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Newly ordained Fr. Joseph R. Kot, C.S.S.R. approaching communion rail, with Fr. McKenna preceding him, Jun 24, 1962

Source: Robert Lukey



Banquet & program in honour of newly ordained Fr. Joseph R. Kot, Jun 24, 1962: His parents and Fr. McKenna to his right and Felix Becker shaking his hand.  
Source: Robert Lukey



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## Knights' Spotlight

THIS ISSUE we are pleased to spotlight our parish priest, Father R. J. McKenna.

Father McKenna was born in Oysterbedbridge, Prince Edward Island on October 18, 1903. His Father practiced medicine in the area. Father McKenna has a twin sister, Beatrice, and a brother, Reg, who is a doctor in Moncton, New Brunswick. Another brother, Harry, is deceased.

Father McKenna attended St. Dunstan's University and St. Augustine's Seminary. He was ordained in Regina on December 3, 1934 and served as assistant at Holy Rosary Cathedral until 1937.

Source: Robert Lukey

In that year he became pastor at Ceylon and resided there until 1956. During his tenure five local boys from Ceylon and missions, entered the priesthood. They are Fathers Reidy, Kines, McGrath, Albers and Greer. It must have been very gratifying to Father McKenna to get so many vocations to the priesthood in his parish.

In 1956 he became pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Weyburn. He was Chaplain of the Weyburn Council from 1956-1967 and also served as faithful Friar of the Archbishop Mathieu Assembly.

Father is a sports enthusiast enjoying hockey, curling, handball and football. He has been known to make the occasional wager on the Winnipeg Blue Bombers so if you want to make some easy money. . .

In the past two years much of Father's energy has been devoted to our new parish Hall. It is a magnificent structure which is designed to meet the needs of every parish group. It is a structure emphasizing practicality, functionalism and engineering beauty. Our compliments to Father McKenna and those responsible. He is deeply interested in Christian education, guarding our school system and ready to act when called upon.

We are fortunate to have a man of this stature in our community. On behalf of the Knights we thank you for your participation in the past, your assistance in the present and your guidance for the future. ●



Plaque on McKenna Hall by front entrance

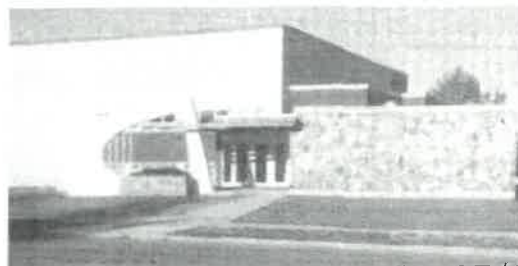


Photo courtesy of Weyburn Archives

A new parish hall, McKenna Hall, was built across the street from the church in 1964-65. It was named after Fr. McKenna who was pastor from 1956 to 1969.

Discrepancy on dates - this photo says built 1964-65. Dec 12/71 issue of *Entre Nous* states "The pride of the parish, however, is the beautiful new McKenna Auditorium - the Centennial project of the parish - construction of which began in 1967 and was completed 1969." The plaque states "Erected 1968". St. Mary's Altar Society records 1st banquet served there on May 3, 1968.



**St. Vincent de Paul 1st Parish Council, March 1970**

BK L-R Bernard Brezinski, Roy Chuchry, Henry Wilgenbusch, Marcel Fradette, Beverley Bailey, Ronald Chapdelaine, Atti Kievits, Robert Lukey;  
Frt : Gertrude Lukey, Al Herron, Fr. Eugene Schaeffer, Fr. Sebastien Leibel,  
Stafford Nimegeers, Ollie Marshall, Sylvia Brezinski Source: Robert Lukey



# ENTRE NOUS!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH, WEYBURN  
ST. FRANCIS REGIS PARISH, HALBRITE....

October 31st, 1971

## «entre nous»

The Parish Bulletin "ENTRE NOUS" will be published about every two months or so. It is hoped that all organizations in the parish will use it to their advantage. "ENTRE NOUS"--means--"BETWEEN US" and we hope it will serve this purpose of exchanging information between members of the parish.

To have items included in "ENTRE NOUS" would you please contact: Joe Janoski, 149 Birch Drive or Phone: 842-5242.

## Parish Priest's Message

Dear Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish:

You may recall that soon after I had accepted my office as your parish priest I made it known that one of my major functions would be to build and extend the Mystical Body of Christ, which is the christian community in which you are living in Weyburn.

Like in any physical body there is to be co-ordinated action and unity of purpose as well as co-operation from every member of that body. You would indeed be an unhappy person if your limbs would cease to co-operate with your mind or if your mind should fail to send its message to the various parts of your body. All activity would be suspended and you would find yourself in a 'living death'.

It is no different in a parish body or community. Its life or its death is dependant upon whether there is co-ordination, whether there is unity in action and purpose within and among its members.

The Parish Council has proposed to initiate a special bulletin to be published several times during the year whereby you as a parishioner will 'come alive' with the action and the spirit that is being inspired by the church in your midst or through any one of its members individually or taken collectively as in parish societies, by keeping you in touch with 'life' within the parish and by putting you 'in the know'.

I have been happy with most things of this parish but there is ONE THOUGHT that saddens and causes me a great deal of concern and THAT IS having to stand by and bear witness to the suffering that is part of our parish life through lack of 'togetherness' in a way that could be.

A ball player may have a strong arm but if that limb lacks co-ordination with the rest of his body he will find himself on the sidelines in very quick time.

Should it be any different with people in a parish who are 'spectators' only? They can be like an artificial limb that is 'with' the body but never 'of' it. The pressure from so many sources which are now a way of life for all of us can put these people on the bench in quick time or even out of the ball park altogether.

As your priest, I would so much like to see you take that limb and graft it to the 'living' body so that it, too, may move and have being and with this new found life bring forth the fruit which Christ commanded of each of you.

The bulletin will be separate from the regular Sunday edition and is intended to act as additional source of information about the life within the parish.

May I ask, for example -- How many of you know about the School of Religion? Its beginnings? Who promotes? Who supports? Who teaches? Whose children are being taught? At what sacrifice? Why? How many hours of work (and this after a day's program at home or office etc.) is being done by the ladies of the Altar Society? For Whom? At what price to themselves? Do you really know the program offered by the Catholic Womens League or the Knights of Columbus? Our youth? The Separate School and its children? The advantages of St. Mike's Junior High? Our old people? The Poor? The Alcoholic? The addict? etc. etc.

I am asking you to find yourself and the place that you occupy in the parish. Is the church at Weyburn the more blessed because you are one of its members? Can you see how important it is to you, to your children and to every other member of the church that every one of us concern ourselves in such way that we will add to the entire body and enrich it with our talents entrusted to us by God for the sole purpose of spending and sharing with others? Can you understand the importance of combined effort and action in prayer, at the Sunday Mass and at work?

It is hoped that the bulletin may be the new medium at our disposal to bring us closer to one another in order to offer united witness to the presence of Christ within our midst.

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

Father S. Leibel, Parish Priest.

First two pages of first issue of ENTRE NOUS, established by Parish Council in 1971. It was published periodically for about 20 years. Last mention of it was in Nov. 9, 1988 minutes, then Oct. 3, 1990 minutes.



GRADUATING CLASS - CHRISTOPHER COURSE  
Nov. 30/72 - Weyburn, Sask.

Front Row - Sylvia Schultz, Terry Kot, Kay Morris, Joanne Wormsbecker, Millie Nimegeers, Ina Peet, Joan Leydon.  
Centre Row - Claire Kuhn, Darlene Oudot, Helen Slezak, Rev. S. Leibel, Darlene Nimegeers, Peggy Pulfer, Kathy Mogenale.  
Back Row - Bill Kostniuk -Instr., Stephen Bayerle, Ron Bodnaruk, Ed Kuhn, Ron Wormsbecker, Lionel Morin, Stafford Nimegeers, Bernie Klein - Instr., and John Dyck - Instructor.



Included in the 25 sisters of Loretto who attended the study session in Weyburn last weekend were, from left. Sister Ruth Poelzer, Saskatoon; Sister Philippa Bast, Toronto; Sister Mary Carol Lyndholm, Toronto; Sister Beatrice Bast, Sedley; Sister Vivian Deck, Weyburn; Sister Georgina Kambeitz, Regina; Sister Theresa Frey, Saskatoon; Sister Cabrina Fahman, Regina, and Sister Benedicta Fahman, Weyburn.

Loretto Sisters study session in Weyburn weekend of June 15, 1973: Source: Miss. Helen Hoeving

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Weyburn Review June or July 1973.

Source: Miss. Helen Hoeving

Members of the new 1973-74 Weyburn Catholic Women's League executive are, from left, front row, Mrs. Sylvia Schultz, president; Rev. S. Leibel, director; Mrs. Rose Schultz, past president. Back row, Mrs. Jill Garson, first vice-president; Mrs. Claire Kuhn, second vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy Williams, treasurer; Helen Rubin, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Joan Leydon, recording secretary.

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The 1976-77 executive of the Weyburn Catholic Women's League are, back row, left to right: Rev. S. Leibel, director; Isabelle Chapdelaine, second vice-president; Linda Kot, treasurer; Gill Garson, past president; and Jean Janoski, first vice-president. Front row, left to right: Loretta Bouchard, corresponding secretary; Gloria Fong, third vice-president; Olga Crocker, recording secretary; Bobby Curran, president.

Source: Miss. Helen Hoeving



Ron Chapdelaine, chairman of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Council, left, Archbishop C. Halpin, Regina; Rev. S. Leibel, Weyburn, and Rev. R. J. McKenna, right, of Regina and formerly of Weyburn, stand behind a portrait of Rev. McKenna which will hang in McKenna Hall. The portrait was unveiled last Thursday evening at a mortgage burning ceremony Review photo — Chuck McLaren

Feb 7, 1974: from Mrs. Hoeving collection



Fr. Jerome Prazma, June 14, 1975. Source: Paul & Donna Durant

# Nobody peels more potatoes than ladies of Altar Society

By Mrs. Jean Fahlman

The ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society must have peeled more potatoes and shredded more cabbage than any other group in the city as they combined volunteer efforts to cater to 62 banquets last year.

