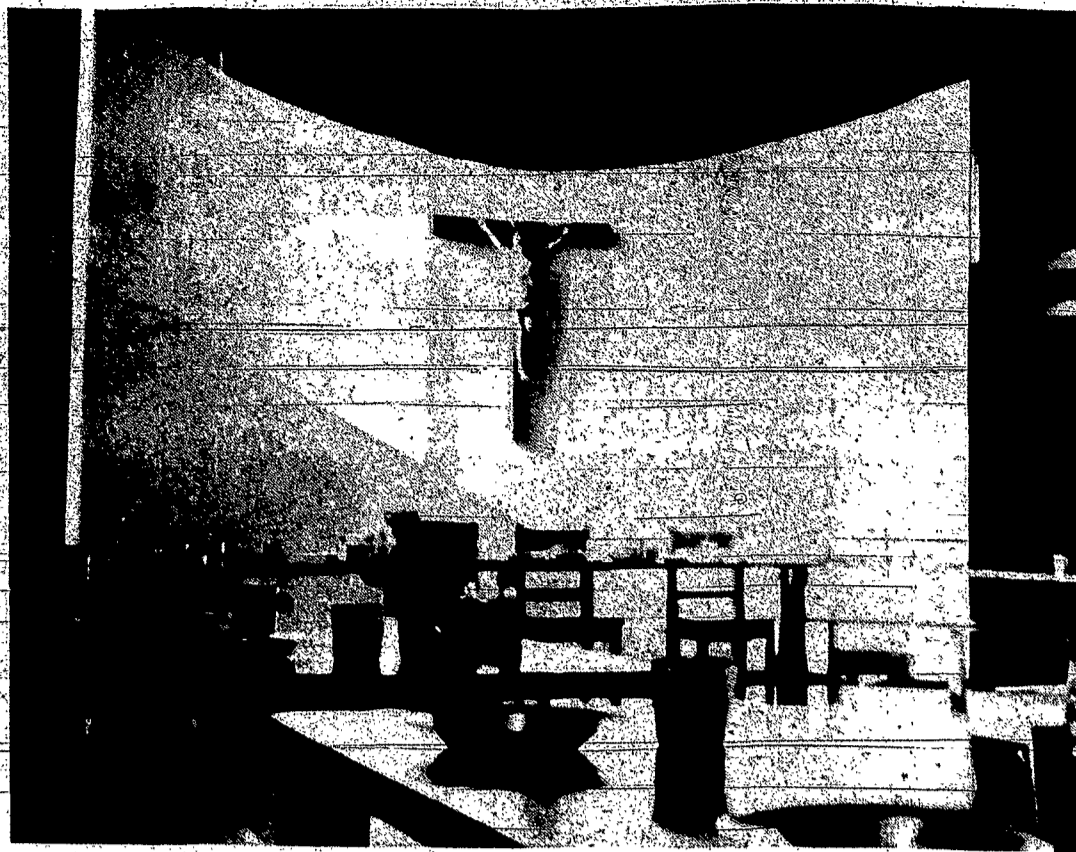
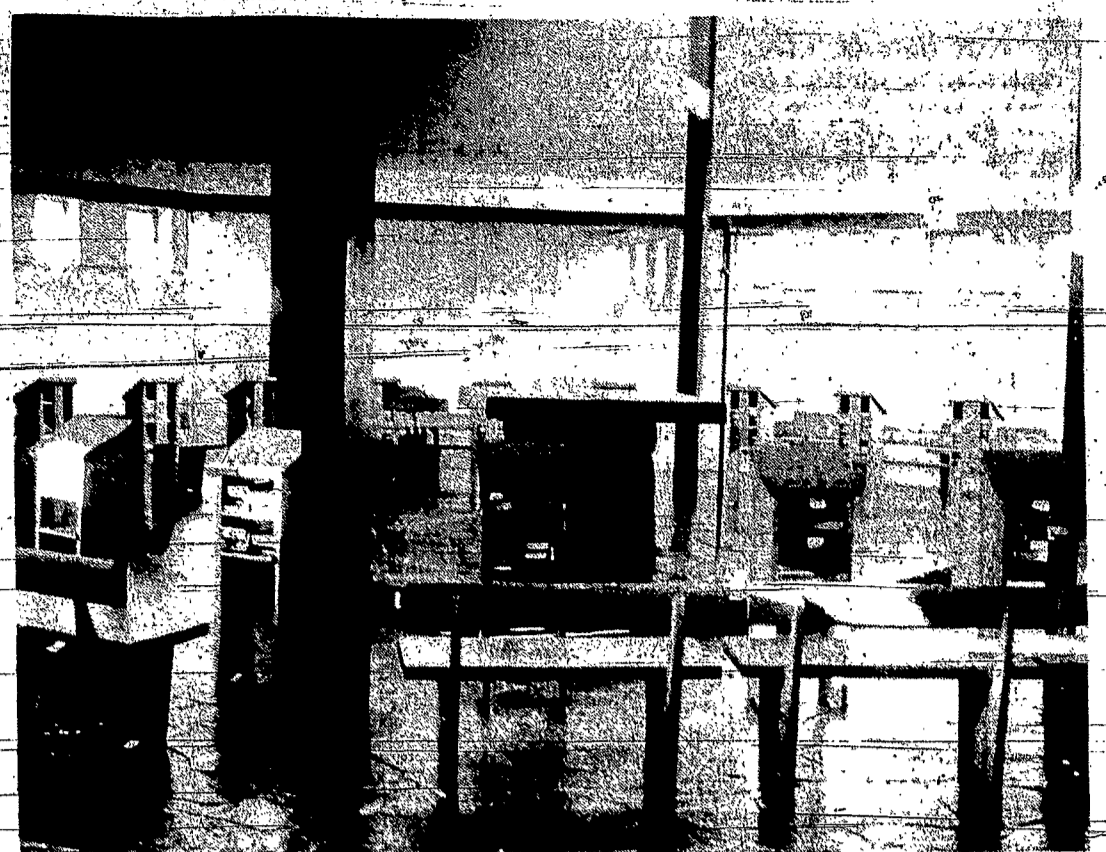




