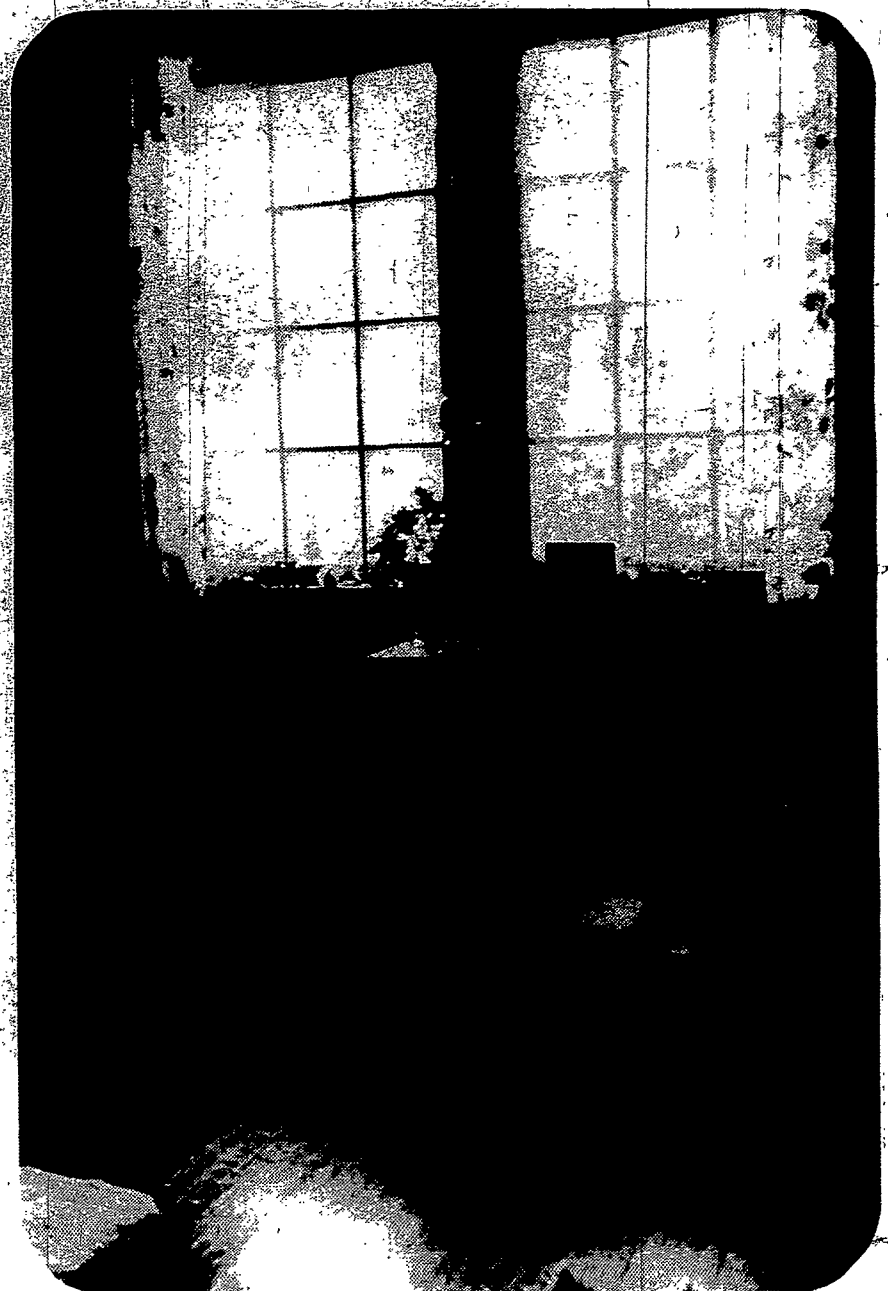




The chapel provides an atmosphere of intimacy with the Lord.



A shrine stands against the window in a sister's room.

