

St. Louis The King Parish
Silver Jubilee

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6051 East Seven Mile Rd. Between Mound and Mt. Elliott

Detroit 12, Michigan

Ms. J. Cuygoda
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This book is dedicated to the people of Saint Louis The King Parish. It is the brief record of achievement. It is the story of the determined efforts of a Catholic parish to give expression to its love of God. Its pages are part of a response to a divine injunction.

"Thou shalt celebrate the year of jubilee."



History of
Saint Louis The King
Parish

Detroit *T* *Michigan*



***“Lord I have loved the beauty of Thy house and
the place where Thy Glory dwelleth.”***

We are celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Louis The King Parish. It is a fitting occasion to survey the good work accomplished, and to recognize duly all who have contributed to the spiritual or material edification of this parish.

North of the city of Detroit, starting from Harper and Gratiot streets on the East, and from the southern boundaries, of the city of Hamtramck on the West, there extended a spacious community called Hamtramck, which extended to Nine Mile Road. In the process of the forming of the counties the village of Hamtramck was cut off on the North, so that to-day it borders with 8 Mile Road. In the course of time, more or less about fifty years ago, the present intersection of Mt. Elliott and Nevada, was called the Village of Norris, so called from the then owner of several acres of land in this district. But when the Norris family sold out their holdings, and migrated into another section of the State, not one but many families became the owners of the Norris property.

Since the name of the Village of Norris did not appeal to many new property owners, and wanting to associate themselves with the then growing city of Detroit, these few settlers called the Norris Village: North Detroit. The Village of North Detroit, however, had no definite boundaries, was not incorporated, and in reality was a community of Hamtramck.

The site of St. Louis The King parish, to-day is in possession of that community, which originally was North Detroit.

The last supervisor of the Village of North Detroit was Mr. Anthony Buhr, and he remained a supervisor, until the Village of North Detroit was incorporated into the City of Detroit in 1921.

Sixteen years previous to this, Mr. Louis N. Hilsendegen opened a subdivision. His wife was the daughter of Mr. Kern, who was the owner of a farm on the south-west corner of Mt. Elliot and 7 Mile Rd. The farm extended on the south to our present Hildale street, and on the west to Mound Rd. The corner of Mt. Elliott and 7 Mile Rd.; Mr. Kern sold to Mr. D. W. Simons, whose father was a Federal judge presiding in Detroit.

The parcel of land purchased by Mr. D. W. Simons ran 500 feet along Mt. Elliott, and 200 feet down Hollywood, our present Robinwood Street, and along 7 Mile Road, extending seven and one half feet west of Paulus Street. The remaining part of the Kern farm was granted to Caroline Kern as a dowry, who shortly after her marriage signed a joint ownership with her husband Mr. Louis Hilsendegen.

From this farm after the conclusion of the hostilities of World War I, because of the great influx of peoples from Detroit, Mr. Hilsendegen formed a subdivision. Those were days of superabundant prosperity. Everyone was employed. Not only the Ford Motor Co. but the Dodges and many other automobile factories were operating full blast. The wages were fabulous, and every worker wanted not only a home of his own, but also an automobile. The American Poles especially gave an impetus, and a shining example with their industriousness, their thriftiness, and a sincere desire to form and possess their own homes.

Mr. Hilsendegen, a man of foresight, recognized this. He knew the psychology of the Poles: their willingness to sacrifice and love of their own firesides. He knew that once the Poles purchase a home of their own, they spare no effort to make regular payments on these homes, and no hardships will deter them from their goal. But Mr. Hilsendegen also knew, that in order to have these people settle on his subdivision, a Church is necessary; which is a must with the American-Pole. He therefore, made a proposition to the then Ordinary Most. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, by donating a parcel of land for a new church, and also made a reservation in the bequest, that a church be organized within three years of the grant, if not, then the land automatically will return to the donor.

Mr. Hilsendegen's foresight was soon to be realized. The Poles on hearing that a new church was to be erected in North Detroit, began to buy lots: some for speculation, others to build homes on these lots.

There was a religious hotch-potch in the community, with two Protestant churches in the district: one a Lutheran at Mt. Elliott and Davison, and the other a Methodist-Episcopalian at St. Louis and Nevada. There were also Catholics of various nationalities, but these were in minority. However, a two man committee was formed of Mr. Francis Nadolski and Mr. Arthur Hitchens. These two men went to see the Most. Rev. Bishop Michael J. Gallagher, and petitioned His Excellency for the organization of an English-Polish church. The Bishop definitely refused.

The time specified by the donor of the parcel of land for a new church was coming to a close. The three years were practically up, in which the church was to be organized, or else the land return back to the donor. Only one month remained! The temporarily formed committee, who were concerned about the organization of the parish, time and again petitioned the Bishop, but to no avail. The Most. Rev. Bishop, could not see how a priest could survive in this desolated community.

The committee, however, did not become discouraged. They wanted to hold on to the offered grant of land. The temporary committee increased in numbers, but some of them had to work days, and could not go to the Chancery to petition the Most. Rev. Bishop. They heard that the Bishop will be present for the Silver Jubilee at St. Stanislaus church on Sunday, the 29th of July. They delegated the speakers, and went to St. Stanislaus to present their petition again. The Most. Rev. Bishop greeted them, and was glad to see them; not only that, but He also promised to send them a priest in a few days.

The Bishop kept his word. He sent for Rev. Bernard F. Jarzembowski, who was at the time pastor of St. John Evangelist parish in Ubyly, Michigan. On calling at the Chancery, the Most. Rev. Bishop presented to Fr. Jarzembowski the prospect of organization of a new parish in the vicinity of Mt. Elliott and 7 Mile Road. Fr. Jarzembowski immediately set out to survey the district, and on finding out that there were 120 families already settled, and the possibility of a greater influx of new families, he reported his findings to the Bishop, and consented to start the organization. That was on August 10, 1923.

The first church committee was comprised of Misters: Michael Jakubowski, Francis Nadolski, Sr., John Narodzonek, Stanley Latarski and Anthony Nowakowski. To these men Fr. Jarzembowski detailed the work that they were to accomplish, and stated that next Sunday the first Mass will be offered.

A candy store was rented at 18024 Mt. Elliott near Nevada, and the rental was \$30.00 a month.



The First Church in a Store at Nevada and Mt. Elliott

The first benefactor was the Rev. Francis Grzella, pastor of St. Stanislaus church, who donated a new Missal valued at \$25.00. Parishioners Joseph Kastler and Joseph Sosnowski made a contribution of \$100.00 per person.

Sunday, the 12th of August, 1923, the first Mass was celebrated for the intention of the parishioners. A cross was erected over the candy store, made by Stanley Latarski, Michael Jakubowski and Frank Nadolski. The parish also had an altar, which is still in existence in the present church: the Altar of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mr. Anthony Buhr donated the lumber, and the "Mensa" of the altar was made. Mr. Frank Nadolski had a small altar at home, and this he donated for a tabernacle. There is a history connected with this tabernacle. This tabernacle originally formed the bottom of the arch of an altar in a Lutheran church at Woodward and Medbury. Fr. Van Antwerp purchased the church to establish a Catholic parish: the Holy Rosary. The building was dismantled to make room for a new edifice. Mr. Frank Nadolski was one of the carpenters working on the dismantling of the Lutheran altars. He asked Fr. Van Antwerp if he could have the arch of the altar. The permission was granted and Mr. Nadolski made for himself a home altar, and eventually it has become the altar used in the new parish of St. Louis The King.

The vestments for the church were purchased by the Pastor, and the first wine was borrowed from Holy Name parish at Van Dyke and Six Mile Rd. The hosts for the Sacrifice of the Mass were brought by the Felician Sisters, and Sr. Mary Bonaventure played the organ. Ronald and James Cawley were the first altar boys, and during the week Stanley Nowakowski. The collectors were Michael Jakubowski and Frank Nadolski.

Day after the first Mass in the new parish, 13th of August, the Rev. Pastor with the committee surveyed the donated grant of land. It looked good, but there was one catch: the property did not extend to the street. The adjacent property belonged to Mr. W. A. Simons so Mr. Simons was asked to please be kind enough, and open a street on his parcel of land. This he refused. The matter was taken up with the City Council. A hearing was held, but Mr. Simons would not hear of opening a street at his expense, and on his property. Mr. John Lodge after much bickering prevailed upon Mr. Simons and finally he relented. However, the parish had to purchase the land adjacent to the holdings of Mr. Simons. It was agreed, and the parish bought the land for \$7,500.00; and 11 lots on the east side of Paulus Street (St. Louis Ave.) for the sum of \$11,000.00. The street was opened. But there still remained the purchase of

the strip which extended to Hollywood St. (Robinwood). This property belonged to Mrs. Hilsendegen. She asked \$15,000.00 for her holdings: an exorbitant sum. Slowly through bargaining she sold the land for \$6,000.00.

The permission for the purchase was granted by the Chancery.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE

1234 Washington Blvd.
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
September 1, 1923.

REV. BERNARD E. JARZEMBOWSKI
St. Louis Church
Detroit, Mich.

Rev. dear Father:

We are aware of the fact that the site donated for St. Louis Parish is too small and fronts on one street only, i. e. the Seven Mile Rd., therefore, you are hereby given permission to purchase a parcel of land adjoining the present site on the East, which will permit Paulus St. to run through, and thus give you frontage on another street. The remainder of this newly purchased parcel is to be subdivided into eleven lots and sold. You are also authorized to purchase another parcel of land South of the present church site so that the future site will be 655' x 140', after selling the eleven lots mentioned above. The first transaction is to cost eighteen-thousand dollars (\$18,000). This is to be paid with money received from the sale of the eleven lots. The second transaction is to cost six thousand dollars (\$6,000).

With kind regards, I remain,

Cordially yours in Xt.,
MICHAEL J. GALLAGHER
Bishop of Detroit

JNON DOYLE, Chancellor

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE
1223 Washington Blvd.
DETROIT, MICH.
August 23, 1923

REV. B. JARZEMBOWSKI
Detroit, Mich.

Rev. dear Father:

You are hereby notified that the name of the new parish you are organizing in the vicinity of Mt. Elliott and Seven Mile, is to be St. Louis after the saintly king of France.

With kind regards, I remain,

Cordially yours in Xt.,
MICHAEL J. GALLAGHER
Bishop of Detroit

STEPHEN S. WOZNICKI, Secretary

Once the property holdings were accomplished, a new worry arose: the need of a permanent place of worship, a school and a Sisters home. The Rev. Pastor



St. Louis Rectory

with the Rev. Francis Grzella went to the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Felix, and petitioned the Rev. Mother for Sisters to teach in the new parish. The Rev. Mother was well pleased with the visitors, and promised to send the Sisters, with the opening of the semester in September of 1924.

The final plans for the erection of the new church and school building were submitted to Mr. Joseph Kastler as architect, and John Lukasiewicz, Gen. Contractor.

Those were days of anniversaries, parish excursions, parties, dances, besides various other social activities. They served perhaps as nothing else to weld the people of the community into one great family. Altogether there was a strong spirit manifested, as well as a general cooperation with the Pastor in material undertakings. In other words, St. Louis The King was alive, and growing by leaps and bounds. It needed and wanted a new church and school, for which ground was broken, and on Sunday, April 27, 1924 the cornerstone was laid by the Ordinary. The blessing of the building took place on Sunday, September 1, 1924, by the Most Rev. Bishop Michael J. Gallagher. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Grupa, rector of Polish Seminary at Orchard Lake, Mich., preached the sermon.

