

# Pioneer Principal 'Sold' on 'Co-Institution'

Brother Joseph M. Clark, founding principal of Bishop Kearney High School in Rochester, has received word from Rev. Brother R. V. Scantlan, Provincial of the American Province of the Christian Brothers, that as of July 1st he will no longer fill the position of Principal and Superior of the Brothers' Monastery.

The normal six year term is being cut short, by a year, to allow Brother Clark to prepare himself to assume the position of Master of Novices for the Province. In this new position, Brother Clark will direct the Canonical year of the formation of young men aspiring to be Christian Brothers.

WE ASKED Brother Clark to give an account of his feelings regarding his five years in Rochester and his role in founding and guiding a new Co-stitutional High School in this Diocese.

"I received word of my new appointment with very mixed emotions. I had always known that the day would come when I would have to leave Bishop Kearney High School and the people of Rochester, but tried not to think too much about it. My mind has a way of ignoring the unpleasant. I am vitally interested in vocations and I am especially concerned with the training of our own future Brothers, so that I know I will be happy in my new work. However, my roots in Rochester are as deep as the foundations of this building and the extraction of these roots will be most painful. Again my mind turns to the more pleasant side.

"I have had a most unique experience. Not many people have the opportunity of being the founding Principal of a high school, when that high school is also a new concept in itself, that is, a co-stitutional. It becomes doubly unique. It must be understood that it was our Bishop at the time, Bishop James E. Kearney, who first determined to bring a co-stitutional high school into being in the Diocese. With the backing of the people of the Diocese he established not one, but two such high schools, our school and Cardinal Mooney High in Greece. The schools are excellent buildings on beautiful sites. A great deal of credit for the success of these two schools must be attributed to Bishop Casey, Msgr. Roche and Monsignor Randall, who personally saw to every detail of planning, building and equipping the new schools. In cooperation with representatives of the Communities of Brothers and Sisters who would assume the administration of both.

"It seemed for so long a time that our every endeavor, our every move, was a first. The pioneer classes in particular our graduates of last June who were the real pioneers, I'm sure, must have thought my vocabulary very limited for they heard another 'Kearney first,' more times than I or they could remember. However, our present Seniors, have also had a few 'firsts' of their own and I hope that each succeeding class will contribute its share of 'firsts.'

"The co-stitutional concept? I personally am sold on it. There are so many advantages with only a few disadvantages, at least in my opinion. And even these are not really disadvantages, but rather problems that time and the development of the co-stitutional concept will remedy. The male influence doesn't always sympathize with the new trends in girls' athletic ambitions in the after-school hours, and with somewhat restricted facilities, compromise must be reached.

The real beauty of the co-stitutional set-up is the spirit of good and wholesome competition for excellence in all phases of the academic and cultural undertakings between the two Divisions. At the same time we have observed a naturally beautiful refining influence of our boys and girls on each other during their lunch hours and in the myriad of co- and extra-curricular activities in the

after school hours. Every student is proud that so many people refer to the 'Bishop Kearney Spirit.' I do believe it is a unique type of spirit in that it stems from total student interest and enthusiasm for everything that happens at Bishop Kearney, whether it is the Regents Scholarships, Kearney-Aquinas Football game, the C.Y.O. Girls Cheerleading Tourney, the Girls Division intraschool 'play-days' or the W.H.E.C. High School 'News Bowl' competition.

"Yes, Bishop Kearney High School has taken its place in the community in the five years since its inception, and is proud of its strength in academic excellence and in every phase of student life. It came about, only

with the determination and hard work of all involved. We have been fortunate to have Sister Mary Louis and the School Sisters of Notre-Dame as our co-workers. I have been blessed with an excellent and dedicated staff of Brothers, Sisters, Lay-faculty, and priest chaplains. So much of what we have been able to do in the extra-curricular areas for our students was possible only with the advice, concern and financial support of our parents and organizations. I can't say enough about their work and support.

Due to the efforts of all these 'forces,' we have developed a student body who appreciate the opportunity of an education at Bishop Kearney and who now aspire for excellence in everything they do. 'Nothing suc-

ceeds like success' and having tasted success they are determined to settle for nothing less.

"If I sound proud, it is because I am. I am gratefully proud of being given the opportunity to labor for five years in Rochester and of being a part of a wonderful institution; grateful for the associations and friendships made here that will always be treasured memories.

"The faculty here has always related to me that our students want to be challenged and I know this to be true. This being the case, I can only conclude by saying to them, and all future students of Bishop Kearney High School that I hope and pray that 'the best is yet to come.'

## New Principal at Kearney High



BROTHER CLARK

BROTHER LAWRENCE

BROTHER TRACEY

Rev. Brother Robert V. Scantlan, Provincial of the Christian Brothers of the American Province has announced the following administrative changes at Bishop Kearney High School.

The founding Principal, Brother Joseph M. Clark, will be relieved of his present post of Principal and Superior of the Brothers Monastery, to prepare himself to become Master of Novices at Santa Maria Novitiate, West Park, New York in September, 1968. In this position, Brother Clark will be in charge of training young Brothers in the life and rules of the Christian Brothers during their Canonical year.

