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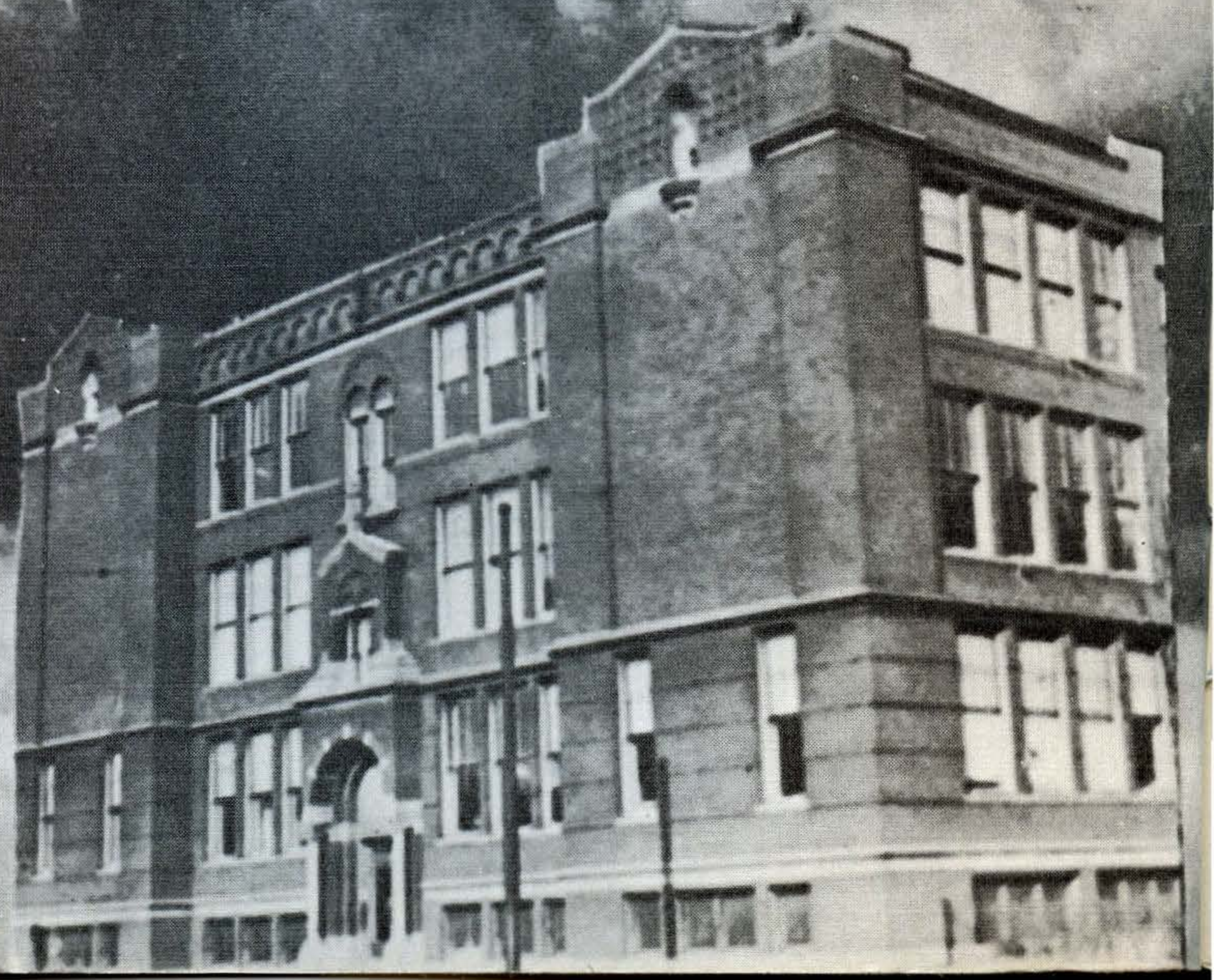
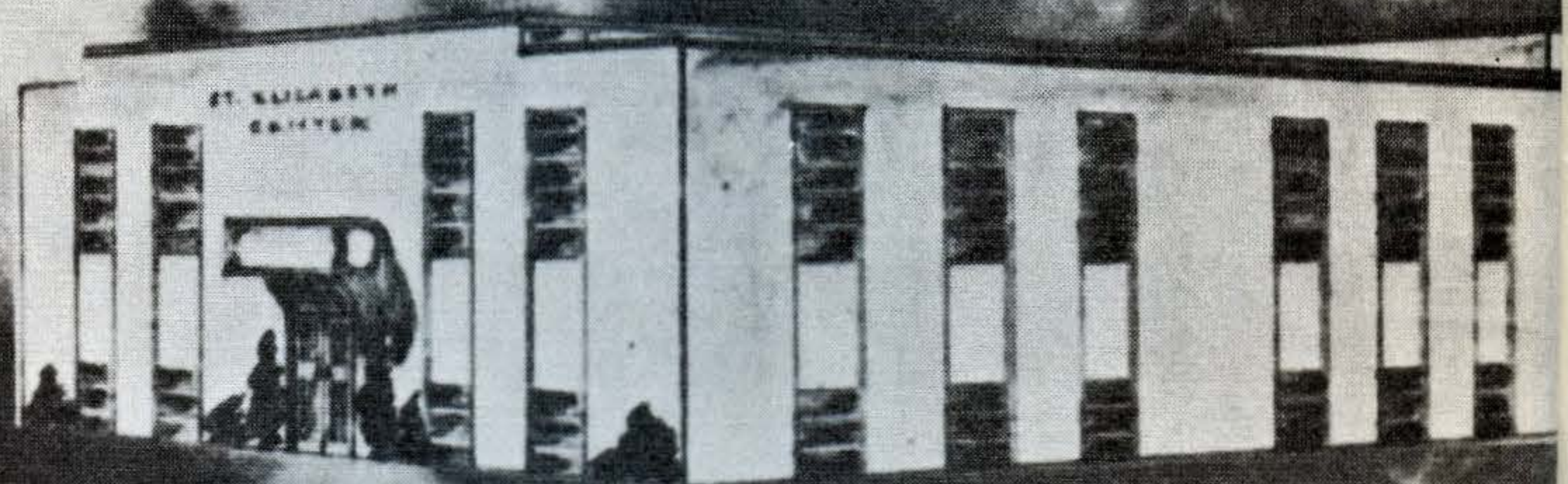
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DIAMOND JUBILEE







POPE JOHN XXIII

On the occasion of its "*Diamond Jubilee*", St. Elizabeth Parish cordially extends to "*Our Holy Father*" its warmest sentiments of love and loyalty. We have observed your "*Paternal*" interest in all the children of men. Your "*Human*" regard for all men has caused "*Non-Catholics*" as well as those in the Faith to call you "*Father*". Our prayer today and in the days to come, will be that the Chief-High Priest will continue to *Inspire*, to *Guard*, and to *Guide* you.



