

School Faculty

Professionally Trained Staff

Directs Coeducational School

AN IMPRESSIVE faculty of highly-trained and experienced teachers awaits the students of Elmira's new co-educational high school this fall when the Sisters of Mercy opened the doors of Notre Dame High School to 341 teenagers.

The staff that is ostensibly the "cream of the crop" stands at the helm of the Southern Tier's most recent institution of the Catholic Schools system there.

Offering the full four-year high school course approved by the New York State Board of Regents, the staff of Notre Dame High School presents an educational pedigree well equipped to train and guide the youth of Elmira.

Members of the Notre Dame faculty and their professional backgrounds are as follows:

Sister Mary Raphael—Principal—background of experience for a number of years in the Latin and French departments of Aquinas Institute; B.A. and M.A., Canisius College; post graduate work at Catholic University of America, University of Toronto, Marguerite Bourbeaux College and Laval University.

Sister Mary Alberta—Vice Principal—B.A., Buffalo State Teachers' College; Nazareth College; M.A., St. Bonaventure University; graduate studies at Plus X School of Liturgical Music and Niagara University.

Sister Mary Anne—B.A., Syracuse University; M.A., Cornell University and Catholic University of America.

Sister Mary Beatrice—B.A., Nazareth College, Duquesne University; Pittsburgh; M.A., Catholic University of America; Member of the Regents Examination Board, State Department of Education.

Sister Mary Carmella—B.A., Canisius College, Nazareth College, St. Bonaventure University; M.S., in Biology, St. Bonaventure University.

Sister Mary Christopher—B.S., in Secretarial Science, Nazareth College.

Sister Mary Edmond—B.A., Nazareth College; B.L.S., St. John's University, Brooklyn.

Sister Mary Edwina—B.Mus., Marywood College; B.A., Nazareth College; graduate studies at Plus X School of Liturgical Music, DePaul University, Chicago; M. Mus. in Music Education, Eastman School of Music.

Sister Mary Jane Frances—Nazareth Teachers' College, Mercy Teachers' College, Nazareth College; B.A., St. Bonaventure College; graduate work at Syracuse University.

Sister Mary Jeanne—Cortland Normal School, Elmira College, University of Wisconsin; Albany State Teachers' College, Nazareth College; B.S., Canisius College; graduate studies at Columbia University, Catholic University of America and University of Buffalo.

Sister Mary Joachim—Canisius College, Nazareth College, Niagara University; B.A., St. Bonaventure University; graduate studies at St. Bonaventure University and University of Rochester.

Sister Mary Patrick—Nazareth Teachers' College, Marywood College, Canisius College; B.S. in Home Economics, Columbia University.

Sister Mary Hilary—Cortland Normal, B.A., at Canisius College; M.A. at St. Bonaventure University; graduate work at Marguerite Bourbeaux College and Laval University.



Sister Raphael, Principal, explains public address system.

Notre Dame Principal

Years of teaching experience have given to Sister Mary Raphael, principal of Notre Dame High School, a firm grasp on the problems of human nature, especially of youth.

Grammar school years spent in teaching upper grades at Holy Cross and St. John the Evangelist in Rochester gave her a good start in the educational world. Her "knack-with-boys" was acquired during her 31 teaching career years at Aquinas Institute (1925-1953). There she taught French, Latin and Religion and for a good part of the time worked as an assistant in the planning of schedules which gave her a fine foundation for her later administrative duties.

Studies at Canisius College, where she earned her B.A. and M.A. in Latin, with graduate work pursued at Catholic University in Washington and Laval University in Quebec have given Sister Raphael ample educational background as well.

In 1952 she was appointed principal of the new Notre Dame High School then being planned, and in 1953 she left for Elmira to take the helm as principal of Elmira Catholic High School for its last two years.

During the relatively short period of time Sister Raphael has been in Elmira, she has won a coveted spot in the hearts of pupils and parents alike. Her firm decisions, straightforward manner and clear business mind have likewise assured her the respect of the community. Described as possessing an unusual dedication to duty, Sister Mary Raphael is the living embodiment of the "spirit of Notre Dame."

Curriculum At Notre Dame

Study Courses Geared To Modern Youth Needs,

Academic, Business, Domestic Sciences Taught

THE NOTRE DAME High School, so adequately planned and equipped, meets the needs of educating modern youth; both boys and girls. This is evidenced by the variety of subjects the curriculum offers.

Rev. Joseph Hogan, Chaplain of the high school, has assumed the responsibilities of spiritual director for the students. He not only instructs all students in religion classes but is also available for private conferences.

Academic subjects geared toward preparing the students for higher education, include instruction in English, citizenship education, Latin, French, German, mathematics, and science. Creative writing is offered for seniors of unusual ability in English; trigonometry for those who find mathematics challenging; contemporary affairs for the boys and girls anxious to specialize in history.

