

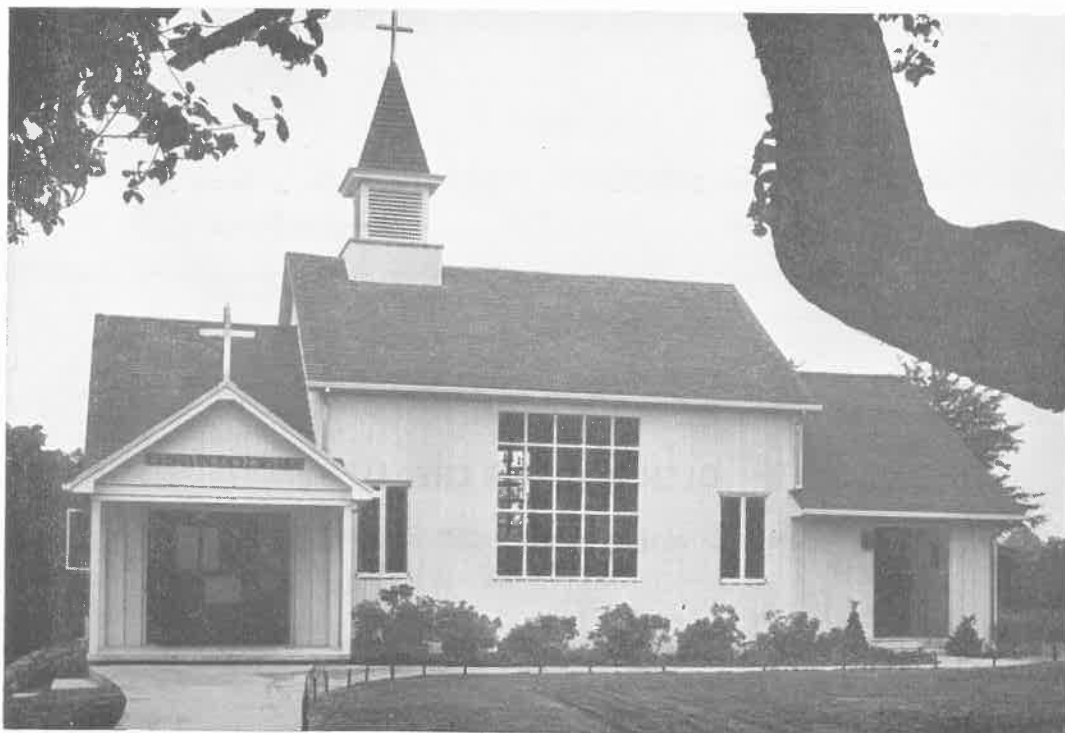


The barn of the Klaas Bokma farm — March 14, 1954

When the Rev. William F. Sheehan, pastor of the Church of the Nativity, came to Midland Park on March 13, 1954, he found the barn, shown above, on the property together with other buildings. With the imagination of **CARL KEMM LOVEN**, architect of Glen Rock, the barn became the Church of the Nativity, pictured below.

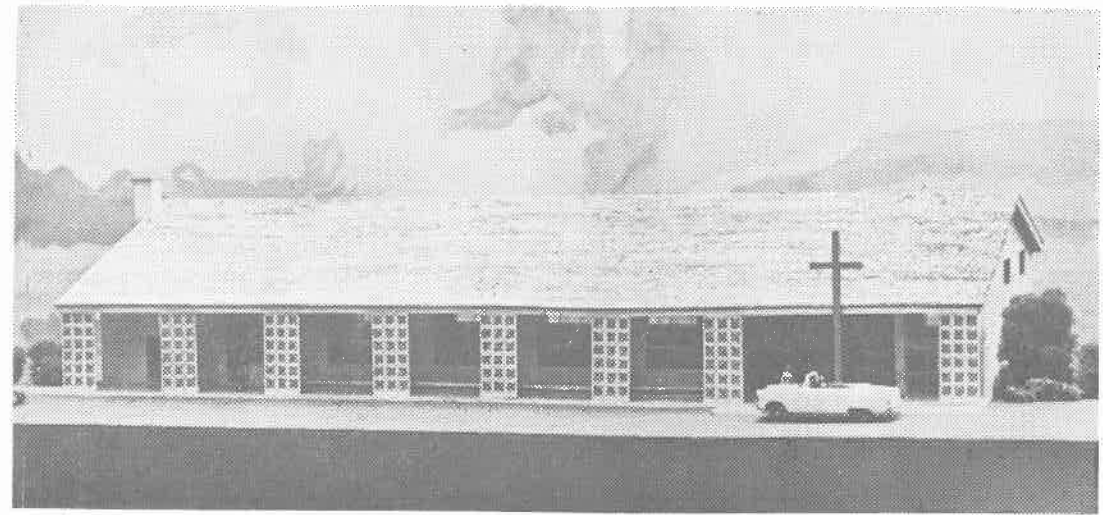
In three days, following Father Sheehan's arrival at Nativity parish, the design was completed by Mr. Loven. It began with a telephone call to the architect Sunday night, March 14. Work on the drawings was done Monday, March 15 and the completed drawings were given to the pastor on Tuesday.

Father Sheehan went to the Diocesan board in Newark that same day, Tuesday, and work began on remodeling the barn into a church on Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

The Church of the Nativity — June 26, 1954



Loven's model of the new Nativity Church — School

Loven came back to Midland Park to design our new Nativity Church — School, the fulfillment of Father Sheehan's dream. The new building has an auditorium seating 600, a principal's office and kitchen on the top floor and four classrooms accommodating 176 pupils, cafeteria and space for a kitchen on the first floor.

The school is staffed by the Sisters of St. Dominic. Sister M. Rita Joseph, OP, is the principal; assisted by Sister M. Virginia Pierre, OP; Sister M. David, OP; and Sister Catherine Therese, OP.

Also serving on the school's faculty are Miss Brigitte Sys, who also instructs in French; Miss Denise Smith, instructor in art; and Mr. Daniel Moor, instructor in music.



The Convent of the Sisters of St. Dominic