

21 Prelate Gives OK for Y

New Orleans (NC)—Archbishop Philip M. Hannan has announced that Catholics in the New Orleans archdiocese may join the YMCA or the YWCA.

Both groups, the archbishop said in making the announcement, have "for many years rendered admirable service to this city," and it was "only its historic—and now abrogated—exclusively Protestant orientation which made it unacceptable to Catholics."

The archbishop said he had given assurance from local "Y" branches that members are "not obliged to attend religious services, participate in religious discussion, or join in any activity of a religious character."

Archbishop Hannan said approval of "Y" membership for Catholics is a move toward "growth in fraternal charity and community service" but that it will in no way affect the program of the archdiocesan Catholic Youth Organization.

Very Rev. Donald O'Callaghan, O. Carm., speaker at Hilberian President's dinner, Saturday, Nov. 12, Columbus Center, Elmira. Reservations: Arthur Call and Matthis Fennell.

ELECT ERNEST G. CALA



**COUNTY LEGISLATURE
17th DISTRICT**
22nd, 4th, 6th, 2nd Wards

Present Supervisor 22nd Ward


VOTE DEMOCRATIC

THE MAN WHO WOULD REPEAL THE BLAINE AMENDMENT



ELECT ARTHUR L. EMMIGHAUSEN

DELEGATE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
50th SENATE DISTRICT



GOVERNOR'S CLUB

THERE IS NO FINER WHISKEY


Governor's Club is custom-blended in controlled quantities and is light and smooth as the most notable import. And you get 25% more whiskey in the full quart bottle.

GOVERNOR'S CLUB

J.A. DOUGHERTY'S SONS, CO., DISTILLERS
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., LEMONT, ILL.

GOVERNOR'S CLUB BLENDED WHISKEY • 46 PROOF • 62½% GRAIN NEUTRAL SPIRITS

"CAN ANYTHING BE DONE TO PUT THE NORTHEAST SECTION ON TOP AGAIN?"



YES

Many people are not satisfied with the conditions in the northeast section. These problems are not unsolvable. If you are dissatisfied, if you would like to see progress made on our problems all the time and not just at election time, then vote for Sam Panzarella and let's start working on our problems together again.

ELECT SAM PANZARELLA
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
131st DISTRICT

**ENDORSED BY THE ROCHESTER TEACHERS ASS'N.
VOTE ROW A**

Rochester's First Pastor: Father Patrick O'Kelly

By FATHER ROBERT F. McNAMARA
St. Bernard's Seminary



FATHER PATRICK O'KELLY

Rochester's first Catholic church was St. Patrick's, on Platt Street, at the site of the future St. Patrick's Cathedral (Rochester's first Cathedral church, 1868-1937), and a block away from the present St. Patrick's Church (which used to be the hall of the St. Patrick's Cathedral parish.)

And the first resident pastor assigned to St. Patrick's was a newly ordained Irish-born priest, Rev. Patrick O'Kelly. Another priest had launched the building project in 1820, but it was Father Patrick O'Kelly who saw it through. The little stone church was completed in 1823, except for some minor details.

There was no rectory. The parishioners—mostly immigrant Irishmen of recent arrival, plus a few Germans—were too poor to afford that luxury. They scarcely were able to afford the church itself. So Father Kelly must have lived in a private home or at an inn. But like the other missionaries of his day, who had to spread their strength over a large area, the Rochester pastor was often out of town.

When he was assigned to the missions of western New York in 1821, he had charge of all the Catholics in Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo and intermediary settlements, northern and southern tier alike, although he doubtless seldom if ever had time to visit the southern tier. In 1826 or 1827 he was named pastor of Carthage, Jefferson County. So his Rochester pastorate lasted about five years.

Patrick was a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland. He was born in 1792 and in 1814 entered St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, to study for the priesthood. Having finished his course in 1820, he accepted the invitation of Bishop John Connolly of New York to serve in the New York diocese. (Bishop Connolly secured three or four of his earliest priests from St. Kieran's.) The Bishop of New York ordained him, either before he left Ireland or after his arrival in New York. Then he straightaway assigned Father Patrick to the Rochester Mission.

American kept on the move in the last century. This was true not only of oldstock Americans but also of immigrants, and it was likewise true of many priests. Father Kelly had the apostolic urge which drove him on towards new frontiers. Having first pioneered in western New York, he moved west to pioneer in Michigan and Wisconsin.

