

## Priest and a Methodist To Head Catholic Group

A Rochester priest, Father Robert F. McNamara, professor of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary, was elected Second Vice-President of the American Catholic Historical Association during the Association's annual meeting in Boston, Dec. 28-30.

A prominent Methodist scholar, Dr. Albert Cook Outler, Professor of Theology at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, was elected First Vice-President. The Association's First Vice-Presidents automatically become Presidents the year after their election. Dr. Outler is the first Protestant chosen to head the Catholic historical society.

He is Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs of The Methodist Church, and officially represented that denomination at the Second Vatican Council. He is past president of the American Theological Society and of the American Society of Church History.

Father McNamara has been professor of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary since 1938. He is the author of three books: A Century of Grace (the history of St. Mary's parish, Corning, N.Y.); The American College in Rome, 1855-1955; and The Diocese of Rochester, 1868-1968. He has written scholarly articles for the Dictionnaire d'histoire et de geographie eccle-



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siastiques (Paris); the New Catholic Encyclopedia; and the Catholic Encyclopedia for School and Home, as well as many popular historical articles for the Courier-Journal and a number of pamphlet-histories of parishes.

From 1948 to 1955 he was one of the advisory editors of the Catholic Historical Review, a publication of the American Catholic Historical Association.

Father McNamara is also a member of the Rochester Diocesan Liturgical Commission and has been for some years on the board of directors of the Liturgical Arts Society (New York).

## Business School Due To Be Closed

Possibilities of continued operation of St. Joseph's Business High School in some other Rochester location were being discussed this week following announcement that its four-year-old building at 120 Frank-

lin St. will be closed in June.

Formal statements on the school's future are expected next week following conferences between the provincial superiors of the Redemptorist Fathers who conduct the school and the School Sisters of Notre Dame who staff it.

The Redemptorist Fathers have informed parents and students they can no longer continue the school because of financial problems, particularly a debt of \$1½ million incurred in erecting the six-story Franklin Street building in 1966 and operating it since then.

The order is expected to sell

the building, which is in the commercial downtown area.

St. Joseph's offers four years of secretarial training, and awards diplomas for both Regents and non-Regents courses. Enrollment is 270 girls, with a faculty of six Notre Dame Sisters and seven lay teachers. Tuition was raised to \$400 this year.

The school was started in 1904 in one classroom, to give youngsters a chance to learn business skills. It changed to a two-year business school in the late 1940s, offered three years beginning in 1959 and started its four-year program in the new building in 1966.

## Bishops Synod Scheduled For September

Vatican City — (RNS)—The third Synod of Bishops will open here Sept. 30, 1971, and will continue for "approximately" four weeks, according to Vatican Radio.

The two principal topics on the agenda — "Priestly Ministry" and "Justice in the World" — were chosen by Pope Paul VI, it said.

In addition, there will be discussions on "The Fundamental Law of the Church."

In drawing up a schema for synodal discussions, the radio said, note is being taken of observations and suggestions by the world's regional and national Bishops' Conferences, and of guidelines indicated by the Bishops' Council of the Permanent Secretariat of the Synod at its meeting in October 1970.

At its next meeting — Jan. 11 to 15 — this council will examine the results and recommendations of a study of priestly ministry carried out earlier by the International Theological Commission, the radio said.

## COURIER / SPORTS

### Aquinas Faces Franklin

A tough Franklin five is waiting to take on the undefeated, rated number 1 Aquinas cagers Friday in the City-Catholic Basketball League. The game will be played at the old RIT Gym at 8:30.

Aquinas Coach John Uriah gave his team two days off after a grueling Christmas tournament which the Irish won, beating Eastridge and Bishop Kearney in the finals.

"The boys were a little tired and felt a couple of days rest would help," Uriah said.

The Little Irish, 6-0, have high regard for the Quakers. Three juniors have been playing outstanding ball in the last few games. Bruce Williams, a 6-foot guard, has scored 47 points in the four games in city competition while Jim Thompson, a 6-foot-3 forward, and Lucius Allen, a 5-foot-9 guard, each has 32 points. Coach Jack Christensen's team has a 3-1 record.

Tommy Rolwing leads the Irish in scoring with 62 points in five games for a 12.4 average. Brady Spets has 60 points and a 12-point average.

### CYO Girls' Basketball

In the past, the only opportunity for girls to get on the basketball court was in the role of a cheerleader. This will change with the addition of a new Girls' Junior Basketball Program beginning Jan. 9 in the CYO Gym at 50 Chestnut St.

Girls in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to learn the finer points of basketball, play with the help of personal in-

struction and team play.

The program will be held Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. under the supervision of Mr. Howard Revans, Director of the new program.

The use of the swimming pool will be included in the afternoon activities.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 454-2030.

### Corpus Christi CYO Champion

Undefeated in eight games, Corpus Christi beat Christ the King, 65-47, in the final round of the 16-team single elimination annual Christmas tournament at the CYO.

Gary Bestor broke the game wide open, with his great outside shooting, scoring 22 points before a sellout crowd.

It was Corpus Christi's first win in 15 years of competition, according to Coach Frank Cia-cia.

In the consolation game, Holy Cross defeated Holy Rosary, 58-50, to take third place. Trophies were presented to winning team by Paul B. Schmidt, executive director, CYO.

### School Bowling At Mid Point

The Catholic Inter-High Bowling League resumes play tomorrow, Jan. 7, moving to Reynolds Lanes for the remaining six weeks of the season. It will be Cardinal Mooney High School, the league leader, against Bishop Kearney; second-place Aquinas against McQuaid.

At mid-point, the Mooney record is 38-10; Aquinas, 32-16; Kearney, 16-32; McQuaid, 10-38.

### CHRISTOPHERS CALENDAR

The St. Christopher social Club will attend the 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, Jan. 10, at Holy Family Church, 415 Ames, and have breakfast afterward at the Northway Restaurant. Club members are planning an outing on the following Sunday for children from St. Joseph's Villa. For information: Jeanne Wittman, 647-6672.

### GUILD MEETING

The St. Christopher Parish Guild will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the basement of the Chih Medical Center, to hear Robert Dobbis of the Chili Library describe available facilities.

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