

Infirmiry Planned For Ailing, Aged Nuns

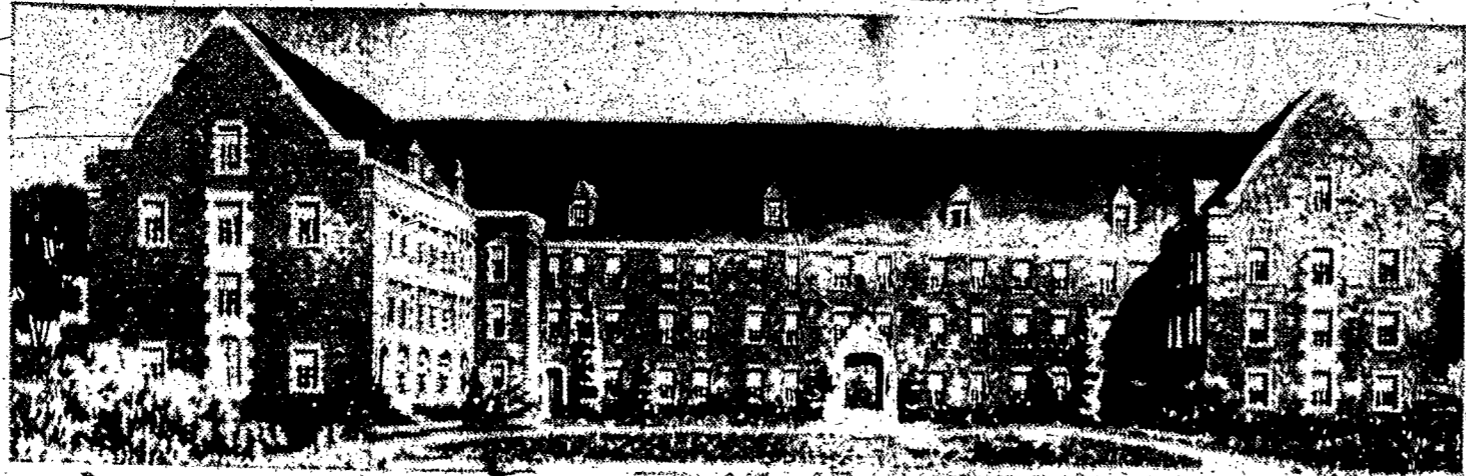
Plans for construction of an infirmiry building for the Sisters of St. Joseph — to be erected just west of the Motherhouse on East Avenue, Pittsford — were announced today by Reverend Mother M. Helene, S.S.J., superior general of the community.

The proposed three-story brick structure will provide accommodations for 100 Sisters. Costs are estimated at \$1,500,000. Ground-breaking has been tentatively scheduled for next spring.

Two important needs will be filled by the building; the superior pointed out. It not only will supply modern facilities for the care of ill and elderly Sisters but also will make available in the Motherhouse additional much-needed space for the housing and training of postulants and novices.

Mother Helene said she has received from His Excellency, Bishop Kearney approval of plans to conduct an appeal among alumnae and friends of the Sisters for assistance in defraying costs of the infirmiry building. Solicitation in the appeal is scheduled during February.

PRESENT INFIRMIRY quarters on the top floor of the Motherhouse have accommodations for only 27 Sisters. There are at present among the nearly 500 Sisters of St. Joseph in the diocese 92 who are relieved from infirmiry duty because of illness or infirmiry.



Proposed infirmiry building for St. Joseph Sisters

"This means," Mother Helene declared, "that 65 Sisters are living in other parts of the Motherhouse and in parish convents, being cared for inadequately and with difficulty in those places because we have no room in our infirmiry for them."

Infirmiry facilities in the Motherhouse, Mother Helene added, are not adequate for care of the sick. All the large rooms have been subdivided to provide more bedrooms. There are no visiting rooms for relatives of the patients. Most of the Sisters cannot get outdoors. Although a portion of the fourth floor provides a view down to the main floor chapel, because this is limited in four window spaces only the four of the Sisters in the infirmiry who hear daily Mass actually can see the altar.

"The Motherhouse is overcrowded," Mother Helene continued. "It houses the community administrative personnel, the Nazareth College faculty, the house maintenance personnel, the junior religious, novices, postulants, and our sick and aged Sisters."

"If we could move the sick and aged from the Motherhouse to a separate infirmiry, it would give us accommodations for 50 in the novitiate and juniorate."