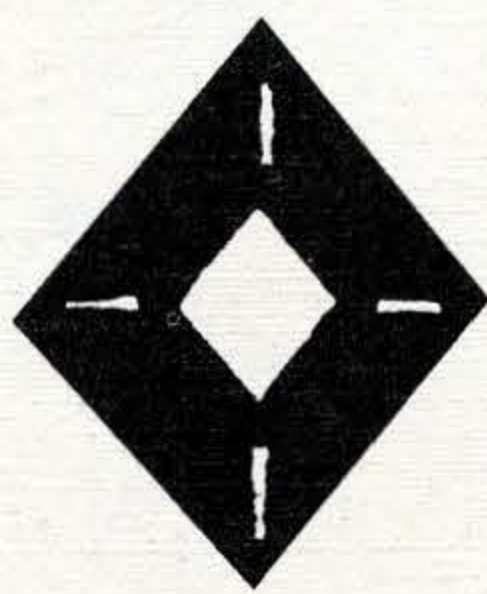
ARCHBISHOP JOHN DEARDEN

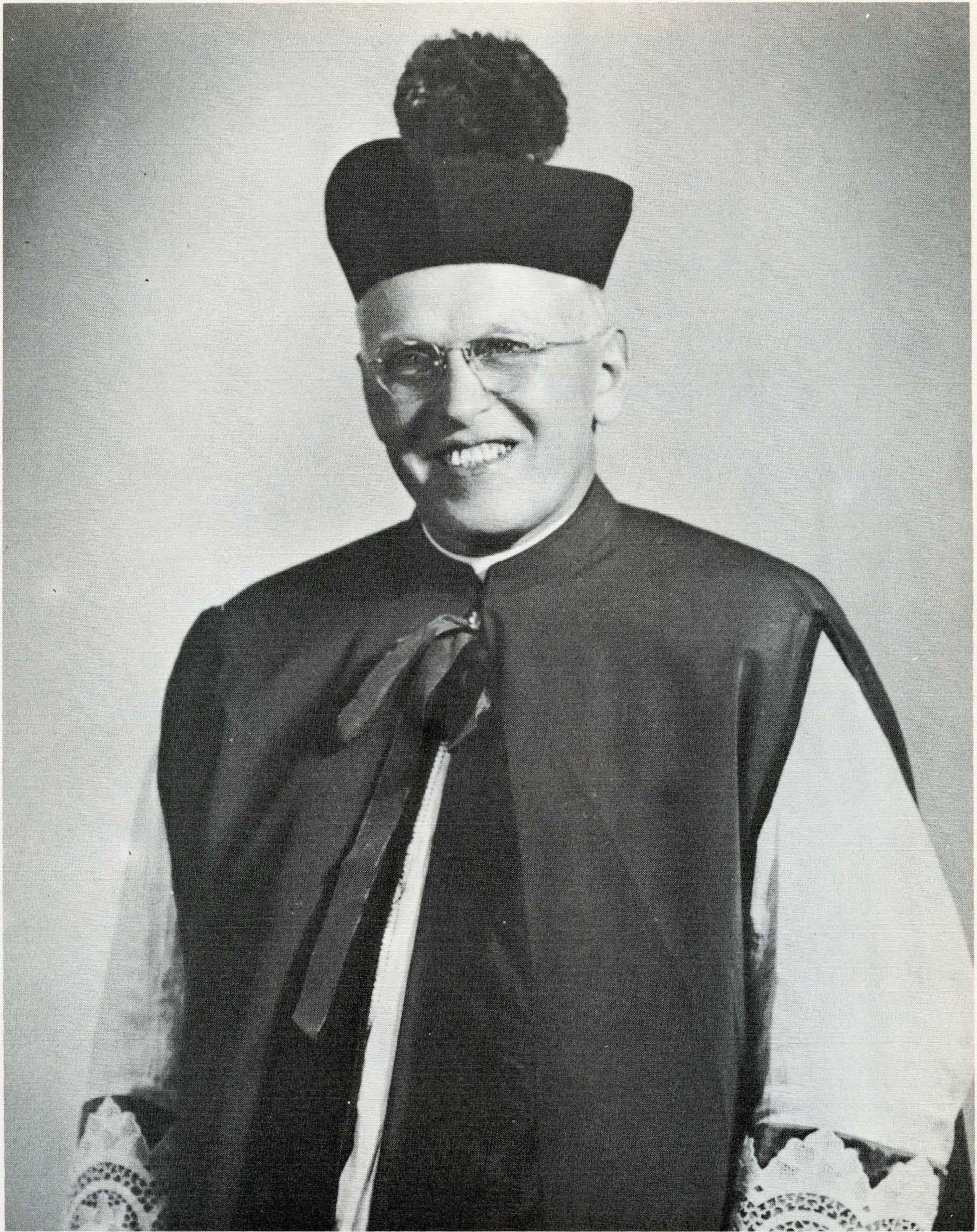
Three Bishops, a Cardinal and an Archbishop have guided the destiny of St. Elizabeth Parish during the past 75 years. Archbishop Dearden was the last to come to us. In the brief period of two years he has established himself as a thoughtful and provident administrator. In an ever changing Archdiocese such as is Detroit, all his faculties will need to be constantly alerted to meet the exigencies of the times. Our Archbishop knows that he can count on the people of St. Elizabeth to help him to bear the tremendous responsibilities of his office.



DEDICATION

To the Priests, Sisters
and Parishoners, dead and
living whose faith and
works made the history
of
St. Elizabeth Parish,
this book
is
respectfully dedicated.





RT. REV. MSGR. JOS. V. PFEFFER

Pastor

St. Elizabeth Parish

1942 —

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE
OF ST. ELIZABETH PARISH
1885 - 1960

—FOREWORD—

When a fine elderly gentleman reaches the ripe old age of 75 years, his friends gather around him — they congratulate him and wish him well. When a reputable commercial house has served its clientele faithfully for 75 years, there is much stir and bustle — a great deal of publicity and perhaps a huge throng gather somewhere to celebrate the occasion. What happens when a “PARISH” has administered to the spiritual, educational, social and material needs of all its people for 75 years? Usually there are a number of devoted people who require that some form of celebration be held to inform one and all of the history, the struggles, the joys and the sorrows, of so long and fruitful a period of time. It is for that reason that a fitting PROGRAM BOOKLET be published to accompany this celebration which could serve as a memory of the events that transpired in St. Elizabeth Parish the past 75 years. When first proposing to do this, it occurred to us that some items would naturally have to be omitted. It, therefore, seemed best to us to follow a topical rather than a chronological order. With this in mind, we shall attempt to portray the life of the Parish under the various captions of: *It's Origin, It's People, The Church, It's Pastors, It's Assistant Pastors, the “Sons and Daughters of the Parish,” the School Sisters, the Visiting Sisters, Parish Societies, Vital Statistics, etc.* Accompanying the written word we have tried to illustrate this booklet with copious and interesting pictures portraying this entire life of the Parish up to this moment. We are deeply indebted to all those who have furnished us the necessary material resources, and to all those who have worked with us, in and out of the Parish, in fittingly celebrating this occasion. Cardinal Mooney was once heard to remark, “. . . that perhaps considering the exigencies of the times, we ought to alter our thinking about the life span of the Parish. Whereas, in times past the ordinary congregation has a life expectancy of a century or more, today it would be better to assume, because of an ever-changing world, that the Parish life would not exceed 50 years.” We are grateful to God that in His Divine Providence, He has permitted St. Elizabeth Parish to feed its people, with the word of God, His Divine Sacraments and the necessities of life, not only for the first 50 years but that at this moment it has already exceeded its life expectancy. That He who “feeds the birds of the air, and makes the lilies to grow” might graciously condescend to continue his watchful providence over the children of men in this portion of the vineyard of the Lord, is our earnest petition on this Diamond Jubilee.

—Rt. Rev. Jos. V. Pfeffer, *Pastor*

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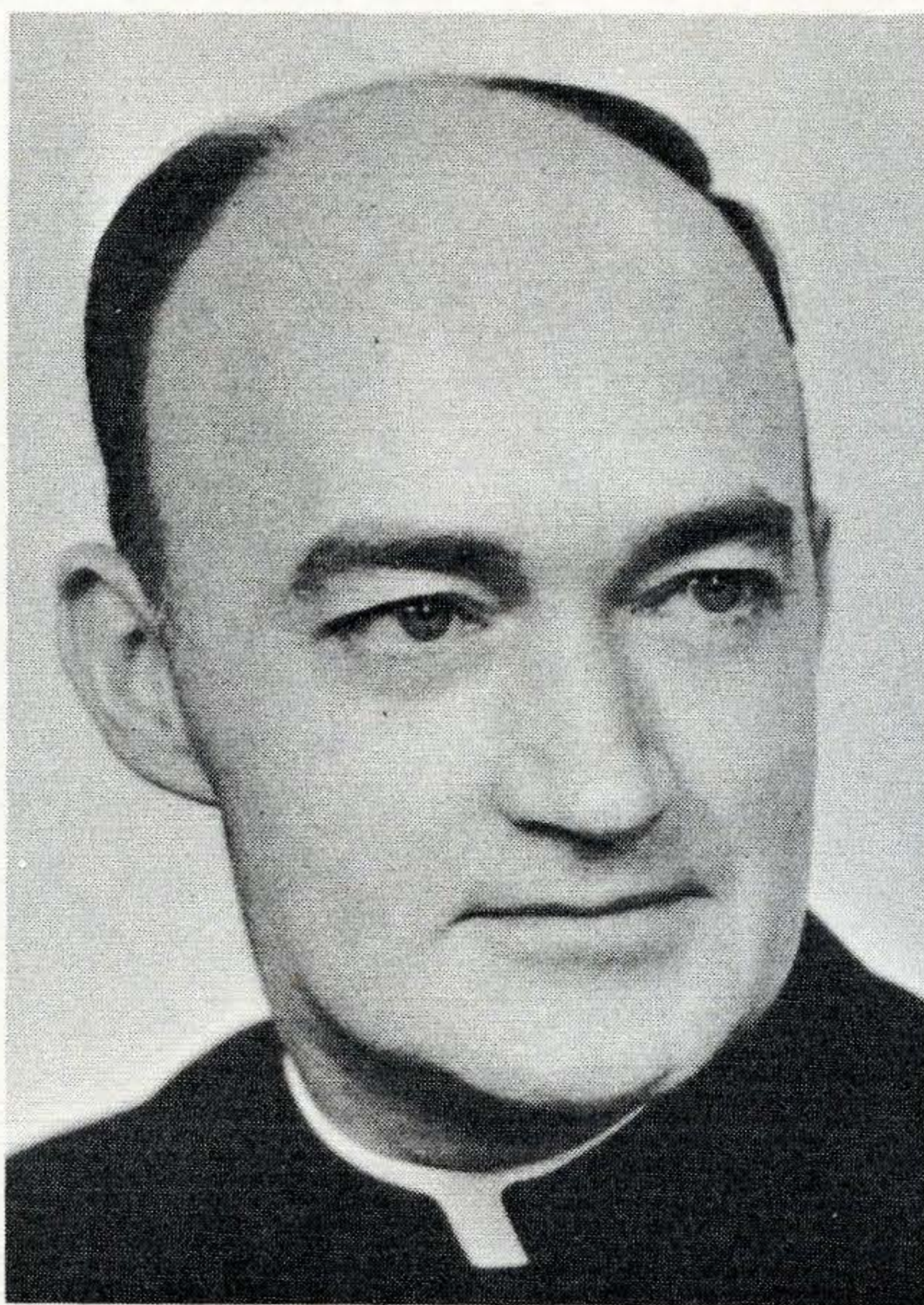
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Father Complo was appointed to serve as the regular diocesan assistant at St. Elizabeths in June, 1959.

