

# PARISH BUILDING

## Imposing Structure Houses Nuns of Bl. Sacrament School

Justly proud are parishioners of Blessed Sacrament parish of the new and imposing convent on Rutgers Street which now houses the 25 Sisters of St. Joseph who teach in the parish school.



### Official LENTEN LETTER

My dear People:

With the impressive ceremony of Ash Wednesday the Church opens again the Holy Season of Lent. Ever conscious of the fact that in the rush of life's activities, there is always a danger that the ultimate personal object of all the Church's liturgy, teaching, discipline, and devotion may be forgotten, she calls her children pass by one to the altar and provides her fast but challenging season. Remember, men, that that art that, and who dust thou shalt return.

It is the call of God to recollection and to spiritual and moral adjustment. It is the announcement of an inventory period when every man must compute his standing before God. The time is serious. Pleasures must be laid aside, appetites must be curbed, prayers must be multiplied, sacrifices must be redoubled. God has given us this holy time for a holy purpose, to chasten our souls by mortification and penance, and thus unite them more closely to Him.

Let us therefore, make Lent mean something to us personally. May I suggest some positive actions.

Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion daily during the Holy Season.

endeavor to attend regularly some Lenten devotion in your church.

Do not be too lenient in your interpretation of the Lenten dispensation from fast and abstinence.

Attend Study Club and learn more about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Select some special cause dear to the heart of Christ and sacrifice some of your possessions at a Lenten almsgiving.

In brief, make Lent real for yourself and let the Holy Season be marked by a definite attitude of penance and sacrifice, recalling the imperative message of the Gospel: "Now therefore seek the Lord: He is converted to me with all your heart, in fasting, and in weeping, and in mourning. And rent your hearts, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy, and of the impressive warning of the great bishop, St. Ambrose: "To break the fast prescribed is no slight offense, to neglect it entirely is a sacrilege."

Praying that the Holy Season may be rich in blessings for all of you, I am,

Your devoted shepherd in Christ,  
+ James E. Kearney,  
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

**SPIRITUAL BOOKS NEEDED IN PHILIPPINES BY JESUIT KNOWN HERE**

An urgent need for spiritual books is contained in a letter received this week from the Rev. Joseph L. Lucas, S.J., principal of the mission school which he is directing in the Philippines.

To his many friends in the Diocese of Rochester, Father Lucas writes:

"When I returned to the Philippines after my short stay in the United States, I was all geared up for work in the Missions of Mindanao, but illness unfitted me both for work in Mindanao and for teaching in the College in Manila.

"When I recovered sufficiently I was appointed to the Baguio Scholasticate. This house being situated in the mountains, it was thought I would be better able to work here.

"As Spiritual Father and Professor of History of Philosophy, with an assistant chaplaincy at the camp and military academy, I keep busy and contented and am gaining in health."

Touching on the climate, Father Lucas says it is stimulating and cool but "the month of July was a great test, 30 full days of rain when we could not put head out of doors, two or three typhoons in a row." This is roughing it, he says, but is not minded.

"Our greatest need at present is a good spiritual library. Novels being the Novitiate of the Mission we could not take away many of its spiritual treasures. We have only the absolutely essential books.

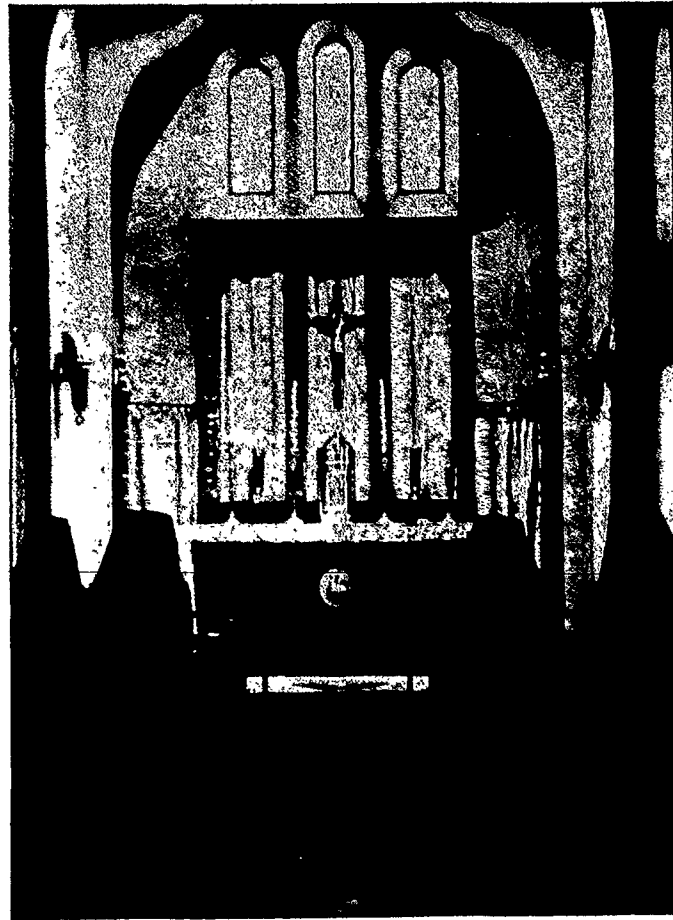
"Though, like Moses, within sight of the promised land but excluded from it, I can do a great deal of work by proxy in keeping up the ambition of the future novices. This is my work and it is for this especially I need spiritual books."

His address is the Rev. Joseph L. Lucas, S.J., Jesuit Scholasticate, Baguio, P. I.

