

DCCW Conclave Draws 700 From Diocese

Catholic women of the twelve county Rochester Diocese pledged themselves to "the reform and renewal of our own lives" in accord with the spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

They made their pledge in resolutions at the convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women held at Bishop Kearney High School, Syracuse, Saturday, May 11.

Nearly 700 women representing almost every parish in the diocese attended the day long session.

Bishop Kearney assured newly elected officers of the diocesan group and of parish units that Our Lady of Good Council, patroness of the DCCW, will aid them in the fulfillment of their task.

"When the apostles were confused and frightened by the task given them to convert the world, the blessed Virgin Mary encouraged them and strengthened their confidence that her divine Son would keep His promise to be with them in their apostolate," the Bishop said.

So also in 1920 when the National Council of Catholic Women was organized and its founders faced the formidable task of coordinating the programs in thousands of parishes they began their work with understandable hesitation. Their confidence in Our Lady of Good Council, however, has been amply justified.

Speaking at the convention was Mrs. Joseph McGonigle, vice president of the National Council.

She said a "deep disorder invades every area of our lives, breaking down many standards."



Mrs. John O'Brien, vice president, and Mrs. Robert Waterman, president — newly elected officers of Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Nurses' Refresher Course Slated At St. Mary's

St. Mary's Hospital will be conducting a refresher course for nurses beginning Monday, May 20. Classes will be scheduled to meet two evenings each week, Monday and Wednesday, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and will continue for six weeks.

Department supervisors, nursing school instructors and staff nurses will conduct the sessions. All classes will be held in the hospital auditorium.

The course will include material on current drugs, modern therapy, X-ray and laboratory procedures as well as techniques in medical and surgical nursing, thus giving an overall picture of nursing today.

There is no obligation to the hospital required of each participant other than regular weekly attendance. This is a community service, all nurses are most welcome.

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Mrs. Joseph McCarthy, president of National Council of Catholic Women, with Bishop Kearney at diocesan council's convention Saturday in Rochester.

Judge Schnepf To Be Feted

Reservations for the testimonial dinner in honor of Family Court Judge Emmett J. Schnepf to be given by the Alhambra, Saturday evening, May 25 at Powers Hotel are now being taken by the committee in charge, according to Grand Commander Joseph A. Wetzel.

Edwin G. Welter heads the reservation and seating committee and Nelson E. Owen and Frank S. Mitchell are co-chairmen of tickets.

JUDGE SCHNEPF, an Irondequoit attorney before becoming a judge on the Family Court Bench is widely known in Catholic circles. Friends of his from the Alhambra of which he is a past district and past grand commander, from St. Margaret Mary's Men's Club of which he is president and from the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Equity and other groups will attend according to Emmet J. O'Neill, honorary chairman.



Judge Schnepf who served in the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1942 to 1945 is also chairman of the Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee of First Friday Lunch Club.

He is being honored for his extensive public service and work in the Alhambra.

Phillip J. Randazzo is general chairman with James F. Butler, co-chairman. Both are past grand commanders of the Alhambra and Butler was an associate of Judge Schnepf in the F.B.I.

Toastermaster at the dinner will be Clifford B. Sargent, a past grand commander and long a friend of the honored guest.

Msgr. Connors Honored On 65th Anniversary

Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, was honored on the 65th anniversary of his ordination by more than 500 members of the Rosary Society, parishioners and friends at a banquet on May 7 in the school auditorium.

Other guests included: the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Richard K. Burns, the Very Rev. Monsignor Edward J. McAniff, Fathers Robert McFiggins, John J. Phillips, Paul Cloonan and Neil Goodman.

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A reception will be held in Holy Rosary School hall from 4 to 7 p.m.

Drive Announced At St. Michael's

Inauguration of a property improvement campaign in St. Michael's parish was announced this week by the Rev. Benedict A. Ehmman, pastor. Aim of the drive will be to broaden participation in the regular Sunday offering to order to provide funds for progressive restoration and preservation of parish buildings.

FATHER EHMANN pointed out in a message to parishioners that parish properties are appraised at \$75 million dollars, and that "prudent parish administration requires that we take all necessary means to assure that our buildings are adequately maintained for the generations to follow us."

The pastor noted that the 100th anniversary of St. Michael's Church will occur in 1972.

Organization of a committee of 300 men is under way to visit all parishioners in an endeavor to secure increases in the Sunday offering. Current weekly income, Father Ehmman declared, is not providing sufficient funds for present and future major repair and maintenance expenditure.

Among specific needs, he said, are the exterior cleaning, pointing and painting of the church, school, convent, rectory and hall.

Parishwide visits are scheduled on two successive Sunday afternoons—May 26 and June 2. One of the primary aims of the campaign is to obtain wider and more regular use of the Sunday envelope system.

Father Ehmman stressed that the campaign is based "not only on material parish need but also on parishioner spiritual responsibility."

"God should have first place in the Catholic's weekly budget," the pastor's message stated. "Our Sunday offering coinciding with the Offertory of the Mass, is part of our worship in which we return to God a portion of what He has blessed us."

He said increased enrollment at Notre Dame High School and consequent increase in the faculty made present facilities for the nuns "intolerable."

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Fr. Barker Ordination In Syracuse

The Rev. Cyril Edward Barker will be ordained to the holy priesthood in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, on Saturday, May 18 at 9 a.m.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril H. Barker, 179 Dove St., Father Barker is a graduate of Holy Rosary School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

HE WILL OFFER his first Solemn Mass on Sunday, May 19 in Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, at 11 a.m.

Father Barker will be assisted by the Rev. Raymond F. Moore, assistant priest, and the Rev. Bernard Carges, deacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay will preach the sermon.

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OLPH Slates Sports Nite

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Men have scheduled a Sports Nite for Thursday, May 16, in the school hall.

AMONG THE sports celebrities who will appear as guest speakers are Carmin Basilio, Gus Manfredi, Bowling Star Joe Repko, Aquinas Football Coach, Joseph Caverly, Director of Recreation City of Rochester, Vito Costanza, Basketball coach at Edison Tech and Tom Emanuel, Basketball Rules Interpreter.

World Series Movies of 1962 will be shown. Refreshments and lunch will be served. Tickets at \$1.00 may be obtained from committee members.

New Convent Planned For Mercy Nuns

The Sisters of Mercy who staff Notre Dame High School in Elmira will have a \$500,000 new convent, it was announced in area parish churches Sunday morning.

THE NEW convent will be home for thirty nuns who now live scattered in other convents and in a remodeled eight-room house, the former McCann farm homestead.

No specific plans have as yet been drawn.

Parishes of Elmira will contribute \$100,000 toward the convent's total cost. There will not be a fund campaign, however.

Bishop Kearney, in a talk in the Elmira Sunday evening, thanked the people of the community for their loyalty in support of diocesan projects.

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Sister Muriel Given Honor

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According to the academy's bylaws, honorary members shall be "such outstanding or pre-eminent scientists as the academy, upon recommendation of the council, may elect to receive this honor. It shall not be conferred upon members of the academy."

SISTER MURIEL, head of the science department of Nazareth, was selected for this honor because of her effective science teaching and especially because of the directing of students in career research. This research is reported in science publications. She has directed the teaching of other science faculty and has lectured before science groups.

Forty Hours
Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:
Sunday, May 12—St. Anthony, Auburn; St. Mary, Corning; St. Anne, Avon; St. Joseph, Livonia; St. Patrick, Tonawanda Falls.