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IN AND AROUND ST. LOUIS

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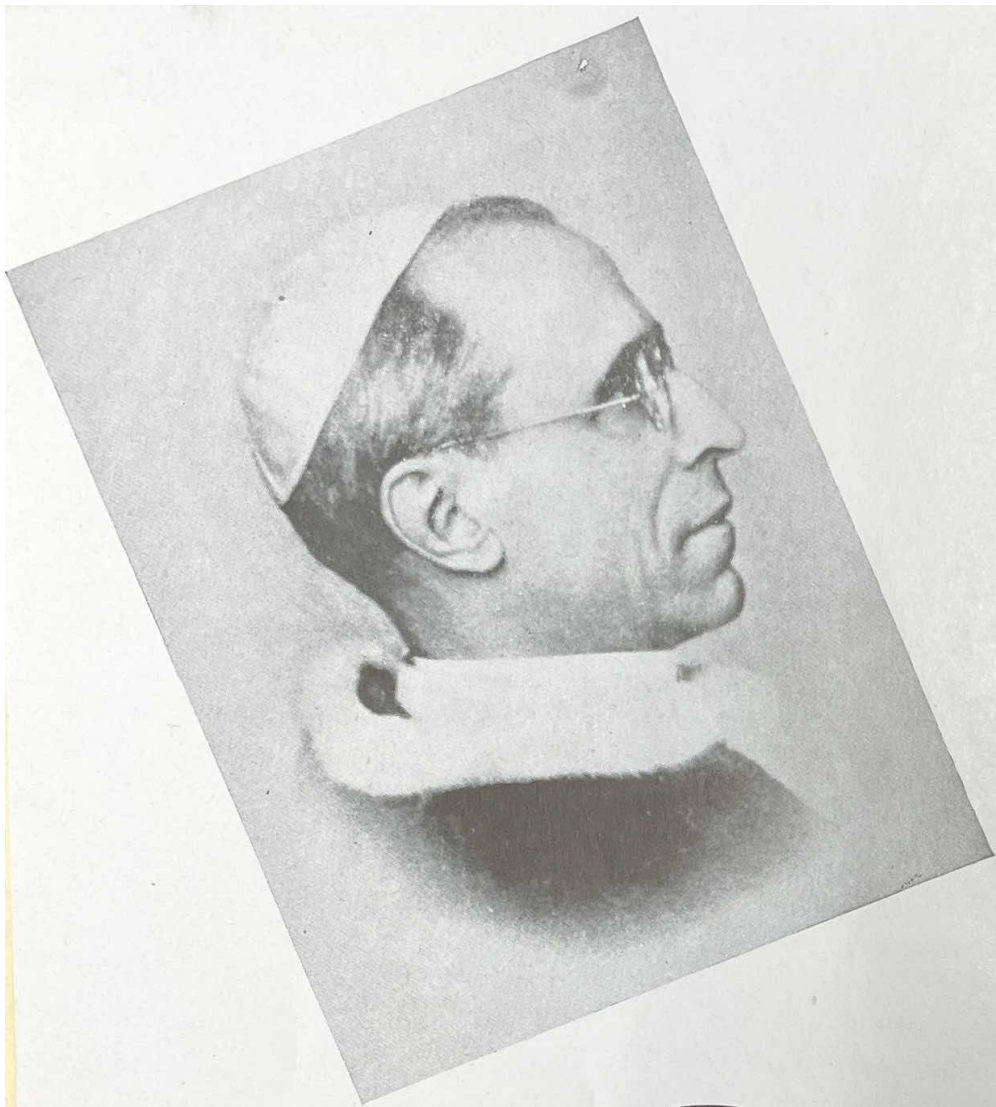
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HIS HOLINESS,
POPE PIUS XII

Foreword . . .

We confess that we feel a special paternal affection, which is certainly inspired of Heaven, for the Negro people dwelling among you; for in the field of religion and education we know that they need special care and comfort and are deserving of it. We, therefore, invoke an abundance of heavenly blessings and we pray fruitful success for those whose generous zeal is devoted to their welfare.

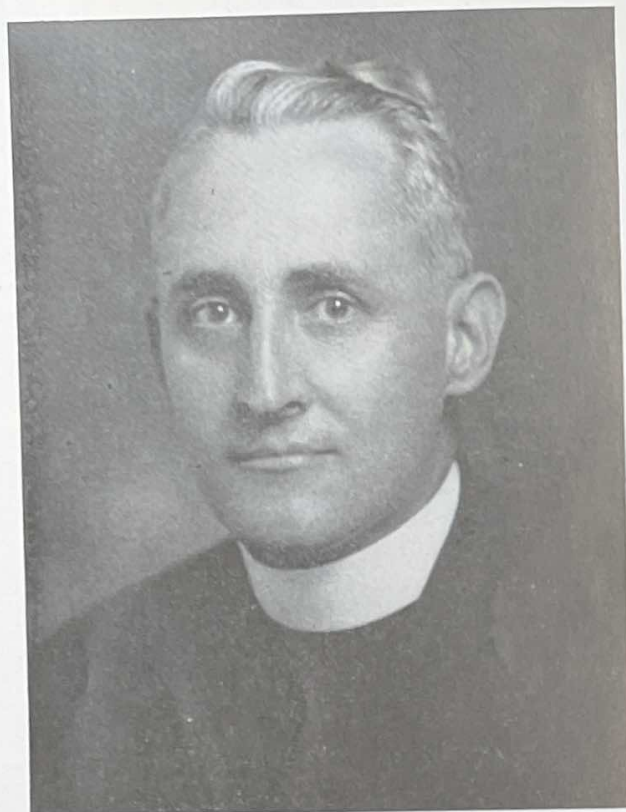
—POPE PIUS XII

What You Will See . . .

