



Posing with the poster advertising Rochester's Oktoberfest are Father Charles Bennett of Old St. Mary's Church, Kilian Schmitt, downtown entrepreneur; Robert Ferraro, a property manager with Cabot Management Corp., and Leo Saeum, president of the Kolping Society.

Religion a Part Of Oktoberfest

There's more to Oktoberfest than the gemütlichkeit, the sauerkraut, and the oompah bands. The Catholic German community of Rochester is seeing to it that an integral part of this year's celebration is a recognition of the Faith.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, Catholics will gather in Manhattan Square Park, the site for the Oktoberfest, and form a procession to St. Mary's Church where they will attend a German Language Mass at 3 p.m.

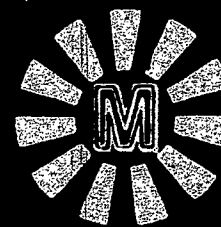
Celebrating that Mass will be Msgr. Charles Boyle, praeses of the Kolping Society.

At a meeting last week, planners of the event said that the Mass and the procession are integral parts of Oktoberfest throughout Catholic Bavaria and it is this tradition they wish to continue here.

In Rochester, Oktoberfest is a principally promotional device to draw crowds into the downtown area. The committee which brought the religious element to the observance includes Msgr. Boyle, Fathers Charles Bennett, Benedict Ehmann, Frederick Eisemann, and Winfried Kellner, as well as Robert Ferraro, Leo Saeum and Kilian Schmitt.

DIVORCED CATHOLICS

The divorced Catholics who meet at St. Charles Borromeo will have their own Oktoberfest Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Hof Brau House, 406 Lyell. A car pool will be organized to leave the church parking lot, Dewey Avenue and Maiden Lane, at 7:30 p.m.



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