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*Our Lady of the*  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**CHURCH**



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**  
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FORWARD

A fiftyth anniversary is a time for gathering and for celebration. It is one of those rare joyful occasions when we take the time to honor who we are as individuals and to refresh our relationships with others. A milestone event such as a fiftyth anniversary makes us more aware that the "now" of our lives is more than a single isolated point in our history. For in celebrating the present, we also affirm the past with all its influences and decisions and anticipate the future with its goals and its dreams. In this, our Ann... we attempt to share with you the history of our group... and future is... already included... much of the present, and the future has yet to be defined.

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## FOREWORD

A fiftieth anniversary is a time for gathering and for celebration. It is one of those rare joyful occasions when we take the time to savor who we are as individuals and to relish our relationships with others. A milestone event such as a fiftieth also makes us more aware that the "now" of our lives is more than a single isolated point in our history. For in celebrating the present, we also affirm the past with all its influences and decisions and anticipate the future with its goals and its dreams.

In this, our Anniversary Book, we commemorate who we are as a parish. Thus we attempt to get in touch with the complicated blend of past, present and future of our group identity. The first section of the book emphasizing the present and future is brief. The Parish Picture Directory issued earlier this year has already included much of the present, and the future has yet to be defined.

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In following the theme "We are the parish..." the book focuses primarily on people - both leaders and parishioners - who make parish milestones happen. Missing from these pages because of the limits of space and information are the heroes of the daily tasks - those parishioners whose generosity and faith have made dreams a reality.

For those parishioners who are among the participants and events described in this book, may these pages be a rich source of memories and joy. For more recent members, may they invite you to become a vital part of the community that will be celebrated and recalled at our next anniversary. And for all of us, may remembering the vision, courage, and generosity of the past strengthen us to meet the challenges that face us today and to step into the future with renewed vision, purpose, and hope.

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# BRIEF HISTORY

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# MEMORIES

# OF THE PAST

## FIRST PASTOR

Father John Rauscher, S.M.

Pastor from May 10, 1938 to January 7, 1956

### Personal Background:

Born in Haberless, Austria on February 11, 1887

Entered Brothers of Mary in Dayton in 1900

Studied at University of Dayton and in Switzerland

Ordained on July 30, 1916

Died on January 5, 1966. Buried at Mt. St. John



### Assignment:

1908 Dayton	Taught at St. Mary's Institute
1912 Fribourg	Studied for priesthood
1916 Various	Continued teaching career
1930 Dayton	Principal of St. John Normal School
1956 Dayton	Pastor, later Assistant at Emmanuel Church

### Major Developments During Pastorate:

In 1937 Archbishop John T. McNicholas asked the Marianist Society, located at Mt. St. John, to assume the care for a new parish that would be divided from St. Anthony territory and membership. They, in turn, appointed Father Rauscher to be the pastor.

Father Rauscher began a series of meetings with five prospective parishioners to discuss plans for when, where and how the parish could start. By 1938 the committee had leased for \$70.00 a month a one-story concrete building at what is now the Shell station on Smithville near Watervliet. This building, previously housing a bowling alley, smokery and bookie place, was intended to be a temporary church. It had two rooms, each 100 x 40 feet, separated by a thick cinder-block wall. One room served as the church, seating 150 people. The other room became the rectory and parish meeting space.

In 1939 the parish, now made up of 250 families, bought the building for \$7,200; it also added three lots needed for parking. The front of the church was renovated to a mission style architecture. The removal of the dividing wall inside increased the seating capacity to 400. The priests moved to a house at 2377 Smithville where Cassano's now stands.

Father Rauscher and the planning committee next turned their attention to providing a school. The parish purchased two large parcels of land for a total of \$16,000 and groundbreaking for the school took place in June, 1939. By September of the following year, a new school made up of four classrooms and a basement opened its doors to 191 students. (This original building makes up the central section of the present school from the principal's office to the middle steps.) The cost of this section of the school was around \$85,000. Five Sisters of Notre Dame, one cook and four teachers, resided at the convent at 2340 Smithville, originally built as a farmhouse in 1840.



Parish membership was growing by leaps and bounds; by 1940 there were over 400 families. The numbers of children quickly outgrew classroom space and half-day sessions were started to alleviate crowded conditions. Only in 1949 was the long-planned second story of the school added at the cost of \$80,000. A second addition, finished in 1950 at a cost of \$170,000 brought the number of classrooms to 18 for the now 800 plus students.

The church also was proving to be too small. Additions made in 1952 made it possible to accommodate 850 parishioners at each mass. In 1955 Father Rauscher received the stunning news that the city intended to widen Smithville Road, all on the church side, which would result in loss of building space. After an impassioned plea to the City Council changed these plans, the church underwent yet another renovation. By moving the entrance doors to the side, the church lost its distinctive Spanish style and once again more closely resembled its original storefront appearance.

By 1955 the Parish had grown to 1700 families and the surrounding area was still expanding rapidly. The Diocese established two new parishes. Around 450 families became members of Ascension; another 50 formed the nucleus of St. Luke Parish. The following year Father Rauscher became pastor of Emmanuel Church and I.C. entered a new era.



#### MEMORIES - from Brother Edmund Schmid, April, 1987

"I dearly loved Father Rauscher--he was so very human and lovable and had a simplicity about him. He had entered the seminary early and had led a very protected life, so was amazed when he was asked to start a parish. In his great simplicity, he told people he needed help and that he would welcome all suggestions and assistance in choosing the best ones to follow."

Brother Ed's fondest memory (and probably Father Rauscher's) was in getting the school started. Fr. Rauscher had hoped to start with eight classrooms, a basement and an auditorium, but could not get that much funding from the Diocese. Brother Ed suggested starting with just four classrooms. This suggestion became a reality in 1940, just two years after the parish had its start.

Brother Ed came to I.C. on July 25, 1938 and stayed for eight years. During these years he was the maintenance man, caretaker, sacristan, cook, bus driver and whatever else was needed. He also was Fr. Rauscher's main support and sounding board in plans for the parish. Brother Ed, born in 1910, was raised in St. Anthony Parish and has been a Brother of Mary since 1933. He presently lives at Emmanuel Church in Dayton.



## FIRST SCHOOL FACULTY

Principal 1940-1946



Sister Mary Celine Vonder Haar S.N.D.  
Now living at Mt. Notre Dame, Cincinnati

"Were I to name all the fellow workers, friends, acquaintances that I remember during my years at I.C. School, it would read like a litany of the saints. After each name my thoughts ring out deep gratitude as I recall each one's kindness and generosity. Over the years my prayers have pleaded for God's blessings on each and every benefactor.

There are so many events and circumstances I would like to relate. I will, however, confine myself to one incident. Before the close of the first year of our four room school, Father Rauscher knew we needed more classrooms. The Archdiocesan permission he sought was refused. Through the devoted selfless ingenuity of Brother Ed Schmid, accommodations were made for two more classrooms in the basement of the original four-room plan.

The second year permission was prohibited by the government. Father Rauscher asked what we could do and I suggested double session. Both Father Rauscher and the Archdiocese approved the plan I proposed. Again our generous, skillful Brother Ed had boxes made so that pupils for one session could use the desks; the other pupils could use the boxes for their books and equipment.

In all these transactions, the beautiful trusting faith of Father Rauscher was evident. His trust inspired confidence in those with the ability to meet educational challenges of the complicated situation. That faith and trust was rewarded by the remarkable success of the double session experience."