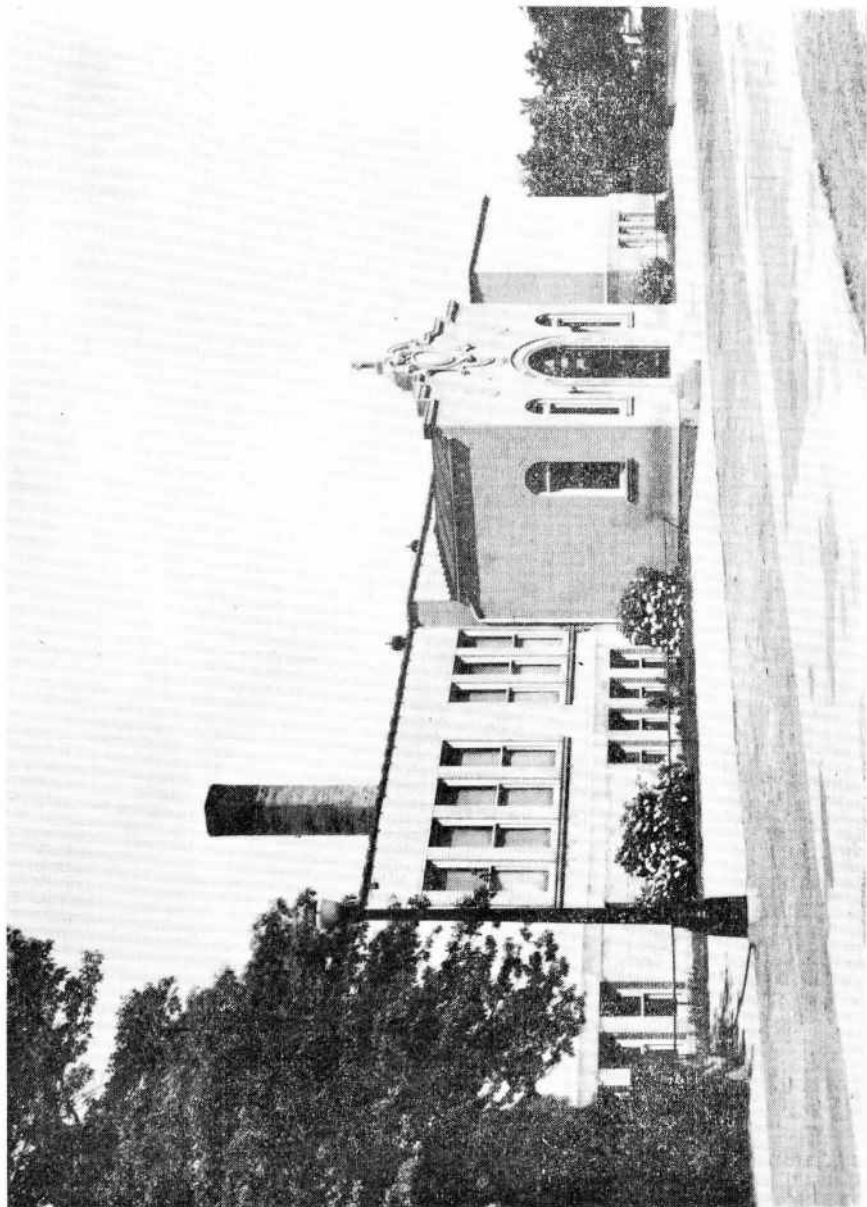
The building was finished at the cost of \$85,000.00 with five class rooms. The seating capacity in church was and is 624.

School opened in September, 1924, with three class rooms, and an enrollment of 140 children. The teaching staff consisted of: Sr. M. Dulcissima, principal, Sr. M. Simon and Sr. M. Christopher, who also was an organist to June, 1925. In the month of January, 1925, another classroom was opened, and Miss Marie Jakubowski was added to the teaching staff. The first scholastic year closed with 180 pupils. There were four in the graduation class in 1925; three boys and one girl: Piotrowski Stephanie, Hennig Theodore, Nickrand George and Wysocki Albin.

The second school year closed with an enrollment of 285 children. In the third year 1927-1928 the enrollment in September reached 400 pupils, so much so, that an additional teacher was added to the teaching staff: Mrs. Stella Olejniczak, who shortly after was followed by Mrs. Honoris Wojtowicz. Year after year, the pupils increased in number, so that at present the attendance numbers 500, not counting the great number that is not admitted because of the lack of appropriate facilities of accommodation.

RECTORY

The rectory was in several places. First the Pastor lived in a house owned by Mrs. Schwartz on Mound Rd. two blocks north of 7 Mile Rd. Then he moved to 18643 Mt. Elliott to Mrs. Cetlinski, and from there to 18840 Dwyer St.



St. Louis Church

The present new rectory was built in 1925. The Rev. Pastor moved to the new rectory October 22, 1925 at 18805 Paulus Street, now St. Louis Ave, which name was changed in March, 1926. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Plagens, the Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, blessed the rectory. The Gen. Contractor was Mr. John Lukasiewicz.

SISTERS HOME

In 1928 a parcel of land was purchased from Mr. Frank Nadolski on which the Sisters convent was built. A lot was bought for \$1,600 at 18888-18892 Dwyer Ave. Mr. John Lukasiewicz was the Gen. Contractor. The initial cost of the convent on completion of work amounted to \$8,500. The convent was blessed by the Most Rev. Michael J. Gallagher in July, 1928, and was occupied by the Sisters in September.

SOCIETIES

The first society to be organized was St. Louis The King in August, 1923; the second Young Ladies Sodality of St. Rose of Lima and the third Holy Rosary. In the course of years the following were organized: Third Order of St. Francis, St. Bernard, St. Ann's, Holy Name Sr., Holy Name Jr., Children of Mary, Choir Club, Guardian Angel, Polish Falcons, Fr. Ignace Skorupka Chapter, St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Altar Society, St. Louis Ladies Auxiliary, Young Men's Order and Young Men's Ushers Club. Some of these Societies have ceased to exist, of the others still active, a brief history is presented in the following pages of this booklet.

ASSISTANTS

The first assistant was Rev. Joseph Zielinski, who also was professor at Orchard Lake, Mich. He came regularly every Sunday. He was followed by Rev. Sylvester Kolkiewicz from 1925 to September, 1926. The first resident assistant was Rev. Alexander Jarzembowski, brother of the Pastor. He remained at St. Louis The King to November, 1929. Then followed Rev. Ladislaus Babula, 1929-1930. Rev. Francis Sysol, 1930 — Rev. Stephen Rojewski; Rev. Edward Krawczak — Rev. Miecislaus Witkowski. Rev. Boleslaus Pakizer, Rev. Ignatius Czapski, Rev. Ladislaus Golas, Rev. Edmund S. Dommer, Rev. Francis Szczepanski and Rev. Peter P. Borkowicz.

REV. CONSTANTINE DZIUK

Appointed Pastor of St. Louis The King

On the recommendation of the Most. Rev. Bishop Michael J. Gallagher, Rev. Constantine Dziuk was called from St. Mary's church at Parisville, Mich., to take over the pastorate of St. Louis The King parish February 1, 1932. Those



Rev. Edmund S. Dommer



Rev. Peter P. Borkowicz

were the days of depression, unemployment, lack of material needs, and consequently times of poverty and indigency. The financial status of the parish was in a deplorable condition. Because of the unemployment of the parishioners, the payment of the loan on the principal and interest lacked behind. Debts accumulated, until they reached the enormous sum of \$180,000.

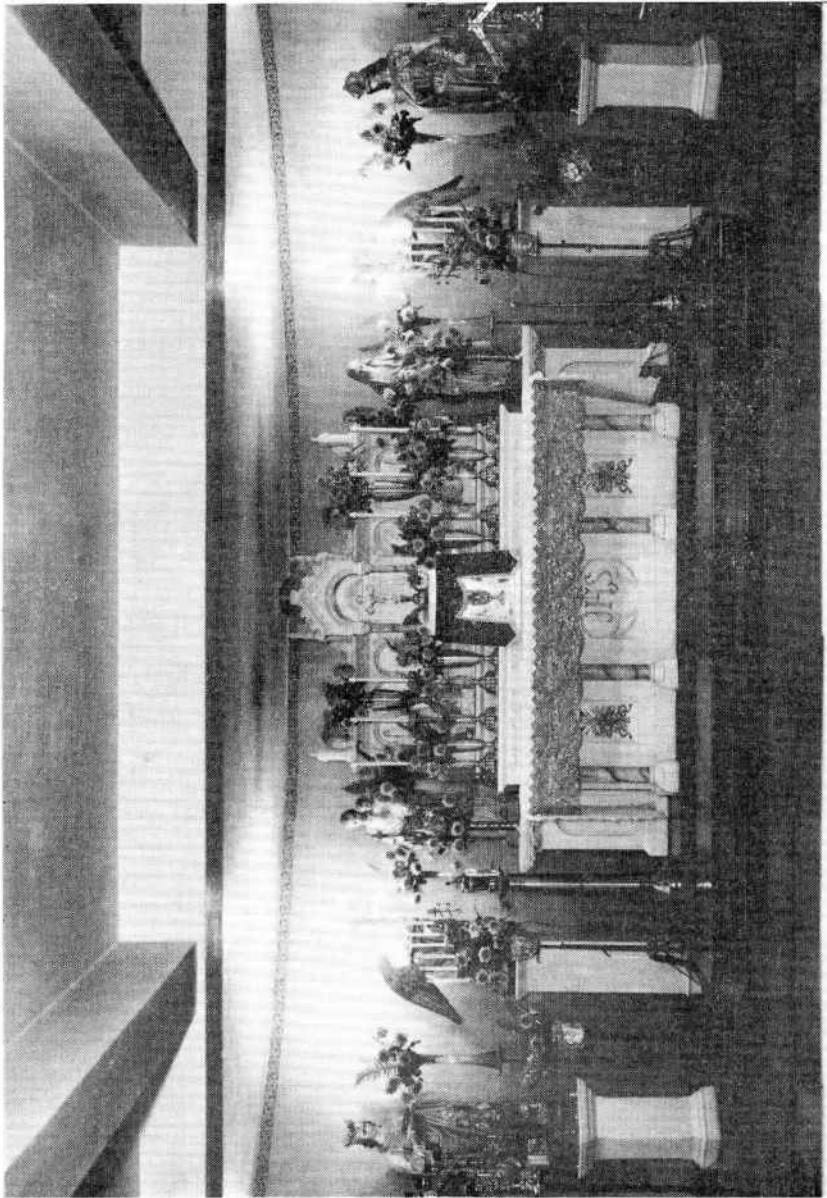
In these dark days of material inefficiency the Rev. Constantine Dziuk took over the responsibilities of the pastorate at St. Louis The King. Known to be a man of foresight, energy, self-sacrificing, his ease of manner, his quiet repose, his qualities of heart and soul, won him soon many friends, and aided by the generous and whole-hearted cooperation of his parishioners, he initiated a money raising program, by sponsoring affairs and activities, social events, dances; curbing unnecessary expenses, adding penny to penny to keep the usurious wolf away from the portals of St. Louis the King parish. The work of raising funds was arduous and strenuous, but the good pastor was not deterred by the difficulties and hardships. Twice a year he paid a visit to the homes of his good parishioners to solicit money to pay the pressing notes of interest, which were binding on the parish. Through his "dynamic" efforts, and that of his parishioners, the debt slowly decreased, and with the outbreak of World War II, when the economic conditions increased a hundredfold, the generosity of the parishioners knew no bounds. In the second half of 1945 the entire debt of parish was liquidated.

