

Ordained Fifty Years

Bishop To Mark Priesthood Jubilee

Friday Dispensation, Parochial School Holiday

Bishop Kearney has dispensed Catholics of the Rochester Diocese from the laws of fast and abstinence for Friday, an Ember day, September 19th, his anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Meat may be eaten and food taken between meals as desired.

All Catholic schools, kindergarten through college, will be closed throughout the Diocese next Friday, according to Monsignor Charles Y. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools. Pupils are urged to assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion on that day to pray for Bishop Kearney on his jubilee.

Northside Rochester

Site Purchased For New St. Ann's

A new \$3,500,000 St. Ann's Home for the Aged will be built on a 25.4 acre site between Portland Avenue and Goodman Street North just south of Ridge Road East, Bishop Kearney announced today.

He said the Diocese purchased the tract of land this week from the New York Development Company. James Wilmut is president of the development company.

The new St. Ann's will be located directly opposite the recently built Northside Division of General Hospital.

The present Lake Avenue site of the 52 year old home for the aged was sold this past May to Eastman Kodak Company.

PRELIMINARY plans for the construction of a 10-story building, plus an auditorium, chapel and three parking lots on the new site, are being drawn up by Robert Hall of the Rochester architectural firm of Barrows, Parks, Morin, Hall and Brennan. Drawing the plans will take about 11 months, the Bishop stated.

Bishop Kearney said in making the purchase announcement that the new home site was chosen for several reasons:

• The closeness to downtown Rochester. (It will actually be closer than the present location.)

• Better transportation facilities for those wishing to visit friends and relatives in the home.

• More easily accessible for those out-of-town wishing to visit the home. (State plans call for the Keeler Street portion of the Outer Loop to run just north of the new home site, so it will be unnecessary for those coming in from out-of-town, to go through the center of Rochester.)

Bishop Kearney said the new St. Ann's will have a capacity for 350 residents instead of the present 225. Infirmary capacity will be boosted from 85 to 200.

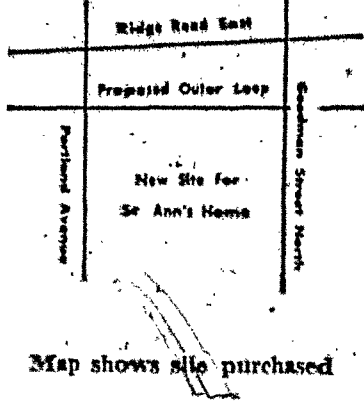
The new home will have "built-in" facilities for physiotherapy and occupational therapy programs.

St. Ann's, a diocesan institution under the direction of the Rochester Catholic Charities, is staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph will be located on the top floor and will accommodate 36 nuns.

In addition, the plant will contain its own dent office, foot doctor office, beauty shop, barber shop and doctor's consultation rooms.

Recreational facilities will be



Map shows site purchased

provided both inside and outside the home for the patients. The outside facilities will include a picnic area for outdoor cook-outs.

THE NEW HOME goes along with Diocesan plans to help the community solve the ever increasing problem of those in the over-65 population bracket that now totals 11 percent of the population in Monroe County, Bishop Kearney stated.

Monsignor Arthur E. Ratigan, director of Diocesan Catholic Charities reported that the average age of men applicants to St. Ann's Home last year was 78 and women applicants averaged 73. Residents of the home have an average age of 81, he said.

Msr. Ratigan also stated that of all the applicants last year, only seven were under 75 years of age. He said that the new home will fit in with the home's motto, "Where the aging have a future."

ASSISTING BISHOP Kearney in the selection of a new home site were Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, vicar general of the Diocese, and Msgr. Ratigan.

The sale of the new property is conditional upon the approval by the Irondequoit zoning board for the construction of the home at the site which is 1700 feet inside the town border.

The sale of the present site of St. Ann's Home was announced last May by Bishop Kearney and legal details are expected to be completed by Sept. 15.