Sr. Catherine  
(was Sr. Mary Raymond)  
At Mt. Notre Dame  
Grades 1-2



Sr. Anne Lucille  
Grades 3-4  
Living in Columbus

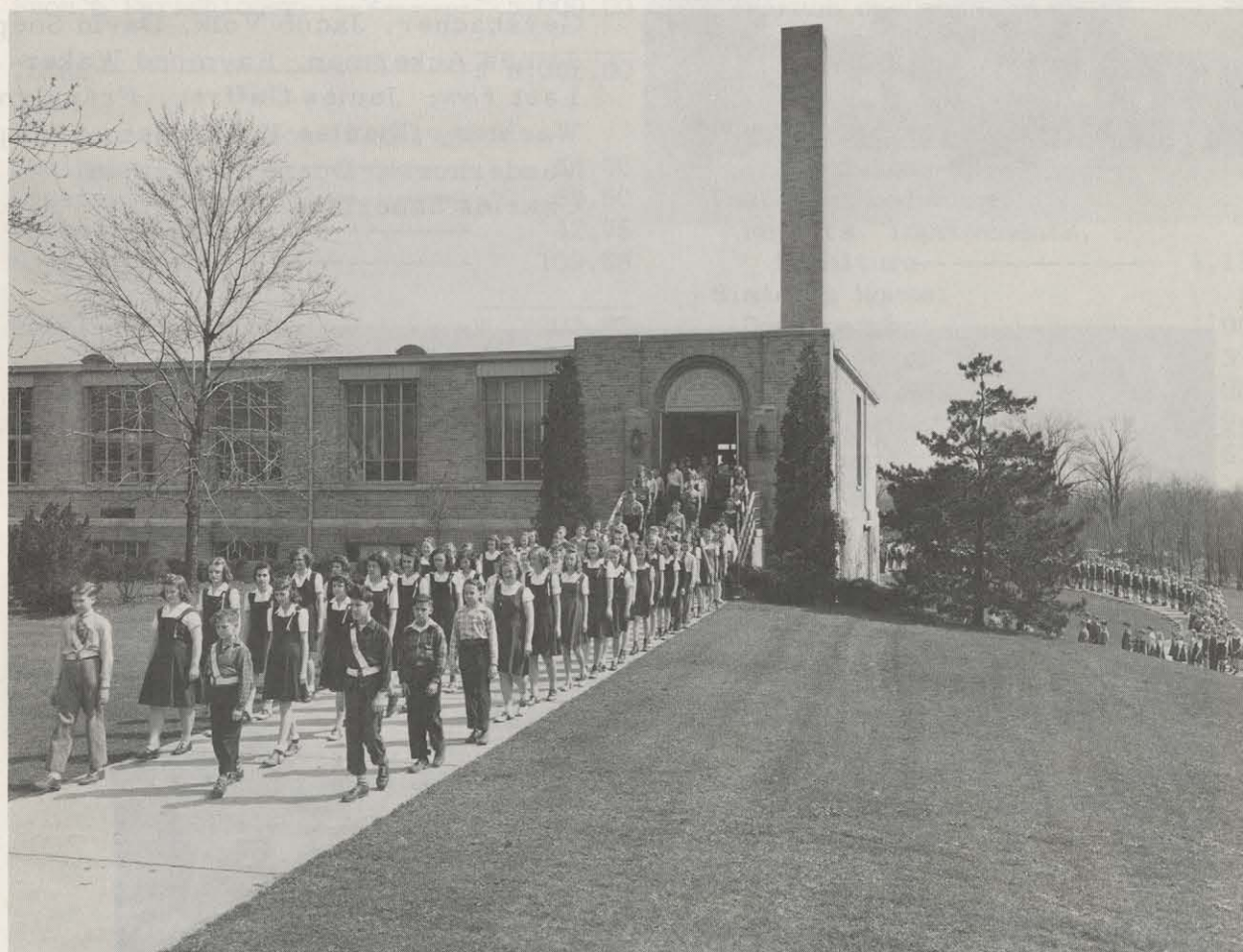


Sr. Francis Margaret  
Grades 5-6  
At Mt. Notre Dame





Dedication of I. C. School on September 20, 1940. School enrollment in 1940 was 190 pupils. The plans were to add a second story later.



By 1945, the number of pupils had grown to 550. Because wartime restrictions prevented further building, one-half of the pupils attended school from 8:20-12:45; the other half from 12:45-5:05.





First Graduates - June 1, 1941

Front left: James Roeckner, Emma Wallace, Bill Heideman, Donna Hausfeld, Jerome Butler  
 Second row: Jean Zugelder, Rita Fortman, Dorothy Steinke, Loretta Keferl, James Leach  
 Last row: Clarence Westbeld with Fr. Rauscher

First First Communion - May 11, 1941

Front left: Kathleen Smith, Antoinette Yahle, Shirley Gorham, Lenore Gorham, Jean Zahn, Irene DeVault  
 Second row: Sarah Call, Beverly Wachter, Joyce Devore, Kathleen Fleck, Norma Heid, Suzanne Sacksteder, Louise Hardman  
 Third row: Robert Zugelder, James Roock, George Layman, George Gersbacher, Jacob Volk, David Sheppard, James Ackerman, Raymond Waker  
 Last row: James Gaffrey, Franklyn Wachter, Charles Kuhbender, Philip Vanderhorst, Duane Koverman, Charles Sauerland





# 1939 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## RECEIPTS

### Ordinary Receipts:-

Pew Rent-----	\$2,324.50
Weekly Offertory Collections--	6,963.79
Weekly New Church Collections-----	3,828.45
Weekly Loretto Parties-----	3,142.12
Altar Society Activities-----	1,166.57
Ordinary Donations-----	1,035.00
Christmas Collection-----	943.79
Easter Collection-----	500.25
Lenten Collections-----	95.88
Coal Collection-----	65.80
Sales Tax Stamps-----	100.30
Votive Stand-----	17.00
Rent-----	100.00
Total-----	\$20,283.45

### Extraordinary Receipts:-

Building Rund Campaign-----	3,002.00
From a Parishioner-----	5,000.00
Total-----	\$ 8,002.00

### Diocesan collections Received:-

Seminary-----	68.00
Missions-----	83.50
Catholic University-----	42.75
Holy Father-----	109.68
Total-----	\$ 303.93

Total Current Revenue-----	\$28,589.38
Authorized Loans-----	25,000.00
Balance Forward from Last Year-----	195.08

Grand Total-----\$53,784.46

Total Current Expenses-----	\$52,377.78
Balance Forward to Next Year-----	1,406.66
Grand Total-----	\$53,784.46

## EXPENDITURES

### Ordinary Expenditures

#### Salaries and House Maintenance:

Pastor-----	\$1,500.00
Assistant-----	800.00
Sunday Assistant-----	680.00
Bro. Edmund's Services Donated	
Altar and Sanctuary Supplies--	294.81
Fuel, Light, Gas, Water,	
Telephone-----	667.24
Printing and Stationery-----	262.25
Janitor Supplies-----	103.17
Ordinary Repairs-----	3.88
Rent-----	380.00
Insurance-----	234.60
Taxes-----	126.53
Lawyer's Fees-----	1,146.07
Donations-----	17.50
Total-----	\$6,216.05

### Extraordinary Expenses:-

Interest on Debt-----	1,360.05
Payment on Standing Debt-----	800.00
Church Building:	
Purchase Price-----	7,192.00
Enlarged, Remodeled, Furnished-----	6,845.61
Pastor's Residence:	
Repairs, Improvements, Furniture-----	1,155.27
Sister's House:	
Down-payment-----	1,000.00
Improvements-----	374.54
Parking-lot Purchased-----	1,000.00
Work on School Building-----	24,948.00
Total-----	\$44,675.42

### Diocesan Collections Sent:-

Good Friday-----	23.00
Indian and Negro-----	94.30
Deaf Mutes-----	101.59
Missions-----	273.50
Catholic University-----	42.75
Holy Father-----	109.68
Church in Spain-----	77.53
Teachers' College-----	99.46
General Catechetical Work---	26.50
Dayton Soup Kitchen-----	60.00
Total-----	\$ 908.31

### Assessments:

Diocesan-----	30.00
Seminary-----	68.00
High School-----	480.00
Total-----	\$ 578.00
Total Current Expenses-----	\$52,377.78



## MEMORIES OF CHARTER MEMBERS

On April 18, 1987, 23 charter members gathered to reminisce and share their memories about the beginning of the parish. Below are excerpts from their memories.

In 1938, when I.C. Church first started, the Belmont area looked a lot different than it does today. It was still mostly country, with large tracts of lands separating the few houses. Hunting in the area was still possible. The present Belmont Grade School was Matheney Farm; a huge Moler's Dairy took up much of the land on Patterson Road east of Smithville.

Smithville Road was formerly called Overlook; because there was another street by that same name, it changed its name when Belmont was annexed to the City of Dayton. On the corner of Smithville and Watervliet, where the car wash now stands, there was a two story car barn for street cars. Traction cars left there to go to Xenia and back. The tractions also provided the transportation to town until buses took over. A thriving business district on Watervliet supplied many of the needs for the people in the area. On the south side of the street starting from the corner, was a Kroger's, then Max's Shoe Store, Equity Ice Cream Store and finally a variety store. Across the street was a drug store, Fischer Hardware, Kennett's Department Store, a fire house/smokery where men gathered to play cards, another drug store and a dry cleaners. A theatre and an Albers Supermarket completed the business area.

In the early 20's, before I.C. started, the Ku Klux Klan had a following in the Belmont area and cross burnings were not unknown. Some of this KKK sentiment was still around in 1938, so not everyone in the area was pleased to see a Catholic Church being started. The owner of Fultz Bakery, next to the bowling alley that was to become the first church, was unhappy to hear it would be a church until he saw the amount of business it brought. After mass, parishioners would pick up rolls to take home to their families. The ushers also stopped over for rolls to take back to church for their breakfast.

