



Proud Dancers

The Penrose Irish Dancers proudly display their Junior Choreography awards (first place in the Rochester Feis, and first place in the Buffalo Feis). In front row from left: Donna Argento, Melanie Judge; second row: Michelle McGuigan, Kristin Galvin, Joan Curran, Heather Dry, Heather Daly; third row: Eileen Curran, Colleen Neary, Maureen Daly, Debbie Argento, Maureen McAraney; fourth row: Desmond Penrose, Elizabeth Penrose.

Eyewitness

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me do, and once I saw what my people would have me do, I said: 'Let the work go on.' It has gone on as you see, and with such success as you can all judge for yourselves.

"Eight hundred years ago St. Bernard was born, in Burgundy. He had all the advantages of high birth and wealth, but he also had what no birth can give and what no money can buy, a good and a sensible mother. It is the mother who makes the priests. I would not dare to put up a seminary like this did I not know that in the diocese there are hundreds of holy families presided over by loving, Christian mothers. When St. Bernard was born his mother offered him to God. Many mothers of the present day do the same thing. It is the mother who lays hold of the heartstrings of the child and draws him near to herself and brings him close to God.

"Just as the shrub planted out there with the rays of the sun falling down upon it grows into the beautiful tree, but if some vile hand plants around it noxious weeds it is choked and stunted, so the mother watches around the child and rears him to whatever he becomes.

"And that is why I desire to call this St. Bernard's Seminary. The man became a person of note in his country. St. Bernard was eminently a man of the people, one of them and laboring for them, and when the haughty barons of his day would trespass upon their right they found in St. Bernard a man who would stand up before them and demand for them their rights. St. Bernard was also a learned man, a student of all the deep questions of his time.

"I might speak longer about this great saint, but it would take too long to enumerate all his good deeds. Only this point will I call your attention to: In the eleventh century there was desire all over Europe to rescue the Holy Land from the heathen. So this man went forth and preached the gospel of a crusade. And in the niche in the front of this building will stand a statue of the holy monk, in one hand a Bible and in the other, uplifted, a cross. It will be an everlasting inspiration to the students of

this Seminary and become what the saint truly was, a soldier of the cross. A true priest is a soldier of the cross, ready to live for it, ready to die for it.

"You know how in the early history of the diocese the Seminary of St. Andrew down by the Bishop's house, was founded, and of the work that has been going on there from that day to this. There are our picked ones. Many have left there and have gone to Troy and to Rome and wherever they have been they are noble representatives of the school in which they received their early training. We are not ashamed at St. Andrew's graduates in the colleges or in the university, and when the day comes when we can jail them all in these halls we shall be proud of them for the records they will be able to show.

"Some will ask, perhaps, when looking at this structure: Why give the young men such a palace? Why give each one a room? You who so speak know little of the lives these students lead. I do not feel like putting upon them one hour of pain or difficulty that is not necessary for their advancement and training. I do not propose to send out to you poor weaklings that you will have to care for from the beginning. I would give you men with strong bodies and clear minds who will be not only learned in their theology, but also in useful knowledge of the world.

"You of the laity will rejoice to see the prosperity, which you have so generously aided and from which will come for future time your pastors and the pastors of your children. I have sought to make this seminary building worthy of the diocese, worthy of the purpose for which it has been erected, and thoroughly adapted for the work to be done, for the health of the inmates, and for the convenience of everyone dwelling within it. No effort has been spared to make provision for the health and convenience and comfort of the young men who are to stand within its walls six of the best years of their lives.

"Tis not exactly the kind of address that I intended to give to you, that I have made this afternoon, but I am like a

father seated in the midst of his family.

"Now let me give you a little history. I have heard many prices placed upon this building. Some have said that we would not sell out for \$300,000, \$500,000. No, we would not sell out for \$1,000,000. It has been consecrated to God's service for the training of young Levites to the sanctuary, and no money can get it away from me.

"But where did all this money come from that has built the seminary? How did the bishop get it? Now listen. I see you want to know. Twelve years ago I had before my mind just what now is partially completed. Twelve years ago I began saving the money offered for prayers for the dead for the accomplishment of the plan that was in my mind. From this and other sources the money poured in upon me. Are not the foundations of this structure built upon solid ground?"

"My sixty-seven priests, most of them living out in little country places where they can hardly make both ends meet, with a spirit worthy of their holy vocation have promised that by the year 1893, they will place in my hands, or in the hands of my successor, over \$41,000. The deed has never been equaled in history. I need no praise them. God knows their hearts and reads their minds much better than I can. And the people of the congregations of the churches have been noble followers in the footsteps of the priests. The 75,000 Catholics in the diocese, including the last baby born in Rochester, have contributed to the building fund of the seminary \$22,424.05.

Keep in Shape: Marathon Set

A final report regarding the Oct. 25, 1980 Catholic Schools Marathon sponsored by the New York State Federation of Catholic Parents and locally arranged by the Rochester Chapter and the Knights of Columbus has been issued. According to the report, Bishop Matthew H. Clark and 2,000 other people representing 42 elementary and five high schools participated in the event. Gross receipts were announced at more than \$38,000 dollars. The amount obtained from business sponsorship of Bishop Clark for his scholarship fund was given at \$1,796.

Oct. 3 is the date given in the report for this year's marathon and it is hoped that the earlier date will bring better weather for the event. There is no doubt in the mind of Mrs. Gina Ouwelien, president of the Rochester

Federation of Catholic Parents, that last year's "atrocious weather" dealt a blow to the turn out. "Financially," she said, "it was not the success anticipated but

showed it has potential. In terms of its being a demonstration to the community of our commitment to our schools it was an unqualified success."

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DFC Sets Rehearsals For Concert

The Diocesan Festival Choir goes into rehearsal next Sunday, Jan. 18, in preparation for its annual Spring Concert, which this year will feature the Te Deum by Russell Woollee, Mass for a September Pope by William Ferris, and shorter works by such composers as Eugene Englert, John Ruttler, Erik Routley, Alexander Pelouquin, and Richard Proulx.

Sister Virginia Hogan, SSJ, founded the DFC in 1974. Choir members rehearse on Sunday evenings in the chapel of Becket Hall, at St. John Fisher College, at 7:45 p.m.

The concerts employ between 75 and 80 voices drawn from parish choirs throughout the Rochester area. Further information is available by calling (716) 223-9006.

Memorial Mass Scheduled

Elmira — There will be a memorial service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Dunn Chapel.

The Pastoral Care Department of St. Joseph's Hospital, sharing in the grieving of those who have experienced a death in the family, plans the worship service every two months during the year for all those who have died at St. Joseph's within that period. All families of the deceased are invited to the service and to a small social gathering which will follow.

Topic Success

The St. Charles Divorced Catholics Group will hear George Behrens speak on "Success Dynamics" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 4, at the St. Charles School Library, 3003 Dewey Ave.

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