

Bishop Stresses God's Law at Red Mass

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Bishop Hogan warned lawyers of "some of the occupational hazards, endangering the fulfillment of the law" during the 26th annual Lawyers Red Mass Tuesday morning, Sept. 15, in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street.

Immediately preceding the Mass a small group of demonstrators, headed by a minister in cassock and surplice, assembled on the walk in front of the church and conducted "an intentionally ironical religious service" protesting "injustices" in the legal system, religion and government.

Attending the Mass were lawyers and judges, representatives of police and fire departments and several civic, political and community leaders. The "Red Mass"—derived from

the color of the vestments worn by the celebrant—was inaugurated in the 13th Century to mark the reopening of courts after recess.

In the Mass homily, Bishop Hogan declared:

"You are assembled here today to make a public declaration of dependence on Almighty God — to beg the special assistance of the Holy Spirit on the particular needs of your profession, important especially in this day when lawlessness abounds, and the philosophy of permissiveness promoted by armchair philosophers and educators has gained the victory of the moment."

The Bishop emphasized that God's law must be part of the lawyer's life and profession. "If not," he said, "then nothing remains. If He goes, then good-

ness, truth, beauty, justice — all must go . . . Love of God and neighbor form the substance of all the eternal and immutable laws of God — of which every civil law is a participation."

The Bishop then warned against those in the legal profession who:

- Put the very existence of right and wrong as legal values in jeopardy by assuming that the law itself establishes this difference and that the difference can be changed at will . . . discount as fiction the universal dominion of God and insist that the law has its own sphere of action;

- Prefer to say that law is nothing more than sanctified social custom . . . treat the practice of law as a game, with an amoral set of rules . . . or as a

sort of civilized trial by combat in which the decision depends upon cleverness and the glib tongue;

- Forget the dignity of their profession — who are satisfied with merely 'handling a case' — whose clients mean no more to them than a case number—who do not hesitate to twist facts to suit their own ambition . . .

"Against these dangers," the Bishop pleaded, "join your voices in the prayer today, 'O Lord, deliver us.'"

In closing, the Bishop urged the legal profession to pray for the intercession of St. Thomas More, 16th Century lord chancellor of England, who submitted to death rather than sign an oath unlawfully demanded by the king, and whose last words were, "I die the

king's good servant, but God's first."

"Bespeak for us," the Bishop prayed, "the wisdom to apply the precepts of God's eternal law to the problems of our daily practice."

The demonstration preceding Mass was without incident. The group of about 20 adults and teenagers, most of whom represented peace and community groups, read aloud an "ecumenical prayer service" titled "A Service of Prophecy for Americans," prepared by a Lutheran chaplain at the University of Chicago. They also passed out literature protesting "a system in which law has failed to produce justice."

Among slogans on placards they carried were "Peace is Our Work — What's Yours?," "Give Peace a Chance" and "Peace Be with You."

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Adult Education Opens At St. Mary's of the Lake

A fall adult Christian education project, for members of all faiths in Ontario County, will be launched Wednesday, Sept. 30, by St. Mary's of the Lake Men's Club.

The project will consist of two lectures by guest experts and a concluding discussion session, all centered on the theme of "Salvation for the Ordinary Man in a Secular World."

Rev. Paul Bryan, C.S.S.R., a Redemptorist priest from Roch-

ester, will speak at the first session Sept. 30.

On Wednesday, Oct. 28, Father Sebastian Falcone, O.F.M. Cap., a Capuchin priest, will speak. Father Sebastian is a scripture scholar and lecturer at St. Bernard's Seminary and has extensive experience in adult education.

All sessions will be conducted in the church on Walworth Rd. in Ontario, with refreshments to follow in St. Philip Neri Hall. The general public is invited.



Bishop Hogan, preceded by Fathers William J. Flynn, Albert J. Shamon, Michael F. Conboy and William Charbonneau, walks in procession into St. Joseph's Church for annual Lawyers Red Mass. In background, led by surpliced minister, is a small group of demonstrators against "injustice," who conducted an "ecumenical service for peace" on sidewalk prior to Mass procession.

