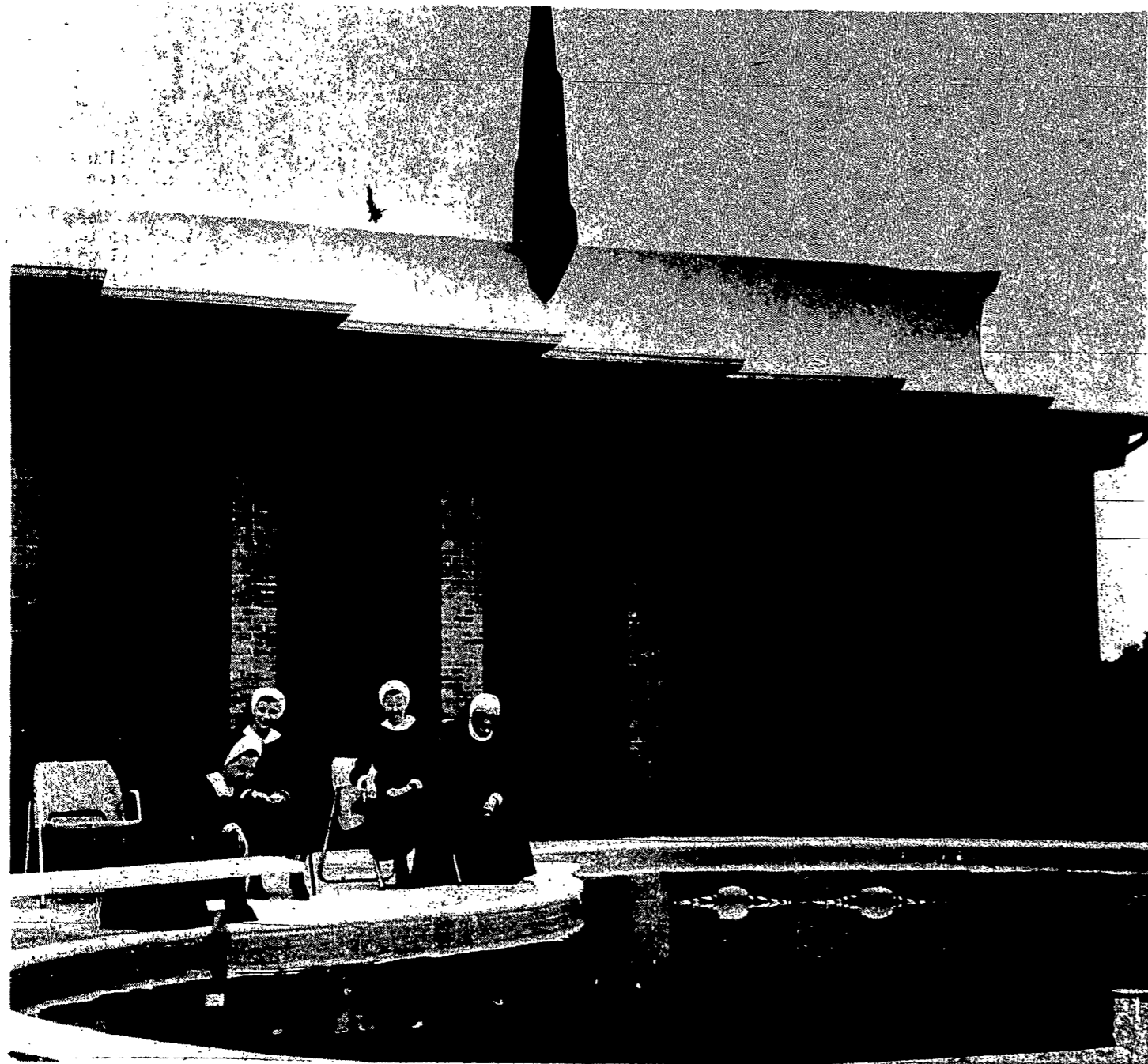


New Mercy Convent at Notre Dame, Elmira



The new Notre Dame High School Convent in Elmira will be more than just a residence for the nuns who staff the school. It will also be the religious and recreation center for the Sisters of Mercy in the southern tier area. A brochure given visitors at a recent open-house said, "In keeping with the poverty professed by the Sisters of Mercy, the materials used are neither elaborate nor pretentious. Poverty, however, is not to be identified with dreariness." Drapes, rugs and other furnishings are, therefore, in "warm, bright, friendly" colors. The chapel is designed to be "a paschal meeting hall" and its altar was hewn from a nearby quarry. A swimming pool is adjacent to the chapel.



Mercy Sister Hilaire puts her room in order at new Notre Dame High School Convent in Elmira.

Van Etten Church Blessing Slated

Solemn blessing of the new St. Pius X Church, Van Etten, will take place this Sunday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m., according to the administrator, Father Victor Valentovic, O.F.M. Cap.

