

## St. Joseph Sisters

### 100 Years

#### In Diocese

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ate school for boys, and two seminaries.

The foundation of Nazareth College in 1924 on the House property located at 261 Lake Avenue marked Rochester's first Catholic college. The present beautiful buildings in Pittsford were completed in 1942.

The year 1938 saw Mother Rose Miriam elected fourth General Superior of the Congregation. Under her guidance, the Selma mission in Alabama began in 1940. At the present time, there are nine Sisters in Selma whose missionary activities include teaching, nursing and catechetical instruction.

Mother Rose Miriam supervised the erection of the new Nazareth College buildings which include the three main buildings and Medaille Residence Hall. Within the same term, St. Agnes High School was opened and was fully accredited in 1944. With the expansion of Nazareth Academy, the new wing was dedicated in 1940. Meanwhile the needs of the parochial schools were being met consistently.

1950 recalls the celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Sisters of St. Joseph at LePuy in France. The story of three centuries as depicted at home and abroad. Community representatives attended the celebration at LePuy, while parishes and diocesan institutions portrayed the colorful events in the history of the Congregation as it has unfolded in the Diocese of Rochester.

REVEREND MOTHER Helene was elected fifth General Superior of the Rochester Congregation in 1951. Under her leadership, the community has continued its program of service and constant expansion. Especially significant is the construction of the \$2,500,000 St. Agnes High School, completed in 1954 in suburban South-aven, Rochester to provide modern educational facilities for 800 students. It symbolizes the singular courage which was manifested by the first Sisters of St. Joseph of over 200 years ago, whose sole ambition was to care for God's children.

As the Sisters celebrated their Rochester diocesan centennial at Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral on Thanksgiving Day, 1954, Bishop Kearney summarized their history in this diocese:

"When that first little group of Sisters of St. Joseph recited their 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' in the little convent at Canandaigua, in their fondest hopes and ambitions, they never visualized the picture that stands before us today."

"This picture shows," the Bishop said, "the entire area of the diocese dotted with Sisters of St. Joseph in the classrooms, high schools, hospitals, institutions for the care of the little ones and the aged, and one of the outstanding girls' colleges in the country, and all this a gradual development of 100 years."

God in His power can accomplish His will as He chooses. It is true. But God in His goodness has called the generous hearts of the Sisters of St. Joseph to be His angels of grace to the world and to our diocese.

#### NORMAL SCHOOL

Dedicating the Normal School opened by the Sisters of St. Joseph on the site now occupied by the Basilian Fathers, near Augustine St., Bishop McQuaid said on Dec. 27, 1886:

"I dedicate today to the honor and glory of Almighty God, a house of virtue and plenty, of study and learning. The community of the Sisters of St. Joseph is dedicated to these works of piety, of study and learning.

"There is no light in Christendom more inspiring, more uplifting and more gladdening to the world than that of women caring for the orphans, tending and ministering to the sick in hospital, lifting up and succoring the broken-down and aged, and even going as missionaries to the uttermost quarters of the earth."



Prayer, spiritual exercises inspire the daily life of the Sisters.

## St. Joseph Nuns Pioneer Teacher Education

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ed and approved by the Teacher Education Division of Higher and Professional Education of New York State as the Elementary Teacher Education Division of Nazareth College thus integrating the Teacher Education Department with the College from which the recognized degree is granted. This coincided with the appointment of Sister Jamesetta as Dean of the Elementary Teacher Education Division of Nazareth College.

The Elementary Teacher Education Division, true to the original purpose of its founders, endeavors to provide the professional preparation of religious women for teaching in the elementary parochial school system. While its primary aim is to supply

the needs of the Diocese of Rochester, it welcomes each year as students those religious women preparing for the same profession and similar services in many other Sections of the United States and Canada. Recent summer students have represented the dioceses of Burlington, Brooklyn, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Philadelphia, New York, St. Augustine, and Mobile in the United States as well as London, Ontario and Toronto.

AMONG THE non-instructional activities of the Elementary Teacher Education Division are Workshops offered from time to time as educational problems arise in the field. These are structured according to current needs which have been diag-

nosed via supervision or made known by teachers. Here the compiled opinion of experts, together with constructive measures for improvement are provided.

As a result of the Music Workshop held during the summer session of 1953, music unit plans for grades one through eight were constructed and made available to teachers. Other recent activities include the assembly of a Curriculum Laboratory collection, the opening of a Children's Library to be used for reference, display, and the story hour combined with the Kindergarten Practicum, and the administration of a Standardized Testing Program for the schools under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

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## TO THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH ON THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR 100th ANNIVERSARY

Sibley's extends its sincere congratulation, with a tribute to the selfless devotion and personal attention you have given to the youth of Rochester in dedicating your life to their guidance, education and counsel.