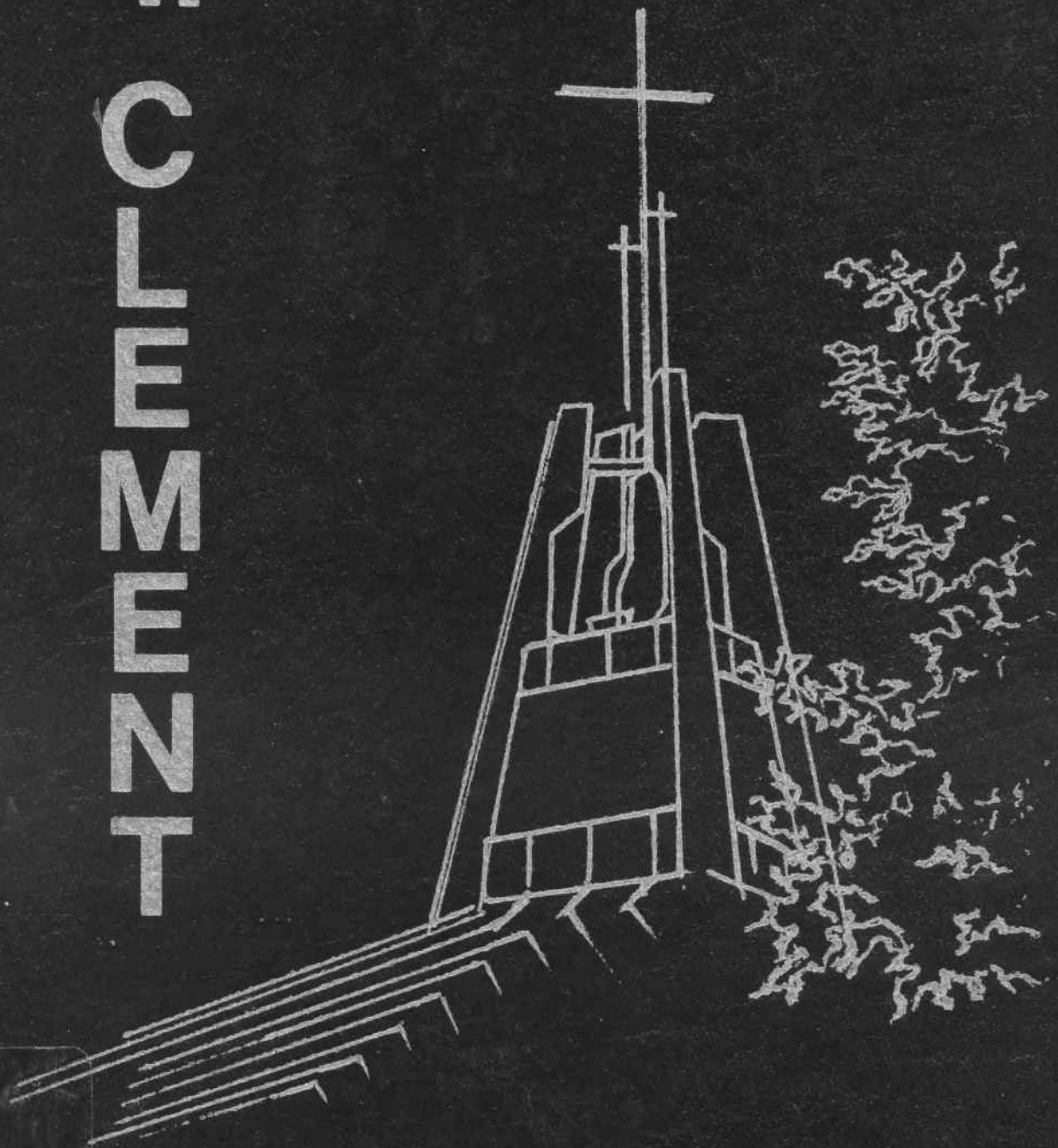


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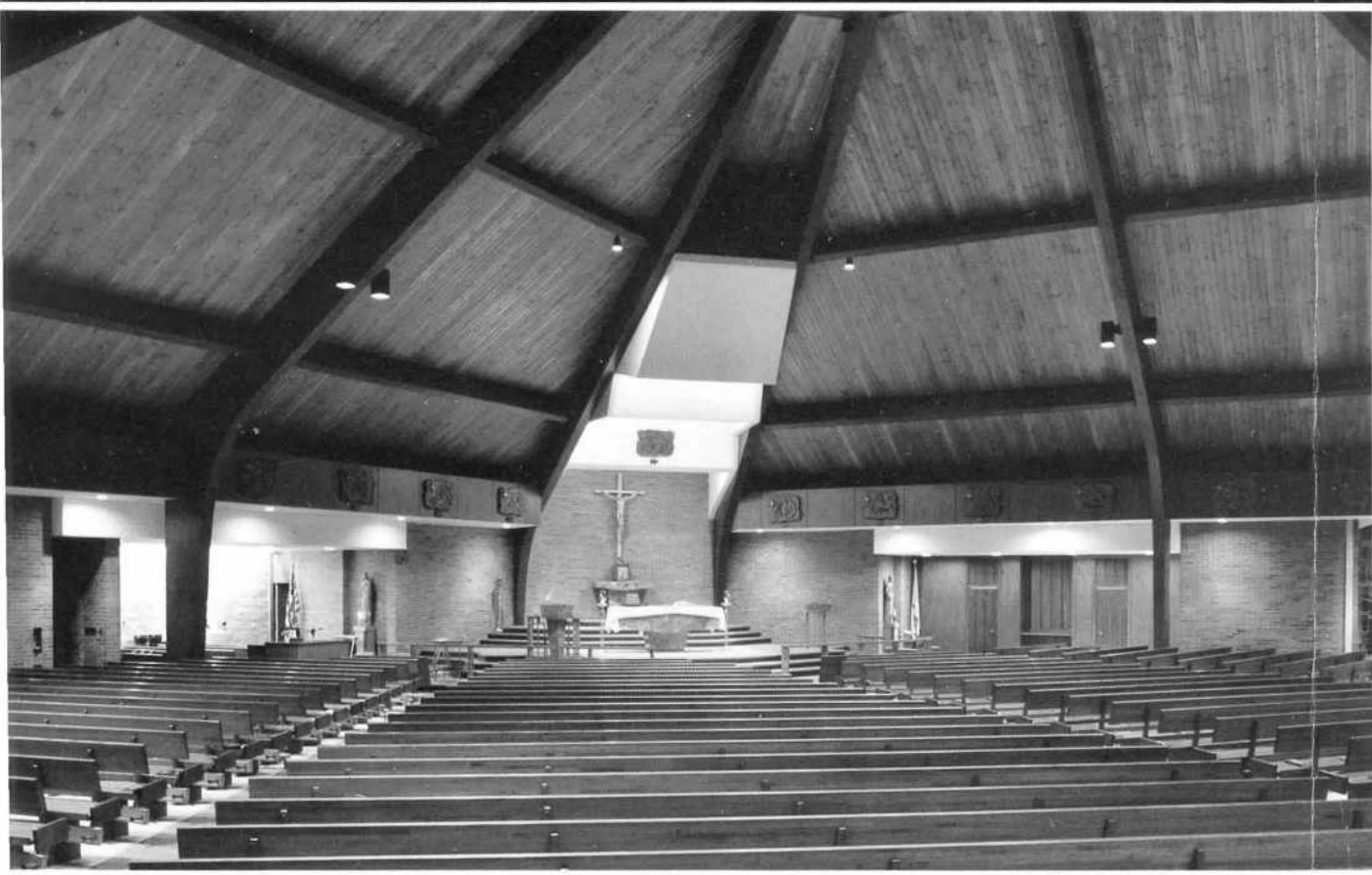
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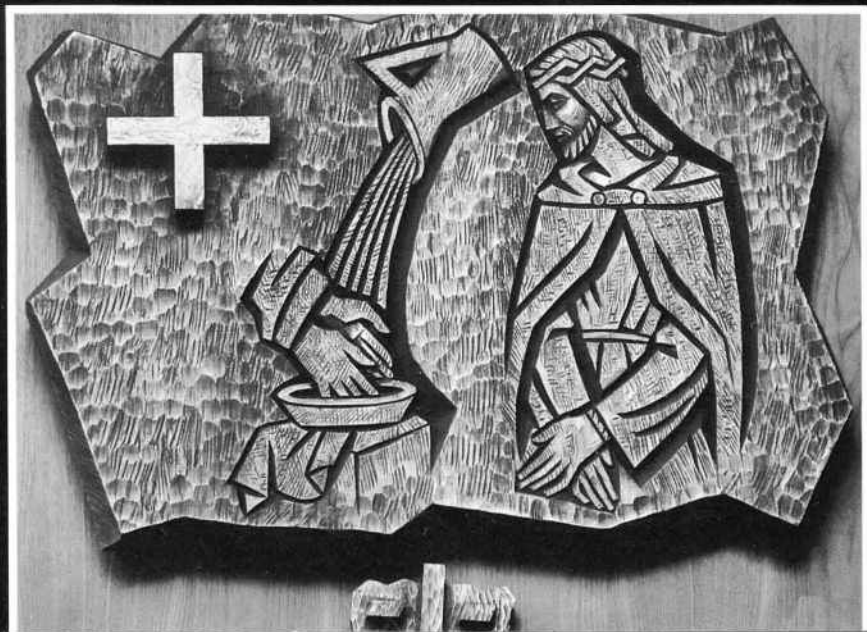
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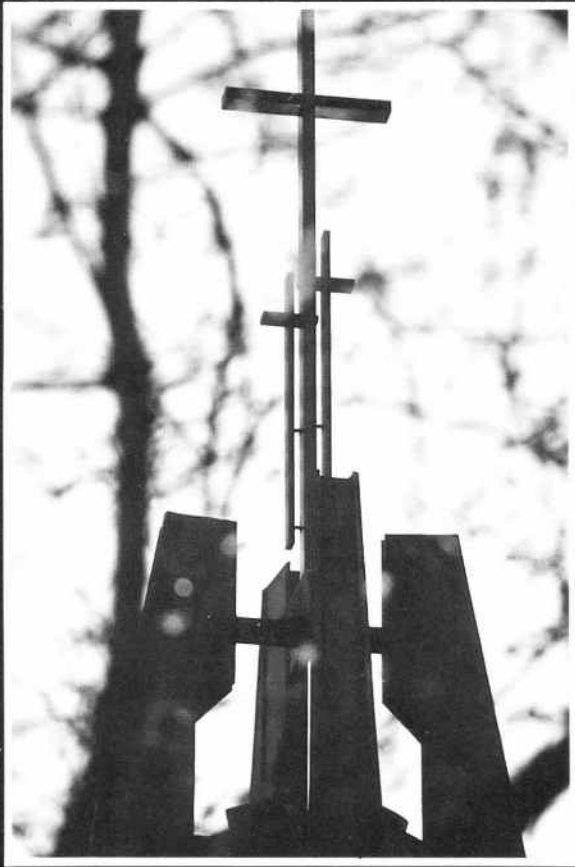


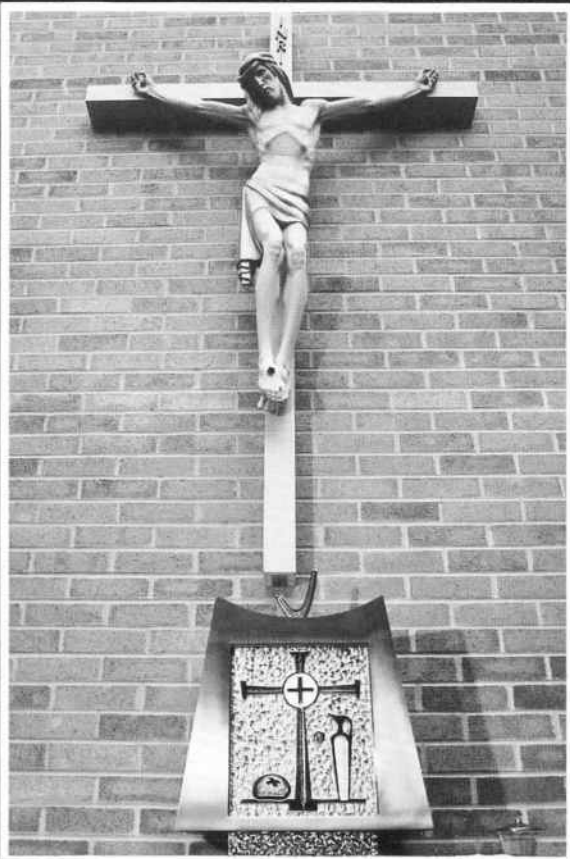
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St. Clement, Our Patron



