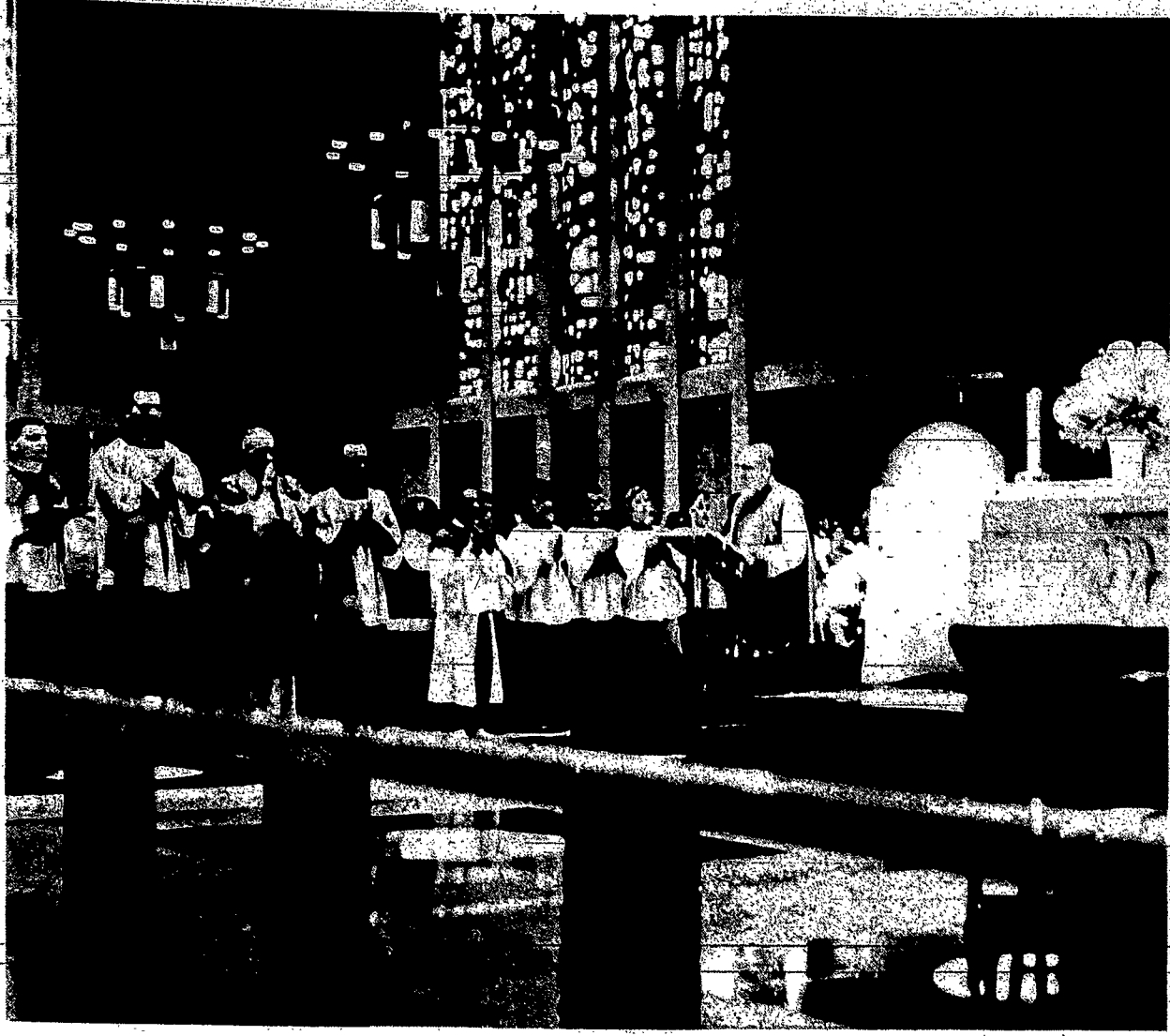




Parishioners of new St. Thomas the Apostle Church moved to their new near million dollar church on Palm Sunday. Bishop Kearney blessed the palm in the old downstairs church and then, escorted by almost two thousand people, carried the Blessed Sacrament to the new tabernacle in the special Our Lady's Chapel in the soaring Greek-style structure. Monsignor Richard K. Burns, pastor, in his sermon at the Bishop's Mass, paid tribute to all who had a part in the half century history of the Irondequoit parish. The Bishop will return for the solemn blessing of the new church Sunday, May 9.

(Photos by Chuck Mantelli)



Aquinas Debaters State Champions

Aquinas Institute walked off with four First Place trophies along with a second and third place award in oratory in the final competitions of the National Forensic League's New York State tournament in Oswego last weekend.

