



Newly expanded rectory at St. Andrew Parish is shown above. Monsignor George W. Ekl, pastor, is shown at the entrance to the Colonial structure following its completion this week.

Rectory Opens, Pastor Marks 80th Birthday

Double celebration of the re-opening of the rectory and the observance of the pastor's 80th birthday was marked at St. Andrew Parish this week.

The modernized and expanded rectory again became the hub of parish activity with the renovation by the pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Ekl, and his three assistants. The priests had occupied temporary quarters in several blocks from the church during the renovation.

Of Colonial structure, the new addition blends with the old section of the rectory built in 1916. Expansion of the parish and the addition of a third assistant necessitated the extensive renovations in the building.

Monsignor Ekl offered Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving yesterday (Sept. 25) morning on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Open house for the clergy was held at the rectory yesterday.

Born of Mr. and Mrs. John Ekl on Sept. 26, 1877, Monsignor Ekl was the second of 13 children. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 6, 1901 by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid in St. Patrick Cathedral. He then returned to St. Bernard Seminary for advanced study.

Monsignor Ekl has spent 56 years in the Holy Priesthood with 43 of those years devoted to St. Andrew Parish. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport. From 1902 until 1909 he was assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester.

First pastorate given Monsignor Ekl was that of St. John's, Greece, where he was named on Nov. 29, 1909. He served there until 1914 when he was appointed pastor of the newly formed St. Andrew Church.



As pastor of St. Andrew's, he has directed and guided the development of church school, confirmation, and rectory. The first building was a church and school built in 1897. It was named a Shrine of the Precious Blood in October, 1947 by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

Under his direction a new school was opened in 1915 with the Sisters of Mercy in charge of 200 pupils. A new Gregorian Colonial three-story convent with all modern conveniences was built and opened for the Sisters in May, 1949. A two-story addition to the school was dedicated in September, 1953 by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Holy Family Unit Plans Bus Trip

Holy Family Eucharistic League will sponsor a one-day bus trip to St. Michael's Mission, Watkins Glen and Geneva on Sunday, Oct. 6.

The price of \$7 includes a boat trip on Seneca Lake and dinner at the LaFayette Inn, Geneva. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Oct. 2. For reservations or further information call Ruth Friday at Glen 8-865-J.

Rome Studies Assigned To 2 Piffard Trappists

Father Paul of the Cross Murray and Father Melchior Cassula, Trappists of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey, Piffard, left this week for studies in Rome.

Both will study at the Gregorian University. Father Paul of the Cross will continue work in Philosophy and Father Melchior in Theology.

THE TRAPPIST priests will teach at the Abbey on their return from Rome in one or two years.

Father Paul of the Cross is the former William Murray of Rochester. He attended Aquinas Institute and St. Michael's College, Toronto, before entering the Trappist community. Father Paul of the Cross was ordained in 1955.



Father Paul of the Cross and Father Melchior.

Knights Listed At Graves Rites

Members of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John will participate in the annual Blessing of the Graves ceremony at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29.

Instead of the traditional procession, Holy Mass will be offered by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at the cemetery chapel at 4:30 p.m. for all buried in the Lake Ave. cemetery. The Bishop will also give the sermon.

Colonel Emil G. Eckert of the knights has ordered the regiment to report in full dress uniform at St. Bernard Seminary on Lake Ave. at 3:45 p.m. Sunday to escort the seminarians to the cemetery ceremony.

Record Hop Set At St. Helen's

Youth Club of St. Helen Parish will sponsor a Joe Devine Record Hop Sunday, Sept. 29. Benediction at 7:30 will precede the dance. Admission is 60 cents per person. All members are invited.

Holy Angels Guild To Hold Meeting

First meeting of the year of the Holy Angels Guild will be held Sept. 30 at the Hotel Seneca at 8 p.m. Mrs. William B. Bertsch, the new President, will preside.

Serving as officers with Mrs. Bertsch will be Mrs. Robert Heber, 1st vice president, Mrs. Robert Wender, 2nd vice president, Mrs. David Warner, recording secretary, Mrs. Wendell Rayn, corresponding secretary and Miss Helen Connell, treasurer.

MRS. BERTSCH announced the following committee chairman for the year: Mrs. Francis Wagner and Mrs. Paul Romhart, program; Mrs. J. Edward Naughton and Mrs. Leonard Oliver, refreshments; Mrs. Betty Roberts and Mrs. Glen Perkins, hospitality; Miss Louise Randazza, publicity; Mrs. Oliver Costich, auditor; Mrs. Edward Dierkes, music; Mrs. Vernon Haloran, shrine; Mrs. William Kelly and Mrs. William Polley, telephone; Miss Josephine Flora, labels; and Miss Helen O'Harrigan, DCW representative.

The program for the evening will be a hat style show presented by Marks Hat Shop of East Ave.



GROUNDBREAKING for McAuley Junior College took place at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse Tuesday with His Excellency Bishop Kearney officiating. With the Bishop is Mother Mary Magdalene, left, mother general, and Sister Mary de Paul, dean.

Bishop Breaks Ground For Junior College

His Excellency Bishop Kearney broke ground for the \$14-million dollar Catherine McAuley Junior College Tuesday, Sept. 21 adjacent to the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Rd., Brighton.

The college, which has been in operation for three years, will have its own three-story building by the fall of 1959. Sister Mary de Pazzi is dean.

The junior college trains Sisters of Mercy as teachers. More than 100 student nurses are presently enrolled in classes now being held in the Motherhouse.

THE NEW building also will house the remedial reading center now located in Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Meet in Paris Vatican City - (CNC) - The International Congress of Family Organizers will meet in Paris for its 38th annual convention.

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Mrs. George D. Nichols, all of Tentative plans for a card party for the Marie Curie Seminary at Home and was removed to Fund were made.

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