

Basilians Slate Worldwide Meet

More than one hundred Basilian priests representing local houses from throughout the United States, Canada, France, and Mexico will meet at St. John Fisher College next week for a Basilian Convention whose purpose will be to examine community problems in preparation of the 1967 General Chapter of the Basilian Fathers.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, Aug. 16, and will continue for 10 days. Plenary sessions will be held each morning. Afternoons and evenings will be devoted to meetings of five special Commissions: Religious Life; Formation and Vocations; Basilian Government; Basilian Apostolate; and Basilian Resources.

Archbishop George B. Flahiff, C.S.B., of Winnipeg, Manitoba, will address the opening session of the convention. He is a member of Vatican II Council's Commission on Religious Life.

Very Rev. Joseph C. Wey, C.S.B., Superior General, and other members of the Basilian General Council will be among those attending the convention.

Basilians representing St. John Fisher at the convention will be Father Joseph A. Trovato, superior; Father Edmund C. McCorkell, former superior general of the congregation; Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, president of the college; and Fathers Leo J. Klem, Robert C. Miller, and John R. Cavanaugh.

Delegates from Aquinas Institute will be Fathers Fergus Sheehy, Richard Allard, Donald Kuder, Albert Geleens, and John Cherry.

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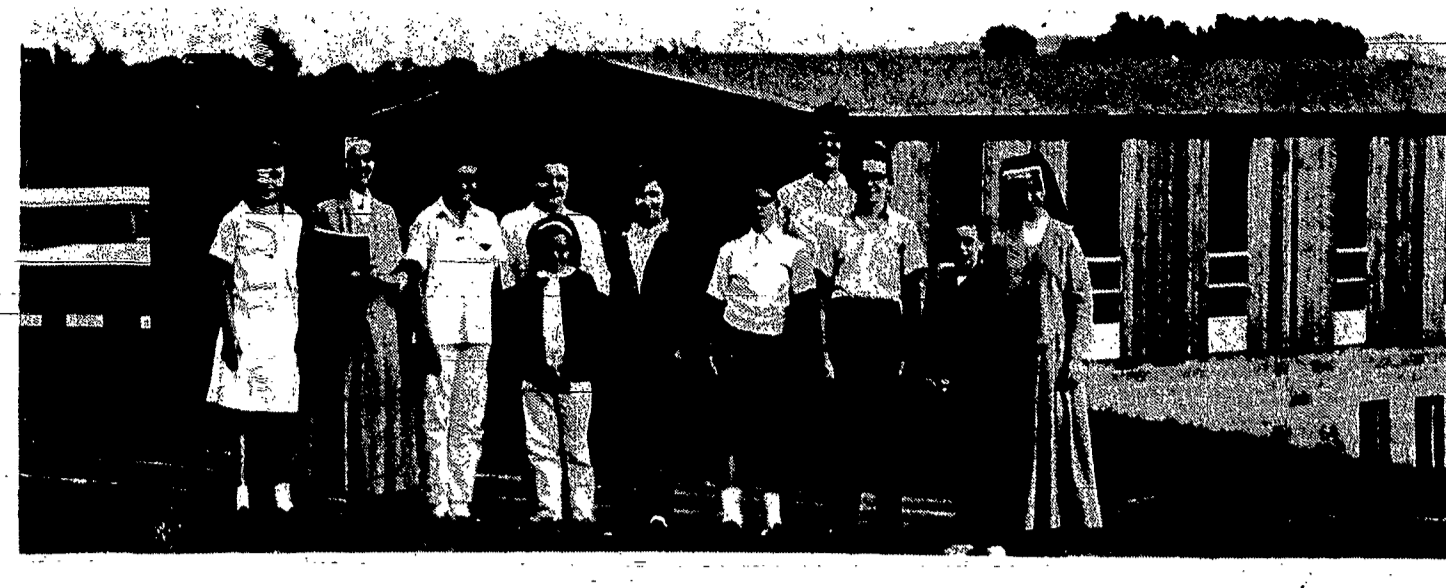
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NEW 4-ROOM BUILDING located next to Fairport's junior high school building, now gives Assumption parish a 2 building, 10-room School of Religion. Two mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, Sisters Judene, 2nd from left and Sister Teresa Mary, right, pose with some mothers and their children before the new addition, completed last year.

