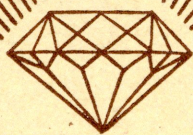


St. Bonaventure's
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Foreword



graphic story of
St. Bonaven-
ture's College
and Seminary,
with verse and prose,
conceived for the purpose
of awakening in the minds
of the alumni of the col-
lege and seminary the true
relation of a great educa-
tional institution to the
men it has served.

"Reconstructing a World"

NOW with the world needing the best services of every man and woman college education becomes imperative. Never before in the world history has there been such a crying need for trained workers and trained thinkers to grapple with and solve the problems of this new era.

Responsibility for developing these thinkers and workers devolves upon the Alumni of St. Bonaventure's and all colleges and universities. It is to the Alumni and their friends that this communication is addressed.

For seventy years St. Bonaventure's College has been engaged in the important work of training young men to become efficient workers and good citizens. They are taught to believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy within a republic; a sovereign nation of sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom within the law, equality and justice for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and their fortunes. They, therefore, love their country and consider it their first duty to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and defend it against all enemies.

St. Bonaventure's College has grown into the hearts of its Alumni and has grown also in respect

to the greatly increased number of students which she is graduating each successive year.

The business of educating the youth of the nation is one demanding the closest attention, study and assistance of all forward looking Alumni of St. Bonaventure's and citizens of the country.

Most young men, either lured by opportunities for immediate employment or forced by conditions to seek a livelihood, jeopardize their futures by failing to complete the training so well begun in the elementary and secondary schools.

Loyal Alumni and their friends are asked to support the College in the proposed program of expansion calculated to reach the higher educational needs of this rich and growing country.

This call is based upon the fact that it is accompanied by an already made voluntary pledge by the College of the consecrated service of the Franciscan Fathers worth over one and a half million dollars cash endowment and \$750,000 worth of grounds and buildings, together with the \$250,000 already subscribed in cash and preferred pledges by the community in and around St. Bonaventure, New York.

When an institution has performed a given character of meritorious service it accumulates a latent credit proportionate to its age and service rendered; in the same manner, an individual obtains that credit.

The College, in seventy years of faithful and efficient service, has moulded the character of many thousands of young men.

The Late President Harding, in an address at Williamsburg, Va., made a plea for small colleges. He said:
 "It is the small college that democratizes the higher education; that brings it within the reach of the average young man and young woman."

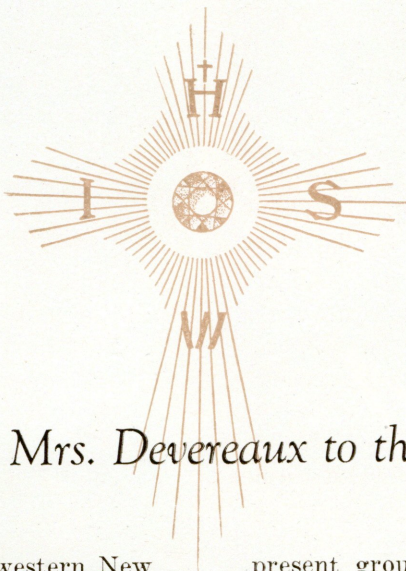


MR. NICHOLAS DEVEREAUX

St. Bonaventure's Benefactors



MRS. NICHOLAS DEVEREAUX



"The Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux to the Franciscan Fathers"

AMONG the early settlers in western New York, the Devereaux Family was prominent for its sterling Catholicity and zeal in support of the Church. The name of Devereaux is closely identified with the history of St. Bonaventure's, for they were instrumental in bringing the first Franciscans there, and their generosity supplied their first wants and the land on which the College and Seminary stand.

The first Franciscans arrived in the Diocese of Buffalo in 1855 and in the following year, Mr. Devereaux deeded to them a large tract of land at Allegany, together with a considerable sum of money for educational purposes. This land comprised the

present grounds of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, St. Elizabeth's Academy and St. Bonaventure Cemetery.

Nicholas Devereaux was a splendid type of Catholic layman. His primary efforts were directed toward the preservation of the true faith among the poor exiles who had come as pioneers into the wilderness which was then western New York. He facilitated in every way the construction of churches and gave generously to the establishment of missions, and his services to the cause of Catholic education, in making possible the original foundation of St. Bonaventure's are invaluable.



VERY REVEREND PAMPHILUS DA MAGLIANO, O. F. M.
First President of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary

"The Coming of the Franciscans"



IN 1854, while on a trip to Rome, Nicholas Devereaux visited the Irish College of St. Isidore, conducted by the Franciscan Fathers. He explained to them the grave situation in western New York and offered his liberal support if they would

found a mission there, but owing to the great number of Fathers already engaged in foreign missions, and also the scarcity of English-speaking priests, they could not at the time accept his offer.



HORTLY after Rt. Rev. John Timon, D.D., Bishop of Buffalo, during a visit to the Eternal City on the occasion of the definition of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, invited the Fathers to his diocese. Upon this invitation, several of the Fathers who had long cherished a desire to devote themselves to the American mission, so earnestly besought their superior for permission to go, that he consented and made immediate preparation for the departure of the first missionary expedition.

The little band consisted of three Fathers and one lay brother. Father Pamphilus Da Magliano, who had been professor of theology in the Irish Franciscan College of St. Isidore, was chosen superior of the missionary colony. His co-laborers were: Father Sixtus De Gagliano, a professor at the Convent of St. Bernardine at Urbino; Father Samuel De Prezzo, who had just completed his studies at the College of San Pietro at Rome, and Salvador De Manarola, a lay brother. With the blessing of the Holy Father and due faculties for the establishing of a province of their Order, they left Rome on April 9, 1855. Reaching New York on June 19th, they proceeded directly to Ellicottville in the

diocese of Buffalo where they assumed charge of the parish and its numerous missions extended over several counties.

Here they labored under the greatest difficulties; the number of the faithful were few and widely scattered, the country was new and undeveloped, and conveniences of every kind were lacking. The first Friars attended to the spiritual wants of the Catholic population within a radius of two hundred miles.

In 1856 the Friars transferred their headquarters to Allegany, where the cornerstone of St. Bonaventure's Monastery was laid on August 23rd of that year, by Bishop Timon of Buffalo, assisted by Bishop O'Laughlin of Brooklyn and several clergymen. In spite of a heavy rain, over two thousand persons witnessed the ceremony.

After many delays, the new monastery was finally opened and dedicated to the Seraphic Doctor, St. Bonaventure, on the feast of St. Francis, Oct. 4, 1858. The chapel of the monastery was soon after opened to the public and henceforth the parishioners attended divine services there instead of St. Nicholas' Church, the first church in Allegany, which stands today on its original site.



Very Rev. Fr. Massimo, O. F. M.

*Second President of St. Bonaventure's College
and Seminary*

Father Massimo was president of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary from 1874 until 1877. While President he also taught Sacred Theology and Latin in which he was recognized as one of the foremost scholars in this country. Later, to these were added Dogmatic Theology and other courses.

He died in March of 1888.

VERY REV. FR. MASSIMO, O. F. M.
Second President of St. Bonaventure's

"The Fountain of St. Francis"



FDROWESED by that flowery fountain which is especially dedicated to St. Francis. His statue in the center looks down upon the basin wherein the water sparkles and murmurs, reflecting the tangled mass of phlox, poppies and marigolds which encircle it about, the air warm with the caress of sunshine, and redolent of many sweet odors, seemed to combine with the stillness to lead me into a dreamy atmosphere of reverie. Neither dream nor meditation, still it wrought with a kind of poetic and prayerful fervor on my feelings until in the glamor of much beauty, it lifted me out of the commonplace of a summer afternoon into the region of a most exquisite fancy. It seemed the saint who so loved nature, here received nature's homage. The poppies, like so many golden censers swung in the breeze, wafting rich perfumes up to him. The water, falling over the stones with little ripples and gushes of sound, seemed lisping prayers or telling wondrous tales about him, while in the pool where it settled, it gathered up the living colors of the reflected flowers and of them made gorgeous jewel windows for his church. The bees, like little brown Franciscans toiled incessantly among the blossoms, chanting their office in stentorian tones. Above, the sun played on the golden halo of the saint until it radiated with a gentle gleam, so lighting up his face that it seemed less of stone, and in the light and shade seemed smiling benediction on the scene."

—J. Y.



The Fountain of St. Francis

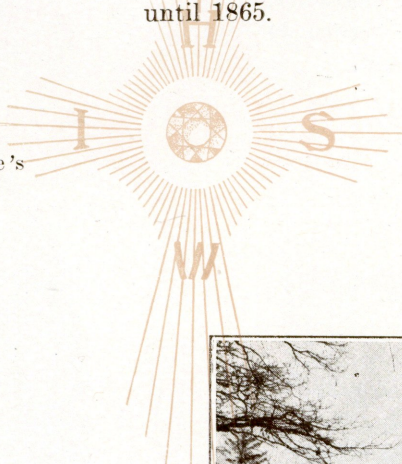


VERY REV. FR. LEO, O. F. M.
Third President of St. Bonaventure's

Very Rev. Father Leo, O. F. M.

Third President of St. Bonaventure's

Father Leo, who was president from 1877 until 1880 was an outstanding figure in the development of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary. Coming from Litchfield County, the Diocese of Hartford, he brought a great contingent of students to both the College and Seminary. Father Leo was noted for the great discipline he maintained at St. Bonaventure's. He was a great organizer possessed of a very decided nature. Father Leo also served as a Chaplain in the Union Forces during the Civil War from 1861 until 1865.



"Quid Agis"

Fra. Cornelius, O. F. M.



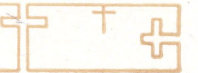
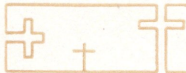
VAGRANT I, whose aim in life
Can bear no stern inquiring,
Yet deep within my heart I keep
A goal of my aspiring.

Not framed for deeds of loud acclaim,
I plod my lowly journey
Or call to joust with blunted arms
My soul in Love's fair tourney.

The way is long, and I am weak,
But strength is gained by trying,
I fall, yet quickly rise again,
On God's good grace relying.



