



A group of 4-to-6-year-old children residing in Immaculate Conception parish and attending St. Lucy's School are pictured at intersection of Clarissa Street and Bronson Avenue. Consolidation of Immaculate and St. Lucy Schools has caused transportation difficulties especially for smaller children. In photo are Kathy Fratta of Columbia Avenue, Lorrie Jones of Glasgow Street, Kim and Valerie Griffin of Champlain Street, Terry Thompson of Cady Street and David Gibson of Reynolds Street.

Needed: A Miracle

Two of Rochester's inner city Catholic schools need a bus—and/or volunteer drivers who can shuttle small children to and from Immaculate and St. Lucy's schools.

Sister Mary Barbara Fox, SSJ., principal of the two schools which have been combined in an innovative "team approach" pattern, is looking for a "miracle"—someone who will find a way for regular transportation particularly of 4, 5 and 6-year-olds.

Last-minute failure in attempts to obtain Title I federally-funded "Project Follow Through" transportation assistance through the City School District, found the schools in difficulty as they opened doors last week.

They applied for aid last spring, were assured of "cooperation," but were informed only Aug. 29 that the "Follow Through" budget would not permit assistance.

What most concerns Sister Barbara is that some small children have to walk 10 to 15 blocks to get to and from St. Lucy's School, Troup Street, across heavy-trafficked intersections and through a maze of street and housing construction projects.

To meet the unforeseen situation, priests of Immaculate Conception—Fathers Robert G. Krockel and P. Paul Brennan—as well as Sisters, lay faculty and parents are driving most but not yet all the younger children. But the question arises how long this will or can be continued, especially during colder weather.

Thus her prayer: could some individuals or groups help obtain a bus or shuttle service between the mile-apart schools on schooldays for about an hour each morning, noon and afternoon?

Immaculate and St. Lucy's have consolidated their schools

to provide "finer education opportunity" for 400 children. The new setup places 4 to 6-year-olds in St. Lucy's and second through eighth graders in Immaculate.

Sister Barbara said the new plan will give "enlarged opportunity for individual instruction at the pupils' own level of ability." A non-graded program has been set up at St. Lucy's and for four classes at Immaculate.

Unique in the inter-parochial combination is that 94 per cent of the registration is black children and 70 per cent is non-Catholic. There are 290 children at Immaculate and 112 at St. Lucy's.

There are ten Sisters of St. Joseph on the combined staff—a principal, eight teachers and an art teacher—and seven fulltime lay teachers. The schools share under Title I a speech teacher, a remedial reading teacher and a nurse.

Building to Be Added At Auburn Mercy Hospital

Auburn—Ground was broken here Sept. 2 for the new \$7.3 million Mercy Hospital health and rehabilitation center, to be constructed at the rear of the present hospital building.

Sister Joan Alice, OSF., hospital administrator, turned the first spade of earth, terming the project the start of "real comprehensive health planning in Cayuga County."

When the 10-story addition is completed, there will be almost 300 beds in the center, specializing in extended care and physical therapy.

Speakers at the ceremony included Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, Auburn Mayor Paul Latimore, and Joseph Cuddy, representing the hospital's board of trustees.

Completion of the building by the Perfetto & Whalen Construction Co. of East Syracuse is expected by May, 1972.

It is a first step in the county hospital reorganization plan. Auburn Memorial Hospital has filed application for a rebuilding program which would make it an acute care facility only. Mercy would then take over all extended or nursing home care.

Mercy is operated by the Sis-

ters of St. Francis, who also run hospitals in Syracuse, Utica and Honolulu.



Two young women who have spent two years as postulants in the Sisters of St. Joseph entered their canonical novitiate year in a simple ceremony last Saturday at the Motherhouse. They are Sister Marie Giardino, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Giardino of St. Francis de Sales parish, Geneva, and Sister Elizabeth Anne Osta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osta of Syracuse. Sister Marie completed undergraduate work at Nazareth College as a postulant and studied in Spain during the intervening summer. Sister Elizabeth Anne entered the order after taking a degree in speech education at Nazareth, and has been teaching mentally retarded children at the Foreman Center.

Official Notice

The Pastoral Office announces that the Rev. Robert D. Buckland has been relieved from duty in the Diocese of Rochester, effective Aug. 17, 1970.

5 Diocesan Sites Chosen for Adult Theology Program

The Adult Theology Program will begin this month its fourth year of service to the laity with classes scheduled in five diocesan communities.

