

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH HIGHLANDTOWN



ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

100th Anniversary



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Introduction

If stones can dream, the rough granite blocks of Sacred Heart must be the happiest of Rip van Winkles. But their dreams are more than dreams, they are glorious facts. These dreams became true because they were touched by the finger-tips of God and by the smile of Mary His Mother; because of the Priests, Brothers and Sisters, the men, women and children whose loyalty, love and sacrifice made this parish of Sacred Heart a truly living parish. Yes, perhaps stones can dream after all This booklet is an attempt to tell how those dreams came true.

As we turn the pages of the past and review the history of our parish, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are amazed at the goodness of God to us. In the brief account which follows we have attempted to catch a reflection of that goodness in the more pertinent events of a 100 years and have dedicated this work as well as our centennial year to Blessed Bishop John N. Neumann whose life was so characteristic of ardent parochial zeal.

With grateful heart we raise our jubilant voice in a hymn of thanks and a glad Magnificat to God and Our Mother of Perpetual Help for the cataracts of grace and the bountiful fruits of 100 years.

Gratitude to the many Bishops of this diocese throughout the years whose interest is indelibly written in the history which we today commemorate.

Gratitude to that long line of Redemptorist Priests and Brothers who by the grace of God, built the faith upon solid foundations—a faith that penetrated the bone and blood of parishioners, making it a vitalizing force in their daily conduct and an inspiration to so many youthful souls to dedicate their lives to God and neighbor in the ranks of the Priesthood and Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Nor can we ever forget to pay a well-merited tribute of gratitude to the good School Sisters of Notre Dame. Their monumental work of devotion and sacrifice in the education of the youth of the parish enabled its sons and daughters to take their rightful place at the side of their fellowmen, walking through life intellectually, with head among the stars and conscience attuned to the Voice of God. Only heaven can evaluate minutely the generous and pious contribution of these good Sisters to the parish of Sacred Heart.

To all our parishioners, to our Patrons and Donors of our Centenary Jubilee, sincerest congratulations! May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, under whose patronage our parish has flourished, bless our Jubilee and continue to prosper Christ's sacramental life in our parish.

The Centenary Committee

Catholic Center
320 Cathedral Street
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Office of the Archbishop

September 27, 1973

To the Priests, Sisters, and Members of the Laity
of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish:

I am very pleased to take advantage of this special occasion to send my greetings and sincere congratulations to you as you observe the centennial anniversary of the establishment of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

The parish history is an illustrious one, highlighted by the dedicated service of many fine priests of the Redemptorist Order, by the untiring efforts of the School Sisters of Notre Dame who have rendered such valuable assistance in staffing the parish school, and by the strong and faithful support which is characteristic of the parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus. The facilities which have been erected over the years are a real manifestation of the generosity of a loyal and devoted community of people, and you can rightfully be proud of these accomplishments.

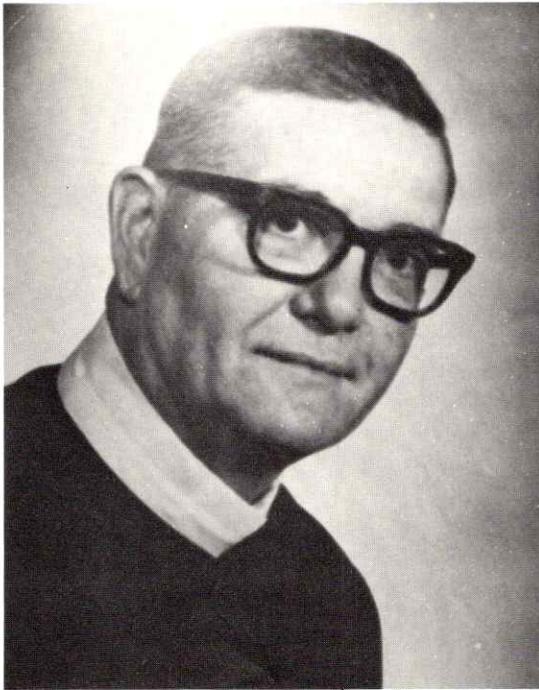
It is my hope and prayer that the future will bring to you continued blessings and the richest of God's graces.

With every good wish and renewed felicitations, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Laurence Cardinal Shehan

Archbishop of Baltimore



Redemptorist Fathers

Provincial Residence
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October 7, 1973

Very Rev. Arthur J. Mahoney, C.S.S.R., Pastor
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
600 South Conkling Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Very Reverend and dear Father Mahoney:

The grand occasion of your Centennial Jubilee offers an excellent opportunity for me to express publicly a profound appreciation and esteem for the work of God that has flourished in Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for a hundred years.

From its very humble beginning as an "outmission" of St. Michael's, it was evidently touched by the finger of God, for it flourished into the most thriving parish in the Highlandtown section of Baltimore. Surely its remarkable record of souls - their struggles and triumphs, their joys and sorrows, is a story written in the blood and toil and prayers of devoted faithful parishioners, constituting a glorious page in the history of the Church in that particular corner of the world.

Your jubilee is a most happy event, not only for you and your parishioners, but for all the priests and brothers of the Baltimore Province of Redemptorists, who are so intimate a part of your centennial history. We join with you in your solemn hymn of thanksgiving for a century of graces and blessings poured out so copiously upon the parish of Sacred Heart. May the pages of history still to be written in the parish equal and surpass the pages of the past.

May our Divine Redeemer bless your jubilee and Mary his Mother be always your Perpetual Help.

Wishing you and the members of your flock every blessing, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph L. Kerins, C.S.S.R.
Provincial Superior



Sacred Heart Church
500 S. Conkling Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

October 7, 1973

My dear Parishioners:

I bring to you my heartfelt congratulations and prayerful good wishes on this grand occasion of your centenary celebration. Gladly do I write to you of my sincere sentiments of gratitude to God for the blessings He poured out upon you during the past century.

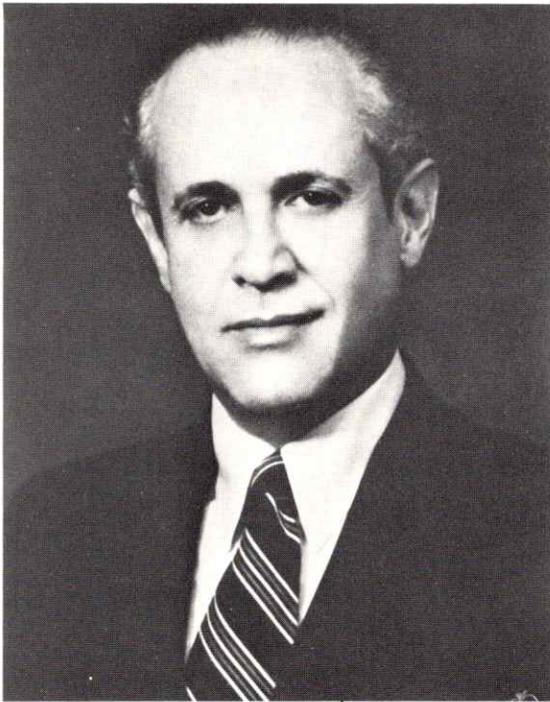
Your Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been to you and your forefathers more than a structure of stone; it has been your trusting place with God, the rendezvous with your Creator. Within this Church the innermost depths of your souls have been touched; the highest and holiest moments of your lives have been enjoyed.

There at the baptismal font, by the command of Christ, the holy water was poured on your heads and the heads of your children to emancipate you from the slavery of sin and flood your souls with the grace of Christian freedom. There in the confessional, through holy absolution, came the grace and divine power to live up to the exalted ideals of your religion. There in the sanctuary you stood to promise unbreakable fidelity in the sacrament of matrimony and with the grace of Confirmation came the strength to defend the rights of Christ before an unbelieving world. There in your Church, in that tabernacle, behind that door, resides Christ, God, in the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist, the Sacrament of His holy, real presence among you. From its pulpit emanated the Word of God, keeping you aware of your moral obligations to God and society.

