

Bishop Will Tour Missions On Latin-American Swing

Bishop Hogan leaves Monday afternoon for an 18-day visit in three Latin American missions where Rochester diocesan Sisters and priests are stationed. He will be absent from the diocese until April 24th.

The Bishop's trip will be the first official visitation by a Rochester Bishop to the 19 dioceses in South America since the establishment of the initial mission outpost in 1964.

"My purpose primarily is to encourage our dioceses who are working so far away from home," the Bishop said. "I hope to express the appreciation of the whole diocese for the sacrifices they have been making for the poor people of Latin America."

The Bishop's stay at three mission posts in Brazil, one in Bolivia and two in Chile are also intended to evaluate the projects.

"I hope to find out by personal observation how happy and successful our Sisters and priests are, assess the commitment of personnel and finances involved and find values for future planning about our Latin-American apostolate," he said.

The Bishop, accompanied by his secretary, Father Michael Conboy, flies from Kennedy Airport, New York City, on Monday directly to Rio Janeiro. He will fly inland to Uberlandia on Tuesday and spend the next five days visiting Sisters of St. Joseph working in poor parishes in the cities of Uberlandia,

Paranaiguara and Cachoeria Alta.

After returning to Rio de Janeiro, he will fly across the continent to LaPaz, Bolivia, and stay with the Rochester priests, Father Peter Deckman and Father Edward Golden, from Thursday, April 9, through Monday, April 13.

His final mission stop will be in Chile, from April 14 through April 16, where he will visit two groups of Rochester Sisters of Mercy doing teaching and pastoral work in the suburbs of Santiago.

Plans for his return to the U.S. include arrival in Los Angeles from Santiago on Friday, April 17, a weekend with Father Joseph O'Connell, retired Rochester priest living near Tucson, Arizona, and a five-day stay in San Francisco attending the semi-annual U.S. Bishops' meeting. He will return to Rochester on Friday evening, April 24.

In Uberlandia the Bishop will visit Sisters of St. Joseph—Sister Rose Alma, regional superior, and Sisters Shirley Jane Pilot, Deanna Sarlis and Judith McKay. This foundation is 6 years old.

After a 250-mile trip inland, he will be welcomed by Sisters Catherine Ponowich, Mary Ann Coughlin, Carolyn Cardinal, Barbara Orzyk and Marie Barbara Bergmaier. These Sisters are directors of three elementary schools and a junior high school.

In Cachoeria he will meet

Sisters Virginia Schmitz, Anne Laftery and Marilyn Dewey.

Bishop Benedict Coscia, OFM, from Brooklyn, the Bishop of the Diocese of Jatai, where the three Rochester missions are located, will be Bishop Hogan's host during this part of his tour.

In Santiago, the Mercy Sisters' foundation, established in 1965, includes the missions of San Andreas, where Sisters Janet Caulfield and Jane Kendrick are stationed, and San Luis, where Sisters Janet Korn, Marilyn Gerstner, Barbara McGrath and Margaret Spellacy are serving.

Cliff Carpenter, editorial page columnist for the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, will accompany Bishop Hogan and Father Conboy for the first two weeks of their journey. He intends to report to his readers observations on "how the Bishop finds the diocesan priests and Sisters and studies the problems of their work."

"I am happy to know in advance," Bishop Hogan said, "that my hosts in Brazil will be Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate whom I have already met during their Rochester visits. In Santiago I will stay with the Irish Columban Fathers who staff the two parishes where the Mercy Sisters are serving."

"I also expect to visit Father Thomas Brown, O.M.I., from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Rochester, who is stationed in

28 Retreat Groups Set at Canandaigua

Canandaigua — Retreats for 28 groups, four days of recollection, three seminars and a workshop are slated at Notre Dame Retreat House here during April, according to Father James F. Foley, CSSR, rector.

Clergy seminars are scheduled April 13-14, April 16-17 and April 20-21. Nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, will have a retreat on April 6-8, and staffs of diocesan Catholic Charities have listed a workshop April 23.

Seniors of King's Preparatory High School plan a retreat April 27-29, and eighth graders from parochial schools will participate in a day of recollection on the following dates: April 10, St. Monica's; April 24, St. Pius Tenth; April 27, Immaculate Conception, Rochester.

Weekend men's retreats during the month are slated as follows:

April 10-12 — St. Mary, St. Vincent, St. Patrick, Conning; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Painted Post; St. Joseph, Wayland; Sacred Heart, Perkinsville; St. Catherine, Addison.

April 17-19 — Our Mother of Sorrows; St. Andrew, St. Patrick, Rochester; St. Michael, Penn Yan; St. Gregory, Marion; Epiphany, Sodus; St. Catherine, Ithaca; St. Leo, Hilton.

April 24-26 — St. Ann, St. Ignatius, Hornell; St. Mary, Bath; St. Joseph, Campbell; St. Stanislaus, Bradford; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; St. Gabriel, Hammondsport; St. Patrick, Prattsburg; St. Joachim, Canisatego; St. Mary, Ontario.

