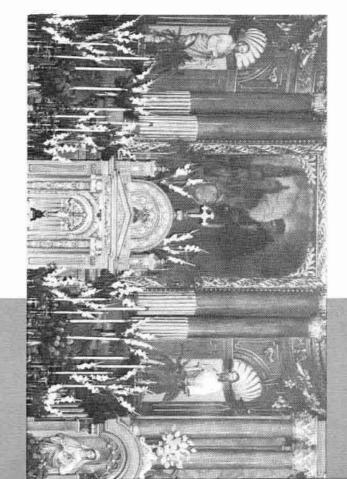
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And God Bless Everyone



St. John Cantius Parish 825 North Carpenter St. Chicago, Illinois 60622



Seventy – Fifth Anniversary



We light candles at the altar of Our Lady of Czestochowa . . .

Our thanks and petitions conclude with "Lord hear our prayer" . . .

The presence of the statues of Your holy saints inspires us . . .

The light of Our Lady of Fatima shines down . . .

While We Pray



In Your House



Dedication . . .

"For where two or three are gathered for my sake, there I am in the midst of them"

MATTHEW 18:20

From whatever ends of the earth they may come, from whatever walks of life; from whatever walks of life;
wherever they may gather or where one stands alone;
the greatest thing men have in common
is that they have been created
in the image and likeness of God.
It is this and our common faith
which have brought us together to pray in His House.
So, it is to Him, our Creator,
that we primarily dedicate this book

commemorating the anniversary of 75 years of worship at St. John Cantius Church

Secondarily, it is to His noble creature, man, that our dedication is extended.





Tomen ...

- . . . of spirit
- . . . who gathered together to build a community, a church, and a parish in which they could proudly serve their God and rear their families.

Tomen ...

- . . . of valor
- thru a changing world
 to insure a peaceful land
 for their lived ones,
 bearing their country's arms.
- . . . who have nourished and cultivated a loyalty and love for their church, parish and community, progressing with it thru various stages of development.

Tomen ...

- . . . of service
- . . . who have given of themselves
 to develop a full parish life,
 both spiritual and social,
 thru their work
 in the Religious Societies
 and Lay Organizations of our Church.

Tomen ...

- . . . of God
- . . . who have consecrated their lives
 to His Service the priests
 who have ministered to our spiritual needs
 the nuns who have taught our children all of them who have served
 as the cohesive ingredient,
 holding our Parish together thru the years.

Tomen ...

- . . . of the future
- who are as yet unborn
 but who hold the key to peace.
 May theirs be lives of compassion,
 generosity and fulfillment as have been ours

May they have the opportunities to develop these gifts to the fullest as did we in the environs of St. John Cantius Church.

The Sanctuary of the House of God

Being members of the Catholic Church makes us members **O**f the Mystical Body of Christ.

As parishioners of St. John Cantius Church, we are

Dedicated to honoring our patron by exemplifying his valor of

Yore in defending the faith even unto death.

Of course, we too, pledge loyalty to our Polish heritage

Forgetting never, our gallant forefathers who pioneered these

United States and this

City of Chicago,

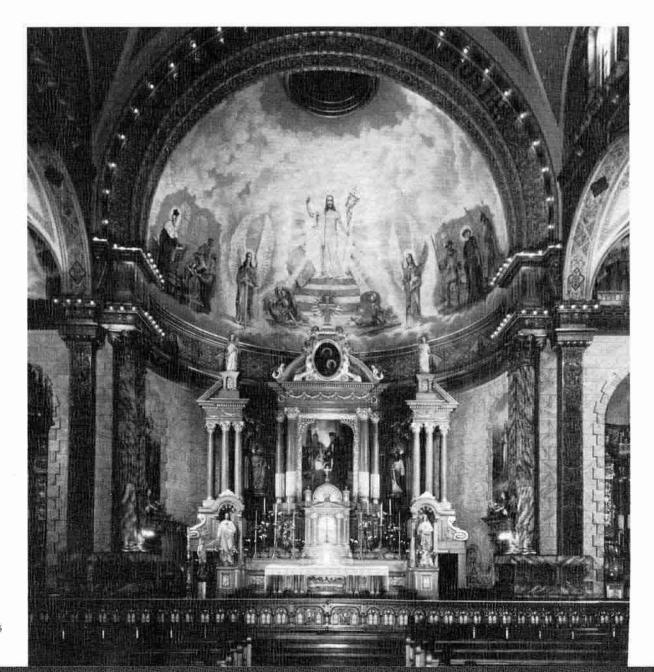
Harbor of religious refugees.

Remembering days gone, we must

I mbue our youth with a

Sense of responsibility to their fellow man and more importantly, to God

Thru our own lives—exemplifying the true Spirit of Christ.





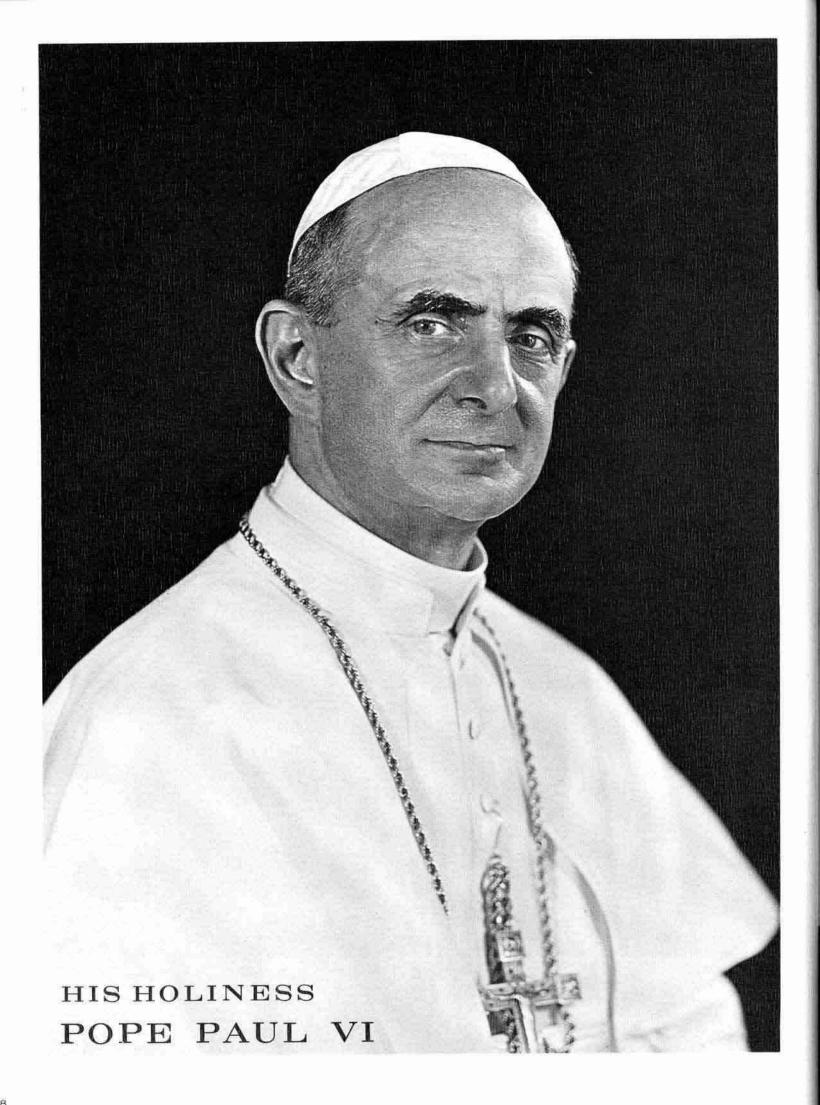
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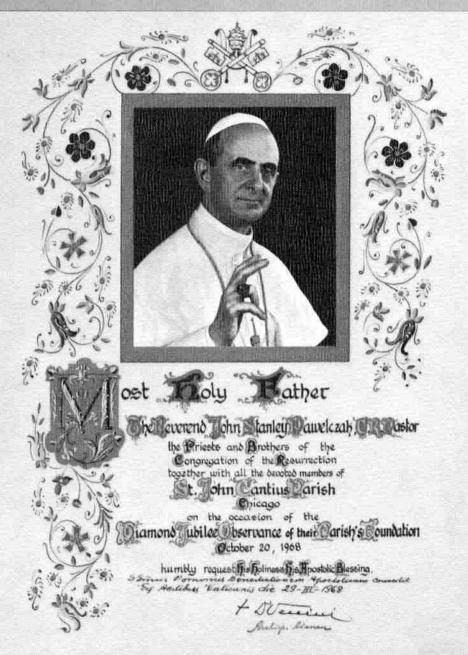
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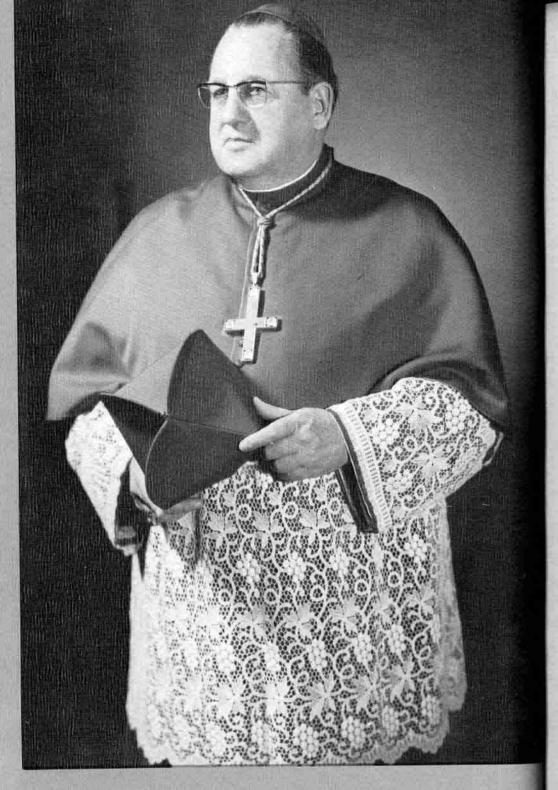


His Holiness rides thru Rome in a motorcade, His arms outstretched in benediction to the faithful throughout the world.



The Blessing From Rome

Archbishop of Chicago





His Eminence John Cardinal Cody, D.D.

Cardinal Cody addresses the assembly at the Anniversary Banquet at the Sherman House.





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July 30, 1968

Reverend John S. Pawelczak, C.R. Pastor, St. John Cantius Church 825 North Carpenter Street Chicago, Illinois 60622

My dear Father Pawelczak:

I am very happy to send you these few words of felicitations and congratulations on the occasion of the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee observance of St. John Cantius Parish. Through these seventy five years the parish has served the people of Polish heritage with every opportunity for spiritual comfort and advancement. To the Resurrectionist Fathers we owe a debt of gratitude for their long and persevering service. The evidence of their devotion to their work is clearly identified in the great number of vocations to the priesthood and religious life which have come from St. John Cantius Parish.

In reiterating my felicitations, and adding the appreciation and thanks of the Archdiocese, I pray that Almighty God will continue to shower copious blessings and graces on this parish.

With every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Father Pawelczak,

Very truly yours in Christ,

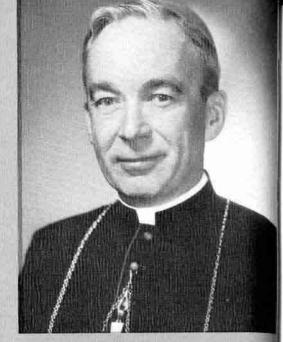
Archbishop of Chicago



Most Rev. Raymond P. Hillinger, D.D.



Most Rev. Thomas J. Grady, D.D.



Most Rev. William E. McManus, D.D.

Auxiliary Bishops

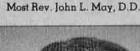
Most often we associate the role of the Bishop with the sacrament of Confirmation and the administration of Holy Orders; however, in their roles as Assistants to the Cardinal, the Auxiliary Bishops find imposed upon them, many and varied responsibilities. In addition to their duties in the bishopric, we find them toiling in the areas of education and social service.

Most Rev. Raymond P. Hillinger is Pastor Emeritus of St. Mel-Holy Ghost Church. In addition to his duties as Pastor of St. Hilary Church, the Most Rev. Thomas

J. Grady is the Director of Seminaries and Priestly Training of the Archdiocese. Bishop McManus, Pastor of St. Ferdinand Church, serves as the Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Education. Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Bishop May is also President of the Extension Society. Besides holding the post of Executive Director of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland, Bishop Abramowicz is Pastor of Five Holy Martyrs Church. Most Rev. Michael R. Dempsey is both Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Coordinator of the Inner City Apostolate.

(Archbishop Bernard J. Sheil is not pictured here)

Most Rev. Alfred L. Abramowicz, D.D.

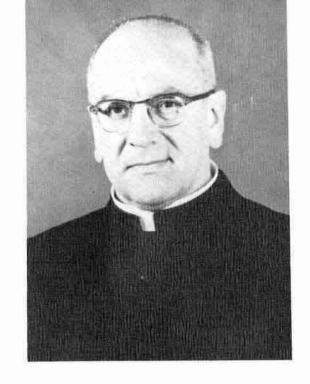






Most Rev. Michael R. Dempsey, D.D.







April 28, 1968

Rev. John Pawelczak, C.R. P.P. St. John Cantius Church 825 N. Carpenter Street Chicago, Illinois 60622

Reverend and Dear Father John:

Felicitations to the Parish Priests and to the Parishioners of St. John Cantius Church, on the parish's Diamond Jubilee!

During all these years the Resurrection Fathers and Brothers have served with fidelity, honor and distinction, the People of God comprising this parish. These same people now deserve the sincere thanks of all the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection for their loyalty to us.

Of late the immediate area near this church has changed considerably. There is no longer any Parish School. The school buildings, while still used for educational purposes, are no longer, as of yore, the bustling center of the parish school. The School Sisters of Notre Dame have left their parish convent and this sisterless building is now the office of the Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. However, throughout all these changes and in the face of other prevalent winds of change, St. John Cantius Church stands as a symbol of the stability, piety and Christian peace of a noble citizenry.

Long may it continue to deserve God's Blessing for its fruitful ministry to souls.

Fraternally in Christo Redivivo,

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Hubert B. Gehl, C.R. Superior General

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Rev. John Pawelczak, C.R. St. John Cantius Farish 825 N. Carpenter Street Chicago, Illinois 60622

Rev. and dear Fr. Pastor.

The hands of time never stand still even though they fold for prayer twice each day. This constant call to lift heart and mind to God has reverberated lustily throughout the immediate area of St. John Cantius Farish for 75 years. But on this day which marks its Diamond Jubilee, time does stand still - albeit so briefly - just as the heart skips a beat when joy overwhelms the person and momentarily stuns him. For on this day history is written, a history which captures the fullness of a peoples' dedication and loyalty to God.

Congratulations are extended in fullest measure to those who wrote the pages of a seventy-five year script or who played even the slightest role in bringing the past to life at St. John's. These felicitations are directed as a manifestation of greatest tribute to the members of the hierarchy, the priests, brothers, sisters, and parishioners, whose lives were enriched gloriously not because they received but because they gave of themselves and their substance. But by giving they became bountiful recipients as the wand of God's blessings touched their very souls.

History has recorded unusual twists in the saga of the goodness of man, of his relationship with God, and of his concern for his fellow man. This is not altogether unexpected, for the extension of Christ's life in man as it motivates and inspires on earth is varied and sundry.

To the glory of all associated with St. John Cantius Parish in this 75 year span, let it be said to their undying credit that, prompted by a deep love of God and man, they met all challenges courageously, fearlessly, honestly, and zealously. So it has been! So let it be! Congratulations and God bless you!

