

For 'Intimate' Prayer

"... a more vital thing... tremendous impact... immovable regularity..."

These are some of the ways Bishop Kearney described the program and the goals of the Nocturnal Adoration Society when close to 1,000 of its members attended a breakfast Sunday, March 27.

Members spend an hour a month on the night of the last Saturday of each month in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The hour rotates from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. as members vary their time of devotion each month.

The Bishop said it was "significant that the largest organization of laymen in the Diocese is this Society which is dedicated exclusively to the worship and the glory of God."

He said other groups aim to aid the poor, to improve educational facilities, to provide activities for youngsters but that there is always a continuing need for men who are "thinkers, educated, who know the world and want to make it live-

able for the next generation" to respond to the plea of the Lord to "watch one hour with me."

Bishop Kearney described his directive to parishes of the Rochester Diocese not to have congregational singing during distribution of Holy Communion. "These are moments for contemplation and intimacy, for conversation with almighty God."

The Bishop pointed out that recent Vatican directives also call for times of silence for private prayer.

This, he said, conforms to the example set by Jesus Christ following the Last Supper. Our Lord led his apostles "to a quiet garden, in the silence of the night," Bishop Kearney said, "because He was sensitive to the fact that after giving these men their first Holy Communion they should pause to pray before they went on to their apostolic tasks."

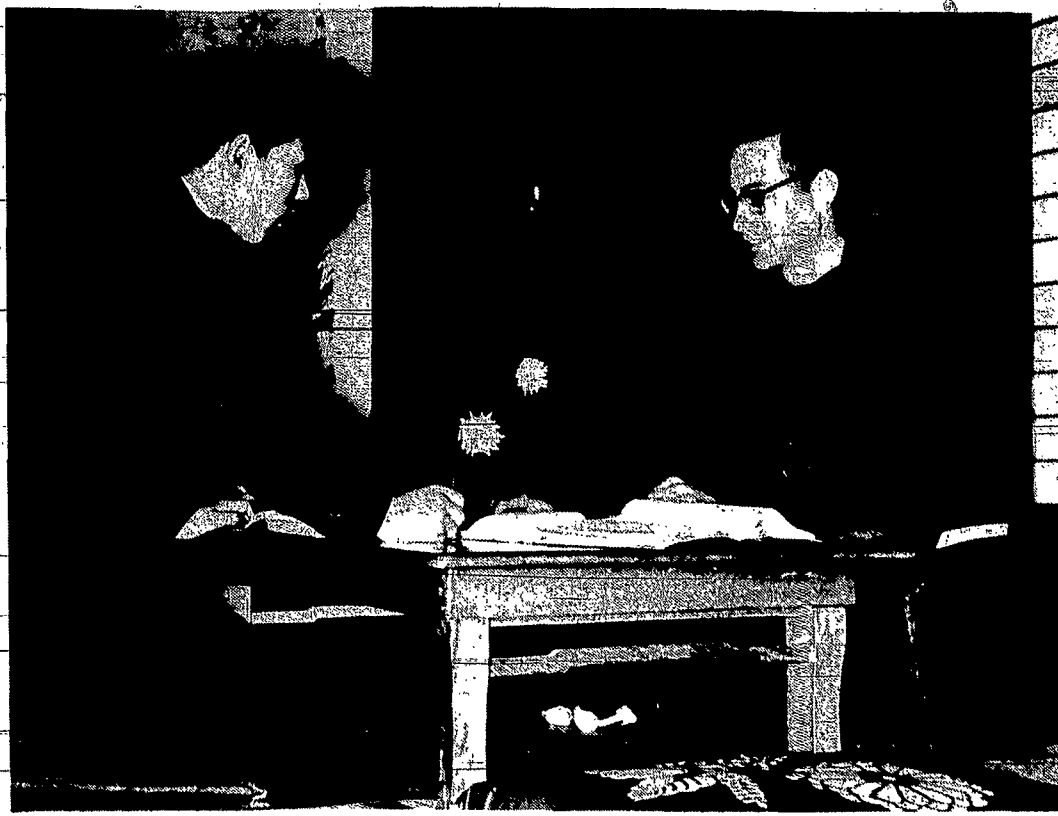
It is "a sad commentary on human nature," the Bishop said, "that our Lord returned from His prayer to find them sleep-

ing but it is evidence of His tender sympathy that He did not change His attitude or confidence in them."

Present changes in the ways the Catholic Church conducts its public worship are meant to "raise up a new generation of worshippers who will grasp what the apostles at first failed to realize: the tremendous impact this devotion to the Blessed Sacrament can have on the world."

