

# Century-Old Notre Dame Organ Given To St. Mary Our Mother

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**Horseheads**—An organ that has provided music in Notre Dame University's Sacred Heart Church since 1875 has been given to St. Mary Our Mother parish for use in its new church, currently being planned.

St. Mary Our Mother parishioners traveled to South Bend last week, dismantled and crated the organ, and transported it to Horseheads for temporary storage.

The large organ, with 2,500 pipes, was installed in 1875 in the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame campus. It underwent rebuilding in 1962, and currently is in need of further work. Notre Dame received a new organ as a gift, and decided to give the old organ to a Catholic

Church under the condition that it be used for worship.

Father David Fedor, St. Mary Our Mother associate pastor, was at Notre Dame last December, looking into further education; he is currently attending summer school there. He proposed that the organ be given to St. Mary Our Mother, and had it inspected by two organ rebuilders. Their conclusion was that the organ could be rebuilt, and Father Fedor received the support of the parish building committee in his efforts to obtain the organ for the parish's new church.

Recently Father Fedor received a communication from the provost of Notre Dame, Father James T. Burchaell, CSC, notifying him that "the University of Notre Dame will allow the Church of St. Mary Our Mother to dismantle and

remove the organ in Sacred Heart Church at no cost...I do hope that this instrument, which has a history of use at this University, is able to be rebuilt in a way that will help the people of your church to worship with full hearts."

The organ represents "not only a financial savings" for the parish, Father Fedor noted, but "historic dimensions" that can't be purchased. He added that when he announced at weekend Masses that the parish would receive the organ, four Masses broke into applause. "I never expected it to be received as well as it was," he commented.

Father Fedor estimated that an organ of similar size today would cost about \$100,000. Rebuilding expenses should not exceed the amount the parish budgeted for an organ for the new church, he explained, and when the work is completed, the parish will have an organ approximately three times as large as could have been purchased new.

St. Mary Our Mother has an extensive music tradition; the parish has four active choirs, totalling 110 members, which perform in the community as well as lead the singing for parish liturgies.

An architect recently was hired for the new church, and the parish hopes the church will be completed in two years. Father Fedor explained that the organ will be transported to a rebuilder, who will take 12 to 18 months to rebuild the organ, and then install it in the new church.

When Notre Dame repaired the organ in 1962, Father Fedor noted, the workmanship was lacking. The windchests were

replaced, and it was later discovered that the ones used were taken from a 40-year-old organ. Rebuilding will involve building new windchests, and refitting the organ for the new church.

For the trip from Notre Dame special packing crates had to be constructed to hold the pipes, the longest of which is 19 feet long. Father Fedor noted that the lumber needed was donated, and that the men who traveled to South Bend to dismantle and pack the organ and bring it to Horseheads also donated their time.



Father O'Malley, during his farewell reception, standing with Sister Mary Agnes (left), the current principal of St. Mary's Academy, and Sister Mary Margaret, the school's first principal.

## Father O'Malley Feted by St. Mary's

**Bath**—More than 600 friends and parishioners of Father John P. O'Malley honored him at a farewell reception at St. Mary's Sunday, June 19. Father O'Malley, pastor of St. Mary's for the last 18 years, is now the pastor of Holy Cross Church, Rochester.

During the reception, a portrait of Father O'Malley

will be hung in the entrance of St. Mary's Academy as a remembrance of his devotion and dedication to children and to the school, which was founded during his pastorate.

Father O'Malley celebrated a farewell Mass Sunday, June 26, which was broadcast by a local radio station.



Certificate of Merit

Charles King (right), representing the parishes of Auburn and Owasco, received a certificate of merit on June 16 at the annual meeting of the Cayuga County Chapter of the Red Cross. The parishes sponsored a very successful blood drive last summer replenishing blood supplies that were badly needed. Presenting the certificate was Robert Maier, Red Cross Volunteer Blood Chairman.

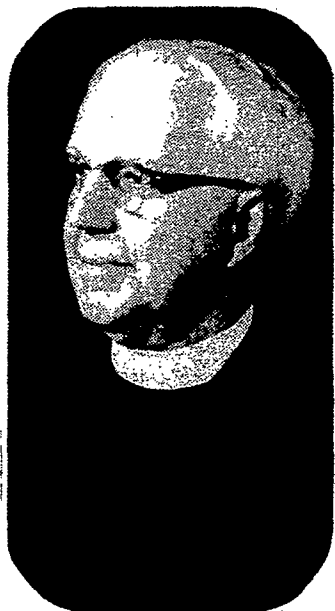
## Father Brill Honored On 45th Anniversary

**Corning**—Father John W. Brill, assistant pastor of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination on two recent Sundays.

On June 11, the actual anniversary date, he offered a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Vincent's, and on the 19th he was guest of honor at a dinner given by priests of five area parishes at the Lodge on the Green in Painted Post.

Father Brill is the last surviving parish priest in this diocese from the St. Bernard's class of 1932. Because of ill health, he retired in 1955 from the pastorate of St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport, and St. Patrick's, Prattsburg, and he has been here for the past 19 years. His remaining classmate of the eight ordained with him for the Rochester diocese is Father Stanislaus Bialaszewski, long associated with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Bath.

Father Brill, a native of Silver Creek, attended St. Ann's parish school and Hornell High School before entering the diocesan seminary. He has served at Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's and



FATHER BRILL

Blessed Sacrament in Rochester; Holy Family, Auburn; St. Stephen's, Geneva, and St. Ann's, Hornell. Briefly, he was chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital and administrator of St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario.