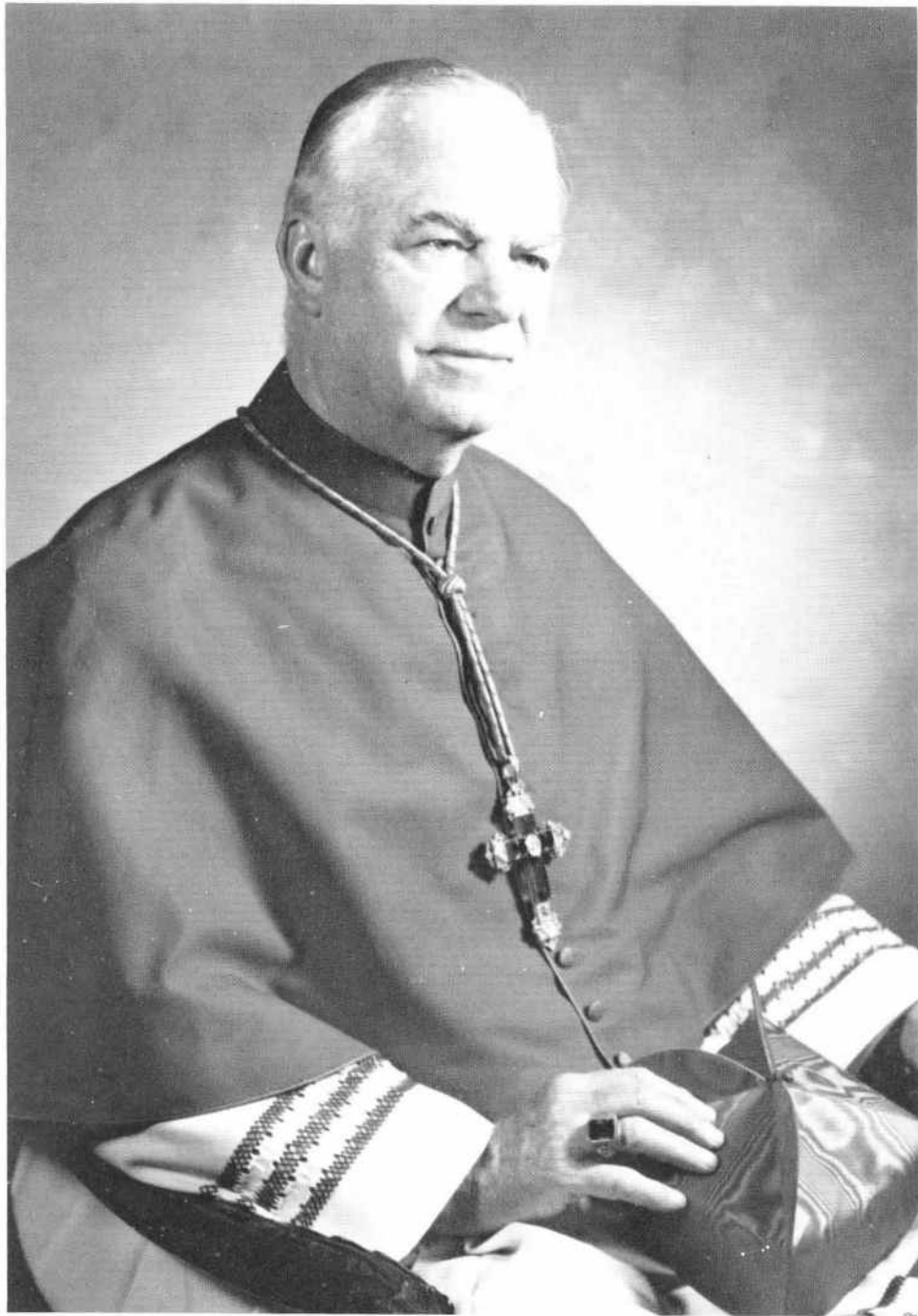
Though a Roman by birth, St. Clement was of Jewish extraction, a convert of Sts. Peter and Paul. Legends tend to blur verifiable data of his life, but two facts are undisputed: he was the third pope after St. Peter; and he wrote a lengthy letter to the Corinthians. The Corinthian Church was torn by internal struggles; Clement urged reconciliation so convincingly that peace and order were restored. St. Clement is believed to have died a martyr's death in the year 100. Since he is our patron, we have a claim on his protection and intercession.

Excerpt from St. Clement's Epistle to the Corinthians

He who has love in Christ must observe the commandments of Christ. Love unites us with God; love covers a multitude of sins; love endures everything, is long-suffering to the last; there is nothing vulgar, nothing conceited, in love; love creates no schism; love does not quarrel; love preserves perfect harmony. In love all the elect of God reached perfection, apart from love nothing is pleasing to God. In love the Master took us to Himself. Because of the love which He felt for us, Jesus Christ Our Lord gave His Blood for us by the will of God, His body for our bodies, and His soul for our souls.

His Holiness
Pope Paul VI





His Eminence John F. Dearden, D.D.

Archbishop of Detroit



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November 5, 1976

Dear Father Porcari:

I am pleased that you brought to my attention the forthcoming celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of St. Clement's parish in Dearborn.

What you are planning for St. Clement's parish as it prepares to celebrate fifty years of existence is very much worthwhile. I know that it will be primarily an action of thanksgiving for abundant blessings received.

I welcome the opportunity of this writing to express to you and to the parish community my cordial good wishes and my personal congratulations on this memorable occasion.

Certainly, St. Clement's parish has under God much to be proud of. It has had over the years a tradition of strong faith, a vibrant parish spirit, and evident joy in the things that lead us to God. And I know that, as the parish and its friends unite in a special action of prayer, they will ask God in His goodness to continue to make St. Clement's parish abidingly faithful to its mission in the Church.

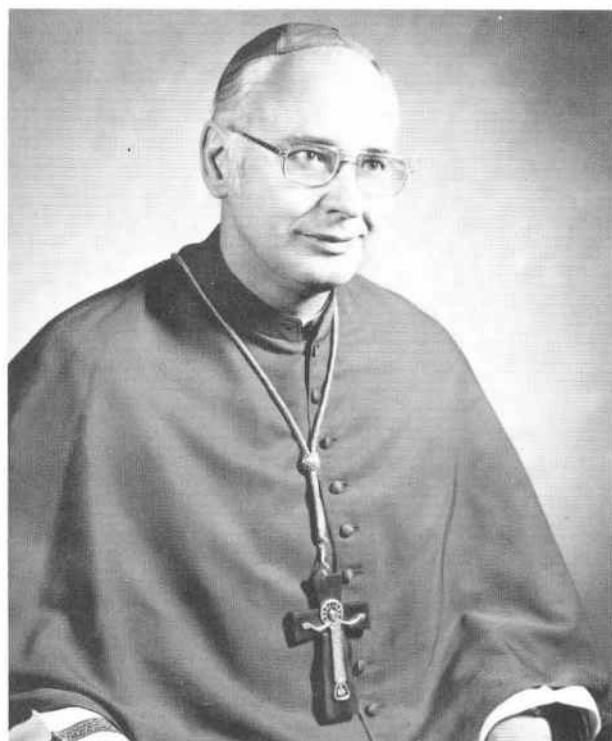
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John Card. Starden
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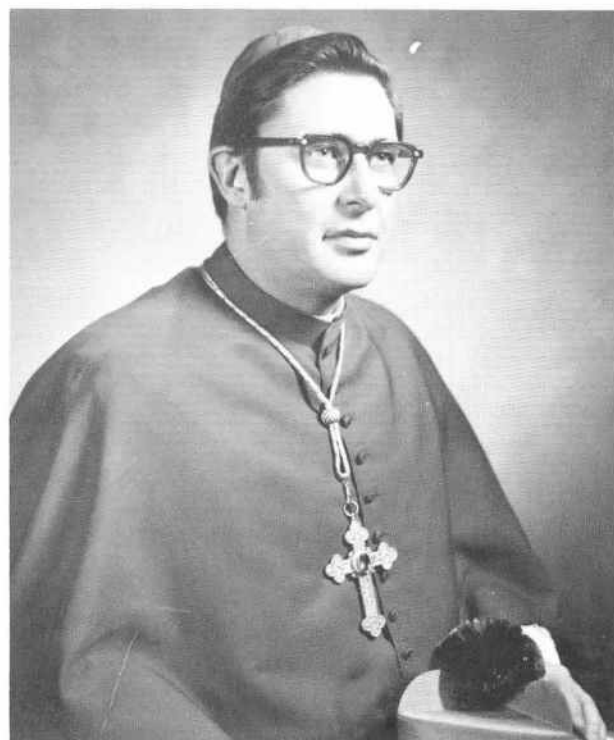
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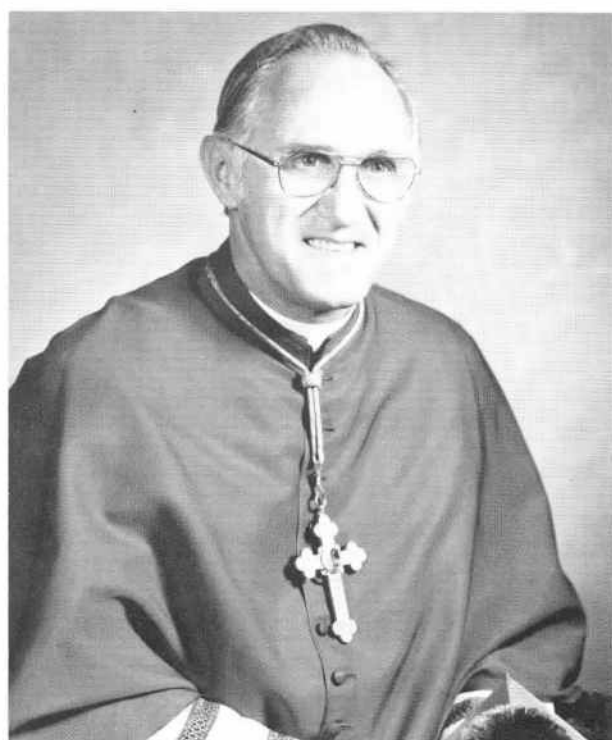
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Feast of St. Clement, 1976

Dear Parishioners,

The 50th Anniversary of St. Clement Parish is indeed a time to rejoice and celebrate and give thanks to Almighty God for the countless blessings He has bestowed upon our parish.

It is a time, too, to express our gratitude to the many priests and religious who have dedicated their time and talents in service to our people. Special thanks are due to the pioneers of our church; without their steadfast faith, determined efforts and untiring labors, there would be no St. Clement Parish.

On this happy occasion, I congratulate you for all you have accomplished in the last fifty years. Your generosity is a source of pride; your charity toward the poor is a glorious chapter in our history; your concern for the missions of the Church is a sign of growth and Christian maturity. I congratulate you for your growth in prayer life, the frequent reception of the Sacraments, and above all, your great love for Holy Mass.

For these reasons and many more, this book is dedicated to you as a permanent record of your material and spiritual growth and achievements.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Ernest M. Porcari

Rev. Ernest M. Porcari,
Pastor



FIFTY YEARS OF LOVE AND DEVOTION

In the space of a few years, the area bounded by Michigan Avenue, Ford Road, Greenfield, and Schaefer was transformed from farmland into a residential neighborhood. The wartime industrial boom and the rapidly expanding auto industry drew people from various parts of the country and resulted in the city of Fordson being described in the 1920's as ". . . the fastest growing community in the nation."

As a result of this rapid population growth, a need arose for a Catholic parish for English-speaking residents. St. Barbara Church, founded in 1924 for Polish-speaking Catholics, could not satisfy the needs of the English-speaking parishioners. In answer to numerous requests from area residents, Archbishop Michael J. Gallagher, on June 24, 1927, canonically established St. Clement Parish.

The first organizational meeting of the parish was held on August 23, 1927 in the Schaefer Building on the northeast corner of Michigan and Schaefer. John Schaefer offered the use of his building to serve as a temporary church until a new church could be erected. Reminiscing parishioners recalled that Mass was celebrated on the second floor and that confessions were heard in a clothes closet! In eager anticipation of their new church, the small but enthusiastic group of charter members literally passed a hat at their first Mass and collected the total of \$75.00, a truly large sum at that time. (From the very beginning, St. Clement parishioners have been noted for their generosity.)



The Schaefer Building

The Schaefer Building served as a center of worship for the parish until June 24, 1928, when Mass was celebrated for the first time in the new church on Kenilworth near Ruby. This site had been selected in preference to suggested sites at Michigan and Maple, and at Ternes and Hubbard Drive (formerly Gildow).

The church, a brick Romanesque structure, had a seating capacity of over 100 people. It was designed by Arthur DesRosier and built by Burnett and Henige, Dearborn firms. This building served in a dual role. While the main part of the building was the church proper, the rear functioned as a community hall. Construction of the rectory had been completed before the Church was even started.



Rectory



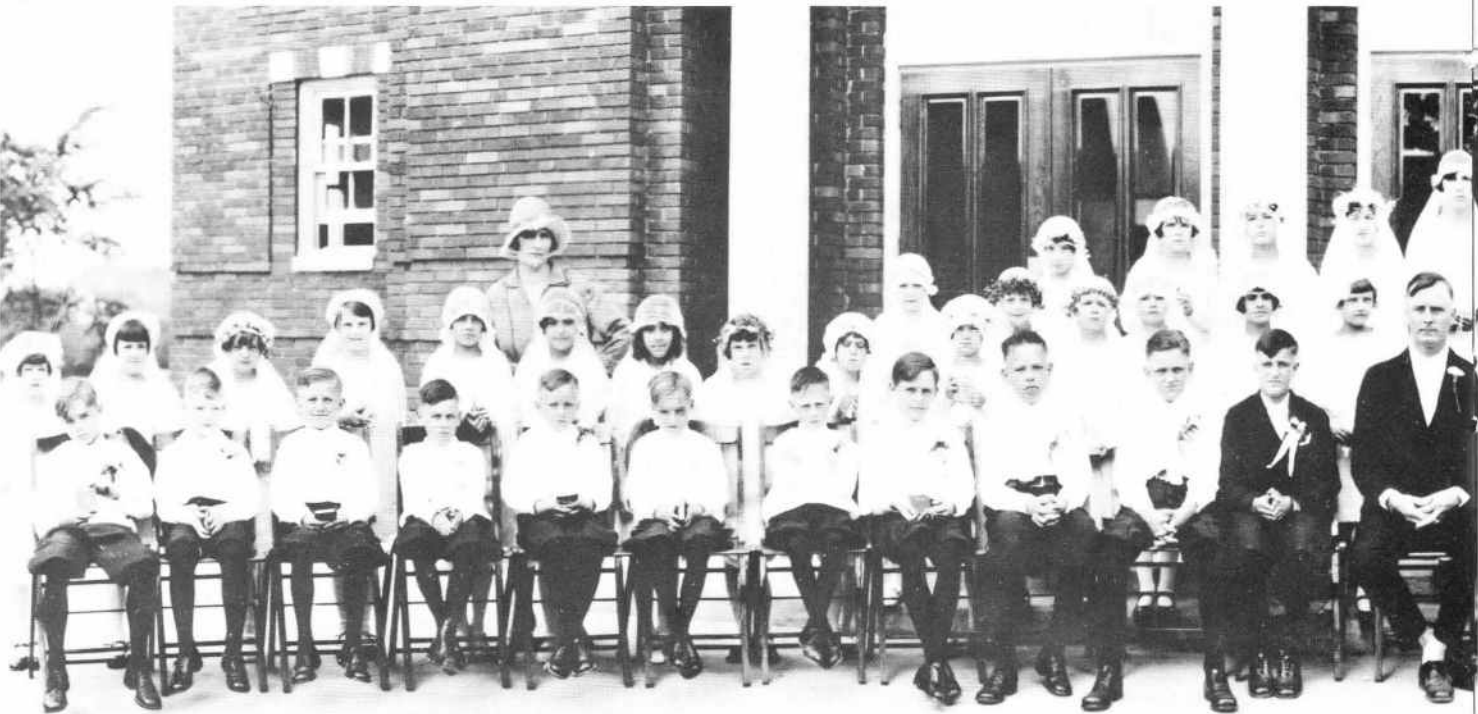
Original Church Building

Reverend Vincent J. Toole

Rev. Vincent J. Toole was appointed founding pastor of St. Clement parish and met his parishioners for the first time at a fund-raising party on September 1, 1927. Father Toole had served the Church previously as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Paw Paw, Michigan and at St. Henry Parish in Lincoln Park. During World War I, he had served as chaplain with the army in France, where, wounded in action, he was cited for "gallantry." Father Toole had gained recognition in the Dearborn area as a result of his letter to Detroit newspapers defending the peace plans of Henry Ford. As pastor, Father Toole, an affable and capable man, soon became popular with his people. After two years of zealous service, Father left St. Clement for St. Gertrude Church in St. Clair Shores. Father Toole died in 1951.



