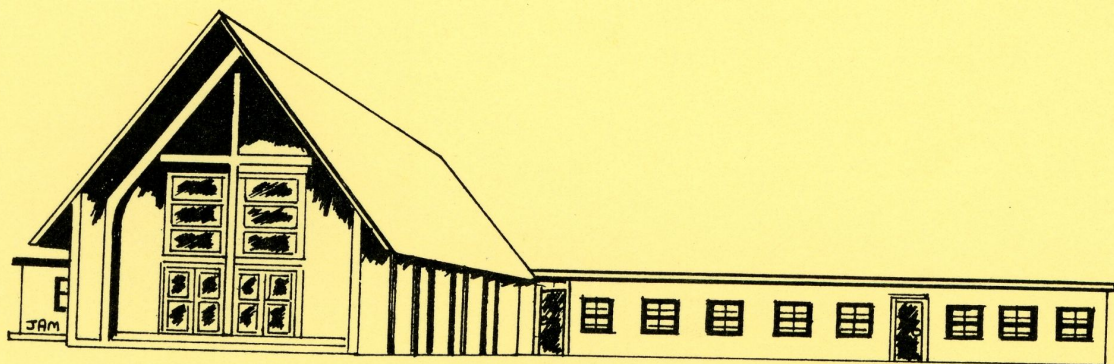


St. Cecilia's

25th Anniversary

May 17, 1989



ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Hwy. 78 West
Jasper, Alabama
1964 - 1989**



ST. CECILIA'S RECTORY

**Next To Church
Purchased 1988**

ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Jasper, Alabama

The first Mass was celebrated in Jasper, Alabama in the lobby of the Collins Hotel in 1902 by Father Patrick O'Reilly. He traveled to towns along the Illinois Central Railroad Line between Birmingham and the Alabama/Mississippi State line. He visited Catholic families and administered the Sacrament to them.

Mass was celebrated monthly in the Collins Hotel until 1915. At that time they moved the celebration of the Mass to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLean. There were many Priests' from the Mission that served the people in this area. Some of those were Rev. William Kerrigan, Rev. Andrew Sweeney, Rev. Max Coevert, Rev. James S. Down, Rev. M.E. Kitrick, Rev. John Bratton, Rev. Thomas Lenahan and Rev. Fred Diviney.

In 1916 Rev. Walter Tobin began visiting Jasper the second Sunday of the month to celebrate the Mass. At that time he listed his parishioners as Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLean and their four children. Also, Mr. Blanchard, Mrs. Schlanser, Miss Simmons and Miss Anne Dever of Cordova.

Rev. James White succeeded Rev. Tobin 1918-1920. Rev. Thomas Brady in 1920 listed three families with a total of nine persons in Jasper; eleven persons at Demar Station, two at Oakman, one family of six at Cordova and one family of six at Doleski Station.

Under the supervision of Rev. Joseph Parker who was here 1921-1923, the brick church on Sixth Avenue was erected.



The 75 by 35 foot building was completed in 1923. It was the first Catholic Mission in Jasper. It seated 125 people and cost \$12,000.00 to build. There were five families consisting of 23 persons in the parish.

The Mission was dedicated in 1923 by Bishop P. Allen and Rev. Parker, with a High Mass. Parishioners from surrounding Missions came to participate in the Solemn High Mass. The Holy Rosary Choir from Gates City, Birmingham, sang at the Mass. Mrs. John D. Gibbons played the organ and Mrs. Ellis Walker played the violin. There were basket dinners with picnicing on the banks of the Warrior River.

Rev. Francis McCormack was Mission Priest 1923-25.