The fabulous wages paid by factories engaged in production of war materials attracted the attention of peoples living outside of the confines of the State of Michigan, and what followed was the extraordinary influx of new families to Michigan, and Detroit in particular. The parish also gained on these new families, for many of them settled in St. Louis the King parish. With new families came new obligations. The accommodations in the parochial school proved to be too small and inadequate. To remedy this condition, four new class rooms were added to the school building in 1942, at the cost of \$16,913.55.

SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

The cooperation of the parishioners was very evident throughout the years of hardship, and many a parishioner gave his time and labor to renovate and beautify the parish buildings. To those good people belong Mr. Alexander Miller who supplied paint and workers to do the work of renovation.

The following bequest has been made by the Hilsendegen family: The will reads: To Roman Catholic Church of St. Louis The King, Detroit, Michigan, I leave \$2,000.00 for a suitable memorial to be purchased at the discretion of Church Authorities.



Main Altar



Sacred Heart Altar with the original Tabernacle which formed the base of an arch in the Lutheran Church



Sisters Home

Bequest 2. To Roman Catholic Church of St. Louis The King — Kern and St. Louis Ave., Detroit, Michigan, I desire to leave for memorial windows to cost not less than \$2,000.000 each; depicting such scenes as shall be decreed proper and fitting by the Church authorities and to be inscribed as follows:

1. To Memory of Louis N. Hilsendegen.
2. To Memory of Caroline Kern—Hilsendegen.
3. To Memory of Nicholas Kern.
4. To Memory of Marie A. Kern.

Dated January 14, 1946

ST. LOUIS THE KING A TERRITORIAL PARISH

Through the untiring efforts of the Rev. Pastor, St. Louis Parish has been declared by the Most. Rev. Bishop a territorial parish. A letter to this effect was forwarded by the Chancery, which reads as follows:

CHANCERY OFFICE
Washington Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan
October 6, 1936

REV. CONSTANTINE DZIUK
Pastor, St. Louis Parish
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Rev. dear Father:

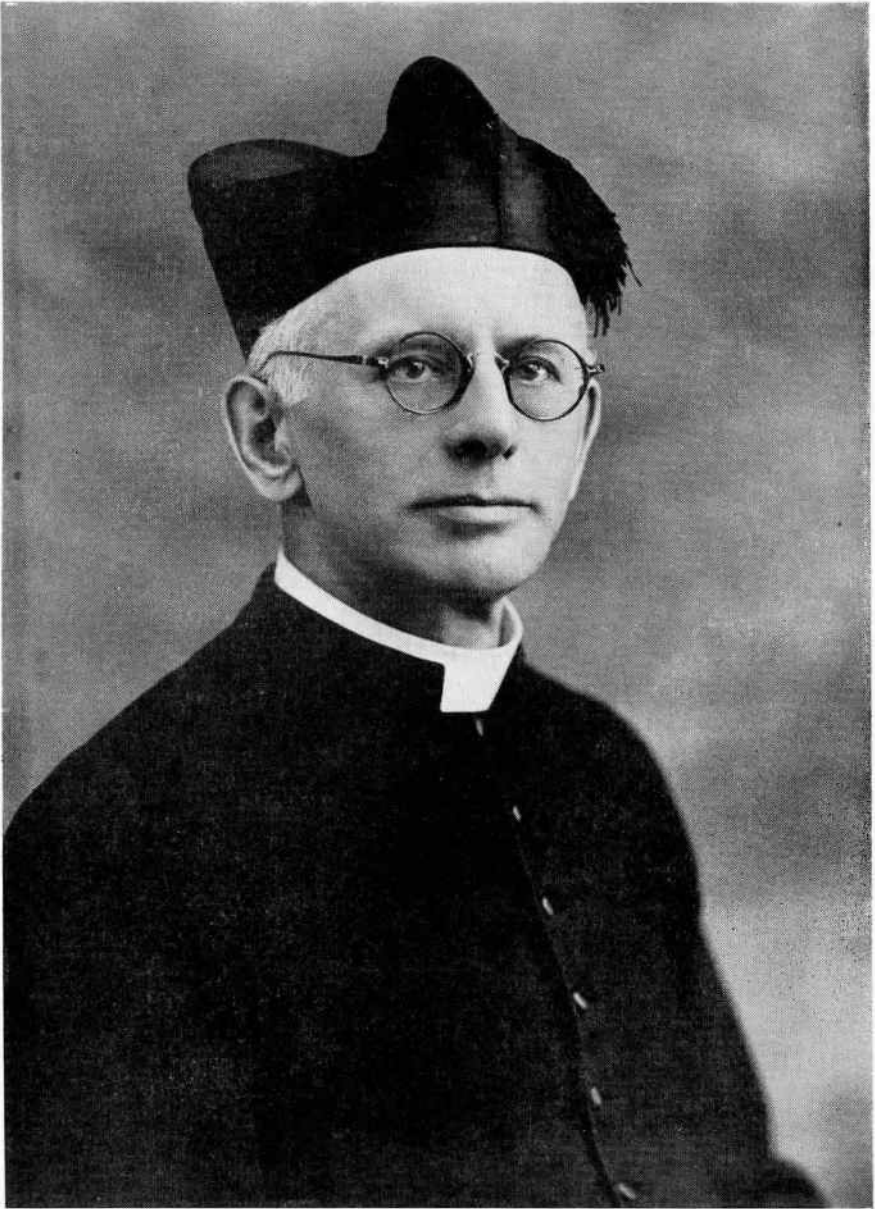
Since the St. Louis Parish is a canonically constituted territorial parish, all the Catholic people, irrespective of nationality, living within these boundries belong to this parish.

You are directed to continue serving the people in both languages, i. e. Polish and English, and this applies to the church as well as the school.

With kind regards, I remain,

Cordially yours in Xt.
MICHAEL J. GALLAGHER
Bishop of Detroit.

STEPHEN S. WOZNICKI, Sec'y



Rev. Constantine Dziuk, Pastor

REV. CONSTANTINE DZIUK

Rev. Constantine A. Dziuk was born in New City (Nowe Miasto) Poland on March 11, 1880. He was the first child of Anthony and Elizabeth Tamila-Dziuk. When Constantine was 5 years old, his parents migrated to the United States, and settled in Buffalo, New York. For the first year of their stay in Buffalo, they belonged to St. Stanislaus parish, and there young Constantine went to school. A new parish was organized, St. Adalberts, and the Dziuk family moved into this parish; it was here that the Rev. Dziuk received his elementary education. After completing the parochial school, he enrolled as a pupil in Public School No. 11 at Buffalo, New York. He proved to be a very diligent pupil, and graduated from grade school with the highest honors.

His good parents recognizing his facility in studies, had him enrolled in SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary to pursue a classical education. Here he again proved to be more than an ordinary student, and on maturing in his College studies, for his extraordinary diligence, he was awarded a scholarship from His Eminence Miecislaus Cardinal Ledochowski, to study for the priesthood in the Propagation of the Faith Seminary, Rome, Italy.

While a student at the Propagation, Rev. Dziuk, through his perseverance and fidelity has gained a friend in Cardinal Bonzano, then Rector of the Seminary, became His Eminence's secretary, and held this position until his ordination.

On March 10, 1906 Constantine A. Dziuk was ordained in St. John The Latheran Basilica, Rome, Italy, by His Eminence Cardinal Respighi. In June of the same year he celebrated his first solemn Mass in St. Adalberts church, Buffalo, New York. His first appointment was as a professor at the Polish Seminary, then at Detroit, and after 2 years of teaching, he was appointed as assistant at St. Albertus parish. Shortly after he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish, Wyandotte, Michigan. While at Mt. Carmel he reorganized the parish, and placed it on sound financial basis.

On the recommendation of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Foley he was requested to organize a new parish under the Patronage of Assumption of B. V. M. at Warren and Lovett Sts., Detroit, Michigan. The people of the locality have been notified of the organization of a parish so sorely needed. A meeting was called at the neighboring St. Francis parish, and the first elementary plans drawn up. At Assumption Fr. Dziuk through his untiring efforts erected a rectory and a combination church and school building.

His activities during the first World War gained him praise and glory seldom achieved by a Priest in contributing to the propaganda of the love of Country. He was selected as one of the Liberty Bond Drive speakers. His work and activities were not only confined to spreading good-will among the Americans,

but he also urged Americans of Polish descent to enlist in the ranks of the then forming Polish Army at Niagara-On-the-Lake, Canada, which has become to be known as General Haller's army. For his untiring efforts in 1935 he was decorated by General Haller in the name of the Polish Government.

The sacrifices rendered during the World War, had their repercussions. Fr. Dziuk began to fail rapidly in his health, and on the recommendation of his physician left for the Upper Peninsula to recuperate. After several years, his health regained he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's parish, Parisville, Mich. He was pastor of St. Mary's for seven years. On February 1, 1932 he was recalled from St. Mary's to take over the pastorate of St. Louis The King. As to his accomplishments in St. Louis The King, the good parishioners can best testify. In the sixteen years of his pastorate the entire debt of the parish has been liquidated, and not only that, but the parish today boast to the savings of \$121,000.00 which savings with the help of God will be used for the erection of a new church. May the Almighty God in His Providence, abundantly bestow upon our good pastor graces and benefactions, that he may enjoy the completion of his plans for the St. Louis The King Parish.



WAR DEAD

Pause for a moment to look at the pictures of these men, who left St. Louis The King never to return. For these men, by what they did, have indeed written one of the beautiful pages in this parish's history.

Beautiful, you say?

Yes, beautiful! But beautiful only in direct proportion to what the lesson of their death means to us.

They did not want to die — these men whom we loved; their prayers for preservation were just as sincere as those of us who came back. But the good and merciful Lord — the all wise God — selected them from the two-hundred and forty St. Louis stalwarts to represent this parish on War's sacrificial altar. Surely He found them worthy of Life after Death!

And we? What have we learned from their sacrifice? We who, wearily sinking to our knees before an altar during those evil days, prayed: "Oh God bring us Peace! Bring us Peace! and then manufactured, without that God, a plan of baleful subjection, which merely sets the next War's stage; we who, not even

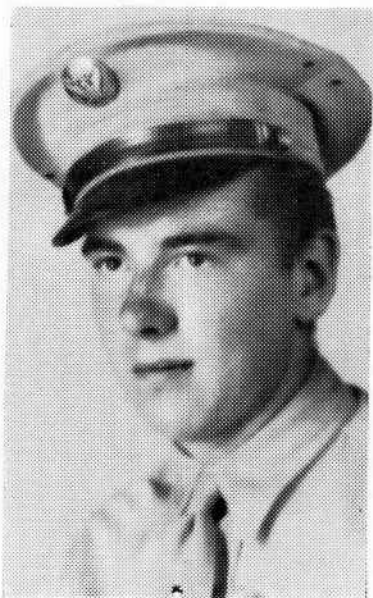
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BILL W. BORKOWSKI
Age 26—Died November 26, 1944



EDWARD CICHACZEWSKI
Age 30—Died January 21, 1944
Italy



VITOLD LANCUCKI
Age 22—Died January 13, 1945
Luzon



WALTER S. NOWICKI
Age 27—Died September 28, 1944
Germany

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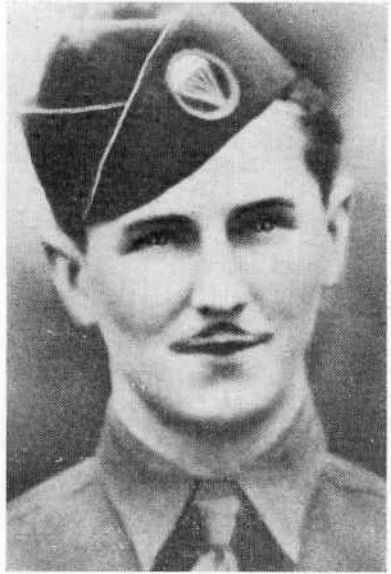
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RAYMOND SOWINSKI
Age 19—Died January 16, 1943
New Britain



HILARY THOMAS STACHECKI
Age 23—Died September 16, 1944
Peleliu Is. So. Pacific



18915
STANLEY SWIATEK
Age 36—Died October 1, 1944
France



STANLEY F. SYMIN
Age 23—Died 25, 1944
Belgium

bothering to seek a God, bowed only before a time clock which registered double-time-for-everytime and thought: "Let me see. Three more hours each day every day this week will net so much" — and found empty comfort in misfortune's prosperity; and we who, cowering in our foxholes, prayed: "Oh God, don't let me die! I have so much to do for Thee on earth. Let me live — and living, forgot about God. What can we learn from their death?"