Father Toole



First Holy Communion Class



Front Row, left to right: Emma O'Brien, Anna Ehrman, Corinne Hase, Stella Donnelly, Jean McCallion, Rose Swindell. Back Row: George McCallion, Columb' McGill, Joseph McCallion and Maurice Dore — First Parishioners.



June 24, 1928

Reverend Francis J. Oakley

In late 1929, Rev. Francis J. Oakley replaced Father Toole as pastor. Father Oakley was born in Cork, Ireland on May 13, 1890. Ordained in Dublin in 1914, Father came to Grosse Pointe as chaplain of the Sacred Heart Academy in 1917. Before coming to St. Clement, Father served at St. Charles Borromeo and Holy Rosary Churches, St. Francis Home for Boys, St. Joseph's Sanitarium, Sacred Heart Church, and Guardian Angels Church in Clawson.

An authoritative and determined man, Father Oakley dedicated himself to the amelioration of the Church and community. He was politically active and out-spoken about his views. *The Clementine Courier*, the parish paper, served as a forum for exposing political ideas.

One of Father's first acts as pastor was to remodel the church to increase its seating capacity. Father Oakley's plans to create ". . . a very beautiful edifice which will be in keeping with the dignity of this growing parish of St. Clement" called for the relocation of the sanctuary in what had been the community hall, the installation of new pews and a new paneled ceiling.



Father Oakley



Father Oakley officiates at wedding.

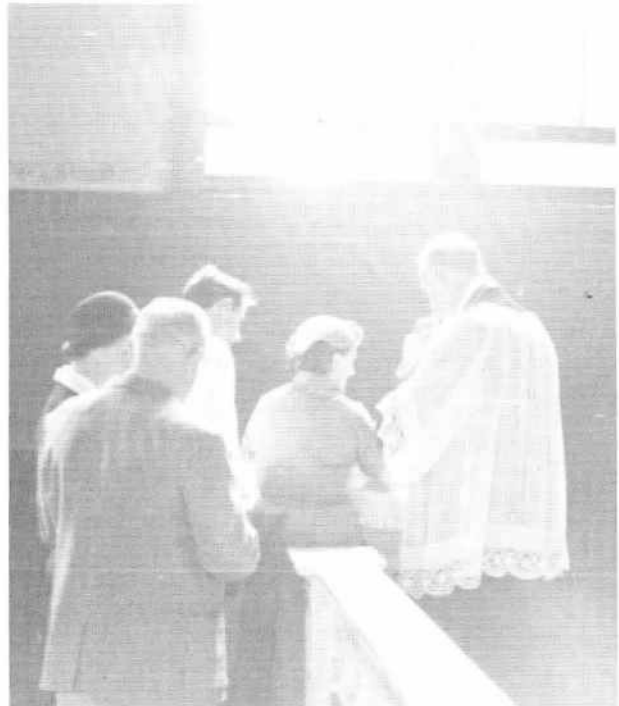


Interior of Original Church Building.

At the same time, construction of the parish hall (our present school hall and basement) was begun. This hall served as a focal point for social and community activities: ice cream socials, bazaars, dinners, weekly dances, and card parties. Many of these activities served a dual purpose: enjoyment and fund-raising. Involvement in these developed and strengthened a strong bond of Christian community in the parish.

Parish organizations flourished. The Dramatic Club provided entertainment. The Tabernacle Guild involved the women in sewing altar linens and in caring for the needs of the altar. The Holy Name Society and the Male Choir strengthened Christian worship. Through these and other groups, the parish grew both spiritually and materially.

After a long term as pastor, Father Oakley died on September 9, 1959 at the age of 69. Father Oakley is still gratefully remembered by many who had, through his efforts, gained employment during the difficult Depression years. Father is further remembered by those who knew him well as a loyal friend and a man of unobtrusive charity.



Father Oakley Baptizing.

Reverend John Wagener



Father Wagener

Rev. John Wagener was appointed in October, 1959 to succeed Father Oakley. Father Wagener was born on December 29, 1903 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Fourth in a family of nine children, Father was one of four in his family to dedicate his life in service to God. Sister Anna Therese and Sister Regina Marie entered the Sisters of St. Joseph; a brother, Joseph, became a Christian Brother.

Father Wagener was educated at St. Michael's in Pennsylvania, Holy Name Institute (now Catholic Central High School), the University of Detroit, Sacred Heart Seminary, and Mt. St. Mary's of the West in Norwood, Ohio. He was ordained June 11, 1933 in Detroit and served at St. Alphonsus Church, Dearborn, and at Holy Cross Church, Marine City. In 1940, Father was ordered to active duty as chaplain in the U.S. Navy. His tour of duty called him to far-away shores: Africa, Sicily, Italy, Eniwetak, Ulithi, and Japan. Upon his release from duty in 1946, Father Wagener was assigned as an assistant at St. Gertrude Church, St. Clair Shores. In 1950, he became founding pastor of St. Dennis Parish, Royal Oak, where he remained until his appointment to St. Clement.



Sister Regina Marie, Margaret Creighton, Father Wagener, Mary Kiffner and Nick Wagener.



Ed Wagener and Sister Anna Therese.



Father Wagener Baptizing.

Father Wagener's kindness and generosity coupled with his warm congeniality made him a welcome leader at St. Clement. His administrative abilities were well utilized as he began the revitalization of old parish groups and the organization of new ones.



Father Wagener and Mrs. Porcari.



Father Wagener receives check from Lionel Harbord on behalf of the Ushers' Club.



Father Wagener enjoys Clean-Up Parade.



Father Wagener speaks at civic function.

His experience as founding pastor of St. Denis prepared Father for the building needs that confronted him here. On November 21, 1961, the interior of the church was completely destroyed by fire. Damage was estimated at \$80,000. Father immediately prepared the school hall for use as a temporary center of worship, minimizing the inconvenience to the parishioners. This hall was used for five months, until on Palm Sunday, 1962, Mass was first celebrated in the renovated church.



Church after Fire.



Renovated Church.

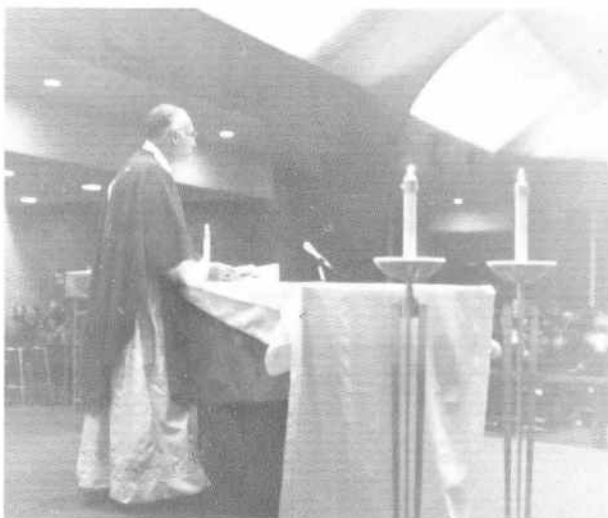


The Altar Before and After the Fire.

Due to a growing parish enrollment, a necessity arose for more adequate office space. And so, in 1963, Father Wagener continued his building program by expanding the rectory. Father's final and most prodigious building project involved the planning and construction of the new church and the conversion of the old church into a gymnasium. Building plans were drawn up by architect Robert Svoboda; construction was done by Chase and Company.



Breaking Ground for New Church.



Bishop Schoenherr at Dedication Mass.

On January 21, 1968, approximately 500 parishioners witnessed the ceremonial breaking of ground by Father Wagener. After a relatively short period of time, the cornerstone was blessed on May 18, 1969. Five months later, on October 23, 1969, Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr presided at the dedication of the new church. On this occasion, Father Wagener congratulated the people of St. Clement for their achievement:

To the people of St. Clement's Parish, who have made this possibility a reality through your prayers and sacrifices, congratulations and God's blessings upon you. May your zeal for the house of God continue until He calls you to share for all eternity His mansion in heaven.



Construction of New Church.

The new church, a modern structure, is a source of pride both to the parish and to the community. The altar rightfully occupies the focal position. Its solid marble richness is balanced by its simplicity of design. A skylight allows for natural lighting of both the altar and the matching marble tabernacle. Complementing the beauty of the altar and its setting is the impressive array of pipes arranged in the loft above the baptistry. The sunken baptistry with its surrounding stained glass windows also adds to the beauty of the church. Much consideration was given to choosing an organ that would complement the church's beauty as well as being a worthy instrument to enhance the liturgy. The organ, a two-manual pipe with 15 stops and 20 ranks, was purchased from the Tellers Organ Company of Erie, Pennsylvania for \$26,700.00.

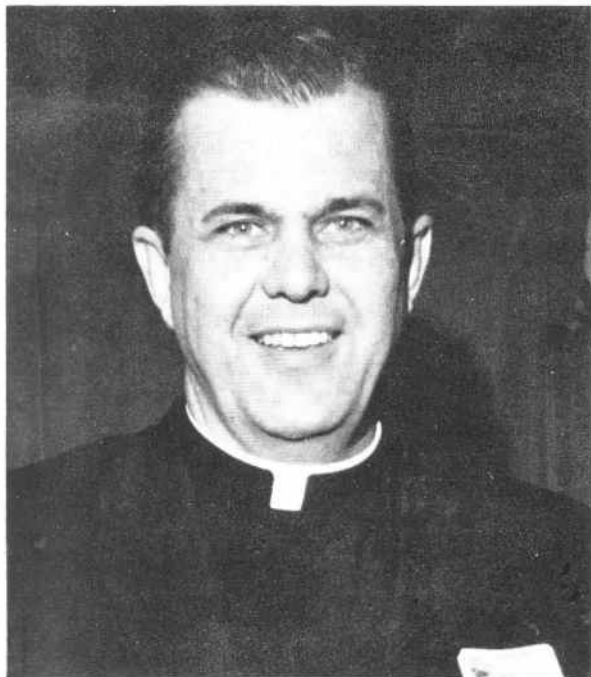


After almost eleven years of strong and manly leadership and religious guidance at St. Clement, Father Wagener retired from the pastorate and from active parochial service on June 30, 1970.



Mayor Hubbard Honors Father Wagener at Farewell Reception.

Reverend Leo Broderick



Father Broderick

On July 15, 1970, Rev. Leo Broderick officially replaced Father Wagener as pastor of St. Clement. Father Broderick was born March 1, 1930 in Detroit, to James and Jennie Borderick. He received his schooling at St. Brigid and St. Luke Grade Schools, Catholic Central High School, Sacred Heart Seminary College and St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth. Father later earned a Master's degree in history from Eastern Michigan University.

Father Broderick was ordained in June, 1965. His first assignment was to St. Frances Cabrini, Allen Park. He was then appointed chaplain at Eastern Michigan University, where he built the John XXIII Chapel and Student Center.

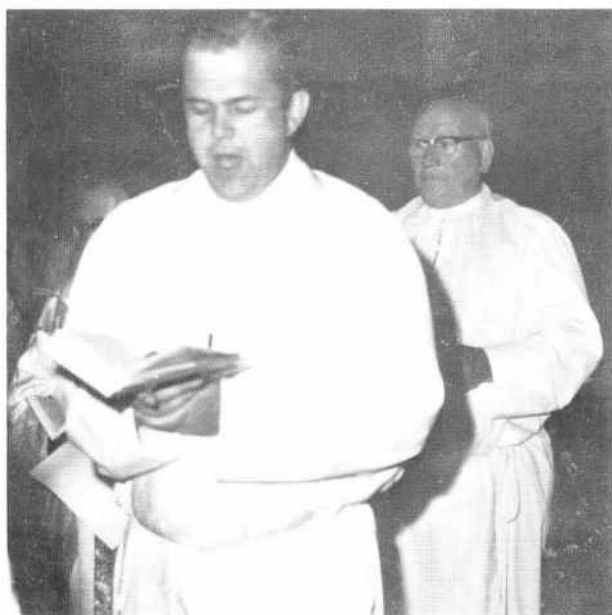
While pastor of St. Clement, Father Broderick, always a studious man, taught part-time at St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan. Because of his love for and experience with young people, Father formed the Young Adult Club. It was this club, which with Father's guidance and encouragement, presented the parish with the Paschal Meal, now a traditional celebration at St. Clement.