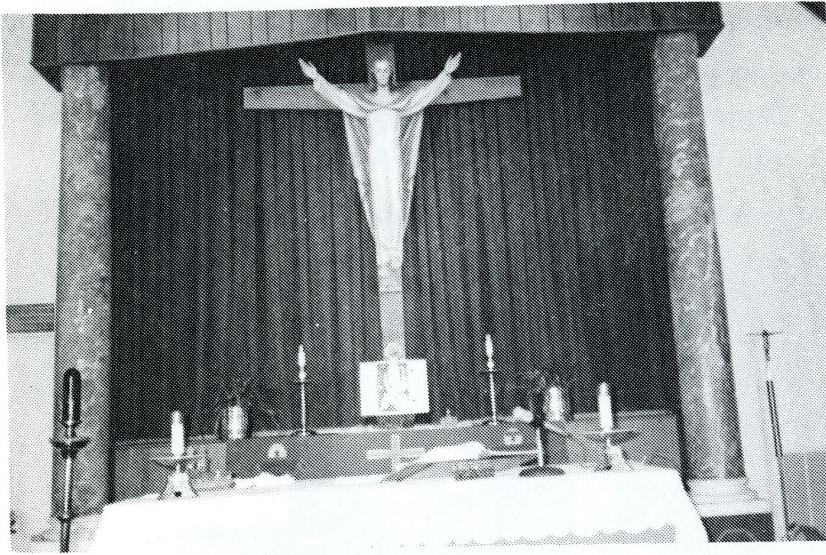
In 1932 Rev. J.G. Moir, a Paulist Missioner, visited St. Cecilia Mission and baptized the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence and Sarah Pare Kreps, Clarence W. In 1934, Rev. Alexander O'Neil was here and following him was Rev. Hugh J. Duffy and Rev. Lorigan. In 1939 Rev. Alban J. O'Hara was appointed and remained in the mission until they were placed under the care of the North Alabama Mission in 1944.

The first Christmas Mass at midnight was celebrated in this Mission in 1944. There were 37 Catholics and 32 non Catholics in attendance. Other priests that served this mission were; Rev. Ballentine, Rev. Cordina, Rev. Campbell, Rev. Mullins and Rev. Michael Quealy, (who was killed in Vietnam War. He was a chaplain).

In 1962 a new site was chosen on a hill on 78 Highway West. The property was donated by Dr. Chapman. Construction began on the church under the direction of Msgr. Foster, who was Director of the North Alabama missions.

It seated 125 people with a cry room on the right and small quarters for the priest on the left.

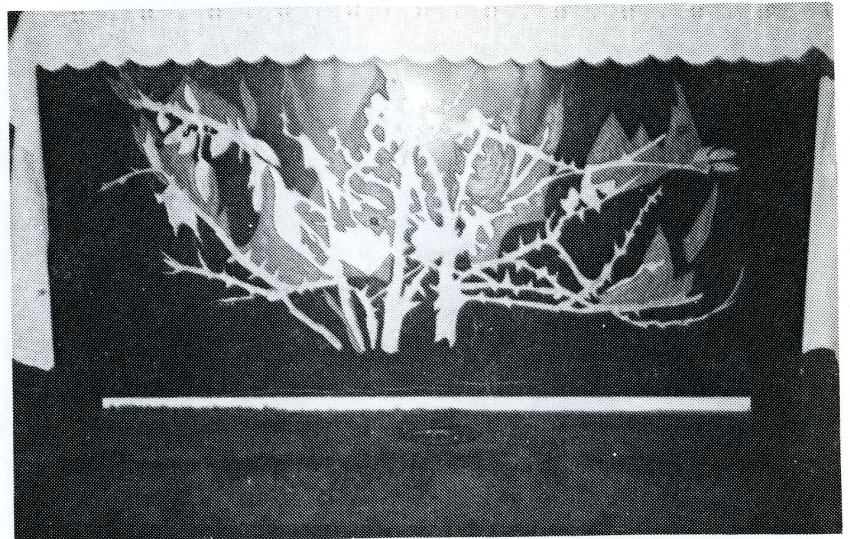




The columns of marble at either side of the Altar were salvaged from the Cathedral in Mobile following the disastrous fire of 1954.

The Tabernacle was donated by an anonymous giver.

The front of the Altar depicts the Burning Bush, recalling the meeting of God and Moses indicating a Holy place.



