

Holy Angels: Haven for Hope

By PINGER LEAVEN

A striking cluster of buildings nestles in the snow by Winton Road: a home where neglected or delinquent young ladies may come to understand the beauty of friendship, trust and love.

Founded in 1930 by the Sisters of Charity of Refuge, Holy Angels Home is dedicated to foster the physical, spiritual and social growth of girls adjudged by the courts and other agencies to present behavioral difficulties.

Sister Mary Francis, administrator of Holy Angels, explained that by providing a homey atmosphere, education, therapy and most of all friendship, the institution hopes to show the girls the beauty within them.

"The girls who come to us," she said, "feel valueless, have very low self-esteem."

She told the typical story of a young girl who constantly withdrew from the activities of the Home. During classes the girl refused to respond. Sister saved her papers and after a few months showed the girl the progress she was making in her school work. At that point, the girl's suspicion and mistrust began to fade—and a friendly contact was made, perhaps for the first time in her life.

"It's a job you wouldn't change for the world," Sister Francis says. "There is something about a youngster's eyes that lights up when the walls fall down. Even if you could

do that for only one out of 36 (the average number of girls at the home) your work would be worth the effort."

Sister Mary Charity, who serves as the Home's director, explained the facilities available to the girls, including a fully accredited school program staffed by the 11 Sisters and many lay persons, special sessions with Louise Wilson, radio women's reporter, on Beauty and charm, and programs of social activities sponsored by Dominick Pellegrino and the Thomas More Society.

Sister Charity also pointed out the many photographs of Msgr. Francis Burns, who serves as a Spiritual Father for the girls at the Home; and she spoke of the work of Dr. Joseph Marion and others who tend to the girls' physical and emotional health.

Recently completed on the grounds are two new residence buildings, designed and decorated in a comfortable, contemporary style.

"We do not want to give the girls the impression that they are bound in," Sister Francis said. "We want to provide them with a home they won't feel they want to 'escape' from."

Presently, the administration and staff of the Home are preparing themselves to receive girls who have had contact with drugs, or who are addicted to drugs. "We expect to get such cases within the next 6 months," Sister Charity said. "There are more and more cases appearing in court lately, of drug use, and we are be-



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coming prepared to handle them," Sister Francis explained.

The brightness of Holy Angels Home is impressive, both materially and spiritually. Most evident is the fact that it is not so much an "institution," but a home.

Meeting Set To Discuss War on Rats

A "rat rally," sponsored by the Poor Area Neighborhood Improvement Committee (PANIC), is scheduled at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the Lewis Street Center, 57 Lewis St.

A house repair clinic will be discussed and the use of plaster, plastic wood, cement and other materials to rat-proof homes will be demonstrated.

The city's building and sanitation code will be explained and rat poison will be offered at cost to any non-profit group which participates in the PANIC program, according to Roy E. Fries, director.

Adult Theology Program Lists Series of Lectures

A series of lectures sponsored by the Adult Theology Program is underway in several diocesan parishes.

Included are lectures at Clifton Springs and Dryden on Mondays, Jan. 20 and 27; at Lyons on Tuesdays, Jan. 21 and 28, and at Moravia on Wednesdays, Jan. 22 and 29.

A talk on the Sacrament of the Eucharist, designed particularly for

parents of children soon to receive First Holy Communion, is scheduled Thursday night, Jan. 23, at St. Cecilia's School hall, Irondequoit. This talk is jointly sponsored by the Adult Theology Program and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Adult Theology courses will be offered in seven places during Lent, with details to be published soon.



Noralyn Brown, senior at Cardinal Mooney High School, outlines activities at her school to two eighth graders in front of the school's display. Similar displays from all nine Rochester-area Catholic high schools will be available at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at Cardinal Mooney and at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Kids, Here's Opportunity To Size Up High Schools

Boys and girls entering high school next September will have a final opportunity Sunday night to examine the status of all nine Rochester-area Catholic high schools.

Displays from all the schools will be available at two of the area schools—Cardinal Mooney High School and Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Programs at the two schools will open with talks at 8 p.m., followed by

tours to various rooms where personnel from the schools will be stationed with the displays and fact sheets.

Schools represented include Aquinas, Bishop Kearney, King's Preparatory, McQuaid Jesuit, Cardinal Mooney, Our Lady of Mercy, Nazareth, St. Agnes, and St. Joseph's Commercial.

A similar session was held at the two high schools last Sunday night.



MSGR. MULCAHY

Msgr. Mulcahy Gets State Post

Msgr. Donald J. Mulcahy, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, has been elected chairman of the Catholic Charities Conference of the state.

The Conference, which is part of the New York State Catholic Committee representing the Church in the affairs of the state government at Albany, is made up of chartered directors of the eight dioceses of the state. It meets monthly for discussion of welfare issues and policies touching all the dioceses with specific attention to bills proposed to the State Legislature.

Ordained in 1946, Msgr. Mulcahy was named assistant director of diocesan charities in 1949, director of Catholic Family Center in 1953 and diocesan director in 1963.

ceded by Archbishop Mooney who was transferred to Detroit.

His predecessor, Bishop James Edward Kearney, spoke briefly at the end of the program to note that one of the most significant changes in the church has come through recent legislation first eliminating all night fasting for Holy Communion and the ruling for late day Masses, both of which he said have allowed Catholics to participate in much greater way in their Faith.