"May on the Banks of the Allegheny"



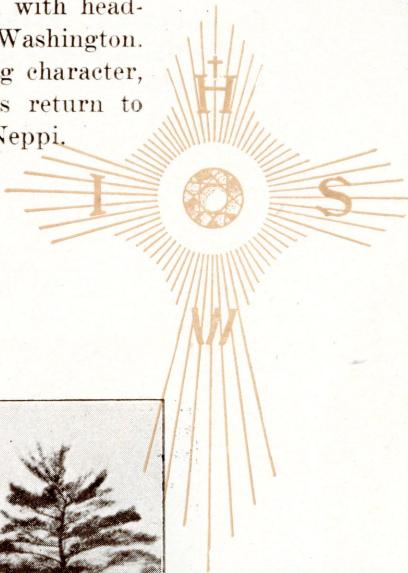
Very Rev. Father Charles, O.F.M.

Fourth President of St. Bonaventure's

Father Charles, who was three times Father Provincial of the Holy Name Province, was also in his second term as Provincial, President of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary. It was during his Presidency—1880 to 1883—that the first annual report was finally bound and perfected for both the College and Seminary. Father Charles also installed the first heating plant for the Seminary and built on the Seminary the French roof which still serves. During his third term as Father Provincial, Charles was made Commissareate of The Holy Land Office, with headquarters in New York and later in Washington. Father Charles was a man of very strong character, vision and decision. In 1895, after his return to Europe because of ill health, he died at Neppi.



VERY REV. FR. CHARLES, O.F.M.
Fourth President of St. Bonaventure's



Recreation Grove

ST. Bonaventure's Campus—The pride of those who have lingered here many pleasant hours and know it well. Great pines that give ample shade—seclusion for sober thought and precious dreams. Broad fields and winding river—tourney ground for hardy sports, endeavor bold. Every tree and shrub and opening lingers deep within the memory of those who witnessed the beauties of nature here.

Very Rev. Fr. Theophilus, O. F. M.

Fifth President of St. Bonaventure's

Father Theophilus, a Moravian by birth, came to this country while young and here received the greater part of his education. When first ordained he was a pastor in one of the New York City Parishes, after which he came to St. Bonaventure's and entered the Franciscan Orders. From 1883 until 1886 he was Father Provincial and President of St. Bonaventure's. While President he also taught Latin and Moral Theology in the College and Seminary. Shortly after his term as President was completed, his health failed him and he returned to Hungary and later died in Budapest, the same year in which Father Charles died, 1895.



REV. FR. THEOPHILUS, O. F. M.
Fifth President of St. Bonaventure's



Old Door—Strong Portal



“Old Door—Strong Portal”



OLD door, strong portal of a noble world
With threshold worn by many moving
feet;
Light steps of youth and slower ones of
age

And some that halt and totter to the end.
Sheer on the crossroads of the ways of life,
Here virtue's pathway meets with glory's trail,
Here comes the school boy, here the soldier armed
Goes forth to battle in the great command.
Here lofty dreams begun, fruition reach
And high ambition here beholds it's goal,
Here in ennobling sacrifice are heroes taught
And knowledge here has sanctuaries found.
Proud archway, with thy welcome and godspeed,
Thy admonitions and thy tender care,
In memory's latest hour be thou enshrined,
In love's deep heart to loom forever more."—J. Y.

Note: It has been calculated that over 30,000,000 men have passed over this threshold since the door was built, it being necessary for every student to pass in and out at least three times daily.

“They departing, leave behind them, footprints in the sands of time”

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



VERY REVEREND FATHER JOSEPH BUTLER, O. F. M.



VERY Rev. Joseph F. Butler, O. F. M., was born at Galbally, County Tipperary, Ireland, August 13, 1838. Having received a thorough education in Ireland, he came to this country in the early sixties and went into business in New York City. His business career was successful, but feeling the call to the religious life, he renounced honors which the world had in store for him and had promised to his unusual talents, and assuming the brown robe of a poor Franciscan he became a sandalled follower of the humble St. Francis. He became a Franciscan Brother teaching in the Franciscan Brothers College in Brooklyn, N. Y. Here he taught for twelve years, his splendid intellectual talents predicting for him a brilliant career as an educator.

Possessed of a powerful character, great personality and wonderful intellectuality, it was apparent that he was destined for a higher station and so on May 7, 1876, he entered St. Bonaventure's as a student and was ordained June 15, 1880.

He was soon made Vice President and in 1887 was chosen President, an office which brought forth in all their vigor and perfection those beautiful and scholarly traits of character for which he was famed. From 1887 the history of St. Bona's is inseparably connected with the name of Father Joseph and during the quarter of a century in which he presided, the narrative of the institution's progress is one of honor and glory to his zealous career. During his long regime St. Bonaventure's advanced with notable strides until he had the happiness of seeing it ranking among the noble Catholic institutions of learning in the country.

Father Joseph Butler died on the morning of July 25, 1911.

"None knew him but to love him, nor named him but to praise"

St. Bonaventure's under Father Joseph Butler's Administration

IT was during the administration, and in the mind of Father Joseph Butler that the dream of St. Bonaventure's splendid future first took form. This great and good man saw in the College and Seminary over which he was called to preside, the possibilities of a magnificent University and it was to the realization of this dream that he consecrated his life. In the striving for the materialization of that vision, he built and rebuilt so that the history of his administration is one of tireless effort, always building and improving the institution which had been placed in his care and which was so dear to his heart.

The first building to be erected by him was the Alumni Hall, then came the large extension to the monastery proper and the new seminary. The progress of the institution under his wise administration was so remarkable and the influx of students had become so strong, that it was found necessary in 1900 to erect the present college building to meet the increased demands.

In June, 1908, the main building of the college was destroyed by

fire, but Father Joseph immediately set about its reconstruction and within a year he had, by his ceaseless energy restored the building, better equipped and more commodious than before.

The building and enlarging of St. Elizabeth's Academy were also the work of Father Joseph. These buildings as well as those at St. Bonaventure's are silent testimonials to the industry and zeal with which he labored for the quarter of a century during which he was President.

In this strong but gentle and unassuming character we have a type of the finest and best of the Franciscan tradition. Of a commanding intellectuality and most winning personality, he drew all to him, from the youngest student to the most exalted of the alumni, and he held them by the power of his gifts of mind and heart. A man of breadth and vision and great ideals and ambitions for the honor and glory of God, he wrought wisely and well.

St. Bonaventure's of the present is indeed his monument, but his real monument and one worthy of his genius will be that of the future, St. Bonaventure's University.



"Father Joe's Statue"

We wonder, Joe, sure you wont mind us
If we speak thus freely, though Saint you be.
Did we love you less we'd be far more formal
And give you your titles, Asthore Machree.

We wonder, Joe—Ah, we shouldn't wonder,
Sure we know full well that you are with us yet.
And we have a statue that greets us daily—
Your statue, Joe—lest we forget.

Oh! God forgive us; did we need reminder
To remember thee, Joe. God's peace be thine!
Thy abiding love for "the boys" still bless thee
And ten thousand fond hearts thy name enshrine!

—Fr. Alexander, O. F. M.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



Very Rev. Fr. Fidelis Reynolds, O. F. M.
Eighth President of St. Bonaventure's

THE administrations of Father Fidelis Reynolds, Father Alexander Hickey and Father Thomas Plassmann, covering four years each since 1912, have been fraught with many obstacles never previously encountered. Foremost among these was the World War with its necessity for strictest economy in every branch of the administration of the College and Seminary, as was the case witnessed by leaders in every phase of our national life. These obstacles were well and courageously met, only to find that once



Very Rev. Fr. Alexander Hickey, O. F. M.
Ninth President of St. Bonaventure's

met, others less spectacular but more involved, presented themselves. Character building institutions such as St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary were needed during that period of almost universal strife, but such are needed now a hundredfold. The thing most needed is ability to build Christian Character pre-eminent. Does anyone question St. Bonaventure's ability to do this under the leadership of men such as these? Certainly no one who knows her—no one who knows these men.



Very Rev. Fr. Thomas Plassmann, O. F. M.
Tenth President of St. Bonaventure's

"An education is man's grandest possession. A fortune he can lose in many ways—"

The Administrations of Fathers Fidelis, Alexander and Thomas

*Where money can not buy, or lack of it deny, a place
But where character, consecration, and life goal
are the arbiters of opportunity*



SINCE the death of Father Joseph Butler, the office of President of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary has been filled by Fathers Fidelis Reynolds, Alexander Hickey and Thomas Plassmann.

During this period, the plans for the Greater St. Bonaventure's which Father Joseph Butler labored so earnestly to expedite, have been steadily developing under the able administrations of his successors. There has been a constant broadening of the scope of the institution; the old buildings have been improved and new ones built; the grounds have been artistically laid out and beautified and the curriculum extended to the limit of the present capacity.

The most important of the new buildings is the Father Joseph Butler Memorial Gymnasium. This fine structure will be the nucleus of the proposed University buildings: It is a thoroughly up-to-date gymnasium; one of the finest in the country, containing a perfectly appointed gymnasium proper, swimming pool, shower baths, etc.

The new central heating plant was also constructed during this period. This contains a modern laundry equipped with every convenience in the way of the latest machinery.

A modern bakery has also been installed and the kitchen enlarged and refurnished, and the farm has seen many improvements including the new greenhouses.

In conjunction with the material improvements above mentioned, the educational departments have kept pace with the rapid growth of the institution. The corps of Franciscan Professors has been constantly augmented and the membership of the lay faculty increased to meet the needs of the growing enrollment. This is most noticeable in the Medical and Scientific Departments and also in Athletics, Music and Drama.

Probably the most important single event during the administrations of Father Butler's three successors has been the launching of the Million Dollar Campaign, the history of which is given elsewhere.

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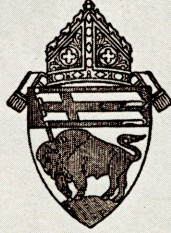


RIGHT REVEREND WILLIAM TURNER, D. D.
Bishop of Buffalo



ISHOP TURNER, in whose Diocese St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary is located, has signified his gratification of the Million Dollar Building Campaign. The Diocese of Buffalo has, in addition to St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, two other strong educational institutions, Niagara University and Canisius College. It might seem to some that under such circumstances St. Bonaventure's appeal would be compromised. However, to those who realize the need of educational institutions, particularly Catholic schools in which young men receive religious training—which is more necessary in any man's education than secular training—St. Bonaventure's appeal is commanding. These three schools are all needed and more if it is possible. St. Bonaventure's has served the Diocese of Buffalo well and faithfully, and Bishop Turner has placed his seal of approval on this, their first general appeal, by the support vouchered in his letter.