The group have to turn away banquets because they feel there are just too many for their workers to handle, but even so it would be hard to find a harder working women's organization than their membership which stands around 58 with about half of them active workers.

Last year the Altar Society turned over \$16,500 to the parish council as well as meeting other obligations which includes sponsorship of

a foreign family through an aid plan. Donations are made for improvements to Mount St. Mary's Home, as well as recognizing anniversaries of members with a floral gift, serving hot meals at funerals of their direct membership, giving gifts and treats.

"We let the parish council handle most of our proceeds, but we also have our own chosen programs to support. We do too much, but the demand is there and what are you going to do?" asks president Leona Warnecke.

Finding organizations to cater banquets has become increasingly difficult in recent years and because they are equipped with the largest hall

in the city much of the service falls on the shoulders of the Altar Society.

They attempt to get different people to convene different banquets but Mrs. Warnecke admitted they have something of a problem getting these conveners. "Finding conveners in the group is the hardest thing but I don't know why. There's not much too it!" Mrs. Warnecke said casually. Understandably she very often ends up convening, but she said there are a lot of people they call upon to help work who do not belong to their group and without their help the small group couldn't possibly operate.

## VOLUNTEER LABOR

The key to success lies with the many volunteer hours contributed by the hard-working ladies who start preparing a banquet in the morning, and if possible are reinforced by other volunteers to serve the meal and help clean up.

According to Mrs. Warnecke, it takes six or seven ladies to prepare the food at McKenna Hall for banquets of over 200 people, but they often have only two or three cooks for small banquets of 100 or less. The convener usually finds her own workers, making up to 20 phone calls in her job of recruiting, but it is a group effort rather than one woman attempting to run the kitchen. Credit goes to all, not just the convener.

Conveners also order the food and often pick it up, which means a lot of lifting — husbands are called in to lend muscle as well as to work at the banquets.

"The men are great. They take over and wash dishes, put them away, and do whatever has to be done," Mrs. Warnecke said. Often couples who are farmers both come to work during slack winter months and enjoy the companionship.

About 18 of the members are over 70 years of age and

some almost 80 years are still there working. The mainstay ladies who do the cooking are all over 60 years, Mrs. Warnecke said, often because younger women hold down jobs and have families.

"I really enjoy going over there to cook. The biggest problem are all those dishes staring you in the face. You don't know which way to turn, but in two hours it is all cleaned up." Mrs. Warnecke said she usually spends 10 to 12 hours of direct labor at each banquet, and said the important thing is to wear comfortable shoes.

This group of workers had an impressive net income last year of \$44,310 indicating the amount of time and effort they have invested.

They have a well equipped working area, and a recent acquisition of a vegetable chopper has taken the work out of shredding dozens of heads of cabbage and the carrots required for salads.

## CALAMITIES

It is inevitable that some calamities will occur during the banquets. Last year for a large banquet the usually unflappable Mrs. Warnecke almost pushed the panic button when the power went off about one hour before meal time. The potatoes were partially cooked, the coffee makers were stopped amid their cycle, there was no gravy made, and things were looking bleak. Just before they began moving everything to stoves elsewhere they were able to get the power restored. Another asset was the fact that the guests were all one hour late. According to Mrs. Warnecke they pride themselves on never being late with a meal but that was one time they were not unhappy to have late guests.

Then there is the trauma of not having enough food if more people arrive than anticipated, or if some groups of people have heartier appetities than others.

Apparently the curlers come off the ice with unusually big appetities and deplete food much faster than a wedding or a graduation group of guests.

## ORGANIZED 1930

The St. Mary's Altar Society organized in 1930 at the farm home of Mrs. W. Garner with 14 members present. Executive included Mrs. Garner, the first president; Mrs. Oscar Killian, and Mrs. Joe Vandendriessche. There is just one chartered member left, Mrs. Eva Honig, Weyburn.

Membership was comprised of farm women and meetings were held in farm homes, and Mrs. Warnecke said members are still often drawn from farm women who are in town now.

While one might mistakenly surmise that the purpose of the group is to serve banquets, their reason for being lies in assisting the parish both spiritually and financially. Visits to homes for aged, and hospitals receives high priority, as do other community activities and sponsorship of worthy activities.

Just once a year these loyal kitchen workers manage to sit down to a meal not prepared by themselves when they attend their well-earned annual social for members.



Ladies of the St. Mary's Altar Society start preparing the meal in the morning. Left, Sadie Zimmerman, Genevieve Hammer and Leona Warnecke. Review Photo — Ann Kyle

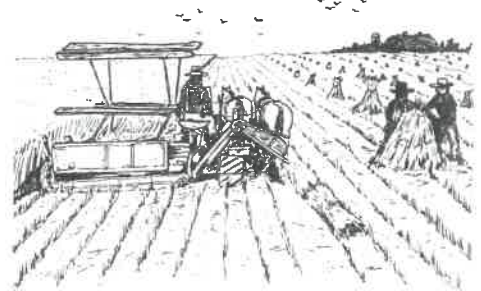
**Fr. S. Leibel's 40th Anniversary Celebration**



His Grace Archbishop Charles Halpin & Fr. Sebastian Leibel, Confirmation May 14, 1976, McKenna Hall, Weyburn. From photo album "Fortieth Anniversary Father S. Leibel", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre

*Celebration  
of the  
Fortieth Anniversary of the Priesthood  
of  
Rev. S. Leibel*

*"The Harvest is Great . . .*



*But the Labourers are few."*

*Thursday, May 26, 1977  
Weyburn, Saskatchewan*

Source: Robert Lukey

*The Man  
The Call  
The Answer  
The Result*



REV. S. LEIBEL

It is an honour and a pleasure for the parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Regis and Holy Trinity to honour Father S. Leibel on completing Forty Years of service in the Priesthood.

Sebastian Leibel was born in Denzil, Saskatchewan in the year 1912. His parents were pioneers and farmed in the district. Father Leibel had 8 brothers and 5 sisters, many of them are here tonight. He received his calling one autumn while helping with the harvest. It came in the words "the harvest is great . . . but the labourers are few . . ." He then entered Campion College and from there went to the Seminary in Winnipeg.

Upon completion of his studies, Father Leibel served in the following parishes:

St. Stephens . . . . .	2 years
Arbury . . . . .	5 years
Little Flower, Regina . . . . .	15 years
Odessa . . . . .	10 years
Weyburn . . . . .	8 years

Everyone has a special skill or talent. Some priests are builders — good organizers for constructing new churches and facilities. Others are good administrators. Father Leibel's great attribute would be in the area of Building the Spirit — building up the community of Christians he has offered to serve.

We thank you for your time with us and extend to you our sincerest congratulations on this very special occasion.



Fr. Sebastien Leibel's 40th Anniversary Celebration, May 26, 1977, St. Vincent de Paul, Weyburn. From photo album "Fortieth Anniversary Father S. Leibel", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre

Fr. Sebastian Leibel's 40th Anniversary, May 26, 1977

Photos from album "Fourtieth Anniversary Father S. Leibel", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre, St. Vincent de Paul Church.



L-R: Fr. Anthony Riffel, OMI; Archbishop Michael O'Neill; Archbishop Charles Halpin; Fr. Sebastian Leibel; Fr. Jerome Volk; Fr. Franz Lutz, OMI



L-R: Archbishop Michael O'Neill, Archbishop Charles Halpin, Fr. Sebastian Leibel.

**Official Dedication of New Organ to Fr. Leibel, Nov. 20, 1977.**

Photos of St. Vincent de Paul organists. From photo album "Fourtieth Anniversary Father S. Leibel", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre, St. Vincent de Paul Church.



Fr. S. Leibel's 40th Anniversary Celebration banquet..



Fr. Sebastian Leibel at Organ Dedication Service, Source: Robert Lukey



Sr. M. Martin IBVM at Organ Dedication





Tony Hudson at organ dedication



Dr. M. Garson & Angela Kuhn at dedication



Janice Tracey at organ dedication



Lucy Owens at organ dedication

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## Rev. Peter Luttmmer new assistant at St. Vincent

Rev. Peter Luttmmer has come to Weyburn St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church as assistant pastor for this charge.

He fills the vacancy left when Rev. Keith Heiberg was moved to Wynyard to a pastoral charge of his own.

Raised on a farm north of Regina, Rev. Luttmmer attended a country school for eight years until it closed and students were bussed to Regina. He attended Miller High and after graduation went to the University of Saskatchewan to attain his Bachelor of Arts. During his university years Rev. Luttmmer took time out to travel in Europe, the States and Canada for a different kind of "education."

In 1975 he entered the seminary to take his religious training and Weyburn is his first appointment following the seven years of study required for his career.

Part of his work here will include work with the youth group as well as a variety of



**REV. PETER LUTTMER**

duties related to the pastoral charge.

Rev. Luttmmer says he enjoys sports, skiing and golfing, and does a lot of reading.

Source: Yvette Dumaine Collection

# Rev. Len Sullivan to St. Vincent de Paul

Rev. Len Sullivan is now serving in the parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Weyburn, filling the vacancy left by Rev. Sylvester Leibel.

Born in Regina, Rev. Sullivan took his grade school at Sacred Heart and high school at Campion College.

His studies then took him to the University of Western Ontario, University of Notre Dame, Ind., University of San Francisco. He pursued his studies in liturgy, history and scripture in Israel and a university theology seminar in

New York, also at St. John's University at Jamaica.

For 10 years Rev. Sullivan was in Ottawa working as director of the Catholic Bishop's office for liturgy for Canada.

Rev. Sullivan said these years were exciting because they were working on the changes that have come about in the Catholic Church in worship form.

**Changes**  
Up until 1965 Catholic

people were passive, almost stoic in church. "I think it was a negative form of worship and produced bad results." One of the major focus points in his ministry is "that there be an active and intelligent participation by all the parishioners in the worship of the church."

Another concern of Rev. Sullivan is that the parish become more deeply involved in social problems. "If people realized that 95 percent of the world live on a social scale much lower than Saskatchewan they would realize the obligation they have to others," Rev. Sullivan said.

