

Funeral Mass Held for Two Sisters Killed in Auto Collision in Wayland

Mass for repose of the souls of two Rochester-born Sisters of Mercy — Sister Irma Lynch, 51, and Sister Kieran Byrne, 43 — who were killed Sunday evening, Aug. 24, in a three-car collision in the Town of Wayland was celebrated Wednesday morning in Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse Chapel, Blossom Road.

Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of the Paterson Diocese, former Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester, was principal celebrant of the Mass.

Both Sisters were dationed in Hornell and had spent the greater part of their lives in religion in that area.

Two 21-year-old men in another car also lost their lives in the accident, which occurred shortly before 9:30 p.m. on Route 21 just north of Steuben County Route 50 near Perkinsville. They were John A. Straight of Springwater and Eric Hill of Wayland.

According to State Police out of Wayland, Mr. Straight was driving Mr. Hill's 1969 sports car north on Route 21. It apparently skidded sideways and crashed into the southbound station wagon driven by Sister Kieran.

A third car, driven behind the station wagon, also drove into the wreckage.



SISTER IRMA



SISTER KIERAN

Serving as assistants to Bishop Casey were Msgr. John E. Maney and Father Gerald E. Dunn. Other concelebrants included Fathers John D. Malley, Bernard C. Newcomb, L. John Hedges, James C. Lane, Gerald E. Dunn, John E. Coonan, Paul Cuddy, Gerald T. Connor, T. Paul Murley, Albert L. Delmonte, Richard C. O'Connell, James L. Callan, and John Weyand.

Bishops James E. Kearney and John E. McCaffery were present at the funeral Mass.

Bishop Casey's eulogy at the Mass for the dead Sisters praised their "total loyalty, devotion and commitment to Christ."

Noting that both had spent a major portion of their religious lives in

Hornell, in hospital and parish work, the Bishop said.

"They carried Christ to children and parents, to patients and doctors and nurses and to their fellow religious. All found a friend in these two Sisters and loved them. No one, save God, knows the contribution they have made to Hornell.

"Knowing that Sister Kieran and Sister Irma could have enriched the lives of so many in the years ahead, their tragic death is hard to understand. But for them, last Sunday was actually their birthday, their entrance into the Kingdom of God.

"In their lifetime, they helped to transform the souls of thousands, helped to make those whom their lives touched better Christians. May Christ, whom they served well, grant them the eternal vision."

Sister Irma Lynch, a Nazareth College graduate and a nun for 33 years, taught at St. John the Evangelist's School, Humboldt Street, in 1937-38, and then at St. Ann's, Hornell, for the next 14 years.

She taught at St. Cecilia's in Elmira for five years and was principal of St. Cecilia's in Irondequoit from 1959 to 1964 before returning to St. Ann's in Hornell as principal.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Patrick Lynch of 150 Cedarwood Ter., Rochester; a sister, Margaret, and two brothers, Bernard and James Lynch, Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

Another brother, Father John F. Lynch, who had served as an assistant pastor in Spencerport and Greece, died in 1953 of leukemia at the age of 32. Mother Mary Bride, superior-general of the Mercy Sisters in the diocese, is Sister Irma's first cousin.

Sister Kieran Byrne, who entered the order in 1944, studied nursing at Nazareth College and St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing and received her master's degree in nursing education from Marquette University.

She served as school nurse at Our Lady of Mercy High School from 1950 to 1952 before being assigned to St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell. There she was medical-surgical supervisor in charge of nursing services and also worked closely with local agencies on problems of alcoholism.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Patrick Byrne, 293 Barton St., Rochester; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Booth, Mrs. James Carl and Mrs. William Krarner, and several nieces and nephews.

CCD Slates Courses At 10 Diocesan Sites

Lay men and women who desire to assist in teaching religion to their parish youngsters may enroll in teaching courses beginning next month in 10 communities of the diocese.

Titled the Teacher Formation Program of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), the courses will comprise two-hour sessions one night weekly for 30 weeks.

In an announcement seeking enrollees, the CCD office stated that "during these hours you will have an opportunity to deepen your own faith, experience Christian community, and acquire the basic techniques of teaching religion."

Evening classes in the Rochester area and in Geneva are slated from Sept. 22 to May 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. They will be held at Annunciation Church, Rochester; Nativity, Brockport; St. Rita's, West Webster, and DeSales High School, Geneva.

An exception to the night-time classes will be a day-time course at the CCD office, 50 Chestnut St., on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, beginning Sept. 22.

Classes in the Southern Tier, which will have varying time schedules, are listed herewith, with the name of the person with whom to register:

Elmira — St. Mary's CCD Center, Sister Claire Josepha, 220 Franklin St., 733-1197; Horseheads — St. Mary's, Sister M. DePaul, 808 Westlake St., 733-3830; Hornell — St. Ann's, Father Robert Magin, 31 Erie St., 324-0410.

Bath — Methods Course, 15 weeks, Sister Elaine; Mrs. Eleanor Rowe, 2 W. Washington Blvd., 776-4513; Ithaca — Methods 1st Semester, Sister Esther, Doelinger, 2nd Semester, Father David Gramke; Sister Esther, 330 Buffalo St., 273-2313; Apalachin — Methods Course; Father Douglas Hoffman, Penna Avenue, 625-3191.

Family Life Bureau Moves, Changes Name

The diocesan Family Life Bureau this week underwent both a change of title and of location.

