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Courier Editor To Receive National Theatre Award

MONSIGNOR RANDALL
National Award

[illegible] Monsignor John S. Randall, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, and Managing Editor of the Catholic Courier Journal, will receive the highest award of the National Catholic Theatre Conference (Committee in the Order of St. Genesius) at a Theatre Day luncheon on Saturday, March 7, at Nazareth [illegible].

AUXILIARY BISHOP CASEY will present the award and [illegible] will be given by Sister Helen Daniel, president of Nazareth College.

Over twenty-five years ago, Monsignor Randall launched a Rochester Chapter of the New York Blackfriars Guild which attracted such stars as Bert Lytell, Helen Mencken, and Alison Skipworth to come to Rochester and perform with local actors.

In 1948, Monsignor Randall produced Urban Nagle's "Our Lady of Fatima" which played to capacity audiences for a two week run under the sponsorship of the Holy Name Society. Subsequent productions of "City of Kings," "The Dark Hours," and "The Cardinal" met with equal success.

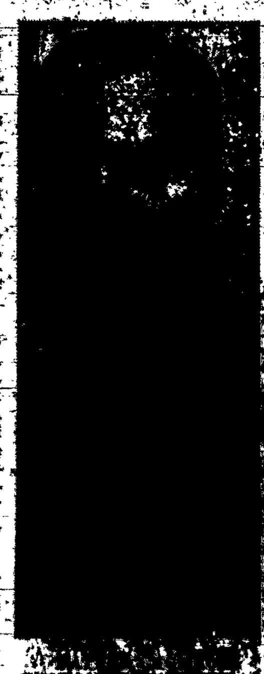
Nationally known for ability in financial planning, Monsignor directed successful fund raising drives in behalf of the Catholic University of America, Nazareth College, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Andrew's Seminary, St. John Fisher College, McQuaid Jesuit High School, St. Agnes High School, Cardinal Mooney High School and Bishop Kearney High School.

A past president of the Catholic Press Association, he is a former Diocesan Director of the Propagation of the Faith.

AWARD LUNCHEON will highlight the Ninth Annual Theatre Day of the Rochester Unit of the National Catholic Theatre Conference. Members include drama departments of colleges and high schools, community and children's theatres of the Diocese.

The Theatre Day program will offer play productions, workshops, lectures and meetings, under the chairmanship of Sister M. St. Gertrude, S.S.J.

Club Slates St. Josaphat Pastor



Members of the First Friday Luncheon Club will hear Very Rev. Stephen Chomko, pastor of St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church exulain "The Eastern Rites and Their Importance" at the March 6 meeting.

Father Chomko will be presented at the luncheon in Hotel Sheraton by Rev. William B. Holberton, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus according to Donald E. Woerner, chairman of the K. of C. sponsoring committee.

LUNCHEON WILL begin at 12:10 p.m. All Catholic men who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday are eligible, Vice Chairman Raymond L. Nary said.

Father Chomko who came to Rochester and assumed his duties as pastor, New Year's Day, 1963 has had wide experience in the Byzantine Rite. He has served as diocesan consultor to Bishop Ambrose Senshyn, first Bishop of Stamford and the present Bishop Schmondiuk. He is a member of the Diocesan Administrative Council.

Born in Scranton, Pa., he attended public and high schools there. After enrolling in St. Thomas College, now University of Scranton, he entered St. Basil's College, Stamford, in 1939. He later attended St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md. and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore completing his theological studies at Catholic University in 1946.

Father Chomko has served as curate in Hamtramck, Mich., and his first pastorate was St. Joseph's Ukrainian Church, St. Joseph, Missouri. He also served at Cleveland at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, St. John the Baptist, Syracuse where he initiated the parochial school building program and at SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Church, Auburn.

During his pastorate at St. Michael's, New Haven covering ten years, he completed a new parish plant including church, school, convent, rectory and a social center.

[illegible] of St. Joseph [illegible] South American mission of any Diocesan religious groups. The mission will have facilities for education and social work.

Flying down to Rio, Mother Agnes Cecilia and Sister Florentine will come close to two Brazilian cities which will make them feel "at home."

At the Brazil coastline they will pass over the village of Nazareth, a favorite placename of the Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph to which they have dedicated their Motherhouse, College, Academy and Cadet School.

When they view the site for the new mission in the southern area of Brazil, Reverend Mother and Sister will find themselves very close to the town of St. Joseph (S. José), patron saint of their Order.

At St. Francis Xavier Church

Novena of Grace to be Held

Bishop Kearney will conduct [illegible] of Grace services at St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester, March 4 through March 11.

The Bishop will offer Mass each evening at 7:45 p.m. for the intentions of those making the novena.

He will also preach each evening [illegible] Thursday, March 5, This Novena of Grace; Friday, March 6, The Day of the Sacred Heart; Saturday, March 7, The Day of the Immaculate Heart; Sunday, March 8, The Saint of March; Monday, March 9, The Bread of Life; Tuesday, March 10, The Precious Blood, and Wednesday, March 11, "Pieta."

