

# BISHOP KEARNEY SETS 'AD LIMINA' VISIT



## 'We're The Only Ones Up Early'

Altar boys Stephen Erbland of 146 Turpin St. and John Knope of 371 Durman St. arrive at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, to serve 8 a.m. Mass. With school closed for Easter vacation, the boys said classmates were still asleep at that hour. "We're the only ones up early this week," they said.

## Courier Tops 66,000 Subscribers

The Catholic Courier Journal now counts 66,372 subscribers, highest total in the 70 year history of the diocesan paper.

This new total represents a gain of 10,225 over last year's 56,147 record figure. It also represents the eighth consecutive year in which subscriptions have soared over the previous year's total.

All new subscriptions entered during February's circulation campaign begin with this week's issue.

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All 151 parishes of the Rochester Diocese are now enrolled under the "total coverage" plan. This means all families in these parishes subscribe to the diocesan paper.

Highest number reported from any one parish is the 1,818 from St. Monica's parish, Rochester.

Another twelve parishes have topped the 1,000 mark:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1,646; St. John's, Greece, 1,276; St. Anthony's, Auburn, 1,258; St. Andrew, Rochester, 1,183; Holy Rosary, Rochester, 1,114; St. Ambrose, Rochester, 1,084; St. Stephen, Geneva, 1,029; St. Patrick, Elmira, 1,026; Blessed Sacrament, Rochester, 1,021; St. Margaret-Mary, Rochester, 1,016; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, 1,005; and St. Charles Borromeo, Greece, 1,002.

The management of the Courier-Journal wants to thank the clergy and laity of the Diocese for their constant support. Elinor G. Grapenstetter, circulation manager, stated.

## Seminarian Wins Essay Honors

St. Bernard's seminarian Michael J. Murphy of St. Mary's parish, Auburn, has won honorable mention in a nationwide seminary essay contest.

His essay gives little-known details of Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid's plan to establish a Catholic college at Cornell University.

According to a proposal made by Rochester's first bishop, students would be able to study Catholic theology, philosophy, history and related subjects at the diocesan college and take other courses at the Ithaca university.

The program is similar to those in operation at Oxford and Cambridge in England, at St. Michael's College in Toronto, Canada, and in many European colleges.

BISHOP McQUAID conceived the idea late in his life and was prevented by duties of his growing diocese from carrying out the program.

A total of 38 essays were entered in the contest sponsored by St. Melchior's Seminary, Indiana.

First prize was won by Richard MacMaster at the Jesuits' Loyola Seminary, Shrub Oak, second prize by Thomas Shelley of the New York archdiocesan seminary at Yonkers; third prize by David Jacques of the Cleveland seminary, Edward Walsh, also of New York, won an honorable mention.

The St. Bernard's student, who will be ordained in 1950, has two brothers priests of the Diocese — Rev. David M. Murphy of St. Andrew's Seminary and Rev. Richard E. Murphy, assistant pastor of St. James Church, Rochester.

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## First Easter Message

# Pontiff Bids World's Leaders Seek Peace



Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, in his first Easter message to the world, prayed that "peace, the daughter of gentleness and goodwill, may establish a lasting rule among the nations, made ever anxious by the clouds which repeatedly darken the horizon."

Observers here believed the Pope's plea for peace to be inspired chiefly by concern over the Berlin issue. He stressed that heads of state "are in duty bound to guarantee respect for the fundamental rights of the human person."

Later, in a sermon preached at an Easter Sunday Pontifical Mass in St. Peter's Basilica attended by 32,000 persons, Pope John repeated his plea that "all those responsible for the fate of the peoples may in a spirit of justice and collaboration find agreed solutions of all discords in the superior interest of world peace."

The Pontiff's Easter message was delivered in Italian and carried by an international radio hook-up. Television viewers in Italy and other European countries saw him reading the message at a desk in his private study. A large golden crucifix stood on the desk in front of the Pope and, in the background, were portraits of his five immediate predecessors.

In the opening part of his message, Pope John hailed the triumph and joy of Christ's Resurrection. He said that "for the Church, also, as the centuries have passed by, there have been other enemies who have sought to enclose her in a tomb... but she, who has within herself the invincible strength of her Founder, is ever newly risen with Him, granting pardon to all, and providing for the lowly and the poor, for those in suffering and men of goodwill, tranquilly and peace."

In a section of his message unmistakably directed to Catholics in Iron Curtain countries, the Pope made special reference to Bulgaria. He spoke of "that fine people, hard-working, honest, sincere and their beautiful capital, Sofia." He said he played daily for that "fine country," recalling that he had served there as papal envoy from 1925 to 1934.

Although the Pontiff did not specifically mention Communism, he intentially denounced it as an evil by saying: "We pray for those who are suffering from the effects of the past war even still, 14 years after it has ended, and in a special manner we pray for those, venerable brethren and sons, the most dear to us of all who, deprived of their families, their homeland, of liberty itself, are living and painful witnesses of the evils which afflict the human race because of lack of true peace and its proper fruits."

In the Easter message, Pope John said the source of mankind's joy in springtime "is in the risen Christ, who frees man from the slavery of sin and invites them to be a new creature with Him, in anticipation of eternal happiness."

In a manifold salutation to the laity and faithful, he said: "Our fervent prayer goes up to the Divine Saviour for each and all of you, for the priests and for those who have dedicated themselves to God, for the brave and serious-minded youth who are the future hope of the Church for Christian families, and for those especially who, within their womb, guard with greater loyalty and sacrifice that precious treasure of a numerous progeny, for those whom advanced age makes gaze with steady hope on their heavenly country; for students, teachers and workers, particularly for laborers who carry out heavy tasks throughout the day and night for the sick who are so dear to us."

