LET'S BUILD **OUR SISTERS** A NEW HOME

# St. James BUILDING PROGRAM NEWS

PRAY FOR SUCCESS **WORK FOR SUCCESS GIVE FOR SUCCESS** 

**SEPTEMBER 27, 1964** 

# FUND PROGRAM APPROVED



Father Edward J. Laramie and Chairman Ed Weirich use rough organization chart to urge Co-chairman Dan Healy (2nd from right) and Joe Orgler (far right) to take immediate steps to organize 450 man Program Committee. These three men and their homemade chart will grow to 450 man committee and a six foot square organization chart. These men will carry a Statement of Intention card to all parishioners on Appeal Sunday, October 11.

## Our Need . . . Meet Program A New Convent *Chairmen*

BY REV. JAMES J. DOHERTY

Our School Sisters of St. Francis have been serving the parishioners of St. James for thirty-two years. No one can measure the total service

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served as sacristans in God's house

and have been a constant source of

inspiration and good example for

young and old. They continue to

We all sense the significant influ-

ence of Sister Judea. We are indeed

fortunate to have her and her Sisters

in our midst. They are twenty-two

servants of God whose every thought,

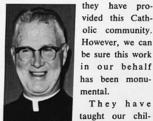
word and deed is an offering to our

We all know the work before us.

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serve us in all these ways.

Father in our name.



BY JOHN WALSH, JR.

Lay Advisory Board

Assisting Ed Weirich, Program General Chairman, is a group of men who have performed faithful and long term service to St. James

Dan Healy and Joe Orgler are Co-Chairmen.



WALSH

The parish Lav Advisory Board is composed of: Anthony Bohor-foush, Robert Buckley and William Cadigan.

Father James J. Doherty will be the Honorary Chairman of the Auditing Com-

mittee. He will be assisted by William Krewer.

Twelve men will serve as Area Chairmen, each in charge of one Group of Program Committee Members. They are: Roger Alm, George William Bolash, Joseph Dunne, William Flynn, Vincent Ford, James Hahn, Thomas Kain, Robert McMullen, David Morehan, Robert Scanlon and Anthony Willow.

This group of men has been busy meeting during the past thirty days, some for a longer period, making the necessary preparations for the Program. It all doesn't happen in

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## **Program** Committee Needs 450 Men

BY DAN HEALY

Co-Chairman

Our Program will require a total of 450 men to do the job with a minimum of work load for each Committee member. To distribute this total work load evenly will be one of our main concerns.

A Committee of 450 will insure that no members, working in pairs, will have more than six parishioners to contact. This is maximum. Fewer than 450 will mean, of course, that the number of contacts will be more.

#### Meetings Few, Short

The Program meeting schedule has purposely been kept to the minimum by Joe Orgler. He assures us that meetings will be short and properly organized. The instructions will

### Salesmanship Not Necessary

Our Program approach will be without any high pressure or suggested contribution amounts. Therefore, the Committee members do not have to worry that they will be

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# Will Build New Convent Father Laramie Gives OK \$450,000.00 Minimum Goal **450 Program Committee Needed**

The St. James Lay Advisory Board has recently announced plans for a three year \$450,000.00 Building Program. The Program's proceeds will be used to construct and furnish a new \$350,000.00 convent and to reduce the parish debt. The debt reduction will provide the long-range financial strength to permit the much needed enlargement of our church.

Father Laramie emphasized the Archdiocese will not loan the money to build the convent until the parishioners demonstrate their ability to repay the loan. Therefore, the Program is the only opportunity to prove our capacity to repay the Archdiocesan loan.

#### Leaders Selected

Edward Weirich will serve as the Program's General Chairman. He will be assisted by two Co-Chair-men: Daniel Healy and Joseph Orgler. They have been aided by the Parish Lay Advisory Board and Area Chairmen in formulating the Program's plans, policy and proce-

Father Laramie has approved the Committee's recommendations and much of the details have already been completed.

### APPEAL Sunday, October 11

Weirich said in a recent report to the Board that Program prepara-tions have progressed sufficiently to conduct the parish-wide appeal on Sunday, October 11. 450 men of the parish will be needed to staff the Program Committee. The organiza-tion of this Committee is now being accomplished.

#### Voluntary Contributions

Weirich emphasized that parishioners will not be instructed as to how much they should give. "We are all against this principle," he said, "and believe that every parishioner should make his or her decision without any influence from a committee or a fellow parishioner. This decision should be between each parishioner and God.

