

Marian Gymnasium - 1947-1948

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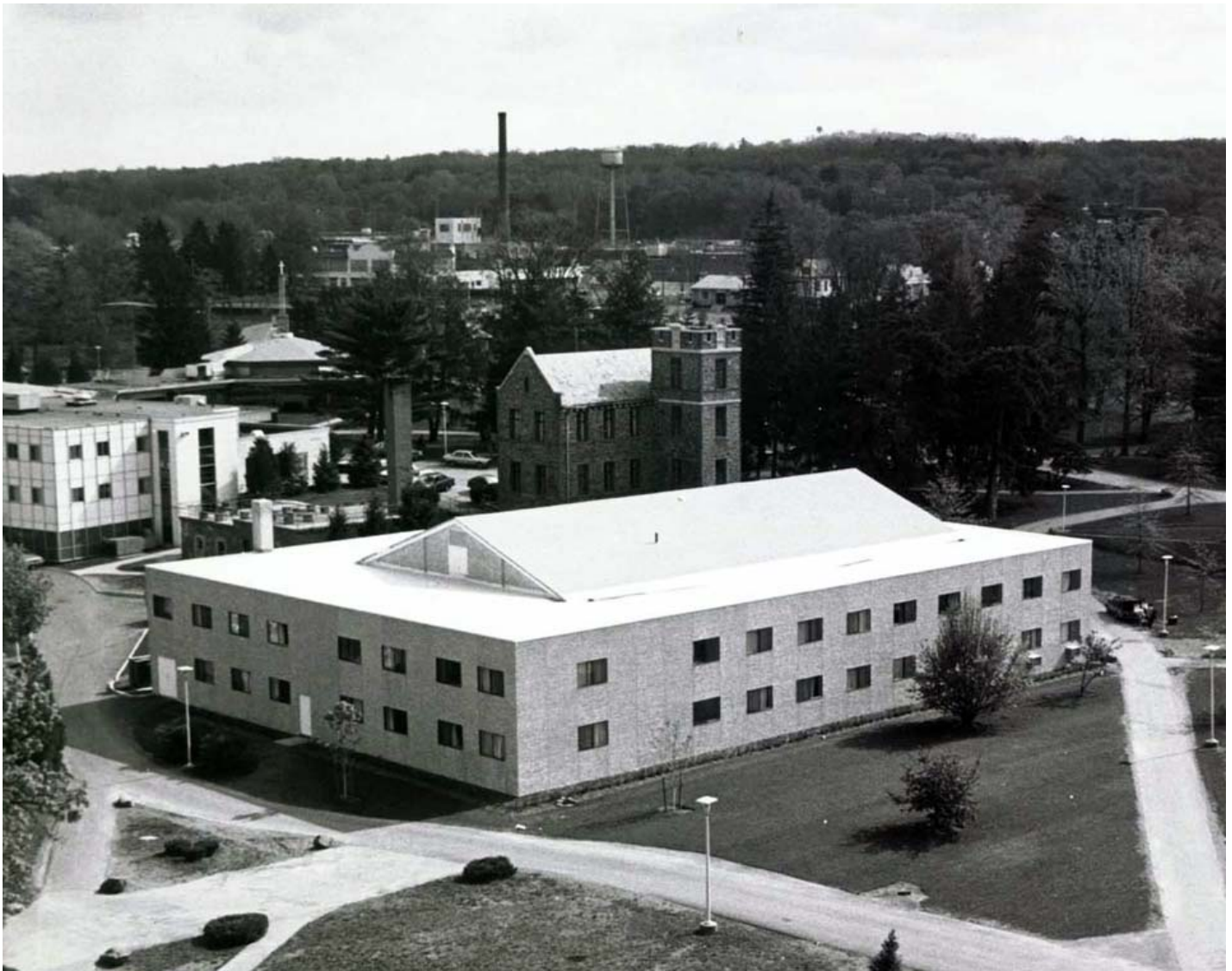
The gymnasium was built mainly by the student brothers and during the summers by brothers already teaching in Marist schools, with the brickwork by professional masons. Brother Francis Xavier, psychology and history teacher at the college, organized and supervised the construction.

A blizzard struck the area around Christmas 1947. The photo below shows the still incomplete building, with no doors for the three auto garage. A changing room was beyond the garage. The windows in the annex at the left would become a laundry servicing the novitiate, scholasticate, working brothers, retired brothers, and the juniorate then located in Esopus.

The main gymnasium was in use during the winter of 1947-1948, but the only heat was provided by a pot-belly stove at the far corner of the open area. Water and heat were installed during the summer of 1948. The floor was concrete until the spring of 1950 when a wood floor was installed.



After the McCann Athletic center was complete in 1977, this gymnasium was converted to student housing. Paul Canin, the architect who designed Leo and Champagnat dormitories designed the conversion, leaving the peaked roof of the main gym room and adding a second story to each of the annexes. The photo below was taken from one of the upper floors of the Champagnat dormitory.



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