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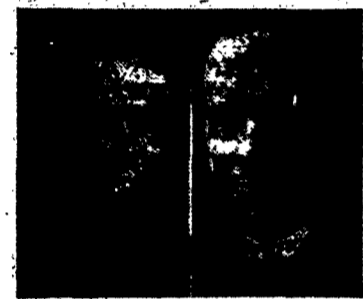
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Bishop Names New Pastors

Auburn Prison Chaplain, Holy Name Director For Diocese Also Assigned



FATHER GABRIEL PAGNAN

Bishop Kearney this week named sixteen priests of the Diocese to new duties, the Chancery announced today. Five are appointed to pastorates, four to special duties and seven assistant pastors are transferred.

The appointments are effective Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m.

PASTORS NAMED

Rev. Thomas J. Manley is changed from pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Elmira, to be pastor of St. Mary's Church, Elmira.

Rev. I. Emmett Davis, from pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rexville, and St. Joachim's Church, Canisteo, to pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Elmira.

Rev. James F. O'Connell, from pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario, to pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo.

Rev. John S. Maloney, from assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, to pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario.

Rev. Robert L. Kress, from assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester, to pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rexville, and St. Joachim's Church, Canisteo.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Clarence W. Gardner, from assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, to chaplain at Auburn Prison, Auburn.

Rev. John V. Rose, from assistant pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, to chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester. Father Rose is also named moderator of the Rochester Chapter of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses.

Rev. Francis Pagnan, pastor of St. Thomas More Church, Brighton, is appointed to be diocesan director of Holy Name Societies.

Rev. Paul Schnacky, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Auburn, is named moderator of the Auburn Chapter of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses.

ASSISTANTS TRANSFERRED

Rev. Joseph D. Donovan, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester, to assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.

Rev. Elmer Schmidt, from Holy Family Church, Rochester, to St. Anne's Church, Rochester.

Rev. Joseph O. Gorman, to St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester.

Rev. William Reed, from St. Anne's Church, Rochester, to St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira.

Rev. John A. Morgan, from Assumption Church, Fairport, to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira.

Rev. Paul G. Wohltab, from chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, to assistant pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

Rev. Robert J. Downs, from St. Anthony's Church, Rochester, to St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester.



Maureen and Sharon Butler were early visitors to greet Bishop Kearney at his New Year's reception Sunday afternoon.



Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kester with their six children are typical of family groups who called on the Bishop.

Shepherd Greet's His Flock

By PAUL CONTESTABLE

Bishop Kearney's annual New Year's reception drew laity from near and far to his East Avenue home last Sunday. More than 2,500 persons braved the bitter winter winds and freezing temperatures to pay their respects to the Shepherd of the Diocese.

A steady stream of visitors, young and old, filed through the Bishop's home during the four-hour reception. Many also made a visit to the second floor chapel to offer a short prayer for their Bishop.

Youngsters as usual drew special attention from Bishop Kearney. On more than one occasion during the afternoon, a youngster brought smiles to the Bishop and the visitors with an unpredictable remark.

"I've got a electric train" was the greeting one boy had for the Bishop — probably thinking that this would make the Bishop as happy as he was about it.

A little girl who had just greeted the Bishop tugged at her mother's sleeve and asked, "Why don't we ask the Bishop to come and see us at our house. He's nice!"

THE VISITORS ranged from babies in arms to elderly people who were noticeably tired from their journey to the Bishop's home. Fraternal groups, individual visitors and family groups

all came to pay tribute to their Shepherd.

Many of the visitors were greeted by name by the Bishop. Some had made the visit every year since the bishop inaugurated the reception in 1938 and interrupted it only once due to his illness in 1957.

Many families had ten or twelve children with them, as they greeted the Bishop. He had a cheerful word, a handshake or a pat on the head for each of them.

Visiting groups included the Catholic War Veterans, Knights of St. John, Knights of Equity,

Ancient Order of Hibernians, Kolping Society, and the Central Verein.

