

St. Francis' Dedication July 4

Main Altar Is Designed From Botticino Marble

(St. Francis of Assisi's Parish, Spokane)

The newly constructed St. Francis of Assisi's church, Heroy and Jefferson, will be blessed Wednesday, July 4, by the Most Rev. Charles D. White, Bishop of Spokane. Beginning at 10 o'clock, the solemn blessing will be followed by High Mass.

The main altar, which is to be consecrated, is designed from cream-colored Botticino marble, trimmed with Berte Isori. An in-

laid chrystogram on the main altar is fashioned from green-hued Berte Isori marble. The two side altars are of identical design. One is a shrine to St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, and the other is a shrine to St. Anthony of Padua, recently proclaimed as a Doctor of the Church.

One of the striking features of the new church is the circular rose window, set high above the main altar, in the reredos. The reredos, a form of altar screen, is made of light oak. The rose window,

designed by Laboret of France on glass one inch thick, was executed by Hackart and Company of Chicago. It is the first work of its kind on this type of glass in the United States, according to Rev. Frederick Bromham, O.F.M., pastor.

"The rose window symbolizes the Blessed Trinity," Father Bromham said. "The design depicts a triangle of dark red, outlined in green, with an eye in the center. As the three equal sides from an equilateral triangle, so the three Divine Persons of the Blessed

Trinity are equal but distinct from one another—One God. The eye denotes the all-seeing, omnipresent God.

"Light golden yellow, with varied hues of blue, encloses the triangle in a circle. The shifting sun casts lights and shadows during the day, creating a beautiful effect."

St. Francis of Assisi's choir, directed by the Rev. Rembert Ahles, O.F.M., assistant to the pastor, will sing at the High Mass, the "Mass of Our Lady," by Owen da Silva, O.F.M. The supplementary

offertory will be Scuetky's "Emitte Spiritum." A recessional, "Hymn to Christ the King" by Sister Mary Raphael, will be sung.

The church's new Consommata organ will be played for the first time by Mrs. Leon Wilson on the day of the solemn blessing.

Among the visiting clergy who will be guests of the pastor at the dedication will be the Rev. David Temple, O.F.M., vice provincial of the Santa Barbara province. He will deliver the sermon for the occasion. (Mrs. Thomas L. Mulen, Correspondent.)