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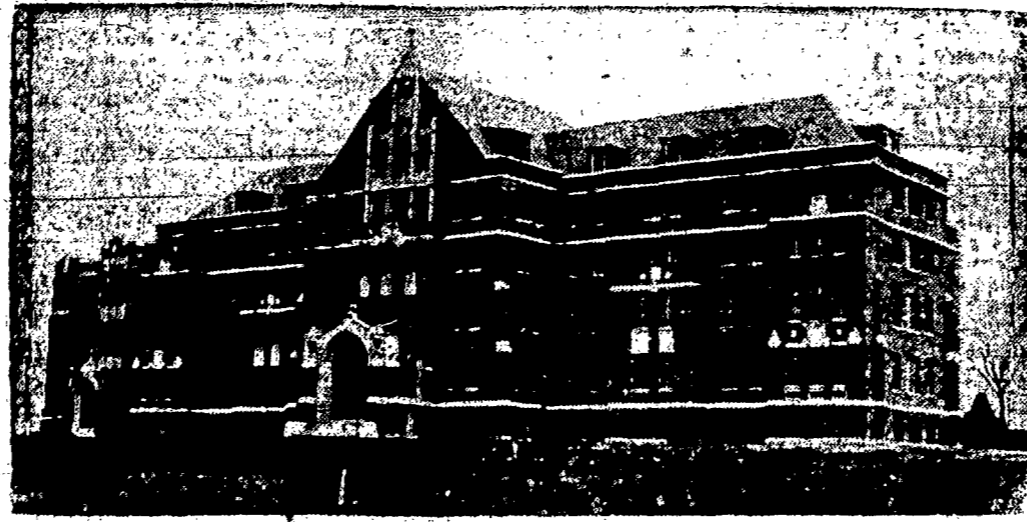
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This Splendid New Building Will Be Open to The Public May 17, 18, 19



MOTHERHOUSE OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY

This splendid new Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy on Blossom Road, just completed, will be dedicated Sunday morning by the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of Rochester and it will be open to the public for inspection on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 17, 18 and 19. Everybody, Catholic and non-Catholic, is cordially invited to visit the building and see for themselves what has been accomplished by the Sisters of Mercy.

Bishop O'Hern will celebrate Mass in the chapel at the Motherhouse at 10 o'clock, and the dedication of the building will follow this service. The Sisters' choir will sing the Mass.

A Fine New Building The new Motherhouse is six stories in height, contains 164 individual rooms, and each floor is connected by a special passenger-way with the adjoining Mercy High School. The building has every modern convenience, and it provides an excellent home for the Sisters of the Order in this city. It was designed by J. Foster Warner, architect, and Architect Leo J. Sullivan was in charge of the construction. It is of Gothic architecture. It is built of tapestry brick, facing, with Normanton trimmings, and is 190 feet in length.

The first Sisters of Mercy came to Rochester from Providence, R. I., in 1857, at the request of Bishop Timon of Buffalo, when Rochester was part of the Buffalo Diocese. About 1860, 14 Sisters opened a convent on South Street in a private dwelling on the site of the present convent. The Rev. Father McEvoy was then pastor of St. Mary's Church, and he was most helpful to them in beginning their work in this city.

Three Motherhouses The Motherhouse of the Sisters remained here until it was destroyed by fire in 1916, when it was moved to St. John's Park, where it remained until the new Motherhouse was completed. This new building, therefore, is the third Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy here and in Rochester in the past 74 years.

The Sisters of Mercy are now teaching in the following schools in the Diocese of Rochester:

St. Andrew's parochial school; Holy Cross parochial school; St. John the Evangelist parochial school; St. Mary's parochial school; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parochial school; St. Charles Borromeo parochial school, in Rochester.

Holy Family School, Adair; St. John's School, Clyde; St. Mary's School, Conant; St. Vincent de Paul's school, Corning; St. Patrick's School, Elmira; St. Cecilia, Scio; Elmira; St. Ann's School, Westport; St. Patrick's School, Owego; St. Salome's School, Sea Breeze; St. Thomas' School, Summerville.

