

# Pickets Try to Save Most Precious Blood

While the rest of Rochester went about their usual business this week, most Precious Blood parishioners regrouped their forces and represented their case to the public in last ditch efforts to save the Stenson Street school, still scheduled for a June closing.

The action this week was a continuation of the efforts that the parish and its pastor, Father Sebastian Contegiacomo, have made since word leaked out April 9 that the 13-year-old school was to close due to a double-grade situation resulting in a "sub-standard" quality of education.

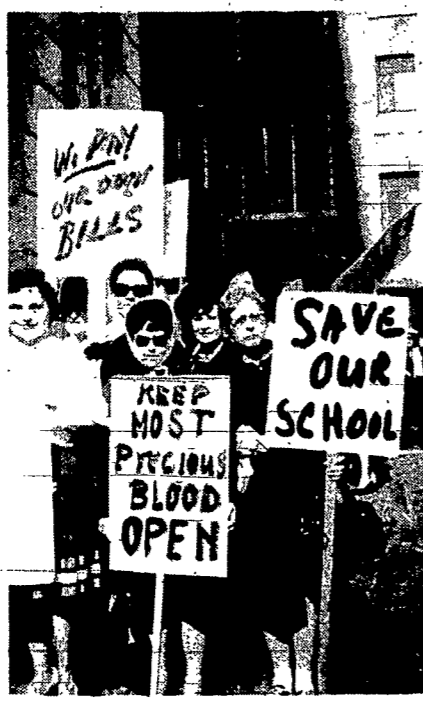
Sunday morning, April 26, 200 of their number went picketing at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Flower City Park, from 11:30 until 12:30.

The next day, 48 mothers, many with preschoolers in tow, marched in front of the Chestnut St. entrance to the Columbus Civic Center, which houses both the offices of the superintendent of schools, Msgr. William Roche, and those of Bishop Sheen.

According to Mrs. Thomas Aleo, spokesman for the group, the group intends to continue this 10 to 11 a.m. vigil until May 8, the date set for the meeting with Msgr. Roche.

Precious Blood parishioners also started a novena for their cause Monday night. Mrs. Aleo said, "If that doesn't help, nothing will."

"When Bishop Sheen first arrived in Rochester, he said 'Come to me, speak to me, write to me.' We've



Precious Blood parishioners with picket signs in front of the Columbus Civic Center.

tried all that and it hasn't worked," she continued. "We will enlarge. We've got \$150,000 cash on hand for the new church — it can be channeled into the school if necessary," Mrs. Aleo explained.

Msgr. Roche was out of town and unavailable for comment.

# Ithaca Youths To Discuss Racial Issues

Ithaca — Youth groups of Ithaca intend to move into community action focused on local racial problems when they share a "Youth Seminar on Race Relations" at Immaculate Conception parish hall, Sunday, May 5 from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Young Christian Students group of the parish and enlisting the presence of all church-related youth groups in the city, the unique, ecumenical gathering will hear five Negro youths in a panel discussing Ithaca's social conditions.