Most of the first parishioners were young married couples in their 30's who were members of St. Anthony Church. St. Anthony held a sign-up day for those who planned on being members of the new parish. At that time every member in the parish paid a monthly \$.50 pew rent. One of the duties of the usher at that time was to collect the pew rent by going from door to door. To help the new church, St. Anthony kept the rent collected from future I.C. members separate and later donated it to I.C.

The new church, located at the corner of Smithville and Watervliet where the Shell station now stands, had first been a grocery store and then became Walt's Bowling Alley. The church was small, seating only around 150 people. The pews were in the center and at most of the 6 or 7 masses, there were people standing in the side aisles. It was hot in the summer, and fans placed on posts to cool the church were noisy. Music was provided by an old portable pump organ. Despite all the inconveniences, the parishioners remained excited and supported the growing parish in a variety of ways. Card parties in the homes combined fun and also collected \$.25 per person to donate to the church. Bingo was held at the Loretto, since there was no room here at I.C. At Easter, Max's Shoe Store allowed people to put up stands in front of the store to sell potted flowers. To get people acquainted, there were monthly dances with music and beer at a rented hall.



After the church started, there was an annual one day "Garden Party," the precursor of today's festival. All the Charter Members remember the Garden Parties as pleasant, small get-togethers on a Sunday in the summer. Mildred Hamlin recalled making two bushels of popcornballs; Helen Wahlrab made "lots" of cakes, all from scratch; Marie Berner baked over 50 pies, in addition to frying chicken for the dinners. Norma Payne's mother made an afghan every year for the raffle. There was also a Flea Market in the old church basement. This basement had a mud floor; when it rained, shoppers had to jump the mud puddles in order to get around to different booths.

Everyone remembered Father Rauscher as a very holy, learned, and friendly person. A former teacher, trained in Europe, he was a little nervous about taking on a beginning parish as his first pastorate. His sermons were both devout and informative, "I learned more about the Catholic religion from his sermons than I did in school," said Joe Mathes.

Father Rauscher also had a fun side to him. He liked to tell jokes and stories at the Rosary-Altar Board meetings. He enjoyed a game of pinochle whenever he had time. To host the board meetings, he often served bologna and bread for refreshments until politely informed that all had just finished supper, so it wasn't necessary. He was a big man who carried his weight well; the area ministers with whom he socialized dubbed him a "Two Ton Tony."

Father Rauscher had a helper in Brother Ed Schmid. Brother Ed was a jack of all trades--had a reputation of being able to angle anything from anyone. "When you saw him coming, you knew he wanted something." He used to ask for donations for food from the bakery and people in the area. He gave apples to the children every fall.







Original site of Immaculate Conception's first church at Smithville and Watervliet before renovation began.



First church in 1940 after remodeling held approximately 350 people.



The concrete block wings, each 100 x 20 feet, gave the church a seating capacity of 850 people.





The widening of Smithville Road cut off the front entrance to the church and required the addition of four entrances, two on each side.



Final photo of Immaculate Conception Church in 1967. Smithville Road was widened again, eliminating the trees and lawns, and leaving only a narrow sidewalk in front of the church. In this photo, the statues have already been removed.



The new church, dedicated October 2, 1966.



## SECOND PASTOR

Monsignor James E. Sherman

Pastor from June 15, 1956 - June 15, 1976

### Personal Background:

Born in Fort Loramie, Ohio,

September 1, 1906

Studied at University of Dayton;

Mt. St. Mary Seminary;

Fribourg, Switzerland

Ordained July 5, 1931

Received title of Rev. Monsignor from

Pope Paul VI in 1966

### Assignments:

1931 Switzerland -

Further Studies

1935 Cincinnati

Professor of  
Dogmatic Theology  
and Catechetics

1949 Cincinnati

Pastor of St.  
Mary Church

1956 Dayton

Pastor at I.C.

1976 Dayton

Retired at his home

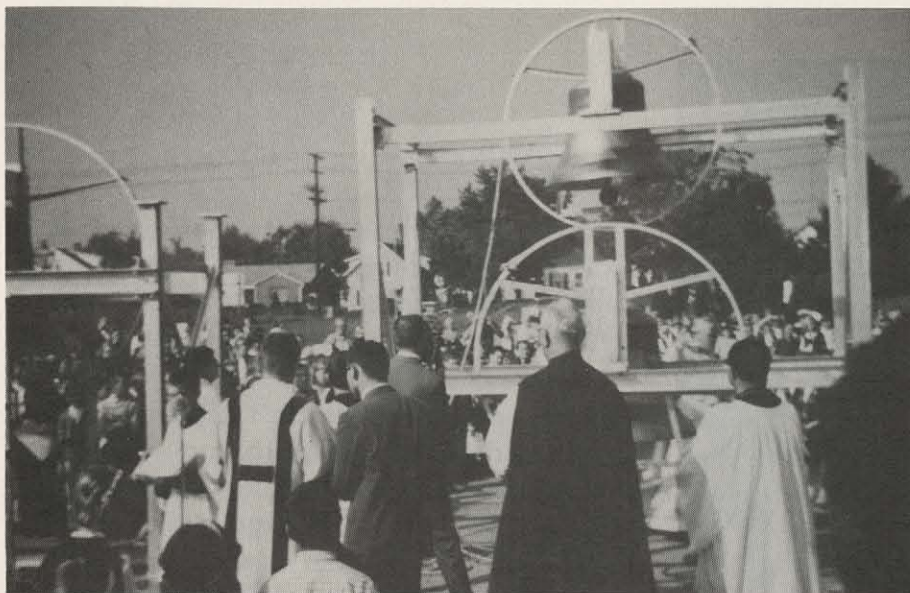


### Major Developments During Pastorate:

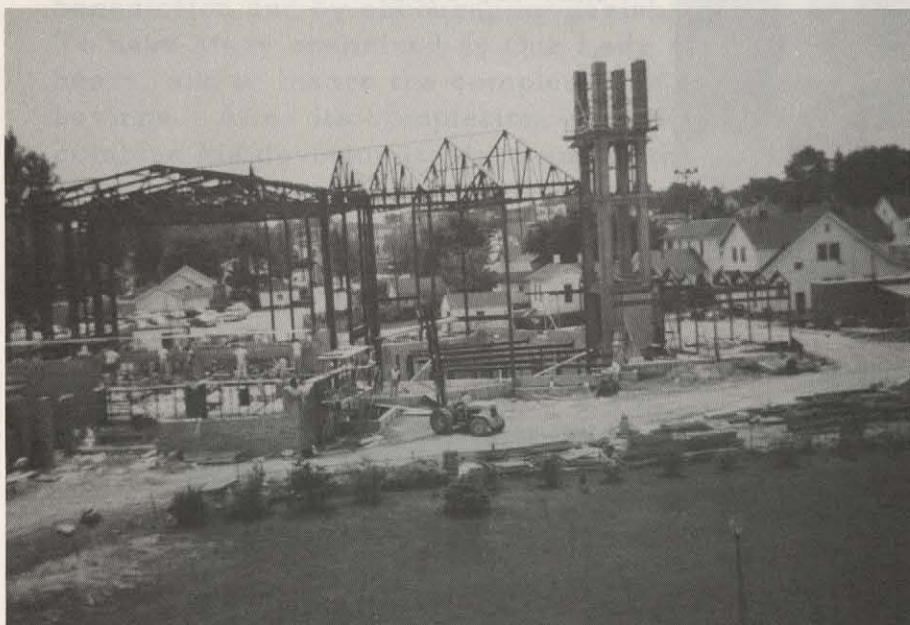
Within a year of Father Sherman's installation as pastor, the parish community had embarked on an ambitious building program to provide permanent buildings for parish services. The buildings went up in rapid succession. By fall, 1957, a new south wing to the school provided an auditorium and eight additional classrooms. These would alleviate the need for double sessions for students now numbering over 1000. In 1958 Archbishop Alter came to dedicate the newly completed Shrine of Our Lady of Belmont. And in 1959, a new convent was ready to house the 22 Sisters of Notre Dame teaching at I.C. and Carroll High School.

By 1962, the parish had paid off its debts on the buildings and began its final project of building a new church and rectory. In 1963, the Silver Anniversary Year, parishioners pledged to give \$500,000 over the next three years in addition to the regular weekly offerings. By 1966, the priests were living in the rectory and Archbishop Alter had returned to dedicate the new church. By 1969 the parish had paid off the debts from these buildings. Throughout these years of building, Fr. Sherman gave financial wisdom, leadership and support.





