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**BIG STEP FORWARD.** Sister Remigia, left, director of Nursing Education, St. Joseph's Hospital, caps Jean Evenden of Erin, as Kathleen Matteson, Horseheads, awaits her turn. In background, Sister Juliana, assistant director of Nursing Education, caps Linda Mueller, Rochester.

## Nursing Frosh Capped

Elmira—Uniform Day Ceremonies were held at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing here on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Members of the Class of 1970 assembled in St. Joseph's Oratory in uniform for the first time for the blessing and presentation of their caps. This was followed by a Bible service conducted by the hospital chaplain, Father Cyril Guise, O.C.D. The theme of the service was

"On Finding God in People."

Freshmen were guests of honor at a dinner with the faculty, upperclassmen and X-ray students that afternoon in the Dunn Auditorium.

The student body assisted at a Mass offered for the freshmen at 7:30 p.m. in SS. Peter and Paul's Church. A Pledge of Fidelity to Duty preceded the Offertory Procession.

The passing on of the spirit

of nursing was symbolized as candles were lighted from lamps held by Student Government Officer, Mary Patricia Ervin of Elmira, and Junior Class President, Mary Jean Manion of Rochester. These candles were placed on the altar during the Offertory Procession.

Following Mass a reception for the freshmen and their guests was held in the Social Room of the Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence.

## Bishop Kearney

### Laymen Praised For Retreat Work

Laymen of the Rochester Diocese were given high tribute by Bishop Kearney in his address last Sunday at the Notre Dame retreat house on Canandaigua Lake. He was speaking to 178 members of the Laymen's Retreat League, gathered for their annual meeting.

"The Redemptorist Fathers capable and reliable, but without the men of the retreat movement, the movement would have died long ago," he asserted.

1967 has been a flourishing one at the new retreat house. It was reported, 3,817 men, women and high school students have made three day retreats or seminars at the Notre Dame center. Of these more than 2,500 were men from parishes of the diocese.

The gathering got off to a nostalgic start when the assem-

bled men greeted Bishop Kearney with a rendition of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," as he entered.

"Today is the day of retreats more than ever," the Bishop noted, because men have a deep desire to become more familiar with Christ.

"The intimacy (with Christ) which we experience on retreat," he added, prepares us to live our relationship with Christ at other times."

Commenting on the value of the smaller liturgical community that a retreat provides, Bishop Kearney added:

"This familiarity which comes to us from sharing the Lord's meal close to His altar," should in no way lessen our respect for God, who is still "King of Kings" a God of awe and majesty."



**DEMONSTRATE FOLK MASS.** This trio of St. John John Fisher students provided music for folk hymns at a recent Liturgy program held at St. John of Rochester parish.

## Parish Moves to Deepen Liturgy Participation

An Evening of Information on the Liturgy was presented recently by Father Benedict Ehmann to the people of St. John of Rochester parish. Peritone coupled with audio and visual extra features according to William McNeill, Chairman.

Two short plays explaining involvement in the liturgy were presented by the parish school children and those in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program. Slides and movies were shown to portray the themes of the Mass as a Mission and the liturgy as a celebration of life.

A guitar group from St. John Fisher College provided the musical background for Father Ehmann's theme of mission and celebration. Liturgy Night was a project sponsored by the Parish Commission for Education at St. John of Rochester.

Another project is that of a



**FAREWELL TEA for Mother Immaculate Conception, right, who is leaving her post at Holy Angels Home to assume the national presidency of her order, is discussed with Mrs. Theodore Strohmeier, left, president of Holy Angels Guild and Martin Q. Moll, who heads the home's board of directors. Tea is Sunday, Dec. 17 from 3-6 p.m.**

## Nun Going to Head Order: Gala Sendoff

Mother Immaculate Conception, who has headed Holy Angels Home on Winton Rd. North since 1954 will be honored by a reception and tea next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Recently elected president of the American Federation of her order, the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, Mother Immaculate will be leaving for her new duties shortly.

