

Pope John Honors 7 Area Priests

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**Another Day,
Another Year**

Time doesn't march on for this little fellow. The sand seems almost to run uphill, time passes so slowly. The speed of the sand accelerates as he grows older and, all of a sudden, on some future New Year's Eve he will realize with a shock the quick passage of time. And he will be tolerant of the grandson who just can't wait to grow up.

St. Ann's, Owasco, Golden Jubilee

St. Ann's Church, Owasco, will mark its golden jubilee this Sunday, Dec. 30, at a solemn Mass at 5 p.m.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Cuffney, dean of Cayuga County, will preach the jubilee sermon.

Celebrant of the Mass will be Rev. Raymond J. Wahl, pastor; Rev. William E. O'Brien will be deacon, and Rev. Orrin W. Feller, subdeacon. Rev. George Wiant will be master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Albert Cahwiler prepared the following history of the fifty year old parish:

The foreword in the history syllabus has a quotation from Theodore Roosevelt's "Winning of the West." It reads: "Some day we shall require of every citizen in America to spend six months of his life in studying the efforts, self-denials, hardships and perseverance of the pioneers in their struggle in the winning of the West."

Perhaps it would be well for us to consider some of those same qualities that the early settlers showed in establishing St. Ann's Church.

On an old deed for property in Owasco it states that Paul Kenney, shortly after the Civil War, purchased twenty-six acres at one hundred dollars per acre from the James Brokaw farm. Later, he purchased an additional nine acres of cut-over land at the foot of Balbirnie Hill. He had one horse, his neighbor, a Scotsman, Balbirnie, living at the top of the hill, had one horse.

They pooled their horsepower to plant and harvest their crops and, also, to clear this cut-over land. Mrs. Balbirnie died and the Kennes took the four Balbirnie children and reared them.

This is a preface to say life was busy and hard. Yet the Kennes often walked into Auburn to assist at Mass.

Through the efforts of the James McCarthys, Bernice Slocums, Patsy Coggans, Jerome Haydens, Lawrence and Dick Kennes, Tom McCarthys, Delaneys, Jim Tobins, Dave Fitzpatrick, John Tobins, Tom Reilleys, Marthens, Jerry Murrys, John Murrys, and the Con Twoomeys, Carrigans and Hartnetts, who although they lived on the boundary of St. Patrick's, Moravia and the new parish, helped in establishing St. Ann's.

These people, half a century ago, went in lumber wagons and hobsleds to attend Mass in Moravia. During the summer

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Parishioners, though few, are a staunchly loyal group at Owasco church. (A. G. Tarby Photo)

months the two-seated Democrat wagons were used by some. In winter they were forced to drive through fields and often had to cut barbed wire fences because of snow drifts. Yet no obstacles deterred them from practicing the faith of their fathers on Sundays and holidays or taking their children for catechism instruction on Saturdays.

A more convenient way to meet their religious obligations was discussed but each time the talk centered around building a church the matter was dropped because of lack of finances. A rare opportunity finally presented itself when the Presbyterian Church in Owasco, which had been closed, was offered for sale.

The present edifice was built through the generosity of the Chamberlain family. Because of some disagreement with other members of the Dutch Reformed Church and its pastor, land was purchased and the present church was erected. It was conveyed by title to the "Presbyterian Church of Owasco." As such it was incorporated under state laws December 2, 1879. Services were conducted every Sunday. Several ministers succeeded one another until the congregation, through death and removals, became too small to support a minister. On August 28, 1911, the church closed.

Petitions were made to dispose of the entire property, consisting of church, rectory, land and sheds. Frank P. Burgett of Owasco purchased the entire property.

About this time Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, second Bishop of Rochester, seeing the urgent need of a chapel for the families in this locality, commissioned Rev. Cornelius Silke, pastor of St. Patrick's, Moravia,

to establish a mission church at Owasco. September 8, 1911, the new church of St. Ann's, Owasco, was incorporated with the following lay trustees named: Timothy O'Brien and Jerome Hayden.

The Parish, being organized and incorporated, a proper place for divine worship had to be found. January 12, 1912, Timothy O'Brien, acting as agent, purchased the Presbyterian Church for \$2000, which included the sheds, land and interior furnishings.

Extensive improvements were then made under the direction of Father Silke. In spite of many limitations the church was soon properly organized with Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. Father Silke continued as rector until July 4, 1915, when he was transferred to Rochester. Rev. Walter B. McCarthy succeeded him. He continued until September 11, 1920, attending the needs of the church and serving the interest of the people. Father McCarthy succeeded during his five years as pastor,

in reducing the debt from \$2000 to \$1200 while making further improvements.