Ground was broken for the new church on January 31, 1965 by Msgr. James Krusling, Dean of the Dayton Deanery.



Blessing of the bells on September 29, 1965 by Fr. Sherman. The bells are named after the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.



Laying of the cornerstone for the new church on May 1, 1966.





Shrine statues  
being carved  
at Pietrasanta  
near Leghorn,  
Italy.

Dedication of  
the Shrine on  
May 18, 1958.





### Parishioners' Memories of Father Sherman

How to describe a complex person in relatively few words so that a picture emerges to serve as introduction for those who would never meet him and as a record for future years? Ten parishioners who knew Father Sherman well got together in December, 1987, to share their memories with one another and with us.

On meeting Father Sherman for the first time, one might get the impression of an "other-worldliness" about him, and in many ways this impression would be true. For it was in the realm of the spiritual that Father Sherman found the motivation to live his priestly life. Three great loves sustained his spirituality--devotion to the Eucharist, love of Mary, and the desire to save souls, both his own and others. He expressed his love of the Eucharist through the special importance he gave to benediction and by encouraging parishioners to genuflect before receiving communion. To have Mary enshrined as Our Lady of Belmont was a personal dream dear to his heart, and to insure the completion of the shrine he donated a large sum of his own savings. After its completion, the summer months offered an opportune time to combine his devotion to Mary and to the Eucharist. From May through October on Mary's feast days, parishioners gathered once a month to attend benediction and to recite the rosary. "To save one's soul" was a phrase often used in his sermons and in his daily speech, as was a variation said to those helping in the parish "It's another star in your crown." (While they jestingly replied "My crown is getting too heavy with stars," many are still helping at the parish.)

Adding to this first impression of other worldliness was Father Sherman's natural tendency of formality and reserve. Even after knowing parishioners for many years, it was rare he would call them by their first name. Father Sherman cultivated this reserve for both pastoral and for personal reasons. Because he wanted it known that he cared for all the people of the parish, he did not allow himself to get over-friendly with any one group. Nor would he accept, or allow his assistants to accept personal invitations to dinner at a parishioner's home, or to weddings or receptions.

His formality and reserve were also an expression of his own personal need. "He was a caring, sensitive man, and he felt he had to guard against his own affections." This fear of his feelings caused him to take actions or adapt attitudes that made him seem rather prudish and overprotective when it came to the subject of sex and to women. Where he did allow his natural sensitivity to be expressed was in pastoral care situations. He was often best in one-to-one occasions, for here he could put people at ease and treat them with great kindness that many would never forget.

While his heart was in heaven, Father Sherman's feet were planted firmly on the ground. All parishioners present at the sharing agreed that one of his outstanding characteristics was his financial shrewdness. "He was every bit a business man and could have been a very successful one if he hadn't become a priest." The rapid building program and debt payment described under his significant achievements are adequate testimony to his business ability.



Despite his conservative bent in religious and personal areas, Father Sherman was often open to new ideas from parishioners. Within a few weeks of his arrival, he agreed to the suggestion to transform the home-spun Garden Party into a fullblown money-maker. The rapid response of parishioners made this suggestion a reality, and within a few months the first festival had brought in close to \$25,000. He also agreed to a request that the girls be able to participate in organized sports programs, but he stipulated they would have to raise their own funds. They did and went on to win many city championships. To one parishioner's surprise, he asked her to consider running for City Commission and promised his backing and support.

In his personal life Father Sherman was humble and self-sacrificing, the opposite of what one might think from the largeness of his building program. He accepted the title of "Monsignor" reluctantly and only after refusing it at an earlier date. Once received, it held little importance; rather it seemed to be a cause of embarrassment to him. For years he donated his salary to the parish, relying instead on the financial help of his family. Even the winnings of a raffle ticket he had signed "Joseph-Mary" he gave to the building fund. He took one vacation in his twenty years at I. C., this, after the Shrine had been completed, when parishioners sent him to Europe and the Holy Land with a new set of luggage.

While the spiritual side of Father Sherman was predominant in his life, the human side was also there in many ways--his special liking for an ice-cream and seven-up mix; a subtle sense of humor that often showed in the twinkle in his eyes; a stubbornness when his goals were being thwarted; and strained relations until hurt feelings could be resolved.

Trained as a priest in the 1920's, Father Sherman exhibited the best traits of the old-time pastor. As a pastor he often made decisions with little input from the parish at large and on the directive of the Archbishop. This style was aptly suited to getting a task done, but one that would grow more in conflict with American society. This conflict would become a source of pain to Father Sherman in his later years. While he might find it hard to be pastor in today's setting, by all accounts Father Sherman was the right person at the right time for I. C. parish.

#### Memories of Father Sherman

"Let me say that my memories of my service at Immaculate Conception are the dearest of my heart. Your precious support during that time will never be forgotten. Now that my health has troubled me, those beautiful memories give me much support. I will treasure them forever....I can assure you that your beautiful expression of love and support will be buried in my heart forever. I wish I could thank each one of you individually, but I assure you that you will always be in my prayers. God bless all of you."



## SISTER ST. AUGUSTINE

PRINCIPAL 1954-1965

Father Sherman had his counterpart of strong leadership and financial shrewdness in Sister St. Augustine (later Sr. Catherine Fath), principal of I.C. School from 1954 to 1965. During this period, the school reached its peak of close to 1200 students. It was also a time of renewed double sessions, the addition of the new school wing (1952) and the parish building program. Sister was actively involved in the building of the convent. One day she noticed that one of the main walls was not going up straight and said something to the building supervisor. Only when informed a second time did he take measurements, undoubtedly to humor her, and found that she was indeed correct.



After she left I.C. Parish, Sr. St. Augustine became the building supervisor for the Mt. Notre Dame retirement center complex. She died suddenly in 1985 after what seemed to be a successful operation.



This team won the city championship for kickball in 1963. Because I.C. teams won the championship for three consecutive years, the school was able to keep the trophy permanently.

Front left: Fr. McKenzie, name unknown, Janet Hamlin, Sue Cukovecki, Debbie Frankenberg, Lou Ann Neder, Mary Ann Wendeln, Pat Shea, Karen Jerbic, Fr. Kaising  
Back row: Coaches Tim Vogel and Rita Neder, Sandy Balke, Sally Carver, Kathy Cukovecki, Ellen Neder, Kathy Meyer, Mary Grasse, Sandy Charles, Mary Cheers, Coach Tom Krug



## CO-PASTORATE



Father Richard McKenny

Co-Pastor from April, 1976-November, 1979

### Personal Background:

Born in Piqua, Ohio on May 14, 1932  
Studied at Mt. St. Mary Seminary and  
Xavier in Cincinnati and in Rome  
Ordained May 31, 1958

### Assignments:

1958 Cincinnati	Served as assistant at five different parishes and taught at local high schools
1976 Dayton	Co-pastor at Immaculate Conception
1979 Dayton	Pastor at Our Lady of the Rosary

Father McKenny died suddenly of a stroke on October 22, 1981

Father John (Jack) Filippine

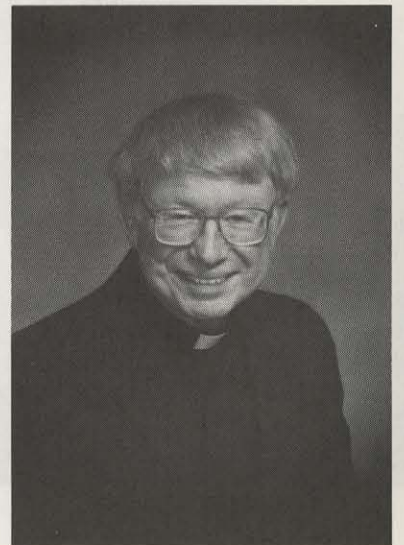
Pastor from August 10, 1976 to July 29, 1986

### Personal Background:

Born in Cincinnati on May 18, 1932  
Studied at Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Cincinnati  
Ordained May 31, 1958

### Assignments:

1958 Middletown	St. Mary Church; taught at Fenwick High School
1963 Urbana	St. Mary Church; taught at Springfield High School
1971 Cincinnati	Christ the King Parish; taught at Purcell and McNicholas High Schools
1975 Dayton	Assistant at Ascension Parish
1986 Cincinnati	Pastor of St. Vivian Church





## Major Developments During Pastorate:

By the time Father Jack became pastor in 1976, the parish had erected and paid for its buildings. One might think there would be little for the new pastor to do. This was not to be so. The Second Vatican Council ended in 1965. Through its decisions and documents, it provided a vision that would carry the Catholic Church into the next century. Bringing this vision to Immaculate Conception Parish would be the main achievement of Fr. Jack's pastorate.

