

Projects Advanced In Diocesan Parishes



A new auditorium, library and four classroom addition will be blessed by Bishop Kearney at St. Thomas More parish, Brighton, Wednesday, Feb. 3. Classrooms, library and corridors are carpeted wall to wall.



The pious of Christ the King Church, the Rev. William J. Scanziani, announces contracts have been let and actual construction begun on the new convent in the parish of Christ the King, Irondequoit.

A most noteworthy feature of this construction which utilizes load-bearing brick walls, is the fact that no parish drive nor solicitation was initiated because of the titling program adopted by many of the parishioners in March 1963. "The generosity of the conscientious parishioners has eliminated the need for an arduous fund raising campaign," according to the pastor.

THE ARCHITECTS are the firm of Hibson and Roberts; the contractors are: Lecesso Corporation, general contractor; Walter Ennis, plumbing; Schuler Electric, electric and Leo J. Roth, heating, ventilating and air-conditioning.

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Clothing For World's Needy

Drive Report Highest Ever

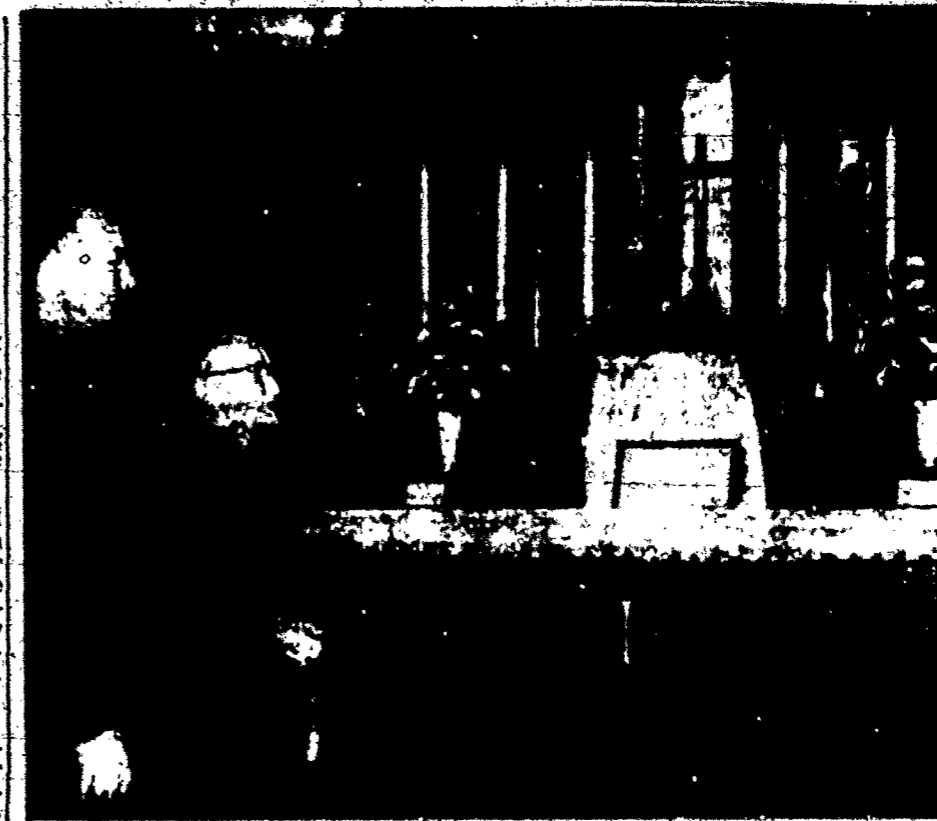
The 15th annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for the needy of the world, conducted during the week of Nov. 17 in 142 parishes and two institutions of the Rochester Diocese, amassed a record total of 664,598 pounds of usable clothing, according to the final report issued this week by the Rev. E. Leo McMannus, diocesan director. This total exceeds the previous record, made in 1962, by 35,644 pounds.

Bishop Kearney sent a note of congratulations to Father McMannus, clothing drive coordinator. "I am very happy to congratulate all who took part in the excellent results of the clothing drive. I am sure this great work of mercy will bring many rich blessings to the Diocese," he said.

