

# Columbus Statue Gift to Realize Italians' Dream

## Triple Holiday Oct. 12 to Mark First Step in Erection of Monument in St. Marys Circle

Italian people of Syracuse will see the realization of a dream they have cherished for more than 20 years when, on Columbus Day, Oct. 12, a civic holiday and triple celebration will mark the first steps in the erection of the Columbus Monument in St. Marys Circle.

The ceremonies will include dedication of the site, breaking ground for the monument and Columbus Day exercises.

The monument, for which Italians of the city contributed \$25,000 in a fund-raising campaign in 1929, will be 40 feet high, second in size only to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, and will stand as the gift of the Italian people of Syracuse to their city, as a demonstration of their civic loyalty and pride.

The monument will be the work of an Italian sculptor, with a base of Italian granite and an imposing figure of Columbus in Italian bronze

at the top. A pool with fountains playing in it and benches and flowers around the edges will surround the base, under the plans approved by Dwight James Baum, New York architect, who is official architect for the monument.

Officials of the Columbus Monument Association, Inc., which started and carried through to completion the move for the monument, are planning a civic holiday, with a parade and impressive ceremonies in St. Marys Circle. A delegation of Syracusans will journey to Washington to invite Augusto Rosso, new Italian ambassador to the United States, to attend the ceremonies as a representative of his nation.

Mayor Rolland B. Marvin will accept the monument for Syracuse, and R. Leland Kincaid, manager of the Syracuse Airport, has promised the co-operation of the city's fliers to provide a sky spectacle during the ceremonies.