Parents, Students Seek Way to Keep King's Prep Open

Parents and students of King's Preparatory High School on Buffalo Road, stumped at last week's announcement that the diocese cannot continue to subsidize the school beyond June, explored possible means to continue the school at a meeting Saturday, March 21.

Alexander Sienkiewicz, Parents' Association president, said a committee has been organized and is expecting to discuss the school's situation with Bishop Hogan this week.

Among suggestions advanced by the committee were an "open house," to inform the community about the "experimental and innovative education program" at the school; a diocesan-wide special collection for all Catholic high schools in the diocese, and efforts to obtain funds from educational or philanthropic sources.

The Diocese has been subsidizing the school during the last three years at approximately \$150,000 a year, beyond the \$375 each student pays in tuition. There are 185 boys and girls registered there. It is the only high school in the diocese

receiving diocesan subsidy, and the Diocese announced that many other activities are on a higher priority.

Clyde School To Be Closed

Clyde — St. John the Evangelist's School here will be closed in June, it was announced last week by Father John L. Coonan, pastor.

One of three parochial schools in Wayne County, the school has an enrollment of 280 children. It is staffed by four Sisters of Mercy and six lay teachers.

Father Coonan said the parish council voted unanimously to close the school after a review of questionnaires received from parishioners. More than 700 questionnaires were mailed, and 277 returned.

Of the 277, only 74 expressed the opinion that continued operation of the school was feasible. It had previously been decided that the school would have to close unless parishioners could shoulder added financial responsibility.



George Montgomery Jr. (seated center) planning director for Rochester Catholic Charities, holds Community Service Award he received last week from National Association of Social Workers. Seated at left is Catherine Wobus, caseworker director of Catholic Family Center. Standing (from left) are Father William Charbonneau, director of Center; James E. Maloney, executive director, and Mrs. Betty Montgomery, intake supervisor of Children's Services for Monroe County Social Services.

Charities Worker Honored

George W. Montgomery Jr., director of planning for Rochester Catholic Charities, last week received the Community Service Award presented annually by the National Association of Social Workers "for outstanding contribution to the community."

Montgomery is marking his 30th year with Catholic Charities, having started in 1940 as a caseworker. For two prior years he had been a psychologist at the State School at Industry.

His 30-year tenure at Catholic Charities was interrupted from 1943 to 1946 when he served as a clinical psychologist with the U.S. Army in this country and in Europe. He served as a caseworker for the Rochester Catholic Family Center from 1948-50, as supervisor from 1950-52 and as executive secretary from 1952 to 1969, when he was named vice-planning director. From 1949 to 1951 was on the part-time faculty at the School of Social Work of the University of Buffalo, where he had received his master's degree in social service.



