

# 1950's

**Educational Status**  
**PRESENTLY THERE** are 420 pupils in St. Brigid's Grade School; and 350 elementary pupils in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program held on Saturday mornings and directed by the Legion of Mary. There are also 190 of the public high school students enrolled in the CCD classes on Monday evenings.

**ST. BRIGID SCHOOL TO OPEN**  
**SEPTEMBER 3RD** 1958

Children of St. Brigid Parish will return to school on Wednesday, September 3rd. They will find some changes have taken place. The school has been redecorated during the summer and it may be bigger. Father Ryan has announced that a ninth room has been made ready and will be used if the enrollment warrants it. A third lay teacher would be hired to teach this class, which would consist of 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders.

For children in the Parish, there will be an \$8.00 book - rent and Diocesan fee. If there is room, children from outside of the Parish will be accepted at the tuition rate of \$40.00 per student.

The following Sisters of Mercy will teach at St. Brigid this year: Sr. M. Anita, M. Bertrand, M. Borgia, M. De Lellis, Benedicta Mary and M. Rosalie.



**Graduating Class of 1958**



Students celebrating their First Communion including Mary Kay Smith, Mike Marshy, Judy Netterfield, Nancy Trotter, and Paul Clulo.



Karen Wickens, Class of 1956



**THE NATIVITY** Scene, as portrayed by St. Brigid's Catholic School children brought the real meaning of Christmas to the Santa Claus parade Saturday afternoon. Sponsors of Santa's visit, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Division of the Midland C of C, hope to add more floats to the parade next year. Pictured depicting the manger scene are Rosemary Madill, James Moran, Brian Langley, Raymond Engardio, Colleen Whitman and Nancy Wittbrodt. (Daily News Fotocuts)

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## We Need Sisters!

**ENROLLMENT** of students in Catholic schools since the end of World War II will have doubled by this fall, according to educational authorities.

These figures show that Catholics throughout the nation are responding to a deep necessity, and that is the construction of new schools for the Christian education of their young ones.

**IT IS ONE THING** however to build a school building and it is another to operate it. The most difficult task in conducting Catholic schools in many places lies in the fact that so many lay teachers must be engaged to teach our children because of the acute lack of Sisters.

At this time of the year parents should listen to the aspirations of their children in regard to dedicating their lives in the service of the Church either as priests, brothers or sisters.

Oftentimes a word of encouragement from a Catholic parent will help the young one make the great decision which is his or hers alone to make—to serve the Church in some capacity.

A Catholic parent may well point out to the child that there is definitely a great need for all types of religious vocations. Especially is this true of the teaching Sisters. The rising to this challenge of leading a life filled with great opportunities to serve God and the Church and therefore indirectly the human race should serve to stir the imagination of both parents and children.

Sunday, April 13, 1958 — Father Neil O'Connor