



Knights of Columbus honored Bishop Kearney on his 59th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. Joseph Donahue was chairman and Edward L. Miller, grand knight.

Bishop Kearney's 59th

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

A tribute for Bishop Kearney, longtime loyal Knight of Columbus held Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the clubhouse, 523 Monroe Ave. served as a springboard for extolling his qualities as priest, bishop, administrator, educator and friend.

The dinner marked the 59th anniversary of Bishop Kearney's ordination to the priesthood.

Presentation of a check on behalf of the knights was made by Edward L. Miller, grand knight. Other grand knights and officers of the Rochester area came to pay honor to the Bishop.

While Monsignor John E. Maney, pastor of Corpus Christi Church was overall toastmaster, he said he preferred to turn over the lighter moments to Father Tobin, C.S.S.R., of New

York, former chaplain of Rochester Council. Father Tobin is noted for his stories and lived up to his reputation.

Monsignor Maney in a more serious vein told of his association with Bishop Kearney as a secretary and later in the Chancery, was eloquent in recounting the Bishop's achievements as a gentleman, as a spiritual inspiration, as a builder and as considerate and inspiring superior.

Bishop Kearney told of his deep interest in the K. of C. which he served as a council chaplain in New York City, faithful friar of Archbishop Hughes Assembly, Fourth Degree; as a state chaplain in the Diocese of Salt Lake City and New York State chaplain in the early 1940s.

He recalled the assistance in his many problems received through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Much of this

came he said because of the great devotion to Mary in the diocese inspired by the daily radio Rosary recitation from St. Francis of Assisi Church. He thanked the knights of the diocese for their support of his programs during his reign as Bishop of Rochester.

Telegrams and letters voicing high praise of Bishop Kearney were read by Monsignor Maney from Cardinal Spellman, state K. of C. chaplain; Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Bishop Kearney's successor; Father Gustave Schultheiss of the Bronx, assistant state chaplain; Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson; Supreme Knight John W. McDewitt of New Haven, Conn.; State Deputy James Foley of New York and others.

Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, former council chaplain, Monsignor John F. Duffy and Father Paul G. Wohlrab, long a member, attended.

To Speak at Liturgy Institute

Father Joseph Champlin, priest-author from Syracuse, will be the keynote speaker at Auburn for "Worship '67", first of three Liturgical Institutes scheduled for October in the Diocese of Rochester.

The Syracuse liturgy expert will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 at Mt. Carmel High School. His talk will open a two day session which culminates in a Community Mass at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Similar two day sessions of "Worship '67" will be offered in Rochester the weekend of Oct. 13-14 at St. Thomas More parish and in Elmira at Notre Dame High School the weekend of Oct. 20-21.

Father Champlin did his theological studies at Rochester's St. Bernard's Seminary after at-



FATHER CHAMPLIN

tending Yale and Notre Dame Universities as an undergraduate.

He served as secretary of the Syracuse diocesan Liturgical Commission for several years and has been a frequent speaker at regional and national meetings of the Liturgical Conference.

A frequent contributor to Catholic magazines, he has recently completed a book on courtship and marriage, entitled "Don't You Really Love Me?"

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Holy Family Parish Tries Harder

Sunday is election day at Rochester's Holy Family Church.

Parishioners will vote for members for their Parish Council.

Ballots were mailed to members of the parish who are 21 or over during the past week.

Council members will play a decisive role in parish policy on matters ranging from Sunday ceremonies to weekday community relationships.

A constitutional committee was at work the past several weeks hammering out a constitution for the Council.

The Council will be another major milestone in making Holy Family "a post-Vatican II parish."

The process began with a parish convention in February where parishioners voiced their hopes and complaints about the parish and heard a procession of speakers report hard facts they had uncovered on numerous aspects of parish life and administration.

Sifting the convention's data and proposals has been the second step in the process.

The third phase was formation of a school board for the parish school and this Sunday's election will launch the parish on a permanent commitment to democracy.

Although literally hundreds of parishioners have been mustered into an active parishioner role, the core of the renewal program has been Holy Family's new pastor, Monsignor George Cocuzzi, Edward Winterkorn and Mrs. Robert Engel.

Winterkorn said some parishioners were so caught up with enthusiasm "they even canceled their vacation trips to stay home and work on the renewal program." He says he's heard "no gripes" when he asked people to put their minds and their muscles to one of other aspect of the project.

Mrs. Engel said she has discovered parish organizations have "a new interest and fervor instead of sitting back waiting to be told what to do."

Monsignor Cocuzzi, formerly Chancellor of the Diocese, said he pledged himself as pastor to involve the people of the parish in every phase of parish activity. His goal, he says, is "to build a truly Christian community in this area."

