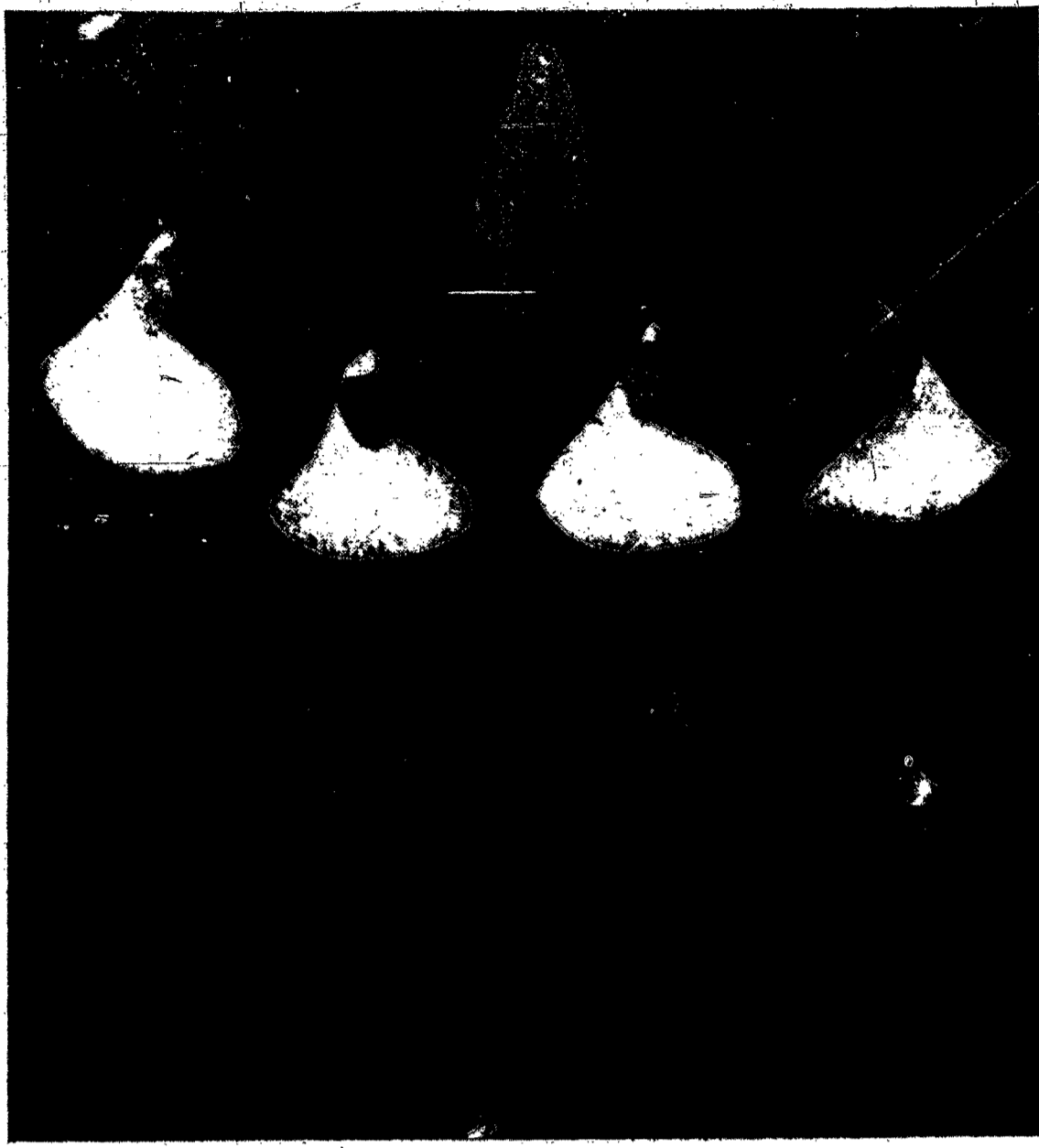
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FOUR NEW NUNS of the Sisters of St. Joseph wear the garb of their order given them at reception rites Wednesday morning in the chapel of the Motherhouse, Pittsford. From left, Sister Conchita, Sister Letitia, Sister Saint Bernadette, and Sister Innocentia. (Piccoli Photo)

### Thirty Receive Nuns' Garb Of St. Joseph Sisters

Thirty young women, representing nineteen parishes of the diocese, received the habit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Wednesday morning in Nazareth Chapel, Pittsford. Bishop Kearney presided at the investiture ceremony.

The ceremony began with a procession of the postulants dressed in bridal gowns and veils, symbolic of the life they began as "Brides of Christ." Twelve attendants preceded them into the chapel, and following them were the priests, monsignori and the Bishop.

Kneeling at the altar rail, after having asked formally for the habit, they were ritually queried by the Bishop as to the sincerity of their intentions and their realization of the manner of life to which they aspired.

THE BISHOP blessed the habits, veils, rosaries and cinchures they were to don and sent them forth to exchange the bridal finery for the habit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

On their return to the chapel a short time later in the garb of the religious, they were given their names by the Bishop.

