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# Three Retreat Masses Set

Catholic men of the Rochester Diocese received a plea for prayers (Dec. 30) from Bishop Kearney.

The Bishop appealed to the men to unite their prayers at one of three special diocesan Retreat Masses scheduled simultaneously for 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Masses will be offered in Rochester, Lima and Corning to seek the blessings of God for the success of the 1960 Retreat year at Notre Dame Retreat House, 246 Alexander St., Rochester.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S Church in Rochester, Bishop Kearney will celebrate a Pontifical Mass and deliver a sermon on the spiritual rewards that come to those who make retreats.

A Solemn Mass will be celebrated at St. Rose's Church, Lima, by the Rev. Thomas Fallon, C. SS. R., Retreat Master at Notre Dame Retreat House.

The Rev. William Jamison, C.SS.R., will celebrate a Solemn Mass at St. Mary's Church, Corning.

Linking the success of the retreat year with attendance at the opening Mass, Bishop Kearney urged that more men from Rochester assist at the St. Joseph's Mass and receive Holy Communion.

He said that well-attended Retreat Masses in Geneseo and Geneva last year helped boost the number of retreatants from outside the city.

THOSE PLANNING to receive Holy Communion at the evening Mass were reminded that they must fast for three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverage and one hour from liquids, except water.

The third annual Retreat Masses are being arranged by the Laymen's Retreat League which has 3,446 members, according to the Rev. William Jamison, moderator.

The league was formed in 1915 when a small group of men began making one summer week-end Retreat at St. Bernard's Seminary. Forty-eight week-end Retreats are now held each year at Notre Dame Retreat House, Father Jamison said.

## Corning Girl Named In Fashion Book

Corning — Miss Mary Dianne Older of 138 W. Third St., a member of St. Mary's Sodality, will receive national recognition in the January issue of Seventeen Magazine as a member of the teen-age publication's 1960 National Fashion Council.

Along with other members of the more than 200-girl council, the Corning panelist is pictured in a special feature, "Our Fashion Experts."

Council members represent key department stores and specialty shops in leading cities throughout the country and are selected on the basis of a flair for fashion, good grooming, responsibility and leadership.

MISS OLDER is the council member from The Gorton Coy in Elmira.

During the year, the local panel member acts as Seventeen's news reporter in Elmira and reports on current teen-age fashions, fads, entertainment, school and social events.

Seventeen organized the National Fashion Council in 1953 to learn first-hand the tastes and preferences of America's 9 million teen-age girls.

Miss Older, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Older, is a junior at Corning Free Academy.

She plays violin in the school's orchestra and recently took part in the All-State Music Festival at Hornell. She also is a member of the CFA library staff and Library Club and is on the staff of both the Hill Echo, the school's newspaper, and The Stator, the yearbook.

## Nuns' Chorus Concert Set

Auburn—Sisters of the Third Franciscan Order of Syracuse, the order which staffs Mercy Hospital in Auburn, will present a Christmastide concert on Sunday, Jan. 10 at Mt. Carmel High School at 3 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

The 65 voice chorus is composed of Sisters teaching in 14 Syracuse schools. A special sextette will do a group of songs including two compositions by Joseph J. McGrath, a well known Syracuse organist and member of the university faculty there. Ten Hawaiian Sisters will sing traditional carols in their native tongue.

THE SISTERS are members of the Community of the Sisters of the Third Franciscan Order founded in Syracuse in 1860. The Community has 47 houses located in eight dioceses, two archdioceses and the Vicariate of Rome. In the six missions which they conduct in Hawaii are four schools, a hospital, and a leprosarium.

Tickets for the concerts may be purchased at Mercy Hospital in several Auburn stores, and also at the door on the day of the concert.

## Rosarians Hold Yuletide Tea

Corning — The annual Christ-Tea of the St. Mary's Rosary Society was held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, at Marconi Lodge with 125 members in attendance.

Past presidents of the society who poured were: Mrs. Mrs. Leo McKinney, Mrs. Angelo Buffomante, Mrs. Edmund Gay and Mrs. Keith Merrick.

