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Thousands Love and Respect for Father Baker, National Figure in Charity, On 55th Anniversary

STEADY PROCESSION OF ADMIRERS ALL SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING TO VICTORIA HALL TESTIFY TO GREAT ESTEEM WITH WHICH FATHER BAKER IS HELD BY FELLOW TOWNSMEN AND VISITORS FROM NEARBY PLACES

In a steady, all-day log procession both afternoon and evening of last Sunday, thousands of local and vicinity friends of Monsignor Nelson H. Baker, went to Victoria Hall, connected with Our Lady of Victory Parish, to pay tribute to the modern Apostle of charity who that day observed his fifty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Marveling that in more than half a century of consistent effort, Father Baker has spread his good deeds to people who have scattered successfully over the entire nation, local admirers of Father Baker realized that this celebration, picked up by great press associations, was of much more than strictly local observance.

Indeed throughout the nation many men and women passed in their respective duties by prayer or well wishes pay tribute to the great leader of charity right here in Lackawanna. Father Gerlach in Charge

The Rev. Herman Gerlach, for nineteen years assistant to Father Baker in the nationally-known institutions over which the venerable monsignor presides. He was early assistant in many parishes in charge. He was ably assisted by members of the Ladies Aid Society of Our Lady of Victory Infants Home. Perpetuating a custom instituted in 1890 boys of the institution presented an entertainment. This was given at night.

The life of Father Baker provides a thrilling story, spiced with remarkable incidents, a tale of a man who devoted his life to poor boys a life which in many ways parallels that of St. Vincent de Paul.

B. J. Boland's Tribute The address of Berchmans J. Boland on the great deed of Father Baker, which was one of the features of the evening celebration, will long be remembered by every listener.

It is no wonder that he chose this locality for his life-work. He was a western New York boy born and bred, and all his interest was centered in this section.

From Niagara University Father Baker is the oldest living alumnus of Niagara University. He is a native Buffaloian, having been born near where St. Mary's Church now stands at Broadway and Pine street.

His inspiration abroad The inspiration which saved Father Baker his vision was received two years before his ordination when returning from a visit of homage to Pope Pius IX he visited the shrine, Notre Dame des Victoires, in Paris.

Nightly Enterprise Now The many institutions which Father Baker has founded and managed so successfully now are valued at twenty-five millions of dollars, a stupendous sum that represents a time-enduring monument to the founder's greatness.

Two Big Organizations Start on Extensive Plans for Two-day Carnival in Memorial Hall in Fall. Council Cooperates.

Under the direction of Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann of this city, at present away on an extended southern trip, two big local organizations will conduct a two-day carnival in Memorial Hall on Monday and Tuesday, October 5 and 6 according to tentative plans submitted to the Lackawanna common council in a request for use of Memorial Hall, at the last regular council meeting.

Public Pedro Party and Dance Thursday evening, March 19, 1931, a public pedro party and dance will be held at the Pythian Temple auditorium 118 East Union street under the auspices of the Pythian Temple Building Assn.

Royal Neighbors Royal Neighbors of America, Buffalo Camp, 4674, will hold a Card Party and Dance in the new Armentine hall, cor. South Park and Sheffield, Monday evening, March 23, 1931. Agnes Griffin is chairman.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRATS HERE TO REPEAT PREVIOUS ELECTION TRIUMPHS AS FACTIONS PREPARE FOR CAMPAIGN

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Mrs. Baldwin Heads Charities County Dept.

Woman Who organized first County Division Six Years Ago, Called upon again for Charities Campaign.

The leader of the County Division in the Joint Charities & Community Fund campaign this year is Mrs. Raymond S. Baldwin. Mrs. Baldwin organized the first county committee under the women's division in the campaign of 1925. Since then she has worked in other volunteer capacities in this Division, seeing it grow until it is one of the largest in the entire organization of volunteers making this annual appeal. The dates for the campaign this year are May 1st to 12th.

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IF EVER ANY BUSINESS NEEDED THOROUGH CLEANING UP, SAYS NEW YORK INVESTIGATOR, ITS MONEY-LENDING BUSINESS. THOUSANDS OF BORROWERS AT MERCY OF LOAN SHARKS.

Loan sharks throughout the United States are now fattening their bank accounts with the profits of more than \$1,000,000,000 which they have farmed out in small sums to wage earners and salaried employees, according to figures made public by William G. Shepherd of New York and sent to the Lackawanna police department forwarding to local wage earners.

Spanish Club to Dance Further plans were completed this week for the Spanish-American Citizens public entertainment and dance under the auspices of the Lackawanna Hispano Club Inc. in Memorial Hall Ridge Road, on Saturday, April 25.

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Catholic Charity Goal \$473,265

Lackawanna Committee headed by Monsignor Nelson H. Baker, Rev. H. J. Gerlach and John Sullivan as Chairmen.

The persons for the general committee to have charge of the Eighth Annual Catholic Charities Campaign in District No. 4, which comprises parishes in Erie County, was announced today by the Rev. Francis Radziszewski, manager of District No. 4. Rev. J. B. Howley, assistant manager, Richard E. Mulroy, lay-chairman.

The committee has been working hard to make the campaign a success and confidence has been expressed that the various teams to conduct the appeal will make a record equally as good as that accomplished in the 1930 campaign.

The goal in the 1931 Catholic Charities campaign is \$473,265.48. The appeal will be formally opened Sunday, March 22. The Rev. J. O. Carr of Buffalo is campaign chairman and Oliver Cabana, Jr. is head of the special subscriptions committee. The campaign will close on Sunday, March 28th.

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Three Polish-American Citizens' Association Endorse Revision Commission's Charter Changes!

UNQUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT OF MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR MALONE'S CHARTER REVISION BOARD EXTENDED BY POLISH SOCIETIES OF FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD WARDS OF THIS CITY.

Unqualified endorsement of proposed changes in the city charter as recommended by the Mayor Malone Revision Committee has been voted by the church societies of St. Barbara's parish, this city executive of the city.

These societies, comprising Polish-American Citizens' societies of the first, second and third wards of Lackawanna, meeting in the church recently, not as representative societies of the church but rather as individual organizations of taxpayers devoted to the best interest of their communities, passed resolutions endorsing certain of the Malone charter revision commission.

Included in such recommendation are the proposals that the office of police commissioners and the office of fire commissioners be abolished on the ground that the city just as well can get along without the service of such commissions.

Friends Mourn Loss of Leona V. Hyland, Marshall's Wife

Leona V. Hyland, wife of Court Marshall Richard E. Hyland and mother of Mrs. Harold Emmerling of Fredonia, died at her home 942 Ridge road on Monday, March 9th. She had been ill but two weeks.

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McDonald Fights For Electric Ave. Paving, Widening

Local Supervisor Pushes Big Local Project Before County Board for Badly Needed Public Improvement.

Prospects for the widening and paving of the much discussed extension of Electric avenue from Ridge road, Lackawanna to the Southwestern Boulevard, seem exceedingly bright according to Supervisor William H. McDonald of Lackawanna. Plans and specifications for this county highway have been submitted to the highway committee for their approval by County Engineer Geo. Diehl.

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