

FALL 1999



In the late summer of 1999, nearly the entire North Sanctuary was burned by a wildfire.

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On August 7, 1999, an Emancipation Service and Reception was held for fifteen-year-old Matthew Aaron Madonna, son of Michael McIntyre.

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In the month of September, The Church joined the local community to help defeat a proposal to build an open-pit mine and processing plant less than two miles from Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

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On October 7, 1999, the Reverends Gene Savoy Jr. and Robert Petrovich attended the third luncheon gathering of ministers and faith leaders in the Reno-Sparks community at the Reno Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

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On October 19, a table of ten members of the International Community of Christ, headed by Bishop Gene Savoy Sr., attended the Nevada Governor's Prayer Breakfast, at which the Reverend Sean Savoy acted as Master Of Ceremonies.

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On October 23, Ms. Colleen Hooper and Deacon Larry Coesens exchanged marriage vows in the Chapel of the Holy Child.

Summer 1999



During the month of May, the Community remembered in Communion Prayer Estella Heavener, the mother of the Reverend Carol Ann Crabb, who passed away on May 2, and Jo Ann Marie McIntyre, the mother of Deacon Michael McIntyre, who passed away on May 20.

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On June 3, 1999, the second luncheon gathering of Reno-Sparks religious leaders was held, this one at Temple Sinai at the invitation of Rabbi Myra Soifer. This gathering represented primarily clerics, with about thirty in attendance, including the Reverend Robert Petrovich from the Second Advent Church, while the first such meeting included more attendees from service organizations and missions. Following lunch, table groups formed to discuss possible goals and purposes for the continuance of such interfaith gatherings.

While there was no formal general consensus, there was general

agreement that similar gatherings should continue quarterly, hosted by the various religious groups involved, on a rotating basis, and that the host should take the opportunity to introduce those gathered to his or her ministry and religious customs. There was a strong consensus that no strict agenda or organization or guidelines be developed for the gatherings but rather that the gatherings be kept informal and open-ended to encourage individuals to get to know each other by name and face, learn to trust each other, and discuss possible coprojects with the idea that there is a great value in encouraging trust, collegueship, and fraternal and sororial feelings toward other leaders in the religious community.

This was decided because all present recognized that there were really very few places and circumstances that allowed religious professionals to discuss spiritual matters and religious concerns in a personable environment. There was also mutual agreement that anything that developed during these gatherings should develop naturally, that nothing be forced, and that developments be progressive and not be "decided by committee." Both of these principles have continued to be held until the present.

While several of the founders of this interfaith gathering have retired or passed on, others have risen to take their places, and the Second Advent Church continues to be active and central to the organization.

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On Friday, July 2, 1999, Bishop Gene Savoy delivered the first of the twenty-four lectures of the Project "X" series on Metaphysics, Philosophy, and Mystic Theology under the auspices of the American Philosophical Institute of Cosolargy. The series, dealing primarily with the teachings of ancient Greece and Egypt, presents advanced theories of the ancient metaphysical teachings that centered on theophany and the personal experience of God's powers, which involved the

priestly science of theurgy. Little-known concepts are also highlighted in a way that “takes down the wall” built around the ancient philosophies of Greece and Egypt by secular authorities. With this series, the science of Cosolargy, which is based on old and new concepts and revealed information, penetrates the arcanum of the mysterious science of ancient metaphysics.

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The Reverend Deaconess Victoria Skinner passed away on Wednesday July 28 at 8:00 p.m. at Manor Health Care Services in Reno.

Spring 1999



January 17, 1999, marked the first time that ministers of the Second Advent Church attended the annual Martin Luther King Day celebration in Reno in an official capacity. Since that time, ministers of the Second Advent Church have attended faithfully each year and for the past several years have played a prominent role in the organizing of the event.

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On Saturday, February 27, 1999, Tobin Keane Oberhoulser, the son of Andrew Oberhoulser, was Confirmed, at which time he was formally admitted to the Second Advent Congregation.

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On March 3, 1999, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, the Rite of Investiture of the Reverend Robert Bowling to the office of Monsignor was attended by the Reverends Gene Savoy Jr. and Robert Petrovich of the Second Advent Church. The only other non-Catholic clergy present was Father Jim Jeffery of the Episcopal Church, a leader in the Reno interfaith community. Unexpectedly, Monsignor Bowling recognized the presence of the International Community of Christ during his acceptance speech and expressed his great pleasure that priests of other denominations would appear at the ceremony held in his honor, calling it "icing on the cake." At the reception following the service, Bishop Gene Savoy made an appearance to offer congratulations to Monsignor Bowling.

