

A New Church for Golden Jubilee

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Annunciation parish, Rochester, will celebrate its golden jubilee in its new church this Sunday, October 1.

The parish began its life in 1917 in a cellar church.

Its new church is strikingly modern, built in the shape of an octagon capped by a gold spire.

Monsignor Albert L. Simonetti, pastor, said the \$500,000 structure will seat 720 people with no more than 50 feet from the altar. Pews slope down the aisle and ring the altar in a near complete circle.

Monsignor Simonetti explains in a jubilee book that the new church follows an ancient model—the 6th century Church of San Vitale in Ravenna, Italy.

Formal dedication of the new structure will be made later this year.

Masses in the new church will be at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 11 and 12 in the morning and at 5:30 p.m.

Only a minor hitch in getting the new church finished for Sunday's jubilee celebration is that the marble altar won't be finished by then. The pastor said a temporary substitute altar will be used in the meantime.

Behind the altar is a ten-ton steel sculptured grille depicting the tree of life and symbols of the Eucharist—wheat, leaves of bread, grapes, fish, the chalice and host. The grille was the work of Larry W. Griffis of Buffalo.

New Annunciation Church will open for Masses this Sunday and mark the celebration of the parish's golden jubilee. Ronald Siragusa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Siragusa, and Debra Pecoraro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo Pecoraro, had a tour of the new structure last Sunday. Here are pictures of what they saw.

The parish anniversary celebration will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and conclude with a dinner-dance at the Manger Hotel ballroom Sunday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Other highlights of the week-long celebration will include a Mass (and a holiday) for children of the parish school Tuesday at 9 a.m., a jubilee show by the children of the school to be presented at Bishop Kearney High School auditorium, Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Mass for Sisters of Mercy and Trinitarian nuns who have taught in the parish, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.; Mass for deceased parishioners, Friday, 5:30 p.m.; Teenagers dinner-dance, at Bishop Kearney High School, Friday, 6:30 p.m.; Mass for children of the parish in public schools, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Annunciation parish traces its roots to immigrants from Italy who settled out in "The Lots" of the Good man-Norton Streets area as early as 1910, then a rural area of Rochester's east side. The area was also known as "Goat Hill."

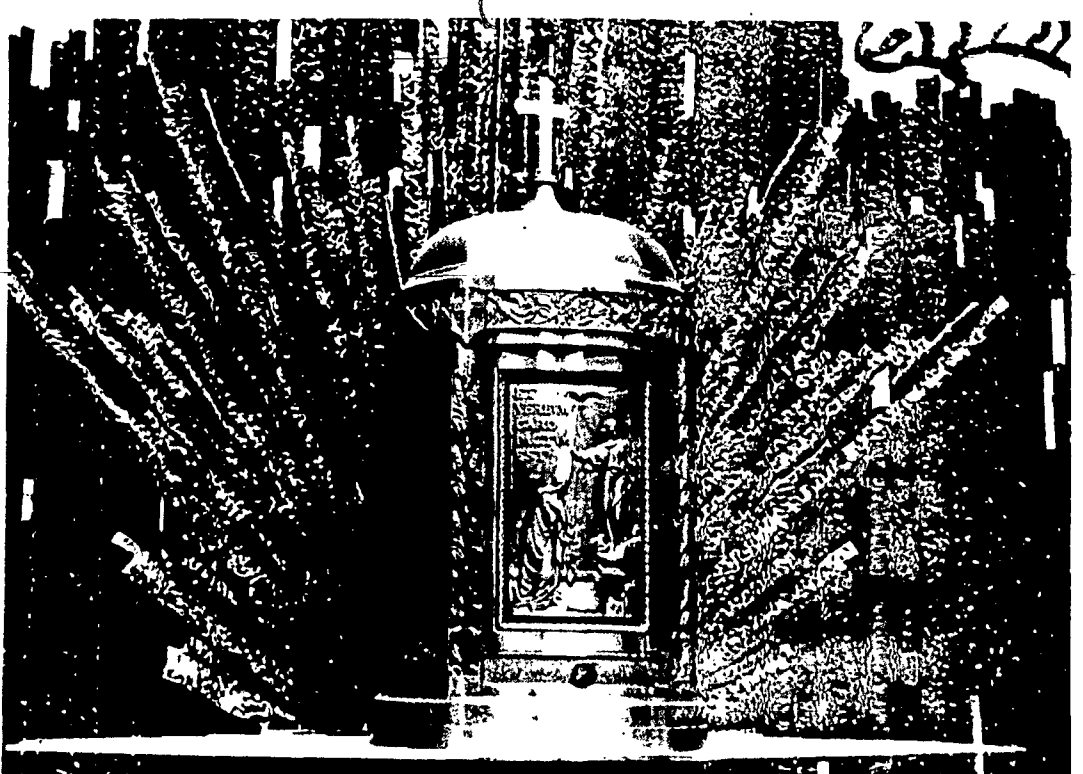
Priests of St. Patrick's Cathedral, including Father John Francis O'Leary, later to become Rochester's third bishop, began in 1914 to come out to "The Lots" to provide spiritual



Pews circle altar so parishioners can see Mass rite easily.

perhaps because in Rome the Church of St. Agnes is connected to a network of catacombs. Father Benedict Masselli, a native of Italy, later to be Monsignor and pastor of St. Lucy's Church, Rochester, was appointed "chaplain" to the church known as St. Agnes Chapel, Catacombs from 1921 to 1923.

