



Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey (second from left at altar) was principal celebrant of Mass of Thanksgiving honoring Brother Ralph Carpenter, MSC. (standing at right) on his 25th anniversary of profession of vows. Celebrants included Msgr. George Eckl, pastor emeritus of St. Andrew's, and Msgr. Arthur Ratigan, pastor of St. Ambrose Church (flanking Bishop Hickey), and Fathers Elmer Schmidt (third from right), Joseph Reinhart, James Marvin and Nicholas Ariola, CPPS. Dennis A. Merritt (at lectern) was commentator. Brother Carpenter was a parishioner at St. Andrew's.

Negro Brother Notes Milestone

A religious brother and former Rochesterian who a quarter-century ago was refused admission to six religious orders because of his race returned to Rochester last Sunday to mark his 25th anniversary of profession as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart.

He is Brother Ralph J. Carpenter, MSC., retreat coordinator at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Youngstown, Ohio, a former parishioner of Holy Family Church here.

Two Bishops, several priests and more than 200 parishioners and friends participated in two ceremonies marking the celebration — a Mass of Thanksgiving in the afternoon at St. Andrew's Church and a dinner in the evening at Burgundy Basin Inn, Pittsford.

In the Mass homily, Father Fred J. Balling, MSC., of Youngstown paid tribute to Brother Carpenter's "great dedication to the Sacred Heart and his perseverance during these 25 years."

Brother Carpenter was the first Negro from the Rochester Diocese to enter a religious order. He credits Msgr. George W. Eckl, 93, pastor emeritus of St. Andrew's Church, with guiding him to the Missionaries

when he was seeking a community.

He recently became the first person in the nation other than a priest to be named faithful friar of a Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

Brother Carpenter, born in New York City, was orphaned at an early age when his mother died of a flu epidemic and his father was killed in World War I. The court placed him in the New York Catholic Protectory. He asked to be baptized when he was 10.

It was through Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, pastor of St. Ambrose Church and former director of Rochester Catholic Charities, that Ralph Carpenter was brought to Rochester and adopted by the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brocco Sr. At the age of 27 he entered the mission order.

Brother Carpenter returns to Rochester once or twice yearly

to keep in touch with friends. While here he stays at St. Andrew's rectory and assists at Masses and other services.

Pollution to Be Topic of Church Project

Boy Scouts in gas masks, Girl Scouts in protest, a children's display on ecology, panel debates, and a lawyer's sermon from an altar on the moral aspects of pollution are all just another part of going to church on a Sunday morning in spring.

At least it will be on Sunday, April 19, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Brighton.

The parish will use services that day to focus attention on this world's problems of pollution. Clergy and laymen have planned an extensive program titled, "The Pollution Solution."

Parish Boy Scouts wearing gas masks will park cars, and Girl Scouts will distribute literature. School children will display photographs, posters and essays on the subject.

At three of the morning Masses, sermons on the moral aspects of pollution will be delivered by Wayne Harris, Rochester attorney, president of the Conservation Council, and well-known advocate for clean air and water.

That evening, many of the 800 parishioners and the general public are expected to attend a panel discussion at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium.



Mrs. Verda Critz, who retired recently from the faculty of Holy Trinity School, Webster, was honored Sunday afternoon at a parish reception. Among the guests were her children, Robert Critz and Carol Whitmore of Rochester and Richard Critz, who is on the staff of the secretary of state in Washington. After 10 years of teaching, Mrs. Critz has "retired" to the job of rectory housekeeper.

Winners Listed In CYO Contest

More than 1200 cheerleaders from 112 Catholic and public high schools throughout Western and Central New York participated in the 12th annual tournament sponsored April 11 by the Rochester Catholic Youth Organization in Columbus Civic Center. Winners included:

SENIOR VARSITY — White Division: Canandaigua, Wayne Central; St. Mary's, Cortland; Geneva, Waverly. Blue Division:

Irondequoit, Cardinal Mooney, Bishop Kearney; Mt. Carmel, Auburn; Rush-Henrietta.

JUNIOR VARSITY — Yellow Division: Bishop Kearney, Cardinal Mooney, St. Margaret Mary, John Marshall; St. Mary's, Cortland. Pink Division: Mt. Carmel, Auburn; Rush-Henrietta, Irondequoit, Bishop Kearney, Pittsford.

The team from LeRoy High School won the congeniality award. Trophies were presented by Rochester Mayor Stephen May. Jack Palvino, WBBF radio staffer, was toastmaster at a dinner concluding the day's competition.

Townroe Lecture Dates Changed

Changes of dates for a lecture series on counseling and guidance for diocesan priests scheduled at St. Bernard's Seminary were announced last week by Father David M. Murphy, vice rector and dean of studies at the seminary.