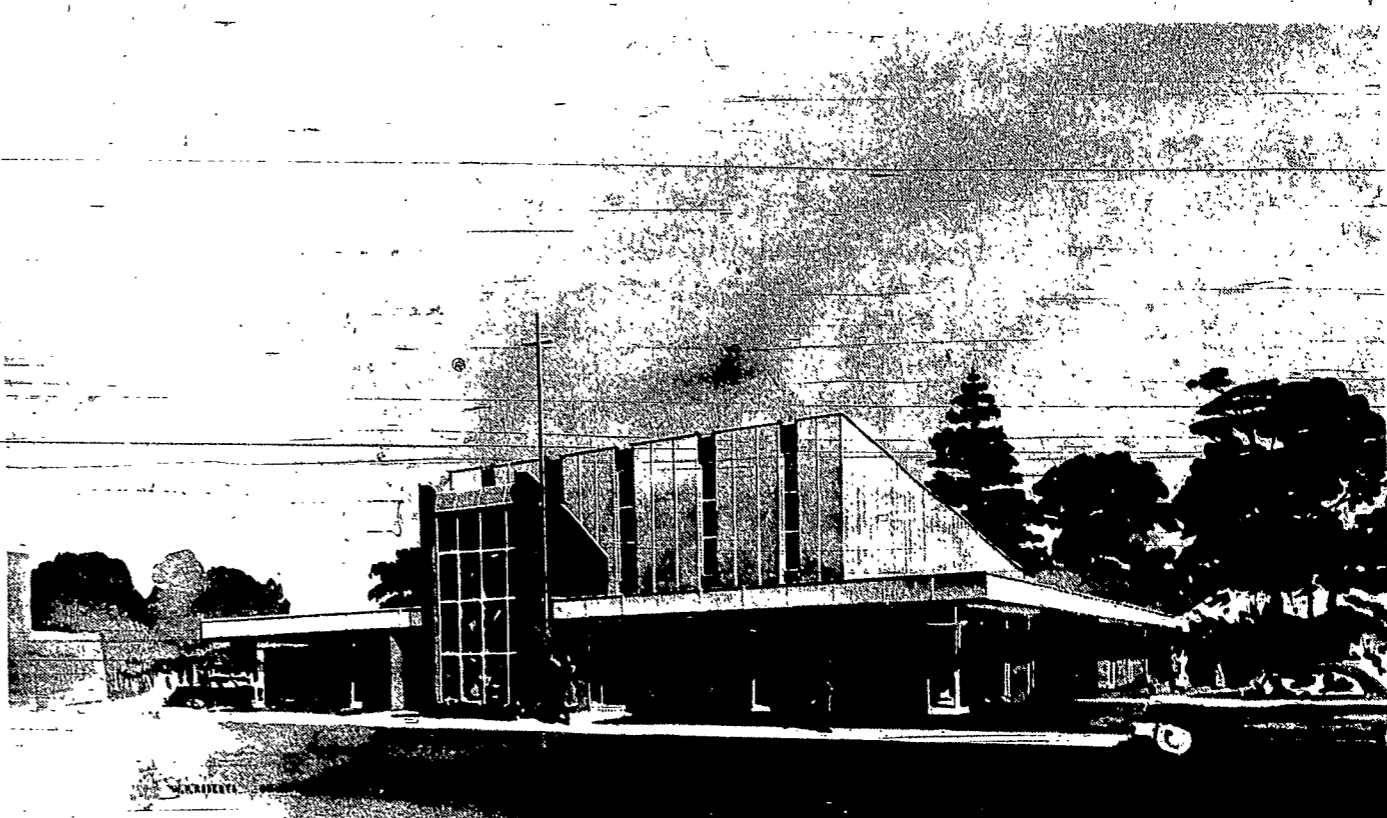
Sister Immacula, of the Mission Helpers, will moderate the panel. Questions prepared by the YCS members will request their Negro guests opinions on black-white relations, black-power, racial grievances and inter-racial hopes.

Small discussion groups will sort out the panel's statements, form judgments and suggest programs for the teen-agers' common action in weeks ahead.

Rev. David Gramke of Immaculate Conception and Father William Graf, chaplain at Ithaca College, have helped structure the seminar.

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Architect's rendering of new St. Salome's Church.

# Area Women To Be at State CDA Meeting

Mrs. Frank Donahue of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin parish, Brockport, will lead a delegation of Catholic Daughters of America, from 17 C.D.A. Courts in the diocese, to the biennial convention of the New York State C.D.A. at New York City's Waldorf Astoria from May 13-17.

Opening services of a celebrated Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral will set the convention theme of "Renewal in Christ through Mary."

The convention banquet at the Waldorf on Tuesday evening, the 14th, will have as guest speaker Frank Blair, NBC news analyst.

Business sessions, workshops and luncheons have been scheduled by State Monitor Miss Rayola McLaughlin of Port Jervis, State Regent Miss Margaret McKeown of Rego Park, State Regent Mrs. Frank Donahue of Brockport and State Secretary Miss Elizabeth Pearcy of Valley Stream.



Nazareth College graduate Barbara A. Flanagan, Director of Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis and member of the Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, will attend a White House Conference on Employment of the Handicapped, May 3.

