



JOSEPH CASTRO, second from the left, measures the rear entrance way of the new convent being built by the men of the parish at St. Jerome's, East Rochester. Looking on from the left are Ernest Providence, Rev. Roy B. Morphy, pastor of St. Jerome's and Augustino De Ciantes.

\$50,000 Plus 94 Men

St. Jerome's Builds A Convent

By FRANK KELLY

How do you build a convent? Well, if you are Father Roy B. Morphy, pastor of St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester, you raise \$50,000, collect 94 men from your parish, who will put in 7,500 hours of manual labor and in about six months time, your convent is built.

IT SOUNDS easy, doesn't it? But actually, it isn't that easy. In the latter part of last summer, Father Morphy was faced with a serious problem. The parish had bought property next to the school at 51 S. Garfield St. and he intended to house the Sisters of St. Joseph in an existing house on the property, after it was renovated.

This had to be done within a year's time, for the Sisters were living in the Nazareth Motherhouse, which was faced with an overcrowding problem.

Father called in several members of his parish in the building line to ask them whether the house could be renovated.

AFTER CAREFUL study, these men, chaired by Joseph Castro, a building contractor at 312 N. Lincoln Rd., East Rochester, told Father Morphy, that he would have to spend about \$30,000 for renovations. This, they thought, would take too much time, and in the end, would still not be completely satisfactory for the Sisters.

"So," Castro said, "we decided that we would enlist our friends in the parish and build a completely new convent — with not one cent being paid out for wages."

Plans for the new convent were drawn up by the architectural firm of Richard A. Stevens and Eugene M. Borish of 53 Goodman St. N., Rochester, at a very nominal cost.

EXCAVATION was begun on May 11, under the supervision of Castro, who counts among his workers about 20 men engaged in the building trade — plumbers, carpenters and heat experts. The rest of the 94? They are bank executives, accountants, a union local president, store clerks, truck drivers, etc.

Ever since the excavation, the men, ably assisted by Father John Hempel and Father Joseph Brennan, assistants at St. Jerome's, work every evening, Monday through Friday, from 6 to 9 p.m.

ON THE AVERAGE night, about 15 men turn out. Naturally, with all this back-breaking work, the men work up quite an appetite. So the priests of the parish provide them with coffee and sandwiches. The Sisters provide the men with moral support, with their prayers for the successful completion of the convent.

Castro said that the building would cost about \$50,000. "But if the men of the parish didn't donate their time, it would cost about \$125,000," he related.

While this work is being done, the six nuns who staff the school are still living at the Motherhouse on East Ave., through the kindness of Rev. Mother M. Helone, superior general.

In September, however, the Sisters will have to move to the old house on the convent property, temporarily, because of the overcrowded conditions at the Motherhouse. Sister M. William Margaret is principal of the school, which was completed in 1935.

WHEN COMPLETED, the convent will have a chapel, sacristy, two parlors, a refectory, community room, kitchen, sunporch and confessional on the first floor, and 12 bedrooms and a bath on the second floor.

The building is of frame construction with Roman brick veneer on the outside of the edifice. The building, which contains 2,500 square feet of living space, can be expanded, if necessary.

The basement contains a recreation room, laundry and drying area, a kitchen storage room and the boiler room, with hot water heating the building.



Annunciation Guild Dines

ANNUAL BANQUET of Rosary Guild of Annunciation Parish was held in the church hall, Monday. Leading roles were taken by above (from left) Mrs. Anthony Lattuca, banquet chairman; Mrs. Anthony Catalfo, guild president and Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor. City Court Judge John P. Lomenzo spoke. (Al Piccoli photo).

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Rochester Will Host Hibernians Convention

Basilians To Move Novitiate

The novitiate of the Congregation of St. Basil, located at Aquinas Institute since the war years, will be moved to Pontiac, Michigan, in May, 1959, upon the completion of a novitiate to be built there.

The Basilian Fathers have awarded the contract for the new Novitiate to the Schurrer Construction Co. of Pontiac and construction is now under way, according to Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B., secretary general of the society.

The new site was chosen because of its central location in regard to the Basilian houses in this country. Father F. J. Grescoviak, C.S.B., master of novices, said.

THE NEW Novitiate will have private rooms for 49 novices and 6 priests. It will be built in the center of an 80 acre farm, one of the highest points of land in the neighborhood of Detroit. The residence and refectory wings are functional in design, plain and austere.

The chapel features a floor to roof south window dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. May 1, 1959, has been set as the date for the transfer of the Novitiate. Total cost of the new building, will be \$750,000.

