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Dedication Of Monastery Is Planned Today

A capacity crowd is expected for the public official dedication of the new monastery of the Poor Clares, corner of the Santa Cruz-Watsonville freeway and Seacliff drive this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

At least two busloads are scheduled to arrive from San Francisco for the dedication and for the low mass to be celebrated at 10 o'clock in the new chapel by Bishop A. J. Willinger of the Monterey-Fresno diocese. The sermon will be by Rev. Alfred Boaddeker, OSM, of St. Boniface's Catholic church in San Francisco. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the mass.

Doughnuts and coffee will be served after the religious services.

Private ground-breaking ceremonies for the monastery took place July 31, 1955, and the nuns moved in last November.

The Poor Clares, a cloistered order, came to Capitola from Oakland approximately 15 years ago and purchased property on Wharf road. Finding that they were fast outgrowing their building, the sisters were faced with the decision to build a new monastery. Much of the work on the new structure has been volunteered by local citizens and business firms. There are now 28 living in the monastery which has a capacity of 40.

The Poor Clares are nuns of the second order of St. Francis of Assisi, founded by him and by St. Clare in 1212. The first of the monasteries was at San Damiano, Italy.

There are two branches of the order, the Colettines and the Urbanists. The local monastery belongs to the former branch which is a strictly enclosed one.

The nuns rise for night office at midnight and again at 5 a.m.; fasting and abstinence are perpetual and the divine office is recited not sung. The sisters work six hours a day with only one hour of recreation. That is at 8 p.m. They may possess no property, even in common.

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