The new nuns are:

Sister Marie Elizabeth (Caroline E. Conheady), daughter of Mrs. James Conheady, Assumption parish, Fairport.

Sister M. Letitia (Mary Anne Knight), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Knight, St. Francis de Sales, Geneva.

Sister M. Sophia (Karen Bove), daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Emil Bove, St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls.

Sister M. Eymard (Joan Clement), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elnor Clement, Sacred Heart Cathedral parish.

Sister M. Clarina (Linda Brown), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thom as Brown, St. Francis de Sales parish, Geneva.

Sister M. Joel (Joan Hayes), daughter of Mrs. Ailene Hayes, St. Charles Borromeo parish.

Sister M. Natalis (Joanne Imhoff), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Imhoff, St. Andrew parish.

Sister M. Borgha (Suzanne Eckrich), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eckrich, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

Sister M. Joseph (Phyllis Composto), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Composto, St. Joseph parish, Boonville.

Sister M. James (Elizabeth Lynch), daughter of Mrs. James Lynch, St. Stephen's parish, Geneva.

Sister M. Mildred (Mary Ann Coughlin), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Coughlin, Immaculate Conception parish.

Nothing will bring more cheer to a shut-in than a lovely bouquet or a long lasting plant, Call Blanchard Florist, BAber 5-9191. Let them take care of it or drop in at 58 Lake Ave. Free parking in rear.—Adv.

Sister M. Antonine (Doreen Weznick), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Weznick, St. Stanislaus parish.

Sister M. Francella (Marie Fink), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Fink, Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

Sister M. Jonita (Joan Cavley), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cavley, Corpus Christi parish.

Sister Gilmory (Carolyn Cardinal), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Cardinal, St. John's parish, Greece.

Sister M. Magdalena (Elizabeth Kellner), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Kellner, St. Columba's parish, Caledonia.

Sister M. Uta (Kathleen Pilot), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pilot, St. Charles Borromeo parish.

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### Knights Convention Opens Tomorrow

An estimated near six thousand people will pour into Rochester this weekend to attend the national convention of the Knights of St. John and the organization's Ladies Auxiliaries.

The visitors will be coming to the cradle of the St. John's Knighthood. The oldest community of the order, St. Mauritius Number 9, was organized at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, in 1873.

CONVENTION officials announced that the public is invited to view the colorful competitive drills in the Rochester Community War Memorial tomorrow (Saturday) morning and evening.

A Main Street parade Saturday evening at 7 p.m. will feature bands and colorful uniforms of knights and auxiliaries. The parade will climax at the War Memorial for the formal opening of the convention at 8 p.m.

Bishop Kearney will be principal speaker at the opening ceremony. Gretings from New York State will be brought by Lieutenant Governor George B. DeLuca and Mayor Peter Barry will give the official city welcome to Rochester.

BISHOP KEARNEY will celebrate Mass Sunday morning in St. Joseph's Church at 9 a.m. for the uniformed delegates and visitors.

Father Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph's, will preach the sermon.

Theme of the six day convention is the "collaboration of the laity with the hierarchy," according to Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, national chaplain.

OTHER EVENTS of the convention will include a reception at Hotel Manger tonight (Friday) at 8:30 p.m. and the convention banquet Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the same hotel. Bishop Kearney will be main speaker.

A colorful "Military Ball" will be held Sunday evening at the War Memorial decorated as a medieval crusader's castle. The knights and auxiliaries will attend the ball in uniform.

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Hibernians of New York State are currently in the midst of their 69th biennial state convention in Rochester.

Bishop Kearney presided and preached at yesterday's convention Mass held at 9 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, state chaplain, Carmelite Father Donald M. O'Callaghan, celebrated the Mass.

The Bishop told the delegates that their Mass in a church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin in this centennial year of the apparitions at Lourdes recalled the traditional devotion of the Irish for our Lady.

He said, "The Song of Bernadette is an unfinished symphony."

THE FIRST two parts of the symphony are recorded in the annals of history, he said, and pointed out the compassion of Christ for the needs of men and the motherly love of the Blessed Virgin.

"Now we must finish the third part of this Song of Bernadette by imitating the virtues of the Blessed Virgin," the Bishop stated.

"The great Amen will come when we step into eternity to meet Jesus, Mary, St. Patrick and all the saints."

He especially urged the Hibernians to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Virgin exemplified in her role as a devoted wife and mother in the home at Nazareth.

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## Priests Reveal Red Torments



Hong Kong — (RNS) — Two American Catholic priests, released from Communist Chinese detention in mid-June said on their arrival here that they had suffered ill treatment during their five-year terms for alleged "economic sabotage" and espionage.

Father Joseph P. McCormack, M.M., of Palmyra, N.Y. and Father John P. Wagner, O.F.M., of Pittsburgh, Pa., were pale and worn as they disembarked from the British ship Changsha out of Shanghai. They recounted their experiences at a press conference held at the Catholic Center.

Father McCormack, 45, said he underwent lengthy interrogations every day, sometimes for as long as two and a half hours. At times, he recalled he became dizzy and collapsed when returned to his cell.