The 34 unique windows were designed by Robert F. Phillips, a Birmingham artist. One of these windows were featured in a Birmingham Museum Art Show on Feb. 2, 1964. The transoms above indicate the Seven Sacraments and the Seven Gifts of God. The front doors have the ends of four prayers etched in the glass. The Altar rail was from the Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Birmingham. It was removed in later years. The Stations of the Cross were from the Catholic Boys Home in Mobile.

The pews in the cry room were from the Chapel of the old Community hospital.

The first Mass was celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 1963.



Due to the construction being done on the road, the dedication was postponed. St. Cecilia Mission was dedicated on Sunday, May 17, 1964 with Rev. Michael Dyer in charge. He welcomed those present during the High Mass of Thanksgiving. Celebrant of the Mass was Msgr. Foster. Archbishop Toolin blessed the interior and exterior of the mission and presided at the Mass. The John Carroll High School Glee Club under the direction of Sister M. Bridget O.S.B. sang at the Mass. Rev. Henry Dougherty, a John Carroll faculty member delivered the homily. At this time there were 36 families registered.

On January 10, 1967, St. Cecilia Mission was raised to the stature of a Parish by Bishop Toolen. Rev. Patrick Donoghue was appointed the first resident Pastor. Rev. Michael McMahon replaced him on Sept. 29, 1973. At this time the parish had grown to 90 families. Dan Whitaker became our deacon in May 1977. Rev. Jeremiah Deasy came on Sept. 15, 1979 and at that time the parish had grown to 110 families. Rev. Ray Keiser came to the parish on Dec. 15, 1984. At the present time our Parish has grown to 130 families.



At the time Father Donoghue was Pastor of the church the garage was erected at the back of the property. The area at the left of the church was enlarged to make living quarters for the priests.

Through the request of Joe Micheals a flag that flew over the Capitol in Honor of Rev. Quealy was presented to the Church by Congressman Tom Bevill, July 5, 1970.

A HISTORY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA

MISSION CHURCH OF ST. CECILIA CHURCH

For many years Winston County, Alabama, was without a Catholic Church, because of an insufficient Catholic population to warrant a church. Those Catholics who lived there attended church in Florence, Cullman, Decatur, and some even went to Tuscaloosa. With the advent of the mobile home industry to Winston and Marion counties and further industrial developments, sufficient number of Catholics arrived into these areas to warrant a church in Winfield and the celebration of Mass in Haleyville on a more regular basis. Haleyville became a part of the North Alabama Missions and was served by Fr. Michael Quealy, who was killed later while serving as a Chaplain in Vietnam. In the meantime, under the direction of Fr. Raymond Mullins a house was rented on 15th Ave., where Mass was celebrated for some time. Later the home of Michael and Eleanor House was used. Fr. Michael Dyer labored in this vineyard, until Our Lady of Guadalupe became a Mission of the new-founded parish of St. Cecilia.