The lectures will be moderated by Canon E. John Townroe, this semester's visiting professor of ascetical philosophy at the seminary. Dates were changed because of a conflict with a scheduled marriage symposium for the priests.

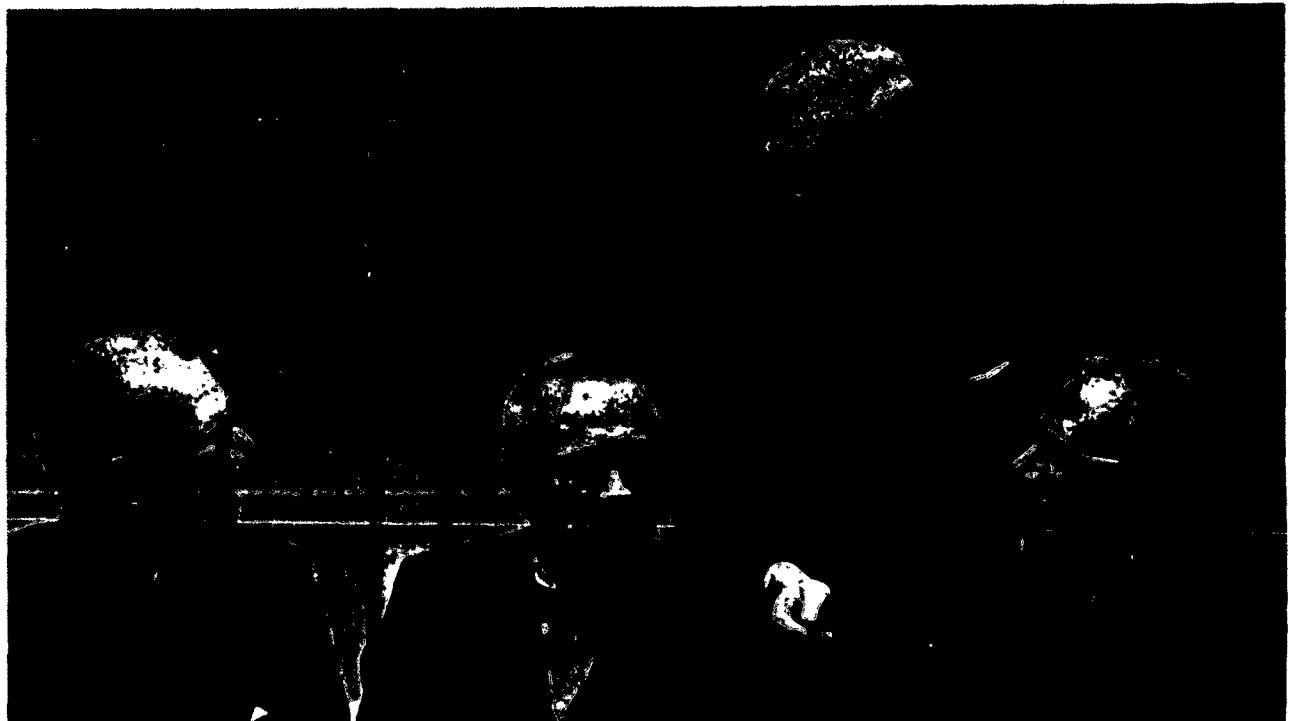
New dates for the lectures, which will begin at 8:15 p.m., are listed on the first three Mondays of May, as follows: May 4—Counseling and Spiritual Guidance; May 11—Judge, Father and Physician; May 18—Faith versus Fear.

Lawyers Schedule Student Seminars

More than 100 Rochester area attorneys and 540 college students will explore today's national legal problems at a series of seminars sponsored by the Monroe County Bar Association.

Thirty-six lawyers will open their homes at various dates this month to contingents from 12 area colleges. Seventy-nine more attorneys will also participate in the discussions. Jerome Ira Solkoff is chairman.

Among the discussion topics are the Court system, civil rights, "no fault" insurance, the draft and free speech.



Aquinas Institute Class of '30 Plans Reunion

Some members of committee planning 40th anniversary reunion of the Class of 1930 of Rochester's Aquinas Institute are pictured above. From left are Father Francis J. Taylor, pastor of St. Boniface Church; Edmund W. Peters, of the Rochester Times-Union news department; Lawrence Mooney, Brighton town clerk, and Father Robert G. Miller, CSB, of the philosophy department of St. John Fisher College. Reunion dinner is scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the University Club, Broadway at East Avenue.



Sewing Class at Holy Angels Home for Girls

Girls at Holy Angels Home, Winton Road North, are shown learning to make their own dresses. Sewing classes, part of the regular school curricula, are taught by Sister Clare, shown at work, (above) and two lay teachers.