



Christmas Gift To Church

ST. LUCY'S SOCIETY of St. Francis Church, Auburn, presented a check for \$1,000 to the church at their annual Christmas Party which was held at the Auburn Inn Sunday. In photo are Miss Sarah Gagliano, president; Mrs. John Caraccioli, chairman; Rev. Paul Morgan, assistant pastor; Rev. John Nacca, pastor; Mrs. Joseph Corio, vice president; and Mrs. Pasquale Nacca, mother of Father Nacca.

Dinner Slated For Needy

More than 100 indigent men will be served a traditional Christmas dinner at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, 402 South Ave., at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29.

Friends of the House were reminded this week that small wrapped gifts will be welcomed for distribution to the men on Christmas Eve. The gifts, such as socks, ties, handkerchiefs, cigarettes, etc., may be left at the House at any time.

St. Joseph's House, conducted by a small group of laymen, has been providing free meals and clothing daily to needy men for more than 20 years. The Rev. Raymond M. Kenny of St. Andrew's Seminary faculty is chairman of the group.

25 Years Ago In The Courier

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"Better times await the coming of better men and women. We dare not sit idly by and allow our young people to deteriorate," Bishop Kearney told City Club members at Powers Hotel. The Bishop's topic was "The Parochial School; Is It Necessary?"

For the first time in the history of Elmira Reformatory and for the first time in the history of any penal institution, Solemn Midnight Mass was to be celebrated Christmas night within the prison walls.

Deeds and sacrifices of their forefathers in establishing a church for their use and in gaining the ministrations of a priest were recounted for present parishioners of St. Michael's Church, Lyons Center observing the parish's 20th anniversary.

Genevan Sends Greetings From Filipino Mission

Geneva, "Growth of the church is very evident here. Through your prayers and generous help we now have a fairly good church, rectory, and high school."

So writes the Rev. Frank Taney, Maryknoll missionary, in his annual Christmas letter to relatives and friends from his mission station at Mindanao in the Philippines.

Father Taney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius F. Taney of 53 Evans St. He is pastor of St. James Church, Compostela, Davao, Philippines.

EACH YEAR the young priest sends holiday greetings from the island and gives information on the progress of the parish. On the educational program he states that the high school will accommodate three years and "we hope to add on to accommodate the fourth year soon."

"We have also built a CYO basketball court (next to cooking on the island) which is in constant use. Compostela is to be called the youngest Maryknoll parish in Davao, but no longer, this year our Bishop has opened three new parishes. These priests are roughing it in small native huts like I had to when I was assigned this parish over two years ago."

"As I look back over these two years, I realize how much we here at the mission have to be thankful for. Upon our arrival here five years ago, there were only five Maryknollers struggling to establish and strengthen the church on the northern frontier of this pioneer territory. Now we have 42 priests, 6 new ones studying the Visayan dialect, and the others are working in 19 far flung parishes."

FATHER TANEY said he has a new assistant, Father Lynch, from the Bronx.

"He is good company and has shown a lot of enthusiasm. His appearance reminds me a lot of my brother Bob. He was three years behind me in the seminary and now he is back having him here in Compostela with me. He likes riding the motorcycle also and frequently visits the mountain natives. He has started a vegetable garden to keep our vitamin supply up."

Continuing Father writes, "The fruits of your prayers are often evident when difficulties are eventually solved and so many hardships pass me by. In my last Christmas letter I had mentioned some of the hardships which, according to the Great Apostle Paul, we are supposed to 'cheerfully endure.' I present one of our young priests suffering from infectious hepatitis. His eyes and skin turned yellow and with no appetite, he has difficulty retaining food. This comes from drinking bad water in the mountains especially where there are no rivers. Just before last Holy Week my classmate and good friend, Father Dennis Kelly, suddenly died from what the doctor in his remote mountain outpost said was a heart attack. He was a great encourager, often hiking up the mountains to visit and baptize the Mandaya natives. Please remember him in your prayers."

"Just last week there was a going away party here in Compostela for Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, members of the Peace Corps. They were here only one year and both got sick especially Mr. Jackson. One doctor analyzed his spleen as tropical splenomegaly. They were transferred before the doctors came again. The doctor told us that not all foreigners can readily adapt to the rigors of this tropical life."

