



AUBURN PILGRIMS — Shown above in their Auburn home, following a recent pilgrimage to Europe, are the Wawrzaszek family of St. Hyacinth's parish. From left are Miss Mary Wilczek, a sister of Mrs. Wawrzaszek; Melanie 4; Jacqueline 8 (in back); Mrs. Wawrzaszek; Bonnie Lynn 6; and Jerome C. Wawrzaszek.

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Uncle Of Basilian On Way To Sainthood

Milwaukee, (NC) — The first stage in canonization ever started in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, that of Father Stephen Eckert, O.F.M. Cap.

Father Stephen Eckert was an uncle of the Rev. Vincent Eckert, C.S.B., present treasurer of Aquinas Institute, Rochester. The local Basilian Father recalls that his uncle was in Rochester on at least two occasions to give missions in German at Holy Family and Corpus Christi parishes.

Basilians To Sing First Masses

Documents and testimony gathered during a seven-year investigation here and in London, Ont., and New York City have been mailed to Rome.

The documents included 900 pages written in longhand, a transcript of all testimony taken during nearly 90 hearings on the cause and eight typewritten volumes of Father Stephen's writings, each with 250 pages.

THE EVIDENCE will be examined in Rome and, if approved, a second step in the canonization process will be undertaken here.

Father Stephen was known as the champion of the colored people. He was the first resident pastor of St. Benedict's Moor-Missions-for-colored-people in Milwaukee, serving there from 1913 until shortly before his death in 1923.

He was born at St. Columban, Ont., April 28, 1869. After completing his classical studies at St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, Ont., he entered the Capuchin Order in Detroit on May 21, 1891, and was ordained in Milwaukee July 2, 1894.

Before coming to Milwaukee, he served as a missionary in New York.

In the first month after his arrival in Milwaukee, he visited several hundred poor families in his parish.

For the next 10 years, he worked among the colored people, gave missions and begged alms for the poor of his parish. He founded a boarding school for Negro children which continued to operate until 1921.

Fr. Connolly Feted By School Employees

Newark — A reception was given in honor of Rev. John A. Connolly, Catholic Chaplain at Newark State School who was transferred to Newark at St. Rita's Church, West Webster after serving at the institution for the past 11 years.

Dr. Frank R. Henne, director, and the Rev. Arthur H. Blake, Protestant chaplain, lauded Father Connolly for his work and devotion to the spiritual welfare of State School patients.

Dr. Edward D. Stevenson, assistant director, presented Father Connolly with a purse of \$195 in behalf of the employees. Two hundred employees attended the reception.

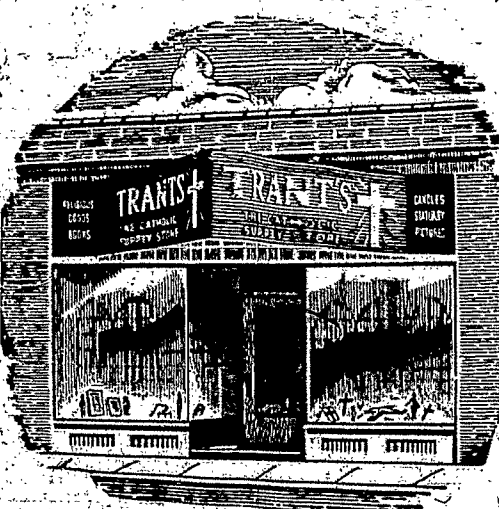
For two years Father Connolly was chaplain for the New York State Assn. of Volunteer Firemen and is presently honorary chaplain to the Newark Volunteer Fire Department. At the American Psychiatric Assn. meeting in 1959 he was designated Mid-Eastern representative of the Association of Mental Hospital Chaplains covering the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Father Connolly was ordained on June 4, 1948 and in July, 1948 was appointed assistant pastor at St. Michael's Church in Newark.



FATHER CONNOLLY

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PIONEER HOLY ANGELS NUNS — Three of the seven Sisters who first came to Holy Angels Home, 1326 Winton Rd. N., in 1930 still are at the Home, which marks its 28th anniversary July 9. They are (from left) Sister M. of St. Andrew (Zimmer), native of Webster; Sister Mary Lawrence, extern Sister, and Sister M. of St. Teresa.

