

Schools Open This Week

Record Enrollment To Top 55,000

Diocesan schools will open Tuesday, September 8. Total enrollment is expected to soar over the 55,000 mark for the first time in the history of the Diocese.

An estimated 3,060 new pupils will boost the Catholic school population, which last year counted 52,767, to a new record high figure of 55,827, according to Rev. William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools.

Most of the increase will be in parochial schools but high schools and colleges are also expecting significant gains, he said.

The Rochester Diocese counts 97 parochial grade schools, 2 high schools, 2 colleges, 3 schools of nursing, 2 diocesan seminaries and 12 other religious or specialized secondary schools.

Among the schools opening this week is the all new \$200,000 St. Mary's parochial school at Horseheads near Elmira.

Father Francis J. Reilly, pastor, said 115 pupils are enrolled in the school's first three grades and additional grades will be added each subsequent year. The school will be staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph under the direction of Sister Agnes de Sales, principal.

Parish bulletins should be consulted for exact dates and times for opening of the various parochial schools.

AQUINAS INSTITUTE will begin school with an all-male faculty for the first time in its 34 year history. No nuns will teach there this year.

The last two Mercy nuns, Sister M. Hildegarde and Sister M. Mercedes, left Aquinas to teach at Mercy-run schools, thereby ending a long tradition at the Dewey Avenue school. Formerly nuns of both the St. Joseph and Mercy orders taught at Aquinas.

Father Ernest P. Magee, C.S.B., Aquinas principal, said, "Regrettably, Aquinas faculty and student body bid farewell to the nuns but we wish them God's blessing in all their new endeavors."

All Aquinas students, including 380 freshmen, will begin classes Tuesday, Sept. 8. Total enrollment is 1,335 — 52 more than last year.

McQUAD JESUIT high school, Rochester, will have 935 students, counting 245 freshmen. The new students will begin studies Tuesday, Sept. 8, according to Father James R. Barnett, S.J., rector. Sophomores and juniors will begin their school year with a retreat scheduled for Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13.

St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's seminaries will begin classes later in the month.

Vatican Cites Faith Gains In Russia

Vatican City — (RNS) — Vatican Radio said in a broadcast that "religious sentiments are still very much alive among the people of the U.S.S.R. and are being manifested more and more openly and concretely."

It declared this was acknowledged by Frayre, official daily of the Communist Party's Central Committee published in Moscow, in an article demanding "an intelligent intensification of atheistic propaganda because the survival of religious faith results from the slowing down of the ideological struggle against religion."

Commenting on the article the broadcast said that it "forms a part of an anti-religious campaign which the whole Soviet press began recently. The radio said it also 'shows up as false the propaganda of Communists in other lands who are trying to make people believe, especially Roman Catholics, that there is a change in Marxist ideology concerning faith.'"

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Labor Ills Said Moral Problems

Washington — (RNS) — The only adequate solution to the crisis currently confronting the United States in the field of labor-management relations is "a profound renewal of moral and spiritual values," the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference declared in its annual Labor Day statement.

Issued by Msgr. George G. Higgins, a recognized authority on labor matters who is director of the department, the message emphasized that this renewal "will never come to pass unless employers and workers throw themselves on the mercy of God in a spirit of humble prayer."

The department noted that in previous years its Labor Day statements have been concerned with specific and rather controversial problems in the field of industrial relations.

In confining itself this year to a purely spiritual message and in ignoring almost completely the technical aspects of the problems currently confronting the country in this field, the department said it hoped to underline its conviction that, "when all is said and done, our principal labor-management problem at the present time are basically moral problems."

The statement cited the first major address of Pope John XXIII on labor in which the Pontiff said that solutions to problems are found "in the voluntary, coherent and decisive practice of the Holy Gospel, lived by all even with personal sacrifice."

Warning that unchecked cynicism "will cancel out much of the progress which has been made in recent years," the statement asserted that "if there is one thing that is sadly lacking and badly needed at the present time in the field of labor-management relations in the U.S. it is that note of cheerful Christian optimism which so marked Pope John's remarks on the subject."

"There has recently been so much bickering and controversy in the field of collective bargaining," it added, "and we have become so pre-occupied with the seamy side of labor-management relations that we are beginning to question as to whether the power which we trust and to speak at the many evidences of solid goodness and

integrity which are all around us."

In more practical terms, the statement said, "this means that labor and management, having become unduly suspicious and distrustful of each other's motives, are being strongly tempted to rely on economic force and political pressure and on public relations stratagems and propaganda gimmicks as a substitute for good-faith collective bargaining and labor-management co-operation."

If labor and management do not learn to co-operate in good faith, the NCWC department warned, the government will have to "assume more and more responsibility — ultimately for much responsibility from the point of view of sound social ethics — for the orderly and successful operation of our national economy."

"This would be a calamity not only for labor and management," it continued, "but for all the people of the U.S., whose economic welfare and political freedom so largely depend on the successful functioning of our industrial relations system in an atmosphere of voluntary labor-management co-operation."

"The advice which we would give to labor and management as they jointly observe this national holiday is very simple," the statement said, "in the words of Pope John XXIII, we would encourage them, 'to be always apostles of goodness, of gladness, and of good-will.'"