The girls have taken advantage of the elaborate home economics department to pioneer in the cooking and sewing classes under the tutelage of Sister Mary Patrick. Courses in designing, illustration, and basic art are taught by Sister

Mary Jeanne. Choral classes, under the direction of Sister Mary Edwina, are being arranged to meet the modern demand for participation in good music. Private and group lessons are also offered to pave the way for more elaborate undertakings in the field of instrumental music.

STUDENTS WISHING to major in business may choose typing, business arithmetic, business law, office and secretarial practice, bookkeeping and shorthand. These classes are attracting both boys and girls.

According to Edward Rothwell, athletic director for the boys, sports highlighted by baseball and basketball, will get underway immediately. Mrs. John Childs has arranged a physical education and athletic program for the girls. This will include volley ball, soft ball, basketball and dancing classes. The health program is under the auspices of Mrs. Frances Pounds, Chemung County visiting nurse.

Parallel to the regular schedule is an extensive extra-curricular activity program. The Sodality of Our Lady mod-

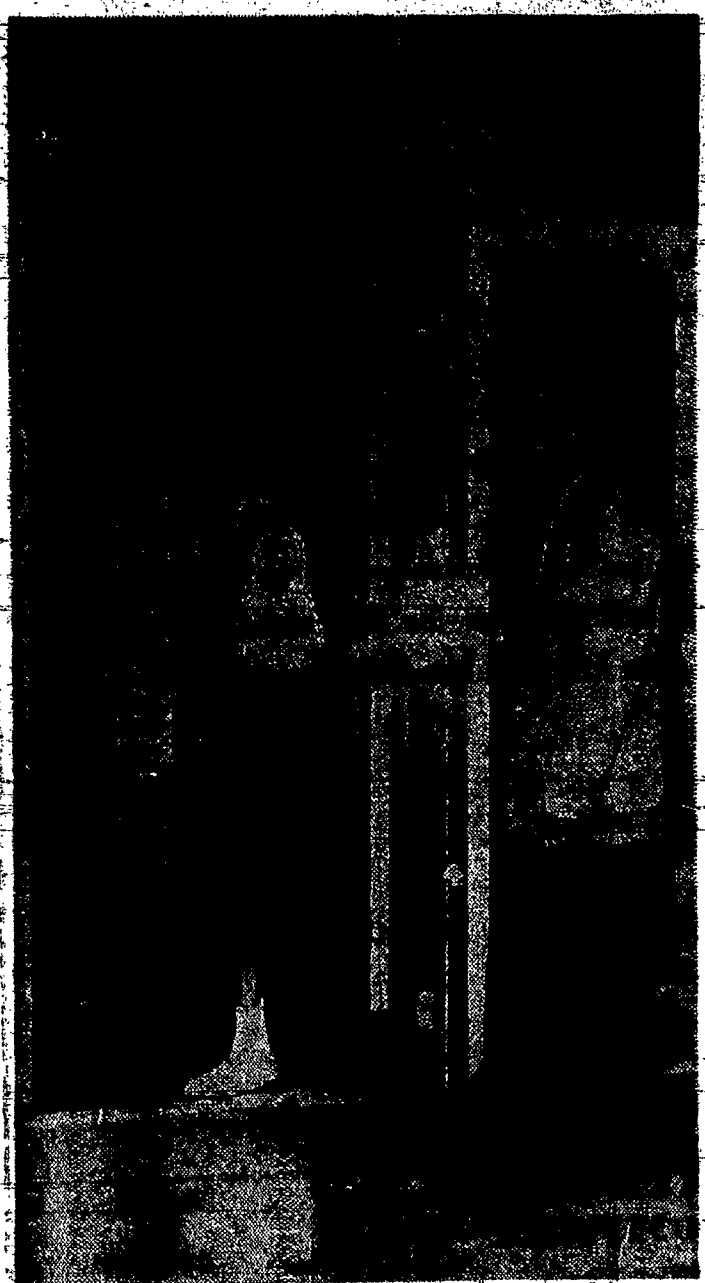
erated by Sister Mary Joachim heads the list of religious activities. A Third Order of St. Francis group affiliated with the adult group in Elmira is also being formed.

In the near future an Acolyte Society will be organized for the benefit of the boys anxious to be of service on the altar.

THE STAMP CLUB under Mr. Rothwell's leadership and the Atomic Circle under Sister Mary Carmella will appeal in a special way to the boys. Sister Mary Jeanne has been named moderator of the Art Club.

The Library Circle inaugurated last year under Sister Mary Edmond will hold its meetings in the attractive library. Members of this organization act as library aides and help in the processing of library books.

Aspiring actors and actresses will be enrolled in the Thespian Society. Under Sister Mary Edwina's direction this organization plans to hold monthly meetings. Members of the society will actively participate in the various programs planned for the auditorium.



Holds door for lady—Gaily toward the young ladies is the order of the day for the boys at Notre Dame's coeducational high school.