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The old St. Agnes High School on East Main Street

St. Agnes School History

Girls' School Started In 1939

In East Main Street Music School Building

SAINT AGNES High School, now in its new location on East River Road, was opened as a high school for girls in 1939 in the building at 876 East Main Street previously known as the St. Agnes Conservatory of Music and Art.

Under the direction of Sister Agnes Joseph, freshman classes were organized and taught for one year by Sister Anna Joseph and Sister Lambert. For the first three years the School operated under the charter of Nazareth Academy.

A separate charter was granted to Saint Agnes High School by the Regents of the State of New York in April of 1944. The first class, nine members in all, was graduated in June of that year.

Sister Leo Xavier, now a member of the faculty of De Sales High School, Geneva, acted as principal during these early years. Other faculty members included Sister St. Catherine, presently Dean of Studies of Nazareth College, Sister Victoria and Sister Christine Francis, now teaching at Nazareth Academy.

Sister Geraldine was the second principal, and during her administration from 1946 to 1951 the student body expanded in numbers and more teachers were added to the faculty. Sister Rose Alma has been principal since 1951, and the faculty now numbers fifteen.

From the very beginning, the curriculum of Saint Agnes High School has emphasized academic subjects, but at the same time provided a limited number of elective subjects in the fields of business and social studies. The most recent addition is the course in Christian Family Living. Now with increased space and every modern facility, there will be almost unlimited opportunity for additional development of skills in home economics, business, physical education, speech, dramatics and art.

Academically, the students have given evidence of solid ground work. The number of scholarships, both those granted by New York State and the ones awarded by private colleges, has been in good proportion to the number of students.

THE latest honor to come to Saint Agnes High School was the State Scholarship granted in June of 1954 to Miss Elizabeth Gantert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gantert of 310 Winona Boulevard. In addition to her State scholarship, she won in competition a full tuition scholarship to Nazareth College where she is now enrolled as a student.

Saint Agnes students have entered into contests both literary and oratorical, and in every instance have acquitted themselves with distinction. The number of students pursuing higher education is slightly higher than the national average. According to available statistics, 30% of Saint Agnes graduates have attended colleges or universities.

In developing scholarship, the importance of family life has not been overlooked. Up to the present time, marriage has been the culmination of the careers of 22% of Saint Agnes graduates. About 5% of the alumnae are members of religious communities.

When it became apparent that existing facilities in Rochester for Catholic education were inadequate and it became imperative to erect a new school, Saint Agnes' was chosen to expand. The site of thirty-seven acres on East River Road was purchased in 1948.

The actual work of construction began immediately after the ground-breaking ceremony on April 23, 1953, and the building progressed with such rapidity that the cornerstone was laid and the cross surmounting the front entrance was erected on March 9, 1954, less than a year after the breaking of ground. The dedication ceremony has been set for October 17.

St. Agnes School Song

HAIL, ST. AGNES High School!
We sing to thee.
School days are bright and fair;
Our hearts fill with glee to know that
Life will much brighter grow
If we are true—
True to honor and to duty,
God bless our high school!

PROUDLY OUR colors wave,
Fair to behold.
Red stands for fortitude,
Fearless love in ev'ry action;
White speaks of purity,
Womanhood's jewel,
Urging on with strong attraction.
God bless our high school!

WHEN WE MUST bid farewell
To our loved school,
Led by our gentle Saint,
We will face life's battles bravely,
Fighting for Christ our King,
Kindling love's fuel,
'Neath the mantle of Our Lady,
God bless our high school!

—Sister Agnes Teresa

School Patroness

School Dedicated To Girl Heroine Who Died In Defense Of The Faith

THE BEAUTIFUL, white Carrara marble statue of Saint Agnes which faces the entrance to the new St. Agnes High School campus is a gift of the student body. It symbolizes their devotion to the young Roman maiden under whose patronage the school has been placed.

Of old patrician stock, Agnes was born into the Rome of Diocletian when Christianity was still proscribed as a menace to the state. Her family had been converted several generations earlier and lived in the inner circle of the devout who accepted the Gospel teachings in their entirety. They believed and honored their clergy, obeyed the laws of the state, led industrious, chaste lives, cared tenderly for the young and aged, ministered with discrimination to the poor and sick.

Agnes was beloved by the whole Christian community. They admired her rare refined beauty and loved her for her delicate consideration of everyone. Cardinal Wiseman pictures her wise friendliness with the pagan Fabiola and her sisterly concern for the slave Syra.

