

1929

Silver Jubilee

of

Rev. T. Edward Murray

1954



Pastor of
ST. CLEMENT CHURCH
Center Line, Michigan

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The Priest

He is another Christ—respect him;
He is God's Representative—trust him;
He is your benefactor—be thankful to him.

AT THE ALTAR

He offers your prayer to God—do not forget him;
He prays for you and yours in purgatory—ask God's
mercy for him.

IN THE CONFESSIONAL

He is the physician of your soul—show him its wounds;
He directs you towards God—follow his admonitions;
He is judging—abide by his decision.

IN HIS DAILY LIFE

He is human—do not hastily condemn him;
He is human—a word of kindness will cheer him;
If you must tell his faults—tell them to God,
That He may give him light and strength to correct
them;
He has a great responsibility—ask God to guide him
in life,
And to be merciful to him in death.

Dedication

Of the twenty-five years now completed by you in God's service as a priest, we, of St. Clements, have enjoyed just a little more than two of them with you Father.

Many among us have known you much longer. Prior to your coming here we had already admired your pioneering spirit, your genuine friendliness, the fearlessness of your courage, and the amazing energy you seemed to possess.

Your vigor, leadership, and perserverance, all so well attuned to your foresightedness, brought into existence the thriving parish of St. Marks. The first ten years of its history are merely the ten years of your life between 1942 and 1952.

Your transfer into our midst has brought a return of the vigorous spirit that inspired the St. Clement parishioners of the decade between 1870 and 1880 into building, what certainly must have been at that time, a most magnificent church. We have a rich heritage which we shall strive hard to preserve.

Although you have reached a glorious milestone, one that frequently brings relief from heavier burdens, you and we, too, are aware of the arduous years ahead of you before the way becomes easier.

We join our voices and prayers into a mighty unit that; "God will allow you the days, the strength (you have the courage) necessary to fulfill all your priestly desires."

We extend our best wishes and heartiest congratulations on this happy occasion — Father.

YOUR PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS



Rev. Fr. J. Edward Murray

TO YOU . . . FATHER MURRAY
OUR PASTOR,
WE EXTEND OUR HEARTIEST

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Biography of Rev. Fr. J. Edward Murray

BIRTH:

September 2nd 1902 - The first born of three sons and three daughters of Denis and Ellen (Donovan) Murray in South Boston, Massachusetts.

The sacrament of Baptism followed promptly in Saints Peter and Paul. First Holy Communion and Confirmation, 1911, 1912.

His beloved mother often told the story of the day when she and baby Timothy, in his carriage, were out strolling enjoying the fresh air. His Excellency, Bishop Williams, was also out enjoying the lovely warm sunshine when they met one another.

The Bishop admired the young mother's first born and prophetically remarked: "That fine boy shall become a priest."

Prophetic? Perhaps, but let us not forget that a bishop "is possessed with the fullness of the Holy Ghost." Was it not the Holy Ghost who came upon the Apostles? And is it not He who seeks out His priests?

EDUCATION:

Tim, as his parents first called him, received his early education in the Lawrence Grammar and South Boston High Schools. Of his own choosing he soon became known as Ed.

A scholarship admitted him to St. Thomas College in New Brunswick, Canada. He graduated in 1924.

The young college graduate had known since his high school days that he wanted to become a priest. However, he absented himself from school for one year in order that he could verify the certainty of his vocation.



INTERIMS:

During his vacations he worked at various things among which were; railroading, and a stint as an A & P store manager. He, at one time, was a captain of a military squad similar to our present day R.O.T.C. His ability on both roller and ice skates was well known. His qualifications for leadership were ever present.

Oh, yes — about that name T. Edward Murray? The name of Timothy was not quite to his liking; Ed. had more appeal to him. His brother Tom (now Dr. Thomas Murray) never knew a 'switch' had occurred until the very strict seminary registrations records revealed the truth.

SEMINARY:

It was known that a very long period of time would be necessary to serve as an assistant in the Boston diocese before an assignment as a pastor would be forthcoming. Therefore, the young priest-to-be journeyed to Detroit where he obtained an interview with the Bishop (Michael J. Gallagher). It was fruitful. T. Edward

SEMINARY: con't

Murray received an assignment to St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, Canada, as a student for the priesthood of this diocese. He entered the Seminary in the Fall of 1925.



ORDAINED:

He received the sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Gallagher in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Detroit, on May 26th 1929. St. Patrick's was, at that time, the Cathedral of Detroit.

