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Family Communion Rite This Sunday In Diocese

Catholic families of the twelve county Rochester Diocese will kneel together at altar rails this Sunday to receive Holy Communion.

An estimated 200,000 will receive the Blessed Sacrament in the first diocesan-wide devotion of 1962, designated by Bishop Kearney as a year to honor St. Joseph.

In a letter read in parish churches this past Sunday, the Bishop called the faithful to repeat "the beautiful custom of the Family Communion."

This year marks the 22nd anniversary of the annual practice inaugurated by the Bishop in 1940 soon after his coming to the Rochester Diocese.

In urging the people to receive Holy Communion at this Sunday's Mass, the Bishop said the devotion "will be an assurance of God's blessing in the New Year."

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In the past 22 years the feast has been a strong factor in establishing family religious programs of prayer and reception of the sacraments.

Priests of the Diocese testify to "miracles of grace" worked through the heart-warming appeal of the annual rite. Many families also continue the "Family Communion" devotion on most of the other Sundays of the year.

Other dioceses and Catholic organizations throughout the country have since adopted the family observance of the feast day.

A long standing tradition of the feast is to pay tribute to "the queen of the home" by making mother the "honored guest" at breakfast following the family Communion.

Several parishes have arranged to serve breakfasts in their parish halls following Sunday Masses. Many parishes also schedule special services Sunday afternoon in observance of the Holy Family feast. Parish bulletins should be consulted for details.

Radio Mass This Sunday

High Mass will be broadcast by radio station WHAM from St. Lawrence Church, Greece, this Sunday, Jan. 7, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Rev. Edward Shamon, pastor, will celebrate the Mass and preach. The parish choir will sing.

Layman Heads Peace Unit

Boston — (RNS) — A prominent Catholic labor leader was named assistant administrator of the U.S. Peace Corps in the Philippines.

He is John C. Cort, executive secretary of the Newspaper Guild of Greater Boston and associate editor of "Commonweal," a national Catholic weekly published by laymen.

The new Peace Corps official has been prominent in the Catholic Labor Guild of the Boston Archdiocese and the National Catholic Liturgical Conference. He also served as staff member of the Catholic Worker, "Labor Leader," Catholic Worker publication.

Mt. Carmel Kindergarten Seeks Spanish Teacher

A kindergarten teacher with a "working knowledge of Spanish" is needed at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel school, Rochester.

Father Genarro Ventura, pastor, said "about half" of the school's 70 kindergarten pupils are from Spanish-speaking homes. Classes are divided into morning and afternoon sessions with approximately 35 in each group.

A teacher with primary grade teaching experience is preferred he said. Applicants may call Sister Mary Campion, school principal, at the convent, evenings, BA 5-0787.

Pope 'Confident' for 1962

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII, a "dressing diplomat" accredited to the Holy See, who called on him to extend best wishes for 1962, declared he was facing the New Year "with a serene and confident spirit."

He said he trusted in that "divine providence has in store for us, whatever the sufferings or the joys."

"Looking into the future at the beginning of a New Year," he said, "is something that always brings joy and hope. The human eye most certainly cannot penetrate the future which still remains full of mystery and the unknown. But, nevertheless, we like to paint it with the most promising colors."

Noting that in his annual Christmas message, he had called on all "rulers of the nations" to work for the peace and security of all men, Pope John implored God "to will that such a great benefit will spread over the earth during 1962."

"We know that this is the dearest wish of the nations which you represent," the pontiff told the representatives of 49 countries with which the Vatican has diplomatic relations. "But it is also the first (wish) of all those desiring the happiness of the great human family."

Referring to the recent papal Bull formally announcing that the Second Vatican Council would be convoked in 1962, Pope John said: "We are confident that the council will contribute toward the spreading of an atmosphere of understanding and goodwill."

"It is for this reason," he emphasized, "that we chose Christmas Day — a feast of reconciliation and of peace among men and with God — for the promulgation of the Bull."

The Ecumenical Council, he continued, "will be a religious event for the good of the Church and Christianity. But the whole of mankind — and we expressed this hope in the Bull — will in some way feel the benefit of such a great mobilization of spiritual forces of which we will have been the humble instruments."



