

Holy Angels Home on North Winton Road, Rochester.

Holy Angels Home to Close

Holy Angels Home at 1326 North Winton Road, for 44 years a haven providing care for young girls with problems, will be phased out of operation this summer, it has been announced.

The decision was made "reluctantly" by the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and announced by Sister Mary Helen Garrity, superior of the religious community who ran the home. The decision of the Sisters was ratified by the Board of Directors on March 6. This action has been confirmed by Martin Q. Moll, chairman of the board.

Reasons given for the closing are that the size of the religious community of the Sisters of Lady of Charity has decreased through death, age and infirmity as well as the lack of new vocations. Only nine are presently available. This has necessitated an "ever-increasing" number of professional and non-professional staff members to be recruited and assigned to various personnel situations as required by the state and other referral agencies.

"These factors coupled with the drastic fluctuations of client population from period to period, and year to year have rendered it impossible to predicate reliable budgets, resulting in severe economic losses," said a statement signed by Moll and Sister Mary Helen.

They also stated that the religious community regretted the decision and wished to assure agencies involved that in phasing out "the main consideration will be the welfare and proper placement of each girl presently in care."

The community said it will be studying possibilities for its future apostolate as well as for future use of the facilities.

Contrary to rumor, Holy Angels is not a home for pregnant girls and has no facilities for maternal cases. Rather, as an official told

the Courier-Journal in 1971, it is a "full-time" boarding school for girls who have been placed here by the courts because of poor social adjustment and family conditions."

A brochure describing the facilities lists possible residents as girls from 10 to 16 years of age who may be delinquent, neglected, retarded, or have behavioral problems.

In 1930, Bishop John Francis O'Hein invited the Sisters to

come to Rochester to open a home for girls. He gave it the name Holy Angels and it was dedicated Feb. 8, 1931. That same year the Holy Angels Guild was formed, through friends and relatives of the Sisters and this group of women has continued working to raise funds for the home.

In 1957, after a city-wide campaign, the Sisters broke ground to build a school, chapel and convent and in 1966 they took a loan to construct two residences for 12 girls each.

DeSales High School Will Open in Fall

By JOHN DASH

Geneva — In a reversal of an earlier decision, The Board of Trustees at DeSales High School, decided last week to continue operation of the facility next year.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, on learning of the board's 6 to 4 vote, noted that he supported the earlier decision to close the school at the end of the current year, and that he continues to support the board "in their decision to reopen DeSales in September 1975."

He also noted, however, that he had "natural reservations" about the situations "which are created by this rapid reversal. I sincerely hope that the decision to reopen DeSales High School was made in clear realization of the educational values which must be carefully weighed and measured along with financial questions in order for a valid educational decision to be made."

The Bishop also said he hopes that "the financial arrangements made both now and in the future are such that they do not represent an unrealistic burden for the Geneva community." He further noted that preserving the

school's status must be accompanied by "an enhancement of the quality of education for the students."

According to Martin Eades, chairman of the board, the reversal was based on satisfaction that a group known as Save Our School (SOS) is "sincerely committed" to the preservation of DeSales, and has the ability to act as an ongoing fund raising organization.

On Thursday, March 13, Joseph D'Amico, head of SOS presented the board with fund raising projections and the announcement that more than \$82,000 in cash and pledges had been raised to keep the school operational.

It was at this point the board decided to reopen the school in September. It was further decided to arrange for the incorporation of SOS into the structure of the school. A meeting will be held tomorrow evening (Thursday) for this purpose.

Despite some reservations voiced in this community, D'Amico is enthusiastic about both responses from the board and from the "grassroots."

"We're the town that turned it around," D'Amico boasts. He said that "people really came forward in good faith for a choice in education, for Christian underlying in education, for the two school system."

Eades acknowledged that a "major restructuring of both faculty and administration" was needed before the school could be reopened. He hopes, however, that the recent developments might prompt some faculty and administrative personnel to rescind their resignations.