“Education is man's conscious co-operation with the—



THE CHANCERY
DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
50 FRANKLIN STREET
BUFFALO, N. Y.

November 6, 1923.

Very Rev. Thomas Flassmann, O.F.M.,
President, St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary,
St. Bonaventure, New York.

Dear Reverend Father Thomas,

I am greatly pleased to learn that the worthy project inaugurated by the Alumni Association of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary to secure one million dollars for the erection of a modern Seminary Residence Hall, Arts and Science Hall and College Residence Hall has resulted in such remarkable success in the St. Bonaventure Section of the national campaign now being conducted.

A survey of the educational facilities of the institution reveals to the well informed educator that you have an excellent faculty but an obsolete and inadequate housing equipment, as some of your buildings are very badly worn from long years of use on the part of thousands of young men who have studied there for the priesthood and missionary service. These buildings are in immediate need of replacement.

America with her broad expanse of territory still has need for missionaries. The remote regions of our glorious country should be reached in order that the torch of Christian Learning shall be kept aflame. It being our imposed and solemn duty to co-operate with many of the Alumni of St. Bonaventure's, I believe every one of them, both priests and laymen, will gladly obtain his allotted quota in less than the specified time.

The untiring efforts and enthusiasm manifested by the loyal alumni of the College and Seminary in the group of towns and villages comprising the Allegany Section of the Campaign did splendid work in assembling their quotas under adverse conditions such as a disastrous fire, absence, sickness and death of leading alumni and pastors, large indebtedness and proposed building plans in every parish. This exemplification of affection, love and loyalty inspires me to the belief that every alumnus, both clergy and laity, will do his full part for his alma mater in this the first general appeal to the alumni and their friends in seventy years.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
+ *William Turner*
BISHOP OF BUFFALO.



ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



RIGHT REVEREND JOHN MARK GANNON, D. D.
Bishop of Erie



ISHOP GANNON, an alumnus of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, probably realizes better than any other man outside the College itself, what a good St. Bonaventure's is doing; what a purpose it serves, and how well it has given of itself to Catholicity throughout the years, notwithstanding their lack of facilities and material assistance. Bishop Gannon has voluntarily accepted the National Chairmanship of the Million Dollar Building Campaign and will also supervise the campaign activities in his diocese, which is Section One of the National Campaign. On a recent visit to the College and Seminary, the Bishop was highly impressed by a gift of \$42,000.00 in cash and preferred pledges from less than four hundred resident students. If these students, many of them working their way through the College and Seminary, can make this magnificent sacrifice, it is next to impossible to approximate what great good St. Bonaventure's alumni will do.

"The test of a nation's greatness is the kind of men it brings forth"



Dear Fellow Alumnus:

A GREAT MOVEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY APPEAR BEFORE US. THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 IS NEEDED FROM ALL THE ALUMNI AND THEIR FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY FOR DEVELOPING THE INSTITUTION INTO A UNIVERSITY OF THE STANDING IT SO WELL DESERVES.

Every alumnus in this rich nation is affected vitally. The success of the project means thousands of boys (priests and laity) of strong character, within our border. Failure means that our love, loyalty, liberality and business sense will stand in humiliating contrast with those attributes in public spirited men who are alumni of similar institutions.

The business judgement of the hierarchy, clergy and laity alumni of the College and Seminary is that this institution is one of our most effective agencies for promoting better citizenship among the young men of our country. No argument is necessary to substantiate this fact. It is adaptable to all classes of thinking young men, its skillful supervision, its business management, its seventy years of consecrated devotion to Christian Education and its consistent growth are apparent to all observers.

It is the consensus of opinion among the Alumni, the Franciscan Fathers, and other well informed educators that the present college and seminary, in buildings and equipment DOES NOT COME UP TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING in providing modern facilities and equipment for the education of the young men entrusted to its care.

It is my profound conviction that all of the Alumni of our country must take steps at once to meet the challenge of the hour; the extension of higher educational advantages to thousands of boys and young men now not reached.

Particularly is this true of many young men who have not the necessary means to obtain the training secured in an institution such as St. Bonaventure's. As men of practical vision we must strive to the end that the imperatively necessary funds may be provided to satisfy the educational ambitions of EVERY WORTHY AMERICAN BOY.

The faculty of the institution offer a consecrated personal service endowment equal in value to over one and a half million dollars besides a very valuable building site for the contemplated improvements, and we, the Alumni of St. Bonaventure's are asked to subscribe or obtain from our friends \$750,000 payable in annual installments extending over a period of five years - an almost insignificant sum, if every alumnus will do his part according to his means and his ability.

I invite your consideration and co-operation in this great character building, educational and economic investment.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

John Mark Gannon
Bishop of Erie - General Chairman.

November 20, 1923.



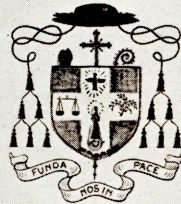
RIGHT REVEREND THOMAS J. WALSH, D. D.
Bishop of Trenton



ISHOP WALSH, also an alumnus of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, was particularly impressed by the showing of the small towns surrounding the College, and he might well be, for these towns, with a population of less than fifty thousand, contributed over \$254,000.00 to the Million Dollar Building Campaign. This section, the smallest of fifteen, contributed over twenty-five per cent of the fund necessary, and yet outside of Olean, not one of these towns will receive any more financial benefit from the success of this campaign than will towns hundreds of miles distant. Bishop Walsh realizes this especially, and in this matter has focused a great deal of attention by his letter.

"He who instructs a child is as if he had created it"

SEVENTY YEARS OF UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Trenton, New Jersey.
October 12, 1923.

Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., D.D.,
President, St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary,
St. Bonaventure, New York.

Dear Reverend Father Thomas,

I am very happy to hear that the movement instituted by the National Alumni Association of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary to assemble a Million Dollar Building Fund has been such a distinct success in the St. Bonaventure Section of the project.

Your raising \$254,000 in cash and approved pledges in five days among approximately 46,000 souls, a small part of them Catholic, to me seems marvelous; it also proves what an intelligent laity supported by a strong clergy can do when working in close co-operation.

I was delighted when it came to my attention some weeks ago that the Alumni and their friends in St. Bernard's Parish in Bradford, Pa., in charge of the Rev. David F. Hickey, LL.D., assisted by Rev. Cornelius T. Cooney and Rev. Urban S. Barrett, all of them alumni of the institution, had obtained over \$25,000 in cash and approved pledges for the College and Seminary. Considering the financial obligations of the parish and the improvements planned for additional parish buildings, this was a most satisfactory showing.

Always believing that the loyalty, love and affection of each and every alumnus of dear old St. Bonaventure's could be exemplified in a manner equaled by few institutions and surpassed by none, I am of the profound conviction that every man will do his full duty in this, the first general appeal in seventy years to the alumni by their alma mater.

May God bless this noble work and guide all who have benefited by the sacrifice of the Franciscan Fathers of St. Bonaventure's to give bountifully and in the way suggested by the officers of the Alumni Association, each one his full quota to the end that we can at the time of the completion of the buildings, five years hence, celebrate St. Bonaventure's Diamond Jubilee - SEVENTY FIVE YEARS OF CONSECRATED DEVOTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Walsh
BISHOP OF TRENTON

"Honor the sons of the poor; it is they who bring science into splendor"



RIGHT REVEREND FRANCIS J. TIEF, D. D., LL. D.
Bishop of Concordia



As an alumnus of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, Bishop Tief emphasizes the fact that any student, even when he has paid his full tuition, has only paid the College approximately one-third of what it costs to graduate him. Data gathered from ten representative colleges and universities in the country, many of them larger than St. Bonaventure's and most of them charging a higher tuition, show that the cost of educating a student is approximately three times the amount paid in tuition, fees and incidentals. By accepting the leadership of Section Eleven, Bishop Tief hopes to bring this fact home to the alumni in Kansas and the surrounding states included in Section XI, and incidentally to repay St. Bonaventures for the great sacrifices the kindly, generous Franciscan Fathers have made for him as well as thousands of other young men who have been entrusted to their care.

"One who teaches a child is one who writes on clean paper"



BISHOP'S HOUSE
CONCORDIA, KANSAS

Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., D.D., Ph.D., S.D.T.,
President, St. Bonaventure's College & Seminary,
St. Bonaventure, New York.

Dear Reverend Father Thomas,

Advices have just reached me giving detailed account of your assembling \$254,000 in cash and desirable pledges in five days in the little group of villages and towns surrounding St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary.

As an alumnus of dear old St. Bonaventure's I rejoice with you and all the other good fathers of the College and Seminary to whom I owe so much, for, regardless of the financial consideration the college received for my tuition, personally, I feel I can never fully compensate the kindly generous Franciscan Fathers for their great sacrifices for me while entrusted to their care.

I esteem it a real privilege and a sacred duty to subscribe my quota to the Million Dollar Building Fund and I am certain that the campaign slogan "Give It Or Get It" coined by a brother alumnus, Rev. E. J. McCaffrey, will so strongly appeal to every son of St. Bonaventure's that he too will be fired to giving or getting his quota by the same loyal zeal exemplified by Father McCaffrey, who not only personally subscribed \$2,000 but secured from his parishioners and friends over \$15,000 additional in his little village of but 600 souls!

Therefore, as faithful children of God and loyal alumni of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, let us unite as practical souls to achieve success in this, the first general endeavor in seventy years to obtain funds with which to carry on the work so well begun.

In the Providence of God the way of knowing the truth and the means designed for the sanctification of souls are found in Christ's Kingdom on Earth--- The Catholic Church.

In conclusion, I again commend this most laudable project to the conscientious and loyal consideration of all my brother alumni and their generous friends.

Very sincerely in Christ,

Wm. J. Trief
BISHOP OF CONCORDIA

October 10, 1923.



ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



RIGHT REVEREND MICHAEL J. HOBAN, D. D.
Bishop of Scranton



ISHOP HOBAN, like many other friends of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, feels that the campaign to raise one million dollars for additional buildings in order that St. Bonaventure's might acquire the status of a university, is long overdue. The Franciscan Fathers have for seventy years given their lives and fortune to the Catholic education of young men attending the St. Bonaventures College and Seminary. Many years ere this they should have had a larger measure of support from the alumni and friends of Catholic education. Their efforts have been untiring and to a certain extent have obscured the realization that St. Bonaventure's needed material assistance. The College and Seminary ranks as high as any similar educational institution in this country in the strength of their faculty and the thoroughness of their curriculum, but unfortunately their material equipment has not kept pace with the increased demand for such educational facilities. The successful conclusion of this campaign will mean an enviable position for St. Bonaventure's.

