

New Seminary planned in Indianapolis

Center visualized for theology study

A new theological seminary will open in Indianapolis next fall, according to an announcement made yesterday. To be known as the Catholic Seminary of Indianapolis, the institution will be located on a 155-acre tract between Michigan Road (Highway 421) and White River in the northwest section of Marion County.

The new seminary is envisioned as an eventual center of theological studies, with various institutes and religious orders invited to share the campus, resulting in a pooling of theological faculty and administration.

Christian Theological Seminary, a Protestant institution located nearby, has offered to share classroom and other academic facilities with the new seminary on a temporary basis. Butler University and Marian College are also both located within ten minutes' drive of the new seminary location.

UNDERTAKING the project is the newly-formed Catholic Seminary Foundation of Indianapolis, which will eventually include representatives of the various dioceses, orders and prominent laymen. The Foundation was incorporated July 5, 1966, with the Indiana Secretary of State's office by Father Mario William Shaw, O.S.B., Father Bernard L. Strange and Daniel G. Tinder, an attorney. All three reside in Indianapolis.

The first definite commitment from a theological college to use the proposed Indianapolis seminary next fall is St. Mary's Seminary now operated by the Benedictine Fathers in South Union, Ky. They will bring nearly 60 students and a faculty.

Several buildings now situated on the seminary site will be renovated for occupancy, while temporary dormitory housing will be erected to serve the student enrollment. Erection of new permanent buildings by the seminary will be delayed to allow for a full year of architectural planning and another year of construction.

DR. BEAUFORD A. Norris, president of the Christian Theological Seminary, has provided major support and encouragement for the project. A denominational Protestant seminary, Christian Theological is the successor to the Butler University School of Religion.

"We are working with the Catholic Seminary of Indianapolis in a program of sharing facilities to make Indianapolis a national center for these studies," Dr. Norris stated. "We are preparing a joint program of sharing facilities to make Indianapolis a national center for these studies."

Christian Theological recently moved to its new 20-acre campus at 1000 West 42nd Street, which includes impressive seminary buildings designed by New York architect Edward Larabee Barnes. It has an enrollment of 232 students and 20 faculty members, representing various disciplines.

According to the plan of development, the Catholic Seminary will maintain a distinct and independent academic unit with its own faculty and administration. Each of the proposed Catholic theological colleges, united under the Seminary Foundation, will maintain its own residence hall and common life. Classrooms, recreational and food service facilities will be shared by all.

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OUR HOOSIER HERITAGE—The classic steeple of the Old Cathedral at Vincennes was reputedly designed by Bishop Simon Brute de Remur, first Bishop of the See of Vincennes. The historic edifice, with its priceless art treasures, attracts thousands of visitors each year. The photography is by Ray Doyle, a member of Little Flower parish, Indianapolis.



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'CYO OF THE YEAR'—For the second consecutive year, the CYO unit from St. Christopher's, Speedway, won the over-all championship in the "CYO of the Year" Contest. Left to right, they are: Mark Rehn, treasurer; Bill Brothers, president; Sandy Sunier, vice-president; and Mary Martich, secretary. Father Paul Richards is the Priest Moderator for the St. Christopher unit. In addition to their over-all championship, an award recognizing the fact that the first parish to win the Outstanding Achievement Plaque, an award recognizing the fact that the unit was operating at the highest possible level of participation according to standards set up for the Contest by the CYO Priests' Advisory Board. Officers from Holy Name, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and Holy Trinity CYO units also received participation awards.

West Baden Funeral Mass held for Father Eisenman

CHICAGO—The former West Baden College, house of studies for the Society of Jesus for 20 years, was sold at auction here (Nov. 2) for an undisclosed price. Identified as the purchaser was Mr. and Mrs. Macaulay Whiting, of Midland, Mich., on behalf of Northwood College, which has educational institutions at Alma and Midland, Mich., and one in Texas.

It is expected that Northwood will open the institution for classes in the fall of 1967. Courses will be business and industry-oriented. Whiting is president of Dow International, which handles international operations of Dow Chemical Co.

The Jesuits operated the former West Baden Springs Hotel from 1934 until 1964 when they moved their house of studies to North Aurora, Ill. The property was originally given to the Jesuits by Charles E. Ballard. Built in 1901 at a cost of \$7 million, the hotel had 708 rooms erected around the famous Pompein Court.

Once termed the eighth wonder of the world, the court had what the builder called the world's widest unsupported dome—208 feet in diameter and 150 feet high and containing 18,000 square feet of windows. It flourished as a plush hotel until the depression and was shut down in 1932.

Asian prelates drop abstinence

TAIPEI, Taiwan—Bishops of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao, at a meeting here, abolished the obligation of Friday abstinence from meat for all areas under their jurisdiction.