Oh I say, some day we will have learned just what these men have done, for what they have done is at least one constant in this world of contradictions. No matter what confusion may reign, no matter what changes may occur, no matter what course creative progress may take, one single fact remains, and must forever remain:

These Men Died That We Might Live!

I say, some day we'll come to fully appreciate that fact — I mean really and truly appreciate it for its infinite worth. For these indeed lies the lesson to be learned from their sacrifice. And the measure of beauty in their death lies in how well we learned that lesson.

And when we have learned, we will have to become a more humble, more Christian people. We will have forgotten self and turned our eyes compassionately towards our neighbor. We will have no more confusion of mind but a real meaning to our existence.

And These Good Men Will Not Have Died In Vain . . .



WILLIAM J. WARNER JR.
Age 20—Died September 23, 1943
France

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STANLEY ZUZGA
Age 26—Died October 16, 1944

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BAPTISMS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

The first Baptism administered in St. Louis The King parish was that of: Caroline Trojan, daughter of Stanislaus Trojan and Bernice Mierzejewski baptized October 10, 1923.

Number of Baptism according to years.

1923	12	1930	45	1937	79	1943	166
1924	40	1931	50	1938	73	1944	158
1925	63	1932	51	1939	88	1945	148
1926	58	1933	54	1940	97	1946	178
1927	80	1934	60	1941	93	1947	236
1928	66	1935	74	1942	159	1948	124
1929	57	1936	71				

FUNERALS

The first funeral of an infant was that of Jerome Buczynski, age 9 Mo., buried September 9, 1923; the first adult was buried from St. Louis The King Church on April 14, 1924, Victor Powolnick, age 34.

1923	1	1931	14	1937	17	1943	29
1924	6	1932	12	1938	11	1944	20
1925	14	1933	17	1939	26	1945	30
1928	22	1934	15	1940	28	1946	26
1929	23	1935	17	1941	20	1947	30
1930	13	1936	20	1942	22	1948	22

MARRIAGES

First marriage was contracted between Anthony Okon and Eva Maloziec, November 12, 1923.

1923	1	1930	13	1937	29	1943	38
1924	4	1931	16	1938	23	1944	31
1925	5	1932	12	1939	44	1945	28
1926	11	1933	21	1940	41	1946	70
1927	11	1934	22	1941	62	1947	57
1928	21	1935	32	1942	54	1948	42
1929	10	1936	26				

Sisters Who Have Been at St. Louis The King Parish

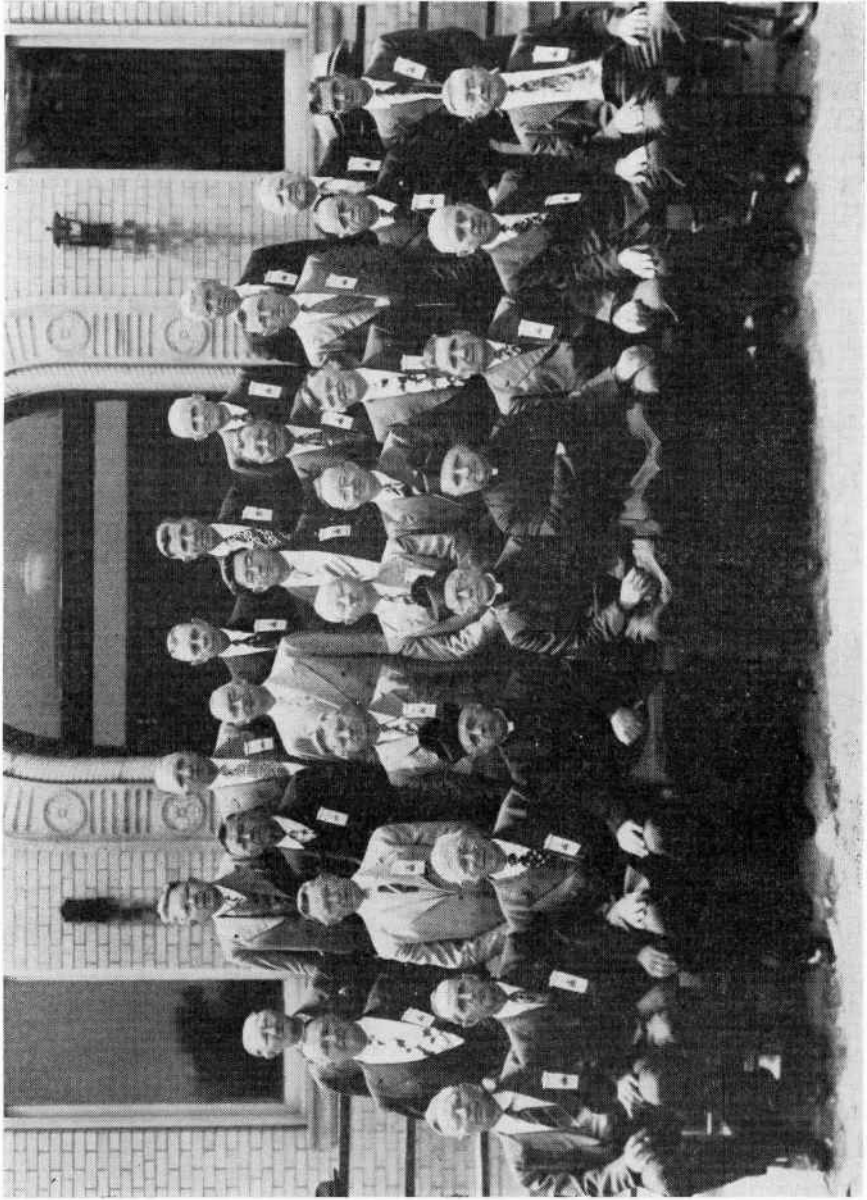
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1926-1927—S. M. Dulcissima, S. M. Christopher, S. M. Juventia, S. M. Julita.

1927-1928—S. M. Dulcissima, S. M. Christopher, S. M. Juventia, S. M. Hortulana.

- 1928-1929—S. M. Dulcissima, S. M. Christopher, S. M. Juventia, S. M. Rosamund, S. M. Leocadia.
- 1929-1930—S. M. Dulcissima, S. M. Macaria, S. M. Bertilla, S. M. Rosamund, S. M. Eustasia.
- 1930-1931—S. M. Simon, S. M. Blandina, S. M. Josaphat, S. M. Bonavita, S. M. Rosamund, S. M. Eustasia.
- 1931-1932—S. M. Simon, S. M. Blandina, S. M. Josaphat, S. M. Bonavita, S. M. Rosamund, S. M. Eustasia.
- 1932-1933—S. M. Frumencia, S. M. Josaphat, S. M. Adalbert, S. M. Clementia, S. M. Euphrozine, S. M. Hermana.
- 1933-1934—S. M. Josaphat, S. M. Adalbert, S. M. Anisia, S. M. Felicissima, S. M. Rita.
- 1934-1935—S. M. Scholastica, S. M. Anastasia, S. M. Elzearia, S. M. Bertilla, S. M. Arnold, S. M. Anisia, S. M. Lauretta, S. M. Felicissima, S. M. Justine.
- 1935-1936—S. M. Virginia, S. M. Zdzislava, S. M. Elzearia, S. M. Bertilla, S. M. Arnold, S. M. Romana, S. M. Maxsima.
- 1936-1937—S. M. Christopher, S. M. Bertilla, S. M. Arnold, S. M. Marceline, S. M. Dorthea, S. M. Maxsima.
- 1937-1938—S. M. Christopher, S. M. Chrisostom, S. M. Arnold, S. M. Fortunata, S. M. Dorothea, S. M. Felicitas, S. M. Dobromila.
- 1938-1939—S. M. Christopher, S. M. Leandra, S. M. Justitia, S. M. Arnold, S. M. Daniel, S. M. Lubomira, S. M. Hortulana.
- 1939-1940—S. M. Helen, S. M. Justitia, S. M. Arnold, S. M. Daniel, S. M. Paulette, S. M. Jolanta, S. M. Hortulana.
- 1940-1941—S. M. Helen, S. M. Nathanel, S. M. Miecislava, S. M. Arnold, S. M. Paulette, S. M. Theresita, S. M. Nicodima.
- 1941-1942—S. M. Helen, S. M. Miecislava, S. M. Deodata, S. M. Paulette, S. M. Theresita, S. M. Aquina, S. M. Eleuteria.
- 1942-1943—S. M. Helen, S. M. Henrietta, S. M. Miecislava, S. M. Regis, S. M. Deodata, S. M. Paulette, S. M. Theresita, S. M. Donatila, S. M. Eleuteria.
- 1943-1944—S. M. Helen, S. M. Benitia, S. M. Regis, S. M. Deodata, S. M. Theresita, S. M. Solonia, S. M. DeChantal, S. M. Danuta, S. M. Eleuteria.
- 1944-1945—S. M. Helen, S. M. Constantine, S. M. Benitia, S. M. Regis, S. M. Michael, S. M. Theresita, S. M. Aquinata, S. M. Danuta, S. M. Maxsima.
- 1945-1946—S. M. Adalbert, S. M. Miloslava, S. M. Carmelita, S. M. Methodia, S. M. Regis, S. M. Michael, S. M. Theresita, S. M. Danuta, S. M. Danielita.
- 1946-1947—S. M. Adalbert, S. M. Adrian, S. M. Miloslava, S. M. Carmelita, S. M. Methodia, S. M. Regis, S. M. Michael, S. M. Theresita, S. M. Danielita, S. M. Martha.
- 1947-1948—S. M. Adalbert, S. M. Adrian, S. M. Casimir, S. M. Theodosia, S. M. Veronica, S. M. Leonisse, S. M. Michael, S. M. Danielita, S. M. Edwardine, S. M. Malvina.



