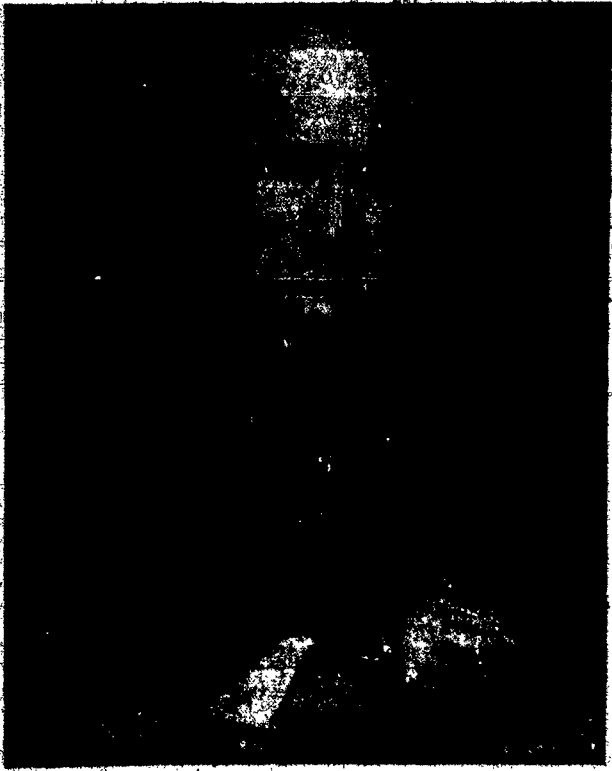


Catholic Univ. Degree for Bishop



Bishop Kearney will soon be given added evidence of his widespread reputation in the world of education. He will receive an honorary degree as Doctor of Humane Letters at graduation rites at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., Sunday, June 7. Bishop Kearney has been a member of the University's board of trustees for many years.



Catechists from Elmira

Four catechists of St. Patrick's parish, Elmira, were enrolled as members of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine by Bishop Casey at Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday evening, May 24. They are Mrs. Vincent Hehr, Mrs. Thomas Grady, Mrs. James Powell and Mrs. Paul Donovan.

Women Hear Info Head In Owego

Owego—Rev. Stephen Valenta, of the Catholic Information Center, Binghamton, was guest speaker at the annual Con-union-breakfast of Court St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Daughters on Sunday morning, May 17 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Home on Main St.

Mrs. Mildred Wood acted as toastmistress and introduced the officers of the Court.

Father Valenta called to the attention of the approximately nine members and guests present that it was up to the individual to help encourage and enlighten our non-Catholic friends.

Mrs. Dennis F. Frawley and Mrs. Paul Deutek were co-chairmen for the breakfast.

Fisher Degree For Archbishop

Archbishop George B. Flahiff, C.S.B., Winnipeg, Canada, will give the commencement address and receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at St. John Fisher College graduation ceremonies Sunday, June 7.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will confer the degree.

ARCHBISHOP Flahiff, former Superior General of the Basilian Fathers, is a member of the board of trustees of St. John Fisher College.

He is a member of the commission on religious communities of the Vatican Council.

Prior to becoming Archbishop of Winnipeg, Archbishop Flahiff was professor of Medieval History at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto.

May Day Rites Held In Hornell

Hornell—Symbolical ceremonies crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of the May were held Sunday evening in St. Ann's Church.

Members of St. Ann's Girls' Choir and the boys' Chancel Choir participated in the traditional exercises. The ceremonies were under direction of Sister Mary Leona, music instructor at St. Ann's, with Miss Magelino Brohm, organist.

Patty Tutek placed a crown of red roses on the head of the large statue of Our Lady of Fatima enshrined in the sanctuary of the church.

In the "queen's" court were: Mary Annall, crown bearer; Rita Gilano, Nicky Galleso, Mary Helen Glynn, Mary Ellen Janowski, Suzanne Parks and Donna Scaglione, attendants. Flower girls were Susan Murphy and Mary Donovan.

Completes Army Officer Course

Cornell—Second Lt. John E. Riebeck, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Riebeck, and wife, Patricia, live at 413 Park Ave., completed an eightweek officer orientation course at the Army Artillery and Missile Center Fort Sill, Okla., May 20.

First Communion In Watkins Glen

Watkins Glen—A class of 63 children received their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, May 9.

Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, pastor, celebrated the Mass assisted by Rev. Eugene Sweeney, assistant pastor.

Breakfast was served to the children and their parents by St. Mary's Guild with Mrs. Nicholas Ruvolo, chairman.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, May 31, Sacred Heart, Romulus.

CWV Post Lists Mass

Members of Fashion-Meeker Post 1178 Catholic War Veterans will observe Memorial Day on Saturday by assisting at a Mass for their deceased comrades at 7 a.m. in St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elmira Heights.

At 9 a.m. a firing squad and color guard of veterans will participate in a ceremony at St. Nicholas church cemetery. These groups will conduct services at 11 a.m. at the Post Monument under the command of John Kuryla.

Open house will be held following the ceremonies.



Golden Jubilees For Two Priests

Two veteran priests of the Rochester Diocese will observe their golden jubilees in the priesthood next week.

They are Rt. Rev. Msgr. George J. Schmitt, pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester, and Rev. James T. Wood, now at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, and former pastor for 29 years of Assumption Church, Fairport.

Both were ordained by Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, Rochester's second bishop, in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 6, 1914.

