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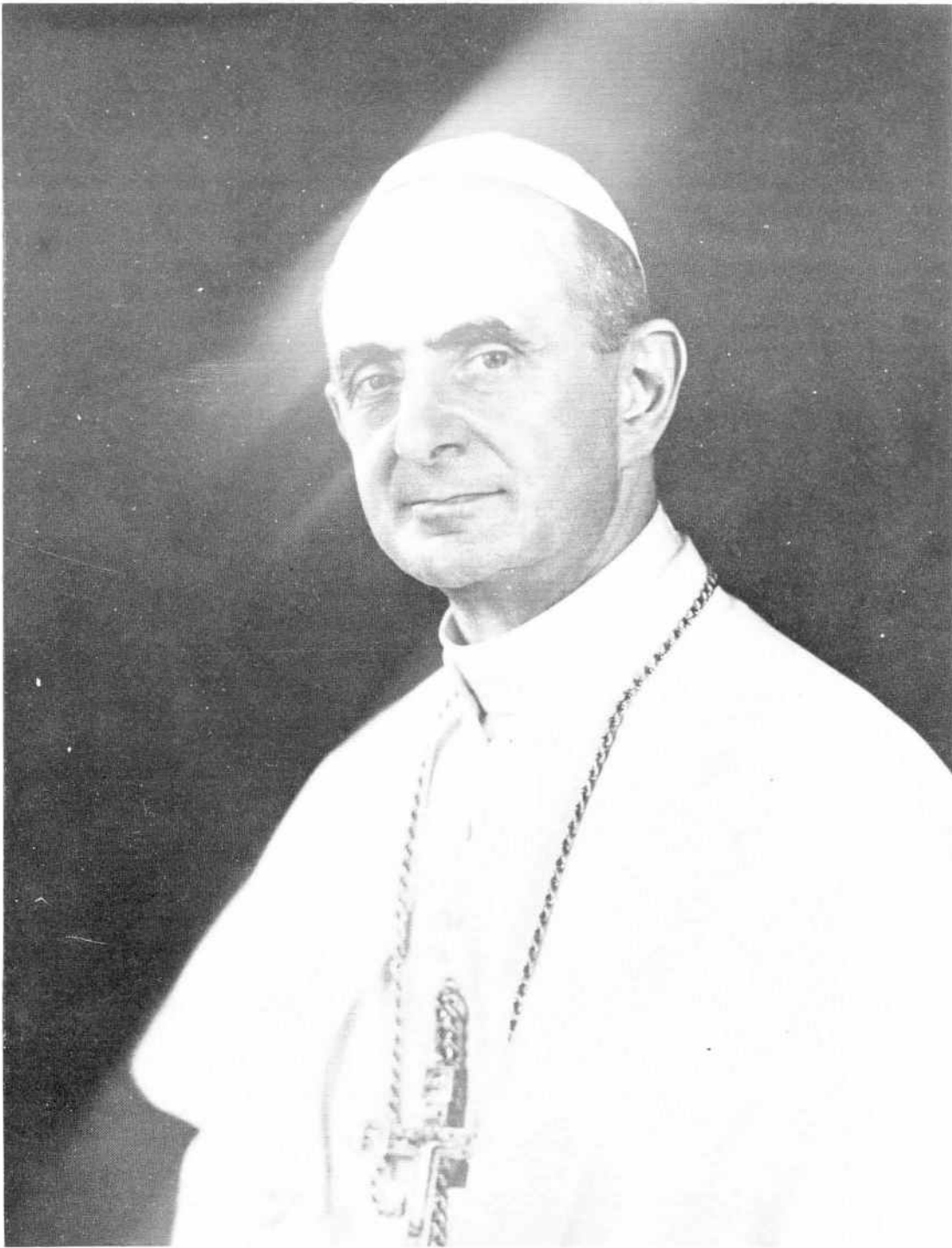
LUDLOW, MASS.



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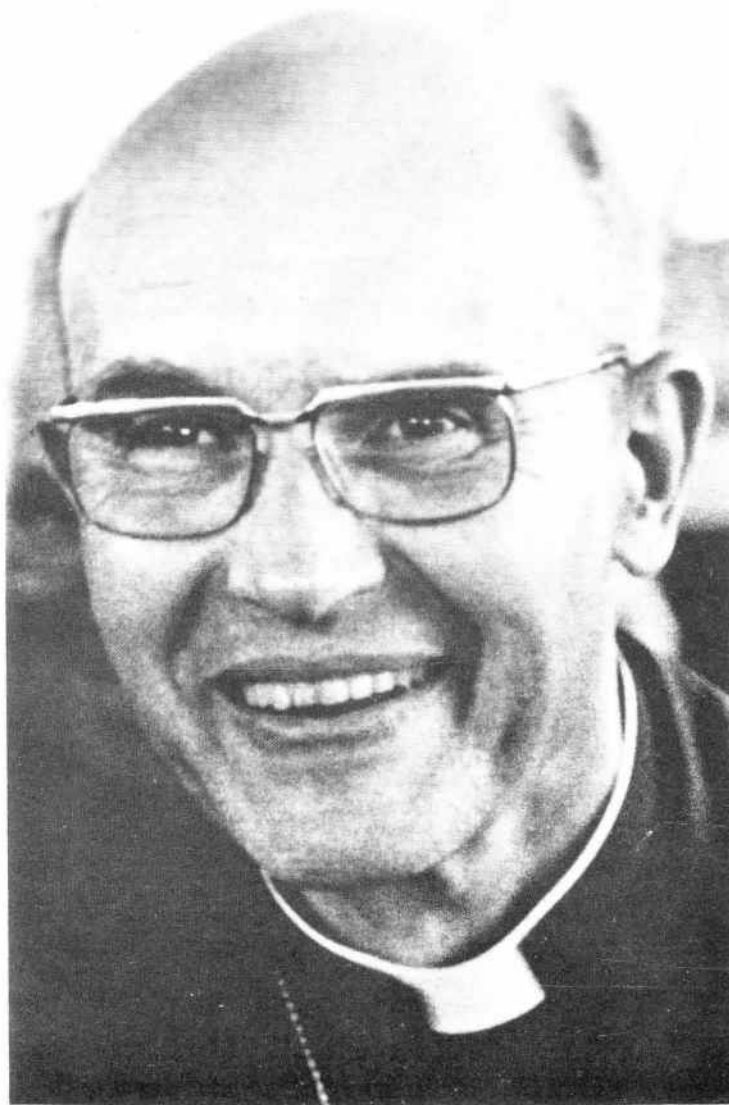
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His Holiness Pope Paul the VI

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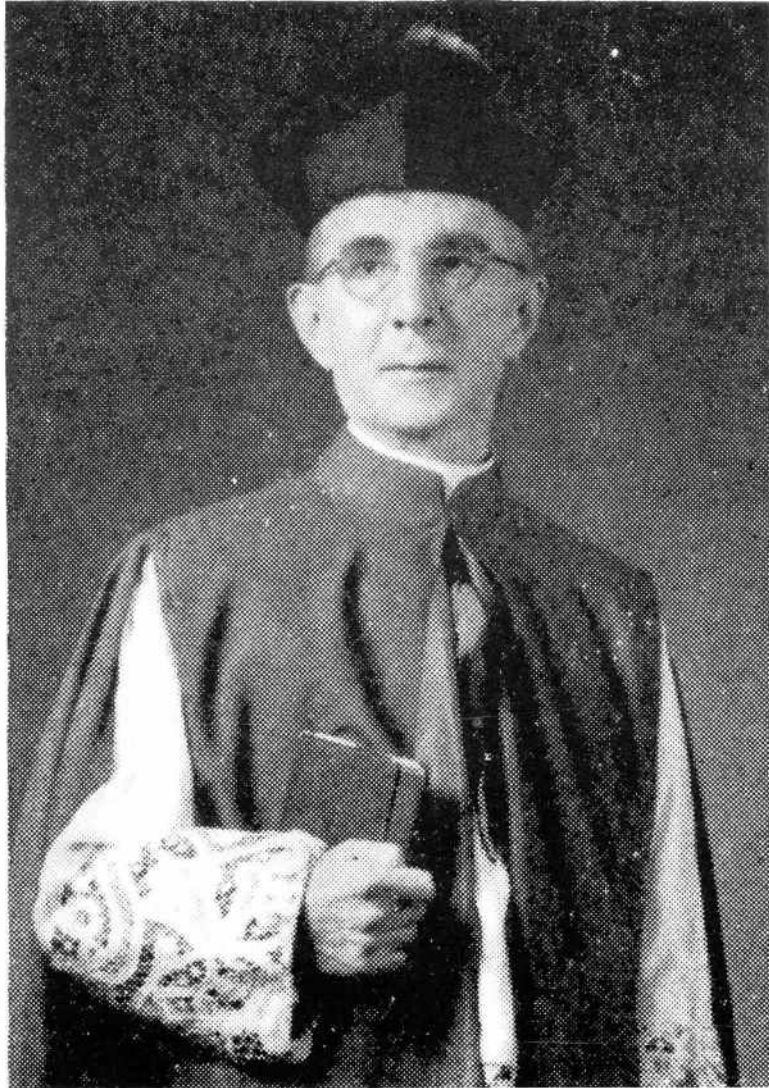


His Excellency Jean Jadot
Apostolic Delegate to United States



Most Rev. Bishop Christopher J. Weldon, D.D.

Bishop of Springfield



Monsignor Joseph Tomikowski
Founder

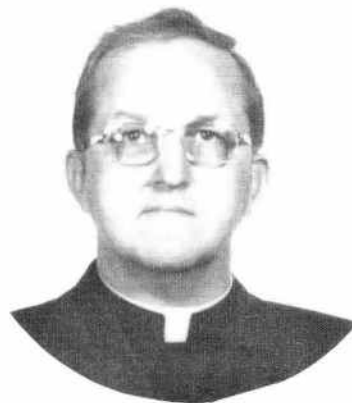
Fr. Mieczkowski and His Assistants



Rev. Marian Stanczyk



Rev. Sigmund F. Kwiatkowski



Rev. Robert Ceckowski



Rev. John Mieczkowski



Rev. Richard Riendeau



Rev. Woodrow Piotrowski

Christ The King Parish

The late Msgr. Joseph M. Tomikowski, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Indian Orchard, Mass. was the founder of Christ the King Church.

At the start of the 20th century, the Polish settlers of Ludlow became active members of the newly formed Immaculate Conception Parish. They contributed to its steady growth. As the Polish population increased, Msgr. Tomikowski deemed it feasible to separate his parish and set forth to organize a Mission Church in Ludlow.

The building plans were enthusiastically received by the parishioners on May 8, 1940. A large tract of land in the vicinity of Sewall, Center and Howard Streets was purchased and shortly thereafter, construction began.

The Christ the King Church was dedicated May 17, 1942 by the late Thomas M. O'Leary, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese. Religious services were held only on Sundays with the clergy from Immaculate Conception officiating.

On July 18, 1948 the parishioners of Ludlow welcomed their first pastor, Rev. John Mieczkowski. Thus was formed the Christ the King Parish with about 1300 members.

A two story dwelling on 21 Howard Street was secured to serve as a parish rectory. Fr. John labored zealously, ever mindful of the future needs of his people. In March 1951 he acquired the land adjacent to the church at the corner of Warsaw and Center Streets. Here he hoped to establish a parish center and rectory. In July 1952 he initiated a "Building Fund Collection", which raised a substantial sum of money. Fr. John was assisted by Rev. Sigmund Kwiatkowski, Rev. Marion Stanczyk, Rev. Robert Ceckowski, Rev. Richard Riendeau and Rev. W. Peter Piotrowski.

Poor health deprived Fr. John of starting this great project. After a lingering illness, he died on March 20, 1963. His work was continued by Fr. Peter Piotrowski, who was named administrator of the parish. He negotiated the purchase of the Graham property on Sewall Street.

On Sept. 23, 1963, before Bishop Weldon departing for the Vatican Council, appointed Fr. Xavier S. Baranowski the second pastor of Christ the King Parish. Fr. Baranowski accepted this challenge and with great determination carried on the expansion program of the parish. With dynamic energy and untiring efforts in behalf of his parishioners, he formulated the plans for the proposed social center, rectory and new sacristy. At the recommendation of Bishop Weldon, Fr. Baranowski acquired more land

from the Langevin property between Sewall and Center Streets, which was needed to straighten the boundary of the parish property. In 1967, due to the rising costs of building, Fr. Baranowski conducted a "Building Fund Drive" to augment the parish funds. The combined building funds equalled \$465,000.

After many months of hard work, study and consultation, Fr. Baranowski reached the fulfillment of his goal when Bishop Weldon allowed the building to begin on June 6, 1967. Vicar-General Walter Connell officiated at the ground breaking ceremonies on July 24, 1967.

The complex of new buildings was dedicated by Bishop Weldon on Sept. 29, 1968, the 20th anniversary of the parish. To complete the building project, a loan of \$333,000 was necessary.

The Social Center consists of an auditorium with a seating capacity of 750 persons. A spacious and well equipped kitchen provides ample room for food storage and preparation for social functions. The four classrooms are used for Confraternity classes.

The new rectory has accommodations for three priests, a guest and a housekeeper. Three offices on the first floor are available for parish business transactions and parishioner consultations. The lower level has two large rooms suitably used as classrooms and meeting rooms for small groups. A three car garage completes the rectory structure.

Fr. Baranowski was assisted in his endeavors by Rev. John Koonz, Rev. Eugene Ozimek, Rev. Conrad Daugiello, Rev. Stanley Szczypinski and Rev. Frederick Banas.

Sodalities associated with the church are: The Women's Rosary Sodality, Sacred Heart Sodality, St. Joseph's Sodality, Children of Mary and Young Ladies Sodality, St. Stanislaus Society, Christ the King Men's Society and the Holy Name Society, (now combined to form the Men's Guild of Christ the King) St. Anne's Sodality, Daughters of Christ the King, St. Cecilia's Choir, Knights of the Altar, Christ the King Athletic Association, the C.C.D. Executive Board, Christ the King Social Committee and the Parish Council. All serve in an advisory capacity.