He is pleased at the offer of sponsorship by the Weyburn pastoral charge of two families of Vietnamese boat people with a commitment of \$24,000.

Prior to coming to Weyburn, Rev. Sullivan had served the pastoral charges of Chamberlain, Bengough, Milestone and St. Peter's, Regina.

He has done some instructional work but said he likes to be out in the field rather than training others to be in the field.

There are now two priests placed in Weyburn and an installation service was held for Rev. Len Sullivan and Rev. Peter Luttmer on Sunday with Most Rev. Charles Halpin, archbishop of Regina officiating.

Weyburn Review article: Source: Yvette Dumaine.

## Knights of Columbus Hardtime Dance, Sept. 1980

From photo album "Visit From Cardinal Flahiff, 1st & 2nd Installation of People Participating in Many Different Ministries, Parish Fun Times ...", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre



L-R: Fr. Sullivan, -?-, -?-;



L-R: Henry Wilgenbusch, Charlie Corballis



Eugene & Herbert Henfeffer

# St. Dominic principal

*Sister Benedicta has always known why she became a teacher; because she loves children*

By EDDIE WILLETT

Sister Benedicta, principal of St. Dominic Savio School, gives the same answer now when asked why she became a teacher as she did when she first went to teacher's college.

"I love children," she said. "I love to work with little children. That's what keeps me feeling young."

Sister Benedicta was born near Kronau, Saskatchewan, and was part of a family of 10. "We had to learn to share and give and take," she recalled.

She attended Grades 10, 11 and 12 at the Loretto Sisters Boarding School in Sedley, and after finishing Grade 12 she entered religious life, going to Loretto Abbey in Toronto.

There she studied religious life and vows for three years, before being sent on her first mission to Port Colborne in British Columbia. She worked there at catechetics, choir work and visiting families and homes, doing a kind of social work.

After six years she was sent to Estevan. "My chief work there was to interest parents in building a separate school," she said. "When they were ready to build, they formed a school board, and I went to Toronto to study."

She took summer courses and attended teacher's college in Toronto. Her first year as a teacher began in September, 1953, when she taught Grade 1 at St. Monica's school in Toronto.

After two years she was made principal of St. Joseph's School, in the Niagara peninsula and she spent six years there, teaching all grades in that time.

From St. Joseph's school she went to Guelph, Ont., here she filled in for one year for a sister who was ill at St. Stanislaus' school.

In September of 1963 she returned to Saskatchewan, teaching for two years in Sedley, and in 1965 she came to Weyburn and was made principal of St. Dominic Savio school.

Her job is about 80 percent teaching and 20 percent administrative work, she said. She teaches every morning, all day Wednesday and on Thursday afternoon with a singing group.

She also helps children to learn to play the guitar, teaching Grade 5's one week and Grade 6's the next, about 40 children a year.

"When they're ready they're allowed to play at the Folk Mass on Sunday mornings at 9:30," she said. "I also lead the congregation and the children in singing."

Sister Benedicta teaches English, spelling, religion and music to her class, and she is also responsible for everything that goes on in the school.

That's not a problem. "I find the teachers and staff very co-operative," she said. "The parents are also really great."

"Right now there are a lot of new families coming in, so that's a bit of a change," she said.

It's the work with the children that gives her enjoyment however, and her only complaint with the job of principal is that she can't spend as much time with them as she would like.

"Sometimes I wish I could just stay with the class," she said. "I like to be with the children, but things come up that you just can't help."

"When you're principal of a school you have to attend to little things," she said. "But I try to not make people uncomfortable when they have to disturb me."

"I think it's great to be working with these young people," Sister Benedicta said. "They're so full of pep and energy and they're interested in everything."

She said her greatest reward in the job is seeing children try and progress. "They come to school and they can hardly lift a pencil, and then suddenly they can do so many things," she said.

"And it gives me great joy to see those children who find school difficult really trying," she said. "I just want to tell them, more power to you!"



**St. Dominic principal**

Sister Benedicta has been principal of St. Dominic Savio School since 1965. She said she went into teaching and continues to do it because she loves children.

Source: Yvette Dumaine



Visiting Archbishop  
His Eminence (George B.) Cardinal Flahiff, CSB, DD, Archbishop of Winnipeg visited Weyburn on Saturday. With Cardinal Flahiff is Weyburn's Father Len Sullivan

Source: Yvette Dumaine

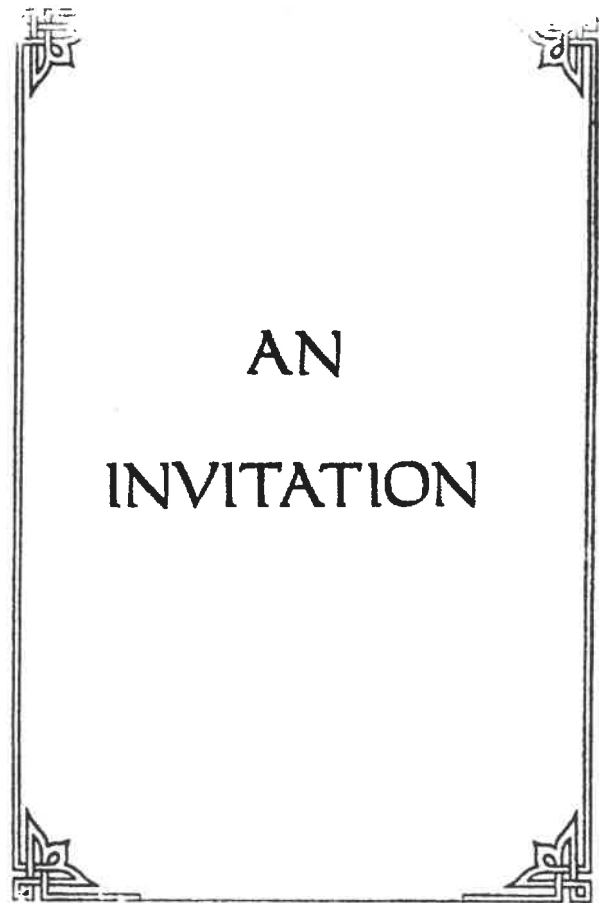


Cardinal Flahiff of Winnipeg, visiting Weyburn, April 4, 1981. From photo album "Visit From Cardinal Flahiff, 1st & 2nd Installation of People

### Sisters of Loretto 30th Anniversary Celebration

- Sister Beatrice Bast
- Sister Elizabeth Bast (Sr. St. Mark)
- Sister Johanna Mildenberger (Sr. Margaret Mary)
- Sister Mary Vincent (R.J.P.)
- Sister Justina Malone
- Sister Angelina Shannon
- Sister Josepha Brown
- Sister Georgina Kambeitz
- Sister Rose Ruhr (Sr. Rose Elva)
- Sister Frances Onducy (Sr. Noel)
- Sister Mary Judith Deck
- Sister St. Madeleine Birns (R.J.P.)
- Sister Cabrini Fahlman
- Sister Theresa Frey (Sr. Lucille)
- Sister Herman Seiferling
- Sister Amanda Wolbaum
- Sister Isobel
- Sister St. Luke Bast
- Sister Norah Burns
- Sister Teresita Ruhr
- Sister Celestine Bast (Sr. St. Jude)
- Sister Maria Heinrich (Sr. Maria Goretti)
- Sister Maria Lanthier
- Sister Caroline Dawson (Sr. Jacqueline)
- Sister Benedicta Fahlman
- Sister Rose Kambeitz (Sr. Antonia)
- Sister Vivina Deck
- Sister Mary Martin Raczynski
- Sister Jeannine Glute
- Sister Alida de Freitas.

These Sisters have lived in our parish in the past thirty years.



1950 - 1980

Review photo — Joel Hanna

### Sisterly talk

Members of the Sisters of Loretto from as far away as Toronto gather at the local convent in Weyburn to discuss mutual concerns. Local sisters and those who were able to make the trip through the storm include (from far left around the table) sisters Juliana Dusel, Benedicta Fahlman, Johanna Mildemberger, Mildred Weinberger, Josepha Brown, Theresa Frey and Anne Murray.

### Traditional shift

The sisters suspect the life of a nun will change in even more fundamental and profound ways in the years to come.

For instance, it has been speculated nuns some day may no longer have to make a life-time commitment but join on a temporary basis for a few years.

They say nuns who are working with young people entering religious life think a new form will grow out of what young people are bringing to it.

Sister Theresa says those who have been part of both the pre- and post-Vatican II eras belong to a period of transition to real change.

"We have been preparing the ground for new growth," she analogizes. "But where this new growth will take us, no one knows . . . but it will almost certainly be different than it is now."

The church will weather the storm of changes. They see it as a natural evolution.

"Our church is 2,000 years old," says Theresa. "The way we knew religious life is not the way it started off."

Source: Yvette Dumaine

To celebrate  
30 years of service of  
The Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Loretto Sisters)  
in  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish  
Weyburn, Saskatchewan

There will be an  
Open House  
and a  
Come and Go Tea  
on  
Sunday, May 24, 1981  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
at  
Loretto Convent  
203 Bison Avenue  
Weyburn, Sask.

served by the C.W.L. of the parish

All parishioners and former students are invited to visit and rejoice with us. A number of the Sisters who have served in the parish are planning to be present for this celebration



Source: Yvette Dumaine

The Sisters of Loretto celebrate the completion of thirty  
years of service in the community of Weyburn

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The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly known as the Loretto Sisters, was founded by Mary Ward, an English-woman, in 1609. Her lifetime spanned a period very critical for Catholics, for she was born in 1585 and died in 1645.

Mary Ward was far in advance of her time. She had a greater idea of Catholic women and the part they could take in the work of the Church than her contemporaries. For Mary Ward was, in her day, eminently "modern." She was the first to attempt to form a teaching order of sisters free from enclosure and subject only to their own Mother General, free from choir, free from habit, and free from masculine government. Thus Mary Ward broke with the past and introduced into the life of the Church a new element, the active orders of women. In doing it she knew the sufferings of the great saints. Her ideas were too revolutionary for her time and her infant community was suppressed. It is in the way she accepted this failure, exile and even imprisonment that the true greatness of Mary Ward is revealed.

