

Elmira Dominican Nuns To Mark Rosary Feast

by AUDREY LINK

Rosary Sunday, marking the beginning of Rosary Month, will be celebrated Sunday, Oct. 2, Day at the Dominican Monastery, Elmira, ending a nine day Novena honoring our Lady and the Rosary.

It was instituted as a special commemoration of a victorious battle through which the fires of Islam were prevented from invading Europe. Pope Gregory XIII designated the feast for certain churches but Pope Clement XI extended it to the entire Catholic world. This was in thanksgiving for another triumph in 1718.

Then Pope Leo XIII raised the feast to second class, to obtain Our Lady's aid in the trials of our life in their monastery at 1310 W. Church St., Elmira.

Their daily schedule consists of: 6 a.m., Divine Office; 7 a.m., public Mass; 11:30 a.m., Divine Office; 3 p.m., Vespers; 6 p.m., Compline; 8:10 through 9:30 p.m., Matins and Lauds. A Sister always keeps a guard of honor by reciting the Rosary for an hour before the Blessed Sacrament which is exposed daily from 7:09 a.m. to Benediction. This continues both day and night.

They are also kept busy with their house and garden while not at prayer. A completely equipped dental hygiene room and laundry help the Sisters to be self-sufficient and they leave only in a case of a hospital emergency. They keep in contact with the world by telephone and visitors.

Included in their work is making vestments and altar linens, sending spiritual bouquets for all occasions and painting of the spiritual bouquet cards.

Contrary to public opinion, the nuns can be seen with their permission by visiting the convent and speaking with them behind a large grill which separates the visitor from the Sister.

The public chapel there can be visited at any time and during the hours of prayer their voices can be heard, but they cannot be seen, for their own private chapel adjoins the public chapel.

The Rosary Altar, designed and donated by Bishop Kearney, especially for the monastery, is the center of daily devotion. The triptych over the altar depicts the Annunciation, Crucifixion and Coronation.

Support for the convent is obtained from their benefactors, such as the Ladies of Charity and private contributors, for whom they pray daily, and from the enrollments of the Association of the Perpetual Rosary, the Purification Society, Mass and Spiritual Bouquet offerings, which may be obtained by calling the monastery.

All donations received will help in building a new public chapel, Sisters Chapel and quarters for the increased members that have entered the order since coming to Elmira. The expected cost of such addition, at improvements is \$200,000 but because of lack of funds it has not been started.



Dominican convent on Elmira's West Church Street is center of Rosary devotion honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. Eighteen nuns take turns in all-day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

New Ithaca Parish Drive Set Oct. 9

Ithaca — Pledges toward construction costs of a proposed church-and-hall building for the new parish of St. Catherine of Siena will be sought among parishioners beginning Oct. 9, it was announced this week.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, chaplain of the Newman Club of Cornell University

conclude: general committee Robert J. Kane, chairman; Paul R. La Bonte, chairman; Anthony D. DiGiacomo and Philip J. McCarthy, vice-chairmen; advisory — William J. Fickler and James F. O'Connor, co-chairmen; Dr. Leo Speno and John W. MacDonald, vice-chairmen.

The new church will be constructed on a 10-acre tract on the north side of Hanshaw Rd. between Pleasant Grove and Warren Rds. Designed to include a basement hall, the building is planned for completion by Christmas, 1961.

Establishment of St. Catherine's parish, which will include the northeast section of Ithaca and vicinity, marks the first change in parochial lines here in more than 100 years. The Church of the Immaculate Conception was founded here in 1848.



MONSIGNOR CLEARY

and pastor of the newly-erected parish, said committees now are being organized to conduct the fund drive.

More than 30 members of the advanced gifts committee will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Newman Oratory of Cornell. General committee meetings will meet Oct. 6.

L. McKean, John W. C. Guthrie, Walter Schwan and Mathias E. Donelan, vice-chairmen, advanced gifts — Harold

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Sunday, Oct. 2 — Good Counsel, Holy Apostles, Holy Cross, Perpetual Help, Rochester, St. Mary, Camillus, St. Mary, Horseheads, St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, St. Joseph, Rush, St. Rita, West Webster, St. Patrick, St. Morris.

The church committee has requested pastors of each of the county's churches to make the theme of this year's Cayuga County campaign — "Let Your Light So Shine" — the subject of their Sunday sermon.

Msgr. Cuffney Co-Sponsors United Appeal

Auburn — Right Rev. James D. Cuffney, administrator of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, is one of three sponsors of United Appeal Sunday to be observed in churches throughout Cayuga this week-end.

SERVING WITH Monsignor Cuffney as co-chairman of the United Appeal church committee are Dr. Richard B. Northrup, of Second Presbyterian Church, and Rabbi Benjamin Rosyn of Congregation B'nei Israel.

Bulletin covers depicting the work of the United Fund's 26 member agencies have been prepared for use by all churches. Weekly church programs may be mimeographed or stapled inside.

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Four nuns who entered Dominican order at Elmira convent (from left) Sister Agnes, Sister Margaret, Sister Catherine and Sister Terence.



Rosary Altar designed by Bishop Kearney.