Monsignor Donald M. Cleary, V.F., pastor of St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca, will represent Bishop Kearney at the blessing rites and offer the Mass. The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Guard of Ithaca, will act as escort.

Columbus Day Plans Set By Council

Plans for the annual observance of Columbus Day by Rochester Council No. 178, Knights of Columbus are completed according to Grand Knight Edward L. Miller.

The program, Wednesday, Oct. 12 will begin with 8:30 p.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, Oxford St. near Monroe Ave. Celebrant will be Bishop Kearney. The Bishop will be escorted by Rochester General Assembly, Fourth Degree Color Corps in command of Major Francis Ross Attinasi and Captain Thomas J. Grosdonia.

After the church service, a banquet for members, wives and guests is scheduled at the K. of C. Home, 513 Monroe Ave.

Forty Hours

Sunday, Oct. 9 — Annunciation, St. Anne, St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Patrick, Corning; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport; St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights; St. Anthony, Groton; St. Patrick's, Macedon; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Perintonville.

Details on School Boards To be Aired at Meeting

St. Ambrose school board members will play host at an "exchange of ideas" meeting at the parish hall Monday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Members of other parishes with school boards or interested in organizing such are invited to the meeting.

George Bauer, public relations director of the St. Ambrose board, will be chairman of the meeting.

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Equity Meet Lists Bishop As Speaker

Bishop Kearney will be guest speaker at a banquet Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Manger Hotel highlighting the national convention of the Knights of Equity and Daughters of Erin. A dance will follow.

General chairman of the three-day convention, Oct. 13, 14 and 15, is Dennis O'Reilly. Michael T. R. Ryan and Christopher Delanty are honorary chairmen.

In the women's division, Mrs. Patrick Foley and Mrs. Christopher A. Delanty are general chairmen. Mrs. Dennis O'Reilly, Mrs. Arthur Hart and Miss Nellie Sweeney are honorary chairmen.

Registration will be held Thursday evening Oct. 13, in the Hunt Room of the Manger. Chairmen include Mesdames Harry Mee, Robert Murphy, John Sexton, John Reagan and Miss Betty Murphy.

A luncheon will be held at the University Club on Friday at 1 p.m. Hostesses will be Mesdames John Hayes, William Kelly, James Crowley, James McCormick, Sarah Malone and Edward Kelly. Decorations by Mesdames William Morrissey, James Sullivan, William Higgins, Martin Scallan and Fred Bauer. Entertainment chairmen are Mesdames Patrick Murphy, Gordon Fess, Henry Schnek and Miss Bridget Murphy.

Brunch will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Top of the Plaza Restaurant. In charge are Mesdames Arthur Hart, Thomas Davis, John Cronin, Fred Schauer, John Hogan, Jacob Schwan, Miss Teresa Lynch and Miss Molly McTier.

Assisting are Father William Donnelly, chaplain; Grand Knight Miller, John R. Ward, Edward Skelly, Joseph Skelly, Francis Smith Jr., Bernard J. Gemarino Jr., Warren G. Childs, Rudy Schwenzer, Harry Pritchard, Bernard T. Dietz, Sal Speranza, Harold Doyle, James F. McGrath, F. Robert Ridley, Ray C. Weldman, Andrew Knauf, William T. Mykins, Bennie P. Allott, Robert Sabourin, Armand Durzon, Clarence Burg and George J. Schenk.

New Pastor At St. Nicholas

Father Wade Essa, age 42, a native of Brooklyn, is the new pastor of St. Nicholas Church on Leo and Remington Streets.

Father Essa spent his youth, seminary life and early priesthood in Jerusalem, Jordan,

