



LADYWOOD SCHOOL—This recent aerial view by Photographer Robert Lavelle highlights the six unit academic complex at Ladywood School which was dedicated in 1963. A benefit polo match scheduled Sunday afternoon at Fort Benjamin Harrison will provide funds for the purchase of equipment still needed to complete furnishing of the \$2.5 million complex.

AID IN NEW ALBANY CENSUS

Deacons and seminarians receive on-the-job training

By PAUL G. FOX

NEW ALBANY, Ind. — "On the job training" for deacons and older seminarians of the Archdiocese is being conducted year-round at Holy Trinity parish here in an atmosphere of post-conciliar teamwork between the clergy, seminarians and laity.

Under the leadership of the pastor, Father Bernard Gerdon, the parish priests, two deacons, four other seminarians and the Legion of Mary have systematically concluded an exhaustive city-wide census which will benefit not only Holy Trinity parish but nearby St. Mary's parish, whose boundaries run concurrent.

Rev. Mr. Melvin Bertrand, one of 13 Archdiocesan deacons ordained by Archbishop Schulte last May, has worked full-time on the census project this past summer in addition to other sacramental and pastoral duties in the parish. Bertrand, a mem-

ber of St. Mary's parish, Floyd Knobs, will begin his final year of seminard studies next month at St. Meinrad School of Theology.

OTHERS INVOLVED in the program are Rev. Mr. Wilfred Day, a deacon from St. Mary's parish, Lanesville, who worked earlier in the summer at Our Lady of Peace Hospital in Louisville; Father Silvan Brown, a Benedictine priest from St. Meinrad Archabbey; Jeffrey Godecker, second year theology student from Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, New Albany; Richard Rouck and Fred Denison, seminary college students at St. Meinrad from St. Mary's parish; New Albany; and Thomas Floaden, St. Meinrad theology student from the Louisville Archdiocese.

Father Gerdon, who has pioneered in providing "field training" for members of the Apostolic Works Committee at the Spencer County seminary, had high praise for the efforts of Bertrand and others.

St. John's professors appeal tribunal ruling

NEW YORK—A group of professors dismissed by St. John's University has appealed a New York state court ruling that the case cannot be settled by an ecclesiastical court. The professors, led by Father Peter O'Reilly of Chicago, appealed the matter to the Metropolitan Tribunal of the New York archdiocese. If that Tribunal dismisses the case, it can be appealed to the Sacred Roman Rota, the Church's highest court.

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THE PROFESSORS challenged all three reasons in their appeal, addressed to Msgr. Stephen J. Kelleher, official of the New York Tribunal.

They argued that the charges made in the civil court and those in the ecclesiastical court are different. The civil case, they said, is based on the charge that the university vio-

'Unsuitable'

MADRID — Spanish priests, authorized since August 1 to wear either black clerical suits or traditional cassocks have found that the suit costs a lot more than the cassock. In some areas the price difference is great enough to prevent priests from buying a suit, although clerics in the cities have adopted the suit enthusiastically despite the expense.

lated the constitution of the state of New York, which grants the right to organize a union. The ecclesiastical court, they said, was asked to decide a "moral and ethical issue," the breach of contract.

AND, THEY ADDED when St. John's was expanded in 1956, it was an ecclesiastical institution and was done by authority of the late Bishop Thomas Molloy of Brooklyn. It therefore enjoys the privilege of the Tribunal, the professors said.

The Brooklyn Tribunal had said it is impossible to determine whether Bishop Molloy meant to give the deacons canonical status, but that probably "this was not his intention."



INITIATE NEW ALBANY CENSUS—Spearheaded by two Archdiocesan deacons, an exhaustive city-wide pastoral census has been conducted this summer in New Albany. Shown above are a few of the key members of the project, from left: Rev. Mr. Melvin Bertrand, Rev. Mr. Wilfred Day, seminarian Jeffrey Godecker and Mrs. Louise Livingston, secretary at Holy Trinity parish, New Albany, headquarters for the project. (Photo by Houghton Studios)

"He has had more experience in meeting people from all walks of life and talking with them about a great variety of problems and situations in one summer than I have accumulated in 28 years as a priest," the pastor commented.

The Floyd County deacon commented that his greatest reward was "the benefits of excellent communications and teamwork between the parish clergy and the census workers."

"We met regularly in the evenings to discuss each other's successes and failures, shared our experiences, and profited from the constructive critiques offered by the priests and our co-workers," he said.