**Nun, 88, Dies of Leprosy**  
St. Bonaventure, N. Y.—Word has been received by the mother-house of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, located on the campus of St. Bonaventure College here, that Sister Ignace I. C. Ferreira has died at Sao Jose, Santarem, Brazil, of leprosy, at the age of 88.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CONVENT COMPLETED

### NUNS AT DEVOTIONS IN NEW CHAPEL



CATHOLIC COURIER Staff Photo  
DEVOTION-INSPIRING is this chapel, center of interest in the new convent at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Beneath the high vaulted arches are shown the Sisters at prayer before the beautiful sanctuary.

### High-grade Work, Materials Furnished

Finest workmanship and materials were used in the beautiful new convent on Rutgers Street now occupied by the Sisters of St. Joseph, teachers in Blessed Sacrament Parish School.

The building which was converted from two adjoining frame houses was designed by Leo J. Ribson, architect of 73 Wilmer St., member of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

General contractors were the Luke Construction Company. Working with this well-known firm were many firms well-equipped to handle various divisions of the construction.

All ornamental wrought iron work was the product of John Braun of 496 Glide Street.

The lumber was all furnished by John J. Sobie Lumber Company of 279 Burrows St.

All the mason supplies including cinder block were furnished by Comac Builders Supply. Certain roof work was installed by William H. Long and Company of 519 Clinton Avenue South.

The artistic interior decorating was done by A. V. Ricklinghausen of Clifford Avenue.

Installation of many of the conveniences in the new convent building was done by S. A. Spencer of 135 Spring Street. These include Hope's Steel casement sash and screens, glass and glazing, copper kitchen cabinets and tops, kitchen incinerator, Kalmann fire doors, access doors, Miami medicine cabinets, Parker mirrors and the Venetian blinds.

The unique front entrance of quartered oak, the front entrance doors, all the interior woodwork, the pews and heavy treatment in the chapel, and the pews in the chapel were all furnished by Wood Specialties, Inc.

De Clerk of 178 Elliott Street installed the floors.

Plumbing and plumbing fixtures were installed by W. J. Rodenhause.

The T. H. Green Electric Co., Inc. of 31 N. Water Street, installed all the new electric wiring and rewired the former convent houses. They also furnished and installed all lighting fixtures in the convent and chapel.

On all of these special jobs the workmen co-operated with the architect and general contractor to insure the Sisters of a convent home that will be attractive and practical for many years to come.

### Use of Lipstick Before Communion Is Deplored

LONDON.—(NC)—Deplored the use of lipstick before the reception of Holy Communion, the Rev. E. Ward, of Leeds, appealed to women to show respect for the Blessed Sacrament.

The assistant priest, the Rev. J. McShane, in commenting on the matter offered some consolation to women. "If you leave off lipstick when receiving Holy Communion," he said, "you may, if you like, use a double dose at evening service."

### Says Priests Champion the Poor

CINCINNATI.—"The informed champions of the poor and struggling classes in an economic world should be our priests, who will defend them as brothers, who will seek social justice for all of God's children," the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, declared in his Lenten pastoral.

"The poor, the hungry, the unemployed, the unemployable should be the object," he said, of the "special solicitude" of pastors of souls.

While pointing out the need of prayer and sacrifice to help a war-torn world regain peace, the Archbishop died as the greatest problem of this country: the training of

### Catholic Evidence

JUST WHAT IS A PRIEST? Catholic Priests you've seen them, no doubt many of them. Perhaps, you've talked with some and even known one or more intimately. If so you have found them rather regular human beings, haven't you? Well, so they are—and so they are not. Let's tell you briefly.

The Catholic priest was once a new-born baby by a boy baby. As a youth he chose his own career. He applied at his diocesan seminary and was admitted after passing rigid tests for strength of mind, body and character.

In the seminary he lived and studied and prayed for about ten years. He studied for the first six years Latin, Greek, modern languages, English, History, mathematics, logic, psychology, ethics, advanced physical sciences Hebrew and other subjects. At the end of the sixth year the academic degree of Bachelor of Arts (recognized by the State) was conferred on him.

Then he continued for four more years of post-graduate work in Sacred Scripture, dogmatic, moral and pastoral theology, canon law and liturgy. And finally by the laying on of the hands of the Bishop, he was ordained a priest of God.

And so, dear neighbor, when you next see a Catholic priest, you will be looking at a member of what is undoubtedly the most highly educated class of men in the world. But more than that a man who (as St. Paul himself put it) "taken from among men, is ordained for men in things that pertain to God."

For the priest is first of all Christ's ambassador on earth. He teaches Christ's truths as Christ taught them. He administers Christ's sacraments as Christ administered them. At his daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass he continues till the end of time Christ's Own Sacrifice of the Last Supper and of Calvary.

Without the Catholic priest, God's revelations to man would be now unknown. His soul-saving graces beyond our reach, and all Christianity would be considered today as a myth of 1900 years ago. From the first Pentecost Sunday, till this day, the enemies of God, of Christ, of His Church, have realized this and so have attempted to discredit, to calumniate, to extinguish His Holy Priesthood—so vainly, so foolishly—for Christ had promised Peter, the Pope of His infant Church: "the gates of hell shall not prevail against you."

Catholic priests—more than 300,000 of them—ambassadors of Christ in every land! Strong, courageous men—God-loving, God-fearing, humble men, who in the last breath of their mortal life cry out to the saints and sinners of their flock: "Pray, dear friends, for my soul; because of him who has received much, much is expected."

Do you wonder at our reverence for our Priesthood?

Do you wonder at our love for our Priest?

Catholic Information Society of Northburgh, Pa.

It costs no more to smile than to frown. Grin and bear it.

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