

End and a Beginning At St. Joseph's School

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The wreckers, in addition to leveling other buildings in Rochester, have torn down the old building housing the convent for St. Joseph's Commercial School and another era in the history of the parish founded in 1836 begins.

The Redemptorist Fathers in charge of St. Joseph's and the School Sisters of Notre Dame in charge of the school are looking forward to construction of a new building on the site of the 75-year-old structure at 120 Franklin St. A new six-story school will be built and a four-year curriculum instituted.

This is neither a detailed story on the school nor a historical sketch of the 129-year-old parish, basically for German-Americans for many years, but with many national strains now represented.

My interest in St. Joseph's Church became greater in 1924 when I took over managing The Rochester Echo, Catholic weekly. Father John Behr, C.S.S.R. was then pastor and he showed a concern for the paper's advancement, so much so, he even solicited ads.

The building which has gone down during the past few weeks, while Dan Fitzgerald, the attorney and I were noting the progress each morning on the way to work, brings back many memories.

In that building in the basement hall, the Catholic-Central Verein met and discussed the current issues of the day in the light of Catholic teaching. The organization is serious in its program but once a year a "Gemütlichkeit" was held in February and we of Irish descent learned how these of predominantly German extraction knew how to sing, tell jokes and generally enjoy themselves.

When the Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus had its great growth in the 1920s, St. Joseph Hall was used for degrees and meetings. I can still see the late Marshal Joseph G. Fritsch conducting a degree ceremony there.

I can recall that the work among Catholic Deaf was taken over by Father William Dougherty, C.S.S.R. He had a chapel installed in part of the old hall on the second floor and called it St. Francis DeSales Chapel. He continued the work for 14 years.

The rooms to the rear of the main church once housed the Knights of St. John rooms. As a member of St. Eustace commandery and of the First District Commandery staff I often attended meetings in those rooms.

While thinking of those days it seems that a mention of the Catholic Young Men's Association building on Franklin Square long ago a victim to the automobile's need for parking could be made here.

Many athletes of prominence in Rochester developed in the CYMA gym. Many friendships were formed that lasted down through the years. A dinner to mark the club's anniversary back in those days brought out a cross section gathering especially if Charley Welch of the Times-Union was to speak.

St. Joseph's Church itself has long been a center for diocesan-wide activities and its Navena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help has drawn persons from far and wide.

During the time of Father James T. Connolly, C.S.S.R. and Father Gerald Whelan, C.S.S.R. as rectors, interior improvements were made. Bishop Kearney in 1953 appealed for support of the program. Today the church is most attractive and modern in decor.

Distinguished men and women have come from St. Joseph's Commercial School for it was at one time conducted for boys and girls. Prominent bankers, business and professional men, many of them now called to their eternal rewards, were proud to say they graduated from St. Joseph's.

Now the school which has been conducted exclusively for girls will become a four-year accredited high school with Father Leo Dunn, C.S.S.R., assistant pastor and director of the school in charge.

Non-business courses such as English and history will be offered. An modern building that accommodates twice as many students, was designed by Ribera and Roberts, architects.

On the spot where the old school, later used as a convent, stood, will rise a building with five floors of classrooms and a sixth floor penthouse convent, with a library and dining hall on the first floor according to plans announced in May.

The steel-frame building, encased with concrete, will have a brick and glass exterior but the plans do not call for the windows to open. The building is to be air-conditioned and fire-proof, and will be a far cry from the conditions of the old building prior to razing.

Use will be made of the 50-year-old church wing to keep classes going while construction is underway. Eventually, the Redemptorists plan to tear down the wing for construction of a one-story, 400-seat combination gymnasium-auditorium on stilts, with parking on the ground underneath.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame in charge of the school also teach at Bishop Kearney High School and several parish schools. Their graduates have always been loyal to the Sisters and grateful for the spiritual and educational background given them. The new St. Joseph's High School will make a great contribution to this Diocese's educational program.

Planning Begins For Federal Aid To Schools

Machinery is being set in motion by which Catholic schools can share in the benefits made available to schools by the Federal aid-to-education legislation passed this spring, according to Father William M. Roche, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools.

In a letter to pastors of parishes having parochial schools last week, Father Roche noted:

"The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 will result in many hundreds of thousands of dollars being spent on students in Catholic schools in this Diocese. It is essential, however, that we cooperate in the planning and the programming of the activities under the Education law so that our children will not be deprived of any of its benefits."

First step for pastors with Catholic schools is to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Act, Father Roche said. Next move is to contact the local public school authorities, to offer them every cooperation in a program which will involve both public and private school systems.

