Diamond Jubilee of Saint Stanislaus Church



and

Fortieth Anniversary of Rev. Anthony W. Drogowski As Pastor 1929-1969 DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER ON THE OCCASION OF THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SAINT STANISLAUS CHURCH

AND HONORING REVEREND ANTHONY W. DROGOWSKI ON HIS 40th ANNIVERSARY AS THE PASTOR OF SAINT STANISLAUS CHURCH HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

HELD AT

THE LOBITZ MEXICAN SAFARI ROOMS SUNDAY, TWENTY-EIGHTH OF SEPTEMBER NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE





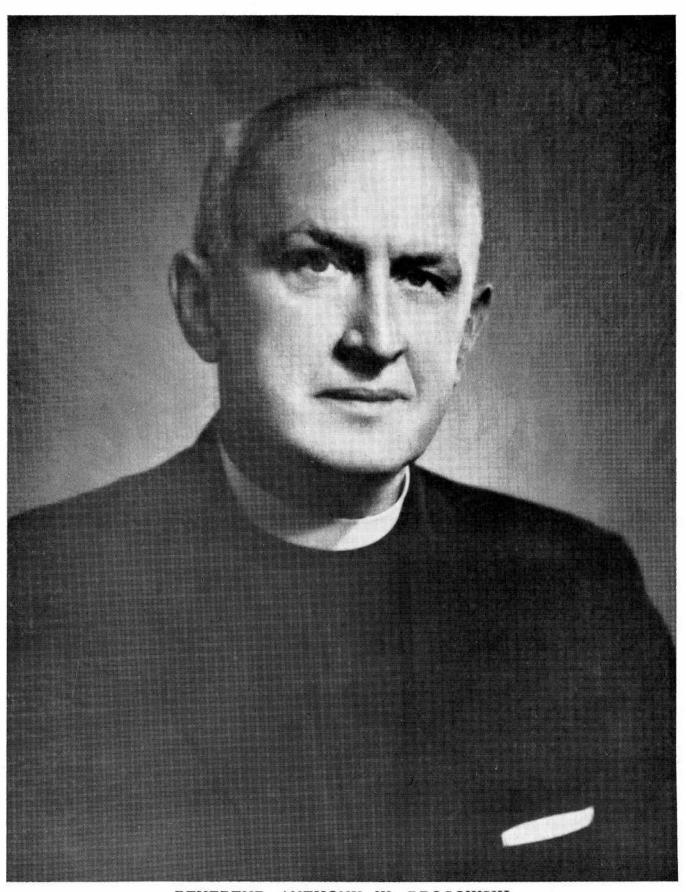
FROM OUR PASTOR -

On this joyful occasion of the 75th anniversary of St. Stanislaus parish and my 40th anniversary as its pastor, I wish to extend to all of you, my sincerest and heartfelt gratitude for keeping me as your pastor and for all of the encouragement and support which you have given me these past forty years. The people of the parish through the grace of God have made me what I am.

Particularly, I wish to thank all of the parish groups and societies who have by their efforts helped to make St. Stanislaus what it is. I pray for your continued interest and cooperation that our parish may continue, with God's help, to succeed its every endeavor.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost descend upon you and remain forever.

Rev. Anthony Drogowski, Pastor



REVEREND ANTHONY W. DROGOWSKI Pastor of Saint Stanislaus Church, Hazleton, Pa.



His Excellency The Most Reverend Carroll McCormick, D.D. Bishop of Scranton

> Diocese of Scranton 300 Wyoming Avenue Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

September 2, 1969

Reverend Anthony W. Drogowski Saint Stanislaus' Rectory 652 Carson Street Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201 Dear Father Drogowski,

It is a pleasure for me to send you and the people committed to your care sincere congratulations on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of your parish.

In successive generations, the priests and parishioners of Saint Stanislaus' Parish, Hazleton, have made many sacrifices in order to give God the glory that is due Him and over the past seventy-five years they have faithfully fulfilled their religious duties in such a way as to be a good example to others.

On behalf of the whole Diocese, I wish to thank you and your people for the excellent service you have rendered to souls, as all of us join you in offering praise and thanksgiving to God on this happy anniversary.

