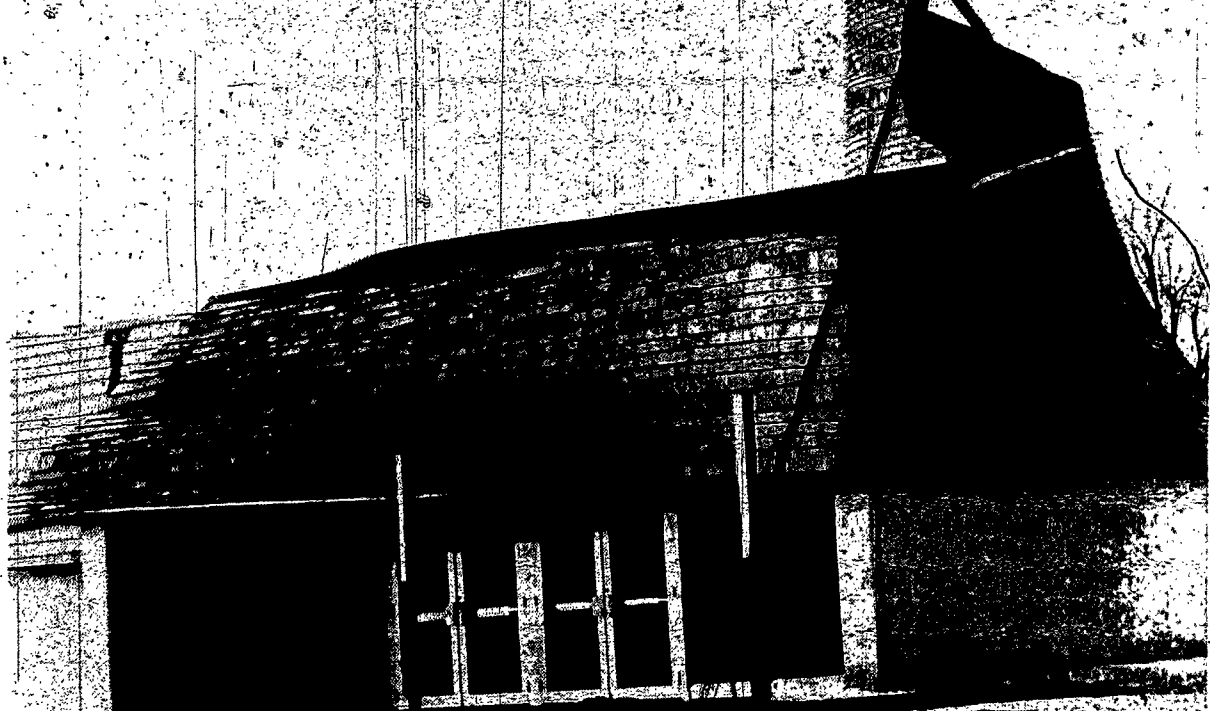


## Father McDonald And His New Church



## First Mass Celebrated In New North Chili Church

First Mass in the newly-constructed St. Christopher Church, North Chili, was celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, by Father Elmer McDonald, pastor.

Bishop Hogan celebrated Mass and preached the homily in the new edifice on Sunday.

The structure, erected on a 15-acre plot at Union and King streets, just south of Buffalo Road, is described as "a multi-purpose building designed to meet the needs of a parish in a challenging world."

Designed in circular form, the building features a swooping roof starting low and rising to a cylinder type of structure over the sanctuary area.

Through use of folding doors, it can be used totally as a

church seating 600 persons, as an assembly hall seating 400, or can be divided into two large meeting rooms or five classrooms.

For purposes other than worship the sanctuary area is protected by a large screen.

Entire cost of the project, Father McDonald noted, approximated \$250,000, including fees, furnishings and landscaping. The parking area accommodates 400 cars.

The interior ceiling of the building is of natural redwood planking; the sloping side walls feature natural cedar shingles, and the low walls are of white plaster.

Architect was James H. Johnson, Rochester, and the con-

tractor was Frank G. Maggio & Bros., Rochester.

St. Christopher's Church was established in June 1968. Until last week Masses were celebrated for the 500-family parish in the North Chili Medical Building, 316 Union St. Religious instruction for parish children has been conducted on Saturdays in the First Methodist Church, Chili.

The parish rectory was constructed on King Road just east of the church building. The frame structure was completed by contractors in June, and volunteer parishioners remade the basement into small class and meeting rooms.

Bishop Hogan, then bishop-designate, broke ground for the church building on Oct. 26, 1969.

## Hospital Drive 'Over Top'

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital's "Operation Outreach" fund drive this week exceeded its \$1 million goal.

The fund is for a rehabilitation addition now under construction. It includes an adjoining section on the ground level and four floors atop a present two-story wing. To be completed by next December, the addition will be known as the "Southern Tier Institute of Rehabilitation."



Clarence M. Brobst, general campaign chairman, said it will include 20 in-patient beds and expansion of out-patient facilities.

Brobst noted that, although the drive ends this week, several outstanding contributions are expected to add to the \$1,040,000 cash and pledges to date.

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