

30 Priests Join Fast for Peace

Nearly 30 priests were among the 60 clergymen who sponsored a 48-hour fast for peace last weekend in Rochester's Washington Square Park, across the street from old St. Mary's Church.

Extending from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Sunday around the park's memorial dedicated to war heroes, the fast attracted crowds numbering from 20 to 30 during some hours to approximately 250 at peak periods.

It was an attempt to focus discontent with the war in Indochina, and also was a tribute to Thomas E. Mahaney and J. Brian McDonnell, who recently ended a long fast in Lafayette Park in Washington, opposite the White House.

Mahaney, 23, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Joseph Mahaney Sr. of 61 Dikeman Rd., Henrietta, parishioners of Good Shepherd Church, spent three years at West Point and served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

McDonnell, a 27-year-old social psychologist from Wallington, Pa., and Mahaney attended the Rochester fast Saturday afternoon and outlined some of their experiences and views.

Activities held during the weekend included musical performances, religious observances and talks by anti-war spokesmen.

The idea for the fast arose

during a gathering of clergymen two weeks ago. Among priests who helped obtain the sponsorship of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy were Father Patrick Logan and Father Giovanni Montanari, professors at St. Bernard's Seminary, and Father John Quinn, a friend of Mahaney.

Arrangements were made to have at least one clergyman present during each of the 48 hours.

The two Catholic young men who ended their fast in Washington on June 9 went without food for more than a month. McDonnell fasted for 36 days and Mahaney for 30.

In a letter delivered to the White House as they ended the fast, they told President Nixon that they believed the "non-violent action of fasting was supportive" to him and the nation. "Yet the fast has failed to reach you in any real sense," it continued.

They told the President that they believe his "violence approach to world affairs will lead to increased military conflicts and fewer peaceful resolutions."

Mahaney, who will remain in Rochester for a few days, and McDonnell said they will return to Washington soon to continue to work non-violently for peace and to appeal to the President to do the same.



Auxiliary Bishop McCafferty, commencement speaker at St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, chats with three graduates singled out for special awards. They are, from the left, Sister Patricia Ann McHugh of Rochester, Lucille Ann Cline, Wellsville, and Nancy Ellen Black, Cortland. The bishop presented diplomas to 21 young women, including these from the diocese: Eileen Ambrose, Geneseo; Linda Campbell, Hornell; Diane Hayes, Bath; Marilyn Kramer and Dawn Didas Sterner, Wayland; Jacquelyn Sager, Avoca; Margaret Noonan and Mary Ann Tydings, Rochester. Father Paul J. Cuddy, hospital chaplain, presented class, school's 55th, in St. Ann's Church.

27 Get Diplomas at Saint Mary's

Twenty-seven women received diplomas from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing at commencement exercises last

Sunday in Xerox Square Auditorium. They comprised the school's 75th graduation class.

Bishop James E. Kearney presided at the exercises, and the principal address was given by Sister Victoria, DC., of Utica, former administrator of St. Mary's Nursing School.

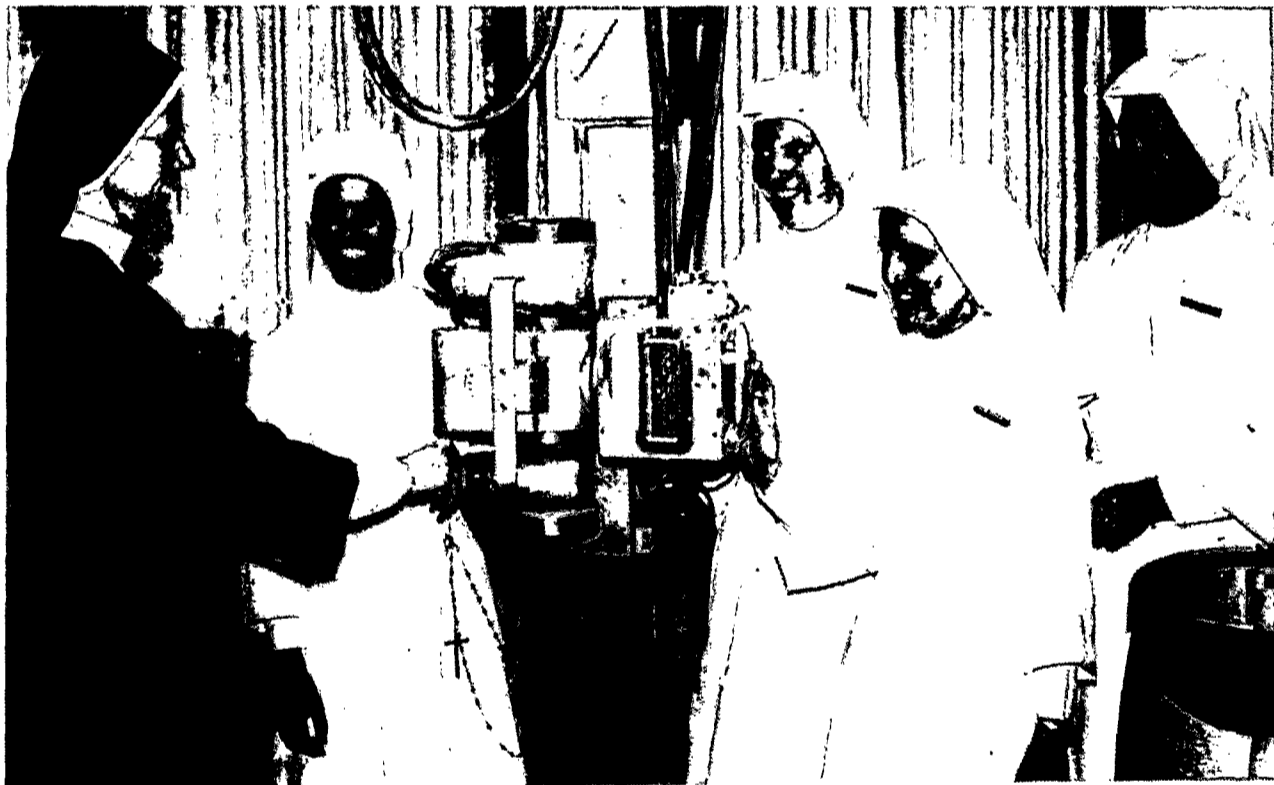
Graduates, 24 of them from Rochester diocesan communities, were:

Rochester — Mrs. Kathryn C. Barkley, Christine Bemish, Mary Bohrer, Susan Cross, Elizabeth Curet, Sharon Gleason, Sandra Hermle, Karen Kingsley, Nancy Makowski, Elaine Melkioty, Margaret M. O'Brien, Donna Pellegrino, Sharon Rae-

man, Edith Santangelo, Margaret Searchfield, Mary Shields, Mary M. Smith, Judith Webster.

Fairport — Kathleen Curtis, Martha Wilson — Macedon — Maxine Bauer; Fair Haven — Kathleen O'Connor; East Rochester — Nancy Weagley; King Ferry — Constance Woodhouse; Syracuse — Helen C. Clancy; Bergen — Mary Morris; Clayton — Mrs. Catherine Yurack.

The hospital's school of nursing will be "phased out" next year with a final graduation class. The hospital will seek to build a significant community role for nursing education as a source of clinical teaching for collegiate schools in the area.



New Sister Nurses Tour St. Mary's Hospital

Four Sister nurses who recently joined the staff of St. Mary's Hospital are given a tour by Sister Mary Walter, DC. (left), assistant administrator and local superior. Examining new modern X-ray equipment are (from left) Sisters Julie, Margaret, Kathleen Marie and Patricia.



Several delegates from Catholic Daughters of America courts in Rochester Diocese are pictured at the recent state CDA convention held here.

St. Jeromes Opens New Learning Center

Sister Juliet, SSJ., principal of St. Jerome's school East Rochester, has announced that Sister Helen Davis, SSJ., will join the school's staff as director of a new Learning Center.

The Learning Center will make it possible for all students, from the brightest to the slowest, to become independent learners.

"As students work independently, apart from external pres-

sure and competition from fellow students, they learn to explore, define and develop their own unique interests and abilities," Sister Julie said.

Sister Helen is former principal of Immaculate Conception School; also Corpus Christi School.

Job Filled At McQuaid

New director of development at McQuaid Jesuit High School is Father Richard P. Noonan, SJ., since 1967 the administrator of the Jesuit residence there.

Father Noonan's appointment was announced by the Very Rev. Joseph T. Browne, SJ., provincial of the society's New York Province.

Father Noonan, principal at McQuaid in 1966-67, was born in Saratoga Springs. He received his bachelor's degree from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and his master's from the University of Notre Dame. He served as a naval officer in the Pacific Theater during World War II before entering the Jesuit order in 1950.

Ordained in 1961, he pursued studies in ascetical and mystical theology. He was a teacher and administrator of Canisius High School, Buffalo, A.

50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Wesley, 164 Dierdre Drive, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their 11 children, 37 grandchildren, friends and relatives on June 13.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at Christ the King Church, followed by a buffet reception at Island Valley Golf Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley are Gold Star parents, having lost a son, Louis, in World War II.

Graduation Mass

Seneca Falls — The monthly Youth Mass, Saturday, June 20, at 7:15 p.m., will be especially for the St. Patrick's young people who are graduating from Mynderse Academy the next day. Special recognition will be given to those graduating with honors and those who have achieved excellence in various fields.