St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary is seventy (70) years of solid optimism

SEVENTY YEARS OF UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



October 18, 1923.

Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M.,
President, St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary,
St. Bonaventure, New York.

Dear Reverend Father Thomas,

The Alumni of St. Bonaventure's and their friends here join me in extending you sincere congratulations on your recent great achievement in getting \$254,000 in the villages adjoining and adjacent to the College and Seminary.

I now firmly believe such a movement should have been instituted twenty years ago; also it should have succeeded then! The Franciscan Fathers have given their lives and their fortunes to the end that the young men attending St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary would be educated to serve well their God, their Country and their fellow men.

The Alumni and their friends in the village of Allegany, N.Y., gave an abundance of material evidence of their love and loyalty for St. Bonaventure's when they obtained approximately \$40,000 from the best people in that little town of but 800 souls.

The love and affection of the Alumni of St. Bonaventure's for their alma mater, is, I believe, as strong among them as these attributes are to be found in any like group of men and stronger than you will find in many other similar bodies. It is my conviction that TO A MAN they will subscribe or obtain their full quotas.

May this good work continue to a successful conclusion that we can celebrate in a most appropriate manner the completion of the proposed group of buildings which, when completed will permit St. Bonaventure's to expand into a university and all of us will equally enjoy her Golden Jubilee at the end of SEVENTY FIVE YEARS OF CONSECRATED DEVOTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ *M. J. Hoban*,
Bishop of Scranton

"I have never seen that clever men have been ungrateful"—Goethe

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



HIS EMINENCE DIOMEDE CARDINAL FALCONIO, O. F. M., D. D.

"Cardinal Falconio at St. Bonaventure's"

IN 1865, Diomedes Falconio, a young Franciscan Deacon, came to St. Bonaventure's College from Italy. He had joined the Order at eighteen and was now only twenty-three.

It was at St. Bonaventure's that the future Cardinal made the beginnings of his brilliant career. At first, he taught the Classics and studied English, and on his ordination in 1866 by the Rt. Rev. John Timon, first Bishop of Buffalo, he was immediately appointed Professor of Philosophy and Vice President of the College. He rapidly passed on to the Chair of Sacred Theology and to the position of Secretary of the Province of the Immaculate Conception, and in the following year, at the age of twenty-six, was made President of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary. While at St. Bonaventure's, he became an American Citizen.

His later life as one of the most brilliant diplomats of the Church was a continuous succession of arduous tasks and great honors. He was made Bishop in 1892, and Archbishop in 1895 and finally Cardinal in 1911.

"Without knowledge there could be neither true morality or piety"

“A Dream of St. Bonaventure’s Future”

Now with the flight of day and liquid tones
 Of bells angelic, twilight’s harbingers,
 In golden glory of the sunset’s hues,
 The future rose before me like a dream.
 I saw my Alma Mater rich with towers
 Rising, a noble city mid the hills,
 With halls and fanes and columned architraves
 Crowned in the fullness of her splendid fame.
 With great achievement blessed, and great renown,
 Center of learning, university of thought,
 Cradle of virtues, breeding noble men,
 Proud loving mother of proud grateful sons.
 And in the sunset vision, all the years
 Brought the full largess of undying gifts
 Of wealth well earned, a hundred fold returned,
 Commuted into treasure beyond price.
 I saw a multitude of clear-eyed youths,
 Sages, philosophers and doctors pass,
 And vast, an army of anointed priests
 Before unnumbered altars raise their hands.
 Great names I read of men as yet unborn
 Linked with today’s and yesterday’s in fame
 Shining with luster gathered in these halls
 Immortal luster never made to dim.

— Joseph Danner.

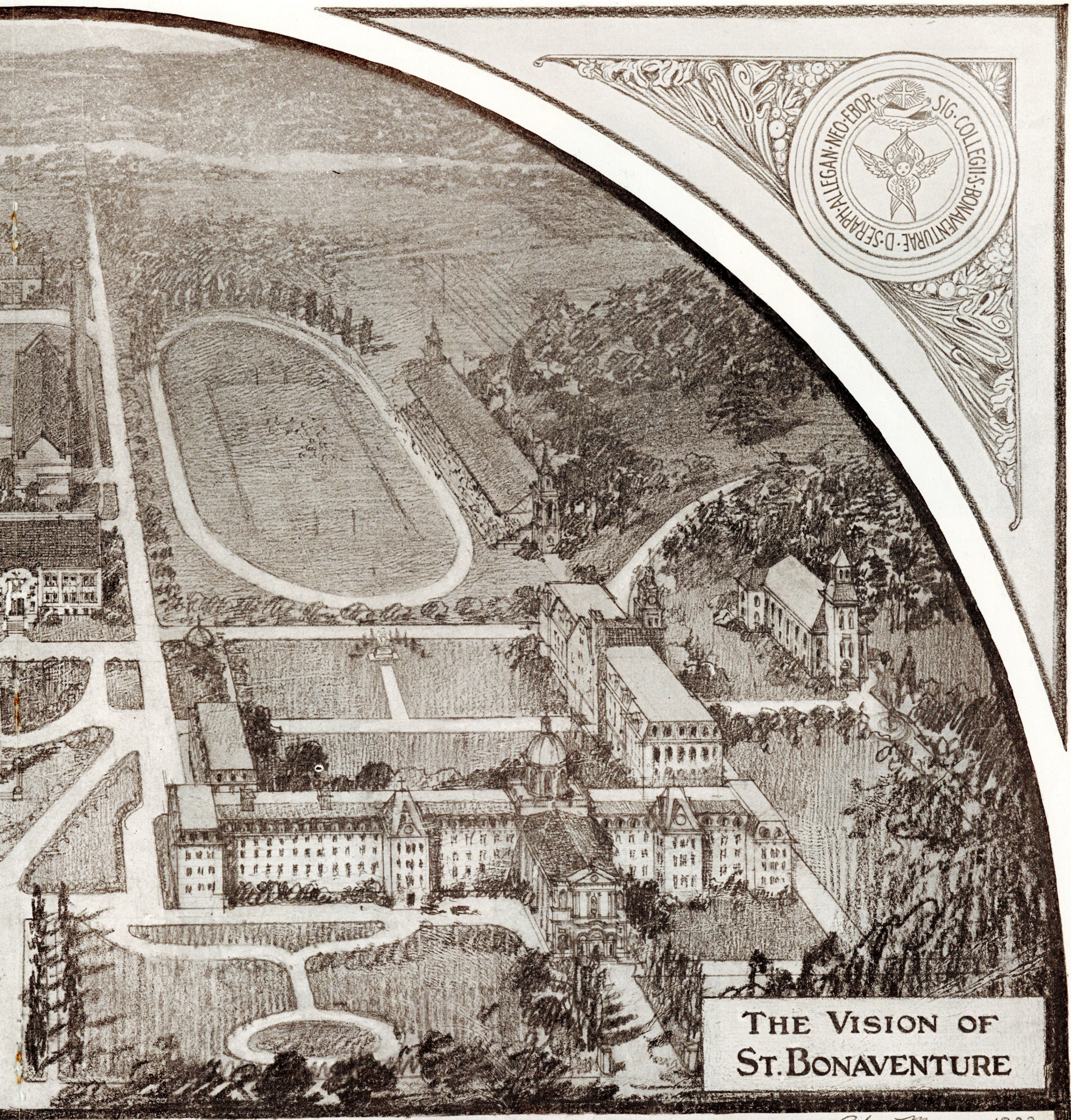


Imagination is a Priceless Jewel in the

University Residence Hall

Science Hall
Seminary Residence Hall

Heating Plant
Gymnasium



THE VISION OF
ST. BONAVENTURE

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the Vision of the Man who Achieves.

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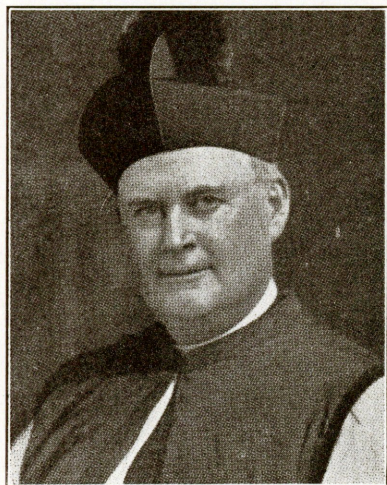
Athletic Field
Monastery

College Building
Chapel

Seminary

Alumni Hall

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St. Bonaventure's
Loyal Sons in
the forefront of
her Building Campaign



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We have helped everybody. Now we ask you to help us

“For Institutions which build character through education and train for responsibility—the need is ever great”

Your Memorial



TO those who assist the College and proposed University the following privileges will be extended in perpetuity.

A gift of \$250,000 will entitle donor the honor of naming the College Residence Hall as a Memorial **\$250,000**

A gift of \$100,000 will entitle donor the honor of naming the College Recitation Building as a Memorial **\$100,000**

A gift of \$100,000 will entitle donor the honor of naming the College Athletic Field as a Memorial **\$100,000**

A gift of \$50,000 will entitle donor the honor of naming the College Science Building as a Memorial **\$50,000**

A gift of \$25,000 will entitle donor the honor of naming the College Liberal Arts Building as a Memorial **\$25,000**

Gifts of \$10,000 each from ten persons will entitle donors to be known as the St. Bonaventure College Founders, and their names will be inscribed in perpetuity on a bronze tablet to be placed in the hall of the Administration Building..... **\$10,000**

Gifts of \$7,500 each from 25 persons will serve to provide scholarships for deserving and ambitious young men and each scholarship shall be known by the name of the donor..... **\$7,500**

Gifts of \$5,000 each from 50 persons will entitle donors the honor of having their names inscribed in perpetuity on the door of one of the rooms in the College Residence Hall and also inscribed in perpetuity on the Memorial Tablet in the hall of the Administration Building **\$5,000**

Gifts of \$1,000 each from 250 persons will entitle donors the honor of having their names inscribed in perpetuity on the Memorial Tablet in the Administration Building **\$1,000**

“The effort to dominate the conscience of men by the use of civil power has always been destructive to civil liberty itself.”—Secretary of State, Charles E. Hughes.

