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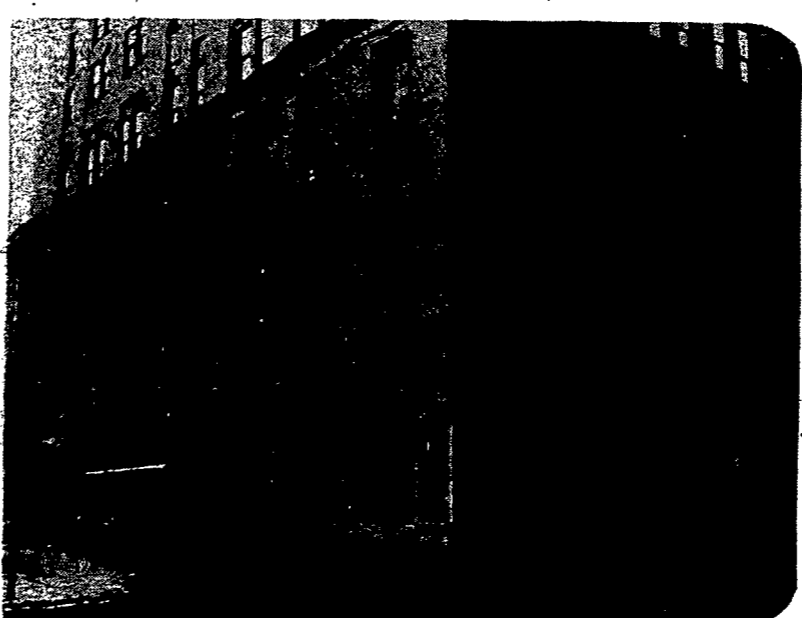
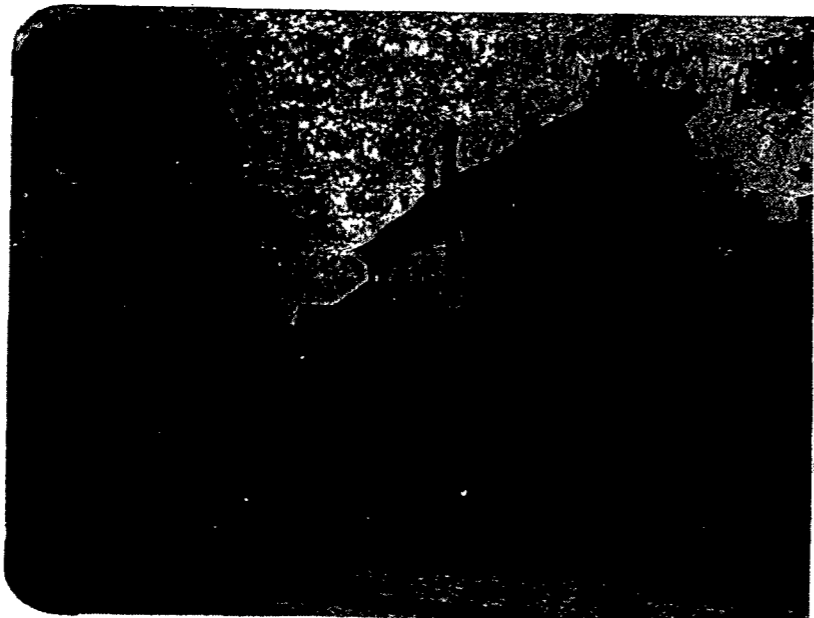
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To the left is the site of the Columbus Civic Center shortly before the wrecking ball cleared the way for the structure at the right. The center was sold last week for \$725,000. The building presently houses diocesan offices, the Catholic Youth Organization and is operated as a hotel. Former news editor of the Courier-Journal, Tom O'Connor, provided photo at left.

## Yule Drive Raises Over \$14,000

More than 1500 needy families had a brighter holiday season because of the generosity of diocesan Catholics responding to the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund, it was learned last week.

Father William Charbonneau, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, said the response this year was double that of last year. Contributions handled by his agency, came to \$14,300, against the \$7,000 received last year; 1588 families received help; 608 food baskets were distributed and \$980 was given out.

In addition, contributions were sent to Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, Cap., for his work in Wayne County. He was still compiling the results in his district at press time. The Courier-Journal will present them next week.

Father Charbonneau said that over and above the money, food and clothing contributions received at his office, there were a number of offers of service.

## Some Diocesan Offices Plan to Move

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

Rochester's mission outpost, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will open street-level offices on downtown East Avenue, probably by Feb. 1.

It will be the first diocesan agency to move from the Columbus Civic Centre, implementing plans made before the building was sold. The Pastoral Office and the Education Department will go to the former King's Preparatory School on Buffalo Road. The move is expected to be made by July.

The Civic Centre, at 50 Chestnut, will change hands about March 15, under terms of the purchase offer accepted by its board of directors. The buyers are Dr. John C. Dengler, a Rochester dentist who also owns the former Academy of the Sacred Heart on Prince Street, and Raymond P. Lang Jr., of Brighton, a banker.

