



## **Bloodlines**

*Newsletter of the Atlantic Province  
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### **From the Provincial and Council**

On Monday, November 30, the Provincial Council met via Zoom. The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. with the following Council Members present on line at that time: Fr. Mario Cafarelli, Fr. Samuel D'Angelo, Fr. John Colacino and Fr. Ronald Wiecek. The meeting began with a prayer by Fr. Mario.

#### **Approval of the Agenda/Minutes of the Last Council Meeting**

The minutes from the last council meeting and the agenda for this meeting were approved unanimously.

#### **Financial Report**

The Provincial Treasurer gave an update on the costs associated with the new house of formation whose total, including purchase price, renovations and furnishing, is around \$1.7 million CAN. Occupancy could take place later in December or else early in the new year. We are still awaiting the sale of the Bathurst property.

#### **Vocation Report**

The Director of Vocations is working with two potential candidates of which one hopes to enter the program in September 2021 to begin philosophy studies. The other currently resides in Spain and needs to resolve Canadian immigration issues. The pandemic has prevented Fr. Alarey from pursuing additional training for this position.

#### **Formation Report**

Gerardo La Guartilla will be definitively incorporated on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at San Francisco de Borja in Lima, Peru, at 7:30 p.m. Jerome Hologa is working in the development office and doing extremely well there. On the weekends he participates in the various services at St. Charles parish in Toronto. Any new candidates who require philosophy courses, including an undergraduate degree, could be sent to St. Philip Seminary in Toronto sponsored by the Oratorians. The Provincial Director encouraged a meeting of the Vocation/Formation Committee be held in the coming weeks to ensure the newly-revised formation program is being fully implemented.

### **Development Office**

Jerome Hologa reported on the favorable reception we have been having with the revised magazine and calendar, both by mail and online, including an uptick in donations. In response to a question from Fr. John, he gave an update on the schools in Tanzania which are doing very well financially and scholastically. Jerome was commended by the council for the fine work he is doing on behalf of the province.

### **Personnel**

A number of personnel issues were discussed.

### **Business Assembly 2021**

Planning for the June 7-11, 2021 assembly will be underway shortly including an official letter of convocation to be sent out by January 7 and an agenda by March 7. The Moderator General will be asked about the possibility of holding the assembly by Zoom should that be necessary due to pandemic restrictions still in effect.

### **New Business**

The Council voted unanimously to accept the request of Gerardo to receive ordination to the diaconate. The proposed date is December 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. by bishop Lino Panizza Richero from Carabayllo, Peru at San Francisco de Borja in Lima.

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next Council Meeting will be held by Zoom on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Closing**

Fr. Mario closed the meeting with prayer at 12:30 p.m.

## Provincial Calendar

### DECEMBER

- 3 *Feast of St. Francis Xavier (Patron of the Congregation)*
- 3 (I) Brendan Doherty (1979)
- 3 (I) John Colacino (1979)
- 3 (I) Mario Cafarelli (1983)
- 3 (I) Luigino Santi (1983)
- 3 (I) William Mnyagatwa (1992)
- 3 (I) Sam D'Angelo (1998)
- 3 (I) Alarey Abella (2006)
- 3 (I) Michael Mateyk (2010)
- 3 (I) Patrick Gilmurray (2011)
- 3 (I) Gerardo Laguartilla (2020)
- 8 (A) *Archconfraternity of the Most Precious Blood established*
- 5 (O) Augusto Menichelli (2005)
- 19 (D) Richard Masciangelo (1994)
- 22 (B) Alarey Abella (1969)
- 28 (D) St. Gaspar Del Bufalo (1837)

### JANUARY

- 4 (D) Luciano Baiocchi (2019)
- 4 (B) Ronald Mahon (1951)
- 6 (B) St. Gaspar Del Bufalo (1786)
- 11 (D) Nicola Santoro (Founder) (1941)
- 11 (B) Dominic Jung (1961)
- 12 (D) Venerable John Merlini (1873)
- 15 (O) Luigino Santi (1994)