“True Democracy makes for the people—not their enslavement. It proposes and sustains their equality before the law—equal opportunity and even-handed justice. The Democratic state must not, however, seek to dominate the intellect or the soul.”—Archbishop Glennon.

“Teach the children of the poor without compensation — Do not favor the rich”

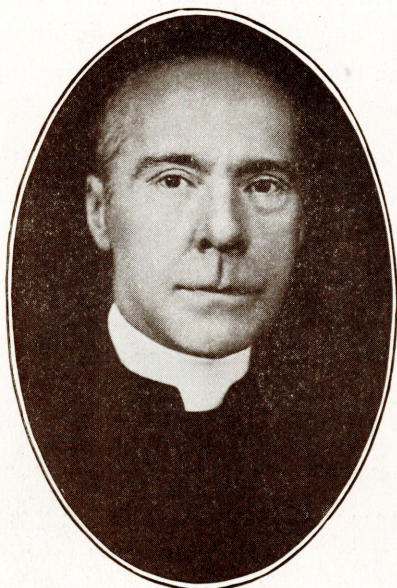
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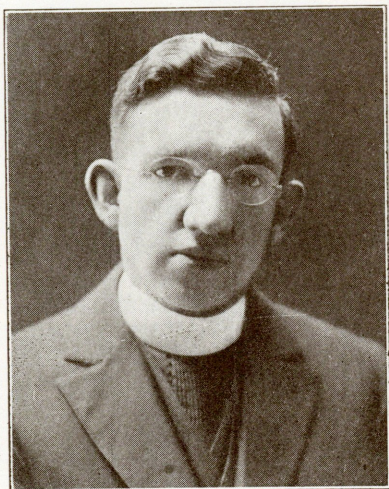
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"In a democracy every dollar of wealth is under a first mortgage"

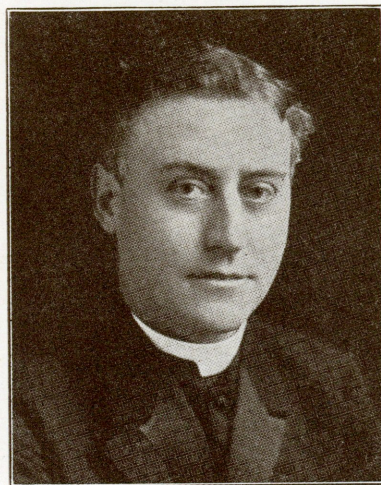
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Those who did
and those
who will
help
St. Bonaventure's



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"For the education of all the children of all the people"

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, (SYRIAN), OLEAN



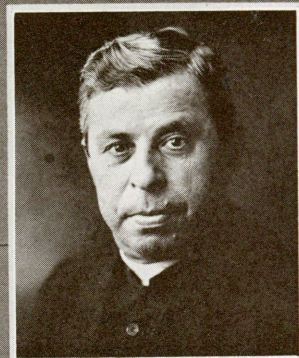
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PASTOR,
THE CHURCH OF THE
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OLEAN



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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
OLEAN.



INTERIOR OF ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS' CHURCH, - OLEAN.



CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, (POLISH),
OLEAN.

LO those interested in the success of the St. Bonaventure's Million Dollar Building Campaign, the results of the St. Bonaventure's Section are highly gratifying. The smallest section of the fifteen and the first to complete the work, raised in cash and preferred pledges \$254,000. Of the \$120,000 raised in Olean, the largest town, \$100,000 was secured in Reverend Father Edward J. Rengel's parish, St. Mary of the Angels, notwithstanding the fact that St. Mary of the Angels Church has just been completed, and that Fr. Rengel had under construction at the time of the campaign St. Mary's Academy and St. Mary's Convent. Reverend Father John Gardiner's parish secured \$12,500.00. Reverend Father J. Czerwinski's parish \$5,000.00 and Reverend S. Joudy's parish \$2,500.00.

"Indifference or opposition to the intellectual life is but a survival"



ST. BONAVENTURE'S MONASTERY
ST. BONAVENTURE'S
NEW YORK

November 28, 1923.

Dear Friends,

For seventy years St. Bonaventure's College has given of her substance, as a mother and alma mater should. Fathers, Clerics and Brothers consecrated unto sacrifice, have given time, labor, talent and their private fortunes without claiming any money profit for themselves. No cleric or brother has gone forth from the college richer than when he came.

What has become of that pecuniary return that seventy years of devoted effort should produce. It all has been surrendered gladly by the college itself. St. Bonaventure's has given of its own inherent substance.

No financial endowment has carried the burdens of those who were unable to pay; no donation has paid for expensive equipment of laboratories and libraries; no structure bears a donor's name over its portals. The buildings to house students from forty-eight states would not be there now unless the teachers had given to the institution what men ordinarily retain for themselves.

Many will recall when the total expense for a pupil was \$10 a month. Even now it is about \$10 a week. Had not the faculty, following a consistent policy, kept down the cost of tuition, board, lodging and accessories, many parents would have been unable to send their boys to the college. The rank and file of the boys of St. Bonaventure's College would have been deprived of the educations they now possess, a boy's most valuable earthly asset.

Either that education now enters into the substance of their lives or it does not; either it means something to them in gross dollars and cents or it does not; either it has stamped character, formed conscience and opened for them a vision of life and eternity that leads through Christ to God, or it has not.

They have what they have because their teachers, the Franciscan Fathers, cared not for the dollars and cents, but did care for the boy, his future and his soul.

In this, St. Bonaventure's seventieth year of unselfish devotion to education, and nearing the period of its Diamond Jubilee, the college must have assistance without which it cannot continue the work done in the past.

We ask boldly and confidently for the sake of those who will be entrusted to our care in future years. We ask those who have taken spiritual, intellectual and material substance from the college to give in return of their material substance.

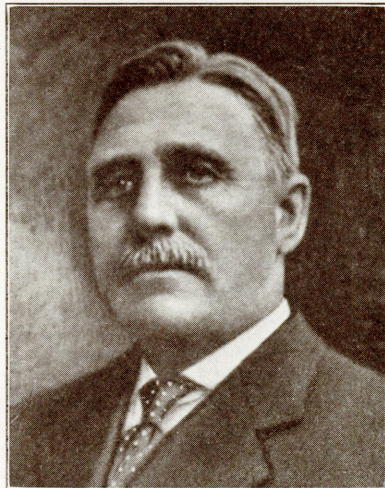
St. Bonaventure's does not ask for the crumbs that fall perchance, from the tables of its children. The college asks with a parent's right, to be at the table, sharing in full, be it little, be it much, and pleads with her children, "Be generous with me even as I was generous with you."

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas Classroom, S. J.
PRESIDENT.



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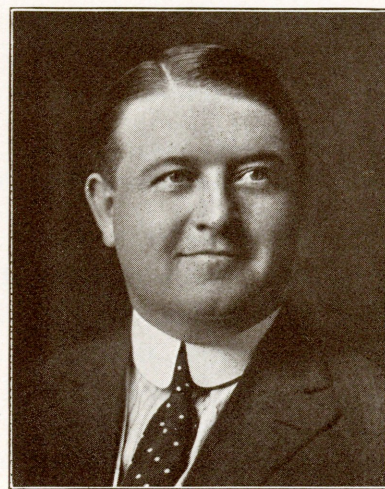
"Responsibilities gravitate to persons who can shoulder them"



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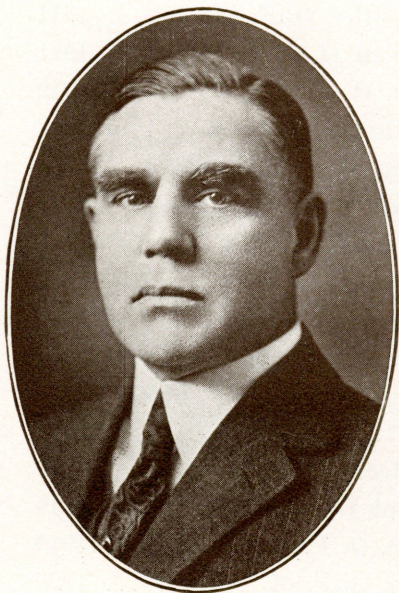


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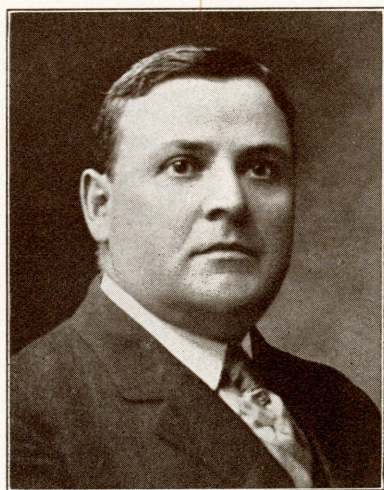


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"Power flows to the man who knows how"

Necrology

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine

They dedicated their lives to the end that the youth of this region might obtain a Christian education.

They gave their all—their lives—that this might be accomplished. They lived only to serve, and having served well, they rested from their earthly labors.