For a century of years your Church has been the outlet of divine power that has been tapped so often by you and those who have gone before to admit the strength of Heaven into your souls at the most sacred moments of your lives, and a consoling preparation for the hour of death.

For us of to-day, your history is a vivid inspiration! To all the good wishes and homages that have been offered, I join my own and pray that God will continue to bless you and your children in the future as He has done in the years gone by.

Arthur J. Mahoney, C.S.R.
Arthur J. Mahoney, C.S.R.
Pastor.



MARVIN MANDEL
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MARYLAND
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404
November 1, 1973

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARVIN MANDEL

It is with genuine pleasure that I extend greetings and congratulations to the members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church as you celebrate the Church's 100th Anniversary.

Throughout the years, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church has made vital contributions to the moral and spiritual well-being of the entire Baltimore community.

Your Church also has been instrumental in stimulating greater involvement in the affairs of your community, and in encouraging its members to give something of themselves for the benefit of others.

I fully understand that the achievements of the Church are a source of great pride to each of you and an inspiration to continue the good works that were begun here a century ago.

Helping to resolve the problems of the day that affect your community is a big challenge. Only through your continued involvement and participation will that challenge be met.

As you celebrate this milestone, I send you my best wishes for the coming years.

Sincerely,


Governor



WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Mayor
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January 31, 1973

The Reverend Arthur Mahoney, CSsR
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
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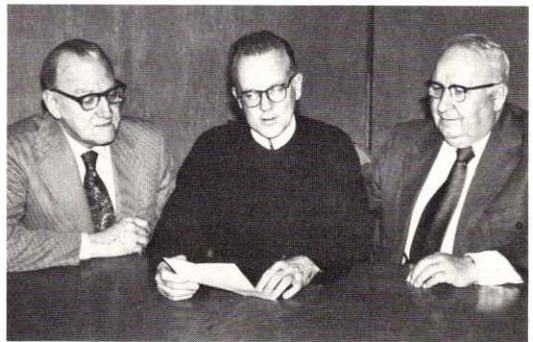
Dear Father Mahoney:

As Mayor of Baltimore City, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to you, the members of the clergy, and the congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church upon its One Hundredth Anniversary.

During its first century of existence, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church has made a valuable contribution to the Highlandtown section of Baltimore through its spiritual guidance and its education of thousands of children. These contributions have done much to preserve the religious and moral fiber of the community and are a credit to the members of your parish. Please accept my best wishes upon this important event in the ministry of your church.

Sincerely,


Mayor



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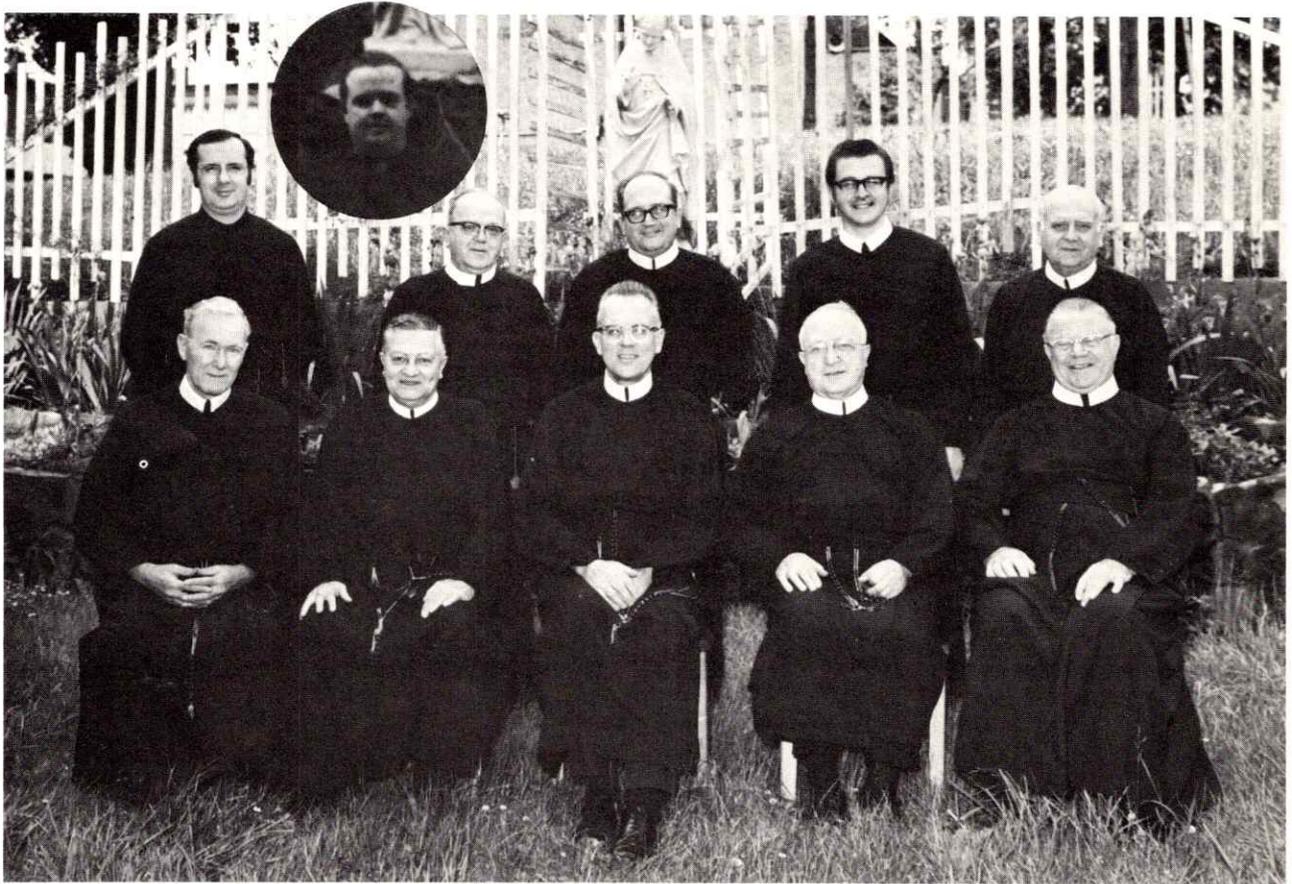
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With Blessed John Neumann

In Baltimore

1841 - 1858

1841

- May 21: First came as a novice priest to Baltimore to St. John's (now St. Alphonsus'). Remained only three days for lack of accommodations.
Dec. 8: Returns as novice priest to complete his novitiate at St. James' where the Redemptorists lived during the rebuilding of St. John's.

1842

- Jan. 16: Takes vows at St. James'. First Redemptorist professed in New World.
Jan. 22: Baptizes Richard D. Donnelly. His first of 175 Baptisms at St. James'.
Jan. 30: Preached first sermon as a Redemptorist at St. James'.
Feb. 6: Performs first of 54 marriages at St. James' between John Horner and Anna Maris Meikle. Published first edition of his German Catechism.

1844

- March 5: Left Baltimore to assume the rectorship of St. Philomena's, Pittsburgh.

1847

- Jan. 27: Relieved of rectorship because of illness. Returns to St. Alphonsus', Baltimore.
Feb. 7: Appointed Superior of all Redemptorists in America. Lived at St. Alphonsus', Baltimore. Instrument of Divine Providence in establishment of School Sisters of Notre Dame, who called him their Father in America. From 1847 to 1852 he guided them and gave them their first schools in America, namely St. James', St. Alphonsus', and St. Michael's. Helped infuse new life into the Oblate Sisters of Divine Providence, who were threatened with disbandment. 1847-1852 Confessor and Spiritual Director of the Carmelite Nuns.

1848

- Feb. 10: Became a naturalized U. S. citizen at District of Maryland Circuit Court.
Dec. 8: Relieved of Superiorship of Redemptorists in America. Made Consultor to his successor and was again superior whilst his successor was in Europe for 6 months.

1849

His German Bible History appears in schools of St. James', St. Alphonsus' and St. Michael's, Baltimore.

1850

- Nov. St. Joseph's Fullerton, formally established. Father Neumann one of first priests to labor there. Redemptorists had worked there forming parish since 1841.