September 11, 1920, Rev. Arthur Smith was transferred from St. Patrick's, Corning, to St. Patrick's, Moravia, with St. Ann's as a mission. He began to make a few needed improvements with the limited finances. During the month of May 1921, lightning struck St. Ann's, doing considerable damage, especially to the steeple and vestibule. Many of the parishioners thought it would be wise to use the insurance of \$2375 to pay off the debt. Father Smith made the necessary repairs and added many features to beautify the church, one of which was to have the entrance facing in only one direction. This work was done with the advice, and under the supervision of William Mostely of Auburn, as contractor.

With the aid of collections and parties the debt was paid. A new furnace was purchased. The exterior of the church was

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Pope Thanks U.S. Women For Relief For Needy

Washington—(RNS)—Pope John XXIII has conveyed his appreciation to the National Council of Catholic Women here for its efforts to help poor and needy families throughout the world.

In a letter to Margaret Mealey, the Council's executive director, Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State, expressed the pontiff's thanks for a consignment of clothing sent by the women's organization to the Vatican.

"There is no need for me to tell you," Cardinal Cicognani wrote, "that this gift is a very valuable contribution to the Holy Father's efforts to help families and children who are poor and needy."

Cardinal Cicognani also conveyed the Pope's Apostolic blessing to the NCCW.



MONSIGNOR CLEARY



MONSIGNOR MANEY

Diocesan Aides Elevated in Rank

Seven priests of the Rochester Diocese have received prelate honors from Pope John XXIII, Bishop Kearney announced Sunday.

All seven aid Bishop Kearney in the administration of the twelve county diocese.

They are:

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, chancellor of the Diocese and pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, is elevated to the rank of Protonotary Apostolic, highest rank of a monsignor or domestic prelate. His new rank authorizes him to conduct church rites according to ceremonies ordinarily limited to bishops.

Very Rev. Msgr. Donald Cleary, dean of the Tomkins-Tioga deanery of the Diocese and pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ithaca, is named to be a Right Reverend Monsignor. He is elevated from the rank of papal chamberlain to that of domestic prelate.

Rev. Robert A. Keleher, a diocesan consultant and pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, is named a domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor.

Very Rev. John F. Neary, dean of the Wayne deanery of the Diocese and pastor of St. Michael's Church, Lyons, is named a domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor.

Very Rev. Adelbert J. Schneider, dean of the Steuben deanery of the Diocese and pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Wayland, is named a domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor.

Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, a diocesan consultant and pastor of the Church of the Annunciation, Rochester, is named a domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor.

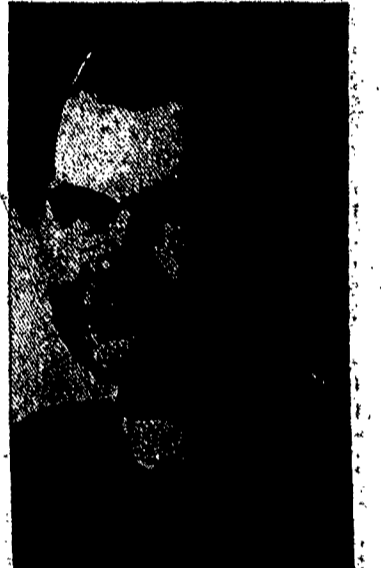
Rev. Leo V. Smith, a diocesan consultant and pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rochester, is named a domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor.

Monsignor Maney, a native of Geneva and a graduate of the North American College in Rome, has long held high positions in the diocese. He was named vice-chancellor of the diocese in 1944 and chancellor in 1954, a position comparable to treasurer. He also served for more than 10 years as secretary to Bishop Kearney. Prior to these appointments he was a member of the faculty at St. Andrew's Seminary and secretary of the diocesan Tribunal. He was named a papal chamberlain in 1952 and a domestic prelate in 1956. He became administrator of Corpus Christi Church in 1955 and last month was appointed pastor there.

Monsignor Cleary, long known for his chaplain's work for Catholic students at Cornell University, was named dean of the southern tier area of the diocese and first pastor of a new parish in Ithaca in 1961. The recently completed church was dedicated in April of this year. Prior to his Cornell assignment Monsignor Cleary served as chaplain at Auburn State Prison and aided in ending the famous 1929 riot there. He was principal of Holy Family high school, Auburn, and during World War II he was a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force attaining the rank of major. He was named a papal chamberlain in 1952 and after 25 years at Cornell University was appointed to his Ithaca pastorate.

Monsignor Keleher, nearly twenty-five years pastor of the Greece church on Dewey Avenue at Stone Road, has seen his parish grow from a rural community to a thriving suburb. During his pastorate the parish has built a new church, new school, new convent and new rectory. He previously served as a curate at St. Ann's Church, Hornell, and at Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, before his appointment to St. Charles Borromeo Church in 1939. He was named to his consular position in September of this year, 1962.