Ven. Bro. Peter, O. F. M.....	1881	Rev. Fr. Caesar Keiran, O. F. M.....	1901
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Rev. Fr. Valerian, O. F. M.....	1859	Rev. Fr. Lawrence Ward, O. F. M.....	1903
Ven. Bro. Bruno, O. F. M.....	1860	Rev. Fr. Anacletus de Angelis, O. F. M.....	1905
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Rev. Fr. Charles Vissani, O. F. M.....	1896	Rev. Fr. Boniface Bragontini, O. F. M.....	1916
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Rev. Fr. James Dolan, O. F. M.....	1897	His Eminence Card. Fr. Diomedede Falconio	
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Ven. Bro. Ludovic, O. F. M.....	1901	Ven. Bro. Isadore Cleary, O. F. M.....	1920
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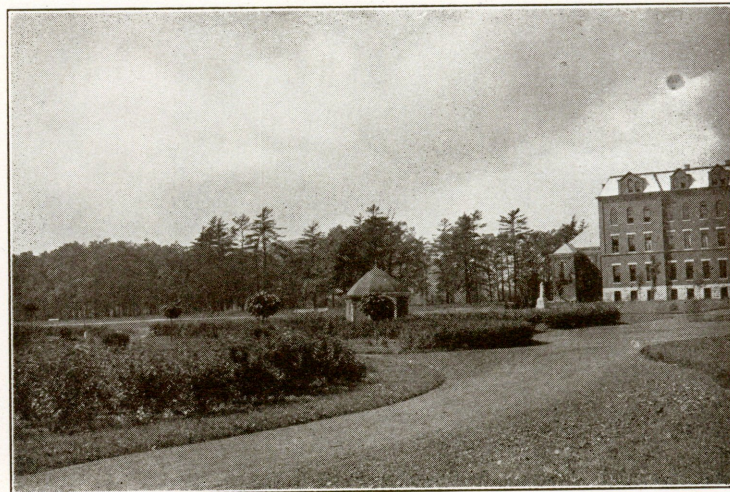
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"By their deeds ye shall know them"

SEVENTY YEARS OF UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



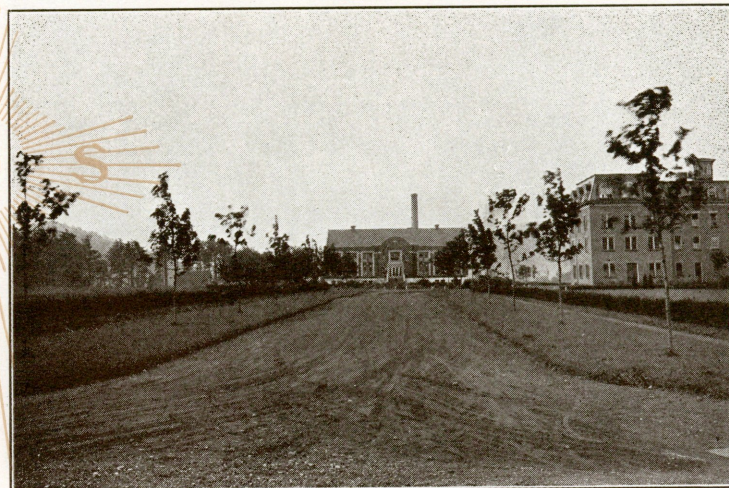
"A noble avenue of mottled birch where eye first rests and farewell glances pause; green arches where the myriad shadows dance and sunlight flecks with tracery, the walk."—J. Y.



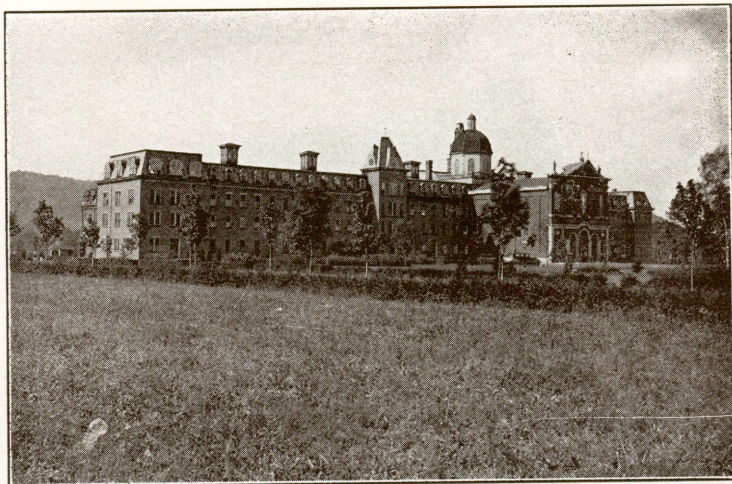
"A trellised roof that shades a grotto, shutting out the world and in the silence of the realms of thought making a home for meditation. Where roses twine and mixed with white clematis, freight the breeze with more of sweetness than the sense can bear."—J. Y.



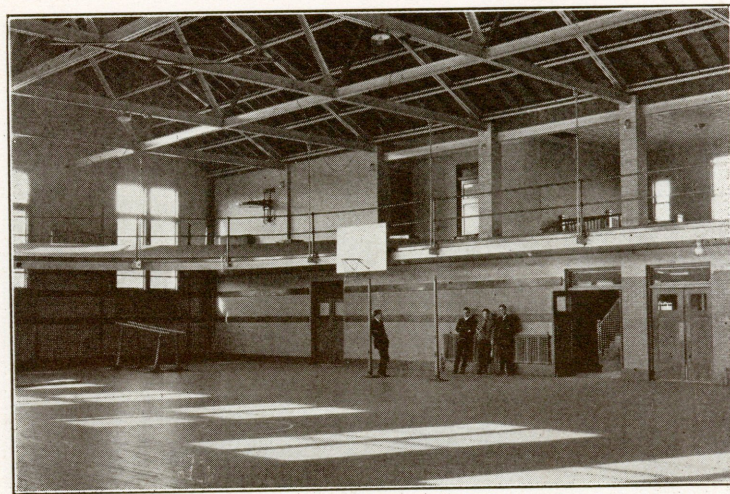
Home of learning, stimulus to thought, bought with years of dear devotion, with work well done, the fight well fought.



It bids wide welcome to anxious feet, nor hospitality belies the bidding.



A mighty factor in Catholic lives—this mass of brick and stone. Home of the mighty urge of Catholicity.



"A strong mind in a strong body" was the saying of a great philosopher. It obtains even more directly today. A great truth not overlooked at St. Bonaventure's.

"Who are you, whose prayers alone have approval"

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



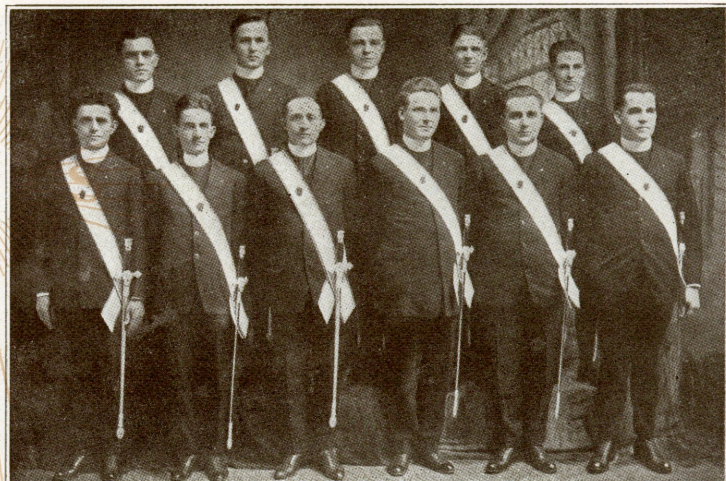
Franciscan Fathers in Charge of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary



Franciscan Fraters of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary



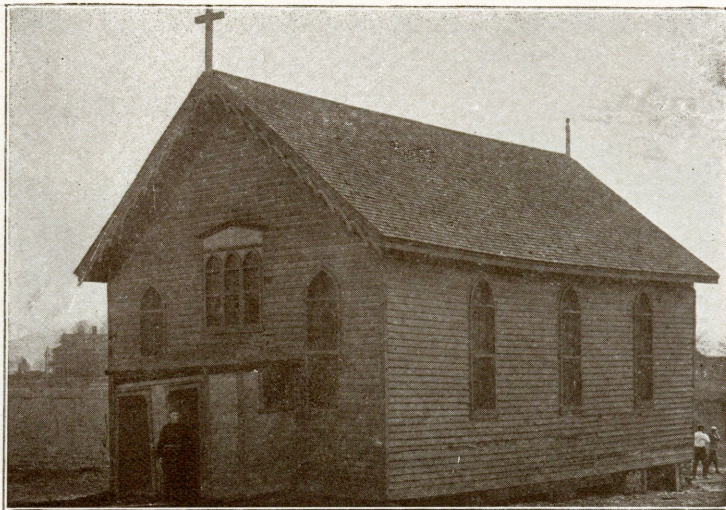
Lay Professors in the Faculty of St. Bonaventure's College



Seminarians in a Fourth Degree Class of the Knights of Columbus



Old Picture of the Franciscan Fathers in Charge of the College and Seminary Several Years Ago



St. Nicholas Chapel, the First Church in Western New York (still standing)

"A creative and constructive service to humanity"

SEVENTY YEARS OF UNSELFISH DEVOTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



“The Old Clock Tower”



LIKE guardian watch tower, keeper of the hours, with mellow bell to mark the flight of time, what tale romantic could its brazen tongue, of all the richly gathered years recount; a noble history fraught with vibrant life, throbbing with strains melodious of sound that vaguely echo from its secret height where treasured are the unforgotten things. How like a workshop is its lofty room where to the rythm of its spinning wheels, are flying seconds strung like gems of time and woven into lengths of golden hours; making a tapestry, with warp and woof dyed in empyrean hues and shot with light, aglow with beauty, spun in purest ray worthy to grace the fair eternal walls.”—J. Y.



By their labor they create wealth. By their character they determine the Nation's morals.
By their standards they determine out citizenship. By their progress they determine our future.

“Well trained young men are the greatest asset of any community”

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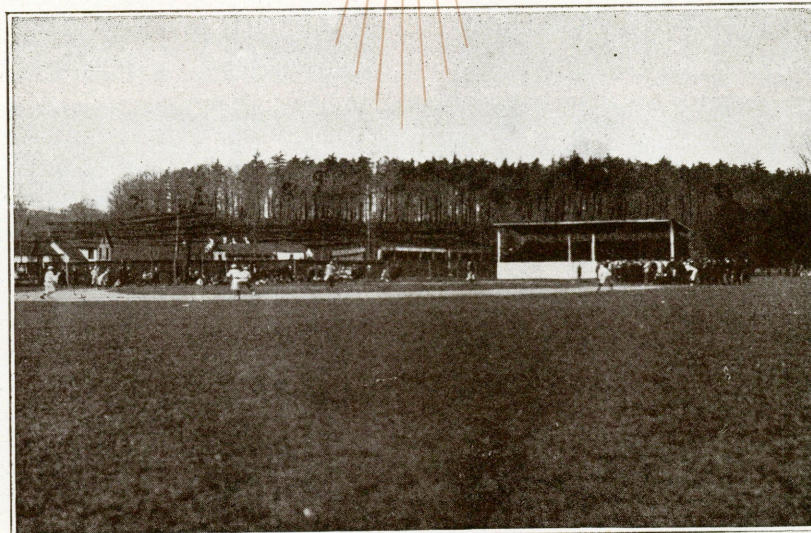
HON. JOHN J. MCGRAW
Chairman of Section V, New York City

Mr. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, has accepted the chairmanship of the New York Section of the National Campaign. Under his leadership big things are expected from the New York Section.