Prominent citizens visited the bishop, now in his 22nd year as head of the diocese. Those included Police Chief William A. W. Field, Sheriff Albert W. Sullivan, Supreme Court Justice Charles Lambiasi, retiring Supreme Court Justice James C. O'Brien, County Judge Clarence J. Henry, City Court Judges Thomas P. Guilane and Leo T. Minton, City Councilman John G. Bittner, State Sen. Frank E. Van Lape and Carl S. Hallauer, president of Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.

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Holy Family Feast This Sunday

Catholic families of the Rochester Diocese will kneel together at altar rails this Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family, to receive Holy Communion.

An estimated 200,000 will receive the Blessed Sacrament in the first diocesan-wide devotion of 1959, a Eucharistic Year throughout the twelve county Diocese.

Bishop Kearney, in a letter read in parish churches this past Sunday, called the faithful to "the ritual of the Family Communion," an annual custom he inaugurated in 1940 soon after his coming to the Rochester Diocese.

Other dioceses and Catholic organizations throughout the country have since adopted the family observance of the feast day.

He repeated his suggestion of previous years to pay tribute to "the queen of the home" by making mother the "honored guest" at breakfast following the family Communion.

In urging the people to receive Communion at this Sunday's Mass, the Bishop cited recent decrees of the Vatican which "bring the altar much closer to our congregation than ever before."

These decrees, which relax the ancient fast laws for Communion, make "daily or frequent Communion available to a extent never offered in the past," he said.

Another recent directive from Rome instructs pastors to have the people make the responses at both High and Low Masses.

All this new legislation, the Bishop's letter states, provides a program which should result in such an intensity of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, that the souls of men in our generation can enjoy as never before those riches of Divine Grace to be found only in the Sacred Eucharist.

SEVERAL PARISHES have arranged to serve breakfasts in their parish halls following Sunday Masses.

St. Michael's Church, Rochester, will feature its third annual "Breakfast with Family" sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society. Breakfasts will be served after the 7:00, 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. Masses. Richard Giles, society president, is in charge of arrangements.

Mt. Carmel high school Ladies Club, Auburn, will serve breakfasts in the school cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon. Families of the Auburn area are invited to attend the breakfast following Mass in their parish churches. Mrs. John J. Karpinski is chairman.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, will hold its seventh annual family breakfast served by Holy Name Society members and girl scouts after 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Masses.

Catholic War Veterans of East Rochester have scheduled family breakfasts at St. Jerome's parish hall following 8, 9, 10 and 11:15 a.m. Masses.

Women of St. Bridget's Bredda Club, Rochester, will serve breakfast to families of the parish in the school hall after 9 and 10 a.m. Masses.

Many parishes are also scheduling special services Sunday afternoon in observance of the Holy Family feast. Parish bulletins should be consulted for details.

1958 Communions Total 7 Million

By FRANK KELLY

Communions in the Rochester Diocese soared over the seven million mark for the first time in diocesan history in 1958, according to figures revealed today.

The record mark of 7,390,945 represents an increase of almost 700,000 Communions in 1958 as compared with the 1957 total of 6,704,907.

Pastors throughout the Diocese reported that the marked increase in Holy Communions was due to the repeated emphasis of the Holy See on the laity's taking a "more active part in the Mass, especially by going to Mass more often and receiving Holy Communion more frequently."

Another factor contributing to the increase was the number of churches in the Diocese that started mid-day and late afternoon Masses for the convenience of the laity.

Sacred Heart Cathedral reported the largest number of Communions with a total of 218,000. St. Thomas More, Irondequoit reported the largest single gain of any parish with a jump from 34,000 in 1957 to 150,400 last year.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thomas, said that this was primarily due to the celebration of Mass at 11:30 a.m. each day for the 400 children attending the parish school.

This meant that the school children could get breakfast before going to school and still receive Communion at this late morning Mass, because of the recent relaxation of fasting regulations.

ST. ALPHONSUS Church, Auburn, which makes its own hosts, also reported a tremendous increase in Communions. A total of 175,000 Holy Communions were given there last year, as compared with 152,000 in 1957.

St. Monica's parish, Rochester, reported 172,000 Communions.