A House of Prayer

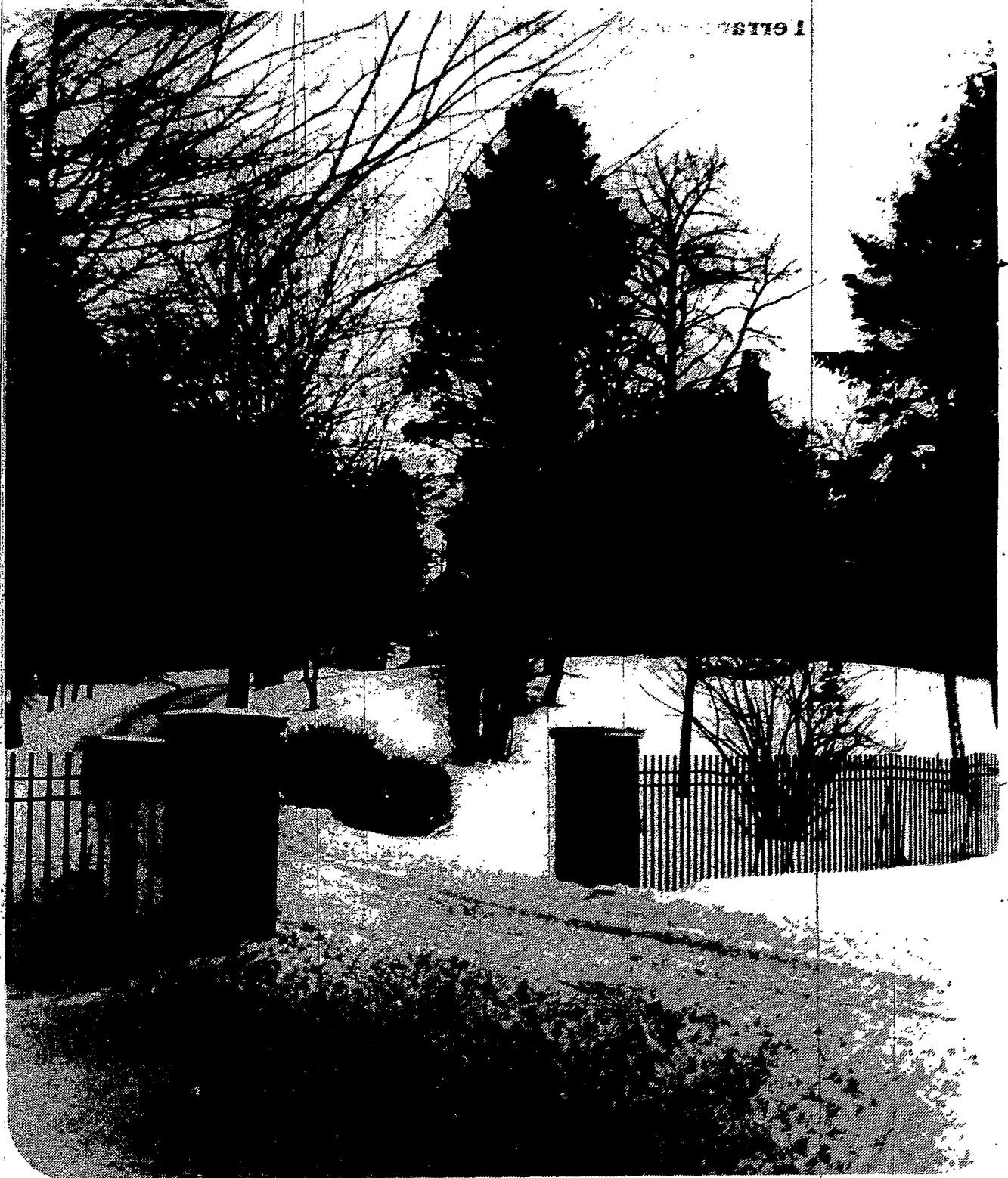
There is little to identify it on the outside other than the discrete number on the iron fencing surrounding the property. A long drive ascends a pine covered hill at the summit of which stands a stately private home, or so it seems. The moment one enters the grounds, the city which surrounds the estate disappears from view and a sense of tranquility and quiet descends.

The place is the Prayer Center of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the site of a relatively recent apostolate ministering to the needs of all, priests, religious and laity; who find themselves lacking the time and silence to pursue their prayer lives adequately.

The house at 428 Mt. Vernon Ave. recently came under the direction of a new team of Sisters of St. Joseph, according to sister Judy Reger, spokesperson for the team, although she has for several years been serving as meeting and retreat place.

This year the team hopes to expand the scope of the center's programs and has already hosted a number of groups which include priest, religious and lay participants.

The phone number of the Prayer Center is 244-1416.



Sister Helen Gray, another member of the team, samples the soup for the day's dinner.