Bishop Fulton Sheen now in his third year as head of the Diocese also appeared briefly and was asked about the church of the future.

Said the Bishop succinctly, "The Diocese will be here. The Church will be here."

Ordination Set Tomorrow For Scottsville Native

Rev. Robert E. Baker, SM, will be ordained a Marist Father by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Scottsville.

A native of Scottsville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Baker, 18 Second St., the Marist deacon is attached to the Washington Province of the order.

For the last five years he has been residing at the Marist College, Washington, D.C., where he has been pursuing special studies in education, and counseling.

Father Baker will offer his first Mass at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, in St. Mary's Church; to be followed by a reception in the church hall.

Father Edward H. Hartmann, pastor of St. Mary's, will be archdeacon for the ordination, and will be a Mass concelebrant at both the ordination and first Masses.

Father Richmond J. Egan, SM, of St. Peter Chanel High School, Bedford, O., will preach at Sunday's Mass.

Among clergy at the ceremonies will be the ordainand's cousin, Father Patrick J. Grace, a priest of the Rochester Diocese now serving as U.S. Navy commander at Newport, R.I. Father Grace, ordained in 1949,

served at St. Monica's Church before joining the Navy chaplain corps in 1953. Other concelebrants will include:

Father Louis Hohman, rector, and Father Lawrence Murphy, spiritual director, Becket Hall; Father Raymond Sullivan, SM, Bishop Grimes High School, Syracuse; Father Julian McVean, OFM, Holy Name College, Washington, and Father Charles F. Braun, SM, St. Michael's Church, Wheeling, W. Va.

The ordainand has a brother, William J., and a sister, Barbara Ann, who is Sister Marlene of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Pittsburgh, Pa. Another brother, Thomas J., died in 1966.

After studies at the Marist minor seminary in Pennell, Pa., Robert Baker entered the Marist Fathers Novitiate at the Rheinbeck, N.Y., and was professed Sept. 12, 1963.

He received a bachelor degree in philosophy at Catholic University of America in 1965, and in graduate studies there is completing a thesis titled, "A Comparative Study of the Values of Marist Seminary and Marist Priests."

He is involved, with four other Marist deacons, in an experimental ecumenical pastoral program, with emphasis on psychology and sociology.

'A Thousand Steeples'

TV Documentary Takes A Look at Our Diocese

In a half-hour documentary seen Tuesday on Channel 10, Rochester area viewers were treated to a history of the diocese in this its centennial year.

Utilizing slides and pictures of the early churches and the pioneers who attended them, the presentation narrated by Howard Hosmer began with the establishment of the eight-county diocese by Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868, with Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid as founding Bishop.

But, as the documentary pointed out the establishment of the Diocese of Rochester was in one way a climax to the Christian worship that had taken place in this area as long before as the late 1600s when the first recorded Mass was offered in a bark chapel in the Cayuga Indian Village south of Auburn.

A Mass in Rochester proper was not celebrated until 1818 when most interestingly, it was held in the home of Colonel Nahaniel Rochester. Just what was the particular occasion was not explained in the program.

(It came about when a Catholic house guest of Col. Rochester became ill and asked that a priest be summoned. The priest who may have come all the way from New York City, ministered to the woman then offered Mass at the Rochester home at Exchange and Spring Streets.)

Five years later Western New York had its first Catholic Church when St. Patrick's was built on Platt Street and Plymouth Avenue North, to be supplanted by second and third structures on the same site. The third church was dedicated in 1870 as the Rochester Diocese's first Cathedral.

Other churches followed plus the first Diocesan orphanage run by the Sisters of Charity who were later to open St. Mary's Hospital.

The Sisters of St. Joseph followed to serve the community in countless ways.

Meanwhile Bishop McQuaid became a national spokesman for the establishment of a parochial school system, which started as an elementary school project and evolved to include the high school curriculum.

The founding of St. Bernard's Seminary and St. Anne's Home for the Aged set the stage for other institutions dedicated to the Catholic Faith that were to come, including Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College and numerous high schools and elementary schools.

Bishop McQuaid was succeeded by Bishop Hickey who in turn was suc-

Christmas Appeal Raises \$2,000

Christmas giving made 1968 a "banner year" for hard-cash charity, according to the Diocesan Family Center director.

The annual Catholic Charities appeal made through the Courier-Journal yielded \$1,500 more than ever before for local work, Father William G. Charbonneau reported.

Altogether, readers sent about \$2,000 of the agencies that used the Courier-Journal columns to call attention to twenty special cases of need.

"Many people wrote thanks for

the opportunity," Mercy Sister Eileen Popkowski reported from Elmira. The \$202 she received for the Elmira Inner-City Ministry was the first Christmas fund the ecumenical agency had had, she said.

Margaret Muehler, director of the St. Martin de Porres center, said that immediate problems there had been "beautifully taken care of" by gifts of \$150.

At St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, contributions spurred by the Christmas appeal totaled \$50.

Father John J. Hempel, who runs the secular mission headquartered at Penn Yan, received \$45.

Father Charbonneau said that Christmas giving usually expect only to provide food and gifts for the holidays, but that they had done more than that this year.

"Usually," he continued, "we can't do much materially in hardship cases that come up during the year. But this time, we have a little money left to work with."

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