As one of its major thrusts of Vatican II, the Council called for the inner renewal of all Catholics. In response to this call, Fathers Jack and Mac endorsed the "Christ Renews his Parish" renewal program. By the time CRHP ended in 1985, over 352 parishioners had made the renewal weekend; for most, it was a turning point in their spiritual and community lives. Father Jack was also instrumental in beginning RENEW, scheduled to end late fall of the anniversary year.

To the second thrust of Vatican II of encouraging all Catholics to consciously live out their baptismal commitment, Father Jack responded enthusiastically. His special talent is to enable others to use their gifts and abilities in parish service and to provide them with the warm and caring support that inspires them to continue. As a result of CRHP and with Father Jack's encouragement, many parishioners chose to become more active in parish ministry.

While I.C. Parishioners have always been involved in the parish, they were now being encouraged to move into ministries once associated only with a priest. They became lectors, distributors and bereavement visitors; assisted in baptism, marriage and funeral preparation, helped in annulment review, support for separated and divorced, and one-to-one caring. The nursery, Day Care and St. Vincent de Paul started during Father Jack's term, as did the Free Spirits and its funeral choir. To assist in parish management of volunteers and programs, Father Jack expanded the pastoral staff. He also enlisted the help of deacons for sacramental areas.

While the inner life of the parish would be his major concern, the physical plant also required attention. Maintenance rather than growth would be the emphasis during his term. Soaring utility bills and deteriorating buildings, pipes and playground were only a few of the major challenges that presented themselves. With the help of parishioners, Father Jack developed new sources of income to keep the parish solvent; he inspired new groups of volunteers to help with repairs, renovation and financial planning.

Two achievements in the area of maintenance are worth a special mention. Before the arrival of the "Jack and Mac" team, the parish had concentrated its efforts on the new building program. As a result the school began to suffer from lack of attention and upkeep, and grew less and less appealing to parents bringing their children to I.C. One of the co-pastors' first actions was to gather together a dedicated crew of parishioners, later known as the "Fix-up Bunch." It was this group that spent hours on weekdays and weekends for the better part of two years to bring the school back to a more modern look and more efficient operating condition. Fr. Jack's second achievement was the installation of the acoustical tiling for the church walls.

In all of his achievements he worked through and with parishioners who generously gave of their time and talents. It was they who helped him to realize his dream of making I.C. a more caring and loving community.





These are only a few of the ways that parishioners became more involved in the Worship, Education and Outreach ministries during Father Jack's term as pastor.

Above: Free Spirits Funeral Choir and communion distributors

Left: Baptism preparation session

Below: Marriage preparation session and hospital visitation.





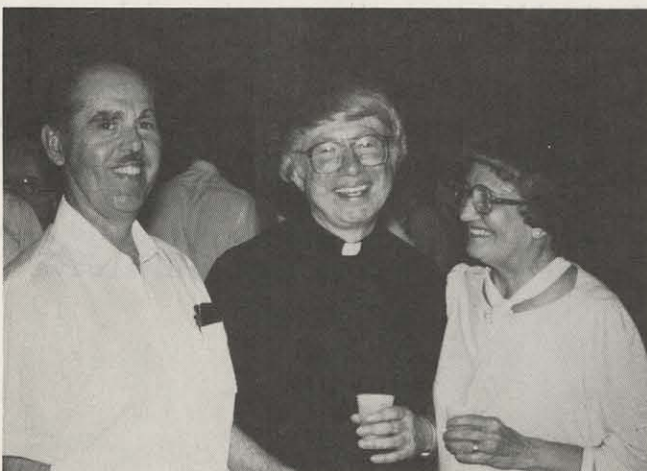
## MEMORIES OF PARISHIONERS

When talking about Fr. Jack, the first words that parishioners usually began with were "No matter how busy he was, he always had time for you." And this was soon followed by "He always found time to drop in at parish functions, however briefly, to talk to people and to say 'hello' to the volunteers." Fr. Jack's willingness to listen to people was more than just the giving of his time. An extrovert by nature, he had a unique warm and caring way of relating to people. He made them feel accepted and good about themselves by a non-judgmental way of hearing their opinions and by his evident appreciation for what they had to say--"You knew that you had 100% of his attention."

Another aspect of Fr. Jack's way of relating to people was his ability to put them at ease. He was able to do this because he was basically at ease with himself, accepting his own strengths and weaknesses. He never came across as putting on airs. Parishioners described this quality with the words "humility," "meekness," and "sincerity." Often it was this very quality that drew people to volunteer--"He seemed so helpless, that I just couldn't think of saying no."

He also put people at ease with his down-to-earth manner of speaking and explaining religion. His approach to religion was pastoral and in touch with peoples' lives. While he may have had trouble projecting his voice during his homilies, he had no difficulty in projecting his warmth and earthly style--"I felt often that he was talking directly to me." "I enjoyed his succinct remarks that dealt with day-by-day issues."

Another of Fr. Jack's way of expressing his warmth and sincerity was his ready sense of humor that showed itself in a quick laugh and broad smile. Fr. Jack was a person people liked to tease, perhaps because it made them feel good when they could bring a smile to his face. Nor was he above doing his own teasing or pulling a practical joke or two. Certain topics became standard areas for laughter. Assistant priests said they soon learned that smoke on Sunday mornings was not a fire, but Fr. Jack preparing his breakfast. And while his priest friends took him with them for an annual fishing trip, they mercifully allowed him to sleep, pole in hand. And then there was his "filing system" - papers and memos spread out all over the various rooms of the rectory.





A large collage hanging on his office wall with pictures of former students and their families was especially dear to him and symbolizes the particular enjoyment Fr. Jack had in dealing with young couples and small children. Through their contact with him in marriage preparation and other areas, many young people returned to regularly practicing their religion or gained a new appreciation of the church. "He had an informal and laid-back manner that put me at ease and changed my views about Catholic priests." While he often raised challenging questions with them about their faith, he never pushed beyond what they could do at that point in their lives. As for the younger children, he looked forward to teaching them at the school and enjoyed annual distribution of Halloween candy. At the rectory it was not unusual to see him on his knees, talking to a very small visitor.

As with most of us, Fr. Jack's strengths were also his weaknesses, and no one was more aware of them than he was. His kindness and care for people made it especially difficult for him to hold to a steady decision and to deal with confrontation, even when it was a necessity--"He wanted to please everybody." However, a streak of stubbornness would show itself when he felt pushed beyond his limits. The staff, perhaps more than parishioners, grew to recognize that a veiled look and his saying "That's the way it is" meant all further discussion was useless because his mind was made up.

Because he gave so readily of his time to others, Fr. Jack regularly had to extend his day in order to find much-needed time. Often his office light went on at 6:00 a.m., and didn't go out until after midnight. Early morning would find him in church at prayer; late hours were used to catch up on his memos. Only when he was near exhaustion would he lighten his hours and take time for rest. Maintaining a certain distance from too many close friendships also served to protect him from becoming even more over-extended. A periodic short vacation with his priest friends and a weekly trip to visit his mother and to work on her home was his way of relieving the pressures of parish work.

Each pastor has a special gift of his personality to leave with the parish where he serves. Those who gathered to reminisce about Fr. Jack seemed to say his special gift was his heart.

#### Memories from Father Jack:

"Fr. McKenny arrived at Immaculate in April, 1976 and I came a few months later in August. For about three years we served together as co-pastors. Sharing responsibility was probably good for us, since it was our first pastorate and the parish was so large. We found the people of Immaculate were a praying people who took pride in their parish. Some of the highlights during my stay at Immaculate were "Christ Renews His Parish," the beginning of the Free Spirits and especially the Free Spirits Choir, the starting of a Kindergarten and a day care center. When I began at I.C. we had five clergy helping in some way at the parish. Over the years the number of priests dwindled to two. During those days many of the lay people became involved in ministry and three deacons began to work in the parish and a parish staff was put together. Without the help of so many, the parish would have been at a standstill. My days at Immaculate were happy ones and I will always remember the good people of Belmont."