The tea will be given by the Board of Directors of Holy Angels and the Holy Angels Guild. A Christmas motif will bedeck the home, which cares for girls with problems, according to the chairman of the reception.

Mother Immaculate Conception is a familiar figure to many community and business leaders due to her activities in raising

funds to build a new school, chapel and convent in 1954, shortly after being chosen superior at Holy Angels Home. Dedication Mass was conducted in the new chapel in 1959, he debt for that building program was paid off in four years.

Two new smaller residences for the girls are now being constructed to comply with New York State Social Welfare directives which recommend small living units to enable more individual guidance. One of these buildings will be open for inspection on Sunday during the reception. The public is invited.

In her new office as Mother Superior of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, Mother Immaculate Conception will be overall head of twelve convents in the United States and one in Edmonton, Alberta.

which comprise the American Federation of her group. She expects to assume her new duties the first of the coming year at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

Mother Immaculate's warm smile and understanding nature have endeared her not only to the members of the local religious community and the girls under her supervision, but to all those who have known her since 1932, when she was sent to Rochester on a "temporary assignment."

She is particularly qualified for her new assignment and in the words of Martin Q. Moll, chairman of the board of the Holy Angels Home, "she will be the right leader for her order in this time of transition."

## Ecumenical Seminary Plans Furthered Here

Efforts toward creation of an ecumenical seminary here moved ahead with the scheduling of the merger of two major Protestant seminaries for next fall.

At the same time Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of Rochester again declared Catholic intention to cooperate in the new venture. He said the new study center would have "much to give" St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester "and we trust that St. Bernard's in turn will have much to give" the merging Protestant schools.

September, 1968, was set as the date for the move by Bexley Hall, Episcopal divinity school of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, to Rochester. Here it will merge with Colgate Rochester Divinity School, an interdenominational Protestant institution, to form the Rochester Center for Theological Studies.

Bishop Sheen, speaking of the relationship of St. Bernard's to the new center, said: "In those things we share in common, there will be unity; in those

things in which we differ, there will be dialogue and charity."

Dr. Charles L. Taylor, retiring director of the American Association of Theological Schools, called the Rochester center "one of the more significant steps toward the pattern of seminary education for coming decades."

The Rochester Center for Theological Studies will be closely related to the University of Rochester. Dr. Taylor said the growing pattern in seminary education is for seminaries to form in "clusters" around universities on the United States and Canada.

"Key concepts in these centers are greater freedom, wider exposure and fuller cooperation," he said. "Where the old boundary lines between denominational and interdenominational schools can be crossed, and still better, where the Catholic-Protestant gulf is bridged, hopes for the future of theological education are brightest." (NC News Service)



**SEMINARY LEADERS, who met recently discuss next steps in plan which bring three seminaries into a working arrangement including sharing of some teachers, facilities, and programs. The seminary heads are, from left: Father Joseph P. Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary; Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; and Dr. Almus M. Thorp, dean of Bexley Hall, Episcopal seminary which is moving to Rochester from Kenyon College in Ohio.**

## Plight of Brazilian Poor

The poorest people of our inner city have a better life than the masses of Brazil, a traveling diocesan priest believes.

"They are rich, in comparison to the poverty I have seen here," Father Arthur Hack wrote to the Courier.

Father Hack, who is on leave from St. Stephen's, Geneva, was about to set out up the Amazon, when he wrote the letter received this week.

This poverty and chaotic

church-state relations have frustrated the establishment of a Christian community, the priest observed.

"It will be some years," he said, "before the Church here will be able to walk on its own two feet without the help of its foreign Brothers and Sisters in Christ."

He offered this description as a sample of conditions he has seen:

"Fourteen people living in a

dirt-floor home of one room, surrounded by a swampy sewer."

"Not one such place, but thousands like it," he added, and asked, "Is it any wonder they are unable to have time for organized religion?"

He said that "freedom of religion has not been a reality for long in Brazil," and concluded that "We American Catholics have been truly blessed, both to live in the good old United States and to be Christians."

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