

St. Joseph's Graduation Rites Held

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The nurse's vocation is closely linked with Christ's work among the suffering. Bishop Kearney told 26 graduates of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing at commencement exercises last Sunday Aug. 10. About 600 persons attended the rites in SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

Exercises opened with the presentation of the class by Rev. Philip E. McGee, hospital chaplain. Father McGee congratulated the graduates in his introduction.

BISHOP KEARNEY presented diplomas and Jubilee Lourdes Medals to the class. He also presented the awards.

The Rev. Francis J. Walker, Monsignor, presented the Rev. Francis J. Walker Memorial Award for highest scholastic average to Lois Arnold of the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. The award was presented to her by the Rev. Francis J. Walker, Monsignor, who presented the award to her by the Rev. Francis J. Walker, Monsignor, who presented the award to her by the Rev. Francis J. Walker, Monsignor.

Following the diplomas and awards, Bishop Kearney imparted his blessing on the graduates and then offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Rev. Edward J. McArriff, secretary to the Bishop, and Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain of Notre Dame High School, acted as chaplains to the Bishop. The graduates received Holy Communion at the Mass. At the close of the Mass, the graduates recited the Act of Consecration for Nurses after which the Bishop addressed the graduates.



AMONG 26 GIRLS graduated from St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira and who received diplomas from His Excellency Bishop Kearney from this area are: (from left), Kathleen Hogan, Sandra LaRose, Grace Samenfink and Maureen Stratton, Miss Hogan is from Auburn, others from Rochester.

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Bishop Kearney said in part: "To those of us who identify graduation as an academic function only, it may seem a bit strange to hold the exercises in Church. However, to do so lifts the academic to a deeper spiritual rite, with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as the center. You have prayed to Our Lord, Whom you have just received in Holy Communion, and you have received a medal of Our Blessed Mother.

"You young ladies can point out that it is appropriate to come to Church because of three very real motives.

"First, the motive of gratitude. Divine Grace and Divine Assistance have played an important part in their nursing profession. Their difficulties have often been solved through the intercession of the Immaculate Mother of God.

"The second motive is the Christ-like nature of the Nurse's vocation to which they dedicate themselves today. Christ is called the Great Healer. The life of every nurse with any sense of supernatural values sees a great similarity in her vocation and that of Christ in the role of the Great Healer. Christ manifested tenderness and sympathy all through life and to its very end. As He hung on the Cross he uttered those words: Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Nurses must try to imitate the understanding Heart of Christ.

"The third motive is that this class is graduating in the golden

jubilee year of St. Joseph's Hospital, your Alma Mater. It is also the centenary of another Alma Mater — Our Lady of Lourdes. In a special way, ask Our Blessed Lady to be a loving Mother to each of you. At Lourdes Mary has been humanity's great nurse for 100 years. She has asked her Son for many miracles which often have been granted. We ask Her to bless you and to be in every sense your loving Mother."

The student nurses' choir sang during the ceremony with Florence Hughes at the organ.

Priests in the sanctuary during the Mass were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Very Rev. Leo G. Schwab, V.F., Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, Rev. Joseph G. Merkel, Rev. Francis J. Reilly, Rev. Thomas J. Manley, Rev. L. J. Szczepanski, Rev. William A. Burns, Rev. Michael L. Hynes, Rev. Robert J. Donovan, and Rev. Leonard P. Kujawski.

The Sisters of St. Joseph at the hospital attended in a body led by Reverend Mother M. Helene, superior general of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, and Sister M. Florentine, assistant superior general. Nuns of the Sisters of Mercy also attended.

Following commencement, the Bishop and priests were guests at a dinner for the graduates in the Dunn Memorial Nurses Residence. At the dinner, Bishop Kearney spoke briefly. Also speaking were Lucille O'Neill, class president, and Shirley Sisk, prefect of the Sodality of Our Lady. Father McGee was toastmaster. At the dinner, Shirley Sisk and Jean Snyder were each awarded a nurse's watch donated by Alpert's Jewelers of Elmira. The qualities named in the award were outstanding sweetness and attentiveness in the care of the sick. Bishop Kearney presented these awards.

A reception for the parents of the graduates was held in the Nurses' Residence immediately

following commencement. This was sponsored by the women's auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Winifred Goldsmith was chairman of arrangements for the reception and was assisted by Mrs. Joseph R. Spiegel, Rose De Socio, Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, Mary Wippler, Pauline Nelkosi and Mrs. Walter C. Ervin Sr.

Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, provided an honor guard. The graduates wore corsages of red roses presented by the Medical Staff of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Notre Dame High Lists Art Workshop

More than 40 sisters from this area have signed up for the art workshop to be held Aug. 20, 21 and 22, at Notre Dame High School, Elmira, according to Sister Mary Raphael, principal.

A free educational service provided by Blimley & Smith Inc., manufacturers of crayons and other art supplies, the workshop will be conducted by Mrs. Margaret Johnson.

THE SISTERS will devote 15 hours of their time to learning more about modern creative art education and some of its materials and tools.

They will learn by doing, and trying out the art techniques which Mrs. Johnson presents. These techniques will include some of the uses of water colors, poster paints, finger paints, colored chalks and modeling clay, in addition to crayons.

Simple creative craft techniques will also be presented, giving the sisters an opportunity to work with paper, paste and various other materials for three-dimensional effects. All of the workshop activities will be experiences which they can relate to their own classroom teaching.

School officials responsible for the workshop arrangements, in addition to Sister Mary Raphael include Sister Mary Jeanne, art instructor.

20 Foot Statue

Rosemont, Que. (NC) — The largest statue made in a Canadian foundry will be placed in the 110-foot belfry of the new Provincial House of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart here.

It is a statue of the Sacred Heart 22 feet high and weighs 12,000 pounds. There are 18 feet between the extended hands.

Sisters Attend Golden Jubilee Fete Of Kin

Two Rochester women have returned from attending the Golden Jubilee ceremony of their sister, Sister Mary Dominic of the Sisters of Mercy and purchasing agent of St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Mo.

Mrs. James R. Moran, 51 Durham St. and Mrs. P. Bunce, 121 Villa St. witnessed the tribute to the nun whose principal work has been in hospital service.

Home in St. Louis. After two years, six months as a potulate and two years as a novice she professed and became Sister Mary Dominica.

Sister has served in the pharmacy of St. Joseph Hospital in St. Louis, 15 years, and, as Mother Superior, was the first to give the sisters a recreation home where they could have a week's vacation in Summer.

In a daily newspaper tribute, special mention was made of her kindness to the poor and of her cordiffiance in sisters in her charge.

SISTER MARY DOMINIC was born in County Limerick, Ireland in 1890, one of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch. In 1905, as a small girl she came to America and entered Mercy

Workers Killed In Church Collapse

Warsaw — (RNS) — Five persons were killed and 25 seriously injured while engaged in repair work on a Catholic church in Tomaszow, central Poland.

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