

## Marriage Talks Set In Corning

Corning couples are enrolled in the annual Pre-Cana Conference series being sponsored during the Lenten Sundays at the Baron Steuben Hotel, Mrs. David L. Pierce, general chairman, has announced.

At the first session two weeks ago, the Rev. James Slattery, assistant pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church, told his listeners that the conference sessions are being held to help couples "to happy marriages, adding that one out of every 3.6 marriages is broken. He traced the history of the marriage sacrament since Adam and Eve and explained the purposes for which the sacrament is endowed. He also told of the church laws regarding the institution of marriage.

LAST SUNDAY afternoon, the Rev. James Malley, assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, spoke on "Your Marriage, A Great Sacrament."

This Sunday at 2:30 p.m., Dr. James Mulachy, local doctor, will discuss "A Doctor Looks at Marriage."

Miss Rose Darcangelo is serving as general chairman for the serving of refreshments at each session, this part of the program being handled by Mrs. Rose Lando and Mrs. Virginia Johnston, this weekend.

## Infirmary Drive Report Given

The four Elmira parishes, staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph, taking part in the current Infirmary Night Appeal of the Sisters, reported the following last Wednesday: St. Mary's Daniel J. Donahoe, Chairman—\$44,000; St. Casimir's J. Arthur Keller, Chairman—\$24,150; St. Peter & Paul's, Charles Brislown, Jr., Chairman—\$9,050; St. Anthony's, Adolph Cirilli, chairman—\$8,480; Advanced Gift with John E. Sullivan, Chairman—\$15,000; making a total of \$106,680.

## Father Marvin Named Director Laymen's Legion, Zeal For Souls

"No other lay group in the city can neutral the good you accomplish through your direct apostolate to souls in our parishes."

This statement was made almost two years ago by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey at the annual dedication ceremony for members of the Legion of Mary and stands true today.

Simply, the very special work of the carefully trained and wisely directed members of the Legion of Mary is to help the priest. These members are, in the words of Bishop Casey, "the men and women who are really putting Catholic Action into practice."

This week, Father John Merklinger resigned his position as Spiritual Director of the Diocesan Legion, to which he was appointed in 1952. Pastoral life at St. Mary's Church, Dansville, is a little more Merklinger since he carries out adequately the duties of this diocesan post. Father was appointed pastor of the Dansville parish last June.



FORMER WAVERLY ASSISTANT pastor, Rev. James J. Marvin, now assistant at Sacred Heart Cathedral and new Spiritual Director of the Diocesan Legion of Mary, is shown above discussing a series of Pre-Cana sessions to be given at the Cathedral during March. With Father Marvin are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams, who will also lecture in the series.

FATHER JAMES J. Marvin, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral, has been appointed to replace Merklinger as Legion Director.

The Dansville pastor recalled this week his first association with the Legion in 1947 as Spiritual Director of Comfoter of the Affiliated Presidium, the oldest Praesidium (parish unit) in the Rochester area.

"This Praesidium, now entering on its 1100th weekly meeting, assisted Father Merklinger and his predecessors in caring for the spiritual needs of the patients at the Roxboro County Infirmary."

"SEEKING AT first-hand how the disciplined system of the Legion promoted the sanctification of its members and fostered the extension of Christ in the hearts of those visited, I became more deeply concerned for the promotion of the Legion throughout the Diocese," Father Merklinger said.

During Father Merklinger's tenure of office, he has watched the Diocesan Legion grow from five in fifteen Praesidia representing thirty-three parishes.

To assist in the conducting of Legion activities in the Southern Tier, the Elmira Curia was established in January, 1957, with Father Bartholomew O'Brien as Spiritual Director.

Active members in the Diocese have grown from sixty to six hundred with Auxiliary members near the ten thousand mark.

SEEKING PERSONAL sanctification through prayer and the spiritual works of mercy, these members have engaged themselves in activities ranging from visiting the sick in institutions and homes to ringing doorbells in house to house visitation seeking out new parishioners.

Soliciting memberships in parish societies, Apostleship of Prayer, members, enthrone ment of the Sacred Heart in the home, assisting the Puerto Rican people in establishing themselves in their new parishes, instructing public school children in Release Time classes—all this and much more constitute the work of the Legion.

PAST PRESIDENTS of the Legion have included Kathryn Reynolds, Lavina Nobe, Marguerite McCarthy, Harry Barry and J. Raymond Hensler. Current president is Margaret Snider.

