

COURTESY OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CONVENT, SPENCERPORT



Exterior of the new St. John the Evangelist Convent, Spencerport.

## New Convent Opens In Spencerport

Sisters of St. John the Evangelist School, Spencerport, have moved into their new convent adjacent to the school. The new convent will be dedicated by Bishop Kearney next month.

With ground broken Oct. 10, the Georgia Colonial structure was built within a fund drive. Costs were kept under \$100,000 through furnishings through the cooperation of the contractors and volunteers from the parish who did much of the painting and other work on the building.

The impressive structure is enhanced by the use of heritage brick brought from Texas. Although six men staff the school at the present time, headed by Sister Joseph Adre, principal, room for expansion was provided by including ten bedrooms in the convent.

THE CONVENT is the first building in the diocese to have electric heat and approximately 25 individual thermostats control the heat to the individual nuns at the sisters.

There is a community room, dining room, living room, two bedrooms each with closets and a bathroom, an enclosed porch, chapel, laundry, sewing room and kitchen, all on the main floor. There is a two-car garage in the basement plus a large recreation room.

All new furniture was purchased for the convent, all with early American or Colonial styling to reinforce the theme throughout. Furnishings are all from Allen cherry and maple. Lighting is colonial in character with the exception of the community room, sewing room and kitchen where extra lighting is provided.

The kitchen features all the latest built-in appliances even to the inclusion of a food warmer.

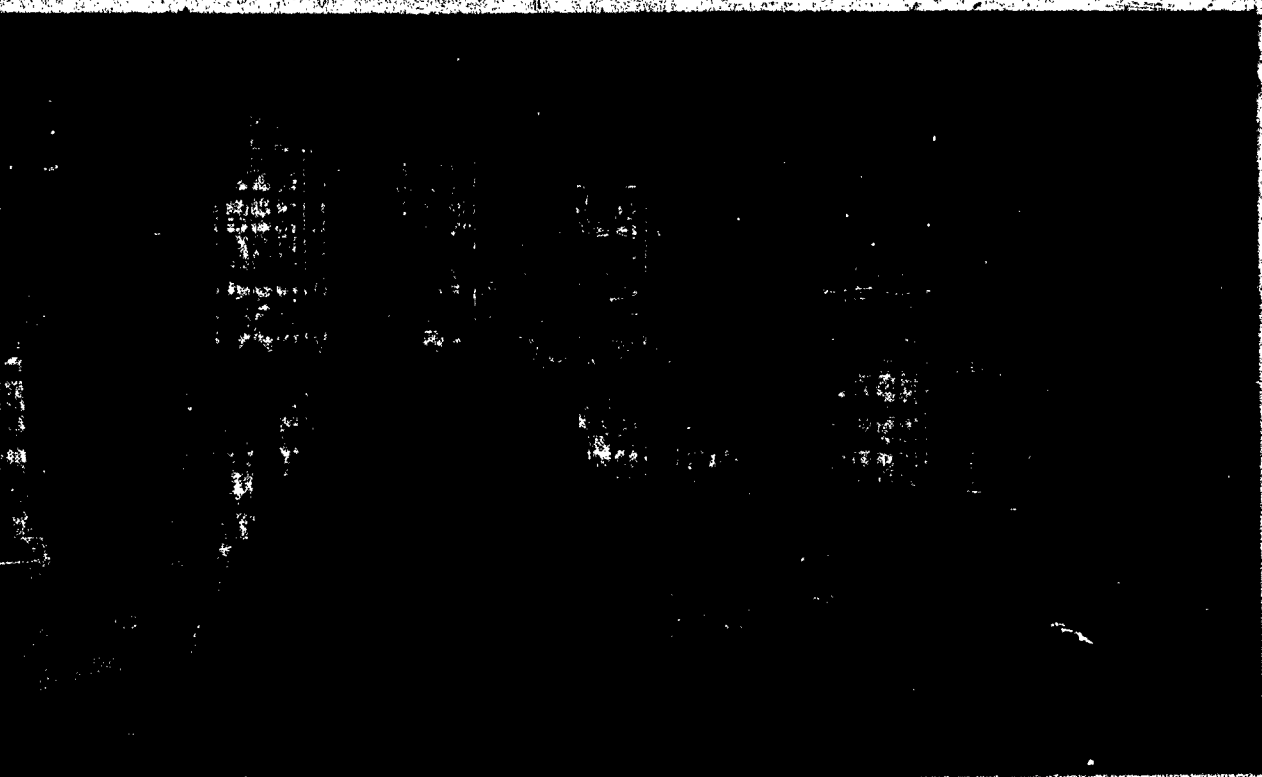
A statue of St. Joseph in the front part of the main entrance as you pass under the columns. The altar was made on the job by the carpenter contractor and men of the parish.

Wide corridors provide for free access and ample room. The downstairs corridor has drop beam ceilings in keeping with the architecture and the dining room has a large mural of a country scene on the east wall.

In commenting on the impressive structure the Rev. Francis E. Hester, pastor, stated: "The convent was built without a fund raising campaign due to the generosity of the people in their Sunday offerings and through the generosity of the carpenter contractors, most of whom were parishioners and through the voluntary work of men of the parish who did all the interior painting, paneling and ceiling of the recreation room."

Father also stated that the Prayer of St. Joseph was offered after each Mass for the success of the convent structure and they will continue to say it under his protection and guidance and as father stated: "He has built very well for our people."