Under the leadership of Fr. Baranowski, these groups are continually sponsoring social projects to defray the debt. With great pride and joy they are gradually achieving their goal.

As the town grew, so did the Parish of Christ the King. From a start of 1300 members, it now consists of 2600 active and loyal parishioners.

Parafia Chrystusa Króla

S.P. Ks. Prałat Józef M. Tomikowski, proboszcz parafji Niepokolanego Poczęcia Najśw. Marji Panny, w Indian Orchard, Mass., był założycielem Parafji Chrystusa Króla w Ludlow, Mass. Na początku 20 wieku, Polska ludność która osiedliła się w Ludlow, należała do Parafji Niepokolanego Poczęcia Najśw. Marji Panny, i przyczyniła się do jej rozwoju. A że ludność Polska wzrastała w Ludlow, s.p. ks. Prałat Tomikowski zdecydował utworzyć Polską misję dla Polskich ludzi w Ludlow. Z wielką radością ludność Polska przyjęła te postanowienie budowy kościoła 8mego maja, 1940 roku. Zakupiono wielki obszar ziemi między ulicami Sewall, Center i Howard i budowa się rozpoczęła.

Kościół Chrystusa Króla był poświęcony 17go maja, 1942 roku przez s.p. Ks. Biskupa Tomasza M. O'Leary, D.D., Ordynariusza Djecezji Springfieldzkiej. Nabożeństwa były odprawiane przez księży z parafji Niepokolanego Poczęcia tylko niedzielami.

Dnia 18go lipca, 1948 roku, wielka radość opanowała ludność Polską w Ludlow, kiedy ogłoszono że s.p. Ks. Jan Mieczkowski był назначony jako pierwszy Proboszcz nowej Parafji Chrystusa Króla. Parafia wtedy liczyła 1300 parafjan.

Zakupiono dom na 21 Howard ulicy na Plebanję. Ks. Jan ciężko pracował i gorliwie dla parafji, myśląc tylko o przyszłym rozwinięciu nowej parafji. W marcu 1951go roku, zakupił więcej ziemi, między kościołem i Center ulicy, mając na myśli że kiedyś tu postawi Salę i Plebanję. W tym celu, w lipcu 1952go roku, rozpoczął Fundusz Budowy, i zebrał poważną sumę pieniędzy. Niestety, słabe zdrowie nie pozwoliło by ks. Jan rozpoczął budowę. Po długiej chorobie, Ks. Jan zmarł 20go marca, 1963r.

Pomagali Ks. Mieczkowskiemu w jego pracy: Ks. Zygmunt Kwiatkowski, Ks. Marjan Stańczyk, Ks. Robert Ceckowski, Ks. Ryszard Riendeau i Ks. Włodzimierz Piotr Piotrowski.

Pracę którą s.p. Ks. Mieczkowski rozpoczął, dalej prowadził Ks. Włodzimierz Piotrowski który był назначony Administratorem. Ks. Piotrowski zakupił posiadłość państwa Graham, na Sewall ulicy. Tym kupnem zapewnił kompletną prywatność całej posiadłości Parafji.

Dnia 23go września, 1963r., zanim Ks. Biskup Weldon wyjechał na Sobór Watykański, Ks. Ksawery S. Baranowski był назначony jako drugi proboszcz parafji Chrystusa Króla. Ks. Baranowski z wielkim entuzjazmem podjął się do dalszego rozwinięcia parafji. Z wielką energią i nieustanną pracą dla dobra parafjan, wykonał plany s.p. Ks. Mieczkowskiego i wybudował wielką salę, nową Plebanję i nową Zakrystyję do kościoła. Ks. Biskup Weldon, D.D. radził aby wyprostować naszą granicę; więc, zakupiono jeszcze więcej ziemi od Sewall ulicy do Center ulicy w roku 1966.. W tym czasie koszt budowy powiększał się, dlatego Ks. Baranowski urządził zbiórkę na budowę. Tak że, z funduszem zbieranym przez Ks. Mieczkowskiego, gotówka na budowę dołączyła do \$465,000.00.

Przez wielomiesięczną pracę i z ciągłą poradą Ks. Biskupa Waldona, dnia 6go czerwca, 1967r. otrzymaliśmy pozwolenie przeprowadzić budowę. Budowa rozpoczęła się dnia 24go lipca, 1967r. z poświęceniem ziemi przez Wikariusza Generalnego, Ks. Infułata Walter C. Connell. Ks. Biskup Weldon poświęcił nasze nowe budynki dnia 29go września, 1968r., na 20stą rocznicę parafji. Na ukończenie budowy, pożyczaliśmy \$333,000.00. Dziś z wielką chlubą i radością, parafjanie spłacają dług z wiedzą że w tak krótki czas istnienia, taką wspaniałą mają posiadłość.

Nowa sala obsadzi 750 osób. Kuchnia jest obszerna z najnowszymi przyrządami do przygotowywania potraw.. Mamy także 4 klasy na naukę religji. Nowa plebanja ma mieszkanie na trzech księży, na gościa lub misjonarza i na gospodynię, 3 biura na sprawy parafjalne i drugie dwie klasy na dole plebanji które są używane na naukę religji i na zebrania. Garaż na 3 samochody uzupełnia komplet parafji Chrystusa Króla.

Ks. Baranowski miał do pomocy: Ks. Jana Koonz, Ks. Eugeniusza Ozimek, Ks. Konrada Daugiello, Ks. Stanisława Szczypńskiego i obecnie Ks. Frederyka Banaś.

Towarzystwa które byli i które obecnie są połączone z parafią są: Bractwo Młodzieńców, Tow. św. Józefa, Dzieci Marji, Young Ladies Sodality, Tow. Mężczyzn Chrystusa Króla, Tow. Imienia Jezus, (ostatnie dwa towarzystwa dziś się połączyły tworząc Gildę Męską Chrystusa Króla), Tow. św. Anny, Córki Chrystusa Króla, Chór św. Cecylii, Two. Ministrantów, Athletic Association, C.C.D. Executive Board, Christ the King Social Committee i Komitet Parafjalny. Wszyscy, w jeden albo drugi sposób, razem z Ks. Proboszczem na czele, prowadzą i rządzą parafią. Towarzystwa urządzają rozmaiteś by zniżyć i spłacić nasz dług jak najprędzej. Tak jak miasto Ludlow rośnie, tak i parafia nasza. Dziś liczymy 2600 czynnych i wiernych parafjan.

Fr. Baranowski and His Assistants



Rev. Eugene Ozimek



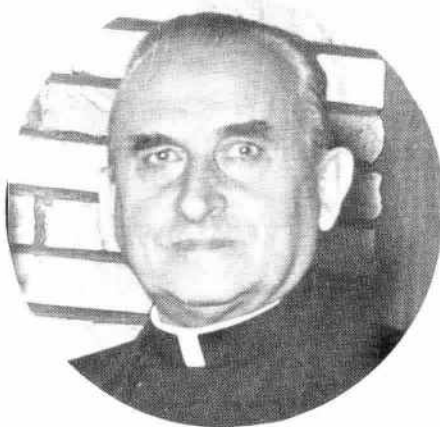
Rev. John Koonz



Rev. Conrad Daugello



Rev. Xavier Baranowski



Rev. Stanislaw Szczypinski



Rev. Frederick Banas

Religious of Parish



Rev. John Chwalek



Rev. Msg. Charles Chwalek



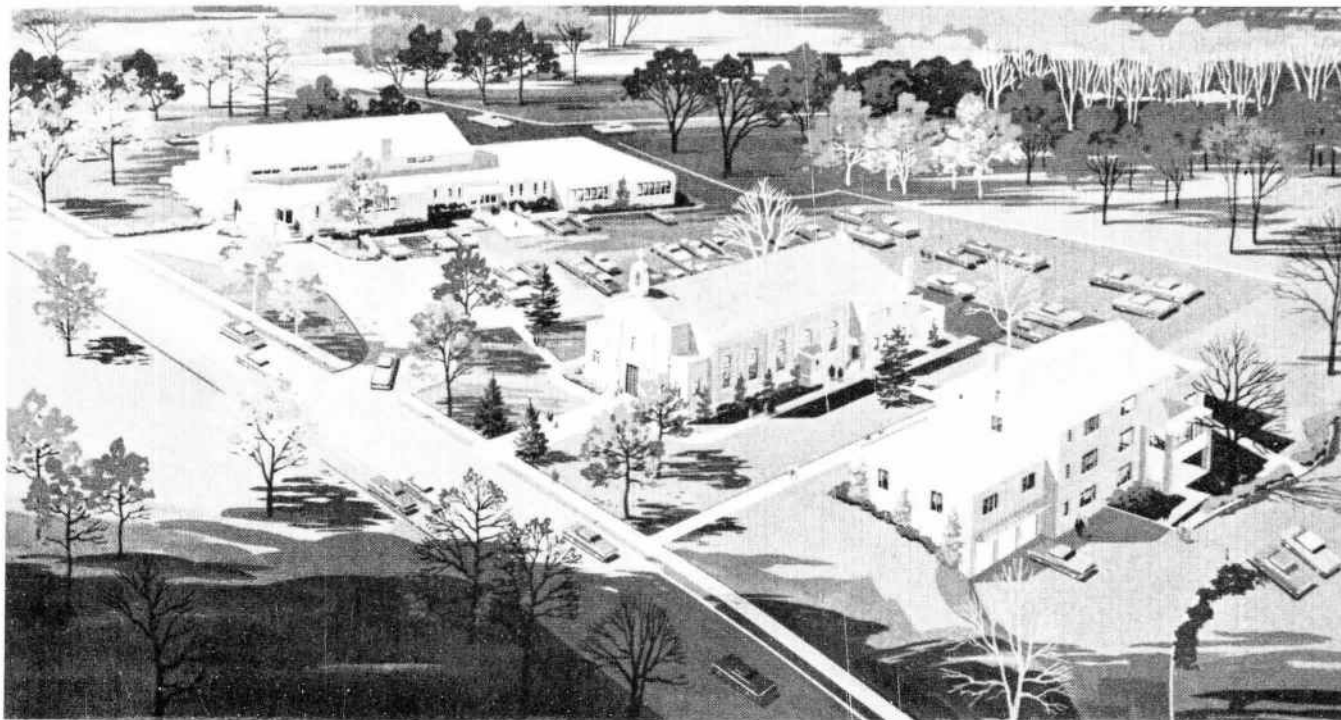
Rev. Thaddeus Mazur
(Deceased)

Felician Sisters

Sophie Bednarczyk
Genevieve Bernat
Angela Chwalek
Mary Chwalek
Bertha Mazur
Helen Mazur
Mary Socha
Josephine Wikar

Sr. Mary Romuald
Sr. Mary Theresinia (deceased)
Sr. Mary Regina
Sr. Mary Laurette
Sr. Mary Alexander
Sr. Mary Adeline
Sr. Mary Caroline Socha
Sr. Mary Joanille

Aerial View of Parish



Christ the King Parish
Ludlow, Massachusetts

Roberval J. Hubert, A.I.A.
Architect

Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon D.D.
Bishop of Springfield