It is my prayer that God in His mercy may continue to bless all of you and to shower you with His divine favors.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D. D. Bishop of Scranton



His Excellency The Most Reverend Henry T. Klonowski, D.D., V.G. Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton

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September 3, 1969

Reverend Anthony W. Drogowski St. Stanislaus R. C. Church 652 Carson Street Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

Dear Father Drogowski,

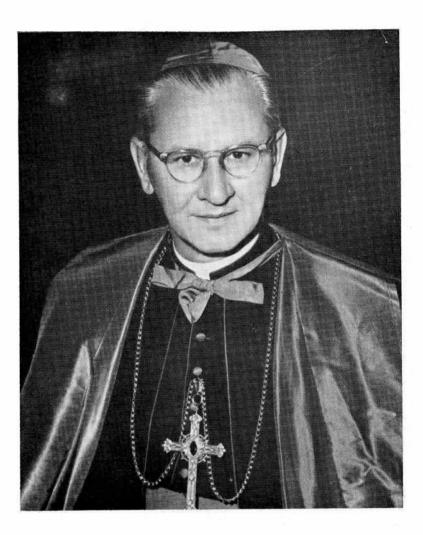
The seventhy-fifth anniversary of the Parish of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, and your fortieth as its Pastor afford me the pleasant opportunity to express cordial congratulations and best wishes.

Surely this dual observance is an occasion of great joy and thanksgiving both for you and your parishioners. Our Lord has said that to those who have cooperated with the graces already given them more shall be added. This indeed is a divine promise and bright augury to all of you for the future.

On this festive day I pray God to bless abundantly you and the flock committed to your pastoral care.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Henry T. Klonowski Auxiliary Bishop, Scranton



The Most Reverend John Cardinal Krol Archbishop of Philadelphia

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May 12, 1969

Reverend B. A. Toloczko Saint Stanislaus Church 652 Carson Street Hazleton, Pennsylvania

Dear Father Toloczko:

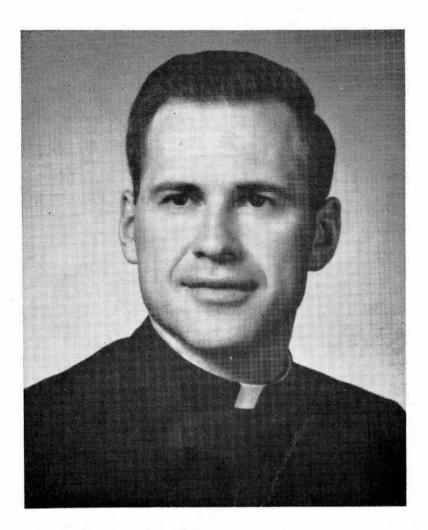
I am deeply honored by, and grateful for the kind invitation to participate in the dual celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Parish of Saint Stanislaus and the fortieth anniversary of Father Anthony W. Drogowski as pastor.

Regrettably my schedule does not permit me to accept your cordial invitation. I am in fact scheduled to pontificate at Saint Cecilia, Coatesville, which on the same date is observing the centennial of its establishment.

May I extend to you, to all the parishioners, and especially to the beloved pastor and my friend, Father Anthony W. Drogowski, my prayerful best wishes for an abundance of blessings and graces. To these I add my own pastoral blessing to all participants in the dual commemoration.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Cardinal Krol Archbishop of Philadelphia



Reverend Bernard A. Toloczko Assistant Pastor St. Stanislaus Church

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PASTOR -

"Niech Będzie Pochwalony Jezus Chrystus"!

Words arejust not adequate enough to express our best wishes, our joys and our many praises to all of our dear parishioners on this memorable occasion.

Your many years of faith are to be admired. Your loyalty to your God and your parish family are all indicative of the wealth of your Christlike charity.

You are a kindly people, a royal people, a chosen people, a holy people. Our wishes to you are God's wishes—Peace and Divine Grace with you forever and ever.

Reverend Bernard A. Toloczko Assistant Pastor

YEARS OF PROGRESS AT SAINT STANISLAUS CHURCH

Economic betterment offered by a system of free enterprise in the United States, greater freedom in the areas of language and religion which had been curtailed especially in the Russian controlled part of Poland, and greater opportunity of education were all significant factors in the influx of Poles into the United States. In the latter part of the 19th century, a rather large number of Polish people concentrated throughout what was then a fertile anthracite coal region. They possessed a certain gentility which was undoubtedly the fruit of a strong Catholic faith which had endured in their native Poland for many centuries.

To the new land these people brought their culture, a great love for their native tongue, and a strong attachment to the customs of their native land. But most significant and to their eternal credit was the fact that these people upon arriving in a strange country set out almost immediately to provide a church and secure a priest who spoke their native tongue, so that the priceless heritage of their Catholic faith would be preserved and continue to be a vital part of their very existence.