In 1921 the English Cardinal Bourne wrote of her, "The very existence of the modern educational and charitable congregations was made possible by the supernatural foresight, the heroic perseverance and sufferings of Mary Ward. She waged her battle to the point of apparent defeat, of which they are reaping the victory." Thirty years later, in 1951, Pope Pius XII spoke of Mary as, "that incomparable woman, whom England, in her darkest and most bloody hour, gave to the Church."

Today the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loretto) numbers several thousand members extending over five continents, Europe and Asia, Australia, Africa, North and South America. The Sisters lecture in Universities, run many types of schools, and are also engaged in various apostolic works in accordance with the needs of the Church. In western Canada Mary Ward's sisters teach in Regina, Estevan, Saskatoon, Sedley, Weyburn and Vancouver.

It was Monsignor A.J. Janssen (R.I.P.) who invited the Sisters of Loretto in 1943 to teach catechism classes during the summer. In 1950 the Sisters were invited to take over the former rectory of the parish and to convert it into classrooms for a private school. Four seminarians - Norman Andries, Leonard Sullivan, Stan Slezak and Arthur Vandendriesche came to the rescue and helped the sisters scrubbing old desks in readiness for class use. On the opening day, 76 pupils registered for Grades One to Eight. There were two boarders to begin with: Rosie Schmidt for Grade 8 and Dianne Warneke for Grade I, and as winter came on Marilyn Snoxell for Grade 3 and Lynda Honig for Grade I joined the boarders. The first teachers were Mother Beatrice, superior, and principal, Mother Margaret Mary, Sister Mary Vincent and Sister Francis Xavier.

A new classroom was built in the basement of the hall to accommodate Grades 8-9-10. This was the beginning of the Loretto High School. In 1953 Grade Eleven was added-another step towards the completion of a Catholic High School. For the fall of 1955 the temporary arrangement for students was: three classrooms in the convent building, four classrooms in the parish hall and one classroom in the sacristy of the Church. Grade 12 was added this year offering a complete education from Grade I - 12 in a catholic school at Weyburn. The name of the school chosen by the Board of Trustees was to be "St. Dominic Savio School." The first graduate to receive her entire Catholic education in Weyburn was Sally Tourigny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Tourigny of Weyburn.

April 9, 1956 was another 'highlight day' in the history of catholic education in Weyburn, as the children assembled for the first time in the new St. Dominic Savio School. The sisters of Loretto have been teaching there ever since, instructing students in academic subjects, training them in self-discipline, and helping them to realize their duties towards God, their neighbour and themselves, and to adore God in spirit and in truth.

In 1962 St. Michael School opened and the sisters continued to teach there until 1971 when Sister Vivina left the teaching staff to begin her new ministry as associate sister in St. Vincent De Paul Parish.

As we begin our next thirty years, we do so with hope and with confidence, knowing that with whatever specific gifts and call God has given each of us, He includes the gift of steadfastness and the strength to respond: to struggle, to endure, to triumph, impelled by His divine energy.

May we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all our parishioners for their love, their help and their concern throughout these thirty years.

Sister Benedicta Fahlman  
Alida De Freitas  
Theresa Frey  
Vivina Deck

**1st Installation of people in various lay ministries, Jun 1981.**

Photo album "Visit From Cardinal Flahiff, 1st & 2nd Installation of People Participating in Many Different Ministries, Parish Fun Times ...", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre



Rev. Len Sullivan & Archbishop Charles Halpin



Inductees



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**Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross**

*Oct 24 1984*

Three sisters from the order of Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross who are now retired in Weyburn are (from left) Sister Mary Cecilia, Sister Marie Adelle and Sister Mary Hilary.

Source: Yvette Dumaine



**Sisters of Saint Louis**

*Oct 24 1984*

Sister Rita Frit (left) and Sister Clem Liboiron, from the order of Sisters of Saint Louis, work with Catholic lay people in the Roman Catholic parish in Weyburn.

Review photo—Bruce Pasport

Source: Yvette Dumaine.



# First parish

*Father Tim Ziegler is glad to be in Weyburn, and excited about his new life as a priest*

By EDWARD WILLETT

Father Tim Ziegler, the new associate pastor for St. Vincent De Paul Roman Catholic parish, is excited about being in Weyburn.

In fact, Father Ziegler seems to be excited about everything to do with his life as a priest, which is good, because he hasn't been one very long.

He was ordained on May 26 in Canadian Martyrs parish in Regina, where he grew up, and he celebrated his first mass on May 27, exactly 25 years after he was baptized in that same church.

He was born and raised in Regina, attending both elementary and high school there. He graduated from O'Neil Collegiate and went on to the University of Regina, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics.

But it was between his second and third years in the course of obtaining that degree that he decided to become a priest.

After graduating from university he went to Edmonton, where he attended Newman Theological College and St. Joseph's Seminary, which, he explained, are really the same thing, except one is for the formation of priests and the other for the study of theology.

After his ordination in May, Father Ziegler spent three months doing relief work for various parishes until being posted here.

He said he was glad to get a permanent parish because he was beginning to get tired of moving around, and he was also excited to come to Weyburn and to work with Father Stan Slezak.

"The people of Weyburn have the reputation of being very supportive of priests," he said, "and Father Stan is a great man."

He said the support of the people is very important to a priest: although in the past priests have sometimes set themselves apart from their

people, Father Ziegler said that can lead only to ulcers and loneliness.

Father Ziegler said his decision to become a priest really came about because of a number of things.

"My whole life, priesthood was always an option," he said. He was always involved in the parish where he grew up in Regina, he said, and the parish priest there "was so human."

"The rectory was always open to us," he recalled. "There were always a lot of us hanging around."

Because of that, the priesthood was always a possible occupation just like a fireman, doctor, etc. for an occupation, Father Ziegler said. That changed a little bit, he admitted, when he was in high school, because there, he said, the attitude is "You've got to be some king of religious fanatic or wierdo to be involved in religion."

Despite that attitude, however, he remained involved in parish activities. Then when he went on to study mathematics, he found himself dealing with numbers and levels of abstraction, until finally "I was way out in outer space."

He said there is a need for technicians, mathematicians and doctors, but that felt that for him "there was more; dealing with people, dealing with God."

"At the same time," he continued, "I was developing my prayer life. Through that I came to the realization that God was calling me."

He said he fought it at first, but finally gave in. "I've felt great ever since I made that decision," he stated. "But over the years you have to keep making that commitment over and over again."

He in Weyburn he's sharing duties with Father Slezak, who has the ultimate responsibility for the parish from an administrative point of view.

Among the responsibilities Father Ziegler will be primarily concerned with are St. Michael's school and the young people of the parish in general. One thing from his background that gives him a bit of an "in" with the young people is his football experience; he played in high school and also played for one year with the Regina Rams.

Now, he said, the first question when he goes to the school is "Did you really play for the Rams?"

He is also involved with the youth on a diocesan level, as director of the Regina Search program.

Another activity he has been involved in the past and is looking forward to beginning in Weyburn is the Catechuminate—a program for adults wanting to become Catholic, officially known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

He and Father Slezak will be starting that program here by the end of this month, he said. "It's a great thing because it not only excites the people involved, it excites the parish," Father Ziegler said. "It's great to see people getting exciting about their faith," he went on, and added that his previous experience with it has also strengthened his faith.

That has been one of the rewards of the priesthood for him, he said, "to experience the excitement and the renewal of life when someone finds the Christian life."

Sharing that excitement is also important to him. One thing he'd like to show people, he said, is that "you're not a wierdo if you're interested in religion. It's where it's at; it's not in football, or racing cars, or drugs or sex."

"It's the mission of all Christian people to let other people know that," he said. "This is the way to live."



New priest

Father Tim Ziegler is serving the Weyburn Roman Catholic parish along with Father Stan Slezak. This is the first parish Father Ziegler has been posted to as a priest. He was ordained in May.

Sept 8/1982

## RCIA PROGRAM

St. Vincent de Paul parish began the RCIA in Sept. of 1982, with Father Tim Ziegler as the Coordinator. Bert Pitzel, Sr. Clem Liboiron, Velma Hoffman, Rose Loos, Ed and Doreen Franko joined him on the team.

CANDIDATES	SPONSORS	CANDIDATES	SPONSORS
Jan Bachman	Mel Bachman	Bill Locke	Anne Locke
Judy Honig	John Honig	Daryl Reinhardt	Ray Winters
Trevor Hughes	Diane Downing	Pat, Cathy & Chris Klindt (Judy's children)	Ralph & Bernice Jordens - godparents for Pat & Cathy.

From photo album "RCIA 1982-85 Inclusive : The Beginning", L.L. Sullivan Resource Centre.



1st Year -1982-83: Bk: Fr. Tim Ziegler  
L-R, Mid - Mary & Joe Krumenacker, Rose Loos, Alex Sidloski, Sr Clem Liboiron, Theresa Sidloski, Bert Pitzel, Atti Kievits, Ed Franko  
Frt - Edith Rugg, Marie Schneider, Aline Brown, Doreen Franko, Agnes Burns



The first person to be received into the Church was Jan Bachman, who moved away from the parish before Christmas. Here she is with her husband, Mel, as we gathered to celebrate her new life within the Catholic community.



2nd Yr. 1983-84: L-R. BK- Fr. Tim Ziegler, Sr Clem Liboiron, Warren Brock, Nan Brock, Audrey Rydzik, Janice Milleker, Jim Parsons, Sr Vivina Deck,: FRT - George & Jean Procknow, Sr Theresa Frey, Velma Hoffman, Debbie Giroux, Doreen Franko



3rd year - 1984-85: Claire Schnitzler, Sr. Theresa Frey, Velma Hoffman, Sr. Clem Liboiron, Eileen Goddard, Fr. Norm Marcotte

Ceylon, Weyburn pastor over 30 years

**Rev. R. J. McKenna  
March 14/84  
dies in Regina at 80**

Reverend Ronald Joseph McKenna, who was pastor of Weyburn's St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church for 13 years, died Tuesday, March 6 at the Santa Maria Senior Citizen's home in Regina. He was 80 years old.

