



Interior of new St. Louis Church, Pittsford.

Pittsford Church Rites Slated

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plan for parish buildings, started in 1953. A drive was held at the time to raise funds to finance the building program.

Laminated wood arches form the basic structure of the building, supporting the roof of interior wood decking and exterior aluminum, and at the same time framing the altar, giving a clear, unobstructed view.

The interior walls are warm pink brick, designed in a saw-tooth pattern, to achieve control of natural lighting so that it is all directed over the shoulders of the worshippers toward the altar.

The brick work is particularly noteworthy, not only in the arches, communion-rail and pulpit, but also in the heating vents and cold air returns, which were designed as brick grills.

The brick work was also lauded by the Rochester Builders Exchange, which gave an award for outstanding craftsmanship to Stephen Hughes, who did the brick work in the church.

THE SANCTUARY is set off from the body of the church by its higher roof level and its painted white brick walls—making that the focal point of the church.

The Sanctuary is simple in design, which sets off the richness of the altar, done in marble mosaic set against a background of reticulate of black marble.

The floor of the Sanctuary is also black marble, interlaced with white marble, giving the effect of a carpet leading up the center to the altar steps.

The mosaic paleotto, or altar frontispiece, has a field of blue green. On this, the classic monogram of Christ, the Chi Rho in gold mosaic, symbolizes the Communion of Saints.

Both the altar candlesticks and the three suspended Sanctuary Lamps are Spanish baroque antiques. The lamps form an interesting visual line above the communion rail.

THE STAINED GLASS windows are cut modern style in irregular pieces of clear colored glass. In the Sanctuary are two large hexagonal windows, one on the Epistle side representing the four major Prophets of the Old Testament, and the other on the Gospel side representing the four Evangelists of the New Testament.

High over the altar is a smaller hexagonal in rich reds, in which the Holy Spirit, depicted as the Dove and flames of Pentecost is represented.

The windows in the nave, setting off all the colors of the spectrum, have a series of Christian symbols illustrating the Apostles Creed. The great over entrance window is a majestic portrayal of Christ, the King.

JUST OFF the Sanctuary on the Epistle side of the altar is an intimate little chapel, dedicated to the Blessed Mother. It is highlighted by an 18th century painting of the Madonna and Child, done by Giacomo Amigoni, as the altar piece. The statue of the Virgin outside the chapel is the work of the contemporary artist, Hugues Maurin, who also designed the Stations of the Cross for Rambush Studios. Both are done in terra cotta.

On the Gospel side of the altar, in front of the sacristies, is an unusual modern mosaic of St. Joseph. Done on enameled copper, the work portrays the Foster Father of the Savior in his working clothes, with the tools of his trade about him. Pictured in back of the shrine are the Mother and

Child, the Star of Bethlehem, the pyramids of Egypt and the doves of the Presentation. The work was executed by John C. Menehan, a St. Louis parishioner and well-known local artist.

The Baptistry is located in the narthex of the church, separated by a white wrought iron gate. The font is white carved marble. The church also has four confessionals; two in the front and two in the rear. Above the narthex is the choir loft, which can accommodate another 100 persons. The sacristies are located off the Gospel side of the Sanctuary.

A partial basement contains the heating plant, which combines both radiant and circulating heat, rest rooms and the altar boys' sacristy. The floors of the building are honeycombed with forms through which hot air is blown, heating the floors as it goes, and then coming through the interior. Intercom phones connect the sacristies, narthex and choir loft.

An unusual feature of both the church and school is the fact that they both face on a spacious inner court that is used for play by the children at recess and where people can leave their cars to have the main entrance of the church immediately available. It can also be used for processions and outdoor devotions. At the same time, the church and school are readily accessible from the street.

Over the main entrance of the church is a sculpture of St. Louis, the parish patron and Crusader King of France. This

was done in glazed terra cotta by the American artist, Frederick Shrady of Ridgefield, Conn.

