

Bishop McVinney To Preside At New Church Dedication

The Most Reverend Bishop will officiate at the dedication and a blessing of the new St. Sebastian's Church in Providence on Sunday, May 13 at 11 o'clock. Work on additions and alterations to the original church has been going on for about a year and is now almost complete. Right Reverend William I. Ferry, pastor of Sebastian's, has supervised the work of Mr. William O'Rourke, architect, and the Gilbane Company, builders.

The original church or chapel was erected in 1915 by the late Rev. James A. Craig first pastor of St. Sebastian's. The cornerstone was laid on Columbus Day, October 12, 1915 by the Most Rev. Thomas F. Doran, first Auxiliary Bishop of Providence. On Christmas day of the same year the first Mass was celebrated.

The original church was in Tudor Gothic and that architectural style has been retained in the additions and alterations. The new additions include three full width bays in the main church, 45' x 42' on the first floor and in the basement; a new bay for the main altar 12' x 24', first floor and basement; a new stair addition on the north side of the building; new additions to the south side. a new bell tower and a new entrance on Cole Avenue.

In the basement there is an auditorium which will seat four hundred people with a new stage and kitchen facilities. In the church proper a new nave and side seating area increases the original seating to a total of 640. The new sanctuary is 27' deep and there is new lighting throughout the church. There is complete re-

modeling in the sanctuary affecting the altar and windows.

A new stone tower has been added containing an entrance and to which is connected the baptistry. New choir facilities have been installed and the remodeled church now has five exits. Stone work for additions and new work match the existing work.

The dedication ceremonies will be followed by a pontifical low Mass celebrated by Bishop McVinney.