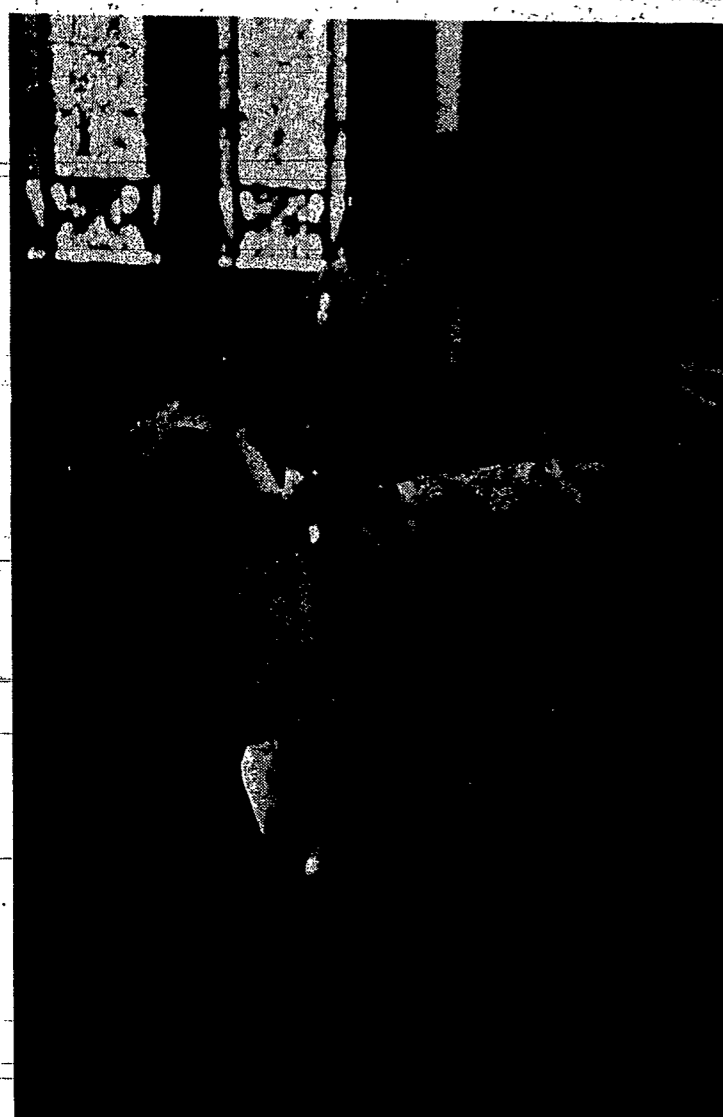


Fifty New Nuns

Fifty young women donned the habit and veil of a nun last Saturday becoming Sisters of the two major orders in the Diocese of Rochester — Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy.

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WHITE VEIL of the novice is placed on the head of a new Sister by Monsignor William Roche, Mother Mary Bride and Assistant Mother M. Gabriel. Father Richard Murphy assists.



NOVICES PROSTRATE themselves in their new habits before the altar in Mercy Motherhouse chapel. "I have chosen to be a servant in the House of my Lord..."



NEW NAMES of the novices are imprinted on lighted candles — the names by which they will be known throughout their lives as Sisters of Mercy.

Sisters of Mercy

"I have chosen to be a servant in the House of my Lord Jesus Christ, whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, whom I have chosen."

This public declaration of love of God and of perseverance in His Will was chanted by twenty-one young women on Saturday afternoon, June 18, in the Motherhouse chapel of the Sisters of Mercy. Before their parents and friends, they solemnly answered the questions of Bishop James E. Kearney's Delegate, Monsignor William M. Roche, their free decision to become novices in the Rochester Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy and to study further how they may follow Christ in the spirit of Poverty, Virginity and Obedience.

As Monsignor Roche placed the white veil on the head of each young Sister, he said: "Receive the white veil, the emblem of inward purity that you may follow Christ without spot and walk with Him in white."

At the climax of the ceremony, the new novices prostrated on the floor of the transepts of the chapel as the choir of Sisters sang in English the ancient hymn to the Holy Spirit: "Veni—Creator—Spiritus," and Monsignor Roche prayed over them: "O God, mercifully grant that they may be able to persevere devoutly in this holy purpose."

Monsignor Roche, in a sermon interwoven with texts from St. Paul's Epistles, spoke to the new novices of their mission in the Church: "By just being a Sister and being visible to men you will be a constant testimony to the fact that all of us are asked to go through Christ to the Father, with Mary, in Love."

