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Full Text of Sermon at Eastman Theater C.T. Connelly

selves in the bargain.

This is the full text of the a special way to Bishops sermon preached by Monsig. whose duty it is to lead and nor James McAniff, pastor instruct. And under the imof Old St. Mary's Church, at pelus of the mighty McQuaid the Mass offered in the East a and his successors the peoman Theater. Oct. 13, mark- p le of this d iocese have been ing the 100th anniversary of given an umparalled school the Rochester Diocese and system that has served as a the 60th anniversary of the madel throughout the nation. ordination of Bishop James T his is the legacy of our firstcentury as a diocese E. Kearney.

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Bishop of Rochester, he found

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Faith. It was fortunate for

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It is a gracious providence that allows our much loved time in the history of the Bishop Kearney, who played cEnurch and much less when such a long and distinguished compared to the almost endpart in the making of the less ages since God said, "Let first 100 years of our dio there be light." Yet it is long cese, to be with us today and e mough so that there is it is a kind and sensitive ges scarcely a man alive who can ture of Bishop Sheen that say that he remembers the makes him the principal con coming of Bi shop McQuaid to celebrant of this Mass of Rochester. And again, no praise and thanksgiving. As other c-entury in the last two your spokesman, may I say thousand years has seen such how grateful we are for these blessings.

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Our Lord's description of the Christian as the "light of the world" with the vocation of spreading this light in the world is, in view of its singular contribution to the history of our Church and our Country, an apt one to apply to the diocese.

To be a light unto the world is, indeed, the vocation of all of us, but it applies in

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lead them was a man of vision and a man of action.

We do not know whether the Bishop of Rochester had a vision of the Rochester of the future with its great industrial combines calling for the highest kinds of human skills, with a population of nearly 700,000, with great derfed, often living in dismal wealth and prestige throughquarters, working until adout the world but we are cervariced old age or until they A century is not a long

tain of this: he saw that the dropped, they left for sucneed for education was -essenceeding generations supreme tial if his people were ever examples of community dedigoing to improve their worldcation and the pastoral aply status and that this educaproach long before these tion had to be God directed words became the slogans of if they were to preserve the late nineteen sixties ---their Faith in an alien land. and they sanctified them.

A corollary to this was that the success or failure of this program would depend on whether or not there was a great and rapid changes in well trained clergy. man's way of life than has

in his turn, continued the Being a man of action, Bishtask of upbuilding. upgradon a diocesan-wide basis. ing and defending our school first problem by instituting system witness the stirring his parochial school system and forthright letter of only and twenty-five years later he a few weeks ago by Bishon took care of the second prob-Sheen who now graces the lem by building St. Bernard's See of Rochester, Seminary. The idea of a parochial school system was not But it was left for our new with McQuaid. Mother Jubilarian to do for second-Scton had made a start on it ary education what Bishop a generation before; Mc-McQuaid did on the primary Quaid's contribution was that level. We merely have to rehe made the idea work and call the high schools built on a diocesan wide basis. throughout the diocese dur-Other men had other soluing these last years. Think of tions, but I submit that Me-John Fisher College, his Quaid's insistence on the parlongstanding dream come to ish school has amply vindifruition: look at Nazareth cated itself over the course with its delightful new Arts of the last century. ('enter built with his assist-

The old red brick comand encouragement. bination church-school-build-At a time when it is fashing, built at low cost, manstill standing and some still ionable to criticize our in use, are a memorial to his schools it may seem naive far sightedness. These for us to hold them up as the achievements were not accomgreatest single contribution of our diocese during its first plyshed single handed.

hundred years of life. The The poor themselves were fact is that these schools loyal and consistent contribuhave furnished a good inteltors out of the abundance of their poverty. Men who earnlectual and solid moral training to many generations of ed a dollar a day would give our youth — a training that fifty cents a month; others gave their time and their has served our nation well hands; the religious sacrificin peace and in war. ed not only their comfort but I think too, it has had a their very selves: cold, un-

very large part to play in keeping the Church in America a family church or, to put it more bluntly, a Church in which a great proportion of our attendants are men. I wonder if this would be true if we did not have our schools and I wonder if it will remain true if we let our schools go.

It cannot be denied that our schools now face a crisis When the long stewardship - a financial crisis for one. of forty-one years came to an although it seems ironical end, succeeding bishops, each that our affluent and prosperous generation cannot cope with the challenge that our poverty stricken ancestors met and conquered. Perhaps the real crisis may have to do with our sense of values.

> An even greater cause for alarm about the future is the crisis within so many religious communities - a contention between the individual and the idea of service in community, the struggle "my thing" and "our of thing" to say nothing of "God's thing", a crisis that threatens dissolution from within that will be as devastating as The Tudor attacks from without.

