



Father Richard Brickler blesses the celebration room during its first Mass.

A Center of Life a

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Faith, love, understanding. Key ingredients the people of Holy Family parish exhibit in the makeup and activities of their new Religious Program Center which emphasizes religion and parish life.

Dedicated in mid-September, the center consists of several rooms on the first floor of the northern wing in the parish school. Its purpose is to further the total religious education program of the parish which includes not only CCD, but also adult enrichment and sacramental programs.

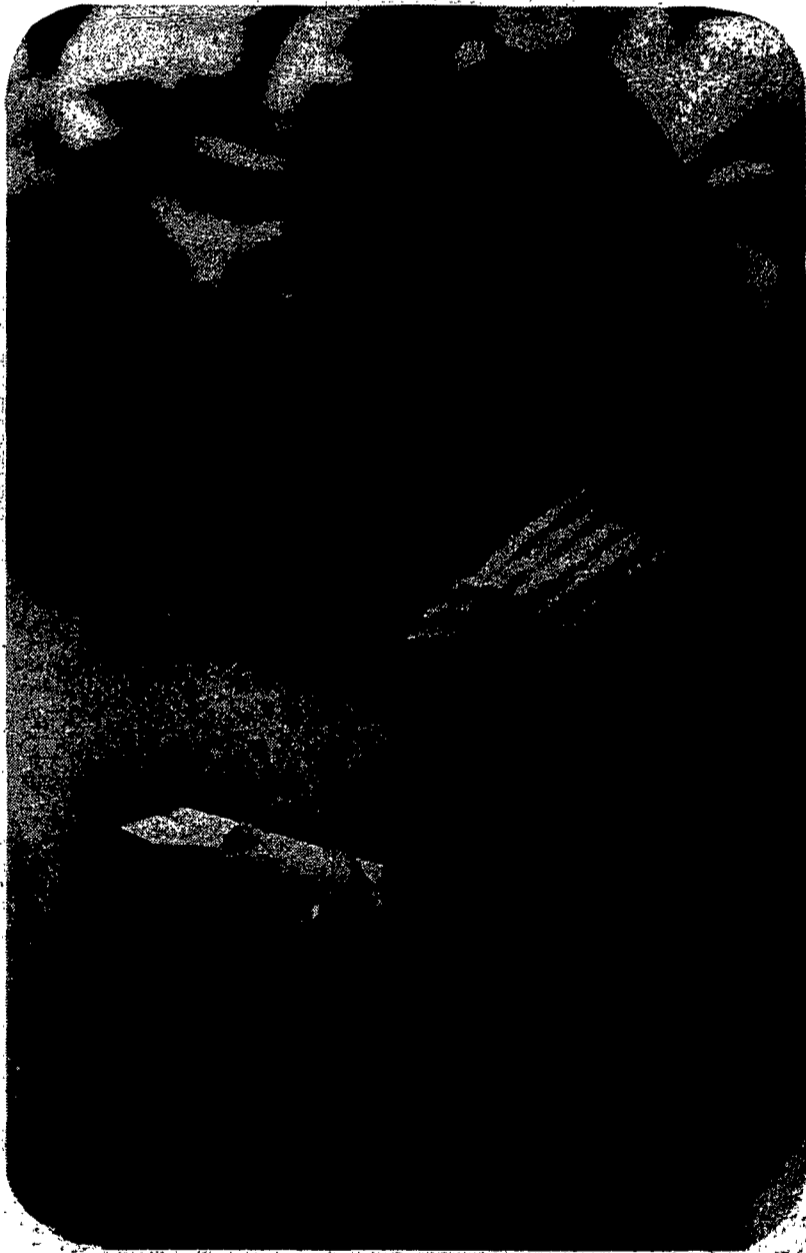
"We felt there was a real need for the center," said Mrs. Jean Bennett, religious education coordinator for Holy Family. "Through its use we're able to bring children and adults closer to the Church."

Office, storage and work space is provided for teachers, along with a supplemental conference room, not yet completed, which can be used for meetings and presentations.

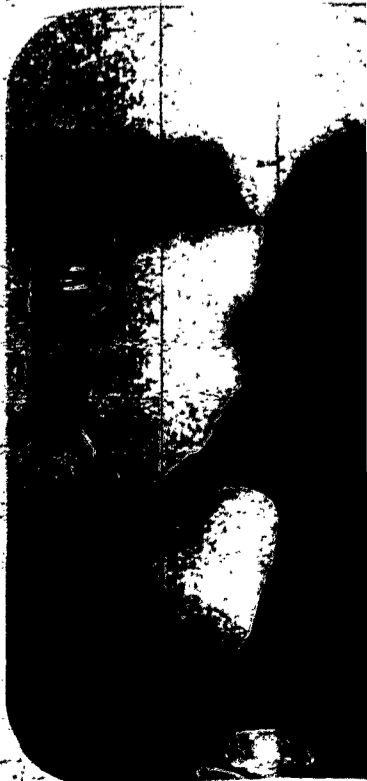
But the hub of the center's activities is the Celebration Room, complete with a parish library of religious books.

Here, parishioners or school children can gather in a carpeted room that's off-white, accented by pale green, orange and brown, to live their faith and express themselves through group meetings or Masses.

The Celebration Room has an altar table, celebrant's chair, lector's reading stand, and bulletin boards covered with burlap. Although a large portion of the center's rooms were renovated with



Sister Rita Marie, SSND, school principal, above. No, it's not litter at right. Papers protected her office floor from paint as Mrs. Bennett, oblivious to the disturbance, worked on.



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