



Be A Man, My Son

The long arm and firm hand of a senior adjusts the freshman hat of George Roche, last year's vice president of the student council at Rochester's McQuaid Jesuit High School. Roche is now a first year student at Georgetown University, Washington. His smiling classmates are Paul Zazzaro of Hartford and Robert Awgaltis from Michigan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Roche of San Gabriel Dyke.

New Parish Hall Opened

By HELEN M. BROUGHTON
Apalachin—Completion of the church hall renovation was celebrated by St. Margaret Mary's parish, Apalachin, by an Open House held Thanksgiving Eve. Guests were greeted by the pastor, the Rev. Valentine A. Janowski.

Basement walls were reinforced. A concrete floor and soundproof ceiling were installed. Walls and ceiling were plastered. New recessed fluorescent lights contribute to the modern decor.

The existing furnace was not adequate so the latest design was installed.

Laymen Retreat Leaders To Meet

Entertainment was provided by the Glee Club of St. Patrick's Church, Oswego, and music was furnished for dancing. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Annual meeting of Leaders in the Laymen's Retreat League of the Diocese will take place Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., Rochester according to Charles Groves, president.

The program will include election of officers, hearing of the 1959 report and of the retreat schedule for 1960. Buffet lunch will be served after the meeting.

Arrangements were in charge of the officers of the newly formed Ladies' Guild and the Men's Club.

ALTERATIONS TO the church basement were started in August to provide a church hall. The basement floor was lowered three feet by digging and removing the existing dirt floor. To give support to the church floor, a new rafter and eight new pillars and bases were added.

High tribute was paid to Sister M. Cassiana by members of the clergy, the parishioners of St. Paul's Church, Oswego, on the occasion of the observance of her golden jubilee at St. Paul's convent.

Sister Cassiana 89, has been a nun for more than 70 years. She is a sister of Mrs. Bridget O'Grady of Ridgeway Ave., Rochester, formerly of Lima.

Climax of the program in St. Paul's auditorium was the presentation to Sister Cassiana of a 1959 Plymouth Sedan for the use of the sisters. It was purchased through the contribution of parishioners and friends of the beloved guest of honor.

After the opening prayer by the Most Rev. David F. Cunningham, Auxiliary Bishop of Syracuse, Charles E. Riley, former superintendent of schools, who presided pointed out that it is remarkable for anyone to remain on the same "job" for 50 years, but it was more so in the case of a Sister of St. Joseph. He read St. Francis Assisi's prayer for peace and said it applied perfectly to Sister Cassiana.

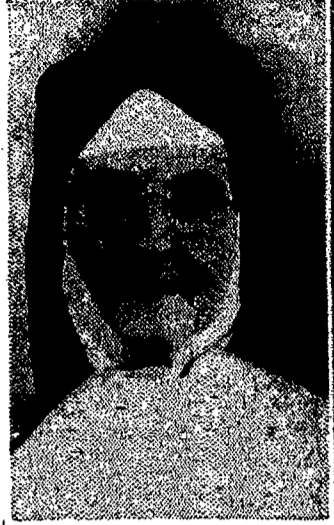
The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James E. Callaghan, diocesan superintendent of schools, declared that through her years Sister Cassiana has been a "jewel of great price." To the people of St. Paul's she has brought warmth and the human touch. He compared her with St. Theresa, the Little Flower. "May the Good Lord, His mother, and the Holy Spirit leave her with us for many years to come."

INTRODUCING Rev. Mother M. Helene, superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph's, Mr. Riley expressed deep appreciation of the parish for the excellent teachers sent here.

Mother Helene said that to serve God 50 years in any place is a privilege, but it was a singularly blessed privilege for Sister Cassiana to have served at St. Paul's. "Here is a story of faith and hope and love," said Mother Helene. She thanked the parish for the love and kindness shown the Sister through the past half-century. "In honoring her you are honoring all of us."

WITH THE exception of plastering, all labor for the renovation was furnished by the men of the parish. To pay for material used, parishioners have pledged one dollar a week for twenty-five weeks.

St. Margaret Mary's was formed in 1956 as a mission of St. Patrick's, Oswego. In June, 1959, it became a full-fledged parish of the Rochester Diocese and now has about 200 families.



SISTER CASSIANA

Mass, Reunion Mark 110 Years At Immaculate

All priests and Sisters, graduates of Immaculate Conception School, or who at one time served as assistant pastors or teachers in the school, are invited to the parish's 110th anniversary observance, Sunday, Dec. 13, according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, pastor.

BISHOP KEARNEY will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. in the church and preach the sermon opening the program. A dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium will round out the observance. Alumni members will be seated by classes.

Mrs. James Sweeney is chairman of the alumnae. J. William Hammond is general chairman of the observance.