Paschal Meal.

1971 was a difficult year for parochial schools in the Archdiocese because of the passage of a bill which cut State-Aid to parochial schools (Proposal C). This, together with a diminishing enrollment and the inability to meet certain Archdiocesan budget guidelines, forced Father Broderick to close the school in June, 1971.

At this same time, Father was asked to teach full-time at St. John's Provincial Seminary. After much consideration, Father Broderick relinquished the parish in favor of the Seminary where he remains today.





Reverend Ernest M. Porcari

An assistant at St. Clement since 1964, Father Ernest Porcari on July 7, 1971, assumed the responsibilities of the pastorate of St. Clement Parish.

Father was born on October 2, 1932 in Norma, Italy, the second son of Giuseppe and Germana Porcari. He received his grade school education in Norma, and his high school education in Velletri, Italy. He came to the United States in 1950 and continued his studies at Sacred Heart and St. John's Provincial Seminaries. Father was ordained June 6, 1959 by Cardinal Dearden. After ordination, Father Porcari served as an assistant at St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyandotte, until May, 1964. From May to July, 1964, he served as administrator of St. Irene Church in Dundee, Michigan.



Father Porcari visits his hometown.



Father Porcari's First Mass.



Father Porcari's Installation as Pastor.



From his very first days here, Father Porcari established an excellent rapport with the people of St. Clement. A sincere and unpretentious man, Father has found acceptance with all age groups and diverse backgrounds within the parish and is likewise held in high esteem in the community as a whole.

As an assistant, Father had demonstrated his generosity and mission-mindedness by organizing S.C.A.M.P. in 1969. To meet the needs of the youth of the parish, he promoted the establishment of an Athletic Committee.

With the changes in structure and attitudes advocated by Vatican II, Father was influential in giving new direction to the parish. He was instrumental in setting up the Parish Council and its committees. The education of the people foremost in his mind, Father Porcari has always encouraged religious education programs for all ages.

In addition to his concern for the spiritual formation of his parishioners, Father, an astute businessman, has contributed much to the maintenance and up-keep of the parish plant. Since becoming pastor, Father Porcari has provided air-conditioning for the church, added two stained glass windows for the baptistry, built a much-needed garage and installed new heating and electrical equipment in the parish buildings. Seeking to provide St. Clement parishioners with a pleasant atmosphere for social and business activities, Father had the school hall remodeled in 1975. Shortly after its completion in October, a small fire broke out and left the hall unserviceable due to smoke and water damage. With his customary calm, Father undertook the second remodeling job, which was completed in time for Christmas activities.

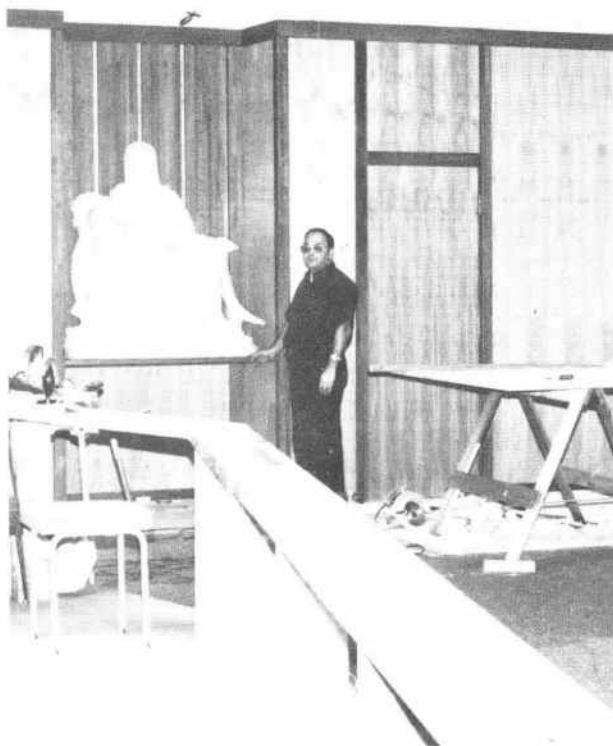
In order to meet the requirements for the implementation of the New Rite of Penance, Father's building plans included the construction of Reconciliation Rooms in the church.



New Garage, 1973.



New Heating Equipment.



Building Reconciliation Rooms, 1977.

Father Porcari's crowning achievement, and that of the parish as well, was the liquidation of the Parish debt, \$163,000.00, within three short years, a truly remarkable feat for a time of economic difficulty.

Father's willingness to serve does not end with St. Clement Parish, but extends to the community as well. He works extensively with the Italian-American community in various activities. He helped organize the first Italian festival in Dearborn and coordinated efforts to aid the victims of the Italian earthquake in 1976. Another significant contribution to the community of Dearborn was his assistance in setting up the first United Nations Day celebration in the city.

While a capable and efficient man with respect to business matters, Father Porcari's paramount concern has always been with the people of his parish. He is dedicated to meeting individual needs and is never too busy to lend an understanding ear. Indeed, it is a common occurrence for people of all ages (parishioners and non-parishioners alike) to seek his spiritual and personal counsel. Father Porcari will always be warmly remembered and loved by the people of St. Clement.



December 22, 1975

Dear Father Porcari:

I would like to take this occasion to offer my congratulations to you and the parish community of St. Clement for the extraordinary feat of retiring the substantial indebtedness of \$141,000.00 in the short period of three and one-half years.

In this day of economic uncertainty, such an accomplishment should not go unnoticed and I would ask you to convey to your people my appreciation of their zeal and dedication as a parish family.

Wishing all an abundance of blessings during this holy season, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John Card. Marden
Archbishop of Detroit

St. Clement School

Since the founding of the parish the spiritual needs of the children had been met through religious education classes. However, the dream of a parochial school was not realized until 1950 when the convent and school were built. On August 26, 1950, the first Bernardine Sisters arrived: Sisters Rita, Mary, Priscilla, Floria, Alvernia, Hilarian, Anita, Eudisia, Elaine, and Sebastian. On September 7, 1950, St. Clement School opened its doors for the first time.

Striving to provide the children with an education par excellence, the Sisters constantly kept abreast of the most current educational trends. Alterations and additions to the school became necessary. Fund-raising drives by the Ushers Club made possible the construction and furnishing of a library, an office, and a remedial center.



Bernardine Sister and Student.



School Children Returning From Mass.



Clean-Up Parade, 1968.



After twenty years of service to the parish, St. Clement School was closed in June, 1971. During that time, seven Sisters had served as Principals: Sister M. Rita, C.S.B., 1950-1951; Sister M. Priscilla, C.S.B., 1951-1957, 1958-1960; Sister M. Liberata, C.S.B., 1957-1958; Sister M. Medard, C.S.B., 1960-1961; Sister M. DePaul, C.S.B., 1961-1963; Sister M. Liberta, C.S.B., 1963-1969; and Sister Agnes Mary, C.S.B., 1969-1971. The school, during its existence, had made a definite contribution to the Church and community.



Our Parish Paper



ST. CLEMENT'S NEWS



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∴ THE CLEMENTINE COURIER ∴

One of the most popular means of conveying information is the newspaper. This is as true in the life of a parish as in the affairs of a city or nation. Realizing this, Father Vincent Toole edited a monthly publication entitled *The St. Clement News*. The first copy was published on Sunday, May 5, 1929.

In October, 1930, *The Clementine Courier* made its appearance under the direction of Father Francis Oakley. The paper, like its predecessor, continued to be published monthly. The last published copy in parish records is that of February, 1938.

It was not until 1962, during Father John Wagener's pastorate, that the practice of publishing a parish paper was revived. First begun with Father Ghelfi as editor, the weekly paper was entitled *Esse*.

In late 1970, with Father Broderick's approval, the Parish Council sponsored a contest for a more understandable title. On January 31, 1971, *Insight* became the official name of the parish paper as it continues to be called today.



Esse



Published weekly by St. Clement Parish, Dearborn, Michigan

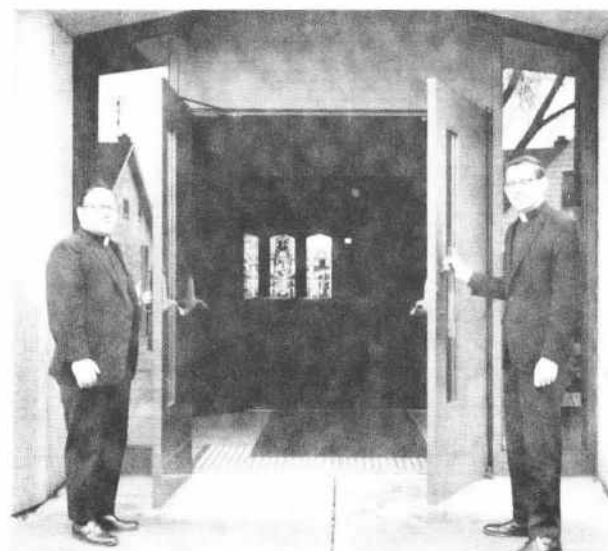
St. Clement

February 13, 1977

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Thus, in the past 50 years, St. Clement Parish has grown and prospered. From the charter enrollment of less than 50 members in 1927, St. Clement today serves the needs of over 1500 families. The boundaries have been extended to include the area bounded by Southfield, Schaefer, Pere Marquette Railroad tracks and Paul. Parish organizations have always flourished. As some became obsolete, others were created to fill the void and keep pace with current needs. Following the example of our early parishioners, our people remain involved making St. Clement Parish a truly Christian family and a vibrant community. With the grace of God and the goodwill of our people, we look to a future filled with hope for continued growth in holiness and unity.



Our Associate Pastor

Reverend Richard Rakoczy



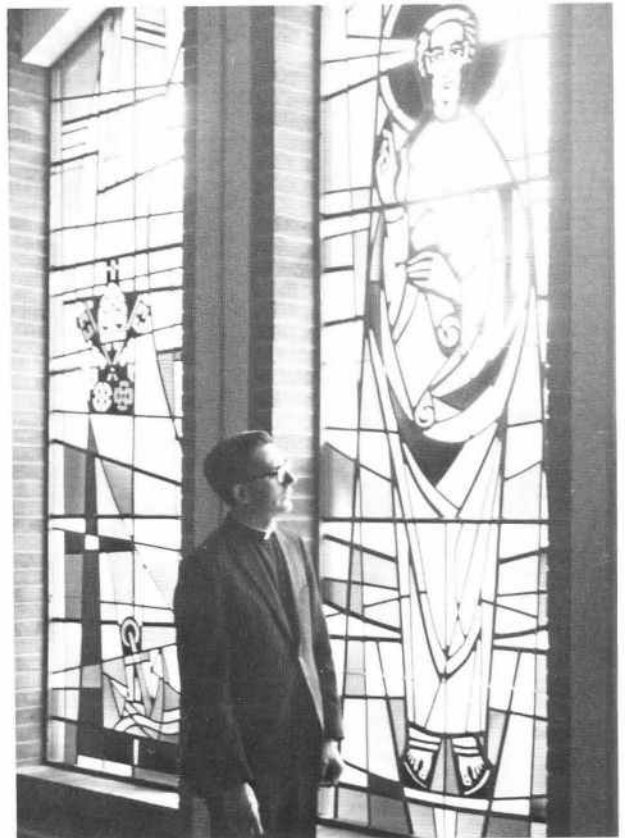
Dedicated to the enhancement of Christian Worship, Father Rakoczy manifests his prayerfulness in many ways. In addition to taking an active role in the activities of the Worship Commission, Father has organized the "Adult Servers" to serve daily Mass and funerals; initiated the annual Mass for the parish sick and shut-ins; introduced the Lay Ministers of the Eucharist into the parish; worked with parents in the First Holy Communion program; and is responsible for the training and supervision of altar boys.

Concerned not only with the spiritual formation of our youth, Father understands the significance of their social experiences. He continued Father Broderick's efforts with the Young Adult Club, and introduced and promoted our annual Halloween, Christmas and Graduation parties for the youth. Another of Father's parish responsibilities has been to edit the weekly bulletin, *Insight*.

Since his assignment to St. Clement on July 8, 1971, Rev. Richard S. Rakoczy has played a significant role in the life of our parish.

Father was born on December 24, 1933 in River Rouge, Michigan, the youngest of nine children of Andrew and Sophie Rakoczy. He attended St. John Cantius School, Detroit, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wyandotte, St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, and St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth. In 1970, Father received an M.A. degree in Religious Education from the University of Detroit.

Father was ordained in Detroit on June 6, 1959. Before coming to St. Clement, Father Rakoczy served the people of Holy Name and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes in Detroit and St. Veronica Parish in East Detroit.





Father in a Lesser-Known Role.



A sensitive man, Father has always been aware of and responsive to the needs of the poor and the sick. This sense of compassion is best expressed in his establishment of CONCERN in 1974. In addition to his charitable works within the parish, Father serves as part-time Catholic Chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Allen Park; and as a member of the Equal Justice Council for Wayne County, is a participant of the Clergy Visitation Program at the County Jail.