## FORMER ASSISTANTS, DEACONS AND PRINCIPALS

### AUXILIARY ARCHBISHOP IN RESIDENCE

Nicholas T. Elko	1972-1984	Retired in Cincinnati
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### ASSISTANTS

Joseph Sherry, S. M.	1938-1939	Deceased
William Hohman, S. M.	1939-1940	Under Nursing Home Care, Youngstown
Francis Langhirt, S. M.	1940-1956	Deceased
Joseph Allison	1956-1961	Pastor, St. Aloysius Parish, Cincinnati, Ohio
Ronald Averbeck	1961-1962	Assistant, All Saints Parish, Cincinnati, Ohio
Daniel McKenzie	1962-1967	Living in Lincoln, Nebraska
John Kaising	1963-1969	Armed Forces Chaplain; Virginia
Raymond Leurck	1967-1969	Armed Forces Chaplain; England
John Willman	1969-1976	Deceased
Donald Noll	1969-1970	Pastor, St. Susanna Parish, Mason
Norman Langenbrunner	1970-1971	Pastor, St. Leo Parish, Cincinnati
James Collins	1971-1974	Pastor, Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Reading, Ohio
Robert Obermeyer	1974-1979	Pastor, St. Margaret of York, Loveland, Ohio
Richard Marzheuser	1977-1980	Teacher, Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio
William Wood	1980-1981	Living in Lucasville, Ohio
John Minic	1981-1984	Pastor, St. Benignus, Greenfield
Tim Janning	1982-1985	Assistant, St. Albert the Great Dayton, Ohio
Tom Grilliot	1985-1986	Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, St. Marys, Ohio
Joachim Gemperline	1986-1986	Stationed in Detroit, Michigan

### DEACONS

Jim Duell	1982	Assistant, Holy Trinity in Coldwater, Ohio
Steve Angi	1983	Assistant, St. Peter in Hamilton, Ohio
Jim Kiffmeyer	1984	Assistant, St. Mary in Middletown, Ohio

### PRINCIPALS

Sr. Mary Celine VonderHaar	1940-46	Living at Mt. Notre Dame
Sr. Mary Anna Langhorst	1946-54	Deceased
Sr. St. Augustine Fath	1954-65	Deceased
Sr. Elizabeth Marie Bowyer	1965-71	On Generalate Team in Rome
Sr. Mary Lou Stoffel	1971-76	Principal, Chicago
Sr. Marie Smith	1976-83	Principal, Cincinnati



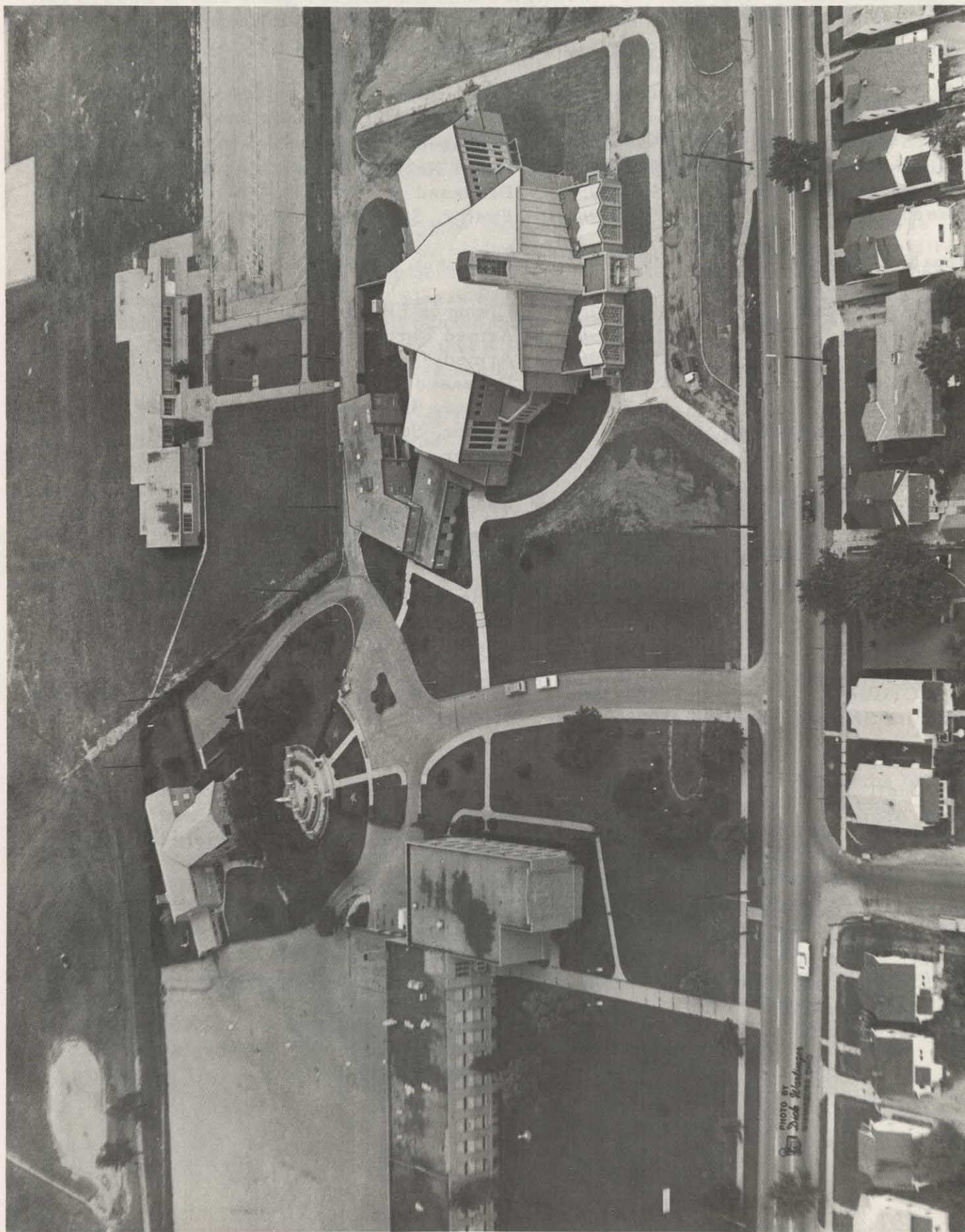


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Dick Winters  
1954



## FACTS ABOUT THE PARISH

The information on this page is given in answer to questions that often come up when people ask about the parish. It is not intended to be a complete list of facts, but rather a summary of the most important ones. The information is given in a simple, straightforward manner, and is intended to be helpful to those who are interested in the parish.

# WHO WE ARE IN THE PRESENT OUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE



## FACTS ABOUT THE PARISH

The information given below are answers to questions that often come up when people ask about the parish. Some of these figures, such as numbers of members, change daily, so the "facts" are to be read more as estimates. Others are fixed and are based on our 1987 records.

### ABOUT THE PARISH

1793 households including 150 outside parish boundaries

20's - 325	60's - 263
30's - 414	70's - 216
40's - 200	80's - 130
50's - 245	Other 80's - 57 in nursing homes, retirement centers

Sunday Mass attendance	- 1744
newly registered families	- 70
infant baptisms	- 108
adult baptisms	- 10
marriages	- 53
funerals	- 66

270 parishioners involved in Worship ministries  
(lectors, distributors, greeters, ushers, choir)

225 registered in Free Spirits; 100 at meetings

10 active in Teen Club

30 in Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL

506 students from 357 families

grade 8 - 50	grade 3 - 55
grade 7 - 45	grade 2 - 57
grade 6 - 45	grade 1 - 75
grade 5 - 56	Kindergarten - 71
grade 4 - 52	Day Care - 47

16 full-time lay teachers

7 part-time lay teachers

4 religious

tuition - \$400. per student

### ABOUT PARISH EXPENSES

Annual expenses	1,225,000
Major income sources	
Sunday collection	591,000
tuition	128,400
festival	75,000
bingo	43,000
bequests	20,000



## PRESENT PASTOR

Father Tim Kallaher

Pastor from July 29, 1986 to present

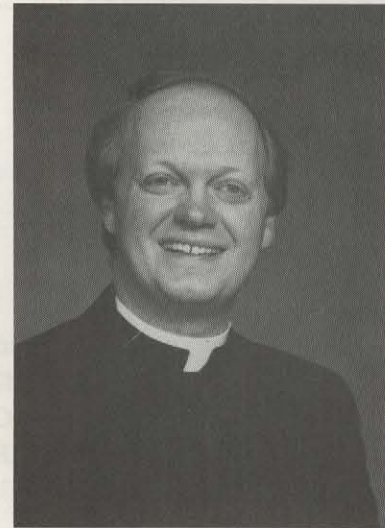
### Personal Background:

Born in Cincinnati on May 5, 1946

Studied at St. Gregory and Mt. St.