A GIFT FROM members was presented to the Rev. James Malley, moderator, by the president, Mrs. Paul Quattdini. Javier Pabalan sang several selections, including "Ava Maria," "O Sole Mio" and "Because," he was accompanied by Mrs. Mary Baldino at the piano. The members also joined in the singing of Christmas carols.

The tea committee was composed of Society officers: Mrs. Quattrini, Mrs. James Clancy, Mrs. John Brady and Mrs. Louis Ferraro Jr.

## Ladies Of Charity

Committee plans of Elmira's Ladies of Charity units are announced here:

**Our Lady of Nazareth**

Our Lady of Nazareth Committee will meet Wed., Jan. 6, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. Theresa Lynch, chairman, 374 Fulton St.

The members will continue on their sewing project of making children's pajamas.

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**Executive**

The Executive Committee of the Ladies of Charity will meet Wed., Jan. 6, at 312 Lake St. at 8:00 p.m. with Mrs. James Walsh presiding.

## Looking Back

# Holy Name Society Early Days Recalled

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR
Associate Editor

Holy Name men of the Monroe County area will be gathering at St. Joseph's Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Kearney. A few memories of previous Holy Name Society gatherings come to mind.

Earliest recollection of this Society which is devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus is a parade back in the Teens of this century. Forming out East Main St., we marched over the cobble stones which were hardly conducive to walking, out West Ave. then to St. Mary's Boys Home.

There on the grounds Benediction was celebrated and the procession was brought to an end.

A BIT PRIOR to that time while in high school, this writer was elected president of the Junior Holy Name Society in St. Patrick's Cathedral parish. A banquet was in order and the president was asked to speak.

Public speaking was tortuous for me, I had hardly recited in classes. However William Murray, now in Alameda, California, and former mayor of that city was in high school with us and said he would write the speech. He was a law student at the time. The speech was excellent but we found out later that we had recited the third paragraph for the second and generally had it mixed up.

Prior to 1932 the Holy Name Societies had been operating only on a parish basis. The late Monsignor F. William Stauder of Holy Redeemer parish called a meeting of parish representatives in Columbus Civic Center dining room where the Chancery is now and a Diocesan Holy Name Union came into existence. Monsignor Stauder was not only the sparkplug of this organization but also of the Holy Name Bowling Tournament which has become such an extensive activity for bowlers and Holy Name men.

THE IDEA OF a Holy Name Society for Policemen and other law enforcement officers came later and Monsignor John S. Randall has been moderator since. The Fire Bureau has its society and the Post Office employes also with various moderators, through the years.

Holy Name rallies at Red Wing Stadium, Aquinas Institute and Dunn Field, Elmira, come to mind as do diocesan conventions, I remember that Norman A. O'Brien, attorney, then diocesan president, drove me to St. Joseph's, Wayland, for a successful meeting there.

Under Monsignor Patrick J. Flynn, now adminstrator at St. Agnes, Avon, outstanding rallies were held when he was diocesan director of the Holy Name Society. John M. Hedges the present diocesan president was preceded by several laymen as head of the society including Martin Q. Moll, Norman O'Brien, B. Edward Shlesinger, Frank E. Wolfe and others. Secretaries who kept the society moving were Roy Crissy and Arthur P. Farren.

In promoting previous Holy Name activities inevitably we would write — "a public demonstration of faith." There is no doubt that seeing Catholic men assembled in church or on the way there or in rallies in public places that it becomes edifying to all onlookers.

## Poster Contest Winners

WINNING POSTERS in the "Christmas is Christ's Birthday" contest sponsored by the Ladies of Charity in Elmira are shown with their posters. From left are Ann Maloney, third prize winner; Markissia Toullatos, second prize, and Carole Valois, first prize.

# Service Awards Bestowed At St. Joseph's Hospital

Thirty-five persons representing 280 years of service were honored on Tuesday evening, December 22, 1959, at St. Joseph's Hospital during the annual service awards dinner and Christmas party.

The senior employe honored was Miss Mary Stachowski who has been with the hospital 40 years. She is with the laundry department.

Miss Mary Billick of the X-ray Department has been with the hospital 25 years. The Rev. Philip E. McGhan, hospital chaplain, received a 20-year service award.