In addition to the parochial schools, the Sisters of Mercy have a splendid new high school for girls, Our Lady of Mercy High School, on Blossom Road. Approximately 200 young ladies are being educated here, and the Sisters have built up a reputation for themselves as capable and excellent teachers. This school was completed, dedicated and opened in September, 1928, and it is a thoroughly modern and very slight structure, beautifully located, and most desirable for a school for girls. More than 8,000 children are under the care of the Sisters of Mercy in the Diocese. The new Motherhouse will add to the efficiency of the work of the Sisters, and will be a great blessing for them all.

Those Who Built the Building The new building is in every way a credit to the firms that had a part in its construction, and it will long stand as a monument of good work well done. The following firms took part in the construction: George Kircher & Sons, mason contractors, of 14 Manitou Street, well-known contractors and builders, the mason work; Anthony Link & Sons, carpenters, general contractors and builders, of 616 N. Goodman Street, the carpenter work; T. H. Green Electric Co., Inc., of 37 N. Water Street, electric contractor, manufacturers, and power and light installers, the electric wiring, fixtures, telephones, clock systems, etc.; The Saratoga Marble & Tile Co., dealers in Terrazzo, mosaics, domes-

tic and foreign tile and marble for bathrooms, fire places and floors, did the tile and marble work in the building. This company specializes in church work. The Old Lumber Co., 936 E. Main Street, wholesale and retail lumber dealers, furnished the lumber for the building.

The Newport Sand & Gravel Co., of 165 Humboldt Street, dealers in sand, gravel, and concrete, earth, rock contractors, furnished the sand and gravel.

The William J. Meyer Co., Inc., 103 Griffith Street, did the roofing and sheet metal work on the new building.

The E. G. Snyder Co., Inc., 86 Scio Street, installed the heating equipment in the new building, a complete plant in every way.

Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, 51 Griffith Street furnished the concrete for the walks, did the grading and laid out the driveways, etc. This firm specializes in all kinds of building and masonry supplies, ready-mixed concrete for walks, driveways, etc., and does all kinds of street and sewer work.

The Otis Elevator Co., 527 East Main Street, Mr. E. G. Messinger, manager, installed the elevators in the building.

The Genesee Brick & Supply Corp., 832 St. Paul Street, dealers in the famous Bo Purified Cinder Blocks, masonry supplies, cement, lime and cluders, furnished the cinder blocks for the building.

All of the above firms took a keen personal interest in giving to the Sisters the best possible material and service, with the result that the building is an ideal one of its kind, a credit to the firms and to the community.

Order Is 100 Years Old The Order of the Sisters of Mercy will be 100 years old in December this year, and its centennial will be

celebrated in a fitting manner by the members of the order throughout the world. There are more than 20,000 Sisters in the Order.

This Sisterhood was founded in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831, by Mother Catherine McAuley, and it quickly spread to many lands. There are more than 10,000 members of the order in the United States alone. They are pledged to the "service of the poor, sick and ignorant." They conduct numerous working girls' homes, parochial schools, high schools, hospitals, sanitariums, orphanages, homes for the aged, colleges, dispensaries and other institutions.

First Came to America The first foundation of the congregation was made in America in 1842 at St. John's, Newfoundland; the second at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1843; the third in New York City in May 1846; and from Pittsburgh a foundation was sent to Chicago in September, 1846. The demand for religious work and soon thereafter the Sisters of Mercy were to be found in most of the States.

The Sisters of Mercy have done splendid work here and elsewhere, and by their fidelity, devotion and self-sacrifice they have endeared themselves to the hearts of millions of people. The Rochester Sisters will have the congratulations and good wishes of a numberless friend on the completion of their new Motherhouse, and many will look upon it as a happy omen for better days, greater work and finer accomplishments for humanity, and for religion and God in this city and vicinity.

The Rappl & Hoening Co., dealers in masonry and builders supplies, 62 Jackson Street, furnished the cement for the new building and did the excavating. The excavating was done in remarkably quick time, and to the utmost satisfaction, and the firm was complimented on the speed shown.

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Open for Inspection

The new Mercy Motherhouse on Blossom Road will be open for public inspection on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. All visitors will be welcome these days, men and women. Everybody is invited to come and see this splendid new building.

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