Jubilantly yours in the Risen Christ,

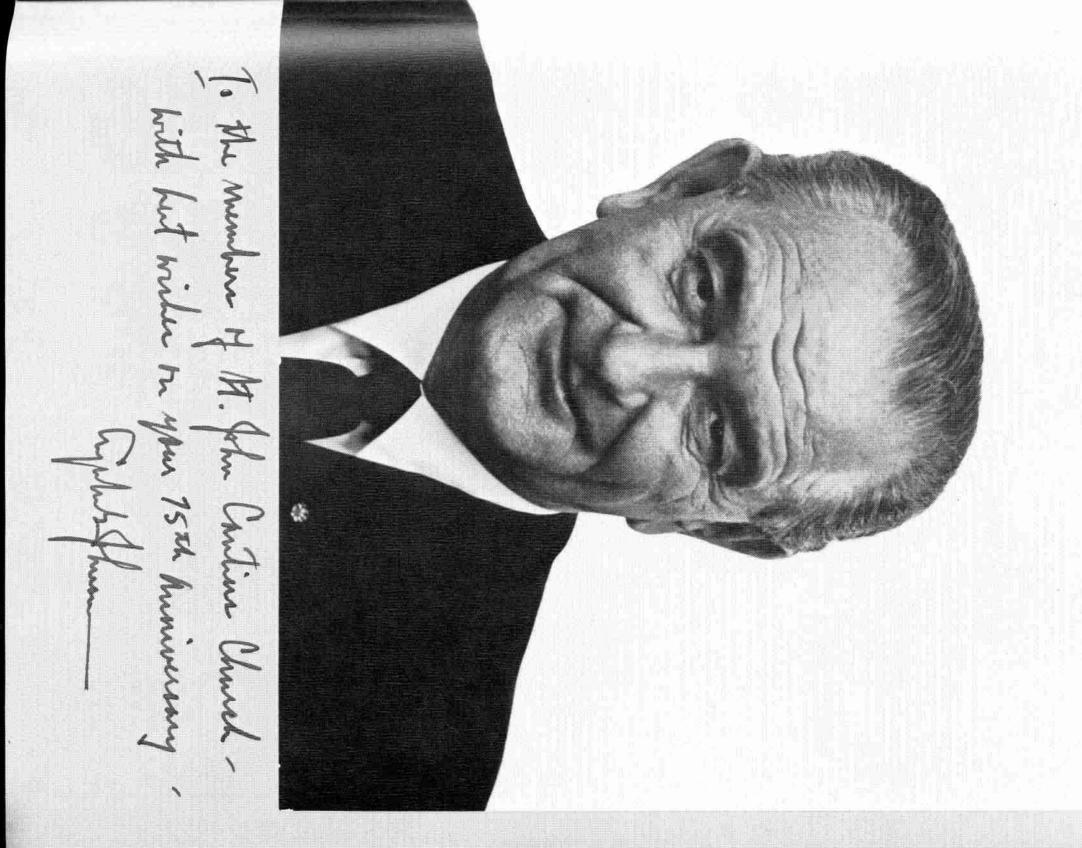
Servard J. Bak, C.R., Provincial

Provincial Chicago Province

Congregation
of the
Resurrection









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SAMUEL H. SHAPIRO

Please accept my congratulations upon the occasion of your Diamond Jubilee. Seventy-five years of service is something of which to be very proud.

The social and spiritual values that were taught at the St. John Cantius Church during the past seventy-five years have enriched the lives of those men and women who have attended, and especially those of Polish descent.

The many leaders from all walks of life who have attended, and who are now attending, the St. John Cantius Church, testifies to the quality of guidance attained there.

It is my hope that you will all enjoy the fruits of many more successful years.

Sincerely,

Samuel H. Shapiro

His Excellency

SAMUEL H. SHAPIRO

Governor of Illinois

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Governor Shapiro joined in the festivities of our jubilee celebration at the Sherman House.







His Honor Richard J. Daley

Mayor City of Chicago



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD J. DALEY

May 2, 1968

Rev. John S. Pawelczak, C.R. St. John Cantius Church 825 N. Carpenter Street Chicago, Illinois 60622

Mr. Dear Father Pawelczak:

The celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of St. John Cantius parish is an occasion of significance to all Chicago, and I am very happy to extend to you as pastor, to your assistants and to the congregation my heartiest congratulations.

St. John Cantius' long identification with the spiritual life of its immediate community, and with the maintenance of the moral values of the entire community, constitutes a very substantial contribution to Chicago's welfare. It is a history of which the clergy and the lay people of St. John Cantius can well be proud.

At this time of Diamond Jubilee observance it gives me great pleasure to extend my very best wishes for the future, with the confidence that the years to come will match the past in the good accomplished by St. John Cantius.

Sincerely.



Seventy – Fifth Anniversary







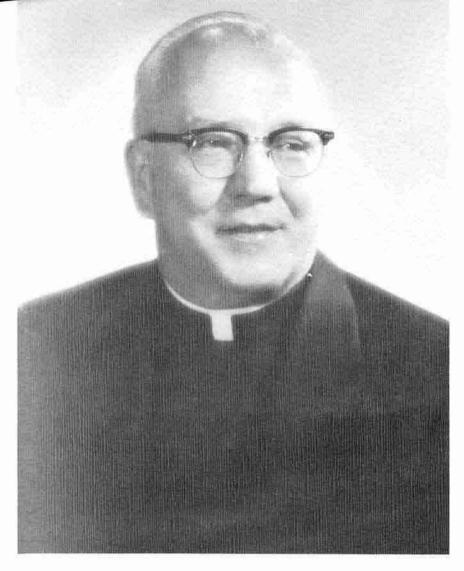
The creed: "I believe in One God, the Father Almighty . . . "

"Boze Cos Polske. . ."

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit . . ."

"Body of Christ" - "Amen"

The Shepherd And His Flock..





John S. Pawelczak

Greetings On This Glorious Occasion

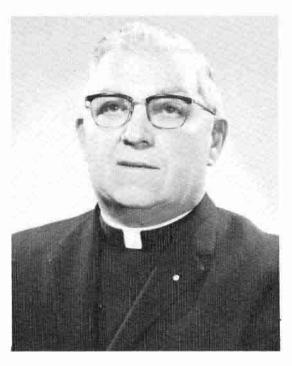
It is indeed a pleasure to offer tribute to the glorious past and valiant present jotted down on the pages of this Memorial book. The religious and patriotic service of a Polish people is recalled on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of existence of their St. John Cantius Church. The ideals for this earthly life are engraved on the beautiful stony lacade of the church. And so bequeathed to the luture generations. We read in large letters, three inscriptions: 'AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM' To the Greater Glory of God "BOZE ZBA W POLSKE" God Save Poland "ET PORTA COELI" This is None Other Than the House of God: This is the Gate of Heaven GEN. 28:17

These are expressions of lotty ideals,
valiant deeds and glorious victories.
Today we enjoy this inheritance.
Our gratitude is to God
for being able to share in the many divine blessings
He bestowed on His children
and our admiration is to the people
for the goodness, zeal and enthusiasm
of the many priests, brothers, sisters and parishioners.
May we continue the pious traditions we inherited
and find new ways of expressing this service to God,
country and society.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



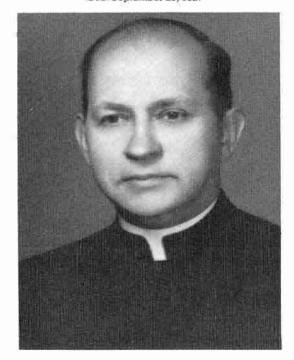
Rev. John Bocian Asst. Pastor Ord. June 6, 1936



Rev. Felix Miliszkiewicz Asst. Pastor Superior of the House Ord. June 10, 1934

Members of The Parish House

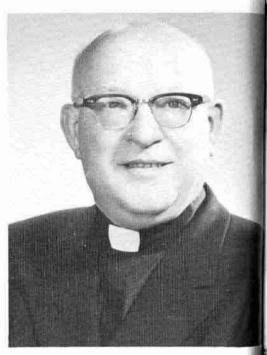
Rev. Theodore Klopotowski Resident Ord. September 25, 1927



The souls of a parish are entrusted to the priests who serve it. With them lies the responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the laity. Besides offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and administering the Sacraments, they also function as chaplains of our various sodalities. May God bless them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the "flock" of St. John Cantius Parish. They will be rewarded in eternity for the priestly duties they perform; however, we choose this time and place to express our gratitude for the many unexpected but welcome kindnesses shown by the many priests and brothers who have served the congregation of St. John Cantius parish thru the years.



Bro. Thomas Iwicki Sacristan Perpetual Vows: Jan. 6, 1968



Rev. Bruno Ostrega Resident Ord. June 10, 1933

Parish Committee

Performing an integral service in the functioning of the Church is the Parish Committee who serve as representatives of the laity and advisors to the Pastor; thru their guidance and efforts they provide the foundation from which stem various programs to maintain and support the parish.



E. Moskal, S. Novak, Rev. J. Pawelczak, Pastor, E. Witt, G. Glowinski

Church Ushers

Often we take the routine for granted; yet little do we realize the continuity that is essential to performing a necessary task. Symbolic of the routinized service which we expect without question is that performed by the Church Ushers. Week after week, year after year, they serve the Parish - sacrificing their time to be of assistance in the early hours of the morning, ignoring the weather and perhaps the thought of a leisurely day, to be on hand at Sunday Mass. On this anniversary we say "Thank You" for their tireless efforts thru the years.



lst R. J. Juszczyk, J. Jarzemski, Rev. J. Pawelczak, Pastor, A. Kosiba, Head Usher, S. Lehto, W. Gibula. 2nd R. A. Blaszynski, J. Szajda, J. Fela, E. Tarczan, P. Lelito. 3rd R. J. Czarnecki, C. Lesiak, E. Wierzbicki, S. Burkot. 4th R. M. Kasprzyk, J. Mientus, A. Rembacz, A. Drzewiecki, R. Olinski.



M idwest M'ontessori T eacher T raining E enter



The trainees derive many benefits from group study sessions.



Mrs. Mali Dhanidina, MMTTC staff member, checking a trainee's performance.

For the past four years, the St. John Cantius School Building has housed the national headquarters for the MIDWEST MONTESSORI TEACH-ER TRAINING CENTER, which has been responsible for developing over fifty Montessori teachers yearly. The Center is administered by a Board of Directors headed by Dr. Urban H. Fleege, Professor of Child Development at De Paul University. The training program consists of a series of lectures and demonstrations presented by psychologists and Montessori teachers, conducted during the summer months.



Three Montessori teachers attending an MMTTC Institute.



Dr. Urban H. Fleege, addressing a group of MMTTC trainees.

Montessori

Fronting the school building on Chicago Avenue are the MMTTC staff and trainee group.



As the site of one of the largest Montessori Training Programs in the United States, the Midwest Montessori Teacher Training Center boasts an enrollment of some 50 to 60 college graduates each summer.

Because of its national reputation, the Center attracts Montessori Teachers from across the country to attend a series of Seminars and Institutes it hosts during the academic year.

Serving some 30 to 120 culturally disadvantaged pre-school age children in the nearby area, the MMTTC conducts a Montessori Head Start School in the St. John Cantius School building. This project has been cited by Washington, D. C. as one of the outstanding Head Start Programs in the nation.





Juliana and Walenty Kubicki, he was a member of the Church Building Committee

Halloween costumes, or dressed for a night on the town????

Al Misiura, Stanley Rembacz, Al Sztorc

Former students of St. John Cantius can't think of the intersection of Chicago and Milwaukee Avenues without thinking of OFFICER ELMER MARSHALL who has served in the area for many years.



''Ride 'Em Cowboy'' Andy Kosiba circa 1917

The kindergarteners of 1943 and how they grew ...

As defined in Webster's dictionary, a memorial is "anything meant to help people remember a person, event, etc". It is our hope that these next few pages of our MEMORIAL BOOK will serve that purpose. The photos gathered here are meant to bring a tear to the eye or a smile to the lip—all in the interest of nostalgia. You might even find yourself rummaging thru the attic to bring out your own albums of yesteryear—if you do, we will have succeeded in accomplishing our objective—to remind you of the old days and how things have changed—a photographic recall of ...

Then and Now











Mrs. Rose Wardzinska 101-Dec. 23, 1968

Hail, Pioneers!

Families who pioneered the area surrounding St. John Cantius, have given succeeding generations to the parish to maintain the lifeline, yet many of the "old timers" who are able, still attend the church services and participate in the social affairs themselves. As a salute to them, we pay tribute here, to the oldest living member of the parish, Mrs. Rose Wardzinska, who celebrated her 101st birthday on December 23, 1968.

Although she can no longer be active in the parish, she is still deserving of our admiration and respect as are those wonderful people in the 70 - plus age bracket who continue to support the parish activities. May God grant them the energy to continue their parish life in the days remaining ahead; it is thru their example that the younger parishioners gain the inspiration to carry on in the tradition of the Catholic Poles of the turn of the century.



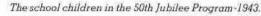




Could it really be the 25th reunion of the graduating class of 1940 pictured above?

The funeral procession of Rev. John Kosinski (May 5, 1914) the first pastor of St. John's to die in office.

A 1900 June bride and groom.

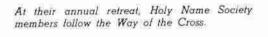








The altar of St. Joseph on his feastday, March







We pray at the foot of the cross.



In the Churches,

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.



"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"



Vestments purchased for the Jubilee are displayed by Altar Society members.





Altar dedicated to the Inlant of Prague.



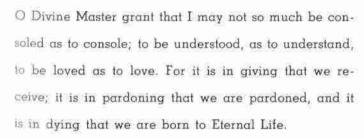
Ladies of the parish bear the image of the Sacred Heart in procession.



The congregation awaits the "BODY OF



Bless Ye God the Lord . . .

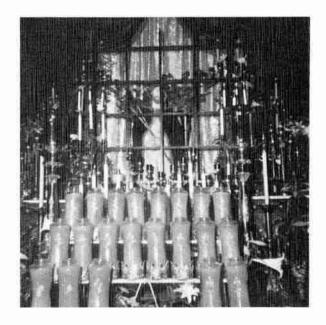


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Holy Thursday-Our Lord imprisoned.

At the tomb of Our Lord, Good Friday.







Those Hallowed Halls

To most people, the "good old days" usually means the carefree days of youth—the excitement and fun of experiencing new challenges each day. As grammar school students, the excitement and fun were ours—however, the challenges were almost exclusively within the domain of our teachers. From 1893 to 1967, the halls of St. John Cantius school echoed with the sounds of the children of the parish—answering history questions, competing in spelling bees, reciting the multiplication tables, giggling when they got into a little mischief. It's only thru the patience and persistence of the School Sisters of Notre Dame that some of us saw graduation day as education-hungry, young adults.

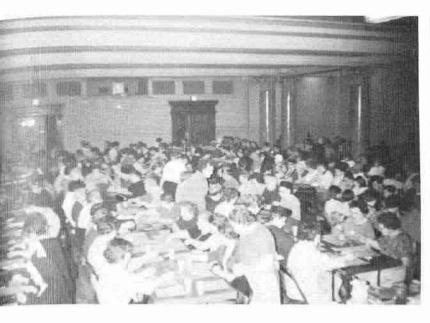
The years saw a drastic change in the environs of St. John Cantius, and the school, too, felt the blow. Once a bustling hub of learning—2,000 pupils strong—its enrollment gradually decreased until it was considered one of the smaller schools of the Archdiocese, graduating less than 30 students yearly during its decline. Nineteen hundred and sixty-seven was the year of decision—St. John Cantius parish was to close the doors of its school and the sounds of parish youngsters thru its halls was to be heard no more.