Mary Seminary

Ordained May 27, 1972



### Assignments:

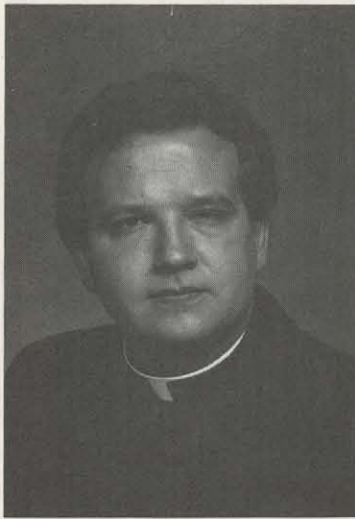
1972 Cincinnati	Teacher at Elder High School Resident at Our Lady of Victory Parish
1977 Cincinnati	Teacher at St. Gregory Seminary
1980 Columbus	Teacher at Josephinum Seminary
1982 Dayton	Associate at St. Albert the Great Parish

I have found Immaculate Conception to be a parish of very friendly people who reach out to others. The greatest asset any parish can have is people who are dedicated to making their faith a living and working reality.

Immaculate Conception is blessed to have so many people who, in small and large ways, strive to grow in their faith, hope, and love.

As Immaculate Conception moves into the second half of a century, I would hope that, as a parish and as individuals, we grow closer to the Lord. May we become more responsive to the Lord's promptings in our hearts and minds. May we grow to embody more perfectly the church and serve the Lord by serving others. May we become more responsible for all that the Lord has given us.





## PRESENT ASSOCIATE AND DEACONS

Father Michael Qualters 1986-88

Born in Cincinnati on August 21, 1957  
Studied at St. Gregory, Mt. St. Mary Seminary  
Ordained June 11, 1983

### Assignments:

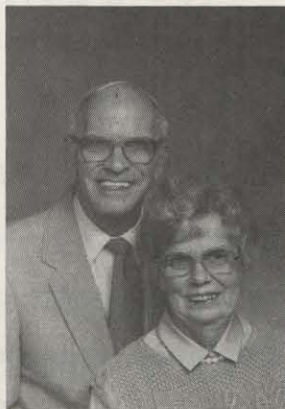
1982 Dayton	Deacon, St. Albert the Great
1983 Cincinnati	Associate, St. James, White Oak

Every parish I have lived in during my years in the seminary as well as since I've been ordained has had its own unique character. I have found this to be true of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception parish too. Immaculate Conception parish is different than any other parish. It has its own unique history and character. My hope for the people of the parish is that they will continue to be open and to grow both as individuals and as a parish community. I hope as they experience God's love, they in turn may be a sign of God's love to the world.

I.C. Parish is fortunate in having three deacons who volunteer ten hours a week in ministry. Deacons are ordained after completing a three year diocesan training course. They preside at baptisms and marriages, lead prayer services and assist in other areas of ministry. A candidate for the diaconate helping at the parish this year is Jan Schmidt.



Deacon Dan  
Kraus and  
wife Maggie



Deacon Art  
Kronenberger  
and wife Alice



Deacon Vince  
Orlando



Intern Jan  
Schmidt





## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sr. Beth Grismer

1977-present

Born in Dayton on April 23, 1934

Entered religious life in 1952

Degrees from University of Dayton, Michigan State and Aquinas College

### Assignments:

1956-1973 Taught Junior High in Hamilton, Dayton, Columbus, Chicago, Cincinnati

1973-1977 Community Organization and Pastoral Ministry at Holy Family, Our Lady of the Rosary, Dayton

In the ten years I have been at I. C. I have seen among parishioners of all ages a tremendous openness to the Spirit and growth in faith, and a desire to serve others. I am always inspired by the many individuals who can always find a few more hours in their busy schedules to serve the parish community.

It is my hope that I. C. Parish will more and more become a place where parishioners can come to celebrate their joys, heal their hurts, and grow in their faith, so that each of us can reach out to others, whether it be in the parish, workplace or home.

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Many parishioners assist in Pastoral Care Ministry. Some, such as Doris and Pauline, attend a two-year training program sponsored by the Diocese.



Pauline Everman  
Minister of Outreach  
(part-time)



Sr. Virginia Nellis  
Visitation of Elderly  
(volunteer)



Doris Soeller  
Marriage Cases  
(part-time)



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### PRINCIPAL



Sr. Mary Irene Spraley 1983 - present

Born October 4, 1925 in Dayton  
Entered religious life February, 1944  
Degrees from Our Lady of Cincinnati and Xavier

Assignments 1946 to present  
Sister has been a teacher and principal in Chicago, Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton.

I like the love and the concern the parish shows for all its members of I.C. My experiences here have been happy ones, especially working with the parents, teachers and children. It is my hope that the parish will grow together and continue to be renewed in the years to come.

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dan Thomas August, 1980 - present

#### Personal Background

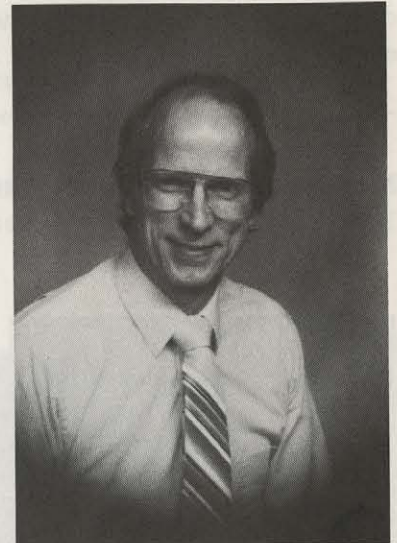
Born in Dayton August 31, 1940  
Degrees from University of Dayton  
Taught in Cleveland, Toronto, Dayton and Chillicothe

#### I like

- the care and concern that people express towards one another
- the involvement of many people in the various ministries
- the friendliness and sense of welcoming the people of I.C. have

#### My hopes for I.C. are

- that the sense of community that already exists is deepened and expanded to include more people
- that the friendliness grows into reaching out to those outside our parish and to those outside the Catholic Church
- that our adults may take seriously their need to deepen the understanding and experiences of their faith through involvement in renewal and educational programs
- that our RCIA process may become the model for all aspects of our parish.





## 1987-1988 SCHOOL FACULTY

Principal Office	- Sr. Mary Irene Spraley - Mrs. Kathy Fletcher and Mrs. Harriet Focke	Grade 6	- Mrs. Nancy Trick Mrs. Nancy Harvey
Day Care	- Mrs. Marie Frech	Grade 7	- Sr. Ruth Myers Mrs. Judy Walsh
Kindergarten	- Sr. Eileen Mary Schumacher Mrs. Anita Coleman	Grade 8	- Mrs. Gerri Wagner Mrs. Pat Dieterle
Grade 1	- Miss Debbie Weizman Mrs. Judy Morgan Mrs. Debbie Thibodeaux	Remedial Reading and Math	- Mrs. M. Gene Brown
Grade 2	- Mrs. Connie Siders Mrs. Patty Sableski	Library	- Mrs. Pat Buerger
Grade 3	- Mrs. Millie Eakle Sr. JoAnn Krumholtz	Cafeteria	- Mrs. Joan Mark Mrs. Millie Burdg Mrs. Denise Clemens
Grade 4	- Mrs. Pauline Everman Mrs. Anne Hathaway Mrs. Gaile Beale	Physical Education -	- Miss Carla Sacher
Grade 5	- Mrs. Phyllis Wysinski Mrs. Joan Jennewine	Music	- Mrs. Sherry Masline
		AV Room	- Mrs. Dorothy Carter



Front row from left to right: Gerri Wagner, Sr. JoAnn Krumholtz, Pat Dieterle, Sr. Ruth, Judy Walsh, Patty Sableski, Debbie Weizman, Pauline Everman, Millie Eakle, Debbie Thibodeaux, Sr. Mary Irene  
Back row: Gene Brown, Kathy Fletcher, Carla Sacher, Harriet Focke, Judy Morgan, Anita Coleman, Sherry Masline, Sr. Eileen Mary, Nancy Trick, Nancy Harvey, Joan Jennewine, Phyllis Wysinski, Pat Buerger, Connie Siders, Gaile Beale, Anne Hathaway, Dorothy Carter





## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Carolyn Good

1976-present

Born in Dayton, Ohio on July 26, 1946

What I like about the parish are the people. I believe the people are very friendly and easy to work with. Everyone is so eager to help out and if I have a little task for them to do they are very willing. I also like all the liturgies we have at Immaculate and the different types to choose from, e.g., Mass, Evensong, Morning Prayer during the Triduum.

My hopes for the future would be that the parishioners continue to be as helpful as they have been in the past and we can continue to grow in the same Christian manner.