Plans for the proposed infirmiry include a chapel, sleeping rooms, living rooms, dining room, kitchen, porches, visiting rooms on the first floor, and modern facilities to insure better care and greater comfort for the sick.

"Our ill and aged Sisters," Mother Helene concluded, "have devoted their lives to the service of others — for the community and the people in our diocese. When they no longer are able

to continue, they should be assured of adequate comfort and care. They have no such assurance now."

On Dec. 8 the Sisters of St. Joseph will begin their 105th year of service in the Rochester Diocese. The community staffs more than 60 institutions in the 12-county diocese.

Included are 52 elementary schools, four high schools, a women's college, a school for exceptional children, a home for the aged, a home for dependent children, a cadet school for boys, and a hospital. As a contribution to the home missions, the congregation also conducts a school and hospital for the colored in Selma, Alabama.

Today, the Sisters are directly in charge of instruction and training of 24,466 elementary school pupils, 2,803 high school students, and 628 young women in college. During the regular school year the Sisters also give religious instruction to more than 3,650 children in 32 catechetical centers. Last summer they conducted 35 religious vacation schools with an enrollment of 2,620.

Fr. McMannus To Head Drive To Aid Needy

Parishes of the diocese will again participate in the Catholic Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for the benefit of the needy abroad, according to an announcement of Bishop Kearney.

The Bishop this week named the Rev. E. Leo McMannus of St. Bernard's Seminary as head of the diocesan-wide drive for usable clothing, to be conducted during Thanksgiving week, November 23-24.

The diocesan campaign will run simultaneously with similar drives throughout the nation's other dioceses. Last year's nationwide total of clothing contributed was 12,460,125 pounds, of which the Rochester Diocese contributed 311,684 pounds.

"The record of the generous cooperation of the pastors and their parishioners in this important cause," said Father McMannus, "is an enviable one. The priests and people of our diocese alone have donated, since the first such collection in 1949, well over one and three-quarters millions of pounds of usable clothing."

Individual parishes will establish their own collection centers to receive the donated clothing during the week of November 23.

Subsequent distribution overseas will be supervised by Catholic Relief Services, N.C.W.C., the world-wide relief and rehabilitation agency maintained by the United States Bishops, and the largest private organization of its kind in the world.

Need For More Chaplains Cited

Washington—(NC)—The retired Chief of Army Chaplains said here that shortages in the number of Catholic Army chaplains cause what chaplains there are to be overworked — sometimes fatally so.

Maj. (Ret.) Gen. Patrick J. Ryan pointed out that at present the Army chaplain corps lacks 75 out of an authorized 378 Catholic chaplains.

This means that the work load of existing chaplains is vastly increased, he said. The Catholic Army chaplain must often go in a 90-hour week, in addition to being on call at all times. Major Ryan declared in an interview with the Army, Navy and Air Force Journal, published here.

There are 125 chaplains of all denominations now on active duty with the Army, but short-ages in denominations other than Catholic are small or non-existent, he said.

Officials of the other two armed services said they also have a shortage of Catholic chaplains. There are 29 in the Navy and 316 in the Air Force and 16 in the Marine Corps. The Air Force has 251 in the Navy, they said.

In the past two years, Major Ryan pointed out, two of the

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Star Prefers Chapel To Concert Stage

COPYERS, Ga.—(RNS)—A successful European opera star who is also a skilled stone mason, has given up his operatic career for a quiet life of work at the Trappist Monastery in Georgia near here.

THEO VAN GERVEN, 46, sang leading baritone roles in every major European opera house for 11 years and for four years performed with a number of opera companies in Australia.

He reached the pinnacle of his career as first baritone with the Flemish Opera in Brussels, Belgium.

Today he is giving voice lessons to the monks and lay brothers at the monastery and is aiding in the construction of a permanent stone building for the Trappists.

With his Dutch wife and five children he lives in a small frame house on the monastery grounds.

"Here in this peace and quiet I am happier," he said. "I like the way the Trappists live. They live only for God. They strive to be better every day."

\$5 Billion Goes Up In Smoke

Washington—(RNS)—The U.S. Department of Agriculture said here that Americans will smoke a record number of cigarettes this year.

The Agriculture Department estimated that consumption will reach 425 billion cigarettes, or more than 21 billion packs, compared with 409 billion cigarettes last year.

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