

Seminary Rector Sees Hospital

By JOHN DASH

Come Summer, Father Joseph Brennan will after 11 years rekindle an old friendship, a "first love," the scholarly study of Sacred Scripture.

In June he steps down from the rectorship of St. Bernard's Seminary, a post he has held through years of turbulence and change. His successor will carry on some notable changes in both the style and substance of the school's regimen.

In the years that Father Brennan has been rector, women have begun to pursue studies in pastoral ministry. "I suppose that some of them wish to become priests," he notes, "but none have told me that directly."

They and the male students at the school pursue studies in radically revised programs. For those who wish professional careers in the Church, degree programs lead to a Master of Divinity degree. An academic degree also is available at the school, an M.A. in Theology, Father Brennan explained. Both programs officially began in 1975.

Also recent at the school is the burgeoning continuing education program. Field education for students studying for the priesthood also is a hallmark of St. Bernard's programs.

The school's library with its Archbishop Sheen Collection of records, films and tapes — and the room set aside for the growing diocesan archives, also has become more and more accessible to both the school and the community at large.

But at the heart of all of these changes is the seminary's liturgical life. The rector confesses his pleasure that the school, in the celebration of the Eucharist tries to "preserve the best of the past with the needs of the contemporary Church."

The students themselves have changed. Though Father Brennan sees the strength of each class of

Jewish Leaders Help Build 'Casa Italiana'

A group of prominent members of the Jewish community have recently donated \$10,000 to build a "Casa Italiana" on Nazareth College's campus.

The announcement of the contribution was made last week by Joseph J. LoCurto, chairman of a \$150,000 fund drive for the new building, who called the gift "a striking example of the cooperation between ethnic groups that exists in this community."

The donation check was

seminarians as "unique," he notes the more recent classes are older and the "atmosphere is more serene."

He says "it's hard to generalize," about the incoming groups. "They have to be treated as individuals."

Father Brennan notes that his decision to leave the post as rector "was very simple." He wants to pursue his studies of Sacred Scripture.

He wants to resume writing projects long ago interrupted by his administrative duties.

And in June his chance will come.

presented by William B. Konar, president of William B. Konar Enterprises, to Angelo Costanza, president of the Central Trust Company. Konar was the major donor of the contribution.

"We will be very fortunate indeed to have such a cultural mission in Rochester," Konar said. He pointed out that the new building will house programs "which will help the entire community appreciate the rich Italian-American heritage."

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outlined in the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974.

Among those priorities is "the development of multi-institutional systems of coordination or consolidation of institutional health services (including

obstetric, pediatric, emergency medical, intensive and coronary care, and radiation therapy services); and the development of multi-institutional arrangements for the sharing of support services necessary to all health service institutions."

Sister DeChantal LaRow,

administrator of St. Mary's, indicated her pleasure in the "Catholic" presence in the proposed system. That presence, she said, has been a part of Rochester health care services from the beginning. (St. Mary's is the first hospital in the area). Maintaining that component is vital to the structure of the new plan.

Chavez, Teamsters Term Agreement 'Breakthrough'

Burlingame, Calif. (RNS) — The United Farm Workers, having reached a jurisdictional agreement with the Teamsters which leaves the fields open to the Chavez-led union, now expect to concentrate all their energies on organizing farm workers and reaching contract settlements with growers.

But UFW officials here stressed that the boycotts against Gallo wines, grape and lettuce growers, will continue and that the recalcitrance of the growers is still the "major obstacle."

In New York, the Rev. David Koehler, a United Church of Christ clergyman who heads the UFW office there, said "all the agreement means is that we (the UFW and Teamsters) are not fighting each other. The real problem, as always, is the growers."

He noted that despite the fact that the UFW won some 200 union organizing elections in California, only

50 or so contracts were signed by growers. "We won the elections but failed in the negotiations," he said, adding that UFW offices in 50 major cities would continue to promote boycotts until the UFW and the growers got together.

The agreement signed by the Teamsters and the UFW at the former's Western headquarters in Burlingame, Calif., is expected to end more than ten years of strife over organizing agricultural workers in the Western U.S. It sets up jurisdictions, with the UFW organizing field workers and the Teamsters confining their efforts to cannery workers.

UFW President Cesar Chavez said the benefits of the agreement are "going to be enormous for farm workers. We are extremely pleased. We didn't get everything we wanted but it's tremendous."

At a joint news conference with Chavez, Teamsters' president Frank Fitzsimmons said "this

shows what determination can do in overcoming seemingly insurmountable differences. The whole nation will see the benefits of this agreement."

Pastors

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Theology from the last named school in 1943.

In 1944, Father Egan was named professor of Dogmatic Theology at St. Bernard's Seminary. His seminary career, during which he also taught patristic theology, spanned 23 years.

In 1966 he was named pastor of St. Patrick's in Elmira.

The Pastoral Office noted that Father Egan will reside with his mother in Horseheads, caring for her. He also will engage in research and writing projects and will serve various parishes in the Southern Tier.

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