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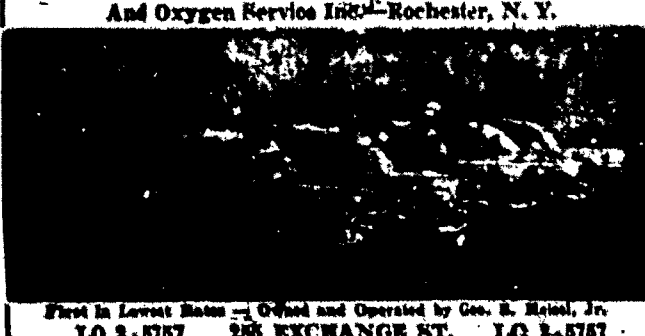
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Highlights Of 1959

By ROBERT SMETT

The two major highlights in the past year's history of the Rochester Diocese are events yet to take place — one to serve the aged, the other, youth.

A new St. Ann's Home for the Aged, with an estimated construction cost of four and a-half million dollars, will begin to rise this year on a 23 acre site on Portland Ave., Irondequoit.

Last month, a new High School Building Program was announced to expand facilities in the Monroe County area.

Both projects will get into "full swing" during the new year, it had been announced.

Looking back through 1959, here are a few of the events which will take their place in the pages of diocesan history.

New parish hall opened at St. Margaret Mary Church, Apalachin, Nov. 25.

Parishwide fund drive for a new St. Boniface Church building, Rochester, ended with pledges totaling \$265,322—Nov. 24.

Golden Jubilee of St. Joseph's Ukrainian Church celebrated—Nov. 8.

New \$1,850,000 Catherine McAuley Junior College for nuns dedicated—Nov. 6.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Balzerak, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, for 26

years, died at 71—Oct. 31.

\$350,000 pledged for a new St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester—Oct. 31.

Bishop Kearney celebrated his 75th birthday—Oct. 28.

Very Rev. Waldimir B. Dowhovich, pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church, Elmira Heights and a priest for 53 years, retired from active duty—Oct. 25.

Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Rochester—Oct. 31.

New St. Mary Church, Heney, was dedicated, July 25.

Groundbreaking was held for the new \$300,000 Guardian Angel School, Danville—July 12.

Rev. Leo C. Mooney resigned as pastor of St. Patrick Church, Rochester, after 22 years of service—Oct. 16.

Golden jubilee rites were celebrated at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester—Oct. 18.

St. Mary's School and Hall Building Fund Appeal, Bath, exceeded its quota of \$50,000 by more than \$35,000—Oct. 4.

Blessing ceremony held for new Nazareth College dormitory, Lourdes Hall—Sept. 27.

Parishioners presented a new rectory to the pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, Apalachin—Sept. 22.

Pledges totaling \$188,400 were announced in the campaign for funds toward school expansion and construction of an auditorium-gymnasium at St. Mary's Church, Waterloo—Sept. 25.

Dedication rites held for the new \$300,000 St. Mary School, Horseheads—Sept. 13.

Coronation laid for new \$565,000 addition at the Cenacle Retreat House, Rochester—Aug. 22.

Rev. Dr. — Emil Gefell, longtime pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester, and Diocese's longest ordained priest, died at 88—May 10.

St. Rita's School-Convent Appeal, West Webster, reported a total of \$232,896 in pledges—May 15.

\$52,250 was tallied in pledges in a Financial Need Campaign for St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, for exterior and interior repairs in the church—May 9.

Drive for a new auditorium-recreation center in M. S. Precious Blood Parish, Rochester, resulted in pledges amounting \$38,000.

Bishop Kearney sailed to Rome for his official visit to the Vatican and first meeting with the new Pope John XXIII—April 18.

Sisters of St. Joseph drive for proposed construction of \$1,500,000 infirmary building adjacent to Nazareth Motherhouse exceeded one million dollars in contributions and pledges—Feb. 27.

More than \$285,000 was pledged in the St. Helen's parish drive, Rochester, for a new church—March 13.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Krieg, pastor of the Church of the Nativity, Brockport, for 37 years, died at 83—Jan. 29.

Rev. Ralph J. Meyer, pastor of St. Patrick Church, Aurora, and St. Michael, Union Springs, died at 80—Jan. 27.

C.Y.O. Parish Basketball Leagues

By Fred Rutledge

The C.Y.O. basketball leagues enter their fourth week this Sunday with a full slate of games in the grammar and high school divisions.

What looms to be the "big" one this weekend is the clash between Holy Cross and St. Charles in the high school Northern Division. Both these teams fought it out last year for league honors and meet again in a game that could go a long way to decide the title. Game time is 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Gym. Both are undefeated in three league games.

In another Northern division game St. John's of Greece, also unbeaten, takes on strong St. James, who have a 2-1 record.

Another battle of undefeated teams finds Blessed Sacrament 3-0 clashing with Our Lady Lourdes at 4:45 p.m. on the C.Y.O. gymnasium hardwood. This grammar school Green division game will pit two high scoring clubs in what should be a close game to the finish.

In the Grammar school White division, two games are featured: Mother of Sorrows team (2-0) battles St. Thomas (2-1) and St. Charles (1-2) vs. Sacred Heart (2-1). This white division is the tightest league in the C.Y.O. this year. All teams are good and many upsets have marked play this year.

High School Southern division finds St. Monica's leading the pack, a good fast breaking team who can score well. Sacred Heart, St. Boniface and St. Augustine are the chief threats to the Mustangs. Blessed Sacrament who boasts a 2-0 record in their first year in high school competition can very well be considered a dark horse.