Succeeding him was Father George J. Weinmann who served the parish from 1923 to 1938. During his first year there he built the frame church above the cellar chapel. Parishioners were still few and their incomes meagre in the twenties and Father Weinmann's financial re-



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3 U.S. Bishops Meet Methodists

Youngstown, Ohio — (NC) — Three U.S. Catholics — a bishop, a priest-editor and a layman — have been named to an international joint preparatory commission for dialogue between the World Methodist Council and the Catholic Church.

They are Bishop James W. Malone, apostolic administrator of the Youngstown diocese; Father Bernard Law, editor of the Mississippi Register; Natchez-Jackson diocesan newspaper; and Daniel Meany of Corpus Christi, Tex.

The commission will hold its first formal meeting Oct. 15-18 at Ariccia, near Rome. Bishop Malone was notified in a letter from Augustin Cardinal Bea, who heads the Vatican's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. The commission is similar to groups now working on Catholic-Anglican and Catholic-Lutheran relations.

Officials of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Methodist Council will also be present at the talks.

The function of the preparatory commission is to consider the feasibility of Catholic-Methodist theological dialogue, subjects to be discussed in such dialogue, and the possibility of some common projects.



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MARCH OF EVENTS

VIETNAM WAR ISSUE TO UNITED NATIONS? JOHNSON IS FOR IT BUT SOVIETS AREN'T

By HENRY CATHCART
Central Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Johnson administration seems to have found common ground with hawks and doves on one aspect of the Vietnam war, the idea of carrying the issue to the United Nations. Behind the idea is the obvious hope that, if no means of U.S. extrication can be found, there will at least be a record of efforts to marshal world opinion behind the U.S. position.

Lending Senate hawks and doves have appealed to the President to press the issue before the United Nations Security Council, and, lacking progress there, to carry it to the General Assembly. Administration spokesmen indicate that the President desires this course.

The principal difficulty in the plan is that some members of the Security Council, including Russia, do not. A Soviet veto is clearly indicated in that body. Carrying the issue to the General Assembly has its own risks and drawbacks. For one thing, an apparent majority in the General Assembly does not desire being put on a spot where it will be called upon to judge the merits of the fighting, nor does it wish to be called upon to make a material contribution to the fighting.

Even though the U.S. could make a case for direct U.N. member involvement, given the bystander desires of the majority, there are grave doubts that anything would come of it.

Finally, there is in the United Nations a bloc of anti-Johnson nations which has no desire to help Johnson's political chestnuts out of the fire. If Johnson hopes to have a record of U.N. debate on Vietnam to refer to during next year's political campaigning, he has a mammoth selling job to do to the General Assembly first.

● THE GREAT SEARCH — Employers everywhere are under tremendous pressure to employ colored persons, particularly in upper-echelon jobs. Government is under the same pressures. The common problem is to find colored persons who are qualified to fill these vacancies. An experience of House Speaker John McCormack, D-Mass., is a case in point.

McCormack is very anxious to fill a vacancy on the staff of individuals who report House debates. The basic pay scale is \$8,880 a year. The principal qualification, of course, is the ability to take shorthand with sufficient speed under the sometimes difficult conditions in which House members conduct debate.

This far McCormack has been unable to find one Negro who qualifies and wants the job. He has asked every one of the nation's U.S. district attorneys to look for likely candidates from among local court reporters.

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Fr. Coughlin In Retirement

Royal Oak, Mich. — (RNS) — Father Charles E. Coughlin, the controversial radio priest of the 1930s, has left the parish he founded here 41 years ago.

Pastor emeritus of the parish, the Shrine of the Little Flower, Father Coughlin assumed that title on Aug. 15, 1966 when he announced his retirement. In mid-August he moved into a home he purchased in the neighboring town of Birmingham.

Asked why he had moved, Father Coughlin replied:

"I am retired. That's the biggest and best reason for moving. I hope people will spell it in capital letters. Remember the Vatican Council and what it said. It said retiring at 75 is a must."

Father Coughlin will be 76 in October.

Noting that he will be saying Mass daily in his own chapel in his new house, Father Coughlin said he had no plans to identify with any special parish in Birmingham.

Father Coughlin said he is writing a book, but he declined to say what it is about. When asked if he would reveal what prompted the habit of his broadcasting in 1930, he answered:

"I'm not going to reveal it as long as I live."

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