Radio Rosary Marks 5,000th Broadcast

This Sunday, Nov. 10, the Radio Rosary for Peace will send its 5,000th broadcast over the airwaves on Station WSAY in Rochester. It may well be a national record in uninterrupted nightly broadcasting of the Rosary.

Bishop Kearney led the Rosary on the opening night — March 4, 1950.

This first program fulfilled a long-time dream of Father Joseph Cirrincione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church. The idea of thousands of voices rising nightly in prayer came to him while on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Fatima, Portugal.

With the support of the Bishop, who has been president of the movement since its inception, the Radio Rosary for Peace has become a diocesan institution. The pioneer committee included Mr. Frank Wolfe, the late Mr. Joseph Benn and Father Richard Tormey, now Catholic chaplain of Cornell University.

Supported by volunteer contributions, the Radio Rosary is now broadcast from St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center or from the church. In the summer months, it has become customary to broadcast outdoors from the Rosary Shrine on the parish grounds.

Father Cirrincione estimates that 170 million Rosaries have been recited during the program in its thirteen years, with a nightly audience of 30,000 listeners. Bishop Kearney is still a frequent Rosary leader, especially on feasts of the Blessed Virgin.

Letters have been received at the Rosary Center from throughout the Diocese as well as Pennsylvania and Canada.

To the credit of its founders, the Radio Rosary for Peace program finds thousands of families in the Rochester Diocese on their knees each evening in what has become an inspiring tradition of unity.

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College Students Hear of 'Renewal'

The Liturgical Weekend for college students on "The Renewal of the Whole Church" at Nazareth College from November 1-3 drew participants from New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

Over two hundred and fifty students, religious, and clergy were in attendance on Friday and Saturday with over three hundred attending Sunday's session.

According to Patricia Lawlor, chairman of the student committee which assisted the Nazareth theology department in planning this event, the following colleges were represented: Rosary Hill, D'Youville, Monroe Community, Keuka, Mercyhurst, Maria Regina, Brockport, St. John Fisher, Western Reserve, Ithaca, Canisius, St. Rose, Auburn Community, Gannon, Le Moyne, St. Mary's School of Nursing, and Saint Andrew's Seminary.

Rev. John F. Madden, C.S.B., chairman of the English Department, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, opened the weekend with a talk on the "Renewal In the Church."

He said the Church is dynamic because it possesses Christ's own life and continues His saving actions in time. Father Madden then explained how the present form of worship evolved.

HISTORY SHOWS that certain dange sror errors in doctrine arose which necessitated correction or precaultonary measures on the part of the Church. In attempts to stress a particular aspect of worship, often a related one received less emphasis than it deserved. As an example, Father Madden mentioned the tendency to stress the "exopere operato" efficacy of sacraments while failing to stress the importance of the receiver's dispositions. Present liturgical reforms seek to restore the proper balance between both factors, he said.

In contrast to the defensive posture of the time of the Council of Trent, we now have the desire "to find the truth wherever it is" according to Father Madden.

MAIN SPEAKERS for the Weekend was Rev. Gerard S. Sloyan, chairman of the Department of Religious Education at the Catholic University of America and President of the National Liturgical Conference. His first talk, Saturday evening, was on "The Mystery of the Church." Father Sloyan said in considering the Church, people are often struck by the incongruity of its glorified aspect in one place and its degradation or meanness of aspect in another. "We confuse her divine and human elements, it takes faith to recognize and see the Church," he said.

On Sunday morning, Father Sloyan's second address, "The Mystery of Faith," explained the need for active participation in the Mass. Encouragement to pray together is not intended to submerge the individual, but rather to heighten "the importance of the individual Christian by reminding him who he is in the Christian community," the priest said.

