

Sisters Of St. Joseph

Infirmary Appeal Climaxes Sunday

The Nuns Need This Infirmary

By MOST REV. LAWRENCE B. CASEY, Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester

The Sisters of St. Joseph teaching in our schools belong to a religious community which came to the Diocese of Rochester 105 years ago.

Of the 920 Sisters, 90 are retired due to old age or illness.

What happens to these Sisters, some of whom have taught 50 years or more in our grade schools or high schools? Only 26 of them can be accommodated in the small infirmary on the fourth floor of the Motherhouse out on East Avenue in Pittsford.

Present facilities for Sisters who are ill in the Motherhouse infirmary are entirely inadequate.

There is no running water in the bedrooms. Water must be provided from a common washroom. As you know, the daily Mass is the center of a nun's life, and yet only 4 of these 26 nuns can see the main altar of the Motherhouse chapel from their little windows.

THE MOTHERHOUSE itself looks rather imposing as you drive by it on the Avenue but if you were to take a tour of inspection you would find that no part of it has been improved or modernized in the 30 years since it was built.

Added to this is the fact that the Motherhouse is greatly overcrowded. 225 Sisters are living in quarters which should adequately house only 125.

These young women come from comfortable homes and have made considerable sacrifices to leave the world and dedicate themselves to God and a life spent in His service.

Why haven't the Superiors of the Community done something about this situation? This is a good question.

For example, in the past 19 years the Sisters of St. Joseph have spent \$5,500,000 in the cause of Catholic education, erecting and expanding their schools, notably Nazareth College, Nazareth Academy and the new St. Agnes High School.

Out of the \$5,500,000 which they have spent, they have paid off by right economy the sum of \$2,400,000 over 19 years; they still owe the tremendous sum of \$3,100,000. This is near the limit of what the banks will allow them to carry.

A new infirmary is needed desperately, not only to give the aged and infirm Sisters the care which is their due after years of devoted service to the precious world of youth but also to release space in the Motherhouse to shelter their ever-growing novitiates.

Any project designed to spread the Kingdom of Christ on earth deserves your support. But here the motive for helping the Sisters is much more personal and compelling. We are in their debt to such an extent that we can never repay them, especially those of us who were taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Have you ever considered what our parishes would be like without the Sisters? Suppose we had to staff our school entirely with lay teachers?

First of all, there would not be a sufficient number to go to school.



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Secondly, even if we could get the lay teachers, we would not be able to pay them. No Sisters, no school.

Parishes throughout the country want to open Catholic schools and are not able to get the Sisters to staff them because there is such a shortage.

The full extent of the contributions that the Sisters of St. Joseph have made to our parishes over the years can never be told in cold statistics.

All of us will want to measure our gift to the Sisters by sacrifice, not convenience. In serving us and our children, they have made great sacrifices and have never thought of their own convenience.

May we ask you to pray during the week that this appeal for the teachers of yesterday and the teachers of tomorrow will be most successful.

In the Solemn Hours, flowers are more comforting than words. In the heavy of flowers is confirmation of the faith which sustains all who have suffered loss.

Hamilton and Omega watches, Eugene J. Williams, 318 Main St., East—Adv.

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Pope Renews Directive For Laity At Mass

Vatican City (NC)—Pope John XXIII said here that priests have the duty to make the faithful participate in the Mass and other ceremonies of the altar.

THE PONTIFF told a group of Latin American seminarians that in recent times the Church has seen many new ideas advanced in the field of the liturgy.

He said that the Church does not disapprove of them but watches over them prudently and approves many.

The Pope, who celebrated Mass in the Vatican for 200 seminarians of the Latin American and Brazilian colleges, told them that it is the duty of priests to assimilate and feel the liturgy.

He said that many Catholics today, especially in big cities, attend Mass in a superficial way. They are physically present, he declared, but very few know the sublime mystery which is performed for them on the altar.

Therefore, he said, it is the duty of priests to instruct the people to participate in the Mass and other Church ceremonies.

Cardinal Aids Mexico Needy

Guatemala City (RNS)—Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, visited two highland towns of Guatemala that have large Indian populations. In each he presented the local parish priests with \$1,000 for distribution among the poor.

The cardinal made the trips in a small plane from Guatemala City, where he presided as Papal Legate at the First Central American Eucharistic Congress. He was accompanied by U.S. Ambassador Lester D. Mallory.

Area Tests Set For Seminary

Entrance tests for applicants to St. Andrew's Seminary will be given in five cities of the Diocese as follows:

For residents of Rochester and Monroe County, the test will be given at the seminary, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Sat., Feb. 21.