To their parents and to all assembled he declared: "We are never quite so filled up with the gifts of God as when we seek to try to empty ourselves."

The young women who were received as novices and their new names as Sisters of Mercy are the following:

- Sister Mary Becket (Teresa Mary Bolha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bolha, Wassaic, N.Y.)
- Sister Mary Carol (Carol Ann Carson), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Carson, Holy Cross.
- Sister Mary Emily (Emily McLean), daughter of Mrs. Eric McLean and the late Mr. McLean, St. Ann, Hornell.
- Sister Mary Clare (Marlene Louise Bollow), daughter of Mrs. Blair R. Bollow and the late Mr. Bollow, St. Cecilia, Elmira.

Sister Mary John Mark (Cheryl Anne Nelson), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Nelson, Jr., St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads.

Sister Mary Isaac Jogue (Marcia Ward), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Ward, St. Vincent de Paul, Corning.

Sister Mary Peter Canisius (Sheila Anne Stevenson), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Stevenson, Jr., Our Lady of Mercy, Greece.

Sister Mary Patricia Ann (Barbara A. Roberts), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Roberts, Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Sister Philip Mary (Anne M. Sutton), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Sutton, St. Casimir, Elmira.

Sister Mary Tobias (Mary Faith Santangelo), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Santangelo, St. Margaret Mary.

Sister Mary Deirdre (Elaine Peters), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Peters, Guardian Angels, Henrietta.

Sister Rita Marie (Cathleen Pastorella), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Pastorella, St. Andrew.

Sister Eileen Mary (Mary Jo Heberle), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Heberle, St. Joseph, Penfield.

Sister Joan Marie (JoAnne Havens), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis F. Havens, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira.

Sister Ann Mary (Maryann Price), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, St. Anthony, Elmira.

Sister Mary Jane (Nancy Bramante), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bramante, St. Michael, Newark.

Sister Mary Peter Damian (Anne Konopa), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Konopa, St. James.

Sister Bernard Mary (Joanne Deck), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Deck, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Sister Mary Michael Joseph (Kathleen Bruno), daughter of Mrs. Richard Bruno and the late Mr. Bruno, St. Anthony, Elmira.

Sister Matthew, Mary (Margaret Hall), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hall, Holy Trinity.

Sister Mary Patrick Joseph (JoAnn Belle-Isle), daughter of Mrs. Ann M. Belle-Isle, St. Monica.

Sisters of St. Joseph

Twenty-nine young women exchanged bridal finery for the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester in the traditional Reception Day ceremony held on Saturday, June 18, at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

A ceremony marking the end of the period of postulancy, or "probation", and the beginning of a real living of religious life is the custom for many religious congregations. The one for the Sisters of St. Joseph has come to include the donning of bridal attire to signify "the candidates' desire to give themselves wholly to the love and service of Christ and His Church."

In their white gowns, the 29 candidates knelt before Bishop Kearney and asked to receive the habit of the Congregation. In an interchange of ritual questions and answers, the Bishop then asked Mother Agnes Cecilia, Mother General of the St. Joseph Community, if they might receive this outward sign of their desire to belong to the Congregation.

With formal permission given, the candidates left the Cathedral to replace their bridal gowns with new habits and veils, just blessed by the Bishop. Clothed as Sisters of St. Joseph, they returned and again knelt before the Bishop, who said to them, "Now you are ready to prepare for service to the world; are you satisfied?" To which each responded that she was most satisfied and filled with joy at this fulfillment of her desire.

The Bishop then read aloud the names by which each of them will be known in religious life. Weeks previous to the ceremony, the Sisters themselves had requested three possible names they would like. Mother Agnes Cecilia is usually able to give them one of their choices, but until the Bishop reads aloud the names from the list given to him by Mother, the Sisters did not know what the final choice was.

Immediately following the bestowal of the names, the novices, their parents and friends, and all of the Sisters of the Community able to be present, attended the Mass and heard the address given by Bishop Kearney. The ceremonies were concluded by the singing of the "Te Deum," the Church's solemn song of joy.

The afternoon, spent back at the Motherhouse on East Avenue, was one of joyful visiting, as more friends joined the families to see the new Sisters and to offer their congratulations.

This year's Reception Band consisted of the following: Sister Terese Cecilia (Natalia da Roza), daughter of Mr. Gustavo U. da Roza and the late Mrs. da Roza, St. Barnabas, Alameda, Calif.