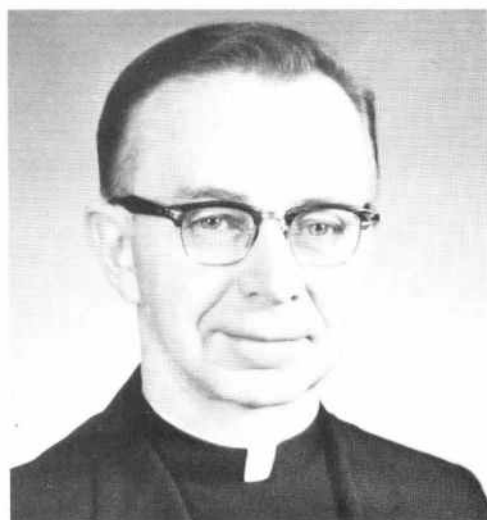
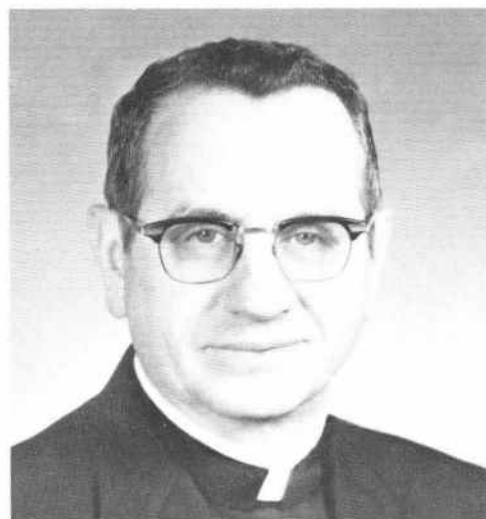
With his calm and reserved manner, Father Rakoczy exudes confidence and reassurance. With his warm and welcoming smile, he is an easily approachable individual who has endeared himself to the people of St. Clement.

Former Associate Pastors



Father John Contway, St. Clement's first assistant pastor, was born June 23, 1900 in Merrill, Michigan. After receiving his schooling at Catholic Central High and St. Joseph's in Grand Rapids, and Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Norwood, Ohio, Father was ordained on February 7, 1926 in Detroit. In addition to St. Clement Parish, Father Contway served the people of St. Theresa and St. Rose parishes in Detroit, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Ann Arbor, and St. Louis Parish in Mt. Clemens. Father founded St. Michael Church in Livonia, where he served as pastor until his death on October 25, 1956.

Born June 7, 1910 in Braddock, Pennsylvania, Father Robert Pomponi was educated in the seminaries of the Archdiocese of Detroit and at Pontificio Collegio Leoniano, Italy. Ordained in Ferentino, Italy on October 9, 1938, Father returned to the Detroit area to perform his priestly duties at St. Jude, St. Elizabeth, and St. Margaret Mary parishes. He served as administrator of Santa Maria Church, pastor of Patronage of St. Joseph Parish, and Chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Father Pomponi's short stay at St. Clement was characterized by his patience and tolerance. Father died on June 11, 1973.



Father Cyril Rancourt, a native of Galt, Ontario, was born on August 8, 1908. Ordained on June 6, 1936 in Detroit, Father had received his higher education at the University of Detroit, Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio. Father served the spiritual needs of St. Clement parishioners for five years (1941-1946). His other assignments included: St. Leo, St. Boniface, and St. Margaret Mary Churches in Detroit, and St. Alphonsus Parish in Dearborn. Father was pastor of St. Rita Church in Holly, Michigan until his retirement.

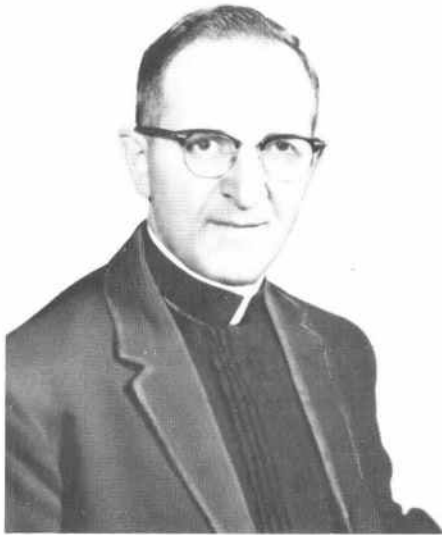


Born in Riverton, Illinois on March 6, 1914, Father Michael Kundrat received his priestly training at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Norwood, Ohio. Following his ordination on June 7, 1941, Father was stationed at Guardian Angels, St. Raymond and Nativity parishes in Detroit, and at Divine Providence Church in Southfield. He served the people of St. Clement for four years (1946-1950) and is remembered as an easily approachable man. Father Kundrat is presently pastor of All Saints Parish in Memphis, Michigan.

A native of Port Huron, Father Charles Fleckenstein was born on August 3, 1920. After studying at the Archdiocesan seminaries, Father was ordained on June 10, 1945. Before coming to St. Clement, he served the people of St. Edward's Parish in Detroit. Father left St. Clement in 1953 to pursue Graduate Studies in Canon Law in Rome. Upon his return he was named Notary of the Archdiocesan Tribunal. In 1959 he established the Family Life Bureau and became its first director. In August of 1962, a drowning accident tragically ended the lives of both Father Charles Fleckenstein and his twin brother, also a priest. Father was loved by the people of St. Clement for his compassion and understanding.

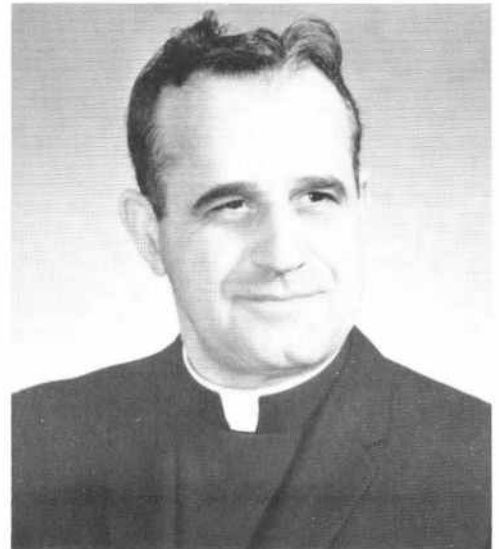


Father Albert Lombardi was born on June 5, 1922 in Ceperano, Italy. Father attended Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Norwood, Ohio. Ordained in Detroit on May 31, 1947, he has served many parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit: St. Rita, St. Catherine, St. Margaret Mary, Patronage of St. Joseph, St. Raymond, Mother of Our Savior, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Detroit, and St. Bernadette in Dearborn. Although Father Lombardi's stay at our parish was brief, he is remembered for his enthusiasm and boundless energy.



Father Jasper Sirianni, born August 14, 1920 in Kane, Pennsylvania, attended Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio. Since his ordination on October 26, 1946, Father has ministered to the needs of the people of St. Alphonsus Church, Dearborn, St. Theodore, Westland, and St. Ignatius and St. Philip Neri parishes in Detroit. Father Sirianni's gentle manner was a familiar part of St. Clement Parish from 1954 through 1959. Today Father is pastor of St. Matthias Church in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

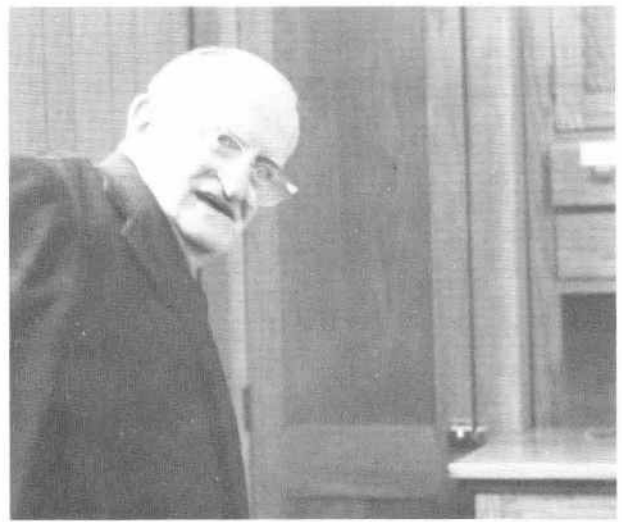
Born on New Years Day, 1918, Father Anthony Bologna prepared for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, and was ordained on December 18, 1943 in Detroit. The people of San Francesco, St. Margaret Mary, St. Elizabeth, and St. David parishes in Detroit as well as here at St. Clement benefited from Father's ministry as an assistant pastor. He continued his service to the Church as pastor of St. Bernadette Parish, Dearborn, and St. Gabriel Church, Detroit, where he is currently stationed. Many of our parishioners still fondly recall Father Bologna's genuine affability and good-natured smile.



Father Nicholas Ghelfi ministered to the people of St. Clement from 1959-1964. Born on July 20, 1921 in Detroit, he had attended the Archdiocesan seminaries before his ordination on May 31, 1947. Other parishes which have benefited from Father's service are: St. Charles Borromeo, St. Rita, and St. Elizabeth, Detroit. In 1964 Father Ghelfi founded St. Malachy Parish, Sterling Heights, where he remains as pastor today. The people of St. Clement will always remember Father Ghelfi as a determined man of high principles with strong viewpoints on the Christian life.

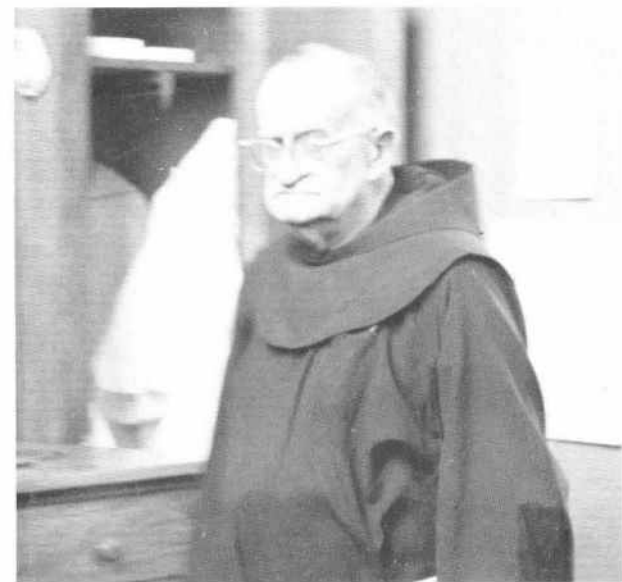
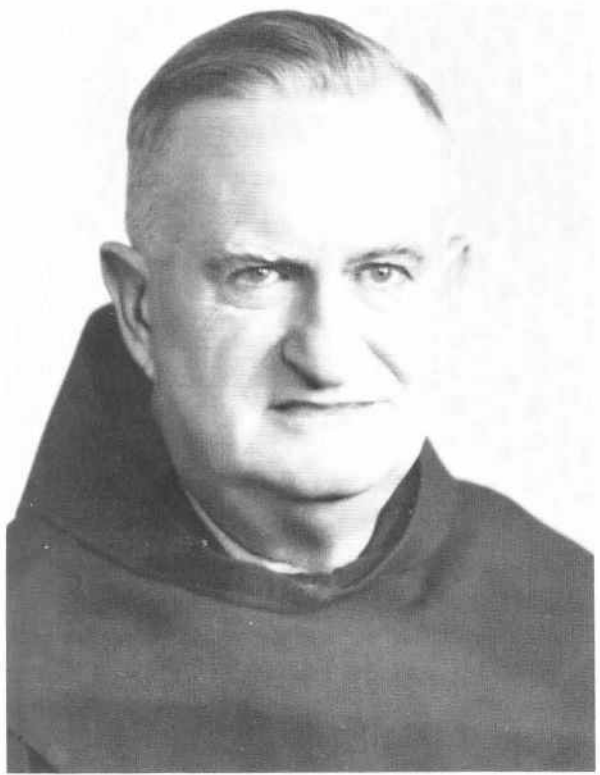
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Father Edgar Casey, O.F.M., served the people of St. Clement Parish for 15 years (1950-1965) as a weekend assistant. Father was born on September 24, 1891 in Chatham, Ontario. He attended Canadian Public Schools, St. Francis College, Cincinnati, and Columbia University, New York. Born Louis Bernard, Father entered the Franciscan Order in 1912, taking the Religious name, Edgar. He was ordained June 19, 1919 in Oldenburg, Indiana. Father's assignments included: Mission work in New Mexico and Texas; editor of St. Anthony Messenger; professor at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati; and Spiritual Director at Duns Scotus College, Southfield. Father was also the founder and first editor of the Franciscan's Provincial Chronicle.



On September 4, 1963, Father Casey celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his Profession as a Franciscan. At that time, the *Esse* stated: "Week in and week out, he celebrated Mass, heard confessions and preached to our people. His ability and faithfulness made him beloved to the people of St. Clement Parish. We feel that we owe a great debt of gratitude to Father Casey, both as a priest and as a man."

After a brief illness, Father Casey died on April 27, 1966. To this day, the people of St. Clement remember Father Casey as a colorful, warm and humble person, and as a truly outstanding man of God.

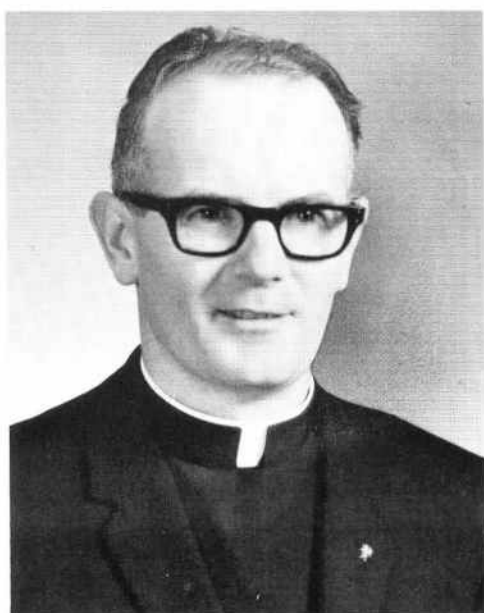


They Answered God's Call

In the past fifty years, St. Clement Parish has been blessed with many priestly and religious vocations. These priests and sisters are a source of pride to the parish and serve as exemplary models to the youth of our parish, who may someday wish to dedicate their lives to God and their fellow men.