Effective June 27, Brother Edward M. Tracey, who has been a member of the Bishop Kearney faculty for the past four years, will assume the position of Principal and Superior. Brother Tracey, son of Mrs. Catherine Delamere and the late Edward Tracey, entered the Christian Brothers after his graduation from Power Memorial Academy, New York City in 1949.

Brother Tracey's teaching career includes assignment at Iona in New Rochelle, New York and Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, New Jersey, prior to his coming to Rochester in September 1963. Brother Tracey received his Bachelor Degree at Iona College and Master's Degrees from Fordham and Seton Hall Universities in Mathematics and Secondary School Administration. Brother Tracey is presently teaching Mathematics and is Executive Athletic Moderator at Bishop Kearney High School.

Brother P. L. Lawrence, Business manager and treasurer at Bishop Kearney High School has been appointed Principal and Superior of Blessed Sacrament High School in New Rochelle, New York as of June 27th. Brother Lawrence has been at Bishop Kearney High School for three years and in addition to his administrative duties is Chairman of the Social Studies Department and was moderator of the Parents musical production "Showtime." Brother Lawrence for the past several years has served as Chairman and coordinator of the Social Studies Department of all of the schools conducted by the Christian Brothers.

## Bishop Sheen to Open Women's Convention

Bishop Sheen will celebrate Mass to open the annual convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Monday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Anne's Church, Rochester.

It is expected that 500 delegates, representing scores of Catholic women's organizations of the 12-county Diocese of Rochester, will attend the Mass.

Father Chester M. Klocek, moderator of the Council of Catholic Women, has announced that the choir of Old Saint Mary's Church, under the direction of Thomas Donohue, will sing at the Mass.

After the Mass, delegates will meet at Vince's 50 Acres, 7500 West Henrietta Rd., for the 8 p.m. supper at which Bishop Sheen will be principal speaker.

Mrs. Raymond Hensler, chairman of the workshop planning committees, urges all affiliated organizations of the Council of Catholic Women to participate in the workshop discussion

groups to be conducted at Vince's 50 Acres Tuesday morning, May 23, beginning at 10 a.m.

Luncheon will be followed by a brief business meeting of Council officers and a community panel on human relations for all members—to study "in the light of the directives of Vatican Council II the increas-

ing spiritual bewilderment in human relationships of our times."

Tickets for the convention are \$4 for the supper meeting on May 22, and \$3 for the workshop-luncheon sessions on May 23. Further information may be had by contacting Mrs. Martin Conheady, 470 Genesee Park Blvd.

## Teachers Needed In Elmira Area

Recruitment of lay teachers for the Catholic schools was a major topic discussed at the meeting April 12 of the Chemung County Catholic School Board.

Since thirteen new lay teachers will be needed in the local system for the coming school year, it was suggested that a brochure be distributed in the parishes, as well as that possible interested parties be contacted personal-

ly, such as new college graduates, or mothers with college degrees whose children are no longer of pre-school age.

Principals of the Elmira area Catholic schools are already working on a system of common fringe benefits for lay teachers. Benefits now available vary from school to school, according to a recent survey, and are listed as follows:

Insurance — all schools pay Blue Cross and Blue Shield for lay teachers.

Tuition — six schools pay full tuition for college courses taken by teachers, one school pays half tuition for college courses, three schools pay workshop expenses, three schools cover in-service courses in religion.

Sick leave — one school gives full pay for the first ten days, cumulative for three years, two schools give indefinite sick leave, one school gives five sick days per year, one school allows five sick days per year plus two other days for personal or business reasons, and one school gives one week full pay for sick leave plus half-pay thereafter up to ten days.

Lunch program — one school provides free lunches for staff.

Discussion of reasons why lay people presently employed in Catholic schools continue there include: extra salary in a family for mother whose children are no longer of pre-school age; liberal arts degree but without the number of education credits required in public schools; pleasant atmosphere; discipline; feeling of contributing to a worthy cause.

A suggestion was made that in-service courses be investigated for helping lay teachers conveniently acquire education credits, though it was mentioned that many private schools (not just Catholic) prefer to hire teachers with a liberal arts background rather than those with predominately education courses.

The board also recommended that the following amendments be made to the constitution and voted on at the next meeting, in view of the fact that four members' terms will expire at the end of the current school year:

That a lay representative to the Chemung County Catholic School Board from each parish having a school be elected by the parish school board or appointed by the pastor. Originally the lay representative was appointed by the pastor;

## Educational Conference Set

Catholic school administrators, teachers and parents will assemble Saturday, May 6, at Nazareth College for the Third Annual Conference of the Catholic Educational Congress.

Gardner R. Wales and Mrs. John R. Saxe, co-chairmen, expect an attendance of about 500 and point out that the conference will be geared to audience participation.