Other parishes with high totals include St. John the Evangelist, Greece, 104,900, an increase of 14,900 and Holy Rosary, Rochester, with 153,000.

St. Charles Borromeo, Greece, reported an increase of 13,000 in 1958, in spite of the fact that part of its territory was taken away when Our Lady of Mercy parish was founded in 1957.

The total at St. Charles was 138,000 while at the new Our Lady

of Mercy, the 1958 figure was reported as 25,000.

An increase of 11,000 Communions, bringing the total to 37,000 was listed at St. Thomas More, Brighton and St. Pius X had a total of 15,450, up 1,400 over 1957. Blessed Sacrament reported a total of 131,600 in 1958.

THE TWO GENEVA parishes of St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's had a combined total of 164,000 and Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, totaled 100,000 Holy Communions. St. Patrick's, Elmira, had the same total, 104,000, as it did in 1957.

The two principal sources for Communions in the Diocese, St. Joseph's Motherhouse, Rochester, and Holy Angels Home, Irondequoit, both reported gains over the previous year in altar breads ordered.

Holy Angels reported the largest gain having sold 529,465 more hosts bringing its total to 1,115,915. The St. Joseph Motherhouse had a total of 5,100,000, surpassing the 1957 mark by 84,000.

Atomic Station Chapel Blessed

London — (RNS) — A Roman Catholic chapel at the Hinkley Point atomic power station near Bridgewater, Somerset, was solemnly blessed and opened by Bishop Joseph E. Ruddenham of Glaston.

The chapel is actually a hut provided by the authorities for the benefit of the numerous Catholics working on the site. The Catholic workers themselves were responsible for converting it to religious use.

In the Solemn Hours, Flowers are more comforting than words. In the beauty of flowers is confirmation of the faith which sustains all who have suffered loss. Blanche Florist, 58 Lake Avenue, BA 5-8491—Adv.

High Schools Set Entrance Tests

Five Catholic high schools in the Rochester area have announced they will hold entrance examinations for prospective students Saturday, March 7, at 9 a.m. at each school.

An application for the test is to be sent to the school the student seeks to enter. Deadline for registering the application is Feb. 16.

The five schools are Aquinas Institute, McQuaid Jesuit high school, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy high school, and St. Agnes high school.

Thank You From Charities

Courier Journal readers contributed \$1,100 to the Catholic Charities Christmas Fund to provide baskets of food to needy families of the Rochester Diocese.

Additional funds were also contributed by private donors and by students of Rochester area Catholic high schools.

Father Donald Mulcahy, who supervised the program, expressed his thanks to all who contributed to the Charities appeal.

Father Mulcahy said 382 families were given a Christmas dinner and toys for the children as a result of the appeal.

Ohio Votes OK For School Busses

Cleveland — (NC) — Ohio public school boards are legally free to give bus transportation to children attending parochial and other nonprofit schools that meet state standards, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan asserted here.

The prosecutor issued an opinion at the request of the Strongsville school board, which has been asked to provide bus rides for some 400 pupils in St. Joseph's parish school. Nothing in the U.S. or Ohio constitutions or laws forbid such action, Mr. Corrigan told the board.

London Parish Cares For Night Clubbers

London — (NC) — A "night life parish" to meet the spiritual needs of Catholics who sleep by day and work by night in London's West End bars, cafes and clubs has been established here.

FOUR PRIESTS, led by Father Paul Boland of Dublin, Ireland, operate the "parish" — the newly established Catholic Hotel and Catering Workers' Guild.

And like their "parishioners" they do most of their work after dark in the bright lights and deep shadows of the Soho's famed theater and club establishments.

The area is in the boundaries of the Church of the Assumption, but Father Reginald Fuller, pastor of the parish, found he needed help to maintain contact with the night workers.

Eighteen months ago he asked Father Boland to take spiritual charge of the workers at some 25 hotels, nearly 200 clubs and more than 1,000 cafes.

Bulletin

It is unreliably reported that the Pope has been given a purple electric blanket for Christmas.

The gift is said to be the first purple papal heater.

Orange Blossom diamond Rings — Terms, Wm. S. Thorne, Jeweler, 318 East Main St. Adv.