Sister Joan Francis, assistant hospital administrator, introduced the speakers. She also assisted Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator, in presenting the service awards.

SPEAKERS INCLUDED: Father McGhan, Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Byrne, a hospital patient who attended as a guest; the Rev. Michael L. Hynes, chaplain at the Dominican Monastery, 1310 W. Church St., and John E. Sullivan, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Sullivan spoke of his association with the hospital since 1929. From that year, he has served as legal counsel and has been chairman of the Board of Directors since 1939.

He spoke of his work with Sister Rose Alice, the first administrator at the hospital, and noted that her faith in God was largely responsible for the hospital's success. He said the hospital has continued to grow under the administration of Sister Margaret Adelaide.

Sister Margaret Adelaide, in presenting the awards, noted: "This is the time when we have the opportunity to express our belief in the Incarnation of our Lord and what it has accomplished for all of us.

"Now more than ever our hearts are filled with gratitude to God and to our fellow men. It is fitting, then, that at this time we become more aware of the services that we render one to another.

"THROUGHOUT THE year a monetary remuneration helps pay our debt to you, but somehow we feel that it is not enough and because we want to recognize publicly what so many are doing for our hospital family, we have instituted this yearly practice of distributing awards to our faithful employes.

"It is our hope that the bestowal of these awards and our entire program and party will bear the stamp of that first Nativity scene which was actuated by the love of God for man and realized by the love of Christ for each of us individually. May that charity of Christ flow into us and may the same charity shine out from us during this entire Christmas season and throughout our whole life."

Recipients of 15-year awards were Miss Margaret McGovern, medical records and Miss Dorothy Young, nursing service.

Ten-year awards were presented Miss Florence Healy and Miss Margaret Troy, both of nursing service. Others were Mrs. Sarah Griffith, School of Nursing residence director; Mrs. Carrie Herman, housekeeping; Merle Lester, dietary; Mrs. Mable McMindes, coffee shoppe; Miss Helene O'Herron, nursing service office secretary, and Mrs. Irene Seeley, coffee shoppe.

FIVE-YEAR AWARDS were presented Mrs. Kathleen Barnstead, Mrs. Laura Bly, Mrs. Cora DeGraw, Mrs. Cecile Everts, Mrs. Ada Kinner, Mrs. Leona Kline, Mrs. Barbara Knuth, Mrs. Rose Mekor, and Mrs. Florence McElligott, all of nursing service.

Mrs. Ada Bell, Mrs. Ruth Laughlin, Ivan Sasanov, and Mrs. Virginia Scott, all of housekeeping.

Mrs. Emma Merrill and Miss Ann Tutillaro, both of X-ray; James Barry, orderly; Grant Birdsall, physical therapist; Francis Gates, maintenance, Mrs. Winifred Goldsmith, dietary; Mrs. Helen Mackey, central service; Miss Phyllis Miner, laboratory, and Mrs. Mary McGill, administration.

## Elmira Church Reports

# 31,000 At Daily Mass

Until a year ago, assistance at daily Mass in Elmira or the area was limited to the early morning hours. Following a directive by Bishop Kearney, Elmira's downtown parish, St. John the Baptist, inaugurated the 12:10 noon Mass every day in the week. Shortly thereafter permission was granted by the Bishop to Father Raymond G. Heisel, pastor, to offer an additional Mass every day at 5:15 p.m.

These two Masses have made it possible for countless numbers to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the capacity attendance in the 85 year old church is evidence of the ardent wish of the Faithful to affiliate with the Daily Mass League.

It has been extremely gratifying to Father Heisel to note that the number of Holy Communions distributed this past year has tripled over the number in 1958. The total for this year is over 31,100 compared to last years total of 10,750.

THIS VAST increase is due solely to the fact that more of Elmira's Catholic people now have an opportunity of assisting at a later Mass in the day and are able to receive Holy Communion more readily under the new permissive regulations.

During the week these Masses are served by a group of prominent Elmirans including Charles J. Kromer, executive Secretary of the Neighborhood House; Robert Erway; Judge John D. Frawley of the Recorders Court; twin brothers and Attorneys, William and Joseph Danaher; Attorney Louis J. Mustico and Thomas Raniewicz. All are members of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus.

