Rochesterians commonly refer to the beautiful Blessed! bacrament Church as "Father Connor's Church this is in popular recognition of the fact that Mon-gnor thomas F. Connors has served continuously as paster of Blessed Sacrament Parish since he founded it in 1901.

The story of Blessed Sacrament and its beloved founder and pastor is unique in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States.

Next Sunday morning (Nov. 4) at eleven o'clock, His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside in Blessed Sperament Church when Monsignor Connors offers Solemn High Mass to mark the Golden Jubilee of the parish.

And the venerable pastor him self will be one of the few present whose memory can recall fifty years ago when the cornerstone of the original church and school was laid by Bishop Bernard J McQuaid first ordinary of the Rochester Diocese

Among the priests present at cornerstone rites fifty years ago. only Monsignor Connors and his classmate and friend, Monsignor George V. Burns, pastor of the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, are still alive

IN THE FALL of 1901, Bishop McQuaid directed the young Father Connors, then only three years ordained and serving as administrator of St. Mary's Church, to establish a new church and school in the southeastern section of the city

The young pastor immediately made personal visits on all the parishioners resident in his projected parish Like other parish ounders he met temporary obstacles such as huilding restrictions on desirable sites and the insistence of many partshioners who wanted to continue to go to other churches

However under the encourage ment of the far sighted Bishop McQuaid Father Connors pur chased a site of land at the corner of Rutgers Street and Mon rne Avenue for the sum of \$8,500

PLANS WERE readied to erect a two-story combination church and school building which would include a 600 seat church on the second floor an eight room school on the first floor, and a basement hall for meetings The first combination church

and school since razed, was erected on the site of the present parish parking station at a cost of less than \$25,000 W Foster Kelly was the architect.

struction Father Connors health nue resembled "a deserted vigave out and he was forced to lage recuperate During his enforced absence the aged Bishop took over for his young priest and

Corneratone rites were conducted on Sunday afternoon, November 4, 1901, by Bishop McQuaid who addressed the several handred laity in attendance. He made a prediction, long since confirmed, that the new Catholic church and school would be a great blessing to those living in that area.

Dedication of the completed building took place Sunday April presided and preached Celebrant of the Dedication Mass was the Rev William Gleeson rector of St. Mary's Church assisted by the Rev A M O'Neill, rector of the Immaculate Conception thurch as deacon, and the Rev Len Hofschneider as subdeacon

SUNDAY OFFERINGS during the first years of Biessed Sacra ment parish averaged only tivent, for all according to Mon STORE COPPOS

He recalls too that when he organized his parish in the Monroe Avenue section inow com piete h, ' up it had the appearance of a country village

"There were very few restdents," he relates, "on the east side of South Goodman Street extending from Monroe Avenue to Park Avenue. East of Mon rne Avenue Bridge which snan ned the old Frie (anal, the number of homes could be counted easily Klondolf's Ice Pond occupied the land that is nou known as Westminster Road and Barrington Street. South of Wilburn Street, that section now known as Edger ton. Vassar and Berkeley. Streets, did not exist."

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The young Father Connors administered the last rites to al most all of the early Catholics of Brighton His proudest pos session in those pioneer days was a bicycle which carried him to the outlying homes of

He was even prouder when he was able to rent a horse and buggs and hold the reins of "old Dobbin galloping along the unimproved roads of the coun-

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Many Parish Youth Now Serving At 'Lord's Altar'

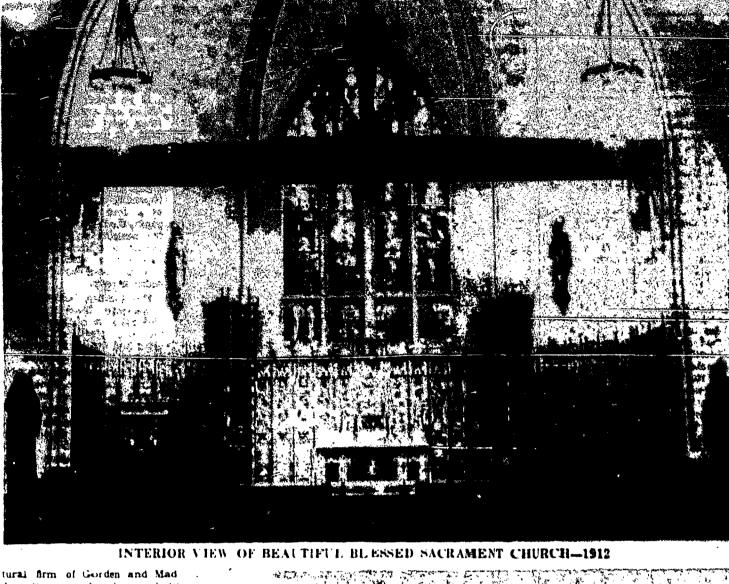
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tigan, Rev. Edward Dempsey. Two members of the parish # Rev William J Devereaux Rev are serving in few was busher Louis J Dond Rev Joseph 1 a hopeis Bruther Clement FSC facts of the fifty year-old parish



den, the new church was built in 1911 for approximately \$200,-000 which included cost of furnishings and organ