THE NINE DAYS devotion originated with an apparition St. Francis Xavier made in 1633, eighty years after his death, promising health to the dying Jesuit Father Mastrilli.

The saint assured him that "all who would earnestly ask his intercession with God for nine days in honor of his canonization would infallibly experience the effects of his great power in heaven and would receive whatever they asked that would contribute to their salvation."

Father Mastrilli recovered promptly and left for the missions in Japan. Four years later, as St. Francis Xavier foretold in the apparition, Father Mastrilli was martyred, a goal for which he prayed. St. Francis had been canonized March 12, 1622. News of the miracle cure spread through Italy and inspired increased devotion to him.

Special indulgences were originally granted for the novena held at Lisbon, Portugal, by Pope Alexander VII in the 17th century. The success of the devotion caused it to be popularly called the "Novena" of grace.

Parish Debt Reduction Aim Of St. Anne Drive

Accelerated reduction of parish debt will be one of the principal aims of an increased Sunday Offering program being inaugurated at St. Anne's Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave.

IN ANNOUNCING the program, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Naughton, pastor, said the purpose will be to broaden participation in weekly parish support in order more easily to meet immediate and future major repair and improvement expenditures.

Parishioners will be asked to consider an increase in contributions in order to hasten amortization of the $214,000 debt and thereby save thousands of dollars in interest charges.

More than 300 committeemen will visit parishioners on March 8 and 15 to seek their cooperation with the program. One of the aims is to obtain wider and more consistent use of the parish envelopes.

Committeemen will attend a kickoff dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in the school auditorium. Women of the parish will serve the dinner.

Cochairmen of the campaign committee are J. Raymond Hensler, John B. Lagler, Joseph A. Mancini and John D. McCarthy.

St. Anne's this month begins its 26th year as a parish. The late Bishop O'Hern celebrated the dedication Mass Feb. [illegible], 1939. He was assisted by the Rev. George Schmitt, first pastor of St. Anne's and now pastor of Holy Family Church, and Monsignor Naughton, who succeeded Father Schmitt as pastor in 1950.

FIRST MASS in the [illegible] colonial-style church was celebrated Feb. 1, 1939. Classes were begun in St. Anne's School on Feb. 1, 1949. The school is staffed by five Sisters of St. Joseph and three lay teachers, and has an enrollment of 3[illegible] pupils.

First assistant pastor was the late Rev. Gregory Dugan. Others included the Reverend Fathers Raymond Heisel, Paul Cuddy, John Kleintjes, John Hempel, Robert Kanka, John Marinaccio, William Reed and Robert Meng.

Assisting Monsignor Naughton are the Rev. Edwin Metzger and the Rev. Elmer Schmidt. The Rev. William Holberton is in residence, and the Rev. Bruce Ammering assists on Sundays.

'Role of Women' Theme For March 11 Forum

The "Role of Women" has been chosen as the theme [illegible] Forum for Women to be held March 11 at the YWCA. Under the unique co-sponsorship of the National [illegible] Young Women's Christian Association and the National Council of Catholic Women this all-day meeting will discuss and examine the various aspects of the roles that women can play in community and national affairs.

Cochairmen are Mrs. Seymour Gross, Mrs. James A. Cameron and Mrs. Joseph Pahl.

GUEST SPEAKER will be Mrs. Jacob R. Eckel, president of [illegible] [illegible] Freedom Advisory Committee, Catholic Commission on Cultural and Intellectual Affairs, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Council of Catholic Women.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the YWCA Auditorium, 175 Clinton Ave. North. Box luncheons will be served. Reservations must be made before March 7.

Registrations, including lunch is $2.50, morning only $1.00. Nursery care will be available for children ages 3-6 at .50 for each child. Bring a sandwich for the children with their names clearly marked on it. Beverages will be provided.

Reservations may be made through the YWCA [illegible] or with Mrs. Joseph Camilleri [illegible], Mrs. Joseph Pohl [illegible] or Mrs. Paul Frederick [illegible]. Checks made payable to the YWCA.

Forty Hours

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

Sunday, March 1—Holy Rosary, Rochester; Assumption, Fairport; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport.

Saturday Mass In Shortsville

Shortsville — St. Dominic's Altar-Rosary Society, Shortsville, will be host for the Ontario-Seneca-Yates Counties Deanery Council of Catholic Women's First Saturday Mass and luncheon on March 7.

Mass will be held in the church at 11 a.m. with the luncheon to follow at Abbott's Steak Out Restaurant on Rt. 96 and 21.

Those serving on the committee are: Mrs. Ann Harkenrider, Mrs. Ann Curtiss and Mrs. Marian Henry.

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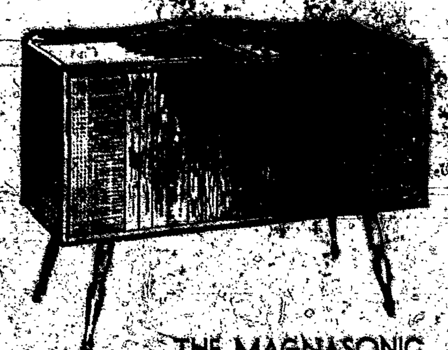

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