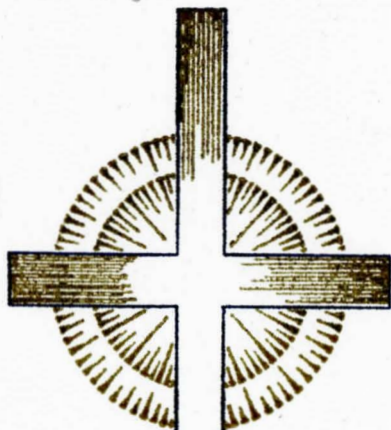
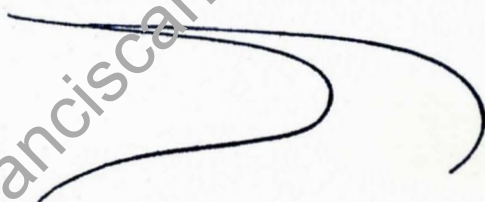


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DEDICATION



The Christian Brothers

St. Francis High School



LORD, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.

O DIVINE MASTER, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love,
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born
to Eternal Life.

—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



May 4, 1958

Dedication

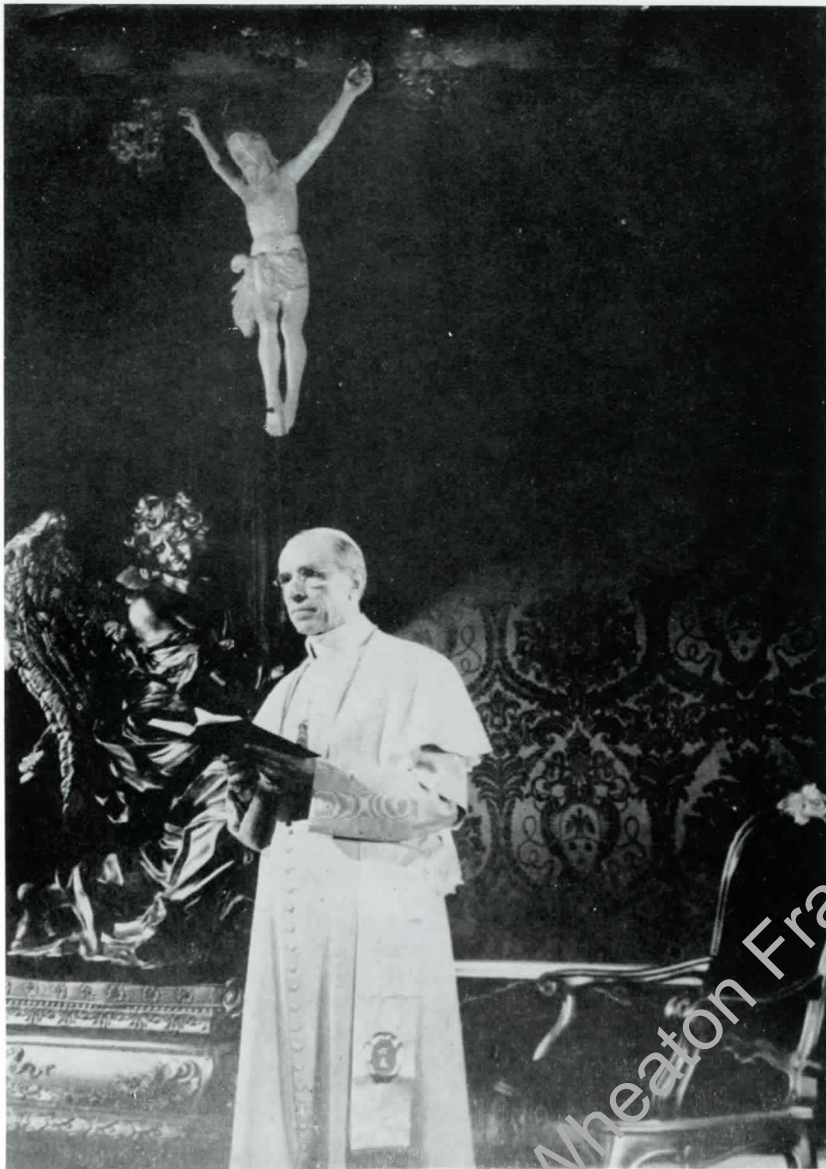
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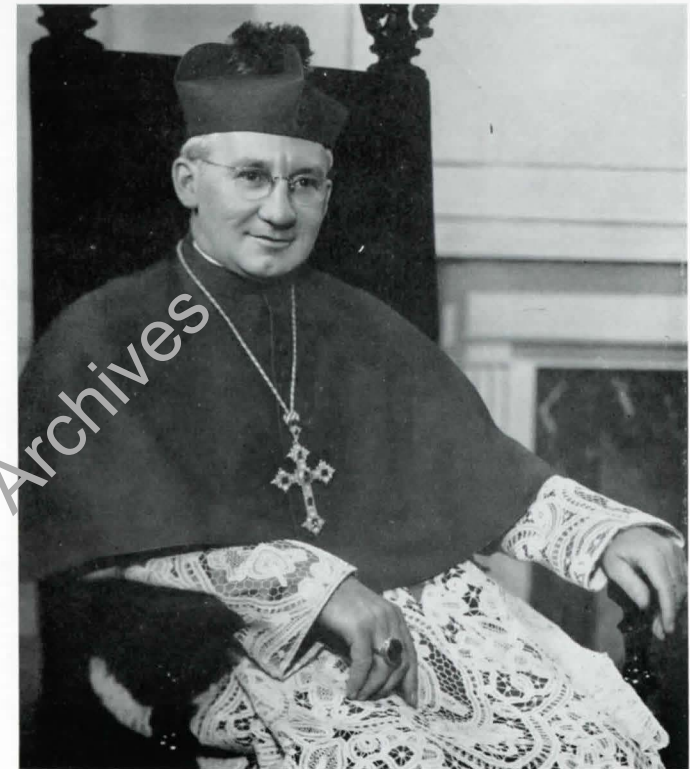
Conducted by the Christian Brothers of the St. Louis District.
Assisted by the Religious of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin
Mary and the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters, Daughters
of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