ST. LOUIS CLERGY CONFERENCE ON NEGRO WELFARE
CATHOLIC INTERRACIAL COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS
ST. MALACHY'S MEN'S CLUB
ST. LOUIS SISTER'S CONFERENCE ON NEGRO WELFARE
ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES
HELPERS OF THE HOLY SOULS AT WORK,
ST. BENEDICT'S CENTER
ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES
ST. RITA'S ACADEMY
ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL
ST. FRANCES ORPHAN HOME
BLESSED MARTIN DE PORRES' MISSION
ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, SCHOOLS AND ACTIVITIES
HOLY ANGELS' CHURCH, SCHOOL AND
MANRESA HOUSE OF RETREATS
ST. CLEMENT'S MISSION
VISITATION PARISH CHURCH
ST. BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL
SACRED HEART CENTER
ST. PETER CLAVER'S MISSION
ST. MARY'S INFIRMARY AND SCHOOL OF NURSING
ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

*Getting
Good
Advice*





REVEREND WILLIAM M. MARKOE, S.J.

With Sincere Affection and Deep Gratitude...

*S*T. MALACHY'S MEN'S CLUB dedicates this booklet to Father William M. Markoe, S.J. For eighteen years he cultivated and watered the seed of faith that had been planted in our midst. When he began he was pretty much like a voice crying in the wilderness. Now many laborers are active in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. This pictorial shows how the fruit of his labors has blossomed and ripened. Much has already been harvested. Much remains to be done. His fearlessness in preaching the truth, his courage in facing difficulties, his perseverance against discouragement and his devotion to the cause to which he had dedicated his life will always remain with us as an abiding inspiration.



*Their
First
Crib*



Standing: Fathers Warner, Heithaus, Wilmes, Markoe, Bork, Meisner, Slump, Reinelt
Sitting: Fathers Sattler, Overman, Corrigan, Molloy, Smith, Moorman, Schneider, Budzinski

Co-workers Above and Below

The St. Louis Clergy Conference on Negro Welfare (above) carries on its work under the direction of Reverend Patrick J. Molloy. Its purpose, achieved through holding regular monthly meetings, is to unify and co-ordinate the activities of its members.

The Catholic Interracial Council of St. Louis (below) has been organized to co-operate with the clergy working in the field of interracial justice. By supervised practice its members are prepared to carry the teachings of the Church to other groups.

Standing: Father Overman, Messrs. Myers, Jefferson, Geerling, Martin, Bradford, Father Markoe, Mr. Buckner
Sitting: Mr. Hall, Father Molloy, Mr. Hunter, Dr. Grant



Standing: Father Markoe, Messrs. Grant, Jefferson, Laususe, Bradford, Dr. Grant, Messrs. Evans, Jordan, Father Warner
Sitting: Messrs. Taylor, Robinson, Reeves, Dr. Innis, Messrs. Anderson, Long, Rice

Religious and Laymen Work Together

St. Malachy's Men's Club (above), sponsors of this booklet and many other good works, is a zealous group ready to jump in and help whenever and wherever its services are needed in carrying on the many activities centering at St. Malachy's Church.

To co-ordinate the activities of the many Sisters actively working in the St. Louis area the Sister's Conference on Negro Welfare (below) has been organized. Seven Congregations and eight schools are represented in this Conference which holds monthly meetings.

Left to right—Top row: Sisters Aloysine, de Paul, Mary William, Beala, Florina. 4th row: Mother Praxedes, Sisters Charlotte, Louise, Honoria. 3rd row: Sisters Marie, Carmella, Joseph, M. Joseph, Ruth, Mother Rita. 2nd row: Sisters Ignalia, Cordelia, Adelaide, Marietta, Anselm. 1st row: Sisters Aquin, Vincentia, Jane, Alicette, Celeste





St. Elizabeth's Church and Rectory, 2721 Pine St., St. Louis

Pictures on next page:

These show two of the many St. Elizabeth's coal stations once operated throughout St. Louis, the St. Elizabeth's Rhythm Band and a group of parishioners with Rev Henry J. Sutti, S.J.