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On March 6, 1999, a Memorial Service was held at the Chapel of The Holy Child for Jeanette Elliott, mother of the Reverend Rebecca Willis.

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On March 13, 1999, Jonathan Kanzelmeyer, Gabriel Kanzelmeyer, Tobin Oberhoulser, and Megan Sherrell were Anointed in private ceremony and presented as new members of the Minor Order of Acolytes.

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On March 11, 1999, the Reverends Gene Savoy Jr. and Robert Petrovich attended an informal, friendly luncheon gathering of about fifty local clergy of varying faiths at the invitation of Father Jim Jeffrey at Trinity Episcopal Church. The purpose

of the gathering was to bring local clergy together to discuss the idea of holding such gatherings at regular intervals throughout the year at rotating locations in order to provide a means for improving ecumenism, human services, and unified action on matters confronting all religions in Northern Nevada. This gathering proved to be the first of many such gatherings, which continued to be held quarterly or semiannually every year since. At the present time, the Second Advent Church acts as the information center for this regional interfaith group, which has since come to be known informally as the Nevada Clergy Association.

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During the months of March and April, renovations, remodeling, and repair of the Steamboat Springs Spa and workshop were completed by the men of the Community, at times working day and night.

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THE REV. GENE SAVOY, JR. WEDS SIMONA SHARP *Vows Exchanged During Special Nuptial Communion Rite*

Miss Simona Kory Sharp, daughter of Stephen and Gail Sharp of Lakewood, Colorado, exchanged wedding vows with The Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr., at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, May 18, 1996, at the University Chapel in Reno. The special Nuptial Communion, which included the exchange of vows, was officiated by the groom's father, The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, with assistance from The Right Reverends Roger Wold and Dennis Isom and Deacon Gary Simonsen.

Approximately 120 guests attended the ceremony. Special guests included the groom's mother, Sylvia Omenside-Bernales, the bride's parents, and several other members of both the bride's and the groom's families. The groom's sister, Janella Savoy, away at school in New Zealand, was unable to return to the United States for the ceremony.

In the bride's party as maids to the bride were Debra Postbury, Kory Pendergast, Andrea Snyder, and Becky Sacle. The flower girl was Megan Sherrill. In the groom's party were The Right Reverend Robert Petrovich and Robert Roy, head ushers, and Dr. Steven Larsen and Shane Grady, ushers. Matron of Honor was The Reverend Lucinda Gibson. The groom's brother, The Reverend Sean Savoy, acted as best man.

Following opening musical selections on carillon and organ, soprano

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Miss Simona Kory Sharp and The Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr. exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, May 18, 1996, during a special Nuptial Communion held at the University Chapel.

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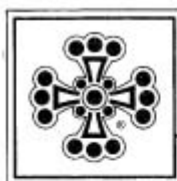
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STEAMBOAT HOT SPRINGS SPA OPENS TO PUBLIC

Business License Granted After Final Repairs

After several months of final preparations, the Spa at the Steamboat Springs Fishery opened to the public on March 1st. The Spa has been used by Church members since the Church first received the Steamboat property. Although members of the public have not yet come in great numbers, the first non-Church members of the Spa already appear to be a varied group of people.

"We have a gentleman who comes regularly because his muscles get sore after doing a full day of gardening work," said The Reverend Rebecca Willis, Administrator of the Spa. "We also have several people who come for very specific physical problems. Several of these are from out of town. They come because they are working with a doctor in town, stay in town for a short time, and then leave."

"Some of our clients are people who have been to mineral springs all over Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado," she added. "They can describe to you the facilities that exist in mineral springs all over the West. Right now we have a high percentage of these kinds of people because they are always seeking out mineral springs."

Besides mineral spring aficionados, the Spa has also attracted and gained the support of immediate neighbors. "During the process of getting our approval with the County, several of our neighbors were exceedingly helpful," Rev. Willis said. "They went to some of the County meetings

and supported us. When we opened, we issued special invitations to those individuals to use the Spa; and they have continued to be very sympathetic and supportive of what we are doing."

Rev. Willis said it was a period of months from the time she first thought the Spa was ready for approval by the Washoe County Building Department and the date the Building Department actually signed off the Spa facility. "Then, once we had the sign-off from the Building Department, we had to wait for the County to issue a business license before we could actually open the doors and start accepting paying customers," she said.

Initially, it was expected that the baths would be open for public use by the end of October, 1995. At the end of February, 1996, a few building re-

quirements still remained to be met before Washoe County would grant the Spa a business license.

The Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr., one of the Church administrators involved with the project, explained the difficulties involved with receiving the Washoe County Building Department's approval of the physical facility for public use: "The Building Department had given us one set of requirements in November. Our architects wrangled with them over certain things that were not necessary because of the nature of the project. After that we got a second list, which included the handrail ramp and the order to remove a sliding glass door."

"When the inspector finally came out for the first visual inspection, he gave us another list. That was in February, a week before we finally got our license. The repairs we had to make after the first walk-through

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Sacred Calendar Holidays Observed Advent Day and True Easter Celebrated

Remembrance, Jan. 29-30

Each year the Second Advent Church observes the anniversary of the Second Advent with a Vigil held at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. The manifestation of the Son of Righteousness thirty-four years ago was celebrated in a special manner this year. In addition to the traditional sunrise services beginning on February 2nd, the day of the manifestation,

special commemorative services were held on January 29th and 30th in honor of The Child Jesus and his world message.

"This evening we break bread in memory of the little war-child who came into the world as a messenger of God to announce the advent of a new cosmic and spiritual event." With those words, Bishop Gene Savoy opened the special commemorative ser-

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CHURCH ACQUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER RIGHTS

Red Rock Sanctuary Water Supply Quadrupled

On February 7, 1996, The Church received a letter from the State Engineers Office, Department of Water Resources, regarding The Church's permit applications for additional water rights at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. The letter stated that The Church had been granted the additional water rights it applied for two years ago.

The Church initially acquired four permits for water rights when it purchased the property at Red Rock during the years 1985-1982 for a total of 17.1 million gallons of water annually (MGA). In 1991 a fifth permit was acquired for an additional 17.1 MGA, which gave The Church a total of 34.2 MGA, or approximately 105 acre feet of water annually. In 1994 The Church made three new applications.

"Back in April 1994 we applied to the State Engineers Office for additional water rights at the Sanctuary," said The Reverend Gene Savoy Jr., Episcopal Vicar. "It has taken two years for us to receive them."

The State of Nevada is divided into water basins, where natural water runs off collects. The State allocates the amount of water which can be used each year from each basin. Property owners have the right to claim a certain portion of water in each basin for their use, depending upon how much property they have and their uses.

"When Red Rock Estates was originally formed in the 1970's," Rev. Savoy explained, "the investors had taken out a certain amount of water

rights. Even though they were in the name of Red Rock Estates and the investors, no one had ever taken any action on them. What we discovered this, we put in our three new applications in 1994. Basically, we claimed an abandonment and asked the State to transfer them to us. This is what they did."

The State of Nevada requires that once the recipient of water rights is given a permit, he must be able to prove to the State that he is capable of using the amount of water he claims. This is done by proving beneficial use. To prove beneficial use, the applicant has to use a certain percentage of the total amount of water which he is permitted. "We are now using as much water as we can each day, particularly watering trees. Records of water usage are kept in a log by The Right Reverend Riano Castell."

"Beneficial use does not mean just running the pump and letting the water run out somewhere," Rev. Savoy explained. "Beneficial use means agriculture, irrigation, fisheries, water bottling, dumps along those lines, as well as use for actual structures."

Rev. Savoy further explained: "In Nevada water rights are very precious. They are assets. You may buy or sell water rights for a monetary value. In a state that is obviously very dry, you need water rights for development. The future development of the Sanctuary depends upon having water rights. Without them we would not be able to put in the groves of trees, the Shrine of God's Waters, the

university building, the Abbey, the parsonages. All those things depend on having water. You cannot build unless you have water."

Most of the water The Church expects to use in the future will be for parsonages. Each parsonage has to have a minimum of 1.5 acre feet per year. "Just for a comparison, with the amount of water we have out at the Sanctuary, a contractor could build a two hundred house subdivision. Obviously we are not going to do that."

The water for these three new applications is equivalent to an additional 110.1 MGA, which gives The Church a total of approximately 144.3 MGA or approximately 442 acre feet of water per year. (One acre foot is equal to one acre of land covered with one foot of water.) The new permits have quadrupled the water rights The Church held in 1991.

"The value of the new water rights is incalculable," Rev. Savoy said. "I would estimate it to be approximately \$1.3 million."

Sixteenth Anniversary of Epiphany Observed Thirteen-day Vigil Held at Consecrated Sanctuary

The resident Congregation of the Second Advent Church celebrated the traditional thirteen-day Vigil of the 1995-1996 Christmas-Epiphany season with daily sunrise services beginning on Christmas Day, December 25th, and continuing through the

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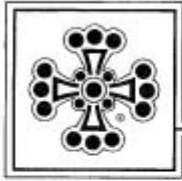
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MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING SANCTUARY CEREMONY

Open-air Rite Conducted at the Cathedral Church of the Americas

Sunday, October 8, 1995, marked an auspicious day in the history of the Second Advent Church. Thirty-three men and women were received into the active ministry of The Church as Deacons and Presbyters on that day. It was only the second time a rite of this magnitude has been conducted. The previous ceremony was performed on October 9, 1994 (see *Communiqué*, Fall 1994).

