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April 27, 2003

Dear Members of St. Adalbert Parish,

Few alive today would dispute the contention that the century that has elapsed since the founding of St. Adalbert has been an eventful hundred years for the world. In January, 1903, our parish was organized and established. In December of 1903 the Wright Brothers traveled from Dayton to Kitty Hawk. Nine years later a chunk of ice sent to the bottom of the sea a great ship that someone had incautiously claimed even God couldn't sink. Two years after that a great war broke out that was so appalling that someone else incautiously claimed it would end all war. The twenties roared in with prosperity for a growing middle class, then roared out again when overvalued stocks crashed. A decade of impoverishment ensued, then a second war worse than the first. It ended with a nuclear boom, then came a baby boom, the cold war, a hot war in Korea, better living through modern chemistry, rock and roll, Vatican II, civil rights, ecological consciousness, Vietnam, moon landing, sexual revolution, disease, divorce, miracle cures, high insurance costs to pay for miracle cures, a Polish Pope, Solidarity in his homeland, the collapse of the Soviet Union, a new world order.

It's been quite a century! And through all this upheaval that touched and changed and challenged us, the people of St. Adalbert kept the faith. Events caught us up and stressed the links of loyalty that hold us to each other and to the Catholic Church, and those links have held firm, by the grace of God and the tenacity of His faithful people. May they long hold firm—ad multos annos.

Sto lat, St. Adalbert!

Sincerely,

And honored to be your pastor,

Rev. Michael J. Holloran

St. Adalbert (Sw. Wojciech) Our Patron



St. Adalbert was the first apostle of Poland. He is to the Polish what St. Patrick is to the Irish. Descendant of an aristocratic Czech family, he was related to Mieszko, the first Christian ruler of Poland. One of seven sons, he was born in Libice around the year 950. Being a deeply religious man, he strove for six years as Bishop of Prague to exhort his countrymen to the joys of Christian living, using himself as an example. Disappointed with his failure to arouse his people from idolatry, and brokenhearted from the tragic murdering of his own family by Czech enemies, St. Adalbert left Prague, never to return. First he went to Hungary, and then to Poland, to devote himself to converting pagan Poles to Christianity. He was kindly received by King Boleslaus I and with papal approval, became the Archbishop of Gniezno, the oldest episcopal see in Poland, and the cradle of Polish Catholicism. Gniezno is also the nest (gniazdo) for the Polish White

Eagle, the national symbol. After several years of apostolic work in Poland, St. Adalbert undertook the evangelizing of the Prussians. While offering Mass in a grove sacred to the pagans in the vicinity of Koenigsburg, he was attacked by pagan Prussian priests and pierced with seven spears. His martyrdom took place in 997.

St. Adalbert's body was ransomed from the Prussians by King Boleslaus for its weight in silver, but miraculously, it weighed very little. It rests in a magnificent tomb in the Cathedral of Gniezno. Every year on April 23rd pilgrimages are made to his tomb. Many miracles continue to be accorded to the intercession of this great saint. According to tradition, authorship of the celebrated Polish song, "Boga Rodzica" (Mother of God) honoring our Lady, frequently sung to rally the Poles in battle or in distress, is attributed to St. Adalbert.

*St. Adalbert
Dayton, Ohio*

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Congratulations!

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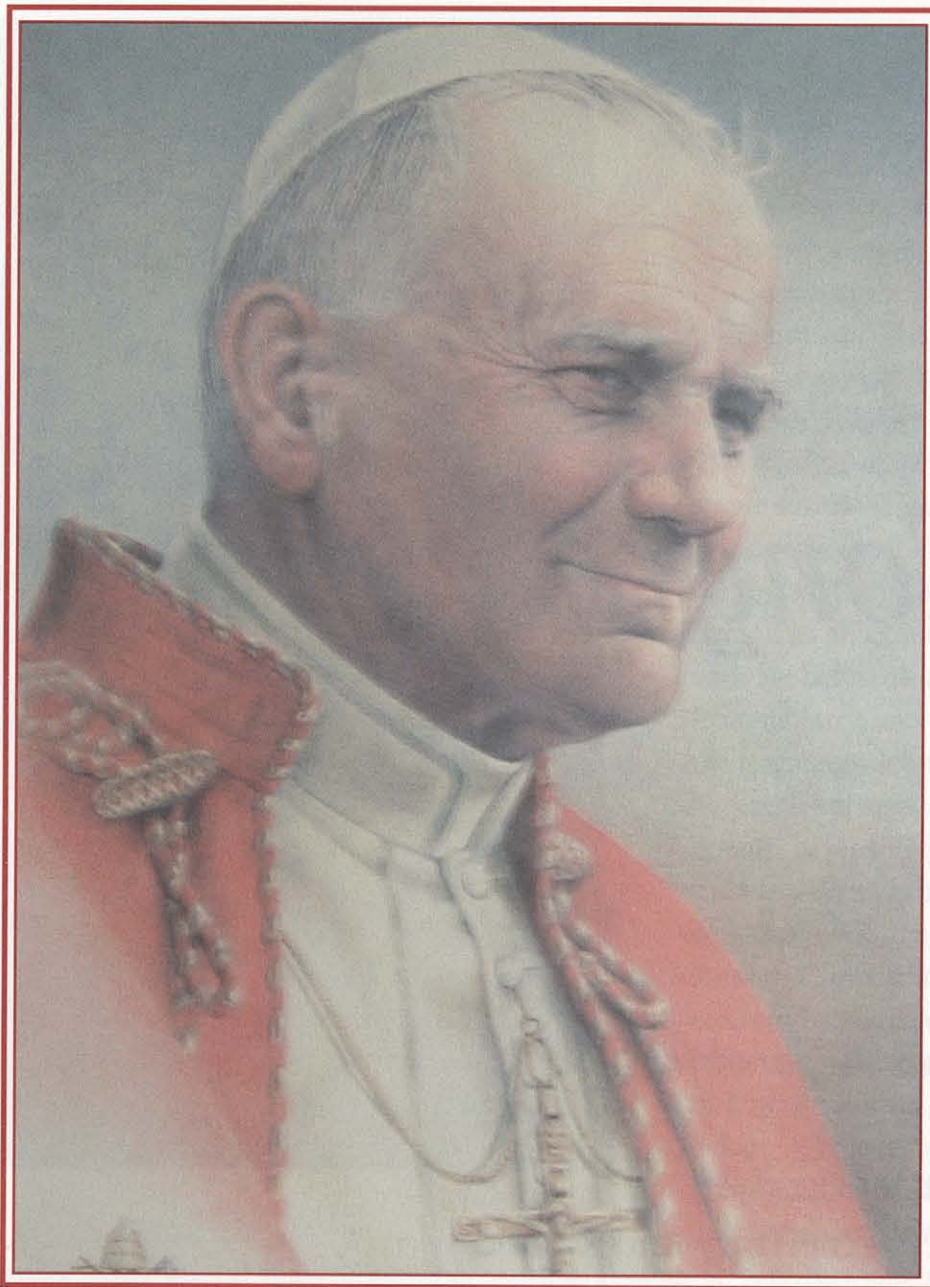
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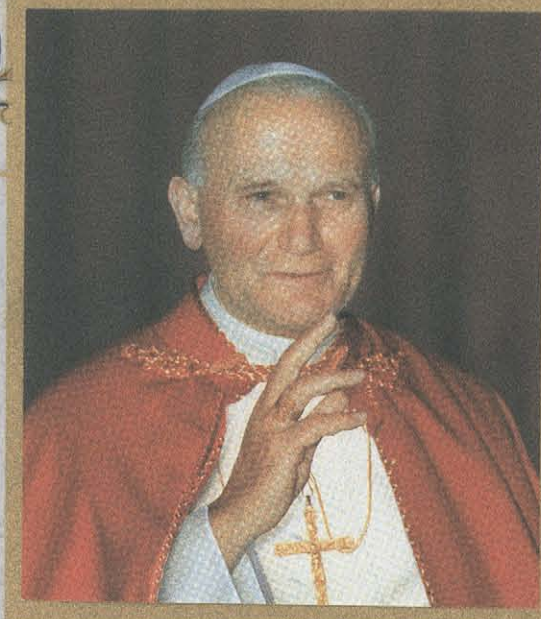
Our priests—
for their selfless leadership and spiritual guidance

Our parishioners—
for their countless hours and energy
given to our parish



Pope John Paul II





Most Holy Father

on the occasion of the
100th anniversary of the founding of

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Dayton, Ohio,

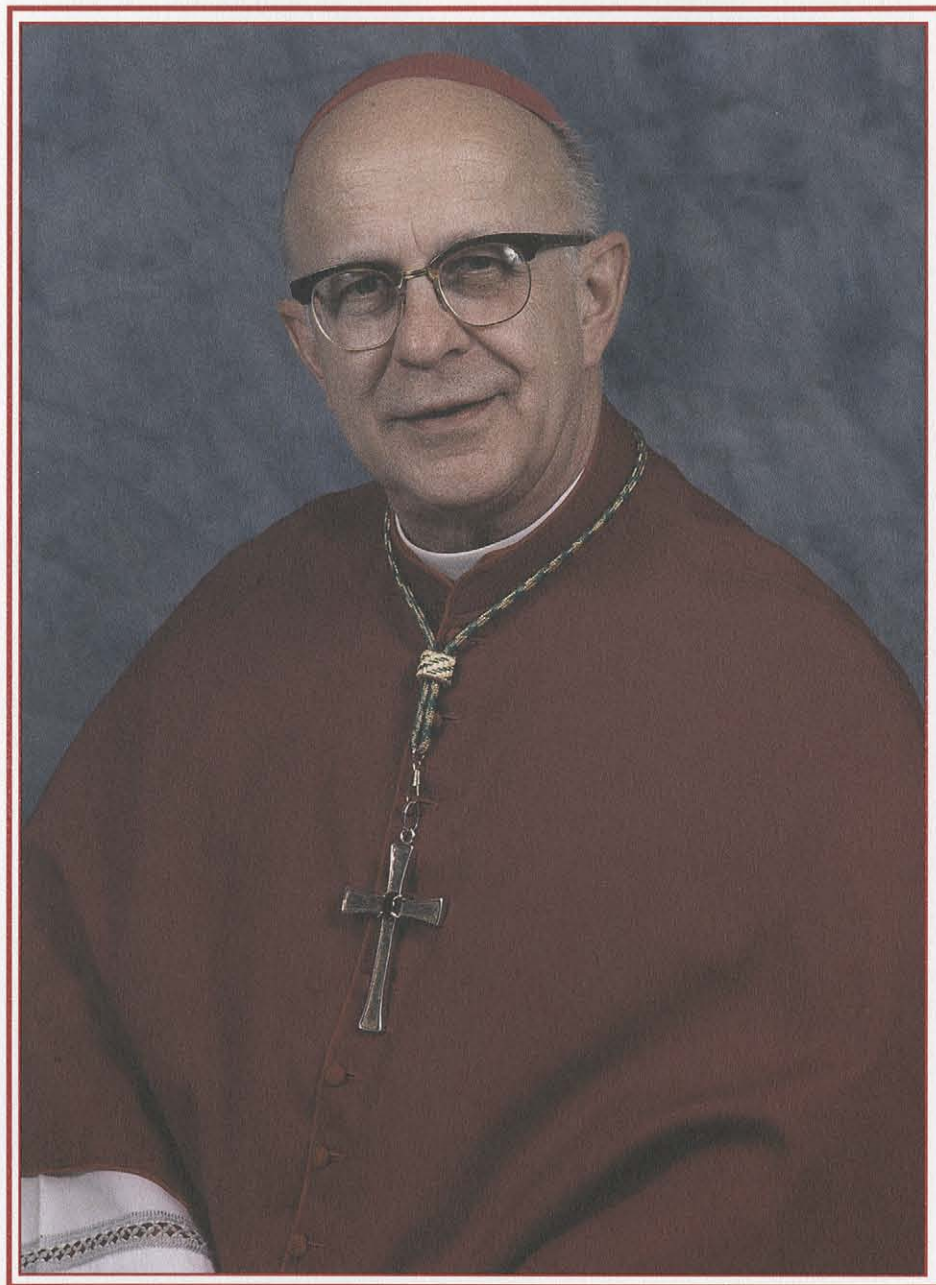
the pastor Rev. Michael J. Halloran
and the parishioners
request of Your Holiness
the Apostolic Blessing as
a pledge of divine graces

*SSm̃s Dominus Benedictionem Apostolicam concedit
ex Audilio Vrbano die 2-10-2002*

+ Omar Rizzuto



Archbishop Pilarczyk





*100 East Eighth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202*

April 27, 2003

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

It is with great joy that I offer you my congratulations on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the parish of St. Adalbert. It is always valuable to take the time to pause and look back on the accomplishments of the past and to look forward to the hopes and plans for the future. Your parish has had a long and eventful history and has always played an important part in the life of Dayton and Montgomery County.

The anniversary of an old parish gives all of us the opportunity to reflect on the great faith of the founders who sacrificed so much to organize and build the first church. At the beginning of the Twentieth Century, Polish speaking Catholics wanted the opportunity to worship at Sunday Mass among those who spoke the same language. It required a great deal of faith and commitment to seek permission for a new parish and to build and support it. The founders had to have skill, zeal, and dedication. We can be thankful that there were men and women who were willing to work for their goal. The men and women from so long ago are an inspiration to us as we enter a new period in the history of the Church in Dayton.

Please know that I join you as you express thanks to our Lord for all that he has done for you and for all that has been accomplished through you. I pray that this anniversary celebration will be a time of great joy and blessing for all of you who are members of St. Adalbert, for the friends of the parish, and for the entire community.

May God bless all of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk
Archbishop of Cincinnati*

*St. Adalbert Parish
1511 Valley Street
Dayton, Ohio 45404*

Archbishop Pilarczyk

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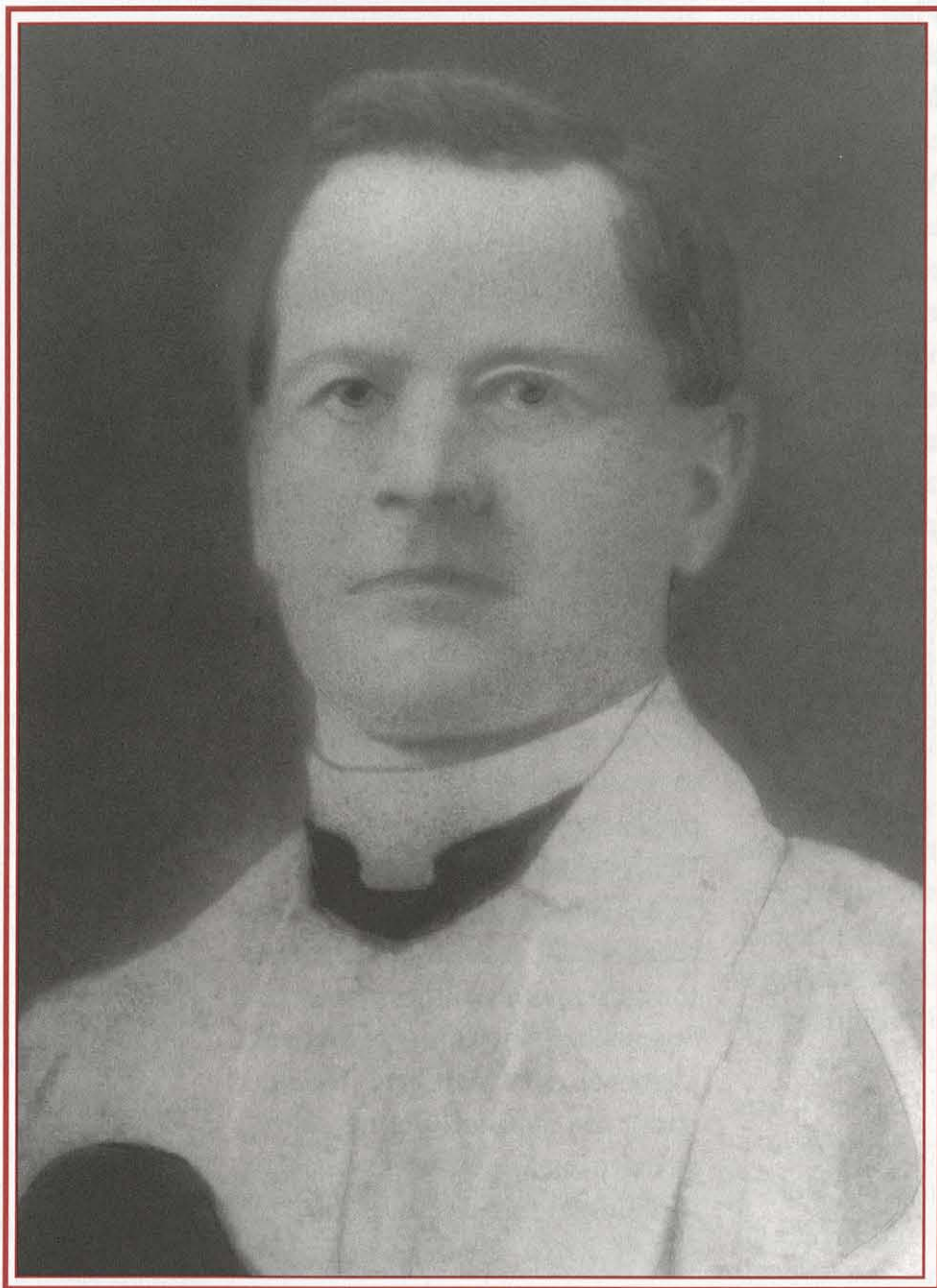
Secretary to the Bishop

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Most Reverend Archbishop
Bishop of Cincinnati

2. Archbishop's Office
1211 Valley Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

1903-1912 THE BEGINNING



Reverend Boleslaus F. Strzelczok

Born May 30, 1869 in the Province of Posen, Poland.

Ordained September 19, 1897 in France.

Died July 22, 1940 in Poland.

The Poles are a deeply religious people instinctively manifesting their gratitude and dependence upon their Creator. They demonstrated this religiousness for more than 1,000 years since their Christianization in 966 A.D., by their faithfulness to the Catholic Church. Furthermore, this unwavering faith was recognized long ago by the Popes who, in tribute, gave Poland the encomium "Polonia Semper Fidelis."

The growth of the industrial revolution in the United States with expansion towards the western part of the country, created a pressing need for manpower. To provide this manpower, America opened its shores to vast numbers of European immigrants, who came with expectations for improving their living conditions. Thus, did many Poles, at the close of the 19th Century, find themselves employed in the factories and foundries of Dayton. It was natural and necessary for them to cling together to better cope with the various aspects and demands of daily living. This is how the struggle began—to worship in a church of their own. At first the difficulties of language caused them to travel to Polish churches in Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland and Detroit. However, as their numbers increased, they began inviting Polish speaking priests from Cincinnati and Toledo to offer Mass. One of these helpful priests was Father Ladislas Lipski, pastor of

St. Peter's Cathedral #325 West 8th Str.
Cincinnati, O. January 5th 1902
Rev. Boleslaus Strzelczok
Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. Dear Sir,
I hereby authorize you to
act as Pastor of the Polish Catholics in Dayton and
the vicinity. - I give you the usual faculties
of a Pastor in this Diocese: including the
authority to celebrate marriage. This con-
tinues until revoked.
(signed) + William Henry Elder
Archbp. Cincinnati.

Letter from 1902 from Archbishop Elder to Father Strzelczok.

St. Stanislaus Church, a Polish parish in Cincinnati. Through his visits to Dayton, Father Lipski was instrumental in establishing St. Adalbert by the following actions: First, he motivated the Polish men to organize a society under the patronage of Our Lady of Czestochowa on September 16, 1902. This was done to better channel their aspirations and efforts towards a parish of their own. Second, he gained the support and assistance of Father Carl J. Hahne, pastor of Emmanuel Church, who so magnanimously made available, without any remuneration, the school chapel. The Poles were able to worship together there from the time Father Boleslaus Strzelczok came in October 1902, until St. Adalbert Church was constructed and dedicated in 1905. The Polish people were very appreciative of Father Hahne for his friendship and great help to them. Third, he knew Father Strzelczok, a young Polish priest in Pittsburgh, and recommended him to

Archbishop William Henry Elder of Cincinnati, as a pastor for the Polish people of Dayton.

On October 17, 1902, Archbishop Elder wrote Father Boleslaus Strzelczok a letter requesting him to go to Dayton, visit the Polish families, celebrate Mass with them at Emmanuel School Chapel, and report his findings to the Archbishop. On October 18, 1902, Father Strzelczok came to Dayton with Father Lipski and was introduced to Father Carl J. Hahne and the Polish people at Emmanuel. During his stay of two weeks, Father Strzelczok lived at St. Elizabeth Hospital and offered Masses in the Emmanuel School Chapel. At the end of this period, Father Strzelczok reported that there were about 40 Polish families, and about 60 single men, with an additional number of Lithuanians who knew the Polish language. Father was authorized to continue administering to Dayton's Polish people and zealously set to work planning and raising funds.



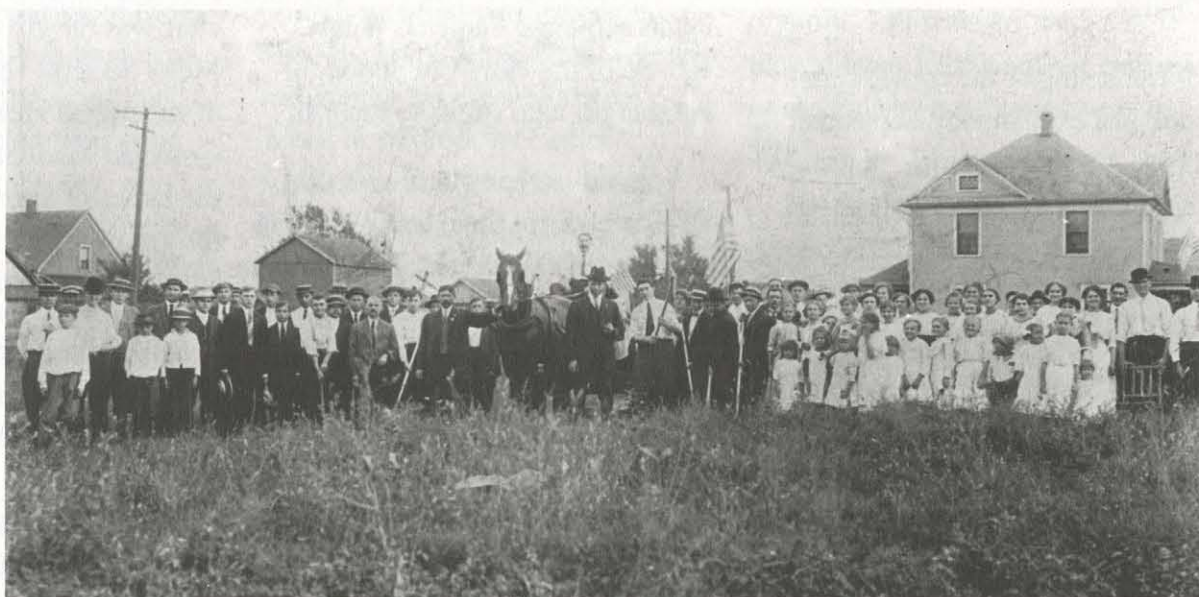
1920 exterior of St. Adalbert Church.

The official founding of St. Adalbert as the ninth Catholic parish in Dayton occurred on January 5, 1903, when Archbishop Elder, in a letter, authorized Father Strzelczok "to act as pastor of the Polish Catholics in Dayton and vicinity." Following receipt of that letter, operations moved with great vigor. House collections were made, and on March 1, 1903, a Society for the Poor Souls in Purgatory was organized for the women. This and a men's society functioned as centers of activity to spur the gathering of funds needed for church and school construc-

tion. A one and one-half acre parcel of land in the vicinity of Troy and Leo Streets in North Dayton was offered by Mrs. Catherine E. Allhoff, a Catholic widow, as a site for the Polish church. The Poles, in jubilation, raised \$600 and offered it as a gift for the land. However, the pastor and many members of the nearby Our Lady of the Rosary

Parish became fearful of the closeness of the Polish church on this site and complained to Archbishop Elder who acquiesced to the complaints and on September 18, 1903, withdrew Father Strzelczok from Dayton. The Polish people were very unhappy with this action and sent a delegation to the Archbishop to express their dissatisfaction at losing their pastor. The Archbishop was so impressed that on November 9, 1903, he sent a letter to Father Strzelczok in Marche, Arkansas, where he was serving a Polish parish, asking him to return to his Polish flock in Dayton and resume his duties. Compassion for his struggling compatriots and his ardor to establish a new parish overcame his emotions and Father Strzelczok returned to Dayton.

The congregation's search for a more distant church site culminated with the purchase of an .8-acre of land on Valley Pike in North Dayton from Martin and Hattie Wolf for \$2,000. Title was



Groundbreaking for first rectory.

transferred on January 26, 1904, and shortly after, plans were drawn up by the pastor and approved by the Trustees and Building Committee, for a combination chapel/school/residence building, with Mr. Frank Sutter engaged as architect. Archdiocesan approval was obtained on March 28, 1904. The initial estimate for construction was \$12,000 but the lowest bid turned out to be \$15,800. However, the final cost of the new brick building together with equipment and furnishings was about \$40,000. The style of construction was Romanesque for the exterior with Gothic for the interior workmanship and decoration. The chapel, with a capacity of 300 souls, was located on the second floor above the classrooms for the parish school. The basement was designed as an assembly hall, and the residence for the pastor was established in the rear of the building. Three separate solemn ceremonies in which the Archbishop of Cincinnati officiated were conducted during the construction of St. Adalbert Church.

The laying of the cornerstone took place on Sunday, September 4, 1904. A long procession of groups marched two and one-half miles from Holy Trinity to St. Adalbert Church. They were led by three commanderies of Knights of St. John from Piqua, Versailles and Dayton, Knights of St. George, the German Catholic fraternal organization, Gesellen Verein, the Slovak Society and the Polish societies. Riding in horsedrawn carriages



1915 original interior of old church.

were the Most Reverend Henry Moeller, Archbishop of Cincinnati, the Dayton clergy, the visiting priests from Pittsburgh, and various local dignitaries. Archbishop Moeller officiated at the blessing of the cornerstone and preached a wonderful sermon. Other addresses were made by Father C. Tomaszewski of Pittsburgh who spoke in Polish, Father Charles H. Hahne of Holy Trinity who spoke in German, and Father J. Wilms C.S. Sp of the Holy Childhood, of Pittsburgh, who spoke in English.

Located in the twin towers of St. Adalbert are three bells weighing a total of 1700 pounds. These were donated by the John Kosater family. This gift to St. Adalbert was blessed on Sunday, December 11, 1904, shortly after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception by the Most Reverend Archbishop Henry Moeller. The biggest bell was christened "John Adalbert", the

middle one, "Pauline Mary", and the little one, "Jesus." Thereafter, these bells rang out daily, summoning Polish families to worship for more than 60 years. Other large gifts to the new parish were the original pipe organ and Stations of the Cross which were donated by Christina and Josephine Schwind. The Gothic altar was donated by Adam and Crescentia Zengel. The painting of St. Adalbert above the altar was the gift of the Young Men's Society. The six-foot statues of the Sacred Heart and the Crowned Madonna, hand carved by the father of Sister Raymunda, was the gift of the good Sister while Superior of St. Elizabeth Hospital.

St. Adalbert Church was dedicated by Archbishop Henry Moeller of Cincinnati on Sunday, April 30, 1905, with many of Dayton's clergy in attendance. The day was warm and pleasant for the great procession which took place around the



1912 Choir. (L-R) Seated: Helen Letkiewicz, _____ Galecki, Albertina Bedrowsky, _____ Kozlowska, Frances Letkiewicz; Standing: Leonard Bubolz, _____ Weinert, Agnes Glos, Eleanor Bedrowsky, Albert Bubolz, _____ Galecki; Father Strzelczak, Vincent Chalecki.

church. German, Lithuanian, Slovak and other Catholic nationality groups marched along with the various Polish societies. In his sermon, Archbishop Henry Moeller gave credit to the Poles for their determination and singleness of purpose in building their church. He related how their efforts had increased his appreciation of their intense faith. Great was the joy of the pastor, Father Strzelczok, and the Polish people, and their good friends throughout the city, who rejoiced with them in the completion of the gigantic task the congregation had undertaken. Thus did St. Adalbert join the ranks of the eight other Catholic churches serving Dayton. These were Emmanuel, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, Holy Trinity, St. Mary, St. John, Our Lady of the Rosary and Holy Angels.

Following its dedication on April 30, 1905, the first baptism was administered on June 18, 1905, to Walter Louis Witkowski, son of Peter and Catherine Witkowski, born on June 8, 1905. The sponsors were Peter Bogdanowicz and Victoria Adamowicz. The sacrament of marriage in St. Adalbert Church was first performed on May 16, 1905, when Frank Bystrek and Sophia Daniszewska were joined in wedlock by Father Strzelczok. The witnesses were Damien Kunka and Hedwig Drzewiecka. The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered for the first time May 16, 1905. Heading the alphabetical list of 43 persons confirmed was George Bajus. He took the name John. John Spisak was his sponsor.

A most memorable event for the Polish people of St. Adalbert in these early years was the three-day visit of Right Reverend Paul Rhode, Coadjutor Bishop of Chicago and first Polish Bishop in the United States. Arranged by Father Strzelczok with the permission of the Archbishop of Cincinnati, Bishop Rhode visited the Polish parish on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 4-6, 1910. He officiated at the following services:

- a) closing of 40 Hours Devotion;
- b) Patronal Feast of St. Adalbert;
- c) The conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation to 67 persons.

Once the new building was completed, classes were scheduled for the 1905-06 school year. Beginning with a handful of pupils, the enrollment increased to 33 (17 boys and 16 girls) by 1909. The two large classrooms were doubled into four by converting the adjoining social room into two additional equal size classrooms. Mr. Vincent Chalecki was the first teacher and organist. Lay teachers were employed from 1905 until the coming of the Polish Franciscan sisters in 1915.

Father Strzelczok served St. Adalbert, devotedly applying his priestly abilities, for almost 10 years to strengthen both the spiritual and material values of his flock.



O. A. M. D. G.

Roczne Sprawozdanie Finansowe

Parafii św. Wojciecha,

W DAYTON, OHIO.

Od d. 1 Stycznia, 1905, do 1 Stycznia, 1906.

Proboszcz.....X. BOLESŁAW STRZELCZOK.

Zarząd kościelny r. P. 1906.

Jan Serafin
Stanisław Sikorski
Franciszek Biodrowski
Józef Drzewiecki
Józef Kmiecinski
Franciszek Bystrok
Józef Babol
Wojciech Brodowski

Kolektorzy miesięczni.

I Dystrykt (North Dayton)
P. Walenty Szymozak
II Dystrykt (West Dayton)
P. Paulin Ostrowski, sekr.
P. Franciszek Szczepkowski
III Dystrykt (East Dayton)
P. Wiktor Borkowski

ZWYCZAJNE DOCHODY.

