



## Geneva Parish Cooperation Secret Of DeSales School

**THE GENEVA STORY** — DeSales Institute, Catholic high school for boys and girls in Geneva, is a monument to the cooperative effort of the city's two

parishes, St. Francis DeSales and St. Stephen's. Photo (left) shows the attractive entrance to the modern DeSales building. Center photos, (top) the

library, and (lower) the new school auditorium, reveal popular centers of student activity. Photos right show students at work in the modern laboratory (top) and (lower) in a typical classroom.

One of the most modern high school plants in New York State is now the proud possession of St. Francis de Sales and St. Stephen's parishes of Geneva. The new and greater De Sales High School is the proud achievement of the two Geneva parishes which have united their forces to provide a sound Catholic high school education for their young people. Under the inspiring leadership of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William H. McPadden, V.F., pastor of St. Stephen's and the Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales, a drive for funds for the new De Sales

High School was brought to a successful conclusion.

DeSales High School was opened in September 1912. It was admitted to the University of the State of New York by the Board of Regents and in January 1914 the first Regents examinations were held.

Until 1930, the high school was conducted in St. Francis de Sales School on Exchange St. Need for expansion of both elementary and high school called for quarters for both institutions and in 1929, at the suggestion of the late Bishop O'Hern of the Rochester diocese, plans were made for pro-

viding a new high school.

### Parish Hall

During the first three years of its existence only temporary classrooms were used. These were portions of the old parish hall, which was located on the second floor of the school building.

By 1921, the school had outgrown its old quarters and found it necessary to use the former "Church Home" on Pulteney St. for its commercial class. Three years later in 1924, St. Stephen's graduates were also accommodated there.

De Sales High School, operated jointly by the two Geneva parishes is under the direction of the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, principal. At the present time it possesses a faculty composed of one priest and ten Sisters of St. Joseph. Its 245 students have a choice of three courses of study, the college entrance course, the academic and the business course.

Geneva's new high school in addition to the traditionally offered courses in New York State provides instruction in Office Practice, Shorthand, Typewriting and Introduction to Business. Complete facilities are afforded students pursuing the physical sciences of Biology and Chemistry. A modern fully equipped science laboratory insures proficiency in these important fields of study.

### Fireproof Brick

Constructed of tan fireproof tapestry brick the new school edifice provides in addition to the original five classrooms, a large science laboratory, a fully equipped library, two offices for the faculty and a gymnasium. An impressive formal entrance on Pulteney St. gives access to the new building and provides a pleasing introduction to the entire school.

The classrooms, library and laboratory are provided with the latest type fluorescent light-

ing, insuring ample illumination at all times. Woodwork of light color gives a pleasing and cheerful aspect to classrooms and library.

A special feature of the new construction and one that will undoubtedly attract the greatest interest is the new gymnasium and auditorium. It is of fireproof construction throughout and measures 120' x 90'.

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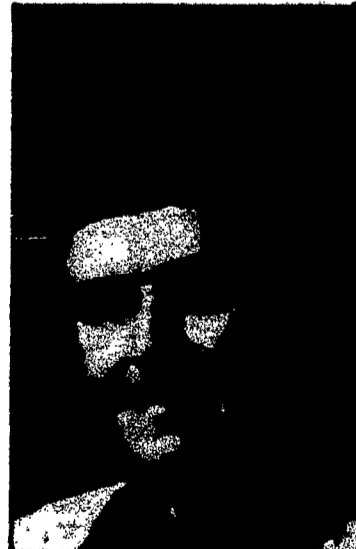
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