Sister Magdalena Urlacher of Rochester stops to talk to some of her parishioners at the local place for dishwashing, in Formosa (Free China). Maryknoll Sisters on the island staff clinics and also catechetical centers to strengthen the faith of new Catholics and to interest pagans in the Church.

U. S. Maryknoll Nuns Mark Golden Jubilee

Tomorrow, January 6, the Maryknoll Sisters celebrate fifty years of God's blessing on their work as American missionaries of the faith.

On January 6, 1912, the first young women arrived at Hawthorne, N.Y., to work for the newly-organized Maryknoll Fathers. It was the beginning of today's world-wide Sisterhood, numbering over 1550 members and serving in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as well as in the United States.

From a few laywomen volunteering to do clerical and domestic work, the community has grown to 1550 (religious whose annual report last year numbered 424 teachers, 17 doctors, 135 nurses, 27 social service workers, besides numerous catechists, administrators, publicists, and sisters now training for every profession.

In 1960 the Maryknoll Sisters had 31,498 students enrolled in their schools throughout the world. They extended social welfare service to 9,783 families.

"How does it function?" wrote Cardinal Cushing in Maryknoll Points the Way: "this society whose members do such varied works in such far-flung corners of the earth? By love, by sacrifice, by eager adventurous daring in the cause of God. Daring which expresses itself as truly in the exacting routine of a seminary kitchen as in the wobbly sampan on a Chinese river. In the modern senses there are many 'trades,' many 'vocations.' In the Maryknoll sense, there is only one—love of God."

"The doctor, the teacher, the catechist, the social worker, the cook, the secretary—are not strangers, one to the other, each plying her own trade in splendid isolation. They are literally sisters in Christ—comforting one another, encouraging one another, enjoying one another. Working together, they have spread a great network of service—service to God."

Mary Josephine Rogers of Boston, one of this first group, became Mother Mary Joseph, the Foundress of the Maryknoll Sisters; the first to gather American women for overseas mission work. She began her own great work by helping the new society of Maryknoll Fathers.

The small group of women found work aplenty. They cooked and cleaned, opened a post office, wrote mission stories, typed and filed. They started to plan their own re-

ligious life, and in 1920 the Vatican formally recognized the new Community. There were then 39 Maryknoll Sisters. Within the 20's they had missions in China, Korea, the Philippines, Hawaii and Manchuria.

Today there are 119 Maryknoll Sisters' houses around the world—some large, some small. From these centers, religious and professional service emanates to thousands of God's dear children. Effective teams of Sister-teachers and Sister-nurses—in Chile; Sister-catechists and Sister-teachers in Japan; Sister-doctors, Sister-nurses, Sister-catechists in Formosa; a Sister-midwife joins teachers and nurses in Africa.

America gave Maryknoll her most willing young hearts and hands to serve Christ. American women have wholeheartedly answered Christ's call to the missions: to work at home and abroad; to hot climates and cold; to strange food and stranger customs; to imprisonment and expulsion from beloved mission lands.

Today in Asia — Hong

Kong, Japan, Korea, Formosa, and the Philippines—the Sisters have 5 clinics, 17 catechetical centers; a native and a Maryknoll novitiate, 24 schools, 2 colleges, 2 hospitals (with one on the way), and a welfare center. In Latin America's Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru, the Maryknoll Sisters have 24 schools, 5 catechetical centers, 5 clinics, a hospital (with another one on the way), 2 social centers, 2 native novitiates.

In Africa's Tanganyika, the Sisters have only two Catholic high schools for African Catholic girls, 5 grade schools, 4 clinics, a hospital and a native novitiate.

All this has been built on the generous heart and pioneering spirit of America; on hard-earned wages gladly shared; on grants and scholarship generously provided; on prayers and sufferings of thousands of Americans offered steadfastly daily, monthly and yearly; on the very lives of America's young daughters gladly given to win from the Heart of God the gift of Faith for our brothers and sisters around the world.