3:00 p.m.

Most Reverend Martin D. McNamara, D.D.
Bishop of Joliet in Illinois
Presiding



His Holiness, Pope Pius XII



April 10, 1958

Dear Brother George:

We are happy to send our congratulations and blessing to the priests, brothers, sisters, and lay people in the eight parishes of Western DuPage County on the building of the new St. Francis High School. The building is a monument to their faith, sacrifice, and generosity. They are worthy successors of the pioneers who built the Churches and schools of DuPage County years ago. I am confident that they will continue to support this new high school so that it will be able to accomplish the great work of training good Catholics and good Americans for our beloved country. May God prosper this high school and shower His blessings on the faculty, Religious and lay, and on the whole student body together with their families.

Wishing you every blessing, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Martin D. McNamara

The Most Rev. Martin D. McNamara, D.D.
Bishop of Joliet in Illinois

April 15, 1958

Dear Brother George:

On the solemn occasion of the dedication of St. Francis High School, I wish to extend my congratulations to you, to the members of the faculty, and to the generous clergy and laity of DuPage County. On behalf of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, I thank you and your co-laborers for the work you have done to further Christian education.

The Christian Brothers are proud to be associated with the Religious of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary and with the Franciscan Sisters, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, in bringing the teachings of Christ to the boys and girls of DuPage County. We thank them for their generosity and whole-hearted co-operation in the difficult task of establishing a new school.

The pastors and laity of the parishes that contributed to the construction of St. Francis are to be especially congratulated on Dedication Day. Through their spirit of sacrifice they have cooperated with His Excellency, Bishop McNamara, in establishing a Catholic high school for their children.

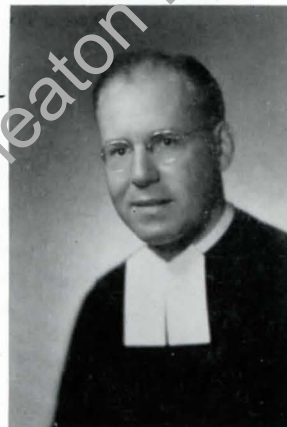
May God bestow His choicest blessings on the faculty, the students, their parents, and friends of St. Francis High School on Dedication Day and for the years that lie ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Brother I. Philip, F.S.C.

Brother I. Philip, F.S.C.
Visitor
St. Louis District

Brother Joel Damian, F.S.C.
Auxiliary Visitor
Superintendent of Schools
St. Louis District



April 1, 1958

Dear Brother George:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and the Christian Brothers upon your success in erecting another building for the education of youth.