REV. DANIEL COMPLO

Father Kelly is Principal of Salesian High School in Detroit and serves as weekend assistant. He is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis DeSalles and a native Philadelphian.

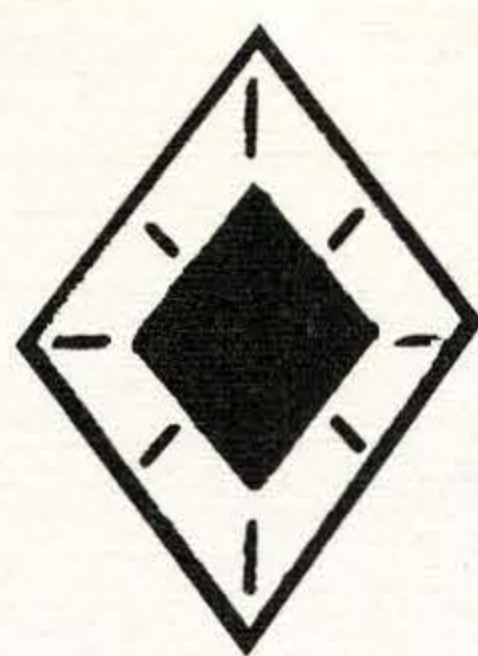


REV. WALTER E. KELLY,
O.S.F.S.

Father Van De Sype is part time assistant while completing his studies at the University of Detroit.



REV. HERMAN JAN DE SYPE



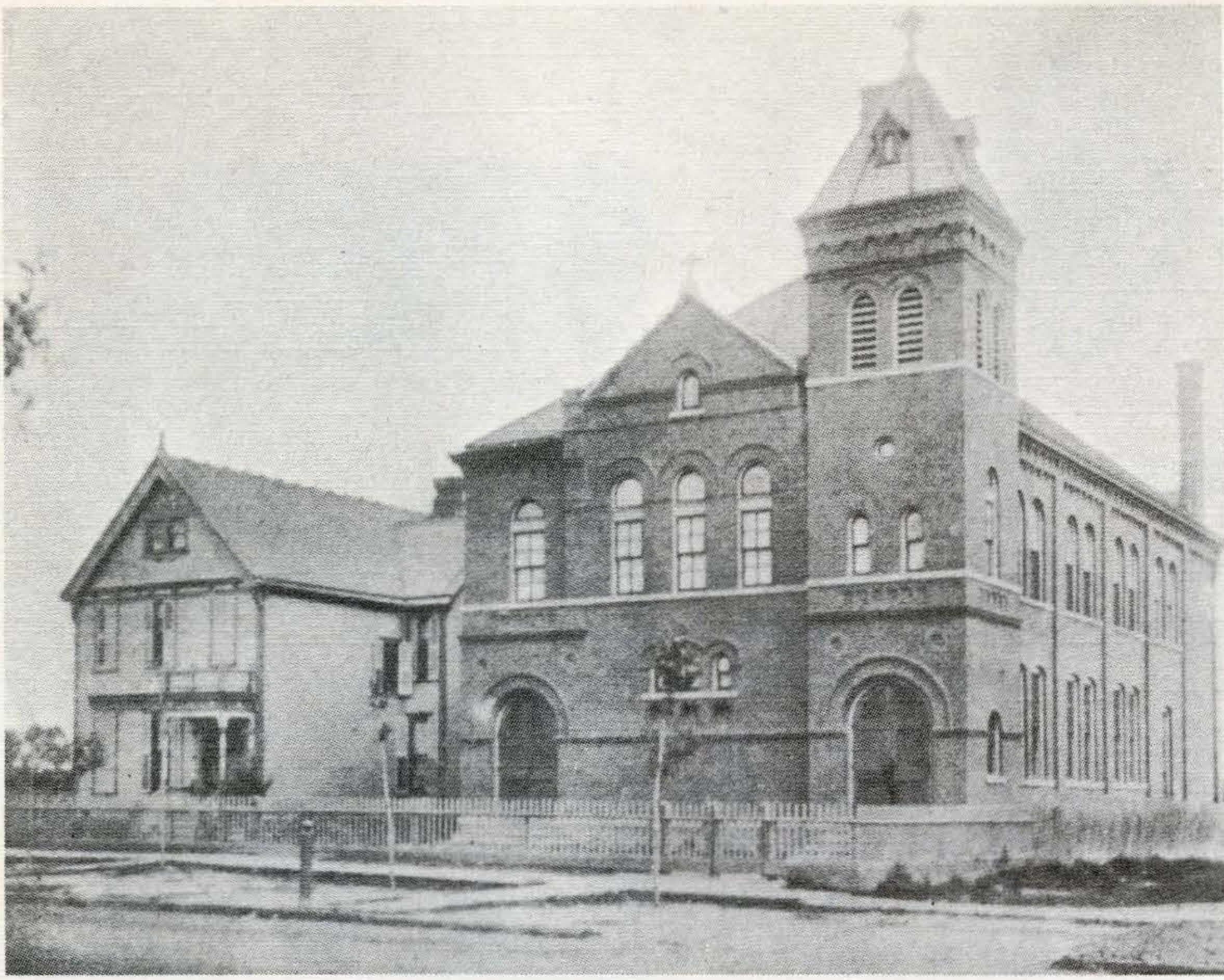
OUR ORIGIN

In the year 1882, Mrs. Fannie E. Van Dyke made an offer of a piece of land to Bishop Caspar H. Borgess. She proposed this as a site for the founding of a new Parish. The land consisted of eight lots at Canfield and McDougall Avenues. From these humble beginnings a new Parish was born. After eleven years of faithful service as Assistant to St. Joseph's Parish, Detroit, Bishop Borgess appointed the Rev. Anthony Svensson to be the first Pastor of the newly created Parish of St. Elizabeth. The year was 1884. His first Parishioners were actually those German speaking people, cut off of St. Joseph Parish, living North of Gratiot Ave. He found approximately 150 families in this locality. In 1884, Mr. John Hildebrand had made the first donation of 10 dollars for the new Church, and Detroit's then most prominent citizen — Mayor William C. Maybury, a non-Catholic, gave the generous sum of Fifty Dollars to the new Parish. On June 21, 1885, Bishop Borgess dedicated the newly erected combination Church and School, and in the month of July of the same year, Fr. Svensson was able to move into his new Rectory. Remarkably the cost of both buildings amounted only to \$8,500.09.

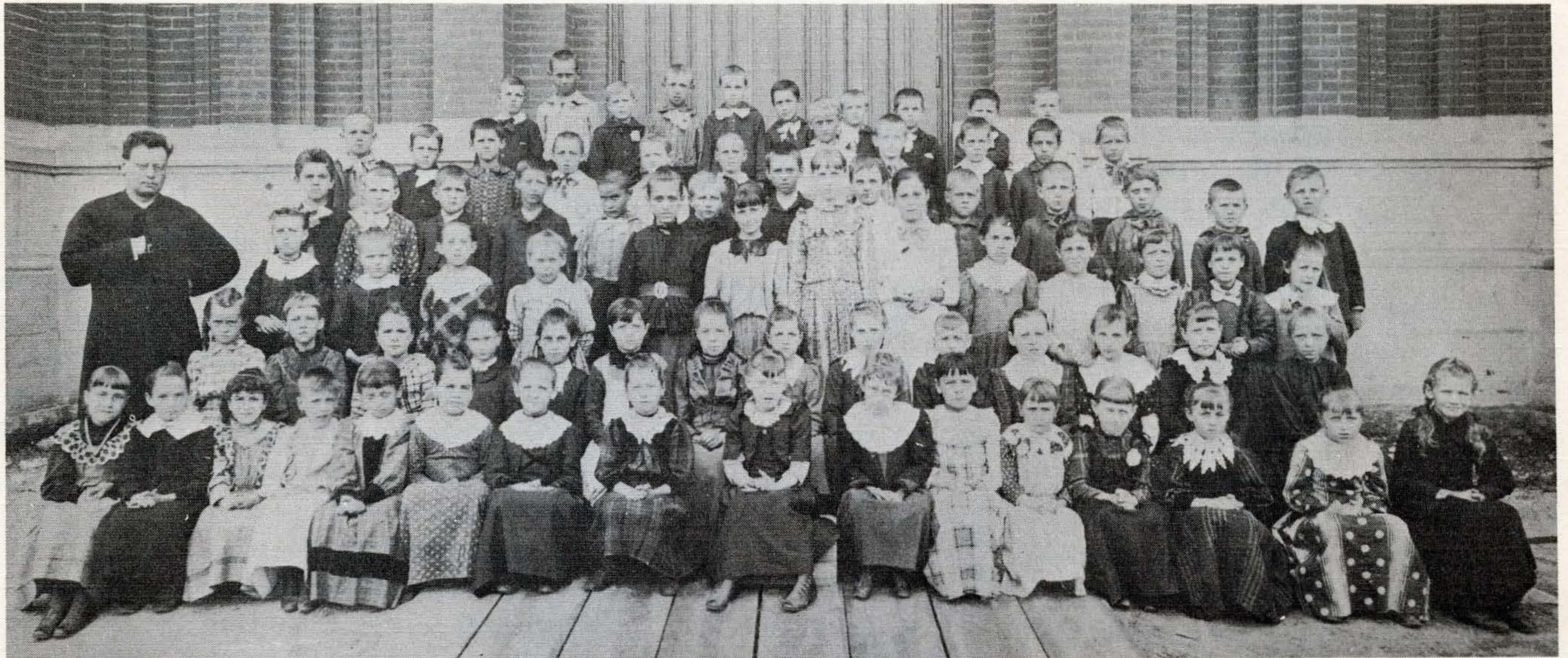
In September 1885 we register another first of the Parish. The Mallinckrodt Sisters of Christian Charity of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, began their long and faithful service to the Children of the Parish. Their first home was rented on Canfield Avenue near Chene.

