

St. Boniface Eyes Goal Of \$200,000

Three-year pledges, with a minimum goal of \$200,000, will be sought from parishioners of St. Boniface Church on two Sunday afternoons, Nov. 8 and 15, toward construction costs for the new church edifice being erected on Gregory Street.

The Rev. Francis J. Taylor, pastor, said advanced gifts calls will be made on a portion of the parishioners from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8. The remaining parishioners will be canvassed one week later.

More than 50 members of the advanced gifts committee will have their kickoff dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, in the school basement. They will attend Benediction in the school auditorium chapel at 1:30 Sunday afternoon before starting out on their calls.

ALL COMMITTEENERS will attend a pep rally at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at which there will be a guest speaker. Entertainment will include numbers by the Liederkreis Chorus.

Members of the general committee will attend a kickoff dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will be the speaker.

Heading the advanced gifts committee are William Baker, Matthias Kuebel and George White. Group leaders include Ralph Boothby, Joseph De Maria, William Gaffke, Charles Koster, Francis Maloney, Richard Miller, Harry Muzar and Joseph Schenk.

FATHER TAYLOR announced that occupancy of the new modern Gothic church, being constructed on the site of the towered edifice which was destroyed by fire on Nov. 6, 1957, is expected within a few weeks. Parishioners have been attending services in the remodelled school auditorium on Whittier Street since the fire.

Nuns' College Dedication Sunday

"It is a special favor of God to be teachers destined to train little ones in His knowledge and love." That statement of Mother McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy will be the motto for student nuns in their new Catherine McAuley college building on Blossom Road, Brighton.

Bishop Kearney will dedicate the steel frame \$1,350,000 building Sunday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m.

Mother M. Magdalene, mother general of the Mercy nuns, and Kenneth T. Duran, state education department official, will also be speakers at the rite.

MOTHER MAGDALENE said the just completed structure will enable young nuns to complete a third year of study toward their college degree before being assigned to staff classrooms throughout the Diocese.

Prior to this arrangement, nuns returned to the motherhouse on holidays and during summer periods to complete two years of college studies. Next September, 24 senior students will remain at the college for their third year. The new college unit will "encourage high standards of scholarship, continuous study and research," Mother Magdalene said.

The young nuns will then spend their final college year at a major college or return for summer sessions at the Catherine McAuley college.

THE NEW BUILDING has been built as a west wing of Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse and designed to harmonize with the east wing which serves as Mercy high school for over 900 pupils.

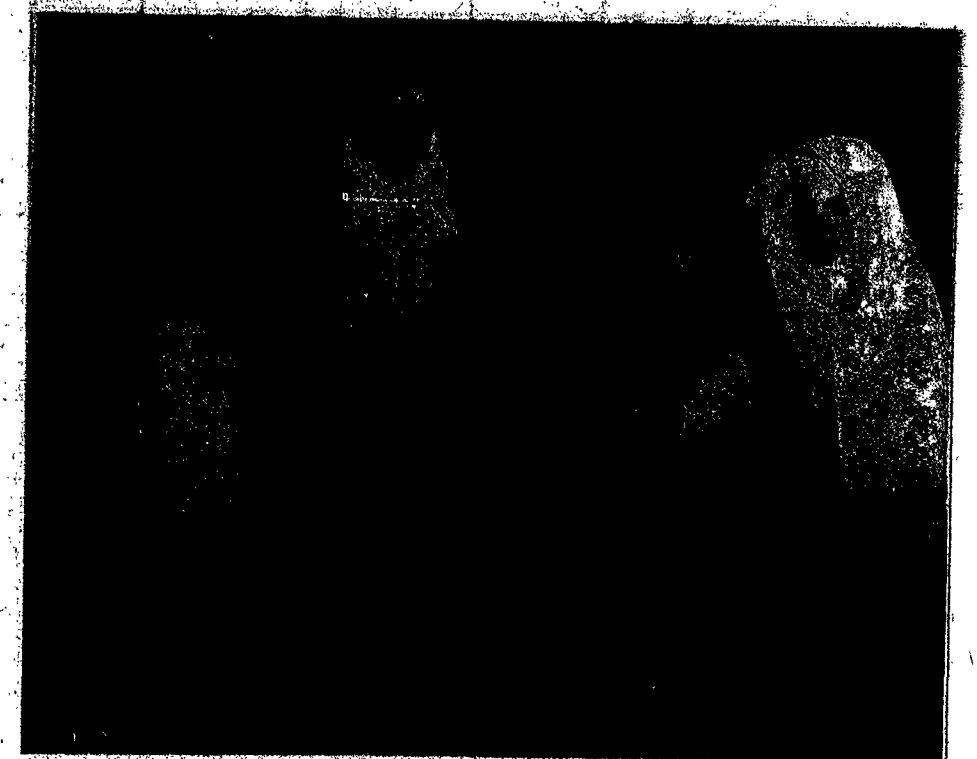
Besides the college facilities for nuns, the new wing will also house the reading laboratory, testing and guidance center and speech clinic which have a record of eight years and serve over 4,000 students of all faiths. The wing also contains a library, laboratories, music and art rooms, an alumni room, recreation, administration and classroom facilities.