Rev. Xavier S. Baranowski
Pastor of Christ the King

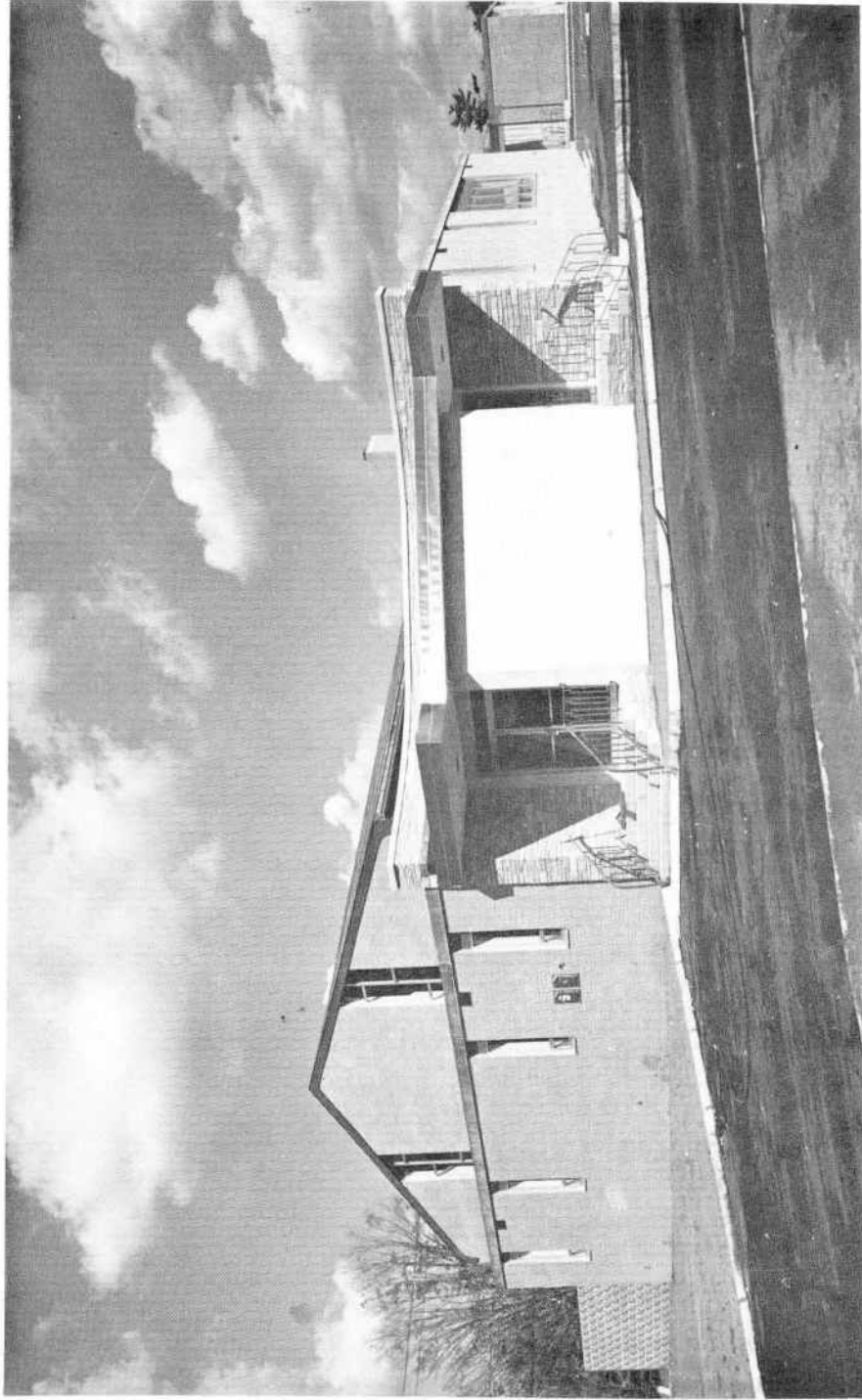
Christ the King Church



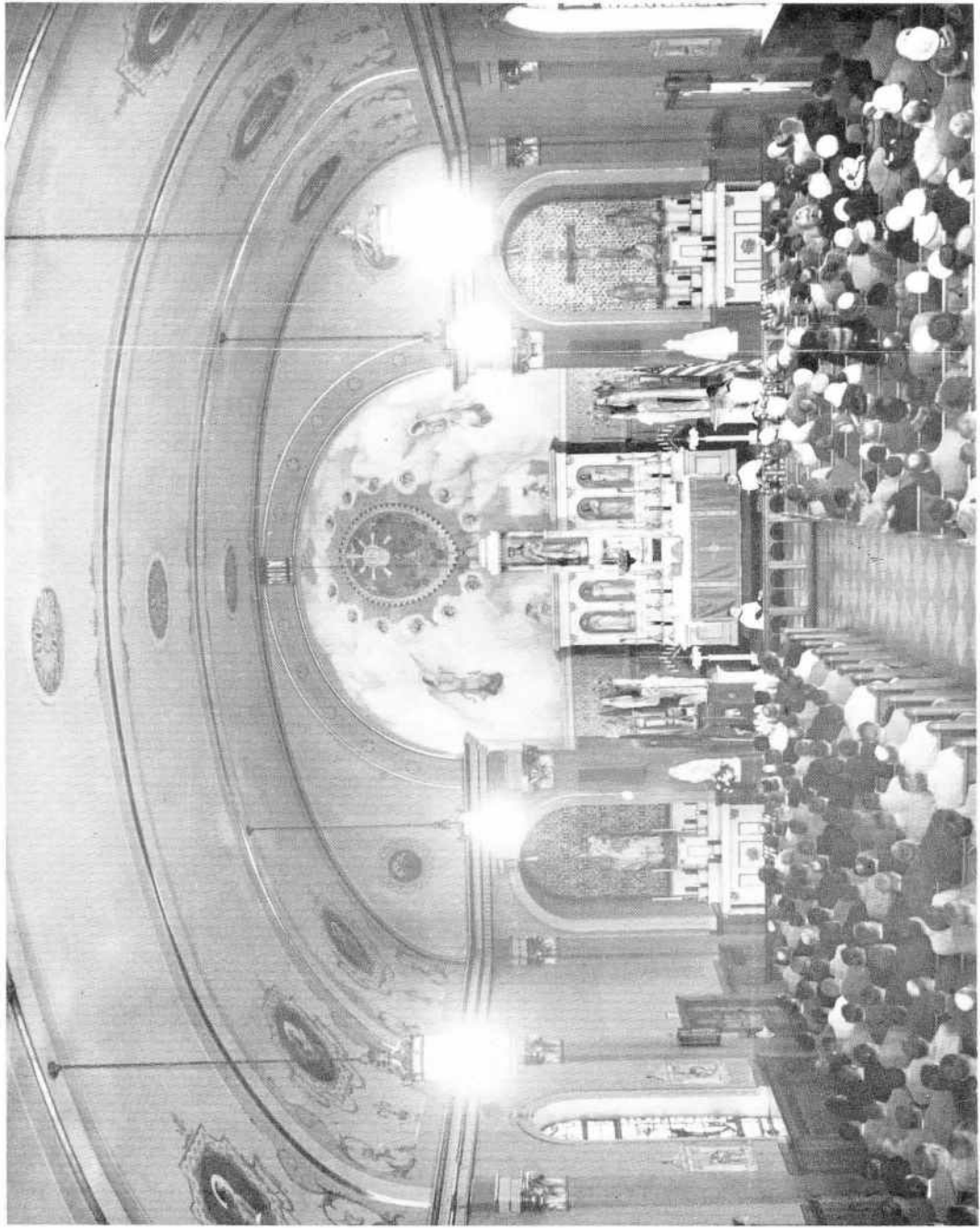
Rectory



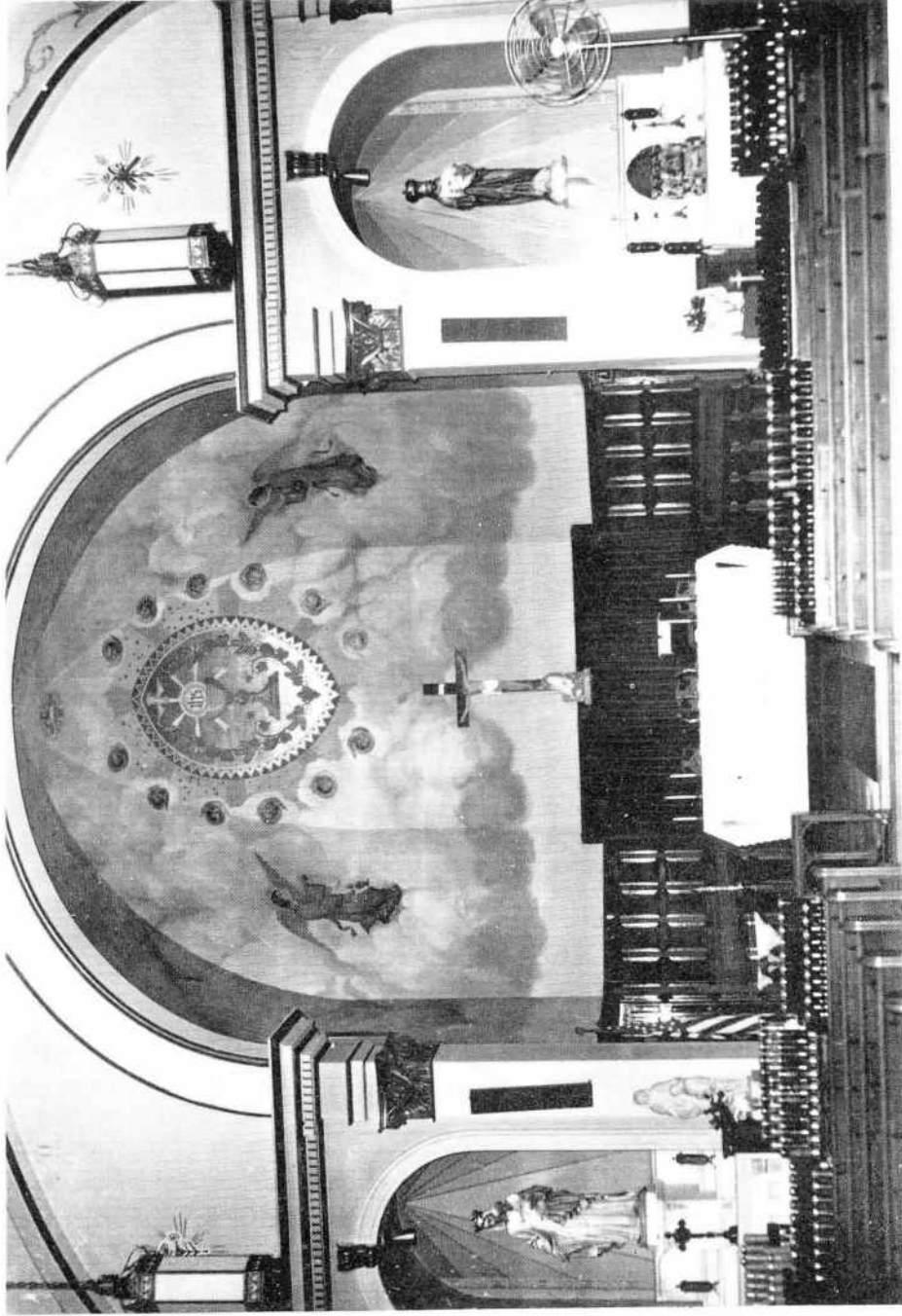
Social Center



Inside View before Vatican Council



Renewal, Inside View after Vatican Council



St. Cecilia's Choir

Since the liturgical year is to be thought of as a magnificent hymn of praise which the parish directs to the heavenly Father through Jesus, the parishioners of Christ the King Church gathered for Sunday Masses and weekly and seasonal services to express their devotion in song and harmony.

Today with great satisfaction we acknowledge the services of Mrs. Julia Kowalski, the first full time organist, under whose direction, eight former members of the choir of the Immaculate Conception Church, Stella Chrzan, Stella Nardi, Emilia Serra, Nellie Jajuga, Helen Struziak, Louis Dryjowicz, Walter Jajuga, Stanley Kurpaska organized to form St. Cecilia's Choir of Christ the King Church. At this moment of public celebration, we pause and consider the enormous accomplishments of our present organist, Miss Ann Krol who since December 1, 1948, in all seasons, hot and cold, on all occasions, joyful and sad has courageously and willingly provided music and guided dedicated choir members. Through the years liturgical worship has been given a more noble form when divine praises were celebrated solemnly in song and the leadership of the choir members encouraged active participation of all the people.



Names of people on the original first choir photo.

First Row: Emilia (Prokop) Serra, Stefanie Chrzan, Helen Struziak, Stella (Barszcz) Nardi.
Second Row: Louis Dryjowicz, Nellie Jajuga, Walter Jajuga, Stanley Kurpaska.

Presently the choir consists of twenty members, namely:

Stella Chrzan	Charlotte Clough	Ann Hudyka
Helen Sigda	Anna Lopata	Chester Giza
Peter Sagan	Robert Gadziala	Henry Giza
Margaret Obrzut	Ann Gadziala	Joseph Wirzbicki
Walter Janeczek	Mary Szlosek	Millie Wirzbicki
Nellie Jajuga	Caroline Tokarz	Mary Gromack
Genevieve Halgas	Wilhelmina Ostrowski	

Members who have served as officers over the years are:

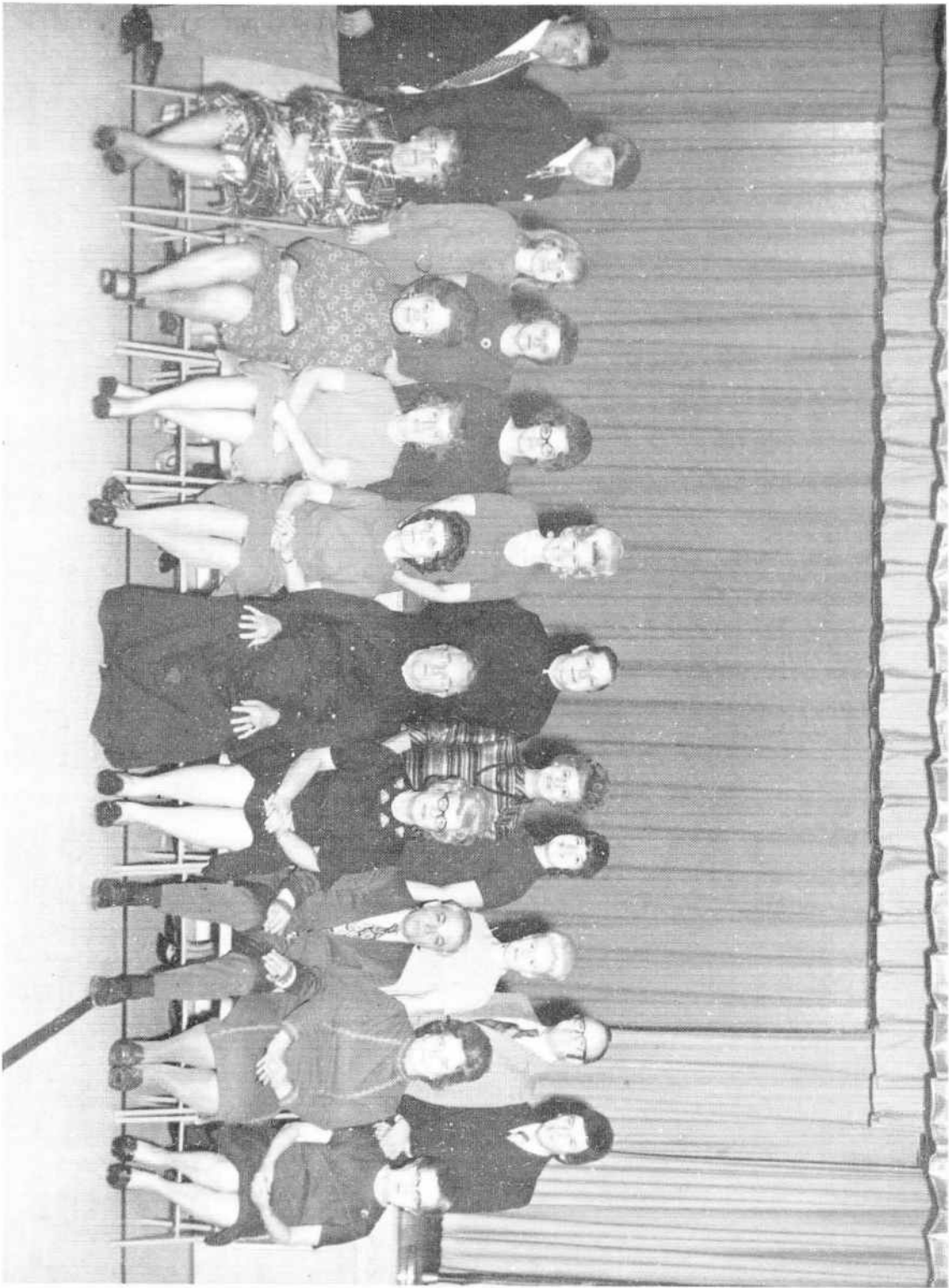
President	Vice-President	Recording Secretary	Treasurer
Theodore Grabowski	Theodore Piesz	Edward Dombek	Ann Krol
Joseph Wirzbicki	Millie Wirzbicki	Wilhelmina Ostrowski	Walter Janeczek
Helen Sigda	Edward Bolow	Helen Sigda	Helen Sigda
Nellie Jajuga	Charlotte Clough	Mary Szlosek	
Robert Gadziala	Margaret Obrzut		
Ann Hudyka			

The present officers of the choir are:

President	Nellie Jajuga
Vice-President	Margaret Obrzut
Recording Secretary	Mary Szlosek
Treasurer	Walter Janeczek

We pray to Almighty God to bless the choir members who struggled through numerous difficulties, devoted their time and talents, and sponsored various projects to give financial support to the building fund.