Reading other committees are: City Court Judge Leo T. Minton, program chairman; James E. Coughlin, tickets; Mrs. James McWhorter and Mrs. Leo Lynd, decorations co-chairmen; Mrs. Raymond Zimmer, guest chairman.

Also Mrs. Leo T. Minton and Mrs. Frederic Closser, organization co-chairmen and Mrs. Howard Palmer, secretary to the committee.

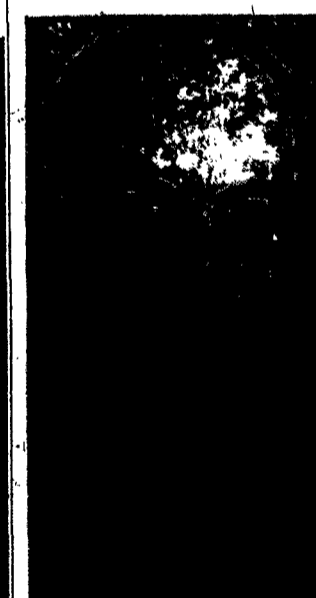
Forty Hours

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

Saturday, Dec. 5 — Nazareth Motherhouse.
Sunday, Dec. 6 — Blessed Sacrament, Immaculate Conception, St. Lawrence, St. Peter and Paul, Rochester; St. Michael, Penn Yan; Mercy Motherhouse.

Right Book, Wrong Reason

No Breviary For Sale



FATHER DE RITIS 'use a missal'

Puno, Peru — The stolid, sun-baked Indian stepped into the little bookstore of San Juan's parish here and asked for a Latin Breviary.

He was an Ayman Indian from the tribe of his rubber tire sandals to the collar of his faded, striped poncho, and his strange request startled the lady shopkeeper.

She told the Indian that the bookstore only sold breviaries to priests and asked Rochesterian Father Gilbert De Ritis, M.M., to speak to the man.

When she explained the Indian's request to Father De Ritis, the padre immediately asked him, "You want to make some money saying prayers at the cemetery, don't you?"

"Yes," the Indian bashfully admitted. "You see padre," he continued, "more people ask for prayers if you have the right book — one with gold edges and ribbons."

Prior to the arrival of Maryknoll missionaries, the mountain parishes of Peru were without priests for so many years, that the Indians found it necessary to lead the prayers themselves on such occasions as burials, marriages, and fiestas.

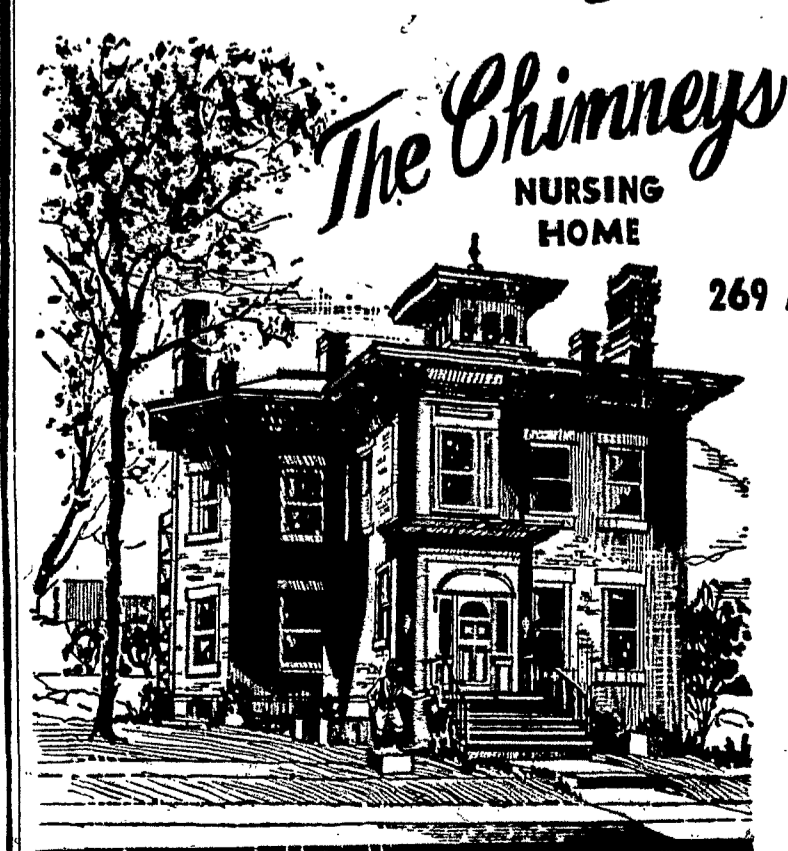
This laudable custom, eventually fell into the hands of medicine men who started selling the prayer readings. They were clever enough to obtain a priest's breviary which the people recognized as the "real article."

Armed with the proper liturgical books they were able to charge more money.

Father De Ritis gave the Indian a plain Father Steadman missal and advised him to change his avocation.