State's Bishops Plan Meeting In Rochester

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The bishops of New York State will gather in Rochester next month for a concentrated discussion of the National Catechetical Directory. With them will be approximately 70 religious educators from the Archdiocese of New York and the six upstate dioceses.

About 30 bishops and Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York City are expected to arrive Monday night, April 14, and stay through Thursday afternoon. The entire agenda for Tuesday and Wednesday is centered on the catechetical directory, with Father Alfred McBride as speaker.

On Thursday, the bishops will sit in executive session after a morning meeting with delegates from the Priests Councils of New York. All meetings will take place at the Americana, downtown.

For the faithful generally, the convocation will become a visible reality Tuesday evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Cardinal Cooke will be principal celebrant of a 5:30 p.m. Mass, and everyone

is invited. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is sending invitations to religious education personnel, priests, seminarians and members of the major religious congregations in the diocese. Through the Courier-Journal, he now extends an invitation to all others who would like to participate in the Mass.

The working sessions Tuesday and Wednesday will be open to news reporters. The speaker, Father McBride, is from the Washington staff of the National Catholic Education Association. He was here last month to address a retreat-meeting of school principals.

Father McBride's three talks will deal with the purpose of the catechetical directory and its educational and theological dimensions. Each will be followed by small group discussions and reports from the groups.

In executive session, the bishops constitute Region II of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the only region limited to a single state.

Chrism Mass Expected to Draw Hundreds

Hundreds of laymen, religious and clergymen from every region of the diocese will gather next Tuesday evening, March 25 to celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at St. Rose Church in Lima.

Seating at the event, at which priests and people celebrate their solidarity with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, will be according to region. More than 600 representatives are expected to attend.

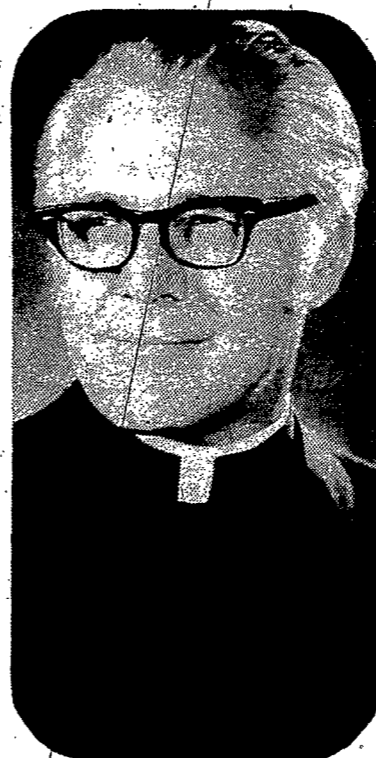
Each regional coordinator also will be a concelebrant with the bishop as he blesses and consecrates oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick.

Distributing these oils, after the Mass, will be Fathers Edwin Wedow, Jerome Schifferli and Dominic Mockevicius.

The Choir of St. Charles Borromeo Church, under the direction of George Geibel, will lead the assembly in song during the liturgy.

One region, Monroe County Southeast, will begin the evening's activities with a sharing supper. Delegates from the region will gather at Good Shepherd School for a meal of soup, bread and coffee. They will then progress to the site of the Chrism Mass by bus. According to coordinator Father Roy Kiggins proceeds from the supper will be sent for World Hunger Relief of Catholic Relief Services.

Music at the rites will include a Processional from the Byzantine Rite, the Priestly People response by Lucien Deiss, and Ephesians II by Sister Suzanne Toolan.



FATHER MARVIN

Father Marvin Heads State Priests Council

Father James J. Marvin, president of the diocesan Priests Council and pastor of St. Ambrose Church, has been elected president of the New York State Priests Council.

Father Marvin first was elected president of the diocesan council in 1973 and just this month was re-elected to a second two-year term.

He has been a member of the state council for two years.

Before assuming the pastorate at St. Ambrose in 1971, Father Marvin was pastor of St. Joseph's in Wayland for four years.