St. Cecilia's Choir



Christ the King Women's Rosary Sodality

The Women's Rosary Sodality was organized August 15, 1948 by the late Rev. John Mieczkowski, first pastor of Christ the King Parish. Mrs. Josephine Hadro, a dedicated and zealous person was elected president and served in this capacity until her death in 1955.

The Sodality strives to foster among its members a fervent devotion to our Lady through the praying of the Rosary. Each year on August 15, The Feast of the Assumption, and on the second Tuesday of October, the members of the Sodality participate in a Solemn Mass and receive Communion in a body. At present, the 175 members participate in the Rosary devotions and pray the rosary daily.

During the years of its existence, the Sodality has contributed generously for worthwhile parish projects by sponsoring food sales, socials and banquets. Three \$100 Scholarship Awards were given in 1954, 1955, and 1956 to Cathedral High School graduates from our parish. Its most significant contribution was the furnishing of the office in the Parish Social Center.

Officers who have served in the past twenty-five years are as follows:

First Officers:

Chaplain	The late Rev. John Mieczkowski	1948-1955
President	Mrs. Josephine Hadro	1948-1951
Vice-President	Mrs. Victoria Wisniowski	1948-1951
Secretary	Mrs. Mary Maziarz	1948-1951
Treasurer	Mrs. Julia Zagraniczny	

Others who served:

President	Mrs. Mary J. Szlosek	1956-1973
Vice-Presidents	Mrs. Emilia Wirzbicki	1952-1958
	Mrs. Mary Mondry	1959-1964
	Mrs. Anna Lopata	1965-1973
Secretaries	Mrs. Mary J. Szlosek	1952-1955
	Mrs. Felicia Smyk	1956-1957
	Mrs. Margaret Obrzut	1958-1973
Treasurers	Mrs. Helen Makuch	1952-1963
	Mrs. Helen Nowak	1964-1973

In Memoriam

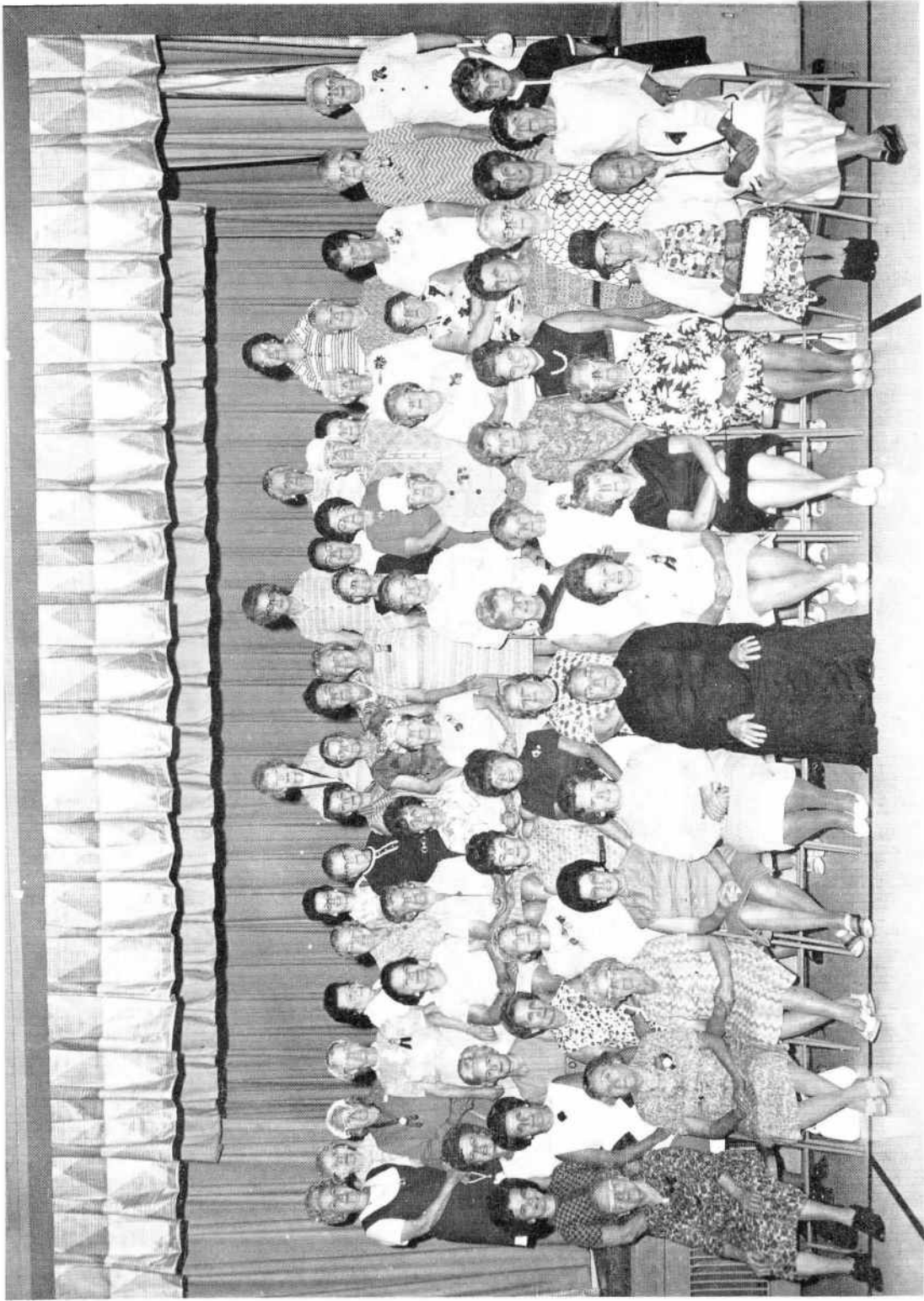


Mrs. Josephine Hadro

Present slate of officers are:

Chaplain	Rev. Xavier Baranowski
President	Mrs. Mary J. Szlosek
	Serving 18 consecutive years
Vice-President	Mrs. Anna Lopata
Secretary	Mrs. Margaret Obrzut
Treasurer	Mrs. Helen Nowak

Women's Rosary Sodality



Christ the King Sacred Heart Sodality

The Sodality of the Sacred Heart was organized in 1948 by the late Rev. John Mieczkowski. In its first year it had 200 members, who concentrated their efforts on spiritual growth of the parishioners, material needs of the parish and charitable support of worthwhile causes.

Throughout its existence, the members manifested a special devotion to the Sacred Heart by participating in a Mass on the first Friday of each month and the Good Friday liturgical service. For many years they sponsored a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Mercy of God in Stockbridge, Mass.

The Sodality sponsored socials and food sales for charitable and social causes. Their contributions furnished a patient's room in Ludlow Hospital, aided Fr. Luke in his mission work and purchased vestments for parish use. To sustain the young Christians who completed the CCD courses, each graduate was presented a St. Joseph Missal, which contained prayers and votive Masses of the liturgical year. Their most significant contribution was furnishing a CCD classroom in the parish social center. Their final donation of one thousand dollars was sent to educate the seminarians in the Phillipines and India.

Although presently the sodality is inactive, the

blessings of the past good works of the members are a source of inspiration to many who have experienced their generosity.

Officers who have served in the past are as follows:

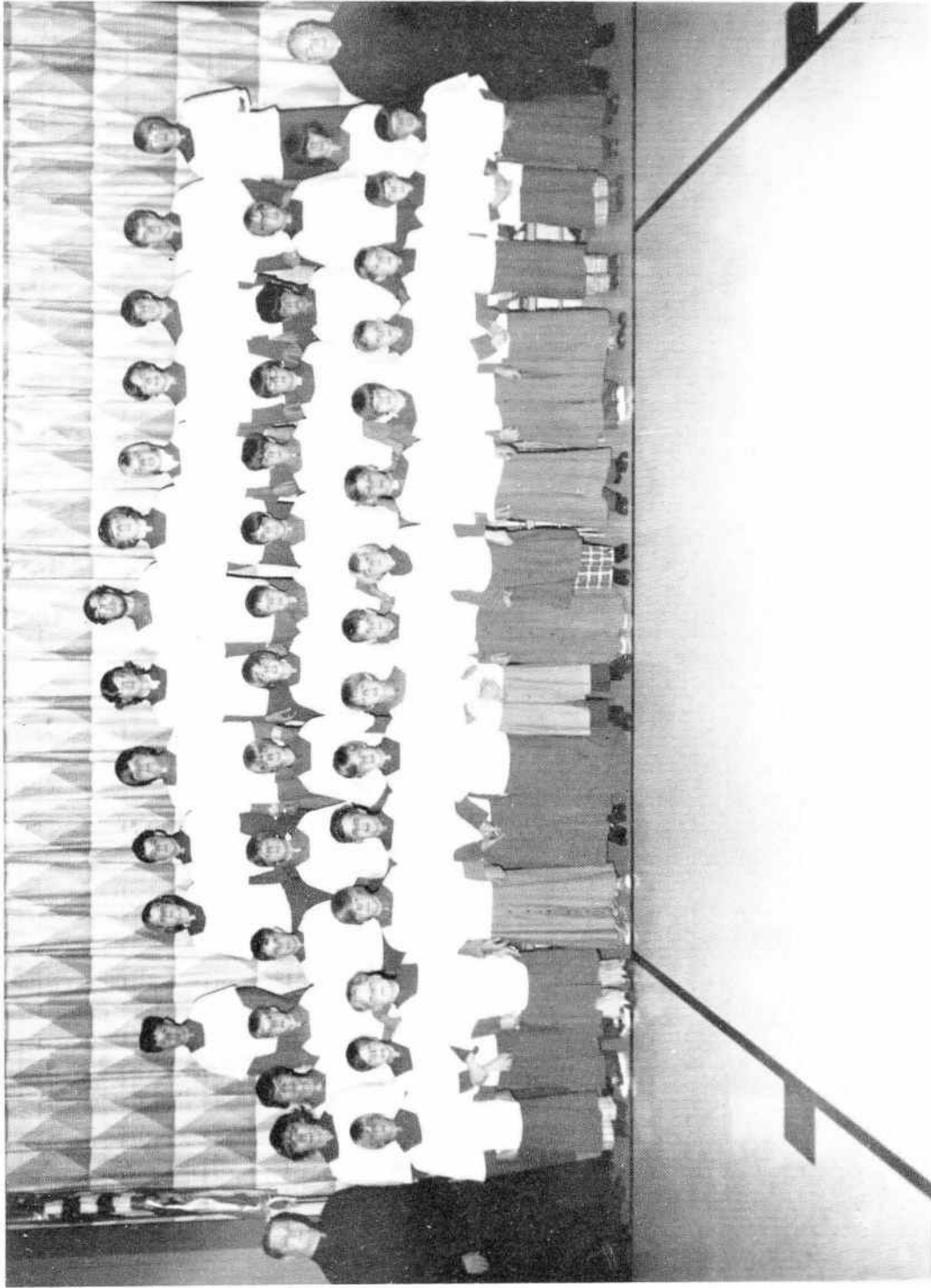
First Officers

Chaplain	The late Rev. John Mieczkowski
President	Mrs. Caroline Kurpaska
Vice-President	Mrs. Felicia Smyk
Secretary	Mrs. Sophie Bator
Treasurer	Mrs. Mary Szlosek

Others who served until 1968

President	Mrs. Veronica Burkot Mrs. Felicia Smyk Mrs. Helen Zielinski Mrs. Mary Maziarz
Vice-Presidents	Mrs. Mary Maziarz Mrs. Mary Czechowski Mrs. Helen Zielinski
Secretaries	Mrs. Sophie Bator Mrs. Mary Markiewicz Mrs. Stella Swiatlowski
Treasurers	Mrs. Mary Szlosek Mrs. Julia Holuk Mrs. Anne Dill

Altar Boy's



Daughters of Christ the King Society

The Daughters of Christ the King Society was organized on October 23, 1955 by Bernice Vautrain under the direction of the late Rev. John Mieczkowski.

The first slate of officers included:

Chaplain	The late Rev. John Mieczkowski
President	Mrs. Anne Dill
Vice-President	Mrs. Helen Chrzan
Recording Secretary	Miss Gladys Giza
Financial Secretary	Mrs. Bernice Vautrain
Treasurer	Mrs. Sophie Drost
Sargeant-at-Arms	Mrs. Victor Szarlan

The Society #1491, a member of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America promotes the love of God, country and fellowman by taking active part in the social, civic and cultural programs of the parish and community. It also contributes financial aid to the parish, Orchard Lake Seminary, religious orders and worthy local enterprises.

Elected delegates attend the regional meetings of Circuit 61 to keep the members informed on the actions and deliberations of the parent organization in Chicago.

