

THE NEED:

Nazareth College

By Sister Helen Daniel, S.S.J., President

As the Joint College Fund drive moves into its parish phase, it counts on a great and long tradition of loyal support of Catholic education in this diocese. Parochial and high schools have had that support; now the institutions of higher education are in special need.

The time has come at Nazareth College when we are no longer able to balance a budget by means of adding to the tuition, by the contributed services of the religious faculty (an amount which reached for us \$346,000 last year), or by the contribution of our alumnae and other friends, of business and industry. This capital funds drive is essential to our continued service to the diocese, to the Church and to the community.

The parishes send us their young leaders — they return to parishes to be leaven. Neither Nazareth nor St. John Fisher is an institution apart; both are intimately united to the Church in Rochester. If the new Church is to grow by the growth of the laity, if the Diocese of Rochester is to grow with the Church, our diocese needs strong Catholic institutions of higher education.

One aspect of the program at Nazareth College that does not receive publicity is the education of the Sisters who teach

in the parochial schools of the diocese. The value of the tuition which was remitted for religious students last year was \$96,000. These religious, the majority of them parochial school teachers in the Diocese of Rochester, could not have received this education if they had had to pay tuition costs.

We say to our students: Let us not think that the new resources we seek are for us. A college is not a place to store gifts. Others need our resources and our intention is that they have them. The combined faculties and facilities including the libraries of St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges represent a substantial contribution to the Rochester diocese. Through our cooperative program we are able to keep the advantages of both men's and women's education and co-education as well as to share the best that each institution has to offer.

Some speak of the extravagance involved in the education of women. I would quote Father VanZeller who says that the most powerful moral force in the world today is the modern girl — and Confucius: "If you plant for one year, plant rice; for ten years, plant trees; for a hundred years, educate men" — and we add, for Eternity, educate women.

This is to say that for the investment you are making in Catholic higher education in Rochester, dividends will not be lacking.

St. John Fisher College

By Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., President

When Bishop Kearney, then Congressman Kenneth B. Keating and Father Hugh Haffey, C.S.B. dug the first sod for St. John Fisher College in 1948, most likely they did not think that in 1965 there would be over 1000 students enrolled at the college representing every section of New York State, many other states and several foreign countries.

A great deal has happened since the diocesan campaign in 1947 which led to the construction of the college. And now as the college begins its fifteenth year of operation Bishop Kearney is making another appeal for the further development of St. John Fisher College as well as for Nazareth College. As we look back to those first days we cannot help but pay a great tribute to those whose faith and vision and generosity made possible a Catholic college for men in the Diocese of Rochester. To the founders and benefactors the students and graduates will ever be in debt.

Today it is my privilege to express the gratitude of the students and faculty and administration of the College to all who are responding to the Bishop's appeal for the expansion of the College through the erection of Becket Hall for the diocesan seminarians, a library, science building and student center.

I would like to suggest that we are all engaged at the moment in a project which is far more important than col-

lecting funds and erecting buildings. In truth we are responding to an appeal from Christ through our Bishop to make possible the clearest presentation of the truth of Christ to our students and to our community.

Much has been written about the value of private education and the necessity of preserving our private colleges as a guarantee of the freedom of choice for our students. St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges are privileged members of the association of private colleges of the State of New York and full partners with the state university units. But the task facing our Catholic colleges is even greater because of the moment in history in which the Church finds itself. So many are looking to the Church today for spiritual leadership and to her colleges for a presentation of our spiritual and cultural traditions.

As we look ahead and anticipate the increasing role and responsibilities of the laymen and women in our diocese and as we think of the increasing demands upon our priests and sisters, we may realize how imperative it is for our two Catholic colleges to be strong academic and spiritual centers for the entire diocese.

In assisting our Catholic colleges to fulfill their work and destiny in our midst, we are marching into history with the Church. At the same time we are setting in motion a power which is stronger than all the material forces of civilization.

Becket Hall

By Very Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, Rector

There have been and will continue to be constants and variables in the program of the formation of a priest. Among the elements that cannot change are the careful selection of candidates and the systematic program of character training and spiritual direction.

But there are elements in priestly training which will always demand change — not for the sake of change—but for the sake of renewal: All human institutions (and the Seminary is such) have to continually take inventory of their techniques, their efficiency, their morale, and their shortcomings — if they are to remain vital.