St. Louis The King Society

SOCIETIES

St. Louis The King Society

St. Louis The King society has the distinction of being the first society organized in the parish on the 23rd of August, 1923. It is a Fraternal Aid Society, and originally was Group 90 of P. R. C. U. The first Committee was comprised of:

Rev. B. F. Jarzembowski	<i>Chaplain</i>
Francis Nadolski, Sr.	<i>President</i>
Michael Jakubowski	<i>Vice-President</i>
Anthony Nowakowski	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Stephen Poltorak	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
Albert Bach	<i>Collector</i>
Wilhelm Nakielski	<i>Sergeant at Arms</i>

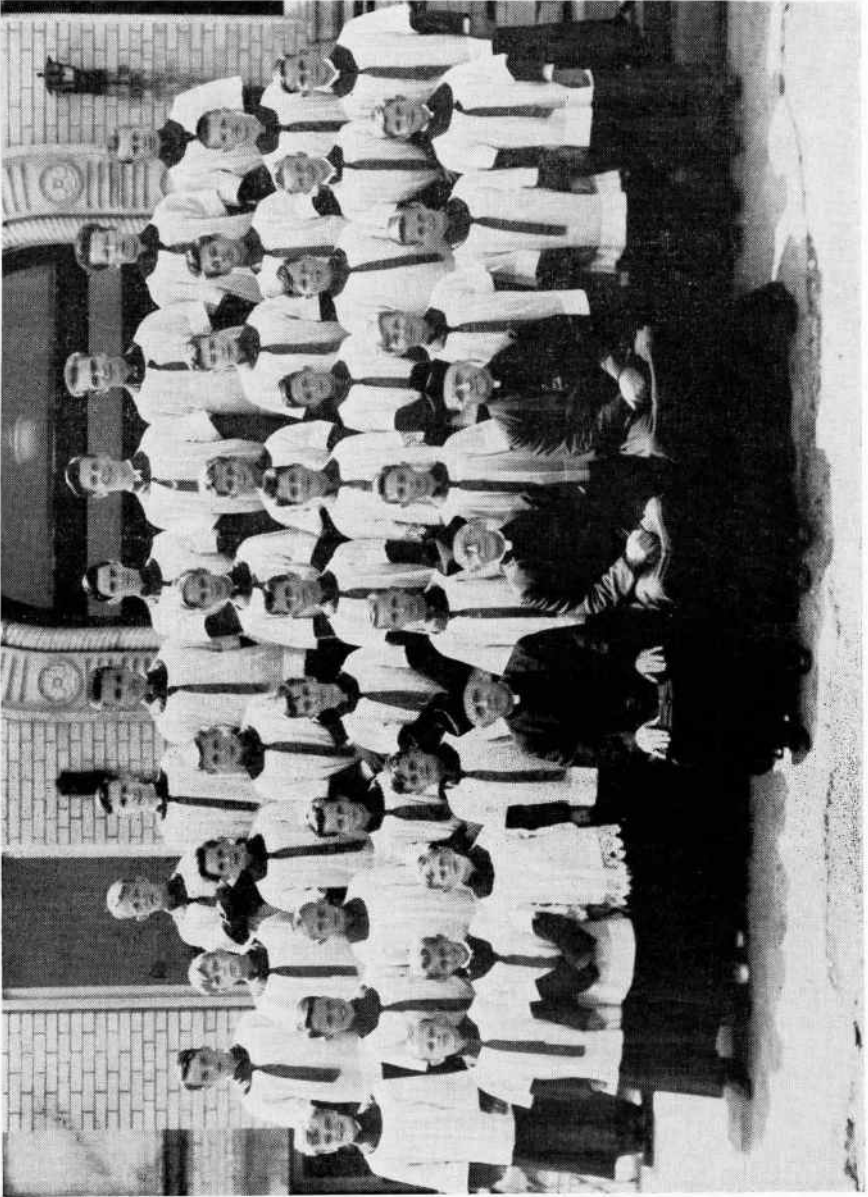
The present committee:

Rev. Constantine Dziuk	<i>Moderator</i>
Joseph Baranowski	<i>President</i>
Joseph Kanarek	<i>Vice-President</i>
Frank Kilian	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Stanley Latarski	<i>Treasurer</i>
Joseph Misczak and Stanislaus Szpakowski	<i>Treasury Guardians</i>
John Borkowski	<i>Director of the Sick</i>
John Ziemniak	<i>Investigator</i>
Stanislaus Gozdzelski	<i>Banner Bearer</i>
Stanislaus Sulewski	<i>Sergeant at Arms</i>

ST. BERNARD SOCIETY

St. Bernard Society No. 1124, P. R. C. U. was organized August 12, 1928.

Rev. Constantine Dziuk	<i>Chaplain</i>
Edward Lorentz	<i>President</i>
Michael Jakubowski	<i>Vice-President</i>
Stanislaus Szpakowski	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Marion Golebiewski	<i>Treasurer</i>
Constantine Lancucki	<i>Financial Secretary</i>



The Reverend Fathers and The Acolytes

ST. LOUIS YOUNG MENS ORDER (Y.M.O.)

The St. Louis Young Mens Order was organized February 29, 1932, by a group of young men for the purpose of working in unison to gain the respect and admiration of the community, the parents and the Church, and especially to take an active part in Athletic activities. To promote the Athletic endeavours of the Young Mens Order moneys was raised by arranging picnics, social functions, dances, excursions etc.

The Young Mens Order was active in practically all fields of sport. Out of their ranks came boxers, and bowlers. They formed Base-Ball and Basket-Ball teams. Their Soft-Ball teams gained renown in three City finals, and through their untiring efforts of industriousness and thriftiness in time were able to purchase a permanent Club-House, where a good Ping-Pong game or Pinochle was always in progress.

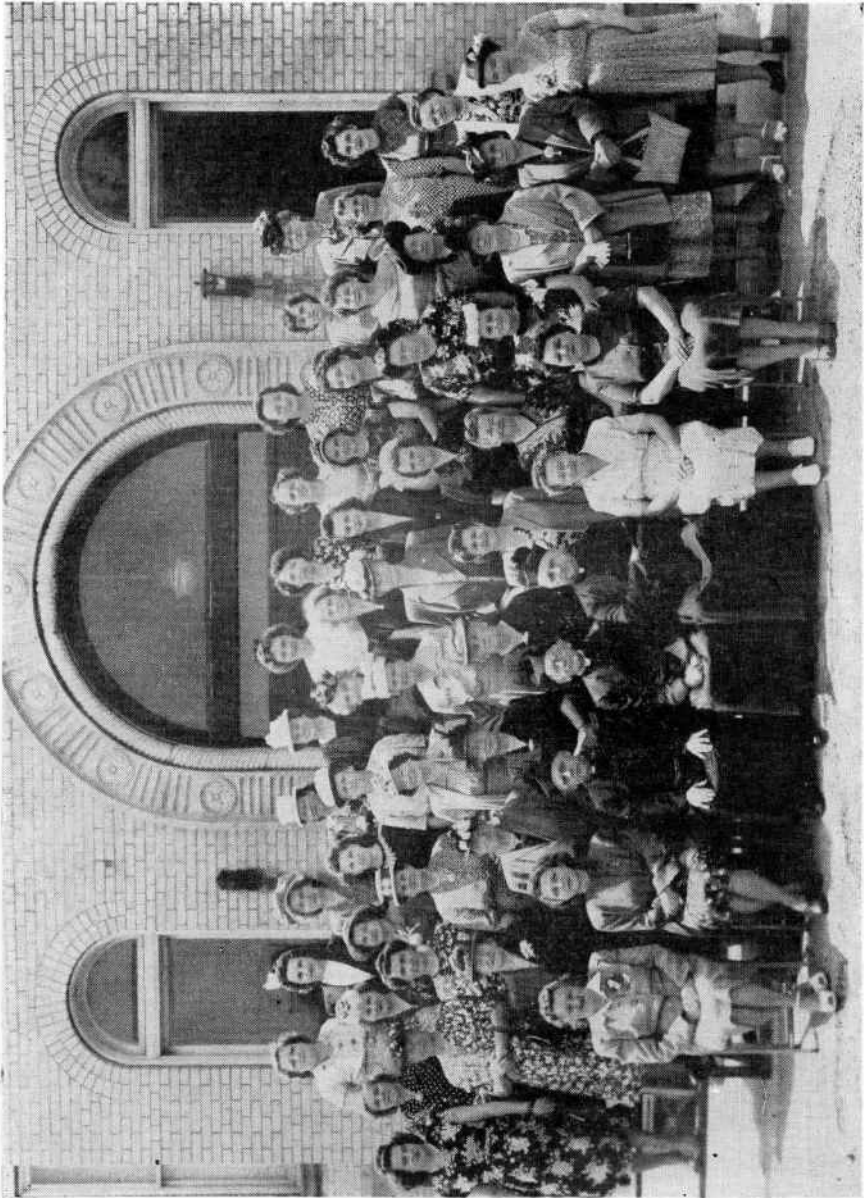
The home like atmosphere of the Clubrooms attracted the attention of the Young men of the community, and consequently gathered them in respected surroundings, thus leading them to be prepared for respected citizens, and forstall the possibility of hanging around street corners.

The Young Mens Order was in all sincerity an asset to St. Louis The King parish. Their generous contributions towards the upkeep of the Church are too numerous to mention, be it said that the Y.M.O. understood their obligation to the parish and the community.

With the outbreak of World War II, naturally the activities began to slack as many of the boys were called to the Colors, and in February of 1943 the Y.M.O. ceased to function. However, we have undying hope that the Y.M.O. will soon reorganize and again be an asset to the parish and the community.

The following held the office of president of the Y.M.O. since its inception to its cessation:

Francis Szewczul	1932	Ed Chichaczewski	1938
John Gozdonek	1933	Harry Druzonski	1939-40
Henry Jaskula	1934-37	Joseph Madej	1941
Joseph Patyk	1935	Francis Szewczul	1942-43
Al. Solosky	1936		



Altar Society

ALTAR SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS THE KING

On a fall afternoon in 1924 a handful of women of newly organized St. Louis The King parish gathered to organize an Altar Society. Its purpose, as in all organizations of this kind, was to provide those physical needs and services so necessary to the proper religious functions of the Church. The first officers were:

Rose Christoff	<i>President</i>
B. Browarny	<i>Vice-President</i>
Mrs. Sniadkowski	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mrs. Dudzinski	<i>Rec. Financial Secretary</i>

Since 1942 the Altar society has set out a definite goal of \$10,000.00 for a new Altar for the new church, and up to date has contributed a total of \$9,029.00. The present officers are:

Mary Latarski	<i>President</i>
Cecilia Zawacki	<i>Vice-President</i>
Helen Rosinski	<i>Secretary</i>
Olga Lucas	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Heien Trzeciak	<i>Treasurer</i>

ST. ANN'S SOCIETY

St. Ann's society was organized January 21, 1927 as Gr. 103 P. R. C. U. The first officers were:

Martha Siluk	<i>President</i>
Stella Malak	<i>Vice-President</i>
Mariann Stanek	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mariann Jakubowski	<i>Secretary</i>

In time the society broke away from Gr. 103, and offered its services to the church exclusively. The present officers:

Rose Szewczul	<i>President</i>
Genevieve Ponka	<i>Vice-President</i>
Leocadia Czaja	<i>Treasurer</i>
Olga Lucas	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Clara Kawa	<i>Financial Secretary</i>



FIRST GRADUATION CLASS 1924

Piotrowski Stephanie, Hennig Theodore, Nickrand George, Wysocki Albin

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children, spiritual training of boys and young men, Christian burial for the poor, circulating good literature; summer outings for underprivileged children, secretariats for the poor, securing employment for men and boys in one sentence "no work of charity is foreign to the Society." The present officers are:

Rev. Constantine Dziuk	<i>Moderator ex Officio</i>
Rev. Peter Borkowicz	<i>Moderator</i>
Leonard Frederick	<i>President</i>
Stephen Rimaj	<i>Vice-President</i>
Francis Bielicki	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Michael Jakubowski	<i>Treasurer</i>
Members:	Joseph Koviak, Thomas Winowiecki, Joseph Perkowski, Peter Hopman, Edward Satawa, Paul Stull.

