

Chapel, Wing Set First To Be Built By Benedictines

Beginning of a building program at Mount Saviour Monastery, Madigan Road (off the Cato Road) in Big Flats, near Elmira to start with a chapel was announced today by Very Rev. Damasus Winzen, prior of the community.

"The first thing will be a chapel, to be followed by a wing of the monastery," Father Damasus said. "We promised that if Our Lady would help us get the site, our first building project would be a chapel dedicated to God's glory under her patronage as 'Queen of Peace'."

"The purpose of the chapel (or oratory, place of prayer, as we like to call it, using St. Benedict's terminology) is not only to serve the monastic community, it is to be a shrine of peace."

PLANS submitted by Joseph Sanford Shanley, architect, of New York, have been accepted. The chapel will be built some what behind and to the west of the present farmhouse-monastery (the former Joseph Hofbauer residence) at the top of Madigan Road.

It will be octagonal in shape, 53 feet across and rising to an interior height of 33 feet. A spire of stainless steel, 40 feet high will crown the chapel. There will be a crypt, or lower church, under the chapel and here in the center will be the shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Six side altars will be installed in the crypt. On the main floor of the chapel will be the choir and sanctuary, with a high altar in the middle and the altar of the Blessed Sacrament at the back. Besides the space for visitors in the octagonal chapel, extra space will be provided by a narthex, or ante-chapel, which can be opened into the main chapel by a sliding wall. This area can also be used for lectures, conferences, showing films and slides of religious significance and the playing of liturgical music.

"THE AIM," Father Damasus said, "is to make this oratory as beautiful as possible, where the entire arrangement will suggest deep reverence and also the intimacy and intensity of the prayers of those who gather about the altar and the shrine of the Queen of Peace." The chapel will be designed to accommodate 20. (Continued on Page 8)

First Novice To Be Professed At Monastery

Brother Idefonse Lundberg, O.S.B., first novice at Mount Saviour Monastery, near Elmira, will make his simple temporary profession as a Benedictine Monk of Mount Saviour Monastery at the High Mass on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock—the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

HE IS THE SON of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lundberg of Bridgeport, Conn. Brother Idefonse made his Postulancy and part of his Novitiate at the Monastery, Saint Benoit du Lac, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, the balance being spent at Mount Saviour.

He was the first Novice to receive the Habit at Mount Saviour, on June 24, 1951. After three years in simple vows, he will be eligible for final solemn vows. The Very Rev. Damasus Winzen, O.S.B., Prior at Mount Saviour will preside at the ceremony of profession and receive Brother Idefonse's vows. An invitation to the public to be present at the ceremony has been extended by the monks.

Syracuse Diocese KC Present Bishop Gift

Third annual gift to the Seminary Bursar Fund of the Diocese of Syracuse was presented to His Excellency Bishop Foley of Syracuse by grand knights of 15 Knights of Columbus councils in Hotel Syracuse on June 11.

Bishop Foley expressed appreciation for the gift. Supreme Director William E. Burke of Utica presided. Francis J. Welch of Canandigua, Central New York Chapter chairman thanked the council.

Proverb—It is not enough for a gardener to love flowers; he must also hate weeds.

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6 Diocesan Students Win N. Y. State Scholarships

Six students from Catholic high schools in three counties of the Diocese of Rochester have won \$1,400 scholarships awarded annually by the University of the State of New York Education Department.

The scholarship entitles each winner to \$175 per term for eight terms while attending any college in the State of New York approved by the State Board of Regents.

FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS were won by Catholic school students in Monroe County and one each in Chenango and Ontario counties.

In Monroe County, two scholarships were won by Nazareth Academy students and two by Aquinas Institute students. In Chenango county, an Elmira Catholic High School student won one and in Ontario county a student of St. Francis de Sales High School.

John S. Watts, of Elmira Catholic High School achieved the top score in Chenango County out of 10 winners in that district. Watts represented Elmira Catholic High in the Bishop's Oratorical in Geneva.

WINNING STUDENTS and their percentage ratings are: John S. Watts, 93 Lincoln St. Elmira, Elmira Catholic High School, 77.4; Rita B. Zlotnik, 73 Le Grand Rd., Nazareth Academy, 74.5; Robert E. Burke, 350 Seneca Hwy., Aquinas Institute, 68.0; Charles B. Ross, Jr., 83 Park Rd., Point Pleasant, Aquinas Institute, 60.0; Robert M. Kelly, 2212 Hamilton Rd., Nazareth Academy, 59.0; Edward J. Hood, 150 Oaks St., Geneva, St. Francis de Sales High School, Geneva, 52.0.



Rita B. Zlotnik Charles B. Ross Nazareth Academy



Robert E. Burke Robert M. Kelly Aquinas Nazareth Academy



Edward J. Hood John S. Watts St. Francis High Elmira Catholic

New Catholic High Expected To Save Taxes, Ease Public High Overcrowding

Alleviation of serious overcrowding looked for in Elmira's public high schools in the years 1955 to 1960 and saving to taxpayers in West Elmira and the Town of Southport were foreseen in the announcement of a new Catholic Central High School in Elmira.

