

# 'We Need Our Schools More Than Ever' -- Msgr. Roche

"There is a more positive need for Catholic schools today than the reasons which brought them into existence 100 years ago," according to Monsignor William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools.

Msgr. Roche made the statement following his re-election as president of the Department of School Superintendents, National Catholic Education Association, at its recent annual convention in Rochester.

He warned, however, that the need for Catholic schools will not be met unless bishops, religious superiors, school superintendents, and parents cooperate in solving the problems facing them.

"Superintendents have not spoken out on the big issues," Msgr. Roche



MSGR. ROCHE

contended. They have an obligation to offer positive contributions, he added, and spurring them "to exercise more leadership" will be one of his primary goals.

"Some religious are talking about getting out of teaching and into other fields," the monsignor stated. "Bishops face grave financial problems in their dioceses, and school superintendents are faced with a shortage of teachers, especially lay teachers, who are getting hard to find and to hire."

"Yet today we need Catholic schools more than ever to provide a complete education within a Christian atmosphere."

"No program has yet been offered with any data to substantiate the claim that it can teach moral and

spiritual values to children — in the way a Catholic school can—and fully integrate those values into their whole conception of Catholic life.

"We all realize that short of a complete Christian school, released-time programs and schools of religion are doing a tremendous job within their capabilities. But these efforts are compartmentalized, and isolate the teaching of religion from the other things the child must be taught."

"We hope the day will come when more people will realize the need to fight secularism in the country by a more concerted effort to teach moral and spiritual values in the school, where the Christian values taught in the home can be reinforced."

Monsignor Roche also made these points:

"The traditional freedom of choice in education must be preserved. We feel that nonpublic schools make public schools better. Competition is as good for education as it is for industry."

"The prevailing secularism today has dulled the sense of value of the American people, and we superintendents are not alone in recognizing the danger of a state-mandated monolithic school system."

During the coming year, Msgr. Roche continued, "I am going to try to lead the superintendents into speaking out for the rights of parents to send their children to the school of their choice."

"I hope we can convince the American people that nonpublic schools, and Catholic schools specifically, are entitled to public support for the public service they render . . ."

"If neither parents, who have the primary responsibility for the education of their children, nor the American public care about the teaching of moral and spiritual values in the school, then in justice they ought to tell us."

"In my opinion, all parents should be very concerned about this . . . It would be a national tragedy for Catholic schools to be forced to close one by one here and there because of lack of interest. It would be better to close them all tomorrow than allow this to happen."

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### NEWS OF THE DIOCESE

100 Pages—for 100 Years

### Watch for 'Keepsake' Issue— 'The Next 100 Years'

The Courier-Journal edition of Nov. 22 will be a "keepsake." It will contain:

- 1) a 100-page supplement, with stories and pictures taking you through 10 decades of Catholicism in observance of the 100th anniversary of the Rochester Diocese—with some attempts to forecast "The Next 100 Years";
- 2) a cover photo, in color, of Bishop Sheen and Bishop Kearney. Taken by expert photographers of Eastman Kodak Company, it will be suitable for framing.

Among contributors are Bishop Fulton J. Sheen; Bishop Lawrence B. Casey; Monsignors William Shannon, Albert Schancky, William Roche, John F. Duffy, Joseph L. Hogan; Fathers Richard Tormey, Henry Atwell, Benedict Ehmann, and John Whitley, CSB; Dr. Glenn Immeget; Sisters Kathleen Milliken, RSM, Mary Thaddeus Steinwachs, SSJ, and Patricia Keough, RSM.



FATHER McNAMARA

## Communion Breakfast At Sibley's

Father Robert F. McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty will be principal speaker at the 10th annual Communion and Interfaith breakfast to be held by employees of Sibley's at the store's Tower Restaurant at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

Bishop James E. Kearney, on behalf of the Rochester Diocese, will accept the Sibley Centennial Commemorative Award to be presented to the Diocese on the occasion of its 100th anniversary observance. Sibley's also is commemorating its centennial this year.

Father McNamara is author of "The Diocese of Rochester: 1868-1968," a 618-page volume of diocesan history.

