

St. Andrew's History Recalls Work of Four Rectors in 80 Years

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 ted into two departments of high school and college.
 Both these departments were organized so as to merit the recognition of the University of the State of New York. Late Regents examinations are introduced into the high school and the college courses are accredited by the University.

These progressive policies initiated by Father Luddy have contributed immeasurably to the prestige and efficiency of the Minor Seminary of the Rochester Diocese.

The next rector was the recently deceased, Monsignor Edward M. Lyons, who succeeded Father Luddy in 1937. When the latter became a pastor, Monsignor Lyons, a member of the seminary faculty for 15 years before, appointed as rector, continued and advanced the high spiritual and scholastic standards established by his predecessors.

FOLLOWING THE sale of the seminary building to Eastman Kodak Company in 1937, Monsignor Lyons organized and directed the transfer of all life to the temporary quarters in the Old



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But his zealous plans for the school's completion in time for the Seminary's 80th birthday, on this September 15, were never accomplished. The beloved Rector died unexpectedly in his sleep, May 4, 1950 at the age of 56.

The Rev. Dr. Maynard A. Connell, for 12 years professor of English and Sacred Eloquence at St. Bernard's Seminary and two years on the faculty of St. Andrew's, was named to succeed Monsignor Lyons as the fifth rector in the school's history. Under his direction building plans have been carried to completion and dedication ceremonies arranged.

A review of the eighty year record of St. Andrew's finds on its Alumni rolls the names of Bishops, distinguished churchmen and almost all the present-day priests of the Rochester Diocese.

All of the 32 Diocesan priests who served as Chaplains to the Armed Forces in World War II were Alumni of St. Andrew's.

Even Bishop McQuaid with his almost fabulous foresight, could hardly guess the glorious future of priestly accomplishments of that day long ago when he cleaned up an old stable and started a seminary.


Catholic High School building. Monsignor Lyons was always particularly devoted to the out-of-town students attending St. Andrew's Seminary. The establishment of a dormitory home for them had originally been part of Bishop McQuaid's ambitious plan when he started St. Andrew's Seminary, and it was the one part of his dream that he did not live to see accomplished.


It was only in 1929 that the "St. Andrew's House" on Greg Street in Rochester was opened as a home for out-of-town students.

Seven years later this unit of the Seminary obtained a beautiful new building on the Buffalo Road. This home for students, made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doud, was established under the immediate direction of Monsignor Lyons and is known today as the St. William House. Also situated



on the Buffalo Road site is another dormitory annex, St. Patrick's Hall, commandeered during the war to accommodate the overflow of residents in St. William's.

Monsignor Lyons' great dream of a new and worthy seminary building finally took form when ground for the "fifth St. Andrew's" was finally broken in September, 1948 on the Buffalo property adjoining the St. William House.

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