Auburn Priest Keeps Dachau Promise

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Auburn — Three tributes in stone to Our Lady built in this area by a Carmelite Priest attached to the Carr melite Monastery have a special significance.

They are three "sermons in stone" erected by Faiher Francis Marlanus Nowakowski, O. Carry, in thanksgiving for deliverance from the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and Dachau.

A NATIVE of Poland, Father Marianus well - remembers his first solemn Mais, for on that! day, 19 years ago, hostilities broke out between Poland and Germany, thus starting the Seder ond World War.

Father Marianus left his village immediately to return to the Carmelite. Monastery in Krakow-not knowing that it would. by 19 years include he would be -able to revisit his village and be re-unlied with mimbers of his family.

During this space-of time, Fa ther Marianus would face death many times in the infomous concentration carraps created by the fanactic di taroi, Adolph Hitler. He was also to be blessed with dréams in which Our Lady ap peared, which seemed to guarantee his personal safety.

AFTER RETURNING to the Krakow Mondstery, he and the other Carmelite priests helped with the evacuation of refugees that fled their way in attempting to get away from the scourge of Hitler.

Shortly afterward however, the Carmelite priests became the victims of Nazl terrorism and were thrown into concentration camps.

It was while he was in a box car on the way to Auschwitz, that Our. Lady first appeared to him in a dream. He saw himself lying in a ditch, when Our Lady came to his aid and helped him up.

"I opened my eyes expecting to find myself on the beautiful green grass at Our Lady's feet, but there I was in the crowded, dirty box car." he said.

On that trip to the concentration camps were 44 priests from the Krakow Monastery. Of these, only three, including Father Marianus, survived.



"SERMONS IN STONE." Fathers Francis Marianus Nowakowski, Q. Carm., stands next to one of three shrines he constructed in honor of Our Lady for his deliverance from the Nazi Concentration camp at Dachau. This one is in Arburn at the Whitefriars Monastery there, (A. G. Tarby Photo).

The night before his scheduled to build a shrine to Our Lady in brought suffering and death to 150; Marion, 45; Port Byron, 65. so many. If you remain before the shrine, Mary so silently. execution, F at her Marianus the pose that he had seen her. again saw the Mother of God in a dream. She again seemed to Thus he built the three shrines whispers to your heart of her ark, 76; Nunda, 58; Groveland, indicate to him that he was going in the Auburn orea. One can be love and the love of Her Divine 20; Ontario, 173; Ovid, 98; Palseen on the grounds of White Son for all that you can forgive myra, 134. to be rescued by Her.

friars Monastery on South St., and forget even your worst AND THEN there occurred Auburn; a second at St. Mary's enemies. shat Father calls "the miracle Church, Skaneutens, and com- Mercy Alumnae of our rescue," for on April 29, third at New York Mills, a com- Mercy Alumnae

1945 just about one hour before munity northeast of Utica. his scheduled entrance into the gas chamber. 13 Americans ap Built of fieldstone, painstak. Slate Banquet

Dachau, thus heralding the ad rounding countryside and con-vance of the Army. In this unit were 11 soldiers, shrines are indeed a labor of Sept. 10. Dinner will be served

Nunda Sesquicentennial

'Altar Takes First Prize

News Nunda - The dint of many hours of hard work by severa members of Holy Angels Church. paid off in rich-dividends last Saturday during the sesquicentennial parade in this little towr-**CCD** Vacation in Ontario County.

These seven parishioners of the church designed and built # float for the lown parade during Schools Show their spare hours - and it topped all other entries to win first prize before a gathering of 5,000 people.

More Pupils THE REMARKABLE thing about the float's winning was that it represented a Catholic A total of 4543 children an in- Church Sanctuary, Children were crease of 199 over last year, posed as ready for their first

attended the Religious Vacation Holy Communion. Schools conducted under the aus. "My parishioners really did = pices of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, according to G. Heisel, church pastor said, "I Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, dioc- was very happy for them that wonderful job," Father Raymonci

was very happy for them that esan director. the float was awarded first

Fifty areas in the Diocese of prize and it showed me that the Rochester were provided with people in this town, most of these vacation schools, Father whom are Protestants, have a Schnacky reported Corpus Chris. sheere respect for the faith of ti, Rochester; St. Alphonsus, Au- their Catholic neighbors." burn; St. Anne, Hornell, and St.

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tion schools in 1958 follow: Zareczny.

Rochester, Corpus Christh 55: St. Ambrote, 55; St. Patrick, 124.

phonsus), 60; Aurora, 34; Union "priest" ready to give "Commun-

Canter, 47; Honeoye, 55; Lyons, Moravis, 94; Owasco, 45; New- and Philip Nasca.

Dundee, 56; Phelps, 107; Sciplo, were as serious about their Krieg, moderator and Mrs. Law-60; Scotisville, 91; Shorisville,



PRIZE WINNING 'altar,' the work of Holy Angels Church members, Nunda, as seen in the town's sesuricentennial parade.