1851

- Jan. 2: Appointed first canonical Superior of St. Alphonsus'.
At the end of year chosen as confessor of Archbishop Kenrick.

1852

- March 20: Notified at St. Alphonsus' of selection as 4th Bishop of Philadelphia.
March 28: Consecrated at St. Alphonsus', Baltimore. That evening delivered his farewell sermon to parishioners of St. Alphonsus'. They presented him with a chalice, a ring, a pectoral cross and chain, together with other episcopal ornaments.
March 29: Pays farewell visit to school children of St. Alphonsus', St. James', and St. Michael's.
March 30: Departs for Philadelphia to assume his duties as their Bishop.
May 9: Returns to Baltimore to attend First Plenary Council.

1855

- May 5: Returns to Baltimore for 8th Provincial Council.

1857

- May 3: Returns to Baltimore for consecration of Most Rev. William Elder.
Aug 2: Lays the corner-stone of St. Michael's Church, Baltimore.

1858

- May 2 to 9: Returns to Baltimore for 9th Provincial Council. LAST VISIT TO BALTIMORE BEFORE HIS DEATH JANUARY 5, 1860.

1959

Stained glass window placed in new Cathedral of Mary Our Queen inscribed: "Venerable John Nepomucene Neumann (1811-1860), Bohemian born, Redemptorist, consecrated 4th Bishop of Philadelphia at St. Alphonsus', Baltimore, March 28, 1852, and Promoter of Forty Hours Devotion in America."

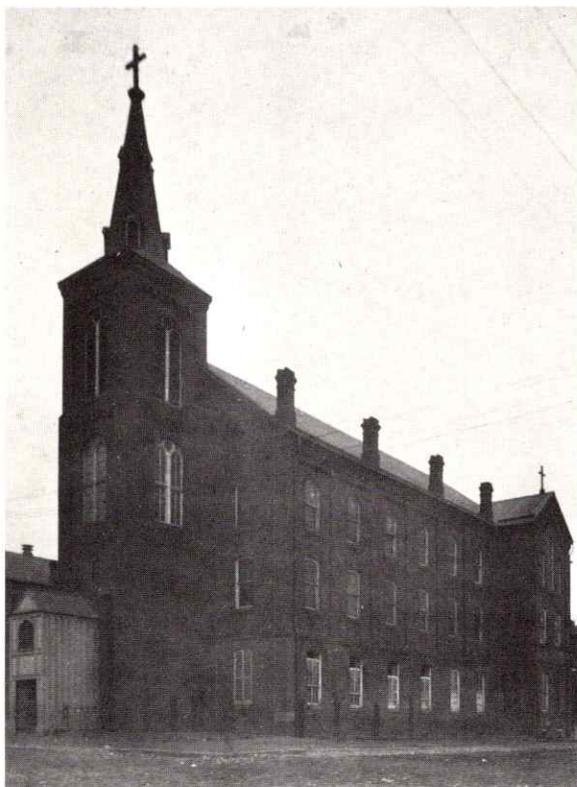
1963

A full size stained window featuring American saints, including Bishop Neumann, in installed in the south vestibule of St. Vincent's Church, 120 N. Front St., Baltimore, Md.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

The First 25 Years 1873 - 1898

The mother church of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church is St. Michael's on Lombard and Wolfe Streets. This parish was organized by the Redemptorists in 1845 to minister to the German-speaking Catholics of Fell's Point. By 1870, St. Michael's parish had expanded to the east beyond Fell's Point and beyond the city limits into Canton in Baltimore County. On the north, Canton rose to a height known as Snake Hill; at the top of this hill around 1850 were a few scattered houses at the intersection of two country roads, now Eastern Ave. and Conkling St. Snake Hill, eventually given the more dignified name of Highland Town, attracted two industries that played a part in the history of Sacred Heart parish, breweries and slaughter houses. The proprietors of these were mostly of German descent as were their employees. It was this influx of German-speaking Catholics in Highlandtown and Canton that led to the establishment of Sacred Heart Parish.



First Church and School

In the beginning these Catholics of Canton and Highlandtown walked the mile and a half

or more from their homes to St. Michael's church and school or rode the Green line horse car that ran on Toone St. St. Brigid's at Ellwood Ave. and Hudson St. was nearer but was attended by English-speaking, mostly Irish. Because of the distance, many were missing Mass and neglecting the Sacraments.

With the approval of Archbishop James Roosevelt Bailey, the Rector of St. Michael's, Father Peter Zimmer, appointed Father Joseph Mueller to take a census and collect money for a church in Canton and Highlandtown. In 1873, property was bought in Highlandtown, near Wiessner's Park. It was the old Fort Marshall, a quadrangular earthwork that had been erected by the Federal Government during the Civil War to guard the approaches of Ft. McHenry but now dismantled and abandoned. It was bounded by First, Third and Aliceanna Sts. and Canton Ave., the present day Highland Ave., Conkling St., Foster Ave. and Fleet St. These streets were not cut through at the time. The leveling of the earthworks for the church was begun at once at the non-existent corner of Highland and Foster Aves. Early photos of the church show part of the Fort still standing. By December 1873, the first story was completed. Two rooms on the north side were fitted for classrooms, and the room on the south side was the church. Here the first Mass was celebrated on December 28, 1873. The school opened in January 1874 with 116 children and one lay teacher. Another teacher was soon added to the staff, who also doubled as organist and sacristan.

A happy day it was when the School Sisters of Notre Dame came to teach in April 1876. At first the Sisters had to travel back and forth from St. Michael's convent, but when school reopened in September the three story convent on Foster Ave. was ready for the three Sisters.

The church, now no longer standing, was completed and blessed in 1874. On the first floor were the class-rooms and auditorium. Above it the church rose to a height of two stories, with organ loft and gallery and a steeple surmounted by a cross. The construction was superintended by Bro. Augustine; the artistic decoration was the work of Bro. Hilary.

Sacred Heart Parish

After four years, in 1878, the mission of Sacred Heart was sufficiently established to become the parish of Sacred Heart, independent of St. Michael's. The daughter had come of age. The first Pastor, Father Francis Van Emstede, with Father Eberhardt and Brothers Polycarp and Nepomuk came to live at Sacred Heart church. Their living quarters were in part of the first floor that was not used for school with a small frame annex. In 1884 a two story rectory was built on Foster Ave. adjoining the church. By this time the rest of Fort Marshall had been leveled and the rector overlooked a pleasant garden and a boat pond where the present church stands.

Parish Hall

A parish hall on Highland Ave., north of the church was the next building. It provided a place to hold social gatherings and run bazaars and suppers to pay off the debt. Leveling the ground and cutting through the streets had been a costly operation. The hall was a one story structure. A second story was added later by Father John Klang so that the entire first floor of the church could be used for a school, which was constantly growing.

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Provision was made for a parish cemetery in 1889 when Father Henry Urben, in the name of the Redemptorists, bought property on German Hill Road about three miles from the church. Later, more property was added and a wooden chapel built at the top of the hill on the site of the present stone chapel.

Bay View and Gardenville

While all this activity was going on in Sacred Heart parish, the Fathers were asked to give their services in other fields. Bay View Hospital, now Baltimore City Hospitals, was in the spiritual care of St. Patrick's. In 1878, Archbishop Gibbons, who was once an assistant at St. Patrick's, asked the Redemptorists to take over this responsibility and suggested the priests of Sacred Heart. Father Henry Urben was sent to Sacred Heart for this purpose. From then on Mass was offered there every Sunday and Holyday.

St. Anthony's in Gardenville was organized and the church built by a diocesan priest. After him, the Redemptorists of St. James assumed the temporary pastorate, but in 1890 the Sacred Heart community in the person of Father August Weisser took charge of St. Anthony's. During his pastorate the school was built and the Franciscan Sisters came to teach. This arrangement lasted till 1898, when the parish was returned to a diocesan pastor.

