



MEN AT THE HELM of the Rochester Diocesan School system, and busy planning for opening day on Sept. 8, are Father William M. Roche, at right, Superintendent of Schools, and Father Daniel Brent, assistant Superintendent.

Education Act

Federal Aid Being Explored Here



INTERVIEWING PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS is one of the responsibilities of Sister Mary Beatrice, S.N.D., one of three "Community Supervisors" who work at the Schools Office. They represent the three largest teaching communities who teach in Rochester Diocese schools.

Ratio of Lay Teachers, Nuns Now Almost 1-1

The ratio of lay teachers to a nun in every classroom for sisters teaching in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rochester continues to rise and is now almost on a 1-1 basis.

This September, an estimated 58% of the classroom teachers will be sisters, 42% will be lay teachers, according to Diocesan School Superintendent William M. Roche.

"The trend still indicates growth in the number of lay teachers," said Father Roche, commenting that a few years ago, there was only one lay teacher to every three nuns in the diocesan schools.

Concern of some parents that this trend toward more lay teachers would "weaken the Catholicity" of parochial schools, is "quite unfounded," the school superintendent stated.

"Our schools don't depend on

Classroom Limit Set At 45 Pupils

Maximum registration for elementary school classrooms this September will be 45 pupils, by direction of Bishop Kearney.

There will still be some grades larger, because they had more than 45 when the order went into effect, and no pupil will be dropped for this reason. However, the limit of 45 will be striven for by not accepting new students from waiting lists, when vacancies do occur from transfers.

As for Grade 1, the 45-pupil limit will be strictly adhered to, as of this September.

Regretting that many students will not be accepted at the more crowded Catholic schools, diocesan superintendent of schools Father William M. Roche has nonetheless said:

"We must take necessary steps to maintain the quality of education that we owe, in justice, to those who come to our schools."

First steps toward implementation of the new Federal Aid to Education Act have been taken by diocesan school officials, according to Father William M. Roche, superintendent of Catholic schools.

"We have attended a briefing session convened by the State Education Department, and have also devoted a meeting of the New York State Council of Catholic School Superintendents to the matter," he said.

In the city of Rochester, Father Roche and Father Daniel Brent, assistant superintendent of Catholic schools, have met with their public school counterparts to explore ways of utilizing the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

"While no funds have been allocated for these programs yet, we are going ahead with preliminary plans," said Father Roche, "on the assumption that

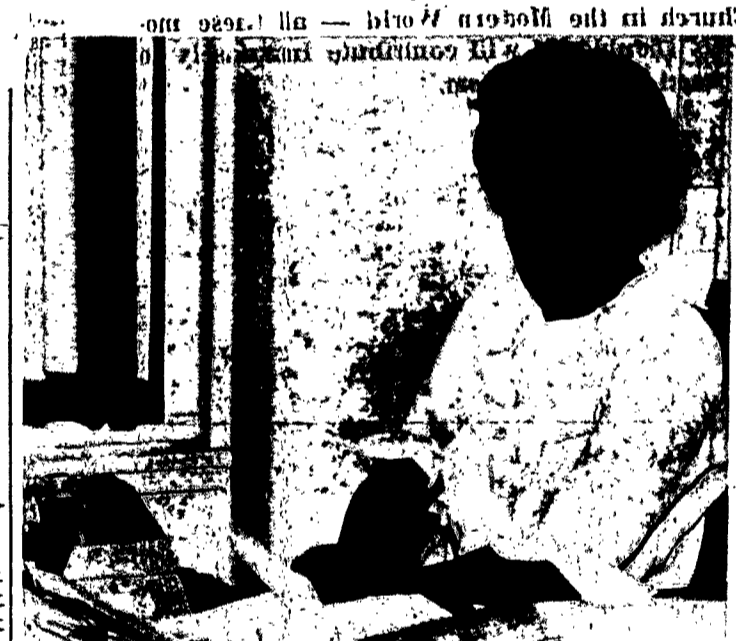
funds may be available by the second semester of this coming school year."

Cooperation between local school officials, public and parochial, has been most encouraging, the Catholic school superintendent noted.

"We are all concerned with helping children who need extra educational help, wherever they go to school. In the long run, the result should be to bring all the educational facilities of an area to bear on the students of that area, in a more efficient and unified way."