Putting in long hours of labor THE FLOAT was drawn down obviously," Father Heisel said. Joseph, Campbell, were new this to construct the float were James the street by an automobile "For some I guess this was the year." . The number of parishes and McMaster, Walter Walsworth barishooner, James Parker, Rid seen a replica of a Catholic children attending religious vaca, and the Mesdames Clair McCar ing along with him were Father Church sanctuary." the send a catholic the barishools in 1958 follow:

The parade was the highlight of the observance of this town's STANDING BEFORE the al "The people viewing the par 150th anniversary. Both town

tar of the giant gold and silver, ade were visibly impressed by and county officials were repre-Addison, 76; Auburn (St. Al- float was Dennis Kellogg, the float - as were the judges, isented for the orrasion.

Springs, 37; Campbell, 41; Cato, ion" to Kathleen Byrnes, Lindia 50; Red Creek, 50; Clifton Creveling, Patricia E ssler, Father Murphy First Springs, 95. and James Reynolds. Savannah. 50; Dryden, 153; Elmira Heights, 132; Geneseo, 99; On either side of the alter Saturday Speaker

Hubert McMaster.

Henrietta, 341; Rush. 82; Hone- were two "angels" dressed in ap-oye Falls, 122; Mendon, 85; Hor- propriate garb guarding over the nell (St. Ann), 193. Rev. Richard E. Murphy, assistant pastor of St. James communicants as they were Parish will be the guest speaker for the First Saturday about to receive the "host" for Luncheon, held at the Powers Hotel Ballroom Saturday, Sept.

King Ferry, 60; Ludlowville, the first time. These "angels" 6, at 12:15 p.m. Rev. Albert J. 64; Lelcester, 125; Piffard, 20; were portrayed by Julle Ann Shamon, professor at St. An-Reisof, 37; Livonia, 110; Livonia Piraino and Mary Ann Zareenzy. Suamon, protessor at St. Ant be hostesses this month. Mrs. Assisting the "priest" were his the luncheon.

two altar boys - Donald Byrnes

"The children on the float were absolutely maryclous,*** Father Helsel related, "They

business as if they really and

St. James Rosary Society will John Palermo, president of the Rosary Society will preside as THE LUNCHEON is sponsor, loastmistress. She will be assist-

ed by the Monroe County Coun-ed by the Mesdames Michael ed by the Monroe County Council Compertore, Homer Doane, Ger-cil, Rochester Discessin Council and Hubregsen and Joseph Plifof Catholic Women, Rev. Gerard

Open Salurday 9;30 a.m. to 5;30 p.m.

Reservations for everyone outside of St. James' parish should rence Wels president. Rev. E. 180; Stanley, 70; Trumansburg, fruly were in church We 95; Interlaken, 40; Watkins Glen, couldn't have gotten a better 175; Weedsport, 99; Wolcott, 62. job out of professional actors." Women,

HIS SECOND dream of the Bleased Virgin occurred after the a Catholic chaplain and an Army love and gratitude to Our Bless. Sept. 10. Dinner will be served terrible death of one of Father's nurse. The arrival of the Army ed Lady. brother Carmelites. His head at Dachau and their flashing to was literally smashed in with the world of the brutality there, bricks. This left Father Marianus of "man's inhumanity to man" is stay at Whitefriars in Auburn. the only priest with three young well known from films, books These lovely shrines to Our Lady and various articles. Carmelite scholastics.

The day of the full emancipa. Mother, Sleeping on damp floors that brought sickness and discomfort tion was the first day of the to both young and old, Father month of Mary and Father Marl Marianus again saw the Virgin anus recounts that the freed in a dream standing on a pede prisoners gratefully assembled which they silently preach to us 5662. Deadline for reservations is stal which was on a mound car for Mass and May devotions. peted with the tender green grass of Springtime.

erit for internees; the horrible ing labor demanded of the in. anus' message is: "Whenever gas ovens. the innumerable ricke you pass one of my springs to did not deter the faithful.

After live years in the camp, the practice of their religion has as loving a mother to us as she and 1938. Father Marlanus' health finally been recounted many times, but has been to Father Marianus, broke and he was sent to Dachau the constant surveillance by the where there was only one German guards, the bone crushternees, the innumerable risks you pass one of my shrines to

Mrs. Lesle Ulp, chairman, anthat Bishon Kearney THIS HE HAS done during his mounced will be the guest of honor. There will be entertainment furnished

by the "Accordianciles." Also, are Father's methods of thanking and honoring Our Blessed there will be installation of the new officers for the coming year. Reservations can be made by At the same time he intensely calling or writing Mrs. Robert

hopes that the lessons of love Bether, 919 Chili Ave., ID. 6will cause us to turn to Mary, to Sept. 7. Dinner tickets are \$2.95. love and honor her, to love all The class of 1948 will celebrate The difficulty which the priests mankind for her sake and that its 10th year reunion. Also honand lay people encountered in of Her Son and to ask her to be, ored will be the classes of 1933

In his own words Father Mari-

Forty Hours

Our Lady, pause for a short will be conducted in the followvisit for I am sure that Mary ing churches of the Diocese of

It was at this infamous camp that about 2,000 Polish Cathodergoing the torture and confine She will help you to forget and Sunday, August 31-St. Plus V, lic Priests, were executed, according to figures published in ment in the concentration camps forgive injustices, even these of Cohocton; St. Mary, Rexville Osservatore Romano. that Father Marianus resolved such enemies as mine who St. Bernard, Sciple Center.

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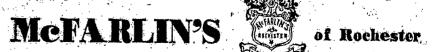
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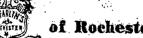
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