



ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, JENNINGS COUNTY — scene of three jubilees.

AT ST. ANNE PARISH

Tri-jubilee rites set in Jennings County

NORTH VERNON, Ind. — A triple celebration is planned at St. Anne's parish, Jennings County, on May 22, to observe the 125th anniversary of the parish, the centennial of the erection of the present church, and the silver sacerdotal jubilee of the pastor, Father Robert Wilhelm.



REV. ROBERT WILLHELM — jubilarian.

Archbishop Schulte will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. on that day on the parish grounds.

One of the oldest parishes in the Archdiocese, St. Anne's was first settled by Irish and German immigrant families, mostly railroad construction workers, in the 1830's. Descendants of many of the early families still remain in the rural Jennings County area.

replaced by the present brick structure in 1866. The old church became the school building.

The bell tower was built adjacent to the church in 1885. Its base forms the front entrance to the church. A statue of St. Anne, patron of the parish, was placed in the alcove of the tower above the entrance. The three bells in the tower today are the same ones installed in 1885. Fire destroyed the parish rectory and records in 1960.

ST. ANNE'S observed its parish centenary in 1941 with a Cardinal Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter, then bishop of Indianapolis.

The parish school was discontinued in 1963. The building is now used for social and community affairs.

Funeral services held for former diocesan priest

Funeral services for Father Joseph M. Busald, 64, former Archdiocesan priest who had been on active duty in the Jefferson City, Mo., office for several years, were held in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Indianapolis, this past Wednesday.

He died Monday in St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove, where he had been brought recently following a stroke suffered several weeks ago in Bethesda, Md., where he was serving as administrator of St. Anthony's parish.

The funeral Mass was offered by a brother, Father Carl Busald, pastor of St. Catherine's parish. Archbishop Schulte imparted the absolution. The sermon was given by Very Rev. George B. Salm, V.F. Burial was in the priest's circle of Calvary Cemetery.

A native of Indianapolis, Father Busald attended St. Meinrad Seminary and was ordained there in 1929. He served as a priest of the diocese for 20 years.

In addition to Father Carl Busald, a sister, Miss Alma Busald, survives. Msgr. Albert Busald, pastor of St. Philip Neri parish, Indianapolis, is a cousin.

Splash privileges

CORNWALL, Ont. — Nuns will use the YMCA-YWCA swimming pool here this fall. Fourteen priests already are enrolled as members of the YMCA and are using the facilities. Lt. Col. D. C. Stewart, YMCA president, said 10 nuns in the Alexandria diocese will use the pool. He said arrangements for use of the pool were a result of a meeting with Auxiliary Bishop J. A. Plourde of Alexandria more than a year ago.

ON 84th BIRTHDAY

Father John's retirement marks the end of an era

By PAUL G. FOX

In recent years Father John Riedinger has celebrated his birthdays publicly with his intensely loyal parishioners at Little Flower parish, Indianapolis. This year is no exception. But the occasion takes on a note of sadness for many this year as he is widely known by his innumerable friends. They have been building years, as the parish has labored to keep pace with the physical needs necessary to accommodate nearly 5,000 parishioners.

FATHER JOHN was 60 years of age when he assumed the Little Flower pastorate. Many a man would have concluded that he would "make his mark" in the parish annals if he could retire the \$125,000 debt which existed in 1942, a time of uncertainty because of World War II.

Missionaries

WASHINGTON — A total of 9,292 Catholic missionaries from the United States are serving overseas, according to a report on overseas missionary personnel compiled and soon to be published by the U.S. bishop's Mission Secretariat. The number represents an increase of 1,166 missionaries over 1964.

The present pastor is the 35th to serve the 125-year-old parish.

With soon-to-be-regarded as "typical" determination, the pastor led the parish to a mortgage-burning session within three and one-half years.

During the post-war years he launched the parish into an ambitious building program. A convent for the Franciscan Sisters who staff the parish school was completed in 1947 and their former residential facilities in the school building were converted into needed classrooms.

Richmond parish schools to receive federal funds

RICHMOND, Ind.—A federal grant of \$17,037 to the Richmond Community Schools will enable parochial school youngsters to take remedial or enrichment classes this summer at two Catholic schools here.

Classes will be held for five weeks beginning June 20 at St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Schools. The teaching staffs will be composed of six Oldenburg Franciscan nuns at St. Andrew's and eight Sisters of Providence at St. Mary's.