Through the cooperative effort of its members, the society has sponsored food sales, banquets, bazaars, socials and the annual Mardi Gras and elegant Fashion Show, which yielded generous

financial support towards the building fund, specifically the furnishing of the kitchen in the parish social center.

Members who have served as president are:

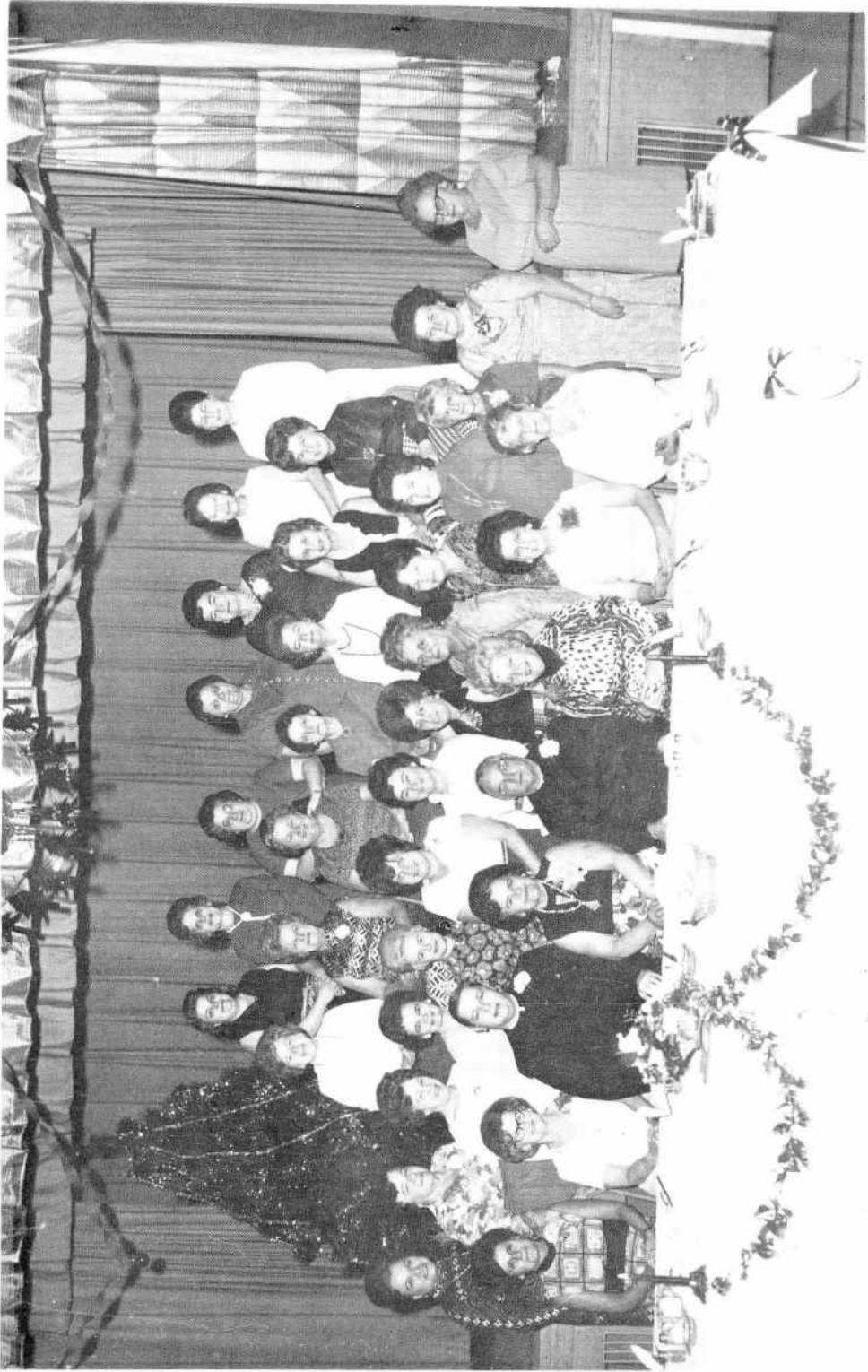
Anne Dill	1955-1957
Mildred Budnick	1958-1959
Irene Szabla	1960-1961
Victoria Marshall	1962-1963
Sally Couture	1964-1965
Victoria Chrzan	1966-1967
Helen Perlak	1968-1969
Irene Gula	1970-1971
Stella Prystupa	1972-1973

Present officers are:

Chaplain	Rev. Xavier Baranowski	
President	Mrs. Stella Prystupa	
Vice-President	Mrs. Bernice Vautrain	
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Sophie Kawecki	
Financial Secretary	Mrs. Stella Prystupa	(12 years as Deputy)
Treasurer	Mrs. Helen Nowak	
Sargeant-at-Arms	Mrs. Victoria Marshall	

May God bless the members of the society so they may continue to work successfully.

Daughters of Christ the King Society



Christ the King St. Anne's Sodality

St. Anne's Sodality of Christ the King Parish was organized October 18, 1960 by Rev. W. Peter Piotrowski during the pastorship of the late Rev. John Mieczkowski. The members include married women and girls of any age. At present there are 180 members. Mrs. Anna Trusz is president of the sodality since its origin.

The purpose of the sodality is to cultivate devotion to St. Anne in various forms. The members receive Communion in a body three times a year, participate in a Triduum to St. Anne in July which concludes with a candlelight procession, and for several years have sponsored a pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec. The Sodality remembers the deceased members and their families in times of sorrow by praying the rosary and attending the funeral. In April 1961 at the suggestion of Mrs. Trusz a decision was made that the stipend for a Solemn Requiem Funeral Mass for deceased members be taken from the sodality treasury.

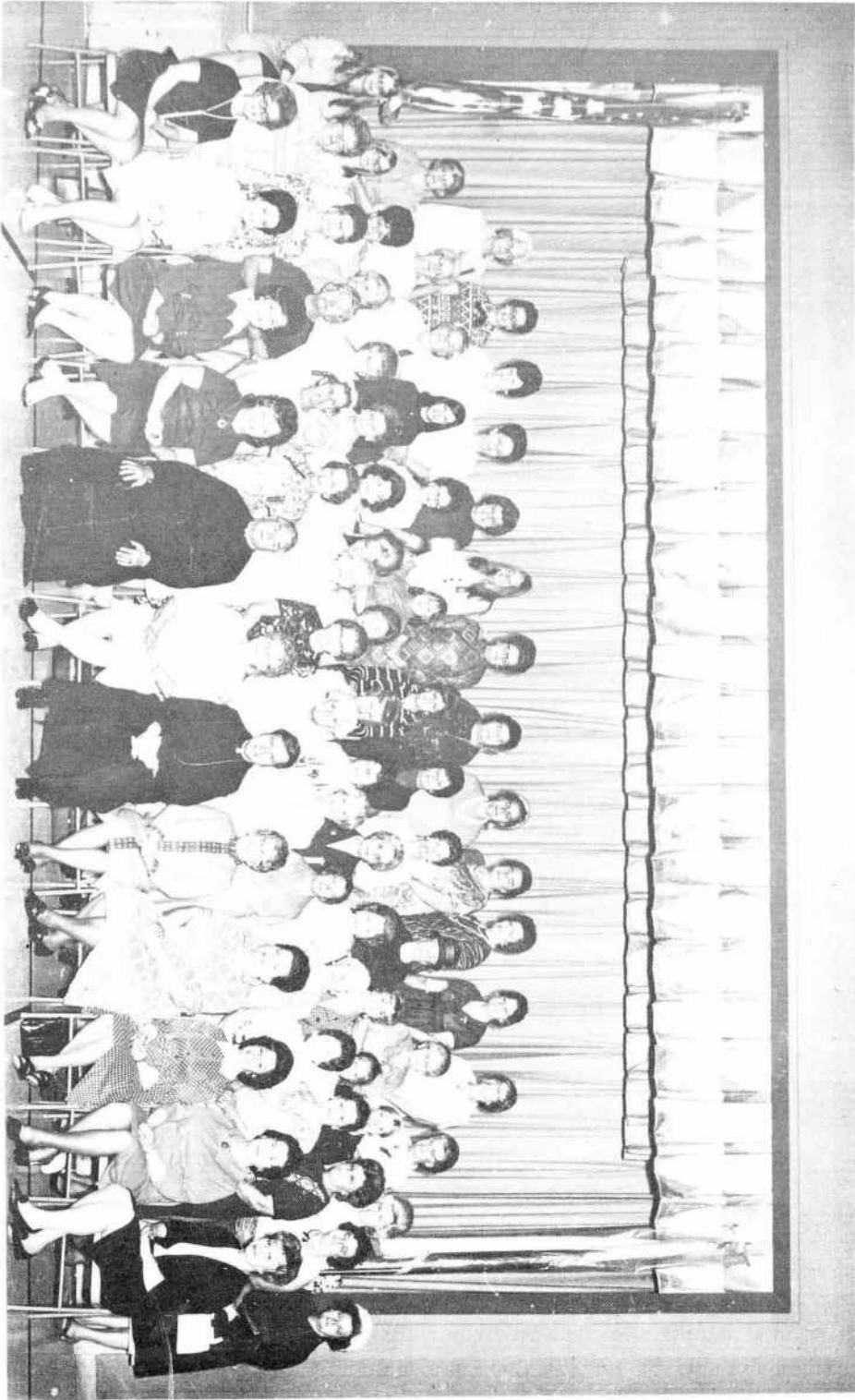
Besides spiritual enrichment, the sodality has made generous financial contributions to better the parish by sponsoring food sales, socials, penny sales and the extremely popular Fall Festivals and Christmas Bazaars.



Officers are as follows:

Chaplain	The late Rev. J. Mieczkowski	1960-1961
	Rev. W. Peter Piotrowski	1962-1963
	Rev. Xavier Baranowski	1963 on
President	Mrs. Anna Trusz	1960 on
Vice-President	Stella Malek	1960-1965
	Helen Chrzan	1965-1970
	Mary Luberdia	1970-1973
Secretary	Julia Marek	1960-1965
	Sophie Bissaillon	1965-1970
	Julia Chmura	1970-1973
Treasurer Financial Secretary	Stella Chrzan	1960 on
	Mary Czechowska	1960-1962
	Stella Czajkowska	1962-1966
	Jean Lysik	1966 on
Social Chairman	Victoria Gardzienska	1960-1961
	Wanda Karczmarczyk	1962-1969
Social Chairman	Helen Sroka	1960 on

St. Anne's Sodality



Christ the King

Children of Mary and Young Ladies Sodality

The Children of Mary Sodality was organized in the fall of 1948 under the direction of the late Rev. John Mieczkowski. The first officers elected were:

Chaplain	The late Rev. John Mieczkowski
President	Helen Grybosh
Vice-President	Helen Twarog
Secretary	Helen Perlak
Treasurer	Mary Adamczyk

Soon after they organized the Children of Mary decided to separate into two groups because of the great difference in the age of its members. The younger or pre-teen group would remain The Children of Mary; the teen age and older girls would be called The Young Ladies Sodality.

The purpose of the Sodality is to promote the welfare of the members by encouraging them in fervent devotion to our Lady, frequent reception of the Sacraments, and providing opportunities for spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

As a group The Children of Mary are active not only within the Church but spread the gospel news to the entire local community. The older

members sponsored craft projects which were shared with the patients of Belchertown State Hospital and The Shriners Hospital for crippled children. During the Christmas season, the members carry messages of joy and good will to the aged and the sick by singing Christmas carols.

The Children of Mary plan a busy social schedule. The members sponsor summer picnics, swimming outings and food sales. The Halloween and Christmas parties are a regular treat for the younger members.

The newly elected officers for 1973-1974 are:

Chaplain	Rev. Frederick Banas
President	Evelyn Orlik
Vice-President	Connie Salwa
Secretary	Angela Dombek
Treasurer	Linda Fernandes

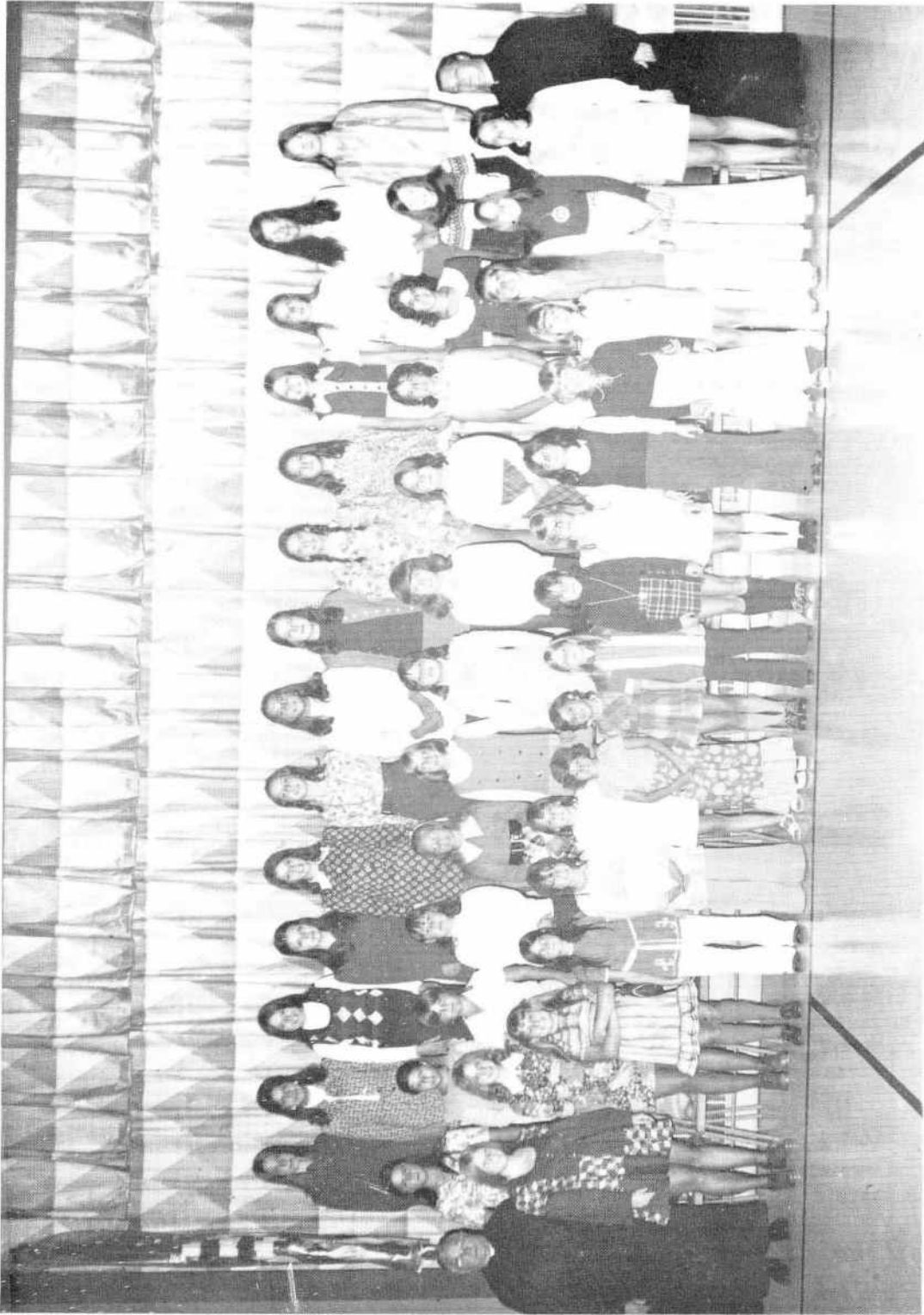
The Children of Mary appreciate the spiritual and moral guidance and inspirations given them by the many zealous priests of the parish, and promise to continue to preserve the spirit that makes the sodality such a strong active organization.