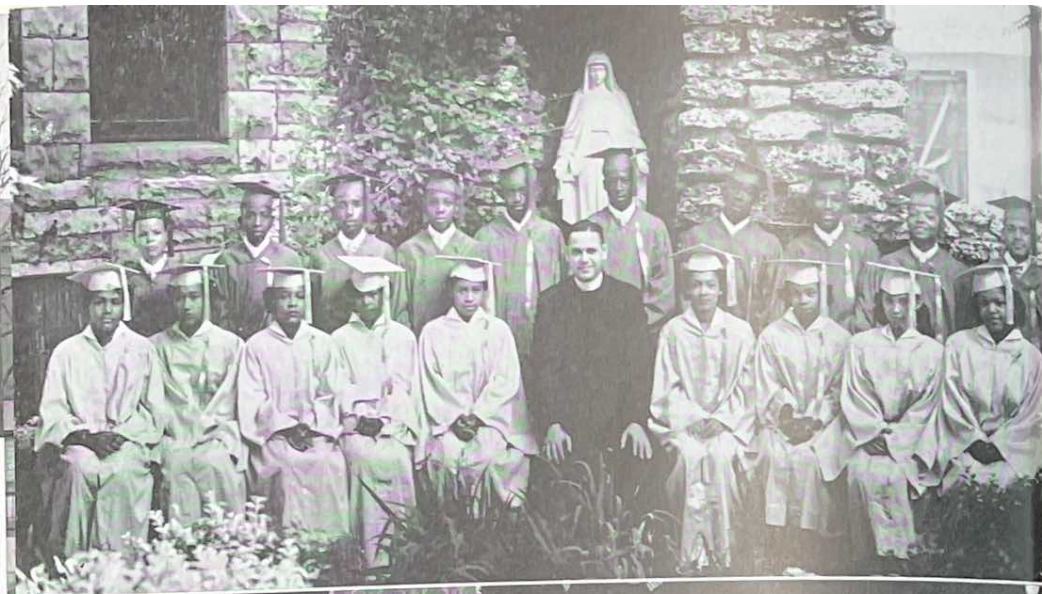
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

St. Elizabeth's Church might well be called the origin of all the activities pictured on the following pages. From her humble birth back in 1858 as a chapel in the old St. Xavier Church on Ninth St., during her adolescent years while located at Fourteenth and Gay Sts., where she was dedicated a church by Bishop Ryan in 1873, to her mature life spent since 1912 at her present location on Pine St., she has been the center from which many religious and spiritual activities have emanated.



*St. Elizabeth's School,
901 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis*





St. Elizabeth's Church Continued

During her most fruitful years St. Elizabeth's Church purchased the property on which St. Bernadette's School now stands; published St. Elizabeth's Chronicle which has since grown into the nationally recognized Interracial Review; inaugurated closed retreats for women and, later on, for men; presented an annual musical comedy for some years; established a Council of the Knights of St. Peter Claver in St. Louis; was host to the largest and most successful convention of Negro Catholics in the history of the country; spon-

sored for a long time an interracial hour broadcast weekly over Station WEW; sent two young women and one young man into the religious life; assisted in opening St. Mary's Infirmary to Negroes; secured the present St. Elizabeth's School building; instructed, baptized and had confirmed in the Faith, with the help of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, thousands of souls. During all these years St. Elizabeth's flourishing Sodalities and numerous organizations carried her good influence throughout the city and country.

ST. ELIZABETH'S STILL CARRIES ON

Pictures at left:

Top: St. Elizabeth's School Graduates with Rev. Geo. T. Andrews, S.J.

Middle: Farewell dinner to departing Pastor, Rev. Wm. M. Markoe, S.J.

Bottom: Group assembled at Catholic Press Exhibit.



Helpers of the Holy Souls

In spite of the fact that the Helpers of the Holy Souls have a Convent at 4012 Washington Blvd. and conduct St. Benedict's Center at 3950 W. Belle Ave., they seem to be all over the City. This is due to the multiplicity of their work. Just how they get around to so many places and are able to do so many things is something of a mystery. Four days a week they teach catechism to public school children at diverse places; they conduct sewing classes for large girls, clubs for little girls; have boy, girl, cub and brownie scout troops; teach home economic

classes weekly for mothers; engage in many Red Cross activities; almost every evening supervise recreation periods for high school boys and girls; frequently prepare the sick for receiving Holy Communion and, literally, go about here, there and everywhere doing good. They visit the hospitals, spread good reading matter about and frequently lead a stray sheep back to the fold. And they never seem to get tired. Approximately 550 children are under their care. They even have a drum and bugle corps and on Saturdays conduct games and artcraft classes for boys.



The Helpers of the Holy Souls Know Every One of These Children

Pictures on next page:

Top: A First Communion Class.

Middle: Cubs and Brownies.

Bottom: A Home Economics Class.



St. Malachy's Church

St. Malachy's Church has been in charge of the Jesuit Fathers since 1941. The first thing attended to was the renovation of the school, which now holds 250 children under the teaching care of the Daughters of Charity. It can now point with pride to a men's club, a ladies' club and a young ladies' club; a League of Promoters of the Sacred Heart, a Sanctuary Society, a thriving Credit Union and a retail commodities co-operative. The grad-

uation exercises of St. Mary's Infirmary School of Nursing are held in St. Malachy's Hall, which also serves as the weekly meeting place for a large group of teen-age youngsters. In carrying on the activities of the Church the St. Malachy's Aid Society has been of great assistance to the Pastor, whose jurisdiction is city-wide since the work of the Church is not confined within parish limits. A promising future lies ahead.

Pictures on next page:

Top: St. Malachy's Church; School Children on parade. Middle: Helping the war effort; St. Malachy's Convent. Bottom: St. Malachy's School; A Baptism.