### FEBRUARY

- 1 (I) Phillip Smith (1976)
- 4 *Memorial of St. Maria de Mattias*
- 6 (B) Ronald Wiecek (1944)
- 6 (D) Albert De Pascale (2001)

### MARCH

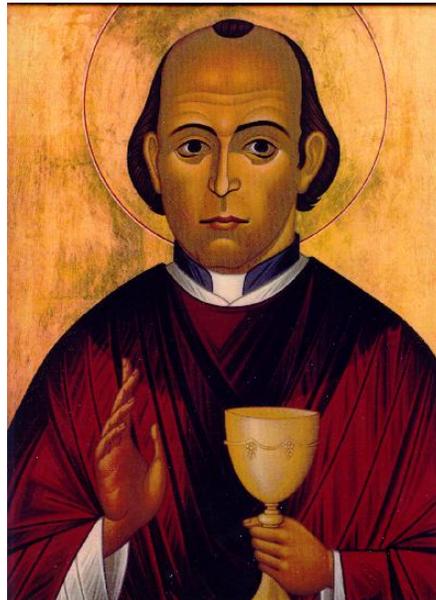
- 3 (B) John Colacino (1956)
- 12 (B) Gregorio Hernandez Cortes (1975)
- 25 (O) Ronald Mahon (1977)
- 26 (B) Josephat Msuya (1967)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Business Assembly June 7-11, 2021  
Provincial Retreat June 13-17, 2022*

*Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre  
Niagara Falls, Ontario*

### **Voice of the Founder**



*My very best wishes for the upcoming mysteries, both to you and yours, and I wholeheartedly hope that every blessing will be bestowed upon you. Let us never cease praying during the solemnities for which the Church prepares us, so as to progress in the ways of the Lord and, as the temporal years pass by, let us prepare ourselves for eternity (Letter 2806)*

## From Around the Province



Flexibility in ministry is a necessary quality to have for being a missionary. Shortly after moving to Merlini House in January 2020 I was invited by the Rector of the Cathedral to assist for a short time at a chapel in the city. I accepted the offer not really knowing what I was about to get myself into. Openness of mind and heart can lead one into new and exciting adventures.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has a hidden gem nested in the financial district of the city of Toronto. In the midst of the skyscrapers, law firms, and bank buildings a small chapel is found St. Stephen's Chapel located on the second floor of a corporate business building. For the past 43 years daily Mass, sacrament of reconciliation, and counselling are made available five days a week. Mass is celebrated four times daily at 8am, 12noon, 1pm and 5pm. The chapel opens at 7:30am and closes at 6:00pm. It is truly impressive to see the attendance, especially at the mid-day Masses. The chapel seats approximately 150 people and it is encouraging to see people of all walks of life stop in to escape from the busyness of the workday and to find quiet time to pray.

As Precious Blood missionaries, we are encouraged to *hear the cry to poor*. Yes, even among the most powerful and influential men and women in the corporate world hunger for God's word, a need for spiritual nourishment and a listening ear are apparent as they too struggle to make good decisions in their workplace. It has been an eye-opener for me. During the four months of the Covid 19 "lockdown" the chapel was closed and as soon as the churches reopened the chapel did as well. The attendance has been small since many continue to work from home. However we expect an increase to come in November 2020 where many of the businesses and financial institutions will require their employees to return to their offices.

Being on staff at the chapel is like being in parish ministry with listening to people's hurts, sorrows, and joys, providing a word of support, sharing in their hopes and guiding them to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. Our presence encourages them to allow God to grow in them and to see how God is speaking to them throughout the day, so that they become more Christ-like in their thoughts, words and deeds. This part time ministry at the chapel has not only enriched my pastoral experience but it has taught me how much people hunger to be nourished by Word and Sacrament. I invite you to visit the chapel's website to view the beautiful oasis of peace and tranquility @ <http://ststephenschapel.com/>.