As your neighbors, our Sisters have watched St. Francis High School grow to its present splendid shape. Few people realize the time and energy expended by you in order to make the school available to the incoming freshmen and sophomores by September, 1957. We know that this labor of love, dedicated to the Christian education of future Americans, had its share of trials and tribulations. Our Sisters have found it both an inspiration and a challenge to cooperate with you, and to share with the Ladies of Loretto the teaching responsibility under your guidance.

On this day of Dedication, the Franciscan Sisters join you in asking God's blessing upon your great endeavor, and pray for the special protection of St. Francis in his own words: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and have mercy upon you. May He turn His countenance to you and give you peace."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mother M. Flcrina

Mother M. Flcrina, Provincial

Brother I. George, F.S.C.
St. Francis High School
Wheaton, Illinois



Loretto Abbey, Armour Heights
Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada
April 17, 1958

In this year of the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in Mary's month, it is my happy privilege to ask Our Lady to bless this dedication of St. Francis High School, May 4, 1958.

My prayers and best wishes—

... To His Excellency, The Most Reverend Martin D. McNamara, D.D., Bishop of Joliet, Illinois, on this day which is another tribute to his leadership in the education of youth.

... To the Brothers of the Christian Schools, to the Director, Brother I. George, F.S.C., and to the members of the first faculty of St. Francis High School. It has been an inspiration to me to have our Religious of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Francis pioneering in establishing the first traditions of this new school.

... To the pastors, priests, and families of the eight parishes who have seen the project through many changes and disappointments, to the final triumph of their faith and labor—the completion of this co-instructional Catholic high school.

May our Blessed Lady grant you all the graces to keep your school dedicated to the service of Her Son. May your graduates go forth from St. Francis, strong in Faith and alive to the obligations of citizenship.

Sincerely yours in J.C.,

M. Constance

Mother M. Constance, I.B.V.M.
Mother General.



Domine ut Serviam

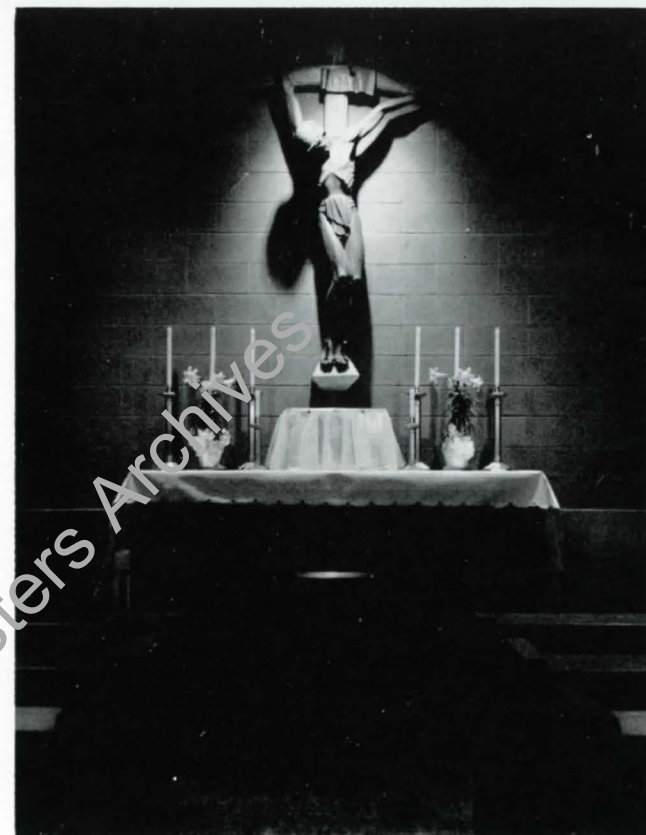
St. Francis High School owes its existence to the spiritual leadership of His Excellency, Bishop Martin D. McNamara, to his faithful clergy, and to the generosity of the Catholic laity in Du Page County.

Early in 1955, initial plans for St. Francis began to crystallize. On May 24, 1955, Bishop McNamara sent to the people of the eight cooperating parishes an appeal in which he asked them to make a sacrifice so that St. Francis would become a reality. The school stands today as a monument to pastors and parishioners alike.

The eight cooperating parishes and their pastors are: Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Luke, St. Petronille in Glen Ellyn; Very Rev. Msgr. V. J. Cloos, St. John the Baptist in Winfield; Rev. J. F. Lynch, St. Michael in Wheaton; Rev. A. F. Stutzke, Sacred Heart in Lombard; Rev. E. V.

