

'Give Us A Priest, Give Us A Sister'

Elmira Nun Urges Vocations

The old adage about coming home to find how successful you are never more notably exemplified than when Sister Mary Lourdes, S.J. of Nazareth College, turned to her native Elmira to speak for the Religious at the Father and Sons annual Holy Name Society breakfast at St. Peter's and Paul's parish hall last Sunday morning.

THE THEME of Sister's talk was "Give us a Priest, give us a Sister." The often misunderstood notion of the life of a Religious was certainly erased from the minds of Sister's listeners when she so beautifully described the life of the Religious as a "life of love in the service of God."

Sister requested the parents to nurture vocations in the hearts of their children and help lead them through a sacramental life, away from near occasions of sins was a refreshing approach to a Catholic family togetherness in life.

IN HER CONCLUDING remarks, Sister paid tribute to the financial assistance given by Catholic families in the development of new and more Catholic schools and stated that "this support represented only half of the actual picture, the other half is the crying need for more Priests and Sisters to administer the basic precepts of our beloved religion to the children of today and tomorrow who will become the Catholic men and women of tomorrow, taking their places in a world destined to become one Fold with one Shepherd."

Ithacans Plan Degree Rite

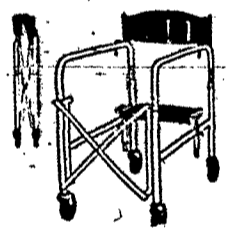
Ithaca — The Ithaca Council No. 27, Knights of Columbus, has scheduled a second degree for Thursday, April 23 at the club rooms, it has been announced by Grand Knight Ronald Hight.

THE SOCIAL NIGHT will begin at 8:30 p.m. with a dinner with the candidates as guests. John Barrett is dinner chairman. Reservations should be made before April 21 by calling 3-1641.

On Thursday, April 9, four new members were initiated in the council. They were Michael J. Jones, Frank Lovelace, Thomas Culvey and Francis G. Paul.

The degree team consisted of Michael Leary, William Egan Sr., Peter Piech, Ernest Jackson and George Kleeman.

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St. John The Baptist Church

Elmira Parish Campaign To Honor Former Pastor

A Financial Need Campaign will be conducted by the parishioners of Saint John the Baptist Church with a goal of 25,000. It was announced by the pastor, Rev. Raymond G. Heisel, that plans are being made to redecorate the interior of the church and to clean the exterior of the building.

Father Heisel has appointed Mr. Joseph C. Utzinger to act as General Chairman of the campaign with trustees, John E. Bacon and Joseph C. Schiefel, as co-chairmen. Father William L. Reed, assistant pastor, will be honorary chairman.

THE CAMPAIGN IS being dedicated to the memory of Father Stummeler who served as pastor of Saint John's for over 40 years. The entire project is placed under the patronage of Our Lady of Hope with pledge day, appropriately set for the first Sunday in May, the month of Mary.

Division leaders who have already had a planning meeting are Anthony Buckholtz, James Deegan, Samuel DeRemo, Joseph Fischer, William Hale, Owen Hobauer, Edmund Janowski and Thomas Loll. Fifty men who will act as captains will be notified this week.

A briefing-meeting of all workers will be held on April 22 and a kick-off dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at which the Very Rev. Leo G. Schwab, V.F., will be the principal speaker. Pledge Day is set for Sunday, May 3.



FATHER HEISEL

Jubilee Rites Planned At St. Anthony's

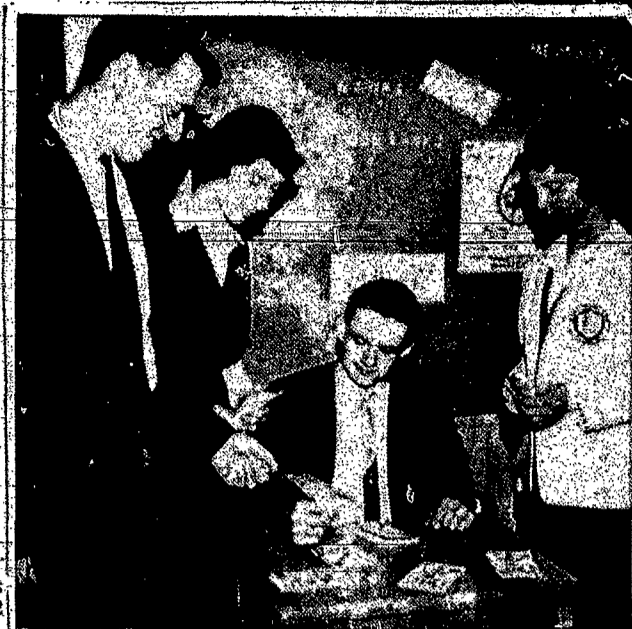
Plans are being formulated for the Golden Jubilee observance of St. Anthony's parish, according to Rev. William A. Burns, pastor.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey will preside at a Solemn High Mass on Sunday, May 24.