Father Sloyan's final topic, "The Second Vatican Council and the Liturgy," was presented in the form of a discussion period. By way of introduction, he elaborated on some of the mechanics of the Council. He said that in the Council's discussion of liturgy, the whole Church has been discussing matters which really affect only Latin rite Catholics. One result of the Council will be an increased responsibility on the part of the national hierarchies to adopt the Church's liturgy for use in each different country.

In answer to a question from the floor asking how individuals could advance reforms in the liturgy, Father Sloyan suggested the interested parties could keep in close contact with the reform movement here in the United States by joining the National Liturgical Conference for a fee of five dollars. Information can be obtained from Conference headquarters at 3428 Ninth Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017.

Forty Hours

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

St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira.

Bishop Kearney tells students at Nazareth College Liturgical Weekend about need for greater interest in Church's ritual prayers and devotion to our Lady. Father Gerard Sloyan of Washington spoke on changes in the Church's liturgy called for by bishops at the Vatican Council. Patricia Lawlor, left, was chairman of the three day program, assisted by Richard Ruckle and Mary Pat Kane.

Hornell Knights Plan Annual Memorial Mass

Hornell — A father-son Memorial Mass and Communion breakfast will be attended by members of the Hornell Council of the Knights of Columbus Sunday.

They will participate in the 8:15 Mass in St. Ann's Church where they will receive Holy Communion. Breakfast will follow at the K. of C. Home on River St. where a service will be conducted in memory of Knights who have died during the past year, as well as for all deceased members of the Hornell Council.

CITY JUDGE Henry P. Burke, faithful navigator of the Fourth Degree Assembly, will be principal speaker at the breakfast. Crate will be given by the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor of St. Ann's.

Members of the K. of C. and their sons will assemble at 7:45 a.m. that day in St. Ann's School. They will march to the church, led by the Fourth Degree Assembly color corps.

The Memorial Mass and Communion breakfast is being arranged by the Catholic Activity committee of the Hornell Council which places its emphasis on the spiritual development of the membership.

John F. Murphy is chairman of the activity committee, Grand Knight Donald Sciotti and Robert Kubiak, program chairman will be in charge of the memorial service.

25 Years Ago

(From files of the Catholic Courier Journal, Nov. 10, 1938)

A majority of nearly 250,000 voters evincing their determination that justice shall at last be done all children in the state gave approval to writing into the Constitution as basic law, Amendment No. 1 which among other measures provided for free bus transportation for all children where needed.

Plans to mark the golden jubilee of Corpus Christi Church highlighted by Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney and sermon by Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey were announced by Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., pastor.

Delegates, including clergymen and laymen, were arriving in Rochester for the first Regional Conference of the National Laymen's Retreat League opening in Columbus Civic Center.

Thanksgiving Collection Area Heads Named

Appointment of nine area directors of the fifteenth annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, to be held in nearly 150 parishes of the Rochester diocese during the week of Nov. 17, was announced this week by the Rev. E. Leo McMannus, diocesan director of the campaign.

APPOINTED WERE Rev. Robert J. Kanka, Monroe county; Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, Chemung and Schuyler counties; Rev. Chester M. Klocek, Cayuga county; Rev. Robert McFiggins, Tompkins and Tioga counties; Rev. James O'Connell, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties; Rev. William J. Gaynor, Wayne county; Rev. William M. Thomas, Corning; Rev. William H. Hickey, Steuben county; and Rev. John L. Coonan, Livingston county.

These directors, who serve also as deanery moderators of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women which Bishop Kearney has entrusted with the promotion of the clothing collection, will supervise the campaign in their localities.

Last year 141 parishes of the diocese contributed 528,954 pounds of usable clothing to swell the nationwide total to 17,842,000 pounds of clothing, shoes, blankets, and other materials, valued at $25,000,000.

Clothing collected by each parish is shipped directly to the new Brooklyn warehouse of Catholic Relief Services—N.C.W.C., where it is sorted and baled. Subsequent distribution overseas in centers in more than 60 countries is supervised by this agency of the U.S. Catholic bishops.

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