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Stella Maris Registration

1858 campers at Camp Stella Maris are advised by Rev. Eugene McFarland, diocesan youth director, that they may use their special registration until Dec. 31 only. New campers can start registering on Feb. 2, 1959, Father McFarland said.

Council Slates Christmas Party

Elmira Council 229 Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Christmas Party for children of members Sunday, Dec. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Columbus Center. The program for boys and girls from 1-14 will include a cartoon show, a visit from St. Nicholas, who will have a present for the children, and refreshments. Members are urged to receive the ages of their children at the center before Saturday. Grand knight Matthias F. Fenwick has made the following committee assignments: Refreshments, past grand knight Thomas F. Coggins; Thomas J. Sullivan, Willis L. Larrabee and Raymond B. Hourigan; boys, past grand knight Joseph B. Rompe; Donald L. Russell and Jerome E. Hogan; Christmas tree, Horace O. Phillips and John J. Crowley, Jr.; cartoon show, past grand knight John E. Strong; St. Nicholas visit, Leonard Coss.

Memorial Rites Held By Knights

Corning The annual memorial service of Corning Council Knights of Columbus was held at the K of C Home Dec. 11, with Grand Knight James Brubio and his council officers in charge of the program. Members of the Council who died during the year were honored in the services. They were Albert Lynch, Thomas Tanney, Jacob Welch and Leo McManis. Final plans were made during a business meeting for the annual Christmas party for children of council members. The party will take place Dec. 20 from 2-4 p.m. at the K of C Home. Santa Claus will be on hand for the program, which is to include the showing of movies and serving of refreshments. James Johnston is chairman. It was announced that plans are being formulated for the council New Year's Eve party. Chairman Mark J. Soffa reported that the "Four Notes" recital, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Bethlehem, to send Christmas cards, and the Infant Saviour — not decorated

True Christmas Spirit

Youngsters Give To Poor

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Each of their angel-like faces. The older high school children also showed they learned their Christmas lesson well. It is a tradition from Holy Family parish are any indication.

LIVING UP to the Christmas motto "It is better to give than receive," several teenagers from that parish paid a visit to St. Joseph's Villa, the Diocesan institution for the care of dependent children.

All members of the parish youth club, they gave the institution a toboggan as their Christmas present to the children.

FATHER DOMINIC Moekevicus, moderator of the youth club and assistant pastor at Holy Family, said it was the club's own idea.

CHRISTMAS, 1958, was also the chief item on the agenda of the diocesan high schools.

Our Lady of Mercy, Nazareth Academy and St. Agnes High Schools were all planning plays set about the birth of the Christ child.

But this was not the extent of the teenagers' participation in Christmas.

Students at St. Agnes High School will double the number of food baskets they will give to families in need this year and 25 Christmas baskets will be distributed by students at Mercy High.

AT DESALES HIGH, Geneva, the school's Mission society will distribute toys to poor children. The society will distribute food baskets and the leader's club has slated a party for retarded children.

IN ADDITION to buying presents many families were busy searching in the attic or down in the cellar for the nativity scenes they will display not only under the tree but in the window and on the lawns so that passers by can see it.

The spirit of Christmas that is evident in the Rochester Diocese can be summed up in a Christmas pledge sent out by Father John Merklinger, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dansville, which first appeared in Catholic Memorial publication of the National Council of Catholic Men.

IN THE PLEDGE, the person promises to make Christmas a holy day with Christ — not a holiday without Him; to observe Christmas as the birthday of Christ — not merely as a day to give and receive merchandise; to remember that the real symbol of Christmas are the stable and the crib — not Santa Claus and his reindeer.

The person also pledges to teach his children that Santa Claus is the nickname given to the poor in honor of Christ; to help poor families in honor of Jesus; to remember that the Holy Family of Bethlehem; to send Christmas cards, and the Infant Saviour — not decorated



MEMBERS OF THE Holy Family parish, Rochester youth club presented this toboggan to St. Joseph's Villa as the club's Christmas present to the children. Presenting the toboggan are, clockwise from the left, Ronald Bourg, club vice president; Rev. Dominic Moekevicus, moderator; Beverly Passion, secretary; Sister Mary William, S.S.J., Villa director, and Michael Tello, president.

only with candy canes, they kept the first vigil beside the boys and weeps. To make room in his house for the manger to begin this day by Him, who found no room at the inn, with a Christmas gift to the world, and to give mind him that He was born in a stable, to honor Mary, His mother during the season in a special way for it was she, who brought forth the man of God will.

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