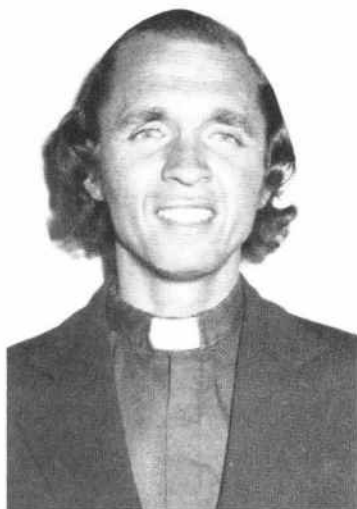
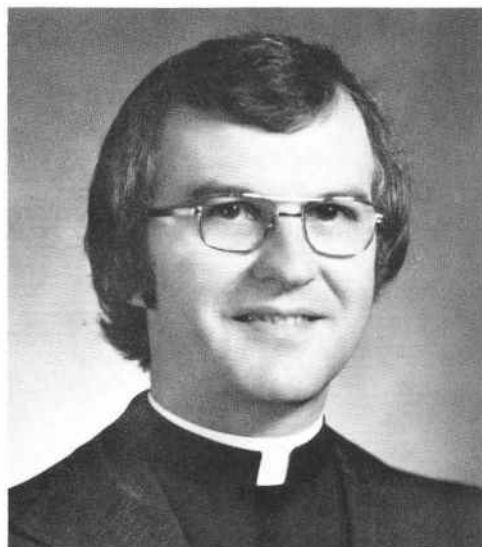


The first priest ordained from St. Clement Parish was Father Joseph Francis Kernosek. Born and educated in Pennsylvania, Father moved to Dearborn to find employment after graduating from high school. With money earned from his work at the Ford Rouge Plant, Father attended and graduated from the University of Detroit, Sacred Heart and Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminaries. Father was ordained on June 8, 1946. Since his ordination, Father served the people of St. Rita, St. Lawrence, St. Francis Xavier, St. Bartholomew and St. Aloysius Parishes. Father Kernosek is now retired from pastoral responsibilities at St. Aloysius, but serves the people of St. Joseph Parish in Trenton on weekends.



Father John Canavan, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Canavan was ordained on June 4, 1955. A late vocation, Father did not pursue his priestly call until several years after graduation from Lowrey High School. Before entering St. Jerome Seminary in Ontario, he had attended Henry Ford Trade School and served in the Armed Forces as a paratrooper. Father continued his religious studies at Sacred Heart and St. John's Seminaries. Since his ordination, Father has served the religious needs of migrant workers in Monroe, Michigan. He has also served as assistant pastor at St. Joseph in Erie, St. Cyril and St. Basil, Detroit and is presently pastor of St. Constance Parish, Taylor.

Father Dale J. Melczek, the son of Aloysius and Geraldine, was ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 1964, after attending Sacred Heart Seminary High School, St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, and St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth. He has a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Detroit and has studied towards a Degree in Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. As a priest, Father has served at St. Sylvester, Warren and as pastor of St. Christine, Detroit. Other responsibilities have included: Vicar of the West Detroit Vicariate and Archdiocesan Consultor. Father Melczek presently serves as assistant Vicar for Parishes.



Father Larry Kaiser, the oldest son of Herman and Carolyn, was formally educated at Sacred Heart High School and College and at St. John's Provincial Seminary. Following his ordination on June 6, 1964, Father served at four parishes within the Archdiocese of Detroit: Our Lady of the Lakes, St. Angela, St. Mary of Redford and St. Gerard, where he is presently co-pastor. Father Kaiser has always considered himself a people's priest, and finds great fulfillment and satisfaction in serving the needs, especially the Sacramental needs, of his people.

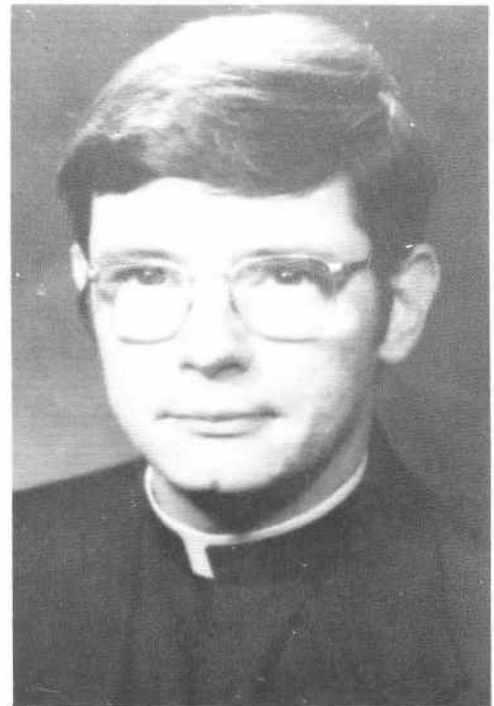
Father Timothy R. Pelc, son of Raymond and Jean, was ordained at St. Clement on June 2, 1974. He received his higher education at Sacred Heart High School and College Seminaries, at St. John's Provincial Seminary and earned a Master's Degree in Liturgical Studies from Notre Dame in 1973. Father Pelc served his diaconate at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington and is currently serving as Associate Pastor at St. Henry's in Lincoln Park. He also serves as a consultant for the Archdiocese on religious art and architecture, as well as being a lecturer for both the Institute for Continuing Education and the Institute for Pastoral Liturgical Ministry.



St. Clement Parish has the unique distinction of having two ordinations from the same family. Patrick and Michael Cooney are the sons of Elizabeth and the late Michael of Lanson Street.



Patrick, the eldest son, was ordained on December 20, 1969 in Rome, after having attended Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit and The Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. Father later received a Master's Degree from Notre Dame University. After ordination, Father served the people of St. Catherine Parish, Detroit for one and a half years. Since that time Father Patrick has been involved with administrative responsibilities in the Archdiocese of Detroit. After serving as Assistant Chancellor for the Archdiocese, Father was named Director of the Department of Worship.



Michael (Noel), our most recently ordained son, is remembered as our first Parish Council president. He attended the Archdiocesan seminaries and was ordained on June 6, 1975 at St. Clement. He had served his diaconate at St. Blase, Sterling Heights. Father Mike holds a Master's Degree in Religious Studies at the University of Detroit. He is presently stationed at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. In addition to his duties as parish priest, Father assists in the Marriage Tribunal.

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Sister JoAnn is the second of three children born of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ciampa. In 1957, upon graduation from the Academy of Mount Alvernia, Pennsylvania, she entered the Community of the Bernardine Sisters of St. Francis. She received her B.A. in Sociology from Madonna College in 1962; pronounced her profession of final vows in the Order in 1964; and obtained her Master's Degree in Special Education from Eastern Michigan University. During the past fourteen years, her teaching experiences have been carried on in New Jersey, Texas and most extensively in Michigan. She is now stationed in Midland, where she works with primary level children and those in Special Education.



Sister Mary Elena, (Mary Ellen Sabalausky) is the second eldest daughter of Vincent and Josephine. Upon graduation from St. Alphonsus High School, Mary Ellen entered the Bernardine Sisters in June 1967, and pronounced her final vows in 1974. A teacher, Sister received a B.A. in Education from Mount Alvernia College in Pennsylvania and is now continuing her studies toward a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling at Eastern Michigan University. Previously stationed at St. Francis of Assisi, Saginaw, her present assignment is at St. Thomas Aquinas School, Saginaw.

Sister Dorothy Christine, L.S.P., is the daughter of the late Gerald and Rebecca Seymour. She graduated from St. Hedwig High School in 1967 and entered The Little Sisters of the Poor, a community that works solely with the elderly, in June of 1968. After the Community Formation Program in Baltimore and New York City, she worked in the Chicago and St. Louis Homes while completing courses in geriatric nursing and therapy. This last year Sister has been studying spirituality at the Mother House in France. She made Final Profession October 3, 1976 and then returned to the States to continue her work with the elderly.





Sister Mary Dolores, S.C.



Sister Marie Irene, S.C.

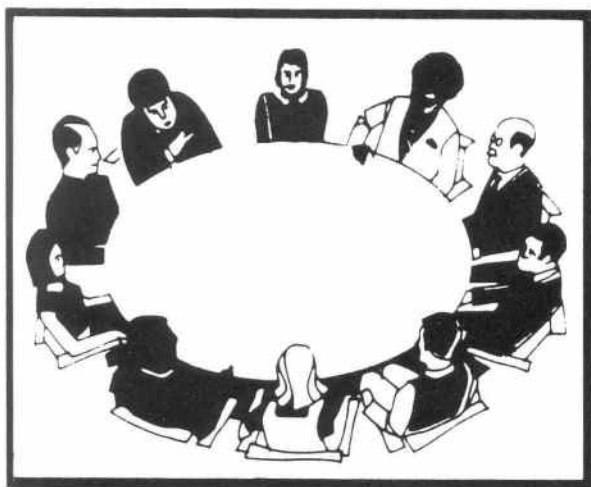
Although these Sisters did not enter the convent from St. Clement Parish, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Schneider, have been faithful parishioners for many years.



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

In striving to bring the Church into accord both with its first century roots and our twentieth century needs, Pope John XXIII in 1962 called for Vatican Council II.

A Synod was called in the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1969 to implement the decrees of this Council. The Synod was unique in that for the first time it listened to the voice of the lay person. As a result of this Synod, the structure of the parish was broadened to include parishioners in the decision-making policies of the Church. This resulted in the formation of the Parish Council and its Commissions.



Together

We Work,

We Serve,

We Pray.

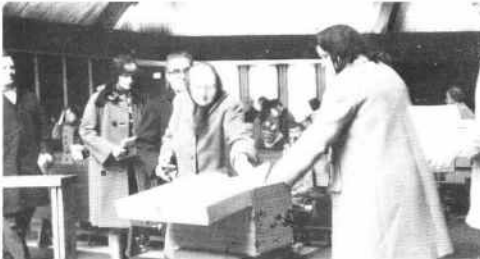
Parish Council

The Parish Council is responsible for leading and representing all members of the parish. Serving as an official coordinator, it is also often called upon to provide workable plans to meet the diverse needs of the parish. The Council oversees and gives approval to the decisions and programs of the various Commissions: Administration, Christian Service, Education, and Worship.

Father Michael Cooney, then a seminarian, was the first president of the Parish Council (1970-1972). He was followed in this role by Ed Cochran (1972-1975), Thomas McLaughlin (1975-1976), and Woody Morneweck, the current president.



Parish Council at Work.



Early Parish Council, 1970.



Present Parish Council. *Seated, left to right:* Chris McLaughlin (Vice-President), Joanne Kuchka, Sadie Bondy, Woody Morneweck (President), Father Porcari, Father Rakoczy. *Standing:* Nellie Humitz (Secretary), Frank D'Amore, Lawrence Dziewit, Michael Baran, Donna Baran, Theresa Ohanesian (Clerk). *Not pictured:* Jan Malinak, John Lemire and Dr. John Miller.

Christian Service Commission

The two main aims of the Christian Service Commission are to coordinate the activities of the various service groups within the parish and to generate a deeper Christian and social awareness in all the people of the parish. Recent endeavors have been to conduct a Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, to work for the repeal of the State Sales Tax on Food and Drugs, and to circulate anti-abortion material. Mr. and Mrs. John Lemire, the current leaders, have been preceded in this role by John Paulsen, Pat Sabatini, Loretta Gascon and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrison. During 1971, Sister Dorothy Rouse, I.H.M. was hired to provide Christian services to the sick and needy of the parish on a full-time basis.



John Lemire of Christian Service Commission.

Blood Bank

Since 1974 our parish has participated in a Red Cross Blood Bank Program. Under this program, any parishioner, whether he has donated blood or not, may obtain blood for any member of his family. In the past few years more than 160 pints have been utilized by St. Clement parishioners. Prior to this program, which is directed by Jeanne Antinossi, our parish participated in a similar program on the Vicariate level with Frances O'Brien as our release agent.



Jeanne Antinossi, Blood Bank Release Agent.

CONCERN

CONCERN was organized in March, 1973 under the guidance of Father Richard Rakoczy. Its purpose is to assist the priests in meeting the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the people of St. Clement Parish. It does this in many ways: praying for and visiting the sick, the elderly, and shut-ins; offering consolation to the families of deceased parishioners; providing food and transportation for those in want; welcoming newly-registered parishioners; and in cooperating with FISH and other community-oriented programs. Pat Sabatini served as the first chairperson and was succeeded by Jesse Ventro and Mary Finnsion, the current chairwoman.



Mass for the Sick, 1976.



Maurice Dore



Front Row: Sadie Bondy, Mary Finnsion, Constance Moreno, Pauline Borrello, Maurice Dore. Back Row: Father Richard Rakoczy, Louise Reppa, Jean Wendt, Betty Sanchez.

Maurice Dore

Maurice Dore exemplifies Christian charity and love. A charter member of CONCERN, Maurice has been a veritable one-man CONCERN group throughout our parish's entire 50 year history. With a warm and gentle spirit and welcome sense of humor, Maurice has brought cheer and goodwill to our parish sick for years. For the past three years, he has also brought the added comfort of the Eucharist, which he describes as "the best medicine anyone can give."

A retiree of Ford Motor Company, Maurice has great empathy for senior citizens. He is always willing to serve as "personal chauffeur" for those who find transportation difficult. With concern for others foremost in his mind, Maurice even purchased a four-door automobile for the convenience of those he drives.

Maurice Dore has been cited for his goodwill by both local and state agencies. He is an inspiring example and source of great pride to the priests and people of St. Clement Parish.

Happy Hour Senior Citizens Club

The Happy Hour Club, a community-sponsored organization, meets in St. Clement School Hall once a week. Its purpose is to provide companionship and social activities for the senior citizens of the area.



Celebrating 50 years of marriage are: Mr. and Mrs. J. McCallion, Mr. and Mrs. J. Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. R. DelGrosso and Mrs. W. Johns. *Not pictured: W. Johns.*



“Take time to drop a dime for S.C.A.M.P.”