# 23 to be Ordained To Diaconate by Bishop Sheen Tonight

Bishop Sheen will ordain 23 young men to the diaconate at St. Augustine's Church at 8 tonight (May 3).

The public is invited, Father Joseph F. Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, stated.

The candidates, who are presently sub-deacons, come from several dioceses, including seven from the Rochester Diocese.

The spring ordinations make it possible for the new deacons to exercise their orders, e.g. preaching, baptizing, distributing Holy Communion, on parish assignments in the summer months.

# Workshop Scheduled At St. Lawrence on Pre-School Religion

Growing interest in the field of Pre-School Religion programs has prompted a full-day workshop on the subject, slated at St. Lawrence School, 1013 N. Greece Rd., on Saturday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Speakers are slated to discuss various aspects of organizing and implementing such a program, according to reservations co-chairmen Mrs. James Curtis and Mrs. Joseph Blakely.

The workshop is intended both for those considering establishing a Pre-School Religion program and for those who have one and would like to compare notes with others working in similar ventures.

Topics will include: development of the pre-school child; teaching three, four and five-year-olds; classroom techniques; creative arts; modern catechetical; the "Come to the Father" pre-school text; and organizing a pre-school program.

Fee for the workshop is \$5, which includes luncheon; reservation deadline is May 12. Phone reservations are being taken by Mrs. Curtis, 225-0280 and Mrs. Blakely, 225-4927.

# 1,000 Attend CCD Meet

Over 1,000 diocesan lay catechists will convene for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Lay Catechist Institute May 4 at Mercy High School.

Under the direction of Msgr. Albert R. Schnacky, Diocesan CCD Director, the Institute is planned to explore recent developments in the field of religious education.

Among the speakers of the day will be Father Charles E. Curran, Associate Professor of Moral Theology at the Catholic University of America, Father Curran, a Rochesterian, was ordained from St. Bernard's Seminary in 1958.

A member of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Christian Ethics, Father Curran is the author of several books, including "Christian Morality Today" and "Moral Renewal and Responsibility."

Also listed as guest speakers at the Institute are Sister Marie-Martin, noted for her work at the School of Holy Childhood, Rochester; Father John R. McCall, host of Boston's television program, "Psychology of Personality"; and William J. Reedy, Vice President and Director of Catechetics at William H. Sadler, Inc.

# Damaged Church Razed, New Structure on Way

Wreckers attacked the fire-damaged shell of St. Salome's Church this week and removed the 57-year-old landmark in the Sea Breeze area to provide room for a twice-as-large church in the immediate future.

When fire from a lightning-bolt struck the north Culver Road church in June, 1967, Father Walter Fleming moved his parishioners to the school hall where 7 Sunday Masses accommodate close to 1,600 people weekly.

The new church, designed by Rochester architects, Ribson & Roberts will have 600 seats, be completely air-conditioned, modern and spacious," Father Fleming said.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will break ground for the new construction work on Sunday afternoon, 4 p.m., May 12, assisted by Father Fleming, his assistant Father William Swingle, the parish council and parishioners. Construction by the firm of John Luther & Sons will begin immediately.

Following the June fire and the decision to aim at a new church, the parish made a census campaign in No-

ember and raised \$277,417 in pledges for the construction fund in December.

The new building will cost around \$316,000, Father Fleming announced this week, plus architects fees and furnishings.

# Shakespearean Play Company is Coming

The National Shakespeare Company's production of Romeo and Juliet will be presented at Penfield High School May 14 and 15 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Over 3,000 students from various area schools will attend, it was announced by Lee Kheel, executive director of Theatre East which is sponsoring the production.

There are still seats available for all four performances, Mrs. Kheel announced, for the general public as well as students. Information and reservations can be made by calling 381-2379 or by writing Theatre East, P.O. Box 9870, Rochester, N.Y. 14623.

# Diocesan Employee Benefit Plan

All full time lay employees of the parishes, schools and diocesan offices will be included in a broad pension and insurance program beginning July 1. The Diocesan Employee Benefit Plan which will eventually enroll probably 2,000 lay people, has two parts—Pension Benefits and Group Life Insurance.

