

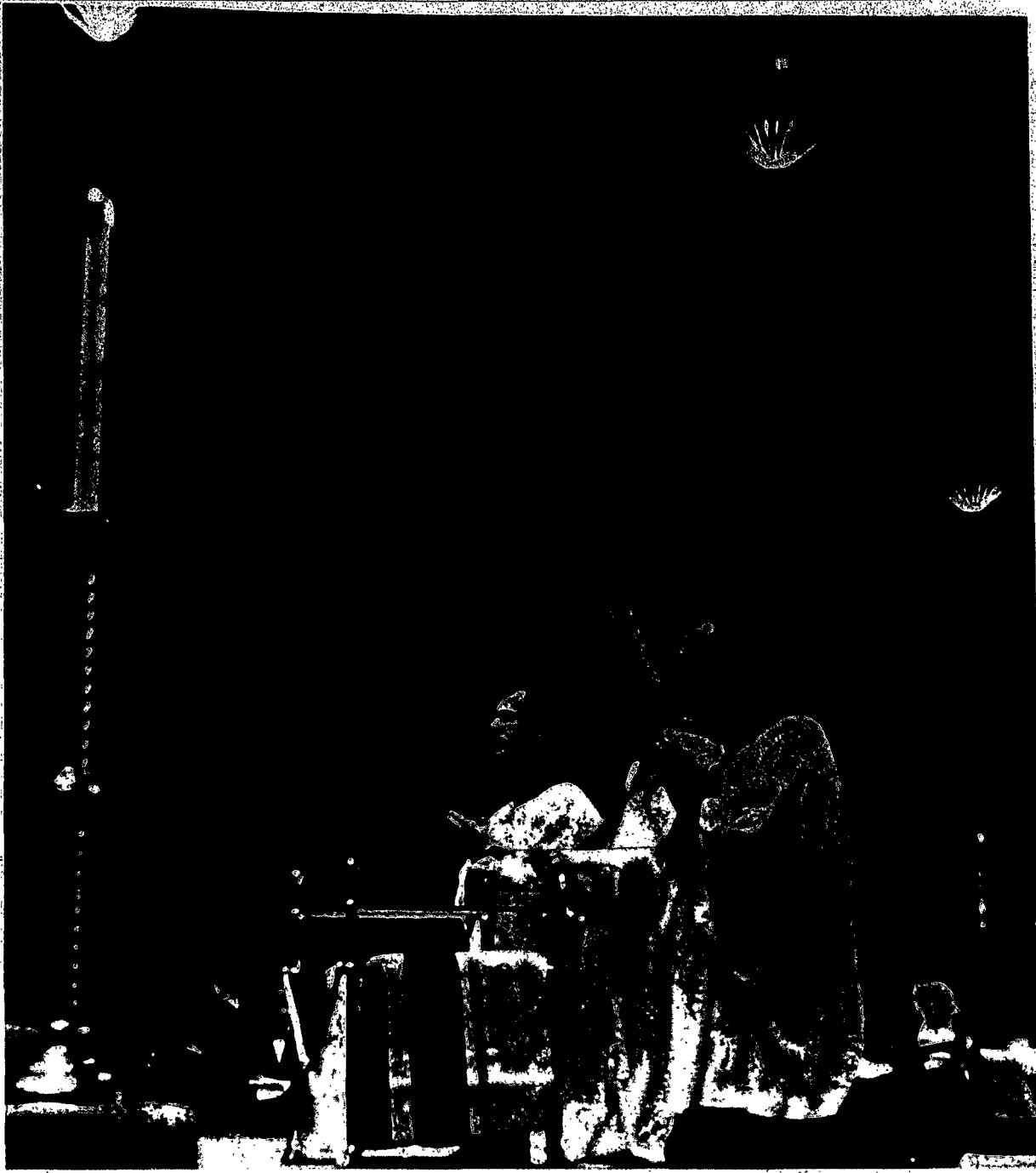
Mother, Theme for Sunday, Month

Mother will be the theme of loving thoughts of millions of Americans this Sunday, Mother's Day. President Johnson has asked that flags be flown as a nationwide tribute to America's mothers. Pope Paul, in an encyclical issued on the eve of the month of May, voiced a new and impassioned plea for prayers for peace to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Saviour and Mother of the Church. Bishop Kearney expressed his confidence that

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will respond to the Pope's wishes. The Bishop suggested that Catholics locally make a special effort each evening to join the diocesan-wide broadcast of the Family Rosary for Peace radio program at 7 p.m. "The Holy Father put particular emphasis on the Rosary in his encyclical," the Bishop stated. "So I think we have a wonderful opportunity to carry out his suggestions by gathering our families for this

broadcast each evening especially during May." (Full text of the papal encyclical is on page 4 of this Courier.) The Pope also asked for prayers for the success of the Vatican Council which will meet for its final sessions this autumn. The spiritual side of the observance of Mother's Day is expected to draw throngs to Holy Communion at Masses in parish churches this Sunday as children, from seven to beyond seventy, offer thanks for the

loving care of their mother—whether they are blessed that she is still alive or in memory of her if she is deceased. Bishop Kearney, in a talk at Holy Ghost Church Wednesday evening, said, "There is no place a child will place his hand with greater confidence than in the hand of his mother." He said Mother's Day is "a national feast" when we fulfill the command of our divine Lord on the Cross when he said, "Behold thy mother."