"The Legion is truly fortunate in the appointment of Father

Marvin by Bishop Kearney as its new Spiritual Director," Father Merklinger said this week. "Father has long been deeply interested and active in the Legion working closely with the officers and members of the Rochester area Legion groups."

In taking over his new office this week, Father Marvin stated:

"The story of the Legion of Mary in the Diocese of Rochester has been phenomenal. In a few years it has spread from parish to parish. Its members enjoy a reputation of being truly dedicated apostles of Catholic Action."

"THE SPIRIT of the Legion has been preserved remarkably due to a religious adherence to the system outlined in the official Handbook."

"Father John Merklinger has been a most willing and zealous promoter of Her Legion. We cannot find praise sufficient for his Legionary devotion. We assure him that we will try to continue the work of the Legion of Mary according to the mold he already has cast so well."

## Over 300 Reported To Hear Fr. D'Arcy

"Some People I Have Known" is the subject chosen by the Very Rev. Martin C. D'Arcy, S.J. of England and Washington, D. C. for his address at the Twenty-ninth Anniversary Dinner of the Catholic Family Service.

More than three hundred reservations have been made for this Annual event by clergy, social workers and lay people. Father D'Arcy will share the speaking program with Bishop James E. Kearney.

Dr. James A. Mark, General Chairman of the Observance will be Toastmaster at the Dinner, (scheduled for 7 p.m.) at the Mark Twain Hotel.

Copies of Father D'Arcy's latest book, "The Meaning of Love and Knowledge," will be on sale and will be autographed by him, upon request.

AN ARTICLE entitled "Variations of Love in Religion" by Father D'Arcy, will appear in the March seventh issue of the Saturday Evening Post. It is one of a series of "Adventures in Ideas," written by the leading scientists in the United States and Europe.

Known as the "Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of England," the speaker promises to present a most inspiring address. He is currently at Cornell University, giving a six week course of lectures, known as the Danforth Series.

OTHERS AT THE Speaker's Table will include Mr. William S. Bennett, Executive Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Maurice O. Beverley, President of the Community Chest, Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, Reverend Moderator of the Ladies of

Charity, Hon. Daniel J. Donahoe, Judge of Children's Court, Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Agency, Hon. John D. Frawley, Past Executive Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Asst. Chairman of the Anniversary Observance, Mr. Ray Hubert, Chief Probation Officer of Chemung County, Rev. Leonard J. Kujawski, Asst. Chairman of the Twenty-ninth Anniversary Dinner, Right Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Lane, Chaplain Elmira Reformatory, Honorable Donald Monroe, Chemung County Court Judge.

Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Rattigan, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, Very Rev. Leo G. Schrab, Vice-President of Board of Governors and Dr. Arthur D. Smith, Director of the Catholic Family Service, Children's Clinic.

THE ANNUAL meeting marks the close of twenty-nine years of service for the Catholic Family Society, a multi-service agency, featuring special Counseling for Adults, Teen-Agers and Children as well as a Foster Home and Adoptive Home Program, a self-supporting Summer Camp and a volunteer program through the Ladies of Charity, which is the equivalent of ten and a half full time workers.

A few tickets are still available at the office at 312 Lake St., Elmira.

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## St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira

### 41 In Capping Ceremony

Forty-one young women, including 15 Elmira girls, will receive their caps at ceremonies on Friday evening, March 6 in the Little Flower Chapel of the Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence.

The class will be presented by Rev. Philip E. McGhan, hospital chaplain. Sister Margaret Adelaide, Hospital Administrator and Sister Anne Maurice, Director of Nursing, will present the caps.

REV. RAYMOND G. HEISEL, pastor of St. John's Church, will address the class.

Ceremony will close with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Members of the Class of 1961 are as follows:

Elmira: Maureen Collins.

Judith Conklin, Mary Ann D'Ambrosio, Margaret Mary Delaney, Katherine Dwyer, Sharon Esdaile, Barbara Francis, Kathleen Kane, Marilyn Kozdema, Joan Lemone, Patricia Obalok, Constance Ranievics, Carroll Rogers, Mary Schmeliski, Patricia Tamara.

Rochester: Anne Doherty, Margaret Finks, Ellen Adelaide Derard, Nancy Allen, Edwicoats Mary Brennan, Joan Cimaomo, Maureen O'Day, Corning: Lois Hook, Red House, N. Y.: Janice Costello.

Waverly: Suzanne Doherty, Wilmington, N. C.: Mary Omytruk, Union Springs, N. Y.: Jane Jennings, Jamesboro, Pa.: Mary Jo Kane, Williamsport, Pa.: Elizabeth Kline, Hornell, N. Y.: Mary Mess, Lima, N. Y.: Mary Reckenwald.