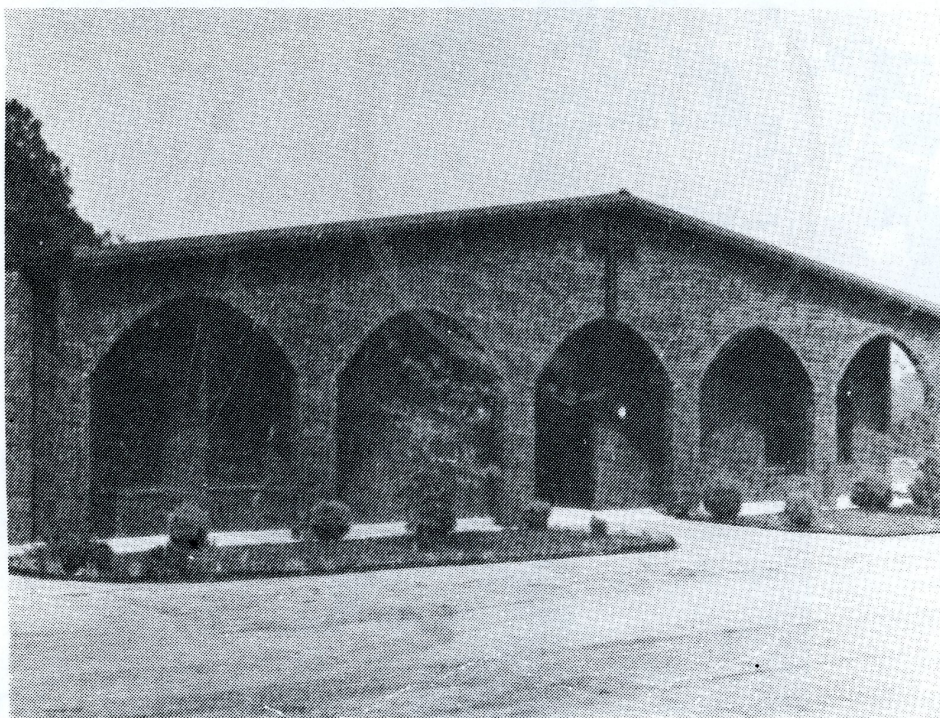


CONGREGATION 1963



DEDICATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

In 1971 under the direction of Fr. Patrick O'Donague plans to erect a new church in Haleyville got underway. Two mobile home modular units which served as a school in Lynn were later donated by Mr. Jim Forman, vice president of Commodore Homes. Unfortunately, this building was gutted by fire during construction. A fund was initiated by The Northwest Alabamian to help the Catholic people of Our Lady of Guadalupe begin anew in the erection of a new church. Ecumenically speaking, it was a major success. The present structure was made possible through donations from churches, civic groups, various industries, a large donation from the Catholic Extension Society in Chicago, and the tireless work of parishioners and pastor alike. Our Lady of Guadalupe was dedicated on Oct. 17, 1972 by Bishop Joseph G. Vath, Bishop of the Birmingham Diocese. After many years of struggle, to have a church of their own. The parishioners are proud to be in a position to share their church with the Lutheran brethren in Haleyville. From a few families in the sixties, Our Lady of Guadalupe is pleased with its growth to thirty-three families, despite the fact that we have a "mobile" congregation due to the nature of the local industry.

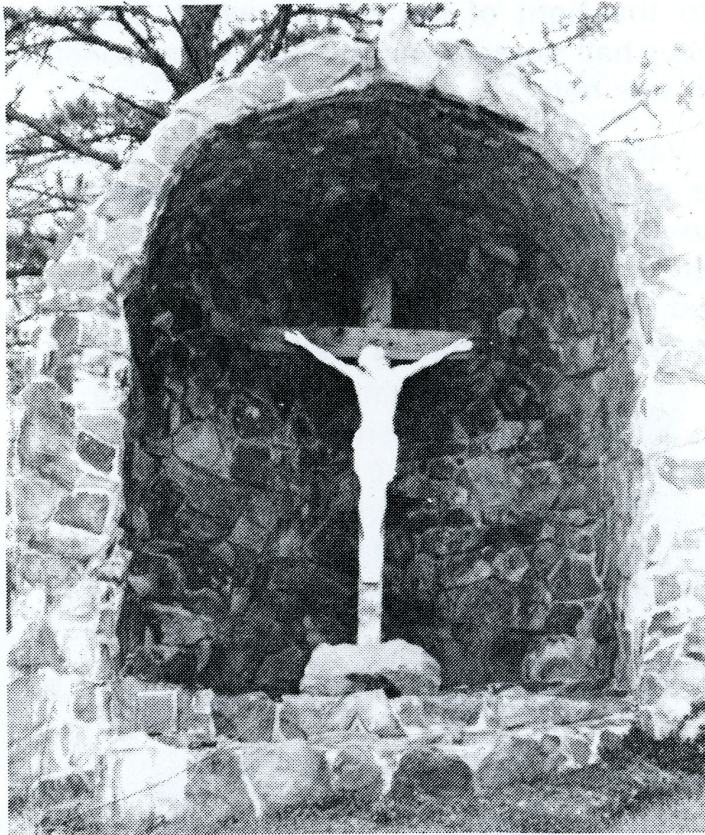


The addition to the right of the church which consists of a kitchen, restrooms, fellowship hall, library and classrooms, was constructed during the time Fr. McMahon was here.