The decision reverses a July directive issued by Taiwan's bishops that re-established the abstinence obligation after six years of dispensation.

According to the latest decision, Catholics in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao may eat meat on all days of the year except Good Friday and Ash Wednesday.

Names vicars
BOSTON—Cardinal Richard Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, named six episcopal vicars—three auxiliary bishops and three second vicars—to decentralize and make more effective the pastoral work of the archdiocese.

The 'elephant element'

DAYTON, Ohio—A nun emphasized here the need for better communication among parents and school teachers.

Sister Margareta of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., said messages sent home through students from school to parents by teachers run the risk of being lost and getting garbled.

She cited an example. An irate mother complained her daughter came home with a message. The mother said the daughter related a nun had called her "a scurvy elephant." The mother checked with the teacher, who explained she had said the girl was "a disturbing element."



RECREATION TIME IN BATESVILLE—The photo above surely represents a typical scene at any parochial school in the Archdiocese. What is any more common than a teaching Sister taking time for games with her youngsters? The three elements above are not common, however. The school is Westwood Elementary, conducted by the Batesville Community School Corporation. The 17 youngsters who attend Room 4 at Westwood are severely retarded, although their ages range from seven to 19. And their teacher is Sister Maria Angela Thomas, O.S.F., one of the few special education teachers in Indiana who works with "trainable retardates" in a classroom environment. For the details on this unique public school program in Batesville, and additional photos, see Page Three.

NEW STUDY AUTHORIZED

Pope approves effort for a common Bible

By REV. J. P. DONNELLY

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI has commissioned the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity to prepare a formal study on the widest possible distribution of Bibles, and to coordinate efforts toward common Catholic-Protestant Bibles in all languages.

The well-known Jesuit author, Father Walter Abbott of Boston has been named a personal assistant to the unity secretariat's president, Cardinal Augustin Bea, S. J., to direct the study.

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will include collecting information about the translation, production and distribution of the Bible throughout the Catholic Church.

THE SECOND Vatican Council's approval of the common Bible in principle, the spokesman said, "and of cooperation with Christians generally in the distribution of Bibles prepared for use among non-Christians has aroused the interest of societies throughout the world that exist precisely for the purpose of providing the Scriptures."

Father Abbott represented the unity secretariat at the meeting of the United Bible Societies Council held May 16-21 at Brook Hill Falls, Pa., and will represent it again at the meeting November 14-17 of the American Bible Society's advisory council, which will discuss the role of the world's largest and most influential Bible Society in a possible cooperation with the Roman Catholic Church.

The spokesman said, "They for all the Christian faithful... asked that their societies be informed about progress between their organizations and the Catholic Church in these efforts. The Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, therefore, is also studying possible cooperation with the United Bible Societies."

"Episcopal conferences have been informed about the study authorized by His Holiness and by means of a questionnaire have been asked for information on the needs, possibilities and difficulties of each area with regard to Bible translation and distribution. In some countries bishops have already worked out plans for cooperation with local Bible societies. These plans could provide useful models for directives from the Holy See."

COMMENTING on the survey of available Bible translations, Father Abbott cited statistics to indicate how much still has to be done in making the Bible known throughout the world. "Of the 2,200 languages used on earth," he said, "only 1,200 have a translation of the Bible available." He said he hoped the new project would help coordinate efforts in many more languages, and also to put low-cost Bibles into the hands of as many as possible in the languages already available.

The secretariat announcement said that the project is a step toward the implementation of chapter six of the council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, which in Article 22 states: "Easy access to Sacred Scripture should be provided... They for all the Christian faithful... asked that their societies be informed about progress between their organizations and the approval of Church authority, translations are produced in cooperation with the separated brethren as well, all Christians will be able to use them."

Brazilian nuns give Communion

FORTALEZA, Brazil—Archbishop Jose de Medeiros Delgado of Fortaleza has given permission for the distribution of Communion to Sisters and to lay visitors to the convents.

The archbishop also announced that laymen will be permitted to distribute Communion by January, 1967, if they have completed a period of training preparing them to act as deacons.

The archbishop explained that the permissions were in accord with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and the regulations of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops.

Protestants to convene at ND

A leading Protestant denomination, the United Church of Christ, will hold its 1968 national conference on the campus of Notre Dame University at South Bend, Ind. It was announced at the UCC's Board for Homeland Ministries annual meeting in Philadelphia.

More than 4,000 church school teachers and others with responsibilities for Christian education in local churches are expected to attend the gathering on the university campus.

Similar conferences have been held by the UCC in 1958 and in 1962 at Purdue University. For the first time, delegations from the eight other Protestant Churches participating in the Consultation on Church Union will attend the 1968 conference.