Kolekta miesięczna	\$989.00
Kolekta w kościele	\$559.08
Kolekta 10 centowa	\$201.51
Ławkowe	\$215.50
Razem	\$1,965.09

NADZWYCZAJNE DOCHODY.

Kolekta z parafii św. Stanisława, Pittsburg	\$750.40
Dochód z zabawy (soeyal)	\$153.96
Kolęda	\$205.20
Specjalne ofiary zebrane przez proboszcza	\$605.20
Kolekta gwiazdkowa	\$134.75
Kolekta Wielkanocna	\$117.27
Przy okazji poświęcenia kościoła	\$157.57
Kolekta domowa	\$310.50
Ofiary zebrane przez proboszcza i katechetów	\$168.00
Z nadzwyczajnego starania się	\$30.52
Kolekty dycecyjne	\$56.44
Dochód szkolny	\$21.50
Msze św. fundowane (Wenz i Hochwalt)	\$250.00
Na opłacenie żłóbka	\$20.44
Depozyt czyli Pożyczka	\$7,040.00
Razem	\$10,672.75

ZWYCZAJNE WYDATKI.

Pensja Pro' oszeza	\$600.00
Pensja Nauczyciela i Organisty	\$157.50
Światło	\$18.40
Ogrzanie t. j. węgle i coke	\$99.53
Wino mszalne	\$8.75
Telefon	\$16.25

Razem.....\$900.43

NADZWYCZAJNE WYDATKI.

J. Walner, reszta za drzewo do budowy	\$3,070.00
R. Buttler za wapno	\$1,077.00
Ogrzanie przy plasterowaniu	\$14.00
Praca zwykajna około kościoła	\$ 33.75
Podatek dycecyjalny i kolekty	\$130.08
A conto żłóbka	\$20.44
Cement do sklepu	\$182.00
Depozyt czyli pożyczka opłacona	\$3,182.00
Urządzenie do ogrzania ciepłą wodą	\$950.00
Wydatki okazji poświęcenia kościoła	\$107.80
Architektowi reszta za plan	\$150.00
Procent za pożyczkę	\$500.53
Pręt błyskawiczny	\$192.55
Sprzęty domowe (meble etc.)	\$743.13
Dzwonki elektryczne	\$36.13
Ławki szkolne	\$219.08
Za malowanie drzwi i okien	\$20.00
Hiddeson i Stock reszta za cegły	\$250.00
Ołownikowi za robotę	\$114.00
Wydatki kościelne	\$48.11
Chodniki na około kościoła	\$167.76
K. Bracher, reszta za kunszt. kam	\$50.00
Zabezpieczenie od ognia	\$215.25
Druzi (książki parafialne, reguły etc.)	\$81.59
Stajnia	\$200.00

Razem.....\$12,021.66

ZESTAWIENIE.

Bilans z roku P. 1904	\$431.84
Zwyczajne dochody	\$1,965.09
Nadzwyczajne dochody	\$10,672.75

Razem

Zwyczajne wydatki	\$900.43
Nadzwyczajne wydatki	\$12,021.66

Razem

Pozostaje Bilans w Banku.....\$147.59

POSIADŁOŚĆ.

Grunt pod kościół	\$4,000.00
Budowa, czyli kościół i inne budynki	\$20,000.00
Posiadłość ruchoma	\$8,754.00
Gotówka w banku	\$147.59

Razem.....\$32,901.59

Dług w przeszłym roku.....\$5,488.56

Dług tegoroczny.....\$7,640.00

Cały byłby dług.....\$13,128.56

Dług odpłacony.....\$3,182.00

Pozostaje dług.....\$9,946.56

Cały rzeczywisty majątek.....\$22,955.03

Z tego długu \$7,000.00 na 5 proc.

\$1,238.56 na 4 proc.

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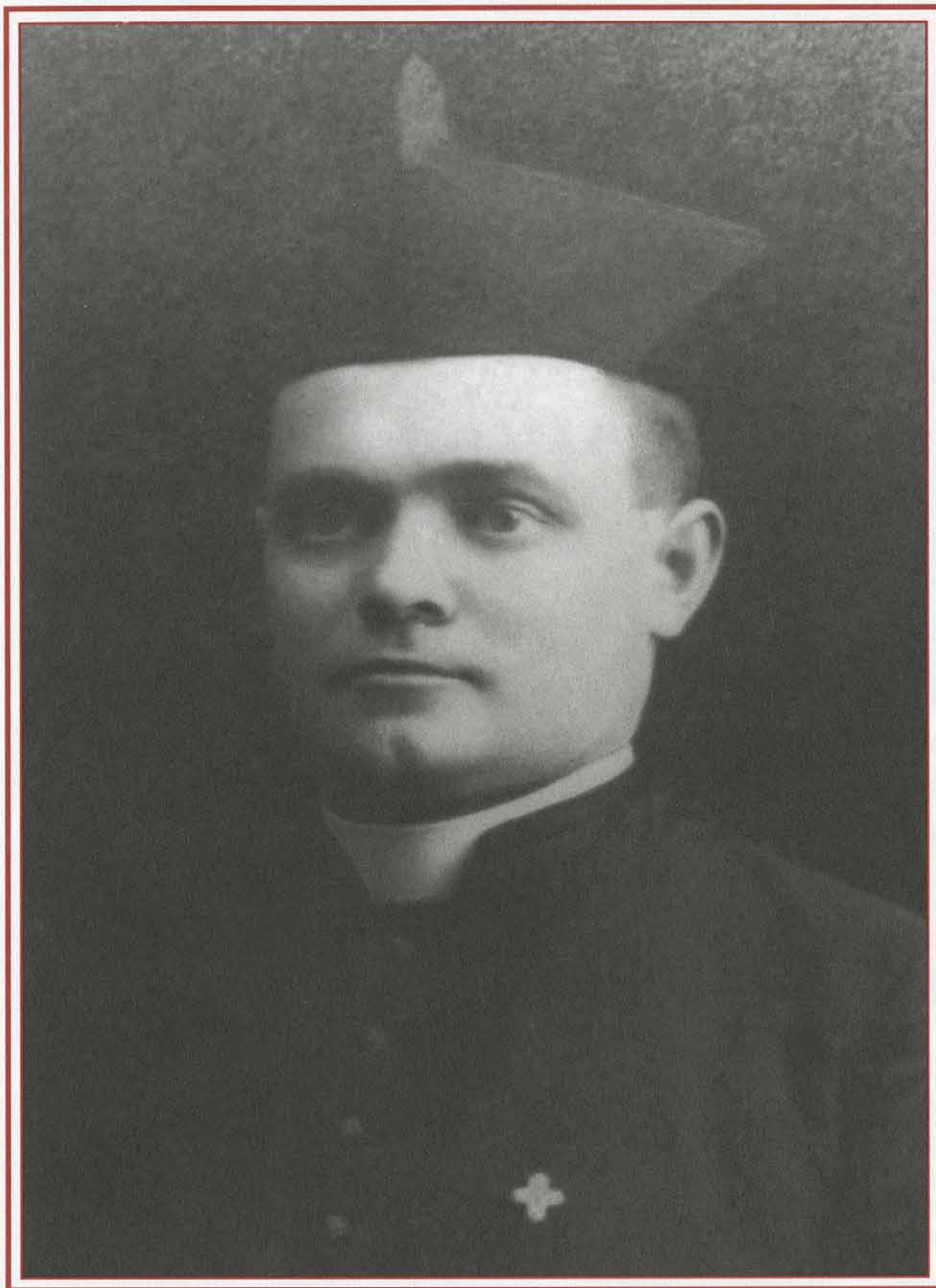
PARAFIA.

Liczba rodzin w parafii	60
Liczba dusz w parafii	400
Liczba Komunii św. Wielkanocnych	200
Liczba chrztów R. P. 1905	18
Liczba ślubów	5
Liczba pogrzebów dorosłych	0
Liczba pogrzebów dzieci	3

Dayton, Ohio, dnia 8-go stycznia, 1906.

X. Proboszcz i Zarząd Kościelny.

1912-1926 THE FORMATIVE YEARS



Reverend Rufin A. Baranski

Born November 16, 1874 in Poland.

Ordained June 22, 1906 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Died March 23, 1936 in Newport, Ohio.

On September 15, 1912, Father Strzelczok was transferred to St. Stanislaus Parish in Cincinnati to replace Father Rufin A. Baranski who was sent to St. Adalbert. Thus, Father Baranski became St. Adalbert's second pastor. He took up his duties with zeal and concentrated on increasing school enrollment and improving the teaching staff. When the Franciscan Sisters agreed to provide teachers in 1915, a residence for them was needed. A substantial rectory of red brick containing eight rooms was constructed on August 15, 1915, across the street from the church, on three available lots. The cost was \$7,500.

For the benefit of the school children, Father Baranski, in 1925, had a sturdy heated lavatory building constructed at a cost of \$4,300, from the bricks recovered from Dayton streets.

As soon as Father Baranski moved to the new rectory, the residence at the rear of the church was prepared for the use of the Sisters. It was more conveniently located and served as the Sisters' convent for the next 63 years. Three Franciscan Sisters arrived at St. Adalbert on August 20, 1915, to teach 58 boys and 60 girls in a congregation now numbering 206 families.

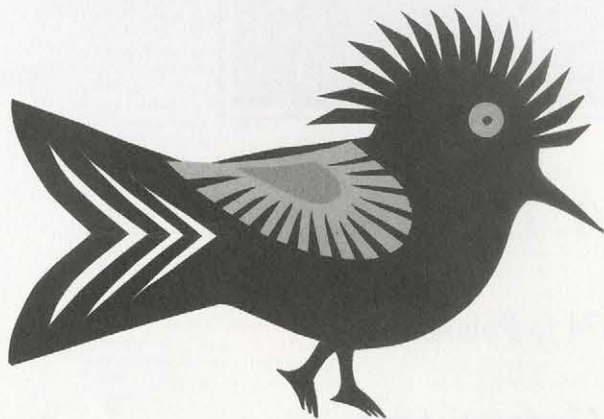
The parish served, not only as the meeting place for worship, but it also became the social gathering place for the Poles of the area.



First rectory completed.



Lavatory building.



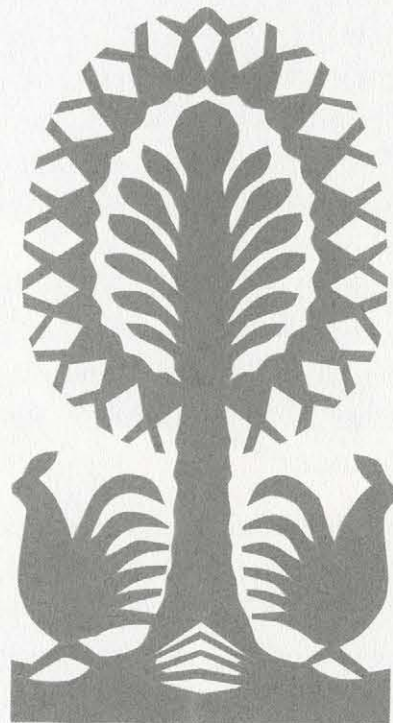
Palmer Method. (L-R) Seated: Marie Szymczak, Helen Markiewicz, Father Baranski, Genevieve Bystrek, Ann Gadowska; Standing: Sophie Kunka, Della Wegerzyn, Marie Ksiezopolska, Kate Chorazewicz, Sophie Plonka.



1925 Drama Society. (L-R) *Seated*: Sophie Plonka, Director Rozanski, Charlie Godlewski, Mary Burdzinska, John Drapko, Helen Olsen; *Standing*: Mary Lenhart, John Kunka, Joseph Ondrejczyk, Julia Glos, Walter Kunka, Leo Stanik, Frank Kubkowski, Viola Olsen.



Palmer Method. (L-R) *Seated*: Eleanor Daniszewska, Father Rufin Baranski, Mary Rydrych, Helen Sobieska, Susanna Chalecka, Helen Domanska, Stella Marczevska; *Second Row*: Helen Burdzinska, Frances Domanska, ___ Lipinska, Verona Szymczak, Pauline Piekutowska, Helen Malesko; *Third Row*: Jennie Bochenek, Chester Olszewski, Julia Bragoszewska, Walter Galecki, Bernard Burdzinski, ___ Boksza, Mary Pietrzak, Josephine Puka, Walter Kleismit, Mary Burdzinska; *Back Row*: Helen Gemza, ___ Czarzasty, Julia Glos, Florence Ksiezopolska, Mary Sobieska, Charlotte Sobieska.





1917 (approximately) Polish Band. (L-R) *Seated*: Bill Keyes, Marcel Gemza, ___ Krawczyk, ___, ___ Olszewski, Wacław Galecki, Jan Rudzinski, Manciszek Godlewski; *Standing*: Kazimierz Kazmierczak, Stanisław Skowonski, Walenty Wasyk, Nikodem Olszewski, ___ Karwaniski, Wacław Bochenek, ___ Zawotny, ___, Zygmunt Zakrzewski, Andrzej Stanik, Bronisław Daniszewski, Jan Drapko, ___ Droszcz, Aleksander Bochenek, Jan Matouski, Kazimierz Cichanowicz, Vicenty Chalecki;

The pastorate of Father Baranski was a trying one for both pastor and parishioners. It was a difficult period that included the Dayton Flood (1913) and World War I (1914–1918). It was a period in which the parish staggered under a large church debt, witnessed an influenza epidemic, and saw struggle and uncertain working conditions. But, undaunted, priest and people preserved through it all, making no spectacular history, but moderately living their lives with confidence in God, and under the loving care of His Divine Providence.

Father Baranski was transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Church in Newport, Ohio, early in 1926. For a period of three months the parish was administered by Father Walter Tredtin, S.M. of the University of Dayton.



School children in 1912. (L-R) *Seated*: Ben Brodowski, Jess Dembski, Carl Petkewitz; *Standing*: Kazimierz Kazmierczak, Stanisław Skowonski, Walenty Wasyk, Nikodem Olszewski, *Second Row*: John Galeski, Chester Chorazewicz, Clem Werling, Ed Werling; *Third Row*: John Jablonski, Catherine Thomas, Valeria Kendell, Helen Danielewicz; *Fourth Row*: Alice Domanski, Stella Domanski, Jane Petkewitz, Stella Skowronski, Helen Dembski; *Back Row*: Poputkiewica, Solomia Wysinska; Rev. Boleslaus F. Strzelczak; Teacher Vincent Chalecki.



Class of 1923. (L-R) *Seated*: Bernard Burdzinski, Genevieve Bochenek, Julia Glos, Father Baranski, Florence Ksiezopolska, Mary Burdzinska, Chester Olszewski; *Standing*: Helen Domanska, Edward Lukasiewicz, Walter Kleismit, Charlotte Sobieski.

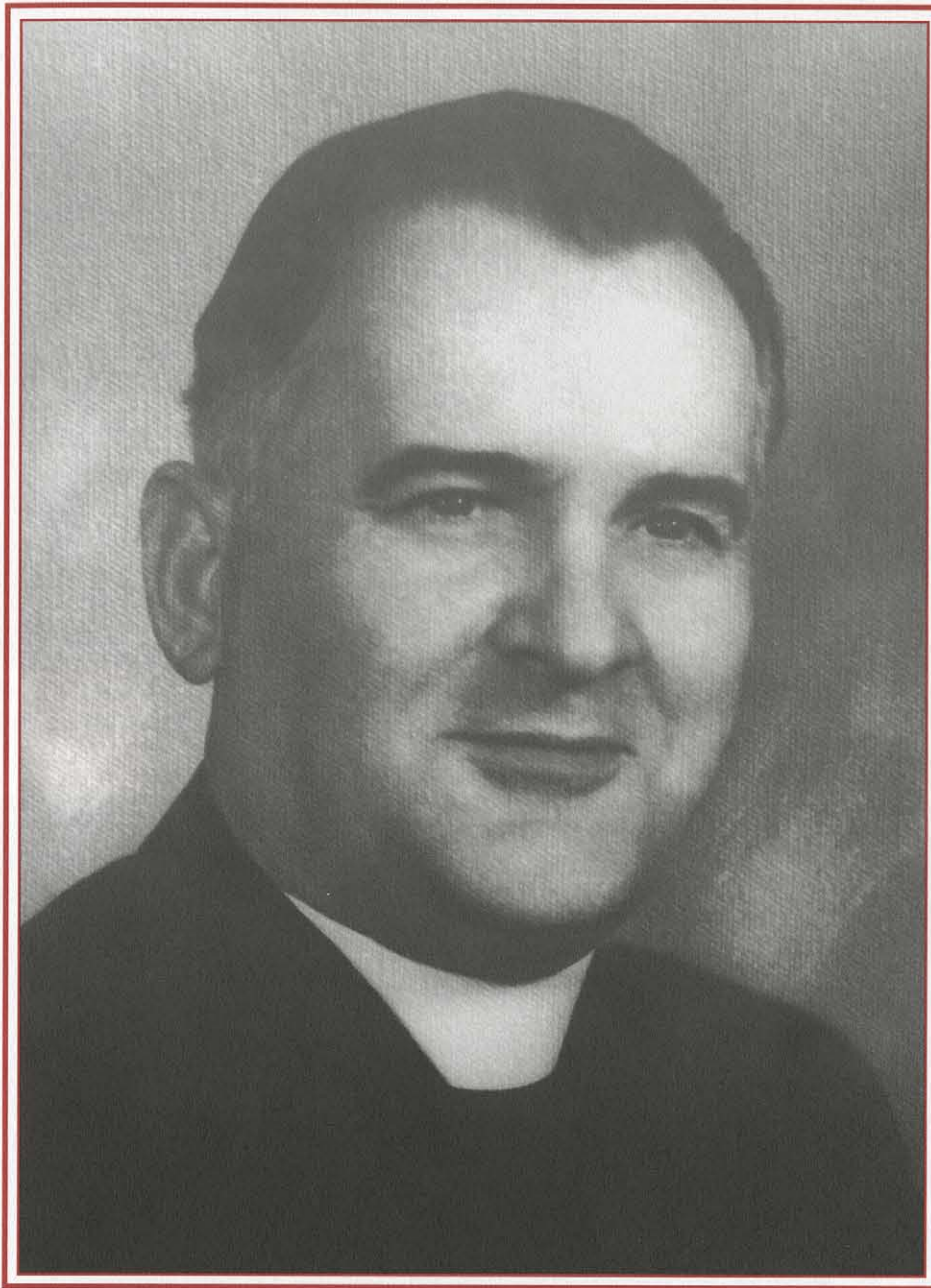


Class of 1924. (L-R) *Seated*: Eleanor Daniszewski, Sophie Drzewiecka, Katherine Przybylski, Sophia Plonka, Mary Sobieska, Josephine Puka, Helen Sobieska; *Standing*: Walter Piekutowski, Joseph Brzozowski, Father Rufin Baranski, Stanley Malesko.



Class of 1925. (L-R) Genevieve Ksiezopolski, Mary Rydrych, Theresa Kajda, Mary Miklasz, Mary Godomska, Verona Szymczak, Natalie Wenclewicz, Father Rufin Baranski.

1926-1947
THE GOLDEN YEARS



Reverend Paul B. Frydrych

Born November 10, 1897 in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Ordained May 26, 1923 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

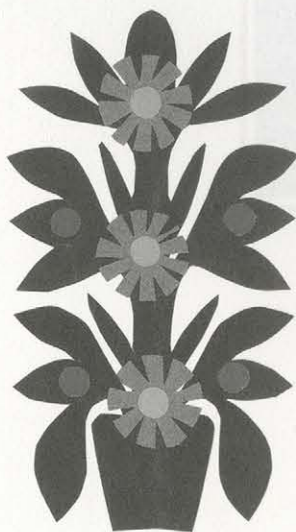
Died November 5, 1947 in Dayton, Ohio.

On April 16, 1926, Father Paul B. Frydrych was assigned to St. Adalbert to become its third pastor. Father Paul, at age 28, began a pastorate that was to last until his death 21 years later. His years of service embraced what might be called the golden age of the parish, as well as the misfortunes and hardships of World War II. Things were difficult at first, but by the sheer dint of his determined personality, he helped his people meet their obligations, paying off the remaining debt of the church.



Packages for soldiers, October 1942. (L-R) Leo Lucas Sr., Adolph Jablinski, Marie Jablinski, Mary Lucas, Sophie Zakrzewska, Ben Thomas, Florence Ampula, Katherine Krowialis, Katherine Thomas, Lucian Dabrowski, Father Paul Frydrych in back.

Father Paul was especially cognizant of the sacrifice the service men of the parish were making. As each service man returned to the parish on leave, he was warmly welcomed by Father Paul. Special packages and greetings were frequently mailed to them. Father Paul did not forget the plight of the Poles and helped gather vestments and other church articles for Polish war relief.



(L-R) Helen Dembska, Zygmund Zakrzewski, Frances Kurpiel, Father Frydrych, Peter Krowialis, Mary Piekutowska, John Gale, Helen Veg.



Polish Dancers. (L-R) *Seated*: Cecelia Trzeciak Grzybowski, Henry Szymczak, Helen (Baginski) Lysikowski, Chester Olszewski; *Standing*: Wallace Borkowski, Fredonia (Baginski) Lysikowski, Albin Rudzinski, Sophie Borkowska Klein.



Polish Dancers of 1930's. (L-R) *Seated*: Clara Szymczak, Adeline Hoffman, Angela Gadowska, Josephine Wenclewicz; *Standing*: Henry Szymczak, Julian Ksiezopolski, Albin Rudzinski, Ralph Ampula.



Polish Dancers of 1930's. (L-R) *Kneeling*: Frances Brzozowska; *First Row*: Helen Chmiel, Sophie Olszewska, Janet Wysinska, Frances Zotkiewicz; *Second Row*: Julian Ksiezopolski, Albin Rudzinski, Tom Ampula, Victor Zotkiewicz.

During Father Paul's tenure, the social activities within the parish increased and helped cement its Polish character among the 1st and 2nd generations of Polish members.



Aerial view of church.

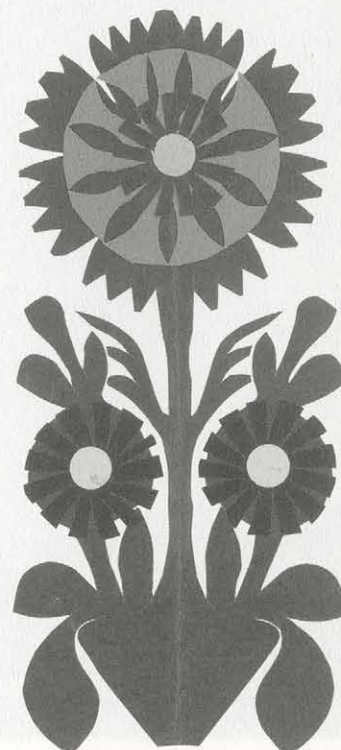


St. Adalbert in 1928.

One of Father Frydrych's first undertakings in 1926 was to erect, at a cost of \$3,100, a prefabricated frame building of two classrooms to meet the needs of the expanding school enrollment. Peak enrollment was reached in 1927 when 283 pupils attended. After five years of use as classrooms, the temporary building continued to be used until 1949 as Boy Scout meeting rooms and as the janitor's workshop.



1926 Drama Society. (L-R) *Seated:* Cecelia Trzeciak, Theresa Kejda, Mary Redrick, Caroline Redrick, Cecelia Ondrejczyk, Helen Markiewicz, Helen Dembska, Verona Szymczak, Bertha Trzeciak, Frances Brzozowska; *Standing:* Henry Pulkowski, Adolph Jablinski, Joseph Brzozowski, _____, Father Frydrych, John Kunka, Stanley Pietrzak.





Housewives Band. (L-R) *Front Row:* Antoinette Zwolski, Katherine Thomas, Sophie Zakrzewska, Mary Golembieska, Florence Ampula, Caroline Przybylowicz, Josephine Zientkiewicz; *Back Row:* Bertha Przybylowicz, Jane Petkiewicz, Frances Zotkiewicz, Agnes Dembska, Sophie Bochenek.



"Miss Helen" Bystrek, Father Paul's housekeeper/bookkeeper, organized the girl scouts and later the Rosary Altar Society.



Gathering at the picnic grounds. (L-R) *Front Row:* Albin Rudzinski, Jess Dembski, Julia Gregocewicz, Helen Zotkiewicz, Bob Borkowski; *Second Row:* Vic Zotkiewicz, Stan Pietrzak, Jane Petkwitz (Sobieski), Charlotte Potter (Sobieski), Ralph Ampula; *Third Row:* Jim Potter, Marie Jablinski (Szymczak), Angela Kolakowska, Pete Krowialis, Helen Bistrek, Joe Gregocewicz, Adam Kurpiel, Walt Golba; *Fourth Row:* Adolph Jablinski, Angela Gadomski, Henry Bochenek, Frances Brzozowski Chmiel, Ben Thomas; *Fifth Row:* Albin Sobieski, Mary Zobrist, Father Frydrych, Betty Sobieski Zotkiewicz, Leo Lucas.



1926 St. Adalbert Football Team. (L-R) *Seated:* Joe Gregocewicz, Joe Andrejczuk, Walter Wenclewicz, Stanley Malesko, Joe Piekutowski; *Kneeling:* Walter Gierek, Walter Kleismit, Adolph Jablinski, Joe Olekas, Mike Mantia, Eddie Lukaszewski; *Third Row:* Carl Petkewicz, Walter Wegrzyn, Chester Olszewski, Mike Duplinski, Bernard Wenclewicz, Tony Trzeciak, Tom Krowanski, Father Frydrych; *Back Row:* John Veg, Chester Chorazewicz, Walter Kujawa.



1929 St. Adalbert Baseball Team. (L-R) *Kneeling:* Stan Brzozowski, Edward Lucas, Joe Zotkiewicz, Vic Zotkiewicz, Bernard Pietukowski, Henry Pulkowski, John Malesko; *Standing:* Henry Olszewski, Edward Bystrek, Felix Goldick, John Wenclewicz, Joe O'Brien, Father Frydrych.



1929 PRCU Baseball Team. (L-R) *Kneeling:* Vic Zotkiewicz, Harry Glos, Pete Wenclewicz, Joe O'Brien, Ed Bistrek; *Standing:* Henry Olszewski, Bernard Piekutowski, Father Frydrych, Stanley Brzozowski, Walter Borkowski.



The Polish Fraternal organizations, Polish Roman Catholic Union (PRCU) and Polish National Alliance (PNA), prospered and seemingly became part of the parish.



1929 White Eagle Baseball Team. (L-R) *Kneeling*: Stanley Bereda, Stanley Olszewski, Mike Mantia, Elmer Barlow, John Veg, Spike Hensley; *Standing*: Eddie Coy, Doug Whiteman, Tom Barlow, Ted Gusten, Al Barlow, Henry Schwartz.



1929 PNA Baseball Team. (L-R) *Seated*: Stanley Bereda, Stan Olszewski, Spike Hensley, Leslie Delaney, Elmer Barlow, John Veg; *Kneeling*: Al Barlow, Tom Barlow, Mike Mantia, Chuck Barlow, Ted McCarthy; *Standing*: Henry Schwartz, Stanley Bochenek, Ben Thomas, Leo Lucas, Ignatius Brzozowski, Harry Lee.



1938 Boy's Baseball Team. (L-R) *Front Row*: Matty Dawicki, Leonard Krowialis, Eddie Klos, Carl Kunka; *Middle Row*: Father Frydrych, Alex Bilinski, Albert Konicki, Stanley Stajniak; *Back Row*: Leonard Wysinski, Robert Borkowski, Frank Siekierka.



1931 Girl's Softball Team. (L-R) *Seated*: Lillian Skapik; *Standing*: Rose Ksiezopolski, Sophie Pietrzak, Clara Szymczak, Mary Malesko, Cecilia Pietrzak, Theresa Przybylska, Anna Sendral, Sophie Tarczynski, Sophie Malesko, Viola Bernat.

During Father Paul's tenure, the parish became the second home for its parishioners.

Garden parties were established to raise money and picnics were held at outside parks.



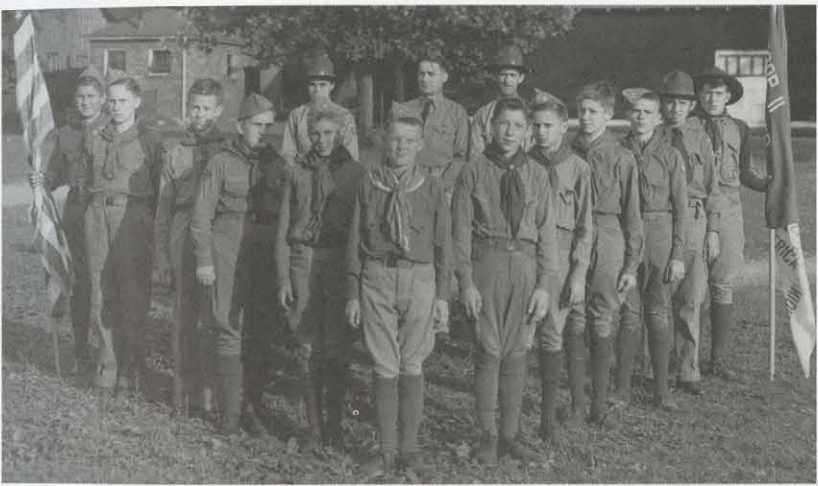
St. Adalbert Garden Party 1938. (L-R) Stan Malesko, Joe Zotkiewicz, Adam Kurpiel, Julian Ksiezopolski.



1930's Boy Scouts. (L-R) Henry Cichanowicz, Bob Pietrzak, Bill LaPrise, Ray Bucenski, Ray Zinkiewicz, Ed Klos, John Przybylowicz, Bob Borkowski, Albin Rudzinski; Ed Thomas; Ralph Klos; Leonard Wysinski; Bill Siekierka; Albert Krowialis.



1938 St. Adalbert Girl Scout Picnic. (L-R) *Front Row:* Jenny Marcheska, Charlotte Lipinska, Regina Pietka; *Back Row:* Mary Rudzinska, Cecelia Bochenek, Delores Dembski.



1944 Boy Scouts. (L-R) John Goldick, Ed Thomas, Paul Petkowitz, George Smolinski, Al Pietrzak, Assistant Scoutmaster, Henry Czarzasty, Al Kolleda, District Chief, Al Lucas, Walt Dolinski, Gene Wenclewicz, Scoutmaster, Edmund Danielewicz, Eugene Jablinski, Henry Lipinski, Ray Danielewicz, Bob Daniszewski.

The Boy Scout Troop 11 and Girl Scouts were organized as well as the Altar Rosary Society and Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

The Young Ladies Sodality became more active. Monthly, the members received communion as a group and carried the Blessed Mother in various processions, dressed in their white dresses and blue capes. Annual May crownings were held and a Queen of the May honored.