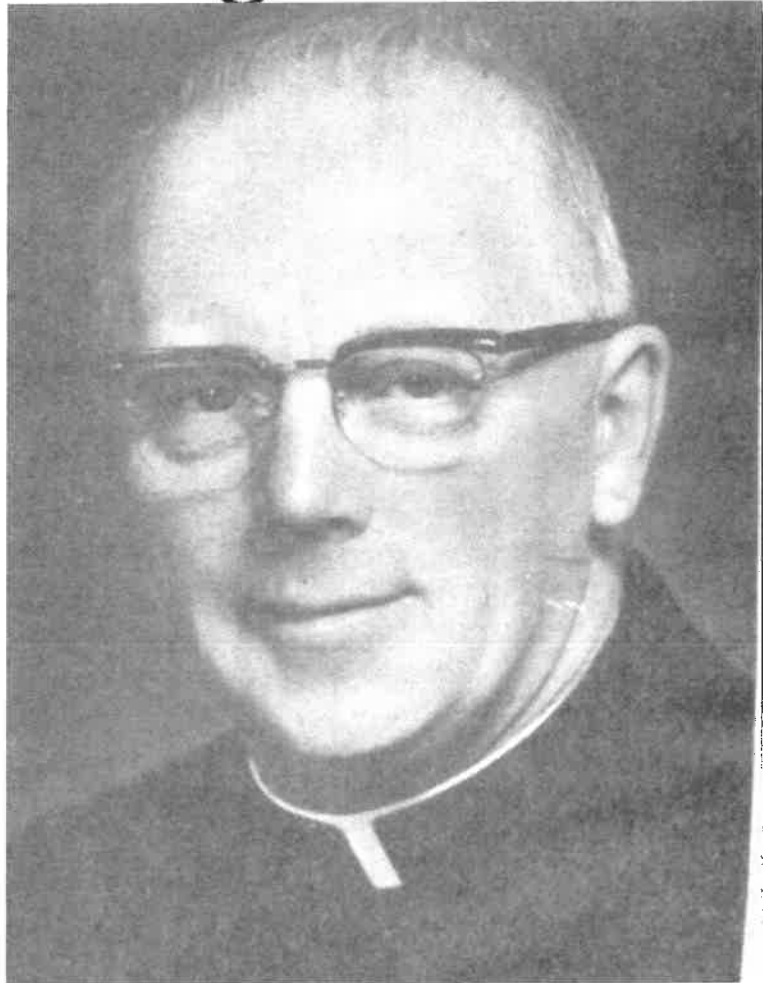
Reverend McKenna, who had McKenna Hall named after him for his contribution to the community, was remembered by one parishioner as a strong man, "loved by many."

Atty Kievits, a member of the Reverend's congregation, said he "was a man made of one piece," with no giving in, and who "preached the gospel to the letter."

Reverend McKenna served at the Weyburn parish from 1956 to 1969, after serving the Ceylon parish for 19 years.

He then became pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church in Regina for five years, before retiring in 1974.

Reverend McKenna had suffered from diabetes during his last years spent in the Regina nursing home.



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Rev. R. J. McKenna

Funeral services were held in Regina, Friday, March 9, at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

**A people person**

Sister Theresa of St. Dominic Savio School, who worked with Reverend McKenna for six years, said "He had a great influence on everyone in the community," Catholic, as well as non-Catholic.

"He was a people person," she commented, and "that was his strong point."

He had a gift of remembering people and what they were interested in, she said.

He also had a way with young people, and gave pre-marital counselling to "hundreds of young couples."

Reverend McKenna served at the Weyburn parish under a

difficult period, during the sixties, when the Vatican II council instituted changes to the Catholic Church.

"He gave the type of strong leadership needed" at the time, she said.

Reverend McKenna was originally from Prince Edward Island and is survived by a sister in Ontario and a brother in Florida.

**Fr. Stan Slezak: pastor 1982-83, deceased Jan. 20, 1984**



Source: Cathy Krueger, Regina,



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**FATHER JOHN "STAN" SLEZAK**

Fr. Stan Slezak, son of John and Bertha Slezak, was born on May 2, 1929, feast of St. Athanasius. After completing two years of study at the University of Saskatchewan, he entered St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, where he spent six years in preparation for the priesthood of the Catholic Church. During those years, he received minor orders and diaconate from Bishop J. Cody of London; on May 31, 1956, at Glenavon, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop M.C. O'Neill of Regina.

He served several communities of the faithful; at Weyburn, as assistant, 1956-1957; was pastor at Ituna, 1957-1968; at Good Samaritan, Regina, 1968-1973; at St. Peter's, Regina, 1973-1980. After a sabbatical year at Berkeley, California, he was named pastor of Sedley, 1981-1982; his final ministry as pastor was undertaken at Weyburn, in 1982.

Fr. Slezak was an exceptionally effective pastor: he was affable, sensitive, and a person of incisive judgement. He prayed, and as his prayer was heard, he led many others to pray; he had a special gift for rebuilding lives shattered by discouragement and self-doubt. Through his preaching and strong faith in Christ, many were freed from isolation, and many returned to God, filled with joy and peace.

**SLEZAK**—January 20, 1984, Rev. Stanley John Slezak, late of 314 3rd St. N.E., Weyburn passed away at the age of 54 years. Predeceased by his mother, Bertha Slezak in 1974. He is survived by his father, John Slezak of Santa Maria Nursing Home, Regina; one brother, Mill (and Helen) of Weyburn; one sister, Lorna (and Gabe) Suwala of Regina; two nieces: Wanda (and Dave) Brodner of Dysart and Cathy (and Don) Krueger of Regina; four nephews: Jerome Suwala of Edmonton, Dennis (and Judy) Suwala of Nanaimo, B.C., Mark Suwala and Michael Slezak, both of Regina; three grandnephews, and two grandnieces. Funeral masses will be held Monday, January 23, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2140 Cameron St., Regina, and Tuesday, January 24, 1984 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul R.C. Church, 314 3rd St. N.E., Weyburn, with Most Rev. C.A. Halpin main celebrant. Interment will take place in Glenavon Cemetery, Tuesday, January 24, 1984 at 3:30 p.m.

Prayers will be held Tuesday, January 24, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul R.C. Church with Rev. T. Ziegler officiating. This prayer service is intended for the attendance of the children of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Rev. Slezak was born in Glenavon, May 2, 1929, and took his schooling in Glenavon and Lampman. He attended University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, in the College of Commerce for 2 years, and spent one year at St. Peter's College in Muenster, Sask. He attended St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ont. for six years, and was ordained in Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Glenavon, May 31, 1956. He served in the following parishes: St. Anthony's, Regina, St. Vincent de Paul, Weyburn, St. Stanislaus, Ituna, Good Samaritan, Regina, St. Peter's, Regina, Our Lady of Grace, Sedley, and again at St. Vincent de Paul, Weyburn. He was also chaplain of Miller High School for five years. At the time of his death, he was the Priest Liaison for Diocesan Charismatic Movement and Chairman Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the Peace and Development Fund, in care of St. Vincent de Paul, 314 3rd St. N.E., Weyburn would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements are in care of the Lee Funeral Home, John Lipp, Funeral Director.

# New pastor

## *Father Norman Marcotte kept busy as new parish priest*

By PAM BRISTOL *April 4, 1984*

Father Norman Marcotte has been kept busy since his appointment as parish priest to the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in February.

"It's a real challenge," he said in a recent interview, keeping up with the workload occurring "in the middle of our year when all the church organizations are at work."

The busiest time of year comes just before Easter, he said.

After the paperwork is finished in the mornings, however, Father Norman said he is able to devote himself to a favorite occupation: visiting with parishioners at their homes or in the hospital.

He said he has found the people of his parish extremely welcoming and helpful.

### **Saskatchewan born**

Father Norman is a native of Saskatchewan, born in Torquay.

He entered his first year of theological training at the college in Muenster, Saskatchewan, then spent five years at the Edmonton seminary and one year at Regina, before becoming ordained, May 24, 1959.

His first appointment with the Archdiocese was in Radville, where he remained from 1959 to 70. He then served in Oxbow until 1977 and was Chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital in Estevan.

His last posting was at Langenburg from 1978 to 84.

Father Norman said he enjoyed serving in small prairie towns "for the simple reason you get to know everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic."

He emphasized working on relations with the community as a whole, saying all religions

should be able to work together."

He "was brought up to respect another's religion," he said.

### **Church involvement**

He sees lots of involvement by the parish in the church now and intends this to continue while he is pastor.

He said he is impressed by the amount of youth involvement.