Interior of St. Malachy's Church, 2900 Clark Ave., St. Louis





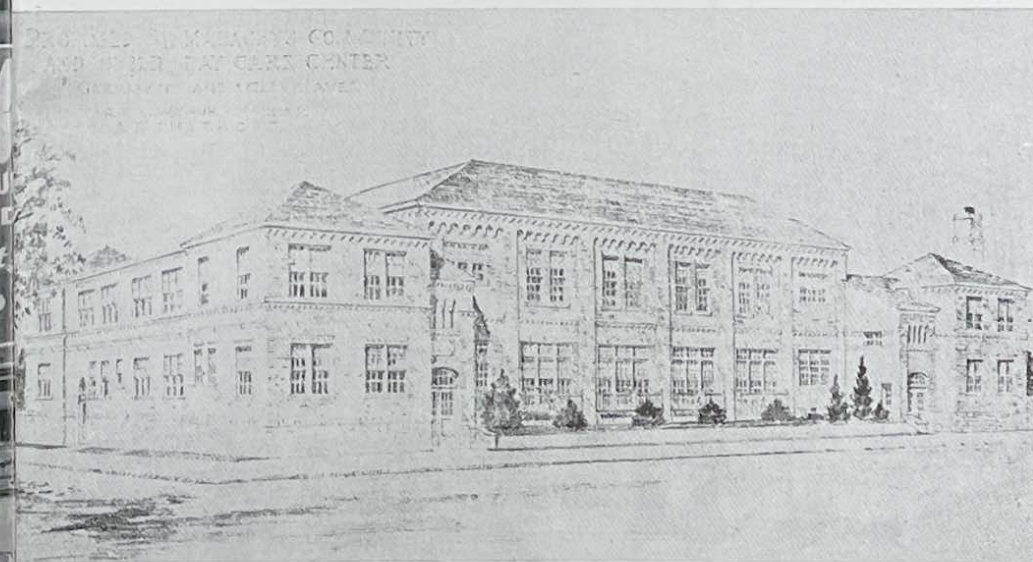
St. Malachy's Church Continued

Efforts to erect St. Malachy's Day Nursery and Community Center have been going on for almost two years. The need for such an institution has been demonstrated by both public and private surveys. The project has the approval of both ecclesiastical and civic authorities and agencies. After this preliminary investigation the work of raising a building fund has been going on. A generous benefactor has donated a very desirable site for the new build-

ing. A solid foundation is already in place and plans for the superstructure have been approved. To assist in raising funds for carrying on this work the St. Malachy's Building Fund has been established and a permanent organization known as St. Malachy's Day Nursery Interracial Committee has been set up. It is hoped that, with the help of charitable citizens of St. Louis, work on this sorely needed institution will soon be under way.

Pictures on preceding page:

- Top: Santa Claus and friends awaiting the children.
- Middle: St. Malachy's School.
- Bottom: Looking east on Clark Ave.



How St. Malachy's Day Nursery and Community Center Will Look When Finished.

St. Rita Academy

A Section of the Library.



A FINE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS is conducted by the Oblate Sisters of Providence at 4650 S. Broadway, St. Louis. This religious congregation was founded in 1829 in Baltimore, Maryland. At the present time it numbers about 290 Sisters with headquarters in Baltimore and foundations in the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington, Chicago and St. Louis, and the dioceses of Charleston, Leavenworth and Richmond. In addition to St. Rita Academy these Sisters conduct St. Frances Orphan Home at Normandy, Missouri.

St. Rita Convent.



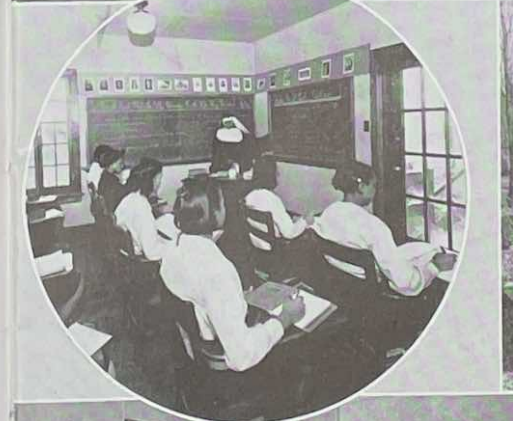
St. Rita's Activities

FIRST COLUMN

First Communion Group
Class Room
Etiquette Class

SECOND COLUMN

Chemistry Laboratory
Home Economics
Another First Communion Group
Sewing Class





St. Joseph Basketball Team.

St. Joseph High School

St. Joseph High School was established in August, 1937, in a building on Washington Blvd. loaned for this purpose by the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick Dunne. The entire faculty, at its opening, consisted of two Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Thirteen students were enrolled. In 1939, due to the increased enrollment, the school was moved into larger quarters on West Belle Ave. Two years later, in 1941, another change was necessary and this time St. Joseph High School took up its present residence at 4132

Page Blvd. where it enrolled 120 students. In 1945 this number had increased to 170. The faculty has also grown to include six Sisters of St. Joseph, assisted by two priests and two lay choral instructors. The question uppermost in the minds of both faculty and students is: where do we go from here? St. Joseph High School offers a full four-year high school course and is accredited temporarily with the University of Missouri, pending the time when war conditions will permit the erection of a new building.