### **History of the Atlantic Province (cont'd)**

*[Erratum: the Moderator General in 1947 was Lorenzo Colagiovanni not Contegiacomo as reported in the previous issue of the newsletter. The correction is noted below.]*

*[N.B. I have been able to locate the missing page from the Pollack manuscript omitted in the last issue of the newsletter. It begins after the previously included paragraph below].*

Fr. Sabbatini took up residence on October 18, 1937 at Mt. Carmel in Niles with Frs. Santoro and Saraceno. In August, 1937 Fr. Valentine Nardoni was transferred to take charge of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Cincinnati. His nephew, Fr. Guido, was assigned on September 14, 1937 to take his place as assistant to Fr. Della Vecchia at Mt. Carmel in Chicago.

This deployment continued unchanged for the next five years, into 1942, except for the arrival of Fr. Oreste Cerbara on May 13, 1938, and he was immediately assigned to the House in Niles.

The care of St. Anthony's parish in Elmira, N.Y., begun in 1937, did not last long. It is said that the Bishop gave the parish to the Italian C.P.P.S. Fathers in order to calm the parishioners. The Bishop had moved their pastor, who was much beloved by the people, and they were in an uproar. By calling in a Precious Blood Father who the people had gotten to know because of missions preached there, the Bishop thought to placate the people. However, the resentment continued and made Fr. Pece's work very difficult. The result was a nervous breakdown and, in 1939, Fr. Pece gave up the charge to the diocesan clergy, and returned to Precious Blood parish in Rochester to be with Fr. Sebastian Contegiacomo as his assistant and companion until 1948 when he returned to Italy.

The Italo-American Delegation lost its beloved Superior when Fr. Santoro died on January 11, 1941, following a lingering illness. The funeral Mass was offered by the auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, the Most Rev. James J. McFadden. Fr. Della Vecchia was deacon for the Mass, and Fr. Anthony Pece delivered the Italian sermon. The Provincial of the American Province with a number of the Fathers also attended the funeral. Fr. Joseph Saraceno succeeded as pastor of Mt. Carmel in Niles, with Fathers Sabbatini and Cerbara as assistants. On August 26, 1941, Fr. Angelo Della Vecchia became the Superior of the Delegation.

Another cross came to press on the shoulders of the Delegation when, on February 5, 1942, Fr. Valentine Nardoni of Mt. Carmel in Cincinnati suffered a cerebral hemorrhage which

paralyzed his right side and his vocal cords. His nephew, Fr. Guido, left Chicago to be near his uncle and to take care of the parish. When Fr. Valentine was well enough, he was taken to the House in Niles on May 19 where he remained until he returned to Italy in 1947. Fr. Guido was assigned to be near his uncle.

*[N.B. I am including again from the last issue the section which followed the missing page to avoid confusing the narrative.]*

In the meantime, Fr. Cerbara was assigned to replace Fr. Guido at Mt. Carmel in Chicago. Fr. Sabbatini took care of Mt. Carmel in Cincinnati for a while, but in March 1943 the parish was given over to the care of the American Province and Fr. Sabbatini returned to Niles.

In January 1943 a medical doctor, Armando Rotondi, joined the Delegations and began his theological studies at the seminary at Cleveland, Ohio. He was ordained on May 26, 1945 and was assigned to Niles. He was needed there because that year Fr. Saraceno left the Society to join the Columbus diocese (later Steubenville). Fr. Cerbara was assigned in February of 1945 to be pastor of Mt. Carmel in Niles and Fr. Della Vecchia in Chicago received Fr. Guido Nardoni and Fr. Sabbatini as assistants. During 1946 therefore there was this arrangement: at Mt. Carmel in Chicago – Fr. Angelo Della Vecchia, Fr. Guido Nardoni and Fr. Raoul Sabbatini; at Mt. Carmel in Niles – Fr. Cerbara, Fr. Valentine Nardoni and Fr. Armando Rotondi; at Rochester at the Precious Blood parish - Fr. S. Contegiacomo and Fr. Pece.