The Poles who settled in our immediate region were of this stock. During the time which preceded the establishment of their own parish. the Polish people of Hazleton attended Saints Peter and Paul Lithuanian Church then located on the corner of Oak and Laurel Streets.

In the early 1890's, this same nucleus of Poles set about to found a parish of their own. With this end in mind, the group gave of their time, effort and financial assistance necessarily required in the establishment of a parochial unit. The seed planted with determination matured into the desired result of a newly established parish with church and rectory, and on October 8, 1893, the name of Felicia Kowalska, the first child to be baptized in Saint Stanislaus Church, was entered into the baptismal register by Rev. Bernard Dembinski, the church's first pastor.

Father Dembinski served as pastor from October, 1893, and was succeeded by Rev. Richard C. Aust in September, 1896. Of the pastors preceding Rev. Anthony Drogowski, Father Aust held the longest record of service. His pastorate lasted until October 1913 when he was succeeded by Rev. Alexander Kowalchik, who continued in this office until 1919. From 1919 to 1925 Rev. Alovsius Novak was pastor. Then Rev. Valentine S. Matuszewski became pastor in July, 1925, and was followed by Rev. Walter Kwiatkowski from October, 1926 to August, 1927 who in turn was succeeded by Rev. Anthony Lafaj who remained as pastor until the advent of Father Anthony W. Drogowski in 1929.

Rev. Anthony W. Drogowski was born of Frank Drogowski and Stella Ranakowska Drogowska at Glen Lyon, Pa. He received his secondary college, philosophical and theological training at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan, and on May 29, 1926, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by the late Most Reverend Michael J. Hoban, D. D., then Bishop of Scranton. Father Drogowski's first assignment as assistant pastor was to St. Mary's, Nanticoke, where the late Rev. Francis Nowal:owski was pastor. On June 15, 1927, Father Drogowski was transferred to St. Mary's Church, Wilkes Barre, where he served as assistant pastor to the late Monsignor Jacob J. Kowalewski. Father's first appointment as pastor was to St. Stanislaus parish in Jessup, on December 7, 1928.

On September 16, 1929, Father Drogowski came to St. Stanislaus, Hazleton, where as a young priest he met the challenge of administering a parish, for many reasons filled with complexity, with a zeal and determination which can be best measured by the tangible results produced over the past forty years.

Father Anthony had been a pastor in Hazleton but six years when the construction of

a new church and a practically new rectory was begun. In the year 1938, the buildings were completed and when in that same year the church was dedicated by the late Most Reverend William J. Hafey, D. D., the parish could boast that despite the major construction just completed, the parish was free from all indebtedness. Father's thoughts then turned immediately to the construction of a new school building, but our ways are not always God's ways, and it became necessary to shelve the thought of a new school building, at least for the time being.

The year 1940, witnessed the beginning of a project for the beautification of the parish property adjacent to the church and rectory. Concrete walks were poured: trees, shrubbery, and flowers were planted. The effort here expended made the church property at Eight and Carson Streets into an area of which the parishioners rightfully boast and passersby invariably admire. Part of the program included the razing of an old building which stood on the site occupied at present by the statue of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, patron Saint of the parish. This beautification project was accomplished not only under Father Drogowski's direction, but was in no small measure the result of the work of his own hands.

In the year 1940, plans were again discussed for a Catholic School. Father negotiated with the Hazleton Water Company and purchased the area of land between Eighth and Ninth Streets, extending from Carson Street for one half a block toward Seybert Street. In the same year, the "old" school building formerly located on North Laurel Street, was purchased from the Hazleton City School District at a cost of five hundred dollars, and was adapted to the needs of children and teachers at an additional cost of five thousand dollars.

At this point Father Anthony was instrumental in reintroducing the Bernadine Sisters to St. Stanislaus parish. It may be recalled here that the Bernadine Sisters originally came to St. Stanislaus in 1906, during the pastorate of Rev. Richard Aust. During this time classes were held in the Church auditorium. The sisters remained until recalled in 1924. From this later year to 1941, there were no sisters in the parish. The sisters who served as superiors from 1906-1924 were as follows: Mother Claire and with her on the first assignment Mother Modest and Mother Salome, 1906-1907; Mother Claire, 1907-1912; Mother Jerome. 1912-1915; Mother Xavier, 1916-1918; Sister Julianna, 1918-1924.