It is not the purpose of this article to sketch anything more than the early beginnings of the Parish. Two further events, however, merit our attention. The first of these is the building of the permanent Church which is still in existence, and in excellent condition after 68 years of continuous service. Shortly after the founding of the Parish, 3 Masses were already necessary to accommodate the people and the temporary Church was overcrowded. Therefore, on March 30, 1891 the first sod was turned for the new Church. It was dedicated by Bishop John S. Foley on February 14, 1892. The cost was the remarkably low figure of approximately \$47,000.00. The second event of great interest to Parishioners of that time was the elevation of their most notable son to the Priesthood — the Rev. John Augustine Kessler, who served as Bishop Foley's Secretary. The Parish had the happiness of witnessing his First Solemn Mass on July 10, 1892.

In concluding this article we deem it noteworthy to reprint the wording on a Memorial tablet to be found in the rear of the Church. The tablet speaks of the Founder of the Parish in these words, "Beloved of all, a zealous laborer in the Vineyard of the Lord, he watches over the flock entrusted to his care, through love, word and example." The last year before his death, Fr. Svensson, because of the terrible dearth of Priests, was left alone all week with only a Sunday Assistant to take care of 500 families. On the 27th day of May 1896 this good and zealous Priest departed this mortal life. May his soul rest in peace.



Old Church and Rectory



Father Svensson and children before the century, 1891



First picture of present Church, built 1891



Old church and present church around the turn of the century

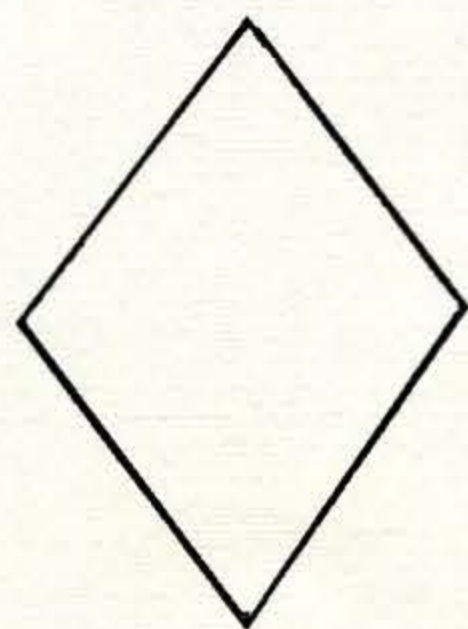


Second School and Sisters Convent at the first part of the century

Knights of St. John — Detroit, Michigan

OUR PEOPLE

With no desire, whatsoever, of incurring the label of engaging in maudlin sentimentality, those of us who know the history of St. Elizabeth Parish think that it was founded under Providential Circumstances. The "Angel of the Lord" must have peeked over the shoulder of good Bishop Borgess when, pen in hand, he inscribed the name of St. Elizabeth of Hungary as the Patroness of the Parish, "on the commons" at Canfield and McDougall Avenues. Historians record that this saintly Queen spent all of her too short reign in feeding GOD'S POOR and the UNFORTUNATE. So too, it was designed from on high that St. Elizabeth Parish of Detroit, emulating the example of its Patroness, should from its founding, be chiefly devoted in works of Mercy for the poor, the neglected, the immigrant. No Parish in the Archdiocese can match the variety of nationalities to be found on its roster. Founded in 1885 as an off-shoot of St. Joseph Parish and as a "German language" parish, it soon became apparent that it also had to take care of the group of Italian families already living in the Parish confines. Fortunately, Fr. Svensson had learned Italian in Milan while taking his Ecclesiastical Studies. Shortly after the Parish was founded, the Kaschoubs in the neighborhood wanted to send their children to the Parish School — so also did some of the Polish people in the immediate vicinity of the school. Bishop Gallagher in 1931 sent a permanent Italian Priest, the Rev. Emil Capano to assist in taking care of the 800 families of Italians now living in the Parish. Then came the influx of first-generation foreigners from West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York, of all types of nationalities. To all of these St. Elizabeth School was a haven of refuge, and the Church a solace of hope. Last but not least came the Negroes who now occupy 2,258 homes formerly occupied by the various language groups mentioned above. To all of these, through all the years, St. Elizabeth Parish has extended open arms of welcome even as her Patroness the great St. Elizabeth did before her. At the moment, the handful of Priests and Sisters remaining to take care of this Major Apostolic work is most inadequate. Let us all pray to St. Elizabeth that she will restore to her Mission Field the workers that are needed to carry on this Apostolic Work.



OUR PEOPLE



A portion of the 1600 of our people who attended the Pastor's Feast Day Celebration.

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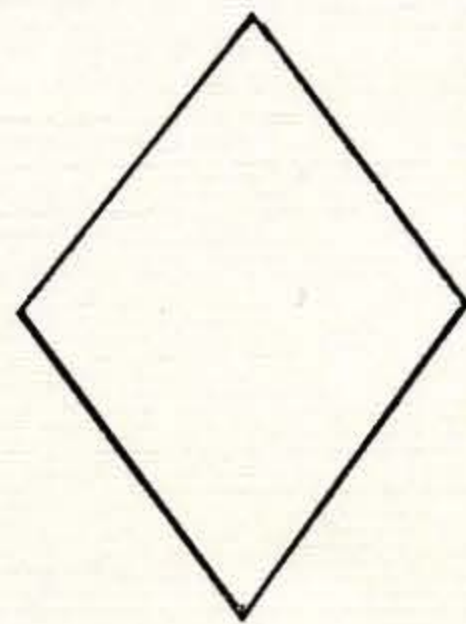
FORMER PASTORS

In order to understand the role of the pastor, the true nature of a parish must first be understood. The parish is the Church in miniature. Since the parish is a part of the whole Church, it too can truly be called the Mystical Body of Christ. To throw further light on the greatness of the pastor's position, it is important to understand that he bears a triple relationship: to Christ, to his parish, and to his spiritual children.

The pastor of a parish is the representative of Christ, and, therefore, as head of the parish he is head of the Mystical Body in miniature. In the pastor, Christ Himself takes on a visible appearance, becoming visible to the parishioners. The words of Consecration powerfully illustrate this. They are pronounced in the first person, in the Name of Christ: "This is *my* Body."

The pastor's relation to his parish is that of the bridegroom and the parish is his bride. To paraphrase the words of St. Paul concerning the married state, applying them to the pastor and the parish: "Pastor, love your parishioners, just as Christ also loved His Church, and delivered Himself up for her that He might sanctify her, cleansing her in the bath of water by means of the word; in order that He might present to Himself the Church in all her glory, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she might be holy and without blemish. Even thus ought the pastor love his parishioners as his own body. The pastor who loves his parishioners, loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh: on the contrary he nourishes and cherishes it as Christ also does the Church."

The relationship that the pastor bears to his parishioners is that of fatherhood. His people are his children. Through Baptism he begets them and brings them into the life of the parish; through Holy Communion he nourishes that life and brings it to maturity. The pastor is a true father to each individual, giving to them his personal interests and individual attention. Every pastor must strive to know each one of his people as his own child. As a father shares everyone's needs, joys, and sorrows, he is the principal advisor and friend to all his spiritual children. In a word, he must become "All things to all men."