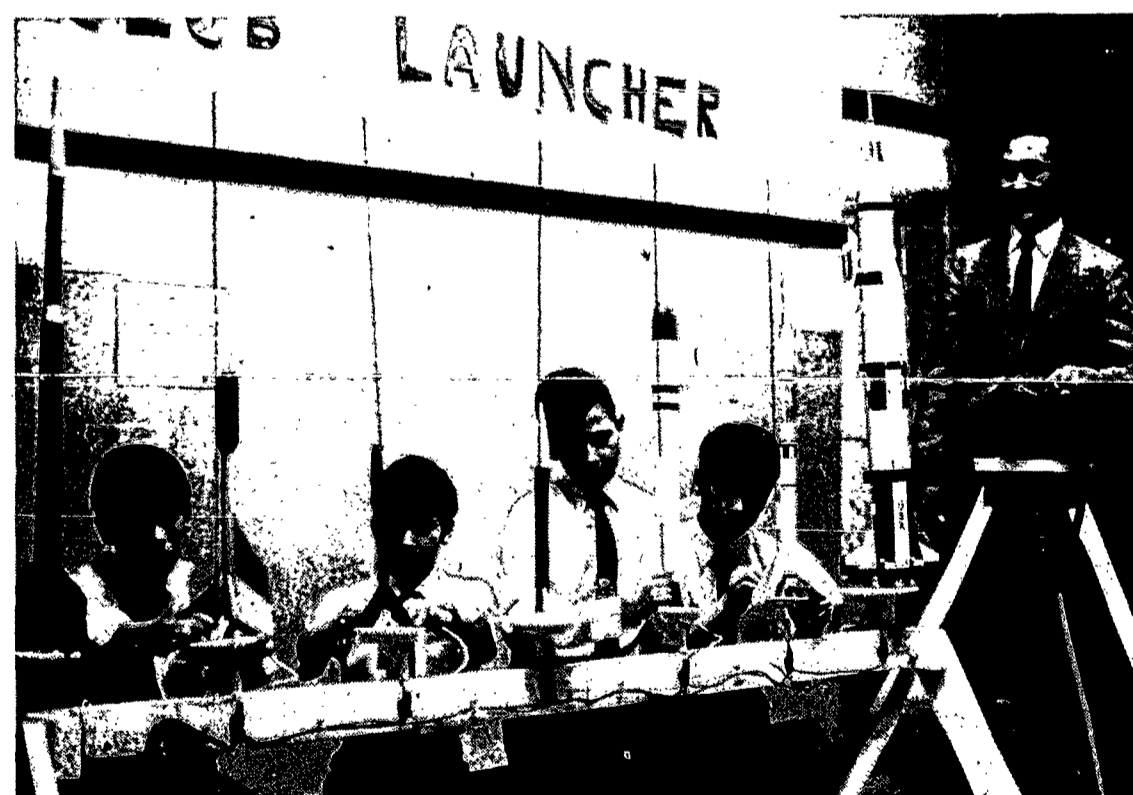
Irish Honor Bishop Kearney

Retired Bishop James E. Kearney chats with Mrs. Christopher Delanty at annual Knights of Equity Dinner March 17 in Sheraton Hotel. Occasion was special tribute to Bishop, who was attending dinner for 82nd consecutive time since coming to Rochester as its fifth bishop.



Oratorical Winner

Michael J. Fleche, center, won the Rochester area Knights of Columbus oratorical contest last Sunday. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Fleche of 97 Pontiac Drive, Fleche is a senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School. He will now compete in the state K. of C. finals May 8-9 at the Concord Hotel, Klamath Lake. Scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,200 will be awarded to winners. Here Fleche is congratulated by Paul G. Rombaut, left and Edwin Miller, area K. of C. leaders.



HOW HIGH IS UP? — Astro-boy-nauts of Blessed Sacrament School's Model Rocket Club are being instructed in launching by Michael Nolan, sixth grade teacher who organized club. Boys assemble own rockets. From left are sixth graders Bill Carey, John Petraitis and Bob Geen and seventh grader Chris Polukis.

The Sky's Not the Limit

One or more youngsters of Blessed Sacrament School may be among the next generation's astronauts. Forty-sixth and seventh grade boys are members of a newly-formed Model Rocket Club at the school. Started last fall by Michael P. Nolan, sixth grade teacher, the club is said to be the first of its kind in the community among elementary school children. There are about 10 adult rocket clubs in the area, said Nolan, who has been involved in rocketry for several years. Nolan and parents of some of the youngsters constructed the "launching pad," a simple piece of wood with wooden legs to which are attached a series of electric wires. The half-dozen cone-shaped rockets, averaging from one to two feet in length, are propelled skyward through electrical ignition set off from a box — either all at once or one at a time. Nolan pointed out that he has set off 25 rockets in an afternoon from his car battery. Each rocket contains from one to four engine "stages." Nolan stresses the safety features. He also points out that assembling a rocket is relatively cheap — they range from 75 cents to \$10. The rockets achieve a velocity of 400 miles per hour, some rising to nearly mile-high heights — 4,000 to 5,000 feet. They are recovered by a variety of methods — parachute, glide, tumble or streamer. Nolan sees the club as more than just an activity. Designing, building and launching a rocket, he declares, puts to use principals of physics, math, aerodynamics, optics, biology, astronautics, electronics and photography. Science studies, he claims, thereby are made more interesting and easier to understand. He intimated that while the club thus far has been limited to boys, there is discussion to open the membership also to girls.

Homeless

Tommy is a bright eyed 6-months-old, under the care of the Catholic Family Center; and he is looking for a home.

Tommy is one of a group of children who, by reason of physical or emotional irregularity, has more difficulty than most finding parents who will be understanding with his problems and give him the security of a home filled with love.

When Tommy was born he suffered birth trauma. Although now he is maturing properly and shows normal development, there is the possibility that he suffers from brain damage, even though such does not now appear in testing.

Any diocesan couple interested in adopting Tommy, or desiring more information on the subject, are invited to contact Miss Catherine Wobus, Catholic Family Center, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604; phone: (716) 546-7220.

Easter Panorama Is Scheduled

An Easter Story panorama will be on display starting this weekend in St. Charles Borromeo School Hall, 64 Maiden Lane, Greece.

Designed and operated by Bernard (Bud) Miller, a parishioner, it is similar to a Christmas panorama which attracted hundreds of viewers last December.

About 20 persons at a time can get into the room to see the audio-visual tableau, which will be displayed until April 12. Hours are from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 2 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

MILLIONS HELPED

Nearly 37 million people in 36 nations were helped last year by CARE food, self-help and medical programs.

Advertisement for McCurdy's shoes. Features the McCurdy's logo and a large image of a high-heeled shoe. Text includes: 'SELBY, FOR THAT PRETTY FEELING', 'Selby knows what women want. Lean, limber shaped shoes—to make feet feel feminine, legs look lovelier. Come in and see all our wonderful news—we know you'll rejoice. "Par-fait" with oval stitched bow, black patent, bone or navy calf, \$22. "Special Pump" with scrolled up front bow, black patent or navy calf, \$24. McCurdy's Shoe Salon, Second Floor, Midtown; also at Long Ridge and Geneva.'