Sister Marie Barbara (Christel Burgmaier), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Burgmaier, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Utica.

Sister Jean Carol (Carol Ann Falsone), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip F. Falsone, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish.

Sister Jonatha (Carole A. Lloyd), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Lloyd, Holy Rosary Parish.

Sister Sharon (Sharon Maloney), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Maloney, Holy Family Parish, Auburn.

Sister John Bosco (Rogena Baroody), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Baroody, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Geneva.

Sister Anne Michael (Patricia A. Trovato), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Trovato, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish.

Father Kiernan Ordained as Missionary

A priest who was sponsored by a Greece couple during his seminary studies, Father Mel Kiernan, was ordained with two other priests of Holy Trinity Mission Seminary, Winchester, Pa., in June.

His sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Sandle of 382 Stone Rd., Greece, drove to Winchester for his ordination accompanied by Mrs. Edward Toole of 255 Pullman Ave.

Father Kiernan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kiernan of Ridgewood, N.Y.

The Sandles also attended his First Mass at St. Matthias Church, Ridgewood.

Nation Needs Catholic Schools

If Catholic schools in America should disappear, "democracy would suffer as much as the Church," a priest educator told the Nazareth Hall Parent Club last week. Father Leon G. Hart, principal of Aquinas Institute, addressed the group on "Catholic Education and Democracy" in the club's final meeting of the season. (June 15).

After a brief resume of the importance of education in itself, Father Hart discussed Catholic education as a potential source of strength for American ideals. "America exists for the individual and if the individual becomes weak, the country will become weak. Therefore, the state, of necessity, must support every institution that can contribute to the strength of its individual components. Certainly, the Catholic school is such an institution. If the Catholic school disappears, democracy will suffer as much as the church—and there is a good possibility that this may happen, unless you lay

people begin to fight for the support and maintenance of Catholic education."

"Remember," he pointed out, "that you are not asking for any favors from the government; you have a right to give your children the type of education that you think is best for them. According to our constitution, parents have the right to demand that the government provide schools which teach what the parents want taught, be those schools Catholic, Jewish, Protestant or atheist. When you ask for education for your children, you are asking as an American, not as a Catholic."

Father Hart ended his remarks by noting the millions of dollars that President Johnson is directing toward education as proof of our government's interest in American children. "If we do not make our needs known," he said, "and claim our rights as American citizens, we will have no Catholic schools in a very few years."

St. John Fisher College

Civic Leaders Appointed to Board

Representatives of the three major religious faiths are included among the five newly elected members of the St. John Fisher College Board of Regents.

Announcement of the appointments was made last week by Robert B. Wegman, board chairman, and Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., president of the college. According to Father Lavery, the appointments reflect the desire of college authorities to continue the development of St. John Fisher College in the light of community needs.

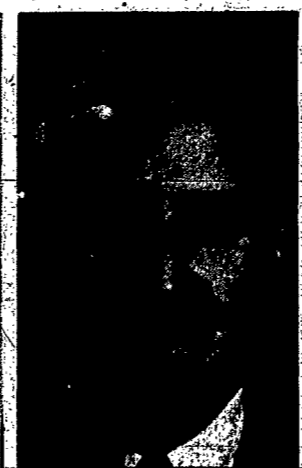
The new Fisher regents are: The Honorable Harry D. Goldman, an associate justice of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, State of New York. Judge Goldman, who attended Syracuse University and Harvard and Brooklyn Law Schools, practiced law in Rochester for 25 years before his election to the bench in 1957. He is active

in numerous professional, civic and religious associations and recently was honored as "Citizen of the Year" by the Kiwanis Club of Rochester. He resides in Brighton.

Dr. Louis K. Eilers, an executive vice-president and director

of the Eastman Kodak Company. With Kodak since 1934, he served in both research and production supervisory posts before his election as a Kodak vice-president in 1956. He has been president of Tennessee Eastman Company, Texas East-

man Company, and Carolina Eastman Company. He received his education at Blackburn College, the University of Illinois, the University of Virginia, and Northwestern University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1932. (Continued on Page 6)



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HELPING HAND is given by Karen Schneider as Maureen St. John dresses for the reception ceremony.



NEW SISTER Marie Kostka is helped into her new habit by Sister John Margaret and Sister Kostka.



A PROUD DAD, Norman Pero hugs his daughter Nancy, now to be known as Sister Marie Karen.

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