

A Double Celebration For Father Sebastian



House of Prayer Dedicated

Father Conrad Schomske, OFM., a Rochester man who returned to the United States last year after 16 years as a missionary in Japan, is shown, at left, at the dedication of Holy Name Friary in Lafayette, N.J. Father Schomske directed the conversion of the building, which formerly housed a commercial laboratory, into a "house of prayer" for the Franciscans of Holy Name Province. Shown with him are Father Finian Kerwin, minister provincial of the province, and Father Cyprian Lynch. Father Schomske, son of Mrs. Marie Schomske of Coolidge Road, attended school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He was ordained in 1950.

Father Sebastian Contegiacomo, CPPS., who came from Rome 40 years ago to serve an Italian parish at the western edge of the city, will celebrate his Golden Jubilee on All Saints Day, and watch another dream come true.

On that day, Nov. 1 at 12:15 p.m. Mass, Bishop Hogan will dedicate the modern brick and stone church that replaces the white frame country-style church of the Most Precious Blood at 179 Stenson St.

Parishioners and other friends will celebrate the pastor's anniversary on the following Sunday, Nov. 8, at a dinner in the Mapledale Party House.

Father Sebastian, of the Society of the Most Precious Blood, served as curate from 1930 until he succeeded the first pastor, Father Anthony Pece, in 1937. Throughout his tenure, priest and people have taken a do-it-yourself attitude that enabled them, in 1968, to save a school marked for liquidation. Their determination in the face of diocesan opposition to keep the school and modernize it attracted wide attention at a time when "community control" was becoming a familiar goal.

The history of the parish is a good part of Father Sebastian's life story. He took on a \$24,000 debt when he became pastor. Four years later, the church was debt-free. In 1931, the men of the new parish had built a social hall. In 1955, a school was opened, and the pastor became the school bus driver. A

home was purchased for the Sisters of St. Joseph who came to teach. In 1959, a large all-purpose hall was attached to the school.

Father Sebastian was born in Italy. He was brought up in Rome, and on Nov. 1, 1920, he was ordained to the priesthood there.

At the age of 74, he still drives the school bus, keeps the parish books, weeds the lawn and takes a hand in fund-raisers and social events.

All who wish to attend the Nov. 8 dinner in his honor should make reservations by Nov. 2, through 458-1424 or 458-4974.

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Geneva Students Commended

Geneva—Letters of commendation have been awarded to Michael Cecere, David Czaplak, and Catherine Karol of De Sales High School for their performance on the 1970 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.

Michael Cecere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cecere of North Main Street, hopes to attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He is a member of the National Honor Society, was on the student council for two years, and is presently secretary of the senior class. He plays varsity football.

David Czaplak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Czaplak of Cherry Street, is applying to Albany State, where he hopes to major in chemistry or physics.

Catherine Karol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Karol of Washington Street, is considering Seton Hill College. She is a member of the National Honor Society, has been vice-president of the Art Club and secretary of the Gamma Kappa Club. She is an associate editor of the year book and a member of the pep squad.

These three scored in the upper two percent of students expected to graduate from high school in 1971. They rank just below the semifinalists announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

A MATTER OF COURSE

When the May 31 earthquake devastated northern Peru, Catholic Relief Services diverted ships on the high seas to the stricken country with 486 tons of food and clothing worth \$440,000.

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VOTE FOR BILL ROSENBERG ON LINE A
BRIGHTON, 12th, 13th, 14th and 21st WARDS

Bill Rosenberg believes that for quality education, both the public and private schools must co-exist. To that extent, Assemblyman Rosenberg voted for the following legislation:

1. Voted for equal bussing for public and private schools.
2. Voted for free text books for public and private schools.
3. Voted in 1970 for State aid to private schools for mandated expenses of record keeping, enrollments, testings and examinations.
4. He voted in 1970 to repeal the Blaine Amendment.

"The Democratic opponent, Stanley Marcus, has stated that he favors the phasing out of all Parochial schools."

Ray Lang, Campaign Chairman