

# Bishop Offers Mass, Eulogy For Mother Rose Miriam Smyth

A fitting tribute was paid to Mother Rose Miriam, former Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph, at her funeral on Monday, Sept. 16. Mother Rose Miriam died unexpectedly Tuesday night, Sept. 15, 1963, in St. Joseph Hospital, Elmira.

In Mass at the Motherhouse chapel, filled in capacity with members of her community, priests, relatives and friends, Bishop Kearney offered the Requiem Mass and gave a eulogy at its close.

The Bishop spoke of the influence Mother Rose Miriam has had on the young women whom she taught, through her kindness, devotion and wisdom. He noted her wonderful vision, foresight and courage in bringing Nazareth College to the Pittsford campus, which in its beauty is truly a monument to her now.

He revealed the tremendous responsibility that was hers in being chosen Superior General of this large community and how well she responded to that trust by her excellent administration, the development of its interests, and her concern for the training of the young religious who desired to become its members. He remarked that she will be considered one of the outstanding leaders of the St. Joseph community.

In return for all this, the Bishop concluded, "she would ask only for a simple prayer, but let us not forget the great debt of gratitude we owe her for all she did for her community and for the Church."

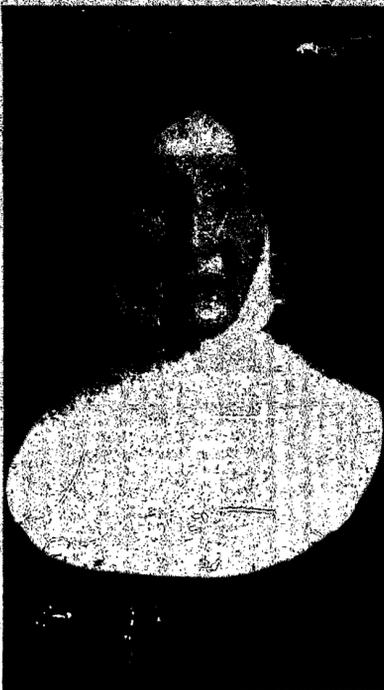
Assisting Bishop Kearney at the Mass were: Rt. Rev. Monsignor John M. Maney, assistant bishop; Rev. John C. O'Donnell, pastor; Rev. Michael Conboy, a cousin, subdeacon; Rev. Albert E. Schnackey and Rev. William Shannon, assistant to the Bishop; Rev. James Moynihan, master of ceremonies; and other officiating ministers were filled by St. Bernard seminarians.

The following priests were present: Monsignor Richard E. Burns, Monsignor Charles E. Shary, Monsignor William J. Nugelton, Monsignor John M. Duffy, Monsignor Arthur E. Batigan, Monsignor Dennis W. Hickey.

Also Reverend Fathers John P. O'Brien, Sebastian Contigomaco, C.P.P.S., Edward J. Linz, Donald J. Mulcahy, Patrick H. Cleary, M.M., Bartholomew Farnow, O.Carm., Edward Sullivan, S.E., (St. John), William J. McNeil, S.J., Philip E. McElhinney, Orlin W. Keller, Leonard A. Kelly.

Also Reverend Fathers William M. Roche, Daniel Brennan, John S. Whalen, James J. O'Connell, William J. Schifferli, James F. Slattery, John P. Norris, John Murphy, Bernard V. Kuchinski, Francis E. Donoghue, Charles E. Connell, Walter F. Chisholm, Robert G. Smith, Michael V. Vito, Paul Clobann, John J. Phillips, Joseph D. Donovan, Edward B. Zinkel, Gerard Hafter.

**NAZARETH COLLEGE** Advisory Board was represented at the funeral Mass, and a group of Nazareth College Alumnae in cap and gown had honorary places in the funeral procession. Delegations of students from Nazareth College, St. Agnes High School and Nazareth Academy, together with the postulant of the community, formed a guard of honor at the Motherhouse.



MOTHER ROSE MIRIAM

On the way to Holy Sepulchre cemetery, at the funeral home, two additional dormitories have since been erected, LePuy, the senior residence, was also opened during her administration, down the long walk to the street, was a touching sight.

The last blessing at the grave was given by the Rev. John C. O'Donnell, assisted by Monsignor Joseph H. Goffel, Charles E. Shary, Joseph Grady, Father Albert H. Schnackey, Michael Tydings, Edward Zinkel, Charles Connell, Edward Galloway, S.E., Michael Conboy, John E. Duffy, Joseph Donovan and Richard Orlando.