The present change in Seminary training of the Diocese of Rochester is the result of such an inventory—a thoughtful and prayerful reassessment of the whole program for the training of future priests.

The new Seminary program is called the "4-4-4 plan" because the 12 years of training are equally divided into High School, College and Theology sections.

This division, replacing the traditional 6-6 program of Minor and Major seminaries, is due to become the common structure of seminary training in the country. Likewise, affiliation with an accredited College or University will be-

come commonplace, if our seminaries expect to meet accepted standards for quality education. We cannot continue to multiply diocesan seminaries or to continually reproduce well-trained faculties and adequate facilities. Such a policy would impose an intolerable burden on every diocese. The presence of our seminarians at St. John Fisher is aimed at an academic enrichment as they study for College degrees through a variety of Curricular offerings; at providing them with an opportunity for association and interchange of ideas with their age contemporaries who, hopefully, will be the lay leaders of Catholic parishes, and at acceleration of their maturity through a program which constantly demands a sense of personal responsibility.

Becket Hall, named for the Martyr Saint, Thomas Becket, will be the focal point on campus for their personal and religious formation during their four college years. Here, they will have a Community life of prayer, study, and work. No portion of the essentials of priestly formation will be overlooked.

Let it be clear to all that the Diocese of Rochester has not launched upon a luxury program in seminary education. What it seeks in this campaign is a necessity, the awareness of which has become increasingly evident through prayerful self-inventory.

PATTERN OF PROGRESS—CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

Corporate, C & I, Major Gifts First in Field

Popular support by the entire community was one of the first objectives established in the planning stage of the Joint College Fund Campaign.

To assist in the achievement of this goal, the Corporate and Major Gifts Division, headed by C. Peter McColough, executive vice president of the Xerox Corporation, as general vice-chairman, and the Commerce and Industry Division, headed by Martin F. Birmingham, vice president of Marine Midland Trust Co., also a general vice-chairman, were organized.

Outstanding community leaders were recruited by these key members of the Rochester business community, and in a series of

meetings, the requirements of St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges were presented to executives of business and industry.

Enthusiasm and giving has established ample proof of the interest of the Greater Rochester community in supporting higher education in this area by strengthening the two local Catholic liberal arts colleges.

A minimum goal of \$3,250,000 was assigned to this sector of the campaign, and reports of pledges, still incomplete, indicate that this figure may well be exceeded when final tallies are available.

Gifts received through the Corporate and Major Gifts Division now exceed \$2.5 million dollars,



FIRST REPORTS: Martin F. Birmingham (right), Commerce and Industry Division chairman, and William Gasser, a vice chairman, post first returns from the Division's solicitation.

October 14 Progress Report:

Corporate Division	\$2,500,000+
Major Gifts Division (Including College Boards of Regents)	600,000+
Parish Special Gifts (FIRST REPORT)	661,500+



CIVIC LEADERS: Robert E. Wegman (standing, left) Joint College Fund general chairman, speaks to a meeting of Rochester civic leaders last Spring to outline Fund campaign plans.

(photo at right)

ALUMNI CAMPAIGN LEADERS—Leaders of Rochester area JCF campaign alumni committees of St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges planning visits to fellow-alumni: Pictured from left are: seated—Mrs. George (Julia) Farrell, Mrs. Sam (Mary Ellen) Urzetta, Mrs. Alfred (Mildred) Boylan, Mrs. William (June) Feldman Jr.; standing—William Farone, Francis Calvaruso, George Appleton.

SPECIAL GIFTS BULLETIN!

First District Special Gifts report meetings recorded total pledges of \$661,596 (as of October 14). District totals: "A" — \$103,619; "B" — \$108,010; "C" — \$62,961; "D" — \$171,002; "E" — \$33,858; "F" — \$56,843; "G" — \$56,010; "H" — \$40,753; "J" — \$28,540. All were sampling reports — and a fine start!

(photos below)

SPECIAL GIFTS KICKOFF: Bishop Kearney (standing, in picture on right) is shown with the crowd of more than 400 workers who attended a Special Gifts Kickoff dinner for the Rochester Region at St. John Fisher College.



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