Bishop Casey dedicated new St. John's Church in Town of Greece on parish's 100th anniversary Sunday afternoon. With him are Fathers Gerald Appelby, Lawrence Murphy.

'So Great a Work'

St. John's Dedicated

Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church in the Town of Greece marked their parish centenary by dedicating a dramatically designed new church Sunday afternoon.

It is the third church in the parish's 100 year history.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey presided at the sun drenched dedication rite and celebrated the jubilee Mass.

The new \$600,000 fan-shaped edifice is the first to be built in the Rochester Diocese to translate into brick and mortar recent Vatican Council decrees on revised ways for Catholics to worship together.

Bishop Casey in his sermon at the Mass and Monsignor John E. Maney, in a talk at a dinner following the Mass, both stressed this aspect of the new St. John's.

"Here is a church which meets the exacting requirements of the new liturgy," Bishop Casey said. "Every person in this church can see the altar and take an active part in the Mass or any liturgical ceremony. You feel close to God in this church—and that says it all."

Monsignor Maney traced the history of religious temples—from ancient pagan shrines through early Christian and medieval churches to contemporary-styled structures. For those who have been critical of the new St. John's, he quoted the poem: "those who came to scoff, remained to pray."

Bishop Casey also pointed out that the new church is the climax of an extensive building program at the Greece parish which is located in the heart of one of Rochester's most rapidly developing suburban areas.



Praise to the Lord sing parishioners at new St. John's.

"You have done so much within the past sixteen years," Bishop Casey said to the parishioners, "a new school, new school addition, new convent and now this church. The Lord will certainly reward you for the many sacrifices you have made."

He also paid tribute to Father Donald E. Lux, pastor. "He

Convention On Four Legs

Los Angeles — (NC) — The stand-out was this satin black cow—a bovine beauty.

There was a group of horses—some of which ride in sheriff's posses even in these days, plus a few others enjoying green pastures of retirement after years of pulling fire engines, but mostly farm workers.

The main body of delegates was a collection of squawking, barking, yelping household pets—dogs, cats, ducks, birds, plus some quiet rabbits.

The animals, attended by proud owners, were in convention assembled here at the Old Plaza, the tap-root of the sprawling Los Angeles area. They had been assembled for the traditional-Holy-Saturday-blessing.

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had the vision of what he wanted, the driving force to do it and the wisdom to select an architect who would design a church that would be at the same time devotional and functional and economical," Bishop Casey said.

Architect was James Johnson of Rochester.

Centennial events at the Greece parish included open-house tours of the new church Tuesday evening, a Mass for deceased parishioners Wednesday evening and will conclude with a parish dinner and dance at Cardinal Mooney High School Saturday evening.

A 52-page book titled "So Great a Work" was published this week to review the parish history and describe the newly built church. Authored by Rev. Daniel Torney, curate at St. John's, the profusely illustrated book chronicles events from the visit of Archbishop John Hughes of New York to the Greece area in 1841 to the present day teeming residential suburb.

First Mass in St. John's parish was offered May 6, 1865, in an old inn which served as a church for 10 years, then as rectory until 1883 when it was moved across Ridge Road and is today in use as a tavern.

The second church, blessed in 1875 by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, Rochester's first bishop, served parishioners for 90 years under 16 pastors. A school was begun in 1881 with 34 pupils and has been staffed for all its 84 years by Sisters of St. Joseph.

Four parishioners have been ordained priests, one has become a brother and fourteen, nuns.

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Unity Link Forged

Geneva—(RNS)—Joint World Council of Churches and Vatican discussions to formulate means of "practical collaboration" in a variety of areas will begin soon, it was announced as WCC officials here and at the Vatican simultaneously named their representatives to a 14-member "working committee."

Considered one of the most significant ecumenical breakthroughs of recent years, formation of the joint committee was approved by the WCC policy-making Central Committee last January at its meeting in Enugu, Nigeria.

Vatican acceptance of the proposal was announced on Feb. 18 by Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, when he became the first cardinal to visit WCC headquarters here.

The working group will have eight WCC representatives and six Catholic members, with the difference in size planned to make possible the most adequate representation of the major groups within the WCC, which has 209 Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic member Churches.

Heading the two delegations will be the churchmen credited with key roles in negotiations leading to the decision to form the joint committee—Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council, a Dutch Reformed clergyman; and Dutch-born Bishop Jan Willibrands, secretary of the Vatican unity secretariat.

Vatican representatives will include Msgr. William Baum, executive secretary of the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Ecumenism; Msgr. Charles Boyer, S.J., of Rome, secretary of International Caritas, Catholic welfare organization; Father Pierre Duprey, a French-born White Father who is an under-secretary of the Vatican unity secretariat; and Father Jerome Hamer, O.P., a consultant to the Vatican unity secretariat from Belgium.