He said the invitation of our Lord in the garden of Gethsemani "comes ringing down the centuries and its clamor was never louder than it is today: 'Will you not come and watch an hour with Me?'"

At the start of the program, held in the Bausch and Lomb Company cafeteria, a wife was presented Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, soon to become Bishop of Paterson, N.J. Bishop Kearney said "he has embodied my ideal of what a priest should be and proposed that Bishop Casey be invited as the guest speaker at next year's breakfast of the Nocturnal Adoration Society.



WHEN IN JAPAN—do as the Japanese do. Father Carl Doerner, S.A., is shown seated at low Japanese tea table, instructing a young student, Koike, who has since become a Catholic. The Rochester-born priest is home now after six years in the Orient.

Japanese Students

Indifferent, Not Hostile, To Faith

"I have no need for religion." This is the response most often given by college students in Japan, when the word "religion" comes up in conversation. This attitude presents a vexing challenge to Catholic missionaries, reported a Rochester priest, home presently after a 6-year assignment in Japan.

Father Carl Doerner, of the Society of the Atonement (Graymoor Fathers) is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lester Doerner, of 10 Gold St. in St. Anne's parish. He was called home during the recent fatal illness of his father, Lester Doerner, who died on March 22. The young Graymoor priest was almost due for his regular rotation home, which comes every six years for his order.

"Religion" (Huk-yo) is an unpopular word with Japanese collegians," said Father Doerner in a Courier-Journal interview this week. He can speak with authority of campus trends, for he has spent his last two years as a graduate student at Waseda University in Tokyo, studying Oriental Philosophy.

"This doesn't mean that Japanese students are uninterested in the great questions posed by religion; however," he explained. They are eager to discuss such bed-rock ideas as the existence of God, man's ultimate destiny, etc. But they tend to have a negative attitude toward organized religion as such.

"To them, this means ancient family religious traditions and practices, which they find meaningless in the modern world.

College-age Japanese put little faith in the Shinto-Buddhist tradition which sustained their forefathers so well," he explained.

Because the young people have, in practice, discarded their old religion, they tend to be skeptical of any other, Father Doerner went on.

In the past two years, with superiors' permission, many Catholic priests in Japan have begun wearing secular garb. (Grey suits with black ties are what many priests wear there now, he noted.) A distinctive lapel pin—a small gold cross, with the IHS letters, identifies a priest as such.

Father Doerner dressed this way when he started his studies at Waseda. "I wanted to really get to know the students, try to understand their thinking, and I knew the black suit and collar would be a barrier," he continued.

The faculty was aware that he was a priest, also that he did not want to be singled out as such.

He related what happened in one class he was in, when the professor accidentally called him "Shin-poo." (Father) in class.

The students stared at him in amazement. They had pretty well accepted him as one of themselves, an American, a Catholic,—"but not a priest!" (Which they thought of in terms of their Buddhist background).

"Whenever I met any of the students in that class from then on, they bowed respectfully—but they were no longer open in conversation. To them a priest was a person to be held in awe, but not someone you could feel at ease with," he explained.

Apart from that class, however, the Graymoor priest was simply an American Catholic doing graduate studies in Oriental philosophy.

"Clubs are a big thing on Japanese campuses, so I joined two and they were a fine means of getting to know the Japanese students. I was able to go on hiking expeditions, ski trips, etc. and in such informal experiences it is easy to form real friendships," he narrated.

Student demonstrations are part of the campus tradition in Japan ("almost a daily occurrence"), with the biggest one recently at Waseda University being directed against a raise in tuition. ("The students even occupied the administration building one day.)

Knowing that Father Doerner was interested in sharing their college life, some of the students invited him to go along on a demonstration one day. He politely begged off when he found that they were heading for the American embassy!

With less than 1% of Japan's one hundred million population being Catholic, the Church faces an uphill struggle in that ancient Eastern land. Father Doerner's feels that the Church can influence Japan only if it shows its love for people in authentic service.

"We can't just serve our own Catholics," he stressed. Some of the ways in which a parish can serve pagans would be: the works of corporal mercy, teaching English ("much in demand"), offering marriage courses ("they want to build good marriages, often have no counseling available") and giving guidance to individuals with problems.

Father Doerner was sent to Japan in 1960, shortly after ordination, spent two years in a missionaries' language school run by the Franciscans. Weekend work in a nearby parish helped him practice his Japanese, get to know the people.

After two years, he was sent as a curate to a city parish in Howasaki. With a Japanese pastor, he really began to use the language. After six months, he was appointed pastor of a parish in Gora, Hokone on the island of Yokohama. (One of the four which make up Japan.)