In 1829 he went from New York State to Detroit, Michigan, at that time in the diocese of Cincinnati. His signature first appears on the baptismal record of old St. Anne's Church, Detroit, on October 8, 1829. Here he probably assisted the re-

occasionally, and five other places.

Detroit was made a diocese in its own right in 1833, and in 1839 its first bishop, Peter P. LeFevre, sent Patrick O'Kelly to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, presumably to take care of Irish immigrants in that location. He was to remain for three years. St. Peter's Church in Milwaukee was not yet completed when he arrived, so he offered Mass in the courthouse. He moved out from this center to visit the Catholics who were scattered around the Wisconsin country-side.

The national "Catholic Almanac" for 1840 summarized his activities thus: "Milwaukee [sic]: Rev. Mr. Kelly, who visits alternately Racine, Mt. Pleasant, Rochester (Wisconsin), Burlington, South Port, Pleasant Prairie, Salem." (South Port is now called Kenosha.)

Father O'Kelly furthermore sought to induce Irish immigrants to consider Wisconsin for their future home. In 1842 he sent a letter to James W. White, editor of the "New York Catholic paper the 'Freeman's Journal,'" describing the desirability of Wisconsin as a home. Land was cheap for farming, he said, and labor costs were low. Let immigrants come on out; but they should first buy their clothes in New York City, for Wisconsin clothing prices were high. There were then 700 Catholics in Milwaukee and thereabouts, models of sobriety. The only drawback—their education was still not well provided for.

O'Kelly explained in the same letter the reason for the sobriety of his Irish flock. A year before, he had founded a temperance society, whose members signed a pledge. In the letter he made bold to state that all except a very few of the 700 had thus far kept their pledge.

His was the Catholic view of temperance: it is the abuse rather than the use of alcohol that constitutes the danger. But he admitted that the Irish (and one might add, many others in pioneer days) had all too often fallen victim to drink. He wanted his flock to hold up their heads and assume the status in society that they deserved.

Father O'Kelly's temperance campaign was so successful that the editor of the Milwaukee "Courier," on May 11, 1842, declared: "The Rev. Mr. O'Kelly, by his diligent but quiet and unobtrusive efforts, has done more to promote the cause of true temperance than all the rest of the Temperance men in the county."

Unfortunately, Solomon Juneau, founder of Milwaukee and a pillar of the local Catholic Church, conceived some grievances against his pastor.

Bishop LeFevre himself came out to investigate. The complaints were apparently general, and one may assume that they involved the priest's chronic poor health, his frequent absences on missionary trips, his difficulties with the admitted trying problem of keeping peace between immigrants of different national backgrounds.

Even his temperance campaign may have been a cause of criticism. What is certain is that St. Peter's parish was inadequately supported; the congregation gave him no rectory, and they did nothing to pay off the \$200 outstanding debt, or to raise the \$2700 necessary to complete the church building.

At all events, Bishop LeFevre saw that O'Kelly could no longer get cooperation in Milwaukee. So he sent him back to Michigan at the beginning of fall, 1842. Now Father Patrick resumed his career as a Michigan missionary. Living,

first at Green Oak and later in Genoa Township, he worked in counties with the churches at Green Oak, Pinckney, Hasland, White Lake, Pontiac and Bunker Hill in his circuit. This lasted until 1852, when he was assigned to St. John's, Dearborn. Here he was to stay put, finally.

He built a rectory at St. John's (now renamed Sacred Heart), and there ended his days on October 7, 1858. He was buried in the Dearborn Catholic Cemetery, which was given the title "Mount Kelly" in his memory.

Father O'Kelly had lived a relatively long life for a priest on the American mission—sixty-six. The pace they had to maintain killed many a pioneer priest at an earlier age. Two of the Kilkenny men who had been ordained with him had died as early as 1824, and a third in 1826. But O'Kelly had ransomed the time that was given him and, insofar as health permitted—or, rather, despite the impediment of bad health—he made an unusual contribution to the Church in three states.

We in the Rochester Diocese can be grateful for the early presence among us of this gaunt, sad-eyed, restless missionary who tried to help the souls and the careers of his flock. Rochesterians can visit the present St. Patrick's and prayerfully re-create his presence at the altar. Auburnians can recall how he offered monthly Mass, as early as 1821, in the school house on "Academy Green"; or, later on, in the court house. And perhaps there are still survivors of the family of James Hickson and Jane Nickleson, whom the "Cayuga Republican" of January 2, 1852, says the good missionary Father married on "Thursday evening last."

