

Father Whelan Given New Post

Very Rev. Gerald J. Whelan, C.S.S.R., after five years as rector of St. Joseph's Church will leave Monday, May 4 to take up duties as rector of St. Mary's College, minor seminary of the Redemptorist Fathers at North East, Erie, Pa.

Father Whelan will be succeeded by the Rev. Joseph Burton, C.S.S.R., as St. Joseph's rector. Father Burton has spent many years as a missionary in Puerto Rico and for the past few years was stationed on the Mission Band in Brooklyn.

WIDELY KNOWN in the diocese, Father Whelan is leaving with the high esteem of Bishops, pastors and School Sisters of Notre Dame. While here he placed the flooring in St. Joseph's Church, installed new benches, transformed the whole sanctuary with a new Communion rail and pulpit and beautified the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help with golden-crown statue and precious jewels—all in response to his appeals for material aid.

ST. JOSEPH'S Commercial School conducted by the School Sisters of Notre Dame was a particular concern of the rector. He provided modern business machines, new flooring and ceiling, and manifested deep interest in the students' spiritual welfare. He taught religious classes and was always interested in problems of teachers and students.

When the grammar school was closed in 1955, Father Whelan had it transformed into a suitable home for the Sisters.

Widely known as a speaker, Father Whelan had gained attention for his weekly sermons at Perpetual Help devotions and in talks throughout the diocese.



FATHER WHELAN

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Four Students Of Diocese Win KC Grants

Four students in the Diocese of Rochester were among winners of scholarships offered in competitive tests by New York State Council, Knights of Columbus, according to Mark L. Dalton, of Oneida, chairman.

Students in 10 districts of the state competed for the scholarships. In District B, Brian Gibson, 14 Barons Road, Rochester and an Aquinas Institute senior won first place, a \$1400 scholarship. Second was Marlene M. Phillips, 180 Clover Hills Dr., Rochester of Our Lady of Mercy High School, an \$800 scholarship; third was Michael D. Magdi, 1845 Scribner Road, Penfield, also an \$800 scholarship.

In District C also including counties in this diocese, winner of third place was Francis Z. Hart, 73 Sawyer St., Hornell of Hornell High School, an \$800 scholarship.

Interlaken Pastor Marks 25 Years

Interlaken — Rev. Anselm Leahy, O.F.M., Cap., Pastor of St. Francis Solanus Church, Interlaken, and Superior of St. Fidelis Friary, Sheldrake, was honored on the Silver Jubilee of his ordination by the men and women of the parish at an informal reception, Thursday, April 23, at the American Legion Home.

Other clergymen present for the occasion were Rev. Francis Harding, Ovid, N. Y., Rev.

On behalf of all the parishioners, Guild President Mrs. Harold Hillis read an address and presented Father Leahy with a gift of money.

A Coffee Hour followed, with Mrs. Jane Dowdle and Mrs. Anna Mahoney presiding at the Silver Service.

TABLE ARRANGEMENTS and refreshments were under the direction of Mrs. D. K. Willets.

Forty Hours

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

Sunday, May 3 — St. Francis of Assisi, St. Philip Neri, Rochester; St. Patrick, Elmira; St. Matthias, Atlanta; St. Gabriel, Hammondsport; Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta; St. Thomas Aquinas, Leicester; St. Michael, Livonia Center; All Saints, Ludlowville; Holy Cross, Ovid; St. John, Port Byron.

FATHER LEAHY

Michael Redder, O.F.M., Cap., and Rev. Harold Higgins, O.F.M., Cap., of St. Fidelis Friary. FATHER ANSELM has held many positions of responsibility



AQUINAS SCIENCE WINNERS — Model of a house is viewed by its creator Gregory Heib (left, in photo above) and his fellow winners of New York State Science awards, Brian Gibson (center) and Paul Haney.

Aquinas Students Win Top Science Honors

Brian Gibson and Gregory Heib of Aquinas Institute won top honors in the recent New York State Science Congress held at the State Teachers College in Brockport.

Gibson won for himself the title of "top physicist" in Western New York for his project on "The Magnetic Pinch in Electrodynamics." He was assisted by Paul Haney.

Prizes awarded to Gibson were: \$80 cash; a scholarship to one of eight designated colleges including St. John Fisher College; a flight to Detroit as guest of the General Motors Corporation; and a gold medal of achievement.

