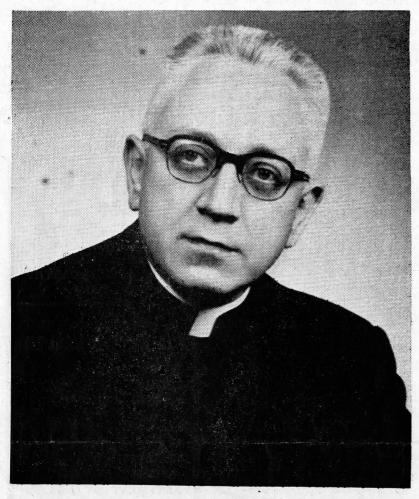
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First Pastor of Parish of Saint Albert the Great

The First Pastor of the parish of Saint Albert the Great is the Reverend Leo J. DePlaunty. Father DePlaunty was born in Bay County on March 1, 1911. He received his grade school education in the neighborhood of his birth. He attended Saint Michael High School in Flint for one year after which he entered Sacred Heart Seminary.

After completing his High School and College Course at Sacred Heart Seminary in June of 1932, he entered Mount Saint Mary Seminary of the West, in Norwood, Ohio in September of the same year. After four years of Theological study in that institution, Father DePlaunty was ordained to the Priesthood on June 7, 1936.

The first assignment of the newly-ordained priest was as assistant Pastor of Saint Matthew Parish on the East Side of Detroit. On January 3, 1938, Archbishop Mooney transferred him to the post of Assistant Pastor of Saint Mary of Redford parish, Detroit. After five years, he was transferred to a similar post at Saint Gabriel, Detroit. In 1947, Father DePlaunty was made Assistant Pastor of Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Saint Clair Shores, from where he was transferred to Saint Charles Parish in Detroit. This Post he occupied until in June of this year, Edward Cardinal Mooney, the Archbishop of Detroit, appointed him to the newly created parish of Saint Albert the Great to be its' first Pastor.

Father DePlaunty, the first pastor of Saint Albert the Great Parish, resides at 5130 Pardee road, Dearborn, Michigan. His telephone number is LOgan 3-6550.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering envelopes will be distributed so that every parishioner can begin to use them on the First Sunday of October of this year. At present, many parishioners are useing the envelopes that they received from their former parishes

Just cross off the name of your former parish, and write in the name of your present parish: Saint Albert the Great. For example, we are grateful to the pastor of Saint Sabastian Parish, because parishioners using their old envelopes when attending Mass there, have crossed out the old Parish's name and inserted the name of their new parish. Such envelopes and their contents have been turned over to the parish of Saint Albert the Great.

The Sunday Offering envelope identifies the fact of your fulfilling the obligation of supporting your own parish. But over and above that it also identifies the fact that you were at Mass on Sunday, to which knowledge your Pastor is equally entitled. Consequently your Sunday Offering Envelope is a necessity in every day parochial life.

To determine who is qualified to receive full parochial service in justice, it is necessary for the Pastor to have the above - mentioned information. Consequently, when you receive your Sunday Offering envelope, please use it intelligently and be a full-fledged member of the parish.

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A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF OUR PATRON SAINT

Albert, called the great, because of his extraordinary learning, was born in Suabia, in Lauingen on the Danube, and very carefully educated from boyhood. To further his higher studies he left his native country and went to Padua.

At the urging of blessed Jordan, master general of the Order of Preachers, he asked admission into the family of Dominic. His uncle protested quite futilely. Albert was elected to membership among the brethren. Dedicated in all things to God, he was conspicuous for his piety, his strict observance of the rule, and especially for his tender and filial devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Always before study he spent some time in prayer.

After his profession of apostolic religion, he so regulated his schedule of life that he became an accomplished preacher of the word of God and an efficient instrument for the salvation of souls. Soon the Order sent Albert to complete his studies at Cologne, where he made such progress in every branch of secular science that he surpassed all his contemporaries in scholarship and achievement. In the meantime, as Alexander IV testifies, he drank so deeply of the health-giving waters of doctrine, sprung forth from the fountain of the divine law, that his soul was flooded with their abundance.

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That others might share the rich treasure of his learning, Albert was appointed professor at Hildesheim, then Freiburg, Ratisbon and Strasburg secessively. He became the marvel of all. During the period when he taught sacred theology in the famous university of Paris, he became world-famous, and received the degree of Master of Theology.