Father Laramie expressed his con-fidence in the parishioners generous response. "Everyone knows we must build a new convent to provide our wonderful Sisters with a proper home. I am sure that each parishioner will be as generous as pos-sible."

### Payment Plan Optional

Parishioners may make their payments to the Program in one sum or over three years, annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly. Past similar programs have indicated the overwhelming choice of parishioners to make payment either monthly or weekly. The rectory office will send out the Program contribution envelopes in accordance with the

# It's Not a One Man Gang...

BY ED WEIRICH

General Chairman

The success of our important parish Program to build our new convent can not be accomplished by one man, one group of men or even a sizeable percentage of the parishioners. Success will be ours only with 100% support by the parishioners.

We all can easily see the need to build a new convent for our Sisters.

With this need in mind, all parishioners must move forward together, each in his or her own way, to meet the challenge.

All of us can pray for the overall success of the effort. This appeal to God for his blessings will be most beneficial. It will sustain those who, when asked to give of their time, may be tempted to search for a reason why they "can't at this time." Prayer will also be a powerful ally in bringing the Holy Spirit down to enlighten a parishioner who needs help to better understand the need for his most generous contri-

Some of us must provide labor (Continued Page 2, Col. 3)

schedule of payments selected by the contributor. Statements will be sent periodically with the envelopes.

#### Parishioners Have Generous History

Weirich said the best barometer for the success of the \$450,000.00 Program is the past performance of the parishioners. "Any group who can do what this parish has done in recent years by generosity and spirit, can put this over the top.

Father Laramie has accepted the Honorary Chairman post. Father James J. Doherty will serve as Honorary Chairman of the Auditing Committee. Father Robert Hinter-berger will be Publicity Chairman.

St. James Building Program 841 North State Road Arlington Heights, Illinois

September 22, 1964

We are privileged to have a peerless order of parish sisters teaching your children. They are more than teachers. They are also the sacristans of Your canaren. They are more man teachers. They are also me sacristans of God's house and the directors of our choirs, to cite some of their additional DEAR PARISHIONERS: Sous nouse and the directors of our choirs, to cite some of their additional services. These holy women are dedicated servants of God and have given services. Linese noily women are dedicated servants of God and have given up every material thing in this world so they could serve God by serving

Certainly, for them who have done so much, the least we can provide is a proper place to live. We all know their present convent is totally ina proper place to live. We all know their present convent is totally inadequate. My own wish to build a new convent has been corroborated by you and your children. acequate. My own wish to build a new convent has been corroborated by your continual comments to me urging that action be taken to build our

Accordingly, I am in complete agreement with the Parish Lay Advisory Sister a new home.

Board's recommendation that we conduct a parish-wide fund raising program to secure \$350,000,00 for the construction and furnishing of a new gram to secure \$330,000.00 for the construction and turnsning of a new convent. I also favor their plan to seek an additional \$100,000.00 to reduce convent. I also layor their plan to seek an additional \$100,000.00 to reduce our debt. This will make possible the enlargement of our church, which is our dept. This will make possible the enlargement of our church, which is so acutely needed. This plan has also been endorsed by His Eminence, so acutely needed. 1111s plan nas also been endorsed by His Eminence, Albert Cardinal Meyer. I am pleased to serve as your Honorary Chairman.

St. James is a wonderful parish and your individual generous support is the one thing, along with God's help, that has made everything possible. the one thing, along with God's neip, that has made everything possible.

I am sure that your generosity is the best proof that you will make this proam sure that your generosity is the best proof that you will make this pro-gram another St. James success. It is one sure way that you can demongram another St. James success. It is one sure way that you can demonstrate your gratitude to God and to our Sisters for all they have done

Serving you as your pastor has been the consummate joy of my life. I assure you of my continued remembrance in Masses and prayers for you

and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Edward J. Laramil

#### PROGRAM NEEDS **450 MEN**

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asked to display any salesmanship wizardry to do the job properly. Members will have only two requirements: (1) Knowledge of the Program and its simple procedures. (2) Visits to the assigned parishioners.

#### Easy Missions

The total Program Committee of 450 men will provide 12 Area Chairmen, 72 Team Captains and 360 Representatives. The Captains and Representatives total of 432 will provide 216 teams. Their job of visiting six parishioners as Father Laramie's representatives will assure the success of the campaign.