HOLY NAME SENIOR

The Seniors Holy Name Society was organized June 1, 1924. The first officers were:

Aby Trombly	<i>President</i>
Frank Nadolski, Sr.	<i>Vice-President</i>
John Narodzonek	<i>Secretary</i>
Michael Jakubowski	<i>Treasurer</i>

The aim of the Holy Name Society is to maintain and increase man's faith in the divinity of the Saviour; to promote, respect and honor His Name, the means. It is an organized body of men striving heart and soul to make Jesus the Man — God better known and better loved.

The Society further wishes to promote respect for authority both civil and religious. For the rejection and minimizing of authority is one of the great evils of our day. The present officers:

Rev. Peter P. Borkowicz	<i>Moderator</i>
Theodore Daniels	<i>President</i>
Peter Hopman	<i>Vice-President</i>
Stanley Skawinski	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Joseph Perkowski	<i>Treasurer</i>
Stanley Gozdzicki	<i>Sergeant at Arms</i>
Joseph Miszczak	<i>Banner Bearer</i>

THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS

The Third Order of St. Francis was organized December 8, 1928. The spiritual Director was Rev. Bernard Jarzembowski, Bro. Francis Robert Nadolski, superior, and Anthony Bonaventure Nowakowski, secretary.

The acceptance of the Third Order Rule is an act of superservice, a supererogatory act, an act of generous love of God over and above what is strictly required

for eternal salvation: an act that in turn merits a super-abundance of graces and blessings, which make it easier to save one's soul. The present officers are:

Rev. Constantine Dziuk	<i>Director</i>
Francis Benedict Idziak	<i>Superior</i>
Alexander Roger Losiewicz	<i>Secretary</i>

The Third Order of St. Francis of St. Louis The King parish numbers at present 20 members.

JUNIOR HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Junior Holy Name Society had its inception very early in the organization of St. Louis parish. The present officers are:

Kawa Jerome	<i>President</i>
Siluk Raymond	<i>Vice-President</i>
Rochowiak Melvin	<i>Secretary</i>
Sieja Edmund	<i>Treasurer</i>

During the fiscal year the Jr. Holy Name made a contribution of \$1,000.00 for the new church fund.

YOUNG LADIES SODALITY

The Young Ladies Sodality has been organized August 30, 1923 on the feast of St. Rose of Lima, in the temporary church, then at Mt. Elliott and Nevada. The first president was Margaret Verkinderen, treasurer, Mary Jakubowski and Winifred McDonald recording secretary.

The object of the Sodality is striving after personal holiness, and active Catholicity among the young girls of the parish.

Although in recent years many of the members have been married, and thus left the Sodality, however, a membership drive and reorganization campaign has been initiated, so that once more "The YOUNG LADIES" will be the most active body in the Parish.

The present officers are:

Rose Marie Nemerski	<i>President</i>
Leona Owczarzak	<i>Vice-President</i>
Geraldine Kopczak	<i>Recording Secretary</i>
Dolores Olane	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
Dolores Peistrack	<i>Treasurer</i>

HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY

The Holy Rosary Society was organized in September of 1923. The organizers and first officers were:

Mrs. Elizabeth Jarzembowski *President*
Stella Nadolski, Joann Jakubowski and Mary Miszczak.

The aim and object of the Society is glorification and special devotion to the Mother of God, through the daily recitation of the Rosary by the respective members, each member saying one decade of the Rosary daily. It is a living Rosary. Also financial aid to the parish is a secondary object of the Society.

The present officers are:

Marcianna Lisowski *President*
Anna Frasz *Vice-President*
Stella Jablonowski *Recording Secretary*
Mary Kanarek *Treasurer*

MOTHERS AND SISTERS SERVICE CLUB

A worthy mention is necessary pertaining to the Mothers and Sisters Service Club, which was formed at the parish in March of 1945. Its officers were Stella Kornas, president, Helen Szopinski (Mrs. Sochacki), vice-president, and Charlotte Kornas, secretary treasurer. The members were made up of Mothers, Wives and Sisters, a total of 75.

The object of the Club was to build the morale of the boys in the Armed Forces of the Country, namely:

Birthdays of the Boys were never forgotten. Parcels were sent to them or else, if they could not be reached in the jungles of New Guinea, checks were forwarded. Greeting cards, cigarettes were sent to the Boys to bring a little joy, and to remind them that they were not forgotten. Masses were being offered for their safe return, also Masses have been offered for those whom God has called to His glory. Correspondence was carried with the Boys through the members of the Club. A sizeable donation was contributed to the Ida Hubbard Fund for the purchase of artificial limbs for the unfortunate boys. Contributions have been made to the church, and the members received Holy Communion in a body every Sunday and Mass and Communion have been offered for the welfare of the Boys.

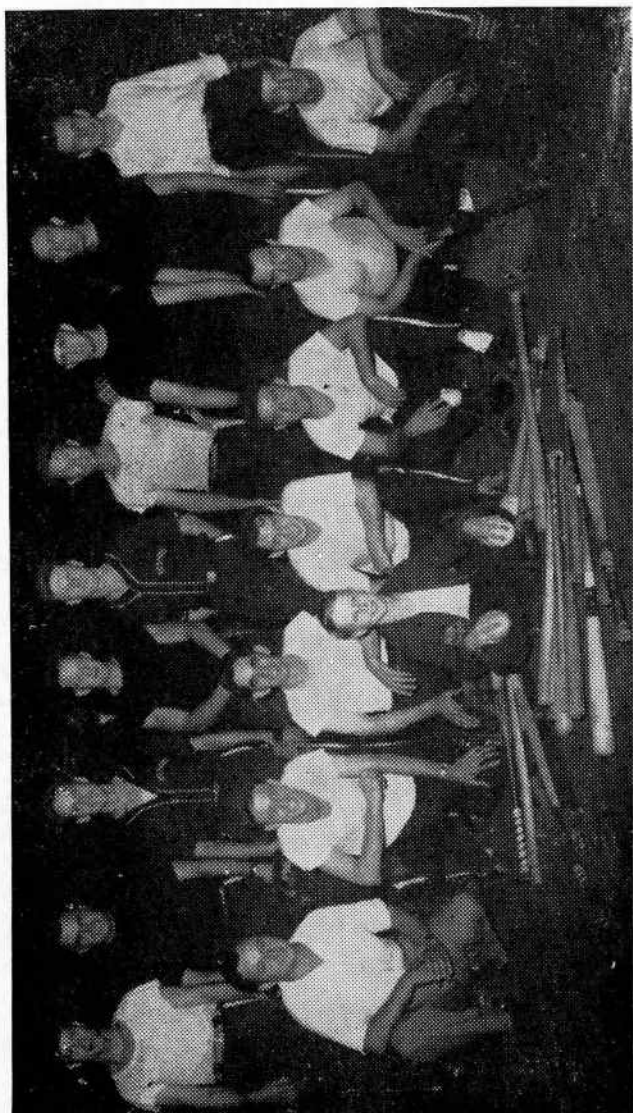
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St. Louis The King Soft Ball Championship Team C.Y.O. 1947



In the back row, left to right, are: John Mueller, infielder; Steve Madej, outfielder; Walter Adamczyk, infielder; Bill Lyszczyk, utility; Bruno Matyanowski, utility; Bill "Popeye" Lisowski, catcher; Artie Mueller, pitcher; Harry Mueller, outfielder; John Gozdanek, co-manager; Henry "Hank" Jaskula, proprietor of Henry's Bar, 18434 Mt. Elliot, sponsor; Ed "Red" Idziak, infielder; Stanley "Pinochle" Spadzinski, infielder; Ed Wyrzykowski, infielder; Modest Skorupski, Olejniczak, who shortly after was followed by Mrs. Honoris Wojtowicz. Year infielder; Pete Horne, equipment manager, and John "Socks" Wyrzykowski, co-manager. In the foreground is Gordon Farker, batboy.