Electrical work for the new edifice was done by the Dwyer Electric Co. Heating was done by Leo J. Roth Corp. and plumbing by E. G. Snyder Co., Inc. R. Altman and Sons did the decorating and Walter V. Ward was supervising architect.

PRESENT AT the dedication will be Msgr. Louis W. Edelman, pastor emeritus of St. Louis parish, who founded the parish in 1911. Still a resident of Pittsford, Msgr. Edelman celebrated and preached at the first Mass in the new church last Christmas.

St. Louis was founded as a Mission Church, attached to the Church of the Assumption, Fairport, in 1873, under the pastorate of Father C. McGrath. That same year, parishioners of the mission constructed the first church.

In 1877, Father P. McGraw was put in charge of the Pittsford Mission and in 1884, he was succeeded by Father John L. Codyre. Father Codyre was still pastor when St. Louis was made a separate parish in 1911, under the guidance of Msgr. Edelman. He also was given charge of St. Catherine's Mission Church in Mendon.

About 40 Irish families composed the entire parish when Msgr. Edelman took charge, with the church able to hold 230 people. There are now over 1,050 attending Sunday Mass, according to Father Reddington. The new church is able to hold 650 people, he added.

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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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WE SPEAK OF DIMES BECAUSE last year the Catholics of the United States gave the Holy Father, for the Missions of the world, three dimes each—the equivalent of a package of cigarettes. The Methodists sent to their central Mission office an average of \$2.05 each, or almost seven times as much as Catholics.

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Vanguard Chief Lauds Catholic Schools Role

San Francisco (NC)—Dr. John F. Hagen, director of the Navy's Project Vanguard, said here that Catholic colleges are to be congratulated on bucking the "all science" approach now current in U.S. higher education. Dr. Hagen, a Methodist, came to this city to make an address at the annual convention of the Navy League.

"Our college students need more work in philosophy and the humanities to back up their scientific studies," he said in an interview. "That's where Catholic schools are doing a wonderful job, in addition to supporting and expanding the fine science departments many of them have."

An alumnus of Georgetown University, conducted by the Jesuits in Washington, D.C., he singled out his alma mater as an example of what is needed, observing that Georgetown requires all science majors to take courses in philosophy.

DR. HAGEN is on leave from his post as lecturer on radio astronomy at Georgetown while he heads the U.S. earth satellite program during the International Geophysical Year. When he was a student at Georgetown he studied under direction of Father Francis J. Heyden, S.J., director

of the Georgetown University Observatory.

Getting on the subject of satellites, Dr. Hagen said the Russians have "developed rockets with greater thrust" than the United States, and "obviously are ahead in the ability to put 'big hunks' into space."

DR. HAGEN said the effect radiation will have upon space flight is still an open question.

"We have known for years that the sun shoots out corpus-

cular radiation," he said. "We suspect that's the source of the deadly rays just discovered some 650 miles above the earth. They are protons and electrons trapped in the earth's magnetic field."

"How seriously would they affect space flight? We don't know. (Maybe spacecraft could zip through so fast the rays wouldn't matter. What it really means is that we must develop more accurate instrumentation for future satellites, with a greater capacity for measurement."

Dr. Hagen said high school rocket experiments should be encouraged, adding that his own son belongs to a school rocket club.

But he warned: "The only qualification is safety. The experiments must be performed under the expert direction of a stable adult."

Air Force Chaplains Chief Appointed

Washington (NC)—President Eisenhower has nominated Monsignor (Brig. Gen.) Terence P. Finnegan to the grade of Major General to serve as Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Air Force, effective August 15.

Monsignor Finnegan, a priest of the Norwich, Conn. diocese and now serving as Deputy Chief of Air Force chaplains, succeeds Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles L. Carpenter, who has been named Protestant cadet chaplain of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

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Polish Shrine
Warsaw (RNS)—A national pilgrimage of young Roman Catholic women will take place to the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, patroness of Poland, at Jasna Gora on June 1.

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First Priest
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