

Notre Dame Nuns Give Girls Business Training

St. Joseph's Commercial School, conducted by the Sisters of the Order of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, offers to the Catholic girls of Rochester an opportunity to receive training and education based on sound Christian principles in order to fit them to take their place as competent helpers in the business world. The students are prepared

not only to become reliable and efficient stenographers but also to become prudent Catholics. Young girls endeavoring at all times to live up to the tenets of their faith in accordance with the lofty ideals set before them in their years of training. Girls who feel that their aptitudes are best suited to the

skill subjects, such as stenography and typing, will have an excellent opportunity to find out whether or not it would be well for them to seek a career in the business field. Due to the fact that a two-year course leaves little time for extra-curricular activities, these must necessarily be kept to a minimum as a more concentrated effort is demanded to acquire adequate preparation in the limited amount of time. However, this does not imply that the social side receives no recognition, as many days are made memorable for the students by the pleasure derived from happy events — from the first "Getting Acquainted Day," to the last picnic before the close of school. Upon the completion of their course, every effort is made to place these girls in positions suited to their ability and personality.

To the second-year student, additional instruction in business machines is available, and for this purpose, the school is equipped with electromechanical typewriters, comptometers, ediphones, electric mimeographs, calculators and ditto machines. All machinery is kept up to date to insure the formation of the best possible working habits.

The social and intellectual character of the business school training is permeated by the thoroughly Catholic atmosphere which draws its strength in no small measure from the well-known St. Joseph's Church, situated next to the school, in

which the daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is an invitation to all the girls to spend a quiet rendezvous either before or after classes. For guidance and direction, the girls have always the help and sincere interest of the Redemptorist Fathers, who annually conduct a retreat for the girls, give religious instructions weekly, and are ever ready to assist them in any way possible.

To those students, who after one or two years in high school, feel that their interests have changed and would prefer commercial courses, their academic background will be a decided advantage and they may begin their business training without having to repeat subjects already taken in other courses.

Many of Rochester's graduates have reiterated their satisfaction with the work done by the students from St. Joseph's School. Many of its graduates by their keen business acumen, coupled with honesty and determination, have attained places of prominence and assumed executive responsibilities in various business positions.

In recent years graduation classes have numbered more than ninety students annually. The influence that good, Catholic girls can wield in the routine of their daily work should not be underestimated. In the rush and din of high-pressure business activities, their consideration for others, devotion to duty, their honesty and trustworthiness adhered to, makes others conscious of life's real values and keeps the standard of womanhood at a high Christian level.

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