

Bishop Kelly to Be Red Mass Homilist

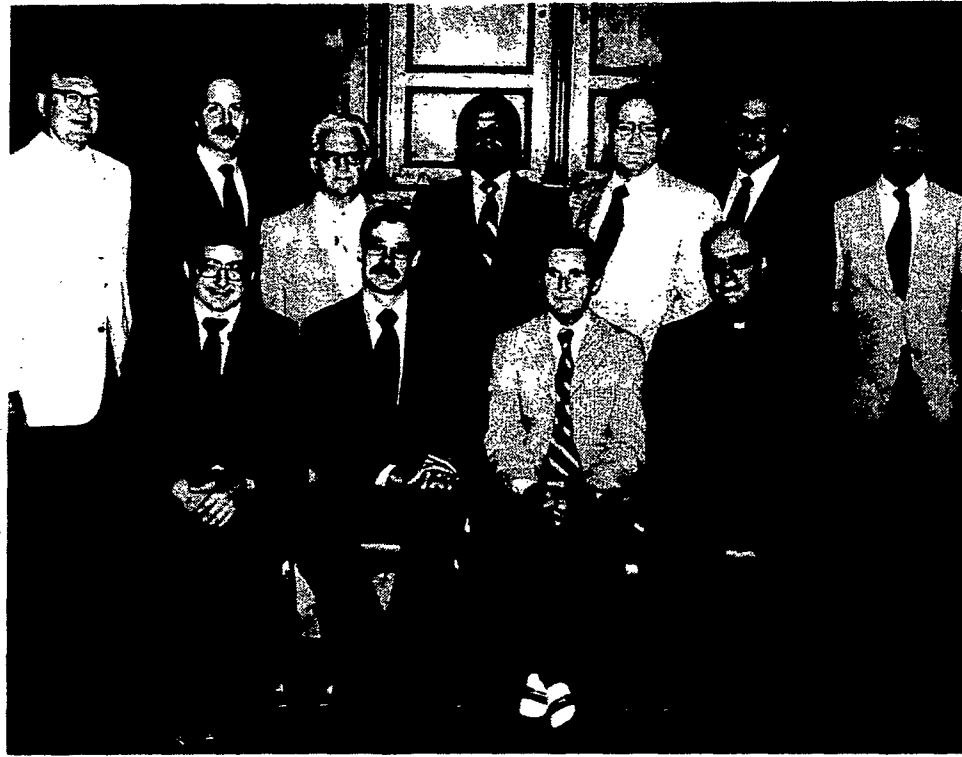
Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, general secretary of the United States Catholic Conference, will deliver the homily at the 36th annual celebration of the Red Mass at 12:15 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, at St. Mary's Church in downtown Rochester.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be celebrant of the Mass which marks the opening of the courts after the summer recess.

Bishop Kelly is a Rochester native and his father Thomas A. Kelly Jr., who died in 1935, was a lawyer.

The tradition of the Red Mass dates back to the Fourth Century and it is an invocation for spiritual guidance and blessing for members of the legal profession, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. It was started in Rochester in 1945 by Bishop James E. Kearney at the request of Eugene R. Cusker.

Since 1975, the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild, an association of some 100 lawyers, has sponsored the Mass. John F. Burke and Gerald Barrett are co-chairmen of the Red Mass Committee.



Directors of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild include, front row, from left, William P. Polito, president; William D. McGinn, secretary; Robert J. Hirsch, treasurer, Msgr. Gerard Krieg; back row, Robert J. Edelman, Vincent M. Barone, Joseph Fischette, Joseph G. DeMaria, Hon. Joseph G. Fritsch, Vincent P. Mitrano, Ronald J. Buttarazzi.

William P. Polito, who was recently elected president of the guild, said, "We are honored and pleased that Bishop Kelly has accepted our invitation to speak at the Red

Mass. We need to continue to bring to the attention of our legal profession the critical issues of law and morality, and their high responsibility in finding solutions consistent

with the traditional Judeo-Christian ethics upon which our government is premised."

The Lawyers Guild also provides programs for the spiritual development of its members, such as an annual retreat, and the encouragement of volunteer service programs for the handicapped, elderly and imprisoned.

The public is invited to the Red Mass.



Diocesan Youth

More than 100 young people and youth ministers from the diocese recently attended the seventh Annual National Catholic Charismatic Conference for young people, and the second such meeting for youth ministers at the University of Steubenville in Ohio. Parishes represented included Nativity, Brockport; St. Mary and St. Patrick, Elmira; St. Mary, Corning; Cornell Catholic Community, Ithaca College, and Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit, Webster; St. Mary, Ontario; St. Ambrose, St. John the Evangelist, St. Augustine, Corpus Christi, Rochester; St. Michael, Newark; St. Michael, Penn Yan; St. Lawrence, St. John the Evangelist, Greece; St. Leo, Hilton; St. Helen, Gates; St. Pius the Tenth, Chili; Good Shepherd, Henrietta; and St. William, Conesus.

CYO Youth Day Grows Into Interfaith Event

By John Dash

It was bound to happen. Even as the organizers were frantically trying to register the crush of teens and adults at last year's Youth Day, the word was spreading through the halls. "We've got to do this again next year."

And so, the Catholic Youth Organization last week announced that Youth Day 1981 will take place Oct. 4 at Monroe Community College.

Originally Youth Day was a showcase for CYO programs, staged during the National Catholic Charities convention in Rochester last year. This year's program has been extensively overhauled and is billed as "an interfaith gathering for youths and adults."

Anne Wegman, the CYO staffer who is coordinating the effort, said last week that besides the CYO, Asbury First Methodist Church, Midrasa Community High School for Jewish Studies,

the Office of Black Ministries, the American Baptist Church and the Basilian Fathers are contributing to the program.

Movies will be shown all day, new games will be organized, a drama will be presented, a music festival will be staged, workshops are planned on a variety of concerns to both youths and adults, and separate worship services will be conducted during the day.

"The purpose of Youth Day is to draw youths and adults from various faith backgrounds together to learn about each other and issues affecting our lives.

"It is our intention to support youths in their faith commitment and to encourage greater understanding and acceptance of our own faiths and that of each other," promotional literature for the day states.

Further information on the day and pre-registration forms are available at the

CYO, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604; (716) 454-2030.

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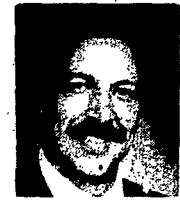
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