

Suburban Parish 'Involved'

Parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Church in Greece last week saw their parish take a major step toward answering the question: "How is a Christian Community Made a Vital Reality?"

In a two-day parish convention, with an opening address by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, more than 400 persons viewed slides, booth displays and literature which combined to give them a panoramic picture of "parish participation and involvement."

The convention, held in nearby Cardinal Mooney High School, open-

ed Friday night, March 14, and continued through Saturday afternoon.

One of its purposes was the introduction and distribution of proposed constitutions for establishment of a Parish Council and a Parish Finance Board.

Bishop Sheen keyed the program by declaring:

"You laity are the frozen assets of the Church, and we hope that this Parish Council will unfreeze you for the rebuilding of the whole Church." He added that "an extra heavy burden and new mission falls on the

laity today, namely that of keeping the Church holy."

Vatican Council II, the Bishop stated, "sent the Church into the world, and brought the world in to the Church."

Turning characteristically to analogy, he declared that today "there can be said to be many persons who are tearing up the old photos — but the Church is keeping the negatives, and some day we'll be glad she did."

Noting that the laity "have a role to play in the Church's battle against secularism and worldliness," the Bishop pleaded:

"Kindly help us to keep together truth and love, light and heat, faith and zeal, so that we who recite the Truth in the Creed will be like soldiers standing at spiritual attention, with the love of the Church blazing in our lives."

Speaking for his parishioners, Father Thomas M. Reddington, pastor of Holy Name Church, assured the Bishop that he could "depend on their prayers and loyalty in these trying days."

Friday night's meeting was closed with a "coffee hour" and entertainment by the parish choir.

Saturday's session included presentation of the proposed constitutions, a financial report, entertainment by a 42-member "Younger Generation" folk-music group, and a tour of booths. Many of the more than 20 booths featured audio-visual explanations. Their variety can be judged by this listing:

Parish Finance; Men's Club; Our Lady's Guild; Legion of Mary; Altar Boys-Men; Parish Library; Nocturnal Adoration Society; Retreat Movement; Boy-Girl Scouts; Medical Missions; CYO.

Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist; Grammar and High Schools of Religion; Adult Lecture — Discussion Groups; Teenage Baby-Sitting Services; Operation Welcome (to neighborhood newcomers); Operation Friendship (to senior citizens); Operation Morale (for servicemen); GIFTS — Greece Interfaith Fellowship Through Serving; Greece Residents for Open Housing.

Parishioners were asked to indicate their interest in participating in any of these activities.

A 28-page printed brochure outlined the aims of parishioner "greater involvement," and noted particularly the necessity of suburbanites to help in the solution of the "urban crisis."

It pointed out that groups of both adults and youth in the parish are concerned with the problems of racism, education and housing, and that the parish has joined with many of the other 20 churches in Greece in seeking progress in these areas.

Many parishioners attending agreed that the Holy Name Church "convention" was one of the most thorough such presentations they ever had experienced.



PLAN PARISH DINNER-DANCE — Father Charles B. Connell (seated), pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, meets with committee planning dinner-dance Mar. 21 at Logan's to honor those who aided construction of new church building now nearing completion. Seated next to Father Connell is Mrs. Robert Lambiase. Standing, from left are: Father Vincent Panepinto, assistant pastor; Mrs. John Vespa, Raymond Lanzafame, Angelo DiNieri, Philip Dattilo Sr.

Kearney Band Returns From Ireland Success

The Kearney Band is home from a St. Patrick's Day parade they will never forget.

Eurice Kennedy Shriver and her three children marched behind their colors and thousands of people turned out to give them the "greatest reception they've ever had."

The parade was in Dublin, and according to Brother J. L. Heathwood, "All along the parade route, people were standing eight and nine deep clapping and cheering for more as we went by."

But the parade wasn't their only success. After the parade, the Kearney Band played at half time ceremonies at Crokes Park where the All-Ireland hurling finals were being held.

According to Joe Galante, a Kearney trumpeter, "They went wild when we came on the field and were announced." He reported that most

of the 50,000 spectators remained standing during their entire performance.

During their stay on the Auld Sod they appeared several times on Irish National Television, including the Myles McSweeney Show, Ireland's version of Johnny Carson.

When they visited the town of Callan, on the Irish tour, the townspeople declared a holiday from school and shop to honor the band; and in Limerick, they were treated to a full medieval banquet given in their honor at the ancient Dunratty Castle.