But these are the problems' of the second one hundred years. We pray that those who will direct the Church and those generous souls who will come forward to dedicate themselves to Christ may have the courage and the wisdom of the men and women of the first hundred years.

The presence of Bishop Kearney here today and his allowing us to share in his thanksgiving for sixty years of priesthood adds to our While he was our shepherd for thirty years his connection with Rochester and with Bishop McQuaid go back farther than that, for as a young man it was his privi-

lege to serve the old Bishop's Mass when it was offered in St. Agnes in New York.

Since Bishop McQuaid often said Mass there our Jubilarian often served him and it seems that his principal duty was to see that wine from Hemlock was served. with sly suggestion that this was the wine always used in St. Agnes-which it was not!

During most of Bishop Kearney's administration here it was my happiness to have been in his service at the Chancery and so I was able to observe him closely. I once heard the late Cardinal_0'Connell_describe_his_ concept of the ideal graduate of the ideal seminary: he would be "a man, a gentleman and a priest from the soles of his feet to the top of his head". Bishop Kear-

ney was and is all three. Never once in all the years was with him did I ever in Auburn, television cable comhear or see him say or do panies Channel 5 in Hornell, anything that would lead one Channel 8-in Elmira and 88.75 to believe that he was think- mc. in Corning. Those who will ing of himself, and never lead in recitation of the Rosary once did I ever hear him say this week are: Friday, Oct. 18-William Gmeor see him do anything that smacked of meanness or pet- lin of St. Thomas the Apostle. _Saturday, Oct. 19—Mass will tiness. Rare virtues indeed. be celebrated.

The people of Rochester have been blessed by his of Holy Ghost. benign presence and Fatherly direction, his affability, his ative of the Knights of St. John. love of the young — he him-St. Cecelia. self is still young in spirit, of Thursday, Oct. 24—Frank Min his gentle and effective kau of St. Andrews, with the preaching of the Word; So ap-Holy Name Society. preciative were his people that when a few years back he was strickened with an ailment that ordinarily would have been mortal they literally prayed him back to health.

The Apostle in one of the great lyric passages of all literature described these virtues as the faces of Charity. Another time he describes

them as the fruits of the Spirit. But maybe this is one case where the simple words of the Master speak more eloquently than the eloquence

of Paul: all these things are reflection of the Light of the-World that makes poor men do deeds that please God. And for this, too, we are grateful today.

Sisters of St. Joseph from Miloffered in St. Patrick's Church waukee in 1922. She was asorrered in St. Patrick's Church Oct. 14 for Charles T. Connel-ly of 610 Park Place. a Post Ofof 610 Park Place, a Post Oflife, and had served on the board of directors since 1939. fice employe.

Survivors include two broth- She was secretary from 1952 ers, Francis and Richard, and until her recent illness.

three sisters, Sister Ellen Surviving are one brother, Theresa, S.S.J., Sister M. Im-Paul Blessinger, and one sister, maculata, S.S.J., and Mrs. Al-Mrs. Marie Cotter, both of Wisber Grace, all of Elmira. consin.

Arrangements by Charles Hughes & Sons.

Deaths

Sr. Rose Clare

DIAPER SERVICE

for the past five years at Our A requiem Mass for Sister Lady of Perpetual Help, died Rose Clare, S.S.J., was cele- Oc'. 11 of leukemia. The fubrated at the Motherhouse in neral was held last Monday at

Mr. Miles was a 1965 gradu-Family Rosary ate of St. John Fisher College. employed as a methods analyst for Eastman Kodak. He_was a program is broadcast each eve- member of the American Guild ning at 7 p.m. by Rochester radio station WSAY, WMBO-FM

Joseph Miles

Pittsford on Oct., 13 by Father

Thomas Wheeland and others. Sister Rose Clare entered the





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Serra, a business and pro sional laymen's organization founded in Seattle, Wash. 1934 and dedicated to foster priestly vocations, organized Rochester club in 1961.

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Saturday's convention sessi will be held at Becket H Father Louis J. Hohman, rec who also is chaplain of Rochester club, will celeb Mass at 12 noon. Father La ence J. Murphy, spiritual di tor.of Becket Hall, will add the delegate luncheon.

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At Serra

Vocations to the priesth

will be spotlighted in Roche

next week at the two-day and

convention of Serra /In

national Clubs of New Y

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

address the conclave's oper

dinner at 7:30 p.m. Friday,

25, in the Midtown Plaza Ho

are expected from Serra cl

in Buffalo, Syracuse, Waterto

and Ogdensburg, as well as

servers from other parts of

Approximately 75 deleg

Two panels will feature Saturday afternoon program

One panel, titled "Vocati from the College Campus,'

CYO Pre. Jr. Chamb

Thomas P. Riley, 334 Ser. Pkwy., Roehester, president the Catholic Youth Organizat last week received a distingu ed service award from the I York State Junior Chamber Commerce.