Holy Angels Nuns Begin 29th Year Of Service

Thirteen nuns of Holy Angels Home, 1326 Winton Rd. N., will mark the beginning of the order's 29th year in Rochester at a private Mass in the Home's chapel on Thursday, July 9.

Celebrant will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis B. Burns of St. Bernard's Seminary, faculty member who has been associated with the work of the Home since it was established in 1930.

The Holy Angels Nuns (Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge) devote themselves to the rehabilitation of teenage girls in need of special guidance. Established in Buffalo since 1955, the Sisters accepted an invitation from the then Bishop John F. O'Hern of the Rochester Diocese to work in this area.

THREE OF THE seven Sisters who first came 28 years ago are still at the Home. They are:

Sister M. of St. Andrew (Zimmer), daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Zimmer, Webster, who entered the Buffalo community in 1922. Among her duties are laundering, gardening, cooking and embroidery.

Sister Mary Lawrence (O'Neill), born in Pleasant Mount, Pa., who also entered at Buffalo in 1922. Now 87 years old, she served for many years as an extern Sister, and still works daily at dusting and in the kitchen.

Sister M. of St. Teresa (Morrissey), born in Michigan, who entered the order at Buffalo in 1907, where she assisted in the training school for orphan girls.

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Famed Padre Pio Tells Auburn Father, Don't Worry

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

Auburn — "Pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary." These were the words of advice offered an Auburn father when he was privileged to kneel at the bedside of Padre Pio. In an interview at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome C. Wawrzaszek of 4 Grant Street, Auburn, this reporter learned the story of the family.

Jerome Wawrzaszek, his wife, and three daughters Jacqueline 7, Bonnie Lynn 6, and Melanie 4, were living happily and contentedly in their comfortable home. The two older girls were enrolled at St. Hyacinth's school, Mr. Wawrzaszek was busy as a building contractor, when suddenly tragedy struck.



PADRE PIO

Padre Pio announced, "I'm hungry."

Because we all know the Church's teaching on supernatural occurrences, neither Mr. or Mrs. Wawrzaszek nor the word, "miracle," yet one can appreciate the hope that throbbled through them when the frail child appeared on the stairs and gave them their first real encouragement.

Because, and quite rightly so I believe, the family does not want to dwell at any length on the illness of the child, they have passed over it quickly. They had done everything possible for her prior to the application of the Lourdes water. She had been to hospitals and specialists in Auburn, Syracuse, a Washington, D. C. home of them, gave any hope of recovery.

AT THIS FIRST ray of hope, Mr. Wawrzaszek vowed that somehow he would take the child to Lourdes to intercede to the Mother of God at her shrine there. He is careful to make clear that he does not consider himself a rich man, but he explained that at once as he had made the resolution to take the child to Lourdes that heaven seemed to help him. His business prospered so that early in May the entire family with Mrs. Wawrzaszek's

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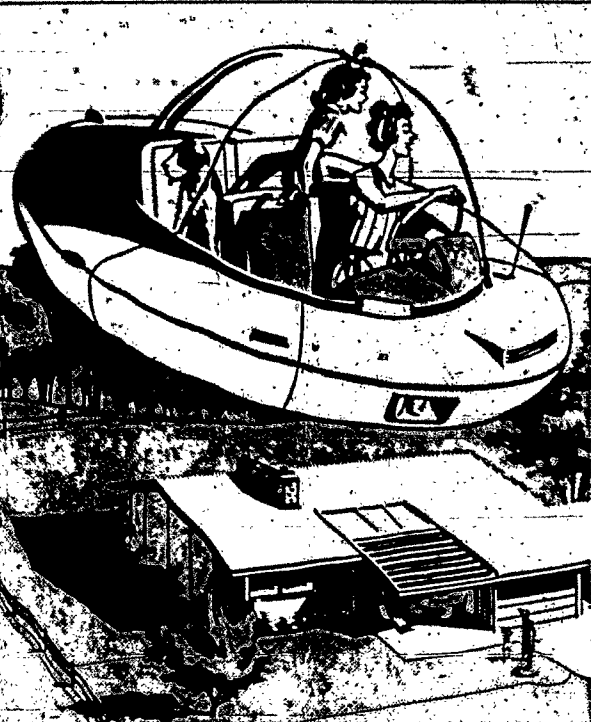
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