Their mission is simple: (1) Deliver the Statement of Intention card to the parishioner and return it to the Program headquarters. (2) Answer any questions the parishioners may have about the Program.

The Program Committee members will not be asked to suggest any contribution amount to any parishioner.

This is our need. Not 450 highpressure salesmen, but 450 men with common sense who wish to be God's servants on earth. From our past experience we are sure we will reach this goal easily. Please do your share by joining the team. You will be most welcome.

## **Program Enthusiasm Extraordinary**

BY BOB SCANLON

Area Chairman

The best early barometer of a program which will ask people to part with money (and few of us enjoy that painful separation) is the response when people are asked to serve as chairmen. Generally, there will be one or two rejections, and with good reason.

We are pleased to announce that not one chairman has rejected participation in our Building Program. willingness, All have expressed a an alacrity, to really put our Program "over



SCANLON

One of the Chairmen gave the Program its theme when he said, "Count me in because must build our

the top."

Sisters a new Home." It reflects our parishioners' wish to build a new convent.

This is the spirit that has made St. James one of the most "talkedabout" parishes (in a favorable way) in the entire Archdiocese. As a matter of fact, what other spirit could we expect from such an outstanding

#### ONE MAN GANG

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to accomplish the many physical things to be done. All of us working together in charity will distribute the work and not over-burden any one parishioner. These labors are not limited to the visiting of parishioners. There are many other jobs that also need doing. This is all Catholic Action and service in God's vineyard. Whatever we can do should be a spiritual joy for each

We all must give for the success of our Program. It's a large undertaking that requires many "small axes to fell the giant oak." No one is going to tell any parishioner what amount to give. This is between the individual and God. A criterion that we have all heard is, perhaps, our best yardstick. "If we could give more, we haven't given enough." What this amount is, each of us knows in our own heart. Certainly when we are making this decision we must remember God's goodness and generosity.

Yes, it's a big job. Too big for any one man, any group of people, or even a sizeable percentage of parishioners. It's everyone's parish, so it's everyone's job! If we all have this attitude of unity, success will surely be ours!!

# Is Only Answer to **Our Needs**

BY JOE ORGLER

Co-Chairman

We have all been cognizant of the parish need to build a new convent. This is the least we can do for our Sisters who do so much for us.

Since Father Laramie has become our pastor the building of a new convent has been his primary parish material goal. In the course of his preparation to accomplish this goal Father has presented the situation to the Archdiocesan authorities. They were quick to approve his plans with the understanding that a fund raising effort be conducted to secure the

necessary money.

Father Laramie then asked our opinion in regard to the parish's ability to support the program. Since we have all advocated for some time the building of a new convent, the only question was: How?

The one solution that was most sensible to all of us was a threeyear fund-raising program which would provide us with the funds and which would be over and above our regular offertory collection income. The reasons were many:

1) The support money could be contributed over three years to fit the parishioners' circumstances.

2) The necessary extraordinary income could be secured through this method without placing too great a burden on any one parishioner.

3. Since we are now enjoying good times and people are working, we now are in a good financial position to finance our new convent

4) The sooner we could construct the convent, the better.

We have been reassured from all quarters that our recommendation was the wise course. We didn't give our Program its theme, but that's what we were thinking: "Let's Build Our Sisters a New Home."

## Meet Program Chairmen

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a day, as there are many points to be covered and many minds to be heard from. A cross section of thinking is necessary to produce the best policies and procedures for the Program. Organization plans must be reviewed, forms devised, printing accomplished, publicity written-and on and on.

We can be satisfied that these men know what they are doing and where the Program is going. They are all experienced and understand the complex aspects of conducting a successful effort.

In the next two weeks the Program Committee will need 72 Team Captains and 360 Representatives. Then the Committee will be formed, organized and ready to do their job of contacting the parishioners to secure total parish support for our \$450,000.00 Building Program.

On October 11 all of us can join with them and demonstrate our love of God, St. James spirit and appreciation for what an outstanding parish we have by generously supporting this needed Program.

## Planned Program . . . Debt Repayment Is Real Catholic Action

BY GEORGE BARRY

Area Chairman

The money that was loaned to us by the Archdiocese was advanced with the intention that it would be repaid as soon as possible so the



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money could be reloaned to other parishes. This money is now urgently needed by the Diocese to build essential new churches, schools, convents and other buildings. A good ex-

BARRY ample of the need for this money to build new buildings is our own convent. We know how important a new convent would be to provide our Sisters with adequate housing. As with our convent, these buildings will be built to serve the spiritual needs of the faithful.