Honored guests at the breakfast will include the Very Rev. John Clerkin, CSSR, rector of St. Joseph's Church; the Very Rev. Donald H. Gratiot, dean of Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral; Rev. A. N. Gibson, pastor of Zion A.M.E. Church; Judge Harry D. Goldman, associate justice, appellate division of the State Supreme Court, and William E. Lee, Sibley president.

Warren C. New will be toastmaster. Co-chairmen are Edwin Fay and William Sander.

## Kolping Society Honors Pair of 50-Year Members

Two 50-year members of the Catholic Kolping Society were honored at a Kolping family gathering Saturday night in the German House, 315 Gregory St.

Fifty-year golden pins for distinguished service were received by Adolph Rister and William Wittman, two immigrants who belonged to the society in Germany and founded the Rochester branch in 1926.

Presenting the pins was Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, pastor of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Humboldt Street, and "praeses" of the Catholic Kolping Society of Rochester.

Msgr. Boyle praised Rister and Wittman "for the many years of devoted service you have given in maintaining and in sharing the Faith with so many German-Americans—a tribute to the zeal of the society's founder, Father Adolph Kolping."

Father Kolping (1813-65) took special interest in aiding young workmen, establishing "Journeyman's Houses" in major cities of Europe.

Included among the more than 100 persons at the celebration was a delegation from the Kolping Society of Buffalo, founded with assistance of Rochester members.



A computer center for St. Mary's Hospital that would be the first of its kind in Rochester is the goal of these fund-raisers. From the left are Mesdames Horace Gioia, James Lane, Robert Skipworth and John A. Garnish, on Mrs. William Thaney's committee for the 13th annual Seton Ball. The event is scheduled for Nov. 23 at Oak Hill Country Club.

## Centennial Goes On

### Rochester City Council Adopts Resolution of Observance

WHEREAS, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester is observing the one hundredth anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, the Diocese has been a major force in the religious, educational, social and cultural life of this City during that long period; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the Diocese to the City are such that citizens of all faiths recognize their debt to Bishop McQuaid and his successors,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it

RESOLVED, that this Council extends to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester; to the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, Bishop of Rochester, and to his Auxiliaries; to the priests and sisters and to the Catholic laity its sincere congratulations on the occasion of the centennial observance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council will continue to cooperate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester in matters of mutual interest, all for the betterment of all the citizens of this community.

Adopted unanimously.



Fifty-year members of Catholic Kolping Society were honored last week. They are (seated left and right) Adolph Rister and William Wittman, flanking Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, spiritual director of the Rochester Kolping branch. Standing are Leo P. Saum (left), Rochester president, and John A. Denk, president of Buffalo Kolping. Drawing of Father Adolph Kolping is in center.

## St. Martin dePorres Center

# \$100,000 Drive Shaping Up

L. James Shaw and Angelo L. DiNieri will head special gifts divisions in the \$100,000 drive for a more adequate operations building for the St. Martin de Porres Center, 537 Clinton Ave. N.

The center is in its fourth year of service to hundreds of indigent Whites, Negroes and Puerto Ricans in the "inner city" area of St. Bridget's parish.

More than 200 volunteers are being organized to solicit cash and pledges for larger headquarters for the Center, now operating in a small storefront in a century-old building just north of the New York Central railroad.

Thomas H. Brenna, campaign general chairman, and Alfred G. Boylan, assistant chairman, announced opening of temporary campaign headquarters at 562 Main St. E.

Martin Q. Moll, campaign coordinator, said volunteers at headquarters will be in charge of Mrs. Lynn F. French.

Kickoff dinner for the campaign committee is scheduled Thursday evening, Nov. 21, in Blessed Sacrament School hall.



More than 100 neighborhood children have parties Saturday afternoons at the St. Martin Center.

John H. Coleman heads the 34-member board of directors for the center, which was founded and is operated by Mrs. Margaret Muchard. Included on the campaign's executive

committee are Coleman, Brenna, Boylan, Moll, Shaw, DiNieri, Mrs. Muchard, Anthony P. Termotto, Mrs. Gerald J. McGuire and Mrs. Edward H. Carson.

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