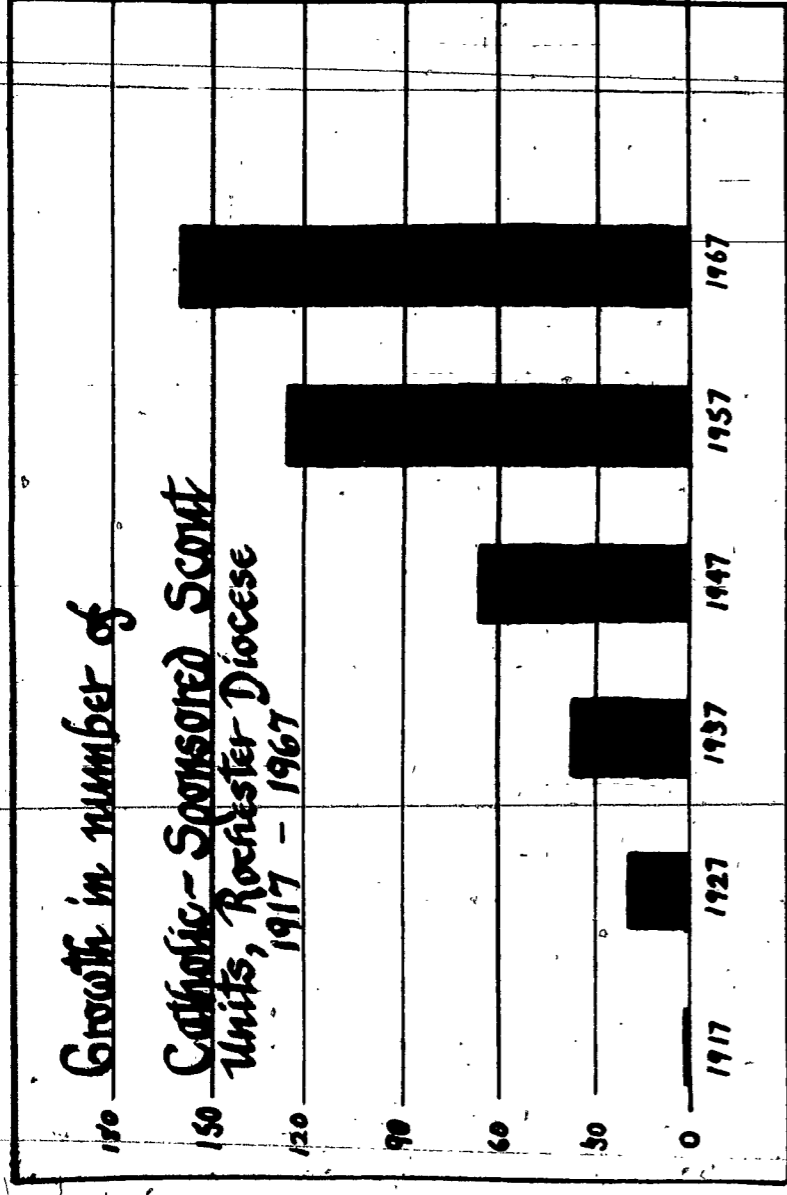


Growth in number of

Catholic-Sponsored Scout Units, Rochester Diocese 1917 - 1967



## 'Peace... Triumph of Love over Distrust'

During this week of February 1967, the Boy Scouts of America celebrate their 57th anniversary. Lord Baden-Powell, the British military hero, author, artist, and Chief Scout began the Scouting Movement in England in 1908.

He published the plan of his "Boy Scout Scheme" in his book "Scouting for Boys." It became an instant best seller, and Boy Scout patrols sprang up all over England.

Before long they were being formed in other countries. William D. Boyce, publisher from Chicago, met the founder in England and was so impressed by the Scouting Movement that he formed the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910.

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rather than the desire for self-interest and success. And that's the spirit, if more generally expressed, as it can be through our wide-reaching brotherhood. This ideal is supported by the foundation of that international good-will and understanding which will ensure peace in the world through the triumph of love over distrust.