St. Joseph High School Continued

Two pictures of Father Molloy giving Holy Communion to the students; Father Molloy with his basketball and football squads and group pictures of students and friends of St. Joseph High School.





The cheerfulness and optimism of youth is contagious.

St. Joseph High School Continued

St. Joseph's High School owes a great deal to the Patrons Association and to its president, Mr. O. L. Lancaster. This Association comes to the rescue in many ways by providing school equipment of various kinds and also by sponsoring the student socials and recreation activities. The Torch Light Club is one of the active student organizations. It is a dramatic club whose purpose is to foster interest in current plays and books. It pre-

sents a play of its own each year and has frequently appeared before the student body of other schools. St. Joseph High School has competed very successfully in the inter-school oratorical contests, winning first place in original oratory on one occasion and on another won second place in the original speech contest in the radio division. Several graduates of St. Joseph High School are pursuing their higher studies in St. Louis University.

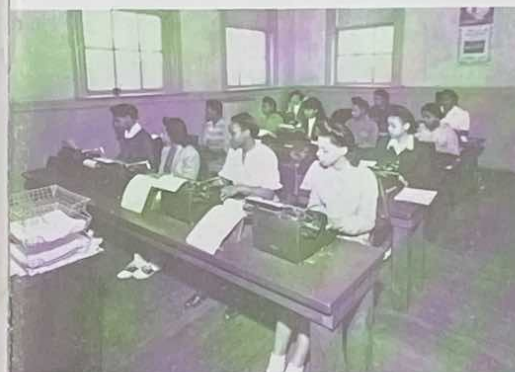
St Joseph High School Continued

Under the able direction of Rev. P. J. Molloy, St. Joseph High School Athletic Director, the athletic teams of both the boys and the girls have established

an enviable reputation. Basketball, football and track competition are the main sports of the school.

*Typewriting Class
Morse Code Class
Football Squad*

*High School Building
Torch Club Group
Student Senate*





REVEREND CONLETH OVERMAN, C.P.

THE ST. FRANCES HOME FOR GIRLS, conducted by the Oblate Sisters of Providence, was first located, in 1888, on Page Blvd. in St. Louis. It was moved to its present location in Normandy, Mo., in 1897. Fifteen Sisters are occupied with the work of the Home which cares for approximately 80 children ranging from nursery to high school age. It is doing a splendid work.

St. Frances Home Continued

Suffer Little Children to Come to Me and Deny Them Not for Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Some of the little children who know no other home.



St. Frances Home Normandy, Missouri



Top: A First Communion Class.
Right: Learning their prayers.





Above: *Main Building, St. Frances Home.*
Left: *A Music Lesson.*

St. Frances Home Continued

The orphan children cared for at St. Frances Home receive a thoroughly Catholic training and education. In addition to learning the laws of God and of His Church, they are instructed in the cultural things that are so essential to a complete and happy life. You are cordially invited to call at any time to inspect this Home and to acquaint yourselves with the work that is being done for these children. It is filled to capacity.

The pictures on the next page speak for themselves and tell a true story of innocence, peace, joy and happiness along with physical, mental and moral growth under the best of conditions.



St. Frances Home Continued

The present building at St. Frances Home can accommodate 80 children. Recently 59 children had to be denied admission simply because there was no room for them. For this reason the Community proposes to construct a modern fireproof building to contain class rooms, kindergarten and dormitories for 150 orphans. There will also be a chapel and auditorium-gymnasium. There will actually be three buildings or units which, for the sake of convenience as well as economy, will be joined

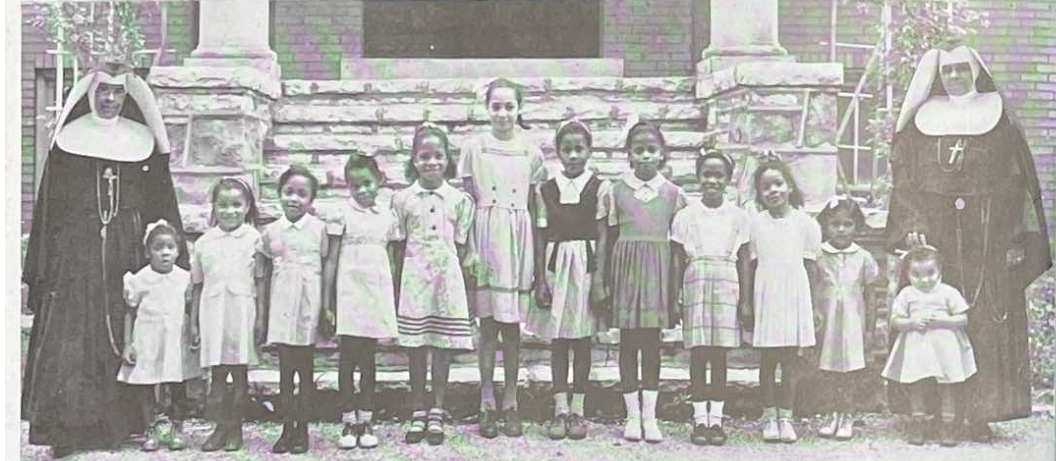
into a single structure. There will be nothing elegant or elaborate. No waste in space or materials. The Community will concentrate on efficiency and good construction looking to a maximum of life for the building and a minimum of maintenance costs and repairs. Through bequests, the financial assistance of friends, particularly the work of the St. Frances Orphan Association, and from other sources, the Sisters have started a building fund.