"In the City of Rochester, the Catholic Schools office will be the planning agent, working with city pastors to develop the programs which will allow our children to benefit from the law. We will also try to help other areas of Monroe County outside the city," stated Father Roche.

Outside Monroe County, Father Roche stressed, his office will have to rely on the initiative of the local Catholic school authorities.

"We will help, with advice and information, of course, but the local Catholic school people will be expected to contact their neighboring public school authority, so that preliminary surveys and planning can begin," Father Roche went on.

On the Federal level, the general administrative machinery has been set up, but funds have not been appropriated as yet.

This will mean that no funds will be allocated in time for the fall semester, Father Roche explained, but added quickly that programs must be carefully planned in the near future so that they can swing into action as soon as funds are granted.

"Benefits under this act are not automatic," emphasized the Diocesan School head, "It will take detailed acceptable programs and procedures to ensure

that the benefits of this act are received by our school children."

The Federal Education Act includes five separate titles, briefly summed up as follows:

TITLE I: For Educationally Deprived Children—this title is aimed at meeting special educational needs of children in areas of concentration of low-income families. (This is planned to help children from families with incomes below \$2,000, or who are receiving aid to dependent children. Any county which has at least 100 or more children in this category would be eligible. Estimates are that 95 per cent of the counties in the United States would qualify on this basis.)

TITLE II: The Library title. This would provide needed libraries, textbooks and audiovisual materials to schools generally. (There is no poverty clause attached to this title, nor to the remaining three. These last 4 titles deal in an across-the-board manner to schools in general.)

TITLE III: Supplementary school services. This would provide for such educational aids as language labs, closed circuit TV, etc.

TITLE IV: Research and Reporting. This aims at funding specific research projects in education.

TITLE V: Strengthen State Departments of Education. Generally aimed at improving them, so that they can handle the many new programs envisioned in the Federal legislation. At this point, Father Roche noted, the counsel and advice that his office will be able to give to individual schools will be somewhat limited. Due to the added demands placed on the Schools Office by the immediate demands of planning the new programs.

"Until we can strengthen our staff to handle the added work, we must content ourselves with getting the lines of communication set up between our schools and the public schools and advising on the first steps of planning programs," he concluded.

To be Topic

New York—(NC)—"God and the Modern Stage" will be the subject of a panel discussion opening the National Catholic Theatre Conference convention Aug. 22 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel here.

Participants will be Father Gilbert V. Hartke, O.P., conference president and head of the speech and drama department at the Catholic University of America; Martin Esslin, author of the books "Theatre of the Absurd" and "Brecht: The Man and His Work"; and the Rev. Alvin Carmine, who conducts the Post's Theatre at Judson Memorial Church here.

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While Scout Marc Thomas happily anticipates the bacon and egg breakfast he is cooking, Dan Quigley (right) is already rehashing his. Both Scouts, from Troop 8, St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, took part in a recent Scout Retreat held at Camp Babcock-Hovey near Ovid on Seneca Lake. 131 Scouts, Explorers and leaders from 13 troops in Geneva, Penn Yan, Canandaigua, Holcomb, Phelps, Palmyra, Waterloo, Newark, Macedon and Clifton Springs took part. Capuchin Father Sebastian Falcone conducted the weekend retreat, which was coordinated by James B. Howard of Penn Yan.



Officers Named at Aquinas
SENIOR CLASS officers elected at Aquinas Institute are from left Ray Shea, treasurer; Pat DiNicola, secretary; George Kermis, vice-president; Tom Maiuri, president.

Antique Sale
A flea market for antiques promising to become the biggest event of its kind in Ontario County is scheduled for the first time this year as part of the opening festivities of the Granger Carriage Museum in Canandaigua, Saturday, June 26, 10 a. m. to 7 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp are the parents of 14 children. They are parishioners of St. Jerome's Church. Mr. Beauchamp operates a shoe store in East Rochester.

A previous week's winner was Mrs. S. Ardello of St. Patrick's parish.

A survey of Courier readers conducted in 1963 revealed that the Star Markets were by far the first choice for food shopping by Courier reader families. By preference, Star Markets were 16 per cent ahead of even the world's largest food chain in this area.

Three Named By State Unit
Three Rochesterians were elected officers of the New York Branch, National Association of Postal Supervisors, at Laurels, Monticello, N.Y.

Leo C. Viola, 1143 N. Greece Rd., president; James F. Angelini, 50 Lincoln Ave., vice president; Walter J. Czarniak, 130 Belmeade Rd., secretary-treasurer.

Viola and Angelini were newly elected. Czarniak was re-elected for second term. The New York State Branch, National Association of Postal Supervisors represents 3500 Postal Supervisors in First and Second Class Post Offices in New York State.

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