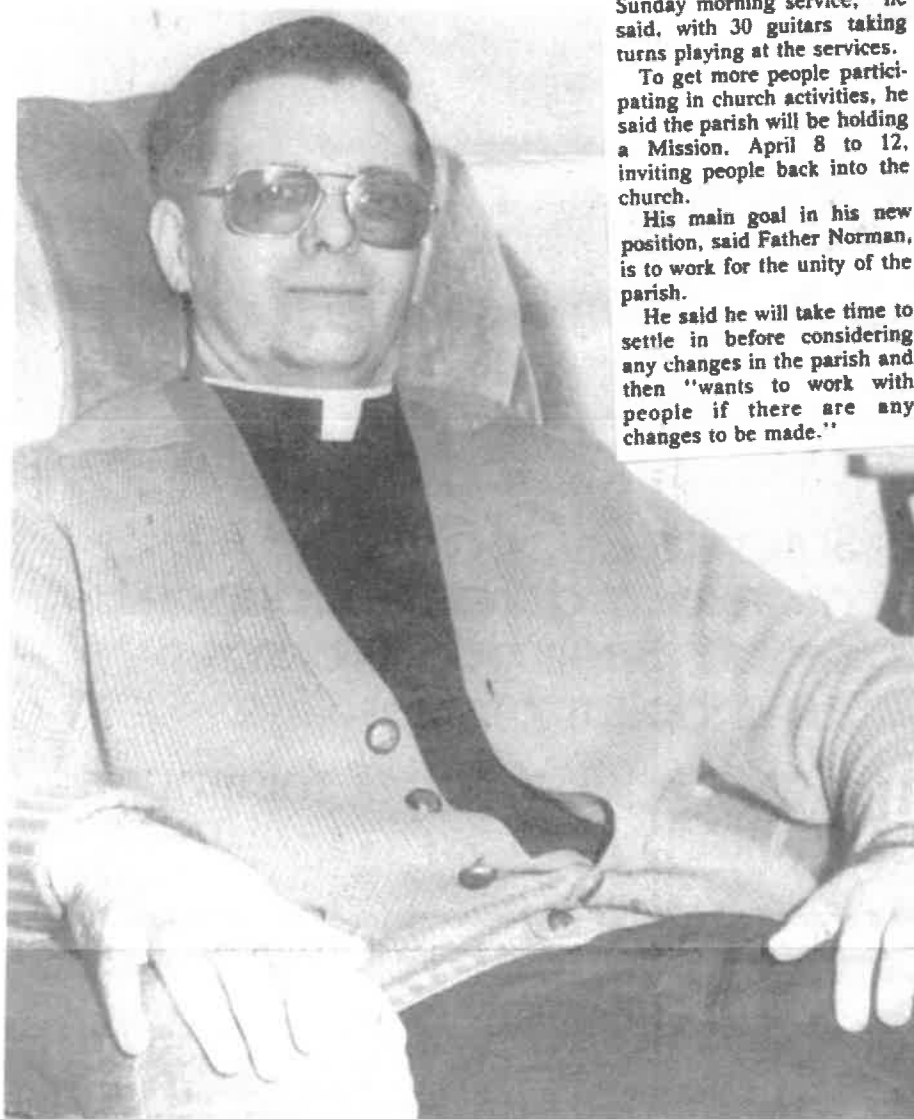
"We have eight young people playing guitars on

Sunday morning service," he said, with 30 guitars taking turns playing at the services.

To get more people participating in church activities, he said the parish will be holding a Mission, April 8 to 12, inviting people back into the church.

His main goal in his new position, said Father Norman, is to work for the unity of the parish.

He said he will take time to settle in before considering any changes in the parish and then "wants to work with people if there are any changes to be made."



### **Settling in**

*Father Norman Marcotte is adjusting to a new job as parish priest at the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.*

**Fr. Norm Marcotte's 25th Anniversary**



L-R; Archbishop Halpin & Fr. Keith Heiberg; from photo album "Visit From Cardinal Flahiff, 1st & 2nd Installation of People Participating in Many Different Ministrys, Parish Fun Times ...", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre

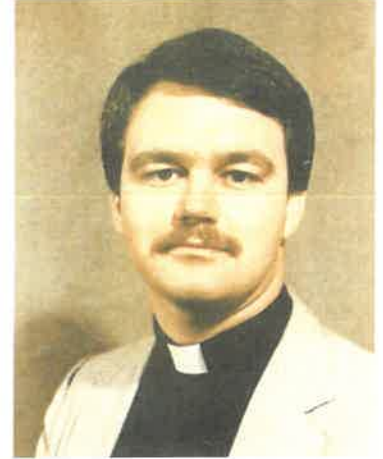
**From 1985  
St. Vincent de Paul Family Album**



Rev. Norm Marcotte



Rev. Tim Ziegler.



Fr. Michael Fahlman



Sisters of Our Lady of the Cross 1953-1985: Sr. Cecelia, Sr. Hilary, Sr. Adele



Sisters of Loretto 1950-1985: Sr. Theresa Frey, Sr. Colombiere Mildenburger, Sr. Vivina Deck, Sr. Benedicta Fahlman (missing)



Sisters of Charity of St. Louis: Sr. Rita Fritz, Sr. Clem Liboiron

# New challenges

*Father Michael Fahlman is facing the challenges of serving his first pastoral charge with enthusiasm*

By KATHY KRUG

Taking on the task of serving as a priest in a small agriculturally-based community is a far cry from working as an architect in one of the province's major centres.

So eight years ago, when Father Michael Fahlman, the new associate pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Weyburn, decided to enter the priesthood, it meant some big changes for him.

"Until Grade 11 I had my whole future planned out," says Father Michael. "I was planning to be an architect and make lots of money."

But he changed those plans and made a concrete decision to study theology after several people from the parish, including the local priest, and some of his friends from school suggested that he consider the possibility. "I had always been active in the church," says he says.

When the priest confronted him about it, Father Michael says his first reaction was, "Hey, hold on here. Is this a conspiracy or what?" After that he spent some time seriously considering it and asking himself what he wanted to do with his life.

"I could only come up with a few things," he says. "I wanted to remain active in the church, I wanted to serve people and help people in whichever way I can and to put as many of my talents to use in doing that as possible, and I thought maybe the priesthood's it."

## Beginning of changes

This decision was the beginning of a lot of changes for Father Michael. Not only did it change his career plans and the amount of money he would make, this decision also meant making a commitment to a particular lifestyle.

"I feel very comfortable with this way of life," says Father Michael, although he admits "it's a struggle to live the life of a priest, especially when you are in the public eye all of the time."

He did not make the commitment to be a priest before exploring other possibilities. "I spent some time going to parties and dates and experienced life a little bit during my three years at University, and I decided after that being a

priest was what I really wanted to do," says Father Michael.

"Some people have this notion that being called by God is this Hollywood thing where the clouds part and God speaks to them. Well, it didn't happen to me that way," he says, laughing.

Rather, says Father Michael, he was called to serve as a priest by God through the people in his community. God is present in those people, he says.

Becoming a priest for Father Michael has also meant getting used to living and working in a rural community, as opposed to the urban centres of Regina or Edmonton.

## Urban to rural

He was born and raised in Regina, attained a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Regina and recently graduated from Newman Theological College of St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton with a Master's Degree in Divinity.

"I'm still doing a lot of searching for who I am and how I fit into this community," Father Michael says, "as it's much different here."

The small town, rural atmosphere is foreign to him, he says, adding that he is impressed with the warmth and friendliness of the people here. "I'll be walking in the mall and people will come up and say hello," he says.

As this is his first permanent position, he has also had to deal with the move from the academic atmosphere of University to the workforce.

"Just coming out of the seminary I have all these ideas and I want to get so many things done right now," says Father Michael, "but when you go out into the real world you find it doesn't always work that way. It takes time to change things."

Although changes may not happen as fast as Father Michael wishes, he says he is impressed by how open people here are to trying new things.

## Parish progressive

"It's a very progressive parish," he says. "It's been a pioneer in a lot of things which have been happening in the Regina Diocese, such as using lay liturgy and different kinds of celebrations."

For this reason and because of the friendliness of the people, Father Michael says he is excited about his work here. "I find it terribly exciting just being with people," he says.

"In one sense I see my vocation as priest as taking the obligation of falling in love with the people and working with the people. . . . My whole life is a love relationship and I try one day after another to find new ways to fall deeper in love with the people or with God."

Having the opportunity to meet so many different people, from school-age children to the older people in the nursing homes in the community, has been exciting, says Father Michael, adding he particularly enjoys working with the young people.

Outside of his work with the church, Father Michael's three favorite pastimes are swimming, racketball and going to movies. "I've taken up jogging now," he laughs, "because there's no racketball or swimming here."

Father Michael is a man of many talents. He plays guitar and is an artist, enjoying both drawing and painting, although he says he prefers doing pencil drawings or graphite sketching.

## Other interests

He is also an avid reader, particularly enjoying science fiction and the works of Stephen King, and loves to cook. "As the oldest of four boys I had to learn how to cook or else we wouldn't have survived when Mom wasn't home," he says, laughing.

As well as relaxing through his pastimes, Father Michael says it is important to him to have close friends to relax with, "to be able to come out of yourself, to be intimate with and to share things with."

His many talents, his genuine love for people and his energy shine through, and although he has been here for only four months, he has eagerly learned as much as he can about the community.

"Because I'm new here and I'm new to the priesthood in a sense (he was ordained six months ago) I'm trying to get a feeling about what the whole picture's like," he says. Although, he adds, "It feels like I've been here almost my whole life."



## A priest of many talents

An ability to play guitar is one of the many talents Father Michael Fahlman brings to the parish of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Weyburn, Halbrite, Cedoux and Griffin, which he serves as associate pastor.

Source: Yvette Dumaine

# Nun's final vows a first for Weyburn

The final profession of a Weyburn woman as a member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday afternoon marked the first time a nun has ever taken her vows in this city.

Approximately 200 people attended the celebration for Jeanine Glute, which took place at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church. Among them were 40 other sisters from across Saskatchewan, parts of Ontario, Chicago and parts of Michigan.

"It's truly an exciting thing to have happen here," said Sister Theresa Frey, one of the five Loretto Sisters in Weyburn.

Only three other similar professions are taking place within the Institute this year, two in Toronto and one in Chicago.

The process is a further extension of the baptismal call, Sister Theresa said.

"It is a call," Sister Jeanine agreed. "It's something you feel inside."

It means making a total commitment to the Lord, she said, and living it out by loving and serving other people.

visiting senior citizens and volunteer work in a rehabilitation centre."

She returned to teach at St. Dominic last year, after taking some education classes both in Regina and in Toronto, and doing some teaching in Ontario. Some of her former students participated in the celebration and following reception, presiding at the guest register, acting as altar servers and reading in the church. Members of the school staff also took part.

"The whole parish has been so beautifully involved," Sister Theresa said. "They've been very supportive as a

There has to be a minimum of three years between the first profession, which means the person involved has become a sister but can "walk away" any time she wants to, and the final.

"That way I have a chance to decide, after living it for so many years, do I really feel ready to make the commitment," she explained.

### Weyburn teacher

Sister Jeanine is familiar to many Weyburn residents, having taught Grade 2 at St. Dominic Savio School from 1974 to 1979. She then went to Toronto to follow the Formation Program, the studies required to become a sister.