In 1947, the above picture changed somewhat. First of all, when the Moderator General, Lorenzo Colagiovanni, arrived in December 1945 for a visitation of the Society in the U.S.A., he brought along Fr. John Zywolewski to be a member of the Delegation and he was assigned to Mt. Carmel in Chicago where he remained until the parish closed in 1976.

On April 17, 1947 Fr. Sabbatini left the Society. When Fr. General returned to Italy on May 14, 1947, Fr. Valentine Nardoni went with him to retire in Italy. On October 24, 1947, Fr. Matteo Quaranta and Fr. Joseph Gentili left Italy for the U.S.A. They headed for the house at Niles to which they were assigned because Fr. Rotondi had been assigned to Mt. Carmel in Chicago. The following year, 1948, Fr. Pece returned to Italy to retire for he had never fully recovered from his illness of 1939.

The year 1949 was of special importance for the Delegation. Already in a meeting of the Delegation in 1930, the problem of the future of the Delegation was discussed. The necessity was pointed out of getting American vocations and having them complete their studies in Rome and then returning to serve the Delegation. On June 19, 1949 such a young man was ordained in Rome, Fr. Nick Arioli. He was a native of Rochester, of the Precious Blood parish. He studied at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana and at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana and then completed his course of studies in Rome. He returned to the States and was assigned to the house at Niles as assistant. He remained there for the next 15 years.

The second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century did not begin too auspiciously. In 1950, Fr. Armando Rotondi left the Society to join the diocese of Joliet, Illinois where he became a Monsignor. Fr. Guido Nardoni also left to join the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri at the end of 1951.

However, in 1952 Anthony Canterucci, a native of Niles, who had already associated himself with the Delegation since 1944, decided to make his year of probandate with the candidates of the American Province at Burkettsville, Ohio and made his profession on August 16, 1953. Shortly afterwards he was assigned to the newly-constructed Generalate in Rome. From 1952 until 1960 there were 7 missionaries in the Delegation: a) at Mt. Carmel in Niles – Fr. Cerbara, pastor and superior, with Fr. Arioli and Fr. Quaranta; b) at Mt. Carmel in Chicago – Fr. Angelo Della Vecchia, pastor and superior, with Fr. Gentili and Fr. Zywolewski as assistants; c) at Precious Blood in Rochester – Fr. S. Contegiacomo. Fr. Angelo Della Vecchia continued as superior of the Delegation until October, 1959 when Fr. Oreste Cerbara was appointed.

The next decade was to see the flowering of many dreams and the number of priests doubled. In 1960, Fr. Carlo Della Vecchia, a nephew of Fr. Angelo, came from Italy to join the Delegation and, at first, was assigned to assist Fr. Contegiacomo at Rochester. The following year, Fr. Luigi LaFavia arrived from Italy and replaced Fr. Carlo Della Vecchia at Rochester where he remained for 8 years. Fr. Carlo was then assigned to Niles.

The Delegation had been feeling the need for a house of studies or seminary for quite some time. During Provincial Quattrino's visit from May 18-June 21, 1962 the matter was duly considered and a decision made. On September 4, 1962, a Precious Blood seminary was opened at 65 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY with Fr. Matthew Quaranta as its first director. This same year, another American-born, Albert DePascale, finished his studies in Rome and was ordained in his home parish of Mt. Carmel in Niles, Ohio on September 15 and was immediately assigned there.

The Italo-American Delegation came into existence for the purpose of assisting Italian emigrants spiritually. For that reason, the Delegation's attention was attracted to Canada where there is a great number of such emigrants. The credit for making the first move in that direction goes to the Superior of the Delegation, Fr. Oreste Cerbara. Sometime in 1961, through an Italian bishop friend, he asked the Ordinary of Toronto about the possibility of the Precious Blood Fathers working in his diocese. Receiving a favorable reply, he wrote about it to his Provincial Superior, Fr. Quattrino. In the early summer of 1962, when the Provincial, Fr. Quattrino, was visiting the Delegation, he and Fr. Cerbara went to Toronto, Canada, to study the possibility of a foundation. After lengthy proceedings, Fr. Quaranta and a new arrival from Italy, Fr. Luciano Baiocchi, were able to come to Toronto on October 29, 1964 and, after paying their respects to the Bishop, were assigned quarters in St. Clare's Church rectory with the task of caring for the very many Italian emigrants in that area. This same year, 1964, in the States, Fr. Arioli left Mt. Carmel in Niles, where he had been assistant since ordination in 1949, and took on the direction of the House of Studies in Rochester. The rest of the assignments remained the same. However, mention should be made of Fr. Angelo Della Vecchia's golden jubilee celebration as a priest.