This beautiful young woman was as indifferent to the adulation of her suitors as she was to the proffered gifts and favors of the emperor. Disregarding threats and torture, like our modern Maria Goretti, she resisted unto death. Protected from dishonor by her heavenly Spouse, she bravely bowed to the sword of the executioner.

The annals of the early martyrs contain no more touching story. Her palm, her wreath, her flowing golden hair, her lamp, her sword, her lamb, her beloved Agnus Dei, have cheered and blessed the centuries. She is invoked in Formosa, in Goa, in Nigeria, in all of Europe and the Americas as devoutly as in the storied environs of the Colosseum and Saint Peter's.

Saint Agnes had discovered the divine perfections of the Son of God long before she had passed into her teens. All glory was in Him, all honor and service were due to Him alone. In a generation that needs her example and inspiration we pray: Agnes of Rome, we supplicate Thee, protect and inspire our lovely young women of Rochester.

SWEET VOICES OF YOUTH
IN REVEREND HARMONY
IS CLOSEST TO
The Speech of Angels

TRAINING FOR CHOIR SINGING AT ST. AGNES HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE VERSATILITY OF A

Minshall Organ

Sister Anne Virginia, voice teacher (above) and a group of choir hopefuls (l to r) Lucia Castronova, Donna Elliott, Patricia Fender, Angela Mascarella and Jean Russo.

THERE is no finer instrument than the all-new all-electric MINSHALL ORGAN. Here indeed is a masterpiece of versatility . . . with a glorious grandeur, a remarkable fidelity of tone that actually rivals the beauty of a "grand" organ. St. Agnes High School Auditorium audiences will thrill to the richness of sound filling the entire structure with exalted melody. By every criterion, the MINSHALL ORGAN is the finest possible choice for your church or school.

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Propagation Of Faith Report

Diocese Donated $282,549.70 To Missions In 1953

Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester provided $282,549.70 in funds for support of the Church's worldwide mission apostolate during 1953, according to the annual report of Monsignor John S. Randall, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In the year 1952, diocesan contributions to the missions totalled $264,700.24.

Monsignor Randall issued the 1953 Propagation of the Faith report on the eve of the 1954 annual Mission Collection which will be taken this Sunday (Oct. 24) in all churches of the diocese. He also pointed out that Mission Sunday contributions last year amounted to $73,502.50.

In a letter to the people of the diocese, His Excellency Bishop Kearney cited generosity to the Missions as "one of our finest traditions." The letter, read in all churches last Sunday, appealed for "spiritual and material help" for the modern apostles who serve the Church in mission areas.

THE BISHOP specifically requested a Mission Sunday contribution "twice as large as last year" as a tribute to the Mother of God during this year especially dedicated to her.

The Mission Sunday collection and other monetary gifts received during the year by the Propagation of the Faith Society are divided three ways, Monsignor Randall explained. He said that 51 percent of each dollar goes to foreign missions, 40 percent to home missions, and 9 percent to the Catholic Near-East.

MEMBERSHIPS in this Society are received on Mission Sunday. The Society has been termed the Pope's "Community Chest" for worldwide mission activities. Members receive Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's monthly illustrated magazine Mission.

Besides the Mission Sunday contributions, the 1953 report by Monsignor Randall also includes specially designated gifts amounting to $60,772.78. A total of $63,867.84 was realized through the Missionary Plan. This program allows each parish to give one collection each year to some one missionary society. The report also includes $17,502.50 provided through wills, and $21,554.55 in Mass Stipends distributed to missionary priests.

Children in the schools raised $26,583.19 through the Holy Childhood Association. Miscellaneous income amounted to $169.78.

MISSION REPORT

Details of the 1953 receipts and expenditures of the Diocesan Office of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith will be found in a special Mission Sunday supplement published with this issue of the Courier-Journal.

Mission Sunday Appeal — Oct. 24

My Dear People:

May I, once again, appeal to your generosity on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and its world-wide program of service.

Every day of the week some young man or woman in a missionary organization of our Church leaves home and country to carry the gospel of Christ into areas where the Holy Father has begged for the service of modern apostles. Their sacrifice would be a hopeless failure unless some one undertook to give the spiritual and financial help which they need for their work. On Mission Sunday the universal Church prays for these missionaries in millions of Masses over the world and asks also your prayers and your generous assistance in the Mission Collection for the Propagation of the Faith.

This year's collection comes during the Marian Year, a year dedicated to the special honor of the Mother of God. May I ask that, in her special honor, you give twice as large an offering next Sunday as you gave last year. Thus, you will be paying her a tribute of special devotion for her Marian Year and also helping to make her known to so many souls under the care of our missions who need so much her mother's care.

