

Looking Back

Happy Birthday, Bishop

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

Bishop Kearney's 75th birthday coming on next Wednesday brings me out of the rocking chair to go down memory lane a second time in two weeks, unprecedented but compulsive.

Back in 1932 handling the general news, we inserted in the Courier-Journal a photo and story of the newly appointed Bishop of Salt Lake City, a former distinguished New York priest, but we didn't know him.

In August, 1937, while making up the paper in the Rochester Stereotype and Linotype Co. over Bill Heindl's printing establishment a telephone call came from Detroit. On the other end was William A. Lang, Time-Union reporter and formerly of this paper (now Transit Co. president) who said: "Our new head of the diocese is Bishop James E. Kearney of Salt Lake City." Bill was most enthusiastic.

THE FIRST SIGHT of the new Bishop was accorded us on Nov. 10, 1937 when he came to the New York Central Station. Bill and I tried to get on the platform but the police barred us. We finally made it on the platform overlooking a jam-packed station, the old one now made over.

I remember the impressive installation in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral and rode up town after with Monsignor John P. Boland of Buffalo.

Personal recollections cover more than could be crammed into this space but I remember:

Bishop Kearney came to us actively interested in all lay activity. He had been a Fourth Degree Friar in New York and state chaplain in Utah of the Knights of Columbus. Sacrificing time by laymen in K. of C. activities the Bishop commended. He likewise had words of praise for the "K. of C. Widow" wives of knights who permitted their husbands to spend so much time in K. of C. work.

One of the K. of C. leaders, Joseph F. Lamb, state deputy and later supreme secretary, a close friend of the Bishop's, came here to speak at a K. of C. breakfast. Joe in his speech said this newspaper was carrying too many pictures of the Bishop. In a letter to us later, Joe wrote he was having some fun with the Bishop. To report the many activities of Bishop Kearney faithfully required the many pictures and accounts, he said.

When my mother died in 1939, Bishop Kearney came to the house to pay his respects and presided at the Mass. I hardly thought my position rated it but he is that kind of Shepherd.

THE INFLUENCE Bishop Kearney has on individuals and families is best testified to by his inauguration of Family Communion and First Friday Club encouragement. Our family started out with receiving and breakfast at home, then breakfast downtown and now it is an institution.

When I was grand knight of the K. of C. in Rochester, Bishop Kearney was state chaplain. He encouraged formation of the First Friday Luncheon Club and with the help of George McKay, the late Leo F. Rombaut and others the club was started. The number of men attending the luncheon is not the criterion of this movement. In our family we know more of us continued to make the Nine Fridays than would have if the Bishop had not spurred the devotion.

This account has to be a bit personal but I cannot forget that on our 25th wedding anniversary, in 1947, Bishop Kearney celebrated Mass for my wife Helen and family at the Carmelite Monastery, East Ave., with Monsignor John S. Randall arranging a dinner for us downtown.

FOR ONE who never thought he could reach any heights in the Catholic press, the Bishop and Monsignor Randall arranged a 25th anniversary dinner for me at Hotel Sheraton. Distinguished Catholic editors, the managing and city editors of both daily papers, priests, friends and our family minus one, Thomas J. who was at St. Bonaventure College and was prevented by storm, gathered at the Bishop's call. That was in March, 1949.

To know the Bishop is a privilege, to be influenced by him spiritually is a gift to all of us. His encouragement of the closed retreat has been experienced from the Geneva House to the modern hotel-like house on Alexander St. Many of us enjoyed the Christmas episcopate at Sacred Heart.

While this writer cannot tell from experience too much about Nocturnal Adoration, the attendants at the hour and the impressive spectacle of the breakfast in Bausch and Lomb is unforgettable. All developed by Bishop Kearney's zeal.

THIS COULD go on and on — telling of the Bishop's getting the city to recite the Rosary — his encouragement of Holy Communion with breakfasts and now suppers following, his example to all, but we bet the best record are things he has done for the faithful, individuals and families, which do not get recorded in human print, but are inscribed "up there."

If this can be taken as a birthday card — we wish you Bishop Kearney — a happy diamond celebration of your birth and many years of fruitful life.



ST. BONIFACE CHURCH PROGRESS — Construction of the new St. Boniface Church building, Gregory Street, is proceeding rapidly, with workmen currently working on the slate roof. Occupancy is expected by Christmas. More than 300 men will conduct a parish-wide canvass Nov. 15 for pledges toward its goal. Minimum goal is \$200,000 (Martin B. Walsh Photo)

300 Parishioners Aid In St. Boniface Drive

Organization of a committee of 300 members of St. Boniface parish is underway for a parish-wide canvass for pledges toward the new church building currently under construction on Gregory Street.

