



**Selma Hospital
Graduates 21
Practical Nurses**

Twenty-one young ladies from Alabama recently completed a one-year training course in practical nursing at Good Samaritan Hospital School of Practical Nursing in Selma, Alabama. The School is part of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma which was founded by the Edmundite Fathers in 1940 to care for the Negro sick of Alabama's Black Belt area. The 95-bed hospital and the school of nursing are under the supervision of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Rochester Diocese who recently marked their twenty-fifth anniversary of working among the Negroes of Selma. The school of practical nursing was the first in Alabama open to Negroes. More than 300 young Negro men and women and one Sister of St. Joseph have completed the one-year course. Director of the school is Sister Mary Christopher, S.S.J. It was founded in 1950 by Sister Louis Bertrand, S.S.J.

**Bishop Raps
Draft Card
Burners**

American servicemen fighting in Vietnam are there "because they refused to tear up their draft cards," but were willing "to tear up their own ambitions to serve their country," stated Bishop Kearney in a Veterans Day sermon.

Speaking at a Memorial Mass held at St. Mary's Church, the Bishop reminded his hearers that "there is such a thing as a just war," and criticized those "who cloak themselves in their Faith, and yet depart from its teachings."

In an obvious reference to the much-publicized draft card burnings, the Rochester prelate said:

"I don't see how a student who has seen his own friends go forth to die, could take such a stand."

Citing such attitudes as an example of a decline in respect for law and order in America today, Bishop Kearney noted that in many places, "obedience is looked upon as weakness."

The Bishop repeated the words of the former President of Fordham University, just before World War II—"there will always be ideals worth fighting for."



Refresher Course for Nurses

Sister Thomas Marie with Mrs. William C. Williams and Dr. William A. Tucker check final details in a series of monthly programs for Auburn area nurses. The refresher course, inaugurated last spring, drew nurses from nine counties and indicated the need for the present series. Information is available from Mercy Hospital, Auburn.



**SISTER PETRUS
Today's Nuns,
Topic for Parish
Feast Rites**

The president of Catherine McAuley College in Rochester, Sister Mary Petrus, R.S.M., will give the St. Cecilia Day lecture, "The Nun in Today's World," Sunday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in St. Cecilia parish hall, Elmira. Discussion and a coffee hour will follow the lecture, which is open to the public.

Sponsored by the Parish Council of St. Cecilia Church, the lecture will mark the beginning of a two-day observance of the feast of St. Cecilia, Nov. 22. A High Mass on Monday at 5:30 p.m., at which Rev. John S. Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick Church, will preach, will conclude the observance.

Jesuit Claims

Nuns Lead in Renewal

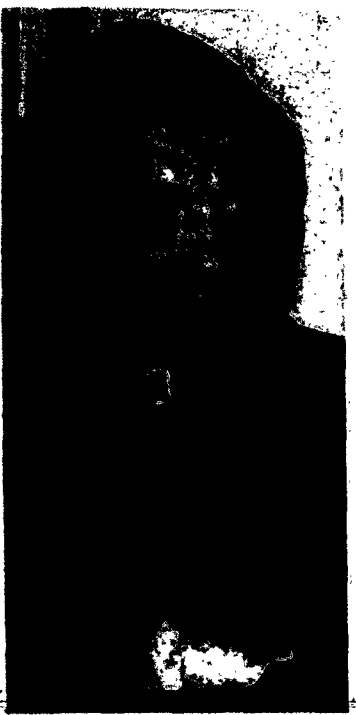
At a recent Day of Renewal held at Mercy High School, the Sisters heard the Jesuit poet and lecturer, Father Daniel Berrigan, explore three topics of contemporary interest: Renewal in the Church, the meaning of conversion and the Negro.

In his first talk, the soft-spoken Jesuit complimented religious women on being leaders in the age of change. He challenged them to see life as a drama, unfinished for each person until his role is fully played. Baptism is indeed a new spirit in those who followed him. He used the spontaneity of the early Christian liturgy as an example of the freedom and simplicity which should mark the Christian.

"If the (Christian) community had received a letter from an Apostle, it was read; if someone felt like offering an informal prayer, he did so. The presiding officer gave a homily on the Scripture just read. The people's role was a real one," he went on. "And it was this liturgy that shook the Roman Empire with its new vision."

FORTY HOURS

Devotions of Forty Hours in Diocese of Rochester:
Sunday, Nov. 21—Our Mother of Sorrows, Rochester; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; St. Francis, Geneva; St. Jerome, East Rochester.



FATHER BERRIGAN

Father Berrigan's second talk centered on the two elements of "conversion." The negative one, of turning away from sin and enmity to God is necessary. Just as necessary, however, is the "turning toward" all that is good, including the elements of beauty, truth and love in the world.

The speaker urged a "turning toward" three great trends praised by Pope John in his encyclicals: 1—socialization: men organizing to do together what they can't do individually; 2—the spirit of poverty; and 3—the building of peace. "It will

require a great suffering," he predicted, "to fulfill the peace-making office of our baptism."

His evening discourse, as part of the McAuley Lecture series, was open to the public. In discussing the present status of the American Negro, Father Berrigan took sharp issue with the government's recent Moynihan report, which implied that the breakdown of Negro family life was a chief cause of social unrest today.

Rather, the Jesuit speaker insisted, the Negro family problems are symptoms of a social sickness stemming from inadequate employment, schooling and housing.

"No man can preserve his human dignity long, if, unable to find work, he must depend on a monthly dole," he insisted.

Father Berrigan suggested that there is too negative an approach to the Negro, with the latter's problems always being discussed. "Why do we seldom refer to his love, his beauty, the skill with which he copes with his difficult existence?" These positive elements are seldom mentioned, he concluded.

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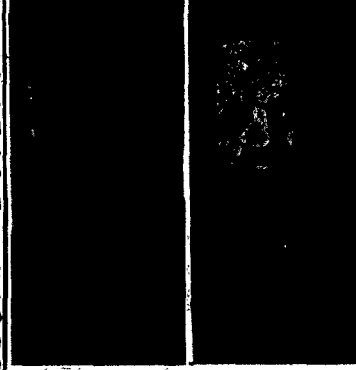
**Two Diocesan Priests
Write Religion Text**

Two priests of the Diocese of Rochester have co-authored a high school religion text which has just been published. They are Father Benedict A. Ehmman, pastor of St. Michael's Church in Rochester, and Father Albert J. Shamon, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Victor.

Their joint effort, a treatment of the Sacraments and the Mass, is entitled *Come to Me*. It is part of a 4-volume series for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine students on the high school level, which is called the "Learn Me" series.

It is published by the Silver Burdett Company (Catholic School Division) of Morristown, N.J.

Both priests had teaching careers before receiving pastoral appointments. Father Ehmman was professor of Sacred Music at St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries for 17 years, while Father Shamon taught English, first at Aquinas Institute, then at St. Andrew's Seminary.



FATHER SHAMON **FATHER EHMANN**

Among Father Shamon's other published books are *Behind the Mass*, *Treasure Untold*, *First Steps to Sanctity* and *The Only Life*.

Parish Dance

A cabaret style, "Round and Square" dance, sponsored by all of the parish organizations of St. Patrick's, Elmira will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and last until 1 a.m. in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served. A donation of \$1.00 per person may be made.

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