Assumption B.V.M. Fairport Parish, Century of Grace

Fairport's Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish will mark its 100th anniversary of its patronal feast day, Monday, August 15.

Assumption parish can trace its Catholic history back to 1849 when Mass was offered at the home of Smith Brennan by a visiting missionary, Father Michael Guilbride. Three years later in 1852, Fairport was designated a mission of St. Ann's, Palmyra.

The first resident pastor, Father Louis J. Miller, took up residence in Fairport in 1866 when Assumption was designated a separate parish. It is this juncture that is being marked by this year's centenary observance.

An anniversary Mass will be offered by the present pastor,

Father Leonard A. Kelly on August 15. A solemn pontifical Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kearney at a later date.

While it was still a mission, Fairport was served by the priests of St. Ann's, Palmyra. In 1856, the Palmyra pastor at that time, Father William Casey, built a frame structure for the first Catholic church building in Palmyra. The present Fairport church was erected on Oct. 1, 1882, under the pastorate of Father John L. Cadyre. It has been refurbished several times since, most recently, this year.

Interestingly enough, Assumption parish has had but five pastors in the past 100 years. They have been Father Louis J. Miller, pastor from 1866 to 1870; Father Patrick C. McGrath (1870-73); Father John L. Cadyre (1878-1925); Father James T. Wood (1925-54); and the present pastor, Father Kelly, who took over the reins in 1954.

The first superior of the Mission Helpers, Sister Maureen, now a superior in Erie, Pa., sparked a leadership training program for catechists. In 10 years, the school has graduated more than 1,000 zealous lay catechists who now serve in the Diocesan C.C.D. program.

In addition to the four sisters who staff the School of Religion, another Mission Helper nun, Sister Marietta will reside with them this fall. Her work, however, will be that of a Diocesan supervisor in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine's office. She will assist Monsignor Albert Schnack, C.C.D. director for the Diocese.

Sister Marietta's last assignment was in Pittsburgh, where she wrote TV scripts for C.C.D. programs, appeared several times on TV panels with Pittsburgh Bishop John Wright.

"Participation" is almost a way of life for Assumption parishioners, who don't limit this to the parish liturgy, although their Mass participation is above average.—Father—Kelly—credits

much of this to Mrs. Karoly (Virginia Bogdan) Pados, church organist and choir director.

Parental participation in the formation of their children is also a distinguishing feature of Assumption parents. Father Kelly insists that even an excellent C.C.D. program cannot succeed without cooperation from the home. He sees the class hour as primarily one of direction and motivation, but insists that "much of the study" be done at home "with parental supervision and involvement."

Assumption parish now boasts two separate schools of religion buildings and a convent, the complex having cost \$275,000 over a ten year period. In these up-to-date surroundings, the priests, sisters and laity of Assumption parish have developed a religious formation program that has been written up in the Saturday Evening Post, Sign and Marriage magazines.

Current assistant pastor at the Fairport church is Father Emer Schmidt.

Paul L. Moore, who directs the Family Nursery program for the city Board of Education is the other co-director of the project. Teachers from both public and parochial schools staff the project, which comes under the Action for a Better Community program.

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Father Cadyre's name was the one longest associated with Assumption parish, for in addition to his 4-year pastorate, he lived on in retirement at the rectory until his death in 1935. Ill-health forced Father Wood to retire from active duty in 1954. He is currently a patient at St. James Mercy hospital in Hornell.

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100TH BIRTHDAY for Fairport's Assumption parish will roll around this Sunday, Aug. 15, patronal feast of the parish. Present church structure was built in 1882.

Head Start Provides Jet Takeoff To School

When you graduate from a Head Start school, you're ready to move up — to kindergarten!

