

Owego Petition Asks Bishop To Institute Altar-Girl Use

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Owego—A petition containing the names of 258 Owego Catholics, which calls for the use of altar girls, was presented to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan here Sunday.

Bishop Hogan accepted the petition which was presented by Miss Cathy Dizer, a student at St. Patrick's School here, and said he would bring up the subject at a regularly scheduled meeting of bishops from throughout the United States. Only those over the sixth grade signed the petition and adults and youngsters were about equally represented.

Bishop Hogan noted, "We have women lectors and women, both religious and lay, are distributing Holy Communion, so I see no great reason why girls couldn't be used as altar girls."

Recollection Day Scheduled May 2

Elmira Heights—The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Charles Borromeo will sponsor a Day of Recollection for their members, women of the parish and all women of the area, on Sunday, May 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery on Waverly Hill.

The retreat master will be Father Timothy McCough, O.C.D.

Chairman is Mrs. Irene Kelly with Mrs. Audrey Link co-chairman. Other chairmen are: transportation, Mrs. Anthony Borgononi; programs, Mrs. John Dickinson; registrar, Mrs. Robert Zazzara; commemoratives, Miss Ann Kondrk; calling, Mrs. Douglas Bauer; publicity, Mrs. Link.

For reservations contact Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Link or Mrs. Borgononi.



25th Anniversary

Mother Louise Marie, superior general of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, celebrated her 25th anniversary of profession recently at White Plains. Prior to her election as Mother General, she was professor of chemistry and chairman of the Chemistry Department of Good Counsel College. She is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college and member of the Executive Board of the Archdiocesan Council of Religious Women. A former resident of Troy, Mother Louise is the daughter of Mrs. S. Oley Cutler and the late Mr. Cutler. Her brothers are Father S. Oley Cutler, S.J. of Le Moyne College, Syracuse, and William Cutler of Rochester.

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More than 175 persons were in attendance for the Bishop's speech, which was delivered at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall here.

He spoke about the growing Catholic Church, especially in this diocese. Bishop Hogan said, "The Church which met the needs of 1950 would not meet the needs of 1971. The Church is a growing, living Church."

In line with the overall growth of the Church, Bishop Hogan said, "The diocese of Rochester has grown and changed to meet the needs of the faithful."

He listed four areas where the Church in the Rochester area has reached out to people:

"First, we have communications. The Catholic Courier-Journal is the newspaper of the diocese. I hope you have noticed the new, revised format of the newspaper, showing that it plans to go out to all the people, not just to one area of the diocese.

"Second, Catholic education. I believe that we are changing in this area, because we may have been channeling all our energy to one area of education, but now we are beginning, at least, to look at the total educational picture.

"Third, the area of changing liturgy. We have introduced into this diocese all the new liturgy as soon as possible.

"Finally, we have parish councils which I asked to be formed. We have a Sisters' Council and a Priests' Council and now, I think, we should

Ithaca Group Sets Drug Discussion

Ithaca—The drug problem in the Ithaca area will be the topic at a meeting sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Home-School Association, at 8 tonight, April 28.

District Attorney Matthew McHugh, Lawrence Rivkin, a pharmacist, and Father David Gramke, assistant pastor, will be the speakers. The latter two are members of the Tompkins County Narcotics Guidance Council, which provides counseling and sponsors research. A question period will follow the talks.

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have parish councils throughout the entire diocese."

Immediately following the Bishop's talk, a question and answer session was held with the Bishop being questioned on:

The use of deaconesses:
("Let's look for deacons first.")

Catholic education:
("Canon law says Catholic education, not Catholic schools. The ideal situation is Catholic schools plus good Catholic parents.")

And poverty:
("A lot of these people in this poverty kick are not interested at all in poverty. If they were they would be living in it.")

The Bishop's talk and the question and answer session were carried live over Radio Station WEBO, located in Owego.

3 Churches Set 1st Communion

Elmira—At least three churches in the Southern Tier will be holding First Communion services in the month of May.

St. James Church in Waverly will have its First Communion service May 2 at the 10 a.m. Mass.

In Elmira St. John the Baptist will have First Communion on May 9 at the 10 a.m. Mass, while Our Lady of Lourdes will have First Communion at the 10 a.m. Mass on May 15.

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Novena for Peace Scheduled By Elmira Ladies of Charity

Elmira—The Elmira Ladies of Charity extend an invitation to all Catholics of the diocese to join them in a Novena for Peace beginning May 1 and concluding June 23.

postcard be mailed to her home address 715 Falk St., Elmira, N.Y. 14904.

The novena is conducted privately. Mrs. Anthony Bellizia, chairman of the spiritual development committee for the Elmira Ladies of Charity, said the novena is the Rosary Novena to Our Lady by Charles Lacey. The novena is published by Benzinger Brothers.

The extended time element is explained in the preface of the novena booklet which can be purchased at any Catholic bookstore.

The Ladies of Charity suggest daily attendance at Mass and Communion during the time of the novena. However, Mass and Communion are only suggested by the sponsoring group and are not requirements for making the novena.

Mrs. Bellizia asks that those who plan to make the novena contact her at her home in Elmira. She requests that a

Ecumenical Camp Slated in Elmira

Elmira—An ecumenical Christian Camp for boys and girls who have completed the 3rd, 4th or 5th grades will be held at Harris Hill in Elmira beginning June 25.

The camp will have two sessions. The first will begin at 3 p.m., June 25 and will conclude at 9:30 a.m. on July 8.

Registrations should be mailed to Rev. Ronald L. Parker, 315 S. Main St., Elmira, N.Y. 14904. Registration fee is \$5 and camp fee \$14.

The auditorium of ST. MARY OUR MOTHER Church in Horseheads will be the site of a Knights of Columbus card party and fashion show on Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the two events will be \$10.

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