Pope Bids China Church Stay Loyal

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Plus XII, in a 2,000-word encyclical letter addressed to Catholics in Communist China, lashed out against government efforts to establish a "National Catholic Church" independent of the Vatican.

He condemned the "crime" of the Communist conscription of bishops without the Vatican's permission as "seriously undermining the unity of the Church," meanwhile also exhorting Chinese Catholics to "remain loyal and without blemish in your faith."

Although the encyclical was dated June 29, the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, its release and broadcast by the Vatican Radio was delayed until the Holy See was certain the document had reached Catholics behind the "Bamboo Curtain."

Entitled "Ad Apostolorum" the letter was addressed to all Chinese bishops, priests, and "the people of China in peace and communion with the Apostolic See."

Pope Plus declared that by "a particularly subtle method of acting an association has been created among you to which has been attached the title of patriotism and Catholics are being driven by every means to take part in it."

This was a reference to the government-sponsored Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association which has "elected" and "consecrated" bishops for at least seven dioceses in recent months.

Where "human authorities are usurping God's rights and forcing Christians to act at variance with their religious duties, each individual Christian must calmly and firmly repeat those words which Peter and the other Apostles used in answer to the first persecutors of the Church: 'We must obey God, rather than men,'" the Pope said.

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MOST REVEREND JAMES E. KEARNEY
Bishop of Rochester

Seminary Open House

St. Bernard's Seminary, Lake Avenue, and St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, Buffalo Road, Rochester, will be open to the public on "Seminary Sunday" September 23, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Visitors will be welcome to inspect the buildings, visit the seminary chapels, view the classrooms, and meet faculty members.

Seminarists will act as guides to explain the course of studies and daily program of the 12 year course of studies leading to the Catholic priesthood.

Mothers Win 'Pro' Status

Vienna — (NO) — Austria's top civil court has ruled the work of a mother in the home to be professional employment.

During World War II, a mother drafted for war work contracted an illness which left her partially disabled. According to the law, the Austrian government provides pensions for those disabled in the service of the nation. The size of the pension is fixed according to the profession of the disabled person. Those with professional status receive the highest pensions.

Nothing will bring more cheer to a child than a lovely bouquet or long lasting plant. Call Blanchard Florist, Baker 5-9194. Let them take care of it or drop in at 53 Lake Ave. Free parking in rear.—Adv.

'These Are My People' The Diocese Of Rochester Is Bishop Kearney's Parish

By FATHER HENRY ATWELL

"THESE ARE MY PEOPLE," Bishop Kearney once remarked as a solicitous pastor tried to turn away parishioners after a rather long pontifical ceremony.

The Bishop, thought the pastor, needed a moment to relax, but Bishop Kearney preferred to stay with the people who wanted to greet him and receive his special blessing.

"These are my people," is a key to Bishop Kearney's fifty action-packed years in the Catholic priesthood. His accomplishments as a parish priest and diocesan school official won for him Vatican recognition and he was called by the Vicar of Christ to the summit of the priesthood, to be a bishop.

Yet in his office of high dignity, Bishop Kearney has retained the spirit of a humble parish priest. He has simply made his Diocese his parish.

After twenty-six years in the hierarchy, he is still primarily a shepherd of souls and his flock recognizes the truth of his familiar signature in his letters to them, "your devoted shepherd in Christ — James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester."

A glance at his more than twenty years as the head of this Diocese is proof enough that the Bishop is a shepherd of souls. During these two score years, he has spurred the people to rear new churches where

Faithful Invited To Cathedral Mass, Prelate's Home

Bishop Kearney will mark his fiftieth anniversary as a Catholic priest next Friday, September 19th.

He will highlight his golden jubilee by offering pontifical Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Friday at 10:30 a.m.

He was ordained to the priesthood on Sept. 19, 1908, by Bishop Thomas F. Cusack, Auxiliary of New York, in St. Stephen's Church, New York City.

The faithful of the Rochester Diocese are invited to attend the anniversary Mass at the Cathedral.

