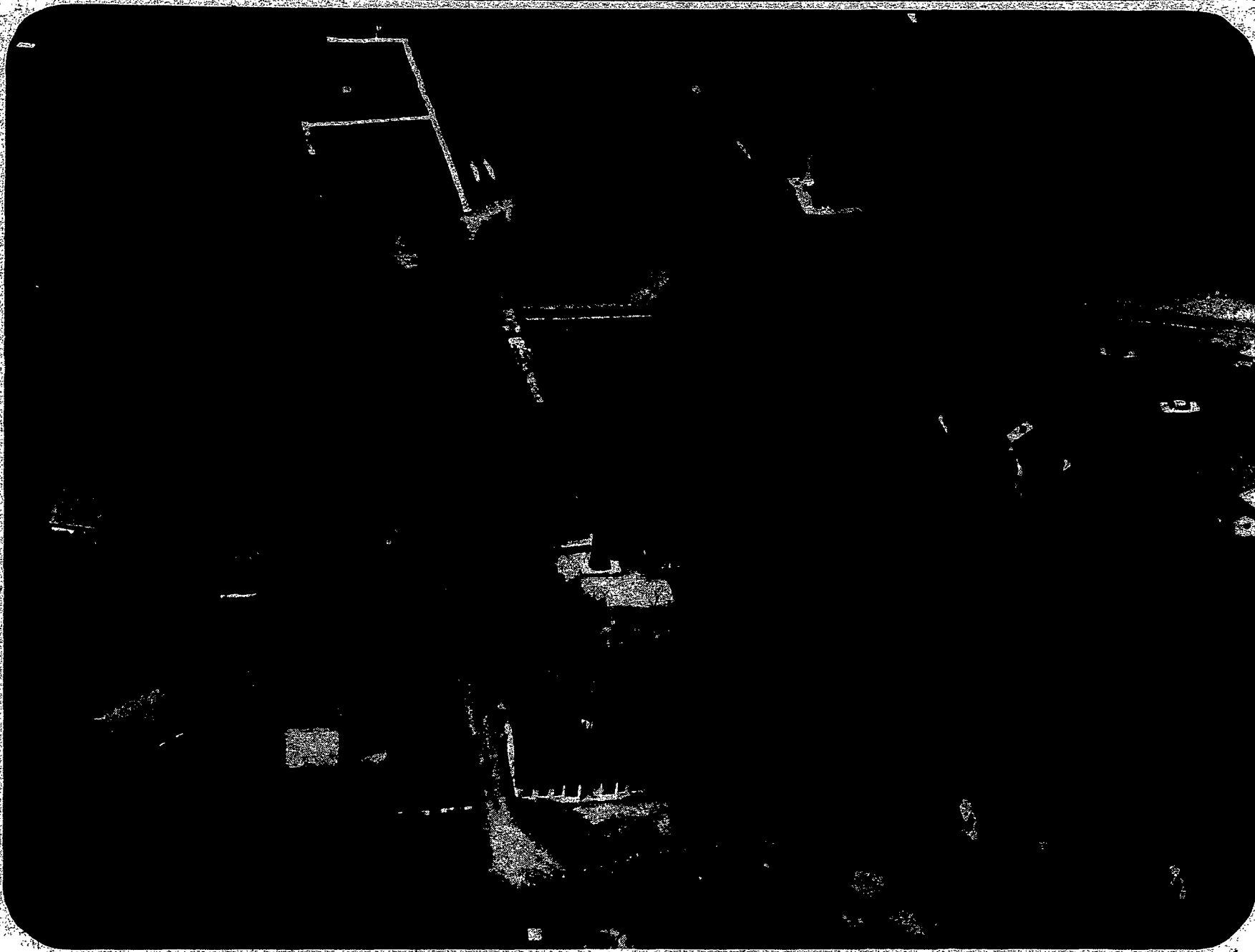


CAMP STELLA MARIS

**"APPROACHING 50 YEARS
GETTING OLDER BUT ALSO GETTING BETTER"**



When Catholic Charities and the Columbus Civic Centre joined forces recently to provide the necessary renovation and winterizing to pump new life into famed Camp Stella Maris, it resulted in giving the camp a new sense of vigor as it nears its 50th year of operation.

The new work will make the facilities usable on a year-round basis, opening many new vistas. Stella Maris, of course, will continue to operate as a Summer camp with three weeks for boys and another three weeks for girls already scheduled for 1975. And though it may seem a mite early, it is getting close to that time when parents should be making such plans for their youngsters.

The renovation and winterizing will enable the camp to accommodate between 75 and 100 persons at any time during the year.

"We see Stella Maris becoming a Conference-Retreat Center available to many diocesan and parochial groups as well as civic organizations," said Father Joseph D'Aurizio, director of Catholic Charities and of Camp Stella Maris.

Father D'Aurizio is particularly enthusiastic about the "new life" granted the camp. The CYO already has learned how valuable an asset the camp is and Father D'Aurizio feels it will fit in splendidly with increasing diocesan impetus given to its mission to youth.

There are many potential uses for the camp — retreats, parish council conferences, regional meetings, youth organizations, etc. The fees from such uses will in turn be used to enable the camp to stay financially viable.

All in all, Father D'Aurizio is very optimistic about the camp's future.

"It always has been a valuable facility for the promotion of Christianity through its camping program," he said. "Now it can have renewed life as a vigorous center of diocesan programs and activities."

As Camp Stella Maris approaches its 50th birthday in 1976, it may be getting older but it's also getting better.



Father Joseph D'Aurizio, director of Catholic Charities, also is director of Camp Stella Maris.