

Buildings Dedicated At St. Bernadette's

MILWAUKEE—St. Bernadette's new eight-classroom school was dedicated Sunday, April 19, but it will not be put to full academic use until September, 1965.

Fr. John Arens, pastor, said the school opening will be delayed due to shortage of teachers, but it will be staffed by Dominican Sisters, and lay teachers next year. About 340 pupils are expected to be enrolled in grades one through eight.

A convent which will accommodate 16 sisters and a rectory also was dedicated by Archbishop William E. Cousins.

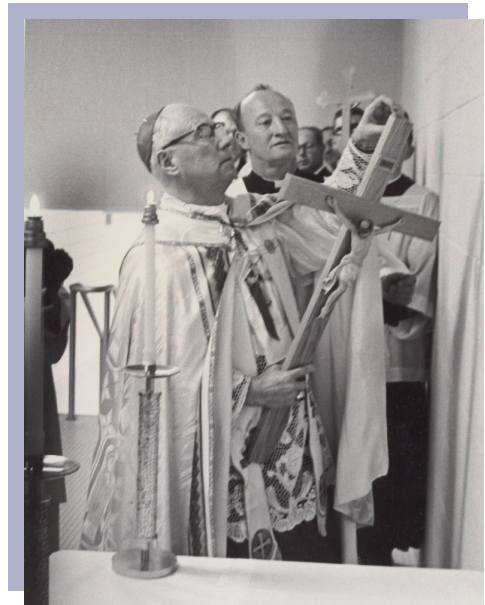
In citing the need for a parish school, Father Arens said there are about 1,000 parish school-age children attending public school because of lack of facilities at

St. Bernadette's.

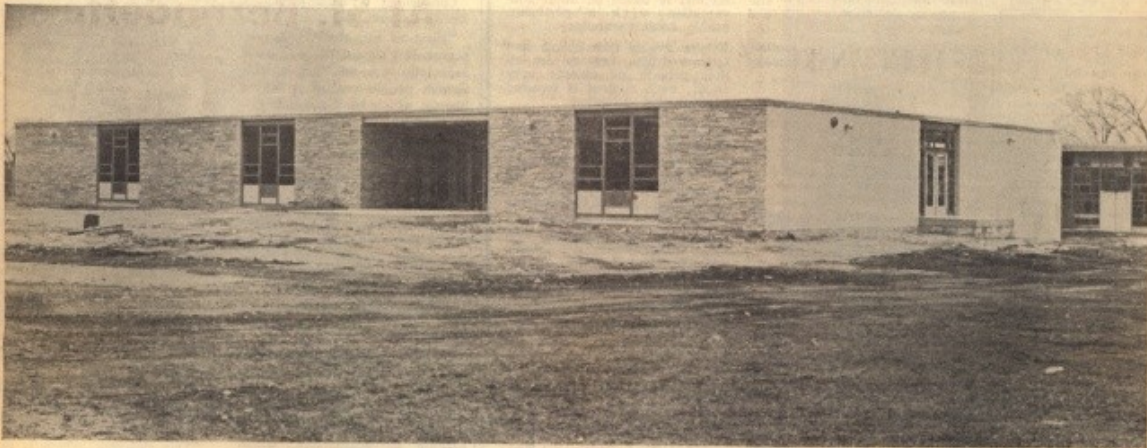
The recently completed building project, costing about \$300,000, is a phase of the original development program begun in October, 1959. The buildings were designed by Schutte, Phillips, Mochon, Inc., architects; R. E. Jansen Building Corp., had the general contract.

St. Bernadette's completed its first structure, a temporary church-school building in September, 1960. Its development program was resumed last August when construction began on the school, convent and rectory.

The original building which serves as the parish church will eventually become a permanent gymnasium-auditorium. Plans ultimately call for a church which will seat 1,000-2,000 persons, instead of the 900 now accommodated.



SAINT BERNADETTE SCHOOL and CONVENT



Schomo-Phillips-Machon, Inc., Architects

We, the undersigned contractors, are very pleased to have been chosen to co-operate with Father John Arens and his parishioners in the construction of their new school and rectory.

We join with Saint Bernadette Parish in support of its dedication to the exalted task of educating its children to know God and to serve Him in their fellow men.

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St. Bernadette school

THE CATHOLIC HERALD CITIZEN

June 28, 1969

MILWAUKEE — A new addition to St. Bernadette school provided six classrooms, library, music room and conference room. The new unit was opened in September.

The one-story structure is constructed of lannon stone facing, with ceramic tile window panels and steel window frames.