This advice, the statement concluded, "may not seem to be very practical," but it "is our first and most compelling duty and our only certain guarantee of success in the fulfillment of all our other obligations."

First Friday Labor Day Mass

Catholics are urged to assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion Monday, Labor Day, to ask God's blessing on their work and to pray for peace and justice in the turbulent labor-management controversies currently troubling the nation.

Many parishes have scheduled special Labor Day Masses. Priests are permitted to use the May 1st Mass text of St. Joseph, patron of working people.

Today, Friday, is the First Friday of September, a day of devotion in honor of our Lord's Sacred Heart. Most parish churches schedule late afternoon or evening Masses.

Parish bulletins should be consulted for exact time of First Friday and Labor Day Masses.

Workers Tools To Be Blessed

Newark — (NC) — Tools commonly used by workmen will be blessed by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark at a Labor Day Mass here September 7.

The Mass will be sponsored by the Pope Pius XII Institute of Industrial Relations. Personnel from both the ranks of labor and management have been invited.



Bishop Kearney gives his blessing to graduates of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing. Ceremony was held Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

St. Mary's Graduates

Walk In Giant Footsteps

Forty-six graduates of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing received diplomas from Bishop Kearney in the sanctuary of Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday afternoon, Aug. 30.

In solemn ceremonies climaxed by the Bishop's offering Mass and distributing Holy Communion to the graduates, the Nursing School inaugurated its first late-summer graduation.

The Rev. John Rosse, chaplain of the hospital presented the Class of 1959. The Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, delivered the commencement address.

Honor awards were won by Kathleen Cleary, Carol Callahan, Mary Ellen Lawler, Margaret Kuckel and Linda Brown.

In his sermon, Father Torney said, "The career of a nurse is an act of religion because it fulfills the command of Christ to love one's neighbor and do good to the sick and dying." He challenged the new nurses to hold to Christ's ideals of the value of each patient.

"St. Mary's holds its nursing school graduation in a church and follows it with the celebration of Holy Mass by the Bishop himself because of our Catholic conviction that nursing is a work of religion. We sincerely believe that a good nurse draws her philosophy and her dedication from the same Jesus Christ whom the Holy Mass brings into our presence this afternoon."

Reviewing the history of two early Christian men and women who took on the care of the sick out of love for God and in emulation of Christ, Father Torney said, "From the 300's till the religious revolution of the 1500's plundered and closed their institutions, religious men and women carried on almost all the hospital nursing and medical work there was in all of Europe."

Moslems Pray At Lourdes

Lourdes — (RNS) — Moslem war veterans recited prayers for peace at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes here. It was believed to be the first time that prayers of another faith were said publicly at the world-famous Marian grotto.

The Moslem ex-servicemen were among some 10,000 veterans from many countries who participated in a week-long international pilgrimage to Lourdes under the auspices of priests who fought in the French army during World War II. It was held in connection with the 20th anniversary of the war's outbreak.

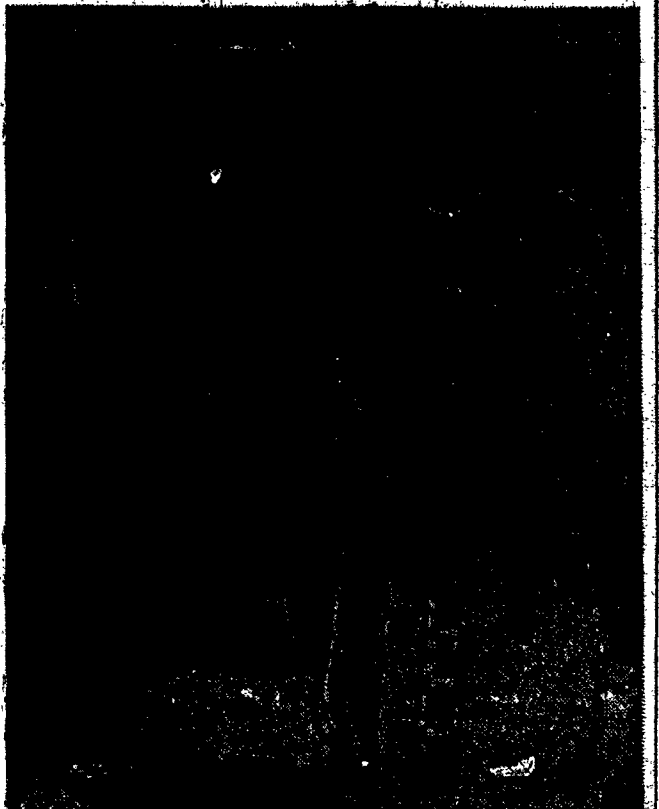
Takein, part in the event were former GI's from France, England, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, Africa, and the United States.

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Cornerstone Blessed at St. Boniface

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, in a sunny Sunday afternoon rite, trowels cement over cornerstone for new St. Boniface Church, Gregory St., Rochester. Monsignor George Cawcutt aids him.



Church Call Beneath The Sea

New London, Conn. — (RNS) — A quick transformation in the Mess of the nuclear-powered submarine Skate produces this scene. A white altar cloth is spread over a table; a movie screen is used for a backdrop; a simple brass crucifix, two candle sticks and the missal and Chaplain (Lt.) John Laboon is ready to say Mass — hundreds of feet beneath the sea.

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