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If you want information about Scouting, fill in this coupon and mail to Mr. Wellington at the address indicated. He will see that you are contacted by your nearest Scout unit.

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Oretiana Council, B.S.A.  
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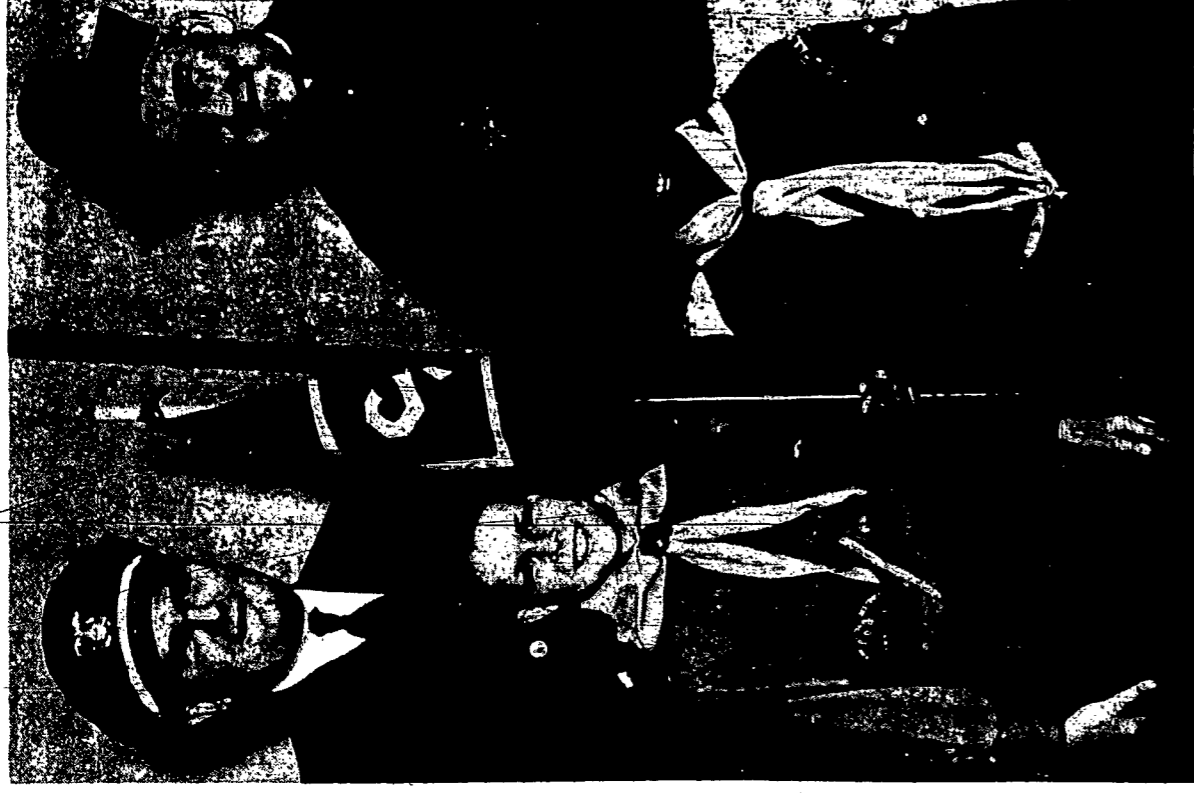