However, the ambition of our forefathers was not squelched; the school they had struggled to build and of which they had been so proud, was destined to fulfill yet another role in the area of education. The St. John Cantius school building now contributes in an ongoing way to the education of the Christian world. Its facilities are utilized for the teacher training program of the Montessori System of Education as well as for the instruction of teacher-participants of the Head Start program. Upon the departure of the Sisters, the convent building was transformed into offices for the Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine. It is now the Archdiocesan center for training CCD instructors who participate in the city-wide parish education program.

Yet, it is not only for teacher training that the parish's facilities are used; year-round its classrooms house children being educated thru the Montessori system of learning. Additionally, mobile units on the premises are occupied by the Special Religious Education Division of the Archdiocese of Chicago for teaching the physically and mentally handicapped.

It is thru these various programs that St. John Cantius contributes to the education of the Christian world—even perhaps more markedly than when the building housed the parochial school. Now thru the hundreds of teachers trained here, children all across the country are growing in knowledge; because facilities are available for the handicapped children and those in the Montessori school, they too, are benefitting from St. John Cantius, but in a more direct way.

It cannot be said that St. John Cantius has no school; it is true we no longer maintain a parochial school but, more diversely than ever, our parish is deeply involved in the educational process. The results of learning taking place on the premises of St. John Cantius parish are being felt not merely within the community but throughout the city and across the entire nation as well. Obviously, we are participating in God's work on a much larger scale than the parishioners of the turn of the century ever would have begun to imagine.





To fund some of the functions of the Jubilee, a DUCKY PARTY was held. A huge success it was!

A special attraction at the Spring FUN FAIR and FALL BAZAAR is the home-cooked Sunday dinner.

Another lavorite "re-acquainting" event is the annual SWIENCONKA.



S. J. C.'s Social Calendar









Forty Hours Devotion. Mission



Preparing for an occasion as suspicious as the 75th Jubilee took nearly a year of painstaking efforts-catering, orchestra, guest speakers and dozens of other detailed chores -to be certain everything was just right. Paralleling these activities was the spiritual preparation of the souls at St. John Cantius for this grand event.

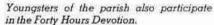
Commencing with a Polish-English Mission followed by the Forty Hours Devotion concluding on the feast of St. John Cantius, the faithful devoted two weeks to readying their hearts and minds for the spiritual commemoration on Sunday, October 20th at the Concelebrated Anniversary Mass.

Rev. Louis Fronczak, O.F.M. gives his blessing to the assembled congregation at the conclusion of the English Mission.

A time for reflection . . .



Members of the Holy Name Society assemble for the procession culminating the Forty Hours Devotion











Young ladies of the Parish carry the statue of Our Blessed Lady in the procession.

Parishioners travel a long distance to partake in the Forty Hours devotion.

This fortnight was, in a way,
reminiscent of the days of anticipation
our parish pioneers experienced
after the building of the Church
was sanctioned
but before the first Mass
actually took place. The People of St. John's were one,
whether among the Church Militant,
the Church Suffering
or the Church Triumphant
as it must be true
that all shared in the joy
of remembering their years of service to God
offered at this, His House,
St. John Cantius Church.

The ladies' sodalities are ever laithful in their attend-



The procession is a much-loved tradition at our Church.



Rev. Herman Ziemba, O.F.M., Superior of the Franciscan Mission Band, not pictured here, conducted the Polish Mission.





Agatha and Wojciech Michalik on their 25th wedding anniversary.



Kunegunda and Lawrence Marcinkiewicz a 1910 bridal couple.



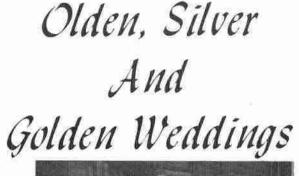
Elizabeth and Wojciech Lechowski on their wedding day, November 13, 1904.



In 1964, Regina and Stanley Biernat celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Anna and Andrew Nowosielski at their Golden Wedding—November 7, 1954.





Helen and Michael Sikora a 1913 bride and groom.



Helen and Joseph Lesiak celebrating 50 years of marriage.



Kantowo, Parafia Ojców Zmartwychwstańców Dzięło Kapłanów i Polskiego Ludu

Członkowie Zgromadzenia Ojców Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, owiani duchem swoich Założycieli pracowali i pracują na chwałę Bożą i pożytek zbawienny ludu bożego, gdziekolwiek byli powołani, poświęcili swoje siły i zdrowie. Uczynki ich świadczą o nieustannie rozrastającej się pracy Bożej wśród tego ludu. Jednym z owoców tej pracy Ojców Zmartwychwstańców wśród ludu bożego bylo powstanie i rozwój kościoła i parafii św. Jana Kantego. Aby rozpocząć tę historię, należy iść do "matki wszystkich polskich parafii w Chicago"—parafii św. Stanisława Kostki.

POCZĄTKI

Pierwsza polska parafia na północno-zachodniej stronie Chicago jest kościół i parafia św. Stanisława Kostki, zorganizowana i zarządzana przez Ojców Zmartwychwstańców. Gdy Polacy zamieszkujący na tak zwanym "Polish Patch" czyli na "Wygnanej Polsce" mieli za daleko tak do Kościoła, jak i do szkoły, lud domagał się swego kościoła i szkoły. Ks. Wincenty Barzyński, C.R., uznał rację ludu i w roku 1892 zorganizował komitet.

Po zbadaniu różnych miejsc w roku 1893 zgodzono się na zakupno najtańszych stosunkowo w okolicy parceli przy narożniku Front Street (dzisiejsza Fry ulica i Carpenter Street). Nabyto tego grontu za \$75,000.

Ks. Jan Kasprzycki, C.R., pisze w liście bardzo ciekawe spostrzeżenia. Przytoczę kilka myśli — "Obrano więc pod nowy kościół grunt przy Carpenter ulicy, ponieważ to miejsce było szczelnie zabudowane, więc przybyła jeszcze większa trudność, bo za każdy domek trzeba było podwójnie płacić ceny — właściciele bowiem nie ustępowali nic, wiedząc że to i tak będzie kupione. O ile mi wiadomo, żaden polski kościół w Chicago nie ma tak drogo zapłaconego gruntu pod świątynię, jak kościół św. Jana Kantego."

BUDOWA

Ks. Wincenty Barzyński, C.R., przeznaczył Ks. Jana Kasprzyckiego, C.R., na pierwszego proboszcza. On to umiał podjąć i umiejętnie przeprowadzić budowę kościoła św. Jana Kantego.

Plan i kosztorys kościoła wykonał architekt A. Druiding, Koszty obliczono na \$130,000.00. Długość kościoła wynosi 230 stóp, a szerokość 107 stóp. Pomieścić on może 2.000 osób.

Kościół ma dwóch patronatów. Ks. Jan Kasprzycki, C.R., w liście tłumaczy jak to się stało. "Na patronatów obrano św. Jana Kantego, a oprócz tego dodał Ks. Wincenty Barzyński, C.R., za patronkę św. Annę. Należy tu wytłumaczyć dlaczego to uczyniono, nie zadawalniając się jednym patronem. Ks. Wincenty Barzyński, C.R., mocno wierzył w nieomylną pomoc św. Anny, babki samego Pana Jezusa, której wnuk niczego nie odmówi. Nie omylił się, bo w najkrytyczniejszych czasach parafia kwitła i rozwijała się i wydawała zbawienne owoce. Z niej bowiem powstały kościoły Świętych Młodzianków i Szczepanowo.

POCZATKI KANTOWA

Ceremonii poświęcenia i położenia kamienia węgielnego dokonał ówczesny Arcybiskup Chicagoski Ks. Patrick Feehan. Kościół dolny został poświęcony przez Arcybiskupa dnia 24go grudnia 1893 r. w wigilie Bożego Narodzenia. Pierwszą Mszę św. odprawił Ks. Szymon Kobrzyński, C.R., naówczas przełożony Księży Zmartwychwstańców w Chicago. Ks. Jan Kasprzycki, C.R., miał do pomocy dwóch kaplanów: Ks. Floriana Matuszewskiego i Ks. Anzelma Babskiego. O ile szybko postępowała budowa "bejzmentu", o tyle później trudniej szło z dalszą budową. Różne przyczyny tu się złożyły. Czym głębiej idzie się w las, tym więcej drzew się spotyka. Budowa wlekła się żółwim krokiem jednak zdołano w następnym roku wyciągnąć mury pod dach, pokryć je i wykończyć wspaniały z kamienia front kościoła z wieżami. Jedna z nich ma 129 stóp wysokości, a druga niższa -- 100 stóp. Nierównością swoją przypominają kościół Mariacki w Krako-

NOMINACIA PROBOSZCZA

Pierwszy proboszcz Kantowa miłymi słowami wspomina w swoim liście ciekawy sposób, w jaki odbyła sie nominacja na proboszcza. Sadzę, że bedzie to interesować czytelników i dla tego przytoczę jego wspomnienie. Oto tak pisze: "Nie wszyscy parafianie Kantowa wiedza o tym, a nawet i wielu nie słyszało wcale, jakim sposobem Ks. Jan Kasprzycki, C.R., został ich pierwszym proboszczem. Otóż Ks. Wincenty Barzyński, C.R., miał w myśli dwóch kandydatów, z których żaden o ten urzad sie nie ubiegał, a mianowicie: Ks. Jana Piechowskiego i Ks. Jana Kasprzyckiego. Aby rzecz rozstrzygnać, nie użył sposobu jakiego użyli Apostołowie przy wyborze św. Macieja na Apostoła - nie modlił się i nie mówił Ks. Barzyński: "Ty Panie, który znasz serca wszystkich, okaż, któregoś obrał z tych dwóch jednego . . ." lecz powiedział nam rano przed naszym wyiściem na kolektę parafialną po domach: Który z was dziś więcej "skolektuje", ten będzie proboszczem na Kantowie... Pamiętam, że w owym dniu "kolektowaliśmy" na ulicy Front, dzisiejszej Fry i tak Ks. Jan Piechowski, C.R., po jednej, a ja po drugiej stronie ulicy. Pamietam, że owego dnia mieliśmy suty obiad u obywatelstwa Wojciecha i Agnieszki Kielczyń-

Kiedy wieczorem wróciliśmy z "kolektą" na plebanię św. Stanisława Kostki i kiedy przerachowano przez nas dwóch zebrane ofiary, okazało się, żeśmy obydwaj mieli równe sumy co do centa. Nie mały stad miał kłopot Ks. Wincenty Barzyński, C.R., jak teraz sprawę rozstrzygnać? Po chwili jednak dodał: Jeżeli tak jest a było tak, a nie inaczej — to więc obydwaj pójdziecie na Kantowo i jeden z was bedzie proboszczem przez jeden tydzień, a drugi w następnym tygodniu i tak na przemian będziecie proboszczować. Gdy tak wesoło rozmawialiśmy, zadzwonił ktoś do plebanii i okazało się, przyszedł człowiek z "kolektą" z ulicy Front. Wszyscy z zaciekawieniem pytaliśmy go, po której stronie ulicy zamieszkuje, gdy od tego zależało, który z dwóch bedzie pierwszym proboszczem na Kantowie, czy ja czy Ks. Piechowski? Okazało się, że na moją korzyść przyniósł owa ofiare ten człowiek i tym sposobem trudność rozwiazał. Dnia 24go listopada, 1893 roku, jak zaznaczyłem na początku - zostałem zamianowany pierwszym proboszczem na Kantowie".

Przez sześć lat, jako gorliwy pasterz swej trzody, z wielkim poświęceniem pracował około dobra parafian, tak wiecznego, jak i doczesnego. Stosował on nauki i rady nie tylko do wszystkich parafian razem, lecz poszczególne do każdego wieku, stanu i powołania. Dlatego zjednał sobie serca parafian. Owocem tej wspólnej pracy Ks. Jana Kasprzyckiego, C.R., i parafian jest piękna parafia św. Jana Kantego. Umarł w maju 1933 r.

DALSI PROBOSZCZOWIE

Drugim proboszczem był Ks. Eugeniusz Sedlaczek, C.R., który przybył z Jackowa na Kantowo. Do działalności Ks. Sedlaczka zaliczyć należy budowę plebanii i sprowadzenie trzech ołtarzy do kościoła, na zakup których ofiary złożyły Niewiasty Różańcowe i p. Dziewior.

Trzecim proboszczem był Ks. Stefan Dąbkowski, C.R. Pracował garliwie i poświęcił swoje życie i zdrowie na liczne posługi kapłańskie. Umarł w zakładzie pub-

licznym w St. Louis, Mo., a z kościoła naszego odbył sie pogrzeb.

Czwartym proboszczem był Ks. Stanisław Rogalski, C.R. Bardzo był kochanym, bo lud widział w nim ojca, do którego każdej chwili zbliżyć się mogli z zaufaniem i bez obawy. Zmarł w sierpniu 1933 r. Pogrzeb odbył się z kościoła św. Jadwigi.

Następcą był Ks. Jan Kosiński, C.R. Miły i przystępny dla wszystkich był zawsze chętny do pracy i do wszelkiej pomocy. Był niezrównanym mówcą. Należał do tych, co w pierwszym ida szeregu, a pracując z fantazją szedł zawsze naprzód i z humorem jak najlepszym, a otuchy nie tracąc jeszcze jej innym dodawał.

Ks. Wincenty Rapacz, C.R., po śmierci Ks. Kosińskiego, C.R., był przez pewien czas administratorem parafii Św. Jana Kantego. Miał on zamilowanie do pracy kapłańskiej i czuł się szcześliwy. Pracę kapłańską uważał jako "słodkie jarzmo Chrystusowe i brzemię lekkie". Był uczynnym i usłużnym. Nic dziwnego, że pozyskał sobie zaufanie u parafian. Okazywał też wielką i wypróbowana cierpliwość i łagodność względem braków i krewkości ludzkich, a miłosierdzie dla biednych, niesienie pomocy i pociechy potrzebującym. Jego zachowanie kapłańskie znane było ogólnie. Wśród swoich współbraci kapłanów, cieszył się wielkim mirem i zaufaniem. Był bez przesady ojcem duchownym. W maju 1931 r. zasnał w Panu. Cios balesny, smutek niewypowiedziany ogarnął parafian Kantowa. Był to kapłan dobry, kochany i świątobliwy.

Ks. Stanisław Siatka, C.R., proboszczował sześć lat. W r. 1923 przeniósł się do wieczności. Obowiązki powierzone spełniał jak mógł najlepiej, a wszędzie gdzie pracował pozostawił po sobie owoce swej znojnej

Siódmym proboszczem był Ks. Szczepan Kowalczyk, C.R. "Z polskim księdzem polski lud" jest przysłowie polskie. Życie ludu naszego ściśle łączy się z Kościołem. Kaplan dzięki swemu wykształceniu i godności powołania nie tylko pełni rolę kierownika duchowego powierzonej sobie trzody, lecz nadło rolę radcy, rzecznika i obrońcy swych wiernych w różnych sprawach, dotyczących dobra materialnego ludu. Lud zaś ma do niego synowskie zaufanie i przywiązanie.

The blessing of the cornestone.



URODZENI W STANACH ZJEDNOCZONYCH

Począwszy od Ks. Władysława Bartylaka, C.R., który obiął ster parafii po przeniesieniu Ks. Kowalczyka na Jackowo, stanowisko proboszczowskie pełnili młodsi kapłani, wychowani na ziemi amerykańskiej. Byli nimi: Ks. Teodor Kłopotowski, C.R., Ks. Józef Prusiński, C.R., Ks. Leonard Long, C.R., Ks. Jan Grabowski, C.R., Ks. Stanisław Duda, C.R., Ks. Jan Wójcik, C.R. Obecnie proboszczem jest Ks. Jan S. Pawełczak, C.R.

