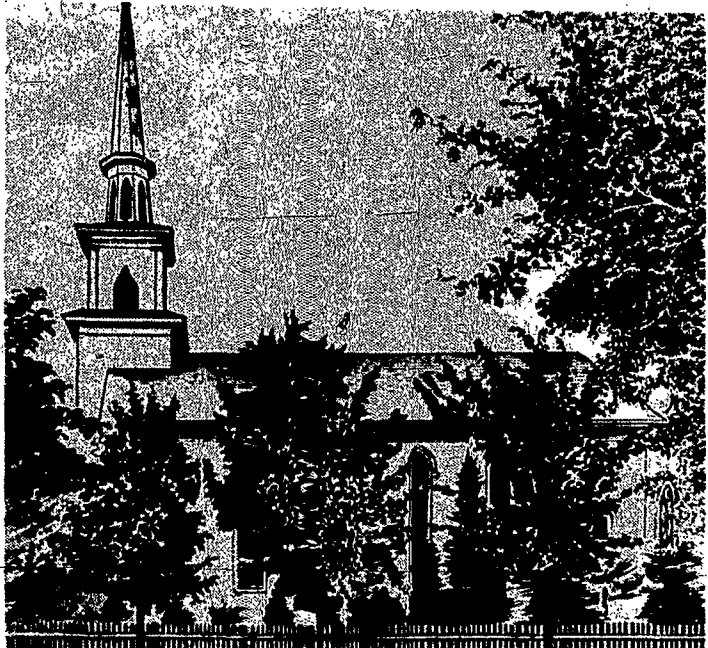


This is another of the special centennial year articles that are being written for the COURIER-JOURNAL by Father McNamara, author of the new Diocesan history, THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER, 1868-1968.

By FATHER ROBERT McNAMARA

When a person does research on a subject like the Diocese of Rochester, he naturally encounters a number of historic personalities, and of historical anecdotes, both true and apocryphal, which cannot easily be incorporated into a general historical narrative. Some of these persons and some of these tales deserve mention, however. So we shall devote the present column to a few "tales of the Rochester Diocese."



Old St. James Church, Waverly was St. Anthony to Blame?

That native American Protestants often took a stand of opposition to immigrant Catholics in the 19th Century is a matter of record. What should not be forgotten, however, is that many Protestant Americans made gestures of genuine friendliness and helpfulness towards Catholic newcomers. Especially in smaller communities in the present Rochester Diocesan area, Protestants frequently made generous contributions towards the building of Catholic churches.

At Watkins, it was a Protestant lawyer, George Edgar Quinn, who, in 1845, organized the Catholics and negotiated the purchase of a former Protestant church for their use. Attorney Quinn wrote to the coadjutor bishop of New York, John McCloskey, announcing the purchase and asking counsel on further procedure. He referred to himself as a "heretic," but he nevertheless requested that the church be called after the Blessed Virgin. That is how the church of St. Mary of the Lake—the original church, on the Watkins hillside—came into being.

A "heretic," perhaps, Bishop McCloskey called Quinn in his letter of thanks, but a heretic with a "Catholic heart." It is true that when he took the step of buying the church, it was Quinn's friendly gesture to the Catholic Kernan family of Wayne, N.Y., into which he was about to marry.

It is true also that while Quinn's mother was from the old New England Wolcott family, his father was a non-practicing Catholic. Nonetheless, Quinn had been raised outside the faith of his father.

Bishop McCloskey wrote to Quinn, "I still pray that God may one day bless you with that faith which was the faith

of your own kindred who have gone before you." The prayer was a subsequently granted. Quinn later moved to Utica. Shortly before his death in the summer of 1863, he was received into the Catholic Church.

The second Church of St. James in Waverly was destroyed by fire in 1912. There were several theories on the origin of the fire. But some parishioners advanced the opinion that St. Anthony had engineered the conflagration. His statue had lately been relegated to a less conspicuous place, so he was understandably huffy.

Even if they had been convinced, however, the police authorities would have hesitated to prosecute for arson. The arrest of saints presents too many problems.

Father Martin Hendricks, pastor of St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan (1899-1915), was widely respected as a man of good judgment and measured words. On one occasion when the local citizenry had become all too involved in some private issues, one Penn Yanner exclaimed: "There are only two people in Penn Yan who know how to mind their own business: Martin Hendricks and the soldier on top of the Civil War Monument!"

When the time came to pick a name for the 12th parish established in the city of Rochester (1884), the name "Holy Apostles" at once suggested itself. And the suggestion was adopted.

