

**Rennslaer Street, N.W.**

1247            07/13/65    1985            *Kamminga & Roodvoets*

1247 Rennslaer N.W. On July 13, 1965, the firm of Kamminga & Roodvoets took out demolition permit No. 1985 on the house at 1247 Rennslaer Street, N.W., which had been used as the residence for the chaplain. The sewer line was left in place in order to be reused. On August 20, the provincial of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Cincinnati, OH, Sister Mary Alphonsus, R.G.S., applied to Rome for permission to borrow \$100,000, at an interest rate of 5.2%, "to be used in the construction of a suitable residence for the Reverend Chaplain of the said convent, and some necessary remodelling of one of the buildings to meet current standards." Mother Mary Divine Heart, R.G.S., the local superior, forwarded the request to Bp. Allen J. Babcock for approval on August 23, noting that "the chaplains house is already in construction." Bp. Babcock granted his *placet*; and on November 17, 1965, the loan amount was received. Mother Mary Divine Heart wrote at that time that "the money has been partly used for the chaplain's residence which he is already occupying. The workroom for the magdalens is progressing nicely." In 1999, this one-story brick home was sold to Fr. Richard J. Host to be used as his private residence.