CLOISTER DOOR at Mt. Saviour monastery which was blessed last Sunday, completing the formal blessing of the entire enclosure.



SIMPLICITY is the keynot of the monks' refectory.



AUSTERE IN STYLE, the chapel of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, has its stone altar in the middle of the octagonal structure.

Monks Complete Monastic Buildings

Almost 14 years to the day when one of their founders arrived on the site, the monks of Mt. Saviour monastery completed the formal blessing of their new monastery buildings.

Last Sunday, Mar. 21, the Very Rev. Damasus Winzen, superior of the Benedictine monastery, formally blessed the cloister door, completing the liturgical ceremony invoking God's favor on the buildings. Bishop Kearney had conducted the formal blessing of the rest of the monastery of last Sept. 14. The cloister door blessing was deferred because of the presence of many lady guests on that day. Once the cloister is blessed, church law forbids women from entering the cloister.

On Mar. 30, 1951, Father Placid Corney, one of Mt. Saviour's four founders, arrived to take up residence in one of the three small farmhouses on the present property. Shortly after, the other three Benedictine pioneers came. They named the three houses, St. James, St. John's and St. Peter's after the three apostles who had stood

with Christ on the original "Mount Saviour." On Aug. 6 of that year, The Feast of the Transfiguration, titular feast for the infant foundation, Bishop Kearney paid his first visit to the community and broke ground for its chapel, to be called Queen of Peace.

The community has grown slowly, but steadily, until there are now 21 monks at Mt. Saviour. The group has attained sufficient strength, however, that it felt able to start a new foundation in Abiquiu, New Mexico last year. Four monks are now living there in simple adobe huts. The New Mexico

monastery is called Christ of the Desert.

For Father Placid Corney, now in New Mexico, this is his second founding venture. As mentioned above, he also helped start Mt. Saviour, high in the hills near Elmira.

The newly-completed monastic buildings are in the shape of a large square "U"—two identical-sized squares which are linked by the octagonal chapel, which lies to the south of the other two buildings. The architecture is functional but attractive, austere without being forbidding. Needless to say, the monks did a large share of the building themselves.