Bishop Kearney Notes 62nd Year in Priesthood

Retired Bishop James E. Kearney, to whom anniversaries are not new, marked his 62nd year of priesthood Sept. 19 without special observance.

The genial Bishop, who continues to give talks and attend ceremonies around the diocese he headed for 29 years, will celebrate a double anniversary on Oct. 28 — his 86th birthday and the 38th anniversary of his consecration as a bishop.

Ordained in New York City in 1908, Father Kearney was an assistant at St. Cecilia's Church, Manhattan, from 1909 to 1928. In the latter year he founded and was pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in the Bronx. In 1931 he was named superintendent of Catholic schools in the Bronx.

He was consecrated Bishop of Salt Lake City in 1932 and was transferred to Rochester in 1937. He resigned Oct. 21, 1966.

Capuchin to Be Elmira Speaker

Elmira—A talk on "The Eucharist, Symbol of Life," will be given by a Capuchin priest at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Notre Dame High School Convent.

He is Father Edmund Walker, O.F.M. Cap., a professor of religious education at St. Bernard's Seminary. Father Walker is a diocesan consultant of high school religious education and director of Capuchin theology students at the seminary.

10-Week Course Slated On Christian Doctrine

A 10-week course in Christian Doctrine will begin during the week of Oct. 4 in several Rochester area churches as part of

the Teacher Formation Program sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In announcing the course, the CCD Office stated:

"Questions of a religious nature are being asked by young people with an ever-increasing urgency. Mature adults are needed — people who will involve themselves in a process of learning more about their faith, with the hope of acquiring the skills necessary to teach it . . . As a member of a class, you can discover the deeper implications and meanings of your faith. The course is open to any sincere adult."

Once-weekly classes begin Oct. 4 and end the week of Dec. 6. All are from 7:30 to 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Centers include:

Sundays — Corpus Christi; Holy Name of Jesus, 7:15 to 9:20. Mondays — St. Theodore; St. Mary's, Canandaigua; St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit. Tuesdays — St. Monica; Holy Spirit, Webster. Wednesdays — St. Jerome, East Rochester; St. John the Evangelist's, Spencerport.

A morning course will be offered on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the CCD Office, 50 Chestnut St. Fee for the course is \$10.

Now It's Just Plain Mass League

The board of trustees of the Daily Mass League has voted to drop the word Daily from its name. The organization will now be known as The Mass League.

The board also elected new officers — Harold Coleman, chairman of the board and honorary president; Angelo DiNieri, president and chief executive officer; Frank Griffin, executive vice president; Urban Kress, secretary-treasurer; Eileen Serow, assistant secretary; and Daniel Morgan, membership secretary.

Father Edward Callens, S.S.C.C., spiritual director, explained that the word daily is redundant. He said, "The celebration of the Eucharist is Christianity. It is the living faith. When this is realized, Daily Mass . . . or Mass as often as possible . . . will follow naturally."

Father Callens urged members to consider home Masses and smaller, more intimate celebrations of the Eucharist, affording closer contact between the priest and people.

The Mass League is a Rochester endeavor which has gained worldwide acceptance. It numbers over 40,000 members.

FORTY HOURS

Forty Hours Devotion will begin Sept. 27 in the following parishes: St. Michael, St. Stanislaus, Rochester; St. Vincent, Corning; St. Mary, Dansville; St. Anthony, Elmira; St. John, Greece; King Ferry; Nunda; Scottsville.



Fr. Leonard Kelly Marks 40th Year as Priest

Several hundred parishioners and friends congratulated Father Leonard A. Kelly (left), pastor of the Church of the Assumption, Fairport, at Sept. 13 reception marking his 40th year of priesthood. In photo from left are his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kelly, N. Arlington, N.J.; Mrs. Charles Kelly Jr. and children, Wappinger Falls, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schnupp and family, parishioners; Miss Jean Flanagan, reception coordinator, and Father Lewis Brown, assistant pastor.