RESULTS WEEK OF DECEMBER 13 THRU 27

High School Northern Division

Annunciation	24	Holy Trinity	23
St. Michael's	38	Mother Sorrows	31
St. Charles	52	Our Lady Mercy	28
Holy Cross	55	St. Cecilia's	26
St. John Greece	30	St. Stanislaus	48
St. James	30	St. Salome's	29
St. Stanislaus	53	St. Salome's	47
St. James	56	Our Lady Mercy	37

High School Southern Division

St. Thomas More	39	St. Helen's	43
St. Augustine's	49	St. John's City	40
Blessed Sacrament	55	St. Theodore's	38
St. Monica's	81	Holy Ghost	37
St. Augustine	63	St. Thomas More	24
Sacred Heart	74	St. Helen's	23
St. Boniface	64	Mt. Carmel	47
Mt. Carmel	54	St. Theodore's	56

Grammar School Green Division

St. Anthony's	29	St. Salome's	22
Immaculate Concep.	45	Precious Blood	35
Blessed Sacrament	46	St. Cecilia's	14
Mt. Carmel	38	St. Thomas More	36
Lady of Lourdes	37	St. Helen's	15

Grammar School White Division

Mother Sorrows	32	St. John's City	12
St. Charles	27	St. John's Greece	23
Sacred Heart	29	St. Thomas	36

S T A N D I N G S
AS OF DECEMBER 31st

High School Northern Div.		High School Southern Div.	
W	L	W	L
St. John's Greece	3	St. Monica's	3
St. Charles	3	Holy Ghost	2
Holy Cross	3	Sacred Heart	2
St. Michael's	2	St. Boniface	2
St. James	2	St. Augustine's	2
Annunciation	1	St. Thomas More	1
St. Stanislaus	1	Mt. Carmel	1
St. Cecilia's	1	Holy Ghost	1
Our Lady Mercy	1	St. John's City	0
St. Andrew's	0	St. Theodore's	0
Mother Sorrows	0		
Holy Trinity	0		

Grammar Green Div.		Grammar White Div.	
W	L	W	L
Blessed Sacrament	4	Mother of Sorrows	2
Lady of Lourdes	4	Holy Cross	2
Immaculate Concep.	2	St. Thomas	2
St. Anthony's	2	Sacred Heart	2
Mt. Carmel	2	St. Monica's	1
St. Salome's	2	Holy Rosary	1
St. Cecilia's	1	St. John's Greece	1
St. Helen's	1	St. Charles	1
St. Thomas More	0	St. John's City	0
Most Precious Blood	0		

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

High School Northern Division

St. Andrew's vs. Mother Sorrows at Holy Cross Gym, 1 p.m.
Annunciation vs. Lady of Mercy at St. Stanislaus Gym, 4 p.m.
St. Michael's vs. St. Stanislaus at St. Stanislaus Gym, 1 p.m.
St. Charles vs. Holy Cross at Holy Cross Gym, 4 p.m.
St. John's Greece vs. St. James at C.Y.O. Aud., 1 p.m.
St. Cecilia's vs. St. Salome's at St. Stanislaus Gym, 2:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Bye.

High School Southern Division

St. Theodore's vs. St. Boniface at Immaculate Gym, 3:30 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament vs. St. John's City at C.Y.O. Aud., 2:30 p.m.
Mt. Carmel vs. Holy Ghost at St. Monica's, 2:15 p.m.
St. Monica's vs. St. Helen's at St. Monica's, 3:45 p.m.

Grammar School White Division

Holy Rosary vs. St. John's City at Immaculate Gym, 2:15 p.m.
Holy Cross vs. St. John's Greece at Holy Cross Gym, 4:30 p.m.
Mother Sorrows vs. St. Thomas at C.Y.O. Gym, 3:30 p.m.
St. Charles vs. Sacred Heart at St. Monica's, 1 p.m.

Grammar School Green Division

St. Anthony's vs. Precious Blood at C.Y.O. Gym, 2:15 p.m.
St. Salome's vs. St. Cecilia's at C.Y.O. Gym, 1 p.m.
Immaculate Concep. vs. St. Thomas Moore at Immaculate 1 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament vs. Lady of Lourdes at C.Y.O. Gym, 4:45 p.m.
Mt. Carmel vs. St. Helen's at C.Y.O. Aud., 4 p.m.

World's Christmas Crib Exhibited In Bologna

Bologna. (RNS) — Stables from all parts of the world, as figurative reproductions of Jesus' birthplace, were assembled here for the First International Exhibition of the Stable.

EXHIBITED IN the Basilica of Saint Francis of Bologna, under the auspices of the Italian Association of the Friends of the Stable, the 60 displays each represented the national characteristics of their creators—from a Japanese stable which included the great Fujiyama volcano to a stable from the Netherlands which showed Jesus being born in a typical Dutch kitchen, complete with shining copper pots and pans.

In order to render his preaching more effective, he asked to have at his side a donkey, an ox and a manger. Thus the tradition of the stable was born.

The inventor of the figurative stable is considered to be Saint Francis of Assisi who, on Christmas Eve of the year 1220, is said to have invited the inhabitants of the small village of Greccio to a solemn Mass in the woods.

Fewer Churches, More People

New York. (RNS) — Churches of leading Protestant denominations are declining in numbers in the New York metropolitan area, although the total number of congregations increased slightly in 1959. It was reported by the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

The council's 1960 Protestant Church Directory lists a total of 2,207 congregations, compared with 2,197 the year before. However, it shows a drop in the number of churches of the major denominations and an upswing in undenominational congregations and those of new church bodies.

Slum-clearance projects and exodus of white congregations to the suburbs appear to be the biggest factors in the decline.


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