### **Mercy Spirituality Center**

*[The following material taken from the Center's website, recounts the good use to which the original House of Studies in Rochester has been put by the Sisters of Mercy].*

The house, which is now Mercy Spirituality Center, has a long-standing history beginning when a gentleman farmer built it in the early 1860's as his retirement home. He left it to his son and from then on the house went through many transfers. For a time the property was part of a tree nursery and once again was owned by a family who built another house on the land as a wedding gift for their daughter.

The original house first took on a special religious character when purchased by the Precious Blood Fathers as a minor seminary. Subsequently, a Jewish sect lived in the house for a while but were unable to meet the financial obligations. On the market once again the home became the House of God's Goodness when purchased by Mr. Will Gundlach and his wife who used it as a haven for people in need.

The final act of transferring the property to the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester in 1986 was Will's prayerful leaving of an angel of protection in every window. Thereafter, the house became Mercy Prayer Center providing spiritual direction, hospitality, personal growth and guidance through God's teachings. Today, the Center has adopted an expanded presence, welcoming people of all faiths, backgrounds and lifestyles. With this shift the Sisters approved renaming it to Mercy Spirituality Center.

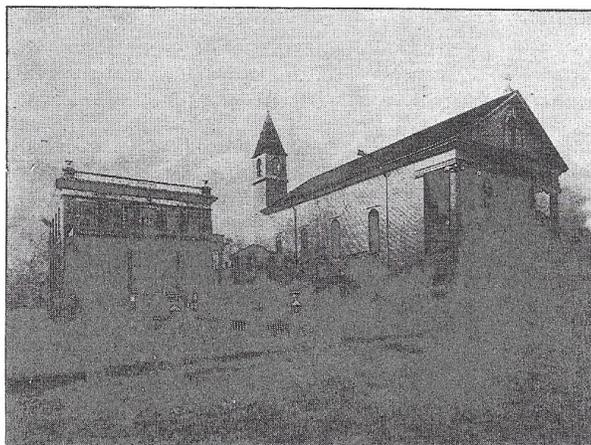


### **History of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish; Chicago, IL**

*Given the importance of this parish in the history of the Atlantic Province, I am including below a photostatic reproduction of its history.*

## The History of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church

*"From a humble beginning there arose a great Temple to Honor God and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel."*



To establish the history of St. Mary's Church we must go back to the early part of 1888, when the first Italian immigrants settled in the South Side area of Chicago. Slowly but steadily the little colony began to grow in size. As their number continued to increase they found it necessary to unite themselves in a religious group under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel. It was in the early part of 1891 that they founded a sodality, which they called, "Congrega di Maria Santissima Del Carmine," because of their special devotion for the Blessed Mother. The founders of this sodality were ten persons driven by initiative and Christian courage: Raffaele Scavone, Francesco Vece, Davide Vece, Emidio Vece, Paolo Margarella, Geraldo Calzaretta, Pasquale Rosalia, Vito D'Elia, Michele Senese and Luigi Vece.

United in one spirit, with one purpose, this small group began the work of laying the foundation for the organization of an Italian parish. They worked hard among the people, holding them together, arousing their enthusiasm and fostering the hope of establishing an Italian Church. It was the following year, 1892, that this group organized an outdoor feast in honor of the Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel. It was crowned with great success and the consensus of opinion among the people who participated in the celebration was that they should start work immediately toward the achievement of their ultimate goal — a Church of their own. Meanwhile services were held in a store situated at 68th and Page Street, which was later changed to Hermitage Avenue.

