

\$300,000 Fund Drive

Inter-Faith Center at Geneseo

The Rochester Catholic Diocese will contribute \$15,000 toward construction of an Inter-Faith Center adjacent to State University College at Geneseo.

Bishop Kearney said the diocesan donation will be contributed to Inter-Faith Center of Geneseo Inc., a recently incorporated organization which will launch a fund drive next month to erect the proposed ecumenical facility to serve faculty, staff and students at the state university.

Father Thomas R. Statt, Newman Club chaplain at the college, is a member of the Inter-Faith board, which to date includes representatives from 10 denominations.

Although the inter-faith building is designed for use by any and all religious groups of faculty and students at the college, the off-campus facility will have no official connection with the state institution.

The proposed center, to include a meditation room, offices for Catholic, Protestant and Jewish chaplains, three classrooms, a lounge, kitchen and a custodian apartment, will feature an all-purpose hall to seat 400 persons.

It will be erected on a one-acre site just north of the student health center now being completed on the campus. Groundbreaking ceremonies are expected to follow the fund campaign.

CONTRIBUTIONS toward the \$300,000 campaign goal will be sought from faculty and students, alumni, student parents, religious groups, foundations and the community.

The \$300,000 goal will include property purchase, site preparation; landscaping, architectural and campaign fees, construction and furnishing of the building, miscellaneous expenses and funds toward initial operating and maintenance.



An ecumenical group examines rendering of proposed Inter-Faith Center to be erected adjacent to State University College at Geneseo. Seated from left are Father Thomas R. Statt, Newman Club chaplain at the college, and Dr. Spencer J. Roemer, college admissions director and chairman of Inter-Faith Center Inc. board of directors, who represents Episcopal Church of Geneseo; standing (from left): Richard Haviland of college faculty, Roman Catholic representative; Rev. Kelsey Bicknell, Methodist, and Rev. Fredrick Yoos, Presbyterian. Fund drive for Center, with goal of \$300,000, will get under way next month. Center will be available for worship and other activities for any and all religious groups at the college.

Enrollment projections envision 6000 students by 1974 — with nearly 3000 being Catholics. This, Father Statt pointed out this week, would be larger than an average parish.

Father Statt said the idea of an inter-faith center originated last autumn when it became known that he was investigating the possibilities for construction of a Newman Center to serve the Catholic community at the college. Several of the Protestant clergy and faculty realized a similar need for their students, and the possibility of an inter-faith center was discussed.

Last spring the group added Jewish representation and incorporated as Inter-Faith Center of Geneseo Inc.

"In view of the many changes brought about in the Church by the recent Vatican Council," Father Statt said, "it seemed that such an inter-faith center would best implement the ecumenical spirit that Pope John XXIII envisioned when he convoked the Council."

The Inter-Faith Center, Father Statt pointed out, will be the spiritual life center for all students, faculty and staff at Geneseo College.

For Catholics, this will mean a place for daily and Sunday Masses, and for Confessions. This, he noted, will greatly relieve the crowded conditions existing at St. Mary's Church in Geneseo, which has been serving the college community as well as the large numbers of Catholics in the area.

The Center, he added, will give the students an opportunity to identify themselves with a parish of "their own." It also will provide them with facilities for intellectual and social activities which occupy a prominent place in college life.

Aquinas Band 'Mighty Fine' Says LBJ

The Aquinas Institute Band and Color Guard represented the City of Rochester last Friday in Buffalo when President and Mrs. Johnson made the first stop of a whirlwind tour of New York State.

Asked by Congressman Richard D. McCarthy of Aurora to play the fanfare and traditional salute to the president of the United States, the Aquinas youngsters received top priority as they took up their stand prior to the President's arrival.

Cleared first by secret service agents and then by White House aids, the boys marched onto the runway of the Buffalo airport, placing themselves just feet away from the President and the First Lady as they alighted from Air Force I, the President's personal plane.

Mayor Sodita of Buffalo and Governor Rockefeller were among the dignitaries welcoming the President.

Before the President was whisked away in the presidential limousine Mr. Johnson stopped by the Band and shook hands with director Sebastian Calabro and Father John Whitley. He remarked to Calabro, "You all have a mighty fine band there." And to the boys he said, "Many thanks for coming out to see us."

