

Bolivia Mission Beckons Nun

A former Rochesterian will travel by donkey, mule and boat to reach the widely scattered families in her new mission station in Bolivia.

Sister Emery Kavanagh of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception will leave for the mission in Bolivia following 24 years of service in Texas. A former member of St. Augustine Parish, Sister Emery attended Nazareth Academy and graduated from Mercy Hospital in Auburn.

A departure ceremony will be held Sunday, Sept. 6, at Immaculate Conception Convent in West Patterson, N.J. Bishop Thomas R. Manning, O.F.M., of Corcoran, Bolivia will preside.

Sister Emery's service in Guany, Bolivia will follow an active mission career in Texas where she helped found the first Negro mission school and hospital in 1940. She entered the order in 1934 and later studied at St. Bonaventure University and at Catholic University.

She will leave on Oct. 7, aboard the Grace Line freighter.

Sister Emery will travel to Bolivia where she and three other sisters will found a new mission.

They will make a house-to-house survey of the area which has only three to four families per mile. The area is in great need of medical help. Sister Emery and another sister are nurses and will help alleviate some of the problems the people now encounter.

Another problem the sisters will face is the three languages they will have to master. Besides Spanish, which they have been studying for a year, they will also have to learn the languages of the two Indian groups in the area.

Sister Emery is the sister of the Rev. Michael Kavanagh, S.J., now stationed in India, and the late Rev. Ambrose Kavanagh, S.P., who died last year. She is also a cousin of Monsignor Edward Ball and Monsignor John Ball and Sister Edwin Marie, S.S.J.



S. STEK EMERY
Bolivia-bound

Nurses Graduate At St. Joseph's

The fifty-third Commencement Exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira, were held in St. Peter's and Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

BISHOP KEARNEY awarded the diploma and pin of the school to the forty-three members of this year's graduating class.

Special awards were given to Ellen Meerdluk, Rochester, for highest academic achievement; Marlene Komarnetz, Endwell, for excellence in nursing practice; Lillian Worth, Southold, for outstanding operating room nursing; and Dorothy Hubert, Hamkins, for leadership in student nurse activities.

The Rev. Philip E. McGhan, Hospital Chaplain, presented the graduates and the Bishop offered Mass and delivered the address.

Following the graduation exercises, a graduation dinner honoring the members of the class of 1954 was given by the Sisters of St. Joseph's in the dining room of the Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence. Bishop Kearney, priests of the Elmira area, faculty members, and representatives of the Hospital Board of Directors, Medical Staff, and School Advisory Committee were also guests.

Graduation exercises were the culmination of a series of special commencement activities which were initiated in May with reception into the Alumnae Association, a picnic given for the seniors by their "little sisters," the junior class, a din-

ner for the housemothers of the Nurses' Residence and a tea for the faculty given by the graduating class. Members of the class were entertained by the Elmira Council of Catholic Nurses at a picnic held at Hurthaven on Aug. 19, and an outing at Keuka Lake on Aug. 24.