Sale of the 12-story building

was announced last week by Louis A. Langie Jr., chairman of the operating board. The announcement said that the buyers contemplated "as few changes as possible".

Tenants expected to remain include Catholic Charities, with the Catholic Family Center and DePaul Clinic; the Catholic Youth Organization, with its extensive athletic facilities, and approximately 210 residents, among them 60 students from the Rochester Business Institute.

Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith, expects the missions to benefit by his move to a "storefront" office at 123 East Ave. Public awareness of the missions will be increased, he predicts, and so will pedestrian traffic.

"Even here on the second floor, lots of people come in to

make contributions," he said. The new offices, part of the complex known as One-Eleven East Avenue, will include a small theater for movies, slides and talks by visiting missionaries. This will be used occasionally as a chapel.

The Columbus Civic Centre, opened by the Knights of Columbus in 1928 as "headquarters for general Catholic use," came upon hard times during the Depression and was taken over for a few months by the diocese. In August 1931, the state chartered a non-profit, membership corporation dedicated to "improving the physical, social, intellectual, moral and spiritual condition of young men and women." In 1937, the building became headquarters for the diocese, whose agencies paid rent.

When the property was put on the market last June, Langie explained that it had lost its tax-exemption and the corporation was unwilling to increase

rents. Besides, he said, "we want to be more people-oriented than building-oriented."

Money realized on the sale will be used to further the aims set forth in the charter, he said last week. A screening committee will consider projects proposed to this end.

## Father Nolan Dies, Canandaigua Pastor

Mass of the Resurrection was offered today at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, for Father William F. Nolan, the pastor, who died Jan. 8, 1971, in a Miami hospital.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan concelbrated the Mass with members of the St. Bernard's Class of 1940.

Father Nolan, 56, had spent several months in hospitals, under treatment for leukemia, and lately had been in Florida with his father, William T. Nolan of Brighton.

He had been pastor at St. Mary's since 1965.

He was a Navy chaplain during World War II and again during the Korean war, and later was chaplain at the Veterans' Administration Center in Bath.

Father Nolan was born in Rochester Jan. 24, 1915. His father, a 19th Ward supervisor for many years, was onetime general secretary of the Catholic Charities Society. His mother was the late Mary Howe Nolan.

Father Nolan attended St. Augustine's School and the diocesan seminaries and was ordained May 18, 1940. He then served as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel until he entered the Navy in February, 1944. On his return in June, 1946, he was assigned to St. Monica's for two months, then to Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, where he served as assistant for six years. The next seven years preceding his appointment to St. Mary's were spent at the veterans' facility in Bath.

As a naval chaplain, Father Nolan received many honors, including the Naval Reserve



FATHER NOLAN

Medal, the American Defense Medal, the Korean Service Medal and many others for campaign and occupation service in the Pacific area and Europe.

Survivors besides his father are a sister, Mrs. Mary R. Sullivan; three aunts, Mrs. George Vollmer, Mrs. Augusta Nolan and Mrs. John Nolan, Sr., and several cousins.

Classmates of Father Nolan who concelebrated with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan were Msgr. John Maney, who delivered the homily, Msgr. Charles Boyle, and Fathers Vincent Collins, Joseph Donovan, John Hayes, Joseph Hogan, Alfred Horr, Bernard Kuchman, John Murphy, and Bartholomew O'Brien.

Area priests also concelebrating were Fathers Joseph Gorman, William Murray, Kevin Murphy, Gerald Kelly, and William Spellacy.

## At Priests' Council

# School, Diaconate Proposals Draw Lukewarm Reaction

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The Interim Diocesan Educational Commission's proposal for emergency funding for diocesan elementary schools met disfavor at the Priests' Council and a proposal for establishing a permanent diaconate met mixed reactions at the Council's first meeting of the new year at St. Bernard's Seminary last week.

Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of diocesan schools, presented the short range financial program that deals only with Monroe County and does not include the inner city

schools, explaining that parishes who want to keep their school open would now be asked to help other parishes keep their schools.

Survival of the system is the rationale, Father Brent explained. "People will start pulling students out once a few schools close, due to lack of confidence in the Catholic school system," he said.

Father Kevin Murphy of St. Mary's in Canandaigua raised the question: "Do we want to keep the Catholic schools?" which triggered a discussion on who decides to close down schools.

Father Brent said he does not have the right to decide which schools stay and which ones close, and pointed out that parishes or school boards or parish councils should have the role in determining their own future course.

The emergency plan which Monsignor George Cocuzzi, president of the council, said "will never sell," has been given to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, but will not be acted on until the Sisters' Council, the Priests' Council and a subcommittee of the Priests' Council have sent their reactions to him.

Father Edwin B. Metzger, professor of Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Bernard's Seminary, and Father Laurence Tracy of Mount Carmel parish, presented the council with their finding on the need for a permanent diaconate in the diocese.

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