No classes will be held at Holy Family School. Although pupils there are included in the federal grant and will be eligible to attend classes at either of the other two schools.

BOTH SCHOOLS will offer remedial reading, grades two to seven; remedial mathematics, grades three to six; advanced reading, grades five and six; and advanced science, grades five to seven.

Enrollment is limited to 12 pupils per teacher each period in order to allow time for individual attention.

NO CHARGES will be made for books, supplies or courses. Pumps for these and for teacher salaries and for other facilities are included in the grant, which was made under Title I of Public Law 89-10, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Besides the teachers, each school will hire a clerk-librarian. In addition each teacher will have a high school girl as a teacher's aide.

Among the equipment included in the grant are three 5000 science labs, tape recorders, film strips, movie projectors, overhead projectors, thermometers, copiers, filmstrips, projectors, books and other classroom supplies.

One of the science labs will be transferred to Holy Family School next fall for use there. The other equipment, all of which remains government property, will be kept at the schools.

SISTER ELLEN Mary, S.P.S., St. Mary's principal, is in charge of coordinating the parochial schools' part. Also on the 30-member committee are Sister Mary Paula, O.S.F.S., St. Andrew's principal and Sister Ruth Ellen, O.S.F., Holy Family principal.

Richmond's total share of Indiana's allotment of \$18,378,028 under the education act is \$166,057.22.

Other phases of the federal aid program available to parochial school pupils through the Richmond Community Schools include home and school counseling service to help resolve problems in learning resulting from inadequate housing, chronic unemployment, broken homes and other social and family dependency.

(Earlier this week President Johnson sent to Congress a report which states that nearly

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FIFTH ABBOT SINCE 1870

Archabbot Bonaventure resigns; headed St. Meinrad's 11 years

ST. MEINRAD, Ind.—Archabbot Bonaventure Knaebel, O.S.B., resigned this week as spiritual leader of St. Meinrad Benedictine Archabbey. He also is vacating his position as chancellor of the School of Theology and College of Liberal Arts, associated with the monastery.

Members of the 112-year-old monastic community will elect a successor to Archabbot Bonaventure on June 3. He will continue in his position until that time.

Archabbot Bonaventure, who is 47 years old, was elected as Coadjutor Archabbot in 1955 to succeed Archabbot Ignatius Esser, who had held the post since 1930. He became Archabbot five years later when Archabbot Ignatius relinquished the "place of honor" in the community.

UPON HIS election 11 years ago, Archabbot Bonaventure became the first native-born science degree and master graduate studies at the Catholic University of Pittsburgh.

In the announcement of his resignation, Archabbot Bonaventure cited the "many changes in the Church and in the world around us. In some ways the problems of the past 11 years have been as difficult as much longer periods of the past.

"When I accepted the mandate of the Abbey Chapter to take upon myself the responsibility of guiding the future of St. Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary," he stated, "I felt that it was my duty to comply with the will of the chapter members.

"Now after 11 years of responsibility and long consideration, I have come to the conclusion that I now have the right to give the responsibility of the future of St. Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary back to the group who gave it to me. Consequently, I ask the Holy Father for permission to resign, and my request has been granted.

"I shall continue to be a member of St. Meinrad Archabbey, working on one of the other projects, and giving the new Archabbot all my support."

A NATIVE OF New Albany, he attended Holy Trinity parish.

DCCO to sponsor benefit dance for Muscatatuck

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indianapolis Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a charity ball for the benefit of retarded children, Thursday, May 26, in the Cole Porter Room of the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Dancing to music of Hoosier composers Cole Porter and Hoagy Carmichael will begin at 9:30, followed by a half-hour harp concert by Mrs. John F. Wild. Tickets are \$10 per couple.

Msgr. Cornelius B. Sweeney, V.G., will be featured speaker at a luncheon June 2, at Our Lady of Fatima Council 3228, Knights of Columbus, at which time a check representing the proceeds from the dance will be presented to Dr. Donald H. Jolly, superintendent of Muscatatuck State School.

Mrs. F. Thomas Bryant, Jr., of Greensburg parish, is general chairman.



ARCHABBOT BONAVENTURE KNAEBEL, O.S.B. — fifth abbot of Benedictine monastery in Spencer County.

school there, entering St. Meinrad Seminary in 1931. He was ordained a Benedictine monk in 1943 by another New Albany native—Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter, then Bishop of Indianapolis.

