

Father Firpo and Father O'Brien looking over the new altar.

Organ Installation Planned in Spring

The organ in the new church will be known as the Notre Dame Pipe Organ. It was constructed in 1875 for the University of Notre Dame, in South Bend, Ind., by Derrick and Felgemaker of Erie, Pa. The organ was one of the largest they built, with some 2,500 pipes.

The organ served Notre Dame in Sacred Heart Church for more than a century. The university received the gift of a new organ, which made the

present organ available. Father David Fedor, associate pastor at St. Mary Our Mother at the time, negotiated with the university, and on June 3, 1977, received word that the parish could have the instrument if they removed it.

Under the direction of Father Fedor and Waldo Longwell, the organ was dismantled and moved from South Bend to Horseheads the week of June 19, 1977. Later it was moved to the Berkshire

Organ Company in West Springfield, Mass., where it was completely rebuilt and redesigned. The pipes were revoiced and the entire tonal scheme was modified in keeping with the best standards of organ building. The instrument contains three divisions, 26 ranks and 1,428 pipes on slider-pallet wind-chests.

Present plans call for the organ to be installed in the church in the spring of 1980.

"Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labor, and shalt do thy works. But on the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work on it, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy beast, nor the stranger that is within thy gates.

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are in them, and rested on the seventh day: therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

(Ex. 20:8-11)

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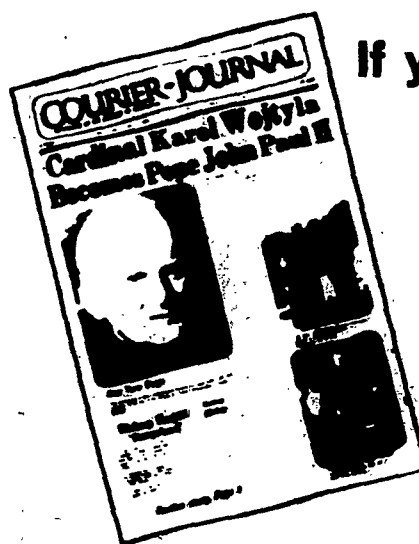
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