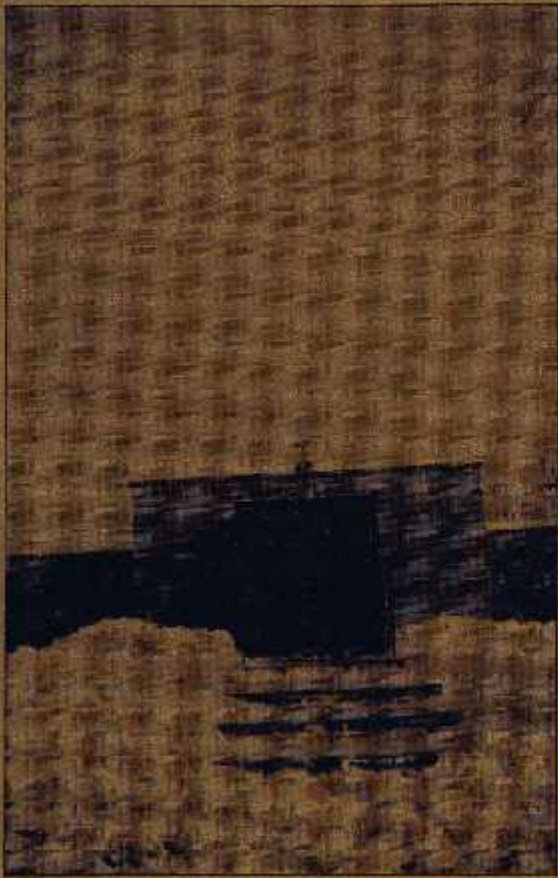


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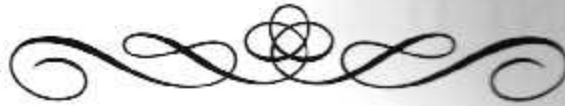


**ST. TERESA'S
PARISH COMMUNITY**

SAINT TERESA'S PARISH



1937 - 1987



To our Patroness, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, the Pastors,
Assistant Priests, Sisters and all former and present
parishoners of St. Teresa's Church, this booklet is respectfully dedicated.

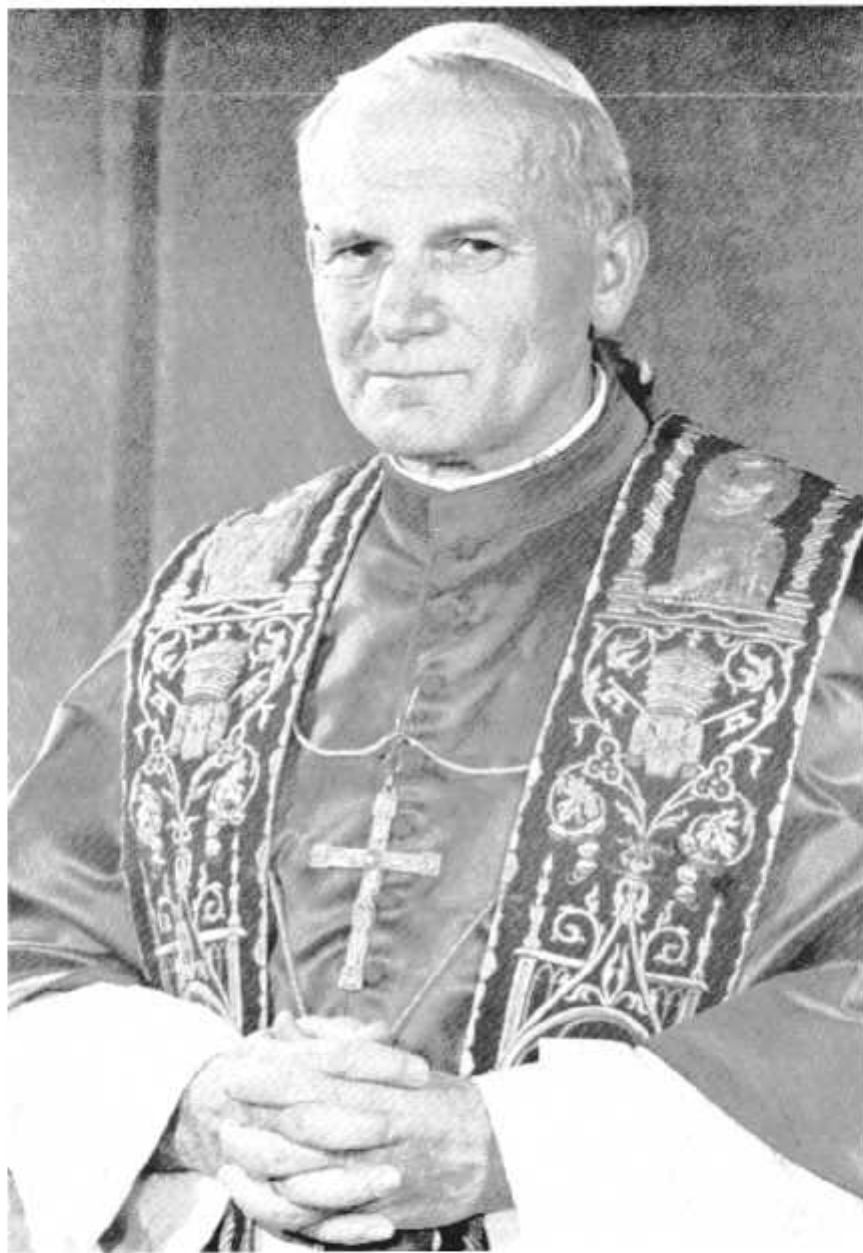
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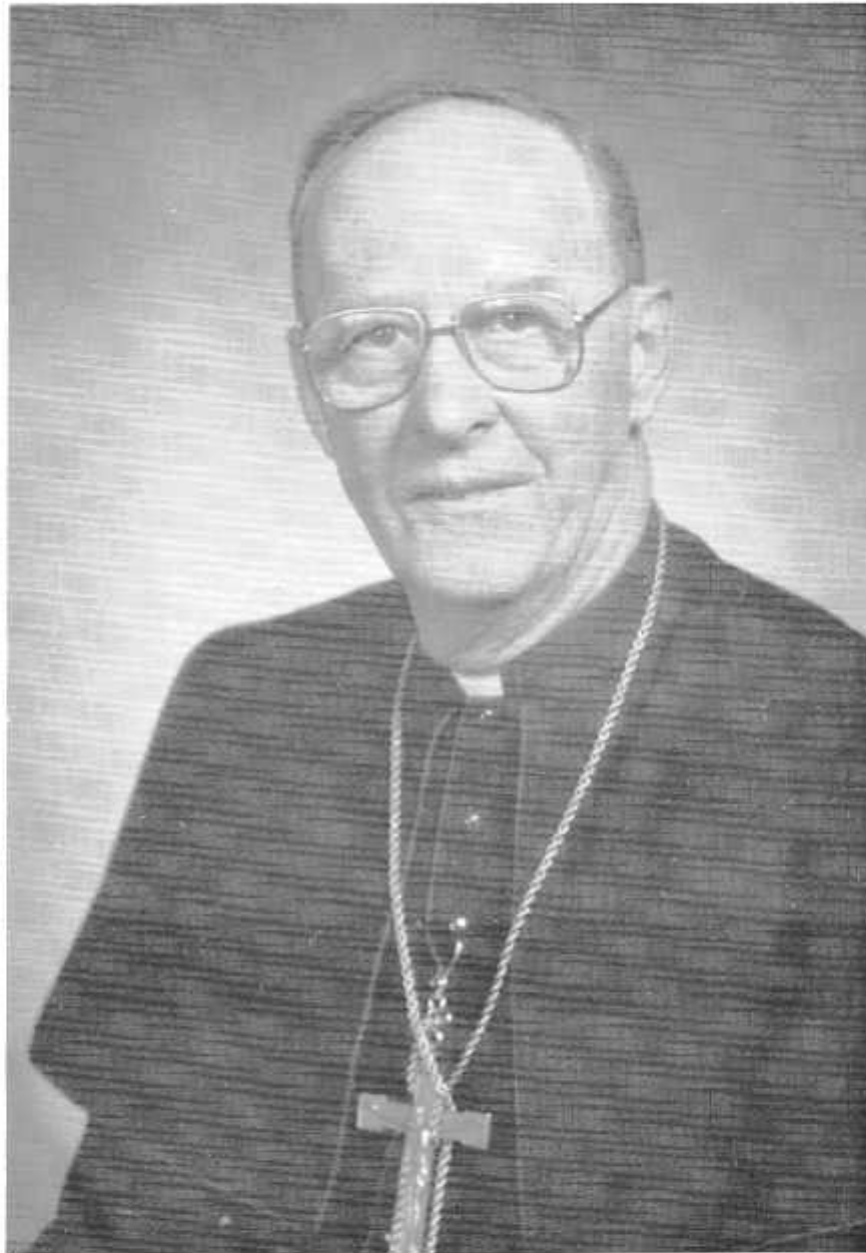




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MOST REVEREND THOMAS B. FULTON

Ordained to the Priesthood, June 7, 1941. Named Titular Bishop of Curzola and Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, December 19, 1968. Ordained Bishop by Pope Paul VI in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, January 6, 1969. Named Bishop of St. Catharines, July 8, 1978.



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October 3rd, 1987

Dear Parishioners of St. Teresa's Parish:

I wish to offer you my sincere congratulations as you celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of St. Teresa's Parish.

