

Holy Family Sisters In New Home

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Sisters of the Holy Family will dedicate their new convent at 436 Effey street with an open house and ceremonies one week from Sunday.

The pioneer California Order formerly made its county headquarters at 618 Capitola avenue. Heading the local group of Sisters is Sister Superior Mary Venard.

Officiating at the dedication will be His Excellency, Most Reverend Harry A. Clinch, D.D. of Carmel. All friends of the Order are invited to attend the open house from 2 to 2:45 p.m. and the dedication at 3 o'clock on February 19.

From this new convent the Sisters will continue to travel to the various Parishes in Watsonville, the San Lorenzo valley, Capitola and Santa Cruz to conduct religious education classes for Catholic children who attend public schools.

In their 27 years of work in Santa Cruz county the Sisters have improvised classrooms using churches, halls, recreation centers, empty stores, screened porches and packing sheds.

The Order was founded in San Francisco in 1872 by Mother Dolores Armer, under the guidance of Archbishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany D.D. and his vicar-general, Rt. Rev. John J. Prendergast.

At that time there were several Catholic schools in San Francisco but many children who were poor and neglected were without help.

The Order began its work in Santa Cruz county in 1940 when Sister M. Seraphim was sent here by Mother M. Celestine to head a band of four Sisters. His Excellency, Bishop Philip G. Scher, knowing of their work, invited them to make their convent home at the Capitola address. Also welcoming the Sisters to this area were Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. M. Phelan, who then headed the Capitola church, and other local pastors.

Better facilities are available today for the teaching programs carried on by the Holy Family Sisters in Santa Cruz county, reports Sister Venard. Under the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine project, four Sisters and numerous teaching assistants instruct approximately 2700 county children.

Different problems arise in cities than in rural areas. Causes for children not attending religious instruction are not the same, but the need is, she notes.

Along the highways as well through city streets the Sisters of the Holy Family are

deepen their commitment to Christ.

While the Sisters do not conduct parochial schools, they do maintain Holy Family college, which is affiliated with the Catholic University in Washington D.C., for their training. The work of the Holy Family Guild is particularly designed to cooperate in furthering this

advantage for the Sisters, and to help many of the Sisters attend other colleges.

The Sisters are most grateful to all who have assisted them over the many years and with prayerful gratitude extend to them a most sincere "God bless you", and invitation to the open house, Sister Venard said.



Closing the door of their old convent on Capitola avenue for the last time are, left, Sister M. Marthia and Sister M. Rosalie.

Lutheran Pastors Join In Current Lenten Series

Rev. Herbert F. Schmidt, pastor of Messiah Lutheran church, Rev. Paul Pfotenbauer, pastor of Mt. Calvary Lutheran church, and Rev. Walter Grumm, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran church of Monterey, will be participating in Lenten Vespers each Wednesday evening at Messiah Lutheran church and at Mt. Calvary in Soquel.

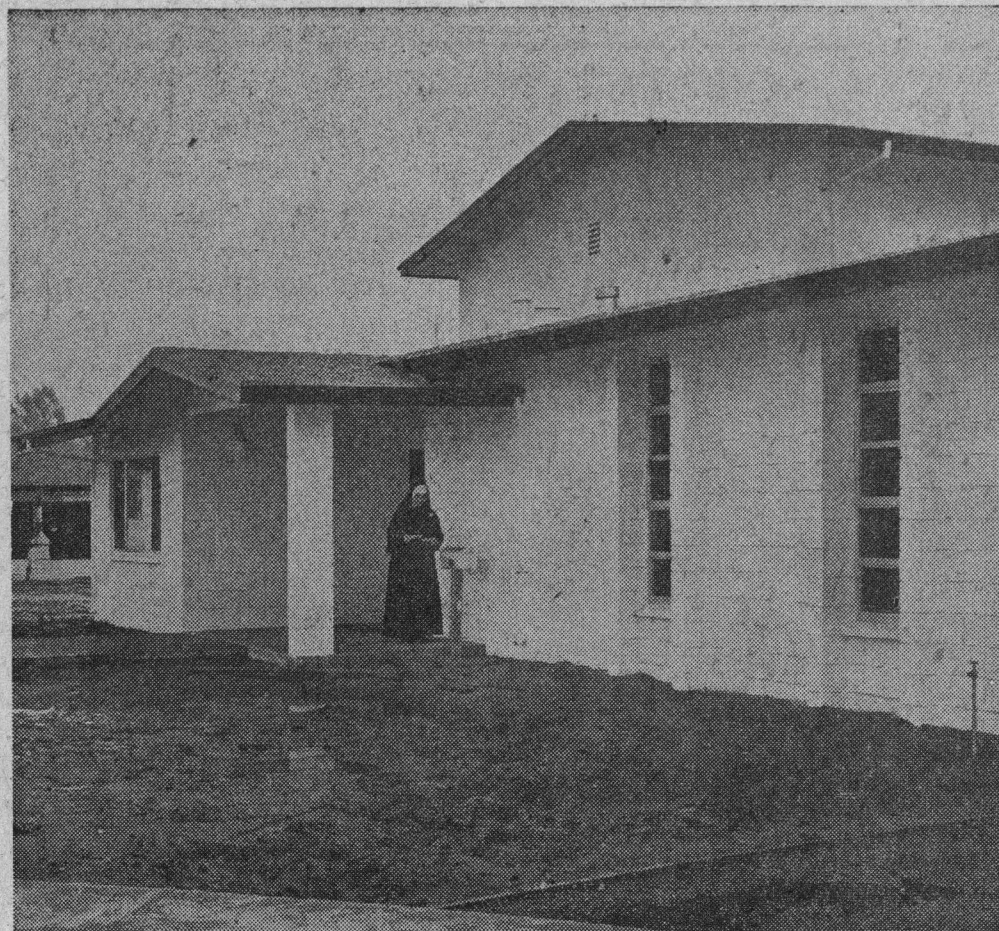
The services are at 7:30 o'clock each Wednesday evening.

Christmas Cards On Way To Korea

ing and feature the theme "If Jesus Had Said".

The specific themes of the services are "If Jesus Had Said", "What Will People Say?", "Prayer Gets You Nowhere.", "Nobody Else Cares, Why Should I?", "You Can't Swim Against The Tide.", "There's A Limit To Forgiveness.", "You Have to Think About Yourself.", "After All, I Have Some Pride.", "Let's Not Talk About Death."

The sermonettes are placed in the context of a Lenten worship service which lasts 45 minutes. The public is invited to attend. Next Wednesday the



Sister M. Venard puts a letter in the box on the entry porch at the Holy Family Sisters' new convent home, 436 Effey street.



Books, good lights and comfy chairs are a "must" for the Holy Family Sisters who are constantly studying newest teaching methods for their work among Catholic children of Santa Cruz county. Enjoying the new facilities are, from left, Sister Damian Marie, Sister M. Rosalie, Sister M. Marthia and Sister M. Venard.

San Lorenzo Valley Youth To Compete In Bible Quiz

Lenten Series At Bonny Doon

A series of Lenten sermons will be started Sunday by Rev. Robert A. Koenig at United Presbyterian church of Bonny Doon. Theme will be "Personalities of the Passion." Mrs. Koenig will sing.

A coffee hour will follow the service with a reception.

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