It involved two years of study, learning about scripture and theology and more of the Institute itself, as well as doing some apostolic work.

The last is "doing something totally out of your field to broaden your experiences," she said. "Since I'm a teacher, I did some different things like

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community, especially with their presence here today."

### Three groups

There were three separate groups present, comprising Sister Jeanine's family and relatives, the religious community of sisters and then the local church members.

"We need all three to make it a complete celebration," she said.

The church service was followed by a come-and-go tea in McKenna Auditorium, attended by approximately 150 people.



**I want a hug**  
Sarah Kot gets a hug from her last year's Grade 2 teacher, Sister Jeanine Glute, who made her final profession as a Loretto sister Saturday afternoon at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church. Approximately 200 people attended the celebration, with about 150 of them — including Sarah — taking part in the come-and-go tea that followed.

Source: Yvette Dumaine



**St. Vincent de Paul Reconstruction 1987-1988  
 from Renovation & Addition Oct/87 to Jun/88 Photo Album, Sullivan Resource Centre  
 These are just a few from binder full of progress photos taken by Joe Metchuk**



View from entrance, Oct 1987, just prior to reconstruction



View from altar, Oct 1987, just prior to reconstruction



Front right, Oct 1987, prior to reconstruction



Front left, Oct 1987, prior to reconstruction



Nov 15/87 Groundbreaking



Nov 24/87 Basement walls go up



Dec. 1/87 Crane at work - still no snow



Jan 24/88 Outside frontal view



Jan 24/88 Inside view



May 1/88 Inside view



About June 1, 1988, view from balcony

*Blessing of Church Renovations  
 &  
 Celebration of the Holy Eucharist*  
 on  
*Thursday, June 23, 1988*  
 at  
*7:00 p.m.*  
*St. Vincent de Paul Church*  
*314 Third Street*  
*Weyburn, Sask.*  
*Most Reverend Charles A. Halpin officiating.*  
*Priests, especially all former pastors and associate, are invited to concelebrate.*  
*(Please bring alb & stole.)*

Invitation card to Blessing of Church Renovations, June 23, 1988

**Blessing of Church Renovations Celebration  
Jun. 23, 1988**



Blessing of church celebration, Jun 23, 1988 by Archbishop Charles Halpin: *Source: Renee Parsons*



Gospel reading at blessing of reconstructed church L-R, Cyril Marcotte, Fr. Norm Marcotte, Bernie Brezinski  
*Source: Renee Parsons*



Reconstructed Church blessing: L-R Fr. Marcotte, Archbishop Halpin, -?-, Fr. Fahlman, Jun 23, 1988



**Blessing**  
St. Vincent de Paul parish council chairman Jeanne Prockow and Archbishop Charles Halpin unveil the plaque commemorating the blessing of the renovated St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Wesburn Thursday evening. About 300 people joined Father Norman Marcotte and other representatives of the Catholic Church from across Saskatchewan in the blessing of the parish. A get-together lunch was held at Mt Kenna Auditorium after services.  
Revised photo—Rod Jacob

*Source: Miss. Helen Hoeving*



Reading at blessing of reconstructed church, by Lloyd Lesy, Jun 23, 1988:  
*Source: Renee Parsons*

# Weyburn parish celebrates opening

WEYBURN — The renovation of a pre-Vatican II church building into a post-Vatican II parish facility was cause for celebration for St. Vincent de Paul Parish at the official re-opening June 23, 1988.

The original structure, built 35 years ago, was described by pastoral council chairperson Jeanne Procknow as a building that was "sound structurally but unsound liturgically." The building was a long and narrow church, a style not uncommon at the time.

The renovation project took eight years, one month and 11 days, according to Procknow, from the time the first motion to renovate was tabled at a parish council meeting to the official opening of the renovation. Included in that period was a detailed parish planning study, begun in 1984 and completed the following year. The study determined that the main functions of the parish facility were spiritual and community growth.

Following the eucharist and blessing of the renovated church on June 23, a plaque commemorating the dedication was unveiled by Procknow and Archbishop Charles Halpin of Regina.

During a program at McKenna Auditorium the first to receive a standing ovation was the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Remo Madson, who in a much appreciated ecumenical gesture had offered the use of the Lutheran church to the Catholic community during the six months their own church was not available for services.

The renovated facility has a worship space with the altar central in a semi-circle area and the last pew only about half as far

from the altar as in the original building. Other areas in the facility include a blessed sacrament chapel, a space for children's liturgy, meeting room, welcoming area, resource centre and offices.

The most exciting part of the renovation, said one former associate pastor, was that it really came from the community. "At first we shape our building; then our building shapes us," said Procknow. — ZM, July 18, 1988



Zita Maier Photo

The altar area is central in the worship space of the renovated St. Vincent de Paul Church in Weyburn. The parish community planned the facility so that it would fulfill the two functions of spiritual and community growth.

wan, July 19, 1989



## New pastor

Gary Lindenbach is the new assistant pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church. He has taken over assistant ministerial duties from Michael Fahlman.

Review photo—Donna Spencer

Source: Yvette Dumaine

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# Altar society celebrates 60 years

St. Mary's Altar Society, a group that has spent 60 years lending a hand to anyone needing help in the Weyburn community, celebrated its anniversary last week.

There were 31 members when the group originally started in 1930, and the membership is presently 47. Five of the original members are living, and two are still in the group.

The average age of the group is 76 years old, and two of the members are 92; but Mary Krumenacker, president of the group, says they're still very active.

"Whatever needs arise in the community we try to help," says Mrs. Krumenacker.

The role of the group has changed over the years. At first, they were started to help with the needs of the Roman Catholic altar. The ladies kept the linens clean, and the area tidy. Now the group is involved in several charitable organizations. They support the United Way, Bosco Homes, World Vision, Save the World and several others.

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One hundred people were served at McKenna Auditorium for the first time in 1968 by the Altar Society. Meals went for \$2 a plate.

Current members of the group (not all shown in picture) include Elizabeth Baudria, Minnie Borshowa, Aline Brown, Anna Bugaresti, Bella Benson, Theresa Carter, Angeline Claude, Barbara Chuckry, Roy Chuckry, Josephine Claffey, Pat Crumly, Kay Deck (vice-president), Joanna Ferner, Beth Frymire, Hilda Goodfellows, Stella Golinski, Mary Gilfoil, Anne Gutzke, Elizabeth Jacob, Katie Kaip, Mary (John) Kot, Mary (Simon) Kot, Valerie Kot, Frances Krainyk, Pauline Kosior, Mary Kwochka, Clara Knibbs, Mary Krumenacker (president), Annie Legin, Angela Lamere, Annie Loos, Emma Mainil, Chris Masniuk, Amelia Miller, Mary Miller, Kay Muhr (treasurer), Elizabeth Ortmann, Barbara Probe, Helen Rubin, Mildred Rubin, Rose Schmidt, Mary Wanner, Leona Warnecke (secretary), Blanche Weyman, Wilhelmina Wilson, Marie Woiton and Sadie Zimmerman.

The original executive in 1930 consisted of Elodie Garner as president, C. Borschowa as vice-president, Aline Dumouchel as treasurer and Gertrude

## Sixty years

The St. Mary's Altar Society is celebrating its 60th anniversary. Forty-seven ladies are involved in the service group, which attempts to fill needs it identifies in the community.

Review photo—Maureen MacNeill

Source: Yvette Dumaine



L-R: BK - Anne Gutzke, Barbara Probe, Angela Lamere, Helen Rubin, Laretta Schmidt, -?-, Christine Masniuk, Minnie Borschowa, Valerie Kot, -?-, Joanna Ferner, Pauline Kosior, Sadie Zimmerman, Marie Morrissette, -?-, -?-, Mary Krumenacker, Bernice Wanner, Fr. Norm Marcotte  
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FRT - Annie Loos, Barbara Chuckry, -?-, Hilda Goodfellow, Barbara Frymire, Annie Legin, Blanche Weyman, -?-, -?-, Mildred Rubin. Photo from Annie Legin

# Father Stephen

Oct 2 1991

*His call resulted from a host of seemingly little incidents but he is aware now, God's guidance is heard through others*

By GLENN FROH

Clad in a bold-colored t-shirt and faded blue-jeans, new Weyburn cleric Father Stephen Bill gregariously ushers visitors into his office at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

His openness could overwhelm a timid soul.

But any other approach would probably be out of character for the young priest who grew up in Estevan, the ninth in a family of ten children.

Ordained in May of this year, Father Stephen said the inspiration of his family had much to do with his decision to enter the priesthood, as did the influence of friends at the Estevan Comprehensive, and the guidance of parish priests at St. John the Baptist Church.

"There definately wasn't a bolt of lightning experience," he said. "There were just a lot little things that indicated I should give serious thought to it."

Perceptions of the priest has changed over the years — greeting the street in jeans and t-shirt is a small one. Today, students entering seminary most often come already equipped with a university degree.

Following high school graduation, Father Stephen enrolled in first year university classes in Muenster, followed by second and third years at Saskatoon Campus.

With a bachelor's degree in philosophy, and three years of questioning and exploring the dimensions of his decision behind him, Father Stephen

moved to Edmonton for five years of theological study.

## Prayer alone

The seminary years did not dispel the struggle and conflict about whether he was making the right choice or not. The search for an answer through dialogue between the higher power and himself didn't yield enough. Prayer alone was not enough.

Recalling all the situations, and the people, providing him with the initial direction — his family, friends, and the church — he began to resolve the dilemma.

"I came to understand the key was to listen to what God says through others. And I had to learn to be comfortable with that, to learn to listen."

Today, he's getting comfortable in his St. Vincent de Paul office. Surrounded by islands of books and papers stacked in a semi-circle on the floor around him ( his predecessor's computer passion required little need for desk space), Father Stephen is adjusting to his new parish.

With Father Norm Marcotte, he will be serving the largest congregation in Weyburn. And he is excited.

He shares most formal responsibilities with Father Norm, a "team-oriented" pastor. He will also be working with new youth worker Danica Lorer, and the 75 or so young teenagers who showed up for the first youth group

meeting recently.