He came to Holy Family early this year at a time when the parish was being cut by a swath of highway construction. The once German parish, down-

to 800 families, faced an exodus of its parishioners as inner-city blight edged out from the demolition area for the proposed new thruway feeder road.

Monsignor Cocuzzi's pastoral eyes, therefore, see not just spiritual tasks to accomplish but sociological and material as well.

"What we've done so far," he says, "is to provide a new structure of organization geared for the people's involvement in all these parish needs."

Does he intend to do this job ecumenically?

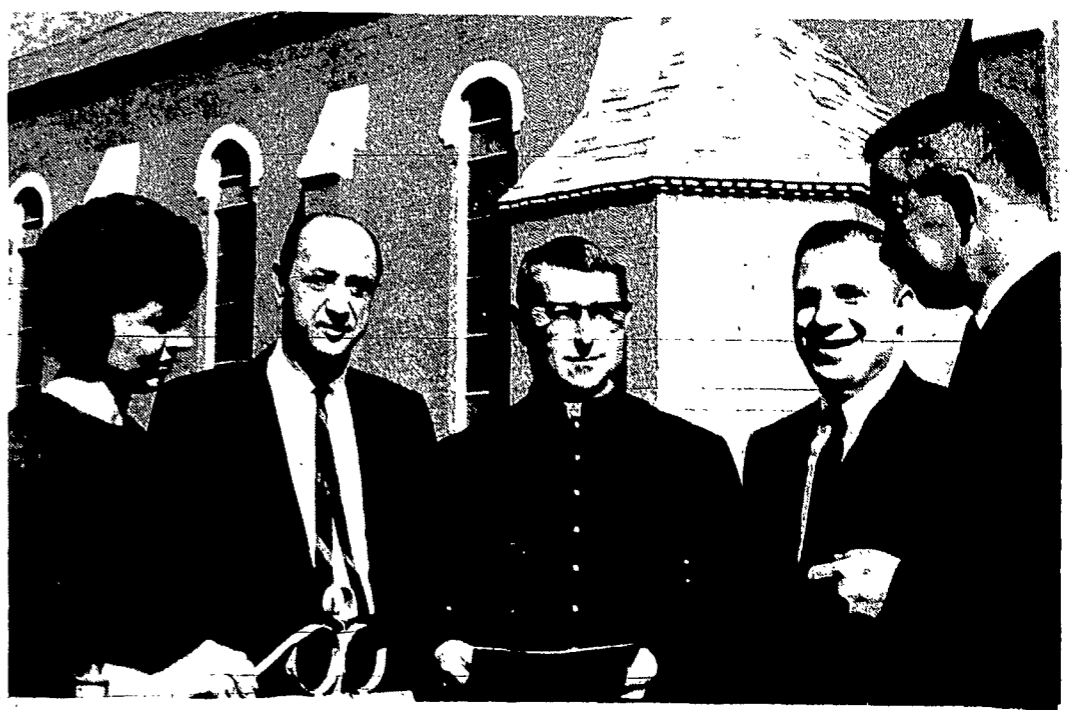
"Yes, in a way," he replies. "But most of the residents of this area are Catholics—either practicing Catholics or not practicing—and actually there are very few Protestants so we have to realize we're going to have to do most of all this ourselves."

"Reclaiming" of the lapsed Catholics is one of the chief objectives Monsignor Cocuzzi

hopes the Council will face up to. He also is thinking of a "mission to the parish."

"I think our lay people will have enough ingenuity and apostolic initiative to take hold here," he comments.

For a parish that was founded in 1864 and just had a sizeable slice cut out of its heart, Holy Family parish shows no signs of collapsing. It refuses to complain of either tired blood or a loss of blood. It just decides it has to try harder.



Monsignor Cocuzzi and Holy Family Parish Council committee check final details of Sunday election. Committee members are Mrs. Robert Engel, Frank Morone, Richard Scriver and Edward Winterkorn.

Catholics, Anglicans Study Unity Steps

London — (RNS) — Anglican and Roman Catholic theologians resumed their "serious dialogue" on steps toward unity of the two Churches in an atmosphere of strict privacy in an historic country house near here on August 30.

An official Church of England announcement said that no agenda was published for the conference, the second since the dialogue was agreed on by Pope Paul and Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury at their historic meeting in Rome in March last year.

The announcement also said that "no statement of any kind" would be issued while the talks are in progress but that a statement was expected at their end.

The Anglican theologians came from England, Wales, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Ceylon and South Africa. Their Roman Catholic counterparts came from the Vatican, United States, Canada, England, India, Australia and Tanzania in East Africa.