The bureau, which is a department of the diocesan Office of Christian Formation, hereafter will be known as the "Marriage and Family Apostolate."

Its office has been moved from St. Monica's Church rectory to 401 Orange St., on the second floor of the house behind St. Francis of Assisi Church, which contains the office and chapel of the Family Rosary for Peace radio program.

Reason for the relocation of the Marriage and Family Apostolate is that Msgr. Joseph A. Cirincione, pastor of St. Francis Church, offered the use of the St. Francis of Assisi Center for area Pre-Cana Conferences conducted throughout the year by the Marriage Apostolate. The Center will seat 300 persons.

The Apostolate also conducts Cane Evenings of Reflection for mar-

ried couples, and organizes and serves Mothers' Circles.

Director of the Apostolate is the Rev. Mr. Michael G. Cole. Serving with Deacon Cole as associate directors are Msgr. Gerard C. Krieg, Father William J. Spelley and Father Michael P. Conboy. Father Gerald E. Dunn, pastor of St. Theodor's Church and former director of the Family Life Bureau, also assists in conducting conferences.

Other associate directors are Father Roy Kiggins in the Southern Vicariate and Father John Glogowski in the Eastern Vicariate.

Deacon and Mrs. Cole and their four children this week moved into the former St. Francis of Assisi Convent at 81 Whitney St., between the church and the rectory. He now will be assisting Monsignor Cirincione in liturgy and in catechesis. The Cole's previously had resided in St. Augustine's parish.

Deacon Cole reported that during the first seven months of this year the Apostolate's Pre-Cana Conferences enrolled 1,369 engaged couples, a considerable increase over the same period last year.



Youngsters Attend 'Vocation Retreat'

Forty-one high-school-age boys from around diocese attended a "Vocation Retreat" at Becket Hall from last Sunday night to Tuesday afternoon. Program, conducted by Fathers Louis Rohman, Lawrence Murphy and William Graf, was designed to give lads opportunity to examine direction of their lives and gain some insight into life of priesthood. TOP PHOTO—Father Graf, chaplain of Ithaca College, makes point during chat in courtyard; LOWER PHOTO—Chess players get plenty of advice during recreation break.



Cardinal Wright Preaches In Pittsford

John Cardinal Wright, prefect of the Congregation of the Clergy of the Holy Office (Clerici), concelebrated Mass and preached at St. Louis Church, Pittsford, Sunday.

Father John Reddington, pastor of the Church and long-time friend of the Cardinal, said that he was spending a few days of rest here before assuming his duties in Rome.

Cardinal Wright's homily was based on Luke's account of the selection of the Apostles (Lk. 6:12-19).

The Cardinal spoke on the origins of the structures of the Church and reflected on the decline in personal prayer within the Church.

"Even I, a bishop, don't pray enough," he said. "So where does that leave you?"

The Cardinal stated that the decline in personal prayer was the source of the difficulties within the Church today.

For the past 12 years Bishop of Pittsburgh, Cardinal Wright was named prefect of the Congregation of the Clergy on May 2. The office is responsible for the supervision of the spiritual welfare of all diocesan priests. He is the third U.S. churchman to be named prefect in the central administration of the Roman Catholic Church.

2-Day 'Teach-in' Set At N. D. Retreat House

A two-day "teach-in" for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teachers is scheduled Tuesday and Friday, Sept. 18-19, at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua.

Titled a "Come to the Father Teach-In," it is expected to attract nearly 200 priests, Sisters and lay teachers. It is sponsored by the CCD office under the Office of Christian Formation.

Sessions will be conducted by Father Kevin Lynch, CSP, editor-in-chief of the Paulist Press. Father Lynch led a similar two-day "teach-in" in June at Becket Hall.

Some 100 participants are expected to remain overnight at the retreat house, while others will commute. Fee for lodging, meals and lectures is \$15, and for lectures and meals only is \$8. Registrations may be addressed or telephoned to the Christian Formation office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 14604 (716/924-

3100). They are due by Sept. 12. The program:

Thursday, Sept. 18—9 a.m., registration; 9:30, The Program, Global View; 10, Psychological Profile of the Child (double session); 6-7-8-year olds; 9-12 year olds; 10:45, coffee; 11, Trinitarian Perspective; 12:15, lunch.

1:30, Spirit and Characteristics of the Program; 2:30, demonstration lessons; 3:15, coffee; 4, Pastoral Implications of the Program; 4:30, Mass Preparation; 4:45, Community Mass; 5:45, dinner; 7, slide lecture on activities; 7:30, question period; 8:15, social hour.

Friday, Sept. 19—8:00 a.m., breakfast; 9, curriculum, first, second, third year; 10, curriculum, fourth, fifth, seventh year; 10:45, coffee; 11:15, question period; 12:15, lunch; 1:30, The Role of Prayer; 2:15, coffee; 2:30, Development of Conscience; 3, question session; 3:30, Mass Preparation; 3:45, Mass; 4:30, departure.

Pre-Cana Conferences Scheduled

Pre-Cana Conferences — a marriage preparation course for engaged couples — will begin next month in parishes in Rochester, Elmira and Ithaca.

The four-part conferences, sponsored by the diocesan Marriage and Family Apostolate, are scheduled as follows:

Rochester — Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28; Corpus Christi Church, 3 p.m.; St. Michael's Church, 7:30 p.m.

Elmira — Sept. 7, 10, 14, 21; Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 8 p.m.

Ithaca — Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22; Immaculate Conception Church, 8 p.m.

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