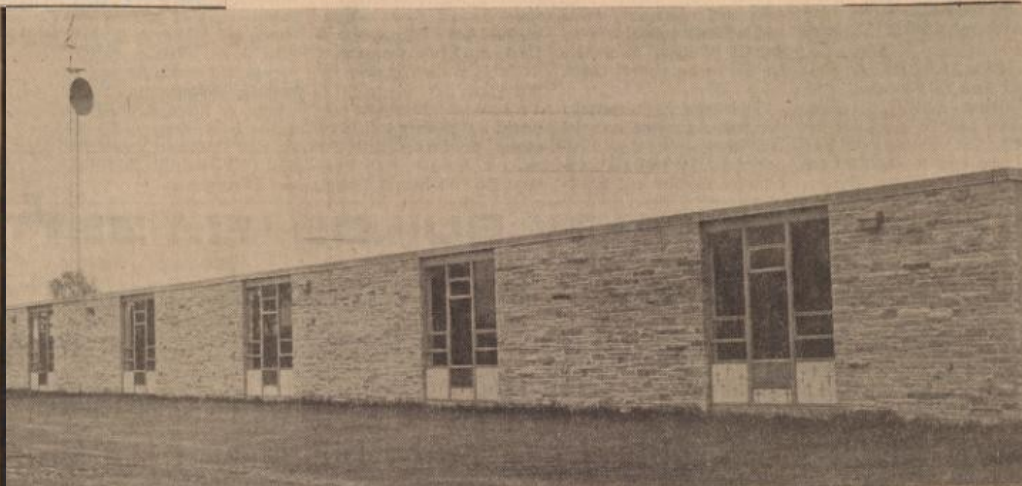
Classrooms have walls of stack bonded concrete block, with lighting along corridor walls to emphasize brightness and spaciousness. Corridors have coated concrete block walls and ceramic tile flooring.

The music room has sliding doors which open to an inner courtyard with a statue of St. Bernadette.

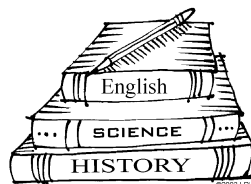
The addition completes construction around the inner court area. The entire project was designed on a master plan developed in 1958.

Existing facilities included 10 other classrooms, gymnasium which serves as a church, cafeteria with kitchen, and rectory. Fr. John A. Arens is pastor of St. Bernadette's.

Plans were developed by Schutte-Mochon, Inc., West Allis; Voss-Hrdlicka Co., West Allis, had the general contract.



St. Bernadette school addition



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Thursday, February 16, 1967

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A REAL SNOWMOBILE—Eighth grade boys at St. Bernadette school, 8300 W. Denver av., spent four days sculpt-

ing this Volkswagen out of snow. When they finished it Thursday, it looked so real they gave it a push.

—Journal Photo by Sherman A. Gessert, Jr.

August 20, 1965

My dear Parishioner:

St. Bernadette School will open for the first time this year. About 300 children out of 1120 will be enrolled. Since your child or children will be among those enrolled, we send you this news letter. May we remind you that we intend to begin our school with standards that might seem high, but they are within reach. Scholastically, we know that there will be adjustments for the first month--bear with us. In the field of discipline, the rules will be laid down immediately. We will be fair, and just and loving with a child, but rigid. If a child will not live the rules, another will be taken off the waiting list. In the spiritual field, attendance at Mass will be an obligation and frequent Communion will be encouraged. Confessions will be heard at least once a month and private devotions at the shrine will be fostered. The children will sing and pray the Mass. One of the parish priests will teach religion in every classroom at least weekly.

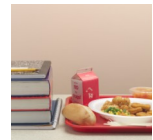
Since there is no tuition at St. Bernadette school, we place you on your honor in helping us to meet some of the expense. Each child in our school will cost the parish \$138.00 per year. We do not expect you to meet this cost--this is a parish obligation. But we do expect you to realize this heavy burden and to be more generous in your Sunday envelope. Please pray with us that we might do God's work according to His divine plan, and that we might together lead your child closer to Him.

The following is information that we ask you to peruse closely:

1. School opens on Wednesday, September 8th at 8 A.M. with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It closes at 3 P.M.
2. The school bus will run two routes beginning the first day of school.
3. The hot lunch program will be served beginning the second day of school, September 9th. Milk tickets and hot lunch tickets can be purchased on Wednesday.
4. Books and necessary school materials must be purchased by the students. Payment must be made within the first two weeks of school since the parish is already billed for these materials. The cost will range between twenty and thirty dollars a student, depending upon the grade.
5. The following are the teachers for various grades:
1st grade - Mrs. Hatton
1st and 2nd combination - Sister Angela
2nd grade - Mrs. Schroeder
3rd grade - Mrs. Gundrum
4th grade - Mrs. Joers
5th grade - Mrs. Ball
6th grade - Mrs. Thorn
7th and 8th combination - Sister Dominic
6. If your child will be riding the school bus, fill in the name or names on the enclosed registration. If your child or children will be eating the hot lunch, do the same. If your child will be drinking milk at noon and two other occasions, do the same. Please mail this information to the rectory immediately, or drop it in Sundays envelope box.

Sincerely,

Father John Arens



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