

# Hospitals Plead For More Nurses

By FRANK KELLY

**Wanted! More nurses—**  
This is a plea that is echoed in all four Catholic hospitals serving people in the Rochester Diocese.

It is also a plea that will never stop due to the almost daily increase of service given to hospital patients.

The need is not only for lay registered nurses but also for young women to enter the various religious orders that run our Catholic hospitals and become Nuns-nurses.

**THE CATHOLIC** hospitals in the Diocese—St. Joseph's in Elmira, St. Mary's in Rochester, Mercy Hospital in Auburn and St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell—all can place nurses on their staffs.

Lay nurses train for three or four years. Depending whether they get a bachelor of sciences degree, before they become registered nurses.

Sister-nurses put in the same amount of time—plus their order's religious training.

**THERE IS A** wide field from which the nurse can choose as her duty preference.

For instance, if a woman chooses to serve in a varied experience capacity, the most logical choice would be a hospital emergency room.

St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester has one of the busiest emergency departments in that city.

**"HERE WE GET** all types of cases," Patricia Dickson, a nurse in emergency at St. Mary's stated.

"Every case that comes in is a little different, which makes this department that much more interesting to me," she added.

"We take care of everything from a slight cut to minor surgery here," she said.

**OF COURSE,** treatment of an individual depends on the case.

A patient that comes in with a head wound will have the laceration cleaned off by the nurse who will also give medicine at the doctor's direction.

If that case requires stitching, she will shave the head, give the local anesthetic and set up the table with the sutures.

**AFTER THE DOCTOR** finishes the stitching, the nurse will apply the dressing.

"One of the most important duties for a Catholic nurse working at St. Mary's is to assist the priest in administering the last rites of the church on a dying person," Miss Dickson said.

St. Mary's averages about 30 emergency cases a day, but they have handled as many as 70.

**SISTER TERESA,** administrator of St. Mary's, said that there are 22 hospitals run by the Sisters of Charity in the Eastern Province.

The nurses in their order receive their training at St. Joseph's Central House in Emporium, N.Y.

After a Sister of Charity becomes a nurse, they are usually placed as supervisors of hospital divisions in their hospitals.

**THE NEWEST SERVICE** offered by St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, gives the nurses,



DR. CHARLES Avallone, Sister M. Josephine and Patricia Dickson, give an accident victim an intravenous feeding in the emergency ward of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.



REHABILITATION of a patient has become increasingly important in the field of medicine. Here student nurse Suzanne Lippert, Sister Mary Andre, nursing arts instructor, and Francis McLaughlin, physical therapist, give in-bed exercises to patient Mary Starr at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell.

both lay and Sisters, training in one of the most recent advances in medicine—the rehabilitation of patients through physical therapy.

"With the increase of disabling diseases, more congenital malformations, more crippling conditions from accidents and more chronic illnesses associated with aging," Sister M. Elizabeth Anne, science instructor at St. James Hospital, said, "our concept of disease is changing."

"World War Two provided great impetus to the rehabilitation movement with the building of many centers to serve the physically disabled," she added.

**THE REHABILITATION** department at St. James Hospital, under the direction of Francis McLaughlin, aims to assist the handicapped to achieve the activities of daily living.

All nurses at the hospital learn the techniques of rehabilitation and assist the therapist and physician in the care of the patient.

"Nurses may start and carry out nursing measures to assist patients under their care to be out of bed soon after surgery," Sister Elizabeth Anne said.

**"THEY ALSO SHOW** the patient how to exercise their muscles while in a cast; teach the patient how to walk with crutches, and how to perform passive exercises or encouraging active exercises in patients who have suffered paralysis or weakness

following a stroke or nerve injury," she said.

Sister concluded by stating that the nurses in the hospital have found a great deal of satisfaction in learning this comparatively new phase of medical treatment because of the results achieved by this department.

**THE HOSPITAL'S** School of nursing was organized in 1939 and functions as an integral part of the hospital.

The course of instruction covers a period of three years.

Learning experiences in pediatric nursing are provided at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, for a 12 week period; psychiatric nursing at Rochester State Hospital for a 12 week period and

## Father Mills Ordained In Syracuse

Rev. Charles K. Mills, son of Dr. Charles O. and Mary King Mills of 43 Pickford Dr. was among nine graduates of St. Bernard Seminary ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Walter A. Foery Monday, Feb. 2 in Blessed Sacrament Church, Syracuse.



Father Mills will celebrate his first solemn Mass at 11 a. m. Sunday, Feb. 8 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rochester. Very Rev. Monsignor Leslie G. Whalen will be assistant priest with Rev. Thomas R. Stitt, deacon and Rev. Peter J. Owens, subdeacon. Rt. Rev. Monsignor Martin J. Watley will preach the sermon.

A reception will be held for Father Mills from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the afternoon in Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, Rochester.

The young priest was born Sept. 29, 1932 in Syracuse. In the elementary grades he attended St. Mary School, Portland; St. Philip, Battle Creek, Mich. and St. Basil School, Syracuse, later graduating from Central High School, Syracuse. He studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew and St. Bernard Seminaries.

Others in the class were Rev. Reverend Fathers Walter A. DeJero, Charles J. Fahy, John P. Flanagan, Charles M. Major, Richard R. Thompson David J. Walker and Francis H. Woolever, all of Syracuse and Dennis J. Hartnett of Cortland.