At the end of elimination rounds Aquinas was undefeated with six wins against no losses. Gaining a bye in the quarter finals, the affirmative team of Jim Hendrick and Tom Farrell went on to beat out Jamestown High school's negative team in the semi-finals.

In a bit of strategy, Aquinas switched to the negative side with Bob Craig and Dave Hill offering brilliant arguments to defeat the Canisius High School team of Buffalo in the final round to give the local school the State Championship.

The twelve judges involved in all the Aquinas debates were unanimous in giving the win to the Rochester boys.

DEBATING COACH Gordon J. DeHond announced that the first place victory gives Aquinas entry to the National Speech Tournament to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, June 22-26.

In oratory, seven of the ten Aquinas entries went into the final rounds of original oratory and extempore-current events. To attain final rounds required a first or second place win in each of four preliminary rounds. Trophies were awarded to Mark Killenbeck and Ronald Hoenig for their achievements in Extempore-Current Events.

In addition to the Sweepstakes Trophy won by Aquinas, the young debaters also received the tournament Trophy for having the largest number of students in the final rounds of speech and also for having the best over-all record in all events.

Competitions were held at the State University College at Oswego and all competing schools were members of the National Forensic League. Next tournament for Aquinas, according to Mr. DeHond, is the Fordham University Tourney to be held during Easter week.

To Rise from Ashes

'High Hopes' for Geneva Parish

"High hopes" to restore St. Francis de Sales Church "as it was" were expressed this week by Monsignor Edward K. Ball, pastor of the Geneva parish as he looked over the wreckage caused by a \$200,000 fire which gutted the 100-year-old church last Saturday morning.

Excessive damage by fire and water was concentrated on the front of the church, the entrance, choir loft, confessionals, back pews and stained glass windows. Damage to the sanctuary

area was mostly caused by extensive heat and smoke.

EASTER SUNDAY Mass for St. Francis de Sales 6,000 parishioners will be celebrated in Geneva's Schine Theatre, according to Monsignor Ball, dean of the Ontario-Seneca-Yates deanery. Location of subsequent services will be announced.

Preliminary examination of the damage was made this week by insurance adjusters and the parish contractor but their findings are not yet completed, according to Monsignor Ball.

Bishop Kearney and many priests from the Rochester area drove to Geneva Saturday afternoon to survey the wreckage. The church was redecorated only seven years ago at a cost of \$80,000.

The fire awakened Father Philip Lioi, assistant pastor, in the early hours Saturday morning.

Firemen had already received news of the fire by phone call from a passerby. They arrived soon after 2:30 a.m. and were kept at the scene until 8 a.m.

During the fire Father Gary Lalonde, another assistant pastor, wearing a gas mask and accompanied by two Geneva firemen entered the church and removed the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle.

Interracial Council:

Catholic Group Backs Negro Community Effort

The Catholic Interracial Council (CIC) of Rochester has joined the newly formed FIGHT group, recently set up to organize Rochester's Negro community. It was announced last week by CIC President Mrs. Alma Greene.

(The initials in FIGHT's title stand for: Freedom, Integration, God, Honor and Today.)

"We support any measure which promises to be constructive in the field of race relations," Mrs. Greene said. "If

had been raised about the participation of whites in the organization.

"Whites are welcome—but it must be understood that Negroes are going to lead the group," the Negro minister, emphasized. "The main purpose of FIGHT is to bring together the Negro community in such focus that the power structure of the city will have to plan with us, instead of for us."

"This (organization) will give us an opportunity to decide what is best for ourselves. Whatever the area of concern—jobs, education, whatever—we want to be in on the ground floor," he told the Courier Journal.

Early response to the organizational effort has been very heartening, the temporary chairman felt. Church groups, merchants, block associations and fraternal groups have taken part in the two general planning meetings held to date.

"We are also aiming to involve the youth groups and clubs, whose leaders will be

"Policy will be made in a democratic way, and if any concerned group wants to work with us, it's up to them to get involved," he stressed.

CIC's President, Mrs. Greene, reflected the same idea, when explaining why the Catholic Interracial Council decided to become part of the new organization.

"One thing is sure—it will become what the people actively involved in it want it to be."

Another Catholic organization, Loreto House, has also joined the FIGHT program as a founding member. This is a neighborhood program, directed by Miss Isabelle Dolan, centered in the Hand St. area. It employs a varied program of "arts, manners and morals," stressing a self-help approach with the 45 families involved in its program.

