

# New Building Dedicated; Bishop Warns Against Science Over-Emphasis

## Honorary Degrees Conferred; Anniversary Honored

Science is but a part of human knowledge and cannot satisfy all needs of man, Bishop John A. Duffy declared last Sunday at the dedication of the Horan-O'Donnell science hall, and added a warning against overestimation of the value of science as a cure for all the ills of humanity.

Despite overcast skies and threat of rain, approximately fifteen hundred persons attended the ceremonies at Canisius Villa. The event commemorated the 400th anniversary of the confirmation of the Society of Jesus by Pope Paul III in 1540.

### Honorary Degrees

The program was highlighted by the conferring of four honorary degrees by the Very Reverend Francis A. O'Malley, S.J., president of Canisius. Degrees of doctor of laws were bestowed on the Very Reverend Thomas F. Plassman, O.F.M., president of St. Bonaventure College, the very Reverend Joseph M. Noonan, C.M., president of Niagara University, and the Reverend Michael J. Ahern, S.J., head of the department of geology at Weston College and former president of Canisius. A doctor of science degree was conferred upon Dr. Amadeus William Grabau, professor of paleontology at National University, Peiping, China.

### Jesuit Education System

Father Plassman, delivering principal address, paid tribute to educational achievements of the Jesuits. "Have our educators not made a fatal mistake that, while pretending to have solved the riddle of the universe in the scientist's laboratory, they committed the graver error of solving the riddle of man and mankind with the same mechanical devices?"

Tribute to the memories of the late Marian A. Horan and Dr. William J. O'Donnell, whose benefactions made possible the science hall, was paid by Father O'Malley.

### Procession

Exercises were opened with an academic procession from the college building down Hughes Avenue to the Villa. In the procession were civic leaders, local educators, clergy, nuns and faculty, alumni and students of Canisius, in addition to the college band and the Knights of St. John.

Prominent guests included: The Very Reverend James P. Sweeney, S.J., provincial of the New York and Maryland Jesuit Province; Dr. Robert T. Bapst, superintendent of schools; Mayor Thomas L. Holling; Chancellor Samuel P. Capen of the University of Buffalo; and many other local notables.