The priest's relatives are a sister, Mrs. Henry Conley, and her son, Peter, both of Silver Creek, and two nieces Mrs. Phillip Skidmore of Painted Post and Mrs. Gary Ludwick of Charlotte, N.C.

## CHD Officers Faculty Named

**Geneva**—The Campaign for Human Development Board met here on June 18 to elect new officers for the coming year. The board is the policy making body of the Campaign in the Diocese of Rochester.

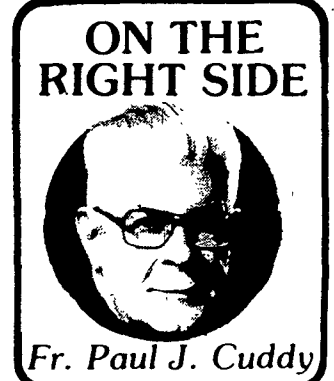
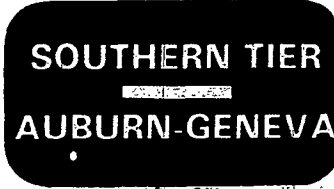
The officers are Mrs. Jean H. Cardinali, reelected for a third term as president; James Donley, to the newly created vice-president position; and Mary Cunningham, secretary.

### DCG PICNIC

**Canisteo**—The divorced Catholics group of St. Joachim's is sponsoring a picnic for members and their families Sunday, July 10, beginning at 1 p.m. Those wishing further information should contact Father Thomas Burr, St. Joachim's pastor.

## Bowling Reunion

**Geneva**—The St. Stephen's Club former bowling league will hold a reunion picnic at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at the American Legion Home on Lochland Rd. The bowling league was very popular in both St. Stephen's and St. Francis DeSales, parishes and lasted some 20 years. Many area priests also participated, including Bishop Hogan.



**Scotland**: I have rarely met a Jesuit whom I liked; and I have never met a Scot whom I didn't like immediately.

Four days in Scotland were a delight. The country is beautiful. The people are warm hearted — not the least like "the dour Scot" of caricature. They have a history of national pride similar to the Irish. Both are Celtic peoples.

We had run into a tour snag in London, so I phoned the tour agency and left a blistering report, expressing dissatisfaction with the London arrangements and

concluding, "Will CIE give us the same indifferent service in Scotland?" The Dublin office contacted the Scotland tour office and must have said, "Give them the kid glove treatment!"

Well, they did. We had the finest courier, a 30 year old soft-spoken alert David Black, who bent over backward to give service and confidence. He had a brand new bus, and a well developed schedule.

**Edinburgh** (pronounced Edin-boro) was our first landing. The first night was a Scottish banquet, complete with a miniature of Scotch whiskey, the traditional haggis, and bagpipe. After the banquet we had an evening of Scottish singing and dancing. Ovid's Harold Cuer, Geneva's Bob Nenko, and Rochester's John O'Hara were hauled out to dance with the Scottish dancers, and they performed creditably.

**Edinburgh Castle** is atop a high hill overlooking the city. It is haunted with history, e.g. Mary Queen of Scots bore James VII in a tiny room there, which we all visited. It stirred our memories of that Queen of romance and hard fortune beheaded by Elizabeth I; and of her son who succeeded Elizabeth — and under whom the King James Version of the Bible was accomplished.

The main guide of the Castle was still thrilling over the recent visit "of the greatest man in the United States." It turned out he meant Bing Crosby, who had been there the previous week. He thrilled the older Scots. He enthralled the young. That the young Scots should delight in a popular entertainer who is no weirdo is a hopeful sign.

**Scottish clergy**... Our David Black, who is a charismatic Protestant, took us to Edinburgh Cathedral. The 12:15 Saturday Mass had just finished. I interrupted the young celebrant, Father Glancy, making his thanksgiving: "Father, we are 27 Americans. Will you give us a quick history of this place?" He did, graciously and succinctly. He had written a folder account of

the Cathedral which he gave us with a modest pride.

When I thanked him, he said, "If you are free, stop for a visit tonight after 7:30." I did. It turned out that the rectory Saturday night dinner was at 7:30, and I was invited to join the four: The Rector, Msgr. Quille; an energetic Father Kerr; a smiling quiet young Father Robinson; and a dynamic Fr. Ian Murry, the R.C. chaplain of Sterling University. Fr. Glancy, who invited me, was at a mission some miles away.

The rectory reminded me of the rectory in Barry Fitzgerald's and Bing Crosby's "Going My Way" old fashioned, unpretentious, unmatched furniture, cared for by Mary Tully. The conversation, dominated largely by the acute University chaplain, who had gone to the Scots Seminary in Spain, was much like our own at home, excepting it was almost devoid of the banter which characterizes most American rectories: concern for the Church, both universal and local; charismatic trends; problems of bishops, especially with the emphasis on psychology, sociology and economics; and a demphasis of the supernatural, especially Grace through Jesus Christ. Fr. Murray was enthusiastic over Pope Paul's recent document on Mission, and said, "My Baptist chaplain confrere said, 'The Pope is saying what we should be saying.' If these priests are typical of the Scottish clergy, the Church is well served.

**A Gift**: When I told Msgr. Quille I was from Rochester, N.Y., he exclaimed, "Why that is where Archbishop Sheen is?" I replied, "He was, but he retired and is giving retreats and conferences all over the States." On leaving, I said, "May I make this gift to your household?" and presented a set of Abp. Sheen's Gary Retreat Conferences. We can expect Sheen thoughts wrapped in Scottish burr to be resounding throughout Edinburgh Diocese.

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