Elmirans generally hailed the announcement of the new Catholic high school to be operated by the Sisters of Mercy on Lower Maple Ave., probably opening in 1955.

The new school with planned accommodation for 600 students is expected to ease the public school situation which School Superintendent Oscar F. Kerlin said will be critical in both public high schools in 1955.

A news story in the Elmira Star-Gazette by Thomas J. McCarthy, staff writer, cites the Rev. Mr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of schools, Diocese of Rochester, as saying that surveys show there will be 1,231 Catholic students of high school age in the Elmira area in 1953.

THIS FIGURE includes students residing in Elmira Heights, Horseheads, West Elmira, Town of Southport and other areas adjacent to the city.

The potential Catholic high school population will increase in 1954 to 1,333, in 1955 to 1,383, and in 1956 to 1,433.

The housing problem in the public high schools in years to come was pointed out by Kerlin in a report made to the Elmira Board of Education on Jan. 22, 1952.

He forecast that there would be 1,779 students at Elmira Free Academy in 1955, compared with the 1951 registration of 1,237. The EFA enrollment figure will continue to rise until 1960 when it will reach 2,343.

Similarly, the Southside High School registration will climb to 1,425 in 1955 and 1,741 in 1960 compared with the 1951 enrollment of 1,152.

The figures are based on the actual number of births. In the city and the number of students now in the school system, Kerlin told the board.

THE ACCOMMODATION of 600 students in a Catholic high school would not completely solve the housing problem in the public schools. The increase in enrollment anticipated at the two public schools in 1955 will be about 800 over the 1951 figure. The increase in 1960 will be about 1,600 over the 1951 registration.

Ordinarily, the removal of 600 students from the public high schools would mean a sharp drop in revenues received by the school board from the state. But because of the expected increase in enrollment, revenues will increase rather than decrease, according to McCarthy.

In the matter of saving to taxpayers, in the next year the suburban areas will pay \$100 for each student attending the city schools. Tuition at the Sister of Mercy High school will not be paid from public funds.

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Dean Welcomes Sisters Of Mercy To Elmira

Sisters of Mercy were welcomed to Elmira in charge of the new Catholic Central School by the Bishop's representative in the Deanery and in turn expressed happiness at the opportunity given them to serve in statements following announcement of plans for the school.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick's Parish and Dean of Elmira Deanery extended a warm welcome to the Sisters of Mercy in their new venture and cooperation of the Catholic population to their new high school.

"The Sisters of Mercy will bring to a realization in Elmira the long-held hopes and dreams of our Catholic people for a new high school adequate to meet the needs of our boys and girls," Monsignor Brien said.

"The pastors feel particularly gratified that the years of study and work they have given to solve the problem to complete high school facilities have been crowned with such bright and portentous prospects.

"The Sisters of Mercy have achieved signal success in their educational program in our diocese. Their experience, particularly in the high school field, will make available to the graduates of our grammar schools in this section the complete, well-rounded education we feel is indispensable to our future peace and security and education of our youth, complete and equal in their physical, intellectual and spiritual characters.

"I have no doubt our Catholic people will respond enthusiastically to the wonderful news of the new Catholic High School. I pledge our best endeavors to the parents and the students."

Editorials Hail New High School

The two secular newspapers in Elmira acclaimed editorially the announcement of a new Catholic High School planned for the city.

Following is an editorial in Elmira Star-Gazette, June 18, 1953: "Purchase of the 25-acre plot on Lower Maple Avenue, between Cold Brook and Cato Roads, for a new Catholic High School, announced yesterday by Bishop Kearney, marks a long step forward in local education."

The construction and the operation of the new school will be in the hands of the Sisters of Mercy, a diocesan organization of which Rev. Edward Mother Camilla, P.S.M., of Rochester is the superior.

The first Catholic High School in Elmira, established in the St. Peter and Paul Parish, and later moved in 1930 to the St. Patrick Parish, outgrew its quarters long since.

"The need for a new modern school building of adequate size and modern equipment has been felt for a long time. After much consideration and careful planning, the site was made of the Maple Ave. plot."

Next year it is hoped to have the new building erected and ready for use.

The new educational center will be of a size and type to rival the city high schools, both academically and athletically. All of which means steady growth in a solid way of the Elmira community.

Following is an editorial in the Elmira Sunday Telegram, June 15, 1953:

Decision to build a new Central Catholic High School in Elmira is a gratifying announcement of the purchase of a site on Lower Maple Ave. was made only after a detailed study by diocesan authorities of all the factors involved.

It is hoped and expected that the school, accommodating 600 students and offering a full four year high school curriculum from the start, will open its doors in September, 1955. That is only a little more than a year away.

