



### Cenacle Party

Mrs. James Keenan, chairman of the annual card party for the benefit of the Cenacle retreat house, left, goes over program with former Bishop James E. Kearney, honorary chairman, and Sister Marie Halligan, superior of the Sisters of the Cenacle. Party sponsored by Women's Retreat League will be April 24, and will be open to all as an ecumenical event.

## World Day of Vocations ...Some New Approaches

By CHARLES RANDISI

The only intention for which Christ specifically asked his followers to pray was for vocations to his ministry, Father Gerald Connor recently said. This year the Ninth World Day of Prayer for Vocations will take place on April 23, the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Father Connor, diocesan vocations director, said that plans for this year's Vocation Sunday will center on "projecting a truer image of the life of a seminarian." Father Connor said that when a person is interested in the religious life, he or she often fears either too much encouragement or discouragement. Father Con-

nor wants to eliminate some of that fear.

He is asking that on the 23rd, each parish invite a nun, a brother, a Serran, or a seminarian from St. Bernard's or Becket Hall to speak on vocations. The guests will write their own speeches so that parishioners can be reached on a more personal, human level.

On April 23, parishioners throughout the diocese will be treated to a unique letter from Bishop Hogan. The letter will concern Vocation Sunday, and will not be read by the speaker but by the Bishop himself. This will be accomplished by the use of cassette tapes with Bishop Hogan's message.

The use of tapes for this purpose is a first for the diocese, but Father Connor said that it has been tried in Brooklyn and Vermont with much success.

Father Connor however, plans to communicate with the laity beyond this single day. Possible appointments of assistant vocation directors, vocation posters made by the Serra Club, radio advertising, pre-seminary programs for high school students, audiovisual material on vocations, a speakers' bureau, a college campus ministry, and an informal advisory board to promote vocations are only some of the ideas that Father Connor would like to implement in order to interest people in the ministry.

## April 16 Designated 'Right to Life Sunday'

The bishops of New York State have designated April 16 as Right to Life Sunday, it was announced by the State Cath-

### Bishop Hickey To Say Special Elmira Mass

Elmira — Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Hickey will celebrate a Pontifical Mass in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the Nocturnal Adoration Society at St. Peter and Paul's Church here on April 16.

The Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Following the Mass members of the society from throughout the Southern Tier area will hold a Communion breakfast in the church hall.

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olic Committee.

The theme behind the day will be the responsibility of each of us to "travel the path of life," Father Robert Collins, director of the Family Life office, explained.

"We should look at ourselves as a nation and realize the great resources we have to make life worthwhile and meaningful from its beginning to its end," Father Collins continued. Citing abortion and euthanasia, he said, "Perhaps we can use the money we are now spending on destruction of life for the preservation of life."

A Pro-Life march will be held in New York city going down 5th Avenue to Central Park, but the only observances scheduled for the day in the Rochester diocese will be liturgical.

Msgr. John Francis Neary, who was pastor of St. Michael's Church, Lyons, for 24 years died late Monday, March 27 at St. Ann's Home, at the age of 78. He had retired in 1968 because of ill health.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was principal concelebrant at a Mass of the Resurrection at St. Michael's Wednesday evening, March 29. Father Raymond Moore, chaplain of St. Ann's, preached the homily.

A prayer service led by Father Richard Orlando, pastor at Lyons, was held at 10:30 Thursday morning, followed by burial in the Priests' Section of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Msgr. Neary was born in Geneva, the son of John H. and Bridget Rose Kelly Neary. He attended St. Francis DeSales School, Geneva High School and St. Andrew's and St. Ber-

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## Father Vasile Ordination Set

"For everything there is a season," is the theme, and St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn, will be the place of ordination for Father Louis A. Vasile, Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the ordaining prelate for the son of Louis J. and Regina Santaniello Vasile, of Auburn.

