

Diocesan School on the Move



Tudor styling of the former Lockwood mansion backgrounds the Rev. John R. Gabalski, seminary director.

For almost a half century preparing young men for the Catholic priesthood has been the business of the Diocesan Preparatory Seminary.

Now occupying a 19th century mansion at 844 Delaware Ave. — a site sought for a business building — the institution began in 1925 as the Little Seminary, at Mt. St. Joseph's School for Boys on Agassiz Circle.

Being on the move is part of its heritage. In 1927 it was at St. Nicholas School on Welker St., under the pastorate of the late Msgr. James McGloin, seminary founder. Shortly afterward it moved to what now is the Cantalician Center for Learning in north Main St. But most of its life was at 564 Dodge St., which in 1971 became the Diocesan Education Campus.

"I expect we will not be here for long," says its director, Rev. John R. Gabalski.

— Dick Burke