SACRED HEART Cathedral again led the parishes with a contribution of 22 tons. Other large contributions were made by St. Alphonsus, Auburn (18,044 lbs.), St. Margaret Mary (14,010 lbs.), St. Charles Borromeo, Greece (13,900 lbs.), St. John Evangelist, Greece (12,930 lbs.), St. Ann, Rochester (12,846 lbs.), St. Ambrose (12,512 lbs.), and St. James, Rochester (10,818 lbs.). A new parish, St. John of Rochester, Perinton, participated for the first time.

These impressive figures represent the generous response of thousands of parishioners to the urgent request of Bishop Kearney that we strive to aid those in need," said Father McMannus. "They represent also thousands of hours donated by volunteers, as well as a considerable expense to the individual parishes, which have gladly borne the cost of shipping the clothing to the Brooklyn warehouse of Catholic Relief Services."

The nationwide clothing collection, begun in 1949, is conducted by Catholic Relief Services, the relief and rehabilitation agency of the American Catholic Bishops, to aid the needy overseas and wherever emergencies may arise.



Monsignor Thomas F. Connors, pastor emeritus, inaugurated the redecoration program at Blessed Sacrament Church prior to his retiring from active duties last spring. Monsignor Edward J. McAliff, present pastor, supervised completion of the project which also has included renovation of other parish properties.

Deanery Group Lists Missioner

Owego — The Rev. Joseph Murray M.M., will be the guest speaker at the Tompkins-Tioga Deanery, D.C.C.W., meeting to be held in St. Patrick's Church hall on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. Father Murray, who is a member of the Maryknoll Order, will talk on the situation in Latin America.

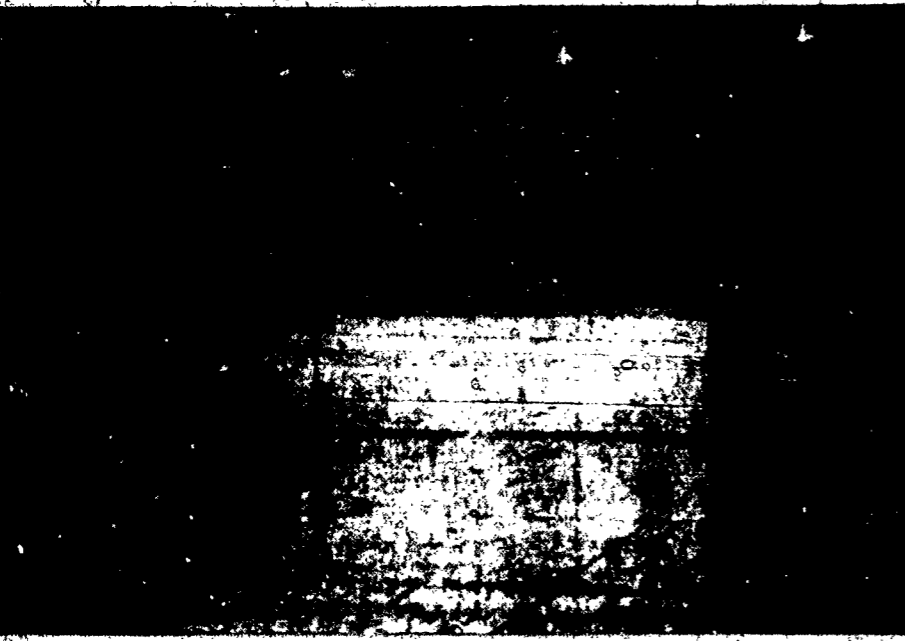
Miss Eve Firry, of Ithaca, president of the deanery will preside and will conduct the business meeting. The Rev. Robert McFiguin, moderator of the deanery will be the second speaker. Mrs. Ruth Cicchinilli, president of the St. Patrick's Society will act as hostess. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Harry Barrett serving as chairman.

St. Thomas 'Open House' Expects Throngs Sunday

Parishioners will serve as guides at the much publicized "open house" at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Irondequoit, this Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. Response to the program has been "wonderful," said Monsignor Richard K. Burns, pastor. Several Protestant clergymen have told him they plan to attend with groups from their congregations.

An invitation was mailed to the 4,000 homes in the St. Thomas parish area. Parishioners will be stationed at key points in the church to explain the altar, vestments, statues, confessional, baptism and other items as visitors make the tour.