Together they form what is officially called the Anglican-Roman Catholic Joint Preparatory Commission. This met for the first time at Gazza, north of Italy, from January 9 to 13, 1967. A communique issued afterwards said that "after 400 years of separating between the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches, official representatives from both have taken the first steps towards restoring full unity."

Celibacy Poll Dwindling

Washington — (NC) — Only 23.5% of priests contacted replied to the National Association for Pastoral Renewal's latest celibacy poll. Slightly more than 50% of these said they favored a change in the Church's current discipline.

The poll was conducted in the archdioceses of Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C., and the diocese of Wilmington.

The National Association for Pastoral Renewal (NAPR) is an organization of priests who have been campaigning since last fall for a change in the Catholic Church's tradition which prohibits Latin rite priests from marrying. It has conducted surveys to determine "if there is widespread clerical sentiment for change."

Cursillo Veterans Gather on Oct. 6

A "grand reunion" for some 250 men and women who have made a cursillo will be held next Friday (Oct. 6) to celebrate scheduling of the first men's English cursillo in the Rochester Diocese.

Highlight of the reunion will be a consecrated Mass offered for the success of the cursillo which is being arranged for the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 23, 24, 25 and 26, at McQuaid Jesuit High School. A Spanish cursillo was held last spring.

Cursillistas, those who have made a cursillo, will meet at St. Joseph's Business School, next to St. Joseph's Church on Franklin Street. Mass is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Father Hugh Brady, spiritual director for English cursillo, will be the principal celebrant for a full participation Mass, a cursillo custom. He will be joined by other cursillista priests.

After Mass, reports on the

development of an English Cursillo Center will be given by Father Brady and lay leaders. A roast beef buffet will top off

the evening.

Cursillo is a movement of priests and laymen for Christian renewal. Its aim is to help

perpetuate a total commitment to Christ through piety, study and action.



CURSILLO PROMOTERS, planning first English-speaking Cursillo in Rochester, are from left, John Ginnane, Daniel Calendo, Eugene Luini, Albert Bergeron and Daniel DePalma. It is planned for Thanksgiving weekend.

Lutheran Students Back Reunion with Catholics

Boulder, Colo. — (RNS) — The three major Lutheran bodies in the nation were urged here by the Council of the Lutheran Student Association of America to "seek organic reunion with the Roman Catholic Church."

A resolution adopted by the Council also asked the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to "undertake a strenuous study of Lutheran ecclesiology" and to "explore the possibility that Lutheranism and Roman Catholicism need not regard themselves as separate Churches or denominations but merely as different points of view."

Describing the proposal as "an attempt to inject a note of hope for church unity into the observance of the 450th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation," the resolution was unanimously adopted by the council.

It declared that it was not the intention of the Lutheran reformers to establish a separate church but to "re-form the Roman Catholic Church."

about," it continued, "was not intended but forced by a series of historic and ecclesiastical misfortunes." The Lutheran tradition was called "an emergency movement within the pale of Roman Catholicism."

Approval of the resolution was followed by a decision to forward a copy to the National Newman Conference, a Roman Catholic student group which met at the same time at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

In a "Message of Greeting" to the Catholic students, the council said that their simultaneous encounter, even though unfortunately separated by a thousand miles and years of history.

The council was addressed by Father Charles Forsyth, senior Catholic chaplain at the University of Colorado and chairman for ecumenism in the National Newman Chaplain's Association.

Father Forsyth attributed the "new atmosphere of congeniality" between Roman Catholics and other Christians in recent years to Pope John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council.

Friday Luncheon Club Schedules Father Finks

Father P. David Finks, Episcopal Vicar of Urban Ministry, will address men of the First Friday Luncheon Club, Oct. 6 in Hotel Sheraton, Chairman Urban G. Kress of the Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee announced today.

Father Finks was announced as the speaker for the March session but was called out of the city and Father Daniel Torney gave the address.

Appointed to a newly created diocesan post by Bishop Sheen in January, Father Finks was the Bishop's first clergy appointment. The vicar's duties comprise ministering among the poor of Rochester.

He will be presented at the luncheon starting at 12:10 p.m. by Father William Donnelly, club moderator and chaplain of Rochester Council K. of C.

The speaker was ordained June 9, 1956. He has served as assistant pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church and chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School. In June, 1965, he was appointed as assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church where he carried out work in the interests of civil rights and poverty programs.

Men who receive Communion on the First Friday attend the

luncheon regardless of affiliation with the K. of C. according to Frederick L. Murphy, co chairman.

Father L. John Hedges, Catholic chaplain to University of Rochester students at the September luncheon described his work in the increasingly demanding program for Catholic students at secular universities.



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