Concelebrating the Mass will be Father John J. Nacca, pastor of St. Francis; Father Robert C. MacNamara, pastor of St. Ann's, Hornell; Father Albert Delmonte, associate pastor of St. Ann's; Father Herbert Sturmer, pastor emeritus of St. Pius V, Cohocton; Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, Cap.; Father Edward P. Callens, spiritual director for St. Bernard's Seminary; Father Edward Steinkirchner, director for the Intern Program; Father John J. Rainone, associate pastor at St. Mary's, Cranston, R.I.; Father John P. Putano, associate pastor of St. Anthony's, Utica; Father Joseph P. Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's; and Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor of St. Mary's, Auburn and dean of Cayuga County.

Rev. Mr. Roger Villiard will serve as deacon. Father Michael Conboy, secretary to Bishop Hogan, will be master of ceremonies. Serving the Mass will be Daniel Rice, John Foley, Joseph Fanelli, Thomas Capriotti and James Reposkey, all students at St. Bernard's.

John J. Bazyk, religion teacher at DeSales High School, Geneva, will serve as commentator. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vasile will be the lectors.

Robert Kennedy will be cantor; Miss Leona Dessena, of St. Ann's will be soloist; John Bartell, of St. Ann's, will be organist and the choir will be composed of members of St. Ann's Parish and students from St. Bernard's.

The offertory gifts will be presented by the new priest's parents.

"I came to serve," is the theme of Father Vasile's Mass of Thanksgiving, to be celebrated Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at St. Francis.

Concelebrating with Father Vasile will be Father Nacca,



FATHER VASILE

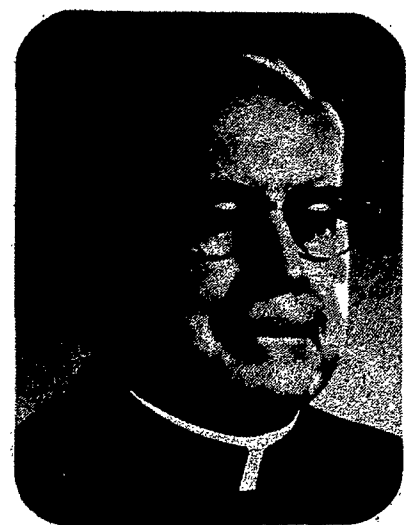
Father MacNamara, Father Brennan, Father James Buccharia, associate pastor, St. Mary's, Ticonderoga; Father David Callan, chaplain at Cornell University; Father Callens, Msgr. Cuffney, Father Paul J. Cuddy, chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell; Father Delmonte, Father Falcone, Father Lewis Fiorelli, OSFS, Father Joseph Haffey, pastor of St. Ignatius, Hornell; Father Ronald Harley, associate pastor of St. Charles Borromeo; Father Charles Latus, associate pastor of Blessed Sacrament; Father Edward Palumbo; Father Putano; Father Rainone; Father Reif, associate pastor of St. Michael's, Father David Simon, chaplain at DeSales; Father Sturmer, Father Steinkirchner, and Father Otto Vogt, pastor of St. Joachim's, Canisteo, and St. Mary's, Rexville.

Deacons for the Mass will be Rev. Mr. David Fedor, Rev. Mr. Paul Ryan, and Rev. Mr. Robert Weiss. Servers for the Mass are Thomas Cannon, Gary Colella, Steve Fiacco, Edward Morabito and James Willsey. The commentator is John Bazyk. The lectors are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brennan.

The soloist is Miss Dessena; John Bartell will be the organist; the choir will be composed of St. Ann's parishioners and seminarians, and the offertory gifts

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## Monsignor Neary Dies At 77



MSGR. NEARY

nard's Seminaries.

He was ordained by Bishop Thomas Hickey in the old St.

Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, in 1919.

After serving as assistant at St. Aloysius Church, Auburn for seven years and St. Monica's Church, Rochester for five years, he was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Church, Montezuma and St. John's Church, Port Byron. In 1937 he was assigned the parorate of St. Patrick's Church, Aurora, and in 1944 the parorate of St. Michael's, Lyons.

Bishop Kearney named him dean of the Wayne County Deanery in 1961 and Pope John XXIII elevated him to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor in 1962.

Survivors include his sister, Mrs. Harry (Catherine) Norton, of Rochester; his brother, Thomas, of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

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