



Architect's sketch of Religious Center at Rochester State Hospital.

Rochester State Hospital

Chaplain Explains Role of Chapel at Hospital Religious Center

The firm of Ribson and Roberts, architects for both the Chapel of St. Jude and the projected Religious Center at the Rochester State Hospital, have made available the attached floor plan which shows clearly how the Chapel of St. Jude would fit into such a center. We are printing it today with the following comments by the Catholic Chaplain to clarify some misconceptions about the project.

By Father James Callan

Some unfortunate reports have created uneasiness and confusion among many whose generosity has made the chapel possible. Is there still going to be a Chapel of St. Jude? Of course! There has never been any question about this. Then why the delays?

The Chapel of St. Jude is ready to be built. The drive, begun in 1966, and ending this year, guaranteed this. We are committed to this by the very nature of the pledges made.

The question under consideration is whether the chapel will be built alone, or as part of a religious center. Then what of the Religious Center at the hospital?

This is an effort in the spirit of ecumenism to locate the three faiths—Jewish, Catholic,

Protestant— together in one complex or center in such fashion that the best interests of all the patients can be served in an area, i.e. Religion, of acknowledged importance in the life of the thousands who come to and leave Rochester State Hospital. It is a hoped-for project which still must undergo the test of public support and acceptance.

We hope the following sequence of events will help clarify the problems encountered.

Five months ago plans of the Chapel of St. Jude were in the contractor's hands for bids preparatory to immediate construction. Literally at the "eleventh hour" we were approached by the Protestant and Jewish groups at the hospital asking us to consider delaying construction and endorse a Religious Center which would present to the community a united religious concept, care for all the patients needs, and at the same time still maintain the identity of the chapels.

These committees had the backing of very fine people in the community, and the proposal was made that this approach, in an ecumenical spirit, would make it a great deal easier for the Protestant and Jewish groups to secure support and success.

This proposal presented obstacles. We are very sympathetic to the needs of all the patients in the hospital, and know that the Protestant and Jewish chaplains reflect the same concern. What it would mean for the Chapel of St. Jude was a delay of some six months in construction, plus some financial loss due to rising building costs. What would be gained would be that all the patients in the hospital would be served with long-overdue chapels, and this religious center could serve as a model to New York State and indeed the country.

A modern mental hospital welcomes and needs the support of religion, and in a community such as Rochester, this is quickly understood. We did not feel that this would at all compromise the chapel, but indeed that all would benefit if it could become a reality. It was with some reluctance that we hesitated to delay our plans, but the need of too many was too great not to make every effort to help all. So we withdrew our plans from the contractors and re-set as our target the Spring of this year.

This has been the hope and planning and much has been done.

The picture is not yet complete, however. The delay of

the Chapel of St. Jude has occasioned some concern for all of us even under this ideal approach. We had agreed to delay until Spring of 1968, and this was accepted.

Through no particular fault of anyone, the commitments of the community in terms of personnel, as well as other causes, have delayed our organization efforts to the point where we have been advised by well-placed people to delay even further. This means also greater delay in construction.

We feel this asks too much of the contributors to the Chapel of St. Jude, and in the face of uncertainties in achieving the goal of the total project, delay could be even imprudent.

We have been forced therefore to face realistically this situation. We have asked Protestant and Jewish friends, who realize our dilemma, to make every effort in the next two months to gain committed support to indicate whether the project is possible and acceptable.

Whatever the response forthcoming we feel that construction must begin this Spring. Because we know the needs of all patients, it is our hope that it will be with the participation of all three faiths.

Jesuit-Scientist On Solar Watch

A Jesuit scientist from Rochester is part of a global solar watch team which will play a key role in warning moon-bound astronauts about dangerous X-rays shooting from the sun.

Father Richard A. Miller, S.J., currently visiting his parents in Rochester, is chief of the Solar Division of the Manila Observatory.

One of his station's responsibilities is to report on any particularly violent explosions emitting from the sun. The sun, which throws off gases regularly, grows intensely active every 10 or 11 years, Father Miller noted. When it does so, the lethal rays resulting could be dangerous for astronauts en route to the moon, or actually grounded there.

