

Immaculate

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years, Father O'Hare managed to enlarge the school by adding basement rooms for society meetings, a parochial hall and six additional classrooms. Father O'Hare, who became vicar general of the diocese, died on Aug. 5, 1898 of appendicitis.

The next 23 years under Father Augustine O'Neil were prosperous times for the parish. The congregation of 4,000 was the largest in the diocese and school ranked as one of the largest with a student population of 900.

Father O'Neil constructed a convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph on Greig Street which was considered to have the best living facilities in the 1906 diocese. A parish magazine, a Cadet Band and Holy Name and Rosary societies were said to be among the largest in the nation.

At the end of Father O'Neil's life in 1921, the parish was thriving and completely out of debt.

Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, who was Immaculate's pastor for 30 years, made considerable progress in the material development of the parish properties.

He repaired the church, convent and rectory at the expense of \$2,100. The property he purchased on Glasgow and Edinburgh streets in 1926 became the new school. Despite a new indebtedness of \$260,000, Msgr. Cameron managed to get the parish debt-free by the time of his death in 1952.

The next pastor of the parish was Msgr. John S. Randall. A leading fund raiser for the diocese, he directed campaigns to build Bishop Kearney and Cardinal Mooney high schools. Drives grossing \$10.5 million for Nazareth and St. John Fisher colleges also were conducted under his leadership.

Managing editor of the Courier-Journal, he served two terms as president of the national Catholic Press Association. In 1966, he resigned from his pastorate to devote full attention to the diocesan newspaper.

From 1966 to 1973, Father Kreckel served as pastor. During these years the parish became a leader in social action and modern trends. It also was the time when there was an influx of poorer inner city families into the neighborhood.

To keep up with the neighborhood's new social and educational needs, Immaculate became a site for a Lighted Schoolhouse program which offered special education opportunities to area children. Head Start, a welfare office and an ecumenical church school came into the neighborhood through the doors of Immaculate.

The school also has changed. Children spend nursery school, kindergarten and first grade at St. Lucy's and from second to eighth grade at Immaculate. There is one white child in the school and approximately 65 per cent of the children are non-Catholics. In 1950, 60 per cent of the students were white Catholics.

Father Kreckel left Immaculate in 1973 to open the Church of the Resurrection in Fairport. Father Brennan, who was an assistant pastor, succeeded him.

The parish celebration already has included a Latin Mass, a nun's tea and a dinner-dance. The climax of the observance will be a 12:15 Mass on Dec. 8, celebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Pina Antonelli Plays in Hornell

Hornell — Pina Antonelli, was the featured soloist in the second concert of the season by the Hornell Symphony, Nov. 24 at Hornell High School.

A concert pianist with international acclaim, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Antonelli of 22 Cottage Ave. Miss Antonelli went to St. Ann's School and her music teacher was Sister Raymond Joseph. She studied at Eastman School of Music and the Manhattan School in New York City. She gave her first concert at the age of eight and performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra when she was 10.

At 15, Miss Antonelli played all the Mozart Sonatas in a series of five concerts in Philadelphia. In 1959 she was first place winner in the Washington International Bach Festival. She has studied with Jules Epstein and also with Paolo Spanuolo, Brune Eisner and Thaddeus Sadowski.

She has made two concert

tours of Europe and just recently completed a three week tour of the Soviet Union.

POPE RECEIVES ENVOY

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul received the credentials of the new Ambassador of the Philippines to the Vatican, Carlos Valdez, on Nov. 18. In a brief address of acceptance, the Pope said the Philippines had "an important role" to play in Asia "by exemplifying the Gospel and by promoting those fruits of true Christianity which are social equality, freedom from oppression, and justice and peace." In late August, the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines lodged a formal protest against the martial-law government of President Ferdinand E. Marcos. The document referred to the "climate of fear" in that country and voiced grave concern over curtailment of basic freedoms in what Mr. Marcos, who introduced martial law in 1972, calls the New Society.



Sister Mattilda Lahr instructs the primary department of Immaculate Conception School. Because of the present financial situation of the inner city schools, Immaculate's four, five and six-year-olds attend St. Lucy's and children seven to thirteen attend Immaculate.