For residents in other sections of the Diocese, the test will be given Sat., May 2, at these schools: Notre Dame, Elmira; Mt. Carmel, Auburn; De Sales, Geneva; and St. Ann's, Hornell.

All tests will start at 10 a.m. Applicants are to bring a testimonial letter from their pastor.



BISHOP'S OFFICE PRIESTS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

to be conducted at NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE, 246 Alexander St.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. under the direction of VERY REV. THOMAS FALLON, C.S.S.R.

Priests who will be present for dinner, please notify the Retreat House.



Brian Gibson, Philip Knaut and Jean Mech are top scorers in diocesan high schools who won New York State Regents scholarships this week.

Forty-Nine Win State Regents Scholarships

McQuaid Jesuit high school senior ranks first in a total of 160 Monroe County students winning New York State Regents scholarships, it was announced this week.

An additional forty-eight seniors in ten diocesan high schools have won a total of 54 scholarships which are worth from \$200 to \$350 towards a college education in any accredited college in New York State.

Actual amount given the winners varies with the type of scholarship won and personal financial need.

The top Monroe County student is Philip A. Knaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Muri B. Knaut, 922 Winona Blvd., St. Thomas parish, Irondequoit. He plans to attend Fordham University to study physics.

His score, 269 of a possible 300 points, makes him 18th of the state's 5,480 scholarship winners. He won both a Regents and a state engineering scholarship grant.

Third highest winner in the County was Brian L. Gibson, 17 of Aquinas Institute, with a score of 261. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lou Gibson, 84 Barons Rd., Irondequoit.

The 5,480 Regents college scholarships provide an annual stipend for four years at any college in the state. The number in each county is based on the proportion of its 1958 graduates to the state total.

Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools, said he was "very happy" at the scholarship record of pupils in the high schools of the Diocese.

A complete list of scholarship winners from high schools of the Rochester Diocese follows:

Aquinas Institute—Regents: Gerald L. Budinski, Eugene T. Clifford, Henry D. Conte, Brian Gibson, Paul E. Haney, Richard J. Horley, Lawrence G. McAlpine, John F. Miller.

Engineering: Brian Gibson. McQuaid Jesuit High School—Regents: Robert E. Clark, Daniel W. Doell, Lawrence E. Edenhofer, Steven J. Gaesser, Paul R. Kennerson, Philip Knaut, Michael D. Magde, John G. Michaels, George F. Mochmal, Dennis M. Owen, William J. Riley, Timothy J. Schartz, Paul L. Weis, Joseph A. Zito, David A. Northrup.

Engineering: Philip Knaut, Michael Magde. Our Lady of Mercy High School—Regents: Judith E. Anderson, Maureen F. Hillard, Maureen M. Phillips, Mary Ann Wheeler.

Furgless, Jean E. Mech, Mary E. Pfeffer, Mary C. Vassaw. Nursing: Carol A. Macaluso.

Sacred Heart Academy—Regents: Mary L. Rotoli. Nursing: Mary Flanagan.

St. Agnes High School—Regents: Jean M. Rodman, Helen E. Schnacky. Nursing: Jean Rodman.

St. Andrew's Seminary—Regents: Bernard E. Heffner.

Mt. Carmel High School, Auburn—Regents: William J. Burns, John M. Flint, Mary C. Mullen, Maurice C. Waiters, Julian M. Wright Jr.

De Sales High School, Geneva—Regents: Jean M. Groh, John F. O'Connor, Mary A. Sullivan.

Noire Dame High School, Elmira—Regents: Dennis F. Coughlin, James M. Cunningham.

My orders sent me to the 501st Parachute Regiment, at this time engaged in training at Camp Mackall, North Carolina; later the regiment was to become attached to the 101st Airborne Division, Camp Macall was the first army camp in the United States to be named after a private, a soldier who had died as a result of a parachute jump during training.

The camp was a bleak temporary installation with tarpaper shacks for barracks, but with a sizeable runway for planes and a large desolate area suitable for parachute jumps and military training.

I was looking forward with real interest plus a certain degree of trepidation to meeting Colonel Johnson, the fabulous CO of the regiment. He had left a reputation at the jump school for being the toughest, roughest, and noisiest officer ever to "hit the silk."

Lieutenant MacReynolds, a powerfully built ex-priestfighter and, for the last six or eight years a career soldier, was the adjutant. This was June 7, 1948, and one year later to the day Mac's very promising military career was cut short by a piece of a German 88 shell.

Major Julian Ewell, the executive officer, stepped out of his office when he heard us talking, and I introduced myself. I liked Ewell from the first moment I met him.