O'Neill, St. Pius X in Lombard; Rev. J. R. Klaes, St. Isidore in Cloverdale; Rev. A. C. Steir, St. Irene in Warrenville; and Rev. B. Doyle, St. Mary in West Chicago. Superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Joliet is the Very Reverend Joseph A. Wagner of St. Walter in Roselle.

The Campaign committee for St. Francis included: William C. Hay, General Chairman; Daniel F. Rice, Special Gifts Chairman; William Bratthauer, John Bollweg, Charles Fruehe, John Garceau, Elmer Hoffman, Elmer Martin, and John McCaslin as the Special Gifts Committee. The parish chairmen were: Reno Beaudoin, Robert Cizek, William Corrigan, Fred Damlos, John Foxen, Alfred Gartner, Erwin Hahn, Leonard Herman, John Katich, Louis Pommier, George Richter, Glenn Shehee, and Fred Weidner.



THE CHAPEL of St. Francis, located in the east wing of the school, is the focal point of all teaching and activities, the very center of school life. Students have the privilege of visiting Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament before and after classes and at other times during the school day. The crucifix above the main altar was designed especially for St. Francis High School by Edo J. Belli and was carved according to specifications at Santa Christina in the Italian Tyrol. Also from Santa Christina are the statues of the Holy Family, St. Francis, and St. John Baptist De La Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.



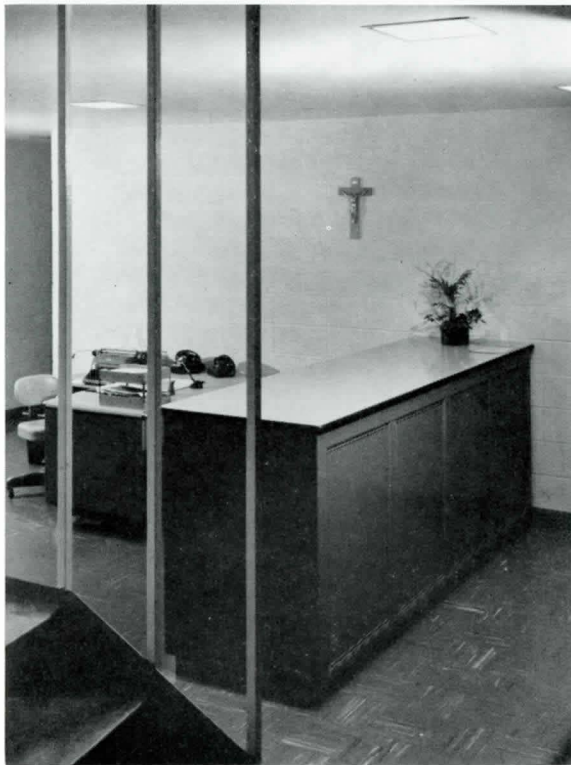
DIRECTOR of St. Francis High School is Brother I. George, F.S.C., pictured in the center above. The present status of the school is due in great measure to his unselfish devotion to the difficult task of establishing a new institution.

Pictured on the right above is Mother M. Edwarda, I.B.V.M., assistant principal in charge of the girls' department. Friendly, capable, efficient, Mother Edwarda handles all phases of the girls' academic life at St. Francis.

Reverend George Moran, pictured on the left, is school chaplain, chaplain to the Christian Brothers, and instructor in religion in the girls' department. The spiritual activities of the school, including the annual retreat, come under his direction.

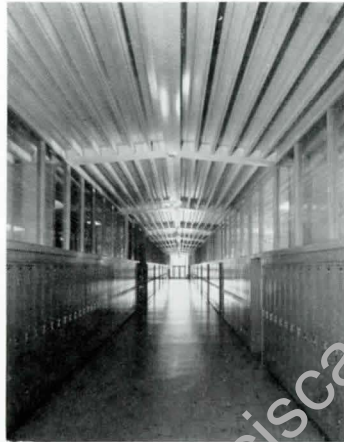
MEMBERS of the teaching faculty at St. Francis. Seated clockwise are: Mother M. Juana, I.B.V.M., Mother M. Alice, I.B.V.M., Sister Janice, O.S.F., Mother Maria Regina, I.B.V.M., Sister Lucille, O.S.F., Sister Marilyn, O.S.F., and Sister Jude, O.S.F. Standing clockwise are: Brother Rigmald, F.S.C., Brother Anthony, F.S.C., Mr. H. Berg, Brother Leo, F.S.C., Brother Pius, F.S.C., Brother William, F.S.C., and Brother Michael, F.S.C.



