



**HEARTY MEALS** are part of St. Joseph's Villa's stock in trade. In this lunchtime scene, the boy on the left is off to a running start.



**ARTS AND CRAFTS** are an important area of instruction, along with normal academic subjects, at St. Joseph's Villa. Here instructor James Lewis helps one of the boys with some woodworking.



**NEW VIEWS AT VILLA**—Sister Regina Carmel, left center, and Sister Rose Xavier, Villa director, chat with some of the boys in front of the new convent and administration buildings.



**ENGROSSED SPECTATORS** are these boys in one of the Villa cottages watching the cook prepare dinner.

**At Open House**

**Villa To Display New Buildings**

St. Joseph's Villa, which is having an Open House for the public this weekend (Nov. 13-14), is often mistaken for a new housing development nestled back from Dewey Avenue near North Gate Plaza. Actually it is a Catholic home for boys and girls, 6 to 16 in age, under the supervision of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph's Villa is a cottage plan of living for boys and girls, who may need group care away from their own homes. Under a very competent, professional staff of Sisters and lay people, these children are given an opportunity to live, love, and learn so they may enjoy a better life as future citizens.

The Villa replaced three Catholic institutions—St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, St. Mary's Boys' Home, and St. Patrick's Girls' Home, which had been located in the heart of downtown Rochester. In 1942 the Villa was opened on the Old Clark Farm, where there would be plenty of space for outdoor activity, so necessary to happy children.

The original buildings consisted of five cottages, a school, chapel, a big frame house, which served as Convent and Administration Building, and a small wooden building used as a temporary infirmary. As the Villa expanded a combination infirmary and Social Service Building was built.

Now the increased demand for special services, and the over crowded conditions of the first convent have necessitated a new building. This modern Convent and Infirmary-Administration building have been completed at last. With the infirmary housed in these new quarters, there are more rooms available for extra office space for the Social Service Staff.

The Sisters of St. Joseph and the Villa staff are very happy with these new facilities and they welcome the opportunity to have the whole community visit with them at Open House on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 13-14, from two to six p.m.

**Father Borrelli**

**To Reach Them, Joins Slum Kids**

Father Mario Borrelli, already something of a legend in Naples, Italy, was in Rochester last week. His life as a priest sounds like a fiction story—but is true for all that.



**FATHER BORRELLI**

15 years ago, Father Borrelli, with his superiors' reluctant permission, took off his cassock, donned the rags of a pauper and joined a Naples street gang. It was the only way he could figure to reach the tough, cynical street-urchins who roamed the streets of the Italian seaport.

For seven months he lived with these homeless vagrants, sharing their hardships, eating and sleeping as they did, finally becoming accepted as leader of a small gang.

The big test came when he felt it was time to reveal his identity as a priest to the boys. He passed the test—they had learned to trust him, and did not abandon him.

He was given a bombed-out church, the Materdei, as a home for his new-found friends. And thus began one of the world's most unusual boys' homes.

Father Borrelli's story has been well told by Morris West in a best-selling book, "Children of the Sun." At the least, it's a triumph of the human spirit over crushing obstacles.

The stocky, good-natured priest stopped in at the Courier-Journal office last week on a flying trip to Rochester. He was on his way back to Naples from a trip to Canada, where he's visited Canadian groups which have been helping support his work in Naples. His special purpose in visiting Rochester was to meet a man who has been a long-time patron of Father Borrelli's Casa dello Scugnizzo (Home of the Street Urchin), a well-known Rochesterian, Judge Harry Goldman. The priest and his Jewish backer had never met before in person, only by letter.

At the moment, Father Borrelli is filled with hopes for a boys' village to take care of up to 250 youngsters at a time. His present facilities can take care of 90 boys only. As it is, he offers bread and board, education and encouragement, and

most of all, honest affection and love, to these young wanderers, who have lacked all those things.

In the last 15 years, Father Borrelli and his helpers have cared for more than 1,000 boys. He figures that about 75 per cent of them have become good citizens.

He has a team of 15 counselors who help at the Materdei home, and a number of college volunteers who give what time they can. He is happy that some Jesuit priests have recently moved into one of Naples' "shanty town" areas, to start a similar work.

"I didn't expect to solve all the problems myself," he smiles, "but I wanted to give an example of what could be done and hope that others would follow."

There's plenty of work left to do. Father Borrelli estimates that there are still some 2,000 boys living on the streets of Naples today.

His address, for interested supporters is: Rev. Mario Borrelli, Casa dello Scugnizzo, Casella Postale 265, Naples, Italy.

—Faber Robert Kaska

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**Bazaar, Dinner To Benefit Carmelite Nuns**

A Bazaar and Roast Beef Dinner to benefit the Carmelite Monastery, Rochester, will be held Thursday, Nov. 18. Dinner, family style, will be served at Guardian Angels Hall, 2061 East Henrietta Road from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.55 per person. For reservations call GR 3-1553 or ID 6-8083.

Featured at the bazaar, which will take place from 2 to 9 p.m. will be hand made articles for Christmas, items from Formosa, Kenya, Mexico and Japan, as well as white elephant sale.