HON. HUGH JENNINGS

Mr. Hugh Jennings, coach of the New York Giants' Baseball Club and an alumnus of St. Bonaventure's, has given his unqualified endorsement of the campaign, and will assist Father Kealy in handling the Scranton Section of the campaign.



St. Bonaventure's Baseball Field

It was on this field that McGraw and Jennings learned their first baseball. It was here through the years of their college life that they represented St. Bonaventure's and together with the other "boys" brought St. Bonaventure's baseball teams through several very successful seasons. The lessons learned on the college athletic field are carried on through life and if well learned are of great value in the more trying games after graduation.

"An uneducated man advances so far, then stops—"

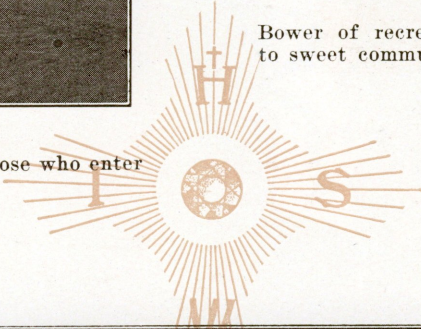
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St. Bonaventure's Chapel
Blessed Virgin, benediction, intercession, for those who enter here with contrite hearts



Recreation Grove
Bower of recreation, path for wondrous ponderings, trail to sweet communion with nature, lifting and wafting away trials and tribulations



Interior of St. Bonaventure's Chapel

A college graduate is advancing always, he never stops"

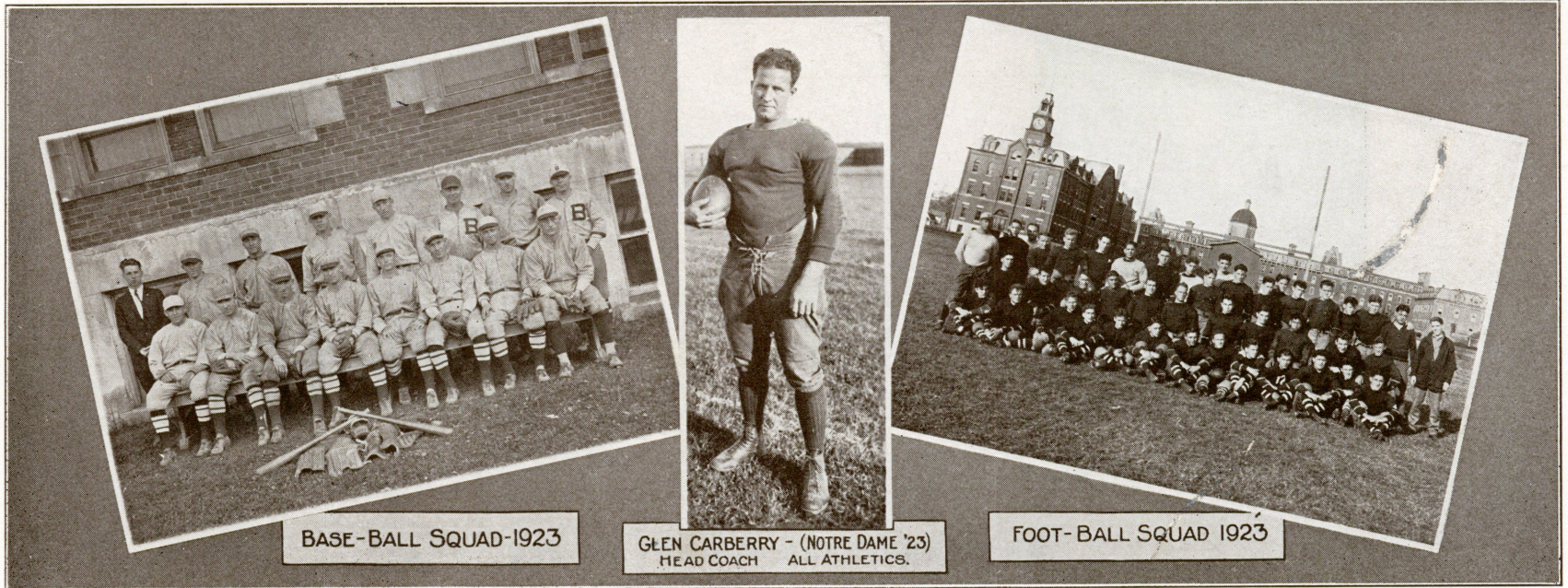
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THE SEMINARIANS

The perpetuity of our nation depends upon the education of the youth

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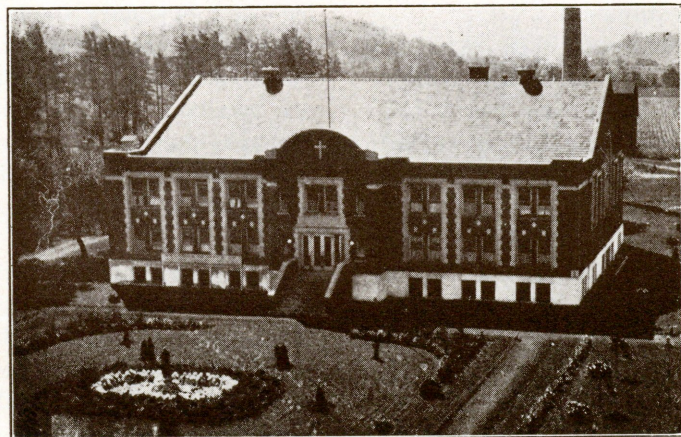


BASE-BALL SQUAD-1923

GLEN CARBERRY - (NOTRE DAME '23)
HEAD COACH ALL ATHLETICS.

FOOT-BALL SQUAD 1923

Recreation and healthful Exercises are important in the upbuilding of our Future Citizens — Active brains and active bodies are invincible



The Father Joseph Butler Memorial Gymnasium

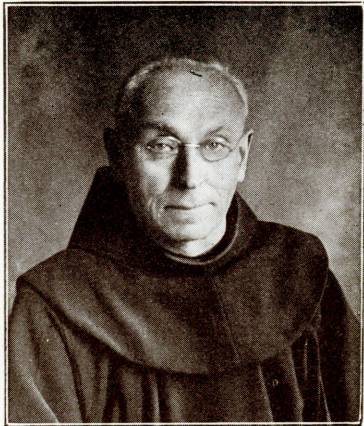


The Basketball Team, 1922-23

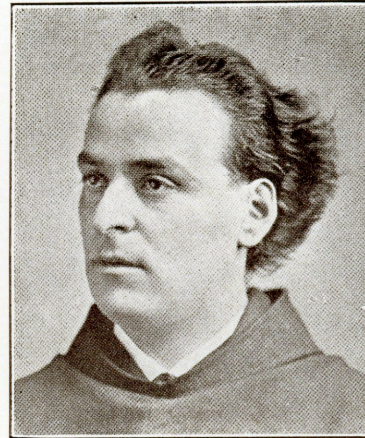


The Track Team, 1923

Subscribe your Quota — "Give it or get it"



REV. FR. JOHN ROSER, O. F. M.
"Half a Century at St. Bonaventure's"



REV. FR. BONIFACE, O. F. M.
Early Father Provincial Holy Name Province

An Opportunity and a Privilege

ST. Bonaventure's College and Seminary earnestly and urgently appeals for civic and reciprocal business consideration and financial support, in this, her first general call for funds to be used to provide the institution with modern buildings and equipment.

The parents of hundreds of young men have applied to the College and Seminary for admission for their sons, knowing that the institution has a full complement of competent teachers and hoping we had modern buildings and facilities. We have the teachers but not the desirable buildings.

We need and must have, if we are to continue our work, a new Seminary Residence Hall, a new College Residence Hall, both with private sleeping rooms, and a new Science Hall. These are imperative and should be completed on or before our Diamond Jubilee Celebration five years hence.

"The need of the hour is not more factories or materials, not more railroads or steamships, not more armies or navies, but rather more education based on the plain teachings of Jesus. The prosperity of our country depends upon the motives and purposes of the people.

"The motives and purposes are directed in the right course only through religion. Legislation, bounties or force are of no avail in determining man's attitude toward life. Harmony at home and peace with the world will only be determined in the same way.

"Religion, like everything else of value, must be taught. It is possible to get more religion in industry and business only through the development of Christian Education and leadership."

With the forces of evil backed by men and money systematically organized to destroy, we must back with men and money, all campaigns for Christian education.

In truth, the safety of the nation, including all groups, depends upon Christian education. Furthermore, at no time in our history has it been more greatly needed.

Contrary to a generally accepted belief, the College and Seminary's sole source of revenue is from tuition and this cares for only one-third of the cost of educating the youth who attends. No other means are available for the institution to build except through that of a general appeal to her Alumni, Clergy and Laity, and their congregations and friends who have benefited from their spiritual or material service.

It is an established national custom over one hundred years old, for the alumni of an institution, no matter where located in the country, to give generous financial assistance to their alma mater when necessary. Hundreds of similar schools and colleges in the United States and Canada, in the last forty years, have been given many millions of dollars in this way, to help them in their work.

The time has come for the laity of this country to carry its share of this burden in payment of the debt it owes to the unselfish teachers at the College and Seminary. Through the untiring efforts of these teachers the highest ideals have been implanted in the minds of their students, reflecting great credit upon the institution. It is not accidental that the record of St. Bonaventure's in seventy years is one of honor and high moral standard. Her escutcheon is unsullied.

Without financial help retrogression cannot be retarded. Knowing all these facts the officers of the National Alumni Association feel justified in making this appeal and we are confident that it will meet with a hearty response.

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The campaign was inaugurated and will be conducted by the National Alumni Association of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, whose officers are:

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Working in conjunction with Campaign Headquarters are two committees:

Student Faculty Committee

Rev. Gerald McMinn, O.F.M., Chairman Lay Students
 Rev. Michael Harding, O. F. M.,
 Chairman Seminary Students

The faculty and student influence has already secured over \$42,000 on their quota of \$40,000.

Local Alumni and Citizen's Committee

Mr. A. E. Ewing, Chairman

This committee in reality, will be the St. Bonaventure's Sectional Campaign Committee. It, in conjunction with the Special Features Committee, will have direct charge of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, assisted by the Faculty and Students' Committee. From this section there has already been obtained in the recently conducted Sectional Campaign \$254,000 in five days in a population of 46,000 souls, comprising the villages and towns of Allegany, Bolivar, Bradford, Ellicottville, Portville, Salamanca and Olean.