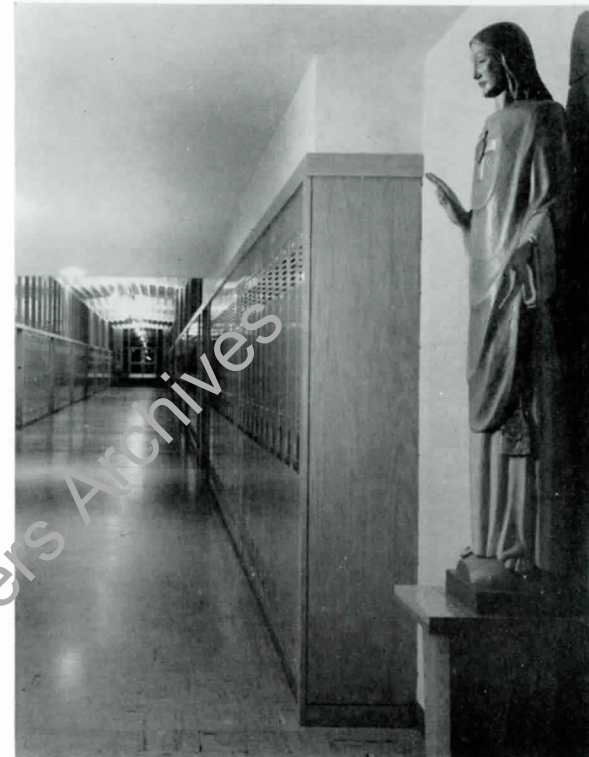


At the left is the general office of the school, situated just below the south end of the library.

Below is the corridor of the south wing which houses all of the boys' classrooms and the science laboratories.

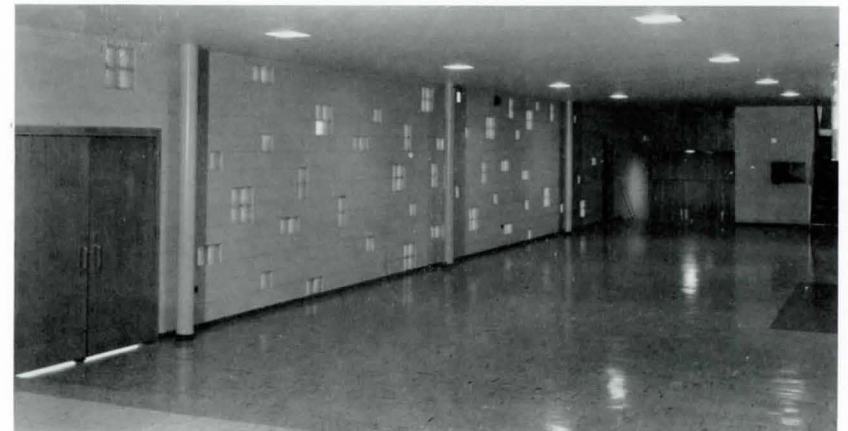


The main foyer of the south entrance, leading to all parts of the school, appears at the left.



At the left is the corridor of the girls' wing with an exit both to Roosevelt Road and to the north parking lot.