Examining the teachings of pagan philosophers in the light of sound reason, he demonstra-ted clearly that they were in fundamental accord with the tenets of the faith. He expounded most brilliantly the thesis on the extent of the power of human understanding to comprehend divine myster-

How great was his genius, how brilliant his intellect, how zealously he applied himself to study until he had become learned in every branch of scholarship, especially sacred theology, is best shown by his numerous writings. These encompass every known subject. Albert returned to Cologne to become president of the university conducted by his order.

He was so successful that he became ever more widely acknowledged as an authority by the schools; his reputation for learning increased. Among his pupils was his beloved Thomas Aquinas. Albert was first to recognize and acclaim the greatness of that intellect. He had a deep devotion towards the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and composed some magnificent works upon it. He also pointed out wider fields for the study of the mystical things of the soul. He succeeded so well the zeal of this great master spread far and wide in the church.

Amid so many very important duties Albert shone as an exemplar of the religious life His brethren, therefore, selected him to be prior of the German province. He summoned to Anagni, in the presence of the supreme pontiff, Alexander IV to refute that villian who

had been impiously and arrogantly attacking the mendicant orders. Soon after this, the Pope appointed Albert, bishop of Ratisbon.

As Bishop, Albert devoted himself almost entirely to the care of his flock. Yet he retained meticulously his humility and love of poverty. Up to the time he resigned his see, Albert was prompt and energetic in fulfilling the duties of his episcopal office. He ministered to the spiritual needs of souls throughout Germany and the neighboring provinces. He was careful that the advice he gave to those who sought his counsels was wise and salutary. So prudent was he in settling disputes that at Cologne he was called the peacemaker.

From far distant places, prelates and princes invited him to act as an arbiter to resolve differences. Saint Louis, king of France, presented him with some relics of the sacred passion of Christ, and Albert cherished them devoutly all his days.

In the second Council of Lyons he was instrumental in bringing to a successful conclusion several weighty matters. He taught until he was worn out with age. His last days were spent in holy contemplation.

In the year 1280 he entered into the joys of his Lord. By the authority of the Roman pontiffs, the honors of the altar had long since been conferred upon Albert in many dioceses and in the Order of Preachers, when Pius XI, gladly accepting the recommendations of the Congregation of Rites, extended his feast to the universal Church and conferred upon him the title, Doctor.

HIS FEAST IS CELEBRATED ON NOVEMBER 15.

NUPTIALS

United in the Bonds of Matrimony were these couples of the parish of Saint Albert the Great:

1.-Kenneth Walter Buckley and Shirley Pauline Rocheleau were married July 23, 1955, in Saint Sebastian Church.

-Richard Stanley Gaber and Corrine Marjorie Burkheiser, were married August 13, 1955 in St. Sebastian Church.

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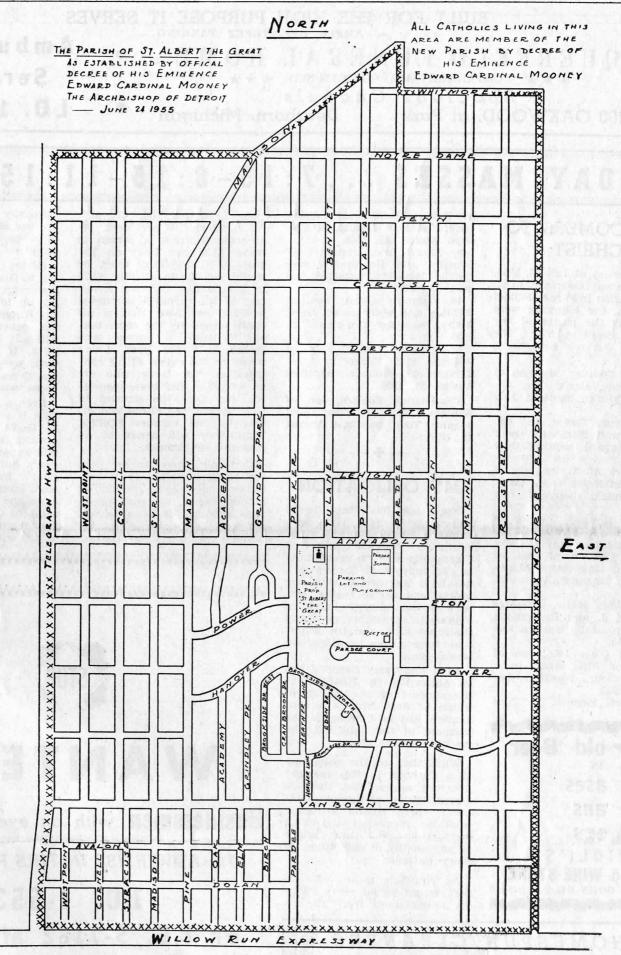
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NEWCOMERS TO CHRIST