Bishop Joseph Vath of the Birmingham Diocese conducted the formal dedication of the addition. The addition was sponsored by the Catholic Church Extension Society of Chicago, members of the church and five diocesan parishes.

It was dedicated in March of 1977, at that time there were 110 family members. The draftsman was Johnnie Shumate of Jasper.





The Grotto was built in 1979 by Father Michael McMahon and parishioners. The Grotto is centered around the statue of the Crucified Christ which was removed from the church when it was replaced by a statue of the Risen Christ.

Mr. Hugh Gerst donated the money for the statue of the Risen Christ.



The sign at the bottom of the hill was built by Allen Lafoy and Snooky Wallace in 1979.



As the church is growing, the breezeway between the church and the parish hall was closed-in to make more classrooms for the children. This was done in 1986. Father Keiser supervised this. Our CCD Students have grown to 95.



The property in the back of the church was purchased in 1986, and was excavated and leveled off under Father Keiser.



After ground was leveled.





The rear of the church with all the additions.



The interior of the church.



The rectory, on property adjoining St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, was purchased in 1988; with the generous offerings of the parishioners and the Catholic Extension Service, under Father Ray Keiser.

PATRON SAINT OF SAINT CECILIA

SAINT CECILIA

A child prodigy, Carlo Dolci (1616-1686) at the age of eleven painted a whole figure of Saint John, and a head of the infant Christ Child. While he was not a great master, his new and delicate style made him extremely popular in the Florence of his day.

At her wedding banquet, while the pipes were playing, Saint Cecilia sang to the Lord asking that her heart might remain immaculate, that she not be put to shame. This inspired early composers to write elaborate music for the antiphon used on her feast day, and Saint Cecilia became the special patron of musicians. For this reason she is usually shown at the organ, although a harp or lute may be used. Sometimes she wears a wreath of red and white roses.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 1988

Father Ray Keiser
Nathan Bennett
Al Green
Larry Huver

Frankie McLean
Gordon Roell
Ralph Williams

PARISH COUNCIL - 1988

Father Ray Keiser
Jake Romano, Pres.
Melissa DeAngelo
Travis Manasco
Allen Lafoy
Phil Schumacher
Nathan Bennett
Evelyn Winters
Jack Maturo

John Simmons, V. Pres.
Chuck McCullar
Steven (Chip) Globetti
Alice Maturo
John Keifer
Lorraine Keifer
Becky Romano
Helen Crawford

LADIES SODALITY - EXECUTIVE BOARD - 1988-1990

Father Ray Keiser, Chaplain
Alice Maturo, Pres.
Peggy White, V. Pres.
Sherri Eakley, Secr.

Barbara Harrison, Treas.
Helen Crawford, Second V. Pres.
Becky Romano, Third V. Pres.

ST. CECILIA'S LADIES SODALITY

The Sodality was started in 1963. Mrs. Edie O'Reas was the first President, followed by:

Ellen Alexander	1965-67	Chris Whitaker	1979-81
Ruth Rutledge	1967-69	Cathy McCullar	1981-83
Margaret Morris	1969-71	Magda Perry	1983-85
Lucy Bowman	1973-75	Alice Maturo	1985-87
Frances Scarbrough	1975-77	Ellen Alexander	1987-88
Edie O'Rear	1977-79		

ST. CECILIA'S LADIES SODALITY - PRESENT OFFICERS

Helen Crawford, Pres.
Ann Gordon, V. Pres.
Lorraine Keifer, Secr.
Reba Huver, Treas.

Fr. Ray Keiser, Chaplain

CIRCLE OF MARY - NIGHT BAND

Becky Romano, Pres.
Connie Ronstadt, V. Pres.
Claire Smith, Treas.
Sherri Eakley, Secr.