Courses are spaced over three, six and eight-week periods during autumn, Lent and after Lent. Handling details is Father Leopold Protomastro, OFM. Cap., who is stationed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Lochland Road, Geneva.

Topics in the past have included Testament and Bible history, reviews of Vatican Council II, racial issues and marriage. Classes are held once weekly in most instances. The upcoming schedule:

Geneva, DeSales High School, Mondays beginning Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Ithaca, St. Catherine of Siena Church, Tuesdays beginning Sept. 22, at 8 p.m.

Rochester, Nazareth Acad-

emy, Wednesdays beginning Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Catonsville and Van Etten, three alternate Sundays beginning Sept. 27.

Elmira, Notre Dame High School, Thursdays beginning Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Continuing the program's ecumenical efforts, Father Protomastro will offer a series of six lectures beginning Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Asbury-First United Methodist Church as part of its School of Religion.

Although the Adult Theology Program has had to be somewhat curtailed because of finances, Father Protomastro said it will continue throughout the year in as many places as possible.

He noted that anyone wishing to make a contribution to the program so that it may reach as many adults as possible may do so by addressing the Adult Theology Program, P.O. Box 231, Geneva 14456 telephone 315/789-1991.

Fr. Cleary Dies; Missioner to Asia

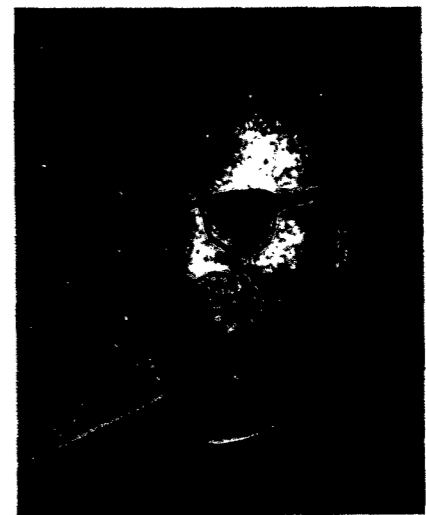
Maryknoll, N.Y.—Father Patrick H. Cleary of Ithaca, N.Y., a Maryknoll missioner for 47 years, died Sept. 6 in a hospital in North Tarrytown. The 74-year-old priest succumbed to leukemia, a disease he had suffered from for several years.

Born Aug. 16, 1896, Father Cleary was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Cleary of Ithaca. He attended Ithaca High School, St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary, both in Rochester.

Father Cleary entered Maryknoll in 1919 and was ordained to the priesthood four years later. Following his ordination, Father Cleary was assigned to the Maryknoll missions in Korea where he served until he was interned by the Japanese at the start of World War II.

Repatriated in 1942, Father Cleary conducted the first novitiate year for the Scarborough foreign mission society in Ontario, Canada, and then served on the Maryknoll Seminary faculty, teaching English, speech and music.

In 1947 Father Cleary returned to Korea, only to be forced to leave three years later, when the Communists advanced into South Korea. However, he returned to Korea within a year



FATHER CLEARY

—this time as a chaplain with the U.S. Eighth Army.

After Father Cleary left Korea for reasons of health in 1952, he served in Maryknoll houses in the United States.

He was chaplain to the novitiate of the Helpers of the Holy Souls, Chappaqua, a religious order of Sisters. Later he was chaplain to the Maryknoll Sisters, Valley Park, St. Louis, Mo.

Father Cleary held bachelor degrees in sacred theology and canon law from Catholic University, Washington, D.C. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. E. O'Brien, 20 Briar Patch Road, Rochester.

200 to Attend Meeting Of Catholic Central Union

Nearly 200 delegates from throughout the state will gather in Rochester next weekend for the 75th annual convention of the New York State Branch of the Catholic Central Union and the National Catholic Women's Union.

Delegates will register beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in the Sheraton Hotel convention headquarters. Business sessions are slated Saturday morning and afternoon, and at 3 p.m. there will be the official opening of the NCWC Charity Aid and Mission Exhibit.

A Mass for deceased members will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street, to be followed by a social gathering in St. Joseph's Business High School.

Bishop Hogan will celebrate Mass for the delegates at 9 a.m. Sunday in St. Joseph's Church. Bishop James E. Kearney will preach. Bishop Hogan will be the speaker at the convention's closing dinner at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton.

Originated in Rochester in 1854 as a Federation of Catholic German societies, the CCU stresses religious, educational and charitable activities. The Rochester organization has 33 society affiliates, with a membership of more than 2,000.