

Family Communion

A tradition more than a quarter of a century old will be continued in parish churches of the Rochester Diocese this Sunday, feast of the Holy Family, January 9.

Bishop Kearney has invited families to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion together and then "take Mother out to breakfast after Mass and make her 'Queen for a Day.'"

The Bishop inaugurated the custom 25 years ago, shortly after his coming to the Rochester Diocese in 1937.

The annual devotion, honoring Jesus, Mary and Joseph

in their Holy Family life at Nazareth, has a wide appeal to adults and children.

Pastors over the years have reported that the custom has been the cause of numerous spiritual graces — return to the sacraments, the beginning of family prayer, a start on the road to frequent Communion, deeper spiritual bonds within a family circle.

Full text of the Bishop's letter read at Mass this past Sunday is on page four.



James Coughlin was one of nearly 2000 who visited Bishop Kearney at his East Avenue home Sunday afternoon. The Bishop had a greeting and a blessing for each of them. Little James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coughlin of St. James parish, Irondequoit.



Thomas McGhee of Holy Ghost parish, Coldwater, tries to coax a smile from his sceptical daughter Barbara Ann for the Bishop.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael DePalma Jr. of Mother of Sorrow parish, Greece, were early arrivals at Bishop Kearney's open house on the Sunday after New Year's Day. With them are their children, Mary, Frances and Mike III.

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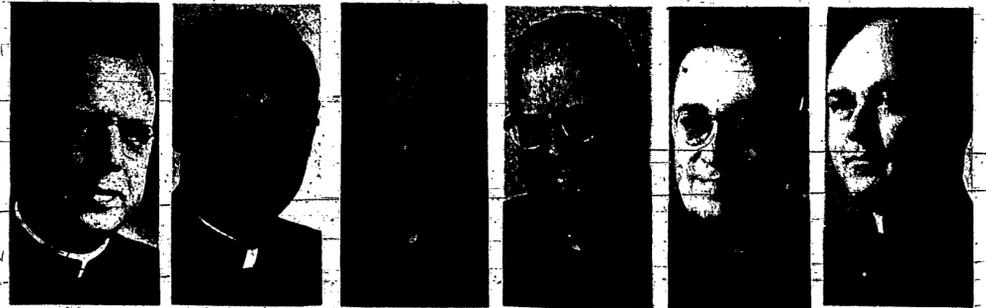
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Ten Priests Assigned to New Duties

Ten priests of the Rochester Diocese have been given new duties by Bishop Kearney, the Chancery announced today.

Two priests have resigned from active pastoral work, two pastors have been named consultants to the Bishop, three priests have been assigned as pastors and three curates have been transferred to other parishes.

The appointments, effective Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 8 p.m., are as follows:

St. Rev. Msgr. Charles V.

Boyle, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester, and St. Rev. Msgr. John E. McCafferty, pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, have been named diocesan consultants. They will continue as pastors of their present parishes and serve as advisers to Bishop Kearney in his administration of the Diocese.

Father Bernard C. Hanna, pastor of St. James the Apostle Church, Trumansburg, has resigned his pastorate due to failing health. He has been named pastor emeritus of the parish and will live at the Dominican monastery in Elmira.

Father Orrin W. Feller, assistant pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester, has resigned from parish work also due to failing health. He will reside at St. Ann's Home.

Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, is named pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon.

Rev. James O. Lane, pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon, is named pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell.

Rev. Lawrence W. Sansom, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Auburn, is appointed

pastor of St. James the Apostle Church, Trumansburg.

Rev. John J. Glogowski, assistant pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester, is transferred to Holy Family Church, Auburn.

Rev. Michael Volpe, assistant pastor at Holy Family Church, Rochester, is transferred to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester.

Rev. Paul J. Freese, assistant pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Rochester, is transferred to St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester.

N.Y. Churches Build Houses

New York — (NC) — Work has begun on a 370-unit moderate-income housing project on New York's East Side sponsored by six church groups.

Speaking at groundbreaking ceremonies, Msgr. Edward Jordan, pastor of St. Emeric's Catholic church and president of Tompkins Square Neighbors, corporate name of the project's sponsors, said neighborhood groups can play an "effective role" in developing nonprofit urban housing.

Sponsors of the project, which has received an \$8.2 million federal housing loan, are St. Emeric's church; St. Mary's Greek Rite church; the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection; St. Mary's American Carpatho-Orthodox church; the Greek Catholic Union of the United States; and the Legion of St. Ann.

Pius XII 'in' on Hitler Plot?

San Francisco — (RNS) — A cloak-and-dagger story with the late Pope Pius XII in the role of intermediary between anti-Hitler conspirators in Germany and the British Foreign Office was related here at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

Professor Harold C. Deutsch of the University of Minnesota said the three leading conspirators, all Protestants and two of them generals, sought to forestall a Nazi offensive in the West late in 1939 and early 1940 by promoting a military coup.

