

# Diocese May Move Offices

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means to carry out the objectives of our charter."

He cited as reasons for selling: loss of tax-exempt status on July 1, increased operational costs and the feeling of the board that it could no longer raise rents on the diocesan offices and other tenants.

The corporation lost \$13,000 from operating the building in 1970 and estimates that new taxes will amount to some \$40,000 a year, from now on.

Langie promised that the corporation would provide ample time for all tenants to relocate and would help find housing for the residents.

"We are under no immediate pressure to dispose of the property. But even if we got legal relief from the loss of our tax-exempt status, the size and the

condition of the building must be considered."

He indicated that the 36 member board of directors has been considering disposal of the building for several years.

"Our corporation wants to be more people-orientated than building-orientated. Proceeds from the sale of the building will be used to further the aims of the original charter of the corporation," he said.

The 12-story building was erected by the Rochester Council Knights of Columbus and opened in 1928 to be "a self-supporting social and recreational headquarters for general Catholic use." But funds ran out as the depression of the 30's began. The Knights turned to the diocese for help.

In the summer of 1931, Bishop John Francis O'Hern, with

the approval of the Vatican, and on the advice of his consultants and Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York City, took over the Centre and its debt of \$485,000.

The Centre was incorporated by the State Legislature in August, '31, as "a non-profit, membership corporation" dedicated to "improving the physical, social, intellectual, moral and spiritual condition of young men and women of the city of Rochester." The Bishop of the diocese and the Vicar General are members of the board. Affairs of the corporation are directed by an executive committee made up mainly of Catholic laymen.

Proceeds from the sale of the building must, by law, in terms of the corporation's charter, be used to further the continuing obligation to improve the lives of young people, Langie said.

## Fr. Vogt Feted At Fairgrounds

The people of Good Shepherd parish in Henrietta invited everybody out to the county fair grounds last Sunday to congratulate their pastor, Father George Vogt, on the 25th anniversary of his pastorate.

An open house in Theatre East marked also the 44th anniversary of the pastor's ordination to the priesthood. A celebrated Mass in the school chapel was offered Friday evening, June 11, the actual anniversary date.

Father Vogt was assigned to Good Shepherd in 1946, when Henrietta was still a small community in the midst of farms. Ten years ago his territory was reduced by the formation of Guardian Angels parish in the rapidly growing suburb, but Father Vogt still has more than 1,200 families under his care.

In the early days of his "rural" pastorate, Father Vogt ran roller skating parties and other socials for the young in a building the church then owned. Now, he accompanies the parties elsewhere, and he shares the school hall and facilities with other congregations and organizations in the town.

## Lourdes to Build Learning Center

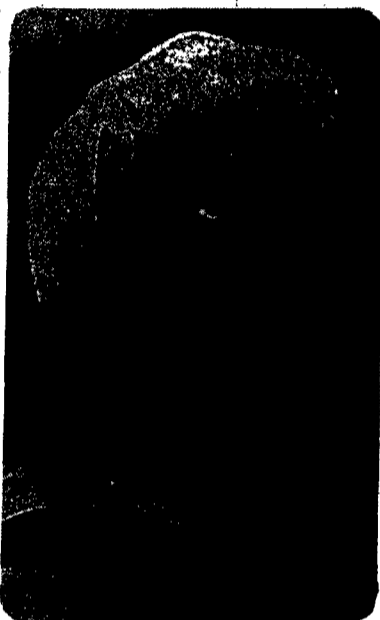
Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton, will hold a gala evening of entertainment at Nazareth Arts Center Sunday, June 20 at 8 p.m.

The object of the evening is to raise funds for developing a Sister Mary Ellen Dundon Learning Center at Our Lady of Lourdes school.

Sister Mary Ellen, SSJ, former principal of Lourdes, died last January. Since that time parishioners have been looking for a suitable memorial in her name, according to Sister Monica, SSJ, a teacher at Lourdes.