Right now some parish cannot build because the Diocese does not have the money to loan. The repayment of our debt will make it possible for this loan to be made. Our Diocesan treasury cannot work miracles. It cannot loan money it does not possess.

By repaying our debt we will be doing a real work of Catholic Action that will permit these buildings to be built for the Greater Honor and Glory of God.

If our effort of making possible only one of these buildings would save only one soul, it would seem to pay rich dividends. Dividends that God will repay to us many times

## \$450,000.00 is Ainimum Goal

BY BOB McMULLEN

Area Chairman

Our Building Program seeks a minimum of \$450,000.00 support from the parishioners. Anything over that will put us that much closer to our total funding goal of repaying our present \$372,000.00 debt. This provide us with the financial stability necessary to enlarge our church in the not too distant future.



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\$450,000.00 was selected as our minimum goal because it was believed to be a satisfactory amount to build a new convent and reduce some of our debt, and still within the reasonable capacity of the parishioners.

Every penny we go beyond the \$450,000.00 mark will be like paying ourselves a dividend. Because in the long run, we are really paying ourselves in interest reduction.

This year we will pay more than \$16,000.00 in interest charges on our parish debt. Over the years interest charges could help pay for many things, for example, the school deficit, maintenance costs, etc. One thing we can be sure of: The sooner we repay our parish debt, the more interest charges we will save.

Everyone's support is needed to reach our goal. But if everyone will do just a little more, we can pass our minimum mark of \$450 .-000.00. Please do your best. It will be like paying yourself.

## St. James is An Outstanding Parish, Let's Keep It That Way

BY WILLIAM BOLASH

Area Chairman

After World War II St. James quickly changed from a rather small parish to the thriving Catholic community it is today. Especially in the past twelve years, under the leadership of our late beloved pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George J. Stier, we have accomplished a significant building program.

Today, we have a beautiful church, 24 room elementary school, eight room junior high school, two science laboratories, teen-ager clubroom, auditorium, convent and rectory. Except for the convent, it is a complex of buildings that we can be justi-fiably proud of. These buildings represent a two million dollar spiritual investment which rise to the sky for all to see as part of our sacrifice to God.

But a parish is more than buildings. It's people, it's souls and it's spirit.

BOLASH

The generosity of our parishioners is well established by the wonderful buildings and facilities have made possible in a few short years. The spiritual

strength of St.

James is readily seen not only at Sunday and daily Mass, but at the other spiritual devotions and activi-

The one other outstanding element is our parish spirit. It is an influence that is recognized throughout the Chicago Archdiocese. James parish has a reputation for

This parish spirit is easily identi-

## **God's Generosity** Will Not Be Outdone Rates It

BY JOSEPH DUNNE

Area Chairman

No one can quarrel with the fact that Catholics make sacrifices to practice their religion. Some are spiritual, some are material.

Our material sacrifices are sometimes outdone by our Protestant friends. Yet the sacrifices of time. spiritual effort and money the St. James parishioners have made are commendable. Time sacrified built outstanding parish activities and societies; spiritual sacrifices brought many blessings; and, the sacrifice of money was well spent in the support of our fine parish. We have a well



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planned program of parish activities. Our wonderful School Sisters of St. Francis and their lay teacher colleagues conduct an outstanding school. We have outstanding

priests.

All these sacrifices that we have made will pay even larger dividends

than we can see now.
We know God's generosity will not be outdone. According to the Holy Scripture anything given in His name will be returned a hundredfold. One hundred shares returned for one share invested is difficult to top.

fied. We see it in our priests and our sisters. We see our teen-agers commencing to absorb this St. James

All of this adds up to a truly outstanding parish. Let's keep it that way! Let's each of us do everything possible to support the parish programs. They do everything to sup-

# Father Laramie

BY DAVID MOREHAN

Area Chairman

Some weeks ago a visiting Diocesan priest told one of the men: "Your pastor is one of the outstanding priests in the Diocese . . . and one of the best-liked."

We really don't have to hear this type of accolade about Father Laramie. We know it from our personal experiences with him.

