

# DIOCESAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 1972

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Priests' Council — Becket Hall — 10:30 a.m.  Mtg. of Div. Directors of Dept. of Edu. and Directors of Pastoral Formation Council — 9:30 a.m.	2 Cath. Sch. Adm. Assoc. (South-East) St. Louis — 3 p.m.  Pre-Cana Conf. • Col- umbus Civic Center — 8 p.m.	3 Celebration of Euchar- ist for Roch. Deacon Interns-Victor —5 p.m.	4 Roch. Fed. of Cath. Sch. Adm.—General Ed. Office — 1 p.m.  Marriage Encounter Weekend-Notre Dame Retreat House  Cursillo Leaders Sch.— 7:30 p.m. Ultreya — 8:15 p.m.—St. B's Sem.	5 Cursillo Monthly Mass St. Joseph's Penfield— 8 p.m.
6 Pre-Cana Conf. 3; 5:30; 8 p.m. Pre-Cana Conf. — Holy Trin., Webs. 3:00 p.m. (pre-regis. necessary)	7 Interdep. Staff Meeting —1:30 p.m. Pre-Cana, H. Ghost, Coldwater — 7:45 p.m.  Monthly Campus Minis- try — R.I.T. — North- ern Tier Brd. Mtg. — 8 p.m.	8 High School Principals Bishop Kearney High  Cath. Sch. Adm. Assoc. (Roch.) — Blessed Sacrament — 9:45 p.m.	9 Cath. Sch. Adm. Assoc. (Gates-Chili) St. John Spencerport — 9:30 a.m.  Pre-Cana, cf. 2/2/72  Confirmation — Holy Rosary — 7:45 p.m.	10 Cath. Sch. Adm. Assoc. (Finger Lakes) St. Stephen, Geneva, 3:30 p.m., Sts. Peter & Paul, Auburn, 3:30 p.m.	11 Cursillo — cf. 2/4/72 Pre-Cana, St. John's, Humboldt St. — 8 p.m.	12 Information Day for Sem's at Bosco House 10:15 a.m.  Pre-Lenten talk of Bishop Hogan—7 p.m. WSAY and Affiliates
13 Confirmation, S. H. Cathedral, 3 p.m. Pre-Cana — cf. 2/6/72 & 2/11/72	14 Interim Diocesan Edu. Commission — Becket Hall — 8 p.m.  Pre-Cana, Coldwater — 7:45 p.m.	15 Interdep. Staff Meeting 1:30 p.m.	16 Ash Wednesday Fast and Abstinence Adv. Bd. Mtg.—11 a.m. Cath. Sch. Adm. Assoc. (Irondequoit) St. Ambrose — 3:30 p.m. Pre-Cana cf. 2/2/72	17 Bishop-Clergy Mtgs. at S.H. Cathedral and St. Chas., Roch., 10 a.m.	18 Abstinence Bishop-Clergy Mtg. at St. Monica's — 10 a.m.  Cursillo — cf. 2/4/72 Pre-Cana, cf. 2/11/72	19 Collection for Negro & Indian Missions  Campus Ministry Ecu- menical Workshop — SUNY — Geneseo 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
20 Collection for Negro & Indian Missions  Pre-Cana cf. 2/6/72 and 2/11/72 Pre-Cana — S.H. Cathedral — 8 p.m.	21 Washington's Birthday  Pre-Cana — cf. 2/14/72	22 Bishop-Clergy Mtg. at H. Family, Aub, — 10 a.m.  Pre-Cana — cf. 2/20/72	23 Bishop-Clergy Mtgs. at Corpus Christi and O.L. of Lourdes, Roch. 10 a.m.  Pre-Cana cf. 2/2/72	24 Pre-Cana cf. 2/20/72	25 Abstinence Bishop-Clergy Mtg. at St. Jos. Hosp., Elmira, 1:30 p.m.  Cursillo — cf. 2/4/72	26 Information Day for Sisters at Bosco House 10:15 a.m.
27 Pre-Cana, cf. 2/6/72 Pre-Cana, Cathedral — 8 p.m.	28 Bishop-Clergy Mtgs. at St. Mary, Cananda- gua and St. Margt. Mary Rochester— 10 a.m. Interim Diocesan Edu. Comm. — Becket Hall — 8 p.m. Pre-Cana cf. 2/14/72	29 Bishop-Clergy Mtg. at St. Ambrose — 10 a.m.				

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## Kenya Priests Study at Fisher

Life in America was a bit startling at first for Father John Mutiso and Father Gabriel Kimotho of Kenya, East Africa, who are attending St. John Fisher College for two years.

"After living in Kenya's dry climate, I found the low altitude and cold Rochester winter most difficult to adjust to," recalls Father Mutiso, with a sigh.

Father Kimotho, in contrast, comments that his first experience of snow was a "thrilling sight" — but after the initial excitement wore off, he, too, found himself longing for warmer weather.

Both priests are outstanding students, chosen for study in the U.S. by Monsignor William Kaiser, head of the Catholic Relief Organization in Africa. They are following the footsteps of the first two priests from Kenya, Bishop Ralph Ndingi and Father Nicodemus Kirima, who came to St. John Fisher College in 1967. Father Mutiso is from the Diocese of Machakos in Kenya where until

recently Bishop Ndingi, a graduate of Fisher in 1969, was bishop. He has recently been transferred to another diocese.

Sightseeing has occupied some of the leisure time for the East African priests.

"One of the most interesting sightseeing expeditions was to the Strasenburgh Planetarium and Kodak Park," said Father Mutiso. "It was so different — nothing I knew of in Africa could have prepared me for the sights I saw in Rochester."

Father Kimotho added that he was not impressed with Rochester's Midtown Plaza and the "huge department stores." "In Nairobi the largest store is Woolworth's, which is hardly comparable to any stores in Rochester," he said. The traffic on busy expressways amazed Father Kimotho. "I was astonished by the super-highways of America. In fact, I sat and watched the traffic for hours, mesmerized by its steady and unending flow. It was unbelievable."

In discussing Africa and its

religious traditions, both Fathers Mutiso and Kimotho commented on the missionary influence.

They feel that the European and American missionaries, not understanding or respecting the natives' culture, took away much of their religious tradition and reduced their culture.

"To Africans, religion is part of their daily routine, not just a once a week service," said Father Mutiso. "From the beginning, Africans have always worshipped one God, a God in Judaic form."

Father Kimotho added that "some tribes even today still believe in animal sacrifice, especially in times of drought or famine."

In Kenya, however, Christianity has made important contributions.

"The missions have brought educational and medical services to the people. As the people see Christianity fulfilling their physical and mental needs, the power of conversion



Fathers John Mutiso and Gabriel Kimotho

grows," Father Kimotho said. In many instances, if a man from a village becomes a priest, almost invariably his family and friends become converts to Catholicism.

At Fisher Fathers Mutiso and Kimotho have chosen an-

thropology/sociology as their major. The reason? "The study and understanding of cultures is a necessity," according to the priests. "We surely do not want to be as ignorant about other countries as some missionaries were about Africa."