

Bishop Hogan carries a sign away from the Blessed Trinity School ceremony. The sign, used as a cue card, was given to him as a souvenir.

## Three-Parish School Formally Blessed

Auburn — The joyous theme, "We thank the Lord for the good work he has begun among us," was carried out in the specially prepared liturgy for the Mass of Thanksgiving offered here by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan Nov. 20. The Mass at St. Alphonsus Church was celebrated in gratitude for Blessed Trinity School, which opened its doors in September.

Spontaneous participation in the singing was helped along by Billy York with the raising of a cue card that said "Clap." The card was presented to Bishop Hogan after the ceremony.

Holy Family, Sacred Heart and St. Alphonsus, who merged their schools to form Blessed Trinity, now housed in the former St. Alphonsus facilities, were well represented. The solemn blessing of Blessed Trinity school included dramatization of the parable of the sower and the seed by junior high students. The prayers of petition originated with the children themselves.

In his homily, Bishop Hogan said Blessed Trinity represents

sharing and the willingness to go beyond narrow parochial interests to further the mission of the church. He asked God's blessings upon this undertaking as all strive in faith to do their best in a moment of crisis. The decision to merge the three schools was made in the face of the reality of the local situation, by local people who wanted to provide a school worthy of the name of Catholic education.

Concelebrating with Bishop Hogan were Msgr. Joseph Gefell, pastor of St. Alphonsus; Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, pastor of Holy Family; Father Raymond Wahl, pastor of Sacred Heart; Father Michael Conboy, the bishop's secretary; Father Robert Beligotti and Father Ernesto Loera, associate pastors at Holy Family; Father Edward Palumbos, associate pastor, St. Alphonsus; Father Daniel Brent, Superintendent, Diocesan Department of Education; Father Felix Bracilkowski, pastor of St. Hyacinth's; Father Raymond Wuest, former pastor of St. Alphonsus; Father Raymond Epping and Father O'Dwyer.

## St. Boniface Offers Breath

Parishioners at St. Boniface responded to a plea for an incubator for the medical center at the mission in LaPaz, Bolivia, where three Rochester priests are stationed.

Word of their need came from a St. Boniface parishioner, who had spent some time at the Bolivian parish of St. Joseph the Worker with Fathers Daniel Tormey, Edward Golden and Peter Deckman. The appeal also was announced in The Missions Office insert which appeared in the Courier-Journal in May.

The parishioner spoke with Dr. Gerard Guerinet, president of St. Boniface Parish Council, and with the council's approval, the doctor presented the problem to the congregation at Masses on Nov. 3 and 4. He also brought an incubator from a hospital for display.

About \$1,855 was collected from St. Boniface parishioners and school children. Non-parishioners who heard about the effort also contributed toward the cost of the incubator.

There was no second collection at the Masses. Instead, boxes were placed at each church entrance, and, according to Dr. Guerinet, the response was "unbelievable."

"I've never seen anything like it," he said, "and it was an unannounced collection (at the church) until that weekend."

The money collected at St. Boniface, a parish of about 900 families, has been turned over to Father Joseph Reinhart at the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for use by the mission.

## 70 Attend Mass at Southview

More than 70 residents of Southview Towers last Sunday crowded into their community room for the first religious service ever held in the Urban Development Corporation highrise.

A Mass of the first Sunday of Advent was celebrated by Father Francis Taylor, pastor of nearby

St. Boniface Church, for dwellers at Southview and guests from the Church Home and St. John's Home.

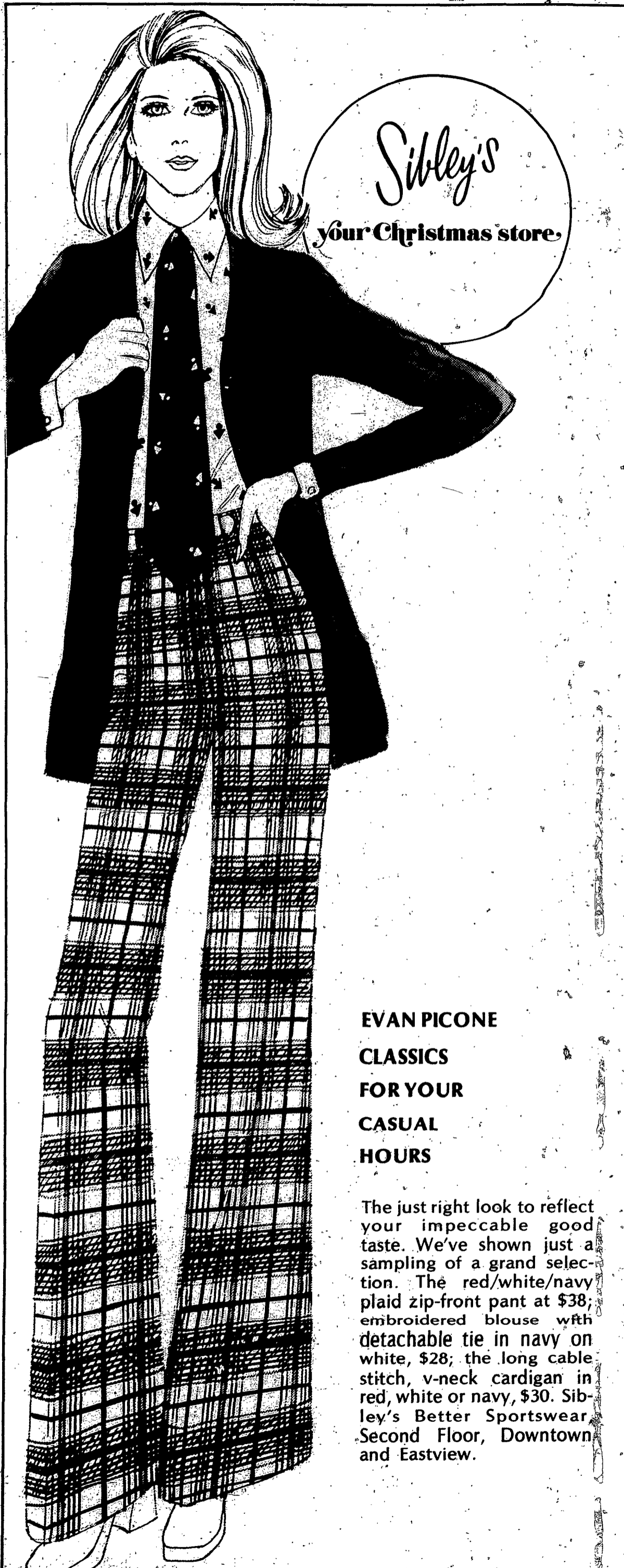
Arrangements for the Mass, which was the first of a planned five services to be conducted by area religious communities, were completed by the St. Boniface Parish Council.

### BAZAAR SLATED

The women's groups of Eastside Community Center have scheduled a bazaar Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, December 8 from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. both days. The bazaar will be in the gym of the East Side Memorial Presbyterian Church,

70 Denver St. Proceeds will go toward the building fund of ECC, whose building was destroyed by fire in October 1972.



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