

Bishop Casey Describes Council

The greatest religious event in this century is the Second Vatican Council, said Bishop Casey in a talk at Sacred Heart Cathedral last Sunday evening.

He spoke to the Catholic Club and an overflow audience of about 1,000 persons at the cathedral. Attendance at the eccumenical Council of the Catholic Church, sessions were held in St. Peter's at the Vatican Oct. 11 to Dec. 8.

HIGHLIGHTS of Bishop Casey's talk follow:

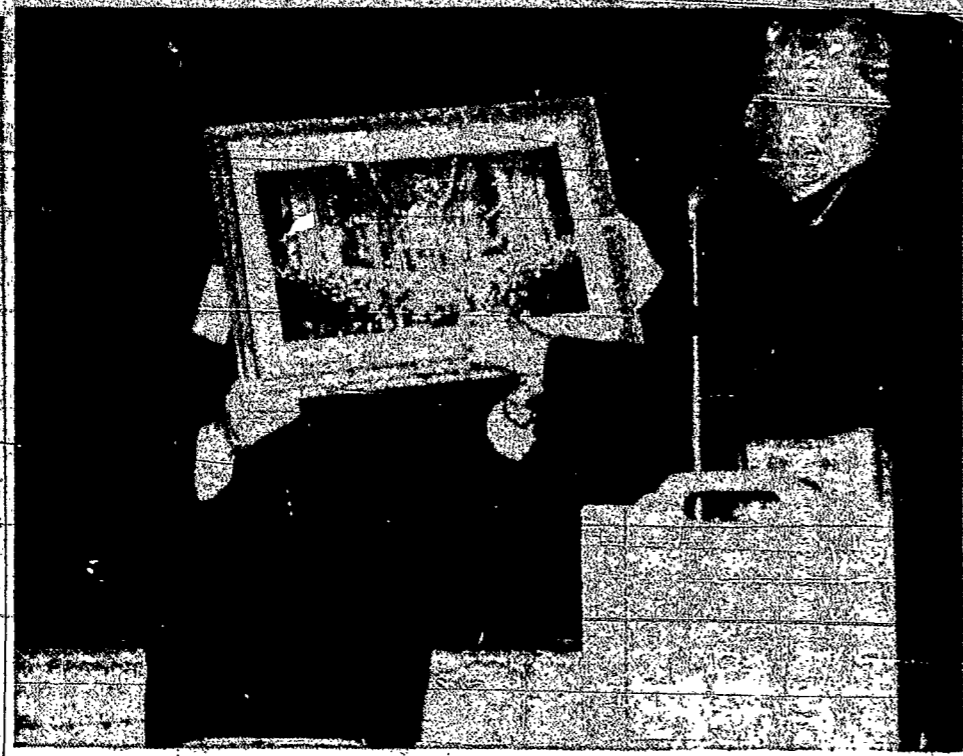
Soon after his election as Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church, Pope John was talking with his Secretary of State, Cardinal Domenico Tardini. They were discussing possible ways of "modernizing" the church and concluded an ecumenical council would be the best way to accomplish this goal.

Some Vatican officials said it would be impossible to make the needed preparations by 1963. Pope John did not quite simply the Council would begin in 1962.

Questionnaires were sent to Catholic bishops around the world and their comments and suggestions were edited by preparatory commissions and a sizable volume sent back to the bishops as the agenda for the Council.

Purpose of the Council is primarily pastoral rather than doctrinal as at previous councils. "pastoral" means "how to bring the Church closer to the people."

Problems which differed viewpoints but obviously were unified by their sincere conviction as how best to bring



Bishop Casey shows picture of Vatican Council.

the Church into contact with the modern world and its problems. Council sessions were "wide open" for any priest to speak his opinion. Only restriction was a ten minute limit, a necessary rule if all were to have a chance to present their view. On the subject of liturgy revision, more than 300 bishops spoke in the four weeks time devoted to that topic.

National groups met usually about once a week to hear talks by experts on topics then under study at Council sessions and private conversations of individual bishops with one another helped the bishops to increase their understanding of the many different aspects of the various topics. No "bloc" votes were made. Each bishop cast his own vote according to his own conscience as he thought best in each case.

Protestant and Orthodox observers at the Council were "dedicated men" who followed each session intently and devoutly. They attended the open-

ing rite on October 11 and later held their own once-a-week major sessions for the Council's success.

The Council sessions were conducted democratically with free discussions and only on three occasions did Pope John intervene — interventions that were welcomed by the bishops themselves. When the liturgy discussions threatened to drag on endlessly even with considerable repetition, Pope John said presiding officials of the Council could call for a vote to close discussion. The bishops almost unanimously then voted to end the liturgy study and continue with the next topic.

The second intervention was Pope John's approval of preliminary decisions of the bishops about liturgy revision.

The third and most dramatic intervention was when the Council discussion on Scripture and Tradition threatened to become another long issue. A vote to revise the proposed text failed

by about 100 to reach the needed two-thirds majority. Pope John decided the next text would be revised anyway and a committee is now at work on a new text for consideration at next autumn's sessions.

In an audience with all the United States bishops, Pope John emphasized his admiration for the close bonds and the fine cooperation existing between priests and people in this country and the great importance of the Consensus of Christian Doctrine's catechetical program for youngsters and adults.

The Council so far has cost the Vatican an estimated six million dollars. Bishop Casey pointed out this is the same price as one U.S. jet bomber. He commented, "Compare the difference, however, in the value of the Council and a bomber for the good of the whole world and for immortal souls."

