

## Extends Hand to Parishes, Invites Singers to Join Diocesan Festival Choir

The Diocesan Festival Choir, now in its fifth season, has incorporated and is extending its work to include not only a sacred concert during the Easter season in 1979 but also several liturgical celebrations, according to Sister Virginia Hogan, its director.

The liturgical group, consisting of 28 members while the general choir will have about 75, gave its first appearance of the season last Saturday at St. Theodore's. It also is scheduled Jan. 13 at St. Helen's and dates are being arranged with St. Stanislaus, Holy Ghost and St. Bernard's Seminary, according to Sister Virginia.

"One of the main purposes of the choir," she said, "is to encourage and strengthen existing choirs

and through the celebration of the liturgy in various churches to bring an awareness of the function choirs can and are meant to play in church worship."

She has asked pastors, choir directors and liturgy committee members to "encourage singers to join the choir."

Last year, she said, members came from more than 30 parishes in the Rochester area.

The choir has been meeting Sunday nights at St. Thomas More on East Avenue in Rochester and will begin rehearsals in January for the Easter season concert April 29, also at St. Thomas More.

"The program will consist of Christ Lag in Todebanden by Bach and

Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten," Sister Virginia said. She added that a string orchestra will complement the DFC for the concert.

While this will be the main performance by the choir, Sister Virginia said that it is equally important that the choir appear at parishes.

"Anyone wishing us to perform or anyone who wants to join the choir should contact me at 223-9006," she said.

Dr. Michael La Iuppa was elected president of the new Board of Trustees. Other officers are George Kelly, first vice president; Sister Barbara Staropoli, second vice president; Mary Ann Guariglia, secretary, and Richard Blankenfield, treasurer.

## AQ Teachers Learning About Religious Life

Tim Matovina and Mark Shultz have two things in common — they teach English at Aquinas Institute and are Basilian Associates. According to AQ sources, only associates can now enter the Basilian Novitiate.

Tim and Mark will enter the novitiate in August, 1979. After a year of intense study and practice of religious life, they will take their vows as Basilians and then begin their theological studies which culminate in ordination to the priesthood.

Tim a native of Gary, Indiana is an alumnus of the city's Basilian facility, Andrean High School. He graduated from Indiana University in May 1978.

Mark, a native of Griffith, Indiana did not attend Andrean but met the Basilians through the active retreat program for teenagers which the school conducts. Mark is a 1978 graduate of Purdue University.

Both young men joined the Basilian Associate Program while students in



Tim and Mark who are interning as future Basilians while teaching English at Aquinas.

College. They now live in the Aquinas Basilian Residence, attending prayers, meals, meetings and recreation programs with the priests. By receiving this lengthy first hand experience of living an active Basilian life, they will be able to make an informed and mature decision about taking vows.

At present there are 28 Basilian Associates. Some are teaching in Basilian high schools. One just graduated from the University of Detroit and is working in the Missions in Mexico City. The other associates are attending

college at Catholic and secular institutions across the U.S. and in Canada. There is another working on a degree from Oxford University, England. At the completion of their Bachelor degrees, each will spend a year or two in apostolic work, living with a Basilian community and then entering the novitiate in Rochester.

Presently there are three Aquinas grads who are associates: Jim Scarfia (74), who now teaches Religion at Andrean; Brian Bacon (76) is in his second year at St. John Fisher; and Tom Rosica (77) who will graduate from St. John Fisher in 1980.

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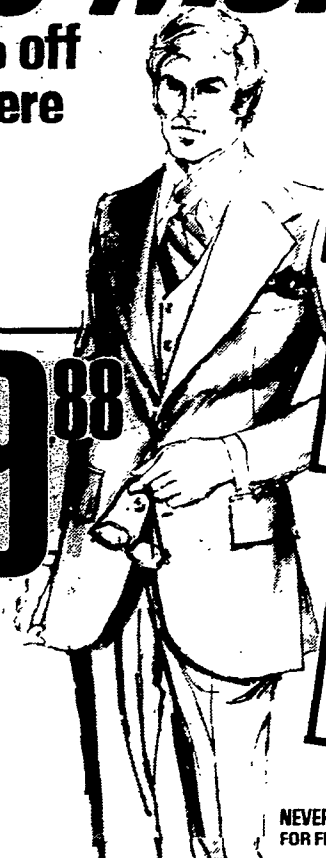
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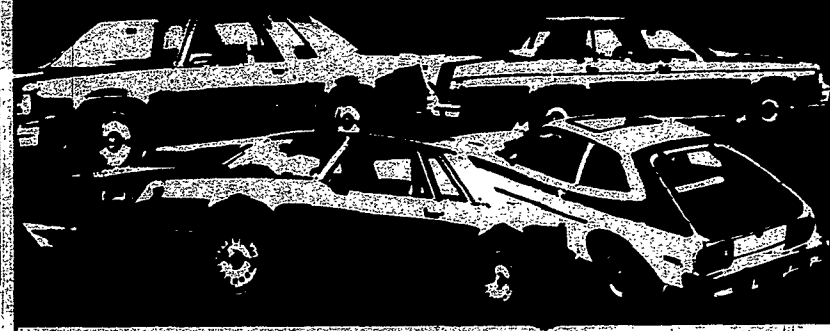
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