May Crownings. (L-R) Stella Brzozowska, Florentine Bochenek, Betty Bochenek, Angela Pietrzak, JoAnn Przybylowicz, Mary Rudzinska, Mary Jane Niemynska, Patricia Gregocewicz, Mary Ann Golba, Aloise Chmiel, Ann Konicka, Veronica and Maria Luckoski.





Interior of renovated original church.

In 1927 Father Paul acquired 12 adjoining lots for St. Adalbert at a cost of \$2,700, thus extending the parish land westward on the north side of St. Adalbert Avenue. This land became the site for the new church in 1966. Father Frydrych made many repairs and improvements on the church/school/residence building for it began to show the wear and tear of years of use. Besides remodeling the church/school entrance with a matching brick canopy, more modern facilities were installed, such as a new organ, a new boiler, and a garage.

Father Paul, through his deep interests, came to be widely known in the Dayton area not only among religious but also the sports and business communities. After working devotedly and energetically for more than 21 years in the service of his beloved parishioners, Father Frydrych was stricken with a heart attack. He died on November 5, 1947. He was buried in Dayton's Calvary Cemetery on his 50th birthday, November 10, 1947. Thus were Father Frydrych's 25 years of priestly life dedicated to the work of Christ. Upon his death, Father Edwin Weber, S.M. of the University of Dayton became administrator protem. He served two months.



Nativity scene—old church.



1940 Christmas at St. Adalbert.



1950 exterior of St. Adalbert.

Because of the efforts of the Franciscan sisters, and the grace of God, vocations to the religious life began. The following daughters of the parish entered the convent of the Franciscan Sisters in St. Louis. Many of them were transferred back home to teach their brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. Sister Paula (Rudzinska) was elected to serve as Reverend Mother of their order. One son of the parish became a member of the Society of Mary.



Daughters of the Parish. (L-R) *Front Row:* Sisters, Celine (Pietrzak), Edmund (Marcheska), Imelda (Burdzinska); *Back Row:* Sisters, Norbert (Lokaj), Bernard (Lokaj), Loraine (Brzozowska), Paula (Rudzinska).



Sister Rosemarie (Przybylowicz) OSF



Sister M. Edwina (Piekutowska) OSF



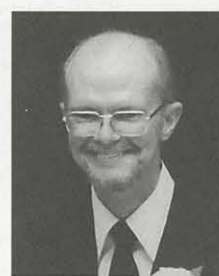
Sister M. Jacqueline (Svellinger) OSF



Sister M. Luke (Piekutowska) OSF



Sister M. Sebastian (Kolakowska) OSF



Brother Paul Jablinski SM



Class of 1926. (L-R) *Seated*: Jane Zinkiewicz, Stella Marcheski, Edward Sokolowski, Susan Chalecki, Clara Sobieski; *Standing*: Helen Malesko, Mary Kleismit, Jane Lipinska, Father Frydrych, Josephine Lipinska, Frances Domanska, Pauline Piekutowska.



Class of 1927. (L-R) *Seated*: Rose Prajs, Angeline Ksiezopolska, Bertha Trzeciak, Father Paul Frydrych, Anna Pietrzak, Ann Kozlowska, Eva Lokaj; *Standing*: Ray Kleismit, Edward Bystryk, Bernard Piekutowski, Henry Pulkowski, Helen Brzozowski, Victoria Spilizewska, Theresa Gemza, Victor Mikielewicz, Frank Miklasz, Albin Sobieski.



Class of 1928. (L-R) *Front Row*: Frances Brzozowska, Stella Golba, Teresa Daniszewska, Genevieve Bucenska, Father Paul Frydrych, Helen Konicka, Betty Sobieska, Rose Romanczuk, Edith Jankowska; *Middle Row*: Joseph Chmiel, Julia Bernat, Janet Lojkoc, Sophie Ostrowska, Sophie Kozłowska, Helen Zebrowska, Frances Konicka, Stephen Gemza, Joseph Lipinski; *Back Row*: Frank Luckowski, Victor Zotkiewicz, John Zaborowski, Walter Tatol, Joseph Chorazewicz, Joseph Pietrzak, Stanley Brzozowski, Stanley Piekutowski.



Class of 1929. (L-R) *Front Row*: Viola Kunka, Jennie Kleismit, Sophie Pietrzak, Frances Piekutowska, Mary Modras, Father Paul Frydrych, Helen Zotkiewicz, Angela Gadowska, Josephine Hoffman, Anna Onuszcak, Helen Kunka; *Second Row*: Walter Borkowski, Peter Wenclewicz, Stanley Pietrzak, Henry Smolinski, Eugene Zinkiewicz, Henry Wolski, Joseph Jablonski, John Dembski, Alexander Rudzinski, John Malesko, Stanley Tatol, Edward Skowronski; *Third Row*: Anna Burdzinska, Irene Sobieska, Anna Zaremba, Mary Zaborowska, Sophie Bochenek, Joanna Bilinska, Sophia Brzozowska, Veronica Smolinska, Sophie Chorazewicz, Helen Konicka, Sophie Galecka, Sophie Pientka, Wanda Szczepkowska, Frances Lokaj; *Back Row*: Stanley Plonka, Thomas Ampula, Chester Andruszkiewicz, Marion Glos, John Boksza, Walter Siewkiewicz, Albert Meleski, Joseph Plochocki, Leonard Daniszewski, William Borkowski, Bill Wysinski, Joseph Brzozowski, John Lipinski, Marion Dembski.



Class of 1930. (L-R) *Front Row*: John Sobieski, Ralph Ampula, Irene Bucenska, Charlotte Lojkoc, Hedwig Bystrek, Virginia Piesniewska, Lucille Pulkowska, Father Paul Frydrych, Cecilia Trzeciak, Wanda Jankowska, Sophie Kozlowska, Clara Glos, Virginia Stylska, Julian Ksiezopolski, Joseph Dolkowski; *Middle Row*: Albert Brodnicki, Louis Bernat, Frances Galecka, Adella Hoffman, Sophie Gemza, Frances Brzozowska, Josephine Bochenek, Wilma Spilizewska, Freda Sobieska, Cecilia Zaborowska, Sophie Malysko, Anna Bilinska, Stella Hoffman, Frank Pietrzak, Alexander Pietrzak; *Back Row*: Anthony Konicki, Charles Brzozowski, Leonard Szymczak, Francis Lokaj, Martin Zinkiewicz, Zigmunt Gierus, Walter Konicki, Francis Eckert, Walter Kozlowski, Edmund Kolaczowski, Louis Chmiel, Joseph Zotkiewicz, Walter Klepacz.



Class of 1931. (L-R) *Front Row*: Jean Sarnowska, Mary Konicka, Charlotte Kozlowska, Anna Sendral, Sophie Borkowska, Father Paul Frydrych, Clara Szymczak, Joanne Dolegowska, Sophie Lipinska, Stella Zochowska, Wanda Rudzinska; *Middle Row*: Joseph Marczewski, Stanley Marczewski, Walter Rudzinski, Edward Wolski, Albert Daniszewski, Walter Onuszcak, Ben Puchalski, Stanley Boksza, Damascius Gadowski; *Back Row*: Frank Pientka, Roman Propolski, Walter Wilem, Henry Bochenek, Leonard Luckowski, Marion Chalecki, Zygmunt Zientkiewicz.



Class of 1932. (L-R) *Front Row:* Rose Ksiezopolski, Angela Sobieska, Viola Bernat, Father Paul Frydrych, Helen Lipinska, Dorothy Glos, Mary Ostrowska; *Second Row:* Thomas Lokaj, Melvina Jankowska, Angela Kolakowska, Cecilia Pietrzak, Jenny Szpilizewska, Leona Dolengowska, Frances Malesko, Ann Zinkiewicz, Theresa Przybylska, Henry Zinkiewicz; *Third Row:* Mary Malesko, Edith Bilinska, Mary Gierus, Helen Olszewska, Mary Klepacz, Josephine Eckert, Martha Chorazewicz, Stella Andruszkiewicz, Frances Rolka; *Back Row:* Frank Hoffman, Edward Konicki, Ralph Piesniewski, Henry Chmiel, Henry Zochowski, Bernard Smolinski, Joseph Pietrzak, Anthony Pietrzak.



Class of 1933. (L-R) *Seated:* Edward Puchalski, Jeannette Rudzinska, Mary Czarzasty, Father Paul Frydrych, Charlotte Sobieska, Mary Lokaj, John Gadomski; *Standing:* Walter Golba, Bill Kunka, Marion Senkowski, Sophie Szymczak, George Szczepkowski, Francis Bochenek, Joseph Boksza.



Class of 1934. (L-R) *Front Row*: Helen Chmiel, Frances Zotkiewicz, Jeanette Pietrzak, Father Paul Frydrych, Stella Brzozowska, Janet Wysinska, Helen Brzozowska; *Second Row*: Walter Marczewski, Leonard Dembski, Felix Modras, Rufin Ampula, John Spilizewski, Stanley Konicki, John Pietrzak, Benedict Puchalski; *Third Row*: Mary Kolakowska, Viola Dawicka, Hedwig Balsiuk, Hedwig Gierus, Walter Pietrzak, Hedwig Piekutowski, Sophia Olszewska, Agnes Siewkiewicz, Eleanor Chmielewska; *Back Row*: Charles Bilinski, Leonard Wolski, Frank Matowski, Julian Eckert, John Konicki, Stanley Kozlowski, Wallace Wenclewicz, Sigmund Synkowski.



Class of 1935. (L-R) *Front Row*: Eleanor Hoffman, Jeanette Zwolska, Stanley Chmielewski, Stanley Zotkiewicz, Stella Kleismet, Valeria Glos; *Second Row*: Cecilia Bochenek, Regina Lokaj, Joseph Bochenek, John Pietka, Edmund Lojkoc, Theresa Cichanowicz, Stella Bernat; *Third Row*: Leonard Hoffman, John Dolengowski, Henry Sipkowski, Chester Rolka, Roland Golembiewski; *Back Row*: Bernard Przybylski, Edmund Szymczak, Phillip Kozlowski, Walter Lipinski, Edward Golba, Chester Lipinski.



Class of 1936. (L-R) *Front Row*: Frances Rudzinska, John Puka, Valeria Golba, Father Paul Frydrych, Veronica Bucinska, Albert Pietrzak, Florence Choraziewicz; *Middle Row*: Carl Konicki, John Bikowski, Chester Marczewski, Harry Miklasz, Stanley Chmiel, Edward Rolka; *Back Row*: Roman Kozlowski, Chester Plonka, Thaddeus Senkowski, John Kunka Jr., Bernard Daniszewski, Francis Boksza.



Class of 1937. (L-R) *Front Row*: Vincent Chalecki, Chester Stajniak, Alfred Ampula, Father Paul Frydrych, Robert Kunka, Eugene Glos, Edward Boksza; *Second Row*: Hedwig Cichanowicz, Genevieve Andruszkiewicz, Christina Olszewska, Betty Bochenek, Pauline Wenclewicz, Helen Olsen, Stella Konicka, Hedwig Lipinska; *Third Row*: Adam Zinkiewicz, Pete Pietrzak, Genevieve Lokaj, Martha Puchalska, Frances Malesko, Stanley Pietrzak, John Siwecki, Peter Brzozowski; *Back Row*: Chester Kozlowski, Henry Piekutowski, Henry Wilem, Walter Zinkiewicz, Edward Siwecki, Ralph Bochenek, Raymond Zientkiewicz, Edward Zwolski.



Class of 1938. (L-R) *Front Row:* Mary Rudzinska, Dolores Dembska, Regina Pientka, Father Paul Frydrych, Jane Bucenska, Irene Gierus, Helen Markiewicz; *Middle Row:* Alexander Bilinski, Ann Cichanowicz, Albert Konicki, Rita Kozłowska, Henry Brzozowski; *Back Row:* Frank Siekierka, Raymond Pietrzak, Stanley Stajniak, Joseph Puchalski.



Class of 1939. (L-R) *Front Row:* Henrietta Siewkiewicz, Genevieve Plonka, Thomas Kozłowski, Father Paul Frydrych, Carl Kunka, Stella Wolska, Barbara Jasinska; *Second Row:* Eleanore Balsink, Mary Horne, Raymond Galecki, Matthew Dawicki, Leonard Krowialis, Sophie Wilem, Charlotte Lipinska; *Third Row:* Bill Honaker, Edward Synkowski, Clarence Konicki, Jane Szywkiewicz, Aloise Chmiel, Walter Olson (Olszewski), Leonard Wysinski, Martin Lokaj; *Back Row:* Raymond Zinkiewicz, Robert Borkowski, Genevieve Marczewska, Cecilia Bochenek, Lorraine Galecka, Edward Klos, Stanley Dolinski.



Class of 1940. (L-R) *Front Row*: Stella Klepacz, Florence Lojkoc, Raymond Bucenski, Father Paul Frydrych, Bob Pietrzak, Stella Cichanowicz, Rose Kozlowska; *Middle Row*: Thaddeus Kolakowski, Helen Zinkiewicz, Eugene Bochenek, Rita Konicka, Bill Siekierka; *Back Row*: William LaPrice, Frances Gemza, Robert Siwecki, Roman Lokaj, Rose Konicka, Henry Cichanowicz.



Class of 1941. (L-R) *Seated*: Edmund Pietrzak, Catherine Olszewska, Father Paul Frydrych, MaryAnn Golba, Albert Krowialis; *Standing*: Arno Null, Henrietta Siewkiewicz, George Omietanski, Irene Bialek, Lawrence Konicki, Josephine Konicka, Edward Balsiuk.



Class of 1942. (L-R) *Front Row*: Rosina Dermis, Jennie Gierus, Helen Dawicka, Father Paul Frydrych, Regina Pietrzak, Martha Gemza, Mary Lou Bochenek; *Middle Row*: Paul Konicki, Joseph Dolinski, Angela Andruszkiewicz, Rose Marie Chalecka, Dorothy Jasinska, Mary Jane Daniszewska, Albin Kowalski, Thomas Golba, Henry Lipinski; *Back Row*: Francis Jablonski, Anthony Jasinski, Ben Markiewicz, Walter (Bob) Wenclewicz, Ralph Klos, John Galecki, John Wilem.



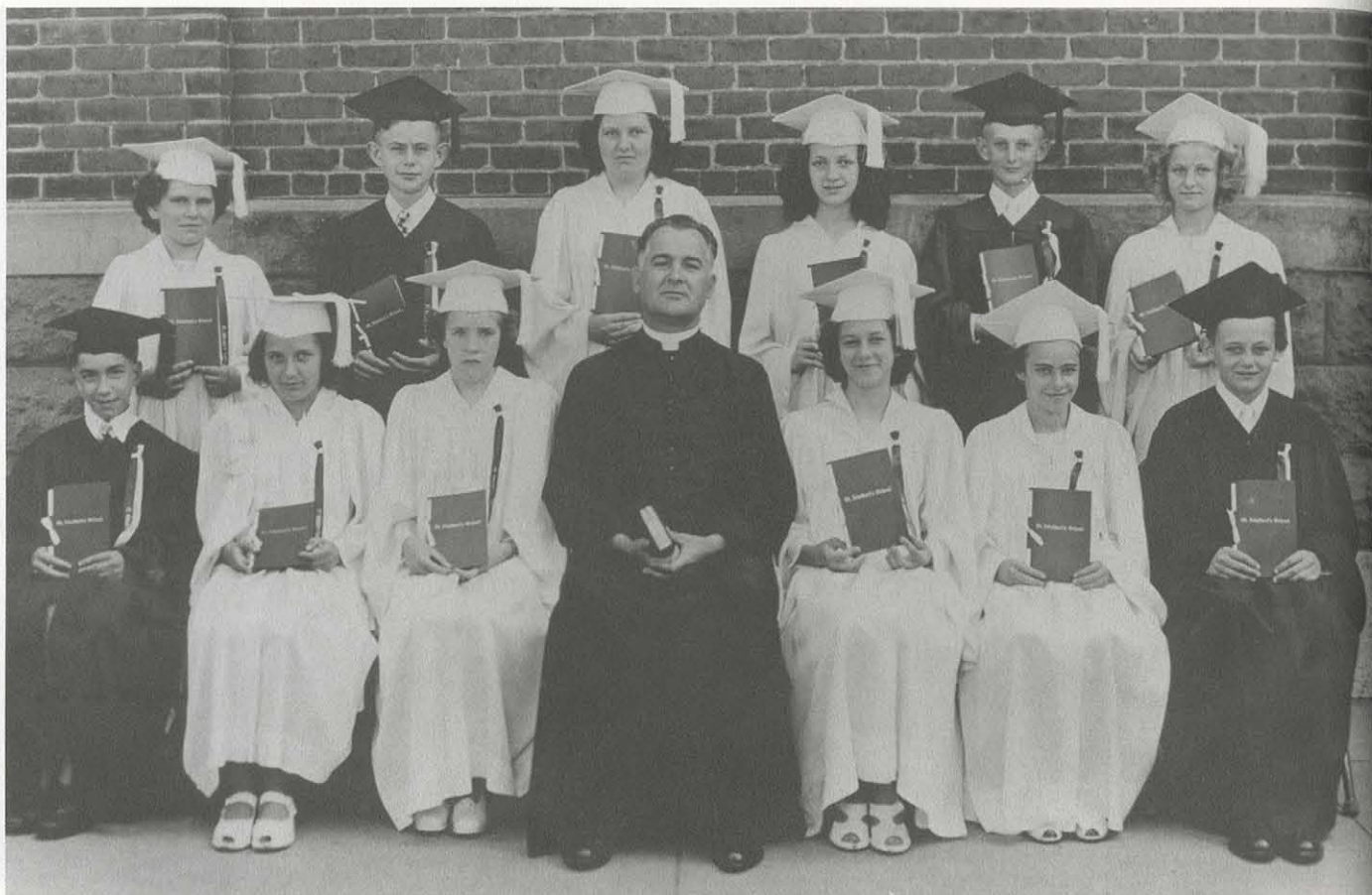
Class of 1943. (L-R) *Front Row*: Rose Marie Bernat, Dorothy Kozlowski, Anna Konicka, Father Paul Frydrych, Lillian Ostrowska, Irene Konicka, Mary Jane Niemynska; *Middle Row*: Jerome Bialek, Eleanore Kowalska, Mary Lou Kunka, Rita Puchalska, Eugenia Konicka, Virginia Dawicka, Angela Borkowska, Janet Null, Chester Zinkiewicz; *Back Row*: Joseph Cichanowicz, Leo Lukaszewski, Eugene Jablinski, Alfred Lukaszewski, Edward Tomaszewski, Bernard Kunka, Billy Lynne.



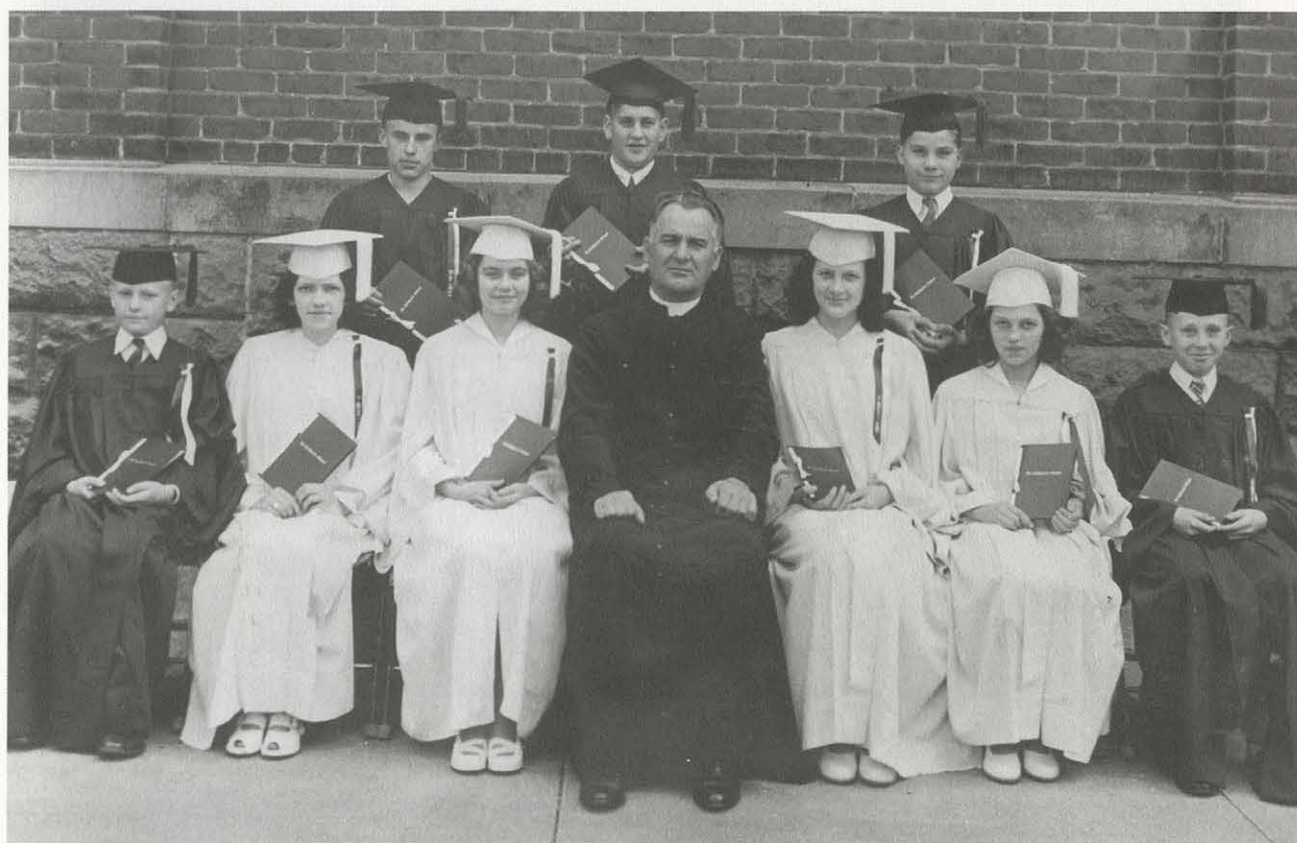
Class of 1944. (L-R) *Seated*: Stanley Olszewski, Mary Zinkiewicz, Alice Kozłowska, Father Paul Frydrych, Rosella Gregocewicz, Joyce Podrybau, Richard Wenclewicz; *Standing*: Walter Dolinski, George Dermis, Paul Petkiewicz, John Klepacz, Robert Daniszewski, Edmund Danielewicz, Chester Konicki.



Class of 1945. (L-R) *Seated*: Joan Przybylowicz, Father Paul Frydrych, Phyllis Bochenek; *Standing*: Henry Czarzasty, Raymond Danielewicz, Florentine Bochenek, George Smolinski, Thomas Pietrzak.

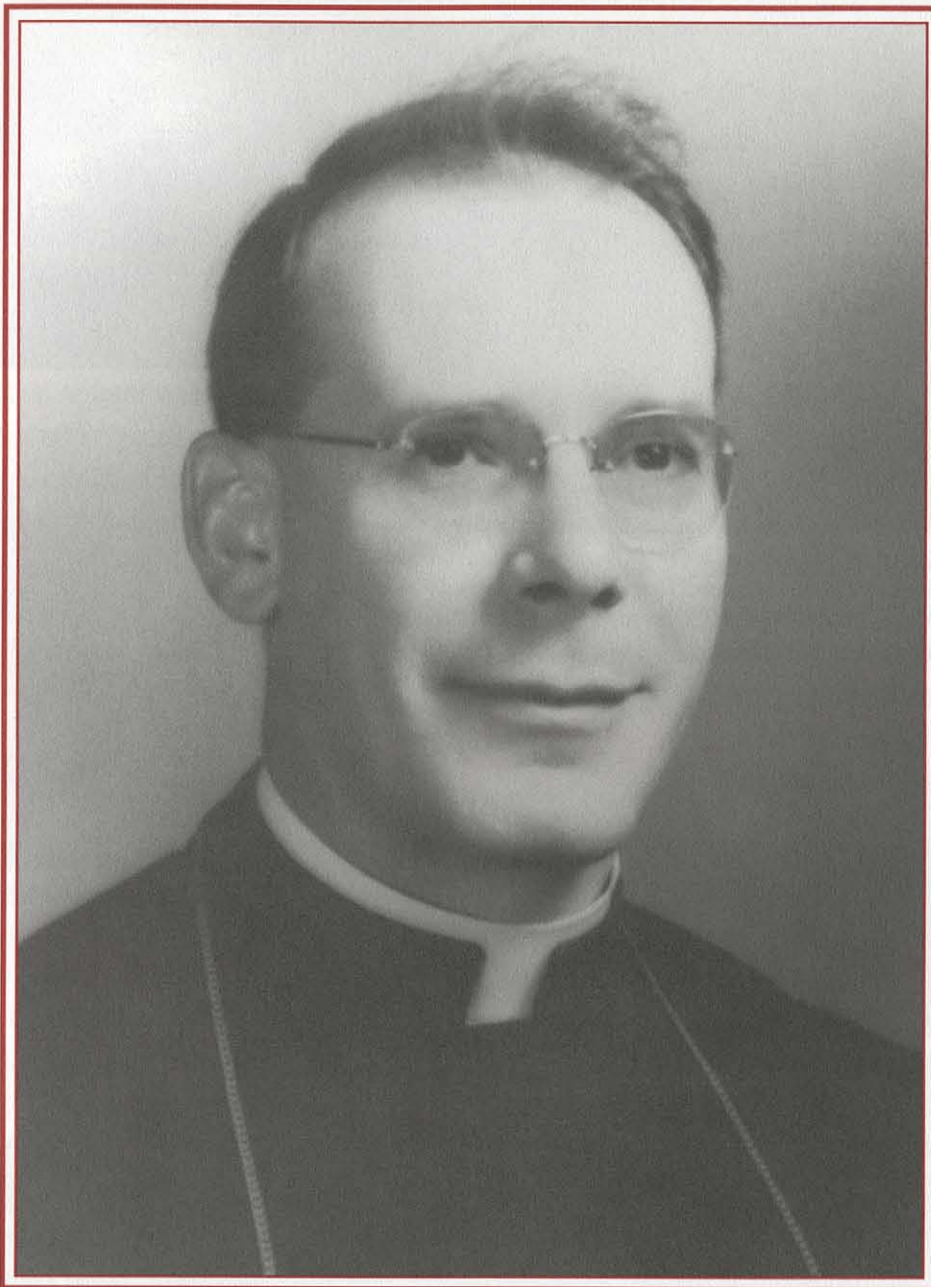


Class of 1946. (L-R) *Seated*: Edmund Chmielewski, Theresa Cichanowicz, Alice Jean Golba, Father Paul Frydrych, Patricia Gregocewicz, Elizabeth Petkwitz, Stanley Konicki; *Standing*: Mary Jane Konicka, Bernard Piekutowski, Stella Kolakowska, Marcella Kowalski, Chester Dembski, Angela Pietrzak.



Class of 1947. (L-R) *Seated*: Theodore Jablinski, Pauline Zwolski, Mary Ann Gierak, Father Paul Frydrych, Irene Cantrell, Loretta Kowalska, Chester Trzeciak; *Standing*: Henry Jasinski, Roger Null, Joseph Klepacz.

1948-1958 CHAPLAIN



Reverend Norbert A. Sulkowski

Born October 27, 1913 in Detroit, Michigan.

Ordained April 21, 1940 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Died November 28, 1973 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Father Norbert A. Sulkowski of the Society of the Precious Blood became, on January 8, 1948, the fourth pastor of St. Adalbert. With the lifting of World War II restrictions on the economy, a program of repairs and improvements was initiated. In 1948 a new electronic organ was installed in church and the interior and exterior of the church building was painted. In 1949 the prefabricated school building was razed and replaced with a cement block janitor's residence and utility building. This was constructed through the cooperative labor of parishioners and friends. It served not only as living quarters for the janitor and family, but also provided storage space for the supply and maintenance needs of the parish. Father Sulkowski also gave the church grounds a face lifting by removing the old trees, replacing them with young maples near the street, extending the length of the property, and by having the schoolyard blacktopped to serve as a parking area.

In December 1953, Father Sulkowski was given an opportunity to purchase for St. Adalbert the 5.35 acres of land adjoining the church on the north. With Archdiocesan approval, this was accomplished in April 1954, for \$25,000. The old rectory was then sold to a funeral director and plans were quickly drafted to construct a more suitable new rectory on the acquired land. In a period of four months, the old buildings on the acquired land were razed and a new brick rectory and garage were constructed for \$31,000. Father Sulkowski moved to the new rectory.

The Holy Name Society for men was officially organized in 1952 and in 1953 the Women's Altar Rosary Society. Thus every man and woman of the parish could actively participate in these religious lay societies.



1978 exterior of rectory, built in 1954.



Janitor's residence and utility building.



In 1953 St. Adalbert celebrated its Golden Jubilee. This was commemorated with a Clergy Day, April 23, 1953, and a Social Day, April 26, 1953. The Clergy Day Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, Archbishop of Cincinnati. On Sunday, the Right Reverend Monsignor Edward J. Szumal, Rector of Saints Cyril and Methodius Polish Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan, offered the Solemn High Mass and delivered the sermon in Polish. That afternoon a Golden Jubilee Banquet was held in the Polish-American Democratic Club Hall. Special tribute was paid to nine living members of St. Adalbert who participated in the dedication of the church in 1905. These were: Mr. Frank Tarczynski (Trustee, 1909), Victoria Dziadula, Sigmund Ksiezopolski, Alice Kunka, Adella Piekutowski, Joseph Piekutowski, Sr., Apolonia Piekutowski, Helen Sobieski, and Valentine Szymczak.

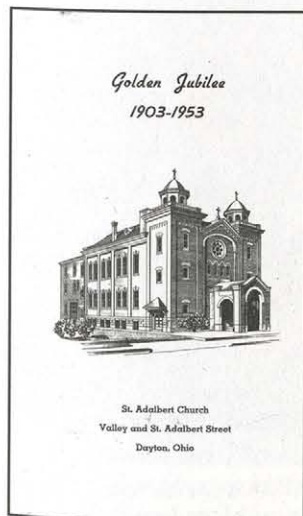
The year 1954 brought yet another proud addition to St. Adalbert. Parishioners Mary and Joseph Piekutowski recognized, in the acquisition of the five acres of ground, an excellent opportunity to see their dream of a Lourdes Grotto materialize. They approached



Charter Members Attending Golden Jubilee Celebration, 1953. (L-R) *Seated:* Victoria Dziadula, Apolonia Piekutowska, Alice Kunka, Sigmund Ksiezopolski, Adella Piekutowska, Mary Jablonska; *Standing:* Valentine Szymczak, Frances Szymczak, Helen Sobieska, Joseph Piekutowski Sr., Joseph Jablonski, Frank Tarczynski.



