

2 Parish Schools In Inner City Plan To Consolidate Efforts

Immaculate Conception parish and St. Lucy's will consolidate their parochial schools next fall to provide "finer educational opportunity" for nearly 400 Rochester inner-city children.

Unique point in the inter-parochial school is that 94 percent of the registration will be black children and about 70 percent will be non-Catholic.

Needing to get the maximum use from both school buildings and to offer special help to the neighborhood's youngest children, the new setup will place all 4, 5 and 6-year-olds of the two parishes in St. Lucy's parish school and all those from 2nd through 8th grades in Im-

maculate Conception. The schools are about 10 blocks apart.

Sister Barbara Fox, principal of St. Lucy's, who will be administrator of the new project, announced that eight teaching Sisters of St. Joseph, an art teacher and a remedial reading teacher and seven lay teachers will form the faculty.

Emphasizing the unique features planned "to serve the people of the Third Ward," rather than just the two parishes, she said that the new arrangement will give "enlarged opportunity for individual instruction at the pupils' own level of ability."

Presently St. Lucy's has 130 children from kindergarten through 4th grade (100% black and 90% non-Catholic) and Immaculate Conception enrolls 280, K-8 (88% black and 52% non-Catholic).

St. Lucy's will be called an "Early Childhood Center" because it will take groups of 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds and two classes of 6-year-olds.

Assuring "better preparation for school" through a non-graded program and specialized instruction in classes of 25 pupils maximum, the teachers intend to promote "parental involvement" and "parent-aid" in the classroom.

Immaculate Conception will have four classes on a non-graded primary level for approximately 100 children and five classes (grades 4, 5, 6) on the intermediate level with emphasis on language, arts and math. Some innovative programs are planned for social studies and science. There will also be a 7th and 8th grade.

Sister Barbara said that a "team approach" by the faculty at every level would be a major assist in the carrying of the nongraded movement from the lower school to the upper.



FATHER SMITH.

Father Smith: 60 Years In Priesthood

Sixty years in the priesthood will be marked Thursday, June 11, by Father Arthur C. Smith, a resident of St. Ann's Home.

Father Smith is pastor emeritus of St. Cecilia's Church, Elmira. He retired Oct. 31, 1955, after nearly 24 years as pastor there.

Born in Rochester Aug. 14, 1883, he attended Immaculate Conception School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained in 1910 in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas M. A. Burke of Albany Diocese.

Father Smith served as an assistant pastor at parishes in Elmira, Geneva, Brockport and Corning before being named pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Moravia, in 1920. He was transferred to the pastorate of St. Ann's, Owego, in 1929, and to St. Cecilia's, Elmira, on June 12, 1932.

Fr. Szczepanski, 45th Anniversary

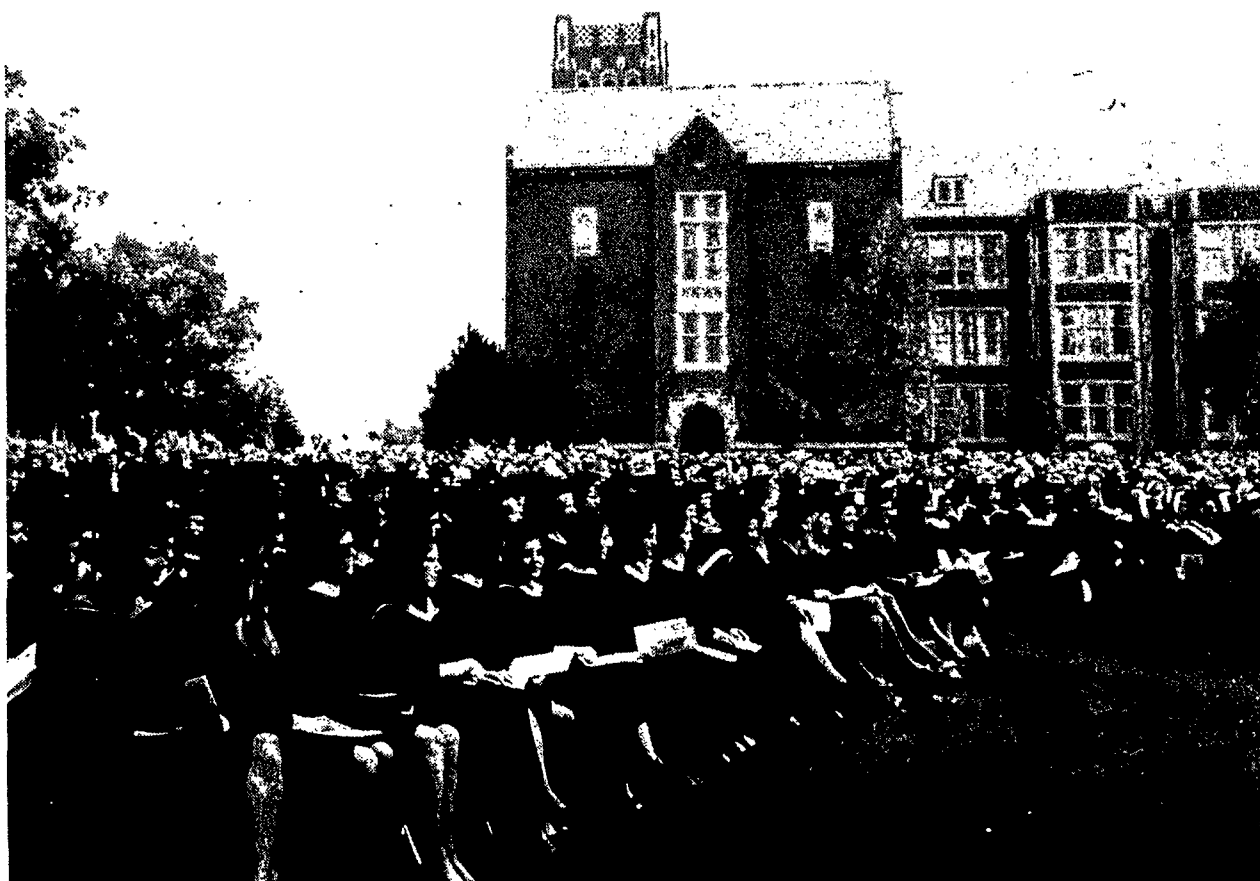
Elmira — Parishioners of St. Casimir Church honored Father Ladislaus Szczepanski, pastor, on May 24 to mark his 45th anniversary as a priest. He was presented with a color television set.