Some months ago a $60,000 renovation project was started after a highly successful fund raising campaign. This program is now complete and establishes the church as one of the most attractive churches in the Diocese.

The work included a complete sandblast and painting of the exterior of the church; installation of all new doors; remodelling and redecorating of the church interior; installation of three new altars and stations of the Cross; the building of a new sacristy and a complete rewiring and installation of new lighting fixtures.

The parish was originally established to serve the German speaking people of the Elmira area. There is no school in connection with the parish.

Father Heisel formerly served here as assistant to the late Father John B. Stemmler. Rev. William L. Reed is assistant pastor.—VAILLANCOURT.

## Ithaca Society Host To Foreign Student At Party

Ithaca — The Rosary and Altar Society of the Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca met Monday evening, Dec. 21, A Christmas Party was held in Parish Hall following recitation of the rosary and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament in church, and a short business meeting conducted by Miss Jane Reed, president.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Baralt of Venezuela, South America, were guests of the Society. Mr. Baralt is a student in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. The members viewed the Christmas movie of "The Littlest Angel."

Refreshments were served by the Mesdames Josephine Mellberg, Rose Gualtiere, Anna Bonanni, Theresa Pollio, Lolise Volpecelli, Mary Alexander, and Miss Theresa Rinkcas, vice president.

## Plans For Tea Deanery Unit

Plans are being made for the annual Chemung-Schuyler Deanery Council Tea to be held Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Dunn Memorial, Elmira.

Mrs. Edward Widman, co-chairman of the Deanery Tea, has called a meeting of Deanery affiliate presidents and committee of workers to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m. at 1251 Lake St., Elmira. Mrs. Joseph Caparulo is the Tea co-chairman.

## St. Andrew's Opens Wed.

St. Andrew's Seminary will resume classes Wednesday, Jan. 6, Very Rev. Richard Quinn, rector, announced today.

He said resident students will report to the school the evening of Jan. 5.

# U.S. Prisoners 'Well Off' Boston Cardinal Says

Walpole — (RNS) — Many missionaries who are languishing in Communist dungeons are "worse off" than prison inmates in this country, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, told some 500 inmates of the Massachusetts state prison here.

Making his annual visit to the prison, Cardinal Cushing reminded the men that despite their inability to spend Christmas with their relatives "there are multitudes today who are far worse off than your are."

"I PERSONALLY know of four missionaries," he said, "who will be spending Christmas in dungeon prisons of Red China and there are thousands more suffering in concentration and slave labor camps in Communist-dominated countries. I have found that there is one great rule for peace and interior happiness. And that is we must learn to live within the law.

"We are all sinners. Our weak human nature makes us prone to take the easy if not the sinful way. And the only method we have to overcome that is to master ourselves. But that's impossible without the help of God."

Cardinal Cushing distributed specially blessed St. Dismas medals to the prisoners and told them that "Saint Dismas was the only man I know of who stole his way through life and stole his way into heaven."

## Priests Slain, Heads Cut Off

Rome — (SNS)—Two Catholic priests were slain when outlaw tribesmen attacked a mission outpost in the Nkongsamba diocese of the French Cameroons, Fides, international mission news agency here reported.

It said the priests, Father Gilles Heberle, superior of the mission, and Father Valentine Sarin, his assistant, were beheaded and their heads apparently carried away as trophies. Another priest and a nun were injured, Fides said.

According to the agency, the outrage occured on the night of Nov. 27, when the tribesmen ransaked their way through the mission.

## Jubilee Rites In Vietnam

Saigon — (RNS) — In special ecclesiastical rites celebrated in conjunction with the 300th anniversary of the establishment of the first Catholic vicariates of Vietnam, the 82-year-old Cathedral of Saigon was consecrated a Basilica.

## Thank You From Charities

Elmira and Rochester Catholic Charities officials voiced their thanks this week to donors to the Christmas Fund.

Over 600 poor families were provided baskets of food and toys for Christmas as a result of contributions made following appeals published in the Courier Journal.

Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy in Rochester and Miss Mary E. FitzGerald in Elmira said response to the appeals was "wonderful."

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