Cutting of cake—1953 Golden Jubilee. (L-R) Frank Tarczynski, Peter Krowialis, Father N. Sulkowski, Msgr. Edward Szumal, Adam Kurpiel, Sigmund Ksiezopolski, Rev. Mother Constance, OSF, Joseph Jablonski, Alice Kunka.



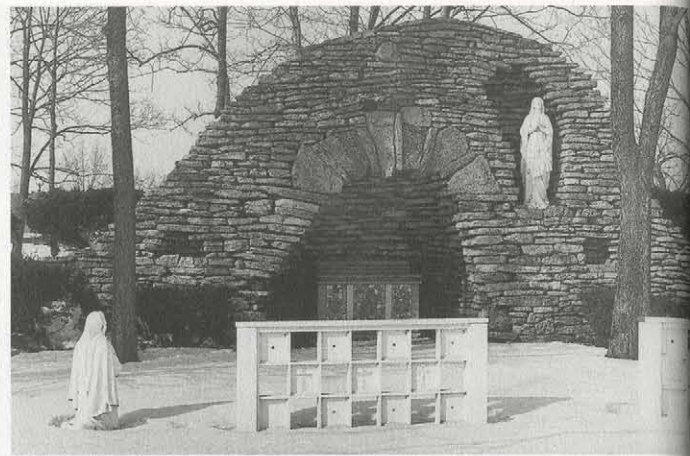
1953 Golden Jubilee booklet cover.

Father Sulkowski, who obtained chancery approval, and work began in the summer. All cost was borne by the donors, and a beautiful grotto was erected and dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes in October 1954. Consequently, the parish possess an inspiring shrine for not only the devotions to Our Blessed Mother in May and October, but at all times of the year. On May 28, 1958, the Centenary of the Apparition of Our Blessed Lady at Lourdes was celebrated by St. Adalbert with a full dress solemn procession from the church to the grotto. The rosary was recited and songs were sung to Our Lady along with a sermon by Father Richard Knuge, S.M.

In October 1956, the Young Ladies Sodality celebrated its Golden Jubilee. The Parent Teacher Association was organized to assist the pastor and the Sisters in attaining closer cooperation among parents, teachers and students.

A new Krakowiak dance group of young adults was also organized in the early 1950s.

Having served his full term of 10 years at one parish, Father Sulkowski was transferred to St. Anthony Church in Detroit, Michigan, on June 24, 1958.



Grotto of Lourdes, constructed next to rectory.



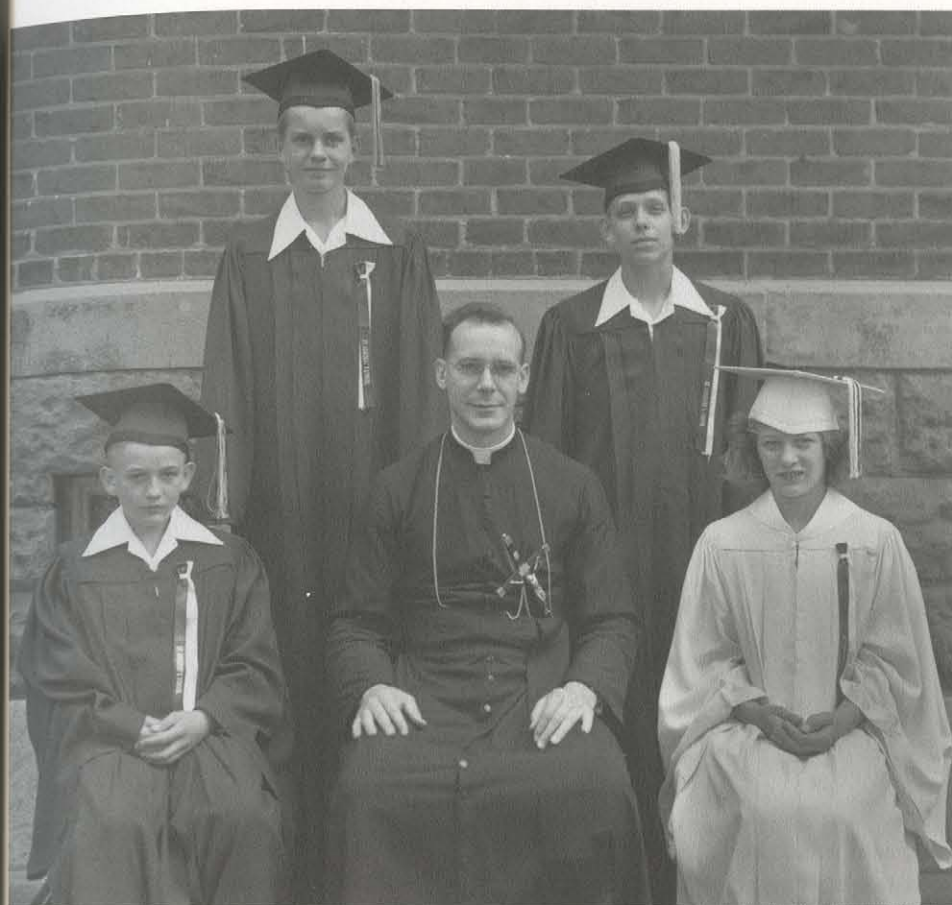
Polish Dancers of the 1950's. *Kneeling:* Mary Ann Golba, Florentine Bochenek, Josephine Konicka, Mary Lou Bochenek; *Standing:* Gene Jablinski, Richard Wenclewicz, Ralph Klos, Stanley Dolinski.



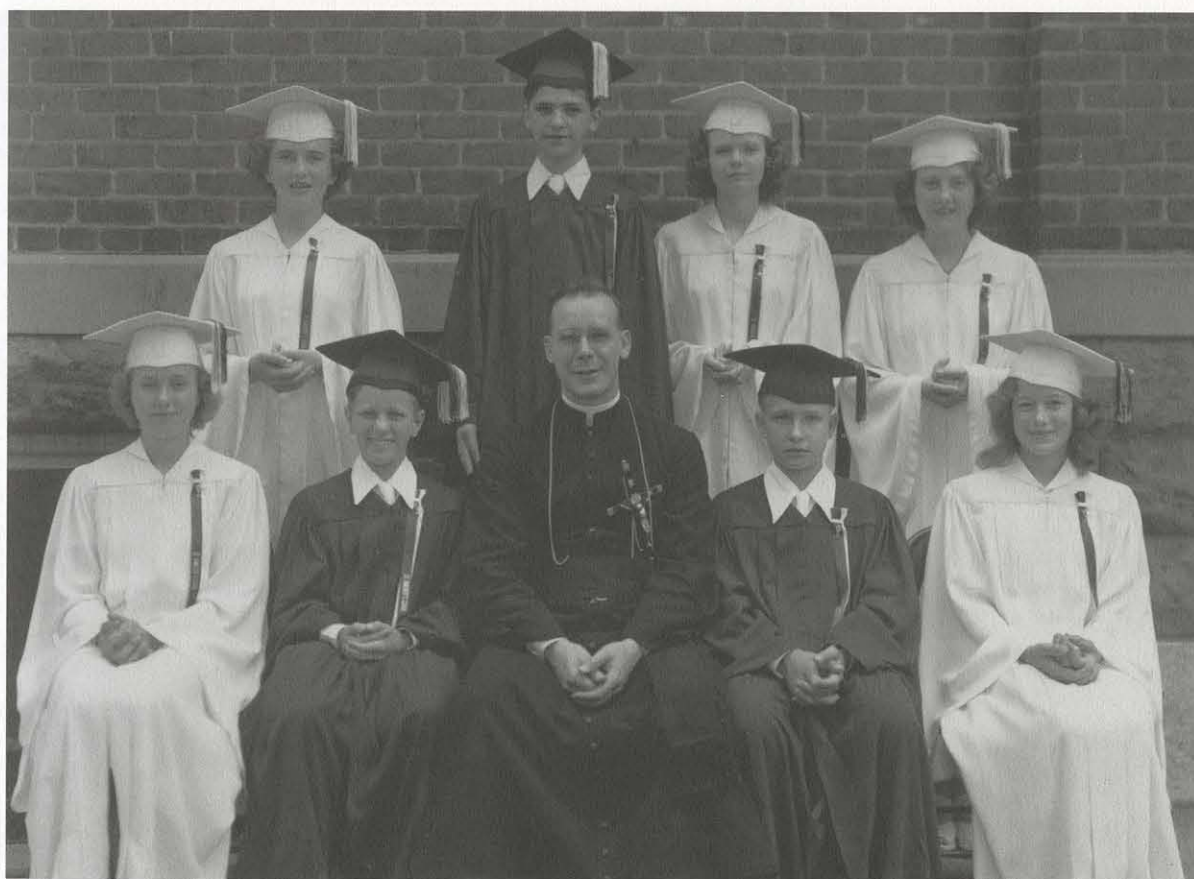
Golden Jubilee of Ladies Sodality.



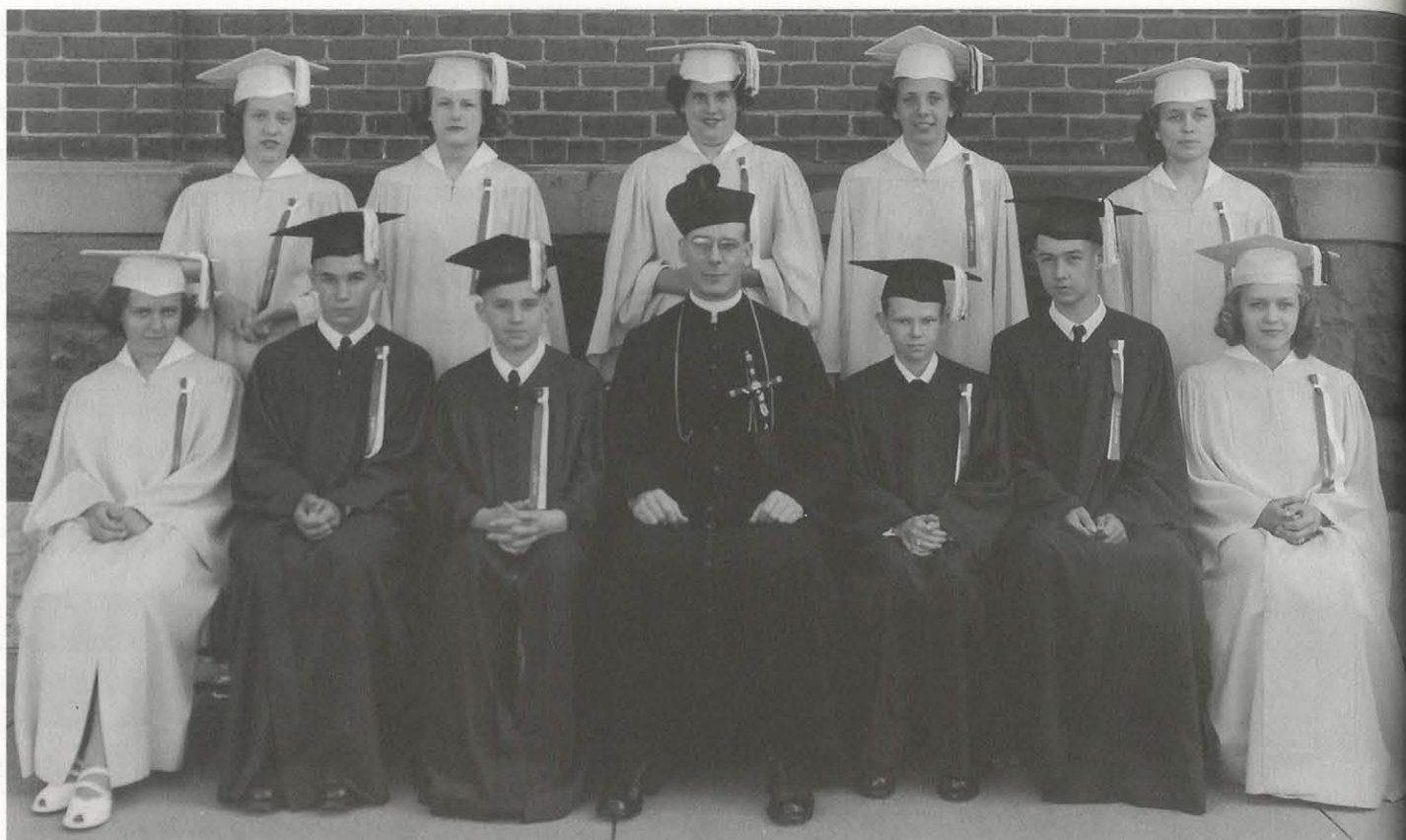
Polish Dancers of the 1950's. *Kneeling:* Irene Konicki, Jo Konicki, Rose Konicki, Betty Lou Petkwitz; *Standing:* Mary Jane Niemynska, Joanne Markiewicz, Mary Lou Bochenek, Angela Pietrzak.



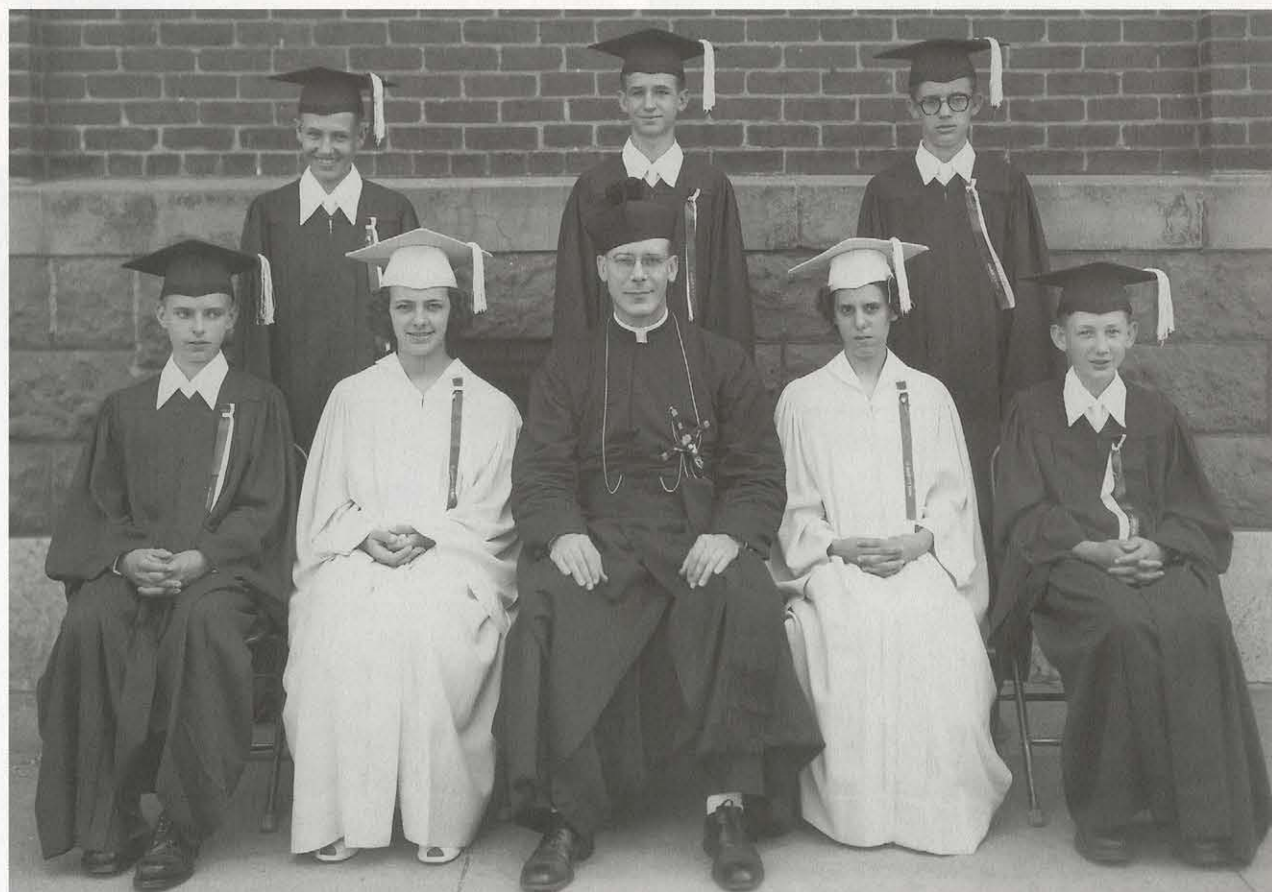
Class of 1948. (L-R) *Seated*: Edmund Cichanowicz, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Marcella Dolinska; *Standing*: Ralph Synkowski, Mitchell Zwolski.



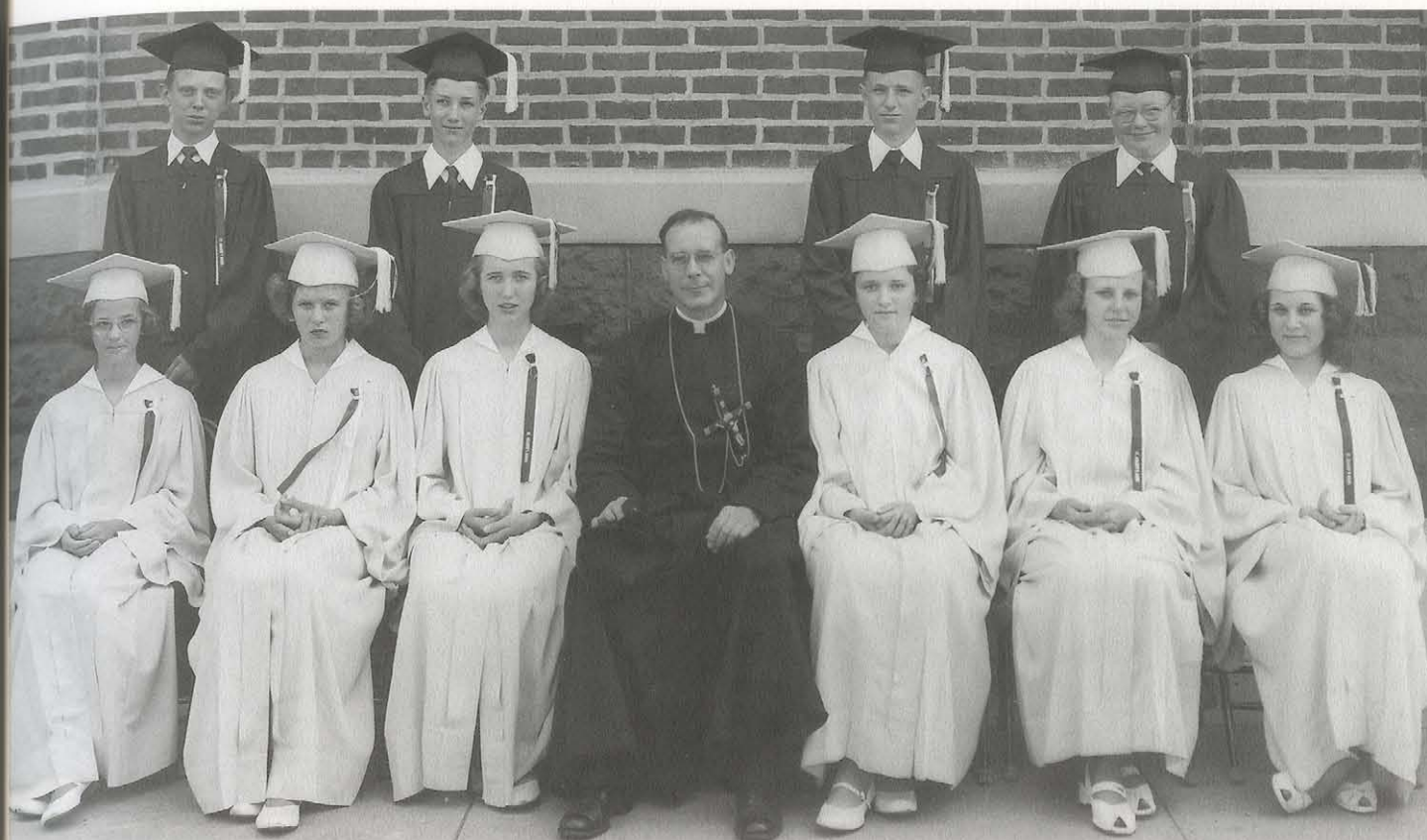
Class of 1949. (L-R) *Seated*: Cecilia Chmielewska, Edwin Trzeciak, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Julian P. Danielewicz, Mary Jane Dolinska; *Standing*: Geraldine Dembska, Jerome H. Kowalski, Joanne Markiewicz, Marilyn Stalinska.



Class of 1950. (L-R) *Seated*: Norma Petkewicz, Edward Binegar, Paul Trzeciak, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Adolph Jablinski, Robert A. Dillin, Sandra Stiplitus; *Standing*: Janet Szulborska, Elizabeth Pietrzak, Dolores Null, Virginia Jablonska, Genevieve Zwolska.



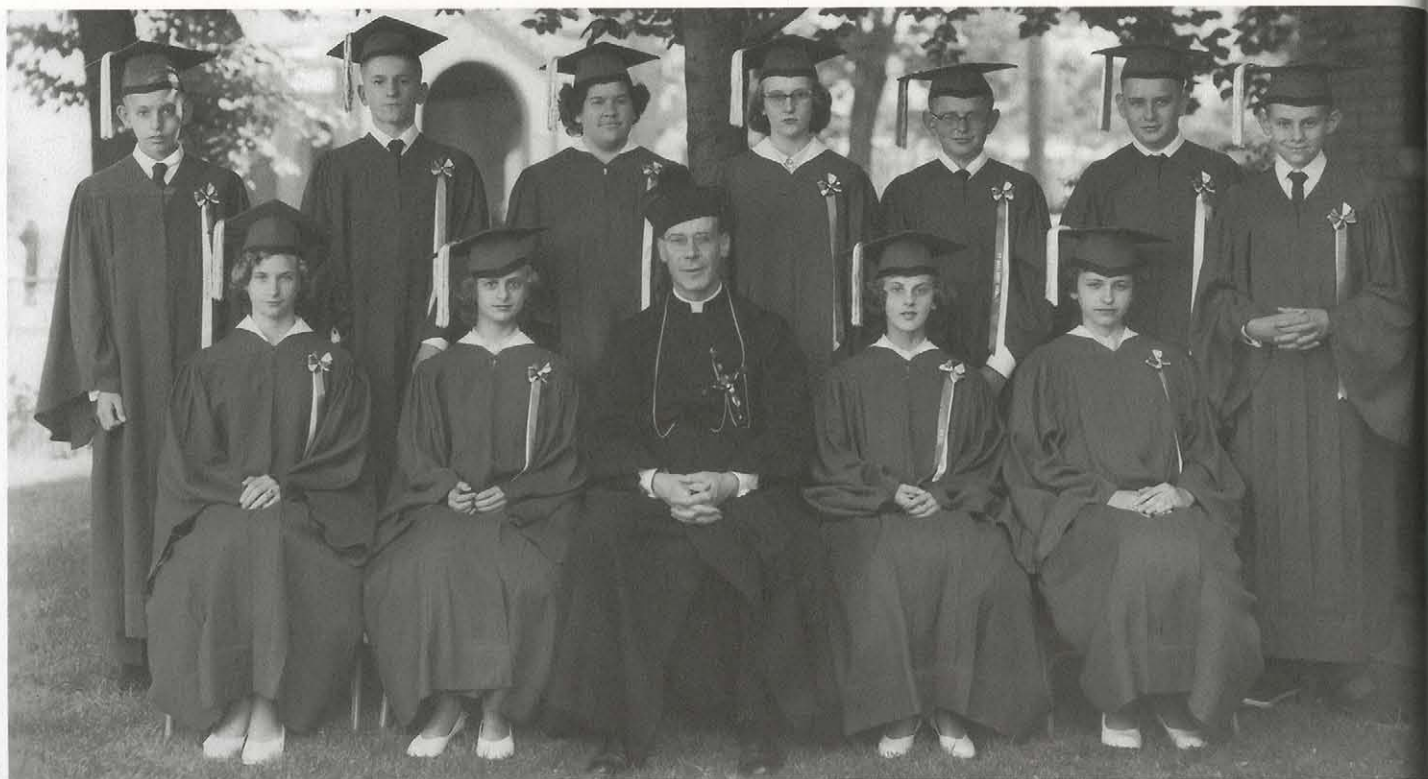
Class of 1951. (L-R) *Seated*: Joseph Jasinski, Irene Kowalski, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Ruth Ann Rudy, Richard Stalinski; *Standing*: Richard Danielewicz, Melvin Leroy Lucas, Paul Pietrzak.



Class of 1952. (L-R) *Seated*: Patricia Trzeciak, Barbara Ann Zinkiewicz, Patricia Dembska, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Barbara Wenclewicz, Bernadette Trzeciak, Betty Ann Marchal; *Standing*: Joseph Kolakowski, J. James Kielbaso, George Motza, Paul Kavalasukas.



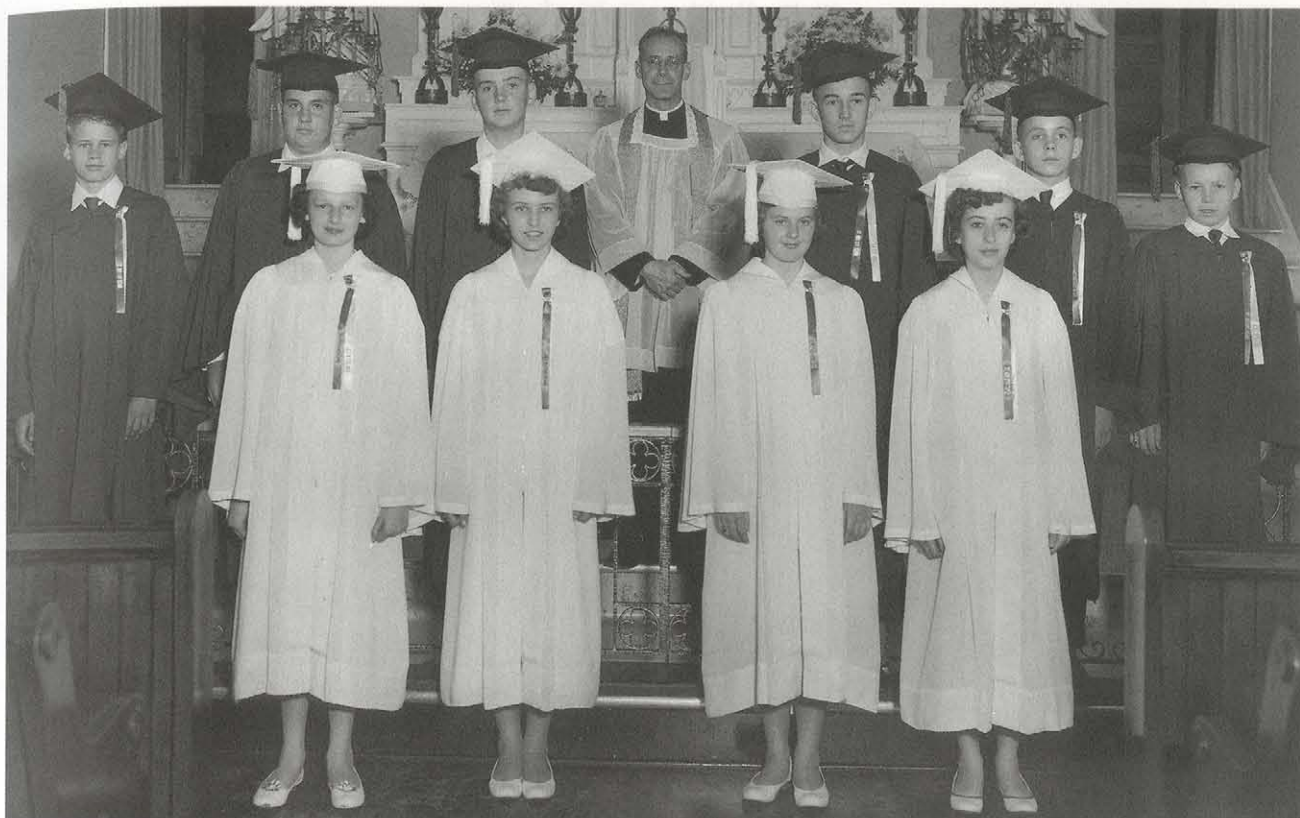
Class of 1953. (L-R) *Seated*: John Jasinski, Joseph P. Brzozowski, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Stanley Cichanowicz, Stanley Pietrzak; *Standing*: Joseph Motza, Richard Harrison, Rose Marie Przybylowicz, Frank M. Luckoski, James Bell, Thomas Konicki.



Class of 1954. (L-R) *Seated*: Kathleen A. Koerner, Maria Luckoski, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Veronica M. Luckoski, Frances Kowalska; *Standing*: Marion Zwolski, Robert A. Rudzinski, Carol Null, Rosemarie Marchal, Joseph Piekutowski, Wesley Westendorf, Elmer Prikkel.



Class of 1955. (L-R) *Seated*: Patricia Prikkel, Patricia Przybylowicz, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Susan J. Koerner, Margaret Ann Kavalauskas; *Standing*: Gerald C. Danielewicz, John W. Zinkiewicz, Edward T. Rudy, William Zobrist, Eugene T. Zinkiewicz, Thomas Brzozowski.



Class of 1956. (L-R) *Front Row:* Ann Elizabeth Sinkwitz, Phyllis Przybylowicz, Carol Ann Konicka, Patricia M. Chmiel; *Back Row:* Walter Pietrzak, Charles Null, Joseph Kielbaso, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Carl Holzinger, Julian Zwolski, William VanWey.



Class of 1957. (L-R) *Front Row:* Kathleen Stiplitus, Elaine Rudzinska, Diane Birt, Marianne Rendleman, Ann Marie Jasinska; *Middle Row:* Robert Magnus, Lawrence Ploski, Louis Chmiel, Timothy Koerner, Daniel Zinkiewicz; *Back Row:* Father Norbert Sulkowski.



Class of 1958. (L-R) *Front Row*: Jerome Koerner, Charlotte Zwolska, Mary Trzeciak, Judith Svelling, Charles Cichanowicz; *Back Row*: Lawrence Williams, John Holzinger, Susan Birt, Father Norbert Sulkowski, Judith Bochenek, Edward Bochenek, Joseph Plochocki.

1958-1964
GENTLE MAN



Reverend Edward S. Zukowski

Born August 22, 1914 in Toledo, Ohio.

Ordained March 8, 1942 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Died April 14, 1996 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Father Edward S. Zukowski, also of the Precious Blood Society, became the fifth pastor of St. Adalbert on June 24, 1958. From his first day, Father Ed concentrated on the spiritual welfare of his parish family. His deep faith and devotion inspired not only the school children, but the adults as well, to a holier life. He sought prayerful living and nothing pleased him more than to see his flock together at Mass and devotions. Because of this, many learned to trust his guidance and advice. Father Ed was loved and respected not only by his own parishioners, but also by all those who came to know him. In the material realm, he saw to the improvements and repairs required for proper maintenance of the church and school. The church hall was renovated and rest rooms were installed in the school building. In 1963 Father Ed purchased two triangular lots on Urbana Avenue, which adjoin the parish grounds on the northwest.