Born Rose Smyth in Ireland, Mother Rose Miriam entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1910 from St. Mary's Parish, Auburn, a graduate of St. Elizabeth's College, Cortland, N.Y., where in 1914 she was assigned to the faculty of Nazareth Academy.

She earned her master's degree from Columbia College and her doctoral degree in chemistry from Fordham University, and became a member of the original faculty of Nazareth College, when it opened in 1924. She was chairman of the department of chemistry at the college until her appointment as administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, in 1938. A year later she was elected Superior General of the St. Joseph Community.

**AS SUPERIOR GENERAL.** Mother Rose Miriam planned and supervised the construction of the East Avenue campus of Nazareth College when its buildings were erected. She erected the High School and Nazareth Academy buildings, the first dormitory and gymnasium on the new campus in 1941. During the following years, she purchased adjacent pieces of property.

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## Bishop Opens Nursing Year

The Mass opening the school year was celebrated by Bishop Kearney for the 112 students at St. Mary's School of Nursing in the hospital auditorium Friday night, Sept. 13 at 8 a.m.

THIRTY STUDENTS wearing their new caps attended the Mass and met in the cafeteria for the traditional Communion breakfast.

At 10 a.m. the students attended the opening assembly at Monroe Community College where they take their basic sciences courses. This included orientation week and the school academic year began with classes on Monday, Sept. 16.

Three girls, Catherine Nolan, Marilyn Nicholas, junior; and Patricia Ballstret, senior; and Louis C. Altman, Aquinas Institute, recipient of the Bishop Kearney Scholarship Award of the Geneva Chapter, Aquinas Institute; Paul B. Mer-



## Fisher College Grants Given

The Rev. Joseph B. Dorsey, C.S.B., Dean of St. John Fisher College, announced this week the thirteen winners of college admissions scholarships granted to Rochester and area high school graduates for the academic year beginning in September, 1963.

Students awarded scholarships with a value of up to one half of a year's tuition are: Alan J. Bernard, Charlotte High School; Stephen Corcoran, Jr., Marshall High School; Philip B. Cox, Danville Central School; Mark P. Dentinger, Aquinas Institute; Leonard C. Tietel, Aquinas Institute; Michael A. Smith, Potsdam Central School.

Six other students who were named alternates and assured of a minimum award of \$100 each for their first year are: Louis C. Altman, Aquinas Institute; John Gallorbarde, East Fishkill High School; Daniel J. Mahar, Aquinas Institute; Paul B. Mer-



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## Two Day Conference Set For Diocesan Teachers

Nearly two thousand teachers in diocesan schools will attend the annual Teachers' Conference at Rochester's Community War Memorial Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 23 and 24.

While the teachers are teaching the latest methods and aids in teaching, their pupils will have a two-day holiday.

Bishop Kearney will give the closing talk of the Conference Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Other speakers listed include William B. Ball, prominent attorney who is counsel for the Pennsylvania Catholic Welfare Committee; Sister Mary Antoinette, archdiocesan supervisor of art in Boston schools, and Rev. Alvin Illig, C.S.P., executive manager of the Paulist Press of New York City.

**COMPLETE** program is as follows: Monday, 10 a.m., keynote address by Rev. Thomas J. Conolly, superintendent of schools of the Syracuse diocese; 1 p.m., primary, intermediate and upper grades teachers will hear Rev. Albert J. Shamon, Arthur Lyon of Scott, Foresman Co., and Fordham professor Rev. Vincent M. Novak, S.J. At 2:30 p.m., speakers will be Sister Mary Antoinette and Mr. Ball.

Tuesday, 10 a.m., teachers of primary grades will hear Sister Mary Rosalita of Sacred Heart Catholic school, Sister Marie Baptista, director of reading and psychological services, Dun-

ken and John H. Treanor, author, of Boston. Teachers of upper grades will hold departmental meetings at Immaculate Conception school.

The afternoon program will include a talk by Father Illig and Bishop Kearney's closing address.

The two day conference has been arranged by Rev. William Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools; Rev. Daniel Brent, associate superintendent, and Rev. Leo Dunn, C.S.S.R., assistant superintendent.

Textbook publishers and school supplies manufacturers will provide extensive exhibits for the teachers to view between conference events.



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## Panel To Explain Foster Home Program

Couples interested in the Catholic Family Center's foster home program are invited to a panel discussion on the subject to be held at Corpus Christi school hall Monday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m.

Family Center staff members George Montgomery, Catherine Wobus, Sarah Keller and Angelina Boella will explain the role of foster parents and the need for more foster homes. Rev. William Charbonneau, Catholic Family Center director, will be moderator of the panel.

A question period and refreshments will follow the panel discussion.

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