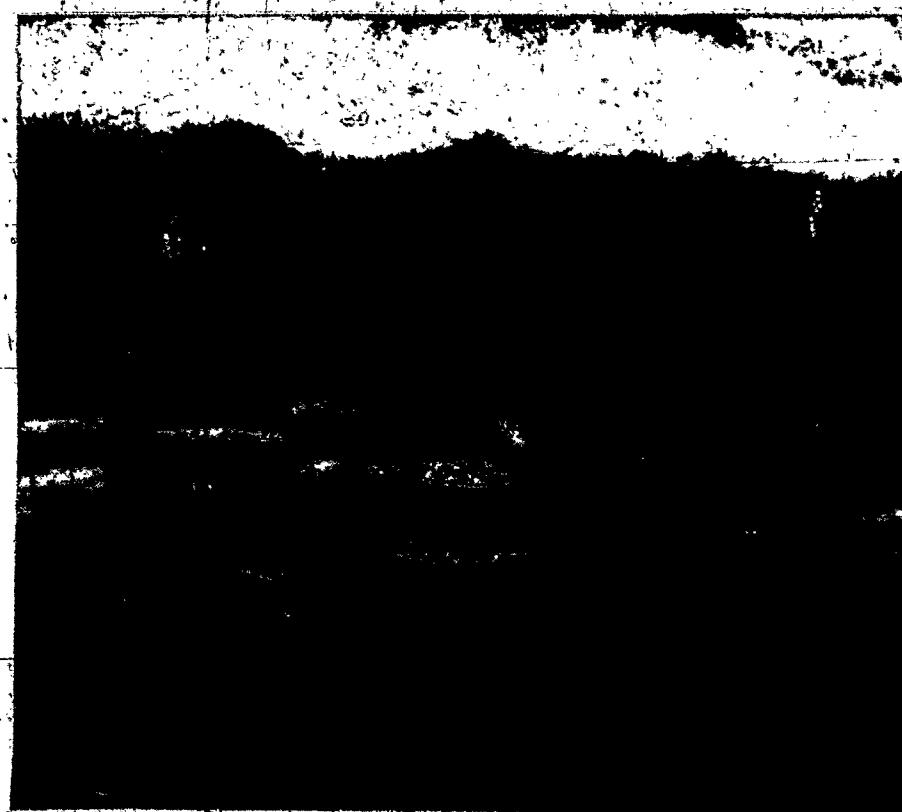
The members of the Class of 1954 are: Mary Ann Baryk, Rose Marie Cornacchio, Patricia Curdin, Frances Doty, Joyce Gordon, Joyce Johnson, Barbara Love, Jo Ann Malone, Rose Alice Milliken, Mary Lynne Murray, Mary Sweeney, Patricia Wetherbee, Elmira; Virginia Cheney, Anne Goodyear, Horseheads; Susan Hedges, Chemung; Nancy Calloway, Corning; Geraldine Norman, Savona; Susan Dempsey, Ithaca; Mary Ann Bealey, Cheryl Schvey, Banghamton; Barbara Bebel, Helen Dougherty, Endicott; Marlene Komarnetz, Endwell; Sharyn Mulhollen, Elizabeth Reistetter, Vestal; Josephine Paradiso, Watkins Glen; Dorothy Fowler, Penn Yan; Mary Ellen Anderson, Judith Brooks, Jo Ann Edwards, Judith Farrell, Ellen Meerdluk, Carolyn Monaghan, Karen Tye, Charlene Taylor, Anne Weeks, Rochester; Mary Egger, Hornell; Dorothy Hubert, Hamkins; Lillian Worth, Southold; Ann Maxwell, Renovo; Gail Regan, Sayre; Carol Fantastky, Williamsport; and Margaret Springfield, Virginia Beach, Virginia.



BISHOP KEARNEY congratulates award winners following commencement ceremonies at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira. From left, received the Rev. Francis J. Walker Memorial Award for highest scholastic achievement, Nursing Alumnae Association Award for excellence in nursing practice was presented to Marlene Komarnetz of Endwell.



A PORTION of the convent is shown at the right where Sister Emery Kavanagh and three other sisters will live while operating the clinic shown for Bolivian residents.



THATCHED roofs contrast sharply with modern structure in the photo of Bolivian mission where Sister Emery will serve. The darkness in the background is jungle area.

New Parish Site Purchased In Elmira-Corning Area

Site for a new Catholic Church to serve Elmira-Corning area was announced this week by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, dean of the Elmira-Schwab Deanery after purchase of two tracts of Big Flats land totaling 22 acres was completed.

THE NEW PARISH will border on St. Mary's, Horseheads; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira and St. Patrick's, Corning.

The property is located on Davenport Road north of Rt. 17, just off Olcott Road. Construction date has not been set.

In a statement authorized by James E. Kearney, Monsignor Schwab said:

"Aware of the continuing growth and development in the area north of Elmira, the Diocese of Rochester has acquired 22 acres of land on the Davenport Road in Big Flats for the establishment of a new church at a later date."

It will be the first new Catholic church in Chemung County since Our Lady of Lourdes was built in 1940.

Bishop Kearney said the new parish "is evidence of our progressive interest in the industrial and residential growth of the Southern Tier."

"We are pleased to expand our facilities to serve the people of the Elmira-Corning area and trust that this step in founding a new parish will be a measure of our confidence in the priests and people living in the Chemung and Steuben community," he said.

The property was secured from Charles LaFollette and David Sheperd of Big Flats.



MONSIGNOR SCHWAB

The purchase price was not disclosed but was reported to be in excess of \$20,000.

THE MAIN TRACT is nearly 100 feet and measures 1,034 feet on the Davenport Road. It is 1,026 feet along the south line, 283 feet on the west end and 470 feet on the east end.

The other lot abuts the southeast corner of the main tract and measures 310 by 287 feet.

The Diocese of Rochester was represented in the transaction by Paul M. Donovan of the firm of Cramer, Donovan, Graner and Davidson of Elmira.

Donovan was asked early in the spring to locate and purchase a suitable site.

He thanked area officials for assisting in providing information on future growth and other factors which helped determine the site.