Father Ed expanded the school children's exposure to religious life. He continued the annual trips for altar boys to St. Charles Seminary in Carthagen, Ohio. At the same time, he, along with the teaching sisters, organized religious stage plays in an effort to further vocations.

With the demise of the neighborhood store, shopping by the sisters teaching at St. Adalbert became more of a problem. A committee, headed by Adolph Jablinski, was organized to buy a car for the sisters. Their efforts culminated in the purchase of a new automobile in 1954.

For the parish teenagers, activities like the junior golf league and a younger Polish dance group, were established.



(L-R) *Front Row:* Father Ed Zukowski, Sister M. Paulette, Sister M. Joseph, Adolph Jablinski; *Back Row:* Albin Rudzinski, Eleanor Klimaski, Eugene Jablinski, Robert Borkowski, Sr.



Religious plays. (L-R) Paul Lucus, Pete Pietrzak, Paul Holzinger, Jim Zobrist, Guy Glasener, Louis Przybylowicz, Rich Ploski, David Prikkel; Pope—Joe Sinkwitz, Bob Przybylowicz, Bill Wysinski, Lyle Merta.



Junior golf league. (L-R) *Seated:* Joe Ksiezopolski, Bill Wysinski, Father Ed Zukowski, Mike Malesko, Bob Wysinski; *Standing:* Tony Roesle, Tom Grzybowski, Bob Przybylowicz, Mike Bochenek, John Loscko, Bob Loscko, Paul Kurpiel.



Dancers of the 1960's. (L-R) Joyce Ksiezopolski, John Loscko, Judy Ksiezopolski, Peter Pietrzak, Rose Svelling, William Fitzpatrick, Julie Hurst, Bob Przybylowicz.



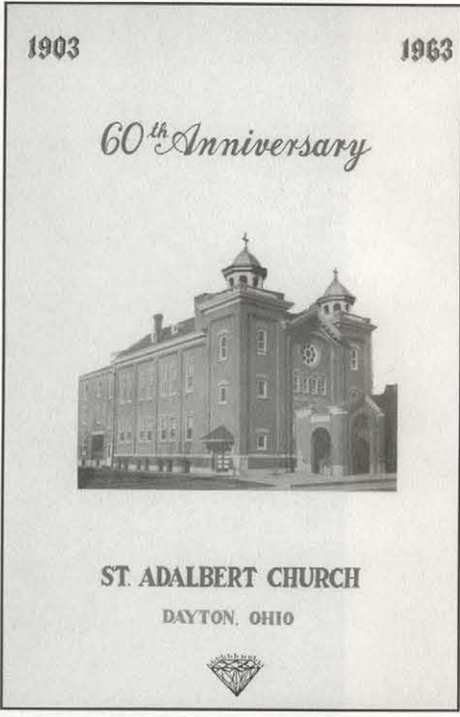
60th Anniversary presentation. (L-R) Thomas Wysinski, Father Ed Zukowski, Adolph Jablinski.

On April 28, 1963, the parish celebrated its 60th anniversary. Monsignor Peter Walkowiak, pastor of St. Florian Church in Hamtramck, Michigan, preached the festive sermon at the Solemn High Mass. In the evening, three living charter members of the parish, namely, Frank Tarczynski, Apolonia Piekutowski, and Helen Sobieski, were honored at the Anniversary Dinner held in the Polish-American Democratic Club Hall.

On June 17, 1964, Father Zukowski was transferred to become pastor of St. James the Less Church in Columbus, Ohio.



1966 Polish Choir. (L-R) Seated: Pat Wenclewicz, Frances Malesko, Betty Zotkiewicz, Janet Huist, Mary Zobrist, Sandy Kozlowski; Middle Row: Jo Jablinski, Stella Kolakowski, Irene Golba, Pat Gudorf, Martha Roesle; Back Row: Gene Pawlikowski, Julian Ksiezopolski, Ralph Klos, Richard Wenclewicz, Tom Golba, Vic Zotkiewicz.



60th Anniversary booklet cover.



Class of 1959. (L-R) *Front Row*: Barbara White, Joanne Burdzinska, Rita VanWey; *Middle Row*: Dianne Czaplicka, Constance Plochocki, Judith Ksiezopolska, Kathleen Chmiel; *Back Row*: Louis Przybylowicz, Father Edward Zukowski, Joseph Sinkwitz.



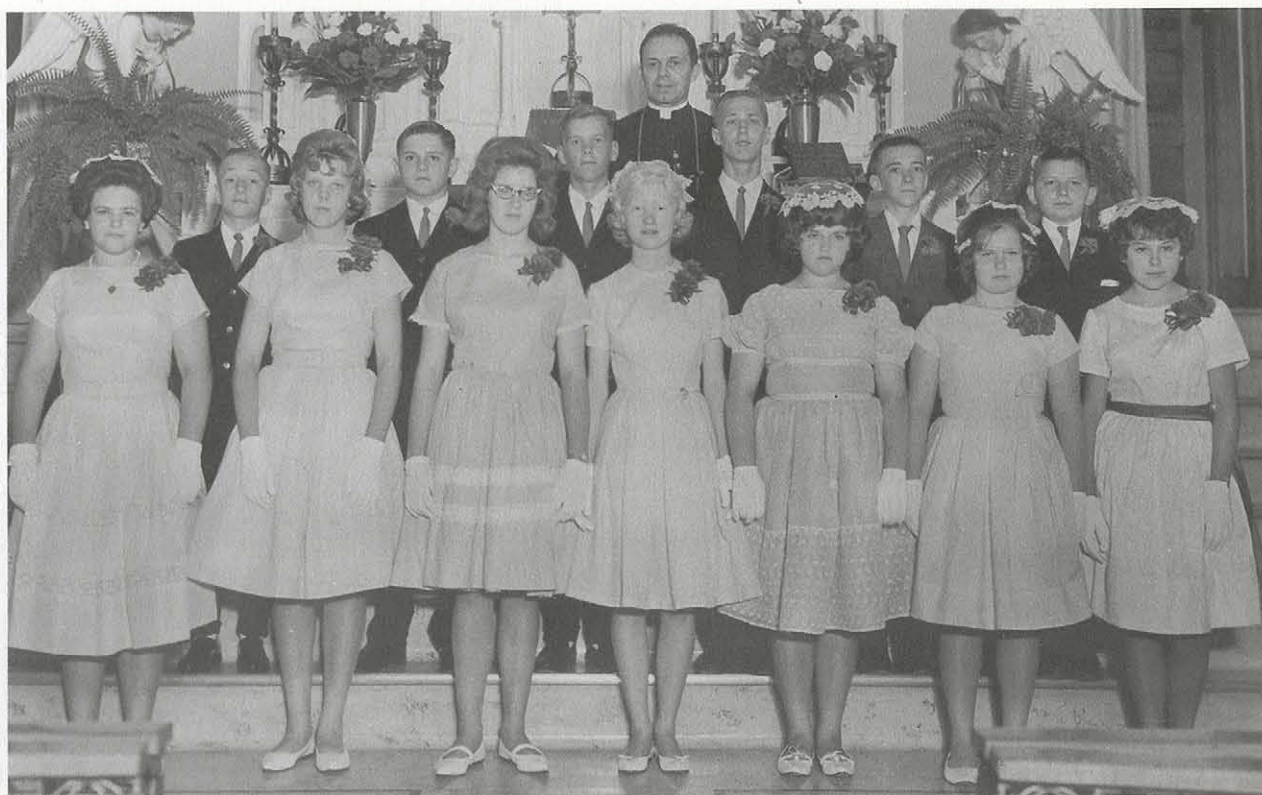
Class of 1960. (L-R) *Front Row*: Lyle Merta, Margaret White; *Back Row*: Nancy Birt, James Zobrist, Charlene Brzozowska, Father Edward Zukowski, Theresa Zwolska, Peter Pietrzak, Elizabeth Eckert.



Class of 1961. (L-R) *Front Row*: Barbara Koerner, Julia Hurst, Virginia Eckert; *Second Row*: William Fitzpatrick, Guy Glasener, Paul Lucas, Peter P. Pietrzak, David Prikkel; *Back Row*: Joyce Ksiezopolski, Linda Chmiel, Rose Marie Svelling, Martha Mary Wolski, Cynthia Westendorf, Elizabeth Zwolski, Virginia Piekutowska; *Back Row*: Michael Malesko, Richard Ploski, William Wysinski, Father Edward Zukowski, John Loscko, Paul Holzinger, Robert Przybylowicz.



Class of 1962. (L-R) *Front Row*: Robert Wysinski, Sharon Kurzawa, Sandra Kozlowska, Mary Wade, Stephen Rudzinski; *Middle Row*: Marilyn Bochenek, Ausra Rastikis; *Back Row*: Norman Gauthier, William Hunter, Michael Bochenek, Father Edward Zukowski, Francis Zinkiewicz, Anthony Nienaber.

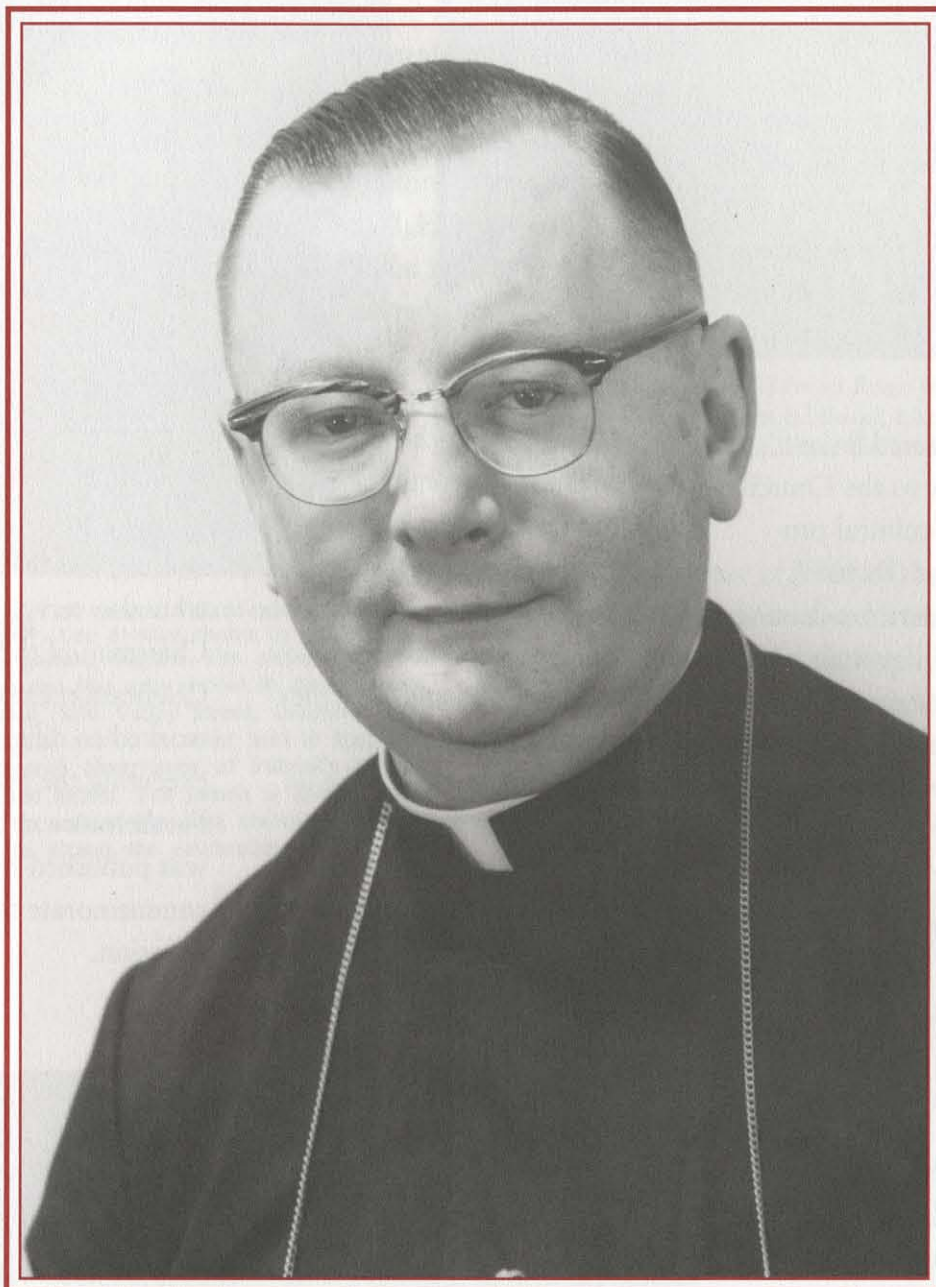


Class of 1963. (L-R) *Front Row*: Mary Louise Svelling, Christine Officer, Christine Stiplitus, Carol Huist, Bernadette Chmiel, Judith Pietrzak, Agnes Piekutowska; *Middle Row*: John P. Koerner, Joseph Ksiezopolski, Robert Loscko, Thomas Grzybowski, Joseph Roesle, John Wolski; *Back Row*: Father Edward Zukowski.



Class of 1964. (L-R) *Front Row*: Rita Saunders, Malinda Zotkiewicz, Victoria Wysinska, Anna Marie Grzybowska, Christina Zwolska, Susan Wysinska; *Middle Row*: Deborah Dolinska, Susan Hurst, Kathleen Borkowska, Margaret Birt; *Back Row*: Joseph Kavalauskas, Thomas Roesle, Father Edward Zukowski, Thomas Tokarsky, John White.

1964-1967 BUILDER



Reverend Ernest A. J. Lucas

Born January 30, 1918 in Detroit, Michigan.

Ordained December 5, 1943 in Carthagen, Ohio.

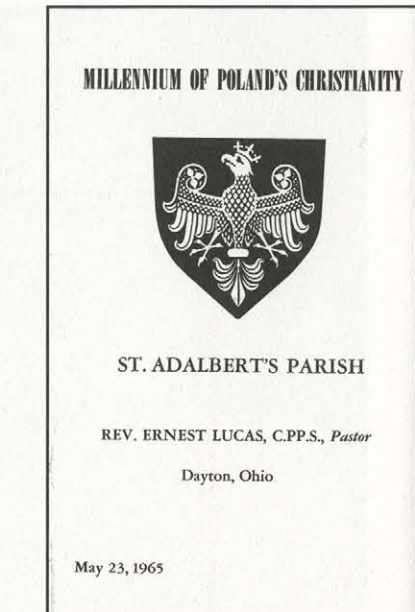
Died October 3, 1986 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Father Ernest A. J. Lucas, also of the Precious Blood Society, was installed as the new pastor of St. Adalbert.

One of the immediate tasks facing him was to make preparations for celebrating the millennium of Poland's Christianity for which a nine-year novena was then being observed throughout Poland. Father Lucas hence busied himself with his parishioners in organizing for this event.

St. Adalbert celebrated Poland's 1000 years of loyalty to the Church with a religious and cultural program lasting two days. Dayton's Mayor Frank R. Somers proclaimed May 23, 1965, as Millennium Sunday and urged persons of all faiths to join in the celebration. His Grace, the Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, Archbishop of Cincinnati, and the most Reverend Paul J. Leibold, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, sent letters of grateful tribute. Congratulatory messages were also received from Reverend John E. Byrne, C.P.P.S., Provincial Superior and Mother M. Paula O.S.F., Superior of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. On Saturday and Sunday, May 22nd and 23rd, an extensive exhibit of Polish artistic, cultural and historic items furnished through the courtesy of the Polish Museum of America and others, was held in the Polish Club. More than 4000 persons viewed the exhibit. On Sunday, May 23rd the Most Reverend Paul J. Leibold celebrated a Pontifical High Mass at

the Lourdes Grotto. In attendance was the Most Reverend Rembert C. Kowalski, O.F.M., exiled Bishop of Wuchang, China, with the Reverend Francis G. Lammeier, Secretary to Bishop Leibold, as Master of Ceremonies. The pastor, Reverend Ernest A. J. Lucas, Reverend Edward Zukowski, former pastor, Reverend Raymond Halker, Reverend Robert Lux and Reverend John Zvijak, all members of the Society of the Precious Blood, assisted. In the evening a civic banquet was held at the Avondale Club, with many prominent religious and civic leaders present. The principle speaker was Bishop Rembert C. Kowalski, O.F.M., who gave a very spirited talk on the history of the Poles and how they adhered to their faith. Father Edward Zukowski also spoke on the Millennium in English. To entertain the large attendance, Polish music, Polish dancing and Polish song was provided. The Master of Ceremonies for the



Millennium book cover.

evening was Mr. Adam Kurpiel, who also served as General Chairman of the Millennium Celebration Committee, which worked so diligently planning, and executing the program of festivities. Furthermore, a beautiful booklet was published by the Committee to commemorate this very notable occasion.



Millennium Mass with Bishop Leibold.



Forty Kings of ancient Poland are pictured in this display shown by Albin Rudzinski of St. Adalbert's parish, Dayton. The picture will be among cultural, religious and fine arts entries in an extensive exhibit at the Polish club, 1470 Valley street, Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23. The exhibit is being held in conjunction with a parish-sponsored observance of Poland's 1,000th anniversary as a Christian nation. The parish is inviting persons of all faiths from throughout the area embraced by the Cincinnati Archdiocese to attend the celebration.



Presentation of painting. (L-R) *Front Row:* Joyce Ksiezopolski, Reverend Ernest Lucas, Coleen Jablinski, Elizabeth Zwolski, Miss Bielkowicz, Wanda Bielkowicz, Peter Bielkowicz; *Back Row:* Theresa Zwolski, John Loscko.

In the closing year of 1966 of the Millennium Celebration, St. Adalbert received from Pope Paul VI on this joyous occasion, His photograph and His Special Apostolic Blessing for Polish people, dated March 1st. This was provided through the Most Reverend Aloysius J. Wycislo, D.D. Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.



Preparations are nearing completion for a religious and cultural celebration May 22 and 23 to mark the coming of Catholicism to the Polish people 1,000 years ago. The celebration is being planned for all persons interested in Polish traditions and cultural achievements by members of St. Adalbert parish, Dayton. Two parishioners, Thor Golba, left, and Ralph Bochenek, here pictured the event with a sign being placed on parish grounds.

Millennium sign. Tom Golba, Ralph Bochenek.



Groundbreaking for new church, 1212 St. Adalbert Street.

Even before the death of Father Frydrych, it was always a dream of the parishioners to have a new church building. These hopes continued during the tenure of Father Sulkowski and Father Zukowski. By 1961 the church surplus had grown to \$57,000. Around this time parishioners began to seriously consider the building of a new church. Discussion arose and Archdiocesan approval was sought. However, the dwindling parish count, location, and other aspects weighed against approval. Instead, the Archbishop proposed a territorial parish about three miles distant from St. Adalbert. In the meantime, the parish savings had risen to \$88,000 by 1964. The hopes of parishioners grew stronger.

Father Lucas soon learned of the aspirations and efforts of his parishioners regarding a new church as well as the favorable financial position of the parish. The presence of Bishop Kowalski at St. Adalbert's celebration of the millennium, together with the heart-warming attendance and devotion of the Poles of Dayton, apparently had considerable impact and influence on Auxiliary Bishop Leibold for he became convinced that such strong expressions of faith should be cultivated and, evidently, he so recommended this to His Grace Karl J. Alter, Archbishop of Cincinnati. It was in this fashion that the climate for a new church shrine was established. Seeing this change, Father Lucas continued through the summer to advance the cause of a new shrine for Americans of Polish decent in the Dayton area. By September 1965, the Archbishop approved the construction of a new church building.

Plans were submitted for approval and on October 3, 1965, a New Church Fund Drive was initiated. With \$100,000 already on hand, at least an additional \$50,000 was needed to meet the estimated \$150,000 cost of the new building. However, more than \$110,000 was pledged and collected in the following two years for the new shrine church. Father Lucas conducted blessing and groundbreaking ceremonies in the afternoon of Sunday, May 8, 1966. The Primate of Poland, Stefan Cardinal Wysinski, in a letter dated June 30, 1966, sent his blessing for the



St. Adalbert's new church in 1968.

construction of a new church honoring St. Adalbert and expressed the hope that the people of St. Adalbert will remain ever faithful to God and their Church. Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati Edward McCarthy officiated at the cornerstone-laying ceremonies on February 23, 1967. Services in the new church were held for the first time on Holy Thursday, March 23, 1967. Solemn dedication of the new St. Adalbert Church took place at 4:00 p.m. on the Feast of St. Adalbert, Sunday, April 23, 1967. His Grace Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, officiated at the ceremonies and offered the Sacrifice of the Mass. Social festivities in the Polish Club Hall followed the dedication ceremonies.

The new church is of red brick construction with a seating capacity of 300. The sanctuary is fan shaped with the altar located in the small end of the fan and facing the congregation in accordance with the new liturgical requirements. The congregation is located on both sides of the sanctuary and obliquely facing each other. Mr. W. W. Wurst was the architect. The cost of the entire structure and furnishings was about \$200,000.

The increased excitement and activity created by the church building program during the two-year period physically overtaxed the pastor and his health suffered a breakdown. Both his doctor and Superior recommended an extended rest. Father Lucas was sent to St. Charles Seminary at Carthage, Ohio, on August 14, 1967, to recuperate.



Interior of the new church in 1968.

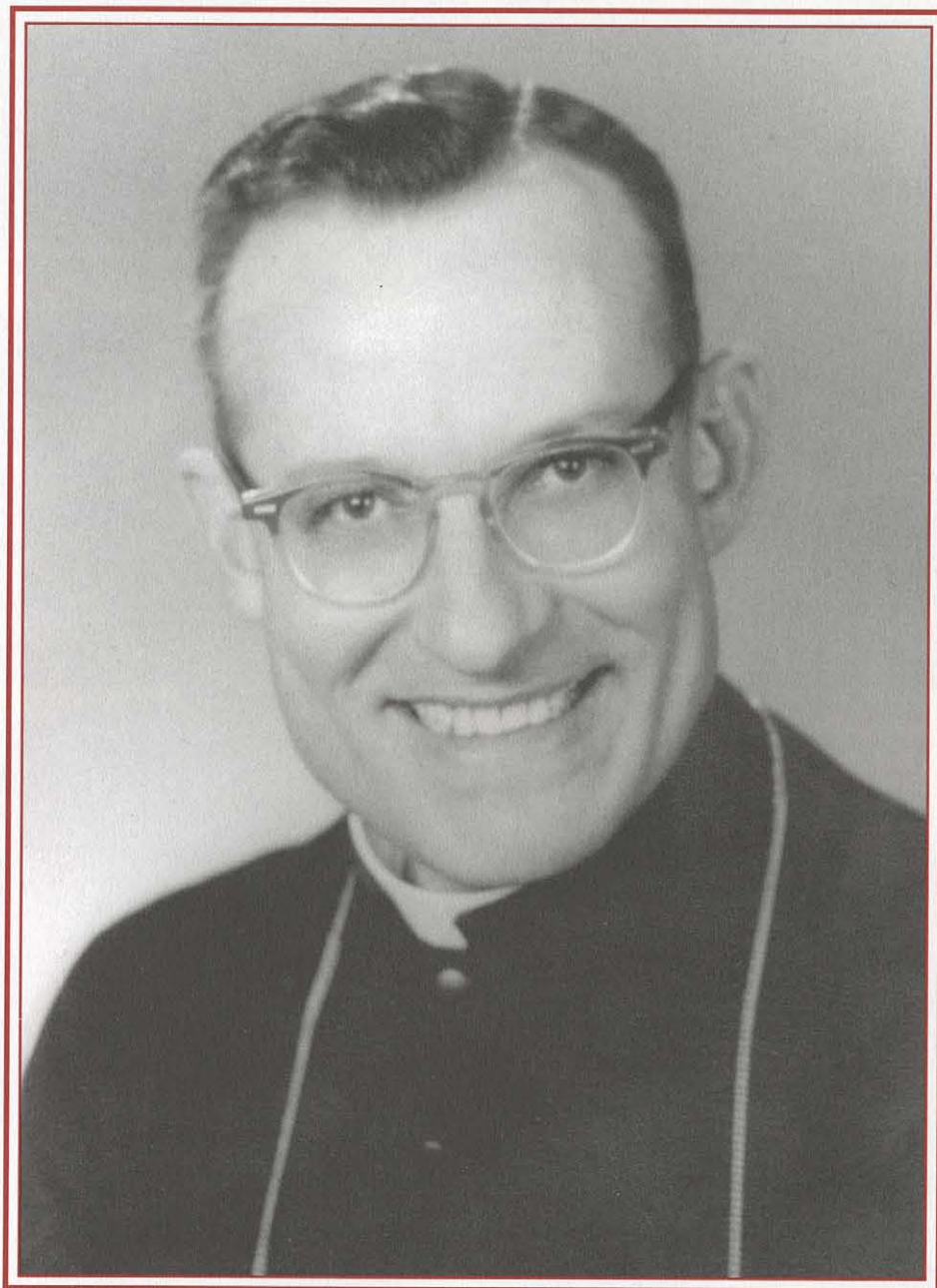


Class of 1965. (L-R) *Front Row*: Nancy Koerner, Mary Frances Zotkiewicz, Mary Wenclewicz, Francis Bochenek, Teresa Tokarsky, Frances Saunders; *Middle Row*: Paulette Gauthier, Patricia Piekutowska; *Back Row*: Estella Wolski, Barbara Roberts; *Back Row*: Rose Ann Kielbaso, Bernard Eckert, Father Ernest Lucas, Julius Rastikis, Judith Brzozowski.



Class of 1966. (L-R) *Front Row*: Kathy Dolinski, Richard Wenclewicz, Mary Beth Borkowska, James Grzybowski, Barbara Sutton; *Back Row*: Paul Kurpiel, Rosalie Malesko, Father Ernest Lucas, Michael Pietrzak.

***1967-1968
ADMINISTRATOR***



Reverend James Minch

Born July 24, 1923 in Bryant, Indiana.

Ordained May 16, 1948 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Died January 21, 1987 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Father James Minch, C.P.P.S. was assigned as St. Adalbert's new pastor on August 30, 1967. Knowing in advance that his assignment was temporary, pending the finding of a Precious Blood priest who could understand and speak Polish, Father Minch performed his priestly tasks dutifully. During the full year that he served St. Adalbert, he saw to the completion of landscaping and installation of sidewalks around the new church, as well as blacktopping of the driveways and parking lot. Besides this, Father Minch had electronic bells installed in the bell tower. To assist the pastor for confessions in Polish and monthly visits to shut-ins, Father Andrew Pollack, C.P.P.S. came from St. Charles Seminary in Carthage, Ohio.

The University of Dayton began a Continental Cuisine Series and invited the Poles of St. Adalbert to

participate. Nearly 400 Dayton area residents, including alumnae, faculty and those who just called themselves "friends" of the university attended. The Polish dinner was such a success that an encore was requested for later that year.

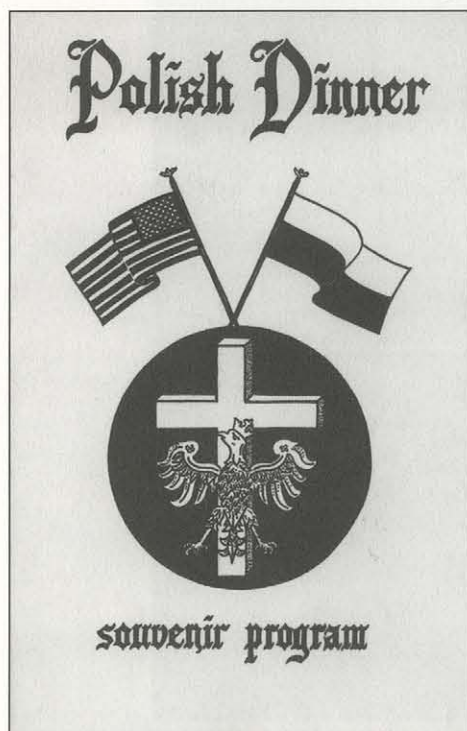
On August 28, 1968, Father Minch was assigned to St. Anthony Church in Axtel, Kentucky.



Bells were installed in the bell tower.



Continental Cuisine Series at UD.



University of Dayton Polish dinner program cover.

MENU		PROGRAM	
Sok z Wisień	Cherry juice	Introduction	Eugene Jablinski
Golabki	Cabbage Rolls	Explanation of Foods	Stella Golba
Kiełbasa	Polish Sausage	Narration of Polish Customs and Traditions	Eugene Jablinski
Pieczon Cieleca	Veal Roast	"Oberek"	Judy Ksiezopolski Ed Szydlak
Galareta	Jellied Pig's Feet	Polish Drinking Song "Pije Kuba Do Jakuba"	Julian Ksiezopolski Victor Zotkiewicz Stanley Zotkiewicz Peter Brzozowski Thomas Golba Richard Wenclewicz Ralph Klos Albin Rudzinski
Sledzie z kwasna smietana	Herring	"Krakowiak"	John Loscko Joyce Ksiezopolski Joe Ksiezopolski Therese Zwolski Robert Loscko Elizabeth Zwolski Robert Przybylowicz Judy Ksiezopolski
Pierogi	Pierogi	Polish Medley	Fred Ampula
Kwaszona Kapusta	Sauerkraut		
Groszek zgrzybany	Peas and Mushrooms		
Kartofle gotowane	Boiled Potatoes		
Mizeria	Cucumbers		
Salata z Kapusty	Cabbage Salad		
Placek	Polish Bread		
Strucla zMakiem	Poppyseed Rolls		
Chrusciki	Polish Fried Twists		

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Menu for the UD Polish dinner.



Class of 1967. (L-R) *Front Row*: Diane Tokarsky, Mary Martha Pietrzak, Phyllis Brzozowski, Elizabeth August, Alice Czaplicki, Diane Kolakowska; *Back Row*: Loraine Huist, James Sinkwitz, Laima Rastikas, Eugene Zwolski, Father James Minch, Patricia Wysinski, Ralph Klos, Monica Bochenek.



Class of 1968. (L-R) *Front Row*: Irene Araminas, Jeanne Piekutowski, Stephanie Wenclewicz, Margaret Modras, Thomas Wysinski, Kathleen Koth, Frank Tokarsky, Jacqueline Svelling, Vickie Zotkiewicz, Susan Marcheski, Mary Kay Zobrist; *Back Row*: Linda Coddington, Carl Sutton, Paula Dolinska, Father James Minch, Christine Westendorf, John Golba, Shirley Officer, Donald Sherman.