Pictures on opposite page:

Top: *The Community.*
Middle: *They come in all sizes.*
Bottom: *The whole family.*



Architect's Drawing of the Proposed New Building.





Above: *Mission Services.*
Left: *Part of the Congregation.*

Bl. Martin de Porres Mission

Bl. Martin de Porres Mission is located in Meacham Park, in South Kirkwood, Mo., and is attended by the priests of St. Peter's Parish Church in Kirkwood. Regular Sunday services are held, catechism classes con-

ducted and occasional socials are sponsored by the mission. Attached to the Mission Church is a recreation center to look after the interests of the younger members of the fast growing congregation. A school is still to come.

Bl. Martin de Porres Mission Continued

Right: *A First Communion Class.*

Pictures below show: *A visiting scout troop, an outdoor sermon, the altar and the congregation leaving the church.*





St. Nicholas Church, 19th and Lucas Aves., St. Louis

St. Nicholas Parish

A BRIGHTER DAY DAWNED for St. Nicholas Parish when, in 1926, the church, school and rectory of the famous old landmark of St. Louis Catholic history was entrusted to the Fathers of the Divine Word to serve as a mission church for the downtown district. At the right, Reverend Charles Reinelt, S.V.D., the present Pastor, is shown assisting Father Donohoe, S.J., as he pours the life-giving waters of Baptism on a convert to the Church,

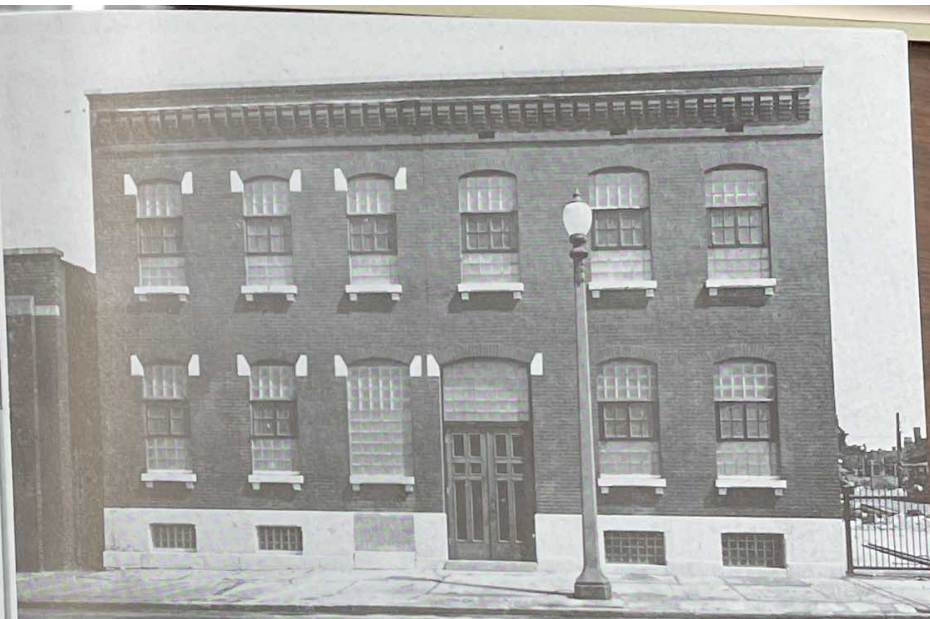


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Top: *St. Nicholas High School.*

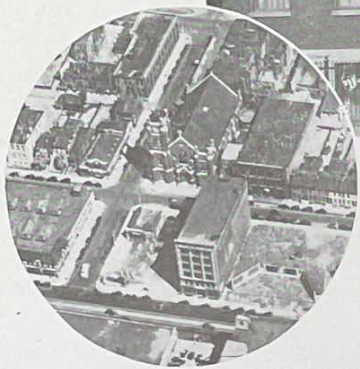
Middle: *Archbishop Glennon and group after dedication ceremonies.*

Bottom: *Receiving diplomas from Fr. Reinelt.*





St. Nicholas Grade School



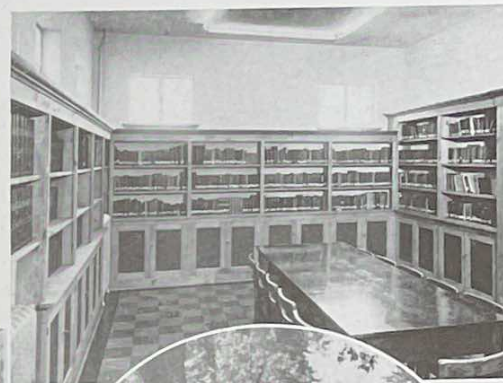
*Aerial View
of
St. Nicholas*

St. Nicholas Parish Continued

Prior to the coming of the Fathers of the Divine Word to St. Nicholas Parish, Jesuit Scholastics from St. Louis University, under the able leadership of the then Mr. William Markoe, S.J., had begun to catechize the children in the neighborhood. The result of their efforts was the reclaiming of the old St. Nicholas school building that had been sold and was being used as a warehouse. The school opened in September, 1924, with over 500 children trying to register. Two Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament were in charge. Now Sisters of the Most Precious Blood conduct the school.