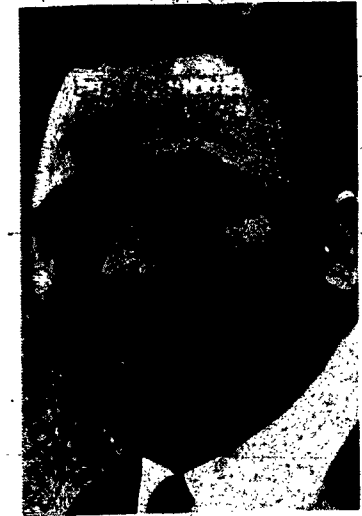


MRS. ALMA GREENE
CIC President

this program can give Negroes an effective voice in the total community, it deserves our interest and involvement."

As president of CIC, Mrs. Greene will represent her group as a member of the provisional steering committee of the FIGHT organization. To date, some 25 groups have joined the nascent organization, which is under the temporary chairmanship of Rev. Franklin D. Florence, pastor of the Church of Christ, 37 Reynolds St.

In welcoming the entry of the Catholic group, the Rev. Mr. Florence clarified a point which



REV. FRANKLYN FLORENCE
Chairman of "FIGHT"

Deanery Women List Chancellor

The Cayuga Deanery Council of Catholic Women announces plans for its annual banquet and installation of new officers to be held on Tuesday, May 4 at 8:30 p.m. at the Owasco Country Club.

The guest speaker will be Monsignor George Cocuzzi, Chancellor of the Diocese. Monsignor will have as his topic discussion "The New Look in the Church Today."

All reservations are to be received by Mrs. Francis John Scott, president of the Deanery, by April 26.



EDWARD T. CHAMBERS
IAF Consultant

our steering committee and will be helping us form our policies from the start," he noted.

Technical consultation for the Negro community organization is being given by the Industrial Areas Foundation, founded by the much-discussed Saul Alinsky. The IAF representative working in Rochester is Edward T. Chambers, 34, whose last assignment was as staff director for the Woodlawn community organization in Chicago.

Rev. Mr. Florence has made it clear that the local group will do its own thinking, using Chambers only "as a consultant when needed."

Chambers reiterated this point in a statement early this week:

"The role of the Foundation (IAF) is one of advising, consulting, training and developing a Negro staff. All matters of structure, choice of officers and matters of policy are up to the local group."

The 34-year old Chambers, who has been with IAF for six years, summarized the basic goals of the FIGHT organization in these words:

"To give the Negro community a collective bargaining voice in this city, in matters which vitally concern them."

A graduate of St. John's College, in Collegeville, Minn., the tall, pipe-smoking Chambers suggested the value for any group of early participation in the FIGHT program.



BISHOP KEARNEY leaves the rectory for St. Joachim's Church, Canisteo, to bless the newly expanded and redecored facilities and offer Mass. With him are the Rev. Vincent Collins, left, church pastor; and the Rev. John Coonan, chaplain at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell. (Hornell Evening Tribune photo)

Canisteo Church Blessed

Canisteo—Bishop Kearney blessed the recently remodeled and redecored St. Joachim's Church in Canisteo April 5 and celebrated an evening Mass in observance of the occasion.

Celebration of the Mass at 7:30 p.m., during which the Bishop also delivered the sermon, was preceded by an inspection tour of the new church facilities.

Parishioners and friends of St. Joachim's were escorted on a similar tour on Sunday, April 4, from 2 until 5 p.m. by the Rev. Vincent P. Collins, pastor.

Shortly after Father Collins was appointed pastor in 1963, a drive was conducted to raise money for the expansion of the church and the building of a catechetical center.

A goal of \$35,000 was set and topped by parishioners' pledges of \$47,000. The expansion and redecored St. Joachim's was accomplished at a cost of \$20,000, since much of the remodeling was done by volunteer workers from the parish.

THE CHURCH has been expanded by a 34-foot addition at the rear of the edifice which now houses a new sanctuary and sacristy. The sanctuary is furnished with a new Communion rail, altar, backdrop, canopy and altar platform. The sacristy now provides space for a furnace and a storage room.

The church proper has been completely redecored with a new vestibule, pews to accommodate 200 persons, wainscoting, floor tile and wall-to-wall nylon carpeting.

In keeping with the new decorative scheme, the Stations of the Cross have been framed in redwood with matching crosses. A shrine to the Blessed Virgin has been erected next to the sacristy.

This is the first time St. Joachim's Church has been enlarged since its establishment in 1880. It originally seated 108 persons in the church proper and 20 in the balcony.

New Stations of the Cross were added to the church in 1918.

During the pastorate of the Rev. John D. Malley, the church was completely redecored in 1953. Sanctuary improvements included a new altar backdrop or reredos centered by a hand-carved Crucifix imported from Italy.

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