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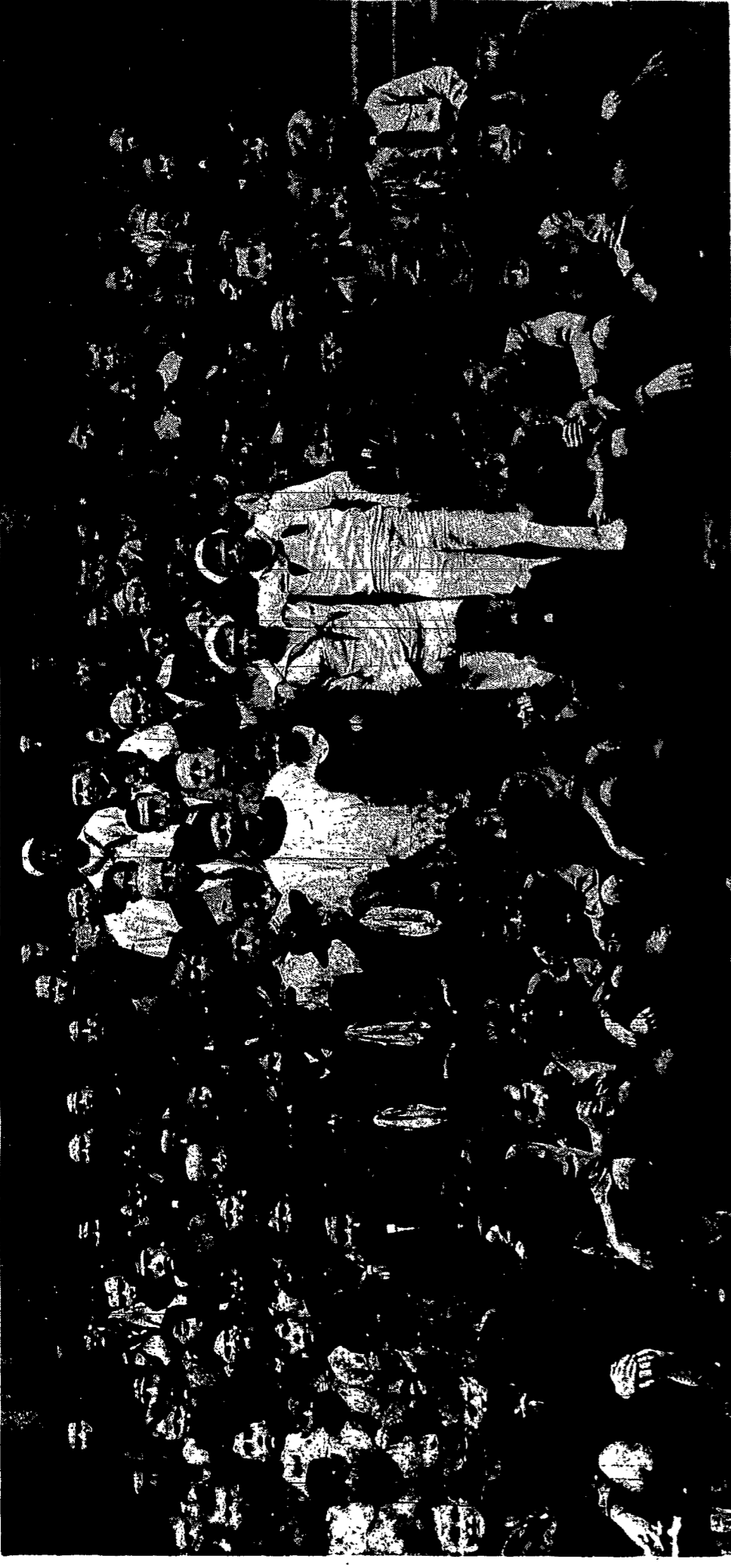
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Vincennes Father Frederick P. Ghering, who as a Navy chaplain won the title "Padre of Guadalcanal" stands with Bishop Kearney and two Scouts after addressing the first Diocesan Scout Rally in Edgerton Park, September 21, 1947. He admonished the Scouts to "carry on for the boys who rest under those white crosses of the battlefields."