The band also brings home memories of a reception given for them by His Excellency Eugene Timmons, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and a congratulatory telegram from President Richard M. Nixon wishing a "Happy St. Patrick's Day to all the Irish in the band and all who wished they were Irish for the day."

600 to Attend St. Philip Neri Parish Party

Nearly 600 persons are expected to attend a church dedication dinner-dance for parishioners of St. Philip Neri Church Friday evening, March 21, at Logan's, Scottsville Road.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will be among guests at the dinner, for which Jerry Flynn will be toastmaster.

Construction of the new parish church building on Clifford Avenue is under way, with the hope that it may be dedicated and occupied within a few weeks. The dinner-dance will honor those who contributed time and financial support toward its construction.

It replaces a 29-year-old frame church which was destroyed by fire Feb. 20, 1967, taking the lives of the pastor, Father George Weisman, and Sister Lillian Marie Laughlin, 26, of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.



BISHOP GETS LOYALTY PLEDGES—Following his talk at Holy Name Church convention, Bishop Sheen received pledges of loyalty from five-year-old Judy (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zdanowski and a Buckman Heights School kindergartner, and eight-year-old Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams and a pupil at Barnard School.



AT BOOTH DISPLAY—Pictured at Our Lady's Guild booth during Holy Name Church convention are (from left): Mrs. Edward Walsh, Mrs. Jacob Ras, Mrs. Jack Hall, Mrs. Philip Burnham.

Bishop Kearney Talks To Knights of Equity

Retired Bishop James E. Kearney is beginning to rival St. Patrick as an "Irish legend," it became evident at the 34th annual Knights of Equity dinner in Rochester March 17 in the Sheraton Hotel.

Speakers noted that it was the 28th time that the Bishop had attended the annual event.

Nearly 400 Irish and "Irish for the day" citizens packed the ballroom to laud the "ould sod" heritage. Many local politicians, many of whose names could be described as anything but Irish, were present to shake hands.

Characteristically, Bishop Kearney rose to the occasion. After acknowledgment of "the many great contributions of the Irish to America," he gained the amazed acclamation of the audience by reciting, for some five or six minutes without benefit of script, several poems of Irish faith and tradition.

He noted that the Irish have had a three-fold mission of devotion — symbolized by the cross, the shamrock and the harp. These, he said, represent love of God, love and sac-

rifice for country, and love of song and tradition.

Bishop Kearney is honorary chaplain of the Knights. Among Rochesterians present who have held national office were Michael T. Ryan, Christopher A. Delaney, George W. Moore, Dennis O'Reilly and Kenneth T. Power.

Martin F. Scallan is present Worthy Sir Knight of KE Court 10. Father Eugene Sweeney is chaplain. Co-sponsoring the dinner was the local unit of the Daughters of Erin. Emmett Schnepf was toastmaster.

Among speakers was Rochester Mayor Frank T. Lamb, who presented a proclamation designating the day in honor of St. Patrick and signed by Mayor Frank T. O'Lamb.

Entertainment included numbers by the Women's Choral Group, under the direction of Marie K. Burbank; harp selections by Ann Hayes; solos by Mrs. Lillian Moore and Miss Ellen Doyle, Irish dances by the Desmond Pentose School, and dancing until midnight following the dinner.

Taps were bugled by Robert Doherty in memory of the late Patrick J. Foley and James P. B. Duffy.

Fr. Baum to Speak At St. John Fisher

Father Gregory G. Baum, professor of theology at St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto, will be guest speaker at St. John Fisher College at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 25.

Father Baum, who has written six books, will talk on "Why the Church?" sponsored by the college's Christian Affairs Committee.

The noted author and lecturer is an outspoken proponent for change in the church. A native of Berlin, Germany, he came to Canada from England in 1940. He is editor of The Ecumenist and associate editor of the Journal of Ecumenical Studies.

1,000 to Compete In Cheer Tourney

More than 1,000 cheerleaders from 112 high schools throughout Western New York will compete in the 11th annual CYO Cheerleaders Invitational Tournament on Saturday, March 29, at Columbus Civic Center.

Tournament director is Mrs. Helen F. Smith, and arrangements are in charge of Mrs. Charles Zicari.

Defending champions include Cardinal Mooney High School, Greece; Mt. Carmel, Auburn, and West Irondequoit High School.

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