

Mass Demonstration Set For Rosary Meeting

Ithaca—The Rosary and Altar Society of Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, will meet on Monday, Nov. 28, 1960.

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Looking Back

As Our Bishop Begins 24th Year In Diocese

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

Final report on the Catholic High School Campaign, next Wednesday, will again evidence the high esteem in which Bishop Kearney is held in the Diocese of Rochester. From all reports, the campaign's success will amply mark the faithful's gratitude for his 24th year of reign in our diocese.

The Bishop began his 24th year in Rochester on Nov. 11. Memories passing in review at this time include:

—a telephone call to this writer from Bill Laus, then T-1 reporter in Detroit, announcing that Bishop Kearney would succeed Archbishop Mooney as Bishop of Rochester. This was in August, 1937.

—going to the New York Central depot in November, that year, when the station was in its glory to greet the Bishop and delegation coming to Rochester.

—trying to pass the police line on the tracks and being stopped;

—getting into the balcony of the railroad station and looking over the sea of faces awaiting the first glimpse of their new Bishop.

—listening to his first words and noting the warmth of reception given him.

—going out to the Episcopal residence on East Ave. and meeting there the future Bishop of Salt Lake City who arranged for this newspaper to get the Bishop's first formal word to the diocese.

—attending the installation Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral crowded with noted prelates and laity.

—remembering acts of Bishop Kearney in subsequent years which have influenced persons in all walks of life in this diocese.

—noting the Bishop's interest and encouragement of all lay organizations, men's, women's and young people's.

—his attendance at my mother's funeral in deeply remembered.

—attending his reception for laity at his home on East Ave. and noting persons of all degrees greeted equally with a special attention to the children.

—going to the Bishop's house with executive committee of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus as several years were given by him to hearing problems and offering advice.

—during the troublesome days of few jobs in the area, attending a meeting at the Bishop's home with the late Frank E. Garbutt present—ways and means of creating jobs, were studied.

—participating in the Family Rosary for Peace, now a decade of years in continuous operation, another evidence of Bishop Kearney's interest in devotion to Our Lady.

—sailing with our family at the Carmelite Monastery at a Mass arranged for and celebrated by Bishop Kearney to mark our 25th wedding anniversary.

—receiving reports on increasing members of Daily Mass League constantly encouraged by Bishop Kearney, especially in his last years.

—watching the continued growth of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, reinvigorated each year in convention at which the Bishop celebrates Mass and speaks.

—reporting the Bishop's acceptance of the national chaplaincy of the Knights of St. John, of his celebrating Mass at Holy Sepulchre for departed knights and his taking part in their Noble Degree in St. Joseph's Church.

—witnessing an exemplification of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree with then Supreme Master Timothy Galvin here from Indiana and the Bishop taking a personal role to assure the degree's success.

—hearing that any project in the diocese was assured of success with the announcement that "The Bishop is coming."

—listening to Bishop Kearney speak at civic affairs such as Community Chest dinner, and feeling justifiable pride in reception accorded him.

—recalling with deep gratitude a dinner in my honor for 25 years in Catholic Press at Hotel Sheraton arranged by the Bishop and Monsignor John J. Randall, and attended by noted Catholic press leaders and local celebrities.

—marching to a Knights of Columbus breakfast at the Sheraton after Mass in Columbus Civic Center with the Bishop, and Supreme Secretary Joseph F. Lamb. At this breakfast for the only time known, the Supreme Knight of the K. of C., the late Francis J. Matthews and the Supreme President of the Knights of St. John, the late Frank H. Biel of this city were present together.

—breakfast of the Nocturnal Adoration Society at Powers Hotel when the Society had one center and later at Baugh and Lomb Optical Company cafeteria where the impressive turnout of 1200 men from four centers gathered to hear the Bishop.

—attending Mass celebrated for St. Bonaventure Alumni, sons and fathers, by Bishop Kearney and other alumni and alumnae groups.

—hearing of the Bishop's visits to our colleges and high schools and seeing pictures of him with the happy students.

—reading the accounts of his successful 1952 campaign for high schools in Rochester, Elmira and Auburn—all schools now being successfully operated.

—ceasing into the War Memorial for the memorable turn-out honoring the Bishop on his jubilee, three years ago, an unprecedented demonstration of regard and affection.

—being deluged with those memories and running out of space but hoping that this has stirred memories of readers to round out a total recall.

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Recollection Day To Be Conducted By ND Chaplain

Elmira—Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain at Notre Dame High School will conduct a day of recollection for the Sacred Heart Ladies Society of St. Anthony's parish on Sunday in the church from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS WILL receive Holy Communion at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and a breakfast will follow at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Samuel LeMark is chairman of arrangements and is being assisted by Mesdames Agostino Masi, Robert Anderson, Peter Mucci, Nicholas Pugarelli, Mary Robitello, Peter Roscic, James Russo and the officers of the Society.

Refreshments were served Thursday by Mrs. Mary Russo and Mrs. Theresa Ferguson.

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Rosary Society Plans Events In Prattburg

Prattburg—Eleven members and guests attended a recent meeting of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Patrick's Church, with the Rosary being recited by Mrs. Herman Pindjak at the request of the president, Mrs. Edward Parker Sr.

During the meeting, Mrs. Parker expressed the thanks of the society to the men for painting the church hall, where the meeting was held.

The Bishop's annual Thanksgiving clothing drive was discussed. Members of the parish will donate to the project, bringing items to the church basement where they will be packed in boxes by members.

COMMITTEES FOR the care of the church were announced. Mrs. Mary Jane Socola and Mrs. Agnes Socola for the month of November; first two weeks of December, Mrs. Richard West and Lynn West; last two weeks of December, Mrs. Agnes Schmitt. During Christmas week the entire society will take part in the work.

The next meeting will be held on Dec. 15, with a turnout supper and an exchange of gifts. Mrs. Clifford Messing and Miss Pindjak were named chairmen for the affair. The society will also have a Christmas party for the children of the parish on Dec. 16, with Mrs. Pauline Wawrzak, Mrs. Millie Volk and Mrs. Agnes Socola in charge.

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Campbell Rosarians Meet, Plan Events

Campbell—The November American Legion Hall began meeting of St. Joseph's Rosaryling at 8:30 p.m. Chairman of Society of Campbell, was held the event will be Mrs. Martin on Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, Nov. with Mrs. Bernard Munson, opening with the recitation of Mrs. Jacob Elcher, and Mrs. the Rosary led by Mrs. Gastano Dallas Stewart acting as co-chairman.

Mrs. Stanley Pittzak, president, conducted the business Minnie Cahill on her 50th anniversary. Members voted to purvey of teaching and present phase a choir light and hymnals ed her with a gift.

Members were served refreshment. FINAR, FLANS were made ments by Mrs. Stanley Kosiak, for the Christmas party to be on Mrs. Peter Kikowicz, and Miss held on Dec. 3 at the Campbell Adalaida Olszowy.

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