Designer of the chapel was J. Sanford Shanley, of New York City, who has been the architect for many striking churches in the diocese of Rochester. Ronald Cassetti of Elmira designed the two large monastic buildings with the cloister that links them to the lower level of the oratory.

A venture into the field of priests' retreats will begin this year at Mt. Saviour. Four three-day retreats have been scheduled, each with a capacity of 18 retreatants. Dates for the priests' retreats have been set as follows:

June 7-10; June 21-24; July 26-29 and Aug. 9-12.

Permission has been granted for priests of the diocese of Rochester to make their retreat at Mt. Saviour if they so desire. Such general permission had previously been given for the Auriesville, N.Y. Retreat House and for the Trappist monastery, Our Lady of the Genesee, at Piffard, N.Y.

Theme for the Mt. Saviour retreats this year will be "The Spirituality of the Mass."

Family Service Dinner Slated

Mrs. Joseph R. Spiegel, General Chairman of the 35th Anniversary Dinner of Catholic Family Service, is being assisted in all phases by Dr. Adrian P. Hulsebosch and Richard M. Wilson. The dinner is scheduled for April 4 at the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira.

Speakers will be Bishop Kearney and the Rev. Albert J. Shamon of Victor.

Father Shamon, an Auburn native, was ordained to the priesthood from St. Bernard's Seminary in 1940 and served three parishes in Rochester until 1950. He taught English in St. Andrew's Seminary for 11 years. In 1941 he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Victor, a post he now holds.

Father Shamon's books include "Behind the Mass," Treas-

25 Years Ago

(From the files of the Catholic Courier Mar. 28, 1940)

Archbishop Hickey recently celebrated the 58th anniversary of his ordination. He was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop McQuaid on Mar. 25, 1884.

The announcement of Postmaster General Farley that he would be a candidate for the presidential nomination marked a change in popular attitude toward the possibility of a Catholic in the presidency of the United States.



CARL SCHNEIDER

Appointed Director At St. Ann's Home

Carl E. Schneider, vice president of Burroughs Corporation-Todd Division—has been appointed to the board of directors of St. Ann's Home, it was announced today by Frank Wolfe, board chairman.

Schneider is a member of the board of directors of Marine Midland Bank, Rochester Community Chest, the IMC Executive Committee and a member of Oak Hill Country Club.

Prior to his move to Rochester, Schneider was vice president and general manager of the Burroughs Division in Detroit. Mr. Schneider and his wife reside at 2415 East Ave., and are members of St. Thomas More parish.

Wayne Deanery Sets Luncheon

Macedon, Palmyra and Marion will play host to the Wayne Deanery at the First Saturday luncheon to be held April 3 at Turkey Town, outside of Macedon, Mass. will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Macedon, by Rev. John Tressy, pastor, the luncheon will follow at 12:30.

Again the ladies of the Wayne Deanery will hear the third talk on the Liturgy (series of five) by the Moderator Rev. James Russell, assistant pastor of St. Michael's Church, Newark.

Reservations must be in by March 30 to Mrs. Ann Root of Palmyra. Mrs. Peter Zacharilla, president of the Deanery, announced that there will be a short business meeting following the luncheon.

DEADLINE For All News Is Monday Noon

Ex-Movie Star, Now Seminarian To Be Featured Annual Theatre Day Set

An ex-movie star from Mexico now studying for the priesthood will highlight this year's annual Catholic Theatre Day on Saturday, April 3 at Cardinal Mooney High School.

The day is sponsored by the Rochester Unit of the National Catholic Theatre Conference.

The yearly convention which attracts members of community, college, high school and children's theater groups from throughout the Rochester Diocese, will hear Brother Humberto Almazan, a Missionary of the Holy Apostles, tell of his life as one of Mexico's most idolized movie stars and his decision to become a priest.

Brother Humberto acted on the stage and in movies in Mexico, France and Spain for 15 years. At 35 he won a Mexican academy award. He appeared in movies with Ingrid Bergman, Sophia Loren, Anna Magnani and a host of other international stars.

In his film years, Brother Humberto worked with directors Roberto Rossellini of Italy, Jacques Renier of France, and Mexico's Luis Bunuel. Recently he has been at work for his Order on a film of the life of Father Miguel Pro, famed Mexican martyr.