Among the specific suggestions made by Catholic school representatives at their meetings with Rochester city school officials were:

Need for added remedial reading specialists, speech therapists, portable science labs and loans of audio-visual equipment and materials.



PILES OF PAPERWORK are routine in the Diocesan Schools as hundreds of communications hit the mails in preparation for school opening, Wednesday, Sept. 8. Typist is Barbara Alston, who recently joined the Schools Office via the Youth Corps.

Brother of Palmyra

Survivor of Red Prison Builds Church in Korea

A restless, 72-year-old missioner from Palmyra, who is a veteran of 33 years of mission work in China and was for five years a prisoner of the Chinese Communists, recently started the construction of a new church for his growing parish in Inchon, Korea.

He is Maryknoll Father Joseph Patrick McCormack, pastor of the Chinese parish in Inchon, and brother of Edward McCormack, 415 E. Main St., Palmyra.

On his arrival in Inchon in the spring of 1960, there was only a handful of Catholics in the parish. Today, however, Catholics number more than two hundred and Father McCormack expects a quick growth of Catholicism once the new church is completed.

Father McCormack was born in Roscommon, Ireland, on August 6, 1893. After attending schools there, he went to the United States and entered Maryknoll in 1918. He was ordained on June 15, 1924, and assigned to Fushun, China, where he was Society Superior for 12 years.

At the beginning of World War II, Father McCormack was captured by the Japanese forces. He was repatriated aboard the S.S. Gripsholm in 1942, and was assigned to Latin American missions where he worked until the end of the war.

Father McCormack returned to China in 1946, but several

years later the Communist army's advances forced him to withdraw into South China and finally into Shanghai, where he was finally imprisoned by the Communists in 1953.

After five years in Chinese prison, Father McCormack was released and he spent the next two years lecturing, writing and recuperating from his ordeal.

He returned to foreign mission work in Korea in 1960.

In Korea there are 72 Maryknoll missioners assigned to three large areas: Chong Ju Vicariate, Inchon District, and the city of Pusan; each has a population of over 2,300,000 persons. Maryknollers staff parishes and operate dispensaries, orphanages, homes for the aged, hospitals and credit unions.

Elmira School Registration Near Capacity --- 3,745

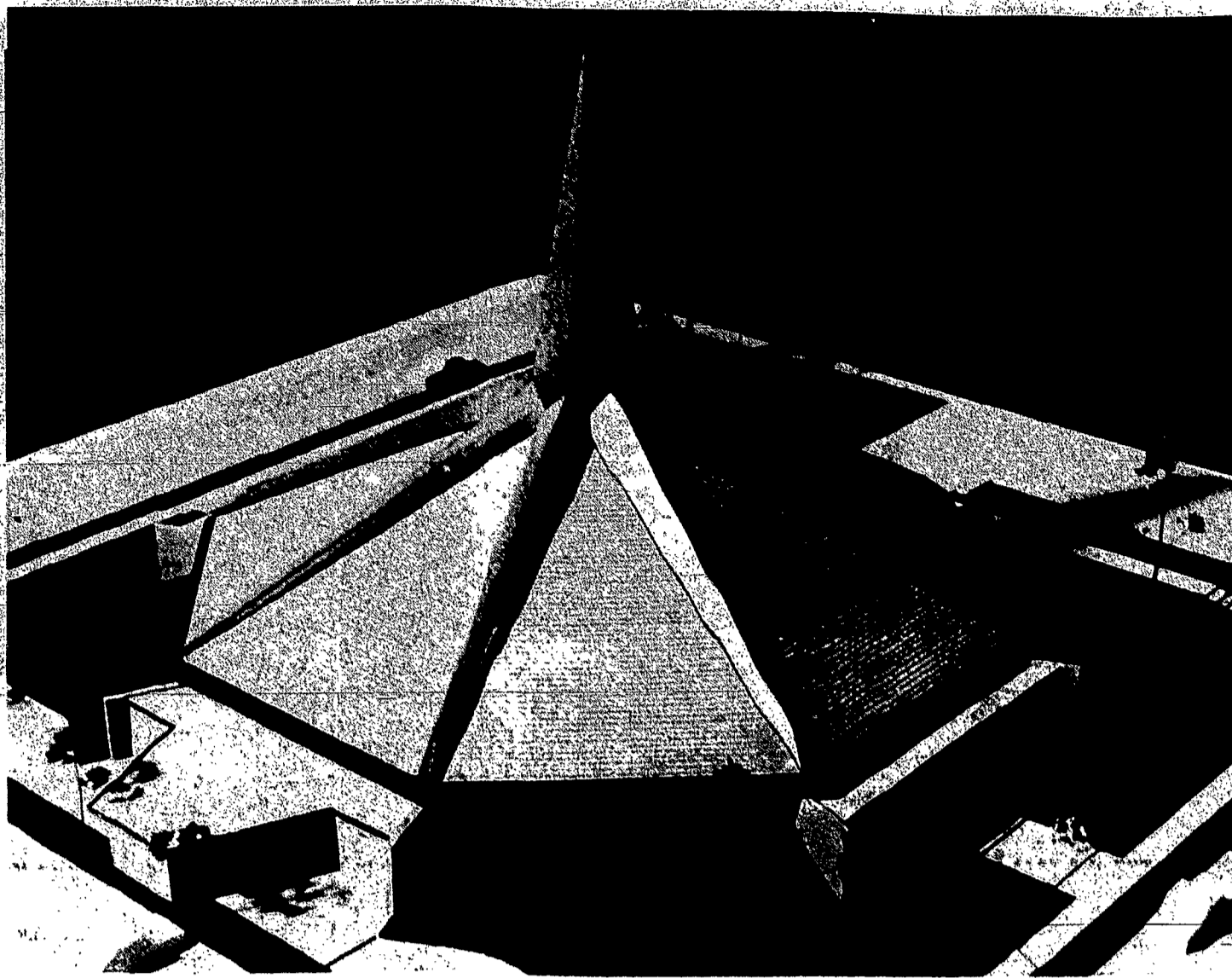
A preliminary survey of Elmira area parochial and high schools indicates a near capacity registration, limited only by the great need for teaching Sisters and the new Diocesan regulations with respect to the number of pupils in a class.