Two years of parish work was followed by an opportunity to further his studies in Japanese culture at Waseda. He hopes to continue his graduate studies, and deepen his understanding of the Japanese students. He sees them as a key group, from which the future leadership of Japan will be drawn.

"I think one of the greatest

Bishop Casey Farewell

Auxiliary Bishop Casey will make his farewell to the ladies of the Rosary Guild of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, where he has been rector for 14 years, on Monday April 11 in the school hall.

The mothers and daughters party will feature entertainment by TV personality Miss Rita and a chorus of girls from Sacred Heart School.



PLANNING SCOUT DINNER, set for April 19, are, from left, Joan McCarthy, Diocesan chairman of Catholic Scouting, Father Robert Winterkorn, Diocesan Scout chaplain and Maurice Petrin, dinner chairman.

Scout Dinner To Draw 1000

More than 1,000 Diocesan Scouting volunteers and their spouses will assemble April 19 at Vince's 50 Acres, West Henrietta Rd., Rush for their annual report to Bishop Kearney. The invitation by the Diocesan Committee on Scouting to wives and den mothers brings together for the first time representatives of the entire Scouting Family. In the past only Scouters were present.

Bishop Kearney will address the gathering and present the St. George Award to an as yet unknown number of Scouters so designated for their outstanding service to the youth of the Diocese.

Starting with a 6:30 p.m. smorgasbord, the affair will also feature a report on Scouting progress in 1965 and plans for the year ahead. The report will note the presentation of 108 Parvuli Dei awards to Cub Scouts (aged 8 to 11), 203 Ad Altare Dei awards to Scouts aged 11 to 14 and one new Pope Plus XII award to an Ithaca Explorer Scout. 159 Catholic sponsored units sent 1100 boys to retreats organized by Scout Council Catholic Committees. The report will also indicate that 26 field Masses were offered for boys at weekend camps.

Maurice J. Petrin of Rochester is chairman of the event. Assisting Petrin in the seven Diocesan Scout Councils are: Robert Randall, Auburn, Cayuga Council; W. Arthur Sprague, Ithaca, Lewis A. Fuentes Council; James Howard, Penn Yan, Finger Lakes Council; James

Bishop Will Lead Good Friday Rosary

Bishop Kearney will lead the Radio Rosary for Good Friday evening at 7 p.m. over Station W5AY. The program originates from the Rosary Chapel of the St. Francis of Assisi parish center in Rochester.

Prelate Boosts Esperanto As Help to World Unity

A strong recommendation for the Esperanto language as an aid to world unity came recently from the Archbishop of Montevideo in Uruguay, Stated, Cardinal Antonio Maria Barbieri:

"Among the natural means on which this desirable unity rests, the most important is perhaps language, which brings men into direct contact with one another," the South American prelate stressed.

A new universal language could attain that goal, he emphasized in a letter to the bi-monthly Esperanto newspaper, "Heroldo."

Cardinal Barbieri has long been a promoter of Esperanto, and recently added his name to the pro-Esperanto petition presented to the United Nations. He has also supported a request to the Pope to introduce Esperanto into the Information Service of the Vatican Radio.

Created in 1887 by Dr. L. L. Zamenhof, Esperanto is a simplified constructed language.

aimed at serving as a second language for all nations, and an international tongue for all. Boosters of the language make up the Universal Esperanto Association, which numbers over 3,000 delegates in over countries. Some 100 magazines in various fields are now published in Esperanto.

In the Rochester Diocese, a group of 12 seminarians in Montour Falls are studying Esperanto, with the hope that it will be of value to their priestly work in the mission and in the ecumenical movement. They are students at St. John Atonement Seminary, studying for the priesthood in the Society of the Atonement (Graymoor Fathers).

There is a specifically Catholic group interested in promoting Esperanto. Information on the language can be obtained from this group by writing:

International Catholic Esperanto Association, 38 Marry Place, Bronx, N.Y. 10452.



Actor Pat O'Brien Scores with Elmira Hibernians

ELMIRA'S ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, Monignor John J. Lee Division, honored Hollywood's Pat O'Brien at a reception and dinner on April 2 in the Showboat Room of the Mark Twain Hotel. A "hit" with his audience, the well-known actor met and shook hands with more than 100 people in attendance. Seen

at the head table are: Father James Collins, Mary Margaret Kelly, Auxiliary president; Jane Coggins, auxiliary vice president; Thomas Coggins, state director; Thomas Egan, AOH president; and Joan Egan, auxiliary secretary.

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