

## Bishop Lauds Drama Work, Gives Awards

More than 400 teachers and students of the Rochester Diocese honored Bishop Kearney as all their work as directors and participants in dramatics at the Fifth Annual Theatre Day last Saturday held in McQuaid Jesuit High School.

The Bishop called upon the young thespians to take advantage of their dramatic training to express themselves well and to develop their memory faculty.

**THE HOLY MASS**, the Bishop reminded his listeners, is the true and greatest drama in the Divine Sacrifice, he said, the young students would find "a sense of value and importance of truth."

"With the birth of a King in a stable and the ignominious death of a Savior on a cross, the life of Christ and therefore the very foundation of the Church was filled with drama," he said.

**BISHOP KEARNEY** spoke at the Awards Dinner, highlight of a day-long workshop devoted to lectures, demonstrations and performances in the theatre arts.

The Order of St. Genesius, high honor of the National Catholic Theatre Conference, was bestowed on the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George J. Schmitt, pastor of Holy Family Church, Sister M. Clarissa of Nazareth College and Academy, and Mother Mary Antonia, secretary general of the Sisters of Mercy.

At the presentation, the Bishop was assisted by Rev. Gabriel Stapleton, S.D.S., president of the National Catholic Theatre Conference, which sponsors the award.

Chairman of the Theatre Day was Mr. Vincent Duminico, S.J.

## Knights List Wm. Burke At Breakfast

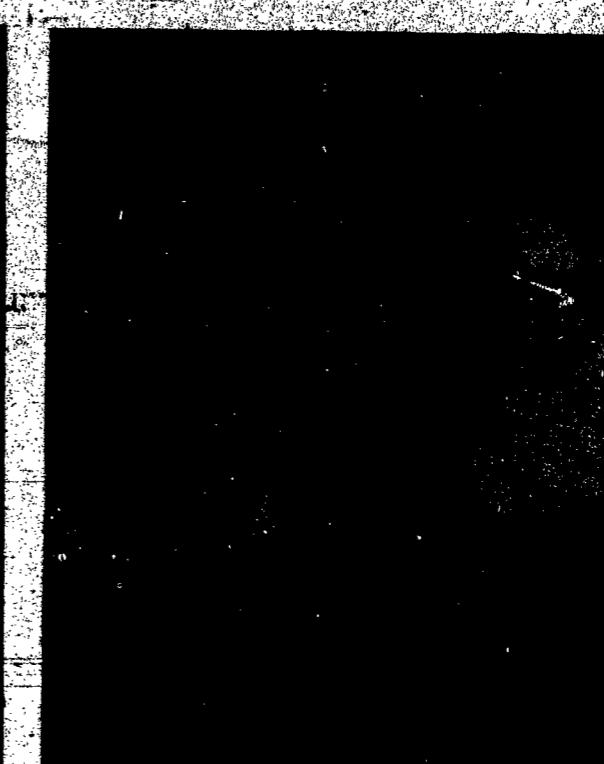
William E. Burke of Utica, supreme director of the Knights of Columbus will speak at the breakfast of Rochester Council Knights of Columbus following corporate communications Sunday, March 13 according to Grand Knight Vincent J. Hannan.

The knights will attend a Memorial Mass in St. Joseph Church, Franklin St. at 7:30 a.m. celebrated by the Rev. Vincent E. LaFond, assistant pastor of St. Salome Church and Chaplain of Rochester Council.

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## Newark Drive Seeks \$175,000

Newark — Solicitation of pledges toward the proposed construction of an addition to St. Michael's School — with a minimum goal of \$175,000 — will be conducted by a committee of nearly 400 men on Sunday, Feb. 7, and on Sunday, Feb. 14.

Plans include the addition to the present 13-classroom school building of four classrooms and an "all-purpose" auditorium-gym to include a basketball court. Completion of the addition is expected by September, 1961.

The Rev. Joseph M. McDonnell, pastor of St. Michael's Church, announced a campaign committee meetings and dinners with a triumvirate of out-of-town speakers, including Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence J. Casey, the Rev. James C. Lane, Father Lane, and Carl A. Palumbo, of Auburn, and Carl A. Palumbo, of Victor.

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Palumbo, vice principal of Victor High School, will address the committee men at a Memorial Mass in St. Joseph Church, Franklin St. at 7:30 a.m. celebrated by the Rev. Vincent E. LaFond, assistant pastor of St. Salome Church and Chaplain of Rochester Council.

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NATIONAL HONORS given to Sister M. Clarissa, S.S.J. are admired (left) by Mary Jean Stewert, president of Nazareth Academy's drama group. At right, Mother Mary Antonia, R.S.M. shows the medal of the Order of St. Genesius to Suzanne Klinger, an officer of Our Lady of Mercy High School's Thespians. Rt. Rev. Msgr. George J. Schmitt, pastor

of Holy Family Church, receives congratulations from Bishop Kearney as the Rev. Gabriel Stapleton, S.D.S., president of the National Catholic Theatre Conference, looks on. Award was bestowed on the three veteran drama directors for their many years in the field of educational and parochial theatre.

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### Arts Degree, New Name Granted McAuley College

Catherine McAuley College has dropped the word "Junior" from its title by permission of the New York State Board of Regents. The authorization came this week in an amendment to the college charter which the board granted last May 1.

The Regents have empowered the college to grant an Associate of Arts degree in addition to the Associate in Applied Science which has been offered since 1954. Students may now pursue a three-year liberal arts program in preparation for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

All postulants and novices of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy attain their bachelor degree eventually by attending a major college for their fourth year.

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