OUR FORMER PASTORS



REV. ANTHONY SVENSSON
Founder of
St. Elizabeth Parish
1885 — 1896



REV. ANTHONY TERNES
Second Pastor
1897 — 1927

REV. WILLIAM SCHULTE
Third Pastor
1927 — 1942



FORMER ASSISTANTS



Rev. Joseph Spaeth
1892 — 1893



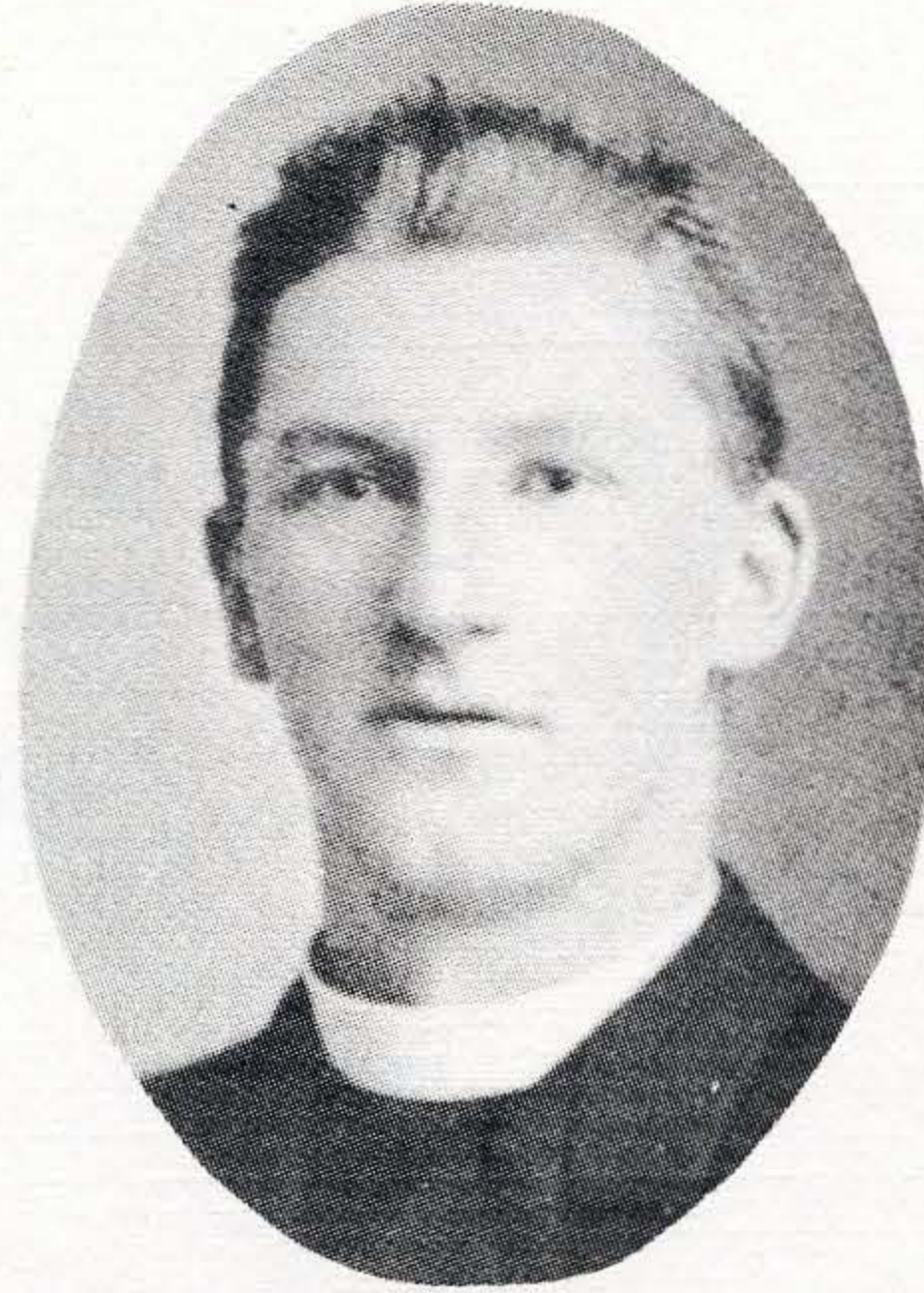
Rev. James Reichenbach
1895 — 1896



Rev. Reynold Kuehnel
1896 — 1902



Rev. Stephen Wittliff
1902



Rev. Hubert Klenner
1902 — 1906



Rev. Alexander Mayer
1906 — 1917



Rev. Leo Von Mach
1906 — 1906



Rev. Emmet Halfpenny
1907 — 1910



Rev. Leo Huver
1910 — 1917



Rev. Joseph Schuler
1917 — 1922



Rev. George Schliesch
1917 — 1922



Rev. Joseph Stauss
1920 — 1926



Rev. Frank Kaufman
1922 — 1932



Rev. Bernard Loehner
1922 — 1925



Rev. Frank Malin
1926



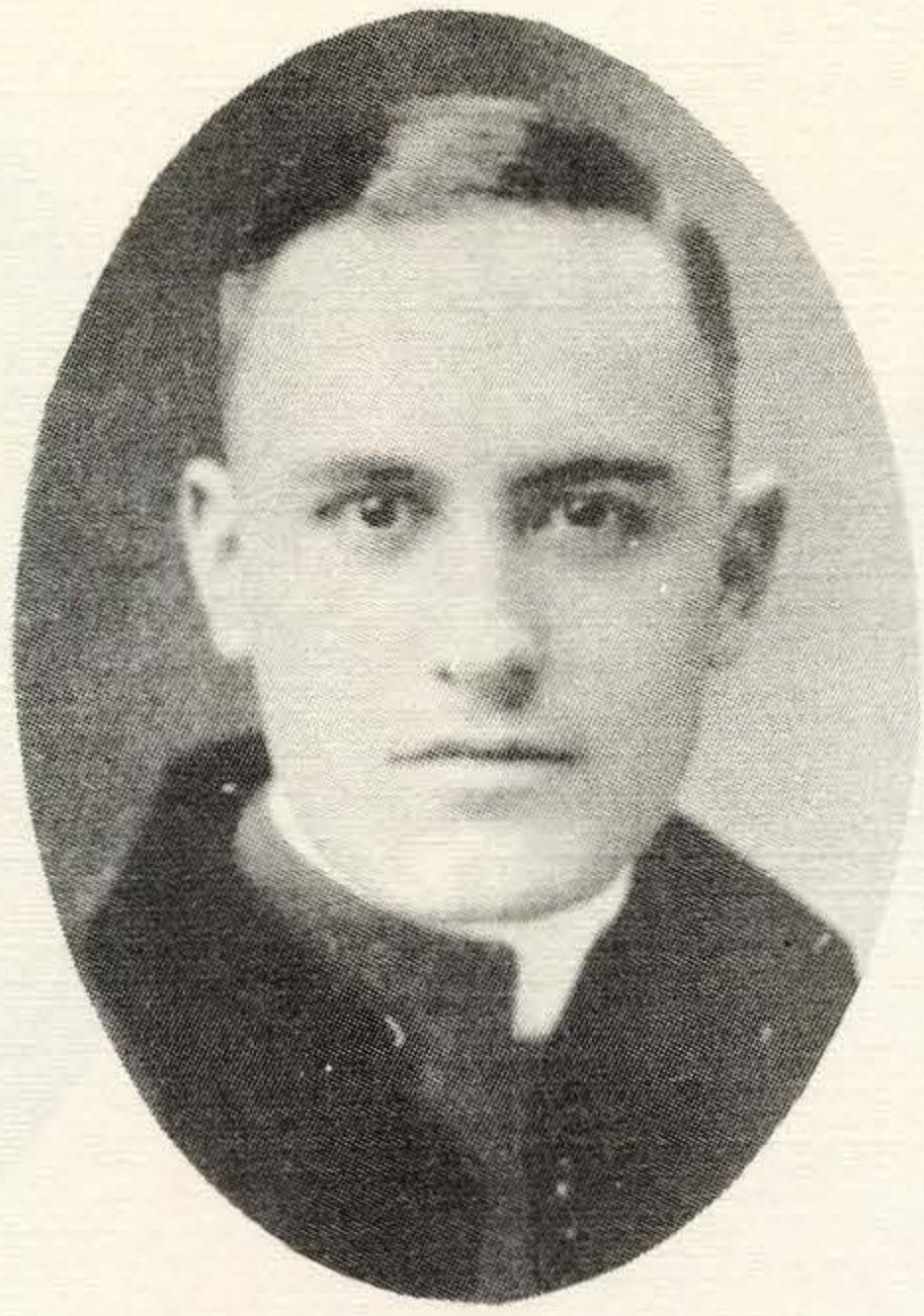
Rev. Bernard Geller
1926 — 1929



Rev. George Stern
1929 — 1930



Rev. Albert George
1926



Rev. Philip Lariviere
1933 — 1934



Rev. Aloysius P. Hafner



Rev. Emil A. Capono



Rev. Arnold F. Schneider



Rev. Henry G. Fabry

We regret that pictures were not available for the following former assistants
. . . Rev. John Schmidt, Rev. Leo Theisen and Rev. Herbert Weier.