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James Romer and Alex Tursi are two of 80 students from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries who took a census of Catholics in Rochester's inner-city area last Sunday. Photo shows them getting information from Mrs. Anastacio Ravens and five of her children at 507 Clinton Avenue North. Diocesan census will be taken in most parishes Sunday, May 23, but is already underway in several rural areas and some towns.

Diocese Census Underway

House-to-house visits were made this week in 14 parishes of six counties in the opening phase of the diocesan-wide Catholic census.

Seventeen other parishes in four counties will have census committee kickoff meetings next week, prior to inauguration of the street-by-street canvass in their areas.

Committee training meetings also are slated next week for 33 parishes throughout the Diocese whose census calls will begin on Sunday, May 23.

The date May 23 is "Census Day" for the 91 parishes in Monroe County, Auburn, Elmira, Elmira Heights and Horseheads.

More than 200 students of St. Bernard's Seminary will continue census calls in a portion of Rochester's inner city area, Sunday afternoon, May 9.

Purpose of the census is to obtain general information about the religious practices of baptized Catholics, in order to update parish and diocesan statistics.

Nearly 20,000 parishioners—an over-enrollment—have volunteered as census workers in the 156 parishes of the 12-county Diocese.

Following is the census program schedule for this and next week:

Parish programs under way this week: Apalachin, Canadaville, Canisteo, Catonk, Dansville, Genesee, Hornell, Newark Valley, Owego, Rexville, Rushville, Seneca Falls, Stanley.

Committee training meetings scheduled next week include:

Monday, May 10
At Cardinal Mooney High School: Sacred Heart Cathedral,

Holy Apostles, Holy Cross, Holy Rosary, Most Precious Blood, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Patrick.

At the Religion Instruction Center, Ontario Center: St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario, and St. Gregory, Marion.

Tuesday, May 11
At Bishop Kearney High School: Annunciation, Christ the King, St. Cecilia, St. Margaret Mary, St. Salome, St. Thomas the Apostle.

At St. Patrick's Hall, Mt. Morris: St. Patrick, St. Thomas Aquinas, Leicester, St. Raphael, Piffard, St. Lucy, Retsof.

At Holy Trinity Hall, Webster: Holy Trinity, and St. Rita, West Webster.
At Wayne Extension Building, Alton: Epiphany, Sodas; St. Rose of Lima, Sodas Point; St. Mary Magdalen, Wolcott; St. John Fisher, East Bay.

Wednesday, May 12
At Cardinal Mooney High School: Holy Name of Jesus; Nativity of the B.V.M., Brockport; Our Lady of Mercy, Our Mother of Sorrows; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport; St.

Lawrence, St. Mark, St. Theodore.

At St. John the Evangelist Hall, Greece: St. John the Evangelist; St. Leo, Hilton.

At Good Shepherd Hall, Henrieville: Good Shepherd; St. Joseph, Henrieville; St. Joseph, Henrieville.

At St. Patrick's Hall, Macedon: St. Patrick; St. Anne, Palmyra.

Thursday, May 13
At Holy Family Hall: Holy Family, St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Helen, St. Peter and Paul.

At St. Michael's Hall, Lyons: St. Michael; St. John, Clyde; St. Patrick, Savannah.

At National Cash Register Co. Cafeteria, Ithaca: Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca; St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg.

At St. Joseph's Hall, Wayland: St. Joseph; St. Pius, Cohocton; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Perkinsville.

Friday, May 14
At St. Michael's Hall, Newark: St. Michael.

Laymen 'Ill-Prepared' For New Responsibilities

Dallas — (RNS) — A Jesuit theologian warned here that Roman Catholic laymen are not ready for their expanding role in the Church.

American laymen are "ill-prepared" to accept the responsibilities thrust upon them through the actions of the Second Vatican Council, according to Father Bernard Cooke, S.J., professor of theology at Mar-

quette University. He called for an "immediate and all-out effort" in training the "top echelon" of U.S. laymen.

"Let us be even more blunt," he said, in a message to the 600 delegates to the biennial convention of the National Council of Catholic Men. "At the present time there is a tragic lack of appropriate training for laymen who wish to prepare themselves for the great function they are meant to play in the kingdom of God.

"There are, of course, notable exceptions to this; you are as familiar with them as I. But for the most part we must admit that history has caught us unprepared; we are not ready for the vision of Christianity that has come with Vatican II. Yet the need to make important adjustments is an immediate one."

Father Cooke, in his message, then described the layman's preparation for his role as "wilderness."

"He needs a careful introduction to Scripture, not just in regard to its factual and historical aspect, but most importantly with regard to its message."

"A lay leader needs some genuine theological formation, and careful formation in prayer."



Holy Name Church for Town of Greece

Holy Name of Jesus Church in the eastern section of the Town of Greece will look like this artist's sketch, according to Rev. Thomas Reddington, pastor. Designed by New Jersey architects Genovesi and Maddaleni, the estimated \$400,000 structure will be built later this year at the parish site on Bonesteel St. Rectory is at right. Sanctuary of church is under the tower in center of drawing.

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