First Solemn Mass

A sure sign that a parish has come of age when it begets spiritual children, priests and religious. Such an event took place with the ordination of Father John Mattes at the Collegium Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. He celebrated his First Solemn Mass on June 16, 1895, having as sub-deacon his brother Balthasar, who was studying for the priesthood.

First Jubilee-25 Years-1873-1898

Twenty-five years had passed since Father Mueller took possession of the mound of earth that was Fort Marshall. The ground was leveled, the property fenced, the streets cut through. Here was the church, the school, the parish hall, the rectory, the convent. Far out on German Hill road was God's Acre where slept many of the men and the women who had contributed so much to bring about this miracle.

The Second 25 Years - 1898 - 1923

Four years after the Silver Jubilee, the debt for the 25 years of growth was paid for. 1902 closed with a surplus of \$318.99. The next step was to make plans for the bright future—a new church. The number of parishioners had increased from about 2,000 in 1878 to over 4,000 in 1901 and Highlandtown was a growing community.

The Rector, Father Edward Weigel planned a church and a rectory. The corner stone of the church on Foster Ave. and Conkling St. was laid on October 4, 1908. The entire exterior of the church, except for the main tower was completed the following year. The original plan called for a tower considerably higher than the present one, displaying a clock on each face. Only the lower church was finished

interiorly. It was thought neither wise nor necessary to go further into debt at this time. The high altar came from St. Michael's; the communion rail from St. James; the side altars from the old church. The lower church was blessed and the first Mass offered October 31, 1909. On January 31, 1910, the Fathers and Brothers moved into the new rectory at 600 South Conkling St.

The old church and rectory were remodeled as an addition to the school and for the first time Sacred Heart had a kindergarten.

First World War Years

The first World War, which pitted the United States against Germany and Austria was a trying experience for German national parishes. Although the language of Sacred Heart parish was changing with more and more services in English, still the parish was deeply rooted in German traditions. Ties of kinship and bonds of sentiment bound many of German descent to the Fatherland. However, when a clearcut decision had to be made in 1917 there was no divided allegiance. At the end of the war there were two hundred Sacred Heart men in the armed services, and the service banner showed 15 gold stars for those who would never return. During the war the Fathers of Sacred Heart served as civilian chaplains at Camp Holabird.

The Upper Church

After the war, work was begun on the interior of the upper church. On June 11, 1922 the upper church was solemnly blessed. Shortly after the opening of the church the picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was removed from the side altar and placed in the side chapel where it is now. It was the same picture that Father Van Emstede enshrined in the old church, blessed by Pope Leo XIII and enriched with many indulgences. Further adornment of the upper church was done by Father Michael Will when in 1938 the bare walls were artistically painted and a wainscot of Florentine marble enclosed the whole church. A large painting in the dome above the high altar depicts the adoration of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus by the Redemptorists and Redemptoristines who have been canonized or declared blessed or venerable or servants of God.

Fleet Street School

As one chapter in parish history closes another opens. Even before the upper church was blessed, ground was broken for a new school on the corner of Highland Ave. and Fleet St. On February 26, 1923 the school was ready and without ceremony, the children marched in and took possession. There were now over 1,300 children in school. The basement was large and provided with 2 bowling alleys (2 more were added in 1925). Now that the old church was not needed for school it was made into a basketball court.



It was 1923, 25 more years had passed. Now there was a new church and rectory, a new school building and enlarged and renovated convent, the property enclosed with a brick wall and the sidewalks paved. This called for a celebration. In September Archbishop Curley celebrated a Pontifical High Mass to honor the occasion.

The 3rd 25 Years - 1923 - 1948

Rosedale

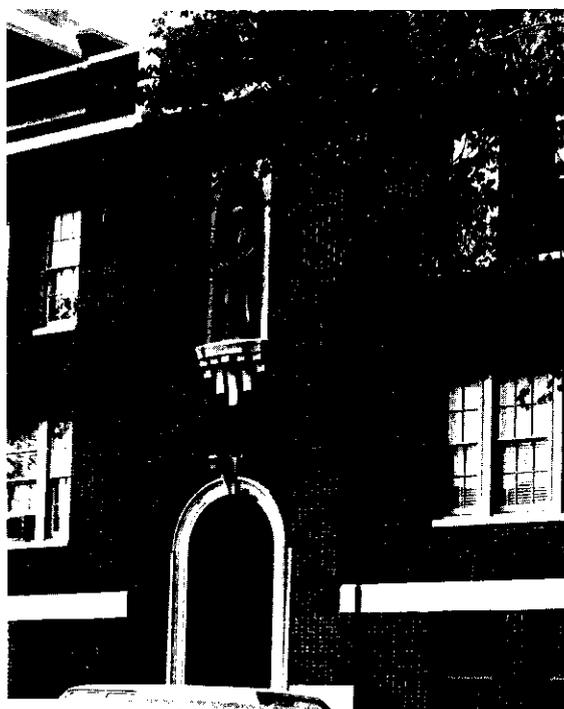
The third quarter of Sacred Heart history began with the Redemptorists of Sacred Heart founding a new parish in Rosedale, about five miles out on Philadelphia Road. A census of Rosedale had been taken by Father John Braun, before he was transferred to New York. At the request of Archbishop Curley, the

Rector, Father Henry Otterbein made a further census of Chesaco Park, Stemmers Run and Maryland Manor. As a result of this census of Catholic families, it was deemed necessary to have a church in this area. Ground was broken for a church, or rather a hall that would serve as a temporary church on Chesaco Ave. near Philadelphia Road. The first Sunday, November 1, 1925, the Masses were attended by about 500 people. On December 20 after a one week mission the church was solemnly blessed by Archbishop Curley and dedicated to the Redemptorist saint, Clement Mary Hofbauer. Father Philip Holtman was placed in charge. In 1932 he was replaced by Father Albert Zudeck who built the school and convent and brought the Franciscan Sisters to teach. In June 1933 Father Zudeck bade farewell to the people of Rosedale and the parish was turned over to the diocesan priests in the person of Father Joseph Curran.



**New School, Auditorium,
Administration Building**

The year 1932 saw the erection of the new school, administration building and auditorium. In 1931 the country was in the deep shadow of the great depression. Faced with this situation, Father John Beierschmidt boldly seized the opportunity to help the unemployed and the parish at one stroke. There was a real need for a new school building. Some children were still in the first floor of the 1873 building. In



the contract with E. Eyring and Sons Company was a clause stipulating that unskilled labor was to be recruited from a list of men of the parish with families who were out of work. The old church was razed in February and by October the school, administration building and auditorium were completed. On Sunday, October 9, 1932 the cornerstone was inserted in the place prepared for it in the corner of the school at Foster and Highland Aves. The school was blessed by Archbishop Curley. Two unique features of this school building deserve special mention. They linked the spirit of progress of 1932 with the treasured memories of 1873. Rising above the building at the corner of Highland and Foster Aves. is a replica of the upper part of the steeple that graced the first church topped by the same cross, so that the cross is now about in the same place it was before. The cornerstone too is the same one that was used in the first church and is in about the same place where it was laid by Archbishop Bailey in 1873.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

It was Father Beierschmidt who introduced the weekly Novena devotions in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in 1930. These devotions, week after week, have brought countless blessings to the parish.

World War II

Father Francis X. Dotzler was Rector during the dark days of World War II. Three memorials of Sacred Heart keep alive the memory of those who died in the service of their country: the memorial tablet in front of the rectory and the ten Elm trees on Conkling Street and Foster Avenue, dedicated in May 1944.



The other memorial is unique, the Purple Heart monstrosity. In its design are embodied twenty Purple Heart decorations; ten of these were given by those wounded, ten by families of men killed in action. The gold was contributed by parishioners. Two priests of the community left their duties here to serve as chaplains in the army, Father Charles Augenthaler and Father Charles Schrufer. Father John Tribull was civilian chaplain at Fort Holabird.