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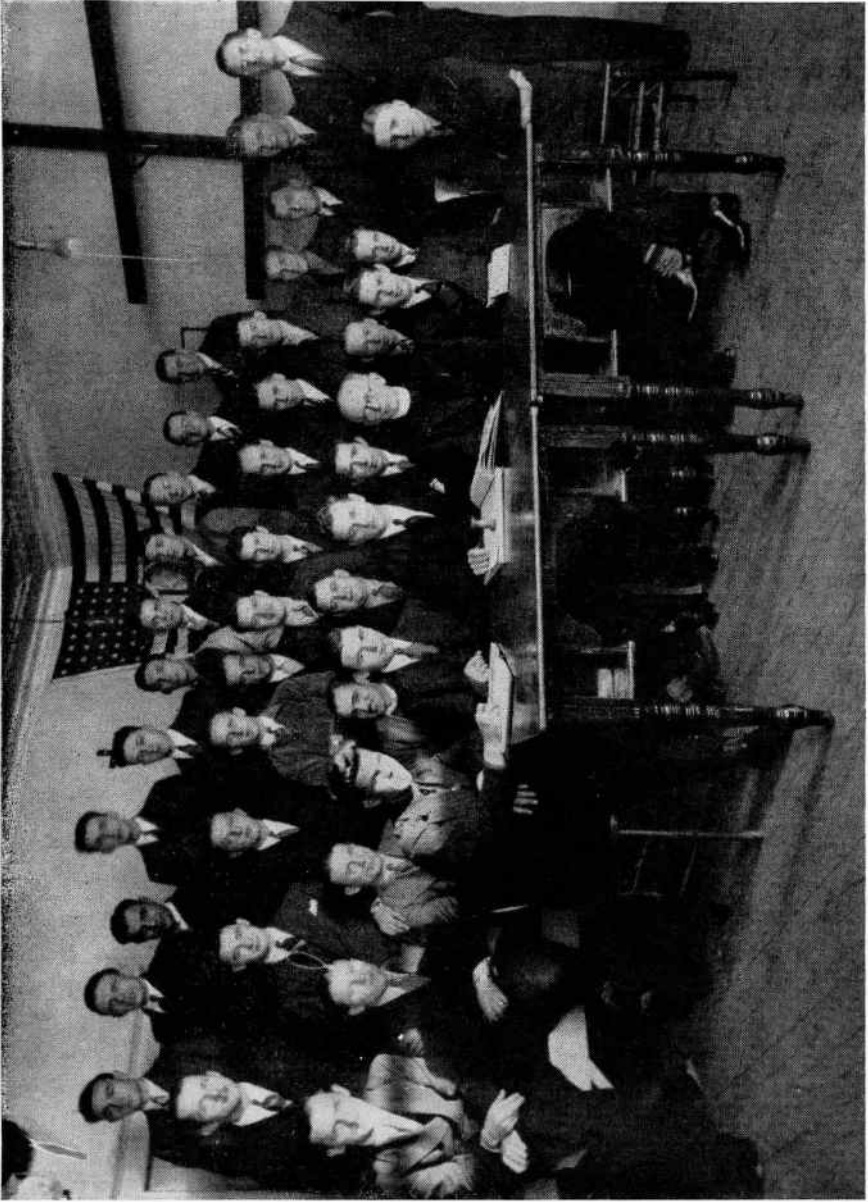
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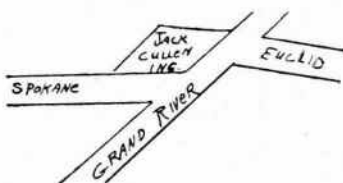
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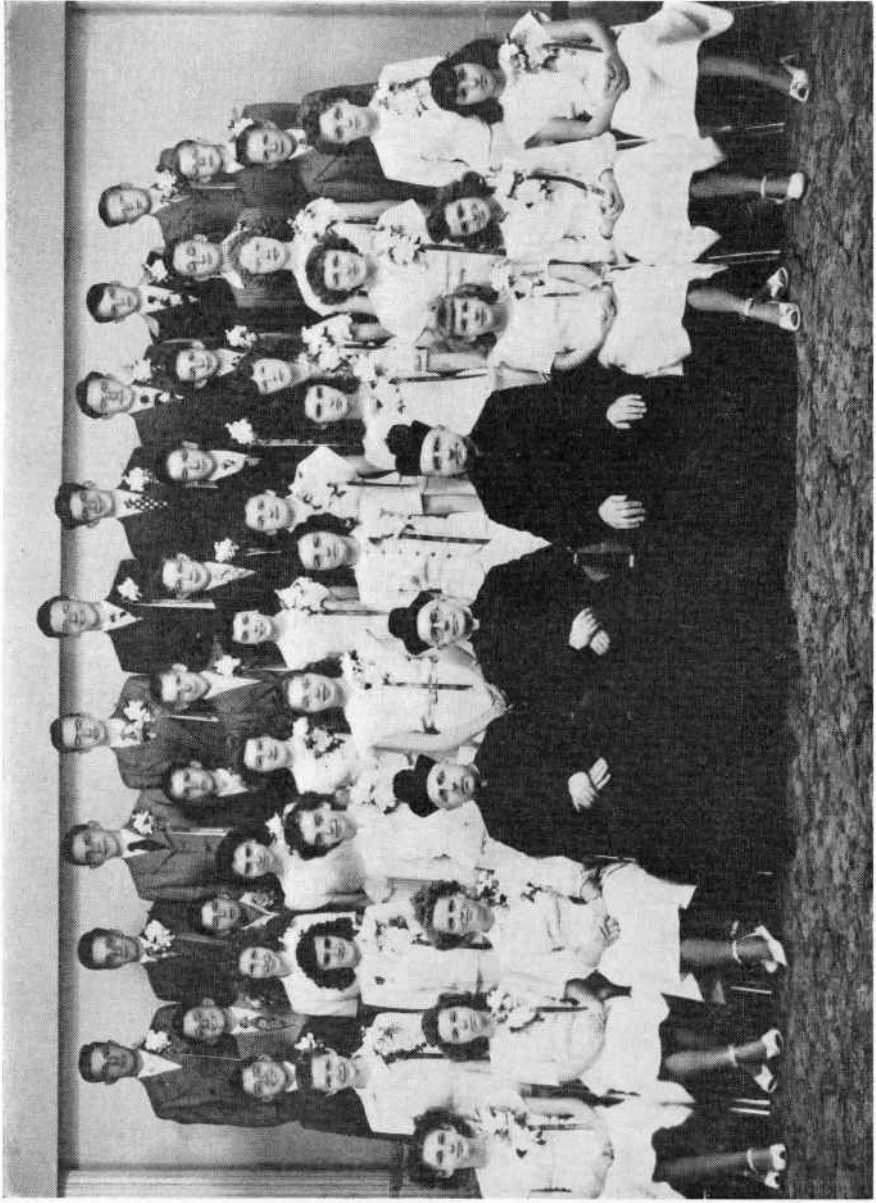
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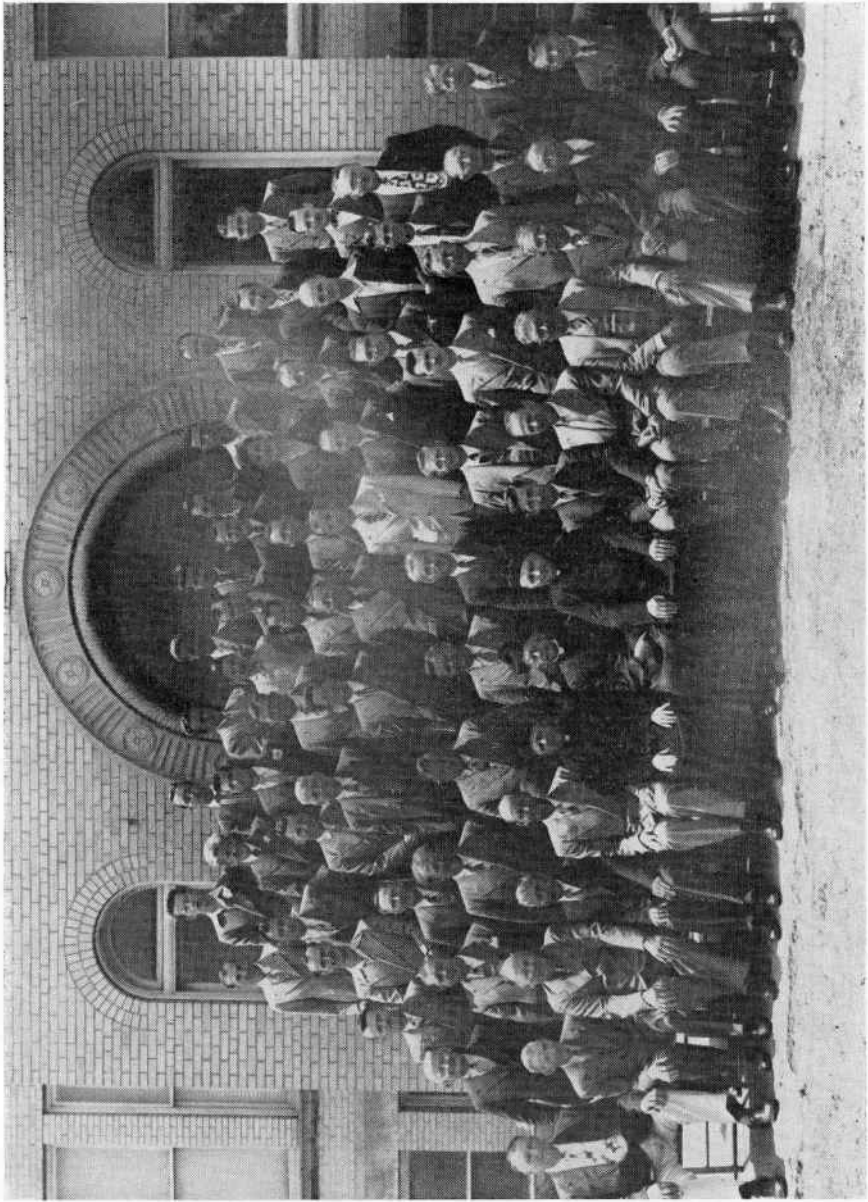
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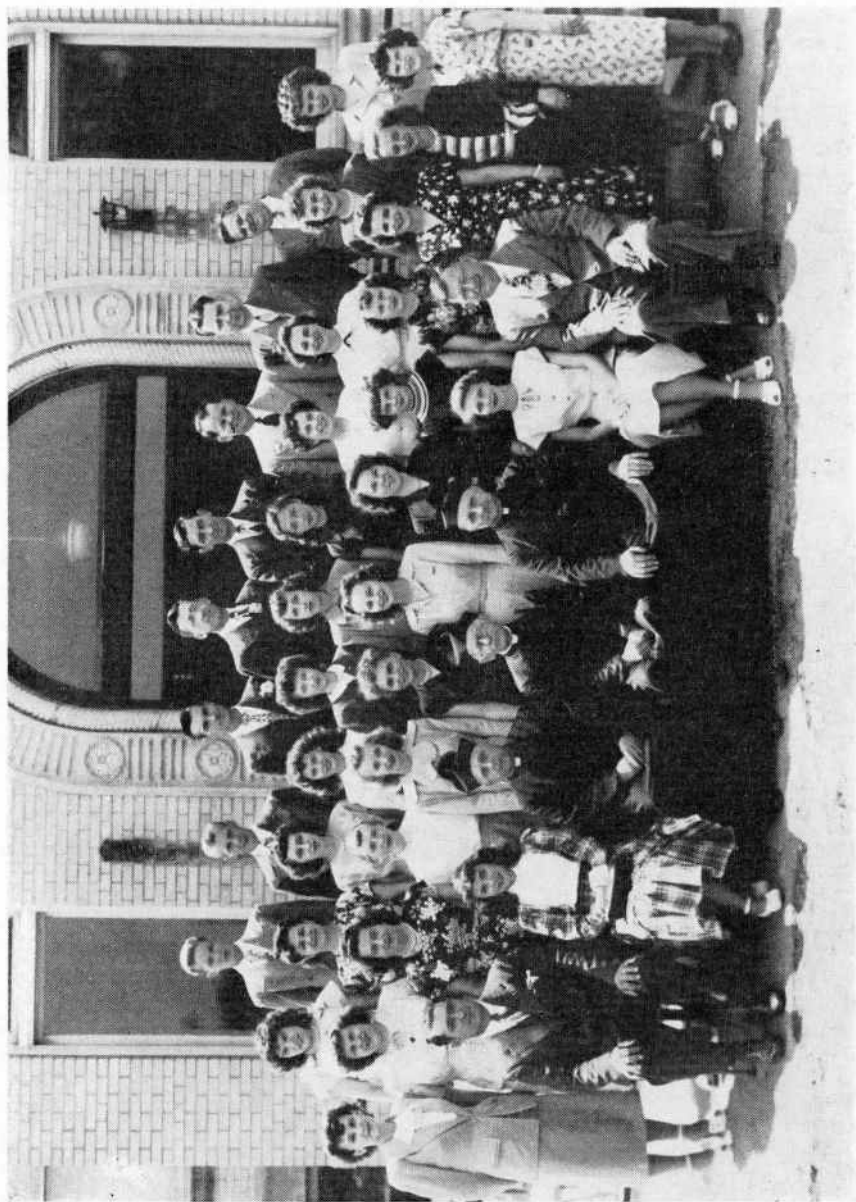