In 1941, when upon Father Drogowski's request the sister's returned, they began with an enrollment of forty children, while at the same time they conducted catechetical classes in the evenings. The enrollment of the "old school" grew steadily until it finally numbered 150 students.

The sisters who served as superiors from 1941 to the present are: Sister Euphemia, 1941-1942;Sister Euphrem, 1942-1944; Sister Blondine, 1944-1946; Sister Felicissima, 1946-1947; Sister Casiana, 1947-1953; Sister Emerentiana, 1953-1954; Sister Olimpia, 1954-1960; Sister Caritas, 1960-1961; Sister Olimpia, 1961-1967; Sister Casiana, 1967-1968, and since 1968, Sister Borgia has been superior.

On March 25, 1951, construction of a new and modern school building was initiated. What problems he encountered in the matter of financing, planning and tending to a myriad of details which the construction of this building of necessity entailed are the hidden secrets of his own soul. Surely it was an endeavor which required the zeal and determination of a dedicated man.

The school was completed in the Spring of 1953, and was dedicated by the Most Reverend Henry T. Klonowski, S. T. D., Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, on May 16, 1954.

Father Anthony always was a planner and so the next task, and again a major undertaking, was to completely renew the convent to make the sisters residence a more attractive and comfortable home in which to live. The convent was completely remodled outside and in and was refurnished throughout. Besides an addition to the building was made to accommodate a small attractive chapel which of all the improvements is cherished most by the sisters. The renovation of the convent began on September 8, 1957 and was completed just before the Holy Week of 1958 and is an evidence of the gratitude of the pastor and the people of St. Stanislaus to the sisters who teach in their school.

Probably Father's most cherished project was the altar at the cemetery completed in 1961. Just beautiful.

After Father had taken care of all our needs, he then worked on the rectory. An addition was made to it in 1965. We are now looking forward to the new doors which will be installed soon.

During Father's pastorate, the spiritual condition of the parish has remained sturdy and strong. It has given seven sons to the Priesthood. The late Rt. Rev. Monsignor Theodore Ziolkowski who was Chancellor of the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota; Rev. Francis Dobrydnio, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dorrance Corners, Pa.; Rev. Joseph Kaczka, Missionary, Graymoor Monastery, New York; Rev. Harold Bartowski, LaSalette Fathers, Pastor in Canada; Rev. Adam Kostick, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Washington D. C.; Rev. Adam Gudalewski, Maryknoll Missionary, Kokkaido, Japan; Rev. Daniel Higgins who is deceased.

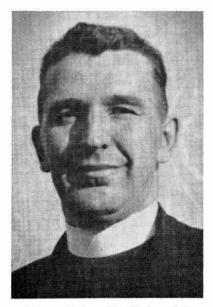
The parish has also given of its daughters to the religious life. These we are proud to enumerate as follows: Sister Bonventa, Zych; Sister Alberta, Zych; Sister Innocent, Deorocka; Sister Rita, Deorocka; Sister Rosaire, Keiser; Sister Tharsilla, Keiser (deceased); Sister Humiliana, Keiser; Sister Theodore, Pezda (deceased); Sister Dulceline, Spicwak (deceased); Sister Maroline, Chlopek; Sister Jeanette, Gula; Sister Martine, Blaskiewicz; Sister Celine, Barszczewska; Sister Maura, Wytrwal; Sister Walburga, Raczyla; Sister Victima, Plociennik; Sister Justine, Plociennik (deceased); Sister Julia, Kolenda; and Sister Waltrude, Wierpsza.

During Father Drogowski's pastorate, there have been six priests assigned to St. Stanislaus as assistant pastors. They were: Rev. John Zalewski, Rev. Henry Wayda, Rev. Daniel Olszewski, Rev. Leonard Novak, Rev. Walter Skiba and our present assistant Rev. Bernard Toloczko, who came to us in May, 1966.

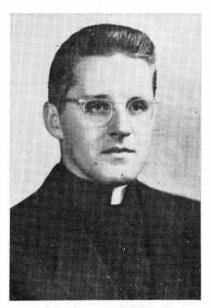
Father Anthony, by his friendliness to everyone, non-parishioners as well as parishioners, has created the feeling that the parish is one big family. In no small way do the parishioners of St. Stanislaus share in the glory of their parish. It is through their effort, cooperation and generosity that their parish has continued to function successfully. It must be heart warming indeed for the people of St. Stanislaus to look about and have the satisfaction of having had some part in the development of their parish as it exists today.