Father Bonaventure was chairman of the mathematics and science departments in the seminary at the time of his election. He holds a master of science degree and master graduate studies at the Catholic University of Pittsburgh.

Many advances have been made at St. Meinrad during the tenure of Archabbot Bonaventure. The monastery has made two dependent foundations in that time—St. Charles Priory in Oceanside, Calif., and St. Benedict Priory in Huaraz, Peru, the first foreign foundation from St. Meinrad.

Other improvements include the formation of a Development Program Committee for the monastic community and schools, the erection of St. Jude Guest House and year-round retreat program, and the reorganization of the Abbey Press.

Accreditation of the School of Theology and the College of Liberal Arts by the National Council of Catholic Bishops also achieved under Archabbot Bonaventure's direction as chancellor of the seminary schools. Revision of the school's Board of Trustees and the formation of a Board of Overseers, including diocesan clergy and laymen, have also recently been announced.

ONE OF the largest Benedictine monasteries in the world, St. Meinrad numbers 128 priests, 62 brothers and numerous candidates to the religious life. It was founded in 1854 by two monks from Einsiedeln Abbey, Switzerland, and was raised to the status of an abbey in 1870.

Coadjutor Abbot David Melancon, O.S.B., of St. Joseph's Abbey, Covington, La., abbot of the Swiss-American Congregation of Benedictine monasteries in the United States, will preside at the election of a new archabbot on June 3 at St. Meinrad.

California housing law is reversed

SAN FRANCISCO—The California Supreme Court has held unconstitutional a section of the state constitution nullifying California fair housing laws.

The state court held that the provision of the state constitution violates the U.S. Constitution. The decision was rendered (May 10) by a 5-2 vote.

California voters approved the constitutional provision in the November, 1964, election by a 2-1 margin. Known as Proposition 13, the provision nullified state laws barring racial discrimination in the sale or rental of privately owned real estate.

THE BISHOPS of five northern California Sees opposed the constitutional provision in a brief filed with the state high court last year. They said the provision "sanctions, reinforces, encourages and perpetuates . . . segregation in housing."

Justice Paul Peek wrote the majority opinion for state court. He said it is "now beyond dispute" that the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right to acquire property without racial or religious discrimination.

He held that the provision of the state constitution "significantly deprives citizens of private discriminatory acts."

"We cannot realistically conclude," he said, "that because the final act of discrimination is undertaken by a private party uninvolved with any personal economic or social considerations, we must close our eyes and ears to the events which purport to make the final act legally possible."

THE TWO dissenting justices maintained that "nothing in the federal Constitution gives one citizen the right to acquire property from another citizen who does not wish to sell it to him, even if the refusal is based on race or religion."

The decision means the release of \$22 million in federal urban redevelopment funds for California cities which had been held up because state law contradicted federal regulations against discrimination in housing.

Gary diocese merges several parochial schools

GARY, Ind.—A series of consolidations of Catholic elementary schools in the Gary diocese was announced recently by Bishop Andrew G. Grutka.

The mergers are planned to eliminate some of the disadvantages of the smaller schools and to improve the standards of the parochial school system. In the consolidated schools, which will open next fall, there will be only one class to a room, a maximum 40 students per classroom, and teachers will be able to departmentalize.

Another innovation will be the installation of television receivers in the classrooms for the study of science over Chicago Area School Television.

MSGR. F. J. MELEVAGE, school superintendent, said the changes are in line with Vatican II's recommendation that Catholic schools be upgraded. "Our aim is to bring each school up to a certain standard of excellence," Msgr. Melevage said, "and we can do so sometimes."

Homes to become 'chapels'

BERLIN—Permission will be granted to keep the Blessed Sacrament in private homes in Poland if the Polish government does not allow more new churches to be built, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński of Warsaw told a congregation of 2,000 in Warsaw on his return from millennium celebrations at Czestochowa.

"Despite all applications there is permanent refusal," the Primate of Poland said: "If we are not allowed to build shrines for the Blessed Sacrament, then I as your bishop will give permission to keep the Sacrament in private homes—as it was during the German occupation."

Church spokesmen said that the government had spent huge sums of money rebuilding churches ruined during World War II but that permission to build new ones was difficult to obtain.