Wszyscy owiani duchem swoich poprzedników pracowali i pracują na chwałę Bożą i pożytek zbawienny swoich parafian. Przez tę pracę sami siebie uświęcają. Dokonali oni różnych reperacji wszystkich zabudowań parafialnych. Ulepszenia czynili tam, gdzie zachodziły potrzeby. Wszystkie te rzeczy pociągają za sobą pewne koszta, na które poczciwi kantowianie, każdy według swej możności, ofiary pieniężne złożyli.

BRACIA

Do rodziny zakonnej Zgromadzenia Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego zaliczają się również Bracia, którzy na
Kantowie pełnili obowiązki zakrystyjne, odźwierne,
sekretarialne i plebanijne. Tymi cichymi i niezmordowanymi w pracy dla Boga i kościoła byli następujący
Bracia zakonni: — Franciszek Mierzwa, Robert Zumpetia, Jan Popko, Michał Oleksiewicz, Józef Osowski,
Józef Szafran, Adrian Kaczyński Al Jeszko i Walenty
Lewandowski. Obecnie skromnie a garliwie i z wielkim
zadowoleniem księży i parafian, pracuje jako zakrystianin Brat Tomasz Iwicki, C.R.

Obecnie na Kantowie jest tylko trzech księży. Proboszcz Ks. Jan S. Pawełczak, C.R., Przełożony, Ks. Feliks Miliszkiewicz, C.R. i Ks. Jan Bocian, C.R. Na plebanii zamieszkują dwaj księżą, którzy pomagają Księdzu Prowincjałowi Bernardowi Bak, C.R., a z nimi są Ks. Teodor Kłopotowski, C.R. i Ks. Bronisław Ostręga, C.R.

PRACA DUSZPASTERSKA

Tak jak w przeszłości Ojcowie i Bracia Zmartwychwstańcy obsługiwali parafie Św. Jana Kantego, tak dalej, przejęci duchem Bożym służą ludziom w tych rzeczach, które prowadzą do lepszego życia, do Boga. Według ducha Soboru Watykańskiego II-go, nabożeństwa odprawiane są z większym uczestnictwem i zrozumieniem naszych parafian. Zaprowadzono do liturgii języki polski i angielski. Bezwatpienia sa pewne trudności. Nie każdy może mówić po polsku albo rozumieć polska mowe, chociaż ma nazwisko polskie. Nie jest rzeczą łatwą nauczyć, wytłumaczyć i wprowadzić w czyn nowoczesne sposoby postępowania. Tu należy mieć cierpliwość i wyrozumiałość. Wielowiekowe przyzwyczajenie i przywiązanie do starych sposobów postępowania daje się we znaki. Łatwo przyjać nowe wynalazki w życiu materialnym, ale trudniej przynajmniej proporcjonalniej przyjąć postęp w naszym odnoszeniu się do religii i do Boga. Kantowo postępuje naprzód.

OKOLICA

Okolica bezpośrednio około kościoła bardzo podupadła i wielce się zmieniła, jednak przywiązanie ludu do kościoła św. Jana Kantego jest bardzo znamienne. Wierni dalej uczęszczają do Kościoła św. Jana Kantego na nabożeństwa i hojnymi ofiarami utrzymują świątynię w dobrym stanie. Wielu przyjeżdża samochodami i autobusami. Mamy nadzieję, że charakter rezyden-



Corpus Christi Procession.

cionalny tej okolicy się utrzyma, że powstaną nowe budynki, przyciągając nowe pokolenie do tej okolicy. Problemem jest odnowienie okolicy bezpośrednio przy kościele. Spodziewamy się, że miasto Chicago przyjdzie z pomocą. Modlitwy pełne wiary i nadziei wiernych wznoszą się nieustannie do Św. Anny, Św. Józefa i Św. Jana Kantego.

Jest to prawda, że w tym roku szkołę parafialną zamknięto, a to dla tego, że mało dzieci katolickich uczęszczało na wykłady. Wiele dzieci było niekatolickich. Archdiocesan School Board postanowiła, że aby dać dzieciom odpowiednie wykształcenie, potrzebne na obecne czasy, koniecznością było znaleść miejsce w sąsiednich szkołach, celem poddania dzieci nowoczesnym sposobom nauki.

Nasz budynek szkolny jednak jest zajęty na wykształcenie młodzieży z Montessori, Archdiocesan Headstart Program i Near North Teachers Training Center. Klasztor, który był zajęty przez zakonnice z Zakonu Sióstr Notre Dame, został zamieniony na główną siedzibę dla Archdiecezjalnej Christian Confraternity Doctrine Center.

ROK JUBILEUSZOWY

Rok 1968 zapisany jest w historii jako rok w którym kościół Św. Jana Kantego uroczyście obchodził Diamentowy Jubileusz. Na kamieniu wegielnym kościoła wyryte sa słowa pisma św.: "Jak straszne jest to miejsce. To jest nie inne aniżeli dom boży: To jest brama nieba". Ks. Rodz. XXVIII, 17. Przez siedemdziesiąt pięć lat ta świątynia służyła ludziom jako dom boży i jako brama do nieba. Dziennie w tym zamieszkaniu wznosiły sie modły i westchnienia do Boga Ojca, czyniona postanowienia nowego postępowania, zyskano otuchy i odwagi, wszystko czyniono celem chwalenia i uczczenia Boga. Rozpoczęto uroczystości Diamentowego Jubileuszu przygotowaniem duchownym. Ks. Misjonarz Herman Ziemba, O.F.M., z Pulaski, Wisconsin, w niedziele, dnia 6go października, o godz. 2giej po południu, uroczyście w jezyku polskim otworzył Misje świeta. Bedac wychowankiem z okolicy umiał z serdeczna wymową przemówić do serc obecnych. Lud słuchał z zainteresowaniem nauk i również śpiewał piękne pieśni polskie. Słowo boże było skuteczne. Łaska boża działała.



The main altar in days gone by.

W drugim tygodniu w niedziele, dnia 13go października, Misja święta prowadzona była w ięzyku angielskim przez cztery dni przez Ks. Misjonarza Ludwika Fronczek, O.F.M., z Pulaski, Wisconsin. Ostatnie trzy dni w tym tygodniu t.j. w czwartek, pigtek i sobote, odbyło się Czterdziesto-godzinne nabożeństwo. Kazania głoszone były w języku polskim i angielskim. Wychowankowie Kantowa byli zaproszeni na sprawowanie funkcji kościelnych. W pierwszy dzień Ks. Władysław Wilczek, C.R., rektor szkoły Gordon Tech High, odprawił Msze Św. o godz. 7:30 wieczorem. Błogosławieństwa Przenajświetszym Sakramentem udzielił Ks. Hieronim Klingsporn, C.R., w asyście Ks. Alojzego Orzechowskiego, C.R. i Ks. Edwarda Dubel, C.R. W drugi dzień t.i. piatek dnia 18go października, Ks. Walenty Lesiak, C.R., odprawił Mszę Św. o godz. 7:30 wieczorem. Błogosławieństwa Przenajświętszym Sakramentem udzielił Ks. Czesław Mitoraj, C.R., rektor szkoły Wyższej Webera w asyście byli Ks. Klemens Weiss, C.R. i Ks. Richard Grek, C.R. W trzeci dzień t.j. w sobote, dnia 19go października, Ks. Ludwik Tusiński, C.R., odprawił Mszę św. w języku polskim. Na zakończenie procesję i błogosławieństwo Przenajświętszym Sakramentem udzielił Ks. Prowincjał Bernard Bak, C.R., w asyście Ks. Edwina Bak, C.R. Pan Franciszek Turek przygrywał rano podczas Mszy świętej a pan Al. Kasluga wieczorem.

UROCZYSTY DZIEŃ

Wreszcie nadeszła uroczystość św. Jana Kantego, w niedzielę, dnia 20go października. Dzień ten był oczekiwany z pewnym napięciem. Bozia pobłogosławiła piękną słoneczną pogodę. Wspaniałą uroczystość rozpoczęto o 4tej po południu, barwną procesją od plebanii do kościoła. Pan Andrzej Kosiba przewodniczący marszałków kościelnych poprowadził procesję. Za nim postępowali Ks. Tadeusz Zygowicz, C.R., z krzyżem a Ks. Adolf Istok, C.R. i Ks. Tadeusz Napiórkowski, C.R., asystujący ze świecami, postępowali chłopcy ministranci i pięknie ubrane dziewczęta oraz przedstawiciele organizacji i towarzystw kościelnych, Rycerze Kolumba Oddziału Lafayette, klerycy z Ridgefield, księża, prałaci i Rycerze Kolumba zamykali procesję.

MSZA ŚW. DZIĘKCZYNNA

Głównym celebrantem był wychowanek parafii Ks. Bolesław Nieć, proboszcz parafii św. Pankracego; współcelebrantami byli również wchowankowie parafii: Ks. Piotr Fiołek, C.R., zarządca i redaktor naczelny Dziennika Chicagoskiego; Ks. Józef Bednowicz, C.R., asystent zarządcy Dziennika Chicagoskiego; Ks. Klemens Weiss, C.R., Ks. Walenty Lesiak, C.R. i Ks. Ludwik Tusiński, C.R. i Ks. Kazimierz Suwański, C.R., członkowie fakultetu szkoły Gordon Tech High. Mistrzem ceremonii był Ks. Edward Janas, C.R. Turyfiusz z kadzidłem był Ks. Eugeniusz Zalewski, C.R. Ks. Robert Kurtz "C.R., odczytał ewangelię. Komentatorem był pan Robert Oliński. Dary boże przyniesione do ołtarza były przez państwo Stanisławostwo Novak i państwo Paul Glab.

Ks. Biskupowi Alfredowi Abramowiczowi, sufraganowi archidiecezji chicagoskiej asystowali: Ks. prałat Eugenjusz V. Mulcahey, Vicar Delegate of Region 11 i Ks. Bernard Bak, C.R., Prowincjał OO. Zmartwychwstańców. Podczas Mszy św. śpiewał chór parafialny pod dyrekcją organisty Al. Kasluga. Wznioosły był hymn "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus" ułożony przez pana Al. Karczyńskiego. Bardzo rzewnie i przejmująco odśpiewał lud z chórem pieśń do Św. Jana Kantego skomponowana przez Dabrowskiego. Podniosłe kazanie wygłosił Ks. Biskup Alfred Abramowicz. Przed kazaniem odczytał akt błogosławieństwa papieskiego i życzenia od Papieża Pawła VI z Rzymu dla Parafii - Jubilatki z okazji diamentowego jubileuszu jak również udzielił błogosławieństwa papieskiego. Ks. Biskup Abramowicz wygłosił kazanie po angielsku i po polsku. Przedstawił najważniejsze osiagniecia w okresie 75 lat parafii św. Jana Kantego wysiłkiem duchowieństwa, sióstr zakonnych oraz parafian. Przez ten okres czasu łaska boża za pośrednictwem św. Jana Kantego obficie spływała na parafie. Dla parafian, księży i sióstr zakonnych złożył życzenia, uznania i podziękowanie w imieniu Ks. Kardynała John Cody, jak również w swym własnym. "Niech w następnych latach ta parafia dalej służy Bogu, kościołowi i ludowi naszemu, a za wszystko to niech Was Bóg stokrotnie wynagrodzi", zakończył Ks. Biskup Abramowicz swe kazanie. Przy końcu Mszy św. odśpiewano "Boże coś Polskę".

PRZYJĘCIE GOŚCI W SALI PARAFIALNEJ

Bezpośrednio po nabożeństwie w sail parafialnej odbyło się przyjęcie dla duchowieństwa, sióstr zakonnych, zaproszonych gości i parafian. Pan George Glowinski, trustys parafii św. Jana Kantego, przywitał wszystkich w serdecznych słowach i poprosił na przewodniczącego uroczystości skarbnika Zwiazku Narodowo-Polskiego pana Edwarda Moskala, który również jest trustysem paratii. Z powierzonego zadania wywiazał się doskonale. Hymny amerykański i polski odśpiewali panna Maria Kieduk i pan Edward Wardzała, przy akompaniamencie na fortepianie organisty pana Al Kasluga. Inwokacię wygłosił Przełożony domu kantowskiego Ks. Feliks S. Miliszkiewicz, C.R. Podana została smaczna kolacja przygotowana przez doskonałą mistrzynię sztuki kulinarnej panią Wandę Moskal. Przy głównym stole znajdowali się: Zofia Guzy, prezesko Związku Klubów Małopolskich; Ks. Władysław S. Bartylak, C.R.; Ks. Prałat Franciszek Leśniak, Ks. Jan S. Pawelczak, C.R., proboszcz parafii-jubilatki; Eugene V. Mulcahey, Ks. Mieczysław Starzyński, C.R., Ks. Bernard Bak, C.R., Prowincjał Ojców Zmartwychwstańców; Edward Moskal, sędzia Rajmund Drymalski, Ks. Prałat Jan Kozioł, Ks. Prałat Edward Smaza, Ks. Bolesław Nieć, Ks. Władysław Wilczek, C.R., Ks. Feliks Miliszkiewicz, C.R. i George Glowinski z żong.

PRZEMÓWIENIA I ŻYCZENIA

W imieniu parafian przemawiała długoletnia parafianka Zofia Guzy, prezeska Klubów Małopolskich. Podkreśliła najważniejsze momenty w okresie 75 lat parafii św. Jana Kantego, dając uznanie za wykonaną pracę duchowieństwu, siostrom zakonnym i parafianom. Przypomniała wielkie zasługi obecnego proboszcza Ks. Jana Pawelczaka, C.R.

St. Anne made her home at the side altar before the church was remodeled.



Sedzia Rajmund Drymalski mówił o historii Ojców Zmartwychwstańców i jak przyszła do pracy duszpasterskiej w Stanach Zjednoczonych i w Chicago. Ks. Bernard Bak, C.R., Prowincjał Ojców Zmartwychwstańców złożył życzenia, aby w tej pracy dla Boga, dla Kościoła i dla naszego ludu błogosławił parafii Stwórca. Pod dyrekcją organisty pana Al Kasługa, chór parafialny odśpiewał wiązankę pieśni tak po polsku jak i po angielsku.

Pan Stanisław Nowak, jeden z trustysów parafii Św. Jana Kantego obchodził swe urodziny. Wszyscy zaśpiewali "Happy Birthday" i "Sto Lat." Obecny był również pan Edward Witt z żoną, również trustys parafii. W końcu został poproszony do przemówienia Ks. Jan S. Pawelczak, C.R., proboszcz Parafii-Jubilatki. Sala przywitała go hucznymi oklaskami i powstała z miejsc. W swej mowie oświadczył, że wspaniała praca jaka została dokonana w 75 latach była możliwa dzieki współpracy księży poroboszczy, ksieży asystentów i braci zakonnych, sióstr zakonnych, a co najważniejsze to gorliwość, ofiarność i poświęcenie wszystkich parafian. Tak było w przeszłości tak jest i obecnie. Ale obecnie okolica się zmieniła i zmieniły się warunki pracy. Jednak dalej towarzystwa i paratianie pracuja w nowych warunkach z pełnym poświęceniem i ofiarnością. Jestem wszystkim bardzo wdzieczny, za tak liczne przybycie na nabożeństwo do kościoła i za to bardzo Wam dziękuję, jak również że przybyliście w nasze gościnne progi. Ogólne zaproszenie było udzielone wszystkim na bankiet, który odbędzie się w niedziele, dnia 3go listopada 1968 roku, w Hotelu Sherman House. Ks. Władysław Bartylak, C.R., były proboszcz owei parafii-Jubilatki, odmówił benedykcie i wspólnym śpiewem "Boże coś Polskę", zakończono jubileuszowe przyjecie.