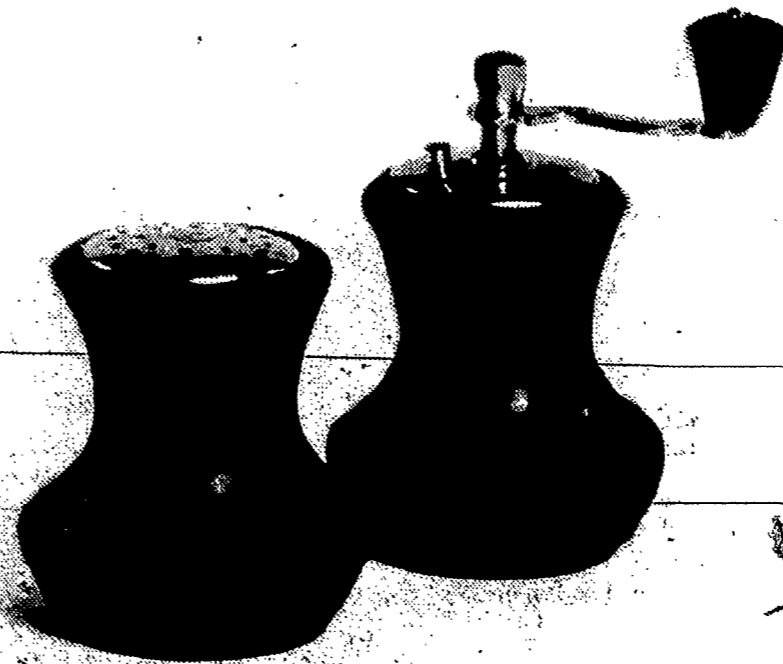


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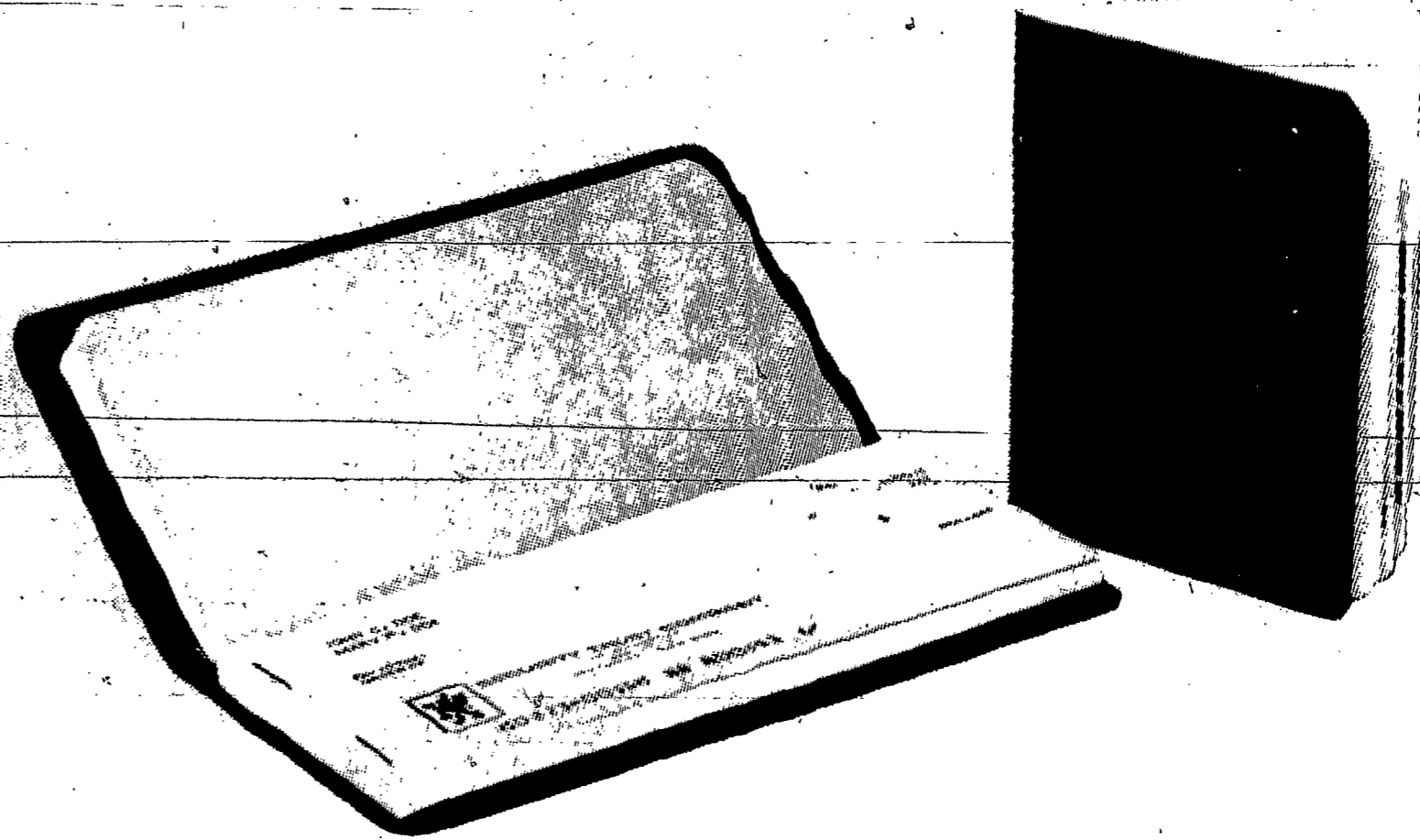
where he was ordained in 1961. He spent the first five years of his priesthood in Israel and the last ten years in the East and Mid-west of the U.S.A.

The new pastor brings to his new post many talents and accomplishments. He reads, writes and speaks fluent Arabic, French, Italian and English and has a knowledge of Spanish, Hebrew and Latin.

He did extensive work in the fields of catechetics and music while in Israel. Like his predecessor at St. Nicholas, Father Essa is of the Roman Rite, with bi-ritual faculties for the Byzantine Melkite Rite.



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