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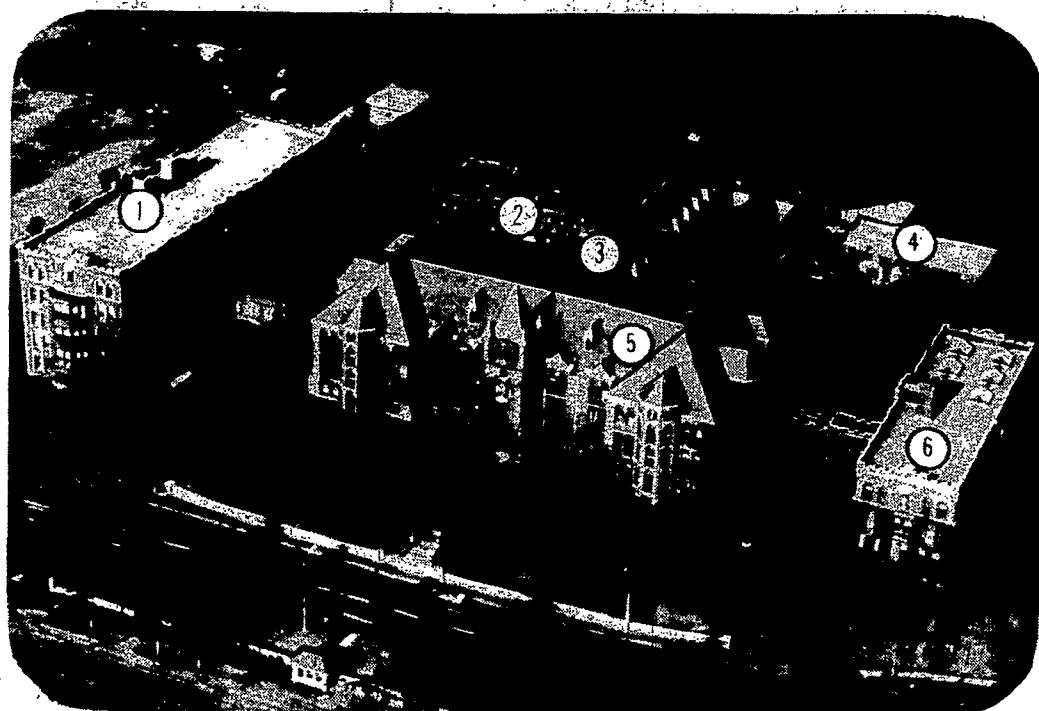
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Various buildings at St. Bernard's: 1. North Building; 2. Bishop Hogan Center for Continuing Education; 3. chapel; 4. annex; 5. Main Building; 6. South Building, library.

St. Bernard's Lists Development Plans

St. Bernard's Seminary announced last week that it is drafting two formal master plans, one for the school's development as a center for theological education and preparation for ministry, and the other for the use of its facilities.

According to a statement issued by the Lake Avenue institution, the development plan "responds to the demands posed by the post-conciliar movement. These include a broadened concept of ministry, increased participation of laity in the life and work of the Church, continued professional development of those in pastoral work and requests made by many individuals for degree and non-degree programs in theology."

Dr. Ralph Gennarino,

former vice president of the State University College at Brockport, is acting as consultant on the development plan.

The school said the intent of the development plan is to "articulate and promote a shared understanding of the mission and goals of the institution and how to accomplish them; encourage better allocation and utilization of budget and space; be an instrument for generating support by strengthening the institutional case before various public bodies; make feasible objective evaluation vital to the growth of the institution."

The seminary is already altering its facilities under the second plan, still being drawn up by Schickel Design and Development Co. of

Loveland, O., and Ithaca, N.Y.

The seminary said that work is underway to consolidate seminary programs and free up excess space for other uses.

The main building, by the beginning of the school year, will house student and faculty residences, classrooms and community living areas. The residences are being refurbished, the sanitary facilities updated, and classrooms relocated and redecorated. Faculty offices will be located in the library building.

The school said that under this design the north building will be free "for non-seminary use."

The plan also designates the annex as the center for the diocesan Permanent Diaconate program.



Things are a bit disheveled at St. Bernard's as renovation work gets under way.

Seminary Collection

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has authorized a special Seminary Collection Sept. 22-23 in all parishes of the diocese.

A long-standing tradition, the special Fall collection will help support the two diocesan seminaries — St. Bernard's and Becket Hall.

St. Bernard's and Becket Hall have scheduled open houses from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. All are invited.

Does Papal Gesture Signal Peking Ties?

Castelgandolfo (RNS) — Pope John Paul II, in a significant diplomatic gesture, has called for resumption of ties between the Vatican and Roman Catholics in the Chinese People's Republic, many of whom form part of a government-sponsored breakaway church.

An authoritative Vatican source called the pontiff's remarks on China a "major diplomatic initiative," directed not only to the Chinese Catholics but also to Peking's Communist government.

In his first public comment on the Church in China, the Polish pontiff praised what he said were recent indications of growing official religious tolerance, and said he "constantly" prayed to God for "the great Chinese people, the most numerous of all the world's peoples."

The Pope spoke from the balcony of the papal summer residence here to pilgrims and visitors in the courtyard. His remarks were carried by live radio transmission to loudspeakers set up in St. Peter's Square.

The Vatican lost official contact with Catholics

in China in 1949, the year the Communists took over that country.

"For 30 years," the pontiff said, "the news which we have had of these, our brothers, has been scarce and uncertain; yet we do not cease to nourish the

hope of being able to link up once again with them in that direct contact which has never been spiritually broken."

The Communist authorities formally established the

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USCC Urges 'Labor Board'

Washington (RNS) — The 1979 Labor Day Statement of the U.S. Catholic Conference challenges bishops and church-related school administrators "to establish in cooperation with Catholic teachers unions . . . a voluntary substitute for the National Labor Relations Board."

The statement also says that, in view of the social teaching of the Church, "teachers in Catholic schools who want to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining must be granted the right to do so through a union or association of their own choice." The statement calls on bishops and school administrators to

"unequivocally recognize the rights of their employees to organize."

Authored by veteran USCC labor-management expert, Msgr. George G. Higgins, the statement declares that a voluntary labor relations agency is essential, in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling earlier this year that teachers in Church-related schools are not subject to NLRB jurisdiction.

"If such voluntary boards or agencies are not established," the USCC statement says, "teachers in Catholic Schools, even if organized into a bona fide

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Makes His Point

Father Eugene Walsh, SS, the nationally acclaimed liturgical expert, gestures during an address given last Saturday at the annual diocesan Liturgical Institute. Story is on Page 2.