The ceremony, which took place during this year's October Convocation for clergy and ministerial students of the Second Advent Church, was originally scheduled for February 2nd, Second Advent Day, but was postponed—first to April 18th, Second Advent Easter, and then to June 6th, Second Advent Pentecost. When unseasonal inclement weather prevented the ceremony from being conducted on those holy days, it was rescheduled for Sunday, October 8th, a day when a large number of Second Advent clergy could be assembled to witness the rite.

Following sunrise Divine Service and Communion of Fellowship, at which nearly 300 attending resident and visiting clergy were united, The Rev. Jackson Lord, an Elder, called forth the thirty-three candidates for ordination. Within the hour, ten of them would be ordained as Deacons, the remaining twenty-three would as Presbyters, both lay and religious (see tract on page 3 for full list of candidates).

The ceremony commenced at 8:15

A.M. and was officiated by The Most Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy, Head Bishop of the Second Advent Church. He was assisted by The Rt. Reverends Roger Weld and Robert Petrovich and The Reverends Gary Buchanan, Gene Savoy, Jr., and Sean Savoy, all of whom also would receive ordination that morning.

With bells atop the iconic cross-towers of the Cathedral ringing "The Assen My," candidates assumed their places on the Chancel of the Cathedral to await Bishop Savoy who entered a few minutes later with crozier and mitre. He was followed by his five assistants who carried liturgical books, sacred vestments for the assisting, and other appointments. Once the officiant had entered, the bells ceased and the lone voice of soprano Michelle Carothers was heard singing "So Is My Joy The Lord," a traditional musical piece of The Church used at special

liturgical rites. The antiphon eloquently tells the story of the spiritual ascent and his struggle for salvation. The words of the song were adapted from the *Gita of Solomon* in 1983 by Bishop Savoy and were set to a melody by The Rev. Gary Buchanan, Musical Director of the Second Advent Church.

Following the singing, the solemn ceremony commenced according to the prescribed liturgical books and according to the rubrics. After Bishop Savoy addressed the candidates, passages were recited by Rt. Reverends Roger Weld and Robert Petrovich from the *Gita of Solomon* and from "The Community Rule." Upon the candidates' acceptance of their vows, each was anointed with sacred chrism by Bishop Savoy by means of the laying on of hands, investiture with stole and appropriate vestments followed.

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Second Advent Clergy Gather for Convocation

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The Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary was the site for several of the main events held from October 5th through 12th during this year's Convocation. The annual clerical gathering was attended by nearly 100 resident and visiting Second Advent clergy and ministerial students.

Events at the Consecrated Sanctuary included the fifteenth annual Councils, the annual Human Spirit-

ual Rights celebration, a Sanctuary tour, and liturgical services. Other events of the annual Convocation were held at various other sites in the Reno area, including the University Chapel, Rectory-Abbey, and the Steamboat Priority-Mission. Also included in this year's agenda were a brunch and dinner at the Airport Plaza Hotel.

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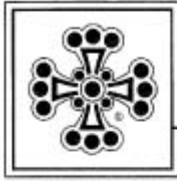
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Steamboat Villa Hot Springs Spa Will Open to Public Renovations Begin on Tub Rooms, Steam Bath, Interior

The Second Advent Church is currently making preparations at the Steamboat Springs Priory-Mission to open the Steamboat Spa facilities to the general public. Although the Spa has been open for private use by the members of The Church Congregation for several years, The Church now plans to open membership to the public before the end of 1995.

The Spa will operate as the Steamboat Hot Springs Spa under The Church's affiliation, the International Community Guilds. Facilities will be open to the public on a limited membership basis. Memberships will be made available through the Guilds.

The final stage of interior renovation

is presently underway. Planned remodeling involves the complete refitting of the tub rooms and steam bath; the replacement of old doors and the addition of new furnishings. Tub rooms will be equipped for color and sound therapy.

General planning of the Spa project is being directly overseen by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Bishop of the Second Advent Church, with the assistance of The Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr., in his capacity as Episcopal Vicar. Legal aspects of the project are being overseen by The Reverend Rebecca Willis together with The Reverend Gene Savoy, Jr. Renovations are being directed by The Rt. Rev. Remo

Castell, Head of The Church's Department of Ecobiology.