Minimum goal in the campaign, for which solicitation is slated Sunday, Nov. 15, is \$200,000 in three-year pledges.

Occupancy of the new church is expected either by Christmas or in January, the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, pastor, said yesterday. It replaces the 70-year-old, lowered edifice which was destroyed by fire in 1937.

IN A DETAILED report to parishioners, Father Taylor pointed out that money received from parishioners who pledged during a 1937 fund appeal, as well as money received in insurance following the church fire, has been expended in improvements to parish buildings, including the school and hall, convent, and rectory, as well as in current costs of construction of the new church.

A total of \$13,265 had been spent on improvements to the former church roof prior to the fire, the pastor noted.

Declaring that there is an estimated projected cost of \$314,000 to be met on completion of the new church, Father Taylor said this would be a prohibitive debt burden and necessitates an immediate campaign to reduce the amount to be borrowed and the interest payments thereon.

Campaign committee personnel include: **GENERAL COMMITTEE** — Division leader — Robert Curran, Donald Doerner, J. Albert Guerin, Walter Quinn, Edgar Tomkins, James Delbert, Norbert Elmann, John Reinhardt, James White, Harvey Zeller, Herman Koch, James McAllister, Hugh McDonald, Arthur Principe, Raymond Tierney, Clement Boyer, Martin Brown, Robert Inggerick, James McGarvey, Leon Newman.

Advanced gifts committee group leaders — Ralph Boothby, Joseph De Maria, William Gaffke, Charles Koster, Francis Maloney, Richard Miller, Harry Muzar, Joseph Schenk.

Survey committee — Stanley Bohrer, Edward McCaffrey, Jack Donovan, Joseph Donovan, Charles Fleming, Raymond Judd, Donald Keefe, John McTigue, Thomas Myster, Charles Scherer, Kenneth Sleyman, Anthony Valenti, Kevin Whittaker.



Shrines Of The Finger Lakes Dedication Set At Capuchin Monastery

Geneva — Dedication of the Shrine of the Finger Lakes at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary on Lochland Rd., will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m. The ceremony is conducted by the Capuchin Franciscan Fathers.

The unusual structure which flanks the southern side of the monastery and overlooks Seneca Lake, is the work of many months and volunteer labor. Dozens of women and craftsmen have joined the priests in the completion of the big undertaking. Students of the seminary have also aided in the work.

FOCAL POINT of the new shrine is a tabernacle over which there is a statue of Christ. This stands in the center of an existing semi-circle of entrance and is flanked by statues of the 12 apostles. A cross, the work of Geneva architect John Ehrlich, is formed by the pathway between the shrines for teenagers from the arms of the cross on either side of the main wall. Saints in these four bordered squares are those who died in their teens, St. Aloysius, St. Agnes, St. Maria Goretti and St. Dominic Savio.

The only statue that will be pure white is the marble one of Our Lady of Fatima, which was carved in Italy. Other statues will include St. Joseph, St. Anne, and a 15-foot tall crucifixion scene flanked by statues depicting Christ's agony in the garden before the Crucifixion, and showing Mary holding Jesus in her arms after he was taken down from the cross.

Turn Back Your Clocks

Daylight Saving Time will end this Sunday, Oct. 23, at 2 a.m. To be on time for Sunday Masses, turn the clock back one hour before retiring Saturday night.

All churches will be on Eastern Standard Time this Sunday. Forgetfulness will only mean you'll arrive an hour early for Mass.

Canandaigua Man Marks 100 Years

John Gartland of 24 Greig Terrace, Canandaigua, celebrates his 100th birthday on Saturday, October 24. Shown above with his pastor, Rev. Alphonse E. Chimmens, Mr. Gartland was born in Canandaigua.

For most of his life he had been engaged in the meat business. Very active in church affairs, he still takes up the collection at the 7:45 Mass each Sunday and leads the Holy Name on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

He received his education from the Sisters of St. Joseph in the original St. Mary's School. Mr. Gartland began working at the age of 10 and attributes his long life to "hard work and regular hours." He is very much interested in the fights on television and enjoys a good cigar.

The centenarian has always been active in the K. of C. being a charter member of the Canandaigua Council, 4th De-

Forty Hours

Friday, Oct. 23 — St. Michael's mission House, Conesus. Sunday, Oct. 25 — St. Boniface, Christ the King, St. Francis Xavier, Carmelite Monastery, Rochester; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Painted Post; St. Bernard, Scipio Center and St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen.

A special birthday Mass of thanksgiving on Saturday and a reception will be held on Sunday afternoon at the Treadway Inn.

Mr. Gartland is the father of 10 children, 8 of whom are still living, and is proud of 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

He has received the Papal Blessing of Pope John XXIII through the Apostolic Delegate.

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