To supplement a new announcement made in the Courier-Journal on April 12, the Pastoral Office has offered the following simplified fact-sheet covering most frequently asked questions:

- Q. What does this Employee Benefit Plan include?
  - A. Pension benefits and group life insurance.
- Q. When is plan effective?
  - A. July 1, 1968.
- Q. When can I retire?
  - A. At age 65, if presently over 60, you may retire 5 years after the effective date of the plan.
- Q. Can I retire early?
  - A. Yes, with reduced benefits.
- Q. Is there a death benefit?
  - A. Yes. This is provided by the Group Life Insurance program and payable to your named beneficiary.
- Q. How much life insurance will I get?
  - A. An amount equal to your annual salary rounded to the next \$1000. Example: An employee earning \$4700/year would have \$5000 of life insurance. Benefits for those employees over 65 are reduced.
- Q. Who pays for my pension?
  - A. All of this cost is paid by your employer.
- Q. Who pays for my insurance?
  - A. Your employer shares this cost with you.
- Q. I've been working for the parish for 15 years. Do I get credit for this past service?
  - A. Yes, and this credit is based upon your present salary.
- Q. Will my pension be in addition to Social Security?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. How do I join?
  - A. Enrollment information will be furnished to you early in May.
- Q. Who is eligible for the pension plan?
  - A. All present employees who are age 25 or over and have completed three or more years of continuous employment are immediately eligible. Present employees will become eligible when they meet these requirements.
- Q. Who is eligible for the life insurance?
  - A. All present employees.
- Q. Will salary raises influence my pension?
  - A. Yes, this is a basic part of your benefit calculations.
- Q. Upon what is my retirement based?
  - A. Your total years of continuous parish or diocesan employment and your salary from July 1, 1968 until your retirement.
- Q. What happens if I become totally disabled before retirement?
  - A. There is a disability provision in the plan.
- Q. Must I be in good health in order to get the life insurance?
  - A. No, provided you enroll immediately.
- Q. How can I figure out what my pension benefits will be?
  - A. Examples and instructions will be given to you at the time of enrollment.

# PAT ANSWERS

Do you have questions about parish-life, customs and traditions which bug you? The famous HELP! column doesn't know everything. Try PAT-ANSWERS! ... But don't ask PAT about faith or morals. Simply write in your concerns and hang-ups about living in the family of God ... Address: PAT ANSWERS, 35 Scio Street, Rochester 14604. PAT's answers will not necessarily reflect the opinion or policy of the Editor, —or of the Diocese.

Q. Don't you think it's rather rude for a priest in the pulpit to ask a mother with a crying child to leave the church during his sermon?  
—Hurt Mother, Brighton.

A. Many priests are not troubled at all in their preaching efforts by crying or talking children. But usually the rest of the congregation is and the preacher wants to keep their attention. If the parent won't use her own judgment to take the baby out until the sermon is finished, and the ushers won't move to suggest it quietly, the priest probably meant well by speaking to her directly as a last resort. Maybe his tone or words were taken, unfortunately, as "rude," but not his purpose.

Q. What is considered a suitable offering for the organist at a wedding?  
—M. E., Rochester

A. Nearly all parishes do not include wedding duty in the monthly wage of the organists. The wedding music fee is paid directly by the couple to the organist. Most common offering is \$10 but when special pieces are requested or the wedding is lavish (in flowers and size of the wed-

ding party and number of guests), organists justly expect (and ask for) more.

Q. I'm trying to go along with all the changes in the liturgy. But the music irritates me. Who picks the hymns for the churches? At our church they never seem to fit the part of the Mass where they are sung.  
—F. M., Webster.

A. The music problem in lots of churches is troublesome to priests as well as laity. It's ideal if the parish has a good musician to pick the music for congregational use and has enough books or mimeo-sheets for all and then allow time before Mass to let the people practice. Most places use hymns chosen by the missal-publisher because it's handy. But they are not always suited to a particular congregation. To have the right hymn for the appropriate place in the Mass requires someone with only a liturgical taste, provided he has enough printed material to choose from. Some parishes are forming "liturgical committees" within their parish councils to do such tasks as choosing the music and arranging for a director and suggesting ceremonial innovations to their pastor.

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