

Mercy Nuns Inter-City Mission Expands Apostolate



A sign in medieval style announces "Sisters of Mercy" to passersby at a store at 372 Joseph Ave., Rochester.

This inner-city outpost is another step the Mercy nuns have taken to expand their apostolate. Three months ago, four of the nuns were dispatched to mission work in Chile.

The Joseph Avenue Center draws youngsters daily from 3 to 8 p.m. and all day on Saturdays.

Activities include art classes, story telling and games. These pictures show some of the varied projects underway at the Center.



Sodalists, like Leo Defendorf from St. Charles Borromeo parish, Greece, have helped the nuns fix up the store for its new use. Nuns in the pictures include Sister Mary Concepta and Sister Mary Cleophas. Other Mercy nuns also work at the Center and are currently planning added projects.



Hospital Offers:

Positive Approach To Alcoholism

St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell is playing a key role in its community's effort to combat alcoholism.

The Catholic hospital is one of the few general hospitals in Western New York which opens its doors to patients suffering from acute alcoholism.

"We are here to take care of sick people. Alcoholism is a real disease, and alcoholics are sick people," says Sister M. Scholastica, hospital administrator, in discussing her hospital's policy in this matter.

St. James Mercy Hospital has been admitting patients suffering from acute alcoholism since 1952, Sister Scholastica notes, "but always under a doctor's order."

Modern drugs play a vital role in the treatment of alcoholics, who usually stay in the hospital for 4 or 5 days before being released. The administrator mentioned in particular, the "Bonner cocktail," (named after a Rochester physician who first used it), which not only sedates a patient but effectively detours him from wanting any more alcohol for the time being.

"Our job is to help the patient get over the acute symp-

Alcoholics don't present any special problem to the hospital, and are not placed in any special section. "If they are actually intoxicated when admitted, we ask a member of their family to remain with them for a few hours until they are quiet. We don't expect our medical staff to be custodians in such a case," she elaborates.

St. James hospital was the first meeting place of the Hornell Council on Alcoholism, which is a community agency coordinating local efforts. The hospital has continued its keen interest in the program, with its administrator, Sister Scholastica, currently a member of the Council's Board of Directors.

The medical staff at the Hornell hospital is thoroughly indoctrinated with the latest knowledge on the complex problem that alcoholism presents. As a result, the staff has a positive attitude toward alcoholic patients.

One of the Mercy sisters on the staff, Sister M. Kieran, is a graduate of Yale's famed School on Alcoholism. She has played a helpful part in developing good rapport with the local unit of Alcoholics Anonymous. An A.A. group meets weekly at the hospital, in fact.

Warm tribute to the work of the hospital for its helpful role is paid by Father Vincent P. Collins, pastor of nearby St. Joachim's Church, in Canisteo and St. Mary's Church in Rexville.

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School Board Formed

An Elmira Catholic School Board was recently formed that includes all parishes with parochial schools.

Purposes for which the steps were taken includes acting as an advisory board, discussion of functions, handling problems, dealing with finances, facilities, public relations, curriculum, teacher recruitment and the designation of a special committee to act in liaison with the Public School Board.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, V.F., is ex-officio president of the Board.

Others named to the Board are Fathers John S. Hayes, John J. Leary and W. Darcy Bolger.

Sisters named were Sister M. Brendan, R.S.M., St. Cecilia's parish; Sister M. Bernadette, S.S.J., St. Anthony's; Sister Mary Declan, R.S.M., Notre Dame High School.

Lay representatives are Paul H. McCabe, St. Mary's; William H. Bennett, St. Peter and Paul's; Alfred Drum, St. Casimir's; Dr. Walter C. Ervin Jr., St. Patrick's; Thomas Tranter, Our Lady of Lourdes; John Coscio, St. Anthony's and Norman Hoesy, St. Cecilia's.

McCabe, an Elmira attorney has been empowered to prepare a constitution that will be presented to the Board at their January meeting.

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Bishop Listed For IFCA Mass

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the First Saturday Mass for members of Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae in Nazareth College's Alma Mater Chapel, Dec. 4.

The Mass at 8:30 a.m. will be followed by breakfast.

Taking reservations are Miss Mary Bush, GR 3-4020 or Miss Therese O'Brien, OL 4-9591 with Wednesday, Dec. 1 as the deadline.

Practice of the First Saturday devotions by the IFCA began on Dec. 7, 1947 when Bishop Kearney celebrated the Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Mass and Immaculate Heart of Mary devotions have continued at various educational institutions in this diocese.



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St. Alphonsus Parish Center Permit Given

Auburn—The city of Auburn issued a building permit this past week to St. Alphonsus Church to erect a parish center adjacent to the school property at 105 Genesee St.

Richard J. Dragone, city building inspector, who issued the permit to the Rev. John Merklinger, pastor, said that the permit totalled \$107,475. This was just the general contractor's fee and not complete cost of the construction, Father Merklinger stated.

The permit was directly issued to the A.H. Bibbens Company Inc. of Weedsport.

Father Merklinger stated that the foundation for the center would be put in now and that regular construction would start in the spring. It is expected that the building will be completed by September, 1966.

Bishop To Open 24th Year of Friday Club

Bishop Kearney will speak to men of the First Friday Luncheon Club, Dec. 3 in Hotel Sheraton, it is announced by Eugene R. Cusker, chairman of the Knights of Columbus sponsoring committee. Luncheon begins at 12:10 p.m.

The Bishop who encouraged the founding of the club in 1942 will be opening its 24th year. It is traditional for the club members to extend Christmas greetings to the Bishop at this meeting.

Since the club was organized to increase devotion to the Sacred Heart, Bishop Kearney has spoken at the June and December meetings with few exceptions.

ANY CATHOLIC man who receives Holy Communion on the First Friday is eligible to attend the luncheons.



EDUCATION ON ALCOHOLISM is stressed by Father Vincent P. Collins, pastor of St. Joachim's, Canisteo. He is active in the Hornell Council on Alcoholism, which publishes the pamphlet he is holding.

Prayer Day In Horseheads

A Day of Recollection for women and high school students of the church of St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Individual conferences will be given by Fathers Bartholomew J. O'Brien, Leo Ingalls and Thomas Corbett. Those attending are requested to bring a rosary, book or other spiritual reading and a rosary. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the services.

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