Pettit to Be Tourney Speaker

Bob Pettit, National Basketball Association all-time allstar, will be the featured speaker at the fifth annual Lincoln Riochester Collegiate Basketball Tournament dinner on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Flagship, Rochester.

The tourney, scheduled Jan. 28 and 30 at the Rochester War Memorial, will bring together Roberts Wesleyan, St. John Fisher College, Brockport State and defending champion Rochester Institute of Technology. Roberts won the first two tourneys and Brockport won in 1969.

Pettit, an All-American at Louisiana State University, played 11 years of pro basketball with the St. Louis Hawks

and retired in 1964 as the high- of Banking of the South and est scorer in the history of professional basketball with 20,880 points.

Leonard Koppett, the veteran New York Times basketball expert, recently selected 25 alltime stars commemorating the NBA's Silver Jubilee season.

Koppett first picked a supernine, selected Pettit along with George Mikan, Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Dolph Schayes, Elgin Baylor, Oscar Robertson, Jerry West and Bob Cousy.

After his retirement from basketball, Pettit was for seven years vice president of a bank in Baton Rouge, La. He currently is registrar of the School

serves on several banking, business, Chamber of Commerce and church boards in Louisiana.



BOB PETTIT

Merry 'Kurisumasu'

Christmas has become a part of the lives of all the children of Japan. But, reports Columban Father Kevin Flinn, many of the millions who celebrate the feast are surprised to hear that the Christian churches also celebrate Christmas.

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In fact, he says, "they think that a foreign priest is wellversed in Japanese customs when he knows that Christmas day falls on Dec. 25!"

The Japanese, explains Father Flinn, always take what appeals to them in foreign customs, but not necessarily their meaning or substance. "Very often they change the symbolism of what they adopt to suit their own purposes," he says.

Santa Claus was an early vic-

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tim. Raised to the rank of a deity, he is now equal to the seven popular gods of good luck, says the missionary. As a jolly old man, he reminds the Japanese of someone who has wined and dined and is ready for plenty of fun. "That is enough to deify him in the Japanese mind, that image sets the tone for the Christmas celebrations."

Commercial interests have popularized the "Kurisumasu Turee and Puresento," he says. The Japanese family, "who pray faithfully for their ancestors before a Buddhist altar in their home each morning, will on Christmas eve, light a colorfully decorated Christmas tree, cut a Christmas cake, and join in singing 'Silent Night'."



The Aquinas Athletic Booster Club saluted 80 Fall varsity athletes at the Fall Sports Banquet at the school cafeteria last Sunday.

Varsity letters were presented and special recognition made of outstanding performances in football, soccer and cross country.

Special awards were presented to:

Football, Mark Schmidt, most valuable; Mike Palumbo, outstanding player; Bill Cenelli, iron man; Mark Piccone, outstanding lineman; Mike Lester, most improved; Dave Nicodemus, the Don Hollander Award; Dick Johnson, sportsmanship award; Ray Quercia, most popular.

For their outstanding work on the soccer team, Mark Mc-Caffery was named most valuable; Dave Fagan most improved and Danny Mahns received the sportsmanship award.

In cross country, awards went to Bill Fox, most dedicated and most valuable runner; Sean Mc-Ginnis, most improved. Dan Ambrose received the team trophy.

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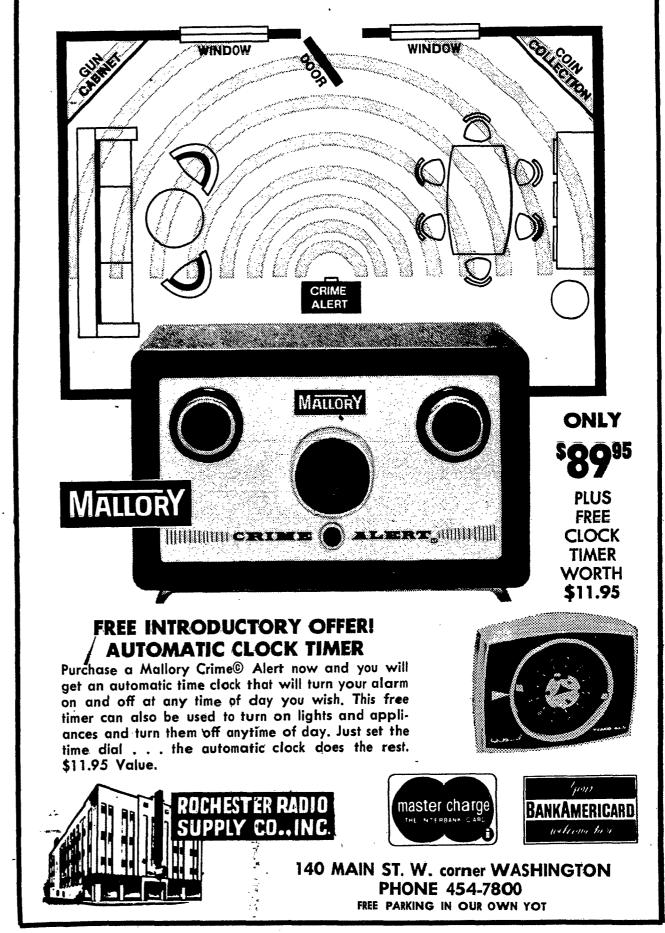
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What's Liturgy Like At Campus Chapel?

By NORENE SCHANNING

(Second in a Series)

"And they'll know we are Christians by our love".

This refrain from one of our favorite songs sums up the theme behind every liturgical service of the Newman Community at the University of Rochester.

Is campus liturgy unique from the ordinary parish experiences of students? Everything is the same - and yet different.

ity to worship, is there of his own accord.

Perhaps because of its size, but more because of the real sense of involvement, people feel genuinely welcome at Mass. "I feel so welcome; a real participant" one student declared.

Another spoke of the "relevance" of the services and how thought-provoking the films, music, meditation prayers and discussions during the homily are. The informal structure of

The initial difference is the Interfaith Ohapel. The glass walls of the River Chapel provide a view of the Genesee River which brings God's world right into the room. The chairs are arranged in a circular grouping around the altar. The Offertory baskets are at the entrance and are later carried in by a few students. Students proclaim the readings from their places and petitions are offered in this same manner.

the liturgy generates this enthusiastic community spirit.

Several families from outside the university community attend services regularly. One young mother praised the cordial atmosphere and themes.

Liturgy at the University of Rochester points to communal participation - not just observation — and I believe this is what makes liturgy popular here.

A Liturgy Committee com-posed of graduates, under-graduates, and the chaplains meet bimonthly to plan the themes of the Masses and to select relevant music. Penitential services are also planned monthly. The members of the community work hard to create a liturgy with themes that celebrate life.

But the structural characteristics only go so far. The real difference is in the community spirit which is present. The studenit, aware of his responsibil-



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