"The people in the area, town officials, the County Planning Board, the County Health Department, and the Horseheads School District were wonderfully cooperative," Donovan said.

Diocesan officials said the establishment of parish boundaries, the appointment of a pastor and the designation of a patron saint from whom the new parish will take its name will not be done this year.

St. Mary's Nursing School To Register New Students

St. Mary's School of Nursing will open its Fall semester Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. to admit 43 freshmen and 40 returning resident students from various cities and towns in New York State enrolled in the school's 3 academic year nursing program.

SISTER VICTORIA, R.N., M.S.N., Director of the School of Nursing, and faculty members will be on hand to welcome the students. Wednesday at 8 a.m. 15 Seniors, 23 Juniors and 15 Freshmen students are slated to report for registration. These are "commuters" students from the Rochester area who live at home. The remainder of the week will be filled with school orientation activities. Highlights of orientation week include:

Wednesday, Freshmen will register at Monroe Community College, other students will register at St. Mary's.

Wednesday afternoon all students will attend class meetings with Sister Victoria, Director.

At 8:30 a.m., Thursday morning a Mass to open the school year will be celebrated by Bishop Kearney in the School auditorium followed by a Communion Breakfast for all students in the hospital cafeteria.

Thursday, 2 p.m., a formal assembly to open the school year will be held in the school auditorium. This is the traditional "moving up day" observed in many nursing schools. Following assembly a picnic will be held for all students at Corbett's Glen.

Freshmen students will return to Monroe Community College Friday for testing and orientation. Junior and Senior students will attend orientation at St. Mary's. Classes for all students begin Monday, Sept. 14, at 8 a.m.

Red Mass Set Tues. Sept. 15

Date for the annual Lawyers' Red Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Kearney in St. Joseph's Church is Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 9 a.m. according to Supreme Court Justice Daniel J. O'Mara, general chairman of arrangements.

The Mass celebrated each year in observance of the opening of the Courts is attended by Judges, attorneys and leading citizens. Detailed plans will be announced next week. Justice O'Mara said.

Record Total Of Adoptions

U.S. Catholic school children "adopted" a record total of 322, 660 orphans in 80 nations last year, the Holy Childhood Association announced.

In the Rochester Diocese, Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Andrew's School accounted for more than 200 adoptions each and Holy Family School, Rochester, had the highest average locally, 11 per class room, said Rev. John F. Duffy, diocesan Holy Childhood director.

The Holy Childhood Association is an international mission and organization of children who contribute for the baptism, care, housing and education of needy children throughout the world.

Assigned To DePaul Clinic

Sister Mary Peter has been assigned to the DePaul Child Guidance Clinic, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester. She received her master's degree at Yordham University in 1953 and her doctor's degree from the University of Rochester in 1953.

She has been Director of the Testing and Guidance Center of Reading Laboratory at Catharine McAuley College since 1953 and a member of the faculty at the college since 1954. She has written several papers for professional journals and her doctoral dissertation was on "The Role of Intelligence, Personality and Selected Psychological Factors in Remedial Reading Progress."

Sister Peter is a member of the American Psychological Association and the American Catholic Psychological Association. She was chairman, in 1951, of a Sub-Committee of the Education and Mental Health Committee of the Monroe County Health Association. Sister will also be teaching at St. John Fisher College, Catherine McAuley College and St. James Mercy Hospital Nursery School, and Sydney Stouck.



SISTER MARY PETER

Mission Unit Attends Meet

Sister Ann Xavier, moderator of St. Agnes High School Mission Unit, Sister M. Adrienne and twelve students of St. Agnes attended the 31st National CSMC Convention at the University of Notre Dame, August 27-30.

The Convention theme, "A World United," was also the topic of the keynote speaker, Bishop Wright of Pittsburgh, and the subject of an address by Archbishop Alter of Cincinnati, National CSMC President.

Some Convention meetings discussed the work of the Church in individual countries of parts of the world; others dealt with general subjects related to the apostolate as catechesis, ecumenism, vocations, the lay apostolate, lay auxiliaries, communism, and so on. Exhibits also helped to visualize the work of the apostolate and demonstration meetings illustrated CSMC methods of developing knowledge of apostolic techniques.

Returning with much enthusiasm and many ideas for the coming year are the St. Agnes Mission Unit President, Mary Anne Nally, and her companions Kathleen Marnell, Maureen O'Neill, Michele Callahan, Karen Lally, Mary Jo Mauro, Linda Stutsman, Margaret Zicari, Iren Drojarski, Barbara Zasowski, Judith Kolb, and Sydney Stouck.

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