He has been here with us as our spiritual leader only a short time, but we have all developed a strong attachment to this man of God with the quick smile and twinkle in his

He spends his every waking minute serving his pa-



rishioners in some way or other. We could conservatively estimate that he has spent more than 350,000 minutes working for us in his short time here. This is easy to believe when

you follow him on his daily tour of offering mass, visiting the sick, burying the dead, talking with the school children, attending parish meetings (the rectory is like a train station in the evening hours), counseling parishioners, planning for the future, etc. Yes, it's a tough, unrelenting responsibility that is done in the name of God and for your benefit and mine.

Certainly for such a wonderful priest, all of us wish to do our level best to support him in his service to God and us.

Let's do a little more than "level best." Father Laramie rates it!

## Promises Have Been Delivered—The Rest Is Our Job

BY ANTHONY WILLOW

Area Chairman

The promises of the past to provide us with our parish buildings have been fulfilled.



We now have complex of buildings valued almost two million dollars. They leave only one thing undone before we have finished our building program. We all know that missing building

is a proper convent.

Father Laramie has now fulfilled this promise by securing the necessary approval to build our new convent . . . providing we reach our Building Program goal. Now it is our turn. We must demonstrate that we want this convent by generously supporting our present funding pro-

Our Building Program will do this if each of us does his or her share. We can all pray for the Program's success. Some of us will be asked to work. All of us should give according to our means.

Each in his own way, we must pray, work and give to carry out our part of the job.

## **Regular Offertory Collection Needed** For Normal **Operating Expenses**

BY JIM HAHN

Area Chairman

Parish income and expenses are divided between ordinary and ex-traordinary as you know from our Annual Report.

The ordinary expenses are those incurred in the normal operation of the parish such as maintenance, insurance, school expenses, salaries for teachers and other necessary personnel, supplies, printing etc., etc. Another group of expenses neither classified as ordinary or extraordinary are the different taxes the parish must pay on needed programs such as the Diocesan Seminary, the high schools and others While not classified, they must still be paid.

Obviously, the extraordinary income from a special effort like our \$450,000.00

**Building Program** will be used to construct and furnish our new convent and reduce our parish debt. So it is obvi-

ous that we still have our normal parish operating expenses to be

met. This is how the regular offertory collection is used. These normal operating expenses are size-

Therefore, we must continue to support the offertory collection as we have in the past. Our contributions to our Building Program must be over and above. Robbing Peter to pay Paul doesn't make sense in this case. Let's do the job, but let's also keep our regular offertory contributions at the same level they have been in the past.

#### **NEED NEW** CONVENT

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It is to see to the building of a new convent for our Sisters. In case anyone is in doubt as to the need, I submit the following reasons I found on a piece of paper.

- 1. Original building 75 or 80 years old.
- 2. 16 bedrooms (6 double) for 22 nuns-all rooms too small.
- 3. 5 bathrooms-6 tubs, 6 toilets.
- 4. Basement:
  - a) totally inadequate for storage b) dry foods (cereal, sugar, flour) must be stored in attic
  - c) one storage room has no flooring

  - d) laundry too small e) 40- or 50-year-old boilers
- 5. Kitchen: much too small and old equipment (refrigerator, stove).
- 6. No provision for guest rooms.
- 7. Trunks must be kept in atticcarried up very narrow, steep, winding stairs.
- 8. Sewing room, typing, hectograph—one room and too small.
- 9. Community room: too small.
- 10. Two telephones only (inconvenient and no privacy).
- 11. Only one office.
- 12. All wood construction, narrow staircases, leaking roof, windows warped.
- 13. Plumbing very bad.

These notes were in Father Laramie's handwriting.



The beautiful, new St. James Convent will face State Road in front of the present convent. It will be a two floor structure with a basement. There will be 23 10'x12' bedrooms and two guest rooms on the second floor. The superior's office, sewing room and linen room will also be on the second floor. The first floor will be: kitchen, pantry, community room, refectory, activity room, work room, three parlors and a chapel. The recreation room, laundry and storage space will be in the basement. Heat and air-conditioning will be supplied by the central boiler room in the school. The building will be an inverted "L" shape, permitting spacious and private grounds. Quality construction will be assured by a parishioner architect, highly respected Joe L. Bennett, A.I.A. The convent will be fire-proof, masonry construction. The Sisters will live in the old convent until the new convent



# **His Reputation**

BY BILL FLYNN

Area Chairman

Incurring the full responsibility for a \$350,000.00 debt is not easy, especially when you are not going to be the one to gain from the risk. This is just what our pastor has done for us as he affixed his signature to every loan given to the parish. He will do the same when we receive the loan for our new convent.