The principle address will be

given in the morning by Father Michael O'Neill from the Diocese of Spokane, Washington. Father O'Neill has contributed educational articles to "America" and other magazines.

The afternoon speakers will be Monsignor William Roche, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Geln Immeigart, School of Education, University of Rochester, and Urban Faubian, a Patent Counsel and member of Cayuga

County School Board.

These panelists will discuss the facts, figures and future of Catholic Education from the layman, educator and administrator's viewpoint.

Information about the conference is available in all parishes through pastors and school principals. The committee points out that proceedings and luncheon are included in the registration fee.



## Mother Cabrini Circle Scholarships

The Mother Cabrini Circle will hold a Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, May 7 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Montgomery Center to aid its scholarship fund.

Mother Cabrini Circle, an integrated group founded in 1946, sponsors scholarships for Negro boys and girls to Catholic High Schools in Rochester.

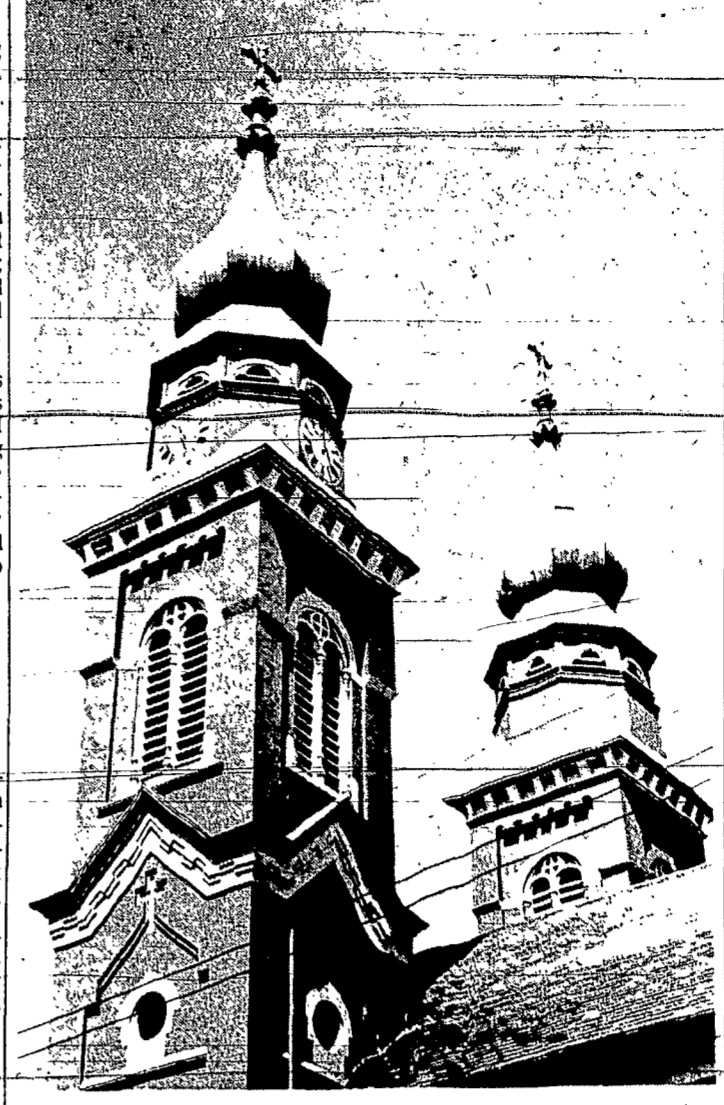
There were twenty-one scholarships this year and, at present, twelve more for next year. This is the largest number in the group's history.

Grants have been given to Aquinas Institute, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Our Lady of Mercy High School, Nazareth Academy, St. Agnes High School, Cardinal Mooney High School and St. Joseph's Bust-

ness School.

Chairmen include: Miss Ruth Ashburn and Mesdames Dalton De Rouen, Daniel Jacque, Frank G. Shaughnessy, and Orr M. Sixbey.

Planning dinner, in photo, are Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Miss Ashburn, Mrs. DeRouen and Mrs. Neila DeRouen. (Maxwell photo)



## Kremlin Domes in Rochester?

The onion-domes of church towers at Holy Redeemer Church are a familiar landmark in Rochester. Spring sunshine Sunday morning made them sparkle on the skyline in an area of vanishing structures as urban renewal projects creep closer to the parish.

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LOCAL NEWS SECTION

## James O'Gara To Speak At Fisher

James O'Gara, popular Catholic writer and managing editor of Commonweal, national weekly opinion journal published and edited by Catholic laymen, will speak at St. John Fisher College Tuesday, April 25, at 8:30 p.m. in Kearney Auditorium under the auspices of the Fisher Alumni Association.

O'Gara's topic will be "Criticism and the Catholic Press." In his talk he will examine the Catholic Press and its changing role in today's world. Admission charge to the lecture will be \$1 and the public is invited.

Now in his 16th year with Commonweal, Chicago-born O'Gara has written for America, The Catholic Mind, The Sign, Jubilee and other publications. He also has appeared on national radio and television programs.

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