Its sponsors and all those destined to help in its fulfillment are to be applauded for their courage in assuming the burden of effort and expense involved in a project of such magnitude. Hundreds of all faiths will wish them success in their undertaking.

Camp Villa Maria Accepts Registrations For Girls

Camp Villa Maria offers an ideal camping experience for any Catholic girl and a conscience satisfying vacation plan for her parents. This camp, however, is especially recommended for the younger girl who is leaving her parents for the first time and for older girls who are not interested in the added features of larger camps.

The proximity to Elmira, the well qualified staff and the absence of the usual camping features which are sometimes terrifying to the little one who is threatened by homesickness should attract many six and seven year olds. The Directors of the camp are proud of their 1951 record which was highlighted by the unusual achievement—"Not one case of homesickness."

Appointments to positions as Counselors are almost completed and will be announced within a few days. Parents will then be assured of the carefully selected supervisors to whom they will entrust their children during the vacation period.

Girls from six to thirteen will be accepted and the camp dates are August 15th to 29th.

REGISTRATION WITH June 23, applications will be accepted from campers in the surrounding communities, but preference will be given to Elmira girls until then, unless the capacity of the camp is reached at an earlier date.

Curved Bar Given 11 Girl Scouts

Eleven girls of Troop 40, the first Girl Scout Troop organized in Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Elmira, received the "Curved Bar," highest girl scouting award, at the annual banquet Tuesday evening in the church hall.

Mrs. Alvin F. Lockwood has been their leader and directed the badge work. Mrs. Corliss Decker, Girl Scout Commissioner made the awards to the following: Celeste Woyak, Mary Carol Dwyer, Sandra Seifried, Beverly Lockwood, Kathleen Leahy, Mary E. Miller, Mary Lou Clark, Gail Cummings, Polly Kingston, Barbara Kostemba and Sabina Harmon.

Parents Alerted On Vacation Time

Vacation time advice to parents is given by the Rev. Hubert A. Bisky, pastor in "The Chimes," parish publication of St. Peter and Paul's, Elmira. Father Bisky writes:

"Throughout the summer, the responsibility for our school children's welfare is transferred almost entirely to the parents. The priests and Sisters who have been so concerned about their physical, spiritual, and intellectual well-being during the school year have little contact with them during vacations."

"It would be unfortunate if much of the good which has been accomplished in school is undone because of lack of interest or bad example of parents during the next few months.

"Our children have been taught that their chief aim in life is to know, love, and serve God, and to find real happiness—there can be no vacation from this duty; parents should remind them of this truth whenever it becomes necessary.

"During vacation, parents should have their children recite daily prayers, attend Mass every Sunday and receive the Sacraments often. They should also be concerned about their children's companions, the places they visit and especially the movies they attend."

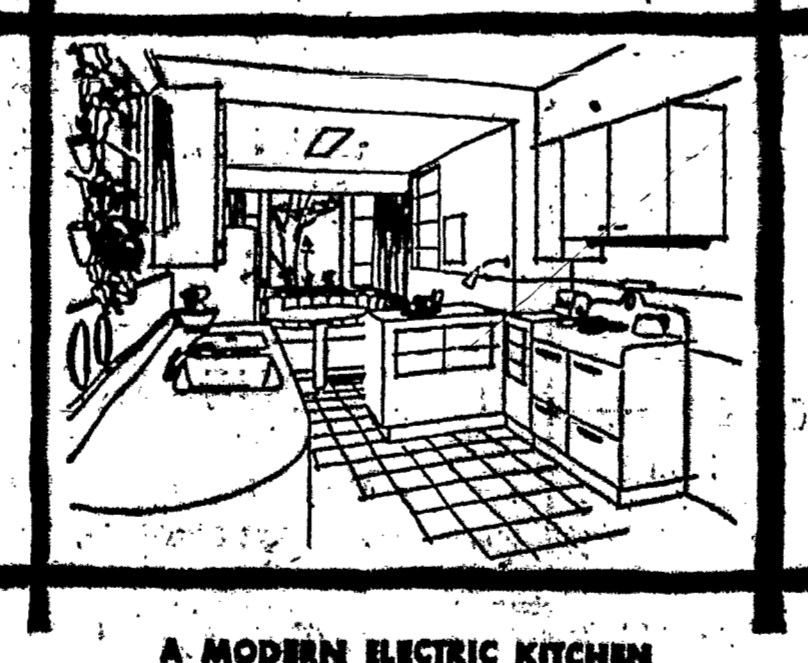
"Hoping parents will fulfill their obligations by setting the example, we extend to parents and children our best wishes for a holy, healthy, and happy vacation."

Picnic Set Thursday By Junior Auxillary

Members of the Junior Auxiliary Knights of St. John of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester will have a picnic Thursday, June 26, at Genesee Valley Park.

Members will meet in the parish school yard at 1 p.m. Dinner will be served at 3 p.m.

Reservations are being accepted by Mrs. Agnes Hilbert, Local 5638.



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