Karen Globetti, Chaplain

DORA BAND - 1989-1991

Janice Busby, Pres. V. Pres., Sheila Green
Janet Eustice, Secr. Treas., Nelda Howard

Fr. Ray Keiser, Chaplain

CCD - CONFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Past Directors - Rev. Dan Whitaker - Deacon & Chris Whitaker

Directors: John & Lorraine Keifer - 1986-1989

TEACHERS:

Gretchen Jacobs
Sherri Eakley
Linda Burns Hyland
Diane Gilliland
Steve Aycock
Maurice Evans
Peg White
Dale Davis

Ken Carter
Mary Carter
Catherine Manasco
Dorothy Ganier
Barbara Harrison
Asia Vickerse
Karen Globetti
Linda Upton

PAST TEACHERS:

Edie O'Rear
Chris Whitaker
Dixie Peterson
Jo Briggs
Charlie Evans
Frances Scarbrough
Dan Whitaker
Lorraine Keifer

Arlene Lawes
Beth Harrison
Wendy Turner
Camille Teawick
Shirley O'Neill
Barbara Edwards
Angela Karabaz
Karen Allen

ST. CECILIA'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir was organized in early 1982 under Father Deasy's leadership and with Chris Whitaker as director. Dorothy Ganier was pianist until 1985. Frances Myers was organist for the children's choir in 1986. Since 1986, Sandy Crump directed the choir with Fran Michaels as organist.

MEMBERS:

Danielle Peterson
Delayna Peterson
Christal O'Niel
Julie Eustice
Lisa Evans
Kyes Stevens
Frank Stevens
Arlene Lawes
Charlotte Busby
Terry Busby
Jeff Allen
Karen Allen
Cantrice Freeman
Elizabeth Ivie
Layla Nguyen
Jennifer Zorbini
Brady Busby

Mikel Evans
Stephanie Kilgore
Amy LaFoy
Marion Lamb
Shelly Jackson
Scott Harrison
Angela Lolley
Cammie Crump
Mabry Crump
Taylor Mosley
Lee Ann Briggs
Jamie Kilgore
Mike Ivie
Jennifer Klopak
Stephanie Carter
Danny Whitaker
Joey Eustice

MUSIC/ORGANIST HISTORY

When we moved into our present church we had a very small chord organ, brought to us by Father Foster (now Msgr. Foster). Singing by congregation was led by the priest. When Father Dyer became our priest, a new organ was purchased from Curtis Stewart. Mrs. Margaret Daly, Vicki Michaels Sanford and Ruth Rutledge were organists in the 60's. Barbara Hayden was organist in the early 70's. Present alternating organists are, Fran Michaels, Dorothy Ganier, Agnes Capps and John Denson.

25 YEAR CHOIR HISTORY

Kelly Chism organized a small acapella choir for a while and they sang for special occasions. After Kelly left Sandy Crump directed a choir of young people with Tonya McCauley playing a guitar. About late 1979, our present day choir was organized with Sandy Crump directing and Fran Michaels as organist. This choir is still active and below are some of the members who have been in the choir over the years.

CHOIR MEMBERS:

Ellen Alexander	Evelyn Winters
Susan Kell	Sandy Crump
Catherine Manasco	Dorothy Ganier
Barbara Harrison	Terri Sloan
Elezabeth McCandless	Eileen Wise
Chuck McKellar	Kathy Hammon
Cathy McKellar	Catherine Morris
Linda Upton	Ellen Nelson
Nola Martin	Pat Hyland
Janice Lolly	Linda Burns Hyland
John Denson	

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

formed January 30, 1984

PAST GRAND KNIGHTS:

Larry Allen
Andy Winters

PRESENT OFFICERS:

Chaplain	Father Ray Keiser
Grand Knight	Chuck McCullar
Dep. Grand Knight	Jake Romano
Recorder	Russ Shaw
Treasurer	Allen Lafoy
Financial Secr.	Charlie Evans
Warden	John Keifer
Guard	Grady Perry

ADVOCATE TRUSTEES:

Fred Alexander
Andy Winters
Larry Huver

PERPETUAL HELP ROSARY MAKERS

Chairperson: Lil Kell

Members:

Ralph Williams

John Denson

Claire Lawes

Mary Green

Barbara Harrison

James Hood

Ernie Smith

Lisa Smith

Eilene Wise

David Romano

Grady Guyton

Rhonda Calhoun

Betty Ivie

James Ivie

Vicki Kell

John Keifer

Cathy Manasco

Hayden Manasco

John Estes

Ruth Puckett

Roger Rutledge

Allen Eakley

Sherri Eakley

Frances Scarbrough

Vicky Martin

PAST ORGANIZATIONS - MEN'S CLUB - 1974-1986

Past Presidents:

John Keifer	1974-75
Bill Chism	1975-77
Gordon Roell	1977-79
Hugh Gerst	1979-80
Larry Allen	1980-81
Linda Upton	1981-83
Chuck McKellar	1983-84
Andy Winters	1984-85
Charlie Evans	1985-86

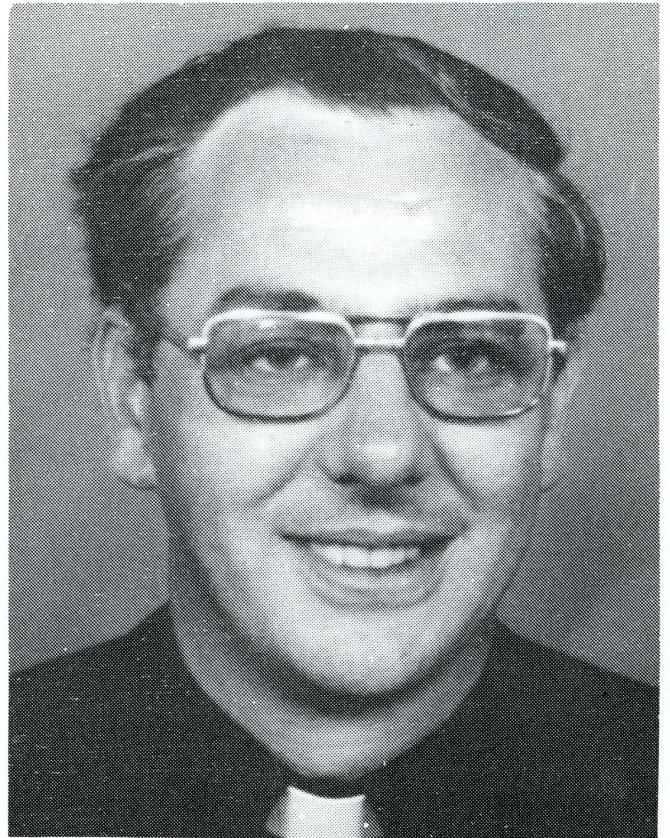
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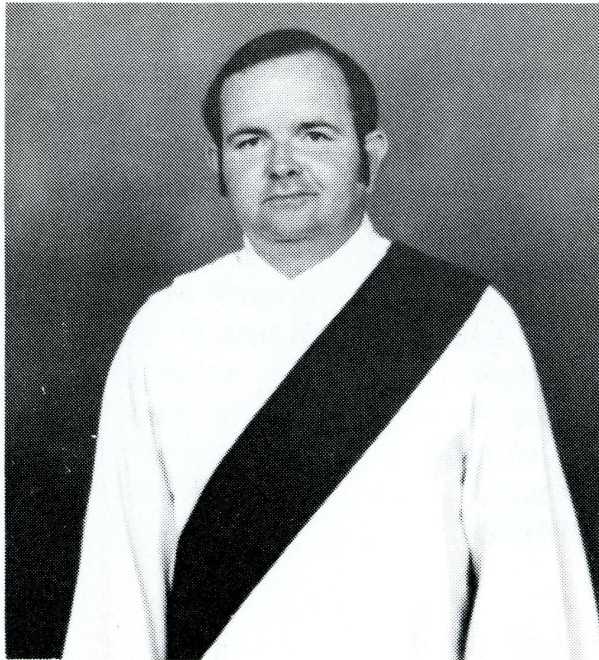
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Lorraine Keifer



