



Dancing instruction is among Settlement House activities

Genesee Settlement House

50 Years of Serving Mankind

Another milestone in diocesan history — the 50th anniversary of Rochester's Genesee Settlement House — was commemorated last week.

During the half century the House has serviced thousands of persons; as it begins its 51st year, situated as it is in the "inner city" area, it foresees an even greater need for existence.

Jubilee observances included a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by retired Bishop James E. Kearney on Oct. 13 in nearby St. Francis Xavier Church, and a reception that afternoon at the institution's building at 10 Dake St.; open house tours on Oct. 15 and 17, and an anniversary dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19, in Columbus Civic Center.

Dinner speaker was Monsignor Donald J. Mulcahy, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, with which the Genesee House is affiliated.

Paying tribute to Miss Mary Hannick, Msgr. Mulcahy said: "When you think of Mary Hannick, you also must think of all the other neighborhood service programs, because this group under her direction has pioneered in the field."

Key to meeting the challenge of the next five years is "total involvement," he said. "The settlement house is so close to where the action is, to where the problems are, there has to be a partnership in solving the problems."

Msgr. Mulcahy went on to outline what this means for the existing structure of the settlement house:

"The board member must truly express the wishes of the neighborhood and to do this he must become totally involved in the neighborhood." Efforts of the staff members to extend themselves from their offices and into the homes were also encouraged.

Msgr. Mulcahy finally stressed the necessity for the "maximum participation possible of the neighborhood people in the policy-making of the settlement house."

He recalled the dedication of persons who were associated with the House during its first half-century, and noted that this commitment, including many hours of volunteer work, had been given in an era when there was much less emphasis and budget than exists today.

Monsignor Mulcahy particularly lauded the work of the House director, Miss Mary F. Hannick, who is completing 21 years in that post.

Genesee House was founded in 1918 as a recreational "big brothers club" for young men. It subsequently was restructured to serve Italian immigrants as a social service agency.

It affiliated with Catholic Charities in 1924, and in 1962 became a member of the Rochester Community Chest.

First located at 347 N. Union St., it transferred to its present address in 1939 when the diocese, which had purchased the former Niagara Street Baptist Church building in 1914 and operated it as an Italian mission,

turned over the building to the Genesee agency.

Miss Hannick is assisted by 14 full-time and 10 part-time workers. Several colleagues also have been assigned for work experience in the settlement departments.

The Model Cities Program approved for the area will greatly change the neighborhood. The need for services for pre-school children, the marked increase in housing deterioration and the transiency of many families are challenges facing the staff as they begin their 51st year.

Dinner guests included Mrs. Naomi Chamberlin, Washington, D.C., presently with the ship Hope, whose former work in Rochester with retarded children developed into the Rochester Association for Retarded Children; Pat Clinton, a former Genesee worker now with the New York City Planning Commission, and Mrs. James McGovern (Helen MacSweeney) and Mrs. Maxwell Glover (Ann Gray), former Genesee House directors.

Eugene Morreale was toastmaster. The invocation was given by Father William C. Charbonneau, director of Catholic Charities Division of Family and Child Care, and the benediction by the Rev. Herbert Hinman, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

Officers of the House, which has a 26-member board of directors, are: John W. Norton, president; Charles E. Fitzgibbon, vice-president; Sister Eva Marie, S.S.J., secretary; John E. Finnegan, treasurer.

Result of Study

DCCW Cut Back; Seen 'Outmoded'

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, originator of much that holds diocesan church life together, will reduce itself to a single committee at the end of the year.

Miss Josephine Fitzgerald of Hornell, current president of the DCCW, reported this week that the council had decided to "depart from its role." "A study made during the past year revealed the need for a change of emphasis from diocesan to local," she explained.

The coordinating committee which will be named to take over Dec. 31 will arrange an annual meeting, she added. "The women will continue extending a helping hand to neighbor, parish and community, and cooperating with existing agencies."

The council, set up here in 1931, is credited with beginning such on-

going enterprises as pre-Cam Conferences and Mothers' Circles in parishes. It provided constructive programs for Rosary guilds and other parish groups whose presidents formed its ranks.

The feeling revealed by a membership survey is that the organization "has outlived its usefulness," according to Mrs. Everett Murphy of Rochester, vice-president.

She said that women came to parish and community work today already equipped with the education and training for organizational work that the council was originally set up to provide.

Mrs. Murphy noted that virtual dissolution of the overall organization would leave Catholic groups without the counterpart of the Protestant and Jewish councils that at times have worked with the DCCW.

Nuns Given Estate on Seneca Lake

A rural estate on hills overlooking Seneca Lake, south of Geneva, will be converted into a house of prayer, a site for retreats and seminars and a vacation villa for senior and retired Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Bride, Mother General of the Mercy Sisters of the diocese, announced today.

The 100-acre property, called High-acre, on the west side of Seneca Lake, on Snell Road, has been given to the Mercy community, by the Dryer family of East Avenue, Rochester, relatives of the late owner, Miss Leora Marie Dryer, who died last July.

Nine years before her death Miss Dryer gave the deed for her property, which had been in the family since 1914, to the Benedictine Fathers of Beret Lake, Wisconsin, with the provision that she would retain the title and use of the land until her death.