THE PARISH was founded in 1808 and Mass was celebrated until 1910 in the building now used for a convent. The first church was erected in 1910.

Prior to 1908 members of St. Anthony's parish attended Mass in St. James Hall in St. Patrick's school building.

Other details and a history of the parish are being prepared for publication in a later issue of THE COURIER JOURNAL.



First blood donor from Notre Dame High School, Truman Panton, proudly presents Lewis Brown, Student Council President, his donor slip. Marianne McCarthy, Vice-President of the Future Nurses and Kathleen McCarthy, Secretary of the Student Council look on with approval.

Notre Dame Students Spur Blood Drive

With the slogan "Notre Dame ranks help fill blood banks" Notre Dame High School's Student Council has undertaken the unique project of stimulating interest in Elmira's Blood Bank. Their object is to assist Chapter Headquarters in meeting its quota on April 21 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Park Church.

AFTER DISCUSSING the consistent lack of response to this community appeal, Lewis Brown, Council President, proposed having the students solicit blood donors. The suggestion was readily accepted, a slogan adopted and publicly organized.

Since only twenty-nine seniors meet the age requirement for blood donors, all students agreed to encourage parents, relatives, employers and friends to join them in this civic project. Donor slips are being made available.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS approve and encourage the students' enthusiastic appeal. Notre Dame's Future Nurses have volunteered their services as babysitters; seniors, with cars have offered transportation facilities; all school organizations have promised their support.

Forty Hours

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

Sunday, April 19 — St. Ann, Hornell; St. Cecilia, Elmira; St. Isaac Jogues Chapel, Fleming; St. Francis, Phelps; St. Patrick, Prattburg; St. Patrick, Victor; St. Joseph, Weedsport; St. Columba, Caledonia.

Federal Aid Hit By School Official

The impact of federal aid on private schools led to an animated question period on Monday evening, April 13, when Rev. William Roche, Associate Superintendent of the Diocese, addressed the Holy Name Society of Blessed Sacrament Church.

"The real genius of American Democracy," Father Roche stated, "lies in the fact that out of great differences in religious, economic, and cultural backgrounds has arisen the finest example of governmental unity the world has ever seen. The greatness of our country is in the all-embracing quality of our political and religious freedoms."

FATHER ROCHE briefly traced the history of Catholic education in the United States. From its official beginning at the Third Council of Baltimore, Catholic supported elementary and secondary schools have expanded to enroll over 4,800,000 students this year. One out of every nine children of elementary and high school age in the United States attends a Catholic school," he added.

He pointed out that even with this tremendous growth, we are still able to accept only about one-half of the Catholic children of the United States. He pictured the great need for expansion to future enrollments.

"Some form of relief must eventually be given from the double burden borne by Catholic parents. However, we heartily agree with our partners in public education, that any form of governmental support that implies federal control is not acceptable."

HE STRESSED the benefits of adequate health and transportation services which our children now enjoy as an example of acceptable aid to the child and his parents.

"We do not want the government to bid our schools and operate them, but we must always insist that Catholic children be given the same educational advantages offered to students in public schools," Father Roche concluded.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS from Southern Tier area meet for initiation ceremonies in Elmira. From left (back) are Mrs. James Brown, Elmira; Mrs. John Mahoney, Waverly; Mrs. James Ward, Owego and Mrs. Robert Reep, Corning; (seated) Miss Mary Kay Marggraf, Elmira; Mrs. W. Leo McKendrick, Owego; Mrs. Thomas Sheahan, Waverly; Mrs. Joseph Hogan, Cortland; Mrs. Arthur Roberts, Watkins Glen.

Elmira CDA Hosts Teaching Day

Court St. Rita 137, Catholic Daughters of America was host last Sunday afternoon at an initiation ceremony held for candidates from Elmira and Corning.

NEW AFFILIATES were Mesdames Edward Sipka, John O'Brien, Eric Barnard, Robert Collins, John Peel, Vito Tangoree (Stanley Spahalski and Joseph Carozza, Elmira; from Corning, Mrs. Lewis Condon Sr. and Mrs. Lewis Condon Jr.

Elmira Judge Set For Talk

Members of the Rosary Altar Society and Mothers Club of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira will hold a combined annual Communion and Breakfast on Sunday, May 3 at 10 a.m. in the Mark Twain Hotel.

HON. DANIEL J. DONAHOE, Chemung County Children's Court Judge will be guest speaker.

The breakfast will follow reception of Holy Communion by both groups at the 9 a.m. Mass. Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. C. W. Reniff at REgent 2285.

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