

OUR PARISH PROBLEM

The Incomplete Skyline

We in Saint Thomas More Parish know that, in addition to the new High School, the completion of the construction of our present basement church is our most ardent desire.

Five years have passed since we finished con-

struction of the basement of what will be our New St. Thomas More Parish Church. We do not wish to see a like period of time elapse before our Church is completed.

With our fine School, our Convent, and our new



OUR PRESENT LOWER CHURCH...



Rectory, we have established a truly fine parish plant that must be complemented by the completion of the beautiful church we have planned.

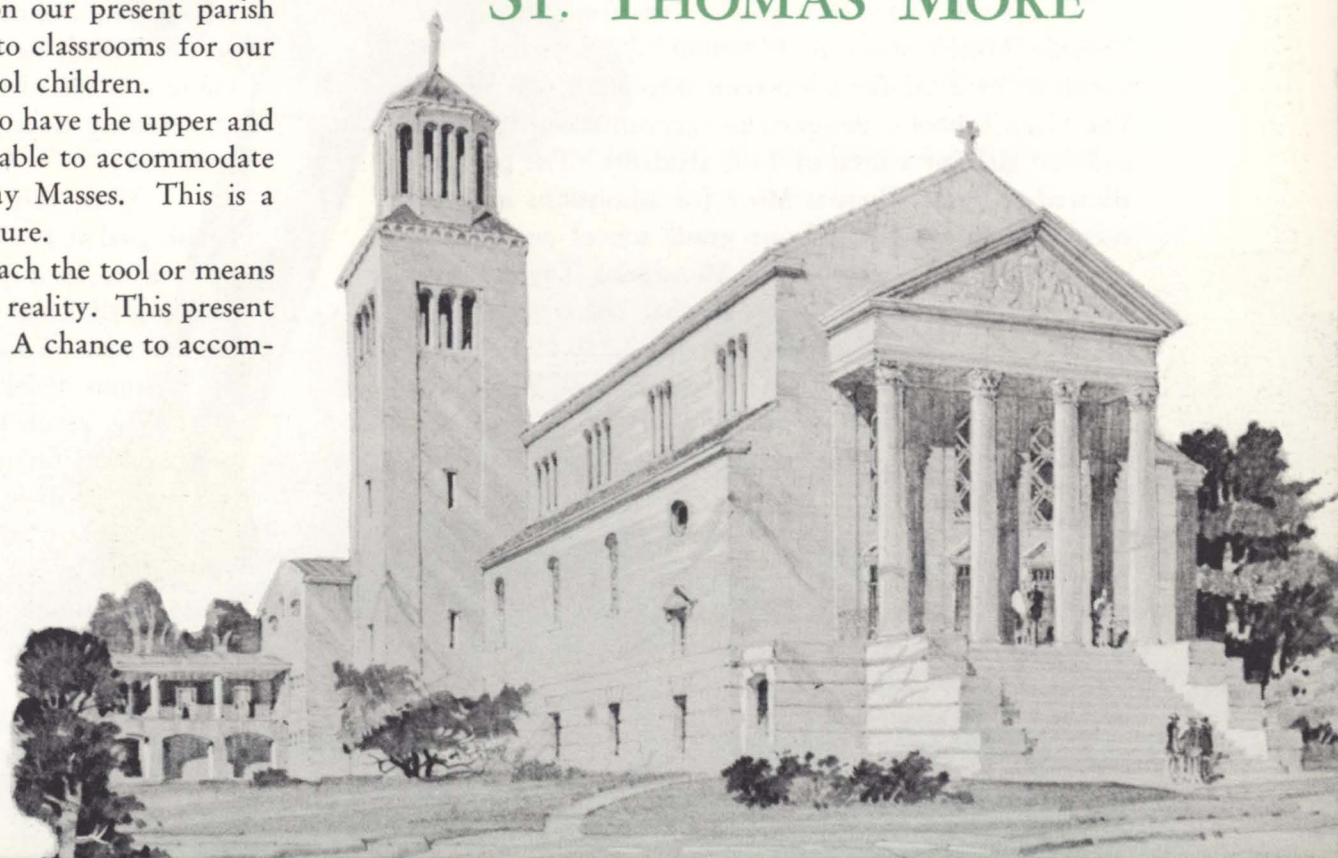
The urgency of the completion of our Church in our parochial planning cannot be over-emphasized. It is dictated by the fact that soon our present parish hall will have to be partitioned into classrooms for our increasing numbers of grade school children.