Holy Redeemer Chapel

Holy Redeemer Chapel was built by Father Dotzler to accommodate the Sacred Heart parishioners who lived beyond the underpass on Eastern Avenue. The first Mass in this area was offered by Father Mark Knoll in the Nemo Theater on Eastern Avenue near Oldham St. on September 24, 1944. Later Mass was said in a vacant store at 619 South Oldham Street but was soon discontinued. After many delays, a chapel was finally completed and dedicated to the Most Holy Redeemer. It is a Quonset type of steel construction, a type developed during the war. The front wall is brick ornamented by a cross and arched windows.

The first Masses were celebrated on Rosary Sunday, October 5, 1947. Father Paul Stroh, who had come as Rector of Sacred Heart in August, preached at the Masses.

75th Jubilee

In November 1948, Sacred Heart parish celebrated its third Jubilee, its 75th, to mark 25 more years of service to God and the community. An elaborate celebration commemorated this Diamond Jubilee which opened on November 7 with a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 A.M. with the Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, Archbishop of Baltimore, as celebrant.

Seventy-five years had not dimmed the lustre and loyalty of Sacred Heart parishioners. The fine group of buildings—school with a large basement-hall and kitchen, an up-to-date auditorium and administration building, scout huts, rectory and convent, attest to the devotion of Sacred Heart parish. The people could justly be proud of this magnificent arrangement of parochial buildings, the establishment of a new parish at Rosedale and the mission chapel of the Most Holy Redeemer—all a lasting

tribute to the faith and devotion of the parishioners during the past 75 years. Sacred Heart parish was still on the move.

The Fourth 25 Years-1948-1973

As this new era of parish life began, we borrow a page from its annuals to report on the thriving vitality of its existence at this time. From the census cards of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart we find the following report of Sacred Heart parish: 2,690 families, 2,916 Catholic men, 3,027 Catholic women, 2,927 children—in all 8,870 souls; school enrollment 1,373.

Sacred Heart had come to the status of a full-fledged parish; she had arrived at such maturity to be called a "Mother of Churches." We have seen above how in 1890 she administered to the needs of St. Anthony's parish in Gardenville for a period of eight years, establishing there a parochial school. In 1925 she established the parish of St. Clement Mary Hofbauer in Rosedale; and in 1944 she witnessed the humble beginnings of Holy Redeemer Chapel. In this new period of her life she was destined to mother new communities of the faithful.

St. Gerard Chapel

Mass had been said for the first time in April of 1944 by Father Raymond Knab, C.S.S.R. in a large new development known as O'Donnell Heights at O'Donnell St. and Dundalk Avenue. There, for a period of ten years religious services were offered for the populace of that section in the O'Donnell Heights' Recreation Center, through the courtesy of the Baltimore Housing Authority Corporation. It was only in August of 1952 that a definite site was selected for the erection of the mission chapel of St. Gerard. Six lots were purchased for this purpose on Gusryan Street and four were donated by the builders of the Housing Project. Two years later on December 12, 1954, and after ten years of steady growth, the ground-breaking ceremony for the new chapel took place. Then on June 26, 1955, on the 50th anniversary of the canonization of St. Gerard, the new chapel in his honor, was solemnly dedicated by Archbishop Keough. St. Gerard's continues today as an out-mission of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish, and though not a parish in its own right, it has all the religious activities and religious societies of an established parish. Its active Archconfraternity

of the Holy Family and the Holy Name Society are the mainstay of all its religious and social functions, under the dynamic leadership of Rev. Joseph Fisher, the present assistant pastor.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish

As a loving mother ever solicitous for the welfare of her children, it was about this same period that Sacred Heart parish was looking with concern to the growing community in Eastwood in the neighborhood of Baltimore City Hospitals. Father Joseph Strauss, C.S.S.R. who exercised his apostolate in that area organized the taking of a census which revealed 1,700 souls actually in that vicinity, and the prospect of future growth as a new housing development continued its progress. In December of 1950 a store was rented at 442 South Drew Street as a center of activity for the people, with Father James Kerr, C.S.S.R. as its spiritual director. Two masses were said each Sunday at the store-front and within a month increased to four because of the growing attendance. In September of 1951 it was found necessary to move to larger quarters, to what was once the Veterans' School at the corner of Drew Street. Father Clement Pirnak, C.S.S.R., now in charge of the area, converted the store at 442 Drew

Street into a Kindergarten and employed the services of Mrs. Helen Cooper as teacher. The Sunday Mass schedule was now increased to six masses. It was announced at this time that the future parish would be under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima.

In February of 1952 property was brought at Eastern Avenue and Drew Streets for \$52,500 and later in August an additional 9½ acres were purchased from the City for \$85,000.

March 29, 1953 witnessed the ground breaking ceremony of the first permanent site of Our Lady of Fatima parish at Pratt and Hornel Streets. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima was carried in procession through Eastwood accompanied by a guard of honor of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Mayor D'Alessandro and members of the City Council and a multitude of parishioners. On June 28th the corner-stone was laid. On December 24, 1953



the first mass was said in the lower floor of the new building on Pratt Street. On April 19, 1954 Our Lady of Fatima was declared an independent community with Father Paul Stroh as Superior. Another daughter of Sacred Heart parish had come of age.

Improvements

Interested primarily in the spiritual welfare of her children, the parish of Sacred Heart was not unsolicitous for their material comfort. Highlighting the many improvements of the last quarter century, we find a complete renovation and redecoration of the Lower Church in the summer months of 1950, a large section

of the school yard macadamized for the children's recreation and the installation of an automatic bell system in the church tower.

In 1952 a sizable addition to the east side of the Sisters' Convent was constructed, comprising a new community room, chapel, guest room, laundry and lavatory facilities at an estimated cost of \$75,000.00. Through the generosity of Sacred Heart parishioners, a house to house campaign brought about a happy solution to this project and the gratitude of our Sisters for more spacious and better living accommodations.

On the Feast of Christ the King in October of 1955 Holy Mass was again fittingly celebrated after months of painstaking redecorating and embellishment in the Upper Church. Paintings were cleansed and restored, new color schemes employed on the walls and ceiling, cork-tiling on the floors and a complete new system of lighting transformed the interior of the church into a thing of beauty and a fitting house for our loving Savior. The satisfying results well justified the \$34,000.00 expended in accomplishing this needed restoration.

In July of 1960 Archbishop Keough was approached for permission to construct a combination church and basement-hall to replace the Quonset hut used as Holy Redeemer Chapel. The Quonset hut was to be demolished and while construction was in progress, Sunday Mass was offered in Union Hall on Oldham Street and weekly Mass at Schau's grocery



store, 5305 Macon Street. Additional property, 60 x 100 ft. was acquired as a gift from the William Cowan Trucking Firm. Tribute is due to Very Rev. John Flick, the rector, under whom the project was begun, and his able assistant Father Edward Slattery who worked so zealously on all the details of construction, at a cost of about \$260,000.00; tribute too to the loyal parishioners of Holy Redeemer Chapel who so generously cooperated through the years in meeting this Chapel obligation. Formal dedication took place on May 27, 1962 at 11 o'clock. The mass officiated by the then Archbishop Lawrence Shehan had a host of appreciative parishioners in attendance who to this day express that appreciation in their loyal support of this modern, efficient and reverently beautiful House of Worship, now under the guiding hand of Rev. James Connolly, assistant Pastor.

A welcomed innovation which afforded an element of comfort to Sacred Heart church services was the installation of air-conditioning in the Upper Church in the summer of 1964. Materials furnished for this operation carried a price-tag of \$21,584.00; supplementary work not pertaining to initial installation brought that figure close to \$25,000.00. This expense was happily defrayed, thanks in great part to a well-ordered system of collection envelopes and a generous contribution of the Holy Name Society from a successful parish bull-roast.

In view of the above outstanding benefits to the parish in the last quarter of a century, other vast improvements, too numerous to mention, necessarily have taken place as the parish gracefully advanced in age. It must be obvious that the enormous expense involved would have made any of the projects unthinkable without the loyalty, devotion, love and generosity of dedicated parishioners.