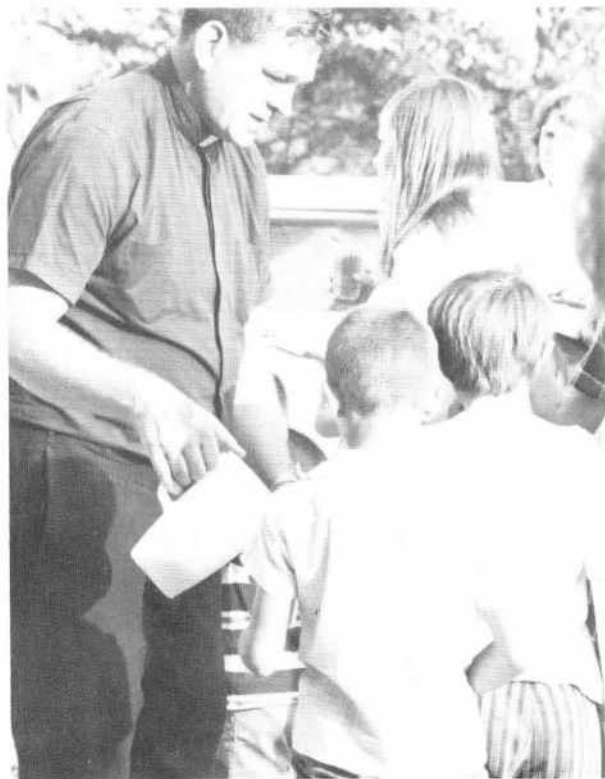
In 1969, inspired by an Archdiocesan educational program on the Letters of St. Paul, Father Porcari sought to make the parish community aware of and concerned with the universality of the Church. Consequently, S.C.A.M.P. (St. Clement Apostolic Missionary Project) came into existence. This program is designed to provide direct sponsorship of two missions: one foreign and one domestic. During the past eight years, it has supported missions in Ethiopia, South Africa, Nigeria, Brazil, Nicaragua, and in the states of California, Alaska, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Michigan. Help has also been sent to the earthquake victims of Nicaragua and Italy, and to the starving in the Sub-Sahara and India. S.C.A.M.P. has also been generous in meeting the needs of the poor in our community. The Committee itself has adopted a Korean girl through the Pearl S. Buck Foundation. S.C.A.M.P., presently chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirkhart, relies on the generosity and enthusiastic support of the people of St. Clement Parish for its many accomplishments.



Mission in Guatemala.



Lepers in West Africa.



Father Hoppenjans in Kentucky.

Athletic Association

The present Athletic Association came into being at the beginning of the 1971-1972 school year. Frank Gascon was the first president, followed by Angelo (Sonny) Lanava and Robert McDonald. Since 1971, the Athletic Association has raised funds in excess of \$30,000.00 through various means: Pancake Breakfasts, Spaghetti Dinners, 13-week raffles, candy and calendar sales, Arm Chair Racing, car washes, membership fees, and gym and grill rentals.

St. Clement's entire Athletic Program is supported through the efforts of this association. Each year approximately 100 children participate in various teams: boys and girls CYO basketball, baseball and softball, boys and girls City basketball and cheerleading. The coaches' and athletic director's salaries are also paid through its funds, as are all entry and tournament fees, new uniforms and equipment. In addition, the Athletic Association sponsors an Athletic Banquet at the end of the program to honor all the athletes of the previous year.

The past Athletic Directors have been Allen Beernaert (1971-1973) and Bill Flaton (1973-1976).



Athletic Association Officers, 1976-77. Left to right: Bob McDonald (President), Sonny Lanava (Vice-President), Koko Root (Secretary), Nancy Dajos (Treasurer).



Pancake Breakfast.



Harvey Beernaert and Duane Hoffmann Painting Gym.



1976-77 Boys CYO Team with Michael Perta, coach.



1976-77 Girls CYO Team with Michelle Zadrzynski, coach.





1976-1977 Cheerleaders.



Class F Boys' Team,
Dan Cameron, coach.





Robert Higgins,
Recipient of Ed Crowe
Award, 1976.

Scouting

Scouting has been an active organization in the parish since the Boy Scouts were established here by Wilmont Schlaff, Martin Mulvihill and John Humitz in 1955. Since that time, the program has been expanded to include Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Brownies. Scouting has fostered good citizenship and Christian attitudes in our young children.



Top Picture: Cub Scouts, 1976-77. Bottom Picture: Boy Scouts, 1976-77.



Brownie Troop, 1976-77.



Harriet Caretto,
Recipient of St. Anne
Award, 1976.



Several Girl Scouts from St. Clement Troop, 1977.

Women of St. Clement



1976-77 President, Katherine Kieltyka and First President, Mary Kruthers.



1976-77 Officers. Left to right: Geraldine Podolski (Secretary), Nell Sherry (Spiritual Director), Katherine Kieltyka (President), Mary Renko (Treasurer) and Johanna Kirkhart (Vice-President).

Women have always played an important role in the activities of the parish. The first women's group was called the Tabernacle Guild. In 1976, Father Wagener introduced the Confraternity of Christian Mothers with fifty-seven charter members. Mary Kruthers, Carolyn Kaiser, Eileen Bernardelli and Marcelline Nowicki were installed as the first officers. Since 1975, the organization has been known as Women of St. Clement in order to broaden the scope of the membership. Whatever the title of the group, the goal remains the same: to bring the women of the parish closer together in both a spiritual and social way.

They serve the Christian community by taking an active role in many of the projects and activities of the parish. An on-going project is the cleaning and care of the altar. The women also act as hostesses for many special parish events. Another major undertaking is the making of bandages, cancer pads, and Johnny Coats. In addition, the women have visited the sick, made rosaries, and contributed toward layette sets for infants placed in foster homes. The Women of St. Clement help defray parish expenses by sponsoring annual rummage and bake sales, card parties, and bazaar booths.

The members of this group also meet socially at dinners and card parties to nurture the bonds of friendship.





Administration Commission

The Administration Commission of the parish is a service group both to the Council and to the other commissions. It has the obligation of planning, providing for and supervising the financial affairs and physical properties of the parish. This commission is concerned with three broad areas: the effective utilization of parish resources, the budget, and Church support. Quintin Kremer, Margaret Monrief, and Paul Kirkhart have served as chairpersons of the Finance sector of this commission; Howard Pingston has directed the Building Services division.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald O'Brien, Organizers of Bingo.



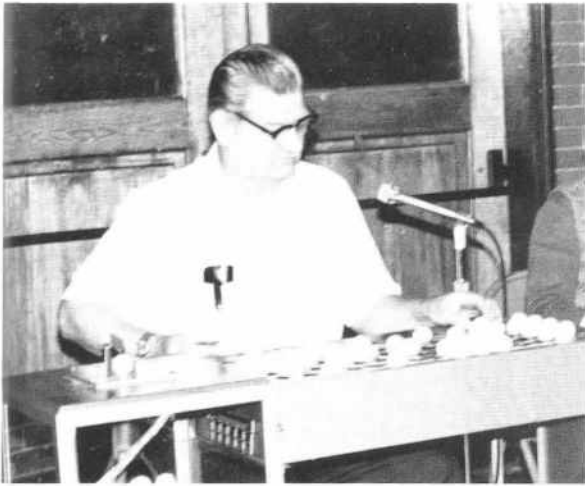
Gino Polidori, Chairman of Administration Commission, 1976-77.

Bingo

Since 1971, Bingo (originally called "Parish Social Games") has been a steady source of supplemental income for the parish. Aided by a small group of dedicated volunteers, Mr. and Mrs. Donald O'Brien have been the mainstays of Bingo since its very beginning. In addition to fund-raising, Bingo is a means of entertainment for many in the community.



Bob McDonald and Vi O'Donnell, Callers.



Stan Karczewski



Bingo Workers. Seated, left to right: Grace Anderson, Elizabeth Bukowski, Joann Bryant, Marifisa DelGrosso. Standing: Lou Schooner, Don O'Brien, Pauline Contino, Bob McDonald, Carol McDonald, Frances O'Brien, Laurie McDonald, Don VanArman and Donna Bryant. Not pictured: Nancy Dajos, Stan Karczewski, Katherine Kieltyka and many others.



Fund-Raising Committee

From the beginning of the parish, fund-raising activities were sponsored by various individual organizations. In 1972, the Parish Council established an official fund-raising committee, with Wilmont Schlaff as chairman, to coordinate the efforts of the parish organizations in helping to defray parish expenses.

The parish Bazaar is the primary project of the Fund-raising Committee. Its aim is twofold: to raise money and to foster an atmosphere of community effort. Each year under the guidance of a new Bazaar chairman, St. Clement parishioners join together to work toward a particular goal. Recent past chairmen have been: Frank Gascon, John Paulsen, and John Saputo (1970); Jack Hall (1972); Mitch Sabal (1973); Frank Gascon (1974); Don Van Arman (1975); and Bob McDonald (1976).



Bob McDonald, Chairman of 1976 Bazaar and wife, Carol.



Fund-Raising Committee. *Left to right:* Carol McDonald, Bob McDonald, Katherine Kieltyka, Cecile Aneiros, Nancy Dajos, Maurice Dore, Adam Sizen, Nate Micale. *Not pictured:* Mary and Al Flum, Don VanArman and Sadie Bondy.

Education Commission

The purpose of the Education Commission is to coordinate and promote a total and continuous Christian educational program with a balanced concern for all age groups. Working hand-in-hand with the Religious Education Coordinator, Sister Helene Barry, I.H.M., it advises and seeks to stimulate the Religious Education staff. To this end, the members often attend Archdiocesan meetings dealing with the most current trends in religious thought and methods.

The Commission can be credited with introducing the following programs: pre-school education; Vatican II Adult Religious Education classes; and the Town Forum. It has also co-sponsored with the Worship Commission: The Church, World and Kingdom program (1974); the Liberty and Justice program (1975); and sessions on the New Rite of Penance (1976).

Thomas McHenry, Frank Gascon, Dr. John Miller, Jo Johnson, Rosalie Cusumano and Katherine Wright have all served as chairpersons of this commission.



Sister Helene Barry, IHM

Sister Helene Barry, IHM, a native of Detroit, was educated at Holy Redeemer School and Marygrove College in Detroit. She received a M.A. at John Carroll University in Cleveland and has done post-graduate work at Notre Dame and St. Mary College in Indiana as well as at the University of Detroit and Wayne State University.

Sister Helene Barry came to St. Clement well prepared for her responsibilities as Religious Education Coordinator. She has had teaching experience on the elementary, secondary and college levels in Detroit, Flint, and Lorain, Ohio. Her various administrative responsibilities have included: principal, religious superior, and director of training for young sisters in the IHM Congregation.

Sister views her role of Religious Education Coordinator as a participation in pastoral ministry. She endeavors to work with the parish priests in trying to help students understand the interdependence of worship, service and God's message. Sister Helene is keenly aware of the indispensable role of parents in the Christian formation of their children and longs for the day when religious education will be primarily family-oriented.



Seated, left to right: Rosalie Cusumano, Kathy Wright (Chairman), Sr. Helene Barry, Katherine Kieltyka. Standing: Ireen Brayman, Jim Brayman, Jodi Czarnota, Jo Johnson, Chris McLaughlin. Not pictured: Joanne Kuchka and Fr. Porcari.

Religious Education

The goal of the Religious Education Program is to provide not only an education in Catholic doctrine but also a wholesome Christ-like formation for the children of the parish from pre-school through high school.

Religious education has been provided since the founding of the parish. From 1927-1950, the instructors were the Sisters of Charity, lay persons (notably Amy Hilleke), and the priests of the parish. In 1950, the Bernardine Sisters assumed the responsibility for instructing the children in grades one through eight, while the priests and lay persons taught the high school students. In 1968 Ed Cochran was the coordinator of the high school program. Peter Jungermann became the coordinator of the total program in 1969 and was succeeded by Father Broderick in the following year. Sister Helene Barry, IHM, has served as the coordinator of the total program since 1971.

The current enrollment of the program from pre-school through high school is approximately 550 students. Some of the most successful projects in recent years have been Sacramental Preparation programs for the Eucharist, Penance, and Confirmation.



Mary Zarow, Betty Hoffman, and Jo Sabalausky have given many years of service to Religious Education.



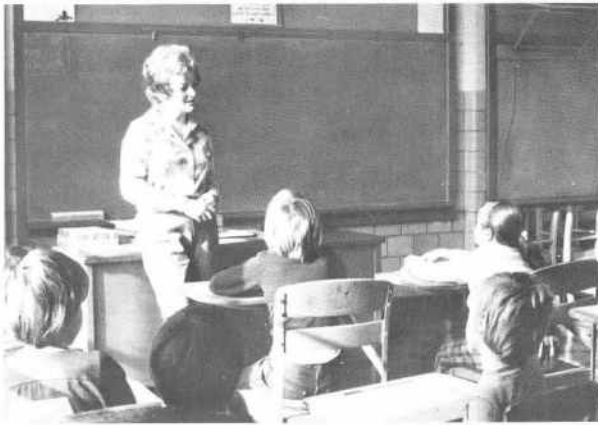
Mrs. Amy Hilleke, Religious Education Instructor (1927-1950).



Sister Helene Barry, IHM, Coordinator of Religious Education Program, and Mrs. Michael Kieltyka, Secretary.



Pre-School Teachers. *Left to right:* Jean Chervenak, Jodi Czarnota (Co-Directors), Kathy Stecker, Nina Keller, Linda Certo. *Not pictured:* Karen Podorsek.



Lorreta Pala With Second Grade Students.



Primary Teachers. *Seated, left to right:* Maria Ellul, Mary Zarow, Dolores Leonetti, Terri Bungee. *Standing:* Jo Sabalausky, Betty Hoffman, Jo Johnson.



Grades 4, 5 and 6 Faculty. *Seated, left to right:* Dolores Leonetti, Pat Boroniec, Mary Anton. *Standing:* Angela Centi, Chris McLaughlin, Jo Johnson, Maria Ellul, Terri Bungee. *Not pictured:* Cindy DeLuyck, Johanna Kirkhart and Theresa Sizen.



Junior High Faculty. *Seated, left to right:* Marge Montrief, Jo Johnson, Patricia Frederick. *Standing:* Sr. Margaret Canuelle, Sr. Shirley Hinks, Frank Seigel, Ireen and Jim Brayman. *Not pictured:* Sr. Loretta Broderick and Johanna Kirkhart.