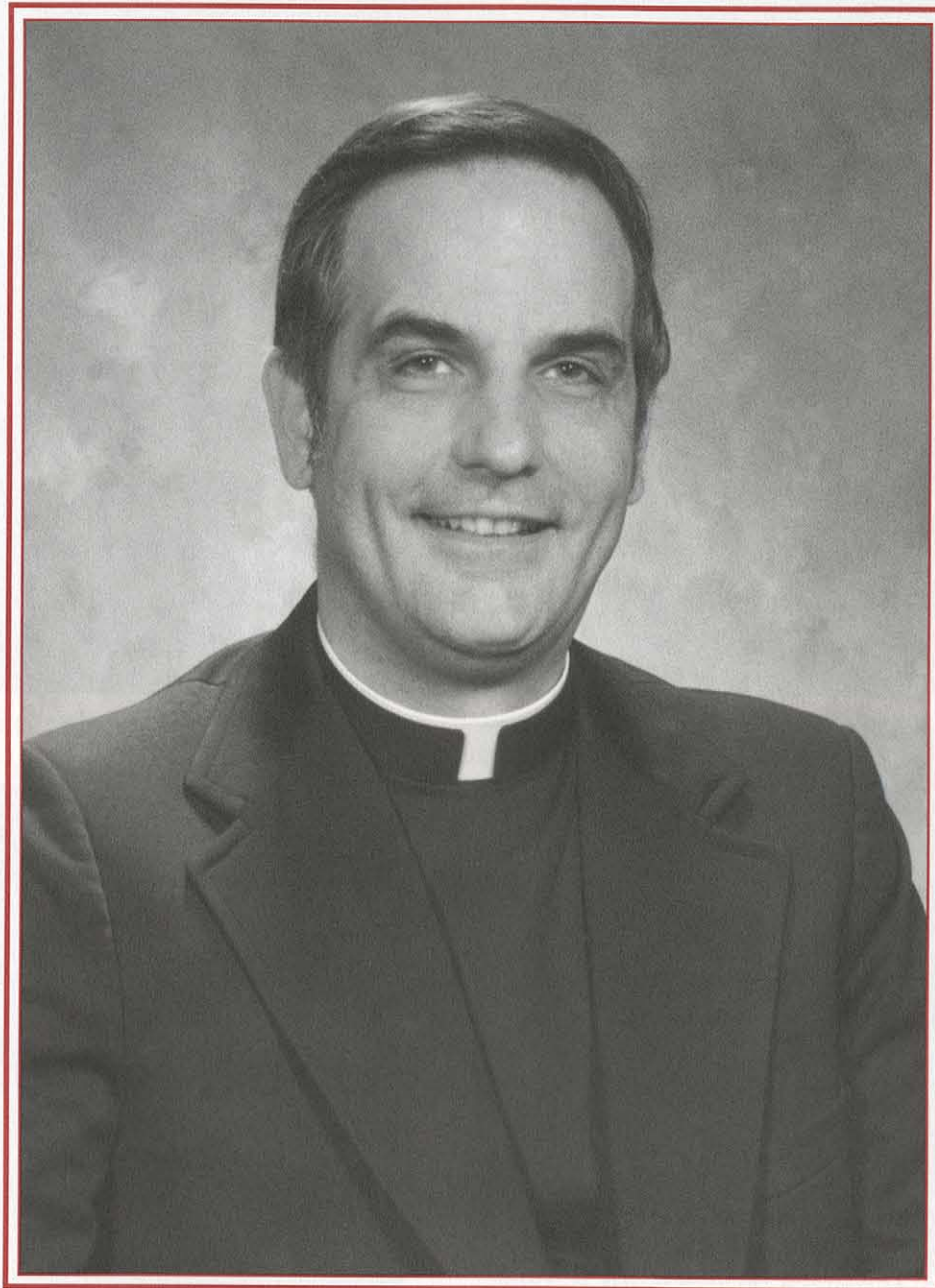
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St. Lawrence County, New York
Criminal Justice System

The History of the Court

The history of the court system in St. Lawrence County, New York, is a long and complex one. It began in the early days of settlement, when the local justice system was based on the common law. Over the years, the system has evolved, with the addition of new courts and the creation of new judicial districts. The current system is based on the New York State Constitution, which provides for a unified judicial system. The court system in St. Lawrence County is made up of the County Court, the District Court, and the Family Court. Each of these courts has its own history and its own role in the justice system. The County Court is the highest court in the county, and it has the power to hear all cases. The District Court is a court of general jurisdiction, and it hears all cases except those that are reserved for the County Court. The Family Court is a court of specialized jurisdiction, and it hears all cases involving family law. The history of the court system in St. Lawrence County is a testament to the resilience and adaptability of the justice system. It has withstood the test of time, and it continues to serve the people of the county with integrity and fairness.

1968-1978
THE RE-AWAKENING



Reverend G. Richard Danielak

Born April 30, 1931 in Hamtramck, Michigan.

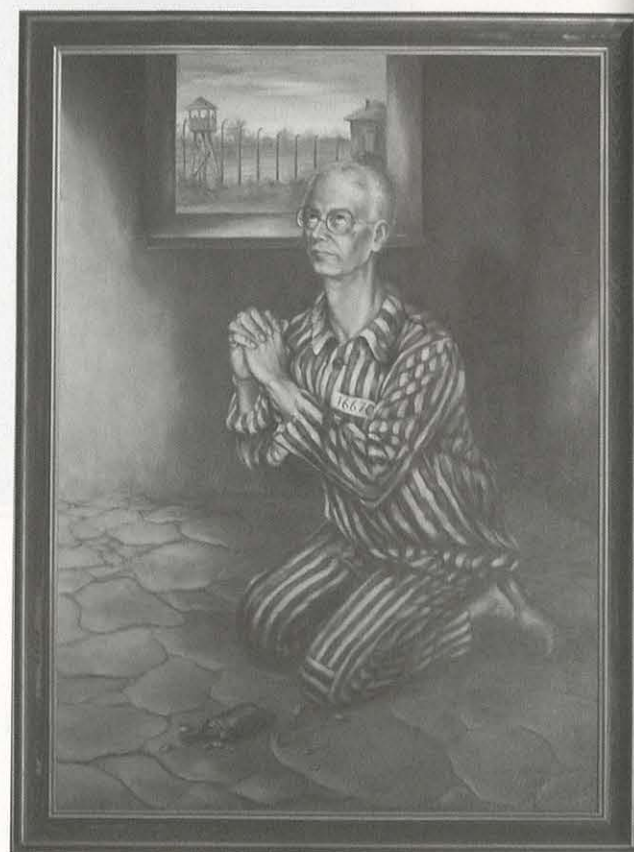
Ordained May 31, 1959 in Carthagen, Ohio.



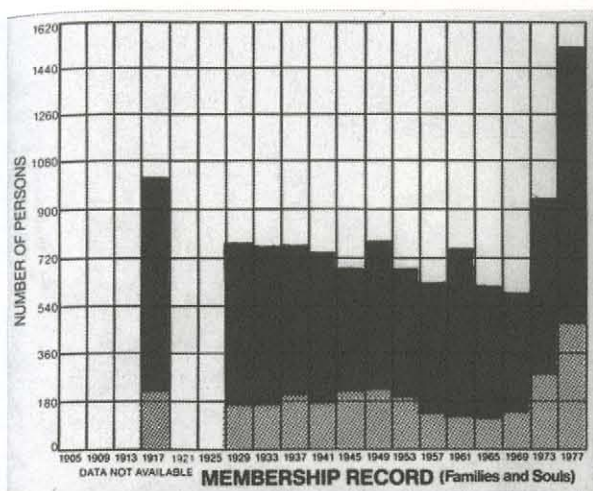
Shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa, in church.

Father G. Richard Danielak, C.P.P.S. assumed his duties at St. Adalbert as its eighth pastor. The new church was air-conditioned in 1969 at a cost of \$8,600 and in 1970 the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (The Black Madonna) was completely redecorated. The painting of the Black Madonna was originally done by Miss Mary Ann Wurst in 1967 and installed at the side altar for the church dedication. In 1970 the 36" x 48" painting was embellished by Mrs. Charlotte Creeger. In addition, during September 1970, the entire altar cove was redecorated and beautified by pious parishioners under the leadership of Mrs. Josephine Jablinski, into a warm and imposing shrine that truly stimulates devotion. On Sunday, January 31, 1971, Father Charles Borowski of Orchard Lake Seminary, Michigan dedicated the remodeled shrine.

Upon the beautification of Father Kolbe, a painting was commissioned by Mrs. Creeger and placed next to the painting of St. Adalbert.



Father Kolbe.



The beauty and warmth of the new St. Adalbert Church, coupled with a community of people steeped in Christian love and Polish heritage, attracted others from the local and neighboring parish communities. Many of them sought membership into St. Adalbert. Father Danielak readily accepted these. Thus the new parish grew rapidly. Parish records indicate that St. Adalbert grew from some 150 families, totaling about 540 persons, in 1968, to 477 families, totaling more than 1500 members by the end of 1976. With this growth, other things began to happen. It brought additional vitality to the parish.

The parish school, which in 1972 had been in danger of closing for lack of students, was given extended life, following a visit to the Franciscan Sisters' Mother House in St. Louis by the parish and members of the school board. Classrooms were modernized and carpet laid over the old wood floors.

During Father Danielak's tenure many new activities and commissions were established—adult bowling league, pinochle tournaments, teen club, Seder meal during Lent, washing of feet on Holy Thursday, children's Christmas Mass, commission on religious education (RE), liturgical commission, laity commission, athletic association, Polish cultural committee, Polish dance group under Danuta Romanowska and bingo under John Kot.



Polish dancers of the 1970's. *Kneeling:* John Pietrzak, Steve Martin, Richard Palmer, John Holzinger, Martin Brzozowski; *Second Row:* Sarah Gibino, Tina Roesle, Julie Lyons, Karen Hutchinson, Kathy Gard, Elaine Wisnosky, Mary Jablonski, Coleen Prikkel, Melissa Jablonski, Michelle Ruf; *Third Row:* Michelle Gard, Diane Cobey, Danuta Romanowska, Annette Sutton, Monica Serrano, Jeannine Wisnosky, Christine Wisnosky, Ann August, Denise Cobey, Mary Kurpiel, Ann Marie Dalton; *Back Row:* Patty Wenclewicz, Mike Jagielski, Coleen Jablonski, Paul Fancett, Loraine Brzozowski, James Jablonski, Susan Redington, Mary Gibino.



1969 St. Adalbert basketball team and cheerleaders. *Seated:* Kris Konicki, Marcia Klos, Victoria Zwolski, Rose Plochocki, Rita Zotkiewicz, Karen Thomas, Joanne Huist; *Middle Row:* Margie Golba, Ron Huist, Chris Wenclewicz, Tim Pietrzak, Mike Siekierka, Larry Jablonski, Theresa Coddington; *Back Row:* Bob Loscko (assistant coach), Ken Spitzig, Fred Loscko, Steve Kolakowski, Tom Pietrzak, Mark Siekierka, Tom Kurpiel, Tony Wenclewicz, Tom Loscko Jr. (coach).

Unfortunately, however, this increased growth brought with it difficulties, internal as well as external. How would the already established parishioners take to, or accept, the newer ones, the majority of whom were not of Polish descent? What would be the reaction of the neighboring pastors be, seeing a goodly number of their people attracted to St. Adalbert, "Dayton's Polish Church?" It was this latter point in particular which was to cause some anxious and tense moments.

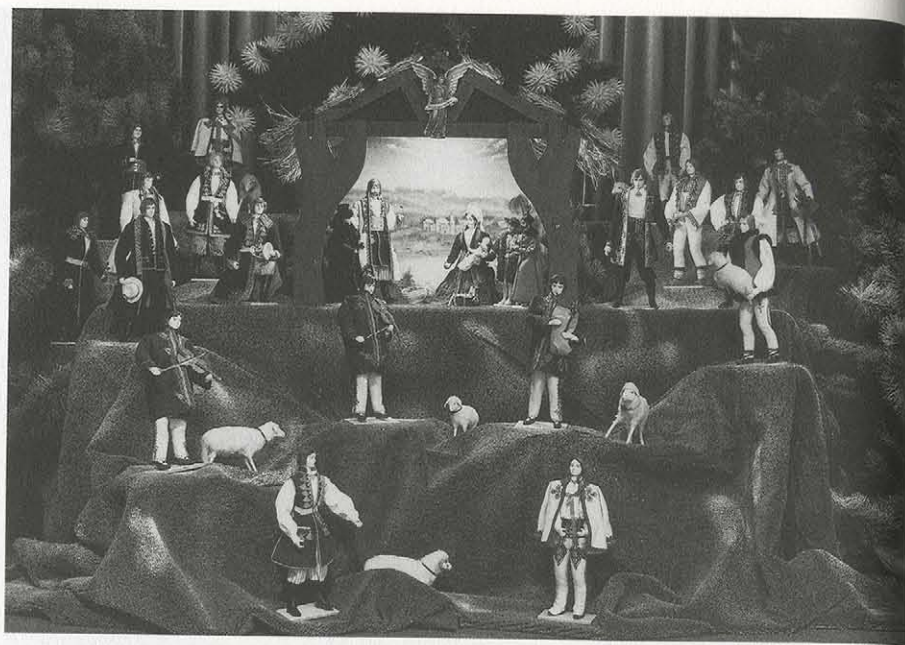
So it happened that in response to a complaint registered by one of the neighboring pastors that Archbishop Bernardin, on January 28, 1977, notified Father Danielak that he was expected to observe the law of the Church as it pertained to national parishes, parishes established to care for the exclusive needs of families of a specific nationality. Recognizing the delicacy of the situation, the Archbishop, out of concern for the Poles who had worked so diligently over the years to maintain their unique identity, made it known that St. Adalbert will remain a national parish.

The rise in parish population created a need for more classrooms and since these were not available, many children were unable to attend a Catholic school. To meet some of the requirements of religious training, classes were established for children attending public high schools in 1970. In the following year, classes for 34 high school and 21 grade school children were

operated. These classes grew steadily and by 1975 when 167 grade school and 90 high school children needed training, a Director of Religious Education (DRE) was employed to manage the program. In 1977 a total of 278 (174 grade school and 104 high school) children were provided with religious education. Even a number of preschoolers were receiving religious education on Sundays.

Through the kindness of the pastor Father Charles W. Caserta, Our Lady of the Rosary classrooms were being used to house the great number of students in this program.

Through the efforts of Danuta Romanowska and the Polish Heritage Commission, a distinctive Polish Nativity crèche was established along with a Good Friday Bozy Grob (Tomb).



1978—handmade nativity figures from Poland.



Sepulcher—Easter, 1978.

A new Baldwin electronic console organ and nine speakers were installed in the new church during July 1973 for \$10,000. In the fall of 1974, three parishioners, Philip Kozlowski, Paul Lucus and David Prikkel, began a labor of love in converting the rectory basement

into a beautiful and convenient administrative center. Working steadily, they completed the project in January 1975. Thanks to their expert abilities and devoted efforts, St. Adalbert now has a first class conference room, a lounging area, and a secretary's office and work-

room. All this work was completed for only the cost of materials. In 1975, Father Danielak had two 9' x 10' vestibules constructed at a cost of \$5,000 to protect the rear entrances to the church from the elements. These are of matching brick and act as buffers to the cold winds, rain and snow. Another cooperative parish project of considerable magnitude was the construction of a 40' x 36' addition to the maintenance and utility building. Through their hard labors, parishioners built a structure, which provides vastly more safe storage space for the equipment and supplies required for parish operation. The construction work was begun in 1976 and completed in 1977 at a cost of \$10,000.

These efforts and improvements culminated with St. Adalbert's receipt of the City Beautiful Award proclaimed by the City of Dayton.

As the country prepared for its bicentennial celebration, there was renewed pride regarding ones ethnicity. International festivals were established to display and foster our heritage. St. Adalbert, a charter member, participated in these annual festivals.



Danuta Romanowska in the cultural booth at the International Festival.



1974 International Festival. (L-R) Jo Jablinski, Gene Jablinski, Stella Martin, Irene Golba, Tom Golba.



On Sunday, May 1, 1977, the congregation honored its jubilarians in the Franciscan Order of Our Lady of Perpetual Help with a Jubilee Mass and banquet. Sisters Mary Celine Pietrzak, Mary Edmund Marczewska, and Mary Imelda Burdzinska, Golden Jubilarians, and Sister Mary Loraine Brzozowska, Silver Jubilarian, with a total of 175 years of service to the church, were guests of honor on this day. The Jubilee Mass was celebrated at 9:15 a.m. The banquet program began at 1:00 p.m. in the Polish-American Democratic Club. Approximately 300 persons attended the festivities honoring these daughters of St. Adalbert.

Father Danielak introduced the Polka Mass to St. Adalbert on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23, 1976. Father Frank Perkovich of Resurrection Church, Eveleth, Minnesota, "The Polka Priest," was celebrant for the Polka Masses. The Joe Cvek Orchestra and Choraleers did the music and songs. They were so enthusiastically received that Father Danielak arranged for their return in 1977.

In 1978 St. Adalbert celebrated the 75th anniversary of its existence. Preparations for the celebration began in 1977. The pastor and the anniversary committee worked diligently to make this celebration, beginning on St. Adalbert's Feast Day, Sunday, April 23, 1978, an outstanding event. The co-chairpersons, Mrs. Josephine Jablinski and Mrs. Rose Wanamaker, merit our gratitude for their leadership and



Polka mass. (L-R) Malinda Lileas, Stan Zotkiewicz, Reverend Danielak, Jo Jablinski, Adam Kurpiel.

dedication in organizing the program and its details.

Many of the old and beautiful customs and traditions of the Poles were still practiced and perpetuated at St. Adalbert. The Christmas Eve Supper (Wilia); the exchange of the unleavened bread (oplatek); Midnight Mass with the Polish carols (kolendy); the annual house blessing following Epiphany; the Lamentations during Lent (Gorzkie Zale); the blessing of food on Holy Saturday (Swiencone); Resurrection Mass with its procession and Polish hymns; the traditional 40 Hours Devotion; the International Festival; the Tridium to Our Lady of Czestochowa; and the Polish Heritage Mass.

These customs, together with many more practiced by individual families, give to our parish the distinction of being the Polish Catholic Center of southwest Ohio.



PROGRAM

May 1, 1977

- I JUBILEE MASS - St. Adalbert's Church - 9:15 A.M.
- II BANQUET PROGRAM - Polish American Club - 1:00 P.M.
1. Introduction Mrs. Florentine Brzozowski
Chairperson
2. Master of Ceremonies Adam P. Kurpiel
3. Welcome Address Rev. G. Richard Danielak, C.P.P.S.
Pastor, St. Adalbert Church
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Greetings to the Jubilarians Rev. Edward Zukowski, C.P.P.S.
Pastor, St. Paul's Church
Ft. Recovery, Ohio
6. Remarks by Jubilarians
7. Presentation of Gifts
8. Sing-A-Long Assembly
9. Benediction Rev. G. Richard Danielak, C.P.P.S.

One hundred seventy five years of Loyalty to the Church

Sister Mary Celine, O.S.F.
Sister Mary Edmund, O.S.F.
Sister Mary Imelda, O.S.F.
Sister Mary Loraine, O.S.F.



1977 Sisters Jubilee program's calendar of events.

In August 1978 Father Danielak was transferred to St. Rita Hospital in Lima, Ohio, as Chaplain.



Class of 1969. (L-R) *Front Row:* Kathy Miller, Margaret Golba, Constance Dolinska; *Middle Row:* Fred Loscko, Joanne Huist, Stephen Kolakowski, Anthony Wenclewicz, Tom Pietrzak, Marilyn Williams, Thomas Piekutowski; *Back Row:* Father G. Richard Danielak.



Class of 1970. (L-R) *Front Row:* Nanette Walewski, Diane Sherman, Kristina Konicka, Marcia Klos, Victoria Zwolski, Rita Zotkiewicz; *Middle Row:* Michael Koth, Karen Thomas, Mark Siekierka, Father Richard Danielak, Mark Tokarsky, Rose Marie Plochocki, Thomas Kurpiel; *Back Row:* Betty Ann Kavy, Larry Jablinski, Louis Eckert, James Wysinski, David Pietrzak, Peter Roesle, Theresa Coddington.



Class of 1971. (L-R) *Front Row:* Mary Bochenek, Roberta Borkowska, Cynthia Koth, Susan Sutton, Rebecca Bochenek; *Middle Row:* Sylvia Dolinska, Ronald Huist, Father Richard Danielak, David Sherman, Mary Kay Thomas; *Back Row:* Christina Merta, Richard Piekutowski, Raymond Gecas, Kenneth Spitzig, Michael Siekierka, Christopher Wenclewicz, Cynthia Kolakowska.



Class of 1972. (L-R) *Front Row:* Michael Klos, Timothy Pietrzak, Deborah Pietrzak, Mark Wenclewicz, Kenneth Thomas; *Middle Row:* Edward Sluzas, Michael Petkus, Father Richard Danielak, Theodore Golba, Daniel Wolski; *Back Row:* Charles Officer, Michael Tokarsky, Harold Rutkowski, Andrew Kavalauskas, Daniel Sherman.



Class of 1973. (L-R) Patricia Wenclewicz, Jean Wysinski, Rebecca Bucenski, Father Richard Danielak, David Jablinski, Deiter Rutkowski, George Spitzig.



Class of 1974. (L-R) Seated: Barbara Dolinska, Coleen Jablinski, Deborah Jablonski, Melinda Trzeciak; Standing: Father Richard Danielak; Back Row: Sister Joann (principal), Connie Brzozowska, Michael August, Stanley Bochenek, James Kurpiel, Anthony Thomas, Mrs. Chris Talty (teacher).



Class of 1975. (L-R) *Seated*: Chris Trzeciak, Rita Gecas, Tammy Kopp, Loraine Brzozowski, Margaret Zotkiewicz, Marge Eckert, Peter Brzozowski; *Standing*: Mrs. Christine Talty (teacher), Jim Jablonski, Edward Koth, Steve Gemza, Father Richard Danielak, Matthew Siekierka, Mike Jagielski, Gary Sutton, Ronald Wenclewicz.



Class of 1976. (L-R) *Seated*: James Westendorf, Carrie Hester, Susan Jagielski, Donna Thomas, Joe Borkowski; *Standing*: Mrs. Chris Talty (teacher), Thomas Rastikis, Father Richard Danielak, Bob Kurpiel, Tim Golba, Sister Joanne (principal).



Class of 1977. (L-R) *Seated*: Lisa Bauermeister, Lynne Wheeler, Karen Dolinska, Carol August, Michelle Stalinski, Michelle Lewis; *Standing*: Mrs. M. Krzyminski (teacher), Christopher August, Joseph Brzozowski, Anthony Bucenski, Father Richard Danielak, Gregory Wenclewicz, John McCormick, Frank Henninger, Sister M. Joann Nowak (principal).



First Communion Class of 1977. (L-R) *Seated*: Matthew Drzal, John Brothers, Jill McCormick, Nancy Voisard, Michelle Bourdow, Elizabeth Collins, Michelle Anger, Stephanie McDonald, Kevin Carnahan, Chad White; *Second Row*: Shannon Metcalf, Laura Manz, Mary Jablonski, Debora Francis, Michelle Ruf, Ana Dias, Laura Rygielski, Brenda Bidne; *Third Row*: Sean Nagy, John Pietrzak, Jim Ziesig, Bobby Coy, Douglas Kozlowski, Thomas Young, Kerri Krull, Tim Sugalski, Lindy Graves, Frank Grasso, Brian Johns, Robert Joseph Lawrence, Micheal Collins, Carey Marchand; *Back Row*: Mrs. Barbara Wichtman, Kathy Stalinski, Julie Snyder, Rosemary Raffitt, Michelle Petkewicz, Sharon Danber, Father G.R. Danielak, Colleen Prikkel, Amy Johns, Amy Hower, Dena Niedzwiecki, Denise Martin, Sister M. Joann Nowak.

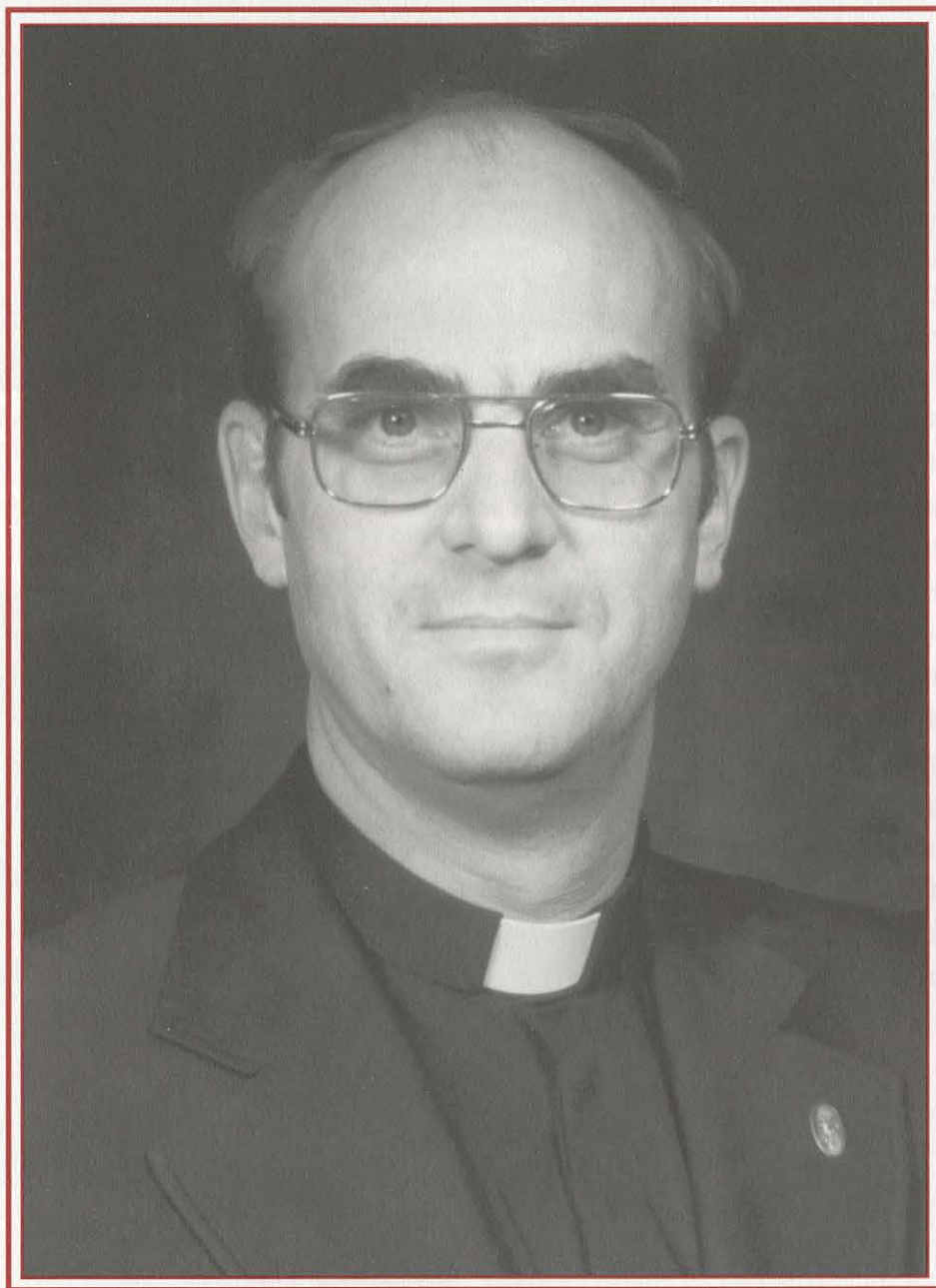


Class of 1978. (L-R) *Seated*: Jeannine Wisnosky, Vida Gecas, Annamarie Sluzas, Joanne Corbett, Susan Young, Annette Sutton; *Standing*: John Illes, Mrs. Krzyminski (teacher), Steven Thomas, Richard Jablonski, Charles August, Father G.R. Danielak, Arthur Jagielski, Vincent Brzozowski, Joseph Illes, Sister M. Joann Nowak (principal), Anthony Hester.



First Communion Class of 1978. (L-R) *Seated*: Mark Kramer, Pamela Eastlake, Stephanie Rogerson, Stephanie Rozek, Samantha Zinkiewicz, Melissa Jablonski, Jeffrey Bowen, Regina Hobbs, Katherine Gard; *Middle Row*: Matthew Benjamin, Renee Maassen, Robert Pietrzak, Brian Poirier, Stephanie Eppler, Mary Ellen Stathopoulos, Anthony Presutti III, Michele Voge, Michael Bochenek Jr., Todd Warren; *Back Row*: Mrs. Claire Brogan, Keith Diaczok, Julianne Lyons, Kathi Schmieg, Joseph Guarino, Ronald Hutchinson, Fernando Diaz, Micheal Brogan, Tricia Kennedy, Kevin Boal; Kristin Morss, Sister M. Joann Nowak, OSF.

***1978-1981
BLENDING OLD AND NEW***



Reverend John Kalicky

Born October 13, 1934 in Whiting, Indiana.

Ordained June 10, 1961 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Father John Kalicky arrived on August 28, 1978 while the activities for the 75th Jubilee were already underway. Father John immediately became immersed in the events that were planned for this joyous occasion. Throughout his ministry, he encouraged both spiritual and social participation in the parish.

At the same time, other significant changes in the parish occurred since the sisters were no longer assigned to St. Adalbert. The convent furniture was sold and the convent area converted for Religious Education activities and meeting rooms. School activities, including extracurricular activities, continued under the direction of Mrs. Malinda Lileas (nee Zotkiewicz), the school principal. Interscholastic sports included girls' softball and volleyball, boys' basketball, baseball and soccer. On February 26, 1979, the St. Adalbert Eagles basketball team won 1st place in the CYO league. Other activities related to the school were Brownie troop #664 and Girl Scout troop #1257. During Catholic Schools Week, 8th grade students would spend a day with people in various occupations to explore careers.

Local television did a presentation of Polish Traditions and St. Adalbert Church. In 1980, a *Dayton Daily News* article by Jane Sterzer listed St. Adalbert as one of the "10 Prettiest Houses of Worship" in the Dayton area.

Several major maintenance projects were accomplished during



Volleyball Team Picture, 1981-1982. (L-R) *Kneeling:* Colleen Prikkel, Debbie Lingg, Steve Bohannon, Donna Thomas, Julie Wenclewicz and Lori Jo Clinger; *Standing:* Julie Thomas, Alicia Howard, Lisa Clinger, Kathy Kneer, Melissa Malkiewicz, Lisa Gemza, Karen Hutchinson, Denise Martin, Melissa Jablonski, Mary Ellen Stastopolus, Gina Hobbs.



St. Adalbert Eagles Basketball Team. (L-R) *Front Row:* Dave Kozlowski, Eric Bauermeister, James Henninger, Danny Ebert, Phil Nagy; *Back Row:* Coach Henry Martin, Rob Jagielski, Jerry Corbett, Jack Hohl, John Wegerzyn, Coach Bert Nagy.