After downtown ceremonies and an inspection of conditions on Lake Erie the President returned to the airport for a brief departure ceremony and a sendoff march by the Aquinas band.

This weekend the Aquinas Color Guard may have another chance to meet with President Johnson. The Guard will be taking part in the annual American Legion Color Guard contest. The competition to determine the national champion will take part on the ellipse, south of the White House.



WHITE-VEILED NOVICES prior to their profession ceremony as Sisters of Mercy are: Sisters Andrew Marie, Joseph Andre, Francis Mary, Lucretia, William Marie, Coleman, Theodore, LaSalle, Barnabas, Ritamary, Regina Marie and Lalonde.

Vow Rite for Mercy Nuns

Twelve novices professed religious vows Wednesday, Aug. 17, in the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse chapel.

Monsignor William J. Naughton celebrated Mass and was assisted by Rev. Robert C. Bradley, brother of Sister Mary Joseph Andre, one of the first profession group, and Rev. Anthony Valente Motherhouse chaplain.

Mother Mary Eymard has been the novices' mistress for the past two years.

Conducted to the altar at the Communion of the Mass by Mother Mary Bride, Mother General of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, and Mother Mary Gabriel, Mother Assistant, the novices individually pronounced their vows before the Holy Eucharist.

They stated before a congregation composed of their families, friends and Sister religious their intentions "to persevere for three years according to the Constitution of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy."

The decision to take these vows comes at the culmination of three years of preparation: one year as postulants and two years as novices.

Following the Mass, the young Sisters put aside their white veils (the garb of novices) and were clothed in the black veils.

The Sisters who professed vows for a three-year period are:

Sister Mary Barnabas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert G. Snider, St. Anne parish.

Sister Andrew Marie, daughter of Mr. Andrew Lynch, immaculate Conception, Pompy, N.Y.

Sister Mary Lucretia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Vaeth, St. Anne.

Sister Regina Marie, daughter of Mr. Richard P. Carey, St. John the Evangelist.

Sister Mary Theodore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Semesky, St. Casimir, Elmira.

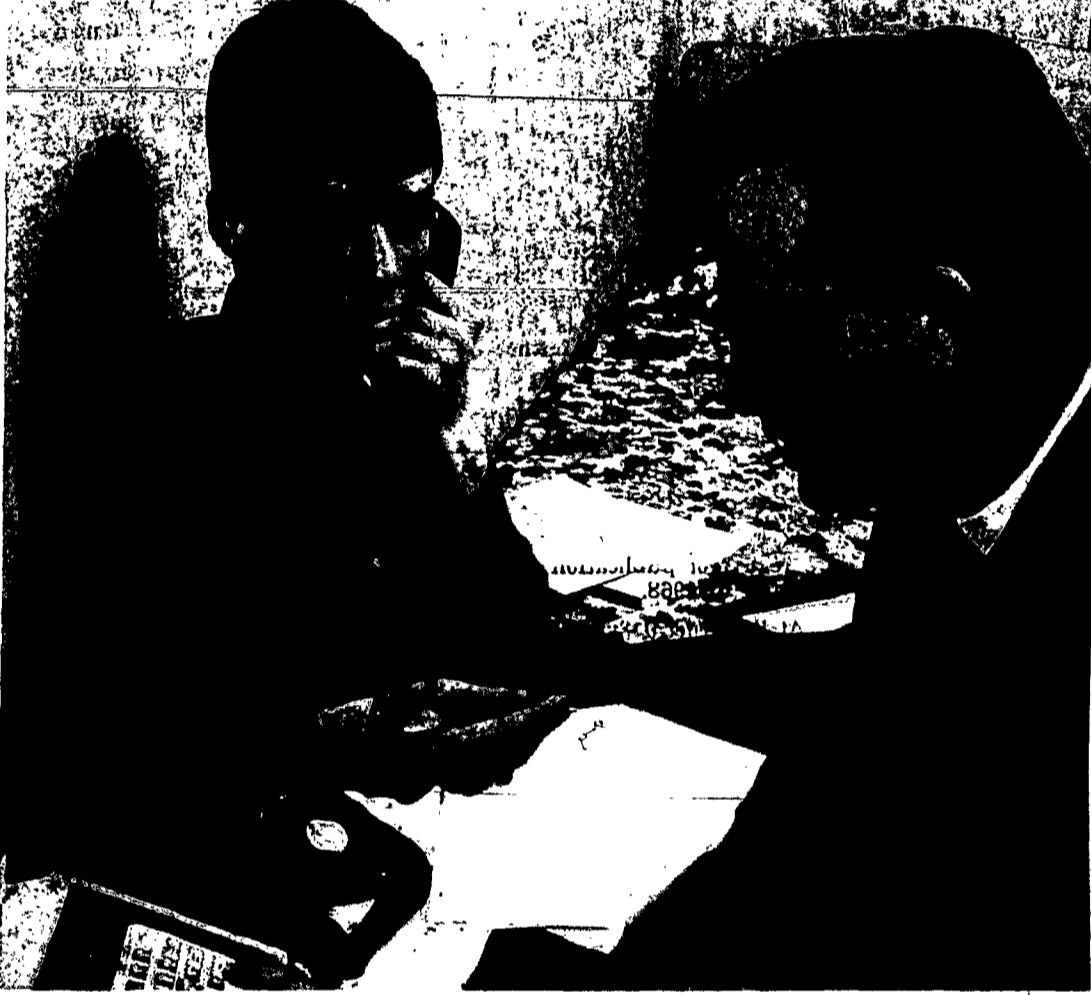
Sister Francis Mary and Sister Mary Lalonde, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John James, St. James.