Catholic Charities Appeal

This devotion manifested itself not only in blessings which accrued to themselves and their parish but often touched a resounding heart-felt chord in helping the needy elsewhere, the less fortunate members of Christ, as seen in their whole-hearted response to the yearly Catholic Charity Appeal. It was an appeal that required organization and was never found wanting in the hosts of men and women who gave freely and cheerfully of their time in enlisting the support of parishioners to fulfill this moral obligation of love for their neighbor.

Suffield Drive

Most heart-warming was the response of Sacred Heart parishioners to an appeal of the Redemptorist Fathers of the Baltimore Province for financial assistance in constructing a Seminary at Suffield, Connecticut. Under the auspices of the New York Community Counseling Service, the parishioners pledge to contribute to this fund the sum of \$90,000.00, payable within a two-year period. Warm hearts and generous hands brought that total to over \$100,000.00. Most gratifying and appropriate was the encomium of the rector, Rev. Carl Langhirt, in speaking to his loyal, faithful parishioners: "Your generosity has reached across many states to a corner of Connecticut. There your names are written in the corridors, and in the class-rooms, in the sculptured stone and purest marble of every altar of one of the most highly honored of God's institutions, to be prayerfully remembered by today's Redemptorists as well as others yet unborn, some of whom, please God, will be your own sons and sons of your children who perhaps will have received the gift of a priestly vocation, because you were good enough to help build for them a home." These sentiments are but the faint echo of a broader, deeper, fuller symphony of gratitude played upon a thousand altars by as many Redemptorists, who daily offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



First Solemn Masses

The call of Christ to follow Him in the Holy Priesthood, as in the first 75 years, so too in these last 25 years, found responsive generous hearts in the sons of loyal parishioners, accepting Christ's loving invitation to labor for Him

in His vineyard. It was really home-coming day for all the parishioners as they welcomed the return of 16 sons for the celebration of their First Solemn Mass. This first awakening of their desire for the Priesthood stemmed, first of all, from devout and pious parents, and grew to maturity in the atmosphere of the moral training that pervaded all the class-day hours of Sacred Heart Parochial School.

School

To this day Sacred Heart of Jesus School maintains her tradition of almost a hundred years of educating the children of the parish, aimed at developing the whole man, body and soul, in all his powers and skills, in the light of his real end and purpose in life—to know, love and serve God on earth and to be happy with Him in heaven. Catholic education is therefore the whole reason for the existence of our school, treating this world as important but not so important as the next; esteeming learning highly but virtue more highly.



First Row seated left to right: Sister Mary Clementa, SSND; Sister Mary Peregrine, SSND; Sister Mary Anthony, SSND; Sister Mary Constanza, SSND; Sister Maria, SSND; Sister Mary Elizabeth, SSND. Second Row standing left to right: Miss Alice Palasik, Mrs. Gertrude DiMarcantonio, Miss Linda Grabowski, Mrs. Bette Nehmsmann, Miss Dolores Novak, Mrs. Agnes Cawthern, Miss Barbara Hodnett, Mrs. Marie Nuth. Third Row standing left to right: Sister Emily, SSND; Mrs. Joan Varholy; Sister Edna Marie, SSND; Sister Eva Marie, SSND; Sister Mary George, SSND; Sister Georgia Marie, SSND.

A formidable arm of support for our present day school is the existence of the Home School Association. It is an organization in the parish under the incumbent presidency of Mr. Thomas Varholy, which unites parents, sisters, teachers, priests, in their efforts to give the children the best in secular education and those spiritual and moral values to help them face the future with confidence and security. To a limited degree, the Association eases the tremendous financial burden of the school by their various social activities.



In the school year 1954-1955, enrollment at Sacred Heart School reached its peak with 1,519 pupils. (Interesting to note, at this time there were 19 sets of twins in the school.) But school enrollment registered a gradual decline through the last 15 years, due in great part to the growth of Our Lady of Fatima parish, and secondly, the trend of young married people moving to suburbia. The latest parish census of 1972 shows that in the last quarter century the number of families in the parish has dwindled to less than half of the number of 1948; the number of parishioners from 8,870 in 1948 to 3,538 in 1972, with today's school enrollment standing at 603.

Reduced school enrollment and the increased cost of living, not only here at our own school but for most of the schools of the Archdiocese, have brought about a financial and educational crisis. Plans at present are being carefully considered and seriously studied as a means of saving our Catholic Educational System.

Sisters' Jubilee

The present situation, however, does not dim the glory of the past that was Sacred Heart's. A shining gem amongst her treasures is the Diamond Jubilee of the coming of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, celebrated in the year 1951. Little did the two or three Sisters who 75 years before trudged the long

distance from St. Michael's Convent to Sacred Heart School realize that such an insignificant beginning would develop into such a tremendous plant. From four small rooms the school had grown into the largest establishment in Baltimore, enrolling over 1,400 pupils and a Convent housing 31 Nuns; 10,000 children owe to the Sisters their preparation for First Holy Communion; in three quarters of a century approximately 15,000 pupils entered Sacred Heart School under the Sisters' guiding hands. Each one of those 15,000 immortal souls received an indelible impress from their daily contact with the Sisters who for 75 years inculcated in thousands of children a sense of responsibility toward God and fellow-man and formed youth to assume and discharge with honor his duties to society. Only in eternity will we be able to measure the effect of that contact.

We bless the day Blessed Bishop Neumann befriended the School Sisters of Notre Dame when they first came from Bavaria in 1847 and confided to their care three Redemptorist schools in Baltimore; we give vibrant voice of approval to the following silent sentiments that must well up in the heart of every Sister of Notre Dame who has played a role in the unfolding history of Sacred Heart Parish.

"When we pass on, we hope to leave behind
Not worldly things for some unworthy hands,
But grateful mem'ries in the heart and mind
Of fellowmen to whom we have been kind."

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Functioning side by side with our parochial school is the School of Religion, better known as the C.C.D. or Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the youth of the parish attending Public Schools. It was on the 8th of September 1961 that the decree of erection was received from the office of the Archbishop. The why and wherefore of the C.C.D. is the realization that the soul of education is the education of the soul. Under the spiritual direction of Father Costanzo Antonellis, the presidency of Mrs. Stella Tuszynski and Vice-presidency of Mr. Frank Sherry, and Mrs. Rita Koubek as secretary, and a group of able assistants, classes are held weekly on Sunday mornings for an enrollment of 92 pupils, which represents between 55% and 60% of those at present attending Public Schools.



Superiors and Principals
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Community
of the School Sisters of Notre Dame

*Sr. M. Bede.....	1876-1877
*Sr. M. Elizabeth.....	1877-1878
*Sr. M. Landeline.....	1878-1881
*Sr. M. Damascene.....	1881-1894
*Sr. M. Vincens.....	1894-1910
*Sr. M. Cortona.....	1910-1913
*Sr. M. Flavia.....	1913-1915
*Sr. M. Ambrose.....	1915-1921
*Sr. M. Petra.....	1921-1927
*Sr. M. Flavia.....	1927-1933
*Sr. M. Constantia.....	1933-1936
*Sr. M. Sylvia.....	1936-1941
*Sr. M. Joanne.....	1941-1948
*St. M. Aloisie.....	1948-1954
*Sr. M. Alfonso.....	1954-1958
*Sr. M. Marlene.....	1958-1962
*Sr. M. Leonissa.....	1962-1968
Sr. M. Berlindis (Superior).....	1968-1970
Sr. M. Marlene (Superior).....	1970-
Sr. M. Dorinda (Principal).....	1968-1972
Sr. M. George (Principal).....	1972-

*Principal and Superior

Spiritual Growth

The essential and major part of the history of a parish is the story of souls, of their birth to the supernatural life in Baptism and their growth in divine love and union with God. Parish records indicate that during the last century up to this present publication, 24,829 infants were re-born in the waters of Baptism; 7,748 couples pledged their undying love in the sacrament of matrimony. While there is no record of the total number of Communion dis-

tributed in our Church, we know that the figure is literally in the millions. During the past 25 years along the Sacred Host and the Chalice containing the Precious Blood of our Redeemer were raised on high at least 89,000 times. Who can count or measure the graces and blessings this has brought to our people and to our community?