In 1951, as a public act of devotion to our Lady, the Sodality under the guidance of Rev. Zigmund Kwiatkowski introduced the Coronation Ceremony, which is held annually on the first Sunday in May.

The girls chosen as queen for the Coronation were:

1951—Helen Grybosh	1963—Christine Lopata
1952—Helen Zabawa	1964—Janice Nowak
1953—Alice Giza	1965—Betty Nietupski
1954—Dorothy Chwalek	1966—Mary Szarlan
1955—Frances Makowicz	1967—Elaine Szarlan
1956—Alice Workum	1968—Judith Mosio
1957—Jennie Oszuztowicz	1969—Teresa Lentowski
1958—Jane Stachelek	1970—Gloria Jaworski
1959—Joan Nowak	1971—Sandra Przybycien
1960—Lucy Sambor	1972—Marianne Orlik
1961—Barbara Obrzut	1973—Betty Janas
1962—Jean Martowski	

Christ the King Children of Mary and Young Ladies Sodality



Christ the King Men's Guild

When the Christ the King Parish was formally established in 1948, the parish was favored with two active societies of men; St. Stanislaus Society and the Society of Men of Christ the King. In March 1955, a third society, the Holy Name Society was organized. The three separate groups worked zealously and contributed various services for the welfare of the parish. The members launched varied programs and workshops to broaden the religious education of adults and children and sacrificed their time and energy to make the life of others more dignified and happy.

However, time takes its toll, so much so, that the membership of each society was gradually depleted. Conforming to the circumstances, the members of the separate societies decided that the parish would best be served by merging into one strong cohesive group called The Mens' Guild. The first meeting was held Feb. 25, 1969 and Paul Nowak Sr. was elected president pro tem. Since the union, the men have expanded boundless energy and enriched the parish in many ways, contributing generously to its material expansion and spiritual growth.

Present officers of the society are:

Chaplain:

Vice-Chaplain:

President:

1st Vice-President:

2nd Vice-President:

Recording Secretary:

Financial Secretary:

Treasurer:

Directors:

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Rev. Frederick Banas

Henry Leonczyk Sr.

Mitchell Cygan

Michael Kochanek

Paul P. Nowak Sr.

Thaddeus Nowak

Raymond Taylor

Anthony Leonczyk

Charles Czub

Michael Obrzut

Auditors:

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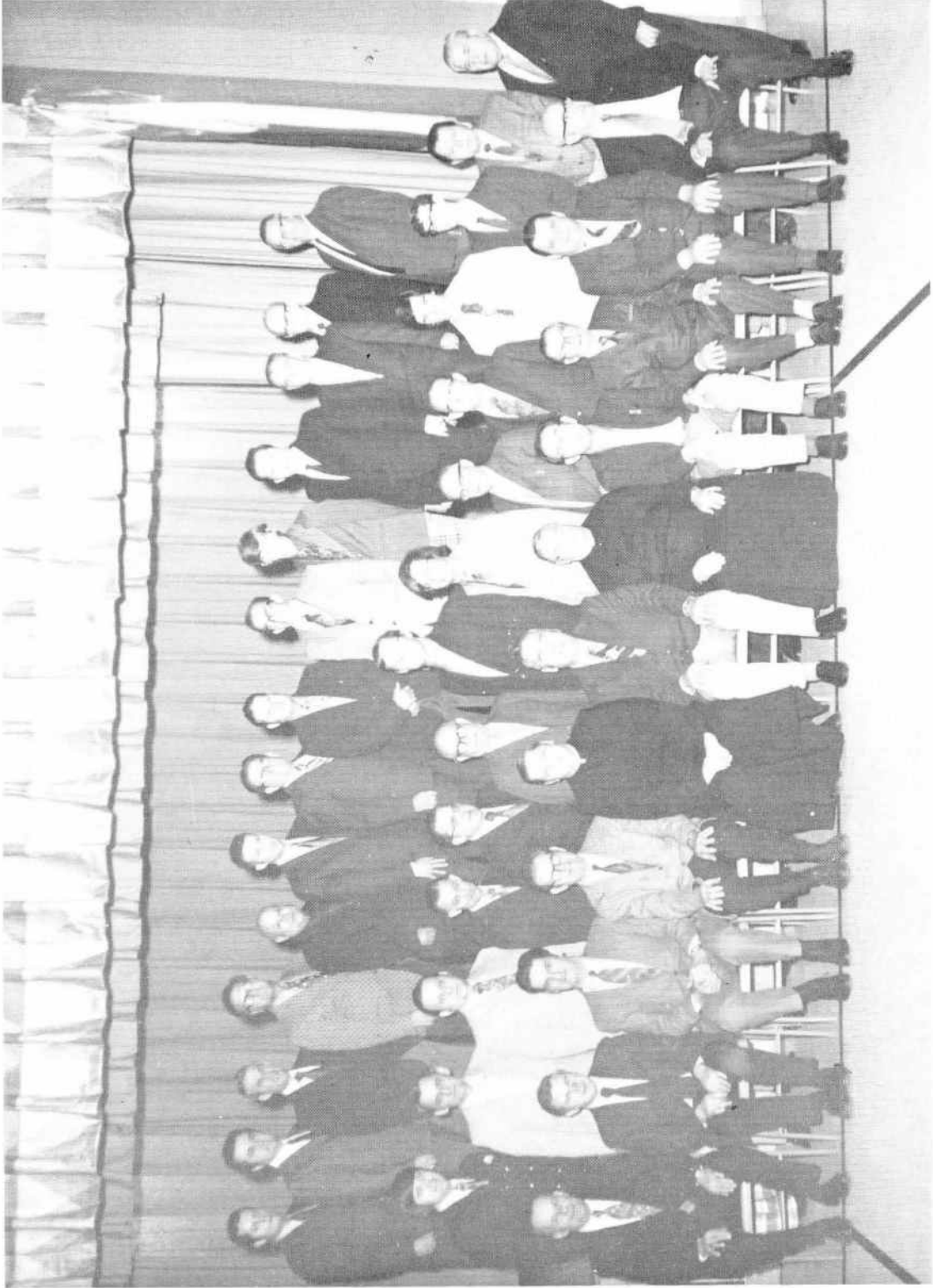
Wallace Przybycien

Sargeant-at-Arms:

Walter (Weber) Nowak

May God bless the members with peace and prosperity. May they always remember their noble ideals!

Christ the King Men's Guild



Christ the King Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Teaching Staff



Seated left to right:

Doris Malek—Grade 10
Rev. Frederick Banas—Grade 12
Rev. Xavier S. Baranowski—Pastor
Ann Gadziala—Grade 4
Christiane Matera—Grade 7

Standing left to right:

Stanley Skura—Grade 9
Raymond Suleski—Grade 8
Casimir Polys—Grade 5
Robert Gove—Grade 6 and 11

Absent when picture was taken

Sophie Drost—Grade 3
Rev. Sister Estelle Marie—Grade 2

Executive Board



Seated left to right:

Helen Bialka—Secretary
Dorothy Lombardi—Apostle of Good Will
Rev. Frederick Banas—Spiritual Advisor
Rev. Xavier S. Baranowski—Pastor
Ann Dill—Discussion Club
Annette Suleski—Parent Education

Standing left to right:

Mitchell Holuk—Ass't. Director
Stanley Skura—Student Attendance
Robert Gove—Director
Raymond Suleski—Helper

**Absent when picture was taken—Mary Szc-
zgiel—Treasurer**

Christ the King Confraternity of Christian Doctrine



On August 20, 1952, a group of eight parishioners met with Rev. Zygmunt Kwiatkowski for the purpose of organizing the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at Christ the King Parish. This group, consisting of Mary Makuch, (now deceased) Helen Bialka, Mary Szczygiel, Mrs. Genevieve Ziemian, Edward Zabawa, Theodore Muszynski, Mrs. Dorothy Pieczarka Lombardi and Walter Ziencina, met weekly thereafter and studied all the aspects of setting up such an organization, and consequently became the first Board of Directors.

The C.C.D. religion program for high school students was initiated formally in Sept. 1952. The first two sessions were held in the small parish hall beneath the church. By Oct. 1952, through the combined effort of all Catholic parishes of Ludlow, the Ludlow School Board gave the Confraternity permission to use the facilities of the Junior High School on Chestnut Street. Students from Christ the King Parish attended the religion classes at this location until the new parish center was completed in 1968. The C.C.D. also sponsored religion classes for the elementary grade students on Saturday mornings. Classes were staggered to accommodate all students in the limited space of the small hall beneath the church and the church proper. From 1954 to 1958 the C.C.D. through the generosity of Dr. Edward Dill and Dr. Stefan Ziemian, offered \$100 Scholarship Awards to the most deserving boy and girl graduate. At present, this award is offered by Rev. Xavier Baranowski to the student of highest scholastic rank.

During the regular meetings, the members were exposed to the sublime truths of the Catholic faith for personal sanctification. The Confraternity sponsored other functions to balance the total development of its members; mainly: A Junior Newman Club for high school students, Labor-Management classes in conjunction with local industries and labor unions. The Confraternity also planned

and ran many social events, such as the Christmas party and record hops for the students. During Catholic Press Month the Confraternity prepared informative and enjoyable displays at the Ludlow Savings Bank and Hubbard Memorial Library. It also maintains the pamphlet rack in the vestibule of the church. Other prominent activities include a Parent-Educator committee that makes personal contacts with new parents. A Discussion Club guided by a member of the clergy enabled the members to share and broaden their personal convictions, reactions, and enthusiasm on various religious topics and moral problems.

Presently the C.C.D. program under the leadership of Robert Gove is academically structured to follow the guidelines recommended by the Second Vatican Council. The primary goal of the Confraternity is to form strong christians and loyal Catholics. Contemporary approaches which parallel the students' normal development of maturity are used. To provide for continuous progress, student records and evaluations have been introduced. The Confraternity leaders concentrate on the students' spiritual needs of today and attempt to prepare him better for the spiritual needs and struggles of tomorrow.

The present Executive Board consists of the following:

Spiritual Director	Rev. Frederick Banas
Lay Director	Robert Gove
Assistant Lay Director	Mitchell Holuk
Secretary	Miss Helen Bialka
Treasurer	Miss Mary Szczygiel
Chairman of Study Clubs	Mrs. Anne Dill
Chairman of Parent-Educators	Mrs. Annette Suleski
Chairman of Apostles of Good Will	Mrs. Dorothy Lombardi
Chairman of Fishers	Stanley Skura
Chairman of Helpers	Raymond Suleski