Father Kalicky's tenure: the school kitchen was refurbished, the rectory was painted, and new windows were installed in the school. In May of 1980 there were also problems with break-ins at the church. During the first incident, sound equipment was stolen and organ speakers vandalized. Later the thieves committed serious sacrilege

stealing our beautiful tabernacle. To thwart future break-ins, bingo revenues paid for an alarm system for the church. The school roof was replaced and new spouting for the gutters installed. Just before Christmas in 1980, the old boiler for the school broke beyond repair and a new gas boiler was purchased.

By 1980, St. Adalbert bingo had been operating for five years. The success of the bingo operation was the result of the efforts of primarily three women: Phyllis Jackowski, Doris Pietrzak, and Martha Roesle. A sum of nearly \$50,000 from bingo receipts was responsible for many of the maintenance projects and renovations made during this period.

Other established activities and committees continued under Father John's direction. These committees included the Social Committee, which planned monthly activities such as campouts, trips to ballgames, trips to the races, card tournaments and wine tastings. There were bazaars and fundraisers, which seemed like socials because of the fun everyone had participating. The Parish Bowling League continued in 1978 and 1979. There was an adult volleyball team, softball team and also a golf league. The softball team took first place in the Central Division Softball Cham-



(L-R) *Holding Trophy:* Robbie MacClennan, Tom Lileas; *First Row:* Joe Ksiezopolski, Mark Siekierka, Tony Wenclewicz, Bert Nagy, Doug Taylor; *Back Row:* Mark Wenclewicz, Mike Siekierka, Bob MacClennan, Bill Wysinski, Bob Coy.

pionship in the Y.M.C.A. Church Softball Association with a 9-1 record.

There were many religious enrichment and educational opportunities for adults in the parish such as religious discussion groups, prayer groups and Bible study. The Council on Religious Education (CORE) started in 1976 under the direction of Jim and Barbara Wichtman, the Co-Directors of Religious Education. Seder meals were held in 1979 and 1980 sponsored by CORE. These were informative and fun sessions showing the

beginnings of the Mass rooted in Jewish heritage. Other well attended activities were Evenings for Couples and Evenings for Parents. CORE and the school board combined in April 1980. The Polish Heritage Commission annually held an *Ostatki* (Pre-Lenten Polish Carnival) the Tuesday before Lent. In addition to the Religious Education classes for elementary and high school, vacation Bible school classes were held. At this time many parishioners were involved with religious education not only for children but adults as well.



1979 folk group. (L-R) *Seated:* Kay Porell, Daryl Sherman, Jim Schuman; *Standing:* Tom Reinhardt, Sharon Voge, Jo Kuster.



1979 religion teachers. (L-R) *Seated:* _____, Pat Vargo, Mary Ann McGuire, Carolyn Flanagan, Tom Lileas; *Second Row:* _____, Jane Petkus, Sandy Papuga, Celine Burnett, Aggie Marcellino, Barb Wichtman, Kaye Malkiewicz, Sharon Voge; *Back Row:* Pat Poirier, Betty Dunlosky, _____, _____, John Papuga, Jim Wichtman, Ed Sypulski, Carol Krok, Father John Kalicky.

The distribution of communion under both species was started in 1979 and in June of that year, the number of Masses offered on the weekend was reduced to four. During these years there were two folk groups in addition to the organist to add music to the Mass. Nursery service was provided during the 10 and 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday. Coffee and donuts, as well as blood pressure checks, were available monthly after the 10 o'clock Mass. Since 1980 was the "Year of the Family", Father John blessed couples during Mass who were celebrating their wedding anniversaries that month. He continued that tradition into 1981. During 1980, the decision was made to discontinue mailing the church bulletins. Instead they would be picked up after Mass and only mailed in special circumstances.

Lenten activities included the Way of the Cross, (*Gorzkie Zale*), meatless meals, and the "Seven Last Words Cantata" were held. It was also during this period that the tradition of the washing of the feet continued during Holy Thursday Mass. Christmas parish activities were also well attended. The Children's Mass on Christmas Eve always seemed to be standing room only. Other youth activities were started or re-invigorated during this time. The Teen Club (which eventually became the Youth Ministry Group) returned. The first meeting was attended by 40 teens. They continued to meet and have dances through that summer. They became "helping hands" for other church activities. There also was a reorganization of the Polish Heritage Commission due to the resignation of many long-time members. Money raised by the Heritage Commission was set aside to pay for the replacement of the four front doors depicting our Polish Heritage. Also, Polish hymnals were purchased and contributions of Polish Heritage books were made to the libraries of the University of Dayton, Wright State University and the Dayton Public Library.

The Parish Festival thrived with many workers led by various chairpersons. Our Parish Festival was the source of a significant portion of the parish's operating revenues. Its continued success was the result of many parishioners' efforts, especially those that labored year after year behind the scenes. Another ethnic activity that was the focus of many hours of preparation and



Parish Council. (L-R) Seated: Wanda Goodin, Susie Wysinski, Father John Kalicky, Ed Sypulski, Al Malkiewicz, Phyllis Jackowski, Carol Krok; Standing: Walter Piekutowski, Tom Cobey, Florentine Brzozowski, Malinda Lileas, Jim Wichtman, Paul Pietrzak, Bert Nagy.



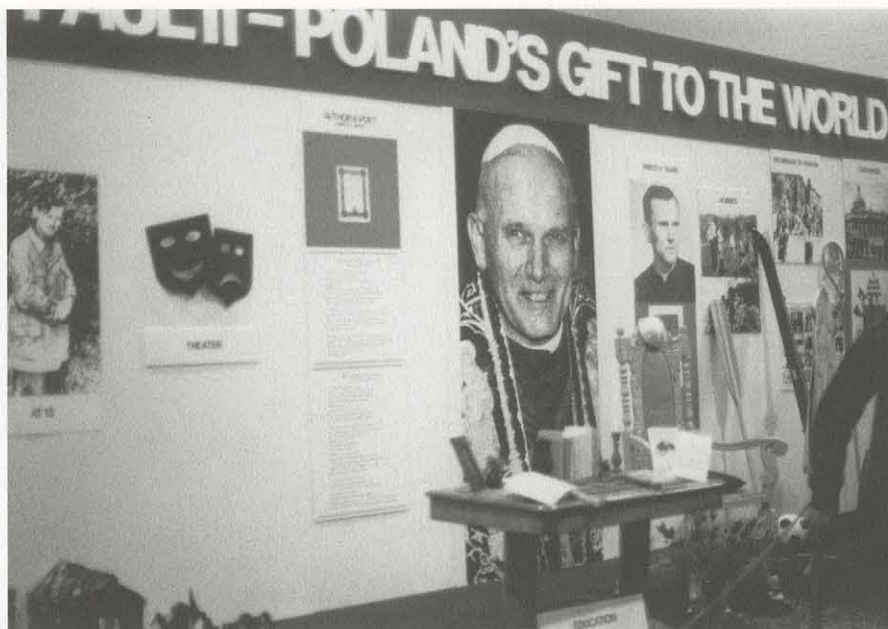
1980 Children's Christmas Eve Mass celebrated by Father John Kalicky.



1979 Parish Festival. (L-R) Pat Bailey, Paul Flanagan, Carolyn Flanagan.

operation was the International Festival, which started in 1974. Poland was always well represented not only by the food but also by the Polish dancers and the Polish cultural exhibits.

It was in 1981 that Father John's 20th Anniversary of Ordination was celebrated and he received the news that he was being transferred to St. Anthony Parish, Falls Church, Virginia effective July 10th. Father John's tenure was truly a blending of old traditions with the new.



1979 International Festival display.



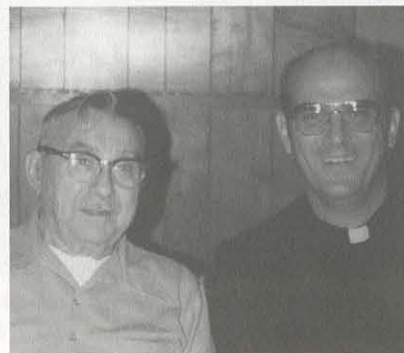
Doors donated by Polish Heritage.



Preparation for the International Festival. (L-R) Judy Jablonski, Evelyn Rhoades, Trudy O'Donnell, Frank O'Donnell, Ed Sypulski.



Weekly money counters. (L-R) Alice Kaney, Edith Meyers Rabe, Father John, Aggie Marcellino, Mary Furrey.



Father John and his father.



Class of 1979. (L-R) *Seated*: Sandra Monnin, Mary Gibino, Malinda Lileas (principal), Colleen Cobey, Mary Kurpiel; *Standing*: Philip Nagy, Daryl Sherman, Gerard Corbett, Father John Kalicky, John Bochenek, Jack Hohel, Mary Krzyminski (teacher); *Absent*: Rob Jagielski.



First Communion Class of 1979. (L-R) *Seated*: Debra Moorman, Lori Jo Clinger, _____, Charles Pietrzak, Rob Suhr, Matthew Stumpfl, Matthew Grosso, _____, _____; *Second Row*: Julie Thomas, Matthew Goodin, Gary Rodgers, James Bertorello, Andrea Koth, Stephanie Hunter, David Francis, J.J. Plummer, Aaron Palumbo; *Third Row*: Julie Wenclewicz, Lori Bogart, Denise Secora, Jason Manz, Matthew Jorden, Brian Vargo, Bryan Martin, _____, _____, William Kozlowski, Cindy Schuler, _____; *Back Row*: _____, David Reinhardt, Sarah Gibino, _____, _____, Father Kalicky, Richard Purvis, Kimberly Wenner, Lora Kraft, Melissa Bochenek, _____. *Communicants not identified*: Marc Budzinski, Kimberly Couture, Peter Iusti, William Grieshaber, Maria Nonte, Barbara Tesarz, Sandra Whitaker, Todd Woolf, David Zeisig, Tarmara Golden, Shelley Francis.



Class of 1980. (L-R) *Seated*: Monica Serrano, Christine Wisnosky, Irene Gecas, Ann August, Kelly Simmons, Kathy Westendorf, Rebecca Trzeciak; *Standing*: Malinda Lileas (principal), James Henninger, Mrs. Mary Krzyminski (teacher), Martin Brzozowski, John Wegerzyn, David Kozlowski, James McGuire, Richard Sands, Father John Kalicky, Erich Bauermeister.



First Communion Class of 1980. (L-R) *Seated*: Joshua Laase, Katherine Henninger, Jason Boal, Kathy Kennedy, Brian Niepoky, _____, Scott McCormick, Elizabeth Rodgers, Adam Pietrzak, _____; *Middle Row*: Alice Gard, Dorian Azbart, Samantha Caudy, Daniel Maassen, Meredith Coy, Amy Nadybal, Daniel Nixon, April Guesno, Jennifer Guesno, Craig Holzinger; *Back Row*: Carolyn Flanagan (teacher), Christopher Voge, _____, Christopher Bir, Lori Schmieg, Father Kalicky, Steven Schuman, Angela Matulavitch, Mark Petkus, _____, Mrs. Sue Strayer (teacher). *Communicants not identified*: Dawn Dell, Jennifer Himshaw, Tanya Spetch, Janice Ziesig.

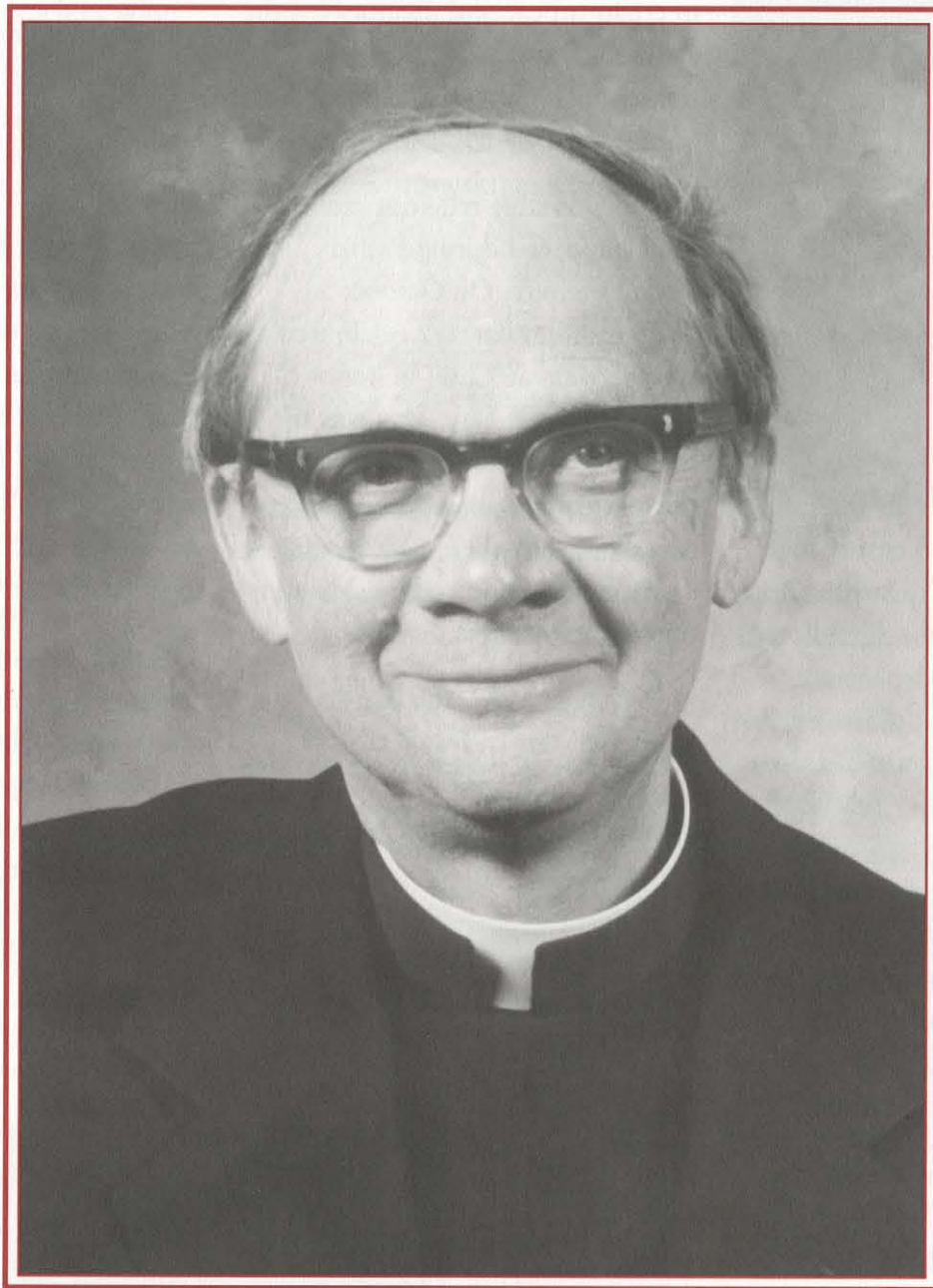


Class of 1981. (L-R) *Seated*: Diane Cobey, Kathy Metzger, Karen Hutchinson, Jennifer Simmons, Ann Marie Dalton, Martha Brzozowski, Mary Brzozowski; *Standing*: Mrs. Malinda Lileas (principal), Miss Mary Anne Dorsten (teacher), Teresa Martin, Father John Kalicky, Daniel Ebert, Denise Cobey, Jeffrey Gerken, Christopher Nagy.



First Communion Class of 1981. (L-R) *Seated*: Brian Franke, _____, Matthew Simmons, Erin Boal, David Westendorf, Nicole Thomas, Chad Prikkel, Melissa Mercier; *Middle Row*: Kevin Kozlowski, _____, Ryan Taylor, Eleanor Presutti, Andrew Berry, Jennifer Vargo, Larry Kraft, Kimberly Burkes, Aaron Azbart, Kimberly Malkiewicz, Daniel Niese, Scott Lingg; *Back Row*: Mrs. Carolyn Flanagan (teacher), John Bailey, Aimee DeCarbo, Jason Mays, Bridget Guesno, Father Kalicky, Alex Torres, _____, Brian Kramer, Jacqueline Pietrzak, Mrs. Sue Strayer (teacher). *Communicants not identified*: Christine Bringman, Marie Grieshaber, Bonnie Pearl, Renee Rendine.

1981-1993
THE GENTLE LEADER



Reverend Roman Rodak

Born August 28, 1924 in North Royalton, Ohio.

Ordained May 18, 1950 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Died July 3, 1996 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Father Roman Rodak arrived during the annual festival preparation in July of 1981. Parish activities continued to move along under Father Roman's kind leadership. Father Rodak led a parish experiencing a decline in numbers but maintaining a thriving community due to all of those parishioners who willingly stepped forward to contribute their time and talents.

Early in Father Rodak's term of service, concerns about the future of the Archdiocese were mounting. The Harvest Committee was formed to respond to the question "What must we do to ensure high quality parish ministry in the future, in light of trends in the Archdiocese showing a dramatic decline of priests?" In January 1983 weekend Masses were reduced to three. In February of 1991, the Archbishop requested the pastors of Dayton inner city parishes to form a task force to develop a plan for the continued ministry of the Church of Dayton for the year 2000 and beyond.

During this same period, many things were happening at St. Adalbert. In 1983, Rosary Altar celebrated its 30th anniversary. The folk group sang at the 5:30 Mass every other week and also special occasions like the children's Christmas Eve Mass. The 8:30 Mass had ethnic flavor with singing and prayers in Polish. Liturgy of the Word for Children continued on a monthly basis. During the Christmas season, the RE children would place ornaments on the tree in

church and take an ornament made by volunteers to place on their tree at home. This is another indication of the work done behind the scenes to create a beautiful memory for the children. During the 10:30 Mass the pre-school children were dressed as angels and sang hymns in Polish.

Many notable religious celebrations happened during Father Rodak's tenure. On October 11, 1981 Bishop Pilarczyk celebrated a special Mass at 12:00 in honor of Polish Heritage Day. This was the first time he visited St. Adalbert for this particular celebration. A reception, hosted by the Polish Heritage Commission, followed the Mass in the school cafeteria.

In August 1982, the parish celebrated the Triduum to Our Lady of Czestochowa, marking the 600th anniversary of the picture in Poland. This painting, precious to the Poles, was brought to the city of Czestochowa in Poland in 1382 and became known as Our Lady of Czestochowa or The Black Madonna.

According to legend, St. Luke the Evangelist painted this famous image of the Mother of Jesus on the top of the table at which the Holy Family of Nazareth prayed and dined. Archbishop Elko celebrated the

5:30 Mass on Saturday, August 28th and Father Edward Zukowski (former pastor) closed the Triduum on Sunday.

Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish hero, Father Maximillian Kolbe, a famous World War II priest, on October 10, 1982. On April 24, 1983 Archbishop Pilarczyk made his first visit to St. Adalbert since he was elevated to Archbishop of Cincinnati, to preside over the Confirmation Mass. Father Rodak organized frequent parish renewals and retreats to help the parish adjust to the changes occurring in all areas of spiritual and secular life.

Father Edward Zukowski, C.P.P.S. honored St. Adalbert by returning on May 6th to celebrate a Mass observing his 40 years in the priesthood. On May 16, 1982, Father John Kalicky, our pastor from 1978 to 1981 was elected as provincial for the Society of the Precious Blood.



Father Rodak's party/shower.

The School Task Force was formed in 1982 to create the school as a self-supporting entity within the parish. The Task Force started planning fundraisers such as wine tastings, white elephant auctions, Tuesday bingo, monthly 50/50 raffles, fish fries, Winter Festival and an alumni dance.

Father Roman relayed a daunting message in the bulletin of May 30, 1982:

"We regret we must announce the closing of St. Adalbert School on June 4th. After months of searching for ways to keep it open, no alternative was left but to close. I would like to add here, that earlier I had contacted the Franciscan Sisters as to the possibility of returning to St. Adalbert. In a very sympathetic reply, they wrote that they were not able to send Sisters to teach here.

While the closing of a school brings sadness, I think that there is also a reason for thanksgiving—thanksgiving for 77 years of service that our school and parish have given to Catholic education in the Dayton area. We are also celebrating 77 years of dedication in promoting Christian values. I am sure that many blessings will come our way because of this."

Following the closing of the school, the building was cleaned and painted to prepare the school building for Religious Education

classes and other parish activities. The change from Catholic school to religious education program did not impede St. Adalbert's continued quest for excellence. A *Catholic Telegraph* article (August 8, 1986) praised our Youth Ministry program (under the leadership of Bob and Barb Kozlowski) as matching the ideal set by the Diocese. The School Task Force continued to subsidize tuition to Our Lady of the Rosary by fundraisers. The Task Force name was changed to Tuition Assistance.

Changes were made to the security system and a new public address amplifier was purchased through the generosity of bingo as well as ceiling fans for the church. In fact, in 1985, on the 10th year anniversary of bingo, it was noted that their financial support totaled \$130,000. Additional fundraising was underway when a third day was added to the annual parish festival in 1984. Other major improvements and renovations were the replacing of the carpeting in the church and the purchase of a new organ in 1992 with money contributed by Irene and Marion Glass. A wireless microphone was an additional improvement that was made at that time.

The Polish Heritage Committee continued to be active in the International Festival, St. Adalbert Festival and the Polish Heritage Mass and breakfast. The Committee also continued to sponsor Wigilia, Ostatki and Saint Nicholas Day, which not only provided treats for the children but adults could



Ed Sypulski as St. Nicholas.

purchase Polish items and *oplatek*. The Gozdzicowski family arrived from Germany in July of 1984. The Polish Heritage Refugee Committee sponsored the parents, Andrzej and Elzbieta and their children, 13-year-old Agnieszka, and two-year-old Piotr. They remained active members of the parish until their move to Florida in 2002. The Polish refugee committee of St. Adalbert received the Migration and Refugee Services award from the U.S. Catholic Conference in 1985.

In 1986 "It's Happening at St. Adalbert's" or "Break the Fever"—cabin fever...occurred with classes such as aerobics, coffeehouse guitar lessons, quilting, beginning Polish conversation, pinochle, euchre and bridge classes. Horizons—adult discussions of the Bible and other adult education opportunities were provided by the Religious Education staff throughout the years.

Bob Kozlowski was accepted into the permanent (four-year) Deaconate program of the Archdiocese on April 27, 1986. Youth Ministry and other parish organizations, such as Polish Heritage and the 6th grade RE class, sponsored the Seder meal for the parish on Holy Thursday for a number of years. Other innovative events were special Stations of the Cross for the junior high, and special interpretation of the Palm Sunday Passion. The Youth Ministry program was involved with many fundraisers, youth masses, visits to senior citizens and retreats.

Socials continued to be held yearly—such as the Lasagna dinner and auction, which benefited the needy in our parish and community. Other social activities were pancake breakfasts, fish fries, a square dance, co-ed volleyball and softball.

Another program, the Blood Mobile, was started in 1987 and continued for many years. Garage sales were held to provide seed money for the festival. A birthday and anniversary insert was included in the bulletin as well as a monthly calendar of activities.

In January of 1992 an Oral History project was started to record the memories of elderly parishioners and identify old pictures in the archives.

As part of this project, Father Rodak recorded his reminiscences of St. Adalbert. Father praised his parishioners and highlighted the caring, enriching experience he had as our pastor. Many memories returned: the young children in the Religious Education classes; the vigor of the Youth Ministry; the total parish effort in tackling the repainting and recarpeting of the church; and the eagerness and expertise of the parishioners in accepting the challenge of the changing church situation. Father felt our outreach in Religious Education and cooperation with other parishes would allow us to “stand tall” in Project 2000.

Father was appointed to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio and left on August 10, 1993. Prior to Father's departure, parties were held to honor and show our gratitude to him. Father Rodak died unexpectedly on July 3, 1996. Countless parishioners fondly remembered this gentle leader as a true example of all the virtues Christ taught us.



“It’s Happening at St. Adalbert’s” Polish language classes taught by Danuta Romanowska.



The Polish Club welcomed many diners for traditional Polish food during the festival.



Lasagna dinner.



Class of 1982. (L-R) Sharon Voge (teacher), Katie McCabe, Lisa Beech, Lisa Gemza, Father Rodak, Melissa Malkiewicz, Lisa Clinger, Kathy Kneer, Malinda Lileas (principal).



First Communion Class of 1982. (L-R) Seated: Linn Bostick, Theresa Hutchinson, Chris Purvis, Chris Vargo, Dan Zinkiewicz, Lisa Drobat, Todd Gerken; Middle Row: Dana Nadybal, David Nickerson, Andrea Salvucci, David Palmere, Jim Wambold, Kelly Howar, Jon Kneer, Angela Dix; Back Row: Mrs. Carolyn Flanagan, Amy Ksiezopolski, Mark Smith, Michelle Golden, Father Rodak, Mary McCabe, Brian Majewski, Mikki Mays, Mrs. Sue Strayer.



First Communion Class of 1983. (L-R) *Front Row:* Michelle Serey, Sean Howar, Joanna Jablonski, Scott Gifford, Amy Petticrew; *Middle Row:* Jennifer Hutchinson, Joshua Liles, Danny Pierron, Eric Howard; *Back Row:* Father Rodak, Ann Smith (teacher).



First Communion Class of 1984. (L-R) *Front Row:* Adam Torres, Joel Wichtman, Matt Franke, Jonathan Mercier, T.J. Plummer; *Back Row:* Mrs. Dianne Jannings (teacher), Marcus Burkes, Julie Ksiezopolski, Beth Purcell, Michael Berterello.



First Communion Class of 1985. (L-R) *Front Row:* Rick Kaufold, Kevin Serey, Michael Flanagan, Jeremy Papuga, Nick Salvucci, Jeff Smolinski; *Back Row:* Mrs. Terri Griffin, Molly Berry, Sybil Sherman, Father Rodak, Daniel Cwiklik, Jessica Griffin.



First Communion Class of 1986. (L-R) *Front Row:* David Matulavitch, Amy Majewski, Alicia Howard, Jessica Petticrew, James Mercier; *Back Row:* Amy MacClennan, Rebecca Bottenfield, Emily Suhr, Sonya Sherman, George Burkes, Jeff Gallagher.



First Communion Class of 1987. (L-R) *Front Row:* Theresa Carroll, Danny Plummer, Erica Flanagan, Charlie Dix, Nichole Christopher; *Back Row:* Quentin Theis, Father Rodak, Brad Gifford, Jason Boston.



First Communion Class of 1988. (L-R) *Front Row:* Joseph Solomon, Leah Rosner, Kim Thies, Scott Thies; *Back Row:* Brandon McCutcheon, Elizabeth Wead, Kevin Kaufhold, Courtney Ufnal, Christina Gerken.



First Communion Class of 1989. (L-R) *Front Row:* Maureen Purcell, Paul Pietrzak, Elizabeth March, William Zbikowski, Amber Bear; *Back Row:* Ms. Christine Zwolski, Joseph Campbell, Father Rodak, Jonathon Fredrick.



First Communion Class of 1990. (L-R) *Front Row:* Andrew Folfas, Emil Martinsek, Kristopher Sorensen; *Back Row:* Piotr Gozdzikowski, Father Rodak, Melanie Siekierka, C.J. Dodson, Christopher Bir, Lauren Zbikowski.



First Communion Class of 1991. (L-R) *Front Row*: Christopher Moran; *Middle Row*: Robert Berry, Nathan Elmore, Stephen Schiller, Nathaniel Sorensen, Maximilian Tokarsky, Zachary Farkas, Jonathan Chapman; *Back Row*: Father Rodak, Matthew Owens, Brian Bottenfield, Tiffany Dix, Jennifer Burton, Lindsay Johnston, Victoria March, Ashley Vandegrift, Joel Burton, Joseph Gerkin.



First Communion Class of 1992. (L-R) *Front Row*: Melissa Bir, Ashley Burneka, Allison LaCroix, Amanda Hernandez, Jamie Wallace; *Middle Row*: Lee Christopher, Christopher Crumbley, Brett Stevens, Matthew Martinsek, Matthew Eppinger, Dennis Jones; *Back Row*: Sandy Prikkel, Father Rodak, Arlene Bottenfield.

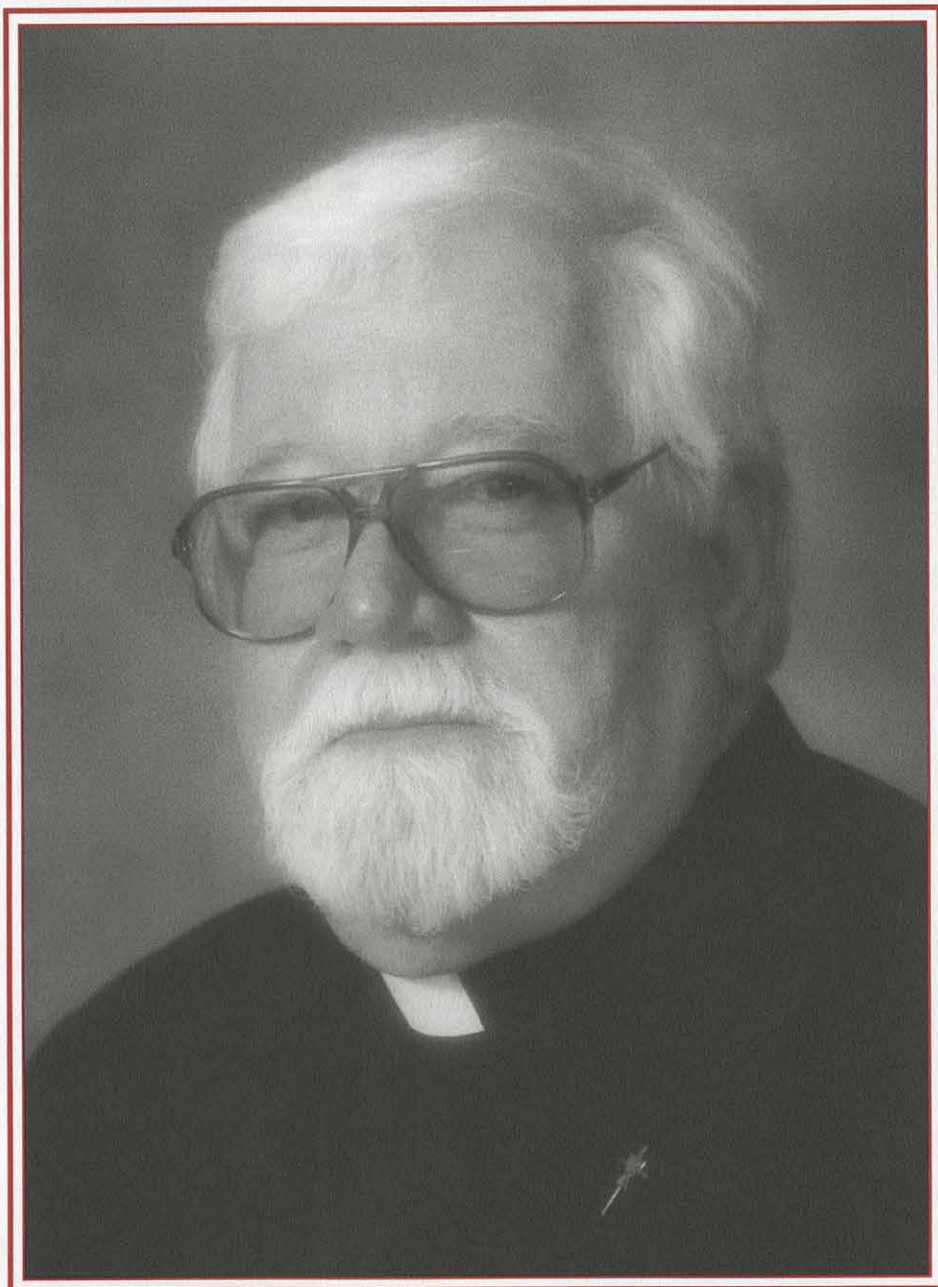


First Communion Class of 1993. (L-R) *Front Row:* Matthew Elmore, Teshia Sorensen, John Paul Gooch; *Middle Row:* Amanda Jobe, Shannon Bondy; *Back Row:* Deacon Bob Kozlowski, Father Rodak, Mrs. Arlene Bottenfield.