The 7-week summer program for 1,080 pre-schoolers in the Rochester area aims to give the youngsters a "head start" toward their first formal schooling.

"Graduates" of the Head Start project stand out by the way they adapt to kindergarten or first grade training, according to primary grade teachers.

"Teachers tell us that there's a big difference between children who've had Head Start training and others," reports Mercy Sister M. Joanne, who is co-director of the second straight summer of the Rochester area program.

Head Start is operating in 34 centers and handling close to 1,100 pre-school youngsters this summer locally, almost doubling the '65 enrollment of 617 children in 22 centers.

"The project is aimed at helping youngsters make the home-to-school transition as smoothly as possible, and in the process helps them to:

- Fine that "teacher" is a pleasant person who wants to be a friend in their young lives.
- Learn to get along with other children in everyday school routine.
- Discover their own capacity for achieving things.

A number of auxiliary services are available to the Head Start enrollees including medical and dental check-ups and treatment, hearing and sight tests, hot lunches and a number of field trips. (A foot and a bus.)

It's also an opportunity to bring parents into a working relationship with teachers. Regular Open Houses are planned to acquaint parents with the project's scope.

"We encourage the parents to offer suggestions on any improvements we can make in the program," comments Sister J. Joanne, whose headquarters is at Holy Redeemer School on Hudson Avenue. During the regular school year, she's principal of St. Thomas the Apostle school in Irondequoit.

Each center has one or two master teachers, teachers aides, Neighborhood Youth Corps workers and most have a cook for the noon lunches. Other high school-age assistants have been provided by the Urban League's "Uplift" program.

A basic goal of the program is to help the pre-schoolers "realize their own identity," as

according to Frank J. Rinere, director of Social Service in the project.

"Each child has a name tag and we make it a point to use their names when speaking to them, to emphasize their value as an individual, not just one of the group," he explains.

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Four nuns now direct a C.C.D. program that teaches 1,200 students weekly, operating a staged Released Time program that has been given full cooperation by local public school authorities.

25 Years Ago

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Nine Appointed To KC Posts By State Head

A diocesan priest and eight other Knights of Columbus from the Diocese of Rochester are included in the appointments of the new State Deputy, James E. Foley of New York.

Cardinal Spellman is state chaplain, Monsignor Gustave J. Schuthelms, Bronx, associate state chaplain; Bishop Thomas A. Donnellan of Ogdensburg is State Prior of Youth and Father Gerald T. Connor, assistant pastor of St. Ann Church, Hornell, is associate state Prior of Youth.

Lay appointments include: Paul G. Rombaut of Our Lady of the Cenacle Council, Greece, state chairman of the oratorical committee.

Area district deputies are: 85th District, John D. Evans, Owego; 86th, John M. Herson, Ithaca; 87th, Paul J. Danaher, Corning; 82nd, Joseph French, Waterloo; 93rd, George J. Schenk, Rochester and 94th, Victor A. DeSimon, Greece.

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McAuley Lists Workshop For Religious Teachers

Gerard A. Pottebaum, Catechetical Editor for Geo. A. Plenum, Publisher, Inc., will speak at Catherine McAuley College on Saturday, Sept. 3. The occasion is a workshop for religion teachers, sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester.

Pottebaum directs the two new Witness periodicals for use in intermediate and junior high schools, and the teacher's guide, the Catechist which accompanies the CCD classroom work. He also authors the Little People's Paperbacks, a series of dramatic, colorful children's books for pre-school and primary grade children.

A Notre Dame University journalism graduate, Mr. Pottebaum does freelance writing for various Catholic publications, and is active in the Parent-Educator group of the CCD, the Young Christian Students, the Catholic Family Movement,

and in addition, teaches first grade in his parish CCD program.

The workshop session scheduled to begin on September 2 will feature a methods course by Father Gerald Weber.

Summer Festival In Coldwater

Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater will hold its Summer Festival Aug. 23 and 24 on the church grounds.

An old fashioned chicken dinner will be served 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening. There will be games, booths and prizes.

Father Albert Geiger is pastor.