St. Nicholas Parish Continued

The pictures on this page show a graduation class, a wedding group, a First Communion group and girl scouts on a picnic; also interior views of St. Nicholas High School.





Aerial View of Holy Guardian Angels Mission, South Kinloch, Mo.

Holy Guardian Angels Mission

Holy Guardian Angels Mission is the most complete mission in the St. Louis area. It was started in 1926 by Reverend Arnold Garvey, S.J., who resided at the time at St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant, Mo., and who already was carrying on the work of Bl. Martin de Porres Mission at Robertson, Mo. The present priest in charge of the mission

compound is Father Otto Moorman, S.J. He has added much to the work that had such a humble beginning. The mission at present comprises a church, rectory, thriving school, hall for social gatherings, a medical center, and a modern, up-to-date retreat house where men from near and far gather to make three-day closed retreats.

St. Clement Mission

St. Clement Mission, consisting of a chapel and school on Finney Ave., St. Louis, was founded by the Redemptorist Fathers of St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church in 1941. The school faculty is composed of five Oblate Sisters of Providence who have their own Convent nearby. They started with 90 pupils in five grades and now have 203 pupils in eight grades. A Sodality of

Mary, League of the Sacred Heart and fine choir are a few of the school organizations. The boys have taken part in inter-parochial basketball and softball games. Three Masses are offered in the chapel each Sunday. A Holy Name Society, Altar Society, Sacred Heart League, Youth Club and Parents-Teachers Association are to be found among the Mission organizations.

*Top: Oblate Sisters of Providence who teach the classes;
Reverend R. B. Stump, C.Ss.R.
Bottom: St. Clement School Children.*





*Our Lady
of the
Visitation Parish
Church*

Visitation Parish

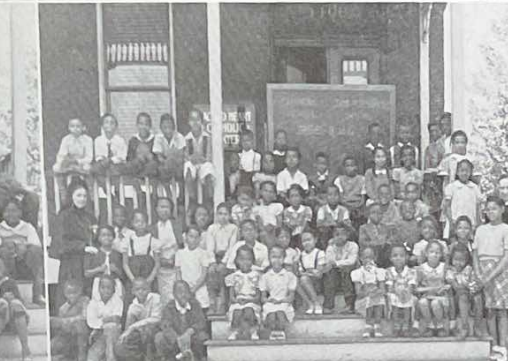
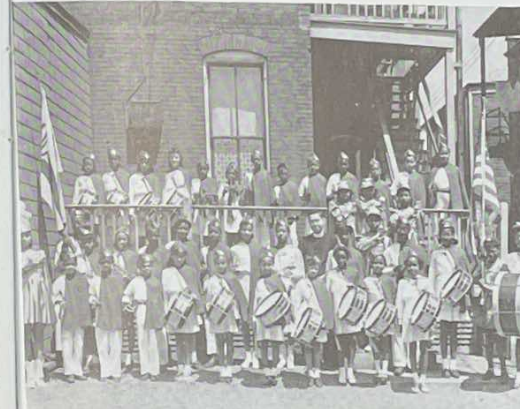
*O*UR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH CHURCH is located at the corner of Taylor and Evans Avenues in St. Louis. The Pastor, Reverend John H. Smith, also has under his direction St. Bernadette's School and the Sacred Heart Center. The Visitation Parish is one of the outstanding Catholic Parishes of St. Louis.

*This school is
located at the
corner of Taylor
and Cook Aves.*



Sacred Heart Center

The pictures on this page show only a few of the children and grown-ups grouped together and engaged in various activities under the direction of the helpers of the Holy Souls at the Sacred Heart Center, 4406 Garfield Ave., St. Louis.





*Children such as these
are worth caring for.*



Sacred Heart Center

THE SACRED HEART CENTER, located at 4406 Garfield Ave., St. Louis, is under the direction of the Pastor of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish and is conducted by the Helpers of the Holy Souls. Some 200 children are cared for here. Catholic

Sacred Heart Center

children attending the public schools in the neighborhood meet here to learn their catechism. The Center has its own band, a girl scout troop and a dramatic club that presents an occasional play. Through these contacts with the children the work of the Center spreads out to include much social work of a religious nature throughout the neighborhood in which the Center is located. The good influence of such centers as this is spread far and wide and helps to solve many difficult problems of a social and religious nature.



*St. Peter Claver
Mission Church,
Robertson, Mo.*

St. Peter Claver Mission

St. Peter Claver Mission got its start back in 1916 when young men studying for the priesthood at St. Stanislaus Seminary, eight miles away, trudged back and forth to teach catechism to the

inhabitants of what was then called Anglum. Now it boasts of a full-time missionary who not only performs all the duties of a country pastor but who hopes soon to build a school.