BANKIET W SHERMAN HOUSE

Dzień był niedziela, 3go listopada 1968 roku. Godzina wieczorna. Miejsce jest Grand Ballroom of the Sherman House. Obecnych było przeszło osiem set osób. Z różnych sfer życia doczesnego. Do głównego honorowego stołu zaproszeni zostali goście wywołani i przedstawieni przez Ks. Jana Myśliwiec, C.R., po czym młode panienki z parafii w białych balowych sukniach, odprowadzały po dwie do każdego głównego stołu. Miało to swoje imponujące wrażenie.

PRZEBIEG BANKIETU

Hymny amerykański i polski odśpiewane były przez pannę Mary Kieduk przy akompaniamencie przy fortepianie pana Al Kaslugi. Podniosłą inwokację odmówił Ks. Bernard Bak, C.R., Prowincjał Ojców Zmartwychwstańców. Następnie zoslała podana kolacja. Podczas kolacji przygrywała muzyka—Joe Pat - Paterka.

ZYCZENIA

Po kolacji otworzył program pan Edward Moskal, skarbnik Związku Narodowego-Polskiego jako też prezes Gminy 75 ZNP oraz trustys Paralii. Powołał on na przewodniczącego bankietu Ks. Władysława Wilczek, C.R., wychowanka paralii i rektora obecnego Wyższej Szkoły Gordon Tech. Pierwszym mówcą był pan Józef



A church full of parisbioners gathered in honor of the 50th Inbilee in 1943.

Pranica, prezes Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego, wychowanek parafii św. Jana Kantego gdzie ojcowie do chwili obecnej należą. Kiedy on uczeszczał do szkoły parafialnej wraz z nim uczęszczało dwa tysiące dzieci. Tam też w tej parafii obecny prezes ZPRK był ochrzczony. Podkreślił w swym przemówieniu, jak ważna role dla Polski i Ameryki ta parafia odgrywała w okresie 75 lat. Przemówienie było w jezyku angielskim. Nastepnie bardzo efektownie wypadł śpiew chóru parafialnego Św. Jana Kantego, który wykonał wiazanke polskich pieśni pod dyrekcja miejscowego organisty Al Kasluga. Zespół chóru składał się z obecnych i dawnych parafian już nie mieszkających w okolicy. Bankietujący obdarzyli ów zespół bardzo hucznymi oklaskami. Następnym mówcą był sędzia Tadeusz Adesko z sądu apelacyjnego. Podkreślił on w jakich warunkach przyjeżdżali nasi emigranci. Pracowali cieżko, jednak pragnęli, aby się ich dzieci uczyły w szkole polskiej, które budowali wraz z kościołami. Podkreślił wkład pracy Ojców Zmartwychwstańców dla katolicyzmu w Stanach Zjednoczonych i w Chicago jak również w pracy dla dobra Polonii. Wykazał najważniejsze momenty Parafii-Jubilatki wydarzeń na przestrzeni okresu 75 lat. Mowa prezesa Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej i Zwiazku Narodowego Polskiego pana Alojzego Mazewskiego dała wielkie uznanie dla parafii św. Jana Kantego za jej prace dla Polonii w okresie 75 lat. Parafia jest jedna z tych polskich parafii, które rozrzucone wśród morza wielu obywateli, można wyodrębnić identyczność obywateli polskiego pochodzenia i tych którzy pracowali dla parafii i dla Polonii Amerykańskiej. W latach następnych wiele szczęścia i powodzenia kościoła i jej proboszcza Ks. Jana Pawełczaka we wszystkich Waszych zamiarach i poczynaniach.

UZNANIE KS. KARDYNAŁA JOHN CODY

Kardynał John P. Cody, arcybiskup archidiecezii chicagoskiej oświadczył, że nie mógł być obecny w kościele podczas Mszy św., jednak duchowo łączył się w modlitwach wraz ze wszystkimi parafianami. Dał uznanie dla pionierów i budowniczych parafii św. Jana Kantego i dla tych, którzy się przenieśli do wieczności tak dla księży jako też parafian. Jednak w nowym duchu Ewangelii Św., w myśl wskazań Ilgo Soboru Watykańskiego, musimy dalej postępować w wierze katolickiej, a dalszej tej pracy Waszej niech Wam Pan Bóg błogosławi.

PRACA 75 LAT

W końcu przemówił proboszcz Parafii-Jubilatki Ks. Jan S. Pawelczak, C.R. Wymienił on nazwiska tych, którzy pierwsi wzieli ślub w tym kościele, którzy się pierwsi ochrzeili i który się odbył pierwszy pogrzeb. Dla tych, którzy byli na banklecie parafianie a liczyli 75 lat albo więcej iako też dla tych najstarszych parafian Św. Jana Kantego — wszyscy zebrani na sali bankietowej odśpiewali "Sto Lat" przy akompaniamencie orkiestry. Kościół św. Jana Kantego pierwszą Mszę św. miał odprawioną w samą uroczystość Bożego Narodzenia. Ta olbrzymia praca, jaka została wykonana dla parafii na przestrzeni 75 lat - to jest praca najstarszych parafian, którzy dalej dla parafii wiele poświecaja. Dziś ta praca w odmiennych warunkach, lecz dalej jest elektownie kontynuowana. Tu Ks. Proboszcz podziękował wszystkim za wysiłki i poświęcenia dla parafii a szczególnie dla Ks. Feliksa Miliszkiewicza, C.R., który jest przełożonym domu jak również pani Dolores Glowinski, sekretarki kancelarii. Niech za Wasze wysiłki i starania stokrotnie Wam Pan Bóg wynagrodzi i we wszelkich dalszych poczynaniach Bóg błogosławi. Szczęść Wam Boże. Benedykcję odmówił Ks. Józel Prusiński, C.R., były proboszcz parafii św. Jana Kantego. Po czym odbyła się zabawa taneczna przy doskonalej orkiestrze pod kierownictwem Joe Pat - Paterka. Nie tylko młodzież, lecz także i starsi parafianie wnet puścili się w tany, podkreślając swą radość, że sie doczekali Diamentowego Jubileuszu swej parafii, dla której przez wiele lat pracowali i do jej rozwoju się przyczynili.

KS. JAN S. PAWELCZAK, C.R. Proboszcz

Seventy-Five Years...

"Awesome is this place. It is the house of God and the gate of heaven."—Gen. 28, 17 and the cornerstone of St. John Cantius Church.



When an edifice erected to the honor and glory of God is completed, the Bishop of the diocese receives it in the name of God from the hands of the faithful through whose piety and generosity the church was built. The Bishop then solemnly blesses and dedicates the church to the exclusive purpose of divine worship and, from that moment on, the edifice is withdrawn from any and every profane use and it becomes verily and literally a "house of God".

It is just such a moment as this that the parishioners of St. John Cantius parish are prayerfully, thankfully, and very solemnly reliving and commemorating in this—the 75th year of life of their church.

Spiritually renovated through missions and novenas, the People of God of St. John Cantius parish are fondly and nostalgically recalling to mind and spirit that moment on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 1893, when the Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Most Reverend Archbishop Patrick Feehan blessed and dedicated the "basement" church of the as yet not completed, beautiful and imposing, present-day structure of St. John Cantius Church.

The very first Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist was celebrated on the following day, the glorious feast of Christmas, by the Very Reverend Simon Kobrzynski, C.R., the Delegate-Superior of the Fathers of the Resurrection in Chicago. It was truly the "Feast of the Nativity" at St. John Cantius parish that day, as Christ—at the words of consecration was born again on the Altar of Sacrifice and, then, again at the words-"The Body of Christ"-He was born in the hearts and souls of the founding fathers of the parish, who with their families and many friends received Him in Holy Communion. Such, in brief, was the spiritual beginning of the newly-born St. John Cantius parish.

"For consider your call, brethren: not many of you are learned in a worldly sense, not many in high station, not many well-born. On the contrary, God chose the simple things of the world to confound the learned; and God chose the weak things of the world to confound the powerful . . ."

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

The mother of all the Polish parishes in the arch-diocese is St. Stanislaus Kostka, which is currently completing its 101st year of existence as a parish. From a rather meager group of twenty-five Polish immigrants, who settled in Chicago prior to 1867, St. Stanislaus Kostka parish grew and developed so rapidly that it soon began to give rise to other filial missions and parishes with truly astounding frequency. As the hundreds and thousands of Poles continued to emigrate from their homeland in search of a better, a more satisfying, and a more free life, the greater number of them continued to find their way to Chicago and continued to swell the population in the environs of St. Stanislaus Kostka. Chicago was then in the midst of a feverish rebuilding and reconstruction program due to the ravages caused by the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. In rapid succession there grose Holy Trinity Parish (1872), St. Josaphat's (1884), and St. Hedwig's (1888)all under the organizational genius and spiritual direction of Father Vincent Barzynski, C.R., the pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka. Soon many came to the opinion, at that time, that further divisions of St. Stanislaus Kostka and, therefore, further multiplication of Polish parishes on the near northwest side of Chicago were now at an end.

The steady arrival of new Polish immigrants in the 1890's quickly dispelled this notion. A great number of these settled in an area which soon acquired the name—"Polish Patch" (Wygnana Polska) about one and one-eighth mile distant from Chicago's Main Post Office. These new arrivals, like the countless who came before them, were also a hardy and sturdy lot which fitted in perfectly and harmoniously with the bustling character of this sprawling city, ever impatient to grow and to become great. Unafraid to use their hard muscles, they swelled the ranks and numbers in every industry, factory, and business—and Chicago grew with them. Imbued with a great love for God and frequently hampered in the exercise of the external cult of their religion by distance and the changeable weather of the city, they once again approached Father Vincent Barzynski with the request of founding still another parish.

Such was not to be the case, however.

Father Vincent Barzynski, C.R., the pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka, was a truly remarkable priest of God and an indefatigable worker and organizer.

His almost ceaseless labor for the Church and for souls was not limited merely to Chicago but it spilled itself over almost the entire Middle West—Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Before his death in 1899,
Father Vincent had played or was yet to play the important and inspiring role of directing the foundation, establishment and organization of some twenty-five parishes.



Rev. Vincent Barzynski, C.R.

"Nothing seems hard, no labor difficult, to those who love God; let us also love God and all will seem easy."

St. Gregory

"I will adopt you as my own people, and I will be your God." Exod 6, 7.

Perceiving the validity of the petition of the settlers in "Polish Patch", he went to work at once by naming a committee to study and to find a suitable site for their church; this was in 1892.

Despite the panic and the depression of 1893, this search went on and within a few months several lots were purchased at Front and Carpenter Streets for the then very high and seemingly exorbitant sum of \$75,000. With the site purchased, Father Barzynski then entrusted the organizing and the building of the church and parish to the Very Reverend John Kasprzycki, C.R., the first pastor of St. John Cantius.

The position of a pastor of a parish is beautifully described by Bishop Carroll,

the first Bishop of the United States, who was consecrated August 15th, 1790. Addressing all the Catholics of our country, he said: "It is no longer enough for me to be inoffensive in my conduct and regular in my manners. God now imposes a severer duty upon me. I shall incur the guilt of violating my pastoral office if all my endeavors be not directed to bring your lives and all your actions to a conformity with the laws of God; to exhort, to conjure, to reprove, to enter into all your sentiments; to feel all your infirmities; to be all things to all, that I may gain all to Christ; to be superior to human respect; to have nothing in view but God and your salvation; to sacrifice to these health, peace, reputation, and even life itself; to hate sin and yet love the sinner ...; to be patient and meek; to embrace all kinds of persons; to devise means for the religious education of Catholic youth that precious portion of pastoral solicitude... These are now my duties extensive, pressing, and indispensable duties." And these certainly were and continue to be the duties of the pastors of St. John Cantius. This occasion of the Diamond Jubilee serves but as a reminder to the parishioners of today to thank God for having given them good and worthy leaders throughout the years. Both, the patron, St. John Cantius, and the patroness, the Good Saint Anne,

have interceded strongly for this great blessing to the parish. With the coming of Father John Kasprzycki, C.R., as the first pastor, the work on building the new parish and church began immediately. Possessed with a great ability to organize and blessed with the necessary patience, he began his pastorate by hiring as architect, a Mr. A. Druiding, who drew up the plans for the magnificent and imposing, Rennaissance-Baroque structure of the present-day church. It was to measure 230 feet in length and 107 feet in width and have a capacity of 2000. The work has begun in the spring of 1893 and, soon, there began rising the footings and foundations of the basement, which was to serve as the first church. The blessing of the cornerstone, which took place in July of the same year, brought the first sense of achievement to the people and priests of the parish. The basement part, crudely finished on the inside, without pews, and with crudely fashioned altars of unfinished wood, became the scene of the first Mass offered at St. John Cantius that memorable Christmas Day of 1893. From then on, the parishioners of St. John Cantius had their own—although as yet unfinishedchurch and parish. And all this was accomplished within the time of less than a year.

"Every high priest has been taken out of mankind to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathize with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people."— Heb. 5,1-3

Rev. John Kasprzycki, C.R.



However, even the best laid plans sometimes take an unexpected turn. Just as rapid as was the progress in constructing the lower church, so crawlingly slow became the progress in finishing the upper church and the rest of the super-structure. A general economic recession and depression settled over Chicago and the rest of the country; unemployment grew with each day, and a general letdown in industry seemed to take over after the Columbian Exposition of 1893 in Chicago. The famous Pullman strike, which began in May, 1894, that it became the first labor-management confrontation which involved the federal government in its dispute. As a result, progress slowed and the priests and people of the parish resorted to a great variety of means to raise even the smallest funds. A novena to St. Joseph was begun on the 9th of March, 1898 to implore the foster-father of Christ for his intercession in their behalf. Soon after the novena came to a close, at a momentous meeting of the 28th of March, the sum of \$3,000 was raised to try to bring the construction to an end. And, soon after that came the joyous announcement from the pastor that the dedication date was set for the month of October. The efforts of priests and people were doubled and redoubled in order to bring the construction to a successful close. The three bells had been installed in the two uneven belfries for over a year and they finally announced the joyous tidings of the blessing and dedication of the upper church. This was held in the afternoon of December 11th, 1898, almost five years after the first Mass was celebrated in the lower church. Archbishop Patrick Feehan at the ceremonies expressed his great joy at this achievement and the fervent prayer that the future generations of the founding fathers of the parish would continue to thank them and bless them for their generosity under the hardest conditions, for their example, and for their zeal in spreading the Kingdom and Glory of God. The dedication ceremonies closed with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament and the traditional "Niech Bedzie Pochwalony" ...(May Christ be Praised) in the Polish language.

Father Kasprzycki had done his work at St. John Cantius. With the death of Father Barzynski, the pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Father Kasprzycki was transferred to the pastorate of the Mother of all Polish parishes in Chicago. He remained there for six years (1899-1905) worthily serving the parish and carrying on the work of his illustrious predecessor, the Rev. Vincent Barzynski. In 1905, the Community of the Fathers of the Resurrection elected Father Kasprzycki to the highest office of the congregation—that of Superior-General of the order, with residence in Rome, Italy. He served the order in this capacity from 1905-1920, achieving the longest tenure in this office because of World War I, which precluded any possibility of holding a General Chapter.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. . .

1 Corinthians 13:1-2

It was therefore, from the Eternal City and as the Superior-General that he wrote a lengthy letter to the parishioners of St. John Cantius parish—on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the parish—in which he fondly referred to the parishioners as "the first children that God's love had entrusted to his care that he might lead them by word and deed to an ever greater glory and love of God in peace and harmony." Father Kasprzycki died while in residence in St. Joseph's Novitiate in Chicago on May 3, 1933.