St. Mary's, Presbyterian Churches Plan Projects

Auburn — St. Mary's Church and First Presbyterian Church of this city are planning an Open House Project at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13.

Monsignor James D. Cuffney, pastor of St. Mary's, and Rev. Ralph Wagner Jr., pastor of First Presbyterian, said today the project will enable each of the congregations to visit their own and each other's church in groups.

The two congregations will visit St. Mary's first at 2:30 p.m. with a tour of the church to last about 40 minutes. The visit to First Presbyterian will follow. A coffee hour will conclude the tours at the Presbyterian Church social rooms.

Monsignor Cuffney said, "It is like inviting neighbors to your home. There is no ulterior motive. It simply affords each one a chance to know each other better."

Each pastor has appointed a couple to be co-chairmen of the



The word comes through...

God's revelation is summed up in a man — Christ. In the same manner, the revelation is passed along by other men in the words and actions of these men. We discover the word of God.

You see him in Abraham, Moses and the prophets. They were men who used their own human words.

You see him in the Bible. You see him in the words of the Old and New Testaments, written by men who used their own human words.

THE NEW RENAISSANCE

Paulist Pamphlets on Council

A new series of twelve fully illustrated four-color booklets, "The Church Renewed" has been prepared by Paulist Press to bring the practical effects and relate the major teachings of the Second Vatican Council to the average parishioner. Each booklet (in a convenient eight page, four by eight format) has been designed to initiate the average layman into the spirit and practice of Church renewal. Rather than merely recounting the documents of Vatican II, these pam-

The Date Book

meeting held. Sister Adelaide, speaker.

Catholic Nurses
Monroe County Chapter of Catholic Nurses, Mass for deceased members, Monday, Nov. 14, St. Mary's Hospital Chapel, 6 p.m. Dinner in Kearney Bldg., 6:45 p.m. Speaker: Mgr. Donald J. Mulcahy.

Catholic Women's Club
Catholic Women's Club dessert card party, Nov. 11, at clubhouse, 12:30 p.m. Miss Marguerite Colgan, chairman.

Fisher Alumni
Joe Crozier, coach and general manager of Americans hockey club, principal speaker at fall meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 9, St. Basil Hall, 8 p.m.

CDA No. 137

Domestic Card Party, Nov. 9, Columbus Center, Elmira, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Mrs. Clayton Boyce.

Area Directors Named For Thanksgiving Drive

Father Chester M. Klocok, Division Director of the 18th Annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, this week announced the appointment of twelve area directors.

Those appointed are: Father William Frott, Monroe County NE; Father John D. Dillon, Monroe County SE; Father Emmett Halloran, Monroe County SW; Father Daniel P. Torney, Monroe County NW.

Father Conrad J. Sundholm, Cayuga County; Father William F. McCall, Chemung and Schuyler Counties; Father Timothy Weider, Corning; Father Charles Langworthy, Livingston County.

Father Raymond Ringwood, Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties; Father John L. Coonan, Steuben County; Father William J. Graf, Tompkins and Tioga Counties; and Father John L. O'Connor, Wayne County.

This year's drive will be held Nov. 13-19 in the Rochester Diocese, where last year over 270 tons of usable clothing were contributed for the needy of the world.

ELECT PHILIP N. MORRISON STATE SENATOR
48th District
Chemung - Steuben Tompkins and Tioga Counties

FOR MY INVESTMENT

From now on... an Annuity called **MISSION CONTRACT** because

1. It pays me high interest every month as long as I live.
2. Interest continues to my wife or a relative after my death.
3. Many spiritual benefits now and later.
4. My money educates boys to the Priesthood.
5. Gives me peace of mind and no stock worries.

FOR DETAILS WRITE TODAY

REV. FATHER RALPH, Nat'l. Dir.
S.V.D. Catholic Universities, 316 N. Michigan, Chicago, Illinois 60601

Send me details about your Annuity. My age is _____ Amount: \$ _____

NAME (please print) _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ Zone _____ STATE _____

SO NICE TO HAVE AROUND THE HOUSE!

PITTSFORD BEVERAGES

SOFT DRINKS

CASH 'N CARRY AT THE PLANT OR ORDER

A CASE FROM YOUR ROLIE MAN

PITTSFORD BEVERAGES

144 HUMBOLDT ST. HUJ 2-9583

CLOSED MONDAYS