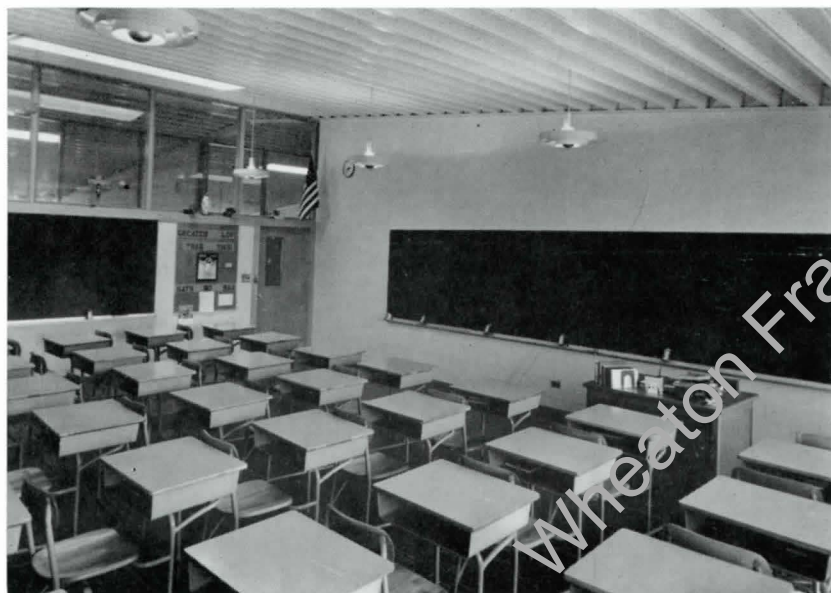
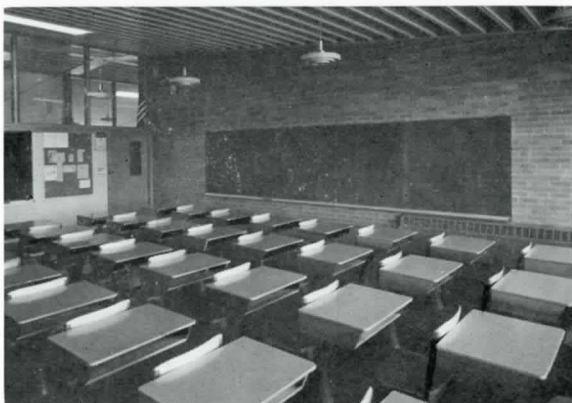
Below is the inner lobby of the school with entrances to the chapel, both gymnasiums, and the cafeteria.



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Typical of the classrooms in each wing is the picture on the right, a boys' classroom, and the one below, a girls' classroom.



The home arts laboratory above is nearing completion for use in the 1958-59 school year.

The biology laboratory, pictured on the right, has been in operation since the beginning of school in September.



Extending over the dual front entrance to St. Francis is the school library shown on the right. Mother M. Alice, I.B.V.M., is the school librarian. Below is the music room adaptable for both chorus and instrument practice.

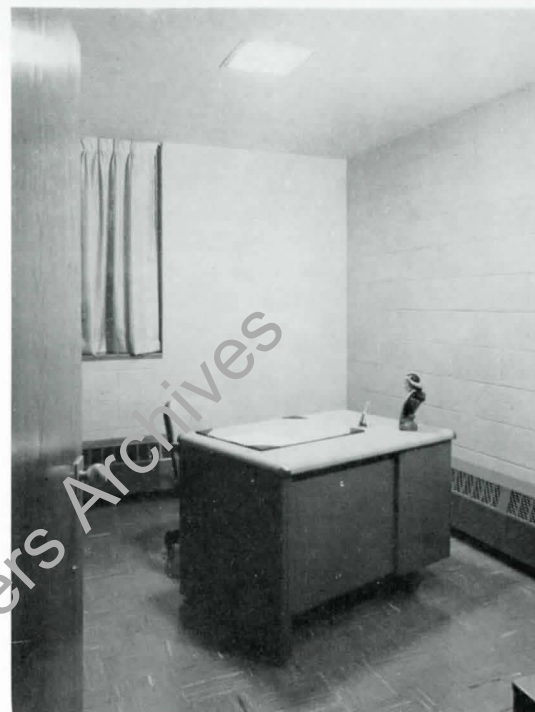


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A counseling office, typical of the kind used by the school chaplain and the faculty, appears on the left. Below is the central public address system which permits two-way communication with all parts of the school building.



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THE GYMNASIUM below is one set aside exclusively for the girls' physical education and recreational activities. In the background is the stage and boys' gymnasium. Either gymnasium may be used as an auditorium.

THE BOYS' gymnasium is situated in the northeast corner of the south wing of St. Francis. Bleacher capacity is twelve hundred. Just above the bleachers on the right is the school cafeteria.



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On the left is the cafeteria kitchen where tasty lunches are prepared for the students.

On the right is the Brothers' faculty residence in a picture taken from the southwest corner of the driveway.



To the south of the boys' gymnasium and on the upper level is the school cafeteria pictured on the right.