Father De Ritis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent De Ritis, 201 Rugby Ave., St. Augustine's parish, Rochester, was assigned to Peru in 1957.

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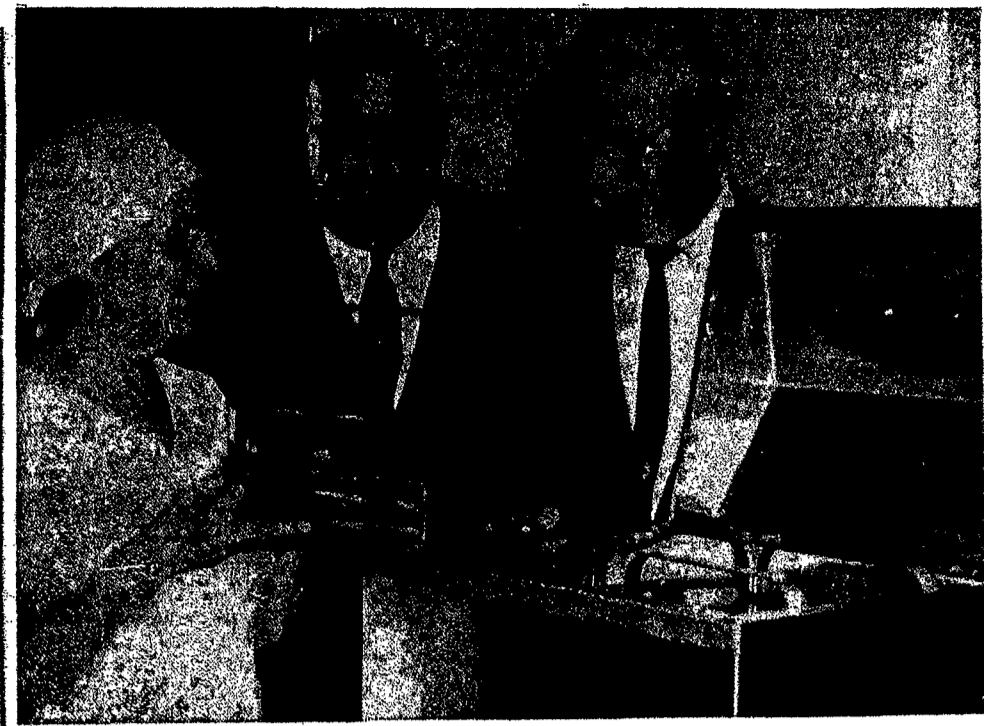
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Warm Bottles For Auburn Babies

Auburn — The Fourth Degree Assembly of Knights of Columbus, Auburn Council, presented an Electric Hot Pack Bottle Warmer for formula bottles, to Mercy Hospital. Left to right: Mrs. Josephine Murphy, in charge of the formula room; Clarence W. Nolan, Grand Knight; and Frederick L. Keesee, member of the committee. This gift is one of several made by the assembly from proceeds of their annual Thanksgiving Eve Dance.

Naples Choir Director

Thirty Years At Console

By Evelyn Reichenwald
Naples—Mrs. Daniel Perriello, choir director of St. Januarius Church since 1928, has resigned the directorship but will continue to sing in the choir.

Mrs. Perriello began singing in a church choir at the age of seven when her voice was discovered by the organist in Le Roy. In 1918 she became director of the Assumption Church choir in Mt. Morris where she remained until her marriage in 1928.

Since her coming to direct the choir in Naples many changes have taken place. The old pedal organ was replaced with a new model and now an Electric Hammond provides the background music.

MRS. PERRIELLO is active in all church affairs. She has served as Ladies Sodality President for nine years. She has been chairman of suppers, bazaars, card parties and dances. She has opened her home to as many as 100 persons for church benefit card parties.

"Chairman" is a title often given to Mrs. Perriello. She serves her community as well as her church. She was general chairman of Naples branch Red Cross from several years before World War II until a year after and has been Blood Bank chairman many times.

She has managed the Naples Theater since 1928. Generous of her time and talents, Mrs. Perriello has sung every funeral Mass since 1928 except for time spent in Florida.

Three CDA Scholarships

Winners of the Catholic Daughters of America Scholarships were announced this week by Rev. William M. Roche, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools. They are: Miss Patricia Coleman, Auburn, N.Y.; Miss Mary Anne Steve, Clyde, N.Y.; and Miss Mary K. Carpenter, Watkins Glen, N.Y. All are students at Nazareth College.

The CDA Scholarships were awarded on Nov. 10 at Nazareth College by Father Roche, Sister Rose Angela, Dean of the College, and Mrs. Mary M. Donahue, C.D.A. State Treasurer. Mrs. Coleman, a graduate of Mt. Carmel High School, is a sophomore. Mary Anne Steve graduated from Clyde Central School, and Mary Carpenter is a graduate of Watkins Glen Central School. Both were in the freshman class at Nazareth College.

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