Mr. William Mueller



Among our blessings is Mr. William G. Mueller who as church-organist has rendered incomparable, distinguished service to Sacred Heart of Jesus parish. Following the footsteps of his father before him as organist for 30 years, Mr. Mueller began his services to Sacred Heart Church in August of 1926. Since that date to this he has never missed an appearance at the console whether for sickness, rain, snow, blizzard or otherwise, and this is the 47th year of his devoted faithful service, a service that included attendance at four daily week-day Masses, seven Masses on Sundays, novena devotions, funerals and wedding ceremonies. Roughly calculated, if a person assisted at Sunday Mass for 52 Sundays a year, it would take him six or seven hundred years to hear as many Masses at which Mr. Mueller played the organ and sang the liturgy. For his devotion and dependability Very Rev. James Donlan enrolled Mr. Mueller as an honorary member of the Redemptorist Congregation. We look forward to a happy day in 1976 to join William G. Mueller and his wife in celebrating not only their golden Jubilee of marriage but also his golden Jubilee as organist of Sacred Heart Church.

Holy Name Society

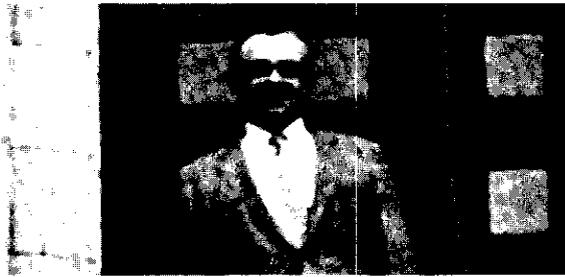
Bells of Jubilee will also ring out in 1974 as our Holy Name Society observes fifty years as a parish organization. It began in 1924 shortly after the Golden Jubilee of the parish when 460 men gathered in the Upper Church and heard the eloquent preacher Father Ignatius Smith, O.P. plead with the men to be faithful to its spiritual ideals; and Rev. (later Bishop) Peter L. Ireton, the diocesan spiritual director, declare that the establishing of the Holy Name branch at Sacred Heart was an event of the greatest significance, second only to the Holy Name Society's first establishment in the diocese.

Though membership today accompanies the size of today's parish, the Society's ideals are still aglow, generating warm enthusiasm, and under the aegis of the Society's president, Mr. Leo Nuedling, we find the members an active vanguard of all parish events—monthly Mass and Communion, sturdy workers at the parish carnival and substantial contributors to the church's financial needs by means of their annual successful bull and oyster-roasts.



Ushers

Emanating from the ranks of the Holy Name men is the outstanding society of Sacred Heart ushers, headed by Mr. Frederick Muehlberger. Custodians of order, we find them God's ever faithful sentinels at all ecclesiastical functions as well as harvesters of the faithful's gratuitous offerings destined for the endowment of the House of God and the maintenance of parochial projects.



Nocturnal Society

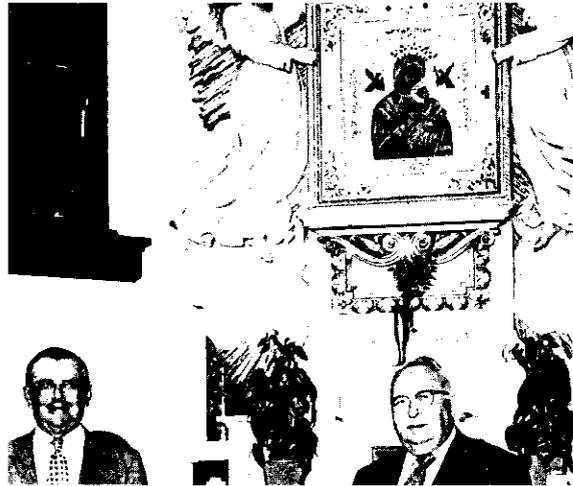
Surely of Divine inspiration was the thought conceived in the minds of the men of the Holy Name to establish in the parish the Society of Nocturnal Adoration. Unencumbered by material objectives and breathing solely the air of spirituality, the Society came into being on October 3, 1965 with the National Director, Father Hector Lemieux, giving the impetus, and the installation of the following directors who continue in office to this day: Mr. Bernard Dorn as president, Mr. Bernard Kuhl as Vice-president, Mr. Thomas Kuhl as treasurer and Mr. Thomas Rockstroh as recording secretary. Here was truly a Society of solid spirituality whose sole objective was adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the silent hours of the evening and night, to glorify God, to ask His forgiveness and make amends for sins committed.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Consonant with this devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is the weekly devotion on Firdays to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Sacred Heart parish has never been quiescent toward Mary nor her priests hesitant in preaching about her. From reports of past years the Perpetual Help Novena Service was never in competition with that of Boston or even of lesser parishes as far as attendance is concerned. The best years, we are told, were the years of the Second World War, but when the anxieties of that period subsided, attendance at the services diminished.

A hopeful sign for the future is the news that the Bishops of the USA under the direction of Cardinal Carberry of St. Louis will issue a Pastoral Letter about Mary during this present year. Another encouraging sign is the support of the offered by the Mariological Society to further a knowledge of and devotion to Mary during 1973.



Archconfraternity of the Holy Family

The Society "par excellence" of Sacred Heart parish is the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family, founded here in 1876, which over the many years has fostered piety and unexcelled parish community spirit. There is not a facet of parish activity that has not felt its radiating influence. We might say it is a Society 97 years young, still full of vitality—in promoting the spiritual as well as the material parochial projects. Not too distant are the years when we witnessed a caravan of 13 buses on pilgrimage for the devotions of the Holy Year; or the entourage of 9 buses for the pilgrimage of the Marian year. Whether it was a pilgrimage to Philadelphia on the occasion of the Beatification of Bishop Neumann or the Centenary of Perpetual Help or the 50th anniversary of the Canonization of St.



Gerard, it was always the Holy Family leading the way. Faithful, dependable and outstandingly cooperative, under the present leadership of Father Antonellis and the presidency of Mrs. Marie Rathgeber, its members are the mainstay of our parish carnival, our yearly bazaar, our weekly Bingo, at which some have given 10, 15, 20 and 30 years of service; city-wide is the renown of the sour-beef suppers catered by our Ladies of the Holy Family.

Altar Society

Closely associated with the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family is the Altar Society, which actually came into being two years before the founding of the Archconfraternity. Through the years this Society has undergone periods of recession and inactivity, but always there were spurts of enthusiastic progress, and through the years, substantial contributions have been made for the enhancement of Divine Worship. At the present time Mrs. Regina Schaefflein is the guiding hand of her associates whose vision keeps them ever mindful of the words of the Royal Psalmist: "I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy House, and the place where Thy glory dwells."

established here years ago by the Archdiocesan president Mrs. Gertrude Horrigan. The passing years have not diminished their zeal nor tarnished their ideals in practicing their spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Under the long-standing and capable presidency of Mrs. Christine Zeiler and the charity of her co-workers, Sacred Heart Church was not the sole recipient of their loving generosity, but also the poor and the sick and the sorrowful of the parish have frequently felt their gentle assuasive touch. Surely the Lord had these good Ladies in mind when He said: "Whatever you have done to the least of My brethren, you have done it to Me."



St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Ladies of Charity

The first of the great foundations of St. Vincent de Paul is the Association of the Ladies of Charity. Fortunate indeed for Sacred Heart parish to have flourishing here in our midst a branch of these wonderful Ladies of Charity,



Similar in scope and action as the Ladies of Charity was the erstwhile Conference of St.

Vincent de Paul, organized in Sacred Heart parish in 1901. Although presently it exists in name only, we cannot turn the pages of our centenary history without a word of commendation for the zeal of its members and the Christ-like charity dispensed to the children of God in its flourishing years. Whatever elisions we may encounter in our own history are certainly recorded in shining letters of gold in the everlasting annals of heaven. Highly commendable are the efforts of Mr. Ambrose Vasold to revitalize the Society to its pristine glory.

