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Catholics Add Two Schools Here

Two Roman Catholic high schools will open in Phoenix Sept. 4. Only freshmen students will be admitted the first year.

They are Gerard High School, 44th Street and E. Oak, and Bourgade High School, 31st Avenue and Hazelwood. Both schools are on 23-acre sites and will receive both freshman boys and girls this fall.

The Rev. John H. Hillmann, S.M., principal of Bourgade, said a staff of four Marist fathers and two laymen will teach boys, and three Ladies of Loretto, headed by Mother St. Rose, will supervise the girls' program.

A STRONG ACADEMIC program at the school will be combined with intramural sports,

including football, basketball, track and bowling, in the freshman year, according to Father Hillmann.

"We will also have remedial English and math for the students," he said.

Modern home economics and biology laboratories are being installed. Other facilities include a study hall, temporary chapel and library, physical education facilities, catering kitchen and mechanical plant.

A faculty building designed to house 10 priests is expected to be completed on the school site in September. Presently, Father Hillmann and his staff of priests are living at 3302 W. Tuckey Lane.

Gerard High School is offering a balanced program, including academic studies and intramural sports, according to the principal, the Rev. David C. Marshall, C.S.Sp., Ph.D.

"**WE WANT** to make Gerard High School a comprehensive coeducational secondary school that will be preparatory for entrance to college or a university," said Father Marshall.

While filling the need for all students, the school will offer a special project for exceptional students who will be offered four years of science and foreign languages in addition to their regular courses.

The science laboratory, home economics and domestic science

rooms will include the most modern equipment.

The teaching staff in the boys' program include four Holy Ghost Fathers and three lay teachers. Three religious orders will provide teachers for the girl students, including two Sisters of Mercy, two of the Benedictine order and two of the Precious Blood.

A PERMANENT faculty house for priests will be built. Temporary housing for the faculty of priests is expected to be ready soon at 225 Papago Drive, Tempe.

The two schools are expected to have a combined enrollment of 1,200 pupils after four years. An additional class is expected

to be added each year for the next three years until the four-year high school program is complete.

Father Hillman is a native of Brooklyn and has been a member of the Marist Mission band for the past year. He was the first rector of the St. Peter Chapel Seminary in San Rafael, Calif. He also has served in other teacher and administrative capacities.

Father Marshall, before coming here, was head of the English department and assistant dean of Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.

Ground was broken for the schools by Bishop Francis J. Green of Tucson in January.