Monsignor Schmitt will mark his anniversary at a solemn Mass in Holy Family Church, Sunday, June 14, at 8 p.m. Bishop Kearney will preach the jubilee sermon. Rev. Robert Kanka will be deacon and Rev. Bernard Gross, subdeacon. No reception is planned.

Father Wood will observe his jubilee privately at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

Following are brief biographies of the two jubilarians:



Monsignor Schmitt, born Oct. 21, 1873, the son of the late John and Anna Elber Schmitt of Rochester, attended St. Peter and Paul's school, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. Following ordination in 1914, he was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Boniface Church.

He was founder and first pastor of St. Anne's Church from

1930 to 1950. Church, school, convent and rectory were built during his pastorate and there was a new school in 1948. The original St. Anne's Church now serves as parish church for St. Lawrence parish in the Town of Greece and has been replaced by the recently completed new St. Anne's Church.

Monsignor Schmitt also served at that time as chaplain to students at the University of Rochester and was widely known for his interest in theatrical productions.

He was named pastor of Holy Family Church in 1950 and has redecorated the church and renovated parish properties since that time. He personally donated the main altar as a memorial to his parents. Pope John XXIII made him a domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor in 1959.

Annual May Day Observes

Hornell—The 28th annual crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of the Universe took place in St. Ignace Loyola Church Sunday evening.

The youngsters were led by Mary Teresa Terry and Elizabeth McDonald. As they marched they sang hymns to the Blessed Virgin, accompanied by William Loree, organist.

Kathleen Kubiak placed a floral crown on the head of the statue. Her attendants were Jennifer Pollinger and Bridget Rohrer. Michael Crandell was candle-bearer.

Following recitation of the Rosary, 25 eighth grade boys and girls were received into the Sodality of Our Lady of Peace by the Rev. Charles Langworthy, assistant pastor and spiritual director of the sodality.

Novena prayers to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal followed. Services closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rev. Joseph P. Hatley, pastor, as celebrant.

Ithaca CDA Court Marks 50 Years

Ithaca—Court, Santa Maria No. 240, Catholic Daughters of America, Ithaca, climaxed the celebration of their Golden Jubilee with a banquet in the Statler ballroom May 17.

The Rev. John S. Maloney, chaplain to the Court and Administrator of Immaculate Conception Church, gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Toastmistress for the banquet, Mrs. Arthur Sprague, introduced Mrs. Joseph Leone, Grand Regent, who welcomed the guests and members.

Vice-grand Regent, Mrs. George Rosack, presented 50 year pins to Mrs. Hugh Scanlon, a charter member, and the following fifty year members: Miss Mary Cline, Miss Margaret McNally, Mrs. Frank McCarthy, Miss Helena Murphy, and Miss Mary Sammoris.

Past Grand Regents attending were Mrs. Alice Sullivan, Mrs. Marie Senecal, Miss Katherine Leary, Miss Mary Boyler, Mrs. Veronica Fisher, Mrs. Rita Smith and Mrs. Margaret Goodspeed. The group was also greeted by Mrs. Mary Hogan, District Deputy, and Mayor Hanna Johns. The speaker was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, V.F., pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Those attending the banquet were entertained by selections from Mrs. Mary Ball Dealey, accompanied by Miss Mary Cline, and from Mr. John Burns, accompanied by Mrs. Burns. In addition to Msgr. Cleary and Father Maloney, Fathers Robert McFiggins, William Flynn, and Robert Bruder were present. Court Carlisle, Catholic Daughters of America was also represented at the banquet. Co-chairmen for the event were Mrs. Willis Cross and Mrs. George Kohles.

Ladies of Columbus Elect New Slate

Corning—Mrs. George Schaller was elected president of the Ladies of Columbus last week as the local Catholic women entertained the Newman Club members from Corning Community College during the evening.

A smorgasbord was served in the K of C Home, preceded by a social hour.

Mrs. Edwin Griffin registered guests and Mrs. William Roberts poured during the social hour.

Highlight of the evening was the May Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother by Miss Carol Cunningham, Newman Club member, as Miss Jean Frost sang, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Frick. Mrs. Charles V. Houston made the floral arrangement and the wreath.

The nominating committee report was presented by Mrs. George Vergamini, chairman, who was aided by Mrs. Robert Young and Mrs. Charles Dever. The slate was elected as read:

Mrs. Raymond Older installed the new staff composed of Mrs. Schaller, president; Mrs. William Roberts, vice president;

First Place Given Court

At the recent convention of the New York State Catholic Daughters of America held at Niagara Falls, Court St. Rita 137 of Elmira was awarded first place for a complete set of vestments which they displayed at the convention. Mrs. John Segur, grand regent, accepted the award.

St. Patrick's Parish Picnic

The annual picnic for members of St. Patrick's Parish is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th, at Sullivan's Monument North Pavilion.

The presidents of the Parish organizations are chairmen for this affair. They are Leo Krolik, Mrs. Justin McCarthy, Mrs. James Powell and Mrs. John Pennell. Assisting them are Ross Lewis, Fred Battersby, John Biggs, Tom Tironay and Mrs. Howard Trampenna.

Rosary Unit Meeting Set

A meeting of Our Lady of Lourdes Altar and Rosary Society, Elmira will be held Tuesday, June 2, at 8 p.m.

There will be a business meeting following Rosary and Benediction. Officers of the Cheung-Schuyler Deanery will be installed following the meeting.

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