"They're (teens) always looking for something to do. And religion can be fun," he said. "It doesn't have to be stuffy at all. Sometimes (the youth group) is the only contact they get with the church."

His vocation also places him in contact with many life-long church members. He is looking forward to officiating at a 50th wedding anniversary coming up soon.

## Bonds of love

Being able to celebrate with families provides great inspiration. The bonds of love, devotion, and fidelity shared between others helps affirm and strengthen his relationship with God.

His days are full. There are callers to attend to, visits to be made. He deals with crisis and celebration; weddings, funerals, meetings, counselling, and more.

"There's always another homily to preach. It might be a lot simpler to sit in the back pew. The challenge is great. But once you see the results — mended hurts and brokenness — it's all worthwhile.

"But you have to remember, we (priests) are not the saving word. That's already been done. If you trust in Christ, He does the healing. You remember the struggle, but God is in control."

Fr. Stephen Bill, Assistant Pastor, 1991-93

Source: Yvette Dumaine

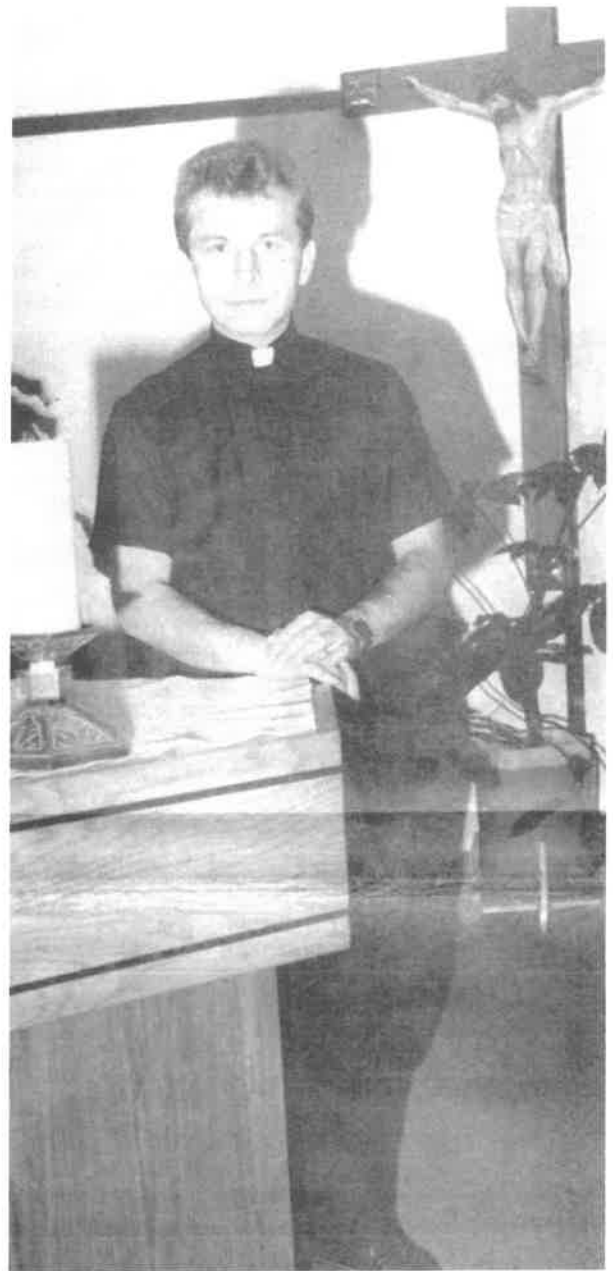


Review photo — Glenn Froh

### **Close to home**

With a stance of openness and caring, new Weyburn pastor Stephen Bill “listens to others” and accepts the challenges in his first parish, just down the road from hometown Estevan.

Fr. Stephen Bill, Assistant Pastor, 1991-93  
Source: Yvette Dumaine



Review photo — Glenn Froh

### **‘No questions’**

Fr. Richard Jasiak, standing at the altar at St. Vincent de Paul, says even though there are many differences between his native Poland and his new Weyburn home, the spirit of man remains the same.

Fr. Richard Jasiak, Assistant Pastor 1992-94  
Source: Yvette Dumaine

# New missions

*St. Vincent de Paul's newest cleric celebrates mass in Polish but his message and purpose in Weyburn are understood by all*

By GLENN FROH

To church-goers not blessed with an understanding of the language, only a word or two are understood when Father Jasiak says mass in Polish.

A message is still heard — or at least sensed — even by solely English-speaking observers — when St. Vincent de Paul's new cleric calls people to celebrate a mid-week evening mass.

Richard Jasiak arrived in Weyburn from Poznan, Poland less than three months ago on a one-year mission arranged by the Roman Catholic Church.

At that time, the 34-year-old priest from the heartland of East European Catholicism spoke Polish, Russian and some Latin. But no English.

Though still struggling with the new language, he is learning quickly, say parishoners who help guide their new priest into Canadian life via daily English tutorials.

## Finding 'cassock'

Out of vestments, dressed casually in a pale-yellow short-sleeved shirt, open at the collar, Fr. Richard sits at the rectory dining room table. Books and papers from an afternoon English lesson are laid out in front of him.

One book, a paperback Polish-English dictionary shows obvious signs of use. It's a book he jokes about.

He needs to find the translated word for cassock, the long, close-fitting garb priests in Poland wear whenever they greet the public, in or out of church.

"Maybe I will not find," he says, laughing. "It is a communist dictionary."

Poland's 40 million people never abandoned the Catholic Church, though, despite having lived in an unofficially Godless state for most of this century, alongside avowedly atheistic Russia and equally non-tolerant East Germany.

Religious freedom may not have flourished, says Fr. Richard, but it was tolerated in Poland — a nation introduced to Christianity more than 1,000 years ago.

Source: Yvette Dumaine

"Ninety-nine-point-nine per cent of Polish people are baptized," says the second oldest from a family of eight children, of whom two sisters are nuns. "The Church is very important. No questions."

The significance of the fact Karol Wojtyla, now Pope John Paul II, is the first Polish pope in the history of the Church, and the first non-Italian pope since 1523, is not lost on Fr. Richard. Nor is it lost on the population of Poland, 95 per cent of whom are Catholic.

"It means very much, how could it not," he says, adding it should secure the Church's future in Poland, while Christian interest continues to wane elsewhere, especially in Western Europe.

After finishing high school in his hometown, a small city of 7,000 people in coal mining country west of Warsaw, he went straight to seminary school for six years of study followed by a one year novitiate.

He is of the century-old Dutch-based Missionaries of the Holy Family order, formed in Poland in 1921. His life, he says, is guided by the order.

"I am a missionary," he says simply, blue eyes open wide, locked to those with whom he speaks. "I work for Christ."

## People are people

One might think lives of people in Weyburn would be much different — much better perhaps — compared to those in Poland.

It is true, he says, materially, people are much poorer by Western standards. But even in the uncertain and economically chaotic state of post-communist Poland, the spirit of man is the same there as here.

"There is some difference in mentality," he says. "But people are the same. Countrysides change but not people."

Human strengths and frailties are the same whether lives are lived out in relative freedom and luxury, or in poverty and bondage.

## Mother's tears

Fr. Richard's responsibilities at St. Vincent de Paul will soon go far beyond ministering exclusively to the 50 or 60 parishoners who celebrate Polish mass.

Soon, his Sundays will include regular trips to congregations in Tribune, Halbrite, Griffin and Fillmore, Catholic churches currently without a priest.

He is making the adjustment to life here, saying there have been few if any pangs of longing for Poland, despite the fact his family misses him very much.

"My mother had many tears when I came here," he says. Then smiling, he adds, "But missionaries do not get homesick."

Sharing the workload with Fr. Norm Marcotte, popular priest on and off of the golf course and out of the curling rink, and with gregarious Fr. Stephan Bill, probably goes a long way to distract Fr. Richard whenever distance from home starts to tug.

For St. Vincent de Paul's Polish-speaking parishoners, some of whom have arrived in Canada themselves only within the last year or so, Fr. Richard's words and presence is deeply and openly appreciated.

"Amen" and "alleluia" may be the only words understood by a non-Polish-speaking visitor at Fr. Richard's mass, but the effect he — and his message — have on those who know the language is obvious.

And the peace he seems to bring to all — young, old, new Canadian, or native born — transcends all barriers, even language.



**Mass & Dedication of the Fr. Sullivan Resource Centre, Nov. 1, 1992**  
**From photo album "Dedication of L.L. Sullivan Resource Centre",**  
**L.L. Sullivan Resource Centre**

*Mass and Dedication  
of the  
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in  
St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Weyburn, Saskatchewan*

*Main Celebrant:  
Fr. Leonard Sullivan*



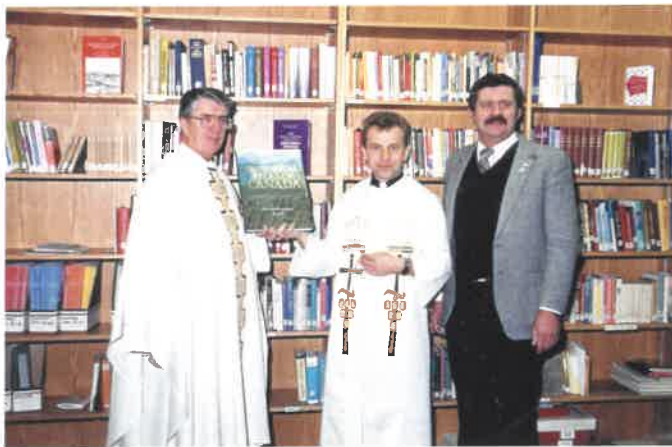
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Fr. Len Sullivan



Plaque honouring work of Joan Leydon in organizing library



L-R: Fr. L. L. Sullivan, Fr. Richard Jasiuk, Grant Brookes,



Joan Leydon in what is now L.L. Resource Centre

**History of the Library**

Back in 1979, Fr. Len Sullivan, having inherited a nucleus of books from Fr. Leibel's term as pastor, decided to expand the library and to make its volumes more available to the parishioner. A small room was built in the basement of the rectory