Above: John Witchger

Below: Phil Gallagher

High School Faculty



Worship Commission

The Worship Commission is responsible for providing the best possible liturgical and para-liturgical services for St. Clement Parish. It has successfully initiated lector training, the use of audio-visuals within the liturgy, communal penance services, and thematic liturgies. Working in conjunction with the Religious Education Commission, it has promoted adult religious education programs on Scripture, Sacraments, and the Church. Past chairmen of the commission have included: Arthur Rowland (1969), Robert Dalton (1970), Gino Santicchia (1971), Joseph Wisk (1972), and Woody Morneweck (1973-76).



Sacristans. *Left to right:* Frances Guido, Mary Skrabucha, Joanne Certo, Louise Reppa, Mary Zarow.



Worship Commission. *Left to right:* Donna Baran, Richard Czarnota, Jo Johnson (Secretary), Father Richard Rakoczy (Chairman), Woody Morneweck, Eugene Murphy, Gino Santicchia, Sister Margaret Swallow, O.P. *Not pictured:* Robert Mrozinski, Jan Malinak.

Adult Altar Servers

Adult Servers were introduced to our parish in the fall of 1971 by Father Richard Rakoczy. The closing of St. Clement School the previous June had made it extremely difficult to obtain the services of altar boys on a daily basis. The purpose of this group is to serve the 8:00 a.m. Mass on weekdays and all parish Funerals.



Left to right: Joseph Marchin, Guy Ciuffetelli, Andrew Zarow, Arthur Rowland, Henry Bierman, Louis Carinci. Not pictured: Frank Gascon, Larry Hastrich.



Altar Boys

As soon as the parish was formed and Mass was being celebrated on a regular basis, altar boys were selected to assist the priest. They faithfully serve at the altar during liturgical functions.



Lay Ministers of the Eucharist

In the spring of 1974, with the approval of the Parish Council, the Worship Commission of St. Clement Parish entrusted Father Richard Rakoczy with the responsibility of introducing the Lay Ministers of the Eucharist.

Candidates are selected by the priests of the parish and are approved by John Cardinal Dearden. They are appointed to assist the priests with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass for a period of one year. They also bring the Eucharist to our parishioners in Nursing Homes not staffed with a Chaplain and to parishioners confined to their homes because of illness or old age.



Front Row: Woody Morneweck, George Deschamps, Maurice Dore, Philip Isgro, Tom McLaughlin. Second Row: Andrew Zarow, Robert Schafer, Robert Dalton, Joseph Patrikus, John Paulsen, Arthur Walblay. Top Row: Ed Cochran, Richard Czarnota, John Marku, Frank D'Amore, Nicholas Schneider. Not pictured: William Podorsek.

Lectors

In answer to Vatican II's request for a return to roots and for more active lay involvement in the Liturgy, the role of lector was re-established in the Church. Their purpose is to enhance the Liturgy by fittingly and articulately proclaiming the Word of God. In 1958, Father Sirianni invited Ed Cochran and Joseph Wisk to function in this role. With Ed Cochran as the director, the group gradually increased in number. Initially called "commentators," the name was changed in 1972 to "lectors" to better identify their role as readers of the Word of God rather than simply announcers of directions. Robert Mrozinski replaced Ed Cochran as chairman in 1975.



Left to right: Rosalie Cusumano, Gino Santicchia, Christine McLaughlin.



Front Row, left to right: Jo Johnson, Paul Kirkhart, Ireen Brayman, Ed Cochran. Middle: George Ryan, Francis Kieltyka. Back Row: Howard Brooks, Guy Ciuffetelli, Robert Mrozinski (Chairman). Not pictured: Don Foss, Jr.



Music Directors

In the past fifty years many organists have served the parish. Those who have served us most recently were Mrs. Pawelko, Paul Macken, Thomas Losoncy, Leo Haggerty, Mary (Castelvetera) Siciliano, Margaret (Furioso) Carinci and Wayne Warren. Eugene Murphy, our present organist, is especially noted for his fine singing voice.

In 1971, Father Porcari instituted the Folk Mass in our parish, inviting a small group of young musicians to provide the guitar accompaniment. In May of 1972, Glenn Porzadek and Barbara Mukomel were officially hired as the guitarists for the Saturday evening Liturgy. Now married, the couple continues to add a welcome variety to the liturgical music of the parish.

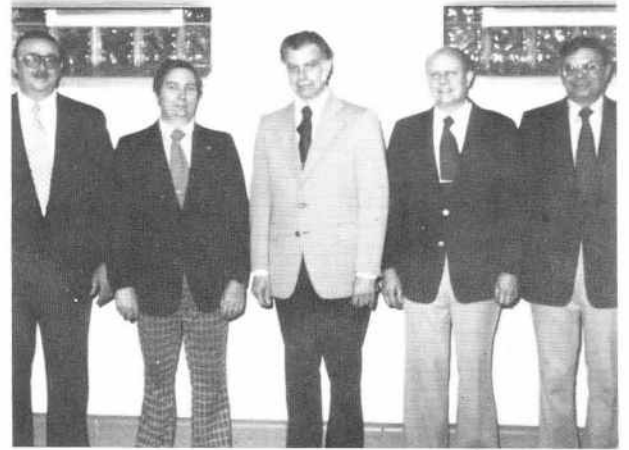
St. Clement Parish is indebted to these fine musicians who have dedicated their time and talents to the enhancement of the liturgy.



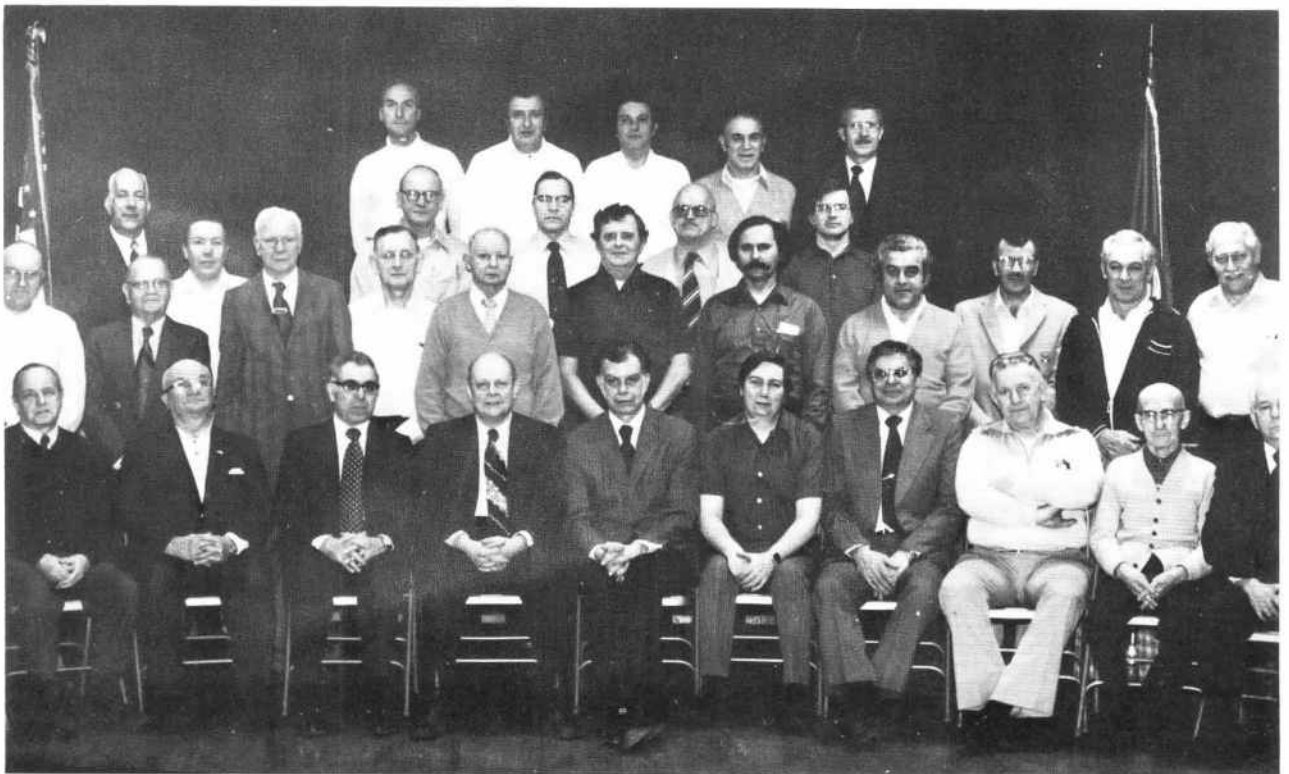
St. Clement Choir (1976-77) with Eugene Murphy (above left), Music Director.

Ushers

St. Clement Ushers Club was founded by Father John P. Wagener in the fall of 1959 to assist in the orderly conduct of church services. The ushers offer their services to the pastor as parish needs arise. Some of their past projects include the furnishing of the St. Clement School Library; the sponsorship of the annual Parish Picnic and the Parish Bazaar. (Only in recent years has the bazaar been the responsibility of the Fund Raising Committee.) In cooperation with the Women of St. Clement, the ushers have purchased stained glass windows for the baptistry and a new Christmas crib. Since 1971, they have sponsored the Parish Dinner Dance. Proceeds of the dance have been used to purchase tables and chairs for the school hall as well as to maintain equipment in the school hall kitchen.



1976-77 Officers. *Left to right:* Tony Caretto (Secretary), Paul Kirkhart (Vice-President), Ed Cochran (President), Quentin Kremer (Treasurer), Gino Santicchia (By-laws).





Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society, a society of men, was established to counteract and atone for the blasphemies committed against the Holy Name of God, of Jesus, Mary and the saints. The Society encouraged its members to receive Holy Communion frequently and usually received the sacrament in a body once a month. (This was an effort to destroy the heresy of Jansenism, which maintained man's unworthiness to receive the Holy Eucharist frequently.) With the Second Vatican Council stressing the reception of the Holy Eucharist as a family, the Holy Name Society here at St. Clement lost much of its purpose and was discontinued in 1971. Tom Delaney and Guy Ciuffetelli served as its presidents during its existence.

The Third Order of St. Francis

The Third Order of St. Francis began using the facilities of St. Clement Parish in September, 1962, for the convenience of their members who live in the Dearborn and Downriver areas. The members of this organization aim to improve their knowledge of the gospels and try to live their lives in commitment to God and their neighbor as St. Francis of Assisi did. More than fifty people attend their monthly meetings which are devoted to prayer and study. Father Leonard Cornelius, O.F.M., from Duns Scotus College is the Spiritual Director; Patricia Quilty serves as the Lay Director.

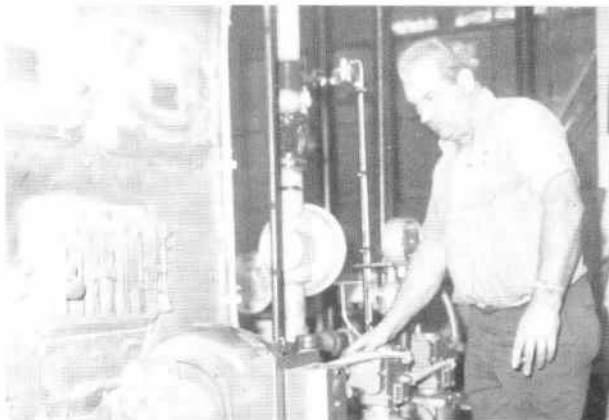


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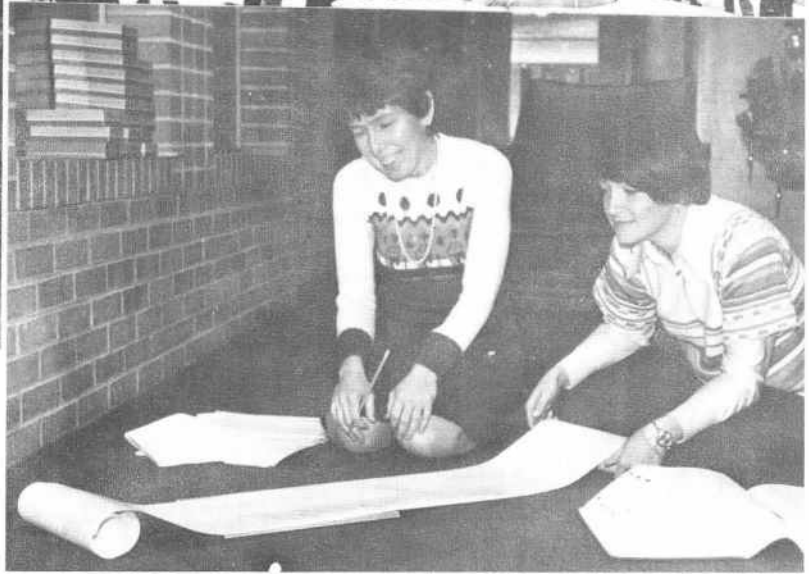


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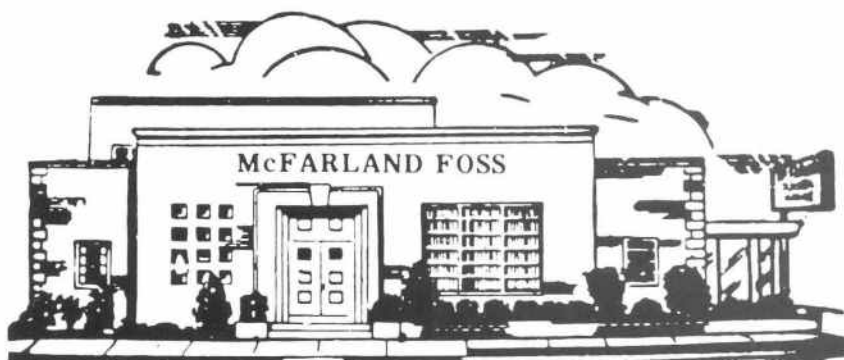
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