The building committee is headed by Rev. A. L. Higgins, C.S.B., Catholic Central High Schools for Boys, Detroit. Members of the Rochester local committee include Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College and Rev. E. P. Magee, C.S.B., principal of Aquinas Institute.



MODEL OF CHAPEL for new St. Basil Novitiate in Pontiac, Mich., is displayed by Rev. Francis J. Grescoviak, C.S.B., director of novices at novitiate in Rochester to be replaced at new location. Chapel will seat 60 and have community room and library in basement.

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Three Adult Sodalties Hold Annual Banquet

Rochester's three Adult Sodality groups from St. Boniface, St. Francis Xavier and St. Michael's Churches united for their annual banquet held at the Wishing Well on Tuesday, June 3. Featured speaker for the event was Rev. Richard Murphy of St. James Church. Father Murphy is speaker at Sodality work and is presently director of St. James High School Sodality.

Rev. Edward Steinkirchner, director of the Sodality at St. Michael's Church, presented Kathleen Bond with the gold pin from the national office of the Sodality of Our Lady, in recognition of her outstanding service in the interest of the Sodality. She has been a member of Father Steinkirchner's group for the past two years.

Father Steinkirchner also announced his new officers. They are Kathleen Murphy, prefect; Beverly Murphy, secretary; Edward Aron, treasurer; Kathleen Bond, instructor of confidantes.

On the calendar of future events for the three Sodalties is a Day of Recollection to be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, Sunday, June 15. Rev. James Malone, S.J. of Marquette Jesuit High School will conduct the exercises.

Annual Tridium Set At Annunciation

A Tridium in honor of Sacred Heart of St. Anthony will be conducted in Church of the Annunciation, 1751 Norton St., June 11, 12, 13 according to the Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor.

The Tridium will be preached by the Rev. Edwin D. Metzger, assistant pastor of Christ the King Church, Services, Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be at 7:30 p.m. Solemn High Mass, Friday, June 13 at 8:30 p.m. will close the services.

Morning Masses will be at 7 and 7:30 a.m. (Story on Page 1)

Holy Name Men Set Pilgrimage

President Alphonse Salvaggio of the St. Francis Xavier Holy Name Society announces that approximately 35 men will make the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Marys at Auriesville on Sunday, June 8.

The men will attend 8 a.m. Mass and receive Communion in a body at St. Francis Church and leave immediately after Mass for Auriesville on a chartered bus. The men will attend services at the shrine.

The 69th Biennial state convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held in Rochester, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 26, 27 and 28. Delegates will register Wednesday, June 25 at the Sheraton Hotel, official convention headquarters.

Monroe County board president, Walter A. Anderson of Rochester has appointed various committees to assist with convention arrangements and entertainment of the visitors.

HIS EXCELLENCY, Bishop Kearney, will preside and preach at the Thursday, June 26, 9 a.m. Mass to be held at St. Mary's Church, prior to the business meetings of the convention. The Very Rev. Donald M. O'Callaghan, O. Carm, state chaplain of the A.O.H., will celebrate the Mass and be the speaker at the Communion Breakfast.

State president, Timothy J. Driscoll, will head a large delegation of New York City Hibernians attending the convention. A total of 500 Hibernians are expected from all parts of the state.

This year's meetings will be solemized by the loss of the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien of Rochester, former state chaplain and ardent Hibernian for years, who died suddenly on March 23 of this year.

Father O'Brien also was chaplain for Monroe County Board. Father George S. Wood, a classmate of Father O'Brien's, has since been appointed the new chaplain for the Monroe County Board.

His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Cussey will be the speaker at the state convention dinner on Saturday, June 28 at 7 p.m. which will close out the convention.

Walter A. Anderson is general chairman assisted by Herbert V.

Grant Offered For Nazareth

Auburn — The Auburn Chapter of the Nazareth College Alumnae Association will again offer its annual scholarship award, according to Mrs. Richard E. Kaler, president.

Applications for the 1958-59 award must be made to Miss Donna Conroy, 15 1/2 Perry St., Auburn before June 30.



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Knights Of St. John Map Convention Here

Supreme officers of the International Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliary will arrive in Rochester, Wednesday, June 25 and Thursday, June 26 to confer with local knights on convention here from June 27 to July 2.

Solemn Masses, competitive drills, street parade and other gatherings are being planned. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will open the convention in Rochester War Memorial, June 28; preside at Mass in St. Joseph Church, June 29, 9:30 a.m. and speak at banquet in Manger Hotel, Sunday, June 29 at 6 p.m.

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