Rev. Robert Pomponi



Rev. Arthur Oldani

Rev. Richard Thomas

Rev. Joseph Noelke



Rev. Arthur Oldani

Rev. George Stromske

Rev. Joseph Noelke



Rev. Joseph Noelke

Rev. Anthony Bologna

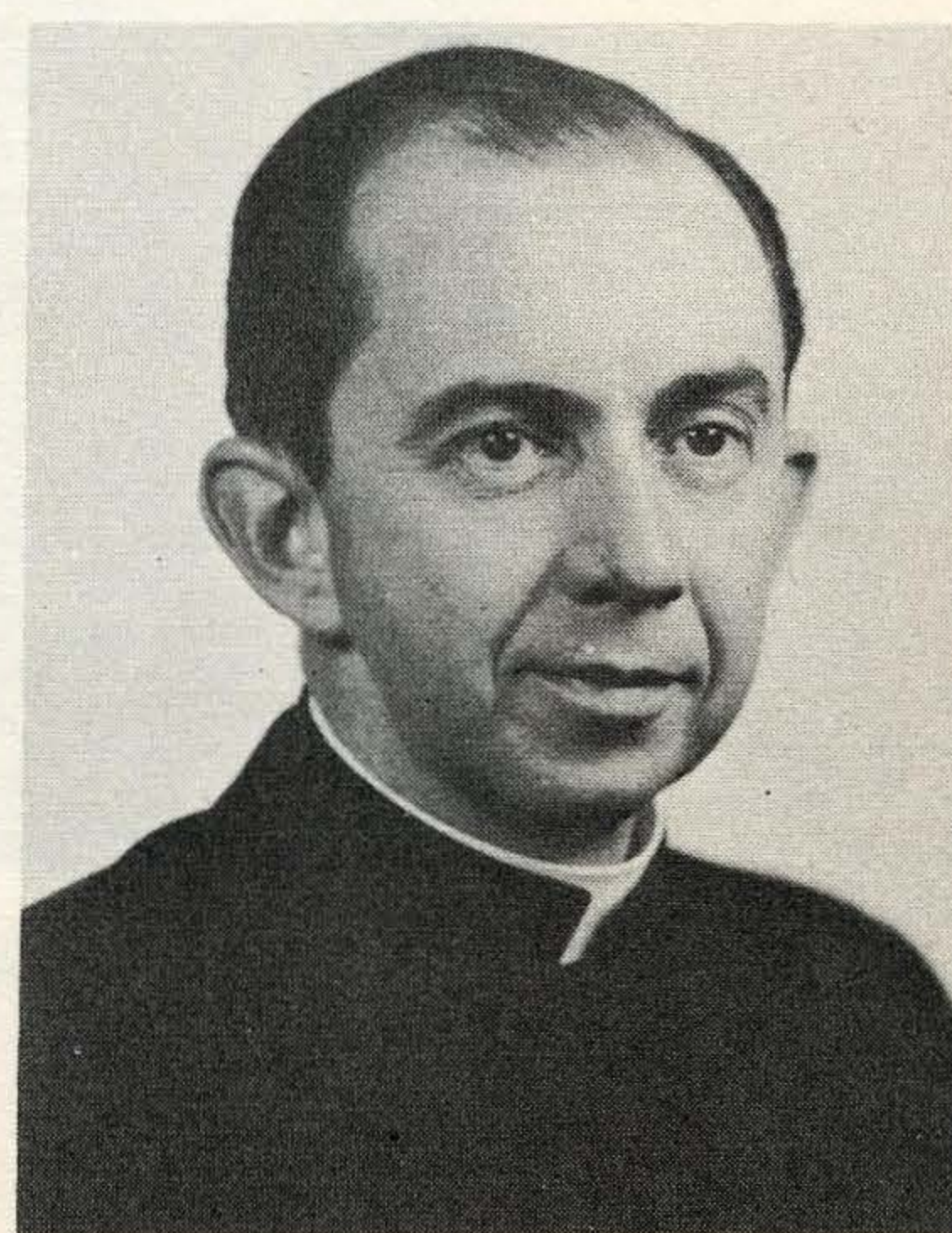
Rev. George Stromske



Rev. Carl Groth



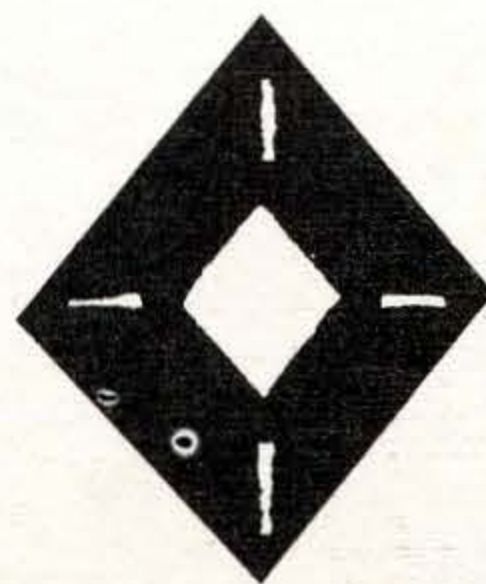
Rev. Nicholas Ghelfi



Rev. Walter Burke

OUR CHURCH

When the Holy Trinity in Divine Compassion decided that God the Father should send His only Son into the world to save Mankind, those thoughtful souls who witnessed the scene at Bethlehem, realized that a momentous time in history had arrived. And when in turn some thirty-three years later the Son of God decided that He would remain with us in His Sacramental Presence on Our Altars — a serious problem arose. How could mere man build a fitting temple to house the Majesty of God. It was a far cry from the humble Crib of Bethlehem to Constantine's Temple, but ever since that time, followers of Jesus Christ in all climes and in all nations have vied with one another to build suitable temples to house their Sacramental Lord. And so it was that on March 30, 1891, the people of St. Elizabeth, led by Fr. Svensson, their Pastor, turned the first sod in preparaion for the erection of their Parish Church. Walter Meier was the Architect. The Osebold family, who lived in the Parish, and were wood carvers of some note in the City, were employed to do all the woodwork. The excellence of their work is proven by the fact that their handiwork still stands in a well preserved condition. It is to the credit of the Pastor and the Architect that they chose a fine old Romanesque type of Church patterned after those in Munster, Germany. In this way they felt they were preserving the decorum that should always attend an edifice that pretends to be the House of God. In preparation for the Silver Jubilee of the Parish in 1910 — Fr. Ternes, the second Pastor, embellished the Sanctuary by adding a beautiful Italian tile floor. Fr. Schulte, the third Pastor, in planning for the Golden Jubilee of the Parish made numerous improvements, the chief of which was the complete redecoration of the Church. In 1943, the present Pastor, recast the side Sanctuary Niches of our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph. He built 4 new Confessionals in the transepts and added 2 side vestibules with separate exists. At this time also the present Church Decoration was executed by John Kirsch of Milwaukee. The beautiful polychrome, handcarved Baldachin, which now enhances the Sanctuary together with all its appurtenances was installed in 1945. All through the years the people of St. Elizabeth have loved their Church. They are often heard to say that "they can pray in it." With Jacob of old, they admit, "that this indeed is the House of God and Gate of Heaven."





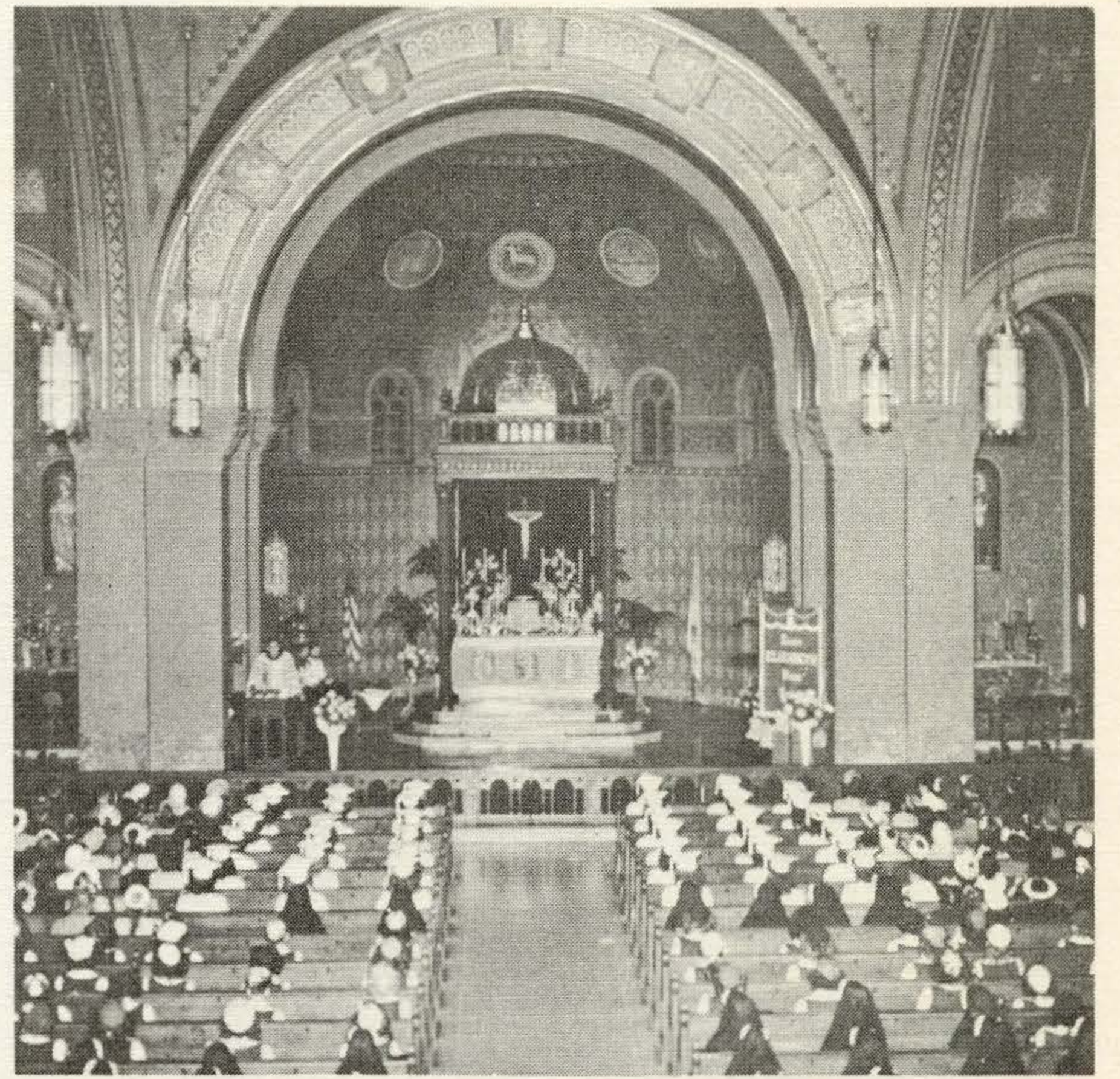
The exterior of the church (present)