A commentary will be given to explain the Mass which will be offered by Monsignor Burns at 5:30 p.m. to conclude the "open house" program.



St. Thomas More parish auditorium will seat 600 people and provide facilities for basketball games with 200 spectators seated on fold-away bleachers. Kitchen, shower and stage facilities are also included.

Lenten Club Booklet Out

Lenten Discussion Club Booklet for 1964 will be "What Every Catholic Should Know" by Redemptorist Fathers, the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine announced today. "The Book," Father Schnacky said, "treats in a clear and practical way what every Catholic should know about his Church, his home and his personal life. We are confident that any Catholic who studies it will gain a clearer knowledge of his faith and its application to the problems of his everyday life." Membership certificates will be issued at the end of Lent to all who have participated in the Lenten Discussion Clubs. Information on the books is available at the Confraternity office, 50 Chestnut St. or at Traill's.

Debt Reduction Drive Announced

Palmyra — Acceleration of parish debt reduction will be the principal aim of an increased Sunday Offering program to be inaugurated next month in St. Ann's Church.

The Rev. John J. Healy, administrator, has asked all parishioners to consider an increase in their weekly contributions in order to hasten amortization of the \$90,500 parish debt and thereby save hundreds of dollars in interest charges. Nearly 100 committeemen will visit parishioners Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26, to ask their cooperation with the program.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward K. Bait, V.F., pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, will be principal speaker at the committee kickoff dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, in St. Ann's Church hall. Women of the parish will serve the dinner.

Rosarians Hear Retreat Talk

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, held its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 9. The recitation of the rosary preceded the meeting. Retreats was the subject of a talk given by Rev. Joseph G. Merkle. He expressed the extreme enjoyment received from the participation in a retreat.

A bake sale is to be held at the Acme Market in Elmira Heights on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All members are asked to donate the baked goods and bring them to the market. Mrs. Alice Gilbooy is chairman.

Seminary Sets Parents' Meet

The first meeting of 1964 of the St. Andrew's Seminary Parents Association will be held at the seminary, Monday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m. sharp. Franklin Kamp of the St. Andrew's teaching staff will discuss the over-all English program at the seminary and the reactions of a lay teacher in a seminary environment.

A social hour will follow the business meeting.

First-Class

St. Ann's Home Graduates Aides

St. Ann's Home graduated its first formal class of Nursing Aides on Sunday, Jan. 12. All full-time aides employed by St. Ann's Home were enrolled in the class regardless of length of service.

This group of 54 completed 20 hours of classroom instruction and 20 hours of supervision under the teaching of the Director of Ancillary personnel.

THE COURSE is designed to teach basic nursing principles and skills, introduce the aides to the philosophy of geriatrics and/or long-term care, and to introduce them to the aides' relation to their other team-workers. Its aim is to prepare the aide to become a trained assistant to the professional staff of St. Ann's Home.

The course was given by Mrs. Virginia Flaherty, R.N., who is also a nursing instructor for the American Red Cross. She was assisted in the supervision by Mrs. Jeanne Donato, R.N., Sister Karén, Director of Home followed the ceremony.

COMMITTEEMEN WILL visit the homes of all parishioners the following day to seek estimates of Sunday offering contributions for the 12 months beginning in February.

Father Healy announced a meeting of the campaign committee at 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20.

Cochairmen of the campaign committee are David Brown, Richard Garney, James Sappenza and Charles Van Scott. Heading committees of women are Inez Goodness, Mary McGuire, Millie Persyns and Isabelle Potter.

St. Anne's is one of the oldest parishes in the area. It was founded in 1850. Pastors have included: Rev. John Tuohy, 1850-53; Rev. Michael Gilbride, 1853-54; Rev. John Donnelly, 1854; Rev. Thomas Walsh, 1854-55; Rev. William Casey, 1855-59; Rev. James Hartley, 1859-60; Rev. Edward Dwyer, 1860-62; Rev. Hugh Crowley, 1862-63; Rev. William Doran, 1863-64. Father Healy was named administrator June 21, 1957.

It was in the latter part of the nineteenth century that chapels were established in four nearby communities which now are separate parishes. They are Macedon, Victor, Fairport and Ontario.

St. Anne's School opened in 1961. It is staffed by four Sisters of St. Joseph. It has an enrollment of 124 children.

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