Holy Name Pin Tourney Set in April

The 28th annual Holy Name Bowling Five-man handicap tournament will be rolled for consecutive days, Saturday, April 20 through Sunday, May 12, at the Fairview Lanes, 1407 Fairport Road, Fairport. It was announced by Joseph Garner, president of the Catholic Men's Bowling Association, sponsors of the tournament.

The tourney, open to all Catholic men who are members of the American Bowling Congress, drew 1278 teams from New York and Pennsylvania in last year's event, which was the second largest in the association's history, with \$19,838.50 awarded in 471 prizes and trophies. Thirty-five per cent of the teams participating received a prize. The Royal Motors team from Rochester was the 1962 tournament winner.

The local five-man tourney is second only to the New York State Bowling Ass'n. tournament, statewide, in both entries and prizes, according to Fred Enders, tournament manager.

The 1963 tournament fee remains at \$20 per team. Entries will be accepted until midnight, Saturday, March 23. Reserve entries are due by March 16. Entries and inquiries may be sent to Fred Enders, P.O. Box 1955, Rochester 3, N.Y. or 175 Oneida St., Rochester 21, N.Y. phone HO 73327.

Elmira area bowlers may obtain entry blanks from their local Catholic Men's Bowling Ass'n. director, Von Hendy at St. Mary's Lanes, Fulton and Franklin Streets in Elmira.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following Churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, Jan. 20 — St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — Holy Angels Home, Rochester.

Friday, Jan. 25 — Nazareth Academy Convent, Rochester; Carmelite Fathers, Auburn.



Blessing for Expectant Mothers

An estimated one hundred expectant mothers received the Church's blessing for safe-delivery of their child. The ceremony, conducted by Auxiliary Bishop Casey, was held at Sacred Heart Cathedral Monday evening prior to Rosary Guild meeting.



ST. THOMAS CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE members: Rev. Robert J. Donovan, Richard E. Maurer, James W. Wegman, William D. Gasser, Charles C. Mirguel, Donald E. Robinson, Richard K. Burns, John M. Walsh, Donald J. Foley, Joseph A. Carey and Norman H. Robinson.

St. Thomas Campaign Opens

With the formation of the Chairman of the campaign to provide funds for construction of the new church building, the Apostolic Church Building Fund Appeal is officially underway, it was announced by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard E. Burns, pastor, and honorary

which parishioners may be seated on three sides of the main altar. Pillarless construction will afford an unobstructed view of the main altar from all three sides. The building, which will seat about 1,000 will be built at the southeast corner of St. Paul Boulevard and Colebrook Drive and will cost approximately \$700,000.

The Executive Committee is the nucleus of the parish campaign organization which will solicit the entire parish so Gifts Vice-Chairmen are soliciting pledges toward construction costs of the new building and will conduct a visory Vice-Chairmen for the Special Gifts Solicitation on program are J. Arthur Jennings, Sunday, Feb. 17, followed by Joseph Madonna, Charles C. the General Solicitation, Sun Mirguel, John, M. Welch and Louis A. Whalen, Jr.

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Teamwork Means Better Care At St. Ann's, Director States

Teamwork means less work directors' yearly theme. Thirty and better patient care, nursing nursing directors of hospitals of the Rochester Regional Hospital Council were

At St. Ann's Miss Cunningham said, teams of three aides directed by registered or practical nurses care for groups of 21 patients. "Our guests come to know the aides better and vice versa. The personal touch means much to the sick and helps immeasurably in rehabilitation."

MISS CUNNINGHAM, a registered nurse and director of In-Service Education & the new St. Ann's Home, 1500 Portland Avenue, in the St. Ann's Home, said, "In-Service Education," the

Father Brennan Mass, Sunday

A solemn Mass to mark the first anniversary of the death of Rev. Gerald Brennan will be offered at St. Bridget's Church, Rochester, Sunday, Jan. 20, at 11 a.m. Rev. Francis Vogt, pastor, announced this week.

Father Brennan was pastor at St. Bridget's Church from 1937 to 1962 and was nationally noted for his authorship of religious story books for children.

Deanery Tea Set in Elmira

Annual Tea sponsored by the Chemung Schuyler Deanery D.C.C.W. will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3 at the Dunn Memorial Building on High St., Elmira, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. W. Truman Painton and Mrs. John Swinko are co-chairmen and are being assisted by Mrs. Jerome Giblin, Mrs. Raymond Novick, Mrs. Jesse Knox and Mrs. Theo. Bragg.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of Catholic Courier Journal, Jan. 20, 1938)

A call for prompt and wide support to assemblymen in New York State Legislature to vote against measures raising the Youth Control Amendment (the so-called Child Labor Amendment) was made by Rev. Ger-

In St. Ann's Home's three-day orientation the new employee learns the physical set-up of the home and special care of geriatric guests and undergoes supervised care of guests.

Soon Miss Cunningham added aides will begin to observe operation of the physiotherapy department "to better understand the needs of the patients."

St. Ann's Home, while not a hospital is similar to a hospital in that it has facilities and staff to treat sick and aged persons. The staff presently includes 24 registered nurses, 17 licensed practical nurses, and 33 nurses aides and other auxiliary personnel caring for 280 guests.

"Catholic schools are gradually folding up their wings," and the "danger is something we must face," Rev. Henry B. Laudembach of Buffalo, warned members of Rochester Branches, Central Verein of America and National Catholic Women's Union at St. Joseph's Hall.

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