Friends and relatives crowded St. Vincent's in South Boston June 8th to assist Father Murray at his first Mass. His mother retold her favorite story many times that day.

ST. MARTIN'S:

His first appointment as an assistant pastor became effective July 12th, 1929, under Father Henigan at St. Martin's. He remained with Fr. Henigan sixteen months. (The July 12th date coincides with the appointment date on which Father A. J. Mayer became pastor of St. Clement.)

ASSUMPTION
"GROTTO":

In October of 1930 Fr. Murray was transferred to the "Grotto" under Father Marx (now Monsignor Marx). He remained with Msgr. Marx until 1939. During his service at the "Grotto" there developed a very deep mutual admiration between the pastor and the young assistant. It was in 1939 that a new plan of limiting assistant's residence in any one parish to five years was adopted. Fr. Murray received a new assignment.

ST. FRANCIS
de SALES:

His new home for the next three years was with Father Griffin at St. Francis de Sales on the West side of Detroit. In June of 1942, thirteen years had been consummated as an assistant when the cherished desire of all assistant pastors came to him — he was to become a pastor — a pioneer pastor in a brand new location.

ST. MARK'S:

Thirteen years as an assistant under the wise guidance and counsel of the previously mentioned pastors, combined with the natural attributes of the newly appointed pastor, quite well qualified him for the new field of endeavor upon which he was now to embark. He went into a vacant area — no church — no school — but containing many anxious potential parishioners. The young pastor arranged temporary quarters in the U.S.O. and then in a small store. From there on, achievement was the by-word — a school was opened — a church was built — the little parish flourished and its name and that of its pastor became well known.

ILLNESS:

In 1946, the hard-working pastor became seriously ill. An operation was performed but before he could regain his former strength he was stricken six times with pneumonia. He was ordered to Florida in an endeavor to recover under the warm tropical suns, however, a weakened body fell prey to two further ailments and —

ILLNESS: con't

at one crucial moment he lay lifeless — he was actually pronounced dead. God had His own plans, there was more work to be done. The still heart murmured and very weakly it again restored a faint resemblance of life. The tiny thread of life, renewed with new energy — God-given, flowed ever stronger day by day and once again returned the pastor to his people. There now was a vow to be fulfilled. He was endowed with greater purpose — as yet unknown exactly — but known and felt so strongly that a promise was made to visit the Shrine of the Blessed Lady at Lourdes, France, every two years as long as life remained. It has been kept. Many more active years of progress at St. Mark's ensued.

ST. CLEMENT:

Ten years as a pioneer pastor with splendid accomplishments tucked securely away, and the prospects of future years beckoning to him the contentment of a pastor well-respected, much loved by his people, and pleased with his lot: disappeared with the stroke of a pen. Age takes its toll, the weary retire, Christ's conquest must continue. For the capable to have done well is not sufficient, they must ever serve God, they must do more. One faithful servant of God will relinquish his flock, when the time shall have arrived that he can no longer serve it well. It is then that another, yet filled with the vigor of life, takes up where the other leaves off. Is it now that the hard years of pioneering, the prospective future years of peaceful routine are to become only a memory and a myth? Is it now that the purpose of the renewed life is to be revealed? Questions? But, who is to question when the 'boss' says — GO!

March 25th, 1952 means good-bye to old friends and hello to new ones. Time not only takes its toll of humans but from the material things as well. There is so much to be done and the tasks at hand are, by no means, small ones.

Prayerful hours are spent seeking out the course to follow. The course as it appears is arduous. Much more so than that which has been previously traveled. Regardless of the glimpses to the right and to the left for possible detours, nothing changes, the course is laid out straight ahead. It will be difficult but was not the courses of Peter and Paul and all the Apostles wrought with hardship? The purpose is the same, only the era is different.

First things first! An unmistakable mark of wisdom. The first achievement, the new school, seemed of such gigantic proportions that reflection upon its accomplishments is surrounded with a maze of astonishment. It is but a milestone of many great things to come. A new convent, sorely needed, occupies the position of being labeled 'major-project-number two'.

A most challenging, barely conceivable to a layman, daring conception of a church plan, consumes great portions of this pastor's private, business, and prayerful hours. Impressed, obsessed, and confident of the wisdom enshrined in the statement — "what man can conceive, man can build", all earthly and heavenly powers will be implored in his endeavor to accomplish this, his greatest enterprise.

We need only to recall the Bishop's remark:— "this fine boy will become a priest" — recall that he chose to come to Detroit — recall that God renewed his life for a purpose — and we can assuredly know for what purpose it was. Time will reveal it, perseverance will accomplish it.