In 1895 five lots were purchased where the present rectory now stands, but the lots where the church was to be located, were donated. Now was the time to build their church, but this was a difficult task they undertook, because at this time the congregation was not large enough to raise the

necessary funds. In fact at one point they had almost given up the task as hopeless, when Paolo Margarella offered to loan \$500.00 to the committee composed of Raffaele Scavone, Francesco Vece, Davide Vece, Emidio Vece and the same Paolo Margarella, in order to purchase a Protestant Church belonging to a Baptist denomination. This church was 50 x 40 feet and was moved from 72nd and Peoria close to the site of the present rectory. As soon as the church was ready, Raffaele Scavone and Raffaele Cappetta made an appeal to the Resurrectionist Fathers for a priest who spoke their language. (These two men were later appointed the first trustees of the new parish.)

Reverend Father Serafino Cosimi was chosen as their first Pastor. In the year 1900 tragedy struck when the church burned. Father Serafino then thought of having a church which would be more suitable for worship of God. The parish was no longer in need of temporary provision but needed permanency. So plans were made and in the same year a second church was built at a cost of \$6,000 on the old site. The new building had a seating capacity of about 450 and was of Romanesque architecture designed by the pastor. Father Serafino also realized the importance for the pastor to remain constantly among his people, so with the same eagerness and enthusiasm he started to raise funds for the building of a rectory. It was not until the year 1903 that he could start excavating for the foundation for that beautiful rectory. The progress of the parish under the administration of Father Serafino was gradual but steady. At a time when his young parish was assuming greater proportion, his health became seriously impaired and on June 8, 1906 he was called by Almighty God to his eternal reward. "He was loved by God and man whose memory is in Benediction." (Ecclies. XLV-1)

The Rev. Edward Ricciardelli, C.P.P.S. was appointed to succeed Father Serafino. At the time of his appointment, he was Assistant Pastor of Guardian Angel Church, where Monsignor Dunne, the late Bishop of Peoria, was Pastor. He remained here until October, 1923, when he returned to Italy because of ill health.

After his departure another Missionary of the Precious Blood Congregation was appointed its new Pastor. This man was to play a vital role in the development of St. Mary's as one of the greatest parishes servicing the Italian people. He was to foster Catholic Education at its best and show true signs as the Shepherd of his flock. He was none other than Rev. Angelo Della Vecchia, later affectionately known as Father Angelo.

When he assumed this appointment the material and spiritual conditions of the parish were anything but normal or encouraging. Father Angelo did not falter in the face of such disheartening conditions but with a deep confidence in God and with infinite patience, for which he is noted, he faced the situation bravely and successfully.

Only a few years passed when under Father Angelo's direction a school containing eight classrooms was erected at the corner of Wood Street, South of Marquette Road. This was officially dedicated in 1927 and was staffed by the Sisters of St. Dominic. The school also served as living quarters for the Sisters. Too much credit and praise cannot be given to the Sisters of St. Dominic, who pioneered in the first days of St. Mary's School. They gracefully and kindly accepted conditions as they found them, willingly suffering many inconveniences in their efforts to be a source of encouragement to their faithful friends and Pastor.

In May of 1933 a three story building situated at 1754 W. Marquette Road was purchased for the sum of \$12,000 and moved to 6715 S. Wood. At the expense of \$6,000 it was remodeled into a convent, with accommodations for the ten nuns.

With the continuous growth of the parish the Pastor was confronted with the serious problem of looking ahead to building a larger church. The present church could no longer accommodate the crowds who came to hear mass or attend evening devotions. Since 1935 he started to raise funds for the building of a new church giving particular interest and concern to the annual carnival conducted exclusively by the men and women of the parish. For years to come the annual carnivals were to be a main source of income for the parish.

Quite a few years had to pass before his dream became a reality. He has just built the school, just finished the convent for the sisters, just paid a debt of \$9,000 and he knew another debt of almost \$50,000 on the school had to be paid but Father Angelo did not despair — a man of great faith and courage; he had confidence in his parishioners and he was sure that they would continue to give their moral and financial support.