He will not be borrowing this money for himself. He will be borrowing the money for you and me. Borrowing the money so that we can have a suitable convent for our wonderful Sisters.

Consequently, for our needs Father Laramie will most willingly stake his reputation as



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an administrator so that we can have our con-vent. Others are watching to see how we will perform; how will back Father Laramie's confidence.

Father Laramie has again demonstrated his confidence is us by accepting the Lay Board's recommendation for this Building Program.

He has authorized the Program be conducted. He has again staked his reputation on our future per-

He's been a wonderful pastor. Let's support this Program to the fullest and return his confidence.

## Father Laramie Stakes Let's Free Our Priests From Money Worries

BY VINCE FORD

Area Chairman

The proper support of our parish is everyone's concern.

Sometimes people are inclined to present this worry exclusively to the parish priests and primarily to the pastor. Certainly this is more our job than the priests.

Their job is to serve our spiritual needs which is quite a demanding task for a parish the size of St. James. This is especially so in a parish which has as many activities as we do.



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Surely, our priests would much rather never have to think of money. They loathe to talk of it. Nevertheless, money is needed. As a business does, the parish also has payrolls to meet, suppliers to pay and futures to be

planned. Let's free our priests from these money worries. A planned program, such as our Building Program, will give Father Laramie a reliable,

steady income that will do just that. He will not be forced to forsake some of his spiritual service to us in favor of a constant intrusion from money worries.

Certainly, taking care of our spiritual needs is Father Laramie's first concern. Let's be sure it is his only one.

## Meeting Schedule Is Short and Sweet

BY TOM KAIN

Area Chairman

The total meeting schedule has been purposely limited to a minimum number of meetings. This way no one will be overloaded with too many time requirements.

The meetings will be short and organized to accomplish the necessary administration and communication for an undertaking of this size.

### Meeting Schedule

Tuesday—September 15, 1964 8:30 P.M., Area Chairmen Meeting Junior H. S. Hall (Already Held) Tuesday—September 22, 1964 8:30 P.M., Captain's Meeting Junior H. S. Hall (Already Held) Tuesday—September 29, 1964 8:30 P.M., Representative's Meeting Junior H. S. Hall Tuesday—October 6, 1964 8:30 P.M., Final Program Meeting. Everyone attend, Junior H. S. Hall Sunday—October 11, 1964 4:00 P.M., Appeal Sunday Benediction for Program Committee in Church

Captains will secure assigned Intention Cards in Elementary School following Benediction.

This, of course, does not represent the total time of previous meetings which were held to formulate the Program plans, policies and procedures.

One last thought, the meetings will start promptlyl . . . and end quickly!

# A New **Parishioner** Speaks

BY JIM ROLLER

Team Captain

One thing that impresses me as a new parishioner of St. James Parish is the well organized manner in which everything is done. Working with the Program Committee has demonstrated to me how you have accomplished so much in such a short time.

You who have been a parishioner for some time have much that you can be proud of. Working with Fathers Laramie, Doherty, Hinterberger and their predecessors, you have built a wonderful complex of parish buildings.

We, who are new parishioners are grateful for the work you have done. It has been our good fortune to join you and to enjoy everything you have accomplished.

Now we all must move forward, side-by-side, to make this Program an overwhelming success. I am sure this is just what we will do-100% parish unity and effort for the Greater Honor and Glory of God and the welfare of our Sisters. Then, success will surely be ours!

# **A Veteran Parishioner** Agrees

BY JOSEPH URICK

Many years of my life have been spent in St. James parish. I have watched it grow from a small parish to its present size. I have glad-



ly participated in its efforts to support the work of our dedicated priests and sisters. Over the years

the parishioners have done a magnificent job. The results of their labors are obvious for everyone

to see. The one thing that we have still to accomplish is the construction of a suitable convent for our Sisters

Don't ask them. Don't ask Sister Judea. She'll tell you that "everything is fine and that we can manage nicely." She won't tell you about the leaking roof or the faulty plumbing. Neither will she tell you of the rodents who share the dirtfloor basement.

But they're there . . . and it's time we did something to correct the deplorable housing these wonderful servants of God must live in.

Talking with my friends, I'm sure we all feel the same way. This is our chance to demonstrate our gratitude to our Sisters for all the marvelous things they do for each of us. It's time to Build Our Sisters A New Home.