Reviving A Tradition

North Olmstead, Ohio — (RNS) — The four Kemer brothers of North Olmstead, Ohio, team up again to serve as altar boys at the 7 a.m. Mass in St. Richard's Catholic church in their home town on the Feast of the Octave of Christmas (New Year's Day). Until the oldest, John, 22, went into the Army in October, the four had served the 7 o'clock Mass every Sunday at St. Richard's for five years. It was a practice they started on the first anniversary of their father's death. He always had attended the early morning Mass with one of the boys. Shown left to right are: Raymond, 13, William, 15, Lawrence, 19, and John, who was home for the holidays on leave.

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Invitation For A Blessing

His Excellency,
Bishop Kearney,
will receive
visitors at his
home, 947 East
Avenue, Sunday,
January 7th,
from 3 to 6 p.m.
to confer his
blessing for the
New Year.

Yukon OKs Equal Aid For Schools

Whitehorse — (NC) — The Yukon territorial council has unanimously approved an agreement between territorial officials and Catholic authorities on the construction and operation of Catholic "separate" schools.

Under the agreement the Catholic schools will in general receive public financial support equal to that given public schools in the territory.

The agreement is to serve as the basis for a new territorial school ordinance. The council may consider the new ordinance in March.

Under the agreement, public funds are to be used for the construction, expansion and maintenance of separate schools and their equipment and furnishings, "less sacred objects."

Catholics Lag In Science

Hartford — (NC) — Sir Hugh Stott Taylor, dean emeritus of Princeton University's graduate school, expressed the belief here that Catholic colleges are not giving sufficient attention to the field of science and education.

The educator, who was knighted by Pope XII in the Order of St. Gregory the Great a. England's Queen Elizabeth in the Order of the British Empire, is president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

The foundation, supported by a \$24,500,000 grant from the Ford Foundation, concentrates on selecting promising future teachers of social sciences. It grants scholarships which subsidize the first year of graduate school study with \$1,500 tuition grants plus fees and allowances for wives and children.

In an interview here, Sir Hugh said that Catholics are falling to win their share of the Wilson fellowships, when compared to the number of graduates from non-Catholic colleges. He disputed the concept that there is a challenge between science and religion.

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Priests Named To New Duties

Four priests were assigned to new duties by Bishop Kearney this week, the Chancery announced today.

Very Rev. Adelbert J. Schneider, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Wayland, is named to be Dean of the Steuben Deanery of the Diocese.

Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, is named pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell.

Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, assistant pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, is named to be pastor of that parish.

Rev. David N. Mattie, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester, is transferred to SS. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira.

The late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence W. Gannon who died Dec. 7, 1961 was Steuben Dean and pastor at St. Ann's Church.

Father Schneider, as new dean, will remain at St. Joseph's, Wayland, where he has been pastor since 1951. He was ordained in 1925 and served as curate at Holy Redeemer Church, Rochester, prior to his Wayland pastorate.

Father Bisky, ordained in 1930, was first assigned as curate at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rochester, and in 1934 was named assistant director of the Rochester Catholic Charities. He also served as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, and Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca. He was appointed administrator of St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, and St. Andrew's Church, Dundee, in 1945 and pastor a year later. Father Bisky has been pastor at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, since 1950.

Father O'Brien, ordained in 1940, has been curate at Holy Rosary and St. Patrick's churches, Rochester, and at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira. He is the national director of the Sacred Union of Daily Adoration and of the Eucharistic Legion for lay people, organizations which promote devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He is also director of the Elmira Curia of the Legion of Mary for the southern tier area of the Diocese. Father O'Brien is the author of three books and the handbook for the Sacred Union.

The appointments are effective Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6 p.m.



Busy Hands For Charity

Magoya, Japan — (RNS) — Members of the Little Lily Society at the Nanzan Catholic Girls High School in Nagoya, Japan, show high spirits as they work on clothing and other gifts to be given to orphans and lepers. In recognition of their charitable work, the Japanese Ministry of Social Welfare conferred a special citation on the club organized at the Divine Word Missionaries school. During the year the club members make dolls and clothing which they distribute along with other toys and food at Christmas and Easter.