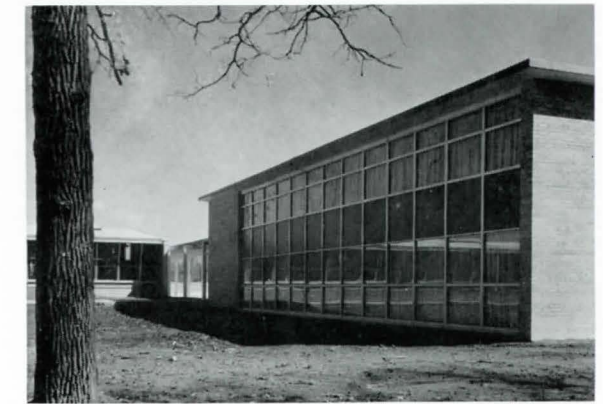


The same residence appears on the left as seen from the school's south exit.



Students choose their luncheon items as they pass the steam table and service counter shown on the left.

The north side of the residence. In the background is the promenade to the south entrance of the school.



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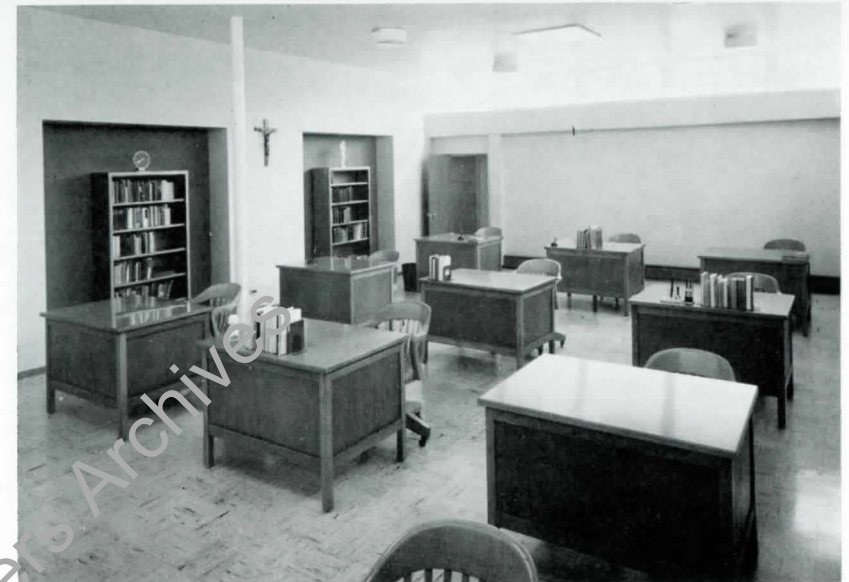


An office in the faculty residence provided for visitors' consultations.

On the right is the main parlor, a room available for small group meetings.



Nearest to the main entrance of the Brothers' house is the visitors' parlor at the left.



The upper level of the faculty residence houses the study room shown above and twenty sleeping rooms, one of which is pictured here.



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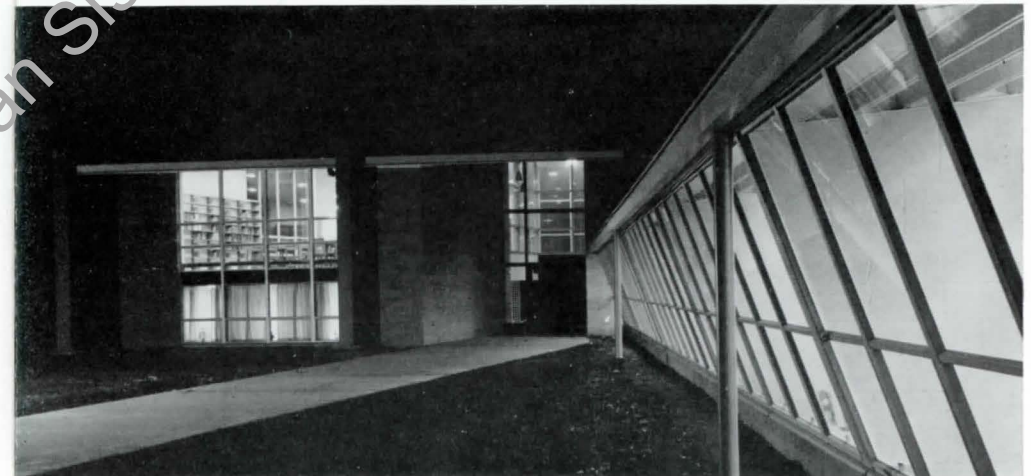
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ABOVE is the Brothers' refectory located in the northeast corner of the faculty residence. The dining room is large enough to accommodate twenty Brothers.



An exterior view of the general offices and south wing of the library appears on the left. Below is a night scene photographed from the main entrance to the faculty house.



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