

# 600 Women of Diocese to Attend Convention at Kearney High, April 25

The challenge of change will be viewed and the invitation to act will be offered by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at its biennial convention on Saturday, April 24. The one-day working session will be held at Bishop Kearney High School, King's Highway, in Irondequoit, registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the school foyer.

All women in the Diocese of Rochester are invited to participate in the workshops and secure information from the varied exhibits geared to the theme, "Personal Commitment in Today's World." The convention co-chairmen, Mrs. Frederick Holland and Mrs. Joseph Wahl, have prepared "a program of action," stressing concrete areas of endeavor in the many fields of Catholic Action.

DR. ELINOR BARNES, president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and honorary



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Outgoing DCCW President, and honorary convention chairman.

chairman of the convention, feels the theme "most appropriate," as it embodies the essential need of every Christian—personal commitment. It provides an opportunity for women to "become informed and carry this message of cooperative action to every part of our Diocese," she said.

Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. in the school auditorium by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey. Bishop Casey will address the women following the Mass. Selection of music to be sung at Mass was made by Rev. Charles McCarthy, former professor of Sacred Music at St. Bernard's Seminary, and now pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

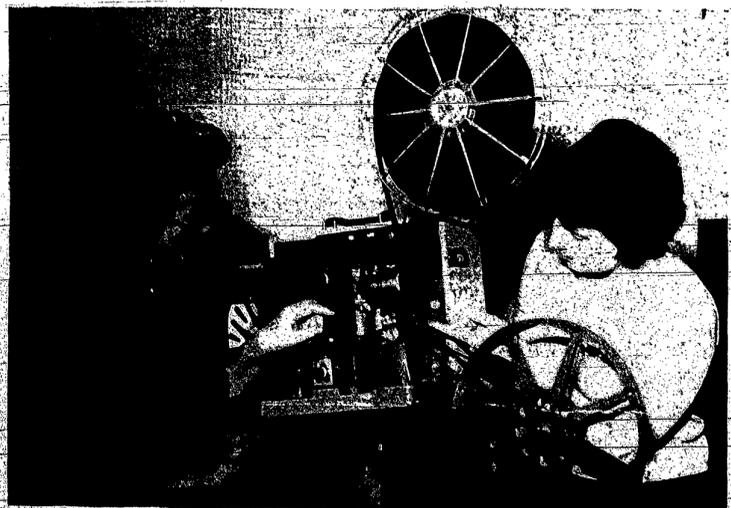
Following a coffee hour in the school gymnasium, during which time the varied exhibits can be viewed, the delegates will reassemble in the auditorium. The principal speaker for the day will be Peter P. Muirhead, Ph.D., associate commissioner of the United States Office of Education. Installation of Council officers for the year 1965-1966, will precede his address.

A smorgasbord luncheon and bank of workshops will run concurrently at noon and at 1:30 p.m. A World's Fair theme will dominate the decor.

The convention's conclusion will be supplied by the Wakefield Players, a group of teenagers, members of Zion Episcopal Church in Avon. They will present a one act, open-end play entitled, "Some of My Best Friends." A panel will discuss the play's impact and receive questions from the delegates.



MRS. GERALD SULLIVAN  
Workshop moderator



HUMAN RELATIONS workshop will feature a film taken from the "East Side—West Side" TV series on minority group housing. Here, Mrs. Gerald Barrett, left, and Mrs. Norman Ladd, assistant chairman and chairman respectively, of the Community Action committee work "bugs" out of the projector for their workshop.



'WOMAN—IN HER BODY' 'WOMAN—IN HER MIND' 'WOMAN—IN HER SOUL'

## 'Three Faces Of Woman'

Mrs. Virginia Scully of Ontario, N.Y. models the theme of a convention workshop dealing with woman's response to the multi-faceted challenges of modern life.



REHEARSING for a Bible service at Nazareth College are a group of freshmen students under the aegis of Sister Joan Margaret. She will explain, conduct such a service at the DCCW convention.



BEHIND-THE-SCENES arrangements for the convention are being made by (from left), Mrs. Joseph Wahl, convention co-chairman, Rev. Charles McCarthy, St. Andrew's pastor and musical director for the 9:30 a.m. Mass, with Mrs. Vivian Jenkins, director-at-large from Monroe County deanery. They're selecting musical program for the Mass.

## Drama on Prejudice To Raise Questions



MRS. LLOYD HURST



SISTER M. PETRUS



MRS. LESTER BERLOVE

The Wakefield Players' presentation of "Some of My Best Friends," by Robert Crea, will climax the convention. The play, illustrating prejudice and involving characterizations of a Jew, a Negro, a Protestant, and a Catholic, will serve to complete the convention theme, "Personal Commitment."

The Players were secured through Reverend Peter M. Norman, Rector of Zion Episcopal Church in Avon. He said the cast is comprised of teenagers who volunteer for the group and give much of their time to it.

Mr. Thomas Bohrer is the group's director. He is assisted by his wife, Louise, who makes all the costumes and does the make-up. Both were teaching at West High School when the group originated.

In 1958, the Senior High Youth Group at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church began experimenting with dramatic presentations in parish programs. After the group had had two years of experience in this field, including work with choral reading and readings of plays, it was suggested that this work require more time than the regular youth program could afford. A small group of teenagers was invited by Mr. Bohrer and the Reverend Norman, then curate at St. Stephen's, to form a repertory company, The Wakefield Players Guild.