THE GROUP certainly did not begin the census "from scratch" as the parish clergy workers have faithfully kept current records the past several years. New Albany's city directory provided the "starting point" in the immense project. A house-to-house canvass was conducted, after noting the "Catholic Households" culled from the parish records at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's parishes. Census cards were prepared by the parish's Legion of Mary members.

More than 200 "cases" were discovered by the census workers which required the follow-up services of the deacons and clergy. Typical pastoral problems encountered were invalid Catholic marriages, 14 p.s.e.d. members, children not receiving religious instruction, non-baptized children and shut-ins.

Father Gerdon is adamant that the impressive stack of "follow-up calls" will be made during the coming months. "A parish census has little value unless it is promptly followed-up," he commented. "Many persons have been led to believe that a parish census is the first step toward a fund-raising campaign, rather than having a pastoral purpose."

One of the more phenomenal findings in Holy Trinity parish was the concentration of more

than 450 parishioners over the age of 65, out of about 2,700 members in the parish.

The pastor cited two principal reasons for the intensive census, planned for the past four years: 1) the careful enumeration and detailed knowledge of Catholics residing in New Albany; and 2) providing an outlet for the apostolic involvement of older seminarians and deacons.

Throughout the past academic year, three deacons from St. Meinrad visited Holy Trinity each week-end and received a "full load of pastoral activity." Activities included preaching, distribution of Holy Communion, conducting catechetical instruction for school-age children attending public schools, baptizing.

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Fall Deanery Conferences set

A meeting of the Indianapolis Northside Deanery at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13, at St. Michael's parish, will open the schedule of Fall Deanery Conferences, the Chancery announced this week. Archbishop Schulte will preside at the Conferences.

The Indianapolis Southside Deanery will meet on the following day, September 14, at the Latin School, also at 2 p.m.

Following is the schedule of meetings for the other deaneries in the Archdiocese: Richmond Deanery, 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 15; Lawrenceburg Deanery (at Batesville), 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15; New Albany Deanery (at St. Mary), 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20; North Vernon Deanery (at North Vernon), 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20; Terre Haute Deanery, 3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21; Bedford Deanery, 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 23; and Tell City Deanery, 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23.

Instruction issued as a guideline for interfaith efforts

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WASHINGTON — Suggested procedures for Catholic dioceses and parishes considering membership in councils of churches are contained in a document issued jointly by the Catholic Bishops' Commission for Ecumenical Affairs and the National Council of Churches.

The document recommends an extended period of "mutual preparation" by Catholic dioceses or parishes and councils of churches prior to actual Catholic membership. But after such preparation, it says, it is possible for a Catholic body to "join wholeheartedly."

The archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M., is the only Catholic diocese in the country which now belongs to a council of churches. Individual Catholic parishes in several states belong to their local church councils. In addition, Catholic priests in a number of areas have joined local ministerial associations — more informal bodies than the church councils, which are federations of Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox bodies.

The "information" is the first of its kind issued by the working group, which was established last May.

In a memorandum accompanying the "information," the working group's co-chairmen—Bishop James G. Garberry of Columbus, Ohio, and the Rev. John Coventry Smith, general secretary of the Commission on Ecumenical Relations, United Methodist Church U.S.A.—note that it is not intended as a "final or definitive document," but represents current thinking.

"Both the Bishops' Commission and the National Council have received many requests for such information," they say. "It is our hope that this document will serve the purposes of God and the unity of His Church."

In discussing mutual preparation for membership by Catholic bodies in councils of churches, the document recommends the following steps:

- "Explore as many areas of common interest as possible."
- "Determine one or more areas in which the needs of the bodies in councils of churches, the document indicates that cooperation is desirable."
- "Develop programs or projects in one or two of these areas and carry them out together."
- "Work together for a period of a year or two, perhaps through a joint committee or other working group outside the structure of any existing organization, until the wisdom of closer ties is indicated through basic understanding and mutual commitment."
- "Discuss thoroughly the meaning, privileges, opportunities and responsibilities of membership in a council of churches."
- "After thorough discussion and appreciation of the meaning and promise of such cooperation, join wholeheartedly in membership in a council by official action of all concerned."

THE DOCUMENT outlines a number of other possible forms of collaboration between Catholics and members of other denominations. Among these are dialogues among clergy, between clergy and laity, and among laity; the exchange of observers and consultants; and



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the formation of a joint committee or working group.

One of the functions of a joint committee should be "discussion of what a council of churches is and what membership entails," it says.