*Only a part of the
congregation.*



St. Mary's Infirmary, 1556 Papin St., St. Louis

St. Mary's Infirmary

St. Mary's Infirmary, the first hospital owned by the Sisters of St. Mary, has been serving the sick and the poor as a general hospital ever since 1877. It has its own staff of physicians and nursing staff composed of Sisters of St. Mary, aided by St. Mary's School of Nursing. This School of Nursing offers a three year course leading to a certificate of Graduate in Nursing, qualifying the graduate nurse for the usual State Board Examination, thus enabling her to become a registered nurse. The Nursing School

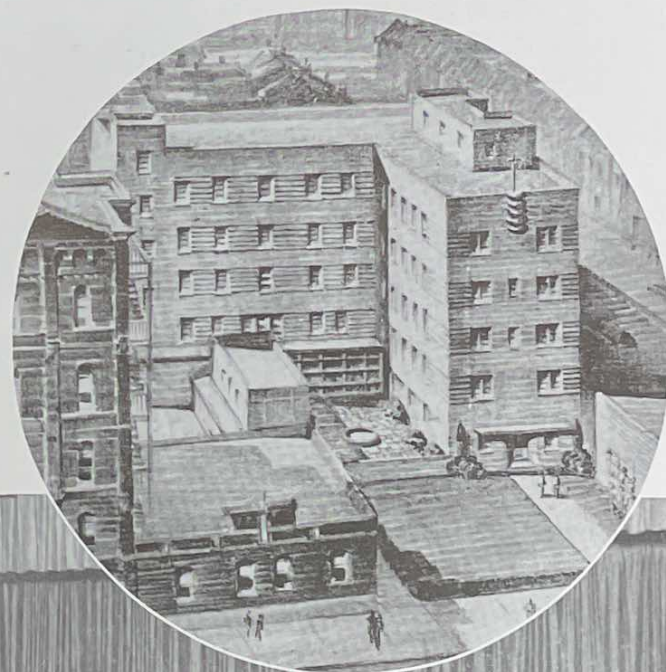
is fully accredited by the Missouri State Board of Nurse Examiners. The staff of instructors is composed of members of the St. Louis University School of Medicine, the staff of St. Mary's Infirmary and the Sisters of St. Mary. Students are drawn to this nursing school from all parts of the country and a very high standard is maintained. The present nurses' home is the original hospital building. The School of Nursing is affiliated with the United States Cadet Nurse Corps.

St. Mary's School of Nursing

Because the present accommodations of St. Mary's School of Nursing are inadequate many applicants for admission must be rejected. Consequently a new home that will furnish housing facilities for 100 nurses is under construction. When this is completed it will enable St. Mary's Infirmary and School of Nursing to be of still greater service to the Community.

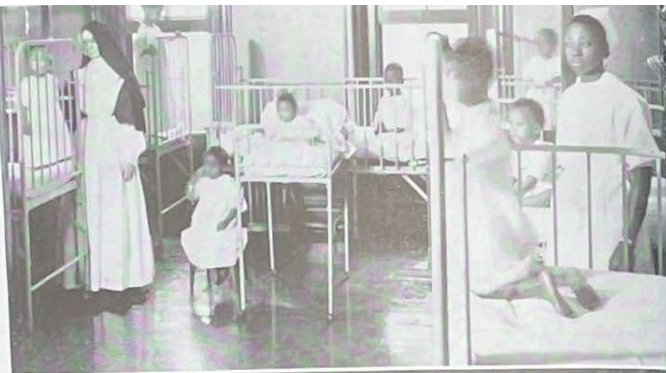
*Architect's drawing
of new Nurses' Home.*

*Graduate Nurses
receiving certificates.*



Top: A section of the children's ward.

Below: Groups of nurses under training in St. Mary's School of Nursing, St. Louis.



Aerial View of University.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY is the oldest university in the region that lies between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean. It has done more to civilize and educate this vast region, which constitutes more than two-thirds of the United States, than any other university. It has been a great asset to St. Louis.

St. Louis University



St. Francis Xavier Church, Grand and Lindell Blvds. St. Louis



*St. Louis
University Students
making good use
of time between
classes.*

*A quiet corner
in the Men's
Lounge at
St. Louis
University.*



St. Louis University Continued



St. Louis University Students Rehearsing for a Play.

St. Louis University Continued

St. Louis University comprises more schools and colleges, more academic departments, a larger teaching staff and a greater range of courses than any other Catholic University in the world.

It has trained more men who hold teaching posts in universities than any other Catholic University in the United States. Its students come from 45 states and 15 foreign countries.

One of Many Classes at St. Louis University.



To Sum Up

The work described and illustrated on the foregoing pages of this pictorial booklet shows how much has been and is being accomplished by the Church in that portion of the Lord's Vineyard for which the Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, in His Encyclical Letter to the American Hierarchy, *Sertum Laetitiae*, says He feels "a special paternal affection." Surely this work must be most pleasing to the Holy Father. It must also gladden the heart of that great Apostle, St. Paul, who constantly reminds us that we "are all the children of God through faith in Christ. For all you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." It must fill the Heart of Christ Himself with joy, Who shed His blood for all and Who prayed so ardently that there might be but "one flock and one shepherd."

Still much remains to be done to round out this picture of Catholic Action in the St. Louis area. A home for working girls is on the way. A home for the aged, men and women, is badly needed; also a home for orphan boys. Surely the charity, zeal for souls, spirit of good will and co-operation that have produced the achievements pictured in the preceding pages will carry this great work on to its final completion.

Editor.

There is at present a chapel in the Homer G. Phillips Hospital that serves the spiritual needs of the patients and staff. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered there every Sunday morning.