Deacon Bob Kozlowski and Father Rodak.

1993-1996
THE TRADITIONALIST



Reverend George Blasick

Born February 3, 1932 in Scottsdale, Pennsylvania.

Ordained May 29, 1960 in Carthagen, Ohio.

Our next pastor, Father George Blasick, another Precious Blood priest, was appointed in August 1993 and served until August 1996. He was a traditionalist in the religious and administrative arenas. His emphasis on clearly defined lines of authority and responsibility within the parish can be found in many of the projects that Father Blasick instituted. A committee was formed to revise the Parish Council Constitution in order to streamline the operation. Additional revisions were made to the Mass offering procedures, which restrict the number of Masses that could be requested for any one family in the parish. This was in response to excessive number of Masses that were backlogged.

Religious education programs continued for adults, preschool, grade school and the youth ministry. Unfortunately, our long-time organist moved on and the church could not find a replacement. The folk group that sang at the Saturday evening Mass was also having difficulty finding players. Many activities in the parish continued as they had in the past: Lasagna dinners, St. Nicholas celebrations, and Polish Heritage events. In 1994, St. Adalbert's original church was part of the Historical Tour of Old North Dayton, which was highlighting buildings important to the history of the area.

Father George continued the blessing of the homes with the help of Deacon Bob Kozlowski. Father George was often seen visiting bingo and talking to the players.

He also took a turn at dealing showdown during the parish festival. Father brought comfort when he visited the sick and shut-ins of the parish, calling upon his experience as a hospital chaplain.

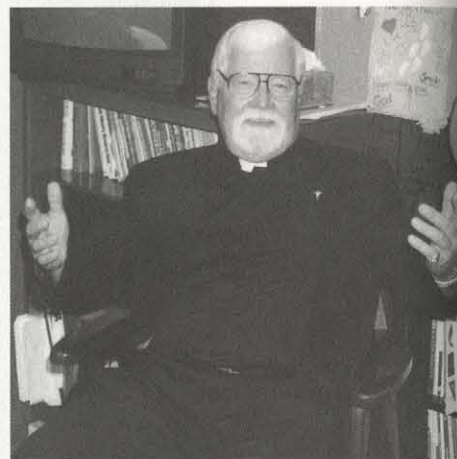
The Youth Ministry program continued to flourish and provide not only recreation for the teens but also a vital support for the parish in many areas. They sang carols and brought gifts to the shut-ins of the parish and as well as assisting with Vacation Bible School.

Dayton Ministry 2000 was an on-going process. In January 1996, Archbishop Pilarczyk announced the parishes that would be sharing pastors. Father Blasick proceeded to coordinate with Reverend Michael Holloran to achieve a smooth transition of the joined parishes. Father Holloran of Holy Cross was appointed pastor of St. Adalbert effective July 1, 1996. To prepare for the merging of the two parishes under one pastor, surveys were conducted to determine what Mass times parishioners preferred at each church.

A well-attended potluck at the Polish Club, organized by Parish Council, was held to bid Father Blasick farewell and God speed. Father was taking a sabbatical before receiving his next assignment.



Long time sacristan and bingo chairperson and supporter Phyllis Jackowski.



Father George Blasick.



Father George dealing showdown at the annual parish festival.



First Communion Class of 1994. (L-R) *Front Row:* Katie Zbikowski, Zachary Qureshi, Laurie LaCroix, John Pietrzak, Sarah Reinhart; *Middle Row:* Raymond Dukes, Stephanie Nelson, Veronica Farkas, Mariam Tokarsky, Patricia Stewart, Janice Purcell, Nicholas Wysinski; *Back Row:* Carol Svisco, Deacon Bob Kozlowski, Father George Blasick, Mrs. Arlene Bottenfield.

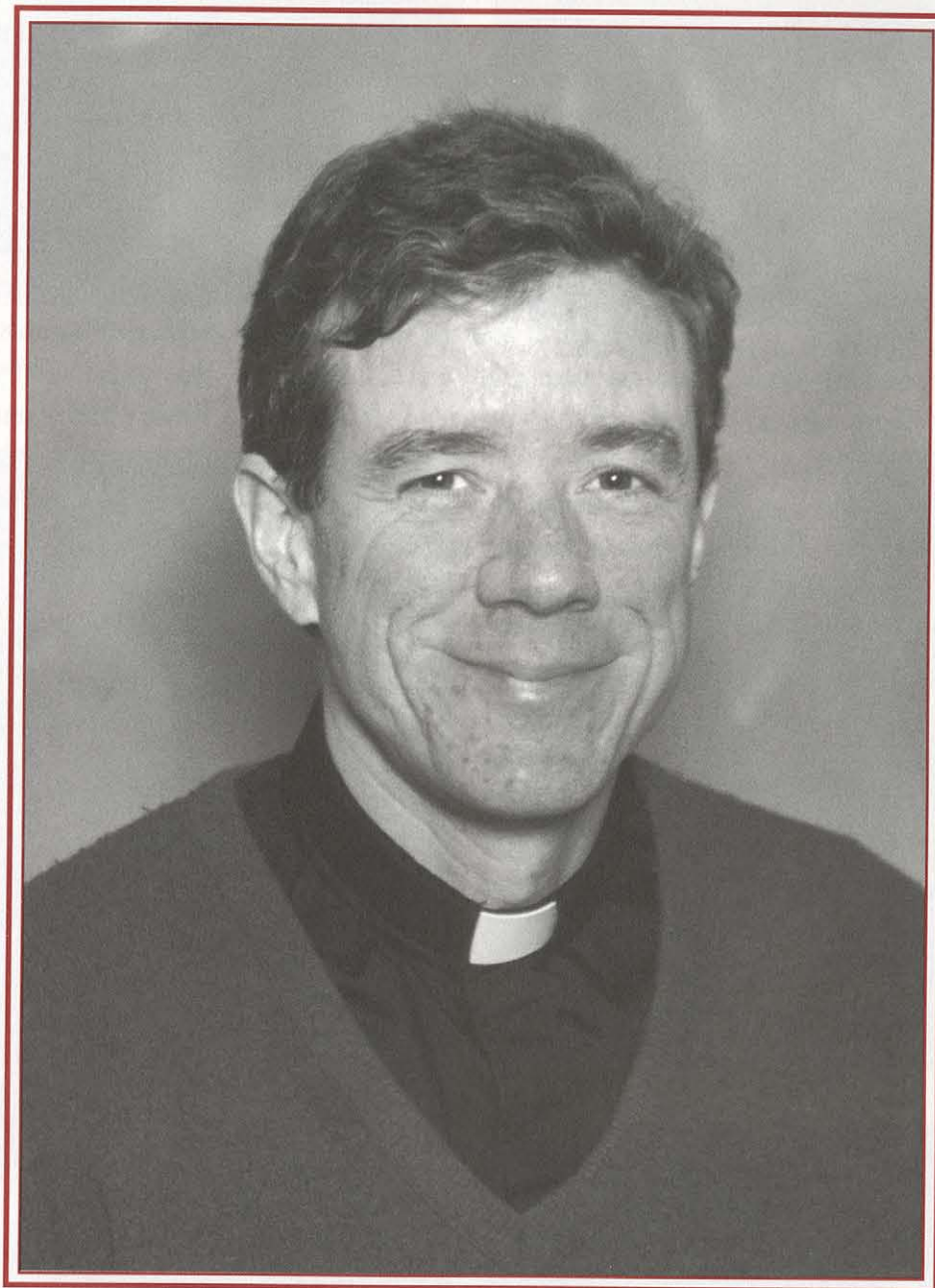


First Communion Class of 1995. (L-R) *Front Row:* Joseph Svisco, Benjamin Lee, Lynda Pietrzak, Zachary Martinsek, Nathan Christopher; *Back Row:* Father Blasick, Jennifer Jablinski, Maria Siekierka, Tiffany Bowen, Nathan Loyd, Mrs. Arlene Bottenfield.



First Communion Class of 1996. (L-R) *Front Row:* Kimberly Bowen, Steven Musgrove, Emily Owens; *Back Row:* Deacon Bob Kozlowski, Mrs. Arlene Bottenfield, Father George Blasick.

***1996-Present
PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE***



Reverend Michael Holloran

Born September 16, 1955 in Dayton, Ohio.

Ordained June 5, 1982 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Father Michael Holloran's assignment in 1996 as pastor of St. Adalbert and Holy Cross parishes ushered in a new era for North Dayton Catholics. Father Holloran was in favor of "growing" parishes and wanted programs to be restored. With only one pastor, both parishes cooperated to share their Catholic faith experiences and resources.

Parishioners at St. Adalbert selected the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass as their choice; Holy Cross selected 10:30 a.m. as their Sunday Mass time. The two parishes would alternate 5:30 p.m. Saturday Masses. An inter-parish commission was formed to schedule Masses for holydays and other worship services such as Gorzkie Zale and Stations of the Cross. The Holy Cross organist also played for our 8:30 Mass at St. Adalbert. The Bereavement committee continued to provide spiritual comfort and offer food for the reception at parishioner's request. Administrative details demanded attention.

Parish operation handbooks were developed to facilitate consistent procedures at each parish.

Parish life at St. Adalbert continued to enrich other activities in Dayton. "A Christmas Around the World" at Kettering Tower featured our Polish nativity scene and Polish dancers in costume. Monthly senior brunches continued after the Wednesday 9 a.m. Mass. International Festival and the Parish Festival drew many participants. Both activities provided vital financial support to St. Adalbert. As the size of the parish continued to shrink, a decision was made in 2002 to suspend the Parish Festival that was initiated under the pastorate of Father Frydrych. As another result of the smaller number of parishioners, 2003 will be the last time that St. Adalbert Parish

represented Poland at Dayton's International World A'Fair.

Youth ministry teens sponsored a St. Nicholas Day activity, Kids' Day Out and hosted a Senior Citizens Christmas breakfast. In 1997 the number of teens in the Youth Ministry had dwindled and some activities were curtailed. In 1998, a four-parish Youth Ministry was inaugurated. Soon after, a junior high youth ministry (7th-8th grade) was organized by Our Lady of the Rosary and a senior high youth ministry (9th-12th grade) named "FX4"—Faith, Friends, Food and Fun—was led by Arlene Bottenfield at St. Adalbert. As in the past, the



Parish Council. (L-R) Connie Howell, Secretary; Florentine Brzozowski, Member at Large; Bill Wysinski, Financial Advisor; Father Mike Holloran; Jan Gard, Member at Large; Carol Svisco, Representative from Worship. Not pictured: Mark Owens, President; Bob Voge, Vice President; Gary Sutton, Member at Large; Janee Wolski, Member at Large; Danuta Romanowska, Representative from Polish Heritage and Religious Education.



Kids' Day Out by Youth Ministry.



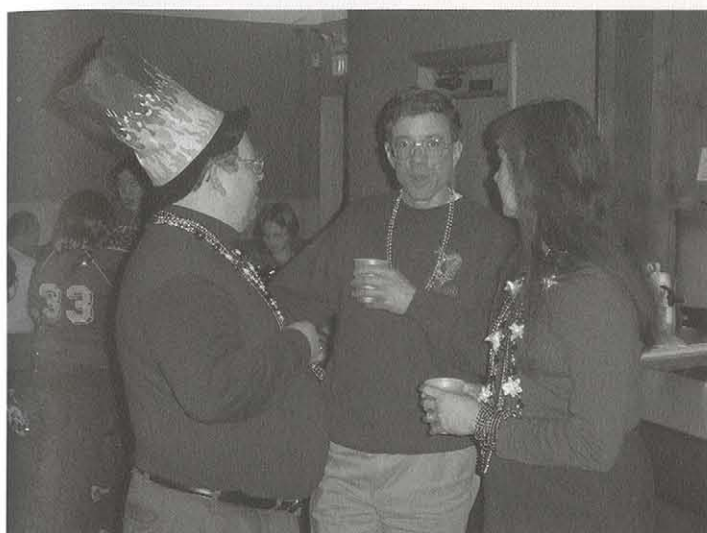
Paczki day.



Wednesday night bingo. (L-R) Chris Nagy, Florentine Brzozowski and Bob Gray.



Wednesday night bingo. (L-R) Martha Roesle and Doris Pietrzak.



Mardi Gras celebration. (L-R) Dennis Hall, Father Holloran, Denise Hall.



Opening the cornerstone. (L-R) Father Holloran, Jo Jablinski, Jim Kurpiel, Irene Golba, Pete Brzozowski.



Chester Makiewicz presenting gifts for Founder's Day.

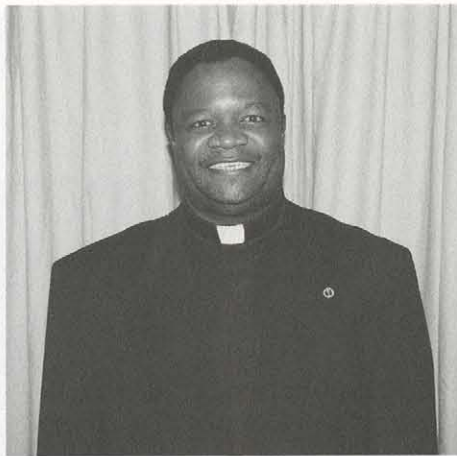


Examining the contents of the time capsule. (L-R) Bob MacClennan, Danuta Romanowska, Carole MacClennan.

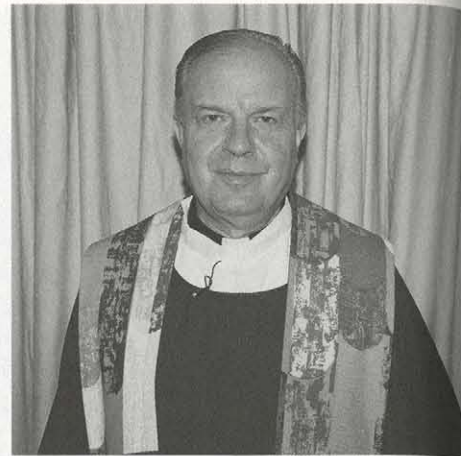
Youth Ministry provided Easter baskets for the senior members of both St. Adalbert and Holy Cross.

Two additions to St. Adalbert's physical plant were purchased. In 1998 a new electronic bell system was installed in the bell tower and in 2001 a chair lift in the parish hall aided mobility of the parishioners.

On his yearly visit to the parish in January 1998, Archbishop Pilarczyk discussed possibilities with Father Mike concerning the future of the North Dayton parishes. With the reassignment of Father Anthony Datillo, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Stephen, a decision became urgent. Father Mike knew he would not be reassigned as pastor of St. Adalbert and Holy Cross, so he applied for the position at Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Stephen, continuing as pastor of St. Adalbert and Holy Cross. The parish councils of St. Adalbert and Holy Cross wrote letters of support and the Archbishop accepted Father Mike's proposal effective July 2, 2001. Father Mike's pastorate of Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Adalbert, Holy Cross and St. Stephen would include all aspects of parish life: worship at each church, direction of our Lady of the Rosary grammar school, and administration of parish assets. Two priests, Father Felix Molumeli, a student at Wright State University, and Father Johann R. Roten, a professor at the University of Dayton, assist Father Mike by celebrating weekend Masses in the parish churches. The four parishes



Father Felix Molumeli.

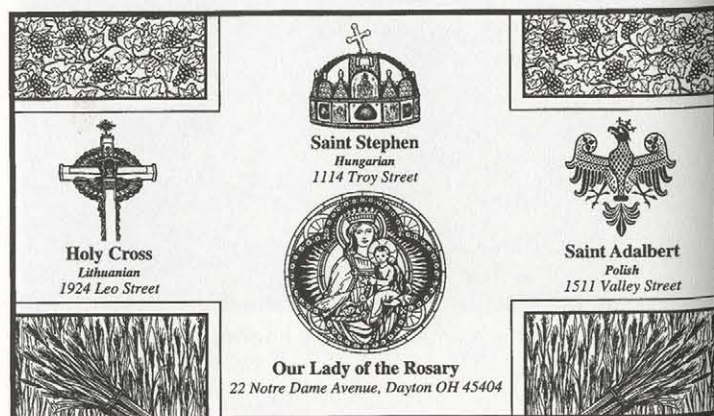


Father Johann Roten.

share a Sunday bulletin, each represented on the cover by a symbol of their parish. Joint activities such as Parish Missions, RCIA, Men and Women's prayer groups, adult faith formation, Holyday Masses, Father Mike's 20th ordination anniversary in June 2002 and a 2003 Mardi Gras celebration promoted the cooperation of the all parishes. In October 2001, a lay pastoral minister for the four-parish community was hired to administer parish evangelization.

St. Adalbert's Founder's Day Mass, January 5, 2003, marked the 100th anniversary of Archbishop Elder's letter authorizing Father Strzelczok to act as pastor of the Polish people of Dayton. The cornerstone of the old church was opened revealing coins, newspapers and other relics from the founding fathers. To celebrate this memorable

occasion, Father Mike's sermon stressed the significance of the Feast Day of the Epiphany to the 100th anniversary of the founding: "Celebrating this important milestone on Epiphany suggests an observation: that the purpose of St. Adalbert, as of any Catholic parish, is epiphany—to make Christ known. If we look around our church, we see artistic evidence of our Polish heritage. If we think about what we see and consider the lives of the Polish national heroes represented here, it is obvious that making Christ known has always been an integral part of the Polish heritage, a heritage that the people of St. Adalbert have been faithful to now for 100 years."



Bulletin cover.

Parishioners of St. Adalbert Church

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

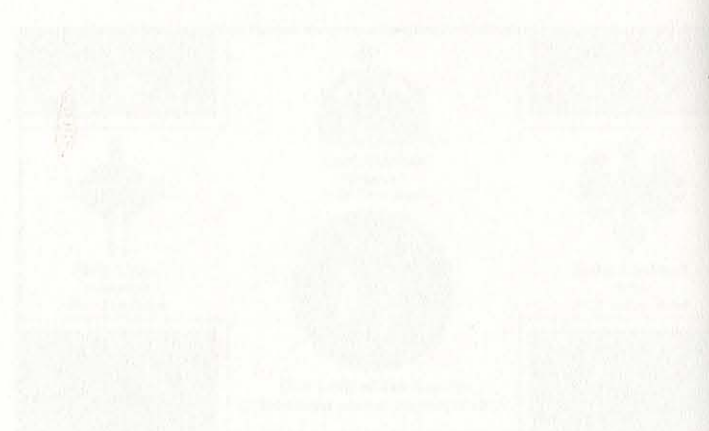
by Howard Chandler Christy

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Agee, John and Martha.



Andruskiewicz, Genie.



August, Al.



August, Charlie.



August, Mary, Christopher,
Abigail, Anna and Kirsten.



Balsink, Eleanor.



Bahret, Mary Jo and William.



Beringer, Mary, Eleanor and
Joseph.



Birt, Angie.



Bochenek, Priscilla and
Frank.



Bochenek, Henry and Irene.



Borkowski, Bob and Mary
Ann.



Bottenfield, Brian, Rebecca,
Arlene and Mark.



Brzozowski, Martha.



Brzozowski, Pete and
Florentine.



Bucenski, Ray (Butch).



Coddington, Mary and Earl.



Coon, Helen.



Cox, James and Sue.



Cwiklik, Len and Susan.



Davis, Eleanor.



Dolinski, Sophie.



Dolinski, Rosemary and Stan.



Donauer, Florence.



Fisher, Brother Joe.



Flanagan, Paul and Carolyn.



Gard, Jan.



Gemza, Sophie and Joseph.



Golba, Edmund.



Golba, Irene.



Golba, Walter and Martha.



Goodin, Beth and Mark.



Goodin, Wanda and William.



Gozdzikowski, Elizabeth and Andrzej.



Gray, Betty and Bob.



Hall, Dennis and Denise.



Howell, Francine and Connie.



Huist, Janet.



Hutchinson, Donna and Jim.



Jablinski, Dave, Kathy, Jenny, Samantha and Maggie.



Jablinski, Jo and Gene.



Jablinski, Larry.



Jablonski, Joe and Judy.



Jablonski, Marilyn.



Jackowski, Conrad.



Jagielski, Coleen, Art, Anne and Zachary.



Jagielski, Mary and Zachary.



Kaney, Alice and Jack.



Keish, Alex.



Kielbaso, Sophie and Julian.



Klimaski, Lee.



Klos, Margie.



Klos, Stephanie.



Kolakowski, Angela.



Kolakowski, Stella.



Konicki, Chester.



Koth, Lottie and Ed.



Kozlowski, Doris and Ray.



Krajewski, Joseph and Frances.



Ksiezopolski, Helen.



Kunka, Bernice.



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Lantner, Jean.



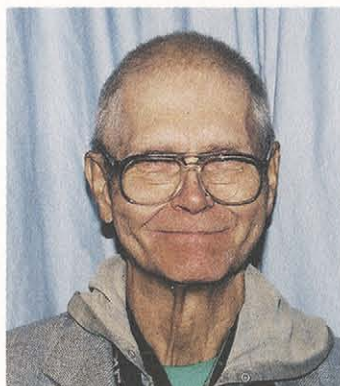
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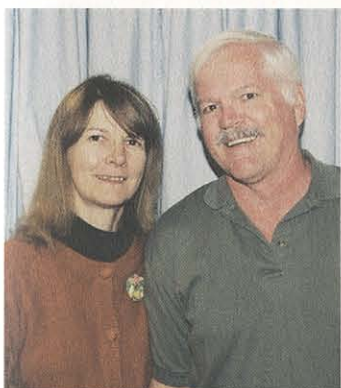
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Long, Donald.



Loscko, Cecilia.



Loscko, Mary and John.



Loyd, Steve, Sue, Nathan, Olivia and Christian.



Lucas, Leo.



Lucus, Paul.



MacClennan, Bob and Carole.



Meier, Sophia.



Makiewicz, Martha and Czeslaw.



Malesko, Rosalie.



Malesko, Rose.



Marcellino, Mike and Aggie.



March, Jim.



Martinsek, Matthew, Emil, Zachary, Denise and Emil.



McCormick, Carole.



Merta, Christine, Lyle and Mary.



Metzger, Ronna and Tom.



Officer, Charles and Helen.



Owens, Emily, Matthew, Mark and Debra.



Pendergast, James and Beverly.



Piekutowski, Mary.



Pietrzak, Doris.



Pietrzak, Joe and Stella.



Pietrzak, Joe.



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Plochocki, Joseph.



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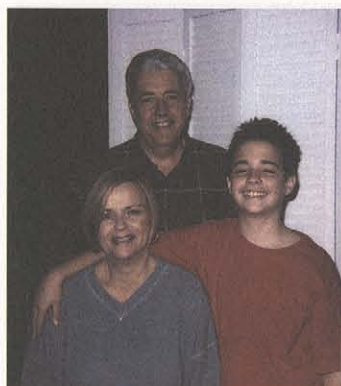
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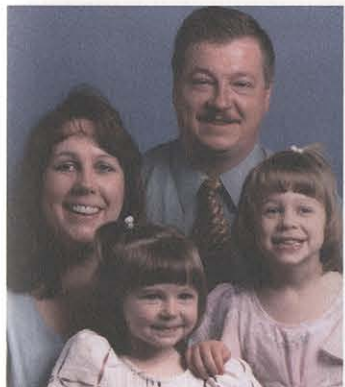
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Siekierka, Anne.



Siekierka, Lois.



Storie, Edward, Beth, Alex and Erin.



Storie, Sandy and Family.



Strubczewski, Walter and Ann Leigh.



Stumpf, Renee and Steve.



Sutton, Carl.



Sutton, Gary, Amy, Bridget and Rachel.



Svisco, Aaron.



Svisco, Angela and Adam Streby.



Svisco, Mike, Carol, Elena and Joe.



Sweeney, Veronica.



Sypulski, Ed and Virginia.



Thomas, Karen.



Thomas, Marie and Ed.



Tokarsky, Aloise.



Tokarsky, Diane.



Tokarsky, Frank, Duangtavil, Max and Mariam.



Vanwey, Edith.



Vecchio, Edward Sr. and Josephine.



Voge, Sharon, Bob, Michelle and Christopher.



Wagner, Adeline.



Wallace, E. Joan.



Wanamaker, Rose.



Wanczyk, Robert.



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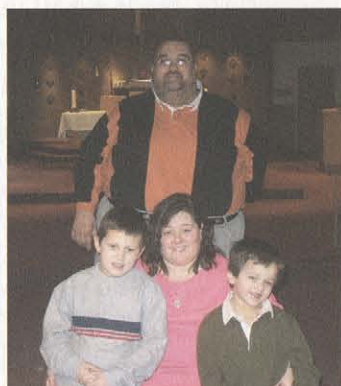
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Wolski, Luke, Missy, Henry and Dan.



Wolski, Janee.



Wolski, Mary.



Wysinski, Phyllis and Bill.



Wysinski, Sophie and William.



Wysinski, Leonard and Virginia.



Wysinski, Sherry and Tom.



Zakrzewski, Stella.



Zbikowski, Mary.



Zotkiewicz, Irene.

Parishioners whose photos were not available:

Czarnecki, James and Constance.
 Kleismit, Lucille.
 Lemonis, Paul and Ruth.
 Leszczuk, Eleonora.
 Leszczuk, Stanley and Linda.
 Martin, Helen and Paul.
 Martinez, Jennifer, Christine and Katie Vallance.
 Nienaber, Albert.
 Prikkel, David and Rita.
 Qureshi, Farouk, Angela, Erin, Sara, Zachary and Laura.
 Roesle, Tony and Elaine.
 Thomas, Julie.
 Thomas, Steve.
 Varhola, Peter and Donna.
 Wolski, Joe and Sherry.

In Appreciation



St. Adalbert has been blessed over these 100 years by the efforts and generosity of its parishioners and friends. We would, however, be remiss if we failed to acknowledge the special generosity of two individuals—Irene (Olszewska) Glass and Marion Glass (Glos). They were both baptized and married at St. Adalbert. Over the years they provided the cash prizes for the parish festival raffles, recarpeted the church, replaced the organ that is now used at Mass and for our 100th anniversary, made a \$50,000 gift to the parish. For this special generosity over the years, we extend our heartfelt thanks. *Bóg Zapłać.*

In appreciation to the Jubilee Committee for their time and effort in making this year a very special one for each of us.

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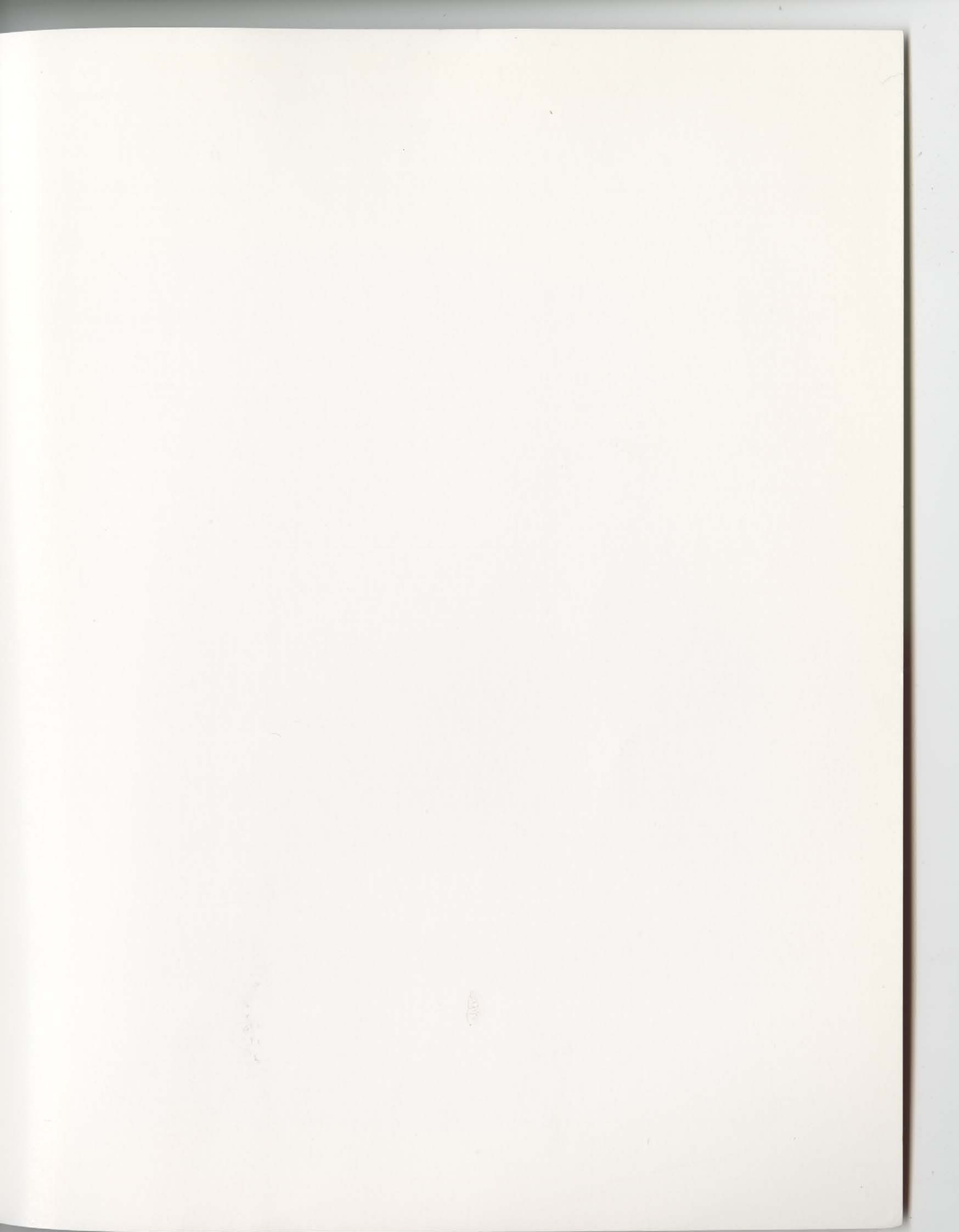
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