Pope John concluded his message with a prayer to the Saviour for all members of the human family "so that the light coming from You may drive out from their minds the darkness of error, cleanse the secret places of their hearts, make clear to each the path of the true vocation, and arouse throughout the world burning zeal for works of charity, justice, love and peace."

The Pope's sermon in St. Peter's was preached in the course of a three-hour Mass which he himself celebrated. It was the first time in nearly a

Vatican City — (RNS) — Wearing his three-tiered crown, Pope John XXIII imparts his first Easter blessing "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city of Rome and the World). An estimated crowd of more than 100,000 persons knelt as the Pontiff pronounced the traditional benediction from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

## At Vatican

# Papal Audience, Report On Diocese Scheduled

Bishop Kearney this month will make his official "ad limina" visit to Pope John XXIII at the Vatican.

The Bishop will submit a detailed report about the Rochester Diocese to Church officials in Rome and pilgrimage to the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Eternal City.

Exact date of the papal audience will be determined after Bishop Kearney arrives in Rome.

Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse will accompany Bishop Kearney to make his "ad limina" visit also.

Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor of the Rochester Diocese, and Monsignor Robert Dillon, chancellor of the Syracuse Diocese, and Monsignor Edward Loch, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Bronx, will also make the month-long trip.

Departure date is Friday, April 17, aboard the liner Constitution and the return voyage will be made on the Independence with arrival in New York Wednesday, May 13.

Over 500 bishops of North, Central and South America are scheduled to make their "ad limina" visits to Rome this year.

AD LIMINA, translated from the Latin, means "to the threshold."

It refers to the Bishop's required pilgrimages to the tomb of St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica and to the tomb of St.

THE QUINQUENNIAL (once every five years) reports are made out according to an established formula containing a Pope John XXIII.

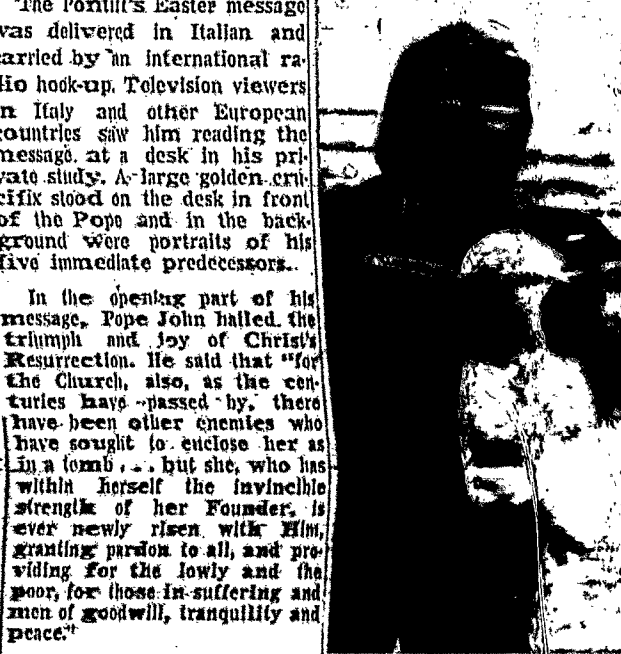
## Babies To Be Blessed At Cathedral Ceremony

Hundreds of babies and pre-school children are expected for the fifth annual "Baby Blessing" rite at Sacred Heart Cathedral this Sunday, April 5th.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Cathedral rector, will personally bless each child brought to the altar rail.

He will also present each child with a medal blessed by Bishop Kearney.

Rochester area parents are invited to bring their children to the Cathedral between 3 and 5 p.m. for the blessing.



## South Pole Priest

Cleveland — (RNS) — Father Henry Birkbauer, 57, head of the John Carroll University geology observatory here, recently returned to Cleveland after spending 15 months with an International Geophysics Year research team at Wilkes Station, Antarctica.

Father Birkbauer's job was to record shock waves from earthquakes in every part of the world — as many as 40 a month. Lowest temperature during his stay was below zero; the highest, 50 above.

decade that a Pope had offered an Easter Mass in the Basilica.

He told the congregation that Christ's Resurrection was proof that the forces of evil will not win, even though they have dealt severe blows recently to the followers of Christ.

After the Mass, Pope John appeared on the outer balcony of St. Peter's, where he was crowned five months ago to impart his first Easter blessing "Urbi et Orbi" to the city of Rome and the World. An estimated crowd of more than 100,000 persons knelt as the Pontiff, wearing his heavy triple crown and a red and white stole over his white vestments, pronounced the traditional benediction.

Vatican officials said the crowd was the largest the 77-year-old Pope had faced since his election.

## New St. Boniface Rites Sunday

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held at the site of the proposed St. Boniface Church, Gregory St., Rochester, Sunday, April 5 at 1 p.m.

Father Walter Kohl, pastor, will turn the first spadeful of earth to launch the building program scheduled to begin Monday.

The new edifice will replace the 75-year-old Gothic structure gutted by fire in November 1957.

In the Solomon Hours, flowers are more comforting than words in the beauty of flowers is confirmation of the faith which sustains all who have suffered loss. Blanchard Florist, 55 Lake Avenue, B.A. 5419. —Adv.



Michael Murphy, St. Bernard's Seminary student, receives congratulations from history professor Father Robert McNamara for writing honor-winning essay. Charles McKay also submitted an entry in nation-wide contest.

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