BISHOP KEARNEY will preside at the Awards Luncheon at which Miss Rosemary White of the Nazareth College faculty will receive the Commander's Award of the Order of St. Genesius, highest award of the national theater organization. Other awards will be given by individual theater groups.

A feature of the program will be the awarding of the Urban Nagle Memorial Scholarship. Applicants will take part in a session on Acting Techniques and this, plus the recommendation of their moderators, will form the basis of judging.

Program includes: Play Analysis—"Kosachi," presented by students of D'Youville College; panel: Miss Joanne Ellis, Miss Mary Burkett, Anthony Zappella, Miss Diane



BROTHER HUMBERTO ALMAZAN

Crowley; Sister M. Petrus, chairman. Acting Techniques, Wilford Scott. Children's Theater (1)—Sister Claudia; panel: Sister Cyril, Abe Cook, Julia Tierney. Children's Theater (2)—Richard Mancini, students from Rochester Theatre Arts Academy.

All elementary schools of the area have been contacted so that representatives may attend the Children's Theater sessions of the day's program.

Music Theatre of Rochester's production of "Fantasticks" will be offered under the direction of Noreen Carey Bride and Suzanne Wigg.

Other speakers include: Sister Edwina, general chairman; Brother James Madigan, welcome; Sister Claudia, Rochester Unit Chairman; Robert Sniell, Mid Atlantic Regional Chairman; and Sister Evelyn, explanation of convention theme, "All the World—God's Stage."

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KC Dads, Sons Set Breakfast, Bishop Listed

Rochester Knights of Columbus, Council 178 will hold its annual Father and Sons Communion and breakfast on March 28.

Mass at 7:30 a.m. will be celebrated by Bishop Kearney at St. Joseph Church. Celebrants at Mass will be escorted by Rochester Assembly Honor Guard.

Breakfast will be served at the Sheraton Hotel. Brother Joe Vaeth Sr. will introduce Bishop James E. Kearney, the principal speaker, the Hon. Emmet Schnopp and Carmen Basilio.

Tickets and reservations may be arranged by contacting Orrin Ochs at the council office, 454-5300.

Support of School Bills Urged by State CEF

Strong public support of two bills which would help pupils in all New York State schools was urged this week by the state federation of the Citizens for Educational Freedom.

State Federation President Paul Brayer, of Rochester, in a letter to pastors of Catholic churches throughout the state, wrote:

"It is imperative that the public register its support for these measures which are designed to assist all children, not merely those attending the state public schools."

Brayer's letter referred to two bills introduced in the 1965 State legislature providing for:

Loan of textbooks to all school children in New York State, and

Direct grants to children attending non-state schools.

His message included a sample flyer prepared for distribution on the parish level, which flyer would be in bulk numbers by C.E.F. request.

First response to the letter was most favorable, the CEF state leader said.

"Within a few days, we had requests for 35,000 flyers."

Solid backing for the fair textbook bill was voiced by Father William M. Roche,

superintendent of schools in the diocese of Rochester.

He cited the recent statement of the New York Board of Regents, which emphasized that "the paramount goal of the schools . . . is to provide for every individual in New York State an equal opportunity in good education suited to his needs, abilities, and interests—regardless of his race, color, color, nationality, social or economic background or place of residence."

Father Roche agreed that the demands of this age call for equal opportunities for every child.

"Since textbooks are an extremely important tool in the educational progress, we encourage every citizen to support this bill and urge his legislators to vote for it in the best interests of the state and the nation."

In his letter to the pastors, Brayer pointed out in the accompanying flyer that these proposed bills give aid to the individual child, not direct aid to private schools. The statement continued:

"There is no federal or state constitutional provision against aiding individual students."

St. Andrew's Pastor For First Friday Talk

"Country Pastor—Urbanized," will be the title of the talk presented by Father William Holberton, Club moderator, and to the First Friday Luncheon chapter of the Rochester Council on April 2 at the Sheraton, announced chairman Donald E. Woerner. Father McCarthy was recently appointed as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, after serving as pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Macedon.

An Catholic man who receives Holy Communion on the First Friday is eligible to attend the luncheon, according to Raymond L. Nery, chairman.

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