This would also be a hazard for passengers in the supersonic air transports, which are now on the drawing boards.

As part of a world-wide chain of solar observation posts, the Manila unit can communicate its data to U.S. centers, particularly the one at Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Astronauts away from their spacecraft on the moon's surface would receive a 15 minute warning (if dangerous rays were heading their way). They would have time to take cover in their Lunar Module or to take anti-radiation drugs," the Rochester Jesuit stated.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Miller of 179 Augustine St., Father Miller is home for a few days after assignments which took him from Manila to Buenos Aires in Argentina last fall, and recently to the Razdow Laboratories in Newark, N.J. The trips were occasioned by requests for his consultation on new solar observation instruments, his specialty.

In 1955, Father Miller headed a project in Manila to set up a spectroheliograph, to gather solar data. It took seven years to design and install, but has been in action for six years now, supplying data to the various centers for solar study.

His experience in Manila was the basis for an invitation from the Observatorio de Fisica Cosmica in Buenos Aires last fall. Scientists there asked Father Miller to supervise installation of their new spectroheliograph, a \$180,000 instrument, similar to the one he'd designed in Manila.

After his work in Argentina, Father Miller returned to the United States on a similar consulting assignment. This one involved work on a new solar telescope, fully automatic. Similar but smaller instruments made by this laboratory (Razdow) are now being used at six National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) sites.

Father Miller likes his work, doesn't think it particularly unusual for a priest to be an astro-physicist. "I think it's important that people know that men of religion can be men of science," he commented to the Courier-Journal this week.

Father Miller's brief stay in Rochester to see his parents also provided an opportunity for a reunion with his two priest brothers, both members of the

Basilian congregation, and another brother John, who is with the City of Rochester's Recreation Department.

Father Richard Miller's twin brother, Father Thomas M. Miller, C.S.B., is director of the Audio-Visual department at Aquinas Institute and coach of special oratorical events. Except for time for his master's degree

and further graduate studies in several universities, he has been stationed at Aquinas since 1940. The twins' older brother, Father Robert G. Miller, C.S.B., is chairman of the philosophy department at St. John Fisher College. He did his doctoral work at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, University of Toronto.

A frequent contributor to philosophical magazines, the senior Father Miller has just completed a new book, "Philosophy and Language: The Linguistic Turn," which has been issued in paperback by Magi publishers.

The trio of Miller clerics have still another brother, David, a lawyer in Chicago.



FAMILY REUNION for three priest brothers took place recently in Rochester. Father Richard A. Miller, center, is a Jesuit scientist home on vacation. His brothers, both Basilian priests are Father Thomas Miller (left) of Aquinas Institute and Father Robert G. Miller of St. John Fisher College.

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CLOSED MONDAYS

Academy Closing --- An End to Tradition

(Continued from Page 1) few instances, the fourth generation of their family at the Academy.

News A Shock

With such deep loyalties, the news of the closing of the school came as quite a shock. "We had heard rumors about it, but it didn't really hit us until we were told Monday morning," seemed to typify the reaction. All of the girls expressed regret, not for themselves so much as for others. Most agreed that they had hoped to keep up tradition and send their children there. One girl said, "I'm sad of course, but not for myself so much as for those girls who will never get to go here now."

Because the school is so small and the girls work so closely with the lay and religious faculty, there's a real family spirit at Sacred Heart that few schools can lay claim to. As each girl attempts to understand what she is, she does so while learning to know those about her as individuals. Mrs. John Dugger, Assistant coordinator of studies at Sacred Heart Academy calls this "congeniality" which nurtures the individual and teaches her to

respect the individuality of others."

As the 10 girls picked up their books and headed for their 2 o'clock class, they continued to

share reactions about the Monday morning announcement. A few chins quivered and the girls exchanged doleful looks. But then a rallying cry came from

the rear of the group and chins lifted, wrinkled brows disappeared and steps lightened: "Next year—our last year—will be the very best!"



Hockey players at the Academy rest up after a battle on the field.