

Bishop Kearney dedicated new St. Mary of the Lake Church, Ontario, recently. Youngsters presented him a bouquet of roses at close of ceremony.

At St. Agnes High School

Religion Study - with a Guitar

What has been the impact of the Vatican Council on the teaching of religion in our high schools? Do students still relate their religion courses to the category of endless repetition?

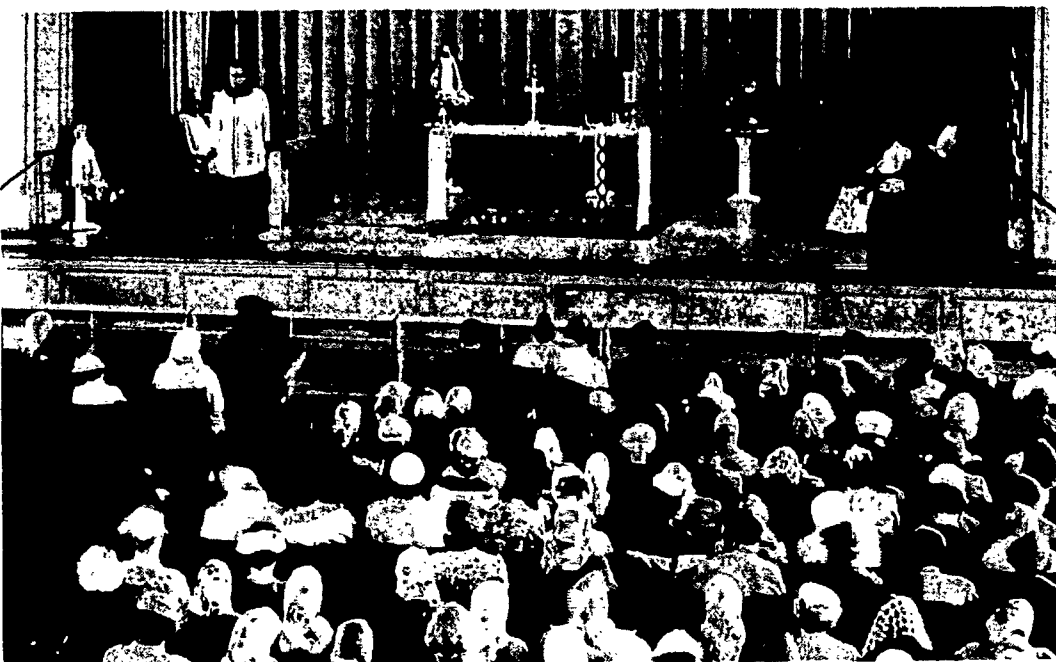
At St. Agnes High School, a whole new format of course material and class programming has evolved over the past three years to meet the demands created by the implications of Vatican II in all Christian life.

The fruits of liturgical changes, biblical studies, ecumenism and the precious insight of involvement stemming from an awareness of God's involvement in the affairs of men—all contributed to self-evaluation and committee study, planning, and recommendations that were experimented with last year and are now fully implemented.



State Hospital Chapel Fund Grows

First reports on the current fund drive to build Chapel of St. Jude at Rochester State Hospital showed \$75,000 already pledged. Dr. John Dessauer of Xerox Corp.; Dr. Guy M. Walters, director of the hospital; Father James Callan, chaplain, and Dr. Christopher Torrence of the state mental hygiene department, fund drive officials, plan final phases of campaign. Lower photo shows Mass at state hospital auditorium celebrated by Monsignor John Maney to launch the drive earlier this month.



First innovation was the introduction of liturgy classes—once a month for all—so that students would not merely substitute a new regimen (in English) for the old (in Latin). Under the instruction of Sister Claudia who is a member of the Liturgical Commission of our Diocese, SAH students are guided to full meaning-filled participation.

Gradually all prescribed changes were introduced into liturgical functions at St. Agnes, and now the girls look to permissible experiments for more complete participation. Last month, for instance, the Folk Mass led by seniors with guitar accompaniment was enthusiastically received.

Upon the advice of Monsignor William Shannon, head of the Theology Department of Nazareth College, a study of the newest publications for four-year courses of high school religion was made and a vote taken. Since most publications are not as yet complete for the four years, a tentative decision was made in favor of the work of Jesuit Father Joseph T. McGloin. The first and second books of this series, already published, are being used and are the basis for the courses in those years.

However, the need for specialized training beyond that received by most of the sisters and teachers was still recognized. The proposal was made, and experimented with in the senior class last year, to divide the year's course into separate units. Thereby, a teacher could choose the unit she felt most prepared to teach and could go on to make herself a "specialist" in that area. This has also become fact.

All religion classes in a particular class—freshman, sophomore, junior or senior—are scheduled at the same time. Each group, then, at the close of a unit, rotates to the next teacher.

Teacher reaction? Great joy, for she has the time for much research and more meditation upon her topic, bringing about greater understanding and hence greater facility and creativity in the imparting of this knowledge. A teacher, also, in the course of a year, meets the entire class—which in turn creates greater involvement and fulfillment.

Pupil reaction? Mixed. "We sure don't waste any time." (Continued on Page 6)

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LOCAL NEWS SECTION

Ontario Church Blessed With 'Liturgy of Heart'

The new St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario, was blessed with the "Liturgy of Heart" Sunday, Nov. 6, at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kearney.

Just before his departure from the sanctuary, five year old Patricia and four year old Tracey, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schmitz, Slocum Road South, Ontario, presented the Bishop with a bouquet of red roses, saying, "Dear Bishop Kearney, we know of your love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. We give you these roses for her from all the people of St. Mary's."