Monsignor Neary, a native of Lyons, has been pastor of the Lyons parish since 1944. He was ordained in 1919 and served as curate at St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva; St. Aloysius Church, Auburn, and St. Monica's Church, Rochester. He was named pastor of St. Michael's Church, Montezuma, and St. John's Church, Port Byron, in 1931, and pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Aurora, in 1937. He was



MONSIGNOR KELEHER



MONSIGNOR SMITH

appointed to his deanery position in 1961.

Monsignor Schneider, ordained in 1926, has had but two assignments, both of which he served for an unusually long period. He was an assistant pastor at Holy Redeemer Church, Rochester, for sixteen years, including the difficult years of the depression era during which time he won wide respect for his services to the poor of the area and for organizing activity programs for young people. He was named to his Wayland pastorate in 1941 and has supervised renovation of the parish church originally built in 1890 and a new school unit. He is a native of Cohocton and received his deanery assignment just a year ago.

Monsignor Simonetti, a graduate of the pontifical Collegio Leoniani at Anagni, Italy, has been pastor at Annunciation Church for ten years and was named a diocesan consultant in August 1961. His assignments in the diocese have included serving as curate at the former Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Rochester; St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester, and as pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira. A disastrous fire swept the Elmira church in 1947 and Monsignor Simonetti supervised the construction of a new combination church and school for the parish. During his Rochester pastorate, a parochial school for the Annunciation parish was established and recently completed.

Monsignor Smith, nearing his fiftieth year in the priesthood, is a native of Hornell. He has been a diocesan consultant since September of this year, 1962. He became a priest in 1916 and pastor of Good Counsel Church in 1946. Other assignments in the diocese have included serving as curate at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, and St. Bernard's Seminary, from 1935 to 1946.

Textbooks Taken From Children

Winnepeg, Man. — (RNS) — A court bailiff entered a Roman Catholic elementary school in suburban St. Vital, near here, to seize 60 textbooks.

The action was part of a test case forced by parents of parochial students.

In recovering the books, Lewis J. Lavack, the bailiff, was armed with a court order requested by the St. Vital District Public School Division.

The issue arose when some Catholic parents registered their children in public schools where they were issued free texts. Later, the children were withdrawn and registered at St. Emile's parochial school. They retained the books distributed at public school and used them in classes at St. Emile's.

Their parents maintained that since the students had been given books at public school as a legal right, that right also obtained in their new status as parochial pupils.

District officials brought suit because they feared a trend would be established, with students registering at public schools merely to receive books and then moving on to church-related schools. A counter-suit by parents, with the possibility that the case may be carried to provincial courts.

The parents feel their children are entitled to free texts. According to the district law, free books are the right of all children if registered at public schools.

UN Defeats 'Control' Bid

United Nations — (RNS)—A plan to provide U.N. technical assistance funds for family planning and birth control clinics in countries wishing them was defeated here in the General Assembly.

By a vote of 34 to 24, with 32 abstentions, a provision of a resolution affecting the U.N. Population Commission was rejected. A two-thirds majority of the Assembly was necessary for passage.

The U.S. in both votes, abstained on the controversial section, although it endorsed in debate the principle of U.N. technical assistance to "all aspects of population problems."

The resolution, as passed by the General Assembly, gives continued support to the Population Commission's existing program which provides for collection and publication of demographic information and the holding of conferences on population problems.

They Spoke The Most

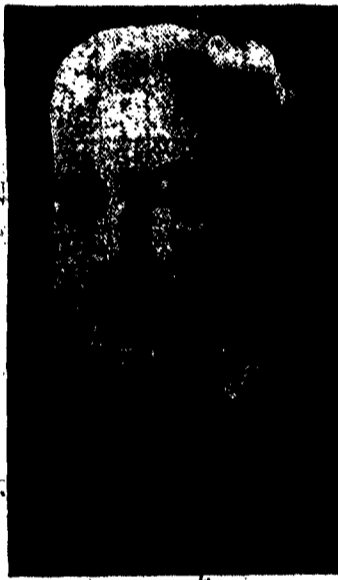
Fribourg — (NC) — Ernesto Cardinal Ruffini, Archbishop of Palermo, Italy, spoke more often at the ecumenical council's first session than any other council spokesman, according to a survey published here by KIPA, Swiss Catholic news agency.

Cardinal Ruffini spoke 10 times, the survey said.

Following him in frequency of speeches were Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J., president of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, and Cardinal Spellman of New York. Each



MSGR. SCHNEIDER



MONSIGNOR NEARY



MSGR. SIMONETTI

New St. Ambrose School To Rise

Construction of a new St. Ambrose school, Rochester, will get underway by Jan. 15, weather permitting, Monsignor Frank Mason announced this week.

Contracts totalling \$495,000 were signed for the project to replace the structure gutted by fire in April.

S. P. Vasile and Son will be general contractor, Howe and Bassett Co. will be heating, ventilating and plumbing contractors and Cashette Electric Co. will be electrical contractors.

Ribson and Roberts are architects. Target for completion of the school is hopefully set for September 1963.

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