Ground for the present church was broken in June 1911 and on Sunday September 19 1911 Bishop Thomas F Hickey, see and Ordinary of the Diocese aid the cornerstone The next year on December 22, 1912 Bish op Hickey offered Pontifical Mass and dedicated the complet ed church

Blessed Sacrament School, situated on the corner of Monroe Avenue and Oxford Street is one of the largest parochial rapidly greating residential sub a major facility of the Biessed Sacrament plant

Today Morsignor Connors of 1902 in the original combina looks back with happy menory tion church and school building will be distributed next Sunday be at least 4,675,000. to his priest's ministrations to with an enrollment of 220 pupils. We read the early residents of the Brigh. They were under the direction of five Sisters of St Joseph with this parish was established, the time is 675 Because of the many

the present modern school build served at Auditors. *Joseph P count including the coming Gold- Leo V Smith. ing in 1927. It was completed in Dovie "F. ! Esser "Tames M. en Jubilee Class is 2,800. 1928 and on Passon Sunday Mangan, William F Shafer. There are at present 12 semin- rifice which the people of Bless June 12, 1946. Typical of the parish comparable in the

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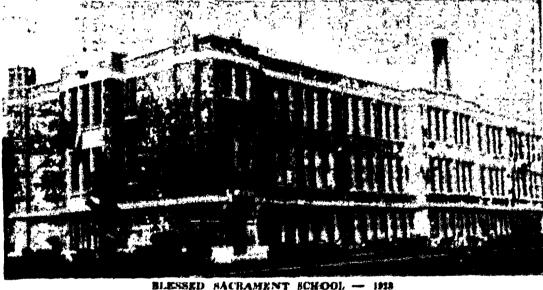
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The group of buildings which presently comprise the Blessed Sacrament parish plant is most impressive and Monsignor Connors readily estimates the current evaluation at well over a million dollars.

MONSIGNOR CONNORS has earned the right to rest as far as the material development of his parish is concerned, but that is the furthest thing from his mind. For a long time he has enphy. STL. Res. John Redding Parish Recreation Center. Although high costs and govern current obstacles to such a step. his main concern is the wholehearted endorsement of the profect should undertake a major project without the united support and interest of his people

INTERESTING memories and ser, Rey, George B. Fischer (Delbert (seyer), and Brother are presented in a special edition C.S.C., Rev. Thomas Flor. Albert Kaseman S.M. of The Parish Weekly which



There were no beautiful homes. Sister M. Columba as principal following have acted at various families who have removed from in Brighton fifty years ago and Rapid pupil increase was some thous as Triters William the parish during the past ten be unit the section of Highland what eased where the new church been before h Weis Clearge years it has meant the loss of Apende red painted nouses dot was erected in 1912 and the ed b. Gever "Charles J. Chisin severa; hundred school children. Sharkey Michael E. Sweeney.

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applies to Monsigner Commorn and his flock who will gather together next Sunday morning to offer a Mass of Thanks. giving to God who has no rickly blessed their years of steadfast faith and sacrifice.

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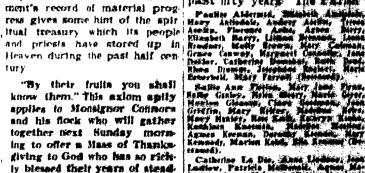
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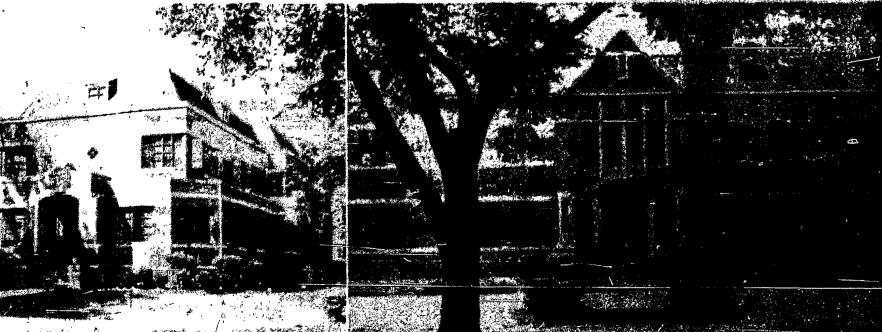
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Over one hundred young women of Blessed Sacrament any parish are known adequately Parish have entered various religious Sister soods only to God. But Blessed Sacra past fifty years "The Parish Weekly" little Them are follows:



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