The success of the venture, however, depended on an assurance that the Western Allies would "stand militarily inactive while a turnover was under way" and in this situation the plotters turned to Pope Pius as a go-between, the professor said.

The German "opposition" plot

against Hitler has been the subject of other historical studies, but the Vatican's role has never been adequately reported, he told the meeting.

(A Vatican announcement said the incident cited by Professor Deutsch had been disclosed publicly as long ago as 1946, when *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City newspaper carried a long account of the affair.)

Diocese Buys Pittsford Site

The Catholic Diocese of Rochester has purchased 9 1/2 acres of land resumed recently from AA to AI at the northeast corner of Mendon Center and Barker Rd., Pittsford. The purchase price was \$28,000, according to a news item in the *Brighton-Pittsford Post*.

Professor Deutsch said Joseph Mueller, a Munich lawyer personally acquainted with the Pope, was recruited by the German plotters to act as liaison with the Vatican. Mueller, under the guise of a German officer, went to Rome where he transmitted the German proposal to Jesuit Father Robert Leiber, a close personal confidant of the Pope and carried back a British response — called the "X report." This report, according to Professor Deutsch, recounted the whole course of the Vatican exchanges and spelled out the British commitments.

The outcome of it all, "after months of risk and anxiety," the historian said, was "a complete zero."

The German officers received the British terms on Feb. 1, 1940. They were "after weeks of waiting for their reply," Pope Pius "felt himself compromised in the eyes of the Western powers" and decided to warn them of the attack which he knew Hitler was planning for the Spring.

Professor Deutsch said he had first-hand evidence that the Pope personally delivered this warning to Francois Charles Roux, French Ambassador to the Holy See, in mid-March, 1940. Early in May, a few days before the German tanks roared through Belgium, the Pope again warned the Western Allies that an attack was imminent.

Professor Deutsch said the Pope's "quick consent to act as an intermediary between a conspiratorial group in one belligerent state and the government of an enemy country is one of the most astounding events in the modern annals of the papacy." Both the personal risks and those incurred by the Church were beyond calculation. The Nazis would, if they had learned of it, have "cut the Pope into little pieces."

(He was here quoting a recent statement by Father Leiber, now nearly 80.)

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Seminary Rocket, A Fizzle

Los Angeles — (NC) — Orion III, a research rocket built by seminarians, failed to achieve liftoffs at the China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Station here, and its engines were shut down.

Trouble with the shear bolts in the nozzle caused the rocket to fall in its attempt to reach an altitude record of 47,000 feet at three times the speed of sound, according to Ted Howard, one of the flight crew.

The rocket was built by the St. John's seminarians' amateur rocket association, which successfully launched Orion I and Orion II in previous years. The rocket association is a result of a physics experiment assigned the seminarians in 1962 by Father Robert Wood, C.M., moderator of the group.

The 165-lb. rocket is 10 and a half feet high, and has a diameter of five inches. Its second stage was loaded with a six-pound payload of instruments for 12 experiments.

Catholic High Schools

Why 'Segregate' Boys and Girls

One added question that came up from last week's Courier article about Catholic high schools is the "segregation" of boys and girls.

Even the still-young schools, Cardinal-Mooney in Greece and Bishop Kearney in Irondequoit, maintain a quite rigid separation arrangement — not only in classes but even in the cafeterias.

Sister Annunciata, principal at all-girls Nazareth Academy, understandably, is in favor of such a system.

She claims where boys and girls are educated together, boys are inevitably favored — the class tempo, school activities and student leadership qualifications all tend to fit a boy's characteristics rather than a girl's.

"In an all-girls school," she says, "the entire program is geared instead for the total development of girls, and the emphasis is on what will make them mature, competent, Christian women in whatever role they will serve."

Sister Annunciata said Nazareth Academy's program fits



Lads at Aquinas . . . no tears

both the students who plan to go on to college and those who expect to end their schooling with their high school diploma.

Boys school principals Father Leon Hart of Aquinas Institute and Father Robert Koch of McQuaid Jesuit High School both

agreed that boys are quite content with the no-girls arrangement at the two schools.

Father John Whitley, an aide to Father Hart, provided a fistful of pictures of Aquinas lads who show little evidence of sadness at their plight.

One of the Rochester Catholic schools that has had a long tradition of excellence as a business school for girls has quietly escalated to full high school rank — St. Joseph's in the heart of the city's downtown.

The old red brick building was ploughed down this past summer and a steel network now rises on the site, the frame for an all new school soon to be completed. St. Joseph's retains its "Business School" title. The school now provides a four year course specifically for girls who plan to enter the business world when they graduate.

Sister Bernadine, principal, said the school has an enviable sixty year record in having its graduates promptly hired by local business firms.

An estimated 3000 eighth graders are at present faced with choosing which school they want to attend next September. Application cards are now available from pastors and parochial school principals and must be on file at the high schools by Monday, Jan. 10.