He was a tall, almost grating, intelligent-looking individual, and behind his quiet dignity and courteous respect one could sense a depth of resourcefulness that in later days proved to be even greater than anyone guessed.

Colonel Johnson came in, and the atmosphere of the room was immediately charged with his forceful and dominating personality. He was dressed in a tailored jump suit and was carrying a long knife in his hand.

CHAPTER THREE

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Pledge Collection Set In Churches

Thousands of persons in Monroe County parishes where the Sisters of St. Joseph staff parochial schools will have an opportunity this Sunday, Feb. 22, to participate in the Sisters' infirmary-novitiate appeal.

Twenty-seven parishes in the county will have second collections at all Masses, with special envelopes available to parishioners who may wish to pledge contributions toward the proposed construction of a \$1,500,000 infirmary building adjacent to the Nazareth Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave.

More than 20 parishes in other counties of the Diocese also are participating in the appeal. Solicitation is scheduled this Sunday in Geneva, Canandaigua and Ithaca.

Included among reports this week were the following new pledge results, still incomplete: Elmira, \$96,262; Corning, \$19,300; and Seneca Falls, \$38,000.

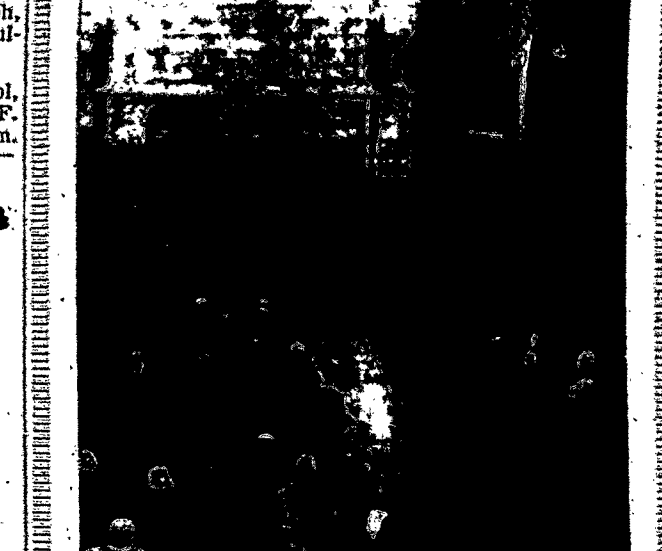
More than 1,000 members of the personal solicitation committee in Monroe County were reporting results this week. A general committee report meeting is slated at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in Nazareth Academy Auditorium, 1001 Lake Ave.

Pledges totaling \$226,374 were reported by members of the county's advanced gifts committee at a meeting in Nazareth College on Tuesday. William Muleca, committee chairman, said this represented 62 per cent of the committee's prospects. Another meeting of the committee is scheduled Mar. 2.

Gerald R. Barrett, chairman of the county's general committee, noted that persons making pledges will be billed directly from the Motherhouse, either monthly or as they indicate. Pledge payments may be made either through the parish or to the Motherhouse.

LITERATURE ABOUT the appeal was distributed in the county parishes last Sunday, and priests pointed out the two-fold aim of the appeal. The proposed building not only will supply modern care for ill and aged Sisters but also will provide much-needed additional space in the Motherhouse for the housing and training of young women preparing to teach in diocesan schools or to serve in Catholic social service institutions of the Diocese.

Emphasized in the literature is the fact that this is the first major appeal of the Sisters of St. Joseph in their 105 years' service in the Diocese. Both Bishop Kearney and Auxiliary Bishop Casey have recommended the appeal to the generosity of the thousands of friends of the Sisters.



Crowded weekday Mass in St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester.

Lent In A Church

(Second in a series)

Every day during Lent, over 50,000 Catholics of the Rochester Diocese go to church.

Most go for Holy Mass and to receive Holy Communion. Many parishes have late afternoon Masses so working men and their families can attend the holy Sacrifice just before supper-time.

Hundreds who can't get to Mass stop in a church for a visit to our Lord in His tabernacle home.

During Lent, parish churches also conduct mid-week services featuring a sermon and on Friday, there are stations of the Cross, a vivid drama of Christ's journey to His crucifixion.

Church choirs are busy at this time rehearsing for Holy Week and Easter Sunday ceremonies and altar boys are being trained for their part in these rites. And finally in the late hours of the evening when it is time to lock the church, the parish priest kneels for a few quiet moments in prayer for his people.

Watch for—Lent in a Home, a Convent, a Rectory, a Cathedral.

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