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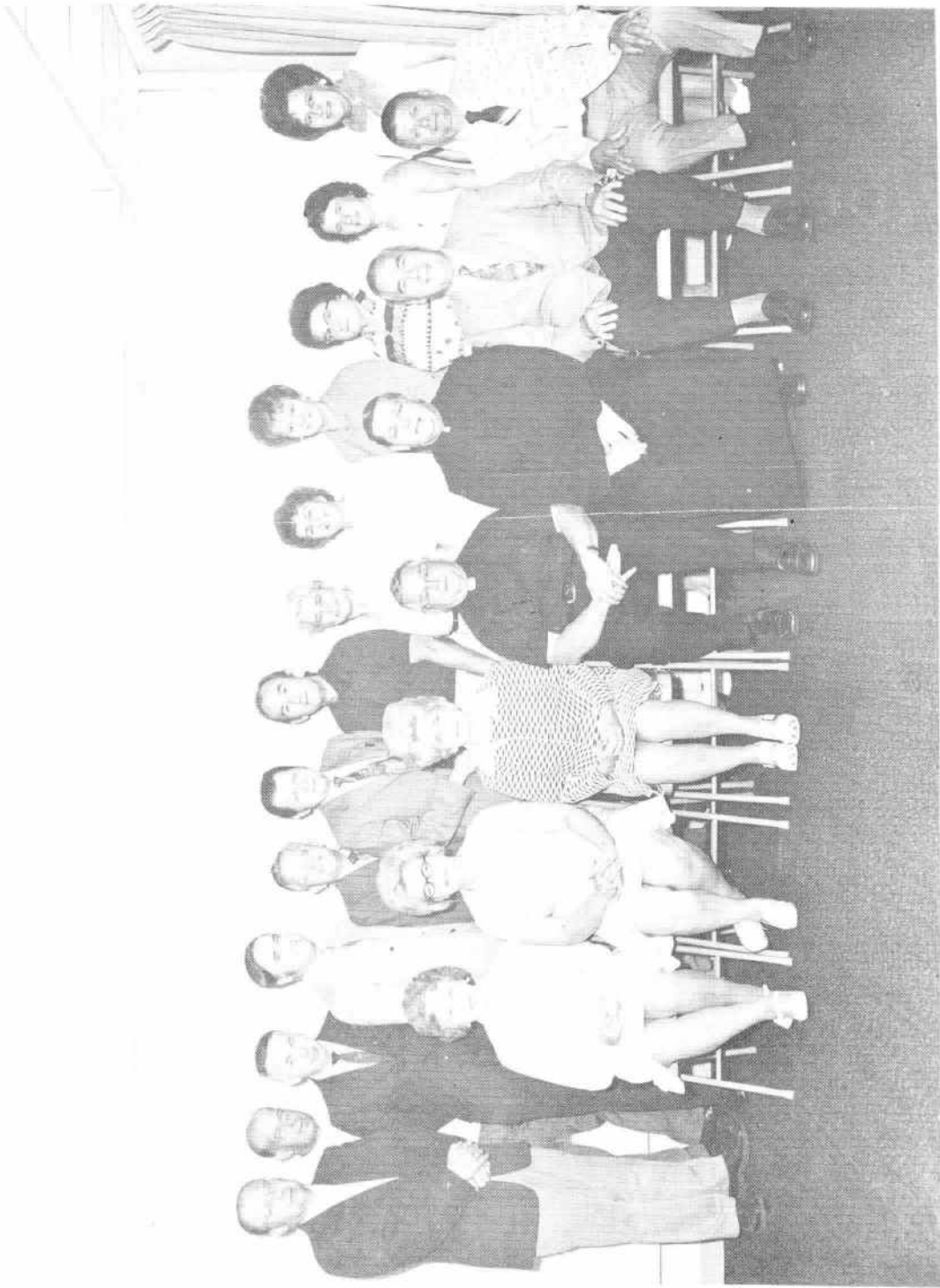
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Parish Social Committee



Left to right-Bottom Row 1: Mary Szlosek, Irene Gula, Rev. Xavier S. Baranowski, Rev. Frederick Banas, Nellie Jajuga, Anthony Leonczyk
Row 2: Ann Hudyka, Rose Rozkuszka, Barbara Shea, Helen Nowak, Helen Sorcinelli, Stella Prystupa, Helen Podosek
Row 3: Henry Leonczyk, Casimir Martowski, Sator Peczka, Bernice Vautrain, Mitchell Cygan
Absent when photo was taken: Helen Sroka, Jean Lysik, Walter Nowak, Victoria Szarlan, Victoria Marshall, Michael Obrzut, Ann Kilian, Thaddeus Tenerowicz, Joanne O'Brien, Charles Czub, Louis Dryjowicz, Walter Barszewski, Grace Tetreault.

Christ the King Parish Council



Christ the King Athletic Association

Christ the King Athletic Association was organized in April 1953 to promote social and athletic activities in the parish. One of the founders and organizers of the association was Rev. Sigmund Kwiatkowski who recognized the need of supervised recreation for younger girls and boys. The athletic association received strong support from the late Rev. John Mieczkowski, Rev. W. Peter Piotrowski, Rev. John Koonz, our present pastor Rev. Xavier Baranowski and Rev. Frederick Banas.

Through the years these men have volunteered their time and services:

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John Campion
Stan Halgas
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Present officers of the athletic association are:
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Vice-President David Shea
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Treasurer John Campion

Coaches:

John Clough
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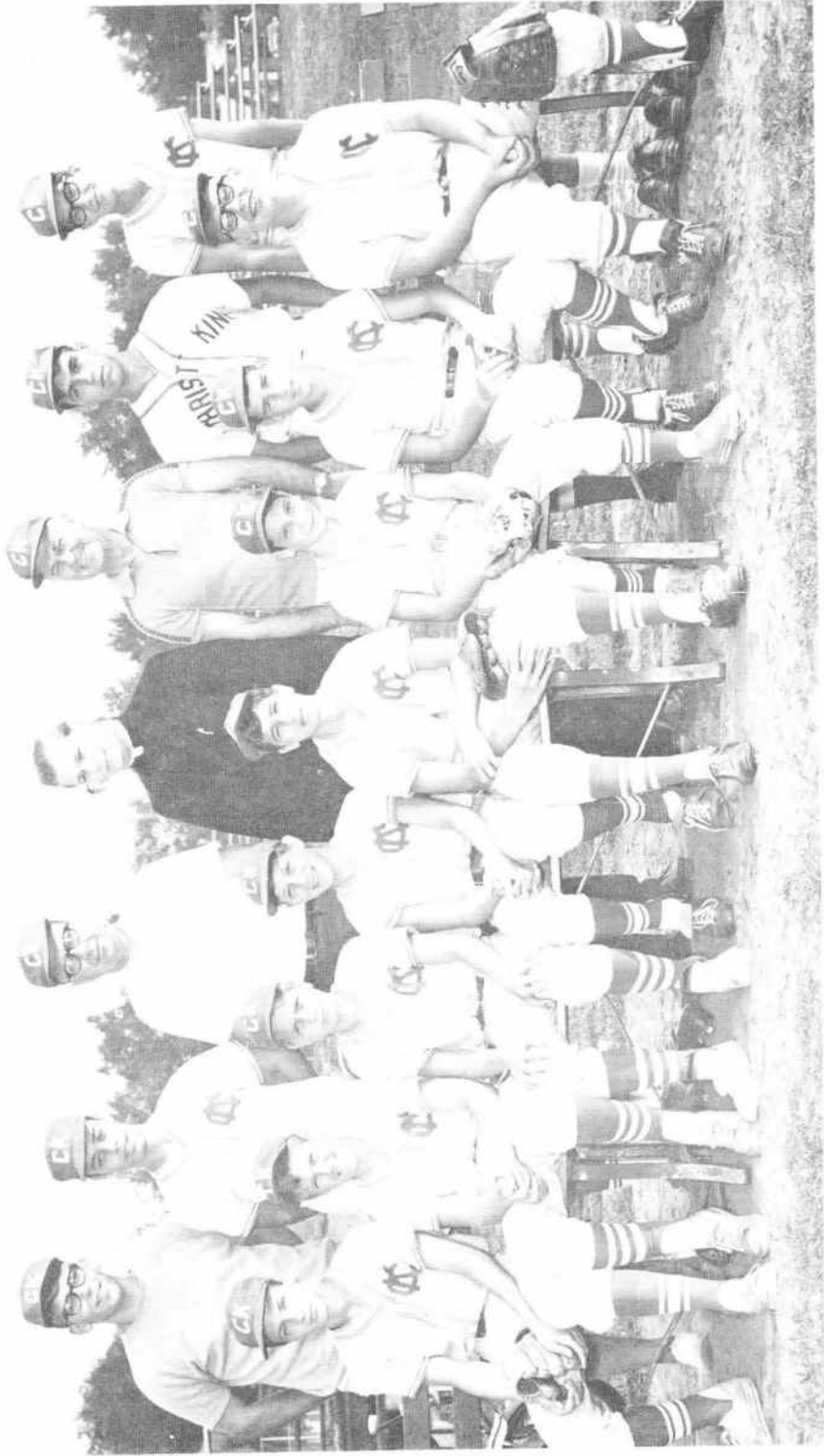
Edward Mucha
Paul Nowak Jr.
Larry Ostrowski
Bill Romaniak
Raymond Taylor
Stanley Zielinski

Helpers and advisors:

Stanley Skowronek
John Lewicki
Bill Kolodziej

The parish and community is blessed with stronger Christians and better citizens because of the efforts of these dedicated men.