A native of Antrim, Father Szczepanski attended St. Stanislaus School, Rochester, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained June 6, 1925, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester. He has been pastor of St. Casimir's since 1933.

Also honored at the gathering were Stan Rodzai and Mrs. Marie Sincock, veteran religious workers of the parish.

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Nazareth College Graduates Largest Class

Two hundred ninety-five young women—largest class in history of Nazareth College—were graduated Sunday afternoon, May 31, in outdoor ceremony at East Avenue campus. Bishop Hogan celebrated baccalaureate Mass in morning, at which Father John R. Cavanaugh gave the homily. Principal speaker at afternoon commencement was Michael Burke of New York, a trustee of the college. Pictured are some of graduates and (right) faculty.

Nazareth Graduates 295

Nazareth College graduates were told Sunday that individuals, rather than "a grand design," will "bail us out" of world problems.

Michael Burke, president of the New York Yankee's baseball team and a Nazareth trustee since 1966, principal commencement speaker, urged students to use the "oceans of room for political action within the system . . . not only to protest but to advocate, too."

Graduates numbered 295 — the largest class in the school's 42-year graduate history. More than 3,000 attended the afternoon ceremony on the north campus.

During the exercises, Dr. Virginia L. Radley, dean of the college, presented Nazareth's 13th honorary doctor of letters de-

gree to Dr. Rhoda Dorsey, dean of Goucher College in Towson, Md., for her contributions to education.

Announcement was made of six magna cum laude and 13 cum laude honors, plus 13 assistantships which 1970 Nazareth graduates have accepted at other colleges.

Religious Center Set at Nazareth

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a religious center on the south portion of the Nazareth College campus followed commencement exercises last Sunday.

The proposed \$400,000 structure, to be financed by gifts of alumni, parents, students and friends, will be designed to service all religions. Construction will begin when the local building trades strike is over.

Bishop Hogan broke ground for the building. The shovel then was given to three other clergymen who had been invited for the occasion — the Rev. Edward Elliot of Christ Episcopal Church, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein of Temple B'rith Kodesh, and the Rev. Robert W. Wainright of St. Paul Episcopal Church.

The new building will have an all-purpose auditorium and several classrooms.

Vice Principal Named At Aquinas Institute

Father Richard Allard, C.S.B., has been named vice principal of Aquinas Institute by Father Albert Gaelens, principal.

A native of Syracuse, Father Allard joined the Aquinas faculty in 1966.

He received his secondary education at Cathedral Academy, Syracuse, and was graduated from the University of Windsor (Ont.) in 1958. He earned his master's degree from the University of Rochester in 1961 and pursued studies on the graduate level at Middlebury (Vt.) College, Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and abroad in Paris and Strasbourg.

The Basilian priest holds New York State certification for secondary school principals and as a teacher of French.

Father Allard is moderator of the Maroon and White and of the Cheerleaders, and has much

to do with APACE. Chairman of the Language Department, he teaches French.

Father Gaelens, principal, stated that Father Allard, 35, was chosen because "his exceptionally fine rapport with the students would be difficult to equal. Father Allard has proven himself a very capable administrator . . . he is dedicated to whatever is in the best interests of the school and its students."

Father Gaelens said Father Allard would continue to teach French; also "his responsibilities will deal with the day-to-day schedule of school. He will be concerned with student problems in conjunction with the dean of students."

The new vice principal replaces Father John Cherry, CSB., who has been transferred to Andean High School in Gary, Ind.



Msgr. Keleher Marks 40th Jubilee

Procession leaves St. Charles Borromeo Church in Greece on May 24 after Mass of Thanksgiving concelebrated by Bishop Hogan and Msgr. Robert A. Keleher, pastor emeritus of St. Charles, to mark Monsignor's 40th anniversary as a priest. In photo, from right, are Knights of Columbus, who served as honor guard; retired Bishop James E. Kearney; Father John Quinn, assistant at St. Charles; Father Austin B. Hanna, chaplain at St. Joseph's Villa; Msgr. Keleher; Father L. John Hedges, St. Charles' pastor; Father Michael Conboy, Bishop Hogan's secretary; Bishop Hogan.