

# Missionary At Hemlock Seminary

Rev. Anthony J. Krajei, S.V.D., veteran Divine Word missionary from New Guinea arrived at St. Michael's Mission Seminary, Conesus, to deliver a movie in which Father Krajei himself was the main actor.

The mission movie dealt with the work of the Divine Word Fathers and Brothers in the New Guinea Missions of the society.

As director of education in the Wewak Vicariate, Father Krajei is a key figure in the extensive educational program carried on there by the Catholic Church which conducts 321 schools with an enrollment of 12,150.

Among the first missionaries to arrive in New Guinea after World War II, he was first stationed in the Aitape area where mission work began in 1896, had been interrupted by two world wars. During World War II some of the bitterest fighting in the New Guinea campaign took place in the Aitape area on mission property.

IN THE WAKE of Japanese and allied attacks up and down the New Guinea coast, 113 Divine Word missionaries and Holy Ghost missionaries and Holy Ghost missionaries lost their lives. Father Krajei was one of the replacements for the mission personnel. His first task was founding a mission station deep in the interior.

The station was opened at Maimai in the southern foothills of the Torricelli mountains where no white man had ever taken up residence.

Using unfinished timber from the jungle, Father Krajei built a church, school and rectory, and within two years opened seven subsidiary stations in the vicinity; each with a combination church and school building. Today, there are 65 schools in the Maimai area and over 2,300 Catholics.

PRIOR to returning to this country, Father Krajei held office as director of public health for the Wewak vicariate. He had the responsibility of supplying 33



FATHER KRAJEI

mission stations with medical supplies for their hospitals and clinics.

Currently, Father Krajei is giving illustrated lectures on New Guinea to interested groups. He will return to New Guinea in January.

In addition to Divine Word parishes and bulletins in the area, Father Krajei's personal includes Holy Ghost missionary Sisters from Peoria, Ill., Mercy Sisters from Australia, native New Guinea nurses, missionaries and native teachers and catechists up residence.

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## Novena Set At St. Joseph's, Rochester

Rev. James Seidel, C.S.S.R., one of the outstanding orators of the Regemontist Fathers will conduct the Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in St. Joseph Church, Franklin St., according to Very Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.S.R., rector.

The Novena will open Sunday, Nov. 30 at the Holy Hour beginning at 7 p.m. Novena services will continue each day after the 8 a.m. Mass in the morning with novena prayers and a short vigil and again at 5:45 p.m. in the afternoon to include Rosary, novena prayers, and Mass.

Father Seidel is at present a member of the Buffalo Mission Band but has spent nearly all his priestly life in mission and novena puppet appearances.

## Bishop To Say Alumnae Mass

Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae First Saturday Mass will be offered by Bishop Kearney in Chapel, Lady of Mercy Convent, Chapel, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

The monthly observance of First Saturday Mass by Rochester Circle was begun Dec. 6, 1947.

Breakfast will be served in the Lady of Mercy High School cafeteria after Mass. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. W. John Kelly, Hillside 5-3378 and Bernadette Sentner, Hopkins 7-9789 or before Wednesday, Dec. 3.

# St. George's Parish To Mark Golden Jubilee



EXTERIOR VIEW of St. George's Lithuanian Church, Hudson Ave., Rochester. The church is celebrating its golden anniversary Sunday with a jubilee Mass at 11 a.m. Bishop Kearney will preside and preach. (Courier photos by Paul Costantini.)

## Bishop Kearney Will Preside, Preach At Mass

St. George's Lithuanian Parish, 537 Hudson Ave., will mark its golden anniversary Sunday, Nov. 30, with solemn high Mass at 11 a.m.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the Mass and will preach the sermon.

REV. FRANK Valukkevicius, parish pastor, said that a jubilee banquet for the people and friends of the parish will be held at 5 p.m. in the school hall.

John Lovelace and Peter Kierulis are co-chairmen of the jubilee celebration. They are being assisted by Peter Washe, John Moran, Arunas Skolis, Frank Yamarts, Alvin Chupas, Kazimeras Sakas, John, Slos, Henry Millevich, Roman Bludnikas and Peter Pilonas.

THE PARISH had its formal beginnings in 1904 when 10 Lithuanians from Rochester pledged support of the organization of a Lithuanian parish serving St. George the Martyr as its patron.