Christ the King Baseball Team

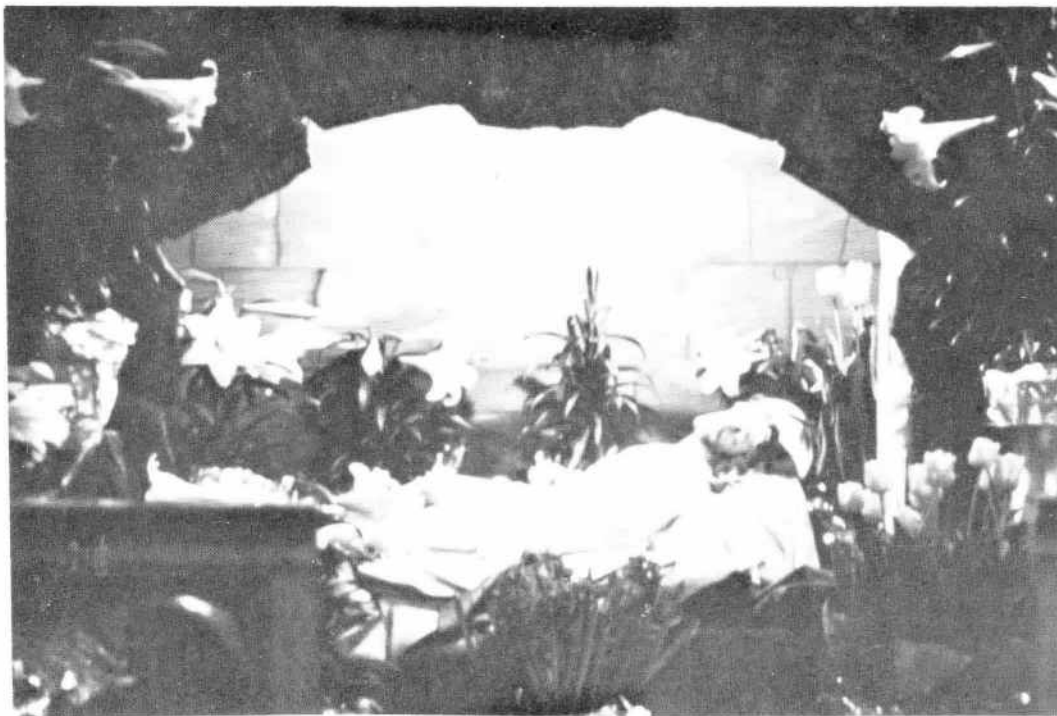


Christmas - Overall Interior





Christmas



Easter

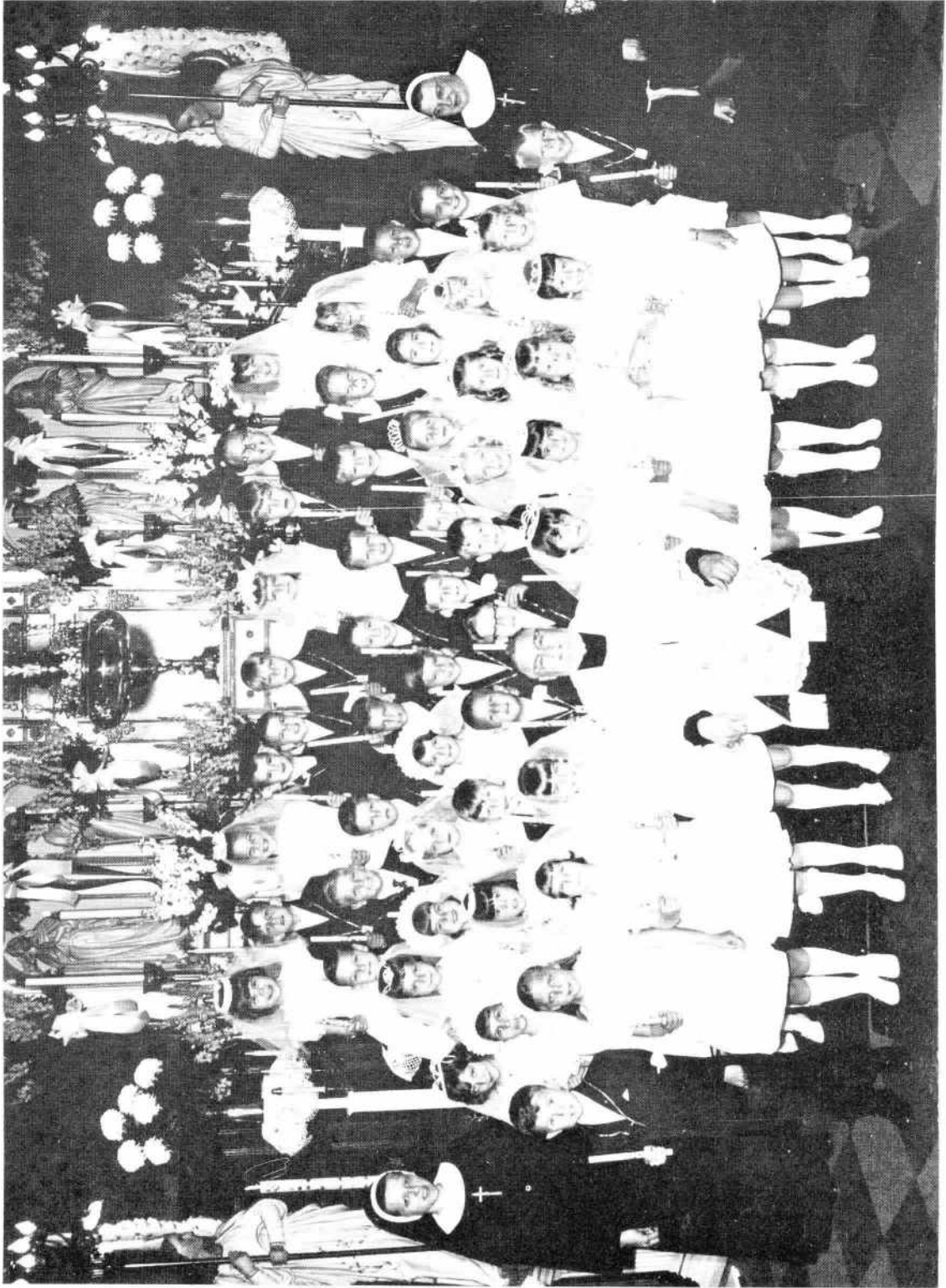


Easter

Christmas



First Communion



May Coronation



May Coronation - Small Altar



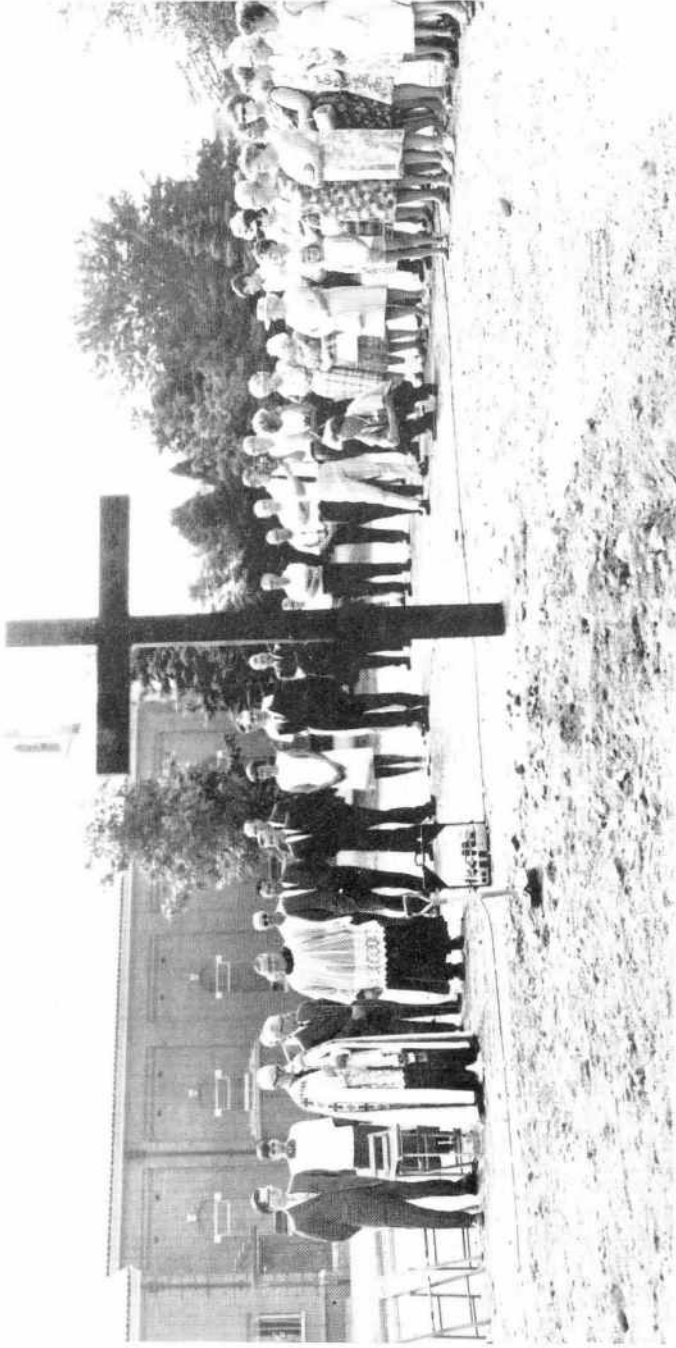
May Coronation - Overall Interior



Christmas Party



*Blessing of Grounds
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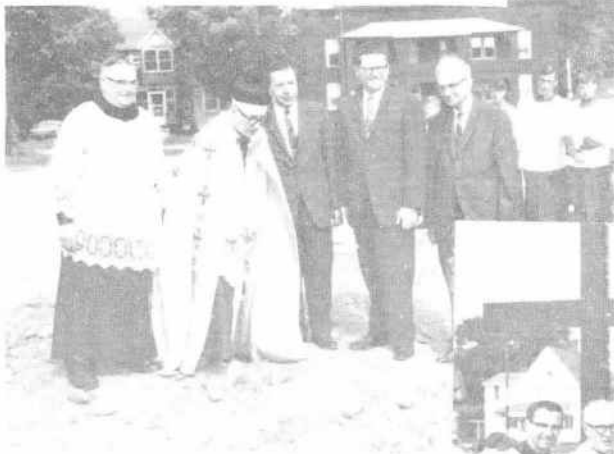
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Dedication of New Center



September 29, 1968

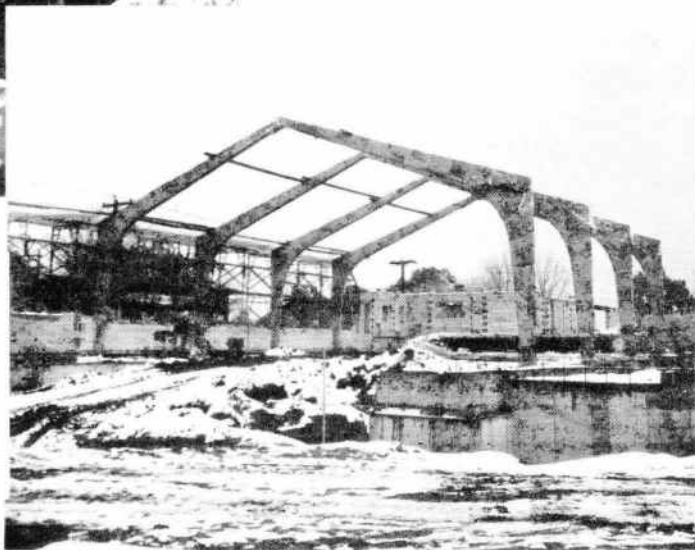
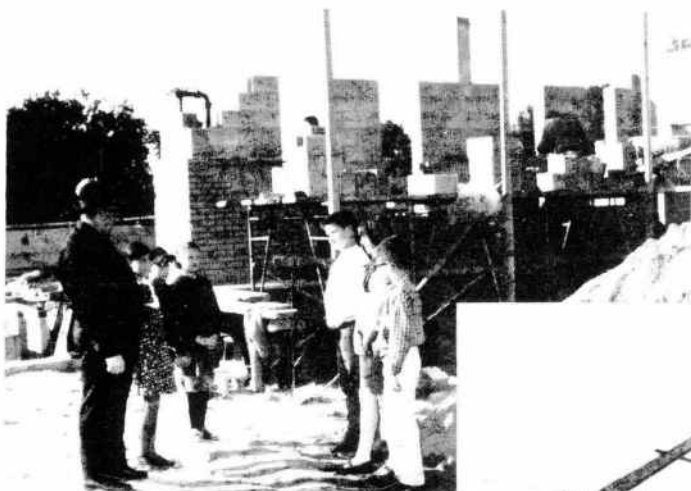
Signing of Contract



Construction Progress



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PROGRAM FOR BANQUET

Inovocation by the Bishop

Dinner Music

Joseph Leonczyk

Banquet

President of the Council presents the Master of ceremonies

Henry Leonczyk

Introduction of Clergy and guest priests

Rev. Monsignor Charles Chwalek, Speaker

Presentation of Checks from Societies

Bishops speech

Presentation of flowers to the Bishop from Pres. of Children of Mary

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Bishop's Secretary

Assistant Master of Ceremonies

Rev. Frederick Banas

Lector

Assistant Pastor Christ the King Church

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Mr. Robert Gove

Gift Bearers

Most Rev. Bishop Christopher J. Weldon DD

Fruit Basket

Mrs. Mary Szlosek

Chalice

Mrs. Anna Trusz

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Mr. Henry Leonczyk

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Irene Gula

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Robert Gadziala, Chairman

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Ludlow Polish Womens Citizens Club History

The Ludlow Polish Women's Citizens' Club was organized on October 28, 1930. Mrs. Joseph Sarad was the first president of the group whose aims were two-fold: Aiding non-citizens in becoming American citizens; and taking part in civic and charitable projects.

A resume of the club's forty-two year history shows a record of great achievement in the many projects undertaken through the years.

The club has donated two statues to the Church of Christ the King, and has contributed to its building fund. The Ludlow Hospital received contributions toward surgical instruments; and two rooms in the new Ludlow Hospital were equipped by contributions from the club.

During the war years members did sewing and knitting for the American Red Cross; took part in fund raising and bond drives, and many other civilian defense activities. Poland's war victims were aided with shipments of medicine, food and clothing.

A contribution was made to the building fund of the new Polish American Citizens' Clubrooms. And as conditions warrant, donations are also made to the various annual fund drives, such as, the Heart Fund, Cancer Drive, the Missions, and the Hyde Park Orphanage in Boston.

The club has been an active member of the Polish American Congress-Western Massachusetts Branch, the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs, and the Tri-Town Scholarship Association, which comprises of the towns of Ludlow, Wilbraham and Indian Orchard.

Other past activities of the club include participation in local and out of town parades, Memorial Day services, excursions to the United Nations Building in New York City, Roosevelt's Home in Hyde Park, New York; concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, pianist Witold Malcuzyński, and the Boston Krakowiak Dance group; Federation Fashion Shows and Exhibits at the Boston Public Library; and a trip to the National Shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa at Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Through the years, six Ludlow girls whose families were connected with the Club, have been recipients of the Federation scholarships awarded for college and graduate school level. Ludlow recipients have been the Misses Mary Bocon, Irene Tenerowicz, Wilhemina Pianowski, Elizabeth Lemek, Rosemary Barszcz, and Elaine Frydryk.

The year 1960 was a busy one for the Ludlow Polish Women's Club when it joined with other Ludlow Polish groups, and the Christ the King Parish, in the observance of Poland's Millennium and Poland's embracing of Christianity. Sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Division of the Polish American Congress, the observance activities centered in Springfield and included a Pageant at Cathedral High School, the publication of a souvenir program book, Te Deum Services at St. Michael's Cathedral, a banquet at the Sheraton-Kimball, and a gigantic parade featuring 24 bands, 20 floats and 6000 marchers. The Ludlow High School Band and Majorettes, with Mr. Al Strohman directing, led the Ludlow contingent which included along with the Polish Organizations, the Ludlow Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

Ludlow's Float depicted a sad fragment of Polish history: That of Poland enslaved.

Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon, Bishop of Springfield, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Wieloch of Indian-Orchard, were honorary chairmen of the area committee, and Rev. John Mieczkowski, Pastor of Christ the King Church, was honorary chairman of the Ludlow committee, which was composed of representatives of all church and civic groups. Local co-chairmen were Mrs. Stanley Zielinski and Mr. Paul Nowak; recording secretary, Mrs. Bronislaus Szlosek; treasurer, Mr. Stanley Slosek; publicity, Miss Mary Szczygiel; Co-chairmen of the Float committee, Mrs. Andrew Kawecki and Mr. Walter Nowak, with Rev. Richard Riendeau serving as Art Adviser.

Presidents of the club since its inception include: Mrs. Joseph Sarad, Mrs. Victor Zabek, Mrs. Ludwik Hadro, Mrs. Walter Swiatlowski, Miss Mary Szczygiel, Mrs. Walter Markiewicz, Mrs. Walter Rozkuszka, Mrs. Casimer Martowski, Mrs. Stanley Zielinski, and Mrs. Andrew Kawecki.

Current Officers are: President, Mrs. Andrew Kawecki; Vice-president, Mrs. Walter Lewicki; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bronislaw Szlosek; Financial Secretary, Miss Mary Szczygiel; and Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Bochnia.

Observance of 1000 Year



From left to right: Front row, Theresa Matthews, Angela Dombek, Sandy Strycharz, Mark Giza, Mary Nowak, Susan Nietupski, Patricia Marczyk, Donna Boduch, Susan Strycharz, Cheryl Labelle, Eugene Adamczyk, Debbie Adamczyk. Second row, Mrs. Adela Lysik, Mrs. Anna Wajda, Mrs. Nancy Giza, Evelyn Watras, Carol Przybycien, Mrs. Valerie Szarlau, Debra Lysik, Mrs. Margaret Obrzut, Mrs. Sally Couture, Mrs. Jean Strycharz, Janice Nowak, Christine Lopata, Anna Lopata, Mrs. Anna Lopata, and Miss Mary Szczygiel.

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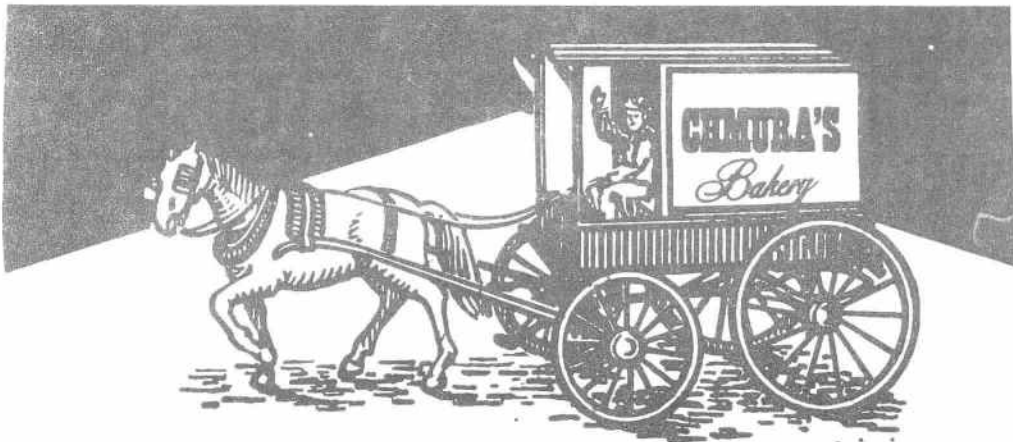
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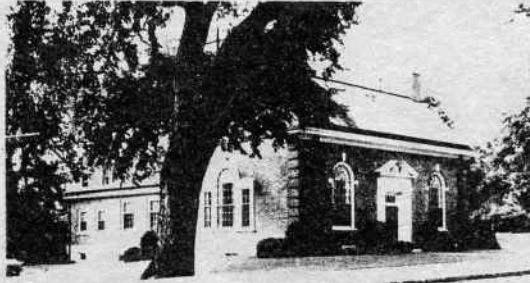
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