In celebrating this significant event in the history of the parish, it is natural that we should recall the beginnings of the parish and the priests and the people who played a major role in the life of the community over the past fifty years.

Two names in particular come to mind. The first is Father Edward Canning who, as Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in the mid 30's, had the foresight to recommend to Archbishop McGuigan (later Cardinal) the establishment of a second parish in Port Colborne and who took steps to implement the recommendation by purchasing a church site. The second is Father Basil Malone, who after the very brief tenure of Father Felix Coffey, was Pastor from 1938 until his retirement in 1976, and who was beloved by all as a true shepherd of souls.

With these principal figures, I associate as well Father Philippe Labelle who served as Pastor from 1976 until his recent retirement last year and Father Bruno Bonomi, the present Pastor, as well as the priests who acted as Assistants over the years, including Archbishop Ambrozic, now Coadjutor Archbishop of Toronto.

However, these good priests who have led the community over the years, would have accomplished very little without the generous support and involvement of the loyal parishioners of St. Teresa's.

I am grateful to Almighty God today for their active faith which manifested itself in the building and maintenance of the church and by works of charity and justice in the community.

It is my prayer that St. Teresa's Church will continue to stand in the midst of this community as a sign of God's presence and love among us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Most Rev.) Thomas B. Fulton,
Bishop of St. Catharines.



REVEREND BRUNO BONOMI, PASTOR

St. Teresa's Church*
Port Colborne
1987

How awe inspiring is this place!

There is no other but the House of God and the Gate of Heaven
Genesis 28:17

Imagine if we were to dig into the foundations of our church. Suppose we were to find there a small box containing the names of those who had helped build the church of our community and the names of everyone who helped in maintaining this House of God through the years.

Your name would be on that list. The names of your parents and your grand-parents would be there. All who helped to erect and support God's House, would be on that list. No doubt a book like this does not exist. At any rate these names are written in God's Book. There a record is kept of every sacrifice that was ever made in the building of this edifice and keeping it in use and repair.

In this day and age there are some who say, there is no need for churches. They maintain that a building is not necessary in order to worship God. They take it one step further by saying that they can go out into the fields, the woods, or to the seashore and there worship God in the great temple of nature. Most, if not all, of those who think we have no need of churches never worship God anywhere. We know from Holy Scripture that God wants to be worshipped in certain places, the House of God where we go, in order to present our prayers of praise, thanksgiving, reflections and forgiveness.

We come to His Church to receive spiritual life, through the offering of the sacraments. You have been bringing your babies to be baptized. Most of you have been confirmed in this church, have received the body and blood of Jesus for the first time, have administered the sacrament of marriage to your partners, and many of our brothers and sisters have received the last farewell.

On this Golden occasion, I wish to congratulate every member of this parish, on the years of service and sacrifice, the years of love and devotion which you have offered your church of St. Teresa. I wish to congratulate all the priests and sisters, living, as well as those who have gone to their eternal reward and offer a prayer for them to-day. Particularly, I wish to congratulate Father Philippe LaBelle for the dedication he gave for more than ten years as the spiritual leader, and I also wish to offer a special memory to Father Basil Malone, of whom the walls of St. Teresa's speak.

Lastly, I want to thank every member of the parish for the wonderful spirit they have shown. I know that you have made sacrifices to have your church built, and will continue to make them with the inspiration of this jubilee. What you do for your church, you do for God.

Fr. Bruno Bonomi

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Bruno Bonomi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

HISTORY OF ST. TERESA'S PARISH - 1937 - 1987

St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church Port Colborne is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a Parish Community, on October 3rd, 1987.

Prior to 1937, the needs of the Catholic Community in Port Colborne, were administered by St. Patrick's Church on King Street.



St. Patrick's Church

In 1937, Archbishop J.C. McGuigan granted permission for the erection of a church on the east side of Port Colborne. The site chosen was the corner of Fares and Bell Streets and the supervision was under the direction of Rev. F.J. Canning, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

The cornerstone laying for the original St. Teresa's Church took place on June 27th, 1937.

The church was built almost entirely by volunteer labour, comprised of the Catholic people living on the east side of Port Colborne. The plan was to construct a basement church at this time and to complete the actual church when funds became available.

The basement church was completed in less than 6 months, with the official opening taking place on October 3rd, 1937.

The Parish had an official list of 200 families in 1937, which grew to about 500 families in 1955 and in 1987 it presently numbers about 725 families.

The first pastor appointed to St. Teresa's Parish was Rev. Felix Coffey, who served as pastor from October 3rd, 1937 to August 6, 1938.



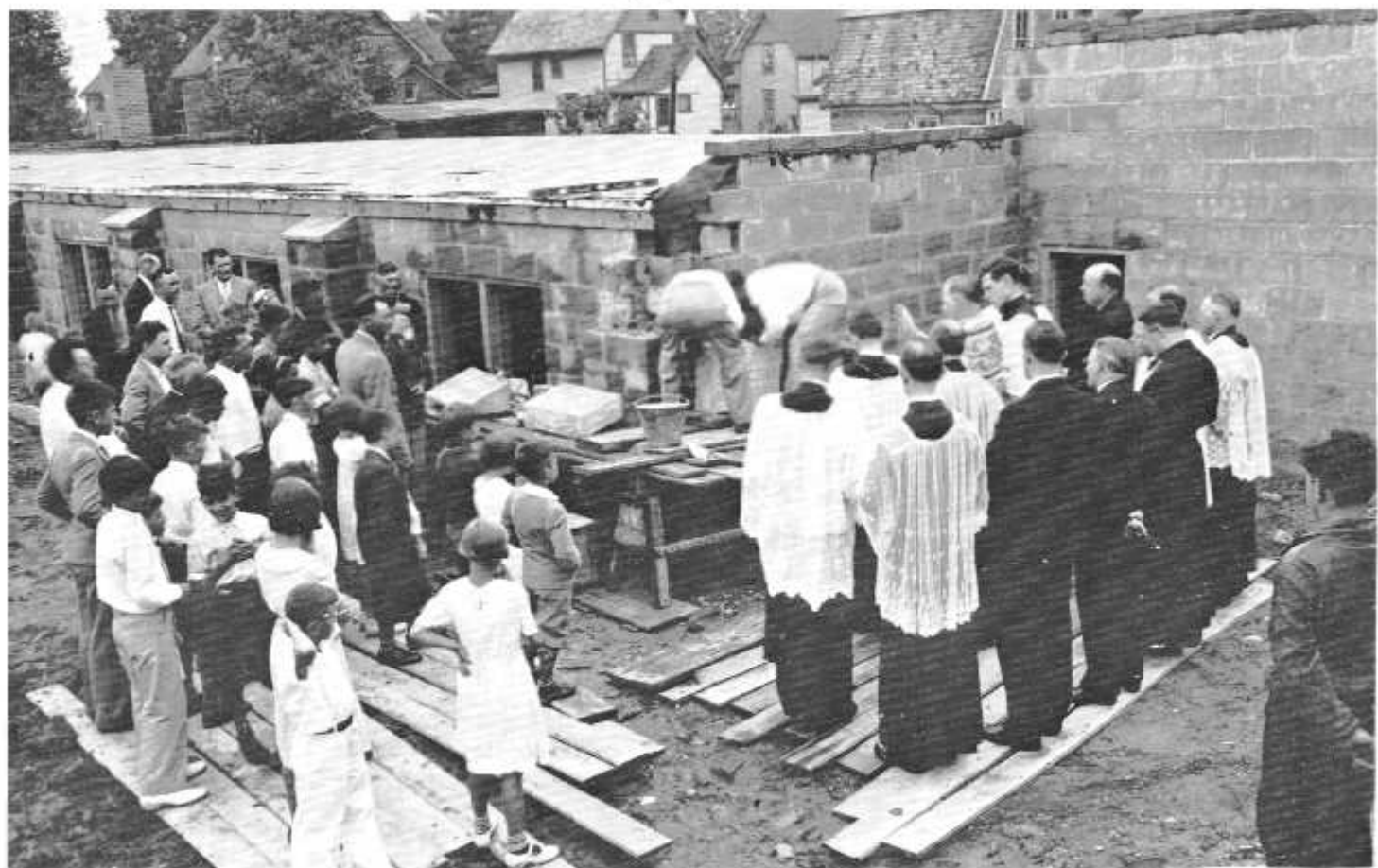
Rev. Felix Coffey

On August 6th, 1938, St. Teresa's Parish had its first, and perhaps most important, RED LETTER DAY in its history. A young priest arrived in Port Colborne, from Toronto and for 38 years Reverend Basil Malone was the active pastor of St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church.

Father Malone's tireless efforts on behalf of his beloved St. Teresa's Parish, are legendary. His kindness and charitable nature are unmatched in the annals of this parish.



Blessing of the Church



Laying of the Cornerstone

St. Patrick's Rectory

PORT COLBORNE
ONTARIO

St. Therese's Church Pt. Colborne.

Report of Construction Costs.

Contracts.

J. Grassie	Plasterer	\$90.00
Pannill Door	Door	81.20
Bird Roofing	Roof	216.29
Stan Kennedy	Electric	272.40
Dundas Block	Cement Block	700.00
T. Heighton	Steel	741.73
Superior Sash	Windows	113.60
Vasbinder	Furnis & Plumbn'g	1113.69

Materials.