Father Taney explained that the New Year plans at the parish include a home for the Sisters.

"Such couldn't be realized this year because of the debt incurred in finishing the church and additions to our high school. With your prayers and sacrifices, I hope we'll be able to have the Sisters living in Compostela sometime next year. I'm sure you know how valuable they are for God's work in any parish. Also thanks to the benefit sponsored by my family and friends back home last October, we'll soon have a generator which will give us electric power. I hope to be able to show educational and religious movies and slides to our people."

IN CONCLUSION, Father Taney wrote: "Your departed were remembered during my Masses for the Holy Souls in November. Be assured that I shall continue to pray for you, especially in my three Masses on Christmas Day. May God will bless you for what you are doing in helping to bring Christ and His love to others."

"My sixth year in the Philippines has begun and by next

Christmas I'll be on vacation in the states. Thus, God willing, next Christmas season, I'll be looking forward to seeing you."

"So until then May God Bless you and Our Mother Mary protect you always. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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CYO Swim Trophy Won By Good Counsel Girls

The Annual Rochester Area Parochial Girl's Swim Meet was held at the Catholic Youth Organization, Friday, Dec. 13. Those participating represented schools from Auburn, Lyons, Canandaigua and Rochester.

Our Lady of Good Counsel was awarded the first place trophy with St. Margaret Mary second and Our Lady of Perpetual Help third.

IN THE DIVING competition Ann D'Intasio, Our Lady of Good Counsel was first, Jean Griffin, Corpus Christi; second and Mary Maxwell, St. Louis, third.

Individual winners in the 10 and under class were:
25 yd. freestyle: 1st — Sue Monagan, Our Lady of Good Counsel 17.7; 2nd — Mary Zimmer, St. Margaret Mary; 3rd — Virginia Hook, Our Lady of Mercy.

25 yd. backcrawl: 1st — Sue Monagan, Good Counsel 20.8; 2nd — Sue Atwood, St. Helen's; 3rd — Joanne Bigley, St. Helen's.

25 yd. breast: 1st — Mary Zimmer, St. Margaret Mary 23.8; 2nd — Susan West, Good Counsel; 3rd — Sue Atwood, St. Helen's.

Individual winners in the 12 and under class were:
25 yd. freestyle: 1st — Ellen Monagan, Our Lady of Good Counsel 14.2; 2nd — Barbara Zwick, St. Mary's, Canandaigua; 3rd — Debbie Kalst, Corpus Christi; Sandra Salvayal, St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

25 yd. backcrawl: 1st — Sandra Hoff, O.L. Perpetual Help 17.7; 2nd — Mary McInnis, Sacred Heart; 3rd — Melissa Bishop, Holy Trinity, Auburn.

25 yd. breaststroke: 1st — Debbie Kalst, Corpus Christi 18.9; 2nd — Judy Hanna, St. Augustine; 3rd — Sandy Reddick, St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

50 yd. freestyle: 1st — Sandra Hoff, Perpetual Help 33.8; 2nd — Marcia Zurich, St. Mary's, Canandaigua; 3rd — Sandra Salvayal, St. Mary's, Canandaigua. Individual winners in the 14 and under class were:
25 yd. freestyle: 1st — Catherine Kolas, St. Margaret Mary 17.8; 2nd — Marjorie Pami, St. John Evangelist; 3rd — Mary Joe Burkin, St. Margaret Mary.

50 yd. freestyle: 1st — Kathy McLain, Holy Family, Auburn 35.2; 2nd — Anna McLaughlin, Corpus Christi; 3rd — Mary Joe Burkin, St. Margaret Mary.

50 yd. breaststroke: 1st — Judy Hanna, St. Augustine 48.3; 2nd — Kathy McLain, Holy Family, Auburn; 3rd — Kathy Kolas, St. Margaret Mary.



Christmas Dinner Dance

Ray Hanna and Mr. and Mrs. David Miller are in charge of arrangements for the Christmas Dinner Dance of the Notre Dame Club of Rochester scheduled to be held at the University Club Saturday, Dec. 25, beginning at 7 p.m. Reservations are to be made by Dec. 27.

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