"The Communist Judge," the priest added, "sometimes banged his wooden gavel on my fingers."

Father Wagner, 51, described his treatment as "very rough." He said three of his five years' imprisonment were spent in and out of hospitals, prison hardships having aggravated an asthmatic condition.

Both Fathers McCormack and Wagner appeared to have lost considerable weight. However, of the two, Father Wagner, with some of his teeth missing, appeared to be the more tired and weak.

FATHER MCCORMACK declared that all the charges made against him were false and the same applied to Father Wagner.

Father Wagner was accused by the Communists of "sabotaging China's financial ordinance" or, in other words, engaging in what his accusers branded as black market financial dealings. Father McCormack was charged with "collecting political and economic information under cover of being a priest."

The Franciscan priest, who appeared confused at times during the press conference, admitted that he technically violated Communist economic regulations, but according to Western standards was innocent of any deliberate crime.

"According to a NCWC report, Father Wagner accepted funds from Chinese Catholics to keep his mission open. Communist regulations ban such contributions."

Father McCormack replied "Absolutely!" when asked if he denied the spy charges made against himself. The Communists, he said, "can't tell the truth when it serves their own purpose." He added that his trial was "all a fake" and that Father Wagner's trial, "was ridiculous, too."

Father Wagner said the police raided his Shanghai residence June 15, 1953, and spent six hours searching through it before he was arrested. He added that he did not know until years later that 12 other American priests had been arrested at the same time.

Father McCormack said that during his trial he had to speak Chinese since English was forbidden. He said the Communists charged him with "every thing under the sun," even with "collaborating with Father Wagner."

THE MARYKNOLL missionary said the Communist aim is to persecute the Catholic Church and anyone associated with it. He recalled that when he was brought before the Communist judge, the judge explained he could have defense counsel, but at the same time warned that if he did so he would not be leniently treated and anyhow his defense would not be accepted.

The priest said he replied by telling the judge that, under the circumstances, "I won't defend myself."

Hong Kong — (NC Radio Photo) — Looking gaunt and worn after their ordeal of five years imprisonment in a Red China jail, Franciscan Father Cyril Wagner, 51, (left) follows Maryknoll Father Joseph P. McCormack, down the gangplank of the S.S. Changsha as they arrived in Hong Kong.

### McQuaid Graduates Hear Bishop's ABC's

Bishop Kearney gave graduates of McQuaid Jesuit High School a lesson in the "ABC's" at the first graduation exercises held in the school's four-year history Sunday at the Eastman Theatre, Rochester.

Bishop Kearney, founder of the school, told the 129 young men that as their spiritual father, he wished to emphasize a lesson in the spiritual "ABC's," that they would need along the road of life.

The "A" meant the graduates had to be "armed" for the warfare of life as they had been armed intellectually during their four years in school by the teachings of a religious order whose traditions were already old before the first secular universities were founded in America.

"Secondly, 'B,' you must be brave" to withstand all sorts of attack on your ideals and principles," the Bishop said. "You will be surrounded throughout your adult lives by so many who worship what you burn and burn what you worship."

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heart today: May God grant these graduates to love the Lord their God, always love His Church, to love God as their Father, to love the Church as their Mother."

Bishop Kearney who has himself given the Sacrament of Confirmation to most of the graduates said he wanted to leave one more mark on their souls for life, he wanted to stamp their lives with the letters A.M.D.G. — traditional Jesuit motto meaning "For the greater glory of God."

IN ADDITION to the McQuaid exercises, Bishop Kearney presided at graduation rites at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy, Sacred Heart Academy and St. Carmel High School in Auburn.

Bishop Casey presided at graduation exercises held at Notre Dame High School, Elmira, DeSales High School, Geneva, and St. Agnes High School, Rochester. A total of 1,164 young men and women received their diplomas at nine Catholic high schools of the Rochester Diocese this June.

Besides McQuaid Jesuit High School, Notre Dame High School and St. Carmel High School, held graduation rites for the first time in these new schools. The two new schools replaced older Catholic high schools in their respective cities.

Orange Blossom Diamond Rings Terms, William S. Thorne, Jeweler, 318 Main St. East.—Adv.



Two Thousand Miles to Build A School  
Glenallen, Alaska — (NC) — Travelling some 2,000 miles over dusty Alcan Highway, eight lay apostles arrive at Copper Valley School, near Glenallen, Alaska. They have volunteered to help during their vacation with the construction of the new Catholic educational center for Alaskan native children. The eight are from Western Canada and United States.

### Deadline Advanced

News to be submitted for next week's issue should reach the Courier Journal office, 55 Solo St., Rochester 4, N.Y., as soon as possible. Deadline for Rochester will be Monday, June 30 at 5 p.m.; outside the city, Tuesday morning, July 1. This is due to Independence Day, July 4, being on Friday.

### Dispensation Granted For Friday, July 4th

Bishop Kearney, by virtue of faculties granted him from the Apostolic See, has dispensed Catholics of the Rochester Diocese from the laws of fast and abstinence on Friday, July 4, Independence Day.