With the departure of Father Kasprzycki from St. John Cantius for the pastorate of St. Stanislaus Kostka parish, the task of bringing the interior of the church to completion tell to his successors.

Father Eugene Sedlaczek (1899-1901) began this task immediately, as well as the construction of the present-day rectory, which stands at the corner of Fry and Carpenter streets. Its construction was completed during the brief tenure of Father Stephen Dabkowski (1901-1902) who, wracked by a severe illness, died at the early age of 47 in 1917.

Father Stanislaus Rogalski (1902-1909), the next pastor, deserves most of the credit for finally completing the interior of the church. During his pastorate the impressive and warm interior of the church that is seen today received its character and direction. The church was painted for the first time and the altars were renewed. Father Rogalski also equipped the church with an organ. the funds for which began to be accumulated already during the pastorate of Father Kasprzycki. The famous clock on the high steeple of the church was installed in 1907. Father Rogalski, who endeared himself to all at St. John Cantius because of his friendly and fatherly character, left for the pastorate of St. Stanislaus Kostka (1909-1912) and, then, became the founding pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada which he served from 1915 until his death in 1933.

His successor, the Rev. John Kosinski, C.R. (1909-1914), left the post of rector of St. Stanislaus Kostka College to assume the pastorate of St. John Cantius. Renowned as a sacred orator and speaker and a progressive educator at heart, he brought many modern ideas to the parish. Accordingly, he installed the latest in ventilating systems for the healthful comfort of the parishioners who thronged the church at every service. He then suffused the interior of the church with the soft light of the most modern of electrical systems and, by installing stained glass in place of clear glass in the church windows, flooded the interior by daylight with the myriads of colors of sunlight. He also contracted for repainting the entire interiora lask which was begun during his tenure, the completion of which, however, he was not to see. Father Kosinski took ill in March, 1914 and died on May 1st of the same year.



Rev. Eugene Sedlaczek, C.R.



Rev. Stanislaus Rogalski, C.R.



Rev. John Kosinski, C.R.

At his bedside at Columbia Hospital, Chicago, was the Very Rev. John Kasprzycki, C.R., the Superior-General of the Fathers of the Resurrection, who was then in the midst of a canonical visitation of the houses of the community. The funeral, on May 5th, brought out a throng of parishioners and friends of the pastor the like of which, as to size, had almost never been seen before. The funeral Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Paul Rhode, then Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and the eulogy was preached by the Rev. Ladislaus Zapala, C.R., then rector of St. Stanislaus Kostka College and a future Superior-General of the congregation (1920-1926). Father Kosinski, who died at the premature age of 44, was the only pastor at St. John Cantius to die in office.

An interim appointment to the pastorateor rather administration—of the parish was the Rev. Vincent Rapacz, C.R., a most beloved assistant pastor at the parish since 1899. Father Vincent, however, loved "priestly" work too much to remain long in the position of administrator. He was the St. John Vianney of the parish; he was wont to speak of the priesthood as the "sweet yoke of Christ and a light burden". His greatest loves were conducting the many and varied services—saying Mass, conducting various devotions, preaching the Word of God, visiting the sick, and hearing confessions. He was a priest to whom timein matter of hours spent in the confessional had no limit. Yet, in his very short administration of the parish from May, 1914 to March, 1915,he remodelled and improved the entire interior of the rectory the residence which he shared with his brother-priests. After he was succeeded by the Rev. Stanislaus Šiatka, C.R. in the pastorate, Father Vincent continued his work as assistant pastor at St. John Cantius until his death in 1931. He died on March 29, 1931, after 32 years of the most exemplary and saintly service to God and to the People of God of St. John Cantiuswho, grateful, will never forget his love and work for them.

The Rev. Stanislaus Siatka, C.R., proved to be one of the ablest administrators that St. John Cantius ever had. Almost immediately upon assuming the office of pastor (1915-1920), Father Siatka had the old stairs fronting the church replaced with an imposing concrete stair-approach which added greatly to the grandeur of the already most impressive facade of the church. The lower and old 'basement' church area was made over into a spacious and modern auditorium and many larger and smaller halls for the meetings and assemblies of the many societies that existed in the parish. Having installed a new heating system, he also replaced the old wooden fences that encircled some of the property of the parish with the more pleasing and harmonious brick structure that stands even to this day.



Rev. Vincent Rapacz, C.R.



Rev. Stanislaus Siatka, C.R.

"It is no great thing to begin a good thing, but to complete it, that alone is perfect."

St. Augustine

His greatest contribution, however, was to bring to reality a dream that the entire parish had had for a long time. the building of a new and modern convent for the Sisters teaching in the parochial school. This was begun in 1916 and completed and dedicated in August of 1917. The parish now—at long last—could boast of a complete complex: it had a beautiful and artistically imposing church with a capacity of 2000; it prided itself on a very practical and newly remodelled rectory; it had built for its more than 2000 students the latest and most modern of parochial schools and, finally, had constructed the last word in convents—at the time which sheltered and housed 30 Sisters of the Congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame with its own little House of God, the chapel, a kitchen and dining area, and with enough small, but comfortable rooms so that each Sister could study and relax in the privacy of her own room.

Yes—the parish was really ready to celebrate its accomplishments. And no more fitting occasion for this could have been provided than the Silver Jubilee of the parish. Father Siatka with his committee and parishioners appointed a Sunday in October of 1918 as the official day on which this event was to be observed. After a two-week mission, preached by Jesuit Fathers, the solemn high Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Father Francis Gordon, C.R., the Delegate-General of the Fathers of the Resurrection in Chicago. Father Vincent Rapacz, the "Vianney of St. John Cantius", was deacon and Father Ladislaus Filipski was subdeacon. Father Ladislaus Zapala, then a rector of St. Stanislaus Kostka College and the future Superior-General of the congregation, preached the inspiring sermon. There was also an afternoon service, conducted by the Rev. John Obyrtacz, C.R., and the Memory Book on the occasion of the Jubilee relates that the church was "thronged to overflowing from morning till night by a grateful people humbly thanking God for His love of them and His goodness toward them, as well as, for the precious freedoms of religion and speech which they enjoyed in the United States" In 1920, Father Siatka was transferred to the pastorate of St. Hedwig Parish.

The work of the pioneering priests and people was finished. The parish was firmly established and it seemed that the work of the succeeding pastors would consist principally in maintenance and the continuation of the spiritual and material growth of the parish. Father Stephen Kowalczyk, C.R. (1920-1929), while zealously performing the administrative duties of pastor, saw in the pastorate an opportunity to foster and promote religious vocations. He dedicated himself to the work by making it possible for the graduates of the parochial school to continue their educationespecially at Weber High School. His personal and continued interest in them and his constant encouragement and understanding prompted many of them to enter the novitiate of the Fathers of the Resurrection.

"If we work upon marble, it will perish. If we work upon brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work upon men's immortal minds. If we imbue them with high principles, With the just fear of God and love of their fellow man, We engrave on those tablets something which no time can efface. And which will brighten and brighten to all eternity" Daniel Webster



Rev. Stephan Kowalczyk, C.R.

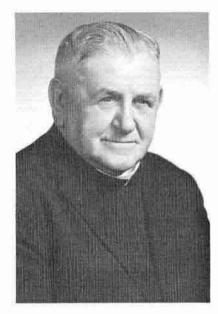
His enthusiasm for this work never waned and he was to continue in the same way during his pastorate at St. Hyacinth parish (1930-1939). During his two pastorates, Father Kowalczyk was personally responsible for more than 30 vocations to the priesthood in the Congregation of the Resurrection and, truly and fittingly, deserved the title of "Zealous Promoter of Religious Vocations".

New forces, however, began to take over.

About the middle of the "Roaring Twenties" with the country and the city enjoying the post World War I wave of prosperity and with the city changing from the horse-and-buggy days to the automobile-St. John Cantius parish was dealt its first critical blow. The construction of Ogden Boulevard dislocated many parishioners of St. John Cantius, forcing them to move to other areas and regionsthus breaking up what had been a solid ethnic neighborhood. Even the people who remained in the area began to think twice before sending their children to the parochial school out of fear of the tremendously increased traffic. While the parents themselves remained loyal to the church travelling by car or streetcar on Sundaystheir children attended other schools. The number of pupils began to decline.

This then was the situation into which the Rev. Walter Bartylak, C.R. (1929-1934) walked when he became the pastor succeeding Father Kowalczyk. Add to the above scene the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the subsequent Great Depression of the "Thirties" and we have a picture that is anything but promising. Yet, Father Bartylak, the first pastor of St. John Cantius of American birth, was equal to the task. He immediately began organizing the youth of the parish into various societies, the activities which were designed to prevent frequently unemployed young men and women of the parish from becoming restive. In this, he was highly successful. Throwing open the doors of the halls and other meeting places in the parish, he drew the youth to the parish and with each activity, strengthened their loyalty to God, country and parish proportionately.

This can be attested to even today by many who then were members of these societies and who even today prove over and over again a feeling of special kinship or brotherhood for each other. The Memory Book, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the parish in 1943, mentions that the most active groups during the tenure of Father Bartylak were the St. John Cantius Sportsmen, the Sodality of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, the Panama Circle, and the Scatter Joy Circle. Despite so much activity and in spice of the depression, Father Bartylak found time and money to renovate the entire sanctuary of the church. Beginning with the vaulting of the sanctuary, he embellished it with a truly artistic Resurrection of Christ by the Polish artist, Lesiewicz; he renovated the main altar with a redesigned and more beautiful throne for the Eucharistic King, and he installed a special lighting system for the sanctuary, which even now, continues to highlight the awesome and real presence of Christ among us, especially during the Forty Hours Devotions and on the other more solemn feasts of the Church.



Rev. Walter Bartylak, C.R.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. What remains is the crown due to holiness, which the Lord, the just Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to those who love his brilliant coming."

2 Tim. 4:7, 8

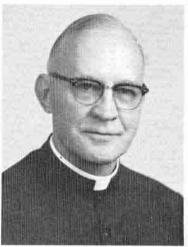
When Father Bartylak was name superior of the newly founded Resurrectionist Mission Band in Castleton-on-the Hudson, New York, he was succeeded in the pastorate by the Rev. Theodore Klopotowski, C.R., (1934-1939). Father "Ted"—he soon acquired this shortened but friendly and endearing namecontinued in the traditional Resurrectionist manner of pastors. With maintenance demands at a minimum, he devoted all his effort to the spiritual betterment of the parish. Working with a calm that belied the times, he sustained and strengthened the parishioners in their faith and loyal citizenship throughout the height of the depression. His administrative ability received its due recognition in his appointment as pastor of St. Hyacinth parish, a post that he held from 1939 until 1954.

The next pastor, Father Joseph Prusinski, C.R., brought an entirely new atmosphere to the parish. This was the time of World War II. Always genial himself, he hosted as guests of the parish, the Consul-General of Poland in Chicago, Dr. Charles Ripa, and General Ladislaus Sikorski of the Polish Army, who later died in a plane crash in Lisbon, Portugal, while returning to the Polish government in exile in London, England. In 1942, Father Prusinski (1939-1942) was transferred to the Mission Band to continue strengthening and confirming the people of Polish descent in their love of both Poland and the United States during the terrible years of World War II.

After a brief interim pastorate by Father Leonard Long, C.R., Father John Grabowski, C.R. was named to the pastorate (1942-1951). Young and energetic (he was then only 35 years of age) and completely imbued with a love and zeal reminiscent of true pioneer priests, Father Jack was the ideal choice for pastor in the difficult days ahead. With the end of the war some three years in the offing and with much of the youth of the parish away at war or busily engaged in Red Cross work, Father Jack began preparations for the observance of the Golden Jubilee of the parish. This proved to be an occasion of great emotional trial for many of the older parishioners.

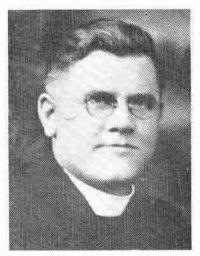
What had been a great and large parish on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee in 1918 now in 1943—it was in the throes of regression, not spiritual but statistical. At that time, the parish numbered about 23,000 souls and had 2,300 pupils in its school. Now—in 1943it had only 376 students in its classrooms. This statistic alone should be enough to describe the ravages that time and change can wreak even on the best of works. Rather than become discouraged, Father Jack redoubled his efforts and together with the generous parishioners even managed to rebuild the high stair approach to the church and to add a bit of green to Carpenter Street to the right and left of the new stairs. The new stairs featured conveniently spaced hand rails which made ascending and descending the stairs much more comfortable and safe for the older members of the parish.





Rev. Theodore Klopotowski, C.R.
Rev. Joseph Prusinski, C.R.
Rev. Leonard Long, C.R.

Rev. John Grabowski, C.R.





With the war at an end, the environs of the parish began to change even more rapidly. The youth, upon marriage, moved to the newer areas of the city or to the suburbs, while the area of St. John Cantius began to fill with newcomers to the city from the southern states, Puerto Rico and the displaced people from areas that were being rehabilitated. Soon, what once had been a solid Polish region could hardly be recognized as such except for the very few oldtimers who remained despite all changes. Father Jack continued to struggle despite all odds and—in 1951—he was appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Angels parish, where he built a very modern convent for the Sisters. From 1958 to 1964, Father Grabowski was Provincial Superior of the Fathers of the Resurrection and it was during this tenure in that office that the new novitiate of the Resurrectionist Fathers was built in Ridgefield, near Woodstock, Illinois, as well as the new Gordon Technical High School at California and Addison.

Father Stanislaus Duda (1951-1957) who was an assistant pastor under Father Grabowski since 1942, was named the next pastor. Father Duda, imitating the zeal and energy of his tutor, literally spent himself and his health in the pastorate of St. John Cantius. Probably, the most cruel blow which he received during his pastorate was the cutting and constructing of the Kennedy Expressway, which demolished thousands of homes and forced thousands of people to move from the area. However cruel this blow to the parish, still it was a necessary step in the growth of the city and the immediate suburbs. The post World War II industrial boom, the unbelieveable increase in the number of automobiles after the war, the almost countless numbers of people travelling to work by car all of these worked together to make new and faster arteries an absolute necessity, if the city were to continue its growth and development. The pity of it is that a beautiful and well-maintained parish complex like that of St. John Cantiushad to be squarely in the middle of these developments. Father Stanley Duda was transferred in 1957 to the assistant pastorate at St. Hedwig church, where he died an untimely death on April 10, 1960, at 48 years of age.

Father John Wojcik, C.R. (1957-1963), tried everything that was possible to stem the unrelenting tide of the parish in reverse. The area which now was fast developing into a dismal "ghetto" type brought about the organization of various neighborhood councils which deliberated on redevelopment of the area but, so far, littleif anything—constructive was decided. Despite many long meetings and deliberations in both the neighborhood and the city council, nothing of a concrete nature has been begun. And the downward trend of the parish has not been stemmed. In 1963, Father Wojcik was appointed superior of the novitiate of the Fathers of the Resurrection and he was succeeded in the pastorate by the Rev. John Pawelczak, C.R.



Rev. Stanislaus Duda, C.R.



Rev. John Wojcik, C.R.

"Consider how much love you have for yourself and have as much for your neighbor."