The interior of the Church (Present)



The Church redecorated in 1943



Commencement Day, 1948



Cardinal Mooney's Benediction during dedication of the new Recreation Center



Monsignor Pfeffer counsels the High School students after Daily Mass



The Holy Eucharist, center of all our activities



Dedication to our Blessed Mother



Archbishop Dearden on his first visit to our Parish — Confirmation March 1, 1959



Old interior in Fr. Svensson's time



Funeral of Fr. Ternes, 1937



The Church redecorated in Fr. Schulte's time.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE PARISH

If we measure the success of a family by the number of vocations that come from it, then we must say that St. Elizabeth's has been a most successful Parish. The number of our young people who have answered the call to the Religious Life is Legion. Only God can estimate the eternal worth of just one of these dedicated lives. With pride, then, do we present this glorious list of the honored Sons and Daughters of this Parish:

SONS OF THE PARISH

Rev. John A. Kessler.....1892	Rev. Carlton Krause1940
Rev. John A. Koelzer.....1902	Rev. Peter Decker, S.J.....1940
Rev. William P. Schulte.....1906	Rev. Robert Bretz1940
Rev. Frank A. Malin.....1908	Rev. Ferdinand Wolber1940
Rev. George G. Schliesch.....1913	Rev. Donald Kuntz1941
Rev. Laurence Dorr1920	Rev. Edwin Schroeder1941
Rev. Anthony Hummel1922	Rev. Marvin Young1941
Rev. Charles Dohring1922	Rev. Raymond Maiberger1942
Rev. Henry Koelzer1923	Rev. Thmoas Shields1943
Rev. Edward Majewske1923	Rev. Francis Stocker, C.S.Sp.....1943
Rev. Vincent Alfes1924	Rev. Raymond Marshall1944
Rev. Joseph Polohoske1924	Rev. William Roosen1947
Rev. Elmer Betzing1925	Rev. Robert Rohlman1948
Rev. Francis Hummel1925	Rev. Edward Ritter1951
Brother John Neumann, O.M.Cap.....1925	Rev. Emanuel Lotito1953
Rev. Gilbert Wenz.....1932 (Dec.)	Rev. Valentine Gattari1954
Rev. Adolph Oser1933	Rev. A. Leonard Reemer.....1954
Rev. John McCormack1934	Rev. William Keveney1956
Rev. Edward DuKrifki1935	Rev. Thomas Litka1959
Rev. Stanley Bowers1935	Brother Sebastian Meyer (Carmelite).....1959
Rev. John Wittstock1939	Rev. Richard Osebold1960
	Rev. Gregory Leville, O.M.I.....1960

DAUGHTERS OF THE PARISH

SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

SISTER PROVINCIAL

Mother M. Constance Hallman
 *Sister Fidelia Schulte
 *Sister Raymunda Schulte
 *Sister Paschalis Klefmann
 Sister Alinda Kramer
 *Sister Antoinetta Valentine
 Sister Ermina Link
 Sister Cortona Pordon
 *Sister Herwigis Ross
 *Sister Theotonia Petz
 Sister Johanelle Monnig
 Sister Itha Stein
 Sister Expedita Reiser
 Sister Lorenza Hummel
 Sister Eberharda Zieske
 Sister Lia Koerber
 *Sister Gertrude Primer
 Sister Louise Feldmann
 *Sister Alphonsis Hummel
 Sister Irmentrud Thomas
 *Sister Telesphora Reily
 *Sister Trudberta Osebold
 Sister Elma Samp
 Sister Iva Redman
 *Sister Marie Huhn
 Sister Leonita Zemens
 Sister Rosalima Glowinski
 Sister Igna Alef
 *Sister Elsa Zieske
 *Sister Therese Tempski
 *Sister Joesetta Condne
 Sister Dolorose Brozo
 Sister Catherine Mertens
 Sister Anthony Monnig
 *Sister Emily Valierre
 Sister Winifred O'Kon
 Sister Lucy Bruss
 Sister Nora Frantz
 Sister Celia Myszkier
 Sister Elizabeth Hildebrandt
 Sister Louis Corbat
 *Sister Albert Stieber
 Sister Harriette Stieber
 Sister Agnes Wilczynski
 Sister Bertha Stieber
 Sister Eugenia Schenk
 Sister Tegakwita Myskier
 *Sister Leonore Gawronski

Sister Victoria O'Keefe
 Sister Bernarda Templin
 Sister Bonaventure Whitcher
 Sister Leocadia Salbert
 Sister Campion Breske
 Sister DePaul Whitcher

Postulants:

Mary Louise Coccimiglio
 Suzanne Kaufmann

Aspirants:

Margaret Mielke
 Pauline Sharon
 Judith Pidgeon

SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Sister M. Alexandrine Kress
 Sister Marie Jeanette Meyers
 Sister Mary Tracy
 Sister Mary Donald Janes
 Sister Marie Arthur Hessler
 Sister Mary Edwin Schroeder

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

Sister Mary Monica Lothammer
 Sister Mary Constantine Schulte
 Sister Mary Roger Fontana
 Sister M. Frances Louise Krapp

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Sister Mary Gilbert Wenz
 Sister Bernard Marie Wenz
 Sister M. Johanna Scholtges
 Sister M. Genevieve Gressle
 Sister M. Clementine Gressle
 Sister M. Eustasia Lang
 Sister M. Arthur Ann Kurkowski
 Sister M. Alphonsa Scola
 Sister Mary Joel Bork

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ADRIAN

Sister Mary Raphael McDonald
 Sister M. Catherine Anthony Schmid
 Sister M. Ellen Charlotte Cox
 Sister M. Helen Charlotte Cox

ORDER OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Emanuela M. Wagner — Sister Mary Illuminata

ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT

Mary Adams — Sister Mary Julian

SISTERS OF ST. URSULA

Eva Marshall — Sister Pia

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

Dorothy Kopp — Sister Truda

SISTERS OF BON SECOURS

Beatrice Novac — Postulant

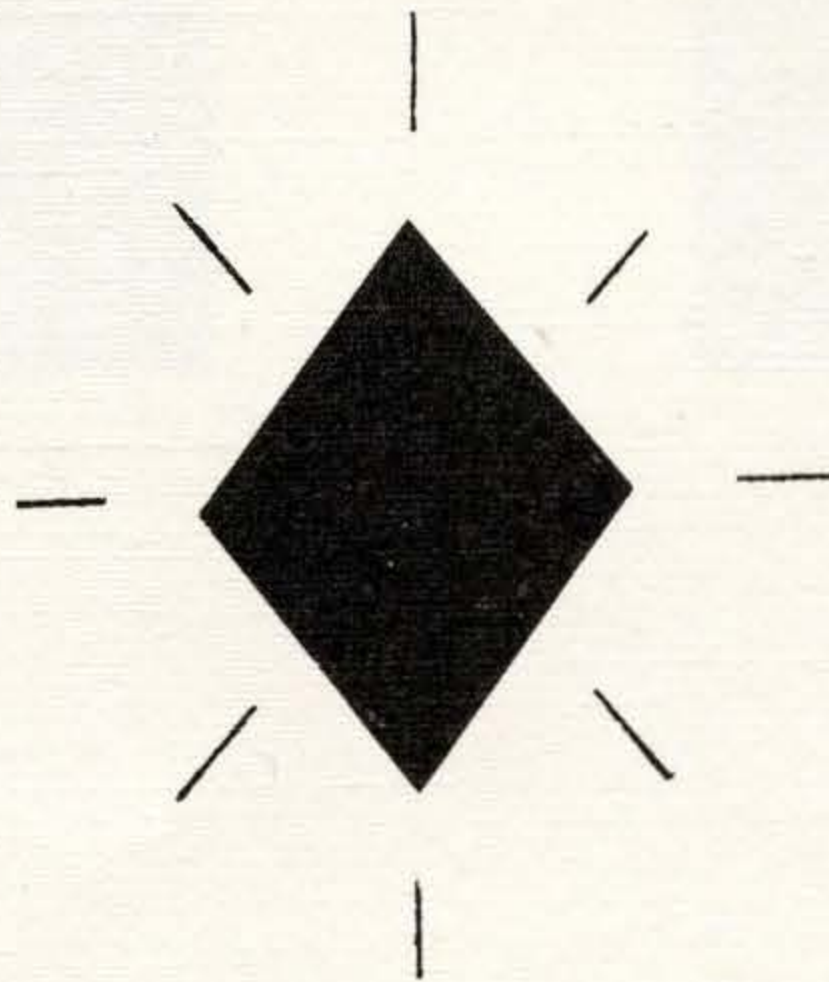
FIRST SONS OF THE PARISH



Rev. John A. Kessler



Rev. Frank A. Malin



Rev. John A. Koelzer

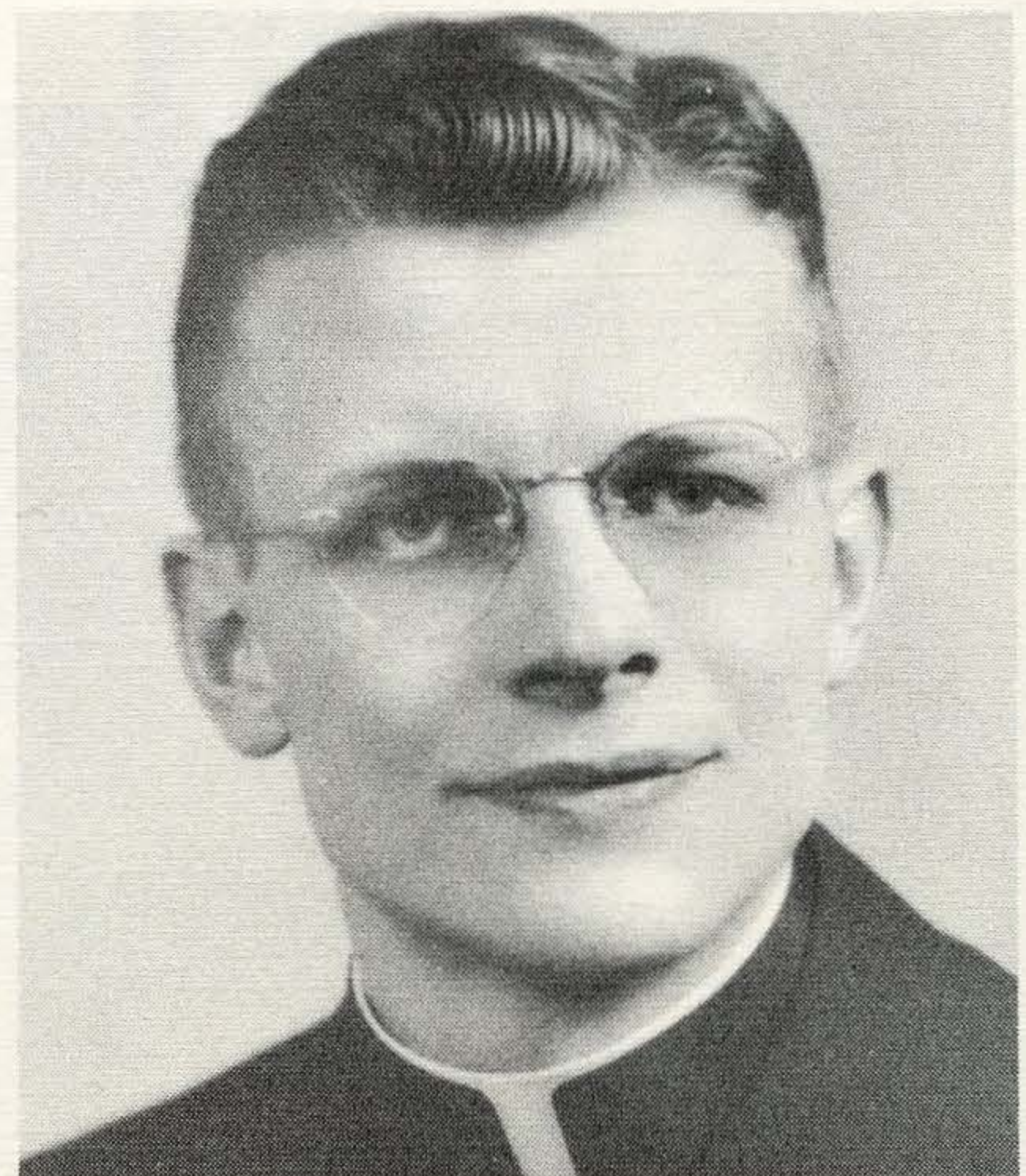


Rev. William P. Schulte

RECENT SONS OF THE PARISH



Rev. Emmanuel Cotito



Rev. Edward Ritter

OUR SCHOOL



A view of our school



Monsignor Blesses the Class Rings



General Science and Biology Room



Commercial Department



Drafting Room





Future Orators



General Science



Sister M. Richard, Present Superior of St. Elizabeth School



Sister Juliana, Present Principal of St. Elizabeth School

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SCHOOL STATISTICS

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	No. of Sisters	No. of Pupils	YEAR	PRINCIPAL	No. of Sisters	No. of Pupils
1885	Sister Adelgunda	3	170	1922	Sister Hilda	24	1120
1886	"	3	170	1923	"	24	919
1887	"	3	170	1924	"	26	1091
1888	Sister Meinwerka	4	225	1925	Sister Helena	26	1193
1889	"	4	315	1926	**	29	1244
1890	"	5	425	1927	"	29	1313
1891	"	6	376	1928	"	29	1400
1892	"	7	506	1929	"	29	1420
1893	"	7	545	1930	"	30	1584
1894	"	8	550	1931	Sister Theocleta	32	1557
1895	"	8	567	1932	"	31	1409
1896	"	9	600	1933	"	30	1311
1897	"	10	617	1934	"	33	1151
1898	"	10	650	1935	"	32	1250
1899	"	11	692	1936	"	33	1303
1900	"	11	700	1937	Sister Alacoque	35	1318
1901	"	11	700	1938	Sister Helena	36	1306
1902	"	11	724	1939	"	36	1302
1903	"	11	750	1940	"	36	1267
1904	"	11	735	1941	"	37	1192
1905	"	12	770	1942	"	36	1234
1906	"	15	770	1943	"	37	1297
1907	Sister Annunciata	16	760	1944	Sister Salvatoris	37	1287
1908	"	16	750	1945	Sister Conradine	37	1186
1909	"	16	750	1946	"	36	1159
1910	"	17	800	1947	"	33	1073
1911	"	19	860	1948	"	33	1134
1912	"	18	917	1949	"	32	1110
1913	"	20	920	1950	"	31	1101
1914	"	21	978	1951	"	28	1051
1915	"	20	969	1952	Sister Richard	28	991
1916	"	22	1076	1953	"	28	944
1917	"	22	1054	1954	"	25	934
1918	"	24	1014	1955	"	26	927
1919	Sister Henriette	23	1022	1956	"	26	917
1920	Sister Pacifica	24	1080	1957	"	25	932
1921	"	23	1092	1958	Sister Salvatoris	21	917
				1959	Sister Richard	21	821
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VISITING SISTERS

It is the mind of the Church that everyone in a given neighborhood "belongs" to the Parish. This includes non-Catholics, as well. The Pastor, therefore, must consider himself responsible for "other sheep" as much as those who are Catholics.

With this in mind Monsignor Pfeffer arranged to have the Home Visitors of Mary do Missionary Work in St. Elizabeth's neighborhood. These zealous Nuns have worked untiringly for five summers, bringing the good news of the Gospel to every non-Catholic home in the Parish, welcoming them to the Church, encouraging them to attend the Adult Inquiry Classes, and helping them with personal and family problems.

In this splendid and Apostolic effort they have been eminently successful and must be commended by the people whom they have helped as well as the Parish which arranged their coming.



The Home Visitors of Mary

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PARISH SOCIETIES

A parish is not merely an organization, but rather an organism,—one that is spiritual and supernatural. The unity and order achieved by an organization remains an external unity and order, but an organism is characterized, first and foremost, by life. Its activity is internal and vital. Its life is by far its most important factor. In an organism life comes first, then unity and order follow as direct consequences. Organizations can be of great help to an organism; they can prepare a smooth road for its life and activity; they can help unfold and develop that life, but cannot of themselves produce life.

Just as a living being requires organs through which it operates, the organism of the Parish requires organizations to bring it into contact with the needs of the parishioners and to form them into a unified spiritual family.

To meet the specific needs of the Parish, the following organizations have rendered incalculable service in a quiet, steadfast manner:

Church Committee

Ushers' Club

Choir

Holy Name Society

Christian Mothers' Confraternity, Sr. & Jr.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Legion of Mary

Knights of St. John, Commandery 128

Young Ladies Sodality

Only God, Himself, could know, appreciate, and reward the hundreds of dedicated people for all they have done through these organizations; it is eminently fitting here to offer a tribute to them for their accomplishments and to encourage the parishioners of today to strive to immitate their good example.

