

## Bolivia Mission Beckons Nun

A former Rochesterian will travel by donkey, bals boat and by foot to reach the widely scattered families in her new mission station in Bolivia.

Sister Emery Kavanagh of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception will leave for the mission in Bolivia following 24 years of service in Texas. A former member of St. Augustine Parish, Sister Emery attended Nazareth Academy and graduated from Mercy Hospital in Auburn.

A departure ceremony will be held Sunday, Sept. 6, at Immaculate Conception Convent in West Patterson, N.J. Bishop Thomas R. Manning, O.F.M., of Corcoran, Bolivia will preside.

Sister Emery's service in Guanay, Bolivia will follow an active mission career in Texas where she helped found the first Negro mission school and hospital in 1940. She entered the order in 1934 and later studied at St. Bonaventure University and at Catholic University.

She will leave on Oct. 7, aboard the Grace Line freighter

Santa Rita for a 19 day trip to Bolivia where she and three other sisters will found a new mission.

They will make a house-to-house survey of the area which has only three to four families per mile. The area is also in great need of medical help. Sister Emery and another sister are nurses and will help alleviate some of the problems the people now encounter.

Another problem the sisters will face is the three languages they will have to master. Besides Spanish, which they have been studying for a year, they will also have to learn the languages of the two Indian groups in the area.

Sister Emery is the sister of the Rev. Michael Kavanagh, S.J., now stationed in India, and the late Rev. Ambrose Kavanagh, S.P., who died last year. She is also a cousin of Monsignor Edward Ball and Monsignor John Ball and Sister Edwina Marie, S.S.J.



SISTER EMERY  
Bolivia-bound

## Nurses Graduate At St. Joseph's

The fifty-third Commencement Exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira, were held in St. Peter's and Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30.

BISHOP KEARNEY awarded the diploma and pin of the school to the forty-three members of this year's graduating class.

Special awards were given to Ellen Meerdink, Rochester, for highest academic achievement; Marlene Komarinetz, Endwell, for excellence in nursing practice; Lillian Worth, Southold, for outstanding operating room nursing; and Dorothy Hubert, Hanksville, for leadership in student nurse activities.

The Rev. Philip E. McGhan, Hospital Chaplain, presented the graduates and the Bishop offered Mass and delivered the address.

Following the graduation exercises, a graduation dinner honoring the members of the class of 1964 was given by the Sisters of St. Joseph's in the dining room of the Dunn Memorial Nurses' Residence. Bishop Kearney, priests of the Elmira area, faculty members, and representatives of the Hospital Board of Directors, Medical Staff, and School Advisory Committee were also guests.

Graduation exercises were the culmination of a series of special commencement activities which were initiated in May with reception into the Alumnae Association; a picnic given for the seniors by their "little sisters," the junior class, a din-

ner for the housemothers of the Nurses' Residence and a tea for the faculty given by the graduating class. Members of the class were entertained by the Elmira Council of Catholic Nurses at a picnic held at Murhaven on Aug. 19, and an outing at Keuka Lake on Aug. 24.

The members of the Class of 1964 are: Mary Ann Baryk, Rose Marie Carnacchio, Patricia Curtis, Frances Doty, Joyce Gorsky, Joyce Johnson, Barbara Love, Jo Ann Malone, Rose Alice Milliken, Mary Lynn Murray, Mary Sweeney, Patricia Wetherbee, Elmira; Virginia Cheney, Anne Goodyear, Horseheads; Susan Hedges, Chemung; Nancy Calloway, Corning; Geraldine Norman, Savona; Susanne Dempsey, Ithaca; Mary Ann Begley, Cheryl Schevey, Binghamton; Barbara Bebel, Helen Dougher, Endicott; Marlene Komarinetz, Endwell; Sharyn Mulhollen, Elizabeth Reistetter, Vestal; Josephine Paradiso, Watkins Glen; Dorothy Fowler, Penn Yan; Mary Ellen Anderson, Judith Brooks, Jo Ann Eduardo, Judith Farrell, Ellen Meerdink, Carolyn Monaghan, Karen Perih, Charlene Taylor, Anne Weeks, Rochester; Mary Egger, Hornell; Dorothy Hubert, Hanksville; Lillian Worth, Southold; Ann Maxwell, Renova; Gail Regan, Sayre; Carol Fantuskey, Williamsport; and Margaret Springfield, Virginia Beach, Virginia.



BISHOP KEARNEY congratulates award winners following commencement ceremonies at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. Ellen Meerdink of Rochester, left, received the Rev. Francis J. Walker Memorial Award for highest scholastic achievement. Nursing Alumnae Association Award for excellence in nursing practice was presented to Marlene Komarinetz of Endwell.

## New Parish Site Purchased In Elmira-Corning Area

Site for a new Catholic Church to serve Elmira-Corning area was announced this week by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, dean of the Elmira-Schuyler Deanery after purchase of two tracts of Big Flats land totaling 22 acres was completed.

THE NEW PARISH will border on St. Mary's, Horseheads; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira and St. Patrick's, Corning.

The property is located on Davenport Road north of Rt. 17, just off Olcott Road. Construction date has not been set.