Since the day of July 17, 1955, when Mass was celebrated in St. Albert's parish in Pardee School Auditorium, the following were baptized by the pastor of the parish of Saint Albert the Great, in Saint Sebastian's Church:

1.—Peter Stanley, the son of William and Valeria (nee: Ciszewicz) Tylutki, baptized July

2.—Lawrence Grant, the son of Lucas and Elizabeth (nee: Isham) Haggard, baptized July 17, 1955.

3.—Robert Allen, the son of Norbert and Eryka (nee: Davidowicz) Butski, baptized July 24, 1955.

4.-John Howard, the son of John and Rosanne (nee: Hicks) Kearney, baptized July 31, 1955.

5.-Ronald Joseph, son of Donald and Mary (nee: Engleman) Fry, baptized August 7,

6.-Kathleen Marie, daughter of Richard J. and Rosemonda (nee: Olson) Hall, baptized August 7, 1955.

7.-Mark Charles, son of Charles and Rose Marie (nee: Butler) Jabour, baptized August 14, 1955. 8.—Robert Eugene, Jr., son

old Beer ases VIOLI'S **BEER & WINE STORE** 19054 VAN BORN RD. LO. 2-5910 of Robert Eugene and Irene (nee: Walter) Coogan, baptized August 21, 1955.

9.—Laura Ann, daughter of Ormsby and Rosemary (nee: Curtis) Wharton, baptized August 14, 1955.

10.—Timothy John, son of William and Mary (nee: Jean) Reilly, baptized August 21,

11.—George Emery, son of William and Elizabeth (nee: Kirkeszner) Kuhary, baptized August 21, 1955.

12.—Patrick Edward, son of William J. and Gertrude (nee: Seguin) Toop, baptized August 21, 1955.

MY OBLIGATION

Much ink has been spread and many words have been mouthed on the subject of obligation of Church Support. The Commandment: "to contribute to the support of the Pastor", has been interpreted with the widest latitude. In reality, this is a commandment just as binding in conscience as "Thou shalt not kill", and the others that were given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Each and every Catholic has an obligation IN JUSTICE to the support of the parish in which he lives. This is an obligation just as binding as the payment of the light bill, the gas bill and the grocer.

What then in the obligation of a Catholic in this matter? Everyone agrees that there is a great variety of incomes. Certainly there should be some equitable means of Church Support so that there might be an equality of obligation for every Catholic.

An equitable means of support, would be for every Catholic to contribute freely the income from one hour of gainful employment per week. As an example, were a person to make \$3.25 per hour on the basis of a forty-hour week, he would contribute exactly \$3.25 in his Sunday Offering envelope. If his earnings amounted to \$6.25 per hour that is his contribution. By the same token, if there is anyone who makes \$1.75 per hour, that would be the extent of his contribution. For those who are on Salary, it has been suggested, they take the amount of their weekly pay check and divide by the number FORTY. Thus, they will arrive at an equitable settlement.

Certainly there is no need for bazaars, raffles, seat collections, and like means of raising money, to meet the financial demands of a parish; whether that parish is just beginning or well established.

Certainly the few of a parish, are not obligated to the MANY of a parish, as so frequently happens.

Giving to the Church is giving to God. As you sew, so shall you reap. Now is the time to lay up for yourselves riches in the Kingdom of Heaven. If you are generous with God, God will not be outdone in generosity. If you are stingy with God, you cannot expect, much less demand, that God be generous with you.

Even a cup of cold water (if that is all you can give) given in God's name will have its reward. But in fairness to every fellow parishioner, a consistent every Sunday giving of one hour's income per week and that given conscientiously will certainly be pleasing in the sight of God and He will bless you abundantly for this matter of Conscience.



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