Sister William Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hugh, St. Ambrose.

Sister Mary LaSalle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Meck, St. Cecilia's, Elmira.

Sister Mary Joseph Andre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bradley, Holy Redeemer.

Sister Ritamary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Mossey, St. Helen's.



HOMEWORK HELP via telephone and computer is given to Brian Butler, left, a high school junior, by Brother Austin David, data processing consultant for the Brooklyn diocesan school system.

Brother David's Computer Is a Friendly Goliath

New York — With increasing school enrollments and with so much more to learn, Johnny cannot receive the close, personal attention he needs from his teacher — at least not until Johnny becomes a number in a Computer Age classroom.

This is the "say-that-again" opinion of a 30-year-old Christian Brother with the new and unique title of "Data Processing Consultant" for the Brooklyn diocesan school system — Brother Austin David, F.S.C.

He is now setting up a diocesan-school computer center that will schedule classes for the system's more than 225,000 elementary and high school students, take attendance, grade exams, fill out report cards and do bookkeeping. And it will also eventually teach, giving an expert, illustrated lecture at the touch of one button and the answer to any question at the touch of another button.

"I don't mean to make teachers sound obsolete," said Brother David, who also teaches calculus, geometry and senior religion, "but there is a tremendous revolution. Teachers have to re-orient their thinking. I think the computer is going to allow the teacher to take on a different role. Right now, they're oriented to answering questions. They're going to become the question-askers."

"With technology making available a tremendous amount of information, just what do you select? It's for the teacher now to ask the right questions at the right time, and lead the students to ask questions. I think we've come full circle and we have a return to Socrates."

One method of education Brother David sees as entirely possible in the computer age will find teachers merely introducing students to a topic and letting teaching machines take it from there.

"A student could then be given an opportunity to delve as deeply or as superficially as he is able, with the machine gradually taking him from one concept to another — as fast or as slow as the individual student can go. They say that these machines will take away the personal element in education. I claim you're giving the student more opportunity to be more of an individual. Each student progresses at his own speed. And computers are very good with slow learners. They have infinite patience."

Testimony to Brother David's competence in computer learning (which he first encountered while studying physics at Brown University) has been given by International Business Machines, which recently chose him to coordinate an experiment with a new kind of teaching machine — a telephone.

Since February, six Brooklyn diocesan high school students have been doing homework computations in algebra, chemistry, physics, trigonometry, bookkeeping and accounting by simply picking up their phones, dialing a computer some 50 miles away and — on a small 12-button keyboard — making the computer add, subtract, multiply, divide or find a square root. (See accompanying picture)

The machine (a "she" since it answers in a woman's voice) does not do the homework for them, but merely does away with the drudgery, giving the student more time to study other problems. For instance, a student wishing to convert Fahrenheit degrees to Centigrade must know the formula — C = 5/9 (F-32)—before he can tell the computer to subtract 32 from the Fahrenheit temperature, store the answer, multiply it by 5, store that answer and divide it by 9. In two seconds, the computer will give him the right answer.

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