Sayre, Pa.: Mary Scanlin, Donna Worblewski, Pine City, N. Y.: Ann Shaelee, Owego, N. Y.: Patricia Stronson, Ilwaco, N. Y.: Barbara Spencer, Phillips Weber, Columbia Cross Roads, Pa.: Jacqueline Stephens, Trout Run, Pa.: Doris Stroble, Towanda, Pa.: Alice Taylor, Towanda, Pa.: Sandra Wilcox.

## St. Mary's Parish

### Building To Begin On New Rectory

Construction for the new rectory at St. Mary's parish, Elmira is scheduled to get started on Monday, March 9, according to an announcement made by Rev. Thomas J. Manley, pastor.

Approval of the plans were given by Bishop Kearney and notification was given to Father Manley by Monsignor John E. McEvoy, Chancellor of the Diocese.

LOW BIDS for the project amounted to \$151,392. The successful bidders were: general contractor, Streeter Associates Inc., \$117,700; heating, C. R. Evans, Corp., \$8,018; plumbing, Collins & Walton, \$11,790; electrical, Terwilliger Electric Inc., \$13,880.

The present eighty-five-year-old rectory at 224 Franklin Street will be razed and the new rectory built on its site. The general contract includes demolition of the present rectory.

NEW RECTORY is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

## Charity Ladies Set Prayer Day

The Third Annual Day of Recollection for the Ladies of Charity and all other Catholic Women and girls, who are interested, will be held on Sunday, March 8 in the Little Flower Chapel in Dunn Memorial Chapel at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Registration will be at 1:30 p.m., followed by a public recitation of the Rosary at 1:45.

The Conferences will begin at 2 p.m. and will close with a Holy Hour from 5 to 6 p.m.

RETREAT MASTER will be Rev. Bartholomew J. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, who will make this introduction to a Closed Retreat as a mid-Lent Spiritual Inventory.

Registration in advance will be appreciated but is not required. A nominal fee will be expected from those who wish to share in the expense. Further information may be obtained and reservations can be made by calling RE 27197 or RE 45124.

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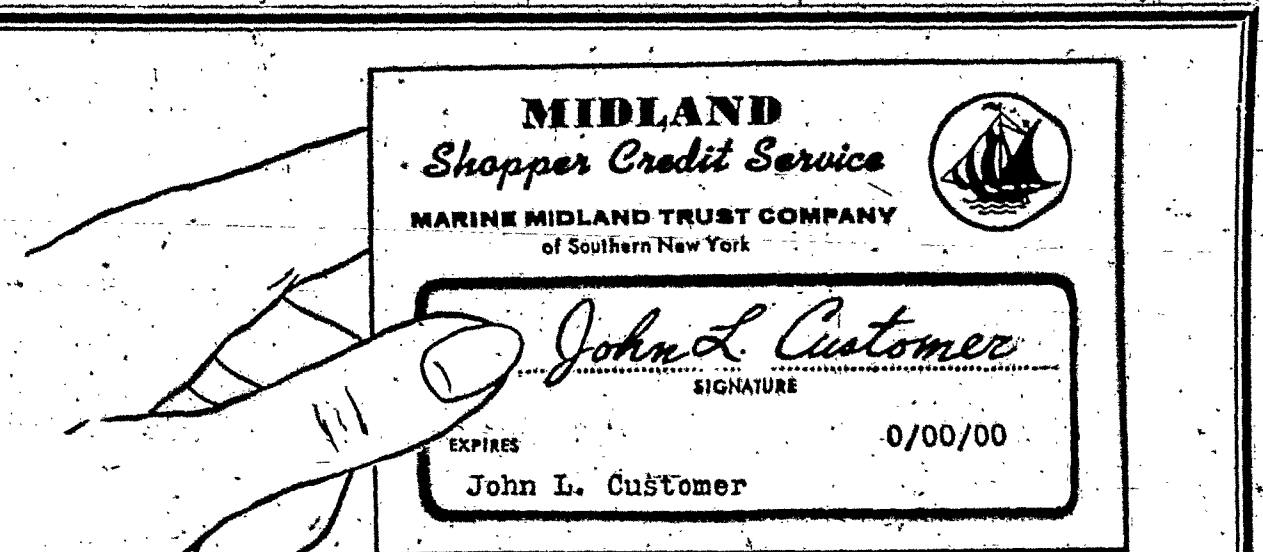
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