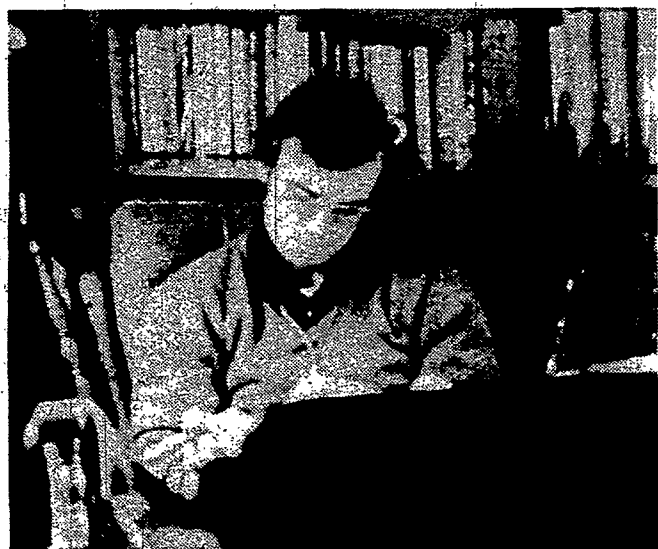


STUDENT LIFE

The 1976 edition of the PPF (#83) repeats the hope expressed in the 1971 edition (#181) that "today's seminary will . . . provide priests who have matured in the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility." According to the PPF, this involves an "approach at once more flexible and more personal by which the student develops the virtues necessary for contemporary living."

Mature, flexible, personally responsible, willing to take the initiative—these are the qualities we look for in a student, and the criteria which we set for ourselves in evaluating the success of our efforts. The ratio of teaching staff to the student enrollment; the informal relationships between faculty and students; the quality of the academic, spiritual and pastoral programs offered; the effort to tailor each student's program according to his or her personal needs; and the emphasis on personal initiative and responsibility—all these characterize life at Saint Bernard's today.

Community life in the seminary is not an end in itself, but a means of encouraging



personal growth and providing a strong support for the apostolic life. Saint Bernard's is a community open to a wide diversity of personalities and backgrounds. In its variety it attempts to reflect something of the reality of the universal Church and the challenges of priestly life today.

THE LIBRARY

Work on the reclassification of the 80,000 volume library collection, from the Dewey Decimal to the Library of Congress System, advanced rapidly during 1975-1976, as the result of the hiring of a full-time cataloger. The library has been used with increasing frequency not only by the immediate seminary community, but by students and researchers from the wider community, thus making it imperative to improve the accessibility of the collection, and the working conditions for students and staff in the library building itself.

Initial plans were developed during the winter months for step by step renovation of the library building, and the Board of Trustees authorized at its February meeting the first phase of this process. These included the establishment of a Special Collections Room dedicated to Archbishop

Fulton J. Sheen, who was both the sixth Bishop of Rochester, and the sixth chairman of the Saint Bernard's Board of Trustees.

The Archbishop Sheen Room now houses some 96 books and pamphlets written by the Archbishop, as well as articles by or about him. It includes hundreds of video and audio tapes of his broadcasts and telecasts over the past forty years. And the collection is still growing! It is our plan that this collection be made available to scholars and researchers in the years ahead, and that it become a source of information not only about Archbishop Sheen himself, but about the history of the Church in the United States, the history of radio and television in our country, and the many other areas in which Archbishop Sheen has been active during his remarkable career.

DEVELOPMENT

In the spring of 1975 the Seminary Board had authorized the creation of a new staff position, that of *Director of Recruiting and Alumni Relations* (a title subsequently simplified to *Director of Seminary Relations*). This new office has been concerned chiefly with increasing enrollment from dioceses other than Rochester, and with creating