In a statement authorized by James E. Kearney, Monsignor Schwab said:

"Aware of the continuing growth and development in the area north of Elmira, the Diocese of Rochester has secured 22 acres of land on the Davenport Road in Big Flats for the establishment of a new church at a later date."

"It will be the first new Catholic church in Chemung County since Our Lady of Lourdes was built in 1940.

Bishop Kearney said the new parish "is evidence of our progressive interest in the industrial and residential growth of the Southern Tier."

"We are pleased to expand our facilities to serve the people of the Elmira-Corning area and trust that this step in founding a new parish will be a measure of our confidence in the priests and people living in the Chemung and Steuben community," he said.

The property was secured from Charles LaFollette and

David Sheppard of Big Flats. The purchase price was not disclosed but was reported to be in excess of \$20,000.

THE MAIN TRACT is nearly flat and measures 1,034 feet on the Davenport Road. It is 1,026 feet along the south line, 283 feet on the west end and 470 feet on the east end.

The other lot abuts the southeast corner of the main tract and measures 310 by 287 feet.



MONSIGNOR SCHWAB

## St. Mary's Nursing School To Register New Students

St. Mary's School of Nursing will open its Fall semester Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. to admit 43 freshmen and 40 returning resident students from various cities and towns in New York State enrolled in the school's 3 academic year nursing program.

At 8:30 a.m., Thursday morning a Mass to open the school year will be celebrated by Bishop Kearney in the School auditorium followed by a Communion Breakfast for all students in the hospital cafeteria.

Thursday, 2 p.m., a formal assembly to open the school year will be held in the school auditorium. This is the traditional "moving up day" observed in many nursing schools. Following assembly a picnic will be held for all students at Corbett's Glen.

Wednesday, Freshmen will register at Monroe Community College; other students will register at St. Mary's.

Wednesday afternoon all students will attend class meetings with Sister Victoria, Director.

Donovan was asked early in the spring to locate and purchase a suitable site.

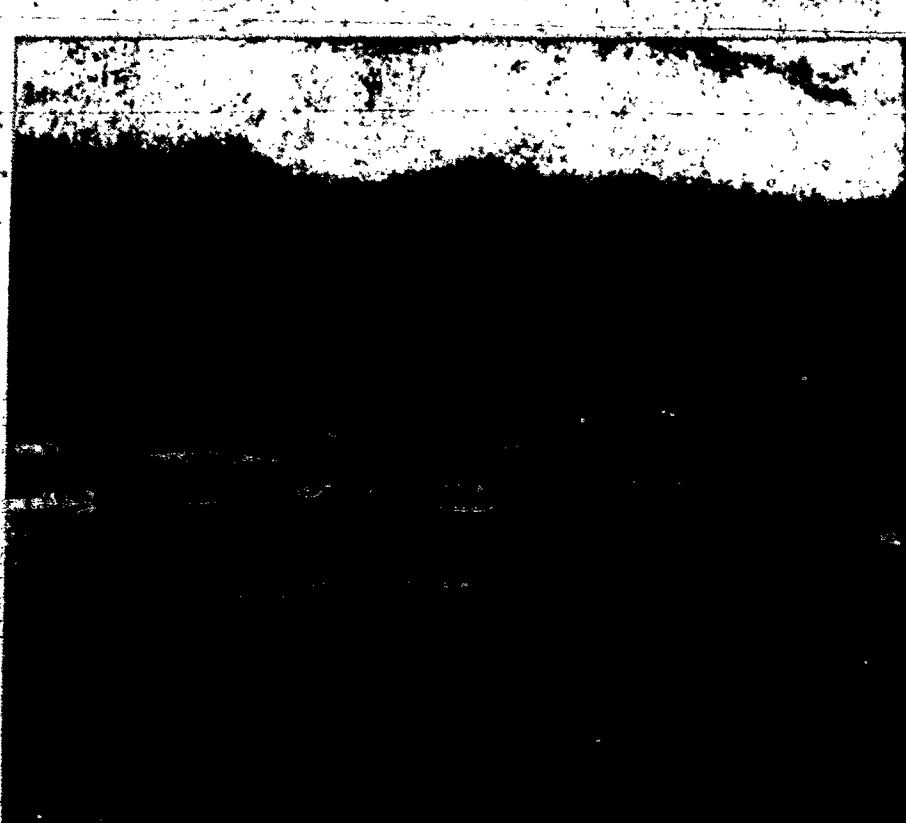
He thanked area officials for assisting in providing information on future growth and other factors which helped determine the site.

"The people in the area, town officials, the County Planning Board, the County Health Department, and the Horseheads School District were wonderfully cooperative," Donovan said.

Diocesan officials said the establishment of parish boundaries, the appointment of a pastor and the designation of a patron saint from whom the new parish will take its name will not be done this year.



A PORTION of the convent is shown at the right where Sister Emery Kavanagh and three other sisters will live while operating the clinic shown for Bolivian residents.



THATCHED roofs contrast sharply with modern structure in the photo of Bolivian mission where Sister Emery will serve. The darkness in the background is jungle area.

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