When Miss Dryer died this summer, Abbot Andrew Gerber, OSB, superior of the Benedictine community, decided not to assume ownership of the property. Since the estate had been donated by Miss Dryer for religious purposes, the Sisters of Mercy were given the option to accept High-acre as a gift from her heirs.

Miss Dryer was survived by a niece, Marietta H. Dryer, and nephews, James C. Jr., and Rufus K. Dryer II, all of Brighton; and Joseph F. Jr., Tyrrell C., and Peter R. Dryer.

Describing the property, Mother Bride said that among the buildings a large stone house built in 1908, a caretaker's home and an art studio would furnish "an ideal location for our plans for religious activities." A former carriage house, now a garage, a dairy barn and a farmer's home on that part of the acreage which has been under cultivation, are in good condition.

"We are deeply indebted to the Dryer family for choosing our congregation," Mother Bride said, "and to the Benedictines for relinquishing the property."

A Double Celebration For Bishop Kearney

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birthday of his mother, who had passed away eight years before.

After his consecration, Bishop Kearney's first Mass was celebrated in the home of his brother, Leo Kearney. Because of ill health, Mrs. Kearney, the bishop's sister-in-law, had been unable to attend the elevation ceremonies; the bishop arranged to say his first Mass as a prelate in her home, upon an altar specially erected for the occasion.

The Times goes on to report that Bishop Kearney's first solemn ponti-

fical Mass was celebrated with the people of St. Francis Xavier Church in the Bronx, where he had served as pastor for four years, on the following Sunday. The Times states:

"At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Kearney, wearing his golden mitre and carrying his crozier, bestowed his blessing upon a large crowd of neighbors and friends, many of them members of other faiths. Expressions of regret at Bishop Kearney's departure from the neighborhood were heard as frequently as expressions of joy at the honor that is taking him away."

Family Rosary In Appeal for Funds

Just 18 years and about 6,579 Rosaries ago, the Family Rosary for Peace began its seven-nights-a-week radio broadcasts from St. Francis of Assisi Church on Rochester's west side.

Establishing the nightly family-rosary habit in thousands of Rochester-area homes, the WSAY prayer program became one of the most listened-to and recently the longest-running local radio program.

This week some 60,000 Catholic families of the diocese have received an annual appeal letter from the program's founder and continuous director, Monsignor Joseph A. Cirrincione, pastor of St. Francis.

Begging for \$35,000 to cover line-costs and technical expenses of the devotional program, Msgr. Cirrincione is concerned but hopeful: "It is a great deal of money to raise but our friends have never failed us. Besides the generosity from this yearly direct-mail appeal we have been blessed by unsolicited gifts from listeners. They are people of all faiths and from all levels of our listening area."

The Family Rosary is aired at 7 p.m. nightly by WSAY jointly with WMOB-FM of Auburn and is heard on the audio-band of television sets hooked into the cable-system in the Elmira, Corning, Hornell and Auburn communities.



Msgr. Joseph Cirrincione, founder of the Family Rosary for Peace, has just finished 18 years of 7-nights-a-week broadcasting of the radio prayer-program aired in 5 large areas of the diocese.

An adjunct of the recited daily rosary is brief recorded prayer program at 7 a.m., 1 noon and 6 p.m. every

day over WSAY and WMOB-FM in which Msgr. Cirrincione leads a small group of people in the Angelus.

The 30-minute live evening programs include the Rosary led by laymen or priests and shared by small groups gathered in the chapel-studio at 401 Orange Street. A brief reading or spiritual talk follows the rosary.

Next week Both Bishop James E. Kearney and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will be guests on the Family Rosary program. Bishop Kearney will lead the prayers on Oct. 31 to close the month of October and Bishop Sheen will speak during the program on Monday, Oct. 28.

A weekly feature "gratefully-received by the shut-ins," according to the mail, is the broadcast of Mass at 7 p.m. every Saturday night from the chapel-studio. Father Paul Gibbons of the Kings Prep faculty is heard in all the vocal parts as celebrant of the Mass while Msgr. Cirrincione leads the rosary during the silent moments of the liturgy.

"We are so dependent on the generosity of listeners and friends of this program for the basic costs amounting to nearly \$3,000 a month, that our fund-raising must succeed," Msgr. Cirrincione said. "Although devotion to the rosary may have faded among many Catholics, we do not believe that the Blessed Mother has lost her appeal or that her friends will let this program die."

Clothing Collection Slated

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will be asked to search their closets for clothes during the 20th annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for the Needy Overseas, scheduled Nov. 10-17.

Catholic Relief Services, the overseas aid and development agency of American Catholics, again is appealing for serviceable used clothing in all 17,500 of the nation's parishes.

Aid is sought particularly for the thousands of refugees in war-torn Vietnam, Biafra and the Near East. CRS services the needy of all races and religions in more than 70 countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Father Chester M. Klocek, pastor of St. Leo's Church, Hilton, will coordinate the drive for the Diocese. Last year a total of more than 250 tons of clothing was collected at diocesan parishes.



Eucharist Sunday

Annunciation Parish in Rochester will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King as a Eucharist Sunday. Part of the celebration will be a Folk Mass at 5 p.m. Rehearsing for the liturgy are students at the church's school: Anthony Castronova, Joseph Chiappone, Anita Mapes, Mark Mascari and Gary Thomas Colombo.

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