FIRST PRIZE in the Biology exhibit division was won by Gregory Heib, a sophomore, for his model of the housefly. The exhibit won high acclaim from the judges and will be exhibited at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. He was awarded \$10 cash and a medal of distinction.

A graduate of St. Thomas School, Gibson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lou Gibson. Heib, son of Mrs. Earl W. Heib, attended Sacred Heart Cathedral School.

Finalist standing was achieved in the Biology lecture-demonstration division by Michael Carroll and Richard Brien, sophomores, for their project "Photosynthesis and Light" and the anniversary Mass.

Holy Childhood Fund Campaign Nears Goal

The Executive Committee of the Advisory Council of the School of the Holy Childhood announces that they are now at the mid-point of a mail campaign for funds to aid in the support of the school.

Response to this approach has been most encouraging. The replies received in the first two weeks of the campaign indicate that the goal will be reached if this continues, a spokesman said.

Anyone who has not yet sent in his contribution is urged to do so in the near future. The School of the Holy Childhood is run by the Sisters of St. Joseph and is supported by the annual gifts of the people of Rochester and the surrounding towns.

Msgr. Lyons Mass Set At Seminary

The ninth anniversary Mass for Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Lyons will be offered at St. Andrew's seminary chapel Monday, May 4, at 9 a.m.

Rev. Richard Quinn, seminary rector, will be celebrant, assisted by Rev. William Hefer and Rev. Raymond Kenny.

Monks Mr. Lyons, former rector of the diocesan preparatory school, died May 4, 1950. Friends are invited to attend the anniversary Mass.

New Church Bids Taken

Bids were accepted this week for a new St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, to be built adjacent to the rectory on Oakwood Ave.

Amounting to \$234,959, the bids were accepted from: Streeter Assoc., general contractors; American Warming and Ventilating, heating; G. R. Thompson, plumbing; and Williger Electric, electricians.

Elmira Dean To Launch Church Drive

Featured speaker at the kickoff dinner in connection with St. John the Baptist Church financial drive campaign in Elmira will be the Very Rev. Leo G. Schwab, V.F., Dean of the Clearing-Schuyler Denery and pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church, Elmira.

THE DINNER for some 60 men will be served in the parish hall tomorrow (Saturday) evening and is being prepared and served by the Ladies of the Altar Society under the direction of Mrs. Samuel A. DeRema.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, Chaplain at Elmira, reformatory will be a guest of honor. Monsignor Lane assisted the Rev. Father Steinhilber for several years.

The campaign is being conducted to raise \$25,000.00 to be used in cleaning the church exterior and redecorating the interior.

Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, pastor is serving as campaign director.

Fisher Awarded By Red Cross

St. John Fisher College was presented with a silver trophy in recognition of having achieved the highest percentage of Student Participation during the recent Blood Bank Drive at the Annual Awards Dinner of the Inter College Council of the Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The trophy was donated and presented by Herman Waltz, and accepted for the college by Thomas McDermott, chairman of the Blood Drive, Rev. James W. Embser, C.S.B., professor of Theology at Fisher College received the Faculty Advisor Award.

Edmund Lewis, Recording Secretary of the Inter-College Council and Chairman of the St. John Fisher College Red Cross Unit announced the Awards. William Zurovski, Laurence Hursi, Ronald Hart and Gerard Klueber were also cited for outstanding service.

THE GLEE CLUB of St. John Fisher College was also honored with an Award of Merit in recognition of sincere personal service in helping to further the program of the American National Red Cross.



Gift Fair Planned By Sisters

NOVICES of the Sisters of Mercy were busy wrapping gifts for the annual spring sale and bazaar to be held at Our Lady of Mercy High School gym today, May 1 from 2 to 10:30 p.m. Committee members, Mrs. Robert Lorey, left, and Mrs. Foster DiFiore, look over the work of Sister Marie Catherine and Sister Mary Joan of Arc.

Cathedral Sponsors Eve Of Prayer For Married

An Evening of Recollection for married couples conducted by Father John Havas, S.J. will be held Sunday, May 3 at Nazareth Academy, Lake Ave.

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Cathedral, the program from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. will include two meditations, a buffet supper, rosary and Benediction. It is open to married couples of all parishes.

Mrs. Richard Q. Schuhart is reservations chairman. Assistants are Mrs. John W. Schrader, 6198 J.

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