

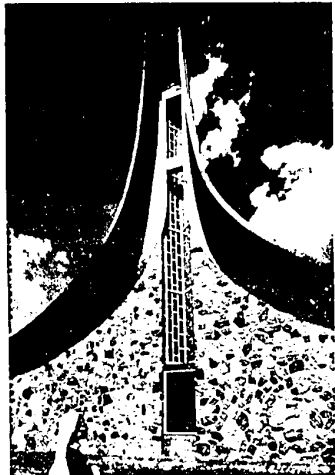
Sisters of Mercy Dedicate Complex in Farmington

A bright new, glittering jewel has been added to the skyline of Farmington Township. It is the Sisters of Mercy Provincialate at 11-Mile and Middlebrook Road which was dedicated over the past week. With appropriate ceremonies it took its place as one of the real man made beauty spots of the area.

In addition to the Provincialate (the nerve center of the Province) the complex which is situated on a 150-acre tract of land, much of it still in its natural state, also includes the Mother of Mercy Novitiate and Our Lady of Mercy High School. Glistening in the warm autumn sun it was officially dedicated Saturday morning with a solemn high mass celebrated by



ENTRANCE TO PROVINCIALATE — White concrete colonnades capture both majesty and simplicity along vinctualate. Motif is repeated along front of Mother of Mercy Novitiate.



NOVICE IN FRONT of chapel—Hands raised in prayer are symbolized in the structure of the Novitiate chapel of the new Detroit Province Sisters of Mercy Farmington complex.

the Most Reverend John F. Deardon, Archbishop of Detroit and The Most Reverend Charles A. Salaske, Auxiliary Bishop of Grand Rapids, gave the homily. Close to 600 invited guests that included state and county officials, members of the clergy, Sisters of Mercy and professional associates attended the dedication ceremonies and the dinner that followed. And there was a steady stream of guests during Sunday's open house.

The new complex is striking and its architecture basks in the beauty of Nature in the raw.

Simplicity is the principal concept of Gliffels and Rosetti, Detroit architects who designed the complex. The white colonnades fronting the provincialate and Novitiate lend a graceful sweep to the low structure, which eventually rises to the dominant point, the Novitiate Chapel. The chapel's copper roof curves and ascends, symbolizing raised hands in prayer.

The building materials of native field stone and exposed sand-blasted concrete are surrounded by both landscaped areas and natural wild settings. Sculptured, outdoor stations of the cross lead to a white concrete and bronze shrine on a small peninsula. And to add to the beauty a lake separates the Provincialate and Novitiate from the High School.

This latest complex, a pride of the Detroit Province, is one of nine provinces of the Union of Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. It branched out from the Cincinnati novitiate in 1940 and now takes in Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, and Argentina.

Mother Mary Carmella Manning was the first Mother Provincial as well as the founder of Mercy College of Detroit and Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital.

The present Mother Provincial is Mother Mary Justine Sabourin, a native of Alpena and Saginaw, under whose direction the new Farmington Township complex was designed and constructed.

Opening of the new complex marked the beginning of new traditions. For the past 25 years the candidates for sisterhood entered and studied on the campus of Mercy College in Detroit. They will now enter and study at the new complex. There are 28 postulants in the first class.

It also marks the first wearing of the new habits of navy blue and long sleeve white blouse in place of the heavy black dress, cape and net veil formerly worn by the community's first year candidates.

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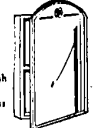


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