

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 ecumenical Vatican Council.

They made their pledge in resolutions at the convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women held at Bishop Kearney High School, Irondequoit, Saturday, May 4.

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

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

"When the apostles were called 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 Counsel, however, has been amply justified.

Speaking at the convention luncheon was Mrs. Joseph McCarthy, of San Francisco, president of the National Council.

She said a "deep disorder" invades every area of our lives, breaking down many standards held holy, sacred and worthwhile.

The breakdown, she said, is due not to "an out and out rejection of the Christian faith" but to "an unconscious denial of Christian tradition."

Catholic women are called to "a constant reaffirmation of Christian values"—especially in the home. "In the providence of God, women are by nature the mother, the teacher," Mrs. McCarthy stated. Women's role in homes helps them to have concern for "the whole human family... for God's children everywhere."

To fulfill her Christian duty in her home and in her community, each Catholic woman is called to a threefold task—to "pray, study and act."

Mrs. McCarthy then detailed a program for women to carry out in their homes and communities.

NUMEROUS exhibits were on display during the convention to illustrate programs developed by several parish and diocesan units of the DCCW.

Those of the convention were the "Garden of Our Lord" and featured colorful flower arrangements.

Elected to head the DCCW as new officers were Mrs. Robert D. Waerman, president; Mrs.

John W. O'Brien, vice president; Mrs. Theodora Strohmeyer, recording secretary; Mrs. Victor Fischer, treasurer; Mrs. Earl Nordbye, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Charles McCahey, financial secretary; and Mrs. Donald Gledhill, auditor.

Ithaca Court Lists Banquet

Ithaca — Court Santa Maria No. 240, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold their annual banquet on Tuesday, May 14, at 8:30 p.m. at the Ithaca Hotel.

THE SPEAKER at the dinner will be Monsignor Donald M. Cleary, co-chairman for the



FOLLOWING LUNCHEON in his honor, Monsignor Francis J. Lane (left) is shown with Lt. Governor Malcolm Wilson, Bishop Kearney and the Rev. James P. Collins, Elmira Reformatory chaplain.



BISHOP KEARNEY blesses new stained-glass windows in Elmira Reformatory Chapel. Also shown in photo are Monsignor Leo G. Schwab and Monsignor Francis J. Lane. New windows were the gift of Monsignor Lane.

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EFS Anniversary Dinner

PRINCIPALS GATHER at the 23rd annual Catholic Family Service dinner held last Sunday evening in the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira. In the photo (from left) are: Miss Mary E. FitzGerald, executive secretary; District Attorney Paul H. McCabe, executive president of the board of governors; Bishop Kearney and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, V.F.

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 tavern, 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

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

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

The Sisters of Mercy built the Elmira Catholic high school in 1935 at a cost of more than \$1,500,000 after a fund drive raised \$500,000. The more than a million dollar balance was borne by the nuns who staff three parochial schools in Elmira — St. Patrick's, Cecilia's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mother Mary Bride, mother general of the order, expressed her gratitude to pastors and parishioners for their "pledge of loyalty and support" in the new convent program.

Forty Hours

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

- Sunday, May 12 — St. Agnes, Auburn; St. Mary, Corning; St. Agnes, Avon; St. Joseph, Livonia; St. Patrick, Seneca Falls.

Ex-Chaplain Lauded at Window Rites

Lt. Governor Malcolm Wilson joined with Bishop Kearney and Correction Commissioner Paul D. McGinnis in paying tribute to Monsignor Francis J. Lane Monday, May 6, at a noon luncheon attended by 275 persons.

Wilson praised Monsignor Lane, former Catholic chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory, for his dedicated contribution to the correctional institution.

He cited Monsignor Lane's efforts in the 1930's in raising funds to build St. Don Bosco Chapel in the Reformatory and for the donation from his savings which resulted in a gift of six stained-glass windows to the chapel last year.

Earlier, Bishop Kearney presided at the blessing of the new chapel windows and a Solemn High Mass, celebrated in the chapel by the Rev. James P. Collins, Catholic chaplain at the Reformatory.

MEMBERS OF Notre Dame High School choir, augmented by 50 inmates, provided the responses and sang the liturgy of the Mass.

In a brief sermon, Bishop Kearney called the new windows "the final touch of his (Father Lane's) devotion." He expressed thanksgiving for the presence of the chapel

to meet the needs of the inmates' souls and for the fortune of having such a personality as Father Lane to work for their welfare.

The chapel, named for the patron saint of errant youth, is marking its 25th anniversary. It was the first Catholic chapel built within a penal or correctional institution.

Wilson called the story of St. Don Bosco Chapel "actually the story of a man who is before all else a priest."

He remarked, "It was his priestly discernment that brought to him the realization that it was wrong that these young men—his captive congregation—literally did not have room to kneel before the altar of God even though their very presence there attested to that desire."

He recalled the background of Father Lane's efforts to build the chapel altar and finally to contribute the imported windows.

He concluded, "It is good to know that as long as his chapel stands and as long as the sunlight streams through his stained glass windows, the name of Monsignor Lane will be linked with that of his beloved St. Don Bosco."

Five To Take First Degree In Elmira

Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, will hold first degree ceremonies Wednesday, May 15 at 8 p.m. at Columbus Center.

Five prospective knights are eligible.

They are: James E. Hartnett and Henry D. Miller of St. Patrick's parish; Sheldon B. Anderson of St. Peter and Paul's parish; Stanley E. Szerszen of St. Anthony's parish; and John C. Donovan of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

A BUFFET luncheon will be served following the degree.

At the business meeting, a report will be presented by the nominating committee.

Members of the committee are: Francis J. Kubiak, chairman; Willis I. Larrabee; Frank D. Maloney; Joseph B. Rempe; and John E. Strong, all past grand knights.

Nominations will be invited from the floor.

The election of 1963-64 officers will be held Wednesday night, June 5.

The June 19 meeting will be held at Watkins Glen.

At the ninth and final First Friday Supper of the current series, June 7, the Ladies of Columbus will serve a buffet-style supper which has proved so popular in other years.

All men and boys, who receive Holy Communion on that day are urged to attend.

John Frawley, CYO Head

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Women List Rome Lecture

Members of St. Casimir's Rosary and Sacred Heart Society, Elmira, will meet in the church for Rosary and Benediction on Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

At a business session to be held in the school hall following church services, Father Joseph Reinhart, chaplain at Notre Dame High School will give an illustrated lecture on his recent trip to Rome.

Final plans will be discussed for the Father and Son Communion and breakfast on Sunday, June 2 at the 7:30 Mass, so popular in other years.

This affair is sponsored by the ladies' group and breakfast Holy Communion on that day is prepared and served by the ladies.



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

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