

Leo Saeum Named Union President

The New York State Catholic Central Union, which met recently in Rochester, elected Leo P. Saeum of Rochester president.

The three-day convention adopted a resolution of the national convention on the Holy Father and formed and adopted a second resolution titled "The Layman's Concern."

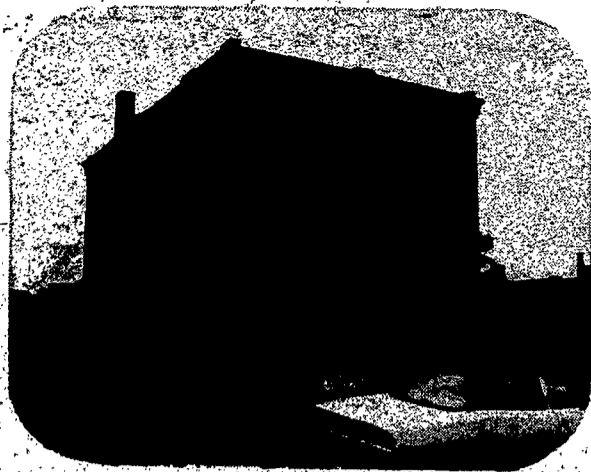
The National Catholic Women's Union, auxiliary to the group, held its state convention at the same time.

In "The Layman's Concern" the union noted that it was "deeply concerned with the present state of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States," and asked for prayers for "the cure of her ills, for the vindication of truth, and the universal return to loyalty and obedience to the Vicar of Christ and the Church's teaching Magisterium."

Catholics were warned by the group "that there are rampant dangerous forces in the actions, the preachings and writings of laymen and laywomen, as well as priests among them self-styled 'theologians,' Religious and some bishops who, in the name of renewal, flouting papal authority, would remake the Church of Christ, modify her doctrines, her moral code, her sacred liturgy, her internal structure, all according to their own personal specifications."

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and Father Joseph Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, addressed the convention.

Others from the Rochester area elected to state posts are Adolf K. Rister, third vice president; Joseph H. Gervais, recording secretary, and Mrs. Mary Schwind, honorary vice president.



For 80 of its 100 years, St. Mary's School was housed in the building pictured at left. For a while, the Sisters lived on the third floor. The present school, opened in 1961, has library, cafeteria, health room and 16 classrooms.

School to Note Centenary

Auburn — One hundred years ago September, the Sisters of St. Joseph set up their third grammar school in the Diocese of Rochester, converting the basement of St. Mary's Church into classrooms for 150 little girls.

During the year, the Willis Carriage Factory on Clark Street was turned into a school, boys were admitted and the student body quickly reached 400.

This auspicious beginning, as it is recorded in an anonymously written history of the Sisters, will be commemorated Sunday, Oct. 14, by the 106-year-old parish.

Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m., and a reception will follow at the Auburn Inn for parishioners, alumni and priests and sisters who have been associated with the school.

The arrangements made in 1873 by Father Miles J. Loughlin, D.D., pastor, served until the opening of a new building in January, 1881. This had been constructed at a cost of \$7,816 during the pastorate of Father William Mulheron. It was replaced in 1961 by the seventh pastor, Msgr. James D. Cuffney at a cost close to half a million.

Ten years ago, St. Mary's organized a school board — one of the first parishes in the diocese to do so. Thirty-nine graduates of

the school have become priests, and more than 50 others have entered religious orders, chiefly the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Charity, Schools Benefit From Frank Tormey Will

A bequest of \$25,000 will enable St. Thomas More parish to extend its charitable operations.

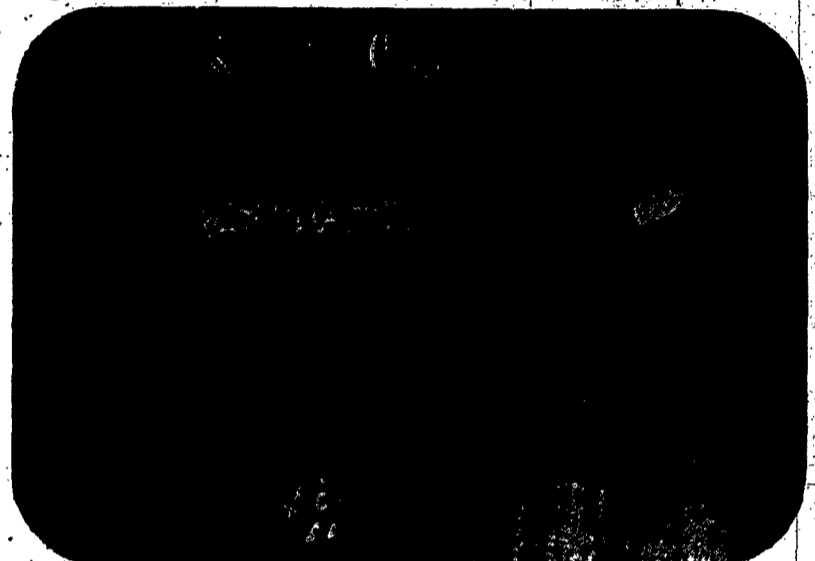
The late Frank J. Tormey, a parishioner, directed in his will that the pastor invest the money and "pay out of income and interest for five consecutive years, the sum of \$5,000 annually to needy and deserving Catholic churches and charitable organizations" of the diocese. Beneficiaries are to be designated by the pastor, currently, Father Francis Pegnam.