**Serran Profile Drawn By Bishop**

A blueprint for the men of Serra was offered by the Auxiliary bishop of Toronto to delegates attending a District Convention of Serra International in Rochester last weekend.

Bishop Francis A. Marrocco keynoted the three-day meeting by describing what Serra Clubs are not:

—Not a "reform school for lackadaisical Catholics," nor even an on-going retreat to develop spiritual values in Catholic men, he stressed.

Rather, the Serra movement exists "to develop an atmosphere in which God can foster vocations to the priesthood," Bishop Marrocco explained.

He listed four virtues which Serra men should strive for:

● Humility—a due esteem of oneself.

● Confidence in God—Serrans, recognizing their weakness, should yet expect great things from God in their work.

● Kindliness—"and I do feel that most Serrans show this," he commented.

● Ardor—Fervor in carrying out their aims. "Big men are willing to do small jobs for Serra—with zeal."

The keynote speaker said that Serrans stick with the movement, not because they see tangible results, or always find it pleasant, but because they see it as

a chance to work with God in an effort that is close to Him.

In the Saturday session held at St. John Fisher College, the delegates heard Father Charles J. Lavery, Fisher president, discuss the increasingly vital role of laymen in the Church.

"Inevitably, this will cause some tensions between clergy and laity," he noted, "but the power that will resolve these tensions is the power of the Holy Spirit."

A new possibility for Serran service was outlined in a panel on "The Serran-Seminarian Dialogue."

John Quinn of Toronto's suburban Willowdale, listed the talks made available to seminarians by Serrans who are knowledgeable in such areas as public relations, alcoholism, marriage counseling, etc.

The three day program saw 115 participants from Western New York and Canada following a whirlwind schedule which included 8 main speakers, panels and workshops.

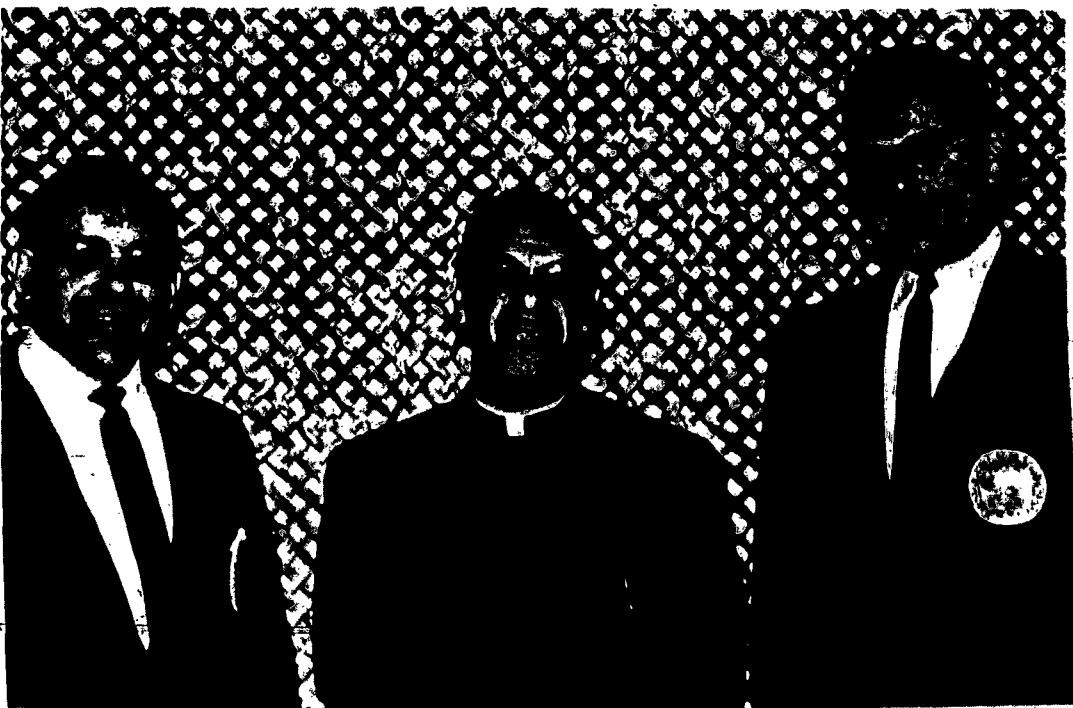
Rochester's Serra Club was host to the convention, which included delegates from two districts, 26 and 45, in the Serran International organization.

**Ithaca Knights Set Memorial**

Ithaca—Ithaca Council No. 277 Knights of Columbus will hold its Annual Memorial Mass Sunday, Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church.

Members will meet at the Knights of Columbus Home at 7:30 a.m. and march to the church behind the Color Guard of the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Ithaca Council.

Families of the eight members who died during the past year have been invited. A section will be reserved for them ahead of the Knights.



**WELCOME KEYNOTE SPEAKER.** Shown visiting with Toronto's Auxiliary Bishop Francis A. Marrocco, are William T. Echler, Rochester's Serra Club president (left) and the Serra Convention chairman Robert Howe.

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