H. Sherk	Rocklath	\$104.83
Perry Sherk	Lumber	895.55
Markel Electric	Fixtures	58.65
Seitz	Sand and Gravel	116.80
Cement	Canada Cement	447.30
Beam	Building Supply	338.17
Werbich	Trucking	105.10
Augustine	Lumber, Seats & Altars	281.30
Knoll Hardware	Hardware	204.34
Incidentals		81.90
Wages		\$288.39
Interest Aug. 30		25.82
Interest Nov. 30		48.46
Insurance Nov. 3rd.		26.40

TOTAL \$8351.72

Purchase of House for Convent
Transfer of Deeds Etc.

\$1000.00
29.34

TOTAL \$10381.06

Collections and Donations \$5381.06
Bank Borrowing 5000.00

This original report of the construction costs has an interesting sidelight to it. NOTE the spelling of St. THERESE's Church. I.

According to all the sources we have investigated, St. Teresa's church was named in honour of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, whose name's day used to fall on October 3, but it is now celebrated on October 1. St. Teresa of Jesus has October 15 as her name's day. In reality, our church has the unique distinction of having a different spelling for St. Theresa of the Child Jesus.

1. Guidelines For Pastoral Liturgy, Liturgical Calendar. Also, Sacramentary - The Roman Missal, revised by decree of Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and published by authority of Pope Paul VI, Canadian Edition 1983.



Rev. Basil P. Malone

attending the Separate schools were then taught catechism after 9:00 a.m. mass on Sundays.

One of the projects the Sisters of Loretto undertook was the opening of a library. Situated behind the convent was a large garage with a second storey, which the Sisters, along with volunteer student help, transformed into a well stocked library. It was named the St. John Bosco library and served the parish for many years with good, wholesome reading material.

The Sisters of Loretto continued their teaching and parochial work until July 4, 1975 when the convent was officially closed. Shortly thereafter, it was renovated and became St. Teresa's rectory.



St. Teresa's Convent

Coinciding with the opening of the church, was the arrival of the Sisters of Loretto, in October 1937. A house had been purchased next door to the church and was quickly renovated so that it could be used as a convent.

The arrival of 4 Sisters of Loretto under the direction of Reverend Mother DePazzi was perhaps the second most important date in the history of St. Teresa's Parish. Two of the Sisters taught at St. John Bosco School when it opened in 1944. The most important function of the Sisters of Loretto however, was the teaching of catechism to the school children of St. Teresa's Parish. Classes were held in the church after school for the First Communion and Confirmation classes. To augment the catechism classes held during the school year, permission was received to hold summer school classes at DeWitt Carter School.

Catechism was taught by the Sisters of Loretto until the opening of St. Teresa's school in 1957 and Our Lady of Good Counsel school in 1965. Those children not



Sister Marie Last



An Early Confirmation Class

As the Parish grew, so did the responsibilities of the pastor, Father Malone. From 1938 until 1951, Father Malone looked after all the needs of the parish. On June 23, 1951, an assistant priest was sent to St. Teresa's, to help with the ever-increasing work-load of the parish. The newly ordained, Rev. Christopher J. Bennett, with his enthusiasm, vigour and out-going manner, instilled a fresh and ambitious attitude in St. Teresa's parish. Father Bennett was largely instrumental in obtaining the property for the site of St. Teresa's school, the first Separate school on the east side of Port Colborne, which opened in 1957.

From 1937 until 1953, St. Teresa's parishioners were housed in the basement church. After years of monthly collections to the building fund, Father Malone received permission to begin construction of the new church.

It was immediately revealed by the architect, Arthur Scott, that the existing basement was unsuitable for the proposed new church. It was therefore decided that the basement be demolished and a completely new structure be built including a new basement, which was to serve as the parish hall.



Rev. Christopher J. Bennett

THE BASEMENT CHURCH



The demolition of the basement church was tendered and Alf Foresi was the successful bidder. He was given a time limit of 3 weeks to remove the structure. Alf Foresi recalls . . .

. . . "At that time, I had a fleet of dump trucks and we did most of the removal in the evening and at night. We were also able to salvage all the wooden roof trusses, steel I-beams and



Inside the Basement Church

many of the blocks and windows. These materials were used to construct a large garage on the north side of Alma Street which still stands today"

The architect for the building of the new church was Arthur Scott and the general contractor was the Gardner Construction Company Limited, of Welland. Father



The Garage Alma Street

Malone had a member of the parish, Joe Tonelli look after the supervision of work and in this way was kept informed of the progress of the work, on a day to day basis.

The cornerstone for the new church was laid in September, 1954. The church was officially opened March 30, 1955, with Cardinal McGuigan officiating at the blessing ceremonies.



Cardinal McGuigan

While the new church was being built, masses and church activities were held in the Co-op. hall (presently the Imperial Bank of Commerce) on Durham St.

The write-up in the Evening Tribune described the new St. Teresa's Church in 1955 in the following way: - The new church, featuring modified Colonial design, constructed mainly of masonry, with the exterior facing of a mellow red-coloured brick and featuring a lead covered copper sheeting spire is an inspiring building.

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW CHURCH





The lighting, ventilating and heating are the most up-to-date.

In 1978, Father Philippe Labelle did some major remodelling in the church and had it repainted. It remained this way until 1987. A rather major calamity befell the church, at that time.

During the winter months, fuel oil was discovered in the sump. It had seeped through the weeping tiles. Upon investigation, it was soon learned that the oil tank buried underground had been leaking. This problem was tackled by a few hard working, faithful men of the parish who donated hundreds of hours of their time to correct the problem. At their request, they shall remain anonymous.

The oil problem, plus some serious cracking and leakage of the walls and structure of the church necessitated some major decisions. After serious consultations, it was determined to install a new heating system. The original furnace was removed and a series of gas fired pulse furnaces were installed which feature air-conditioning. It was also decided to install a memorial

window in honour of Father Malone and to do some remodelling of the church and hall. The parishoners of St. Teresa's parish can be truly proud of their beautiful church.

Rev. Christopher J. Bennett's tenure as assistant priest at St. Teresa's came to an end in 1955. The new assistant was the very young, Rev. Aloysius V. Ambrozic, who served the parish for less than a year.

Father Ambrozic was warmly received by the parishoners. His easy-going manner and big smile won him the hearts of St. Teresa's young and old alike. Joe Apolcer recalls . . .

"... "I remember vividly the day Father Ambrozic got his call to leave St. Teresa's. He dropped by my house and he looked very sad and dejected. When I asked him whether there was something wrong, he handed me a letter. You are to report to Rome immediately, it stated. I wished him all the best and assured him we would all miss him immensely.



▲ INSIDE THE NEW
CHURCH AFTER 1955



INSIDE OF CHURCH
◀ AFTER 1978

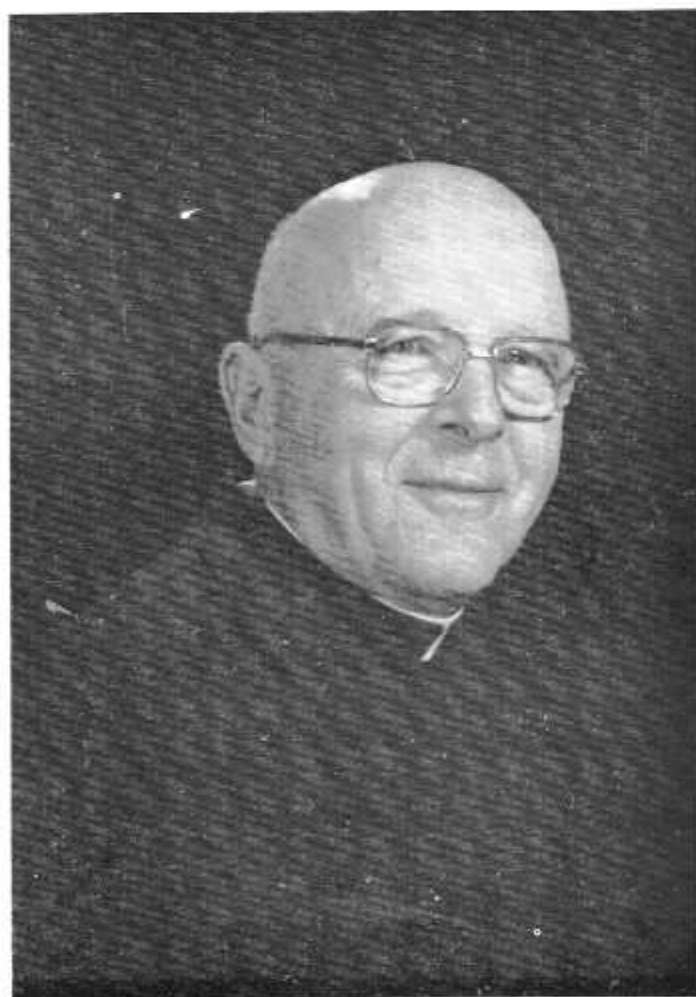


*Coadjutor Archbishop of Toronto
Aloysius V. Ambrozic*

The call to Rome was eventually to lead to Father Ambrozic becoming Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, now Coadjutor Archbishop of Toronto.

Following Father Ambrozic's departure Rev. Anthony Vuksinic (Father Anthony), served as assistant to Father Malone from 1956 to 1965, the longest term of any assistant priest at St. Teresa's.

This very kind, humble and learned priest did a tremendous job, both within the church, as well as with the school children of St. Teresa's and Our Lady of Good Counsel schools. His soft voice and easy-going manner will long be remembered by the parishoners of St. Teresa's.



