



Big Day Photo by Susan McKinney

Helping with food for the School Sisters of Notre Dame's annual Community Day May 9 at St. Boniface are Sister Lumina (left), Sister Burkana and Sister Patricia Austin. Each year the order commemorates the death day of their foundress, Mother Mary Teresa Gerhardinger, who started the order in Bavaria, Germany in 1833. This year the Sisters gathered at St. Boniface, the oldest of their "missions" [all of their apostolates are called missions] in Rochester at this time, for a special liturgy, supper and informal get-together afterward. There are about 70 ND Sisters in the diocese.

Father McGrath To Visit Priests

The priests of the Rochester diocese will have the opportunity to hear and talk with Father Aedan McGrath, a Columban Father, a native of Dublin, Ireland and an ardent worker for the Legion of Mary.

Father McGrath will be in the diocese from May 16 to May 23 to talk with the priests about the Legion of Mary. There will be meetings in Auburn on May 17, in Dansville on May 20, in Rochester on May 21 and in the Southern Tier on May 22. Arrangements are also being made for him to meet with the active legionaries, both seniors and juniors.

The Legion of Mary is a lay organization, founded over 50 years ago, for the two-fold purpose of the sanctification of its members, and an active participation in the lay apostolate. The members are at the disposal of the bishop and the priests for social service and Catholic action that is most useful and needed in the work of advancing the reign of Christ and the welfare of the Church. Legionaries, working in pairs, visit homes in the parish, hospitals, nursing homes and wherever the priest needs to send them.

Father McGrath had been a missionary in China for many years. In 1947, he was commissioned by Archbishop Riberi,

the Papal Internuncio to China, to establish the Legion in as many places as possible. These were dark days for the Church, for the Communists there already were establishing their grip on China. For the four years prior to his imprisonment by the Communists in 1951, Father McGrath labored tirelessly to strengthen the Legion, which proved to be a stronghold for the Catholic faith during years of persecution in China. Since then he has spent his time extending the Legion, first in England, and now in the United States and Canada.

MT. MORRIS PARISH SETS FUN DAY

Mt. Morris — The Home-School Association of St. Patrick's parish will put on a Fun Day May 18 in Bellamy Park, starting at 11 a.m. (Rain date: Sunday, May 19). There will be a flea market, book fair, silent auction, baked food sale, refreshments and games, with a smorgasbord, 5-7 p.m.

Supper tickets may be reserved with Tom Biordalillo, 658-4690.

Although the school will not reopen next September, the association continues to raise funds to help maintain the building, which will house religious education classes.

Religious Surveyed by Becket

Response to a recent survey of priests and religious concerning Becket Hall, the college seminary for the Diocese of Rochester, has been excellent.

More than 60 per cent of the 703 questionnaires sent to all parish priests, and to the religious orders, Sisters and Brothers in the diocese, have been returned. "The answers have been outstanding not only in terms of numbers, but also from the kind of data sent back and the interest respondents have shown in the learning about Becket Hall and its programs," noted Father John Hempel, rector of Becket.

The survey was sent out by the Becket Hall Advisory Board in an attempt to determine the present knowledge and understanding of Becket's programs. The college seminary program, as included in Becket's program, has been in effect in the diocese for nine years. "We thought it time to

determine the status and regard of the program to see what direction might be taken for the future," Father Hempel explained.

Questions in the survey included:

- * Information in the past relative to programs at Becket.
- * The seminary concept as embodied in Becket.
- * Regulations of Becket as they apply to students.
- * Finances and administrative activity of Becket.
- * Ways to attract new students to Becket.

Results will be tabulated over the next few months, according

to Father Hempel. Final results will be presented in the Fall of 1974 to priests, Sisters, and Brothers of the diocese. Also in the Fall of 1974, Phase II of the survey will be presented to the laity.

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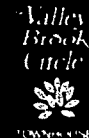
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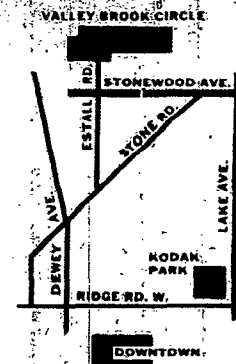
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AUXILIARY DINNER

Auburn — Mercy Hospital Annual Auxiliary Dinner Meeting will be held May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the hospital. Norma Donnelly, director, (Retired Senior volunteer Program) RSVP and Jean Maywalt, director, Auburn Senior Citizens Club will speak on the RSVP program initiated last fall. Reservations may be made with Mrs. John Bisgrove, Jr.

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