## Valentine Dance Set At Men's College

Student Board of Governors of St. John Fisher College will present its annual Valentine Dance, Tuesday, Feb. 10.

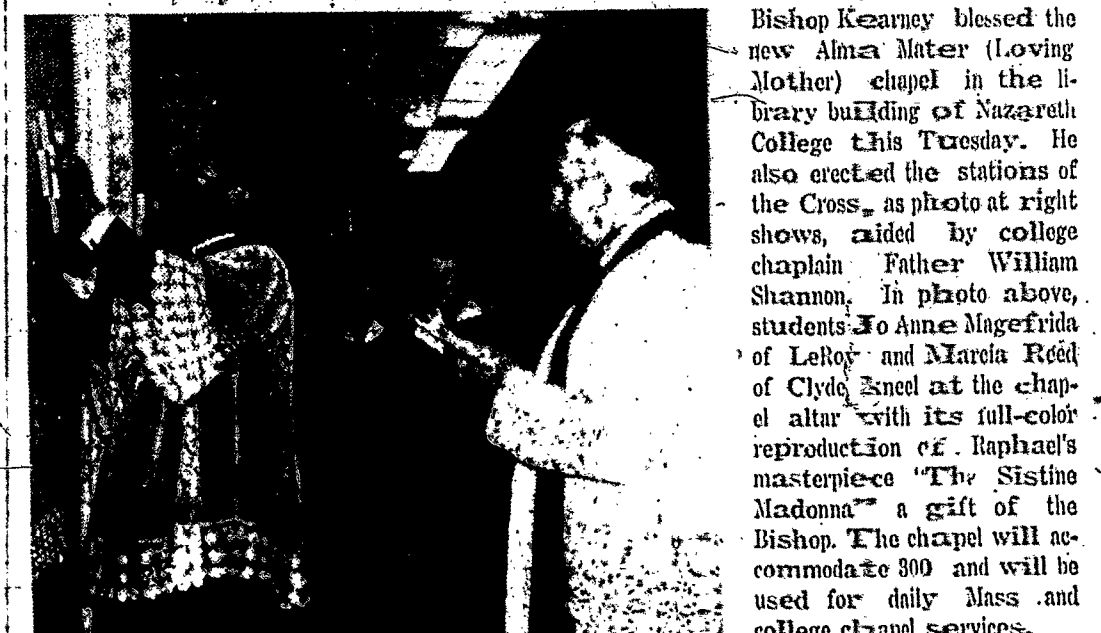
Music will be "The Duplets" and dancing will be from 9 to 12.

The chairman, Charles P. Fina, promises unique entertainment at intermission time, utilizing the combined talents of James Bond and Andy Sipos.

Other members of the committee include Richard Flaherty, publicity, and Art Giamberdino, decorations. The general motif will be that of a Mardi Gras.



## New Chapel At Nazareth



Bishop Kearney blessed the new Alma Mater (Loving Mother) chapel in the library building of Nazareth College this Tuesday. He also erected the stations of the Cross, as photo at right shows, aided by college chaplain Father William Shannon. In photo above, students Jo Anne Magefrida of Leflo and Maria Reed of Clyde kneel at the chapel altar with its full-color reproduction of Raphael's masterpiece "The Sistine Madonna" a gift of the Bishop. The chapel will accommodate 300 and will be used for daily Mass and college chapel services.

## Hibernians Auxiliary Slates-Recollection Day

Auburn—Loretta A. Donahue, president of the ladies auxiliary, A.O.H. Cayuga County Division 1, has announced complete plans for the day of recollection scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 15. This will be held as part of the state A.O.H. day of recollection.

The spiritual activities of the day will begin with attendance at Mass at St. Aloysius Church where the auxiliary moderator, Rev. James C. Lane is pastor.

The group will then go to the grand hall immediately following Mass where a brunch will be served, after which there will be a guest speaker. The program will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 p.m. in the church.

Honorary members of the committee are Rev. John B. Crowley, Rev. James C. Lane, Loretta A. Donahue, Mrs. Frederick J. Herrling, Mrs. Thomas Heffernan Jr., Mrs. John W. Gagan, Elizabeth A. Russell, Mary Ann Shaw.

Mrs. John McDermott and Mrs. Joseph Ashley are county co-chairmen of the Catholic Action Committee in charge of arrangements. They will be assisted by Alice Kirwan, Margaret Toomey, Rosemary Toomey, Mrs. Andrew Jupin, Mary O'Connor, Mrs. William Nolan, Mrs. John Madden Sr., Mrs. John Madden Jr., Mrs. John E. Bishop, Mrs. John Brennan, Helen Friedel, Mrs. Elizabeth Wade and Mrs. John R. McKeon. Reservations close Feb. 11.

## Parents Invited To Seminary

A Home School Meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, at St. Andrew's Seminary, 1150 Buffalo Rd. Rev. Richard Quinn, rector, announced today.

Parents of seminarians are invited to attend the meeting scheduled to begin with a talk by the rector at 2:30 p.m. They will then meet the seminary professors in their classrooms.

## Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Friday, Feb. 6—St. John's Altamont Seminary, Montour Falls. Sunday, Feb. 8—St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

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