General Campaign Committee

The Honorary Chairman of this Committee is Rt. Rev. John Mark Gannon, LL. D., Bishop of Erie.

This Committee will be composed of 14 Sectional Chairmen and will meet once, in the early summer at the annual commencement exercises for the class of 1924.

The territory to be organized is divided into 14 sections and is not necessarily confined by diocesan or state boundaries, but represents points conveniently located where the alumni in that territory may meet. We have already formed such local alumni associations now in existence in Erie and Buffalo as Sections 1 and 2 respectively.

The Sectional Campaign Committee

These committees are made of the past, present or prospective alumni officers, who shall appoint a Sectional President or Chairman for the Campaign. The Chairman will be in charge of the Sectional Committee which shall be made up of eight subsidiary committee chairmen.

Campaign Schedule

In preparing our schedule it was necessary to keep within the time limit of fifty weeks set for the completion of the campaign. We have, therefore, divided the time into units in accordance with the size and population of the territory to be covered; working on a time schedule such as this it is hoped that the Local Sectional Committee will have their different subsidiary committees organized and functioning within the time set, so that we will not over run the time limit allotted to any one section.

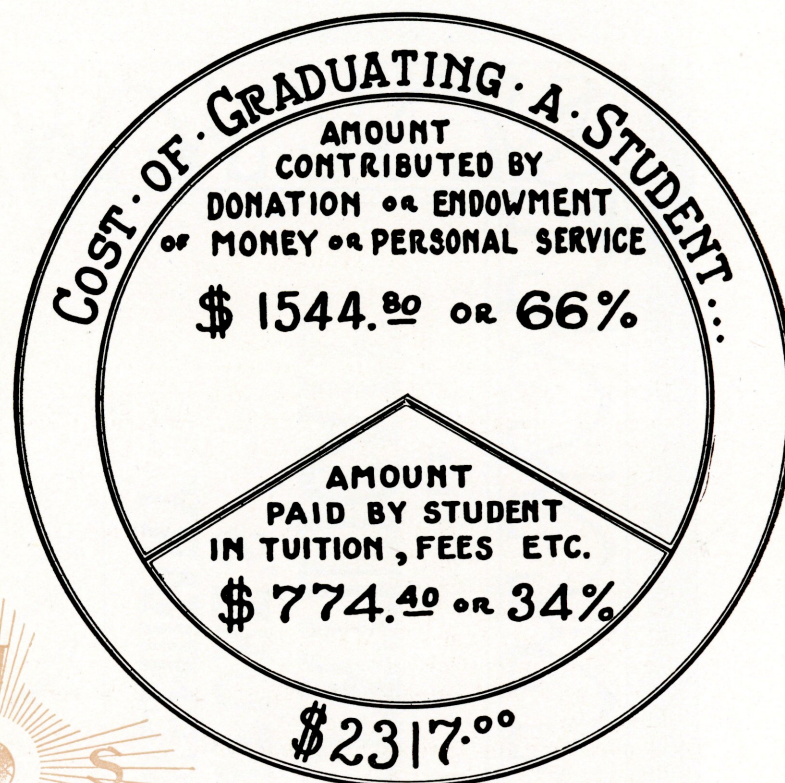
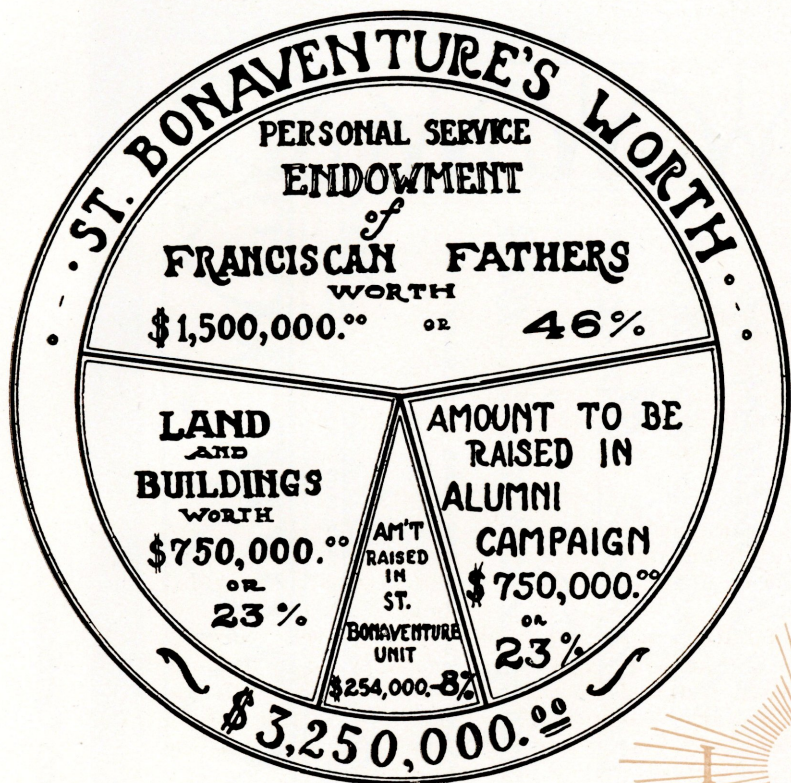
Publicity

This prospectus will be mailed to each alumnus, former student and friend of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary whose name appears on our master lists, and to those interested in the campaign before the campaign is inaugurated in their respective sections. This is being supported by publicity in the "Laurel" and other forms of printing publicity sent out from Campaign Headquarters.

While conducting the campaign in any one section local newspaper publicity will be released. It is hoped each section will co-operate and assist as herein outlined. By such co-operation we feel confident that St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary will go ever the top, and thus be able to continue not only as one of the oldest and best known colleges in the United States, but retain her place in the front rank of all educational institutions.

The Clergy Committee is composed of parish or assistant parish priests in the section, who will lend their assistance in perfecting the local organization through pulpit announcements and otherwise; and in aiding the List and Names Committee in obtaining correct and active lists. The chairman will be a member of the General Solicitation Committee. Every alumnus, both clergy and layman, is expected to "give or get" his quota.

The Teams Committee will assist in the solicitation of all prospects, including alumni members, former students and others interested in the advancement of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary. The chairman is a member of the General Solicitation Committee.



St. Bonaventure's Worth

It is a pleasant surprise to compute on figures furnished by the New York State Board of Regents, St. Bonaventure's worth in terms of dollars and cents, a computation giving her an educational rank equivalent to any college in this country. St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, has a personal service endowment equivalent to \$1,500,000 created by the saving of over \$71,000 annually by the Franciscan Fathers themselves in salaries, as compared with the salaries of a faculty in a similar institution. The personal sacrifice of these kindly Fathers!

The amount raised in the St. Bonaventure Section of the Million Dollar Building Campaign was \$254,000. The amount to be raised in the national campaign is \$750,000. When these are successfully completed St. Bonaventure's worth will be more than \$3,250,000! A truly surprising worth, figured in these terms and yet, the alumni of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, those to whom St. Bonaventure's has given of herself throughout the years, are only asked to give 23 per cent of this worth.

Surely they will do this and more.

The Cost of Graduating a Student

It has been found that the cost of graduating a student from a college or university is approximately three times what that student pays in tuition, fees and incidentals, even when these are paid in cash. The following figures are secured by data gathered from ten representative colleges and universities throughout this country, many of which charge a higher tuition than that charged at St. Bonaventure's and practically all of which are larger institutions administered by virtue of their size, on a more economic basis. These figures show that the actual cost of graduating a student is more than \$2,300. Of this amount the student at most pays in tuition, fees and incidentals \$775, or less than $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent of the cost of his education. The other \$1,544 is given to him either by generous personal contributions of individuals to the college, by the financial returns of a large endowment or by the personal sacrifice of those who teach him. At St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary it is the personal sacrifice of the Franciscan Fathers which make up this deficit.

BENEFACTORS CERTIFICATE
ST. BONAVENTURE'S
COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

\$ _____ No _____

This is to Certify that John A. Bourman
has this day been enrolled as a Benefactor of
St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary in gratitude
for the donation of One Thousand Dollars

Dated this 16th day of November 1923

FACULTY AND PRESIDENT OF ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.

Alexander Hickey *Chm.* Thomas Cassman *Chm.*
PRESIDENT EMERITUS. PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.



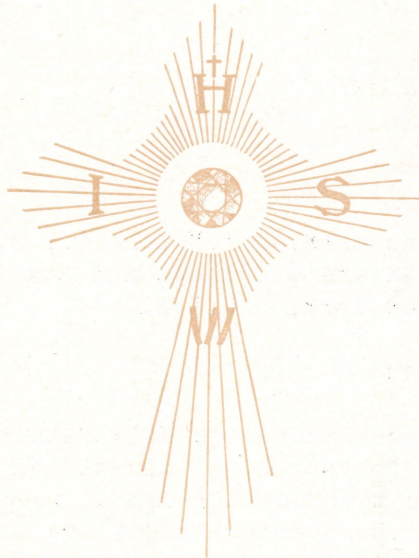
Facsimile of the Benefactor's Certificate

And so, with

The Pontifical Blessing

*Endeth our Endeavor
in this Brochure ~*

Let Every Man
Approximate
His Duty
Justly ~



Giving of his
Substance until
The Master stops
Giving to him



THE PAPAL BLESSING



DAL VATICANO,

DA CITARSI NELLA RISPOSTA

Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., Ph.D., S.D.T.,
President, St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary,
St. Bonaventure, New York, U.S.A.

Dear Reverend Father:

Information has reached the Holy Father of your intention to appeal to your loyal alumni and their friends in America for funds to erect a group of modern buildings which will enable St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary to expand into a university.

The movement very greatly pleases the Holy Father, who has an intimate knowledge of the fine educational achievements of St. Bonaventure's, and the intensive progress of its alumni, especially the clergy alumni, many of whom are favorably known to him.

His Holiness believes St. Bonaventure's loyal sons will attain success in this splendid movement to help their alma mater in its first general appeal for funds to carry on its noble work for God and Country.

He fervently invokes the blessings of Almighty God on all who participate in and help this most worthy project.

With best wishes, I am,
Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,

P. C. Gaspari.

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