The oldest bell hanging in the bell tower of St. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester, also served as a church bell

Salt as a student for the Catholic priesthood, and sent him to study at the North American College in Rome.

In 1870, when Rome was besieged by the armies of Victor Emmanuel, 13 of the students at this College communicated an offer to Pope Pius IX to take up arms to defend him. The Pope though deeply moved, graciously declined, reminding them that they were called to a nobler warfare. William P. Salt, the old "Rebel" veteran, was one of the 13 signatories of the letter.

After his ordination to the Catholic priesthood in 1871, Father Salt was connected during most of his priestly life with Seton Hall Seminary, New Jersey. In 1885 he was named vicar general of the Diocese of Newark. He died in 1891, deeply mourned by all who knew him as a man of learning, good judgment, and gentle charity. Bath may well be proud of this former resident.

Father Francis Vogt, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, Rochester, has lately given to the diocesan archives a ticket that tells its own story. Here is the inscription:

GREAT FESTIVAL AND TEA PARTY, EXHIBITION OF WAX WORKS & COSMORAMA AND AN EXTENSIVE DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT PALMER'S HALL, ON THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 15TH, 1857 FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH TICKETS, FIFTY CENTS.

P.S. — The dictionary defines a "cosmorama" as an exhibition of scenes from many different parts of the world.

Some of the old German pastors developed a brand of English that was not quite English and yet not quite German. When the priest told his young servers to "outen the candies," it was at least sufficiently clear what he meant. But he could scarcely avoid bringing smiles to the lips of his younger parishioners when he read the passage from Matthew, 4:5: "Then the devil took him up into the holy city, and set him upon the pinnacle of the temple."

This, they say, was the pronunciation used by German-born Father John B. Stemmer, pastor of St. John the Baptist German Church, Elmira, from 1903 to 1943.

Do you have any "tales of the Rochester Diocese" that should be preserved? Please let me know.

## Education

### Notre Dame Seen As Center Of Complex of Universities

Notre Dame, Ind.—(RNS)—A high administration official envisions the University of Notre Dame as the center of a cluster of satellite colleges, both Catholic and non-Catholic, in the not too distant future. The view would involve Notre Dame's becoming "one of the great private universities of the United States and possibly of the world."

This view was sketched by Dr. George N. Shuster, assistant to the president of Notre Dame, in an address to a class in educational administration.

Dr. Shuster discussed the future relationship between Notre Dame and its nearby sister-institution, St. Mary's College for Women, saying "a common sense of purpose and mission" makes inevitable a close relationship between the two schools. A joint St. Mary's-Notre Dame faculty and administration committee is exploring the relationship.

He also said that Barat College for Women, in Chicago, continues to be interested in moving its campus near Notre Dame.

### Chamber Magazine Wins 3 Awards

Three national awards were given to the "Greater Rochester Commerce Magazine," published for the Rochester Chamber of Commerce by the Christopher Press, at the 20th annual meeting of the American Association of Commerce Publications in Milwaukee.

The Courier-Journal also is published by the Christopher Press at 35 So. St., Rochester.

"Greater Rochester" won the top award, Cover Design; award of merit, Cover Design; and award of merit, Typography.

The American Association of Commerce Publications is a national organization of editors and advertising managers of more than 50 Chamber of Commerce publications, dealing with common problems, exchanging ideas for keeping abreast of technical know-how, and maintaining publications as successful, stable business operations.

Dr. Shuster revealed that Notre Dame recently was approached by a secular private college interested in associating with the university. He did not identify the college.

In describing Notre Dame as the potential nucleus of a broad complex of higher education in

stitutions, Dr. Shuster, former president of Hunter College in New York, said such a development is encouraged by two contemporary trends: The explosion of knowledge which can be conveyed by a relatively few scholars, and "burning" vital issues of the day which are really moral issues.

### Boston Plans Study Of Catholic Education

Boston—(NC)—Richard Cardinal Cushing, has commissioned an in-depth study of existing conditions in Boston archdiocese schools, along with a projection of what conditions will be in the next decade.

The study will be conducted by the New England Catholic Education Center (NECEC) at the Boston College School of Education.

In its planning phase, expected to end in October, the study will line up areas to be surveyed, possibly including such questions as educational problems in the inner city and suburbs, the effects of population shifts on the schools, and the feasibility of maintaining Church-run schools in view of rising costs.

The second, or study phase, of the project will involve seeking the opinions of parents and other interested persons in the archdiocese on school problems and possible future plans.

