

April 23, 1946.

TESTIMONY ON ZONING APPEAL #189 - The Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Church Road, Wyncote.

MR. THOMSON: "We will hear next the Appeal of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

MR. EDWARD MCKEAN HAWES (Attorney), 412 De Kalb Street, Norristown - "I represent them. I will give my card to the secretary. This is Mother Marie. You have these plans. Those are the plans of the building. Here are the plans of the grounds. This is the old Lorimer tract, but excludes beyond Royal Avenue and Church Roads."

MOTHER MARIE: "We have not started our school. We will not use it until October. There is no use for the basement. On the first floor is the chapel kitchen, dining room and laundry and the rest to be used as class rooms. On the second floor are bedrooms and recreation room and study for the novitiate."

MR. HAWES: "I would suggest that you tell about the work of the school."

MOTHER MARIE: "Our school is not like an ordinary school. They come in for music and art in groups, or singly, for an hour or so at a time. They do not come in for all day. The pupils who will attend this institution are from the surrounding territory."

MR. THOMSON: "What ages are they?"

MOTHER MARIE: "They are of all ages."

MR. THOMSON: "It will not be a public school, like Notre Dame?"

MOTHER MARIE: "Oh, no!"

MR. THOMSON: "How many do you expect to have?"

MOTHER MARIE: "I don't know. I hope to have fifty or more a week. People come in for an hour or two a week and are mostly older pupils for language or music. It is not class teaching. It is a tutorial form of teaching. Often it is singly or two or three in a group."

MR. BONINE: "What branches of music are to be taught?"

MOTHER MARIE: "Piano, violin. They will come in after school and on Saturdays."

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MR. HAWES: "This is a rather special style of school. I think Mother Marie should describe the novitiate."

MOTHER MARIE: "We only have one other house in the United States - at 120 South 34th Street, Philadelphia.. We tutor them there from Penn. One State Inspector came last week and he asked what we were going to use it for. When I told him pupils come one at a time, he said it was quite different."

MR. BONINE: "The only people who would permanently reside in the place are just the novices?"

MOTHER MARIE: "Yes."

MR. BONINE: "How many nuns do you expect to have?"

MOTHER MARIE: "About eighteen to twenty."

MR. HAWES: "You have shown the third floor vacant."

MOTHER MARIE: "Yes, that will be used as bedrooms for the nuns."

MR. HAWES: "You expect to have novitiates - young women who come in to join the order?"

MOTHER MARIE: "Yes. The order is cloistered."

MR. HAWES: "You do not go out?"

MOTHER MARIE: "Yes, we do not go out. We stay on our own grounds. We do not go on the streets."

MR. BONINE: "Will there be any use made of the garage?"

MOTHER MARIE: "We expect to use it as a gardener's cottage."

"Before I purchased, I asked about the zoning. I was told it was quite right about the zoning."

MR. HESSELBACHER: "You understand all building and plumbing alterations must come before the Building Department?"

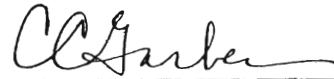
MOTHER MARIE: "Oh, yes."

MR. THOMSON: "Is there anyone objecting to the granting of this petition?"

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(No objectors.) "Decision is reserved."



C. C. GARBER
Acting Secretary

PETITION GRANTED

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