John C. McCarthy, Jr. present Diocesan Chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting; Rev. Robert J. Winterson (center), the Diocesan Chaplain, and Maurice Petrin, Rochester Area Chairman, prepare for the first Catholic Scouter Development session to be sponsored by the Rochester Diocese's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Other area chairmen of the Committee are Messrs. John Simon, Auburn; W. Arthur Sprague, Ithaca; John Davie, Geneva; Paul Ayers, Elmira; Michael Asicello, Corning; and Russell Genco, Mt. Morris.



Historic Troop 31 of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, marks its fiftieth year in 1967. Typical of its activities over half a century is this 1938 group of Scouts from many troops at Mass during camporee at nearby rustic site. The late Father Michael C. Wall is in the center of photo. In back are Father Joseph Gorman, now at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, and Father John Maxwell, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Churchville.

# Fifty Years in Scouting

By ROBERT MAGIN

Fifty years ago, in May, 1917, the first Catholic boys of St. Mary's parish, Canandaigua, organized the Scout Troop. It was the first Catholic Scout Troop in the Rochester Diocese. The Scout Troop was organized by Father Joseph Gorman, now at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, and Father John Maxwell, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Churchville.

They were the members of the first Catholic-sponsored Boy Scout unit in the Rochester Diocese — Troop 31, of the Finger Lakes Council, B.S.A.

When Troop 31 assembled in uniform at St. Mary's this Sunday, February 12, to celebrate Scout Sunday, some 11,000 other Scouts and 4,000 men and women Scouters of the 12-county Diocese of Rochester will attend Mass in their own parish churches. These Catholic Scouts and Scouters will be joined by 40 men and women Scouters from the Boy Scout Councils in the area of the Rochester Diocese.

Today, parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Rochester sponsor 139 Cub Scouts, Scouts and Scouters. The total number of Scout units in the twelve counties of the Diocese.

Shortly after St. Mary's Troop was founded, other scout troops were started, such as Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Troop 101 in Ithaca; St. Ann's Council (1921); St. Joseph's Council (1921); St. Stephen's Council (April, 1921); and St. Mary's, Elmira, Troop 29 in Sullivan Trail Council (1922).

Pioneer Scouters in our locality will remember the efforts of the late Father Joseph Gorman, who worked with the boys of Immaculate Conception parish, Rochester, in the early twenties. (Father Lane is now a

Monsignor and lives in retirement in Elmira.) Ordained in June, 1920, Father Lane was first assigned to the assistant pastorate of Immaculate Conception. By October 13, Father Lane and Mr. Emmet Norton — former City Comptroller, and now trustee of St. Monica's parish — as Scoutmaster. Membership grew 50 fast that on November 9, a second parish unit.

Troop 69, was formed with Father Lane as Scoutmaster, and on January 16, 1921, a third — Troop 70 — with Mr. T. E. Mykita as Scoutmaster. In February, 1921, Father Lane and Mr. Emmet Norton were organized — the third regular Boy Scout band in the county. On February 2, 1921, the Scouts of Troop 68 entertained their fathers with a luncheon; the Cadet Band played for the

Scouts and their guests, among them Mr. Arthur McKinney, the first Scout Executive of the Rochester Council and Reverend A. M. F. N. M., pastor of Immaculate. Mr. McKinney presided, and Father Lane presided. The Scouts of Troop 68 encouraged the Scouts to put into practice the qualities their uniforms represent.

Most of the Scout units in



In June, 1951, Bishop Kearney presented Scout Cyril Barker of Holy Rosary's Troop 101 the Ad Altagre Dei Award. After graduating from St. Bernard's Seminary in June, 1963, the now Father Barker is at present serving the People of God in the Diocese of Anchorage, Alaska.

The Diocese today are continuing the traditional Scout Week celebration by holding banquets and Communion breakfasts.

Among them are Troop 68 of St. Mary's, the oldest Catholic Scout Troop in the Rochester Diocese, sponsored by the Oretiana Council's oldest Catholic Scout Troop, Troop 101, which will have their annual Communion breakfast at St. Patrick's school hall.

Several troops are holding in-parish Communion breakfasts for example, St. Joseph's, Mt. Morris, St. George's, Mt. Pleasant, and St. Anthony's. Troop 138 and Troop 238 of St. John the Evangelist, Greece, are attending the 8:15 Mass at St. John's with Scouts from St. Bridget's Troop 132. The Scouts and their fathers have been invited to Communion breakfast with Troop 48 of Greece Baptist Church.

The Catholic Church in America has become progressively more interested in the National Catholic War Council, representing the American Catholic hierarchy, met in Washington, D. C., and after a thorough study of Scouting's plans and purposes, heartily endorsed the movement and expressed the desire that Scout-parish programs be developed in every parish across the country.

In June, 1954, at the request (Continued on next page)