The generosity of our diocese to the Missions is one of our finest traditions. Let us preserve the honored tradition.

With grateful blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
+ James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

P.S.: The Mission Collection is to be taken up at all the Masses on Sunday, October 24.

Newark Archbishop Receives Pallium In New Cathedral

Newark, N. J. — (NC) — The solemn and colorful ceremony of the presentation of the pallium to Newark's Archbishop Thomas A. Boland marked the formal opening of the newly completed Cathedral of the Sacred Heart here.

The rituals also marked the closing of the centennial year of the establishment of Newark as a diocese. It was given the status of a diocese in 1853 and raised to an archdiocese in [illegible]

The pallium, which is [illegible] matic of the fullness of Archiepiscopal office, [illegible] ferred upon Archbishop [illegible] by His Excellency [illegible] Amleto Giovanni [illegible] Apostolic Delegate [illegible] States, who also [illegible] Solemn Pontifical [illegible] mon was preached [illegible] James A. McNulty [illegible]

Officer Receives ...ments In 5 Hours

Newfoundland [illegible] S. Army officer [illegible] Ernest Harmon [illegible] Stephenville has [illegible] perience of re[illegible]aments within a [illegible]ve hours.

[illegible]ouis G. Adams, [illegible] who was baptized, made his first confession, received his First Holy Communion, and was confirmed and married sacramentally — all between 11 in the morning and four in the afternoon.

Not only the captain, but his four children were received into the Church at the same time. They were Peter, 9, Michael, 7, Kathy Louise, 5, and Nancy, only 9 months. His wife, Betty Lou, who had been baptized a Catholic previously, received four of the Sacraments.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER being baptized, Capt. Adams made a conditional confession, and the marriage was performed. At noonday Mass, the captain made his First Holy Communion and at four o'clock he was administered the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Michael O'Reilly of St. George.

Peter, the eldest son, was one among a group of 53 others to be confirmed in the Base chapel. They included military personnel and their dependents, officers and enlisted men. There were 43 adults, all of them converts to the Faith, and ten children.

...Writes Prayer

(RNS) — His [illegible]ncis Cardinal [illegible] bishop of New York, has written a prayer for United Nations Day, Oct. 24, ninth anniversary of the founding of the international body.

Text of the prayer follows:

[illegible]h General Assembly United Nations [illegible]lew York, we [illegible]r Father, in [illegible] of all nations, [illegible] representatives [illegible] countries gath[illegible]kence for man's [illegible] them with the [illegible] His truth and [illegible]th His wisdom [illegible] of peace that [illegible] peace and [illegible]y [illegible]n earth for the [illegible] glory.

[illegible]ithout God can [illegible]d only they can [illegible]e who know His [illegible]re do we pray [illegible]of God's peace [illegible], a peace, not [illegible]ce or fear, not [illegible] or guile, not [illegible] baths of hate, [illegible]e gift of God's [illegible] of good-will for

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[illegible]ted to know, [illegible]le like me who [illegible]

[illegible]t was puzzled [illegible]ent.

[illegible]," he replied [illegible]vided to those [illegible] when the time [illegible]nes."

before the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The National Council of Catholic Women is affiliated with the world-wide organization.

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an impossible lifelong ambition—to become a nun.

The years of suffering, which began in babyhood when Julia McColgan, now 16, was pronounced a victim of "rheumatic fever," left her physically weak and tiny in proportion to other girls her age. But her faith is stronger than most and her smile has provided courage to many a bedside patient.

As her condition became steadily worse, she was placed in the Children's Seashore House, Atlantic City, N. J., and finally was sent to Philadelphia General Hospital. At the latter institution it was learned for the first time that the girl was not plagued by rheumatic fever but that she had holes in two sides of her heart.

A RARE OPERATION was called for—but the tiny girl was by that time too weak to undergo such a strain. The needed [illegible] entered the Philadelphia municipal hospital's operating room, where she remained for four hours while the holes in her heart were drawn together by a surgeon's needle.

The heart became reduced in size almost immediately and doctors hope that soon it will be normal.

"If I become strong enough, some day I'll be a Sister," Julia said. "I believe I will get strong."

[illegible] of demands by Councilman George L. Stowe, now a candidate for Ohio state senator.

The new ordinance provides a stiffer penalty for the offender when the recipient of such literature is a minor and it contains a section obviously aimed at curbing horror and lust comics.

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