

Good Shepherd Sets Jubilee Celebration

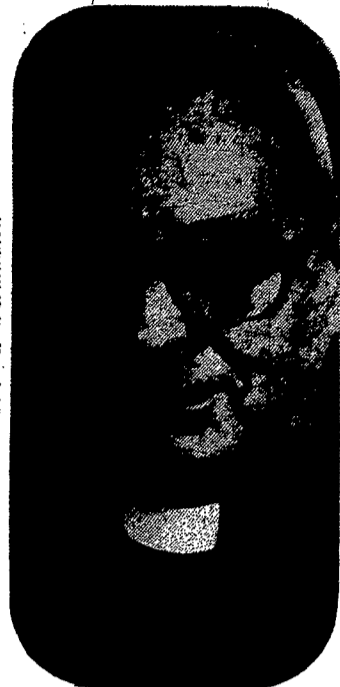
Good Shepherd Parish is planning a two-day party in a couple of weeks to honor its pastor emeritus on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Father George C. Vogt will be feted on Sunday, May 15 and Monday, May 16.

The Sunday celebrations include a Jubilee Mass at 2 p.m. followed by a parade of floats and parishioners to the County Fairgrounds where a reception will be held in Building Two. The Good Shepherd School Band and the Singing Shepherd Chorus will entertain.

On Monday evening, Logan's Party House will be the site for a Jubilee Dinner, beginning at 7 p.m. Former parishioners and friends have been invited to attend. Dinner reservations may be made by contacting Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hickey (334-5830), or Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashe (334-1845).

Father Vogt's anniversary date is June 10. The parish is anticipating the celebration because of previously



FR. GEORGE VOGT scheduled parish activities that week.

According to Father Robert Miller, co-pastor of the parish with Father Roy Kiggins, Father Vogt, although retired five years from the administration of the church, remains most active in the parish. He celebrates weekend and daily Masses, hears con-

fessions, teaches in school, and maintains the grounds and gardens as he did throughout his pastorate.

Ordained June 11, 1927 by Cardinal Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Father Vogt's first assignment was to Holy Family Church. He has served at St. Andrew's Seminary and was director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine until his assignment to Good Shepherd in 1946.

He also served as director of the Diocesan Rural Life Bureau.

VA Chaplains To Present Doctor-Priest

Canandaigua — Dr. George Freemesser, physician, psychiatrist and Basilian priest, will speak here May 9 at a National Hospital Week program organized by the chaplains at the Veterans Administration Hospital. His topics are Rushing Servants — anxiety in those who serve others, and Holistic Healing in a Spiritual Setting, team approach to the treatment of the whole person.

Dr. Freemesser, formerly of Rochester, has been on the staff of St. Basil's College in Toronto since 1975. He also teaches at the School of Theology, University of Toronto, and is associated with a rehabilitation center for clergy in the area. For several years he worked for various hospitals and other institutions in Houston, Texas, in the fields of psychiatry and pastoral theology. He is a brother of Father Paul Freemesser of St. Michael's, Rochester.

The chaplains' program is scheduled for 9 a.m. until 3:30 in the auditorium at the veterans' hospital. Staff members will take part in a panel discussion following Dr. Freemesser's afternoon lecture. Rabbi Judea Miller will be moderator. The invocation will be delivered by Father Edward Sullivan, CM, and the benediction spoken by the Rev. Kemp Powers Jr.



Scholarship Dinner

Photo by Susan McKinney

Members of Mother Cabrini Circle gather to plan a smorgasbord dinner for May 15 at Memorial AME Zion Church, 540 Clarissa Street. Seated from left to right are Margaret Byrne, secretary and charter member, and Nola DeRouen, president. Standing, left to right, are Jean Ingram, publicity manager; Dorothy Carroll, scholarship chairman, and Nannie Ingram, chairman. The dinner, an annual event, helps raise money to send black students to Catholic high schools.

Father Brennan To Be Honored May 9

Father Joseph P. Brennan, who ends his 11-year tenure as rector of St. Bernard's Seminary June 1, will be honored at a testimonial reception and dinner on May 9.

The reception begins at 6 p.m. in the Diplomat Room of the Mapledale Party House. Principal speaker will be Rev. David M. Murphy, director of the Washington Theological Consortium and former academic dean at St. Bernard's.

Bishop Robert R. Spears, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, will offer grace before the meal and Bishop Joseph Hogan will give the closing remarks.

"The seminary is looking forward to the opportunity to honor Father Brennan on May ninth. Those of us who have had the great privilege of working with him at the seminary, as well as those who are studying and who have studied at SBS, are grateful for his leadership. While looking forward to paying tribute to Father Brennan, we are anxious to

FOR CLERGY

Area clergymen are invited to a meeting at 1:30 p.m. May 5 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira for a discussion of the proposed consolidation of maternity services in Chemung County.

celebrate the past, present and future of Saint Bernard's Seminary," said Matthew R. Paratore, director of seminary relations and chairman of the dinner.

TOWARD TOMORROW

Fr. Henry Atwell

Despite a gap of more than 30 years, I still recall with pleasure the professors and their classes at St. Bernard's Seminary. I have kept my notes and still refer to them in, however, only one subject — Church History, as taught by Father Robert McNamara. My notes in other subjects have long since given way to the new liturgy, the new theology since the Second Vatican Council.

I especially remember the day in history class, as Father McNamara described some now-forgotten episode of long ago, that it dawned upon me as if by some revelation that the Church was a living, growing, changing institution, made strong by the strengths of its members, weakened by the weaknesses of others, and through all this humanness, nonetheless driven on by some force which believers call divine. Previously I had somewhat of the notion that the Church had been established by Jesus Christ quite the same way as Kodak makes its cameras — finished, complete, ready to operate, no adjustments necessary.

The insight that the Church was dynamic, not static, equipped me for the notorious "changes" soon to sweep through the Church through the great encyclicals of Pope Pius XII on the Mystical Body of Christ, Sacred Scripture, the Divine Liturgy and then through the great Council of Pope John XXIII. For those who were not given this insight the changes have been an intolerable burden and for these people I have immense pity.

Now comes a book that describes a man who, after Pope John, probably did more to carry the Church into the future than any other person I can think of — Jesuit Father John Courtney Murray. His biography by Sulpician Father Donald Pelotte describes a watershed chapter in church history and most of us have been witnesses and participants in it.

Although Father Murray's special topic was religious liberty — a freedom we Americans take for granted — many prelates at the Vatican Council thought Spain was the Catholic ideal, the Church and State mutually reinforcing one another where Catholics were a majority and "freedom" only tolerated where Catholics were a minority.

The drama of that debate was far larger than probably even Father Murray realized at that time. His theological opponents prevented his attending the first year's council sessions; but, thanks chiefly to Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York, Father Murray became a council advisor and finally the architect of its magnificent document on Religious Liberty, Dignitas Humanae.

By adopting the attitude of freedom rather than the Spanish attitude which gave us the Inquisition, the Church stepped at last from the Dark Ages into an open, unafraid relation with all people of good will, whether they share our faith or not.

One young theologian remarked about the book, "But we now know so much more than Murray did." Yes, of course! And one of the important things we know is Father Murray!

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