May the spirit which engenders such progress and strength under God's providence continue to endure. To Father Anthony, the parishioners extend their thanks and a sincere ad multos annos!

OUR FORMER ASSISTANT PASTORS



Rev. John F. Zalewski Pastor St. Mary's Church Blossburg, Pennsylvania



Rev. Leonard Novak Assistant Pastor Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary South Side Scranton, Penna.



Rev. Daniel D. Olszewski Assistant Pastor Transfiguration Church West Hazleton, Penna.

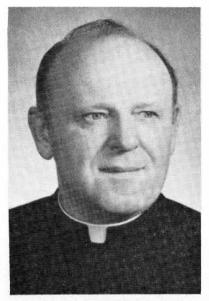


Rev. Henry A. Wayda Pastor St. Michael's Church Glen Lyons, Pennsylvania



Rev. Walter Skiba Assistant Pastor St. Mary's Church Nanticoke, Penna.

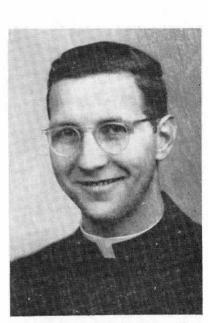
OUR PARISH SONS



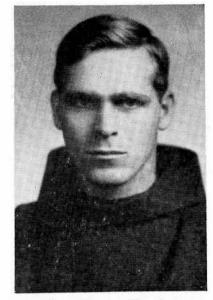
Rev. Francis Dobrydnio Pastor St. Mary's Church Dorrance Corners, Pa.



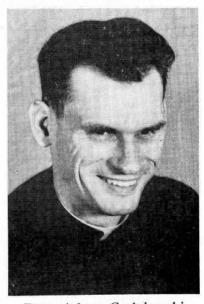
Rev. Adam Kostick Pastor St. Anthony's Church Washington, D. C.



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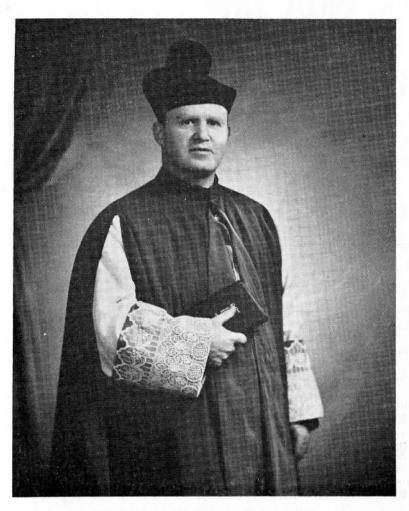


Rev. Leon Kaczka Missionary Graymoor Monastery New York

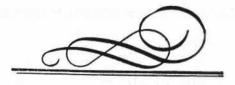


Rev. Adam Gudalewski Maryknoll Missionary Kokkaido, Japan

DECEASED SONS OF THE PARISH



Monsignor Thaddeus Ziolkowski





Rev. Daniel J. Higgins

DIAMOND JUBILEE AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER PROGRAM

Processional	Phil	Cusick	at	the	organ
National Anthem				. Ass	sembly
Invocation Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph Pastor, St. Joseph's Church,				r.D.,	J.C.D.

Toast

DINNER

Welcome and Introduction of Toastmaster Stanley Babon		
Toastmaster Dr. Phillip Domin		
Felicitations Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D.D. Bishop of Scranton		
Forty Years of Progress		
Accordian Selection Theresa Balas		
Combo Selection A Little Sunshine Group		
Principal Address		
Remarks and Presentation		
Response		
Benediction		
Bože Coś Polskę Assembly		
Recessional Phil Cusick at the Organ		
Refreshments and Dancing Will Follow		

BOŹE COŚ POLSKĘ

Boźe coś Polskę, przez tak liczne wieki, Otaczał Blaskiem, potęgi i chwały, Coś ją zasłaniał, tarcząc swej opieki, Od niesczęść które przygnębić ją miały, Przed Twem ołtarzem zanosim błaganie, Ojczyzny wolność racz nam wrócić Panie. Fresh Fruit Cocktail

Chef's Tossed Salad

Olives, pickles celery, carrot strips

Stuffed Breast of Chicken

Ham with Pineapple Ring

Gravy

Fluffy Mashed Potatoes

Blue Lake Green Beans

Dinner Rolls

Butter

Dessert

Coffee or Tea

After Dinner Mints

Dinner music by Phil Cusick at the Organ Organ Courtesy of Moratto and Lesante 26 North Wyoming Street — Hazleton, Penna.

