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Kathleen E. Scheg, Sister Stephen Mary, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Scheg, Holy Cross, Rochester.
Janice McClellan, Sister Mary Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. William McClellan, Holy Trinity, Webster.
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Bonnie Marie Foss, Sister Mary Rebecca, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Foss, St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester.
The young women were prepared for the novitiate under the guidance of Sister Mary Noreen, Mistress of Postulants. They have completed their freshman year at Catherine Mc-Auley College.

Canada Shrines Pilgrimage Set
A pilgrimage to the shrines of St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joseph's Oratory and Our Lady of the Cape will take place from July 6 to 12 under the leadership of Mrs. Mary L. Messina.
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To Head Family Center Board
NEW PRESIDENT of the Catholic Family Center Board of Directors, Mrs. Gerald J. Sullivan, is pictured with Father William G. Charbonneau, director of the Center, and outgoing president, Albert Klemmer.
Mrs. Sullivan, who served as a social worker at the center a few years ago, was elected president of the board of directors for the Catholic Family Center at the annual board meeting on June 10. Mrs. Sullivan, a member of Good Shepherd parish in East Henrietta, served as a social worker at the center a few years ago. New board members introduced at the meeting are Jorge Colon, Dr. John Dessauer, Rev. Gennaro Ventura and Miss Mary Wintish.
Other new officers are: vice president, Robert Malone, and secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Trainor.
Father William Charbonneau, director of the Catholic Family Center, presented awards to the retiring board members.
Retiring president is Albert Klemmer, who served for two years in that capacity.

Robert Farrell Named By KC Council
Robert J. Farrell was reelected grand knight of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus at the annual election in Columbus Civic Center, June 3. Officers of the council will take office July 1.
Also elected were: Edward L. Miller, deputy grand knight; Peter J. Genga, chancellor; Andrew E. Knauf, advocate; John C. Schottmiller, record; Donald E. Woerner, treasurer; Haris W. McGovern, warden; John L. Stebler, inside guard; Bernard Gennarino Jr., Raymond C. Weidmann, outside guard.
John G. Ward was elected trustee for three years; John P. Foley, trustee for one year; George J. Schenk was elected state convention delegate with Grand Knight Farrell; Vincent L. Hannon and Ward will alternate.
Central New York Chapter delegates named were: Bernard T. Dietz, Edward L. Miller, John Peters and Schenk; alternates, Genga, Robert J. Hand, Knauf, John L. Nassas and Woerner.

Housing Lags In Rochester
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The fact is that Rochester, like most urban centers, has a large number of low-income families, who simply cannot afford to pay high rentals for housing. Thus, private enterprise, which has to consider making a profit, has not met this demand, and, obviously, cannot.
In view of this situation, the casual observer might assume that a great deal of low-cost public housing has been built in Rochester to meet the tremendous demand.
That assumption is wrong! The facts are that since 1950 — in the past 15 years, then — Rochester has built exactly 392 new units of low-cost public housing.
— They are all in the one project — Hanover Houses.
On the illustration accompanying this article, Rochester is credited with 762 low-cost public housing units. But 370 of these are still on the drawing boards.
Besides the 392 new units built, the city should be credited with another 20 family units, made available by buying older homes, rehabilitating them, and renting them as low-cost dwellings.
That is a total of 412 low-cost public housing units actually built or refurbished in this city since 1950.
What has been the hold-up? Why is Rochester so far behind other upstate cities in providing decent housing for its low-income citizens?
From a bagful of possible answers, three reasons stand out:
1. Public resistance to public housing in each neighborhood that is proposed as a possible site.
Time after time, low-cost housing plans have been delayed or dropped entirely because a hue and cry has been raised by fearful residents: "Not here!"
(The Hanover Houses were originally planned for the Goodman-Norton area, but the resultant resistance in that area caused a shift of site to the Baden-Ormond area.)
2. Extreme sensitivity of political leaders to point No. 1. Elected officials are wary about backing any program which threatens to arouse the ire of any number of voters.
3. The rising costs of construction, which make today's government appropriation inadequate tomorrow.
(This has been the frustrating story of the Edith-Doran project off Plymouth Avenue South. This is a proposed 132-unit development, 97 units of which will be a semi-citizen residence, Kennedy Towers, and 35 units of which would be 3, 4 and 5-bedroom family units. The budget for this plan was made up 2 years ago; ground was cleared by last summer. When the bids were opened in Oct. 1964, the funds were \$450,000 short of the lowest bids. The project was then redesigned, for greater economy, and put up for bids again this spring. The time the bids came in \$900,000 over the budget! To date, the only things springing up in the cleared Edith-Doran area are some tall weeds.)
Despite these negative factors, the Rochester Housing Authority points to its present plans as offering hope for the near future.
"500 units have been approved, and funds allocated, with sites selected and approved," says James Forcari.
The RHA officials are trying hard to get Federal approval to proceed with the Edith-Doran plans, seeking for an increase in the original allocation.
Besides the Edith-Doran units, the 500 approved units include 130 rehabilitated houses, and several other new projects, scattered through the city.
The RHA officials are convinced that huge, high-rise projects are not the answer. Their thinking is that smaller projects, 20 or 30 units, or even a number of duplexes, scattered in various locations, will be more palatable to the public, and much livable for the prospective tenants.
"Our aim is to put up housing that blends into the neighborhood around it, harmonizing with the surrounding dwellings," explained Forcari.
In addition to the 500 units which have been approved, 500 more have been requested by the local Authority. Of these, funds have been committed for 100 — if sites can be located by July 1. Judging from past history, this won't be easy to do.
This is the story of low-cost public housing in the city of Rochester by mid-1965. An obvious need exists, in large proportions. One and only one — low-cost public housing project has been awarded in the past 15 years. Plans for the future sound promising — if they get off the drawing boards and into steel and concrete.
In its Bulletin No. 3, a local, voluntary group, Citizens Moving Toward Adequate Housing, had this to say in March of this year:
"Rochester has thus far failed to develop the community 'climate' and — especially the political initiative to procure the desperately needed additional low-income housing."
Hundreds of low-income citizens of Rochester are hoping that this "climate" and "initiative" will soon be forthcoming.
— Father Robert Kuhn




NEW BOARD MEMBERS at the Catholic Family Center are shown chatting after last week's annual meeting. From left are: Father Gennaro Ventura, Jorge Colon, Miss Mary Wintish and Dr. John Dessauer.




ROCHESTER'S only completed low-cost public housing project, Hanover Houses, in the Baden-Ormond area.

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East Rochester Class '35 Reunion
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Anyone who graduated or attended school with this class and has not received an invitation is asked to contact Mrs. Norman Larson (Kay Farrell) at FR 7-1918 or Mrs. Myron Volpe (Clay Bease) at LU 6-0448 by June 18.
Addresses of the following are needed: Stanford Carverville, Floyd DeMarco, Marie Gregg, Thomas Young, Marie Ravello, Ruth Henning, Glen Marx and Lewis Partridge.