The Guild's main purposes are to provide high quality Christian drama, demonstrate its value in Christian education, and encourage further use of this medium for effective teaching.

The full company includes twenty players and has a current repertory of fifteen productions. "Some of My Best Friends" is a recent addition.

Reverend Norman observed that teenagers are ideal for the roles offered in the Guild's repertory. "They are much freer in expressing themselves," he stated, "leading themselves better to the rollicking, zestful living of medieval times." He also said that rehearsals and performances require much time and dedication, both more abundant in this age group.

Mr. Bohrer emphasized, "The play is open ended—its purpose is to open and raise questions, not answer them." The aud-



SARALEE ORTON  
'Best Image Forward'

ience role should be an active one; both through identification with the players and the questions it will present to a reacting panel.

Reverend E. Leo McMannus, moderator of the Council of Catholic Women, will moderate the panel of authoritative and interested people. Each will

present personal impressions and be available to answer specific questions posed by the audience.

Panel members include Sister M. Petrus, R.S.M., Ph.D., instructor Mercy High School, Mrs. Lester Berlove, past president of the Council of Jewish Women, and Mrs. Lloyd Hurst.

## Exhibits Beckon To Involvement

A World's Fair motif will transform the Kearney gymnasium into a panorama of colorful exhibits designed to present a more complete picture of vital areas of interest to Catholic women.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, Our Lady of Mercy and Notre Dame will staff displays of their missions in South America, Puerto Rico, Selma and elsewhere in the United States.

Slides on UNICEF will be shown by the Rochester Association for the United Nations. Mrs. David Allyn, president of the Association, will be on hand to answer questions and distribute literature. Mrs. Arthur F. Connorton is in charge of arrangements.

The Catholic Interracial Council will show literature concerning yearly activities. Mrs. Don J. Arganbright will assemble the exhibit to be staffed by Mrs. James Rains, Mrs. Bernice Bronk, and Mrs. Ronald Gledhill.

The Citizens for Educational Freedom, under the direction of John Wagner, Pittsford, will make available membership cards, information on pertinent educational issues now in Congress, news-letters and descriptive folders.

Miss Isabelle Dolan, originator and director of Loreto House, 134 Hand Street, Rochester, will exhibit examples of "her children's artwork." Miss Dolan offers spiritual, moral and cultural training through her neighborhood house to the parishioners of St. Bridget's, and residents of her area. She will be happy to supply information to interested volunteers.

St. Martin de Porres Center, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Mouchard, will exhibit examples of its varied programs for the youth of its area.

Mrs. Carl Zuehlke, chairman of the Literacy Committee for the United Council of Church Women, will exhibit techniques utilized in carrying out the project, "Each One Teach One" with the thousands of illiterate people living in Monroe County. Workshops for prospective teachers in this program are in session.

A sale of constructive packet books and classic comics will be conducted by Mrs. Victor Tischer, Victor, treasurer of the Council of Catholic Women.

Committees cooperating to coordinate the convention program include the Decorations Committee chaired by Mrs. Dominic Casbarre, a commercial artist and fashion designer, resident of Christ the King parish.

Mrs. Joseph Schnorr is handling publicity.

The details of the exhibit hall were given to Mrs. John Brophy, and Mrs. John Rentschler agreed to mastermind convention finances.

Accepting reservations are Mrs. Ronald McDonald, Mrs. Nelson Zimmer, and Mrs. Arthur Farren. Mrs. Ronald Gledhill will serve as coordinator of reservations, and members of St. Pius X, Sacred Heart and St. Stanislaus parishes will receive reservations at the convention.

Mrs. Stanley Doptis is chairman of hostesses for the Coffeedonut hour. Members of St. Ambrose Rosary Society will serve. The St. Margaret Mary Rosary and Altar Society will supply hostesses for the luncheon.

A final flourish will conclude activities of the day when members of St. Salome's Mothers Club, and St. Thomas the Apostle Rosary Society return Bishop Kearney High School to its original state conducive to educational pursuits.

## Schedule of Workshops

- Saturday, April 24, at Bishop Kearney High School 12 noon
- Ecumenical Understanding — The Second Vatican Council; eastern and western rites in the Catholic Church.
- International Relations — International cooperation; NCCW campaign for Freedom from Hunger.
- Faith in Action — Bible Service instruction; extending the Church into the home.
- Three Faces of Woman — her body, her mind, her soul. 1:30 p.m.
- Attitudes — The Church, the Government, the School. Marriage . . . as seen by today's women.
- Human Relations — A "tolerant" community views housing problems.
- Put Your Best "Image" Forward — the art of effective promotion of an organization, including the Church.
- Family to Family — personal contact in helping the underprivileged.
- To Latin America with Love — Forgotten dignity of the less fortunate.

To register for the convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, clip this coupon, mail it with your check to Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Nelson Zimmer, 107 Council Rock Rd., Rochester, N.Y., 14610. Registration fee is \$1.25. Luncheon is \$2.50. Your tickets will be kept for your arrival at the main lobby of Bishop Kearney High School, Saturday, April 24, at 9 a.m.

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