Fourth Degree KC Conducts Installation

Headed by Faithful Navigator James O. Stein, officers of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus were installed, on Sept. 22 at Columbus Civic Center. Raymond L. Nary, master of the fifth district assisted by Richard Stoton, marshal, Buggie, faithful scribe, conducted the induction ceremony.

The Color Corps of the assembly participated.

OTHER OFFICERS are: Rev. Edward P. Cahoon, SS,CC, leaders of industry. The Color Corps has again faithful captain Frank S. McNeil, faithful scribe, Thomas J. Kavanagh, faithful pilot; Thomas Shea, faithful control; and Victor A. DeSimon, faithful an expansion program.

IFCA Lists College Fair At Mercy

The International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Rochester Circle, has scheduled a Catholic College Fair on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road, from 2 - 5 p.m.

Bishop Kearney will speak at 3 p.m.

THE PURPOSE of this program is to acquaint sophomores, juniors, and seniors in Rochester and surrounding areas with Catholic colleges. This is an opportunity for students to learn what Catholic colleges are available and what they have to offer.

The chairman, Theresa O'Brien, has reported that thirty Catholic colleges throughout the United States will be represented by faculty or alumnae, and that thirty more colleges have sent literature for display.

Exhibits are handled by Mary Jean Bishop, assisted by Kathleen May, Mary Lou Broderick is in charge of registration.

St. Patrick Vets Pledge \$1,000

Catholic War Veterans of Memorial Post 1266, St. Patrick's Church discussed the need for Catholic High School facilities in Monroe County at a recent meeting.

Under the leadership of Thomas Spinelli, Commander, the discussion was brought to a conclusion with a motion proposed by John Folkner that the Post pledge \$1,000 to the Campaign.

The motion was seconded and unanimously accepted by the membership.

Radio Mass This Sunday

High Mass will be broadcast from Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, over station WYAM this Sunday, 11 a.m. to noon.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the Mass and preach.

The Mass will mark the opening of month long Rosary devotion honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NCWC Info Head To Speak At Convention

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will welcome the Rev. John E. Kelly, Director of Bureau of Information of the National Council of Welfare Council, Washington, D.C., at the 26th Diocesan Convention, Oct. 7th and 8th, at the Chamber of Commerce.



FATHER KELLY

Father Kelly, a former Rochesterian, graduated from St. Bonaventure University and was ordained in 1940 following theological studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary at Niagara University.

After six years of parish work in the diocese of Rochester, he served as diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine until his appointment to the National Center of the CCD in 1949.

THE CONFRATERNITY of Christian Doctrine has the care of religious education of adults and of Catholic pupils who attend public schools.

In addition to editorial work on Confraternity publications, Father Kelly has taught at summer sessions of the Catholic University of America and contributed articles to leading Catholic and education journals.

Father Kelly is a member of the Adult Education, Catholic Press and Catholic Broadcasters Association and is a member of the board of directors of the Religious Education Association.

The Convention will open at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7 at the Chamber of Commerce. A Mass at St. Mary's Church, 15 South Street at 9:30 a.m. opens the Saturday session. Bishop Kearney will be the celebrant. The program will be continued at 11:00 a.m. at the Chamber with children's workshops and panels of Diocesan Committees.

SPEAKER FOR the committee Cooperating with Catholic Charities will be Miss Mary Fitzgerald, Elmira, Executive Director of Catholic Charities in Elmira. Miss Fitzgerald's topic will be "Work with the Aging."

Rev. Eugene McFarland, Youth Director of Diocese of Rochester, Miss Helen Fink, Probation Department of Children's Court, and Judge Thomas J. Meagher, Former Children's Court judge will speak on the "Teenage Challenge" for the Family and Parent Education Committee.

Dr. Paul S. Isadore, well known Rochester dentist and mission aid is speaking on "Ordnance Work" for Foreign Relations-International Relations has chosen "Foreign Students" as their topic and the Rev. Charles J. Langworthy, of Hornell, and Harry I. Davis, Tenago District Program will be the speakers.

"Recent Literature" is the topic of the Literature Committee and the Rev. Henry Albrecht, Editor of Catholic Courier-Journal, Mrs. Robert Bowie, member of the Mayors' Committee on Recent Literature, and Mrs. Harriet Legio, Superintendent of Detention, SPCC are the speakers. Rev. Joseph J. O'Connell, pastor of St. Michael's, Liverpool, and Mrs. Joan Welch Jr., Vice Chairman of Diocesan Mothers' Circle Committee will speak on "Home — Miniature Church."

PUBLIC RELATIONS Committee has chosen the topic "How and Why?" and will be presented by Father Kelly and Louise Wilson, Women's Editor of Station WYAM and Editor of the Diocesan Journal, Rev. James J. Marzola of Sacred Heart Parish, Director of Legion of Mary, Mrs. Elmer M. Lortz, former chairman of Spiritual Development Committee and Miss Ruth Sperry, Personnel Department of Eastman Kodak Company, will talk about "Salvation for You."

The Convention luncheon is at 1 p.m. and the featured speaker is Mrs. Mark Tietzen, Covington, Kentucky, President of the National Council of Catholic Women.

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