He was one of five "outst: ing young men of the ye chosen throughout the state "total involvement in com nity activities." Riley, 30, i district plant superintendent the Rochester Telephone C Among his activities:

Board of directors, Park nue Hospital; president, Pri ton Club of Rochester; secret Aquinas Alumni Associat board of directors, Health

Virginia Croston Appointed to



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Syracuse Diocese

Housing for Aged









building program designed to provide better living conda- able amount of personal care tions for the elderly in Syra- and skilled medical assistance. cuse was announced here this The building will be available in late 1972. week by Bishop Walter A.

Foery. Application for future fi The 720-unit facility, renancing for Buildings 2 and 3 will be submitted through the ported to be the largest build-Bureau of Nursing Home ing program in the history of the diocese, will comprise Companies of the New York three separate buildings to be State Department of Health. rected on a 25-acre tract ad-

The Bishop, in announcing joining the present Loretto the program, cited Father Rest on East Glen Ave nue on Charles Fahey, diocesan di the city's southwest state ector of Catholic Charities An application for financing and the lay advisory board of

for the first building. to be Loretto Rest for their fore known as Bernardine Apartsight and compassion. ments, has been submitted to Bishop Foery continued, "we State Housing Commissioner have long recognized the James Wm. Gaynor Upon apneed for a concerted effort to proval, the state, through the

provide attractive, dignified Housing Finance Agency, will living conditions for the elderprovide a long-term, low-imwho find through changes terest mortgage loan of approximately 97 per cent of the in family circumstances they are unable to remain in their homes. It is to ease this The balance will be properiod of change that we embark on this tremendous

program. We-pray-that-Godwill bless our efforts." The Syracuse phase is part of an overall dio-cesan-wide

The State Housing A gency's program. Separate but similar participation in the program. undertakings are being de was introduced by Monsignor veloped in Binghamton, Utica. Daniel E. Lawler, who serves and Rome as a member of the Empire Father Fahey, who has helped guide the program

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TODAY

Foundation was created in from its inception stated, "the 1967, by Gov. Rockefeller to stimulate utilization of the overall philosophy permeating the project is the need for state's program for the develvarious alternatives for those opment of housing for the who wish to change their liv-

ing situation. Persons will Martin F. Kendrick, Loretto have a choice as to the par-Rest Advisory Board chair- ticular program suited to their man, stated that final working needs. It is envisioned that ing plans will be finished in the total operation will be ad-December of this year, with ministered by one staff who ground breaking taking place will be able to assist persons in June 1969 and completion to live a full life in the particof the first builing scheduled ular facility which they have chosen.

According to Kendrick, the heart of the program is the conviction that aging persons are individuals deserving a decent place to live in an environment which is conducive to their over-all wellbeing -- spiritual, emotional, and physical.

Sister Alexia, Administrator of Loretto Rest, explained that the first of the three buildings to be constructed will be for the "well-aging" that is people 62 and over in reasonably good health. It will consist of 200 one-bedroom apartments with carpeting and omplete kitchens.

Rentals are estimated to average \$120 per month. Residents who qualify for the Capital Grant Low Rent Assistance Program will pay up to 20 per cent of their income toward this rental with the balance made up with supple-ments available from the, state of New York.

The second building is planned as a health related facility emphasizing preventive medical attention, short term medical assistance and rehabilitation services. It is scheduled for completion in late 1971.

The third building will be devoted to persons with major physical debilities requiring



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National Post

Erie, Pa.-Miss Virginia Croston, formerly of Roches N.Y., has been appointed nat al recorder of the Ladies' Ca lic Benevolent Association.

Miss Croston had been ac in the LCBA in the Roche Diocese for many years be moving to Erie in 1964 to se as national treasurer.

She is a graduate of the A emy of the Sacred Heart, R ester, and the Rochester Normal School. After teach for three years she becam medical secretary at Strong morial Hospital in Roche and was a medical technician the American Red Cross gram and for Dr. Gerome Gla widely-known allergist.

Eastman Music

At Gallery Sunde

Artist-professors and 1 star pupils at the Eastr School of Music will preser series of free concerts on al nate Sundays at the Memo Art Gallery, beginning this S day, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m.

Two pianos and a vocal q tet will be heard in Brah Liebeslieder Waltzes at opening concert. Also on program is Mozart's F. M. Quartet for Obee and Stri Performers will include faci members Frank Glazer, Ana sia Jemplis and Allan Har

CENACLE RETREAT LEAG

Father Albert J. Bartlett, tor of McQuaid Jesuit School, will address the Ro ester Cenacle-Retreat Lea at dinner this Sunday night the Notre Dame Retreat Ho Canandaigua.

Msgr. Joseph L. Hogan, par of St. Margaret Mary's, will principal celebrant at a 5 1 Mass.