St. Augustine

Father John, like his immediate predecessors in the pastorate, is not wonting in courage and zeal. Untiring, he planned the observance of the Diamond Jubilee of the parish on October 20, 1968. He lives with a hope and a prayer that someday St. John Cantius will again reflect actually its former glory in growth and development. Meanwhile, he has readied the church in such a way that the exterior and the interior have almost never looked better. The parish school which was closed as a parochial school in June, 1967, houses, today, the experimental Montessori Method school and the Head Start program. The large conventwhich once hosted more than 30 teachers of the School Sisters of Notre Dametoday is the official headquarters of the Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The good Sisters who began teaching at St. John Cantius in November, 1893, would have been observing their Diamond Jubilee of teaching simultaneously with the parish. They will be sorely missed by all the parishioners of St. John Cantius on this occasion. Yet, their countless spiritual sons and daughters, scattered now throughout the country, shall never forget that it was they who opened their young minds to a knowledge of God and who taught them to lead a good life in whatever walk of life God and destiny have meant for them. These spiritual sons and daughtersthe good Sisters can feel are even now continuing their good and holy work as they teach their children and their children's children. The fruits of the work the Sisters did at St. John Cantius can never die and are only being widened and multiplied with each new generation. These, then, are some of the reflections-In Retrospecton the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the parish. And it will be a glorious and heartfelt "Te Deum Laudamus...' that will be chanted again by all of the People of God at St. John's. All—the priests, living and dead, who served or are serving in the parishthe Sisters, who have toiled so hard for 74 years—

the parishioners, from the founding fathers through all the generations until now are united spiritually today as never before with the thought that only God can know the wondrous deeds, the wondrous good, and all else that have been wrought at St. John Cantius to His Greater Honor and Glory during the past three-quarters of a century.

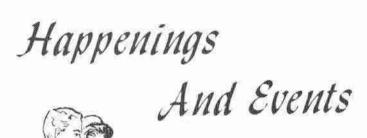
"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die a time to weep, and a time to laugh. . . a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war. and a time for peace" Eccles. 3:1-8



Rev. Louis Tusinski. C.R. Editor



During Poland's Millenium celebration in Chicago. Bishop Rubin visited our city; he is shown here giving Stella Biestek a remembrance of his visit while Bishop Wycislo and Helen Glab look on.





Red Cross volunteers of the '40's.

Rev. Pawelczak and Mrs. A. Glogowska at a display commemorating Poland's Millenium.



Then Pastor, Rev. Grabowski gives instructions to our well-remembered watchdog, Zboj.

The Mission in 1918 was conducted by the three Jesuit priests pic-

tured with the members of the House:

Rev. M. Rapacz, CR Rev. W. Filipski, CR Rev. W. Kmiecik, CR Rev. F. Moll, SJ Rev. K. Janowski, SJ Rev. J. Bieda, SJ Rev. S. Siatka, CR





At a meeting of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland, our parish delegation is shown with Bishop Abramowicz.



Jubilee Mass

A year of preparation has come to a jubilant climax. Parishioners past and present gathered to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of St. John Cantius Church. With the Knights of Columbus leading the way, the Bishops, Monsignori, guest members of the clergy, the administrations of the church sodalities and our little children escorted the seven concelebrants to the Altar to re-enact the scene that took place on December 24, 1893—the celebration of the first Mass at St. John's.



The concelebrants at the Altar during the Creed.



Knights of Columbus form honor guard for the procession.



DIAMOND - 75 - JUBILEE

ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

MINISTERS OF THE CONCELEBRATED MASS

Presiding

MOST REV. ALFRED ABRAMOWICZ, D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Assistants To Bishop

RT. REV. MSGR. EUGENE V. MULCAHEY Vicar Delegate of Region 11

VERY REV. BERNARD BAK, C.R. Provincial of Chicago Province

Homily

MOST REV. ALFRED ABRAMOWICZ, D.D.

CONCELEBRANTS

Rev. Boleslaus Niec, Pastor of St. Pancratius Church

Rev. Peter A. Fiolek, C.R.

Rev. Joseph Bednowicz, C.R.

Rev. Louis Tusinski, C.R.

Rev. Valentine Lesiak, C.R.

Rev. Clement Weiss, C.R.

Rev. Casimir Suwanski, C.R.

Master of Ceremonies	Rev. Edward Janas, C.R.
Processional Cross	Rev. Thaddeus Zygowicz, C.R.
Candle Bearers	Rev. Adolph Istok, C.R. Rev. Thaddeus Napiorkowski, C.R.
Thurifer and Censor Bearer	Rev. Eugene Zalewski, C.R.
Commentator	Mr. Robert Olinski
Gospel Reader	Rev. Robert Kurtz, C.R.
Gift Bearers	

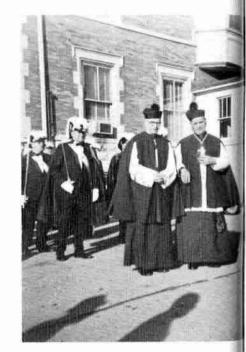
Not Soon to be Forgotten

The solemnity of the service impressed even the youngest parishioners.

The Offertory



The Long Awaited Day...



Outside the rectory, the procession as-





Clergy who had served St. John's came to commemorate the 75th anniversary.



Bishops and Monsignori as well, came to St. John's.

There could be no more fitting a way to commemorate 75 years of commitment to God's work than to participate in the Mass whose celebrants are, themselves, products of St. John Cantius Church, school and community.

The feeling of comraderie that has been ours in the history of our Church prevailed again that day even though the years have found our people separated geographically.

It was merely another expression of the spirit, valor and service that form the core of our existence the special ingredient that is ours, inherited from our forebearers who founded this parish. We, as a group, commemorated that joyous day of 1893 with the same involvement and conviction of purpose that our pioneers had shownalmost as if we had been present that Christmas Eve so many years ago. Only our mode of dress revealed the truth for our joy could easily have been mistaken for that of proud parents bearing witness to an offspring's triumph.

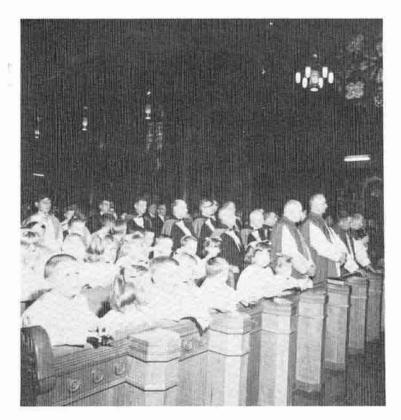
The laity partook of the Eucharistic Banquet as an act of joy and thanksgiving.



The presiding official, Most Rev. Alfred Abramowicz, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago preached the homily.

The Mass





The congregation stands as the Creed is entoned.

We Praise You, We Bless You, We Worship You, We Glorify You.

The procession assembles at the back of the church.

Under the canopy, Father Provincial bears the Monstrance thru the church.

At Benediction, the Litany . . . "Blessed be God".

Old triends meet outdoors at the conclusion of the services.









Reception Program

As an expression of gratitude, all the special guests as well as a representation of the parishioners were invited to a Reception following the Jubilee Mass. Father Provincial, Rev. Bernard Bak, C.R. set the tone for the evening, nostalgically recalling the childhood and adolescence of a now mature "lady" our beloved St. John's.

Congratulations were offered by other guest speakers—the Honorable Raymond P. Drymalski, Superior Court Judge and Mrs. Zofia Guzy, President of the Alliance of Polish Clubs.

Several of the former pastors who were able to attend were honored at the head table; those who were not present were honored in our memories.

Program

Welcome of Guests and Introducti Master of Ceremonies	on of Mr. George Glowinski Trustee—St. John Cantius Church
Master of Ceremonies	Mr. Edward Moskal Trustoe—St. John Cantius Church Treasurer—Polish National Alliance
Our National Anthem — Soloists	Miss Mary Kieduk Mr. Paul Wardzala
"STAR SPANGLED BANNER"	Accompaniment—at the Piano: Mr. Al, J. Kasluga Choir Director and Organist
Invocation	Rev. Felix S. Miliskiewicz, C.R. Superior—St. John Cantius House
Dinner—"SMACZNEGO"	
Greetings Polish Życzenia w Imjeniu Parafian	Mrs. Zofia Guzy President—Alliance of Polish Clubs Prezeska—Związku Klubów Mai-polskich
Address—Guest Speaker Th	e Honorable Raymond P. Drymalski Superior Court Judge—Divorce Div.
Selections Medley of Songs	St. John Cantius Choral Group Accompaniment at the Piano Mr. Al J. Kasluga Choir Director and Organist
Anniversary Greetings	Very Rev. Bernard Bak, C.R. Provincial Superior—Chicago Province Resurrectionist Fathers
Acknowledgment	Rev. John S. Pawelczak, C.R. Pastor—St. John Cantus Church
Benediction	Rev. Ladislaus Bartylak, C.R. Former Pastor—St. John Cantius Church Years: 1930 to 1935
Polish Anthem	Assembly and Church Choir

"BOZE COŚ POLSKĘ"

—In Appreciation To Those Who Shared

Views of the Speakers' Table





Edward J. Moskal, parish trustee, served as toastmaster.

This Day With Us



The Reception



To our guests, we extend our deep appreciation for joining us that evening; it is a pleasure to extend our sincerest thanks to all for their kind participation in the day's joyous celebration; for publicly joining with us in giving thanks to Almighty God for His infinite love and many blessings He has so abundantly lavished upon the parish during the past seventy-five years, adding another glorious chapter to the history of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.















Former Pastor, Rev. T. Klopotowski, is escorted by Christine Mikolon and Angeline Wlodarczyk.



Rev. Walter Wilczek, C.R., Toastmaster.

Dinner Dance

Seventy-five years together is a great occasion to celebrate—and celebrate we did, some 800 of us! Gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Sherman House on November 3rd, we dined, reminisced and danced, again sharing the joy of another event associated with St. John Cantius Church. This gala evening was the culmination of our Anniversary Year, marked auspiciously by the presence of John Cardinal Cody, Governor Samuel Shapiro and many civic officials and community leaders; those who be-friended the parish thru the years would not miss the commemoration of her 75th birthday.

Twenty young ladies of the parish acted as escorts to the honored guests while the lilting strains of Joe Pat's Orchestra added an air of gaiety to the evening. Rev. Walter Wilczek, Principal of Gordon Technical High School did his home parish honor by serving as toastmaster.



A Festive Day ...

Our gratitude must be expressed to all the people who participated in our Jubilee Banquet.

Without the guests who honored us at the Speaker's Table, our evening would have lacked color, humor, entertainment and inspiration; their reminiscinces of our parish and its history coupled with our own, brought into focus the nostalgic value of the anniversary celebration.

Without the hundreds of parishioners and friends who shared in the festivities on November 3, 1968, the day would have lacked meaning. This reunion reminded us of the full parish life we have enjoyed, that joy enhanced by the kinship of the people of St. John's.

Mr. Aloysius Mazewski, the Dziennik Chicagowski's Man of the Year, presenting his memories of St. John's.

Cardinal Cody waiting for his introduction











The Star Spangled Banner

Mr. Joseph Pranica, President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, addresses the assembly.

In honor of the parish pioneers, "STO LAT".

Program

GRAND MARCH Hostesses with Guests

PRESENTATION OF DIGNATRIES Rev. John S. Mysliwiec, C.R.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS Star Spangled Banner Boże Coś Polske

Ensemble

INVOCATION

Very Rev. Bernard Bak, C.R. Provincial of Chicago Province Congregation of Resurrection

Dinner

INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF Mr. Edward Moskal

CEREMONIES

Treasurer of Polish National

Alliance

Rev. Walter Wilczek, C.R. Principal of Gordon Tech MASTER OF CEREMONIES

High School

GUEST SPEAKER Mr. Joseph Pranica

President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union

MEDLEY OF POLISH SONGS

St. John Cantius Choral Group Directed and Accompanied by

Mr. Albert Kasluga

ADDRESS IN THE POLISH

LANGUAGE

Honorable Thaddeus V. Adesko Judge of the Illinois Appellate

Court

HONORING THE PIONEERS OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

EVERYBODY SING "STO LAT"

THE SHEPHERD OF THE

ARCHDIOCESE

His Eminence John Cardinal Patrick Cody, D.D. Archbishop

of Chicago

GREETINGS Mr. Aloysius Mazewski

President Polish National Alliance - Polish American

Congress

RESPONSE Rev. John S. Pawelczak, C.R.

Pastor of St. John Cantius

Church

BENEDICTION Rev. Joseph Prusinski, C.R.

Former Pastor of St. John

Cantius Church

DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF JOE PAT & HIS ORCHESTRA





Carol Jassica and Mary Scott escort Father Pastor to the Speakers' Table.



Some of our "debs" in the foyer anxious for the lestivities to begin.

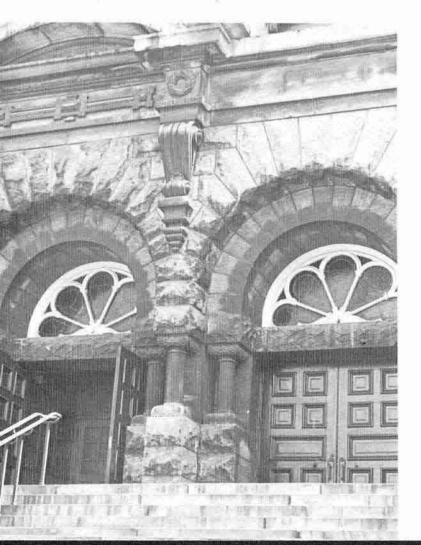
... The Handiwork Of Many

Without the Jubilee Committee, we would have had no banquet at all. Our thanks to all the parishioners who devoted months of their time to bring to reality, the day that has now become another beautiful installment in the St. John Cantius Parish Book of Memories.

Gateway to God . . .

Looking up at our church, one is overwhelmed by its majesty. To us as eager but not-too-strong children, the doors seemed almost immovable; yet, as we repeatedly sought its confinesto attend Mass on Sunday, to participate in processions on Corpus Christi, to seek refuge from our consciences in the confessional on First Fridayour bodies grew and strengthened, along with our faith and it was much easier to gain entrance as the years travelled on. During our lives, we will pass thru these portals thousands of times - seeking our God, leading our own children by the hand to St. John's as we worship together at Christmas Midnight Mass, at the Forty Hours' Devotion and when we visit the "jailed" Christ on Holy Thursday.

As we get on in years, we will again find the doors growing heavy; but that will not thwart us in our purposeto again and again worship our God in His Home - our home - St. John Cantius Church.









St. John (1403-1473) Feast Day October 20

A professor at Cracow in the early 15th century, John was a virtuous yet modest man. His talents drew him to a scholarly existence in preference to that of parish life. After a brief pastoral assignment, he returned to Cracow to a life of charity and self-denial.

John's dedication to the Holy See gave cause to his many pilgrimages on foot to Rome. Desire for union with God was so strong within him that he braved the threat of martyrdom to preach God's world to the Turks of Jerusalem, the city that attracted him because of his devotion to the Passion of Christ. His life story helps us to understand that though we may do what others think foolhardy or unwise, fulfilling the Will of God will prove to be the wisest course to follow because, in the end, we will gain the esteem of the world and, most importantly, the approval of God.



Our Patron Saints

St. Anne Feast Day July 26



The second patron of our church, St. Anne exemplifies the spirit of the parishioners. She was a God-fearing woman who reminds us that saints are not necessarily made of miracles. Though she was of the Royal House of David, St. Anne, thru her simple life, shows us that the path to heaven is formed by living each day of our lives for the fulfillment of His Divine Will.

The story of St. Anne is truly inspiring. God had chosen her very own daughter, Mary, to be the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Born to Anne late in life, Mary was taken from her three years later to spend her life consecrated to God. Thus, Anne's happiness became a disappointment, but rather than resort to despair, she spent her remaining years in prayer. How simple salvation would be by merely following St. Anne's example.