The learning center is seen as a fully equipped resource room at the school, with tapes, film loops, reading machines, science kits, records and slides.

Sister Monica said the junior high department of the school will present "Let her works tell her praises," a two-hour production involving a cast of 150 students at the Arts Center. Opening the program will be a one-act educational parody, "what if they built a school and nobody came?"



SR. MARY ELLEN

Also during the evening will be a slide presentation, dramatic readings, a performance by the junior high dance troupe and music by the UBA (Unity Builders Association). The last is a Lourdes choral group under the direction of Kenneth Sarkis, a teacher at the school.

Tickets for the evening are on sale at the school and will be available at the Nazareth box office the night of June 20.

## Keeping Tabs

Eighth grade graduation at Mother of Sorrows will be preceded by Mass at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22. Father Richard Orlando will give the homily.

Fifty posters made by the children at St. Salome's school are on display in the parish, advertising the festival that will be held from 6 p.m. until midnight June 25 and 26, on the church parking lot, 4282 Culver Rd. Prize-winners in the poster contest, all from the upper grade art classes taught by Miss Margaret Schied, are Kim Thiel, Dody Beyerlein, Cheryl Rinere, Mary Picuch, Sam Di-Raimo, Kathy Versage, Billie Izard, and Kathy Golomb.

St. Mary's Women's Club will hold an installation dinner at

## Mt. Carmel Principal Wins Legion Award

Sister Mary Consilia, principal of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, has been cited by the American Legion for her work among the Spanish speaking children of the neighborhood.

She received the Monroe County Legion's School Americanism Award from the organization's chaplain, the Rev. Philip Li Suzzo. At the same assembly, 40 boys and girls

the Downtowner Restaurant tonight, June 16, at 7.

The Holy Family Church summer festival will be held Friday, June 25 from 6 until 11 p.m. and Saturday from 4 until 11 in the parking lot on Jay and Ames Sts. There will be a parade Saturday at 2:15 p.m. from Tobin's parking lot on Maple Street through Glide, Lyell, Hague and Jay to Ames. Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Edwina Crosby, district deputy, in the Catholic Daughters of America, and Mrs. Genevieve Insalaco, assistant monitor, will make their official visit to Court Fitz Simons at 7:45 p.m. Monday, June 21, in the Lima Town Hall. Officers will be installed.

were given the school's Good Citizenship certificate, and the chaplain told the children that Governor Rockefeller would send the school a state flag.

Father Raymond Booth, copastor of the parish, presented a letter of commendation from Washington to Juan Correa for a safety poster entered in a contest.

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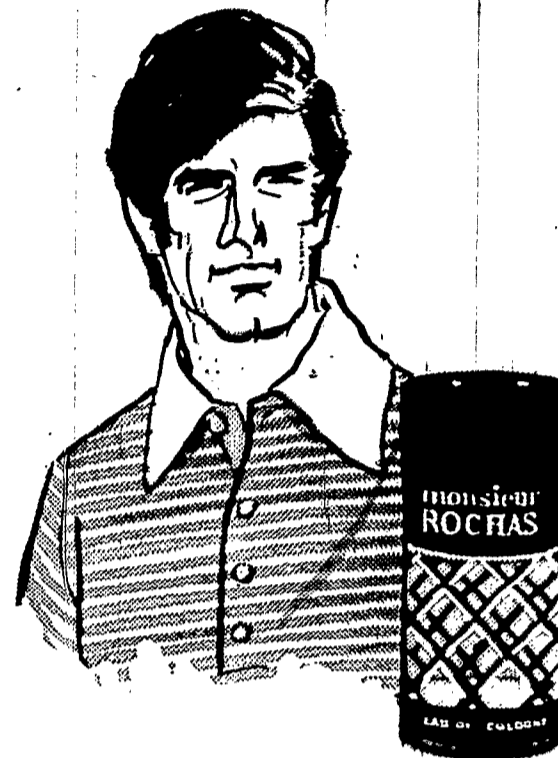
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