They are also invited to visit Bishop Kearney at his home, 947 East Avenue, to extend their jubilee greetings Friday afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. Working people who cannot come in the afternoon may come that evening from 8 to 9 p.m.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey has asked Catholics of the Diocese to receive Holy Communion next Friday or the following Sunday (Sept. 21) as a spiritual tribute to Bishop Kearney.

The Bishop's priesthood anniversary this year follows his observance last year of twenty five years in the hierarchy, twenty of them as Bishop of Rochester.

At that time Cardinal Spellman of New York and Cardinal Mooney of Detroit led scores of prelates and thousands of priests and lay people in an unprecedented demonstration of affection and loyalty to the jubilarian.

Bishop Kearney has requested that this year's anniversary be observed "simply and spiritually."

Assisting him at next Friday's Mass will be priests of the Chancery who assist him in the administration of the Diocese.

Bishop Casey will be in the cathedral sanctuary for the Mass. Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, P.A., vicar general, will be assistant priest. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, chancellor, will be deacon, and Rev. George

Except for the pews reserved for the clergy and nuns, the Cathedral will be open to the public, Bishop Casey, rector of the Cathedral, said.

Invitation To Bishop's Jubilee

My dear People:

Bishop Kearney will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood this coming Friday, September nineteenth.

Coming as it does so soon after his Silver Jubilee of Consecration last Fall, an event which brought Our Chief Shepherd a memorable tribute of affection from his priests and people, Bishop Kearney wishes his Golden Jubilee to be observed as simply as possible.

You are invited to attend the Solemn Pontifical Mass which the Bishop will celebrate this Friday morning at 10:30 in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Except for the pews reserved for the clergy and a delegation of the various Sisterhoods of the diocese, the Cathedral will be open to the general public.

Bishop Kearney will receive his people at the Episcopal Residence, 947 East Avenue, next Friday from two to six and from eight to nine o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend this reception and greet the Bishop personally.

At the time of his illness two years ago, Bishop Kearney attributed his rapid and complete recovery to the prayers of his priests and people. He can still count on our prayers as he observes his anniversary.

May we suggest you receive Holy Communion either this Friday or next Sunday (September nineteenth or twenty-first) and pray that God will give our Bishop strength and health to guide his flock for many years to come. It will be a source of consolation to him to know that his people are praying for him as he celebrates fifty golden years in the service of the Lord.

With every best wish, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Lawrence B. Casey
Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester

Monsignor Straub Resigns

Monsignor Frederick W. Straub, Cayuga Dean and pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, has resigned from active duty.

Failing health forced his resignation. He is now a patient at Mercy Hospital, Auburn, suffering from a broken hip as a result of a fall outside his church on Ascension Thursday, May 15th.

The prelate's resignation was announced at Sunday Masses by Rev. Robert G. Krocicel, assistant pastor.

MONSIGNOR STRAUB is one of the best known clergymen of the Diocese and has long played a prominent role in Auburn's civic life. He has been pastor of St. Alphonsus Church for thirty-four years.

His priestly career includes heroic action during the 1929 Auburn Prison riots and his outstanding recreational programs for youngsters of Auburn.

HE FOUNDED Camp Columbus on the east side of Owasco



MONSIGNOR STRAUB

Lake in the heart of the depressed era to provide low-cost vacations for children. His Columbian Squires program for teenage boys won him national recognition.

During his pastorate a new St. Alphonsus Church was built on Auburn's East Genesee Street in 1930, a new parochial school erected in 1952, and later enlarged, and the parish convent completely renovated.

In 1953 he led parishioners in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the parish originally located on Water Street.

Monsignor Straub, a native of Greece, N.Y., studied at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. Ordained in 1913, he served as procurator at St. Bernard's and in parishes in Livonia and Scipio Center. He was named to his Auburn parish in 1924 and made dean in 1955.

Bishop Kearney is expected to appoint a new pastor to succeed the seventy-one year old veteran prelate within a few weeks.