Contractors for the building were Robert Brown, masonry; A. J. Homan, carpentry; Geist and Waterstrat, plumbing; Ray Perry, electrical; Warner and Ehmann, flooring and ceramic tile; Excavation was by the Rochester Stationary Co. through Pat Aljavelia; Architects were Hibson and Roberts.



Sister in prayer in the convent chapel.



Sister Joseph Adre, principal, and her staff in the community room.

## Urges Religion In Universities

St. Louis — (NC) — Religion should be taught at an academic subject in U.S. universities. A professor of biblical studies at Harvard University said here.

"Religion should be on an equal footing with other fields in the faculties of arts and sciences," said Dr. Krister Stendahl in a speech at Washington University, a non-denominational private educational institution.

NOTING THAT many persons feel that religion should be preached rather than taught, Dr. Stendahl said "this attitude will slowly disappear as one becomes used to the obvious thought that one can teach as much about religion as about literature and economics."

College Gets Grant  
St. Louis — (NC) — Webster College has received a five-year \$316,000 Ford Foundation grant to begin an inservice teaching training program. The college is conducted by the Sisters of Loreto at the foot of the Cross.

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CYO CAMPAIGN results are checked by Mrs. Joseph Schorr, women's chairman; E. James Hickey, general chairman, and the Rev. Eugene E. McFarland, CYO director.

## CYO Campaign To Pass 3,714 In Memberships

A total of 3,714 members for 93 percent was reported at the official close of the Catholic Youth Organization campaign on Wednesday of last week. Rev. Eugene E. McFarland, CYO director, received the report.

Workers in the drive were thanked by director chairman E. James Hickey for their intensive efforts. He expressed a promise that workers would bring in the other 7 percent of the membership.

## CYO In The News

Saturday, Oct. 19 the Catholic Youth Organization opened a program to promote swimming in the Rochester Diocese. Eleven schools east of the Genesee River registered to test the abilities of their students.

This coming Saturday, October 26th at 2:00 p.m. the Parochial Schools west of the Genesee River will meet to decide the winners of each age level. The East and West's First and Second place winners will then meet November 2nd for the City Parochial Elementary School Championships.

Saturday's results: (The following will compete in finals): 10 and under — 15 yard freestyle — 1st, Tom Riesenberger, St. Thomas 19.8; 2nd, Brian Dwyer, St. Louis 19.9; 25 yard freestyle, 1st, Bill Riesenberger, St. Thomas 28.3; 2nd, Dave Wheelahan, Blessed Sacrament 29.5; 35 yard backstroke, 1st, Mike Cranley, St. Louis 39.0; 11 and 12 — 50 yard freestyle, 1st, Richard Groth, Corpus Christi 37.0; 2nd, Emmett Whalen, Corpus Christi 38.1; 3rd, Tom Schell, St. Cecilia 38.2.

Breaststroke, 1st, Paul Grass, St. Cecilia 24.0; 2nd, George Wilson, Corpus Christi 27.3; 25 yard backstroke, 1st, Dan Sanders, St. Cecilia 22.5; 2nd, James Marzetti, Corpus Christi 20.8; 13 and 14 — 50 yard freestyle, 1st, Peter MacNaughton, St. Louis 31.5; 2nd, Joe Warren, Corpus Christi 37.0; 50 yard breaststroke, 1st, George Wells, Corpus Christi 51.1; 2nd, Scott Schum, St. Cecilia 53.0; 50 yard backstroke — 1st, Tom Kinslow, Corpus Christi 53.0; 2nd, Jerry Heukensfeld, Dave Dever, Richard Groth, Blessed Sacrament 1:20.0; Tom Kinslow, George Wilson, George Wells, Corpus Christi 1:20.0.

Diving — 1st, Tom Kinslow, Corpus Christi 2nd, Jerry Heukensfeld, Blessed Sacrament.

## Third Order Franciscans Set Reception Rites

Seven postulants will be received into the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi at 3 p.m. on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, Oct. 27, the regular meeting date of the Order.

THE POSTULANTS will then become novices for the period of a year and a day, during which time they will study and be instructed on the way of life of St. Francis and the Rule of the Third Order, before being professed as members, or Tertulians.

The Rev. Bonaventure Brown, O.F.M., Provincial Regional Director of the Third Order, will officiate at the ceremony when the novices will be given their habit, signified by a wooden scapular and a white cord, to be worn daily under ordinary clothing.

Those to be invested and their parishes are: Gladine Jesmor, 85 Park Ave, Blessed Sacrament; Richard Moore, 300 Alexander St. St. Mary's; Betty Copeland, 517 University Ave, St. Peter and Paul; Mary Weber, 55 Finch St. Holy Rosary; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heuther, 9 Lorenzo St., Holy Family; Julie Neu, 231 Terrace Park, St. Monica's.

Novice Master Donald Ringer will greet the candidates and instruct postulants and novices in the church basement at the usual time, 2:15 p.m.

Nicholas J. Downs, Minister Prefect will preside at the business meeting which follows the religious ceremonies.

## 200 Ukraine Churches Closed

Berlin — (NC) — Two hundred churches and chapels have been closed in one section of the western Ukraine in the past three years, according to the Moscow Communist party daily Pravda.

THE PAPER said that the closings resulted from the "very intensive education work of the party." The area involved, one part of Poland, was absorbed into the Soviet Union after World War II.

## To Address Interracial Units

Washington — (NC) — Major Raymond J. Gallagher, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, will be a major speaker at the convention of the National Catholic Interracial Councils which will be held here November 24-27.

MEMBERS OF some 50 Catholic interracial councils will take part in the meeting, whose theme is "Poverty, Race and Religion: Challenge to a Catholic Community."

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