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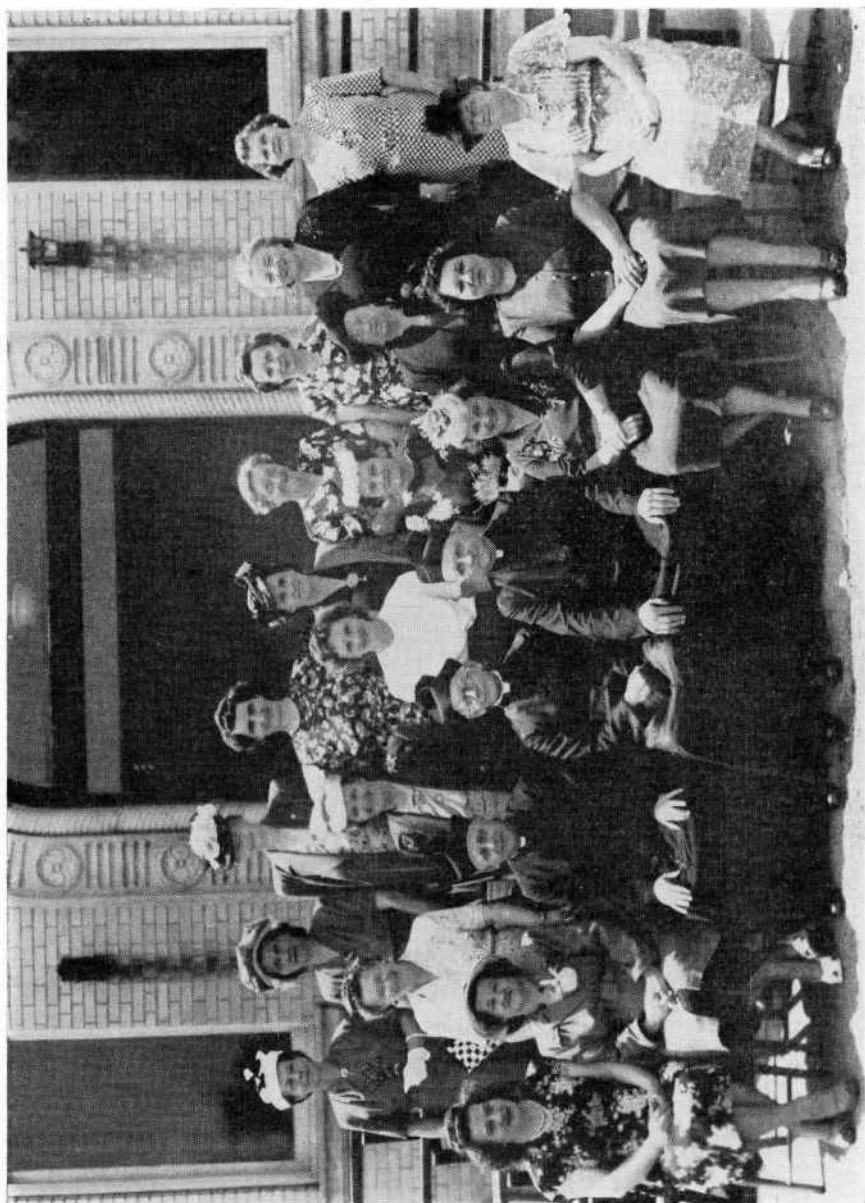
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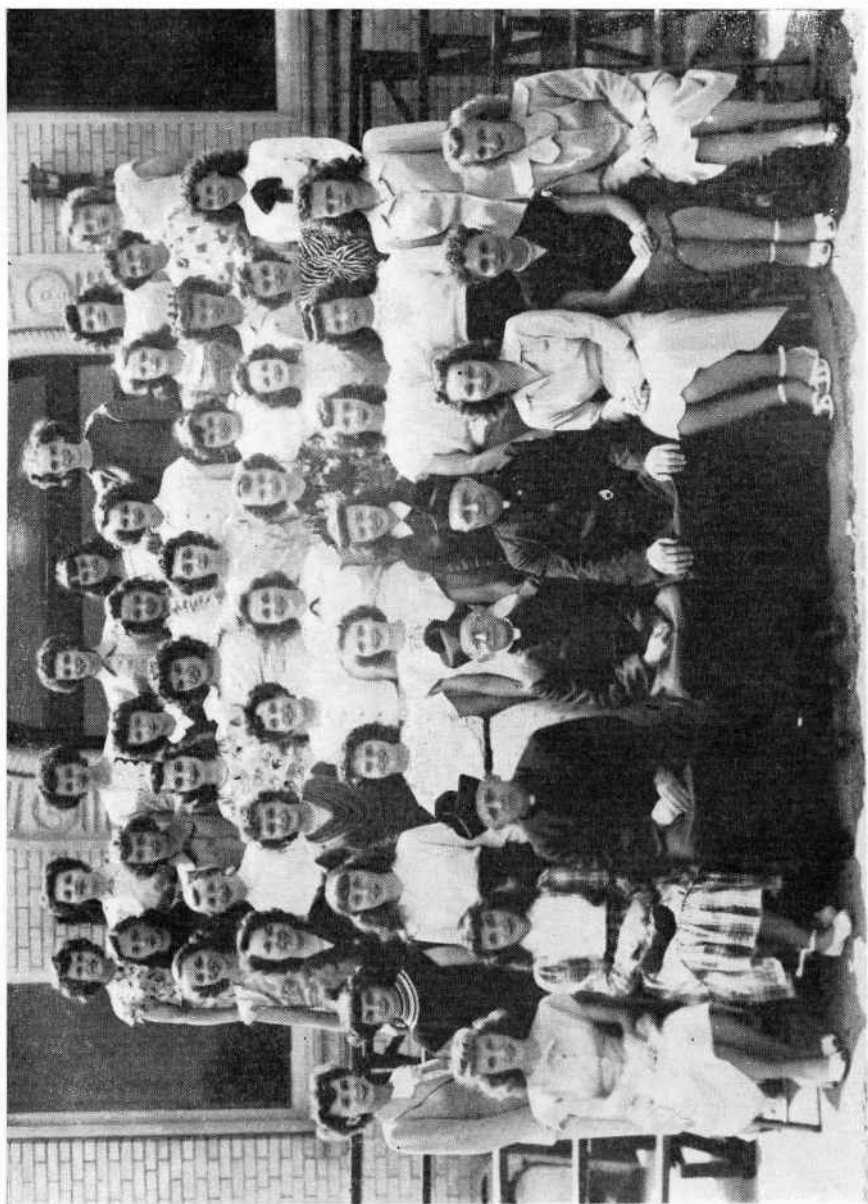
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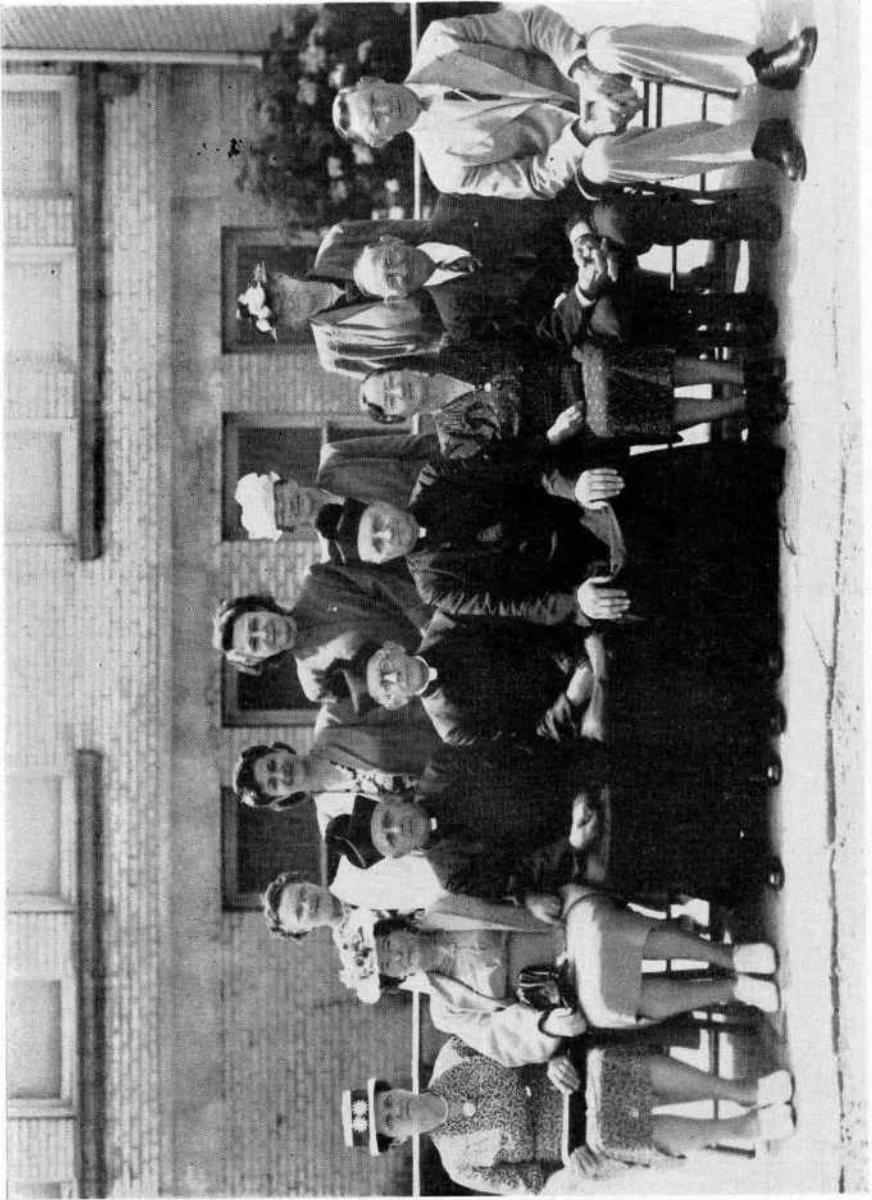
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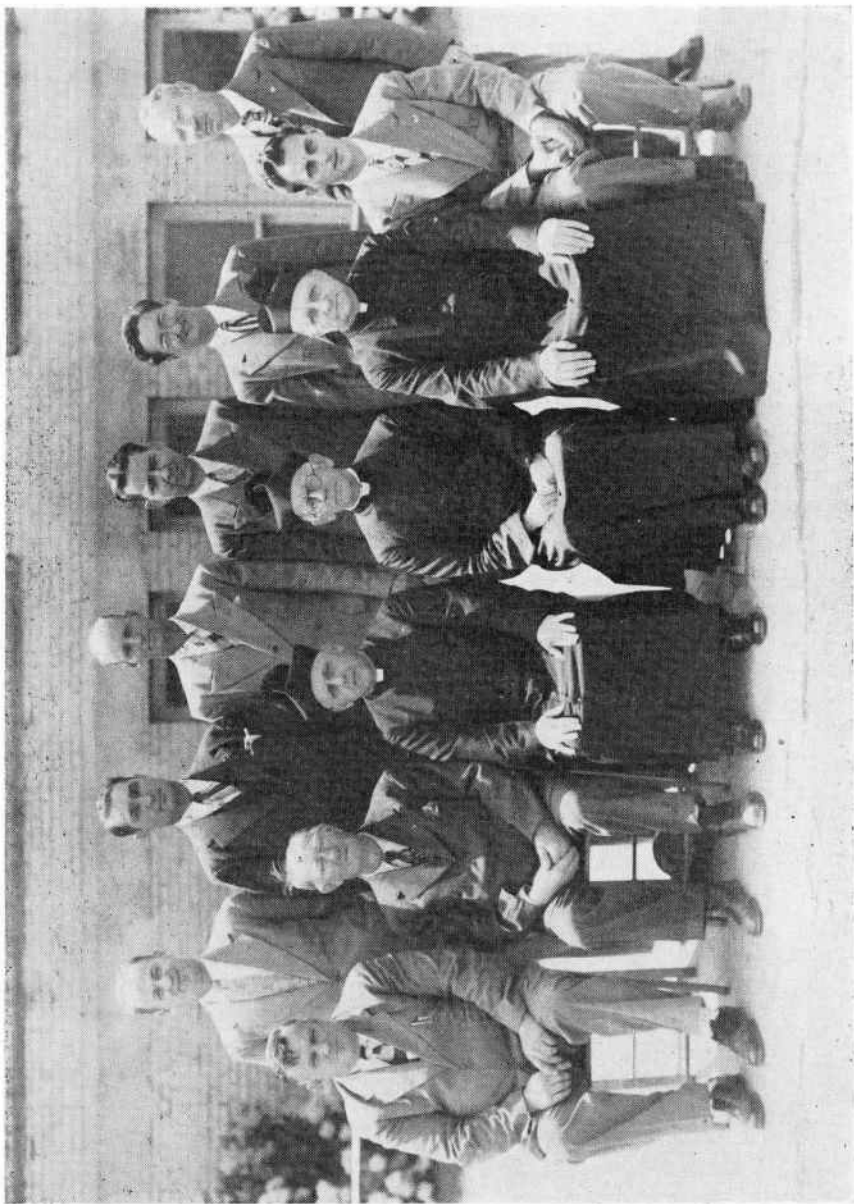
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