The parish continued to grow and it was no longer possible for one priest to administer to its needs. In December of 1928, Rev. Valentino Nardoni arrived in Chicago from Rome. In August, 1937 Father Valentino was transferred to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. After his departure Reverend Guido Nardoni was transferred from Niles, Ohio, to carry on the work. He remained at St. Mary's until February 5, 1942 when he was sent to Cincinnati to take over the duties of his uncle, Father Valentino, who became seriously ill. He was then replaced by Rev. Oreste Cerbara.

After 10 years of unceasing efforts, Father Angelo received a letter from the Archbishop giving permission to build his new church. His dream was finally becoming a reality. Plans had been drawn since 1940. In November, 1941, with \$65,000 in cash raised through social doings and carnivals and with a loan of \$60,000 from the Bishop of Chicago, the actual work was started. The remaining funds were to be raised through donations and subscriptions from the parishioners in order to reach the sum of \$175,000 to complete the Church. The building of Romanesque style was designed by Gerald A. Barry, Architect. The contract was given to Federici Brothers and John Vaci — the cornerstone was laid on May 14, 1942 by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Casey.

The dedication of this magnificent church was held on Sunday, November 29th, 1942. It was a day of great pride for all the parishioners of St. Mary's. It marked an even greater event. It was the Golden Jubilee of the parish — and the dedication of their new church. It completed another chapter in the history of St. Mary's.

In the years to follow other assistants were sent to serve. Msgr. Rotondi, Rev. Raoul Sabattini, Rev. John Zywolewski, Rev. Albert De Pascale, Rev. Joseph Gentili, and Brother Anthony Canterucci. Father Angelo realizing that the old rectory was too small for three priests started a campaign to raise funds for a new rectory. This was realized in the spring of 1949 when the present rectory was completed.

Growing pains continued, and before long twelve classrooms were in use and the old convent was too small. The sisters once again moved into the school for a year, while a new and modern convent was built on the site of the old building. This was completed in 1953.

Father Angelo remained as pastor for 47 years and on September 20, 1970, retired as pastor. Father Angelo now resides in his home town of Segni, Italy.

On September 20, 1970, Rev. Joseph Gentili, a long time assistant at St. Mary's assumed the responsibilities as pastor. He set out to stabilize and settle the area that was beginning to change.

His first concern was to renovate the sanctuary, making it acceptable to worship in line with the new liturgy.

Father Joseph and his assistant, Father John, worked to keep St. Mary's alive but with the continuing change and people moving to other parts of the city it wasn't long before it was necessary to close the school. This was done on June 8, 1975.

The closing of the School certainly didn't help the efforts to keep the Church alive. We have come to the End! The last chapter of a wonderful book written not with words, but with patience, love, suffering and hard work, had to be expected.

June 13, 1976, the end of the book. As humble was its beginning, Glorious is the end.

Thousands and thousands of parishioners and friends shall never forget St. Mary's. For them, the life of St. Mary's shall go on forever, and the final chapter of the Wonderful book shall never be written . . .

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#### STATISTICS

Baptisms .....	9,539
Marriages .....	3,221
Deaths .....	3,767
Confirmations .....	5,813
First Communions .....	7,124

#### ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL 1927 - 1975

Graduates ..... 1,928

Principals at St. Mary of Mount Carmel School

Sister Mary James, O.P. .... 1927-1933

Sister Marie Magdalen, O.P. .... 1933-1939

Sister Catherine Patricia, O.P. .... 1939-1945

Sister Marie Magdalen, O.P. .... 1945-1951

Sister Mary Ruth, O.P. .... 1951-1954

Sister Geraldine Marie, O.P. .... 1954-1960

Sister Elise Marie, O.P. .... 1960-1966

Sister Margaret Ringle, O.P. .... 1966-1975

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church staffed by:

Resurrectionist Fathers ..... 1892-1906

Precious Blood Fathers ..... 1906-1975