Simultaneously, the study will interview religious teaching communities and officials of state and municipal agencies to find a way of organizing education into a single interlocking and more effective unit. The possibility of pooling of religious congregations, of team teaching and exchange of lecturers, will be investigated, along with sharing of facilities.

The study team will also try to come up with answers to some of the pressing financial problems of Catholic education.

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## 2 Retreats Scheduled

A Movement for a Better World Retreat is scheduled Aug. 25 to 31 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

A retreat for married couples also is scheduled Aug. 2 to 4.

The Movement for a Better World aims to improve relations between members of the human family through respectful dialogue and to encourage men to live as brothers because they are sons of God.

In giving its "Retreat of the Christian Community," MBW

usually employs a team — at Canandaigua, Father John M. Comey, S.J., and Richard Pratt — for its week-long closed session.

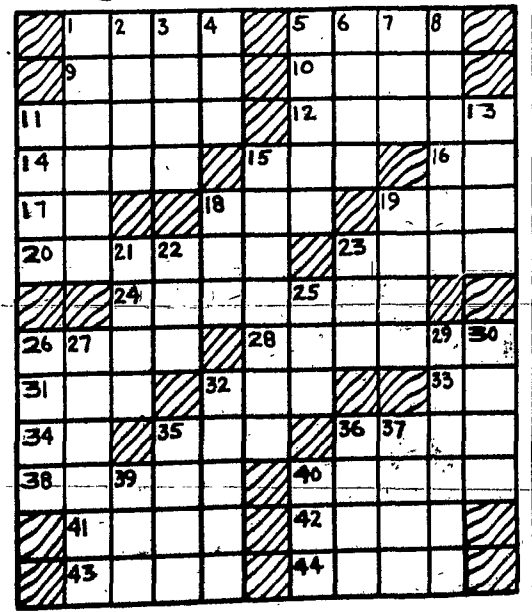
The retreat differs from traditional exercises by bringing together all the vocations within the Church and by seeking personal renewal in the light of Christian community.

Applications for either retreat should be sent to Notre Dame Retreat House, Box 274, Canandaigua, 14424.

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**  
1. Masticate  
5. Game fish  
9. Large  
10. Locale  
11. Stuff oneself  
12. Pleasure craft  
14. — and crafts  
15. Ornament  
16. Land measure  
17. Samarium  
18. Eukimo  
19. Back  
20. Delight  
23. Watercraft  
24. Snake, for one  
26. Underserved  
28. Slicer  
31. Burmese premier  
32. Molat  
33. Greek letter  
34. Football position: abbr.  
35. Thin cushion  
36. Vipers  
38. Commenced  
40. Small  
41. Libertine  
42. Ventilate  
43. Vended  
44. Movable barrier

- DOWN**  
1. Pert to singing  
2. Injure  
3. Spawn  
4. Tiny  
6. Rivulet  
7. Dry  
8. African desert  
11. Struggle for breath  
13. Jog  
15. Deftly  
18. Employ  
19. Stronghold  
21. Pale brown  
22. Verb form  
23. Wager  
25. Place  
26. Lamp  
27. Pro-verbs  
29. Unmask  
30. Venture  
32. Diminished, as the moon  
37. Classify  
38. Sticks  
39. Slightly sweet  
40. Slack



## CHAD: 1 Doctor for 73,000

United Nations, N.Y. — (RNS) — UNICEF's role in Africa is making the most of limited man (and woman) power. And the Republic of Chad is a good example.

Lying in the very heart of the dark continent, landlocked, this desert country of three million people, 700 miles from the sea, faces formidable manpower problems, especially in the field of health services.

Right now, there is only one doctor for every 73,000 people. Only one of the physicians is a native of Chad. There is only one qualified midwife in the entire country — and she is not active in the field because she is trying to teach others. Even here there is a problem because of slow educational progress — there are still very few young women available for training, even in the most basic medicine.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization are helping Chad to implement a long-range program to improve its existing health services. These are hard-pressed because of the many contagious tropical diseases, described by observers as being carried principally by too

many germs and too little water.

Thus, UNICEF is aiding, with stipends and equipment, the National Nursing School in the capital city of Fort Lamy. An Austrian medical team is attacking smallpox tuberculosis.

There has been considerable headway in the fight against leprosy. Families of

the victims are no longer considered as outcasts.

Yaws, leprosy, trachoma and other diseases gain a foothold during the long period of heavy rains, floods and high humidity. Environmental sanitation projects are the answer, and UNICEF has spent \$500,000 for water pumps, sewer systems, storage tanks, and latrines.

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