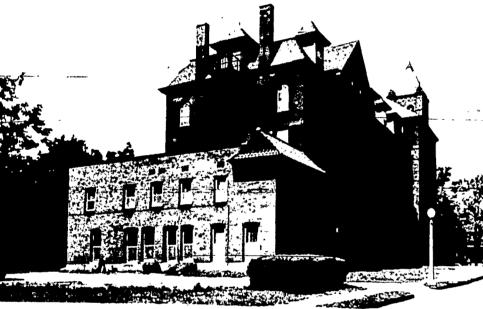
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Murphy the rector, found that the house contained some works of art which he restored and he also brought others to make an art collection the men found worth seeing.

Bishop Kearney celebrated an out-door Mass at what was to be known as Our Lady of the Lake Mission and Retreat House on Memorial Day, 1942. While retreatants were attracted from all over the diocese, it was found that one thing was lacking at Geneva, individual rooms

Back to Rochester

The next chapter in the retreat movement was written when the Redemptorist Fathers purchased the four-story former Baptist seminary building at 246 Alexander St. It required an extensive remodeling job supervised by Father Augustine J. Aylward, C.SS.R. who had succeeded Father Murphy as rector at Geneva. Clippings of the progress of remodeling in 1949 show Frank E. Wolfe and Elmer Bloomer looking over plans and inspecting work done.

The period of retreats at 246 Alexander St. make up an imposing record. We had individual rooms, the chapel, ample for the many at the beginning and chapel, religious goods store and library were on the floor. formed into a spacious lobby leading off the street and a large dining area.

Rectors at the Alexander St. House included Father Francis X. Kenny, Father Thomas J. Fallon, Father Michael Downing assisted by Redemptorist Fathers long remembered, especially Father William Jamison, a human dynamo of Retreat progress.

Records were broken in attendance, it was reported in January at evening Masses for the retreats in St. Joseph's Church and other key points in the diocese.

The retreats were the subject of many feature articles in the Catholic Courier and the secular press. Frank Kelly in his article for the Courier cited a doctor as saving: "Given the opportunity to sit alone before

the Blessed Sacrament, I could gaze into my own soul and see it just as God sees it. It gives me the opportunity to straighten out my life and for that reason I'll never miss a doctor's retreat again."

"Men — and women too discover that the weekend closed retreat enables them to reevaluate themselves in relation to God," Jack Tucker wrote in Retreats in the News

> Before it was known that Bishop Sheen, the noted and

his feature for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, March 31, 1963. "Here they are remote from the hubbub of today's

gifted television personality was

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Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, magnet for many retreatants.

the Laymen's Retreat League with Daniel Morgan in the vanguard backed the Bishop's Television series over WOKR, Channel 13, beginning in March

Retreats in Spanish, retreats for doctors and dentists, the Mat Talbot League retreat, and others were conducted on Alexander St. However the age of the structure on Alexander St. and the fact that, as we remember, the heating system went off one cold night, brought about the decision to build a

new and permanent house. An outstanding event of the Rochester house took place in 1966 when more than 500 men gathered for the annual Notre Dame Retreat League Mass in St. Joseph's Church witnessed bestowal of Mission Crosses on the 17 officers newly-elected. Bishop Kearney celebrated the Mass and conferred the Crosses.

And Now, Canandaigua

The new Notre Dame Retreat House looking east over Canandaigua Lake from a prominent eminence has even more promise than that expressed for the Alexander St. structure in 1950 by Monsignor Charles F. Shay, Holy Rosary pastor. Monsignor Shay, a promoter of the lay retreats from way back read retreat held at St. Bernard's.
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And today at the Canandaigua foundation all that has been foretold has been accomplished and more is still to come. Exciting retreat programs have been conducted and accomplished under Father Downing's direction and Father Moran's energetic conducting.

Father Downing was called to his eternal reward on Feb. 23, 1967 and Father Gerald Whelan, C.SS.R. known for his wide administrative ability has taken over.

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