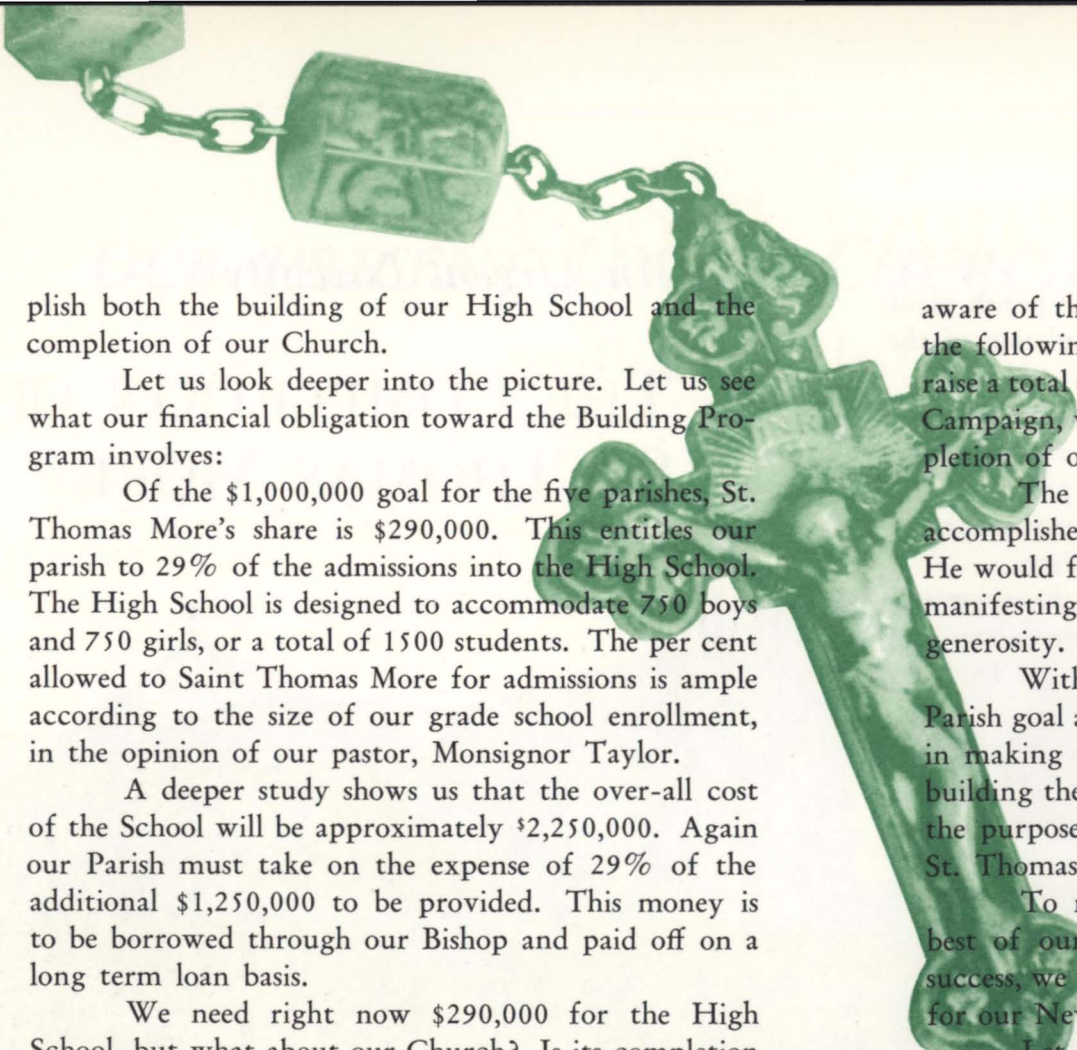
Thus it will be a necessity to have the upper and lower sections of our Church available to accommodate all our parishioners for the Sunday Masses. This is a fact we must face in the near future.

We have now within our reach the tool or means by which our dream may become a reality. This present Campaign offers this opportunity: A chance to accom-

An Urgent Necessity

THE COMPLETION OF ST. THOMAS MORE





plish both the building of our High School and the completion of our Church.

Let us look deeper into the picture. Let us see what our financial obligation toward the Building Program involves:

Of the \$1,000,000 goal for the five parishes, St. Thomas More's share is \$290,000. This entitles our parish to 29% of the admissions into the High School. The High School is designed to accommodate 750 boys and 750 girls, or a total of 1500 students. The per cent allowed to Saint Thomas More for admissions is ample according to the size of our grade school enrollment, in the opinion of our pastor, Monsignor Taylor.

A deeper study shows us that the over-all cost of the School will be approximately \$2,250,000. Again our Parish must take on the expense of 29% of the additional \$1,250,000 to be provided. This money is to be borrowed through our Bishop and paid off on a long term loan basis.

We need right now \$290,000 for the High School, but what about our Church? Is its completion getting farther and farther away all the time?

Realizing how we need our Church and being

aware of the present Campaign for the High School, the following question was put to our Bishop: "If we raise a total of \$500,000 in our parish during the present Campaign, will we be permitted to undertake the completion of our New Church?"

The Bishop replied in answer that, if this were accomplished, he would be very receptive to the idea. He would feel that the people of our parish were truly manifesting their desire for the New Church by their generosity.

With this object in mind, we are setting our Parish goal at \$500,000 in the hope that all will sacrifice in making their pledges, for the two-fold purpose of building the High School we need so badly and also for the purpose of hastening the completion of the New St. Thomas More Church.

To reach our goal, we all must pledge to the best of our financial ability. If our Campaign is a success, we will eliminate the need of another Campaign for our New Church in the future.

Let us all, here in St. Thomas More, make a pledge with some sacrifice so that we may attain success in this Campaign and thereby answer Our Obligation.