The new wing will also relieve crowded conditions in the Motherhouse to care for aged and infirm nuns of the order.

Incumbent educators and college heads will attend Sunday's ceremony. Scheduled to be present are: Sister Catherine Francis, president, College of Saint Rose, Albany; Sister Mary Jane, Mount Saint Joseph, Buffalo; Sister Mary Vincenta, Santa Maria College, Buffalo; Dr. William Ellerick, Kenia College.

Also Rev. John E. Coleman, D.D., of Niagara University; Sister Miriam Thomas, Maryville College for Sisters, Mother Mary Paradisa, Santa Maria College; Sister Mary Gracia, Mercy College, Tarrytown.

Mother Adalbert and Sister Lauretta, Marywood College, Stanton; Mother Joan of Arc and Mother Mary Jean, of the Philadelphia Sisters of Mercy; Sister Adrian Marie, of the Al-Sheehy Sisters of Saint Francis; Dr. Frank Kille, Associate Commissioner of Higher Education.



Sister Noreen and Sister Peter show Sister Marie Catherine, novice (white veil), and postulant Sister Judith Morgan library techniques used in Mercy nuns' new Catherine McAuley junior college library.

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Sodality Meet Draws 600

Workshop sessions designed to deepen the spiritual life of teenage Catholics and direct them to apostolic goals attracted nearly 600 enthusiastic high school Sodality members and their moderators to the first Diocesan High School Sodality Congress at Mercy High last Sunday.

The novel undertaking, sponsored jointly by the Sodality leaders of Aquinas Institute, McQuaid Jesuit High, Nazareth Academy, St. Agnes High and Our Lady of Mercy, drew delegates to the convention.

THE CONVENTION program included two general sessions, three workshops, Holy Mass at noon, dinner and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Keynote address on "The Pope Calls to American Sodality" was delivered by the Rev. Richard Torney, director of the High School Sodality Union.

Setting the stage for the deliberations of the Congress, Father Torney offered the challenge that "Sodality members have the direct commission of the Holy Father to be the 'shock troops' of the Church — to train themselves to be disciplined young Catholics according to Sodality ideals."

Rev. Francis K. Drolet, S.J., Sodality promoter for New York State, was the day's main speaker. Leading a conference on "Prayer with the Mind," Father Drolet shocked the gathering with the statement that 83% of Americans never say any morning prayers, and then proceeded to explain how and why they should be saying these vocal prayers as well as their required fifteen minutes of mental prayer each day.

According to Father Drolet, "You can judge the depth of your prayer life by asking yourself this one question, 'How real is Christ to you?'"

REV. JOHN E. WHITLEY, C.S.B., moderator of Aquinas Institute's Library Club, spoke on "The Wonders of Good Reading to Feed the Spirit." He encouraged use of spiritual books by emphasizing that "Good reading means the difference between a good inert Catholic and a good apostolic Catholic."

In his speech, Dr. Welton suggested to the Sodality members to look upon the word "I" in this way, "I stands for Iow, it represents eternity, but the deciding factor of whether our lives will bring us to eternity is the 'IF' in the middle of the word."

AS A FITTING climax to the inspirational day, Bishop Kearney concluded the session with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. He spoke to the Sodality members on devotion to the immaculate Conception. He urged Sodality members especially to participate in the triumph of Masses being offered in every parish before November 20, the day on which the people of America will dedicate the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., to Our Lady as Patroness of the United States.

Two young lay apostles from New York City, Dr. James Welton and Miss Ellen Fisher also directed workshop discussions. Their informal talks brought out the essentials of the apostolate of young Catholics "in completing Christ's work of Redemption on earth."

