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Retreat House Drive Underway

Faced with a \$300,000 minimum goal toward proposed construction of a permanent diocesan laymen's retreat center, nearly 1500 members of the Laymen's Retreat League began

visiting fellow retreatants this week.

Pledges are being sought for a new Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking Canandaigua Lake, to replace facilities at 246 Alexander St., Rochester.

Bishop Has An Audience Of 12,000

Bishop Kearney has just completed his rounds of the two seminaries, two Catholic colleges and ten high schools of the Rochester Diocese where he said Mass and spoke to open the academic year for a total of more than 12,000 students.

At each school, he offered Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit, traditional Mass asking God's blessing on a major undertaking.

His talk varied from school to school but his basic theme stressed devotion to religious practice and thorough mastery of the subjects under study.

Featuring plans for the new center, Father Downing noted, "We will be providing space for priests' retreats. Besides the main and five side altars in the chapel, there will be arrangements for 14 portable altars along the promenades leading to the chapel."

Expansion of the three-day retreat movement to include retreats for married couples and eventually for families, also is forecast for the new center.

Father Downing also indicated a growing interest in mid-week retreats for special groups. He added that facilities of the new center also will be available for various diocesan-wide functions, such as Catechist Conferences, special religious observances, organization workshops, etc.

Describing campaign results to date as "very encouraging," the Redemptorist priest declared that "the success of the campaign, however, depends on the cooperation of each of the thousands of individual retreatants whose support will be solicited within the next ten days."

The drive coincides with the 50th anniversary of the laymen's retreat movement in the Diocese.

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Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Bishop Kearney at the pulpit.

Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, Rochester dentist noted for missionary activity in Africa, will be guest speaker at the annual Community Breakfast of Sibley employees.

The BREAKFAST will be held in Sibley's Tower Restaurant at 10:15 a.m. following the Mass at St. Joseph's Church.

James W. Acker is general chairman. On his committee are Eugene Mawn, James Tucker, Margaret Creveling and David Klosar.

John Kooman will act as toastmaster. At the head table, other honored guests of the Sibley employees, besides Bishop Kearney and Dr. Lalonde, will be the Very Rev. John Clerkin, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Joseph's Church, and Arthur J. O'Brien, Sibley president.

At the time of the presentation of the award by Bishop Patrick Winter, a member of the Irish Pallotine Fathers, Dr. Lalonde had made seven trips to Africa to aid the Medical Missionaries of Mary in Africa.

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Mass at St. Bernadette's Seminary in 1934.

He also aided in helping young Tanganyikan Sisters and nurses in their dental facilities.

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