At the time of its organization, there were no Lithuanian parishes in Rochester, so priests from that mid-European country from surrounding cities made periodic visits to Rochester to care for the spiritual needs of their countrymen.

At the start Mass was celebrated for them at Holy Redeemer Church, Hudson Ave., those pastor Alex Jacob Staub provided for separate facilities at 188 parish church.

BISHOP BERNARD McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester, approved the efforts of the Lithuanians to erect their own parish church and with funds pledged they proceeded to purchase property for the construction of their own church.

Rev. Vincent Vazguda was appointed first pastor of St. George's Church in January, 1908. He remained for three months and was replaced by Rev. Joseph Krastickas, who was pastor for a similar period.

During this period, church activities were continued at Holy Redeemer. After Father Krastickas left St. George's, Rev. F. Goggin of St. Bernard's Seminary celebrated Mass for the Lithuanian colony until Rev. Joseph Kasakaitis was appointed pastor in 1910.

DURING HIS first year as pastor, Father Kasakaitis began construction of a church building consisting of a church, school and basement used as a hall.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, second Bishop of Rochester, blessed the cornerstone of the building in July, 1910 and in December of the same year, dedicated and blessed the new \$18,000 edifice.



FATHER FRANK Valukkevicius, present pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church.

1008 Clifford Ave., until 1925, when a new rectory was constructed at a cost of \$28,000.

The present St. George's edifice was started in 1925, with four lay teachers as instructors.

FOLLOWING THE death of Father Kasakaitis in 1930, Rev. John Bakas became pastor and he invited the Franciscan Sisters from Pittsford, Pa., to staff the parochial school, which had been expanded to eight grades.

The present St. George's Church was begun under the direction of Father Kasakaitis and completed in 1935 under Father Bakas' direction.

The old church edifice was turned into a new parish hall and was first used for that purpose in 1935, when a concert and play were presented to the public.

DURING THE war years, 180 young people served in the armed forces, with six giving their lives. At the war's conclusion, a memorial to these people was erected in the vestibule of the church.

Four young men from St. George's Parish have become priests since the parish was organized. They are Rev. Frank Valukkevicius, present church pastor, Rev. Charles Mackevicius, Rev. Dominick Mackevicius, and Rev. Louis Vozells, O.F.M. Eight young women from the parish have entered the convent.

Father Valukkevicius became pastor in Jan. 1953, when Father Bakas retired due to ill health. He is living in retirement in his residence at St. George's at St. George's rectory, Rev. Arunas Bludnikas, a DP priest is rector.

## St. Andrew's Seminary To Mark Patronal Feast

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass and preach the sermon on the patronal feast day of St. Andrew at St. Andrew's Seminary, Buffalo Rd., Rochester on Monday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m.

Officers of the Mass will be Reverend Father Albert J. Shannon and Joseph Lynch, deacons of honor; Raymond M. Kenny, deacon; John F. Cavanaugh, sub-deacon, and David M. Murphy, crucifer. The seminary choir will sing.

## Forty Hours

Sunday, Nov. 30 — Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary, St. Patrick, Rochester, St. Mary, Auburn; and SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira.

## Parents Meeting Set At Seminary

Very Rev. Richard M. Quinn, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, has announced that a home-school meeting will be held at the seminary, Buffalo Rd., Rochester from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30.

Parents will be given the opportunity to meet with the minor seminary's faculty members. Father Quinn said.

## Novena Started For More Vocations

Montour Falls Seminary of St. John's Attonement Seminary, Montour Falls, have begun a novena to the Blessed Virgin this week for an increase in vocations.

THE SEMINARIANS FELT that a novena was needed as an effort to counteract the allurements of the world that constantly distract young, potential vocations to the priesthood and brotherhood.

The students at the seminary invite all young men to submit their names to the seminary for remembrance in the novena. They also invite interested young men to ask for more information about the Graymoor Friars, who staff St. John's Attonement Seminary.

Readers of this paper are asked to join in this novena for vocations by praying privately for this intention.

## Hospital Help

Employees of St. Joseph's Hospital Elmira received wage and salary increases this month as a result of a job re-evaluation study.

The new job scale covers nursing personnel, maintenance employees, kitchen and cafeteria employees, laundry and housekeeping, and medical technicians and clerical staff.

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