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## St. John Fisher College Starts Construction

Construction of the first units of St. John Fisher College Rochester will begin during the last week of this month. It was announced today by the Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of the first college for men to be established in Rochester, Ind.

First students will be admitted to the college in September, 1951, Father Murphy added.

Two classes, freshmen and sophomores, will be admitted at the 1951 opening. Father Murphy pointed out this will allow for transferal to St. John Fisher College of students who will enter other colleges next fall.

### Sophomore Class

Expected to make such transfers into the St. John Fisher sophomore class in 1951 are many students from Rochester Diocese who next September will enter two colleges operated by the Basilian Fathers, who also will conduct the Rochester college. They are St. Michael's College, of the University of Toronto, Ontario, and Assumption College of the University of Western Ontario, Windsor, Ontario.

This arrangement, Father Murphy noted, will allow high school graduates of this June to plan to be in the first St. John Fisher graduation class in 1954. The transfers have received the endorsement of



**FATHER MURPHY**

State Department of Education officials, he added.

The presence of students from other colleges who will bring with them varied traditions and attitudes and impressions of college life, the priest stated, "will do much to stimulate and foster the growth of the spirit and tradition which will animate our new college."

First buildings to be erected on the college site located just outside the Rochester city limits at the junction of East Avenue and the Fairport Road will include administra-

tion offices and lecture and laboratory facilities for approximately 200 students.

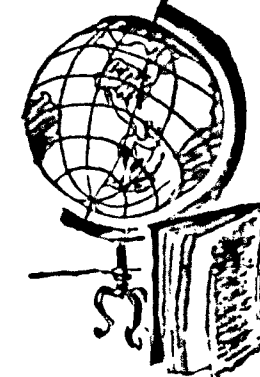
These units as well as those to follow will be of the stone and brick type in style, the priest said, and for modern equipment.

Majority members of the college faculty will be Basilian Fathers. Several of the corps of professors to be assigned next year now are engaged in higher studies in America and Europe.

### Basilian Fathers

It has been the policy of the Basilian Community, Father Murphy declared, to equip its professors with the best currents of contemporary thought, and to irradiate them with the great permanent principles of our Catholic cultural heritage.

Part of the funds toward construction of St. John Fisher



College more than \$1,000,000 was obtained in a diocesan-wide campaign conducted under the auspices of His Excellency Bishop Kearney in 1948.

In announcing early beginning of construction, Father Murphy concluded:

"A dream, dear to the hearts of many in the Diocese of Rochester, is on the threshold of realization, an earnest prayer for God's blessing on our work will be deeply appreciated."

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