Fr. Rahner Gets Campion Book Award

New York [RNS] — Father Karl Rahner, famed German Jesuit theologian, received the 18th Campion Award of the Catholic Book Club here "for his outstanding contribution to Christian thought." The award also marked the 50th year of the 70-year-old priest's publishing career.

In making the presentation at the headquarters of America, the Jesuit weekly review, Father John B. Breslin, S.J., chairman of the book club's editorial board, described Father Rahner as a scholar whose "influence has been felt at every level of the Church's life, from the Vatican Council (II), to college and seminary classrooms, to local parishes, where his pastoral approach to theological questions has laid the groundwork for renewal in the Catholic Church."

CIM Lists Sessions

Several more programs have been scheduled in the 12-session series on the Christian Institute of Man being run in the Chemung-Schuyler Region of the diocese.

The series challenges adults to look at modern technology as a spiritual question. An ecumenical group of laity and clergy, working with program coordinators Margery Nurnberg and Irene Navatta, have organized the series. Seven of the lectures were completed by Thanksgiving.

All sessions are at 8 p.m. Mondays in the Park Church, Elmira.

The remaining sessions:

Monday, Jan. 20 — "Recent Interpretations of Technology: William Kuhns", Dr. Ross Burke, Syracuse University.

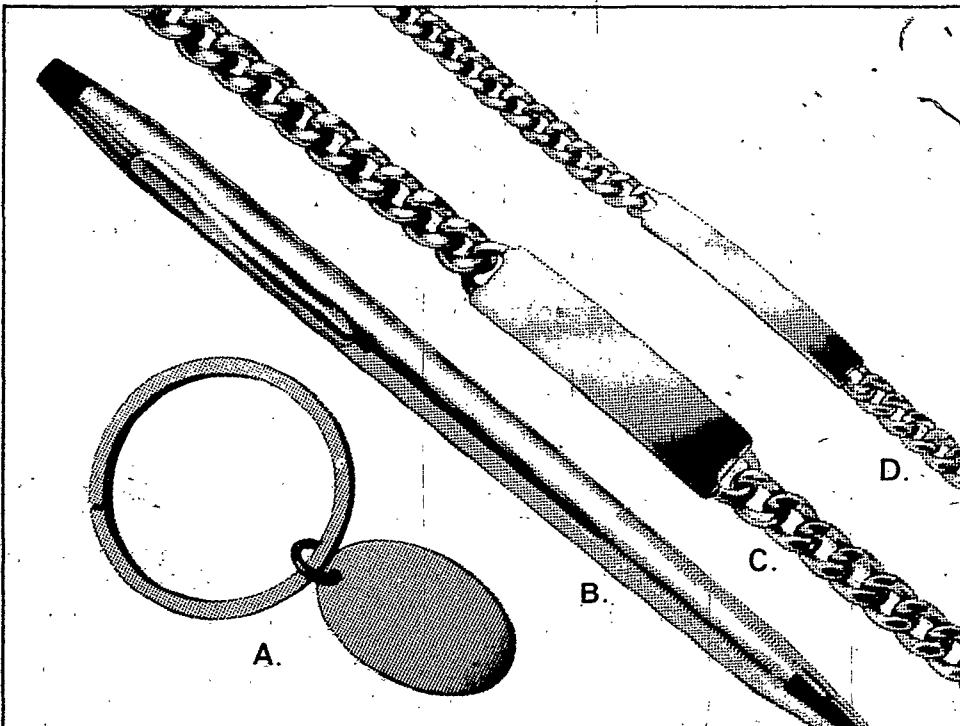
Monday, Jan. 27, "Jacques Ellul: The Alienation of Man from Himself in a Technological Society", Dr. Gabriel Vahanian, Syracuse University.

Monday, Feb. 3 "Teilhard de Chardin: A Christian Vision of the Future", Rev. Edward G. Zogby, S.J., LeMoyne College.

Monday, Feb. 10, "Moltmann: The Theology of Hope", Dr. James Wiggins, Syracuse University.

Monday, Feb. 17, "Sacred Stories of Technology and the Technology of Sacred Stories: The Rebirth of Interiority through Narrative", Dr. David Miller, Syracuse University.


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