Legion of Mary

Surely an asset to any parish is the spiritual assistance of its parishioners. Sacred Heart parish pays tribute today to a group of just such assistants who labored many years for God through the Legion of Mary. Back in 1943 Very Rev. Francis X. Dotzler, C.S.S.R. saw the need of such an organization helping him in the spiritual work of the parish, and so the first praesidium of Our Mother of Perpetual Help was born, with the following pioneer members: Frances Kresslein, Margaret Kresslein, Rose Otto, Mrs. Eckhardt, Margaret Hock, Marie Loeffler, Marie Coster and Anna Bauernfeind.

Today, thirty years later, after the rise and fall of other praesidia, we find the Legion still true to its primary end and purpose—personal sanctification and the salvation of souls. Under the presidency of Mr. Daniel Ford and the spiritual director Father Harold Driscoll and the support of their power-house of prayer, provided by Auxiliary members, the work goes on as always—visiting the sick and aged,



helping in hospitals, encouraging the weak and finding the fallen-away. Here indeed is Catholic action in its highest form.

Youth Work, Scouting and C.Y.O.

The only conceivable purpose for Catholic Youth work is the salvation of souls. All their various activities are means to an end, for, when they become an end in themselves we are well aware that they ruin the organization. Mindful of this, we use their activities to bring Catholic boys and girls into closer contact with their Church; we use them as gentle chains to bind them to their parish; we use them to make Catholic education attractive. But we use them always in hope that through them and the things that grow out of them, we will develop our Catholic boys and girls into the full pattern of Catholic men and women after the ideals of Christ and Mary. The young men and women who surround us in our families, our schools, and in the working world, are the adult people of God of the future and parents of the generations that will come after them. For this reason the Catholic Youth Organization exists in Sacred Heart parish.



Closely aligned to the purpose of the C.Y.O. is Sacred Heart Scouting, founded by Father Dotzler in 1944. For over 25 consecutive years now, Sacred Heart parish has held a continuous charter in the National Organization of Scouting. 25 years seems a rather brief period of endurance, but we are informed that a charter held for 25 years is a rare event.

Through all these years Sacred Heart Scouting has been very efficiently organized and conducted. It has offered a program that fostered high ideals, physical fitness and development of talents that might have otherwise been over-



looked. The influence of religion is mostly indirect but the parish's involvement in scouting keeps the children and their parents aware of the presence of the parish and thus aware of spiritual values needed in their lives. Its strength is due to the amazing groups of adults dedicated to the ideals and programs of Scouting. Notable among its many chaplains was Father John Obendorfer who held the office for 16 years and also served as area chaplain. The incumbent chaplain is Father James Breen.

Worthy of note are the many awards our Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Explorer Post have been the recipients. Over 150 Parvuli Dei Medals have been garnered by our Cub Scouts; 100 Ad Altare Dei Awards given for Catholic Boy Scouting; and 25 Pope Pius XII Religious awards earned by our older Scouts.

In addition, the St. George Medal, the highest award for laymen given by the Catholic Committee on Scouting, was awarded to Thomas Kuhl 1961; William O'Neill 1962; Daniel Knack 1963; August Knapp 1972.



Parish Council

The Silver Beaver, the highest award to Scouters by the Boy Scouts of America, awarded to: William Hoffman 1961; Henry Adelman 1963; Thomas Kuhl 1963; Father Obendorfer 1965; James Stach 1972.

The Silver Fawn, equivalent to the Silver Beaver except it is for women recipients, was awarded to Margaret Stach 1971.

Recipients of the Archbishop Curley Medal for service to Youth were William Hoffman and Henry Adelman.

The God and Youth Medal, given by the NCYOF for outstanding Service to Youth was awarded to Thomas G. Kuhl in this present year 1973.



On December 8, 1965 a colorful stream of cardinals and bishops poured from the massive interior of St. Peter's, the central Church of Christendom. The second Vatican Council, the epoch-making religious event in the century had come to a close and a new era had begun. The Council's heritage of 16 documents constitute for all a call to action. Perhaps, to a great extent, they are still words on a printed page. They must be given life and flesh and sinews by the devoted action of all the members of the Church—the pope, the bishops, the clergy and laity.

In the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, the laity are viewed as full-fledged, co-responsible members of the Church.

They are expected to be dynamic promoters of the cause of Christ, not merely passive recipients of the services of ordained ministers of the Church. Therefore, it is the desire of the Council that laymen assist the pastor and assume a measure of responsibility for the financial administration of the parish. To be co-responsible means to be accountable, to be answerable together with someone else. In other words, together with the Bishop and priests, the laymen and women of the parish are accountable before God for the success of the mission of the Church in their area.

With this in mind and by order of His Eminence, the Cardinal, the Sacred Heart Parish Council came into existence in September of 1969. The director of this board is the Pastor; under the Bishop, he makes the final decisions. The other members of the board serve in an advisory capacity and see to the carrying out of the decisions agreed upon. Actually the Parish Council consists of 3 boards: 1) Board of Corporations, 2) Board of Advisors, 3) Board of Representatives. Recently elected as chairman and co-chairman from the Board of Representatives were Mr. John Ellinghaus and Mr. Ed. Thomas.

Among the various committees of the Parish Council is the Committee concerned with Liturgy. By its very nature as public worship, the Liturgy demands the participation of the faithful. This rule applies with special force to the celebration of Mass. In compliance with this requirement, there was established a group of laymen to serve as commentators of the "Word" at all Eucharistic functions. Serving at present in this capacity are: Bernard Dorn, Francis Boemmel, T. George Kuhl, John A. Ellinghaus, Charles Boemmel, Thomas G. Kuhl, Jack Schmidt, Larry Ellinghaus, John J. Pawlak, Joseph Jordan, Leo Nuedling, James P. Seeberger.

By means of the Parish Council laymen and priests can work together for the good of the people of God. It is only through real, not merely through a token involvement that a more effective level of parish administration and finance can be established.

In following this aspect of the Second Vatican Council, Our Lord renews His invitation to all the laity to come closer to Him every day, and recognizing that what is His is also their own, to associate themselves with Him in His saving mission.



Epilogue

It is difficult to summarize in a few pages the life of a parish and its most important part—its people.

In this history of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish an effort has been made to bring out some of the pertinent details of the past one hundred years. Interwoven in all this history are the countless deeds and people and events that go unrecorded because of their quiet and hidden nature, but important nevertheless and without which the above details would have had no existence. So many things known to God, but forgotten or overlooked by men, form a part of this history. Not unaware of the people and Priests and Sisters responsible for so much of this past, we express to them our gratitude and appreciation.

The love for our parish and all that it means to us is an endearing heritage left to us by our forefathers, and so aptly expressed in the following words of the late Cardinal Cushing:

"Where two or three are gathered together for My sake, there am I in the midst of them", so spoke Jesus Christ. Now, every parish is essentially a group of souls gathered in the name of Jesus, gathered about a tabernacle in the care of a parish priest, a tabernacle in which Jesus dwells under the sacramental species of the Eucharist. The parish is the normal point of contact between Christ and His faithful. Parish life is the ordinary means by which we become citizens of and active in the Church, the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Catholic Parish, with its Pastor and priests, its altar and confessionals, its pulpit and its schools, its good works, its sinners and saints—the Catholic parish is the whole Church in miniature; and through the parish, Christ does for a limited group what He founded the Universal Church to do for all the world.

Through the parish, on the other hand, a group of the faithful, in a corner of the world, do for Christ what all the total Church in heaven, in Purgatory and on earth does for Him throughout creation. Christ is adored in the parish Liturgy. Christ is preached in the parish pulpit. Christ is praised by the parish choirs. Christ is meditated in the parish convent. Christ is imitated, reproduced, in all the mysteries of His life, by the hidden lives of the unknown parish saints, by the public zeal of parish workers, by the sufferings of the parish sick, the privations of the parish poor That is the work of a parish; that is the parish apostolate. That is the high purpose you have set for yourselves, you co-workers of Christ in the redemption of the world. It is a holy purpose. May God prosper it."

Redemptorist Rectors *Sacred Heart Church-1873-1973*

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