Sister M. Stella (Szewczyk)

Nuns And Priests From St. John Cantius Parish

The number of people seeking God increases day by day. Yet, were it not for the nuns and priests and brothers who dedicate their lives to His labor of love-reaping God's harvestthe storms of life would cause the seeds of faith to wither and die. Our admiration and respect must be shown to the scores of our parishioners who have chosen to work in God's field.

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given to the Church by the laity —
all these are honored in the following pages.
Thru the consistent efforts of the various societies,
the laity have assisted the parish priests
in their corporal works of mercy.
The members of these groups
have also supported the programs of the parish
by acting as the nucleus of all its activities.
Though their numbers now dwindle,
they still function admirably
in the tradition of the pioneers
of St. John Cantius.



St. Anne Altar Society & Auxiliary

to r. Rl-Rev. J. Pawelczak, M. Moskal,
 D. Glowinski, A. Slaga, Pres., R. Olinski, L.
 Ciampi. R2-A Lestarczyk, J. Moskal, M. Nowosielski, J. Lesiak, S. Biestek, E. Kula, F.
 Lessel, A. Glogowska, V. Saviano, A. Bajko,
 H. Golas, M. Skwarek, S. Duda, L. Kusek, B.
 Zych. R3-A. Poznanski, A. Obrochta, H.
 White, M. Gryszkiewicz, A. Pokrzewinski,
 M. Urbanik, T. Przybylo. R4-L. Penkala,
 S. Novak, H. Glab, A. Ciampi.

Admiring a recent addition to the wardrobe of vestments are: Rev. J. Pawelczak, J. Lesiak, S. Bajko, C. Przybylo, A. Bajko, L. Ciampi, (standing) H. Golas, A. Ciampi, R. Olinski, who give many hours of their time to care for the linens and vestments of the Church.

Altar Boys take their usual place at the head of the Procession.



Altar Boys

R1-R. Olinski, R. Olinski, J. Lelito, J. Fela, F. Mientus. R2-D. O'Neil, M. Makowski, J. Mientus, R. Kusek, M. Kusek, R. Olinski. R3-R. Nowak, J. Lelito, S. Bajko, J. Lecour, G. Makowski, M. Kusek. R4-N. Gronkiewicz, C. Makowski, J. Wieczorek, Rev. J. Pawelczak, C. Przybylo, J. Ciampi, J. Gibula.









R1-V Slusarz, J. Bury, S. Novak, Pres., Rev. J. Pawelczak, C. Kieduk, L. Kusek, A. Glogowska. R2-W Glowinski, M. Witt, E. Grelewicz, C. Nowicki, V. Tokarz, .-M. Pyrek. R3----A. Swiech, A. Rokosz, S. Brzenk, H. Golas, A. Chromy, F. Sabaj. R4-V. Sniegowski, C. Szajda, -M. Burlak-A. Zajac,---. R5-R. Kasprzyk, .-M. Pluzdrakiewicz, M. Wenc, M. Boruta, S. Ptak, A. Halicka, M. Skwarek. R6-M. Bialas, -H. Lesiak, B. Borowicz, M. Golemba, J. Gruszczynski, -G. Wiatr, M. Ciasto, M. Truty, P. Kulach, A. Pokrzewinski.

Women's Rosary

Brother Tom and members of ST. ANNE'S prepare the new vestments, in the vestibule, for their dedication at a special Mass.





St. Therese Society

RI-J. Madaj, J. Bury, T. White, A. Poznanski, M. Witt, Rev. Felix Miliskiewicz, C.R., J. Moskal, C. Weiss, A. Glogowska, L. Penkala, B. Zych, M. Pluzdrakiewicz, R2-J. Wojton, H. White, M. Zajac, M. Brzenk, M. Prokuszki, F. Szczepka, M. Janus. R3-J. Gruszynski, W. Glowinski, E. Kula, E. Grelewicz, C. Kieduk, V. Slusarz, F. Sabaj, A. Halicka, A. Lestarczyk, M. Janiak-. R4-A. Swiech, M. Krol, H. Lesiak, S. Wrobel, A. Rokosz, A. Cudecka, R5-T. Antosz, H. Glab, M. Cwinkala, M. Szerszen, C. Szajda, M. Ciasto, L. Wrobel, P. Kulack, M. Golemba, R6-M. Bialas, J. Weber, M. Kogut, M. Krasnicki, M. Knybel, A. Slaga, V. Sniegowski, S. Novak, M. Nowosielski, M. Truty, -P. Juszczyk.



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All For The Greater Honor And Glory of God

R1-J. Weber, J. Bury, C. Kieduk, E. Kula, Rev. John Bocian, C.R. R2-M. Golemba, A. Slaga, V. Slusarz, M. Ciasto.



Third Order of St. Francis



In the dining hall following their Corporate Communion, the Holy Name members join their Chaplain, Father Felix in grace.

Members of the Parish Club and other Societies lead the singing at the devotional services



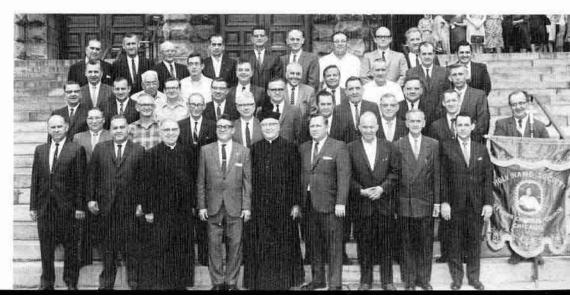
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A. Glogowska, M. Witt, L. Penkala, M.
Pluzdrakiewicz, M. Tomaszek R2-B. Zych,
A. Swiech, H. White, M. Nowosielski, S.
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Grelewicz, E. Kula, M. Prokuszki, S. Novak,
M. Truty, R3-M. Cudecka, C. Weiss, H.
Glab, M. Cwinkala, S. Madaj, M. Mendak,
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Holy Name Society

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Left: R1-H. Glab, S. Biestek, R2-M. Grzyskiewicz, C. Sodlowski, M. Piszczor, R3--Mrs. A. Kasluga, R3-M. Kieduk, D. Glowinski, L. Borek, M. Moskal, Right: M. Cencula, W. Majcher, A. Loutris, R2-J. Roskoske, J. Roskoske, S. Bruske, R3-M. Nowosielski, -Al Kasluga

Other ladies who sang but are not pictured: M. Penkala, A. Ciampi, M. Schaffer, Mrs. S. Nowicki, F. Seremak, E. Ciampi, L. Ciampi, H. Smoron, M. Solarz, J. Solarz, E. Rutkowski, J. Bishart.

The Choir

Many former choir members volunteered their time to meet and practice with Mr. Kasluga in order that the Jubilee year would be as joyous as possible. On Easter morning at the Resurrection Mass and during the concelebrated Jubilee Mass, St. John Cantius Church resounded with the beauty of the re-united choir and the majestic organ. Not pictured here are the men of the choir: P. Wardzala, G. Glowinski, E. Maszek, R. Madaj, J. Bieszczat, J. Bieszczat, E. Penkala, S. Nowicki, A. Gucwa, R. Jenschki, A. Kuta, F. Kasluga.



Orchids To Al Kasluga . . .

Our orchids to the talents and generous services of Mr. Al Kasluga. With the assistance and help of Mr. Al Kuta and Mr. Roman Jenschki, the Church organ was repaired and tuned. Many of its melodious tones under the pressure of the talented fingers of Mr. Al Kasluga and Mr. Franciszek Turek contribute to the prayers and edification of our parishioners and the glory of God.



Mr. Kasluga at the microphone acknowledging recognition for a job well done.



St. Joseph Novitiate Society

After their meeting at which they celebrated the feast of St. Joseph, some of the members gathered for a photo: A. Glogowska, A. Lestarczyk, E. Kula, H. White, F. Lessel, Rev. John Bocian, C.R., S. Novak, M. Krol, J. Maskal, T. White, M. Witt.



R1-J. Madaj, E. Grelewicz, T. White, M. Witt, A. Glogowska, F. Lessel, Rev. J. Bocian, C.R., S. Novak, B. Zych, C. Weiss, M. Pluzdrakiewicz. R2-W. Glowinski, H. White, M. Krol, V. Slusarz, M. Prokuszki, F. Szczepka, L. Penkala, J. Moskal. R3-J. Gruszczynski, E. Kula, V. Sniegowski, S. Wrobel, A. Halicka, A. Lestarczyk, J. Malinowski. R4-H. Glab, M. Nowsielski, A. Swiech, M. Cwinkala, M. Ciasto, L. Wrobel, M. Urbanik. R5-P. Kulach, M. Truty, E. Komperda, A. Komperda

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In The Tradition Of The Pioneers . . .

On the occasion of the Anniversary of 75 years of parish life,

it is our honor to recognize the laity

for their dedication to St. John Cantius Parish.

Thru the years, groups have functioned

for both the spiritual and social betterment of their members.

We have remembered the currently-active groups in the preceding pages;

however, there are others which also hold a place in our memories of St. John's.

Products of the '30's and '40's were the Scatter Joy, Alumni and CYO clubs, which provided a home away from home for the youth of the parish.

The Red Cross volunteers were a busy group of gals during the war years.

Until recently, the Young Ladies Rosary Sodality was a very active spiritual youth group.

As the year go by, and the youth of the parish mature, it is a natural occurrence for their organizations to diminish; yet we find that the more staid societies

remain constant in perseverence and dedication to their goals

and continue to survive despite the changing atmosphere

surrounding the parish.

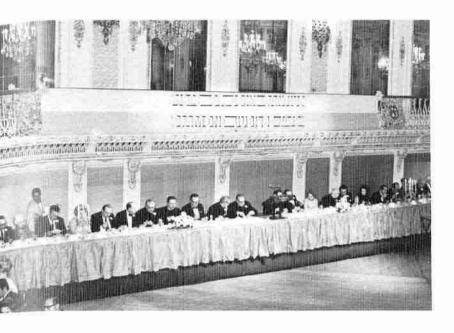
St. John's relies heavily on their participation in the parish activities; thru their efforts, the annual Swieçonka, Bazaar and Fun Fair are continually successful fund-raising activities. Were it not for the organized laity,

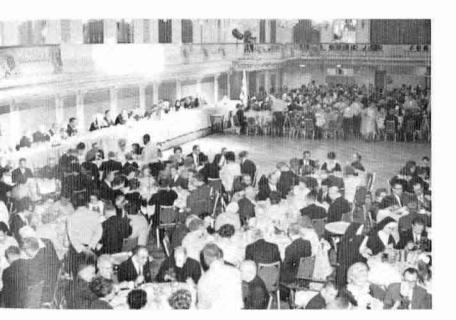
our parish would not be known as the vibrant hub of activity

that it is today. We tip our hats to this hearty group

and offer them our congratulations for their splendid work

together with our wish for many more years of active parish life.







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Appreciation

On behalf of Father Pastor, sincerest appreciation is extended to all our advertisers, patrons, benefactors and parishioners. Through their generosity, this Memorial Book has been made possible. A word of gratitude must also be expressed to the Diamond Jubilee Committee for their participation in organizing the commemorative activities of this, our 75th Jubilee Year.

In a special way, we wish to thank Mrs. George Glowinski and Mr. R. Mitchell of the Walsworth Publishing Company; their assistance in compiling the material for our Memorial Book is very much appreciated. It is our hope that in some small way, we have portrayed the Diamond Jubilee history of St. John Cantius Church.

Marilyn Morkel



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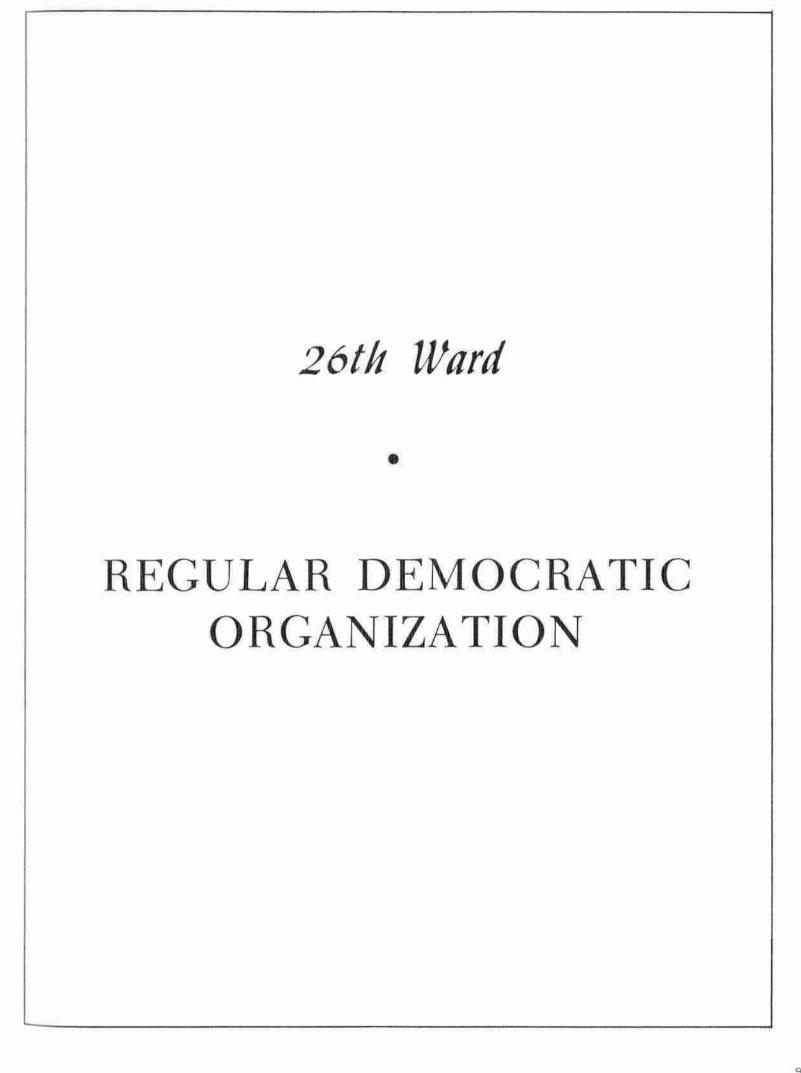
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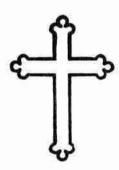
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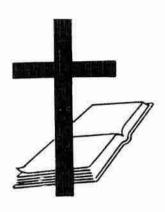


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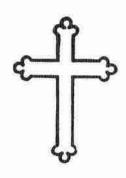
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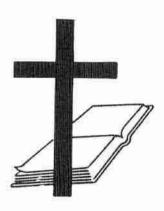
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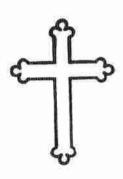
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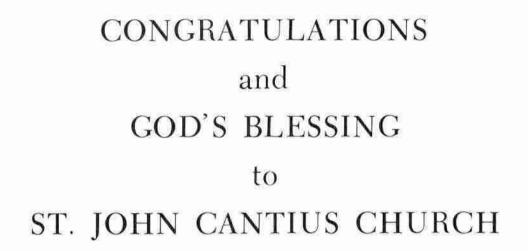
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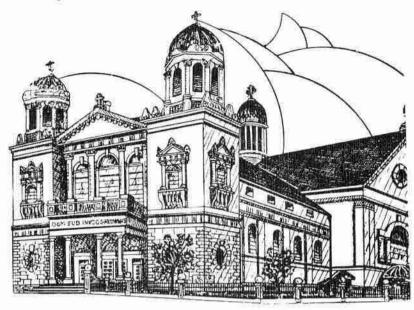
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