"You have created your Bethlehem here," he told the parishioners. In commenting on the modern architecture of the building, the Bishop said, "Love of God cannot be a possessive thing... we must give God something of our own creation." He went on to say that the Vatican Council expressed deep concern that the present generation should give to God a house where they can take "an active pole in the liturgy of Holy Mother Church."

Bishop Kearney concluded with a prayer expressing hope that God would "accept this as an expression of love of You," and said "This will be one of the last offerings I will make as your Shepherd."

St. Mary's of the Lake, designed by Ribson & Roberts of Rochester and constructed under the supervision of Richard Link of the contracting company of Anthony Link Sons of Rochester, serves the Catholics of the Ontario, Walworth and Williamson areas. Seating almost 600, it replaces an almost 100 year old wooden frame structure.

Among the most striking features of the new church are its stained glass windows in which the Old and New Testaments are linked. This is executed by having such symbols as the lily of the Annunciation and Aaron's rod, the Star of Bethlehem and the burning bush on opposing windows. A large window which comprises the whole vertical wall separating the two roof elements, is done in an abstract lily design with the dark tones at its base giving way to lighter shades at the top.

Dr. Albert Noyes, English poet, was interviewed on WSAY radio for the first time in the Christian Culture Lecture series by John Springer of the Catholic Courier staff.

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier files, Nov. 20, 1941)

Bishop Kearney was elected to the American Board of Catholic Missions in Washington in recognition of his continued interest in Salt Lake diocese and in other important home mission projects.

Dedication of a new pipe organ in St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester by Bishop Kearney was scheduled Nov. 27 by Father William J. Gaynor is pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake.

Give Up a Coke Bishop Sheen Tells Mercians

"I come to Rochester to serve and be spent." This was the message of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen to the students of Our Lady of Mercy High School. The new Bishop of Rochester spoke to Mary Jo Mayer, reporter for the school news publication, the Quill, in a phone interview two days after his appointment.

BISHOP SHEEN commented on the relationship between his new appointment and his work with the missions.

"I might say that the Vatican Council affirmed that a bishop is first consecrated for the world, and then, for jurisdictional reasons, is assigned to a diocese. He must be interested in all humanity as well as his diocese."

The bishop also said that young people find happiness in giving to the missions. "I want all of you to work hard for the missions. Give up a Coke now and then."

Bishop Sheen has come in contact with Mercians before. The high point of Mercy's 25th anniversary jubilee in 1953 was a surprise visit in June by the bishop, who was "greeted with shrill cheers." The bishop presented an illuminated scroll praising Mercians for their contributions of \$49,978.93 to the missions since the school's founding in 1928 to the mission unit president. In the thirteen years since 1953 Mercy has given \$208,573.95 to help those in mission lands.

Two Curates Transferred

Two assistant pastors were transferred this week by Bishop Kearney, the Chancery has announced.

Rev. Chester M. Kloeck has been changed from St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, to St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester.

Rev. Edward Kowalski has been changed from St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, to St. Casimir's Church, Elmira.

The appointments were effective Tuesday, Nov. 15.

FORTY HOURS

Sunday, Nov. 20—Our Mother of Sorrows, Rochester; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; St. Francis, Geneva; St. Jerome, East Rochester.

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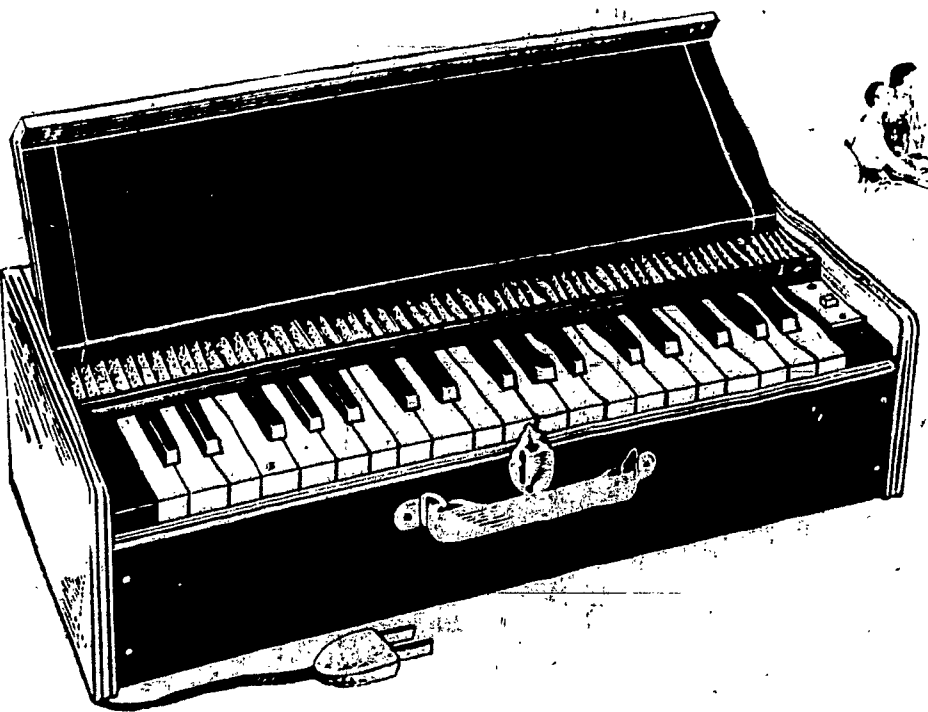
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