Carl Hatton  
Business Manager  
(part-time)



Gail Gaccetta  
Cook, Housekeeper  
(part-time)



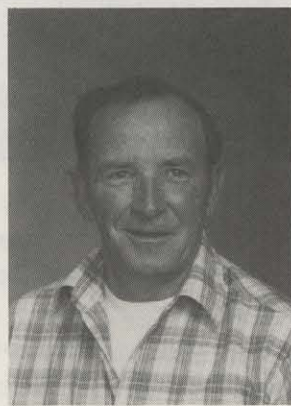
Cathy Good  
Secretary  
(part-time)



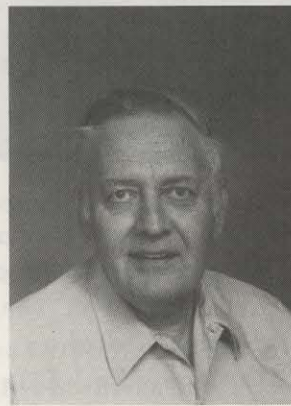
Tracey Spiller  
Secretary  
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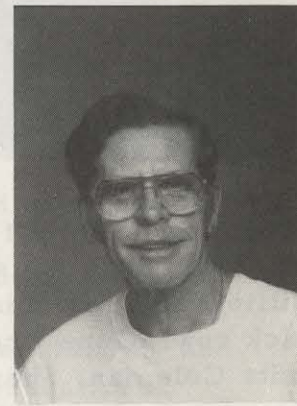
Bob Whigham  
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Paul Atkins  
Maintenance  
Supervisor



Frank Burger  
Maintenance



Tom O'Brien  
Maintenance  
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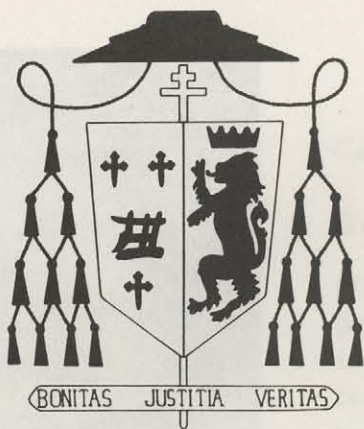
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Sister Teresa Caporale  
Sister Ruth Hayes  
Sister Mary Ann  
Sister Virginia Williams  
Sister Alberta Rohrkemper  
Sister Mary Ann Spraley

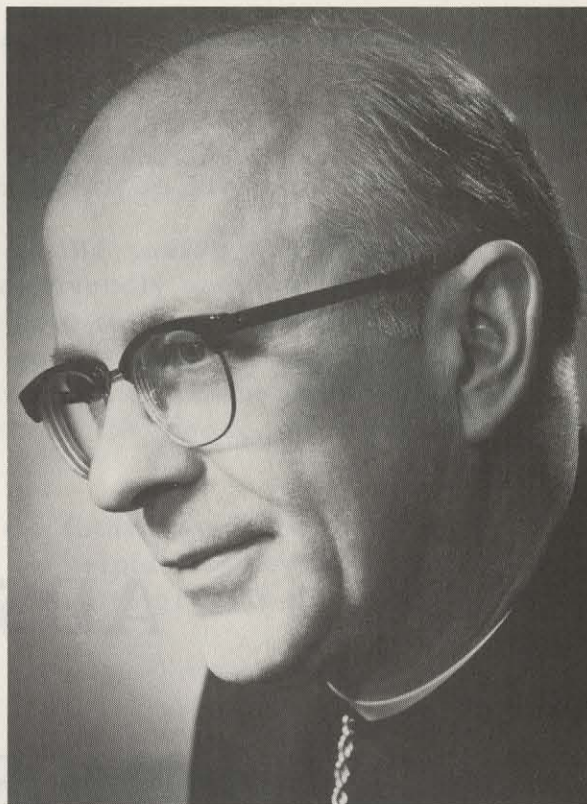
Most Rev. Daniel E. Pflanzky  
Archbishop of Cincinnati





*100 East Eighth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202*

Year of Jubilee, 1988



Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on the 50th anniversary of the founding of your parish.

What we are celebrating are untold blessings and graces bestowed by a loving Father on His people. There will be many tender memories of sacramental gifts, many comforting memories of sorrows and problems shared and lightened, many thrilling memories of strengths achieved.

May the lily heart of your dear Patroness watch over your lives and help you to be faithful to the Holy Trinity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Daniel E. Pilarczyk*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Pilarczyk  
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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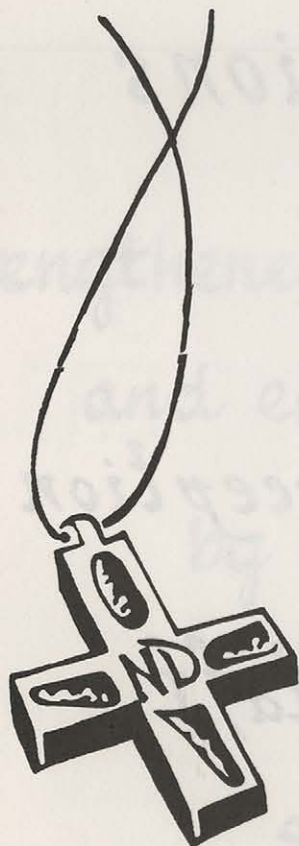
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Maintenance  
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The Sisters of Notre Dame  
de Namur



Of Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception Convent  
lovingly dedicate this to all their Sisters who  
served the church in the parish of Our Lady of  
The Immaculate Conception.



Sister Jo Anne Kramholtz  
Sister Tessie Labitoria  
Sister Ruth Myers  
Sister Clotilda Mc Curdy  
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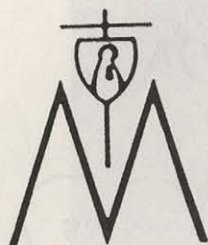
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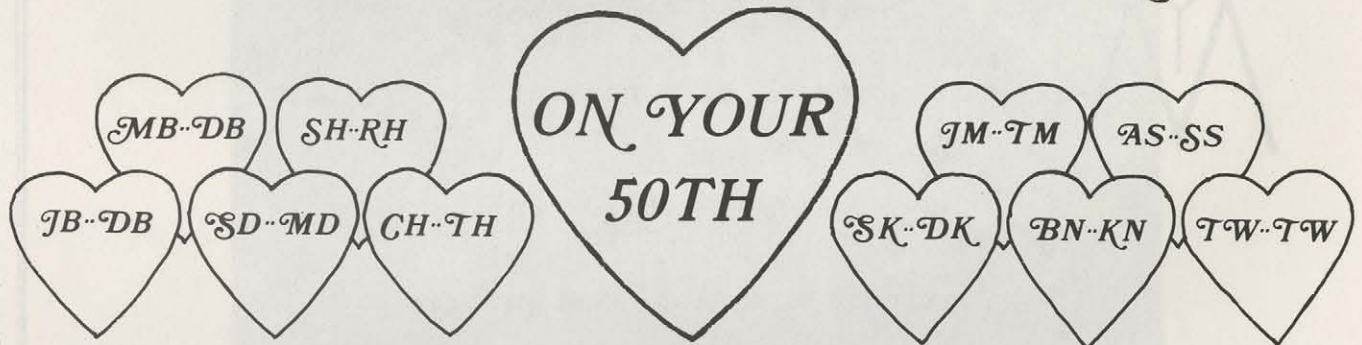


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WE CONGRATULATE OUR PARISH  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
ON ITS  
50TH ANNIVERSARY



THE FREE SPIRITS



CONGRATULATIONS!

Robert and Rosemary Farrell Family



First Mass of Robert Farrell, Jr.  
at Immaculate Conception Parish  
June 15, 1980

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR FIRST PERMANENT BUILDING,  
THE SCHOOL, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1939, BY FR. RAUSCHER



BEST WISHES TO THE PEOPLE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH  
FROM THE 4 GENERATIONS OF THE **KUENLE FAMILY**  
MSGR. FRANCIS J. KUENLE (far right in picture) PASTOR  
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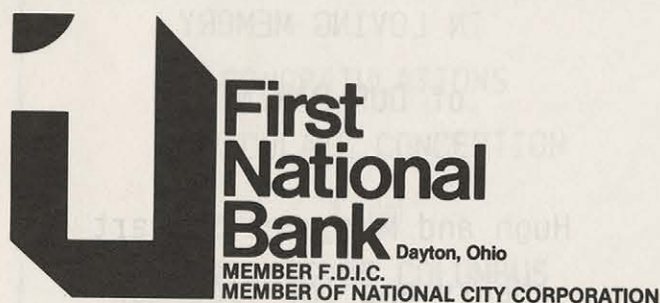
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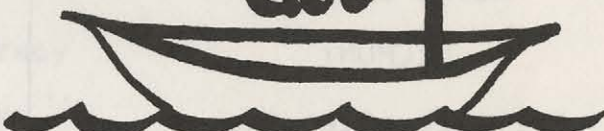
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