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh say, can you see by the dawn's early light What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars,

Through the perilous fight,

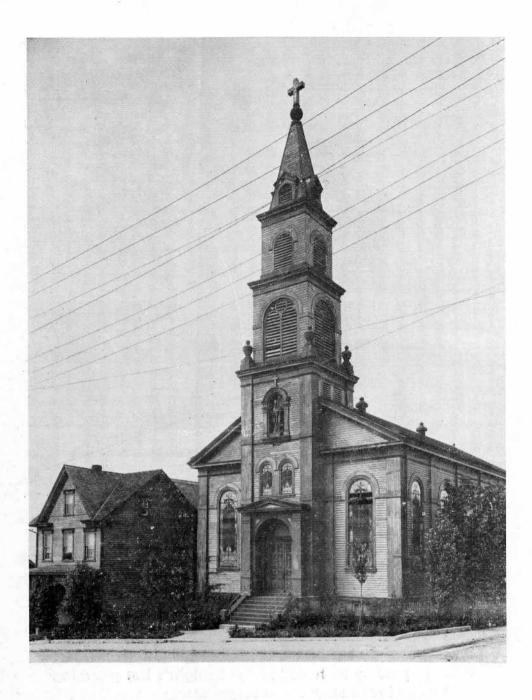
O'er the ramparts we watched

Were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

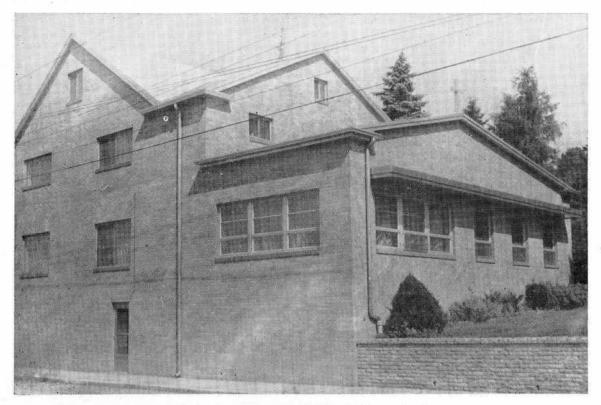
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



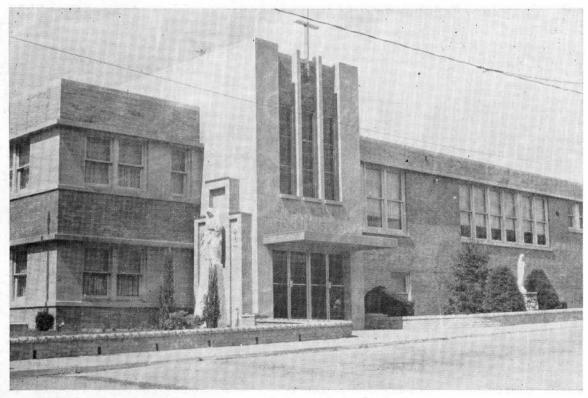
SAINT STANISLAUS EARLY CHURCH



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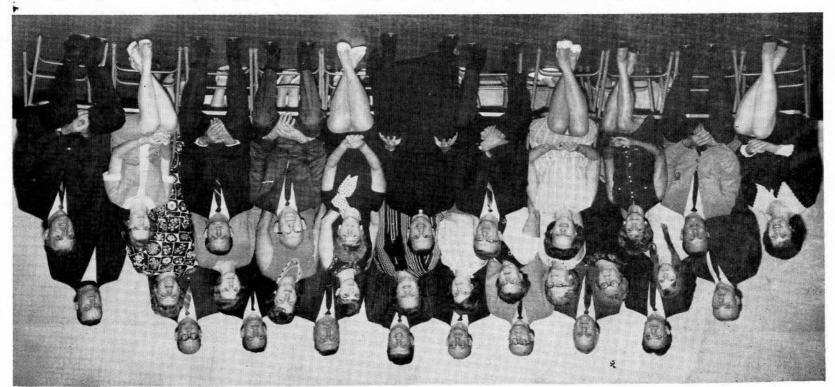


SAINT STANISLAUS SCHOOL



ALTAR AT CEMETERY

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