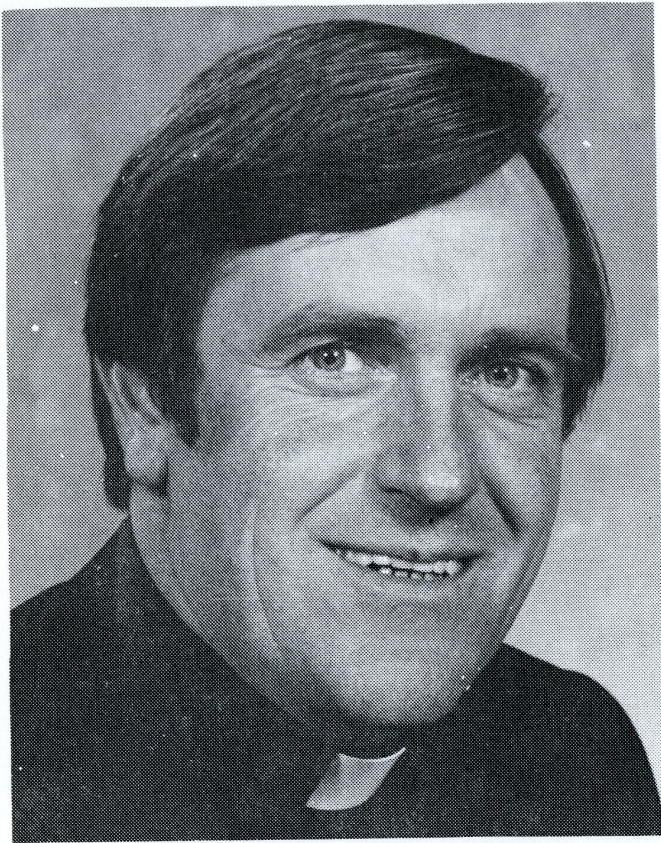
Rev. Patrick Donoghue
1963-73



Rev. Michael McMahon
1973-79

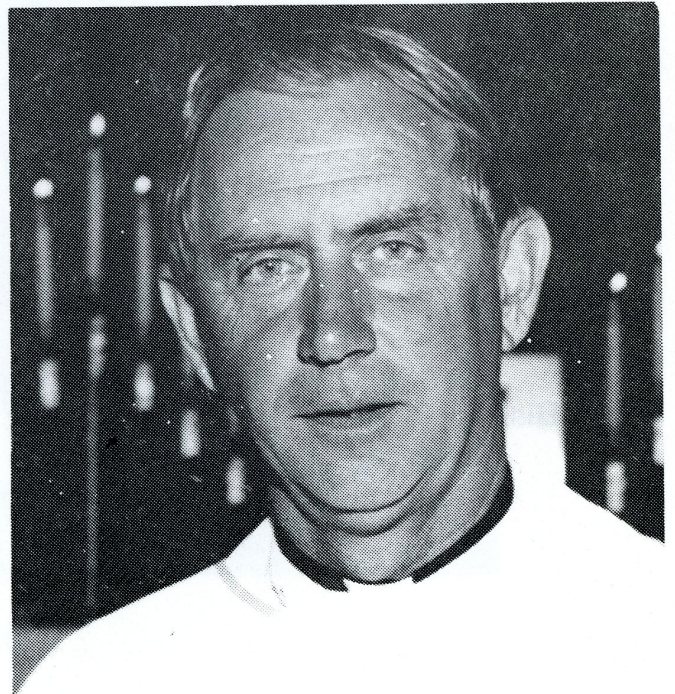


Rev. Dan Whitaker, Deacon
1977-85



Rev. Jeremiah Deasy
1979-84

Rev. Ray Keiser
1984 -





Bishop Joseph G. Vath
Dec. 9, 1969
to July 14, 1987



Bishop Raymond J. Boland
March 25, 1988



Pope Paul II