Breakdown of school registration follows:

Notre Dame High School	1965	1964
Our Lady of Lourdes	705	710
St. Anthony's	425	412
St. Casimir's	280	293
St. Cecilia's	350	350
St. Mary's	180	180
St. Patrick's	665	650
St. Peter and Paul's	450	475
St. Mary's, Horseheads	240	186
	450	424
Total	3745	3681

These schools will be staffed by 115 teachers including a Chaplain at Notre Dame High School, 73 Sisters and 42 lay teachers. Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph operate the schools.

New Annunciation Church for 1967



Architects model of new Annunciation Church. Norton St. is at left, site of school is at right.

A striking new Church of the Annunciation will soon be built on the south side of Norton Street in Rochester.

The \$375,500 octagon structure will seat 720 people around a central altar.

The new church will replace the present wood building on the north side of Norton St., which seats only 300. Sunday Masses are now held two at a time, one in the church and the other in the hall below to accommodate parishioners.

Monsignor Albert Simonetti, pastor, announced the building project at Masses last Sunday.

Parishioners viewed a model of the new church and comments ranged from the practical, "we need it," to enthusiastic approval, "It's gorgeous... it's magnificent."

Designed by the architectural firm of Todd and Giroux of Rochester, the church is expected to be ready by Christmas, 1967, fiftieth anniversary of Annunciation parish.

Monsignor Simonetti has termed the building program "Project 67" and said a fund drive for \$250,000 will be conducted this autumn to pay construction costs.

Henry Mart and Sam Amatore are now organizing a committee for the campaign. Frank Creamer of Foley Associates is aiding in the organization of the drive.

The architects said they designed the new church to combine "traditional requirements" with recent directives of the Vatican Council revising the Church's ceremonies.

Costs will be kept to a minimum, the architects also stated.

Walls will be treated reinforced concrete. Beams will be laminated wood spanning from the outside walls to the center ring. All pila shape sections will be identical creating uniformity and economical forms. The roof will be treated wood decking on wood purlins. Eight light shafts between the beams will culminate at a towering steeple directly over the altar.

SVD Seminary Picnic Slated

St. Michael's Mission Picnic at Divine Word Seminary will be held on Sunday, Aug. 29 at Conesus. The public is invited.

Interested persons should contact Mrs. Selma De Rycke, 108 Elm St., Newark (Phone DE 1-3869) for bus reservations.



Annunciation parishioners viewed the model of their new church after Monsignor Simonetti announced "Project 67" at Masses Sunday morning.

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