St. Bernard's Seminary, where his sons, Fathers Richard and Daniel Tormey, prepared for the priesthood, and the same amount to Our Lady of Mercy High School, where Father Richard served as chaplain for nine years.

Mr. Tormey was a vice president of General Foods Corp. when he retired in 1945. He died Sept. 6 at St. Ann's Home at the age of 83.

His will, probated last week, lists other bequests to friends and relatives, and provides that any residue be divided among his five sons.

Mr. Tormey also left \$10,000 to



Father Atwell is greeted by Rev. Hanson.

GEM, in New Quarters, Plans Noon Services

The Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, in new quarters at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, soon will offer regular noontime services, including Mass on Thursdays.

Father Henry Atwell, executive director, pointed out that GEM thus would show a "better balance of worship and social concern."

The agency moved Sept. 24 from offices in the Granite Building on East Main to Tyler House at the old church on Fitzhugh Street.

The move, which was about two months in the planning, was one of both convenience and economy, Father Atwell explained.

He said the new site would bring GEM closer to the many social agencies in the vicinity of Broad and Exchange Streets. GEM

itself coordinates services to Hanover Houses, the Jail Ministry, Judicial Process Commission, and the GEM Team on Urban Education. GEM also sponsors the local chapter of VISTA and an audio-visual library for religious education.

The space at St. Luke's was offered by the church's new rector, the Rev. Bruce Hanson. Father Atwell said since the church space was vacant, the move was better financially than "paying rent in a commercial area."

Mr. Hanson, citing the hundreds of people who work nearby in city, county and federal offices, and the many shops and business offices in the Four Corners area, as well as elderly residents at the Mariner House, said that he hoped St. Luke's could "attract enough people to make an exciting five-day noontime program."

Administrators Seek New School Aid Laws

The Catholic School Administrators' Association of New York State has challenged the Board of Regents to come up with new ways of aiding children in non-public schools, in the wake of the Supreme Court rulings.

"As the Black minority could not accept separate but equal, we likewise will not accept the new 'separate and unequal' principle that has been applied to our schools by an erroneous interpretation of the history of the First Amendment," said Brother Peter A. Pontolillo, SM, executive director. He spoke at a legislative hearing Sept. 13.

The administrators asked the Regents to draw up legislation around the following approaches:

- * A new Mandated Services Act.
- * State subsidy of physical

education and inter-scholastic athletics, especially in the loan of equipment to all schools.

* A dual enrollment bill providing for vocational and occupational education and aid to the handicapped.

* The loan of reading equipment, computer machinery and cable television equipment.

* The expansion of the present textbook law to include other materials.

* The adoption of a State Titles Program patterned after the existing federal program, especially in the areas of aid to libraries and to schools in poor areas and audio-visual equipment and materials.

* State funding for state-mandated fire alarm transmission equipment.

Palmyra Council Is Active

Palmyra — The Human Development Committee of St. Ann's has an average number of members — 10 — but that's about all that is average with this very active group. To begin with, every one who joined the committee last year was informed by Chairwoman Jackie Leysath that they would be committed to help for one year, at least once a month.

Another unusual aspect of the group — great effort has been made to involve members of the parish who are not members of the Human Development Committee in the committee's projects. If an idea originates within this group, some members of the group assume the responsibility for its implementation in the parish.

An example of this is the monthly Mass. The Committee decided that it would be a good idea to have one Mass per month with the theme of Human Development. This idea was inaugurated the third Sunday of September. The theme of the Mass was "Who Is MY Neighbor?" Banners, readings and music prepared by members of the parish carried out this theme. The music was provided by a newly formed folk choir, also an outgrowth of this committee.

Approximately 14 parish members have committed themselves to providing transportation for the elderly or sick, to doctors or hospitals.

Under the direction of Shirley McNaney, a volunteer project started this past summer at Newark State School: Handcrafts, a birthday party and some conversation are just a few of the things these volunteers did for a group of ladies at the school.

A new year is starting and Jackie is looking for some new members and ideas. Anyone interested in a year of service for others can call Jackie Leysath at 315/597-5711.

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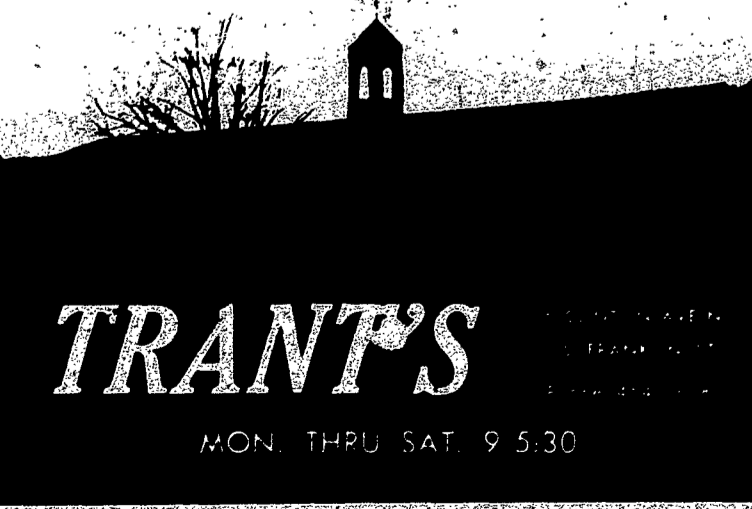
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