The building and site must meet a number of County requirements before the Spa can open as a public facility. In mid-June the Guilds made application for a business license with Washoe County to operate the Spa. Within the next two weeks, the Guilds filed for business registration with the State of Nevada and with the Department of Taxation.

According to Rev. Gene Savoy, Jr., "Filing with the State was the easy part. The hard part was meeting the County requirements. The County required quite a few things. We had no idea at the time all that this project would entail." The County required approval by four agencies: the Department of Development Review (for a commercial site review of the property itself), the Building and Safety Division, the Fire Protection District, and the District Health Department. "That is what took all the time this summer," he said.

The opening of the Spa to the public also required that the property have a commercial site review. In 1990 the state legislature passed a law regarding the regional development plan for the Truckee Meadows that shifted a number of the old zoning. Although the Steamboat property was originally under a commercial zoning, under the new law it was given the new designation of general rural.

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Building Department Begins Summer Projects Spa and South Sanctuary Amphitheater Renovated

Every Sunday from mid-June through July, volunteers and members of The Church's Department of Ecobiology worked together to prepare Steamboat Hot Springs Spa for public use and the Sanctuary grounds for the October Convocation.

Men, women, and youths of The Church grouped together as weekend volunteers at the Steamboat Priory-Mission in June and early July to prepare the interior of the building for refurbishing of the spa baths and to beautify the surrounding grounds before County inspections. Crews organized to complete a variety of tasks:

general cleaning of the facilities and chapel, removal of furniture and office equipment stored within the main building to separate storage units, removal of rubbish, cleaning of grounds, and clearing of fields.

In the latter part of July, work crews began the long overdue second phase of reconstruction on the Forum below the Cathedral Church of the Americas at the Red Rock Cassiomed Sanctuary of Prophecy. Men of The Church volunteered Sundays to begin repair work on the walls of the Forum. The first phase of renovations

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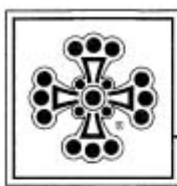
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CHURCH SELLS DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES TO HOSPITAL *University, Parochial School, Production Facilities to be Relocated*

The International Community of Christ Church has sold three of its downtown properties to neighboring St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. The buildings on these properties have held The Church's production and printing facilities, Parochial School, Episcopal See, and University facilities for over a decade.

In April 1994, St. Mary's Medical Center first approached The Church about purchasing its four downtown properties—the Chancery, the Annex, the School and the Episcopal See Building. The initial price St. Mary's offered was not satisfactory to The Church, neither was The Church willing to sell the Chancery building itself. Further negotiations continued on and off for about a year.

The Church originally purchased the downtown buildings in 1979-80, not only to accommodate the various functions and facilities of The Church but to make an investment. The Church purchased the buildings with the knowledge that these properties could be sold to St. Mary's at some later time, when they would no longer be worthwhile for The Church to maintain.

The Reverend Gene Sevey, Jr., The Church's financial officer, said, "We were located in a very good spot because of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. They owned all of the property on the three or four surrounding blocks, except for ours and one other."

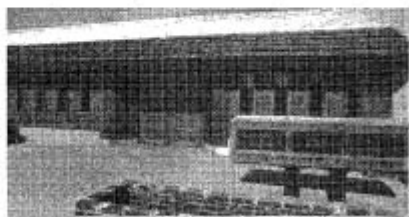
The sale agreement was made between the end of March and the beginning of April. "We close the deal on May first," Rev. Sevey said. "We agreed that we would be moved out on the first of May, and that they would legally take possession on that day."

The medical center insisted on completing the sale quickly. Rev. Sevey explained: "As I understand it, the hospital went through some very serious administrative changes, especially in the issue of management personnel. They got a new managing staff, and that may have had something to do with it. Besides, the hospital is always in need of expansion."

been worked on for months, or years, that were suddenly scrapped, and he had a fear that something similar might happen to us, that they might have a change of mind. He did not want us to be caught in that type of a situation."

The Right Reverend Rennie Castelli, head of The Church's Department of Technology and responsible for overseeing the actual move, first learned of the sale and the impending move only two weeks before it was scheduled to occur.

"Because St. Mary's wanted us to move out by the 23rd of April, I asked



Exterior view of the building at 626 Hudson Street that housed the Episcopal See and University.

"Our real estate broker advised us to close the deal as quickly as possible because things at the hospital were uncertain in regards to the administration. He knew of plans that had

for an extension," Rev. Castelli said. "I knew we did not have enough time to move the See, the School and the Annex in fourteen days, so I asked for a

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