It also speaks of "possible new forms" of collaboration, saying: "In a rapidly changing society and in a rapidly developing ecumenical movement, it is to be expected that new forms of cooperative activity supplementing or perhaps even altering the present form of the council of churches may commend themselves."

Another form of collaboration recommended by the document is "working together in common tasks." These include dialogues; ecumenical prayer and observances; and cooperation on such community problems as "race, poverty, urban renewal and relocation, education, delinquency, problems of aging, migrant workers, and national and world issues."

Also suggested are ecumenical open house programs; inter-denominational religious censuses; joint film, theatrical, art and music festivals; joint pastoral training institutes in marriage counseling; joint sponsorship of television and radio programs; and cooperative efforts to foster understanding of the ecumenical movement through the communications media.

The document says joint prayer is "generally acceptable and desirable" among Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox and Anglicans. But it notes that such churches observe certain "limitations" (Continued on page 9)

Papal visit

CASSELGANDOLFO, Italy — Pope Paul VI visited an oratorio near the papal summer villa here (Aug. 21). The half-hour visit was spent in visiting with the children there, and the Pope listened to several musical pieces that his young hosts had prepared for him.

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Pageantry marks abbatial blessing

By PAUL G. FOX

ST. MEINRAD, Ind.—Ten-foot abstract banners depicting love, happiness, truth and unity formed the vanguard for a processionary array of seminarians, monks, diocesan priests, monsignori, abbots, bishops and archbishops who participated in the Solemn Abbatial Blessing of the fifth abbot of St. Meinrad Benedictine Archabbey here Wednesday.

The colorful two and one-half hour ceremony marked the formal installation of 66-year-old Archabbot Gabriel Verkamp, who was elected to head the 112-year-old Spencer County monastery on June 3.

Archbishop Schulte was the consecrator, assisted by consecrators—Archabbot Bonaventure Knabel, who resigned as the fifth abbot of St. Meinrad Archabbey in May, and Abbot David Melancon, of St. Joseph's Abbey in Louisiana and abbot-president of the Swiss American Benedictine Congregation.

ATTENDING the rituals in the huge monastic sanctuary of the venerable archabbey church

were two archbishops, nine bishops, two archabbots and 15 abbots. About 20 of the distinguished guests celebrated the Pontifical Mass of Blessing with Archabbot Gabriel.

Also present were Indiana Governor Roger D. Branigin, Lieutenant Governor Robert L. Rock, and U.S. Congressman Winfield K. Denton of the Eighth District.

The archabbot-elect was presented to Archbishop Schulte at the sanctuary entrance prior to the start of the Solemn Mass. Msgr. Thomas Clarke, Evansville diocesan chancellor, read (Continued on page 9)

Church, State set-up in Haiti regularized

VATICAN CITY — The Holy See has confirmed reports that relations between Church and State in Haiti have been regularized.

The confirmation of the new accord was published in L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, which said that a protocol setting forth the details of the arrangement was signed August 15 during the visit to the Papal Secretariat of State, secretary for extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs.

The protocol was drawn up after a series of conversations between Archbishop Saverio and Haitian officials.

L'Osservatore Romano said: "In the protocol there is reaffirmed the willingness of the government of Haiti to accord in conformity with article one of the existing concordate of March 28, 1860—special protection of the Catholic Roman Apostolic Church and of all its ministers and of assuring full liberty to archbishops, bishops, vicars general and ministers of worship in the exercise of functions of their pastoral ministry according to the norms of the concordat itself, canon law and those of the Second Vatican Council."

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Ritter Junior High band sets concert

INDIANAPOLIS — The first public concert of the Ritter Junior High School band will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Robert T. Hinkle, band director at Ritter, will conduct the band, made up of 36 of the through eighth grade pupils from 10 Westside elementary schools. He will be assisted by Ralph D. Phillips, a graduate music student at Butler University. No admission will be charged for the concert.



TOMATO FESTIVAL QUEEN AND COURT—One of the seven young ladies about will reign as queen of the fifth annual Tomato Festival and Dance, to be held at St. Mary's parish, Navilleton, on Saturday, Aug. 27, in the parish hall. The event is sponsored by the Junior CYO of the Floyd County parish. Popular vote will select the festival queen. The Galavies will provide live entertainment. Above, kneeling from left, are: Mary Ellen Krueger, Jill Naville and Barbara Miller. Standing from left: Susie Krueger, Jan Naville, Terri Bryant and Janice Seng. All are students at Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarksville. (Staff photo)