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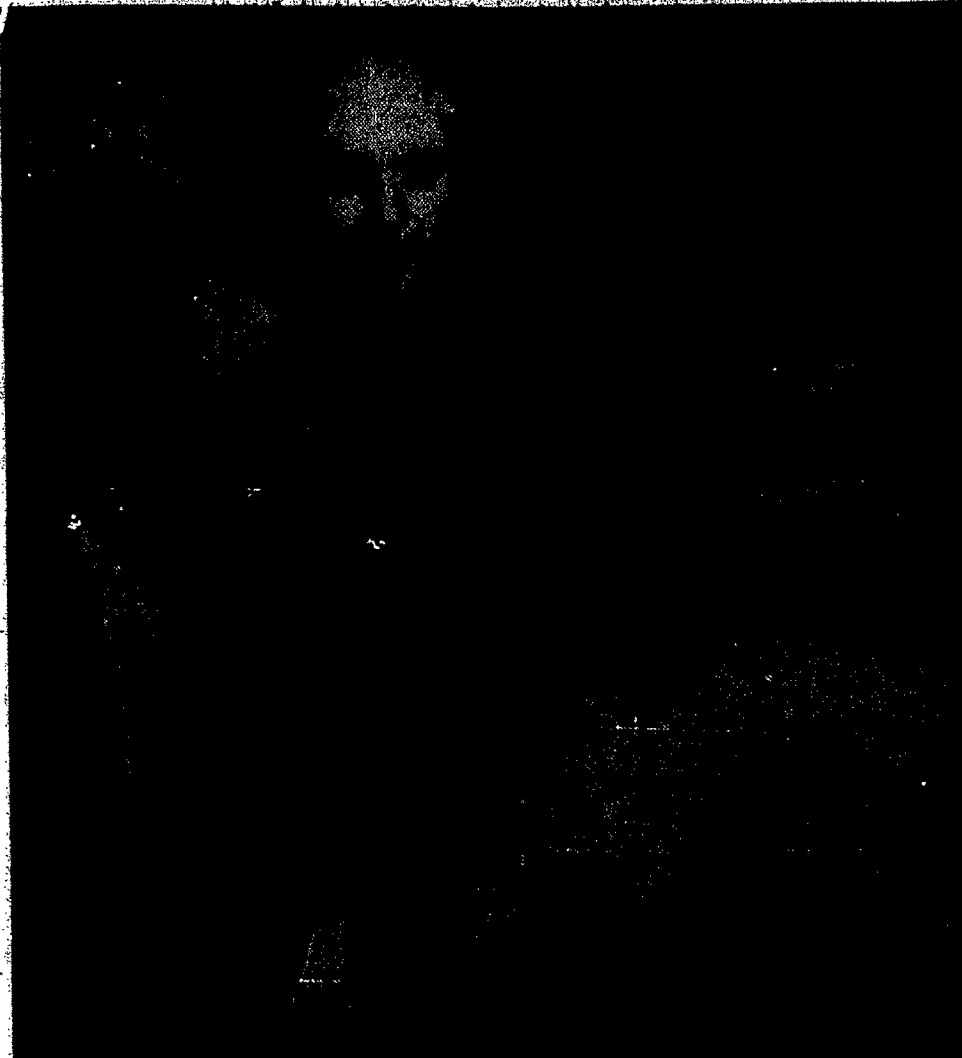
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St. John's Drive Totals \$350,000

Spurred by Bishop Kearney who asked a "successful campaign" as the birthday gift he most wanted, parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester, pledged over \$350,000 to a fund drive for a new school and church completion construction program this week. Estimated cost of new buildings is \$500,000; fund drive goal was set at \$200,000. At Saturday's kick-off dinner for workers, Louis A. Langie, Jr., and Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, pastor, explain parish needs to Bishop Kearney.

New Eastern Rite Pastor Greeted At St. Nicholas

More than 300 parishioners and friends attended a farewell dinner last Sunday for the Very Rev. Valdimir B. Dowhovitch, retired pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elmira Heights.

THE VERY REV. Basil Seredovitch, Dean of the Syracuse Diocese was the guest speaker. He paid a tribute to Father Dowhovitch for his 52 years in the priesthood and for his 23 years of success as pastor of St. Nicholas Church.

During the pastoral of Father Dowhovitch, many changes in the property of the parish came about including the acquisition of land for the Ukrainian Park, a plot and building for Feshon, Macekur Post, V.F.W. and finally the erection of a new church that was formally dedicated last year.

FATHER DOWHOVITCH expressed his appreciation to everyone in the parish for their cooperation that made possible the degree of success he attained.

Dance To Aid Holy Angels

The Hospitality House at 2125 Penfield Road will be the scene of a Buffet Supper and Dance on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 5 p.m. until closing for members of the Holy Angels Guild.

Miss Winifred A. Kelly and Miss Helga O'Harrigan are co-chairmen and will be assisted by Mrs. Edward Dickes, decorative; Mrs. Glen Perkins, tickets, and Miss Violet A. Kere, publicity.

ALL PROCEEDS from the sale of the supper tickets will be donated to the Holy Angels Home conducted by the Sisters of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge on Winston Road North.

Memorial Mass Set At Mercy

The third annual Memorial Mass for deceased classmates of faculty members of Our Lady of Mercy High School will be held in the Motherhouse Chapel on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Richard Torney will be celebrant.

Alumnae, their families and friends and families of the deceased are urged to attend and

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