St. Andrew's History Spans Colorful Years

Founded in Stable in 1870, Seminary Opens Million-Dollar School

St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary currently moving into its fifth home in eighty years of invaluable arrvice to the Diocese of Rochester, was started by a Bishop who was once an orphan boy, and held its first classes in a stable

The colorful history of this Important diocesan Institution is clear evidence of the truth of the old adage, "great oaks from little acorns grow"

Bishop Bernard J. Me-Quald, founder of the Dio-gree of Rochester, spend St. Andrew's Seminary with twelve students on Septem ber 15, 1870.

FINDING & PLACE for this infant school had posed a problein but the enterprising Bishop solved it by ordering the stable for horses in the rear of his own house on Frank Street to be renovated for classroom

This transformed stable was not very imposing, but the exorphan-boy Bishop was proud of it. He had a seminary of his

Within ten years Bishop Me-Quald was able to build a small new seminary building to which an extra wing was later added. This second structure, also erected in the rear of the Bishop's House was a decidedly humble affair accord ing to present day standards.

THE DIOCESE was growing rapidly and in 1904 a new seminary building was crected on Frank Street (now known as Plymouth Avenue North) and adjacent to the Bishop's

This red-brick hullding, best known to the present generation of diocesan priests, also passed from the scene when all the Cathedral properties, including the seminary, were sold to the Eastman Kodak

Company in the Spring of 1937. That September St. Andrew's was catablished at the corner of Plymouth Avenue North and Brown Street in the old Catholic High School which following the establishment of Aquinas Institute ion Dewey Avenue has become St. Patrick's parochial school.

DETAILS OF the early history of St, Andrew's are some what shrouded in the mists of time but an interesting bit of information reveals that the first school was originally called St. Patrick's Seminary. and this apparently because it was situated in the shadow of the diocesan Cathedral of St. Patrick. · Early official records also

refer to it as the "Latin Schol" and "The Catholic Classical The designation, however, of

at. Andrew's Seminary appears in the Catholic Directory of 1880, indicating that the choice of Christ's First Apostie is the Patron of the little Semi-linary was made some time during the first decade of the school's existence.

In making his decision to place his Minor Sentinary under the spiritual protection of St. Andrew, Bishop McQuald was presumably influenced by the fact that St. Justus, founder of the faminus Diocese of Rochester, England, had dedicated his Cathedral under the patronage of St. Andrew.

This suggests that the Bish-This suggests that the Bishp wished to establish a relajonship between his young
Diocese of Rochesler in Ameria and the Old World Diocese
L. Rochester, which is halowed in history by the deeds
St. Justus and St. John

THE SOURCE OF Hishop McQuald's determination to establish at any cost a preparatory seminary for the training of his priests can be found in the wise recommendations of the Council of Trent

Some could and some did. question the necessity of having a preparatory or minor seminary, but the Hishop of Rochester was on solid ground and could confound his critics with these authoritative directions from the Council of

"The age of youth unless, It be rightly trained, is prone to follow after the pleasures of the world; and unless it

Program for **Dedication**

Following is the program for the four-day redication ceremonies of the new St Andrew's Seminary building

Wednesday, Nov. 38

8 A. M. - Consecration of Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel and Aliar by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. A relie of St. Andrew will be placed in the marble altar stone at the time of consecration.

Thursday, Nov. 30

10 A. M. - Pontifical Mass of Dedication. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will be celebrant and will preach the sermon. His Excellency Bishop Walter A. Foers of Syracuse and priests of Rochester and Syracuse Diocese will be present. A luncheon for the clergy will follow.

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3 Afternoons — Public Inspec-tion of new Seminary Building.

St. Andrew's Seminary is located on Buffalo Road, on the west side of Rochester. The property is on the north side of the road, approximately three miles west of St. Mary's Hospital, about haif way befween the Barge Canal and Moward Road. A new 16-feetwide macadam roadway into the Seminary property has been installed, fighted by mercury lamps, and there is ample parking space on the

grounds.

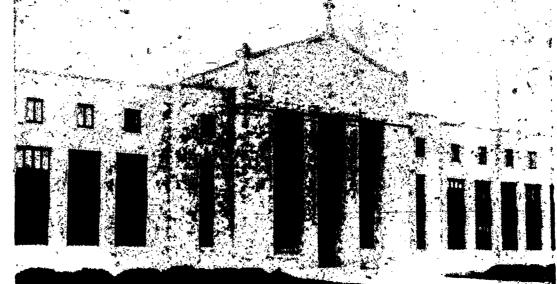
be formed from its tender years, unto plety and religion, before habits and vice have taken possession of the whole can, it never will perfeetly, and without the greatbelp of Almighty God, perest and well nigh special nevere in ecclesiastical disci-

Even the establishment of the Minor Seminary under his own watchful eye and almost on the doorstep of his Cathedrai was not a decision of personit whim or fancy on the part of the first Bishop of Rochester. "WE MUCH PREFER," he

writes, "that the young candidates for the Theological Seminary should receive their preparatory training under our eye and care, and with all the advantages to be derived from participating in the religious services and functions of our Cathedral."

In this the Bishop was only reflecting the mind of the Church herself who suggests that schools for the educating of boys and young men in the service of the altar be set up in close proximity to Cathedral Churches.

The first rector of St. Andrew's Seminary was Mon-signer Epopolyto Dellegge,



ST. ANDREW'S SEMINARY READY FOR DEDICATION ON THURSDAY, NOV. 30. WILL PROVIDE SIX-YEAR COURSE OF STUDIES FOR 225 STUDENTS

distinguished churchman and Chancellor of the Diocese in those early days.

This distinguished churchman devoted his time and talents to the young institution and contributed most generously to its upkeep and improvement from his own personal funds.

HE WAS succeeded by another Chancellor of the Diocese, Monsignor Michael J. Nolan, who held the rector-

ship of St. Andrew's from 1905 until his retirement in 1929 The personal holiness of his own life has borne immeasurable fruit in the priestly lives of the young men whom he trained and guided.

The high standards of priestly life fostered by Monsignor Nolan are to this day one of the richest traditions in the history of the little seminary.

Monsignor Nolan was succeeded by the Rev. Francis Luddy, a member of the facul-

ty and now pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rochester.

An experienced educator, Father Luddy set himself to the task of improving the academic standards of the seminary so that its students might receive the best that modern

scholarship can provide. UNDER HIS supervision modern libraries and laboratories were installed and the course of studies was separ-(Continued on Page 10)



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