Rev. Anthony Vuksinic

Rev. Edward Phythian took over the reins of assistant priest at St. Teresa's in 1965.

Although he served for only one year, Father Phythian is also remembered by the parishoners as being a soft-spoken and hard-working priest. Father Phythian served St. Teresa's very well.

In 1966, Rev. Benedict B. Vanco affectionately known as Father Ben arrived at St. Teresa's parish.



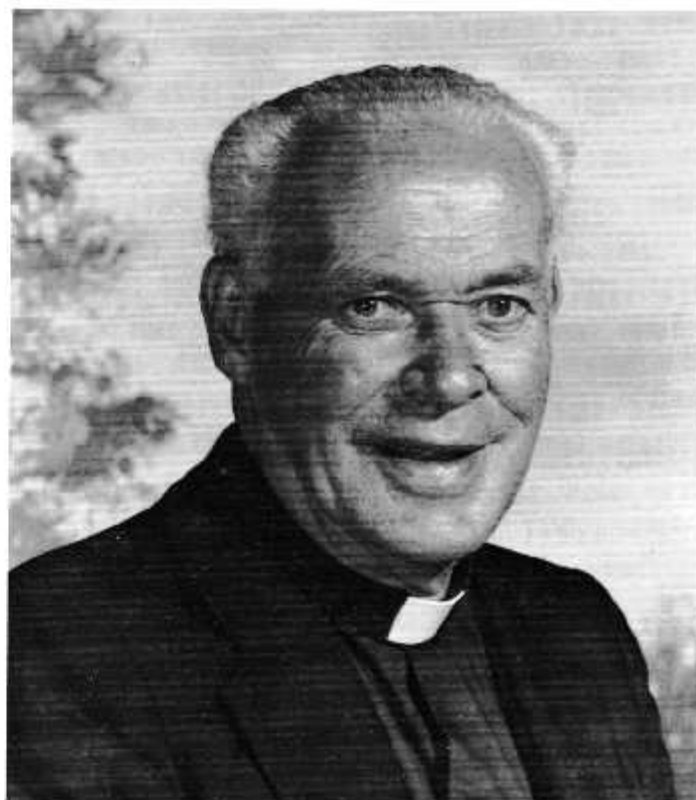
Rev. Edward Phythian



Rev. Benedict B. Vanco

This dynamic, outgoing and very learned man, worked very hard. He especially loved working with the young people and it seemed that where ever he went, there was always a "flock of young kids" around him. Father Vanco served St. Teresa's parish faithfully until 1971.

In 1971, with the shortage of priests already upon the diocese, St. Teresa's parish was fortunate in obtaining a Scarborough Missionary priest, who had served many years in China. Father Alexander McIntosh came to St. Teresa's parish and remained here until 1976.

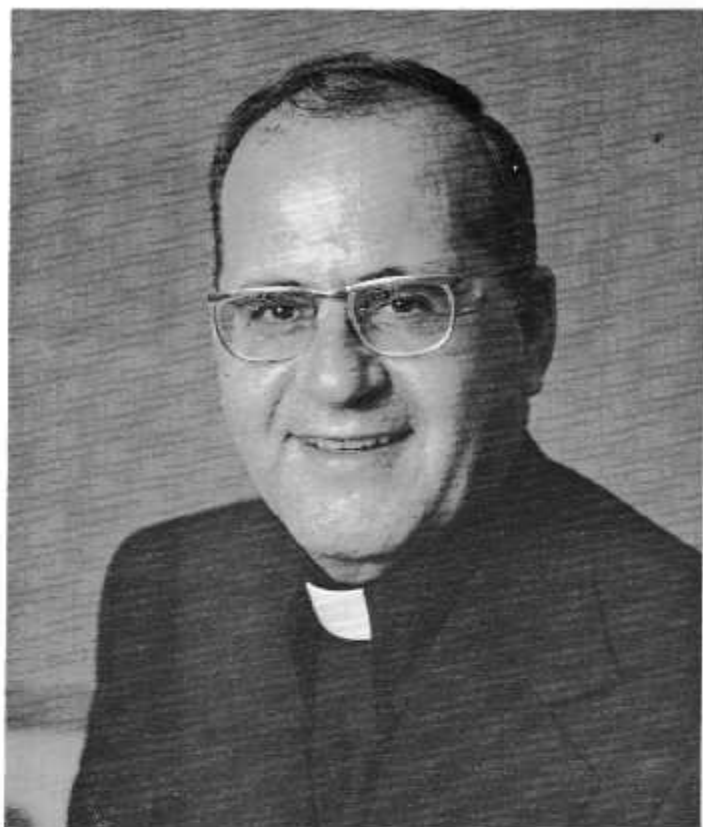


Rev. Alexander McIntosh

Father McIntosh was the last assistant priest at St. Teresa's parish. Father McIntosh passed away on April 7, 1985, in Toronto.

The year 1976 featured the arrival of Rev. Philippe Labelle.

This dynamic priest administered to the needs of St. Teresa's parish as pastor until ill health forced his retirement in 1986. Father Labelle worked his whole tenure of 10 years without an assistant priest but this did not keep him from accomplishing his tasks.



Rev. Philippe Labelle

Father Labelle seemed to be everywhere at once and the gratitude of the parish goes out to him for all he did for St. Teresa's Parish.

Father Bruno Bonomi, the present pastor, came to St. Teresa's in 1986. His keen interest in the parish activities and his evident love and concern for the young people of his parish, have endeared him in the hearts of the parishioners.

Father Bruno's help, guidance and inspiration in helping to organize the 50th anniversary celebrations of St. Teresa's parish are greatly appreciated. The parishioners wish him a long and happy stay at St. Teresa's.

For 50 years, St. Teresa's has indeed been very fortunate in having the highest calibre of priests, both pastors and assistants. These dedicated men have not only administered to the spiritual needs of the parish, they have done a tremendous job in temporal and charitable works. May God bless each and every one of them.

A special mention should be made of the 3 vocations to the priesthood and 1 vocation to the sisterhood, which have come from St. Teresa's parish. Rev. Joseph Johnston, (deceased), Rev. Francis John Wagner and Rev. J.

Dennis Mazerolle are the pride of St. Teresa's parish. Father Wagner, C.S.C. (Holy Cross) is presently Catholic Chaplain at Brock University. Father Mazerolle is presently at Holy Rosary Parish in Thorold. Both Father Johnston and Father Mazerolle celebrated their first masses at St. Teresa's church.



Rev. Bruno Bonomi



Rev. J. Dennis Mazerolle



Rev. Joseph Johnston



Rev. Francis John Wagner

Sister Elizabeth (Betty) Johnston, a sister of Rev. Joseph Johnston served in the order of Grey Nuns.

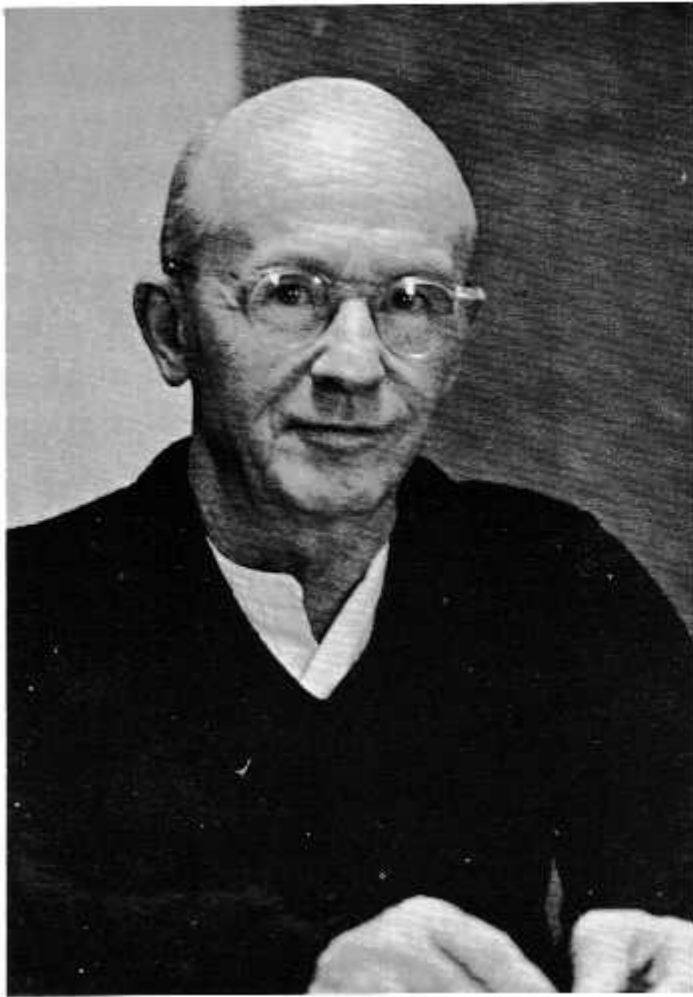
The 50 years of parish community life at St. Teresa's have had many interesting and exciting moments and events. Two such events stand out in the memories of most parishoners. The silver and golden jubilees of Rev. B.P. Malone's ordination were both celebrated while Father Malone was acting pastor of St. Teresa's parish.



*Golden Jubilee of Ordination -
Rev. B.P. Malone*

To many of the parish, Father Malone was St. Teresa's. It is very unfortunate that he cannot be with us to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the parish.

The parishoners of St. Teresa's parish who are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the parish have much to be thankful for. The many, many hard working people who have given so much of their time and talent are too numerous to name. The spirit of the pioneers of St. Teresa's parish lives on today. To all those who have helped in any way in making St. Teresa's parish a true Christian community, a sincere thanks. You may be certain that your name is written in God's book. The many people who looked after the emergencies, repairs, and numerous chores related to the church, rectory and convent, without ever taking one cent of payment, will surely receive their just reward in the next life. Because you asked to remain anonymous, we can only say that we know who you are and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God Bless you, every one.



Father Malone
"As We Knew Him"

Fifty years have past. Glorious wonderful years, but not without hardships and tribulations. With such a solid background and a deep-rooted spirit of co-operation, the future of St. Teresa's parish appears very bright. May we continue in the long established tradition of Christian fellowship and neighbourly co-operation, as we collectively worship our God in his Holy Temple, St. Teresa's Church, Port Colborne.

- SO LET IT BE WRITTEN

- SO LET IT BE DONE

PASTORS AND ASSISTANTS AT ST. TERESA'S

Pastors

Rev. Felix Coffey, (d)	1937 - 1938
Rev. Basil P. Malone (d)	1938 - 1976
Rev. Philippe Labelle -	1976 - 1986
Rev. Bruno Bonomi -	1986 -

Assistants

Rev. Christopher J. Bennett	1951 - 1955
Rev. Aloysius V. Ambrozic	1955 - 1956
Rev. Anthony Vuksinic	1956 - 1965
Rev. Edward Phythian	1965 - 1966
Rev. Benedict B. Vanco	1966 - 1971
Rev. Alexander McIntosh (d)	1971 - 1976



SISTERS OF LORETTO

St. Teresa's convent was opened on October 2nd, 1937. The first community consisted of Sister DePazzi Fayle, superior, Sister Monica Perkins, Sister Laurian Gavin and Sister Margaret Lambertus. Reverend Mother St. Teresa Finnigan was mother-general of the order and the opening of the convent was requested by Reverend E.J. Canning to serve as a Catechetical Centre serving the parishes of St. Teresa and St. Patrick. The convent was situated at 379 Fares Street, the site of the present rectory.

The prime function of the sisters was the teaching of catechism. However, as the parish grew and Separate Schools sprang up, the sisters became involved in teaching as well.



Sister DePazzi Fayle

The first choirs were under the directorship of the sisters and the first organists received instructions from the sisters.

The opening of the library in the upstairs of the garage was a proud moment for the sisters and it served the needs of the parish for many years.

One of the novel undertakings of the Sisters of Loretto was the introduction of Summer School for the Catholic children of the east side. Classes were held at DeWitt Carter school with the main focus of the curriculum being an in-depth study of catechism. The summer school session usually lasted about 2 weeks. On the final day, a field day and picnic were held at the school grounds and at the old "cow field" on Elizabeth Street. Some of the "old timers" in the parish remember those nostalgic days with fond memories of the good Sisters of Loretto.

The Sisters of Loretto continued to work for St. Teresa's parish in their various roles until July 4, 1975 when St. Teresa's convent was officially closed.



Corn Roast Sponsored by Sisters of Loretto - Circa 1943

**ST. TERESA CONVENT
PORT COLBORNE, ONTARIO**

1937 - 1975

Opened by Reverend Mother St. Teresa Finnigan
Requested by Reverend E.J. Canning for Catechetical
Centre

First Community

Sister DePazzi, Fayle Superior (d)
Sister Monica Perkins (d)
Sister Laurian Gavin
Sister Margaret Lambertus (d)

Loretto Convent
Port Colborne
379 Fares Street

1938

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior (d)
Sister Monica Perkins (d)
Sister St. Bernadette Burns
Sister Lois Richards

1939

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
Sister Gratia Dwyer (d)
Sister Kryan Latchford
Sister Benedicta Fahlman

1940

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
Sister Kryan Latchford
Sister Benedicta Fahlman
Sister Marina Schuett

1941

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
Sister Cleta Teevan
Sister Benedicta Fahlman
Sister St. Raymond Halpin (d)
Sister Marina Schuett

1942

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
Sister Cleta Teevan
Sister Bertille St. Arnaud
Sister Benedicta Fahlman
Sister Linda Gleeson

1943

Sister Pauline Wilson, Superior
Sister Regina Klein
Sister Bertille St. Arnaud
Sister Benedicta Fahlman
Sister St. Rene Schuett

1944

Sister Pauline Wilson, Superior
Sister Gerard Maloney I (d)
Sister Bertille St. Arnaud, II
Sister Benedicta Fahlman
Sister Marina Schuett

1945

Sister Pauline Wilson, Superior
Sister Gerard Mahoney, I
Sister Bertille St. Arnaud
Sister Marina Schuett
Sister Melanie McCann
Sister Lidwina Egan

1946

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
Sister Thomasina Dillon (d)
Sister Lidwina Egan
Sister Marina Schuett
Sister Mary Agnes Johnson

1947

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
Sister Marina Schuett, I
Sister Mary Agnes Johnson
Sister Adelaide Beaulieu
Sister Mary Vincent Reddy (d)

1948

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
Sister Adelaide Beaulieu
Sister Marina Schuett
Sister Mary Vincent Reddy (d)
Sister Mary Agnes Johnson

1949

Sister DePazzi Fayle
 Sister Marina Schuett
 Sister St. Christopher Girard
 Sister Adelaide Beaulieu
 Sister Mary Vincent Reddy (d)
 Sister Mary Agnes Johnson

1950

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior, Procuratrix
 Sister Marina Schuett, 1st Consultress
 Sister Monica Perkins, 2nd Consultress (d)
 Sister Adelaide Beaulieu
 Sister Mary Agnes Johnson

1951

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
 Sister Urban Kelly, 1st Consultress
 Sister Mary Agnes Johnson, 2nd Consultress
 Sister Adelaide Beaulieu
 Sister Donata Dean

1952

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
 Sister Urban Kelly
 Sister Giovanni Dineen (d)
 Sister Stefanie Hawka
 Sister Adelaide Beaulieu
 Sister Mary Agnes Johnson
 Sister Martin Raczynski

1953

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
 Sister Mary Agnes Johnson, I
 Sister St. Robert Bannon, II
 Sister Adelaide Beaulieu
 Sister Martin Raczynski
 Sister Ignatia Beaulieu

1954

Sister DePazzi Fayle, Superior
 Sister St. Robert Bannon, II
 Sister Mary Agnes Johnson, I
 Sister Mary Rita Dean
 Sister Martin Raczynski
 Sister Adelaide Beaulieu

1955

Sister Mary Carl Phillion, Superior
 Sister St. Robert Bannon I
 Sister Adelaide Beaulieu
 St. Mary Rita Dean, II
 Sister Isaac Jogues Agius
 Sister Mary Louise Scanlon

1956

Sister Mary Carol Phillion, Superior (d)
 Sister Dolorosa Massicotte, I
 Sister Hilary Kenefick
 Sister Mary Louise Scanlon
 Sister Mary Alphonsus Barry
 Sister Patricia Anne Zettel

1957

Sister Mary Carl Phillion, Superior
 Sister Dolorosa Massicotte, I
 Sister St. Albert Last
 Sister St. Leo O'Keefe
 Sister Norah Burns
 Sister Alexia Kirby

1958

Sister Albert Last, Superior
 Sister St. Leo O'Keefe, I
 Sister Norah Burns
 Sister St. Angelus Van Hee
 Sister Alexia Kirby

1959

Sister St. Albert Last, Superior
 Sister St. Leo O'Keefe, I
 Sister Norah Burns
 Sister St. Angelus Van Hee
 Sister Mary Williams Dales

1960

Sister St. Albert Last, Superior
 Sister St. Leo O'Keefe, I
 Sister St. Angelus Van Hee
 Sister Donna Stemmler
 Sister Paulette Ortmann
 Sister Mary Clarence Lindholm

1961

Sister St. Albert Last, Superior
 Sister St. Leo O'Keefe, I
 Sister Lalemant Liebers
 Sister Mary Judith Deck, II
 Sister St. Angelus Van Hee
 Sister Borgia Badali
 Sister Donna Stemmler

1962

Sister St. Albert Last, Superior
 Sister Mary Judith Deck, I
 Sister Borgia Badali, II
 Sister Donna Stemmler

1963

Sister Albert Last, Superior
 Sister Martin Raczynski
 Sister Borgia Badali, II
 Sister Donna Stemmler

1964

Sister Marina Schuett, Superior
 Sister Mary Leo Nolan, I
 Sister Martin Raczynski, II
 Sister Donna Stemmler

1965

Sister Marina Schuett, Superior
 Sister Mary Leo Nolan, I
 Sister Donna Stemmler, II
 Sister Michaela Thompson

1966

Sister Marina Schuett, Superior
 Sister Mary Leo Nolan, I
 Sister Antonia Kambeitz, II
 Sister Michaela Thompson

1967

Sister Marina Schuett, Superior
 Sister St. Edwin Flynn, I
 Sister Michaela Thompson, II
 Sister Teresa Margaret Tersigni

1968

Sister Jane Dunbar, Superior
 Sister Margaret Flynn, I
 Sister Mary Jeanne Thompson
 Sister Oliva Tersigni

1969

Sister Margaret Flynn
 Sister Oliva Tersigni
 Sister Mary Anne Caron

1970

Sister Marie Last
 Sister Mary Anne Caron
 Sister Oliva Tersigni
 Sister Joan Cummins
 Sister Dorothea Langan

1971

Sister Marie Last
 Sister Oliva Tersigni
 Sister Joan Cummins
 Sister Waltera Van Gennip
 Sister Dorothea Langan

1972

Sister Marie Last
 Sister Mary Caron
 Sister Regis Guilmette

1973

Sister Anacleta Miles
 Sister Mary Anne Caron
 Sister Regis Guilmette

1974

Sister Anacleta Miles
 Sister Mary Anne Caron
 Sister Regis Guilmette

1975

CONVENT CLOSED

**SEPARATE SCHOOLS IN WHICH THE
 LORETTO SISTERS TAUGHT**

St. John Bosco School

1944 - 46 - Pauline Wilson
 Marina Schuett

1946 - 51 - Marina Schuett
 Mary Agnes Johnston

1951 - 52 - Urban Kelly
 Mary Agnes Johnson

1952 - 53 - Urban Kelly
 Stephanie Hawka

1953 - 54 - St. Robert Bannon (Eileen Bannon)
 Ignatia Beaulieu

1954 - 55 - St. Robert Bannon
 Mary Rita Dean

1955 - 56 - St. Robert Bannon
 Isaac Joques

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

St. Teresa's Catholic Women's League was organized on October 16, 1951. The official charter was granted January 24th, 1952 by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Rev. Webster, the Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto installed the first executive which consisted of the following:

Director	- Rev. B.P. Malone
President	- Mrs. G. Badawey
1st Vice President	- Miss N. Luke
2nd Vice President	- Mrs. G. Ruggiero
3rd Vice President	Miss M. Yankovich
Recording Secretary	- Miss R. Petroff
Corresponding Secretary	- Miss M. Lipovsky
Treasurer	- Mrs. D. Rossi

There were 51 Chartered members, some of whom are still active in the league. The Catholic Women's League is considered by most parishoners of St. Teresa's Parish, to be one of the most active and dynamic organizations of the parish. Through the years the members have been involved in such activities at the Christmas Bazaar, Valentine Tea, Sale of Shamrocks (St. Patrick's Day), First Communion and Confirmation Certificates, Party for Grade 8 Graduates, Junior Choir, Brownies, Girl Guides and Rangers and Altar Boy's Party.

Among the charities and activities supported by the C.W.L. are Missions, Catholic Radio Program, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Lifting Shadows, Mental Health, Children's Aid, Cancer Society, Heart Foundation, C.N.I.B. March of Dimes, Association for Retarded Children, Arthritis Society, and Visits to the Sick.

In 1976 the C.W.L. started the printing of the first Church Bulletin. The 25th Anniversary of St. Teresa's C.W.L. was celebrated on October 20, 1976. Among the major donations made to the church were the Wurlitzer Organ purchased and donated April 28, 1977. The altar for the new church and a new stove and floor for the kitchen were also donated.

Rev. B.P. Malone acted as Spiritual Director from 1951 to 1976. Rev. Philippe Labelle was Spiritual Director from 1976 to 1986. The present Spiritual Director is Rev. B. Bonomi.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS - ST. TERESA'S C.W.L.

1951 - 1976	- Rev. B.P. Malone
1976 - 1986	- Rev. P. Labelle
1986 -	- Rev. B. Bonomi

PRESIDENTS - ST. TERESA'S C.W.L.

1951 - 1953	- Mrs. G. Badawey
1953 - 1954	- Miss N. Luke
1954 - 1955	- Mrs. J. Grassie
1955 - 1956	- Mrs. G. Badawey
1956 - 1957	- Mrs. L. Bazinet
1957 - 1958	- Mrs. L. Bazinet (6 months each) - Mrs. J. Grassie (6 months each)
1958 - 1960	- Mrs. D. Earl
1960 - 1961	- Mrs. G. Badawey
1961 - 1962	- Mrs. W. Gottfried
1962 - 1964	- Mrs. L. Foresi
1964 - 1966	- Mrs. J. Boggio
1966 - 1968	- Mrs. D. Peressotti
1968 - 1970	- Mrs. J. Apolcer
1970 - 1972	- Mrs. D. Interisano
1972 - 1974	- Mrs. H. Nan
1974 - 1976	- Mrs. C. Braakman
1976 - 1978	- Mrs. D. Peressotti
1978 - 1981	- Mrs. T. Ruitter
1981 - 1983	- Mrs. H. Nan - Mrs. M. Curtiss
1983 - 1985	- Mrs. M. Boggio
1985 - 1987	- Mrs. S. Tamas
1987 -	- Mrs. M. Nieuwland

CHOIRS

During the 50 years of St. Teresa's parish existence, the parishoners have been blessed with the highest calibre of church music. The dedication and loyalty of both the senior and junior choirs has been remarkable.

When the church opened in 1937, the Sisters of Loretto arrived almost immediately. Sister Monica (Perkins) initiated the first children's choir. Marie (Shibley) Ruggiero recalls . . .

"Not only did Sister Monica start the choir, but she also taught me to play the organ".

The choir members consisted of the children from the East Side School (DeWitt Carter) and choir practices were held during the noon hour.

In 1939, Sister Benedicta (Fahlman) took over the directorship of the choir until 1944. From 1944 until 1950, Sister Marina (Schuett) served as director and from 1951 to 1954, Sister Mary Agnes (Johnson) acted as choir director.



*Marie Ruggiero &
Betty Dravecky*

At the Christmas Midnight Mass in 1954, Gaetano Ruggiero took over as director of the Senior choir with the organist being his wife Marie and they continued on until 1959.



Gaetano Ruggiero

John G. Zutt took over as choir director in 1959 and continued in that capacity until 1979 when John Zutt (a nephew) became choir director of the senior choir and is presently (1987) in charge of the senior choir.

Through the years, many people served as organist for both the senior and junior choirs. Among these were Marianne Krazniuk, Betty Dravecky, Corinne (Shibley) Coury, Dianne (Bendia) Poehlman, Marianne (Ignacz) Lukacs, Shirley Nan, Charlene (Charette) Snider, Janet (Augustine) Arcaro, Steve Boda, Adele (Ciccalle) Schiedel and the present organists, Connie Groetelaars for the senior choir and Paola Barbarossa for the junior choir.

Paul Van Hezewyk looked after the junior choir for some time, prior to the present junior choir director, Margaret Scott taking over.



An Early Senior Choir

The junior and senior choirs have served St. Teresa's parish at Sunday masses, Holy Days, Funeral Masses and special occasions for fifty years. A large vote of thanks goes out to all those people who have served as choir members and for those presently in the choirs. The beautiful hymns and songs have been deeply appreciated.

An unsung, but very significant group who deserve recognition, are the small group of faithful who attended daily mass through the years. The many Requiem High Masses offered during the "Latin Mass" era required the singing of hymns. Delia (Peressotti) Mattiazzo recalls...

"I used to pick up a few of the young girls early in the morning in my car. Among the dependable ones were Brenda (Apolcer) Sloan, Deborah (Apolcer) Croon, Karen (Apolcer) Meek, Joyce (Zutt) Favaro and Maria Camilleri. We were a small group but we could belt out the hymns and we didn't even have organ music".

BINGO COMMITTEE

During the early years of St. Teresa's parish, many ways of raising money for the new church building fund, were tried. Around 1950, Father Malone asked Leo Bazinet, George Wills and Andy Dionne to form a bingo committee. Leo Bazinet was chairman of the committee and it was decided that Bingos would be held in the Hungarian Hall on Durham Street on Tuesday nights.



Senior Choir

When the Bingo crowd became too large for the Hungarian Hall, it was decided to look for a larger hall.

Vince Curtin recalls . . .

"We knew that the Co-op. Hall was available so I personally got the lease in my name so we could save some money on the rent".

This same Co-op. hall on Durham Street was later to serve as a temporary church, while the new church was under construction.

After the new church was completed, in 1955, Bingo continued in the parish hall until 1972.

Among the workers at the Bingos were the following: Leo Bazinet, George Wills, Andy Dionne, Vince Curtin, John Boggio, Steve Yankovich, Lucien Pilon, Louis Martine, Laurence Juneau, Jim McIntyre, Shantz Fraracci, Charles White, Paul Mazerolle, Jack Karpinchick, Don Peressotti, Don Taylor, Steve Kovacich, Fred Falcioni, Pat Mattiazzo.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

The success of any organization is dependent on the participation of its members. Through the years, St. Teresa's parish has been blessed with numerous organizations, whose members took an active interest and a firm commitment in any endeavours they were called on to help with.

The Holy Name Society, later called the Catholic Council of Men, was a very active group whose members participated in the spiritual as well as the temporal needs of the church. When it was determined that the new church was to be built, the Holy Name Society became an integral part of the program of soliciting the parishoners for donations to the building fund. The men of the Holy Name Society teamed up in pairs and canvassed the whole parish for donations. The parishoners received these men into their homes very warmly and the drive was a huge success.

A very important group in the church are the collectors. These faithful men have the responsibility of taking up the Sunday collection at each mass. St. Teresa's parish has always been fortunate in having a fine, dependable group of men who not only take up the collection, but act as ushers during the masses. A vote of thanks goes out to all the men who have served in this capacity.

The role of the Altar Boys cannot be overemphasized. These young men, who for the past 50 years have served their parish community faithfully deserve a tremendous pat on the back. Rain, shine, sleet, snow - waking before dawn, staying late after evening devotions, the altar boys of St. Teresa's parish were and are, a very special group. The discipline, self esteem and character building qualities needed to become a good Altar Boy have served to make many young men better citizens and in many cases good public speakers.

The many men, women, boys and girls who have acted as lay readers and ministers of the Eucharist, have played an important role in the church. A vote of thanks goes out to each and every one of them.

During the 50 years of St. Teresa's parish, there have been many different young peoples organizations. All of these groups served to get young people involved in parish activities and most of them were very successful.

Indeed St. Teresa's parish has had many fine organizations in the past and undoubtedly will have many more in the future. For this reason, we are all proud to be members of St. Teresa's Parish Community.

BROWNIES, GIRL GUIDES AND RANGERS

Brownies:

Prior to 1962 girls living on the east side of Port Colborne who were interested in the Girl Guide movement attended Brownies and Girl Guide meetings at St. Jean de Brebeuf hall. When this group joined Les Guides Catholiques du Canada, secteur francais, it left a void for the girls of St. Teresa's parish.

Mary Karpinchick recalls . . .

"In 1962, I approached Commissioner Jean Henderson to see if I could start a new Pack of Brownies on the east side of the Canal. Next I sought the permission of Father B.P. Malone and St. Teresa's Catholic Women's League who graciously offered to sponsor a Brownie Pack. Mrs. Martine, a member of the C.W.L. asked her daughter Mrs. Delores Bazinet if she would help. Delores accepted and she brought Mrs. Louise (Coulter) Deslauriers with her".

Mary Karpinchick served as Brown Owl of the Pack known as the 2nd Port Colborne Brownie Pack from 1962 until 1965.

The first members of the 2nd Port Colborne Brownies, after they moved to St. Teresa's church were: Debbie Apolcer, Joanne Apolcer, Bonnie Boggio, Nancy Cala, Joanne Chevalier, Kathy Curtin, Linda Defazio, Maria Ebejer, Adrianna Favero, Teresa Gelsumini, Sandra Hackey, Beth Karpinchick, Kathi Karpinchick, Debbie Mayne, Rita Nadeau, Jenny Renaud, Regina Turco.

From 1965 on, many people acted as leaders for the Brownies. Following is a list of those who served as Brown Owls and Tawny Owls:

Brown Owls:

1965 - Mrs. J. Interisano
1966 - 1970 Miss A. D'Uva
1970 - 1974 Mrs. Mary Vasko
1974 - 1980 Mrs. Donna (Turton) Brettrager
1980 - 1987 Dorothy Yapp

Tawny Owls who assisted were:

1965 - Miss A. D'Uva
Mrs. Mary Karpinchick
1966 - 1971 Mrs. J. Interisano
Assistants Mrs. Shirley Turchetti
Mrs. Bonnie Boggio
Mrs. Ann Groetelaars
1971 - 1972 Mrs. Marie Lance



*The First Group of Brownies
1962*

1972 - 1974 Mrs. E. Abele
Mrs. E. D'Onofrio
Assistants Mrs. Patti Sewell
Miss Christine Lyrette
1974 - 1978 Patti Sewell
1978 - 11980 Mrs. Ida Boyer
Joanne Foster
1980 - 1986 Joanne Foster
1984 - 1987 Dianne Hansen
1981 - 1987 Alice Ferri - Leader

GIRL GUIDES

The 2nd Port Colborne Girl Guide Company was formed at the same time as the 2nd Brownie Pack and was also sponsored by the C. W. L. of St. Teresa's parish. The first captain in 1963 was Mrs. Jo (Seguin) Turmel and the Lieutenant was Mrs. Ida (Duval) Boyer.

The first members of the 2nd Port Colborne Guide Company at St. Teresa's were: Anne Beauchamp, Bonnie Boggio, Gail Burd, Sonia Buttigieg, Adrienne Canoci, Joanne Chevalier, Brenda Cousineau, Lily Ebejer, Maria Lafontaine, Rita Nadeau, Jenny Renaud, Suzanne Seguin, Paula Serallegri, Linda Sturman, Regina Turco, Christine Williams.

The following listed ladies served as Guide Leaders in the various capacities:

Captain:

1963 - 1977 - Mrs. Jo (Seguin) Turmel
1977 - 1979 - Mrs. Ett Moore
1979 - 1980 - Mrs. Mary Konig
1981 - 1987 - Mrs. Ida Boyer

Lieutenant:

1963 - 1977 - Mrs. Ida (Duval) Boyer
1968 - Mrs. Margaret Schertzing
1969 - 1970 - Mrs. Wilma Favero
1971 - 1972 - Mrs. Lil Tamas
1977 - 1979 - Mrs. Mindy Snider
1979 - 1980 - Mrs. Kathy Sathmary
1981 - 1984 - Mrs. Sharon Beaulieu
1981 - 1987 - Mrs. Joann Foster
1981 - 1985 - Mrs. Jeanette Bertulli
1984 - 1987 - Mrs. Virginia Shibley
1984 - 1987 - Mrs. Mona Breton

Assistants

1969 - Miss Gail Burd
1972 - Miss Diana Dekker

From 1976 - 1979, Mrs. Ida Boyer held the position of District Commissioner Port Colborne South.

RANGERS

The Rangers were formed in 1970 and the first leader was Mrs. Shirley Turchetti. Following this, these ladies acted as Ranger leaders:

1971 - 1973 - Mrs. Verla Rouble
Assistant - Mrs. Wilma Favero
1973 - Mrs. Wilma Favero
Assistant - Mrs. Mieke Van Es

The Rangers ceased operations at St. Teresa's in 1974.



SEPARATE SCHOOLS

In 1944, St. John Bosco became the first Separate School in Port Colborne. In the ensuing years, the Catholic Community of Port Colborne became increasingly aware of the need for more Catholic education in the city. With the urging of Rev. Father Malone, Father Christopher J. Bennett initiated the purchase of the property located between McRae Ave. and Grassie Ave. which was to become the site of the first separate school on the east side of Port Colborne, St. Teresa's School.

With the urgings of Father Malone and Father Bennett and the relentless work of people such as Donald Peressotti in receiving signatures of transfer to separate school support, the seeds of Catholic education for the children of the east side were sown.

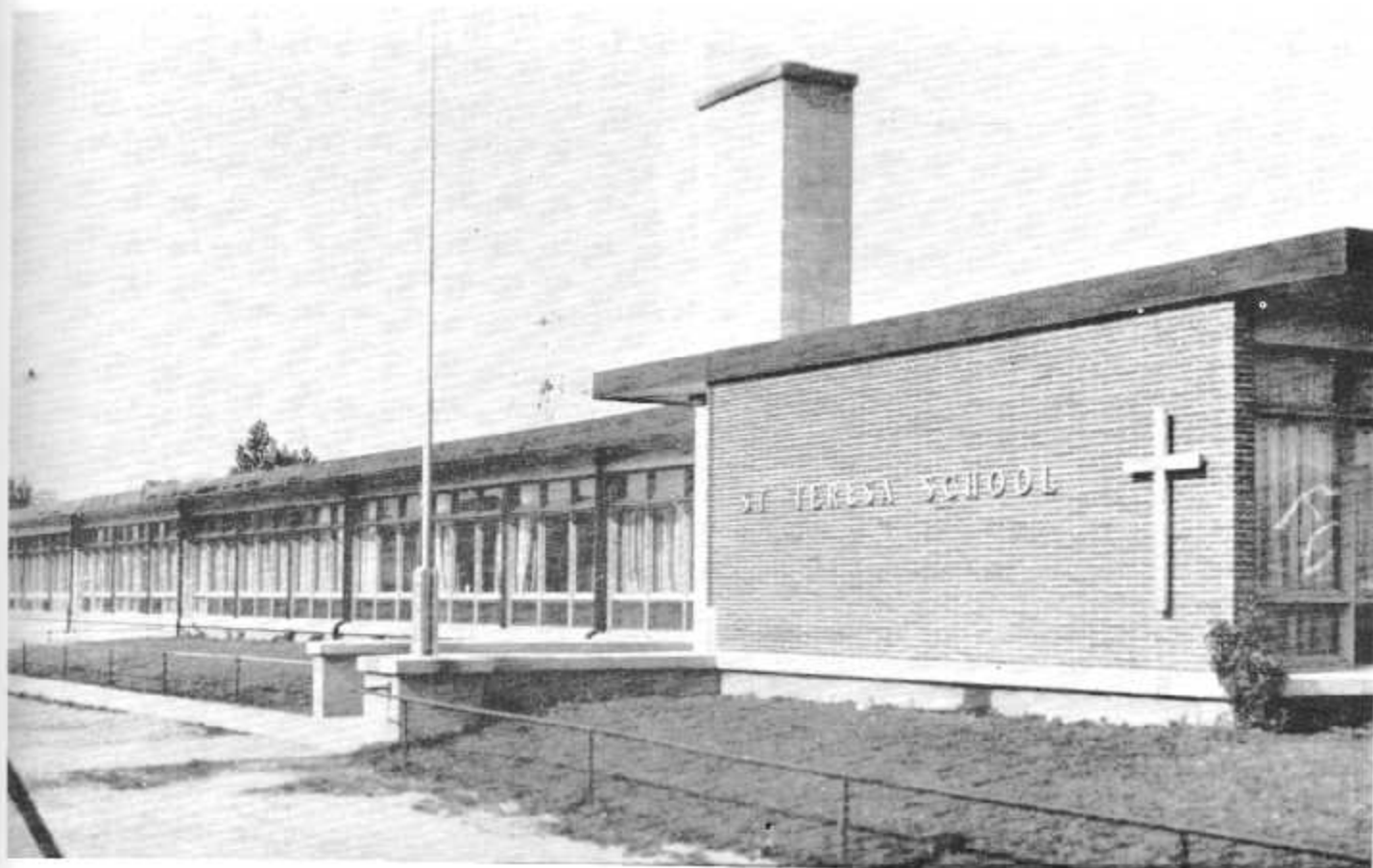
In 1957, the Port Colborne Separate School Board consisted of the following: James D. Elsie, Chairman, Henry Beck, Jr. Secretary Treasurer and trustees Dr. D.J. MacDonald, Joseph Donnelly, Leo Paul Dejardins, G.J. Hennessy, Donald Peressotti, Joseph Apolcer and Florian Dalcourt. These men, whose services were offered voluntarily, had the foresight and pioneer spirit, of recognizing the need for Catholic education through-

out the town and their decision was proven sound in the ensuing years.

St. Teresa's school opened in September 1957, with 6 rooms full to capacity. The first principal was Mother St. Albert Last (Marie). The school rapidly grew to 11 rooms with the addition of a beautiful library and gymnasium.



Official Opening of St. Teresa's School



St. Teresa's School

In 1965 the overcrowding became so apparent, the trustees opened Our Lady of Good Counsel school on Killaly Street. Mr. James Naphin was the first principal and the school became a Senior Elementary School, grades 5 to 8, while St. Teresa's school was utilized as a Junior school.

The separate schools on the east side of Port Colborne have become an integral part of St. Teresa's parish. The christian atmosphere and close ties with the church and its priests have done much in supporting the parents in bringing up their children as good citizens.

THE CELEBRATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1987, the clergy, parishoners and numerous dignitaries and guests congregated in St. Teresa's church to celebrate the founding of the church.

At the 5:30 p.m. mass the main celebrant, His Excellency, Thomas B. Fulton, Bishop of St. Catharines was assisted by Rev. D. Lizzotti, Dean of the Welland Deanery, Rev. B. Bonomi, Pastor, Rev. P. Labelle, Rev. A. Vuksinic, Rev. B. Vanco, Rev. F. Wagner, Rev. D. Spangler and Rev. N. Ferrara.

During the homily, Bishop Fulton paid tribute to the founders of St. Teresa's church both clergy and laity. Special recognition was given Father Edward Canning of St. Patick's church, who was in charge of the building of the initial basement church, initiated by the foresight of Archbishop McGuigan.

Father Felix Coffee, the first pastor who was followed by Father Basil Malone with a tenure of 38 years, Father Philippe Labelle who served 10 years and the present pastor, Father Bruno Bonomi received praise from Bishop Fulton for their untiring efforts on behalf of St. Teresa's parish.

All the parishoners, past and present were congratulated by Bishop Fulton and he indicated that St. Teresa's parish should be proud of its accomplishments during the last 50 years.

Following the 5:30 mass, more than 300 parishoners and guests participated at a banquet in the newly renovated church hall.

Plaques of congratulation from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Federal Member of Erie Riding, Girve Fretz, Premier David Peterson presented by Ray Haggerty, Provincial member of Niagara South Riding and the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne presented by Mayor Bob Saracino, were presented to Father Bruno Bonomi.

On Sunday, October 4, 1987, the main celebrant at the 9:30 a.m. mass was former pastor Rev. P. Labelle.

His Grace, Coadjutor Archbishop of Toronto, Aloysius V. Ambrozic was the main celebrant at the 11:00 a.m. mass. Concelebrating priests were Christopher J. Bennett, Father Donald Lizzotti, Father Bruno Bonomi, Father Nick Ferrara and Father Philippe Labelle.

Archbishop Ambrozic in his homily, praised the community of St. Teresa's parish as a good example of the vineyard of the Lord, described in the gospel of the celebration.

Following the 11:00 a.m. mass, a tea sponsored by St. Teresa's C.W.L. ladies was well attended by literally hundreds of parishoners and guests. A well prepared stage was filled with memorabilia depicting many of the highlights of the past 50 years at St. Teresa's.

The two day celebration was enjoyed by many former and present parishoners and brought back many nostalgic moments of years gone by.

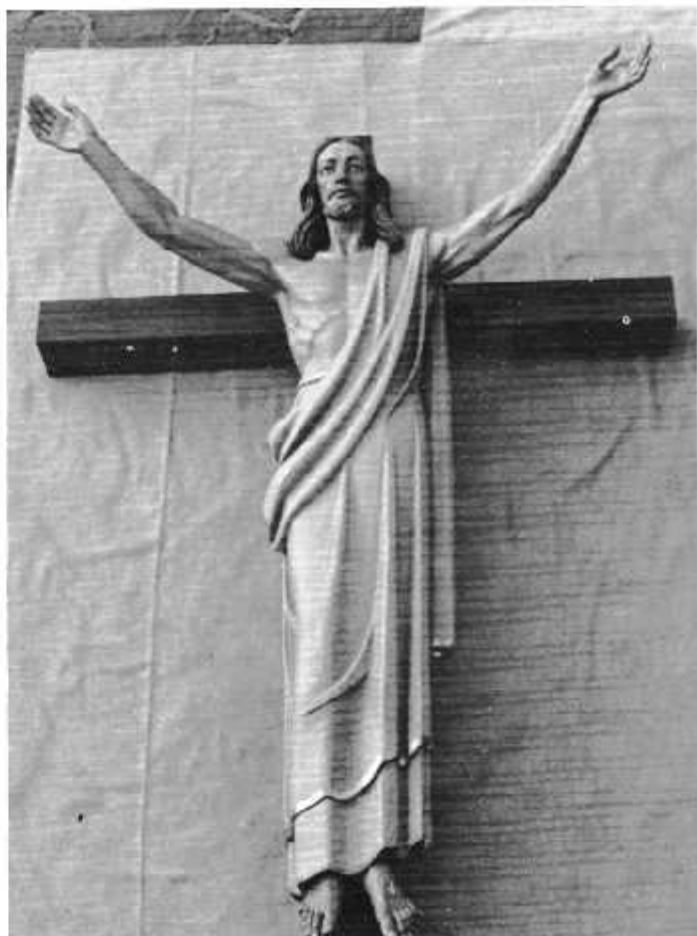
As St. Teresa's parish embarks on its second 50 years, a spirit of renewal exists within the parish. The renovations to the church, which are incomplete at the time of publication of this booklet, will undoubtedly prove to give St. Teresa's church the distinction of being one of the most beautiful edifices in the area.

In the near future, the artistically carved, wooden statues created by Mussner G. Vincenzo of Ortisei, Italy as well as the new stations of the cross and the figure of the Risen Christ will be installed and will make our beautiful church unique in this area.

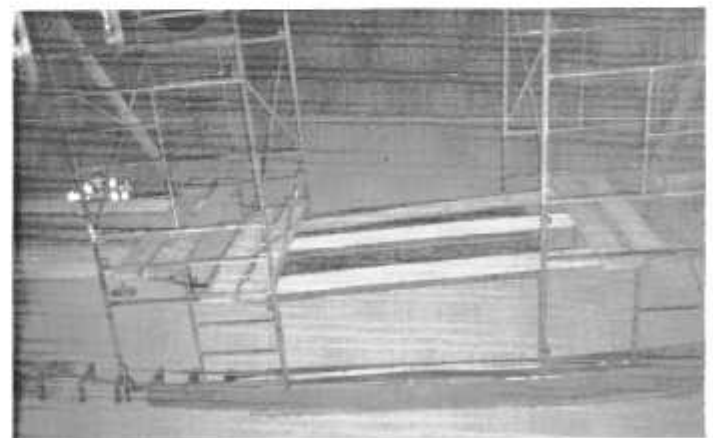
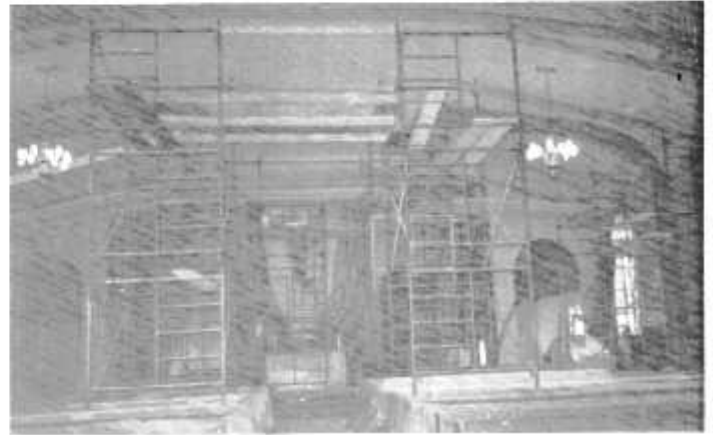
St. Teresa's parish has a proud heritage and we look forward to the future with hopeful anticipation.

How awe inspiring is this place! There is no other but the house of God and the Gate of Heaven.

Genesis 28:17



CLEANING UP BEFORE THE CELEBRATION



HEAD TABLE GUESTS AND DIGNITARIES



ENJOYING THE CELEBRATION





RENOVATIONS IN PROGRESS





(Above) View of installed window

**COMMEMORATIVE WINDOW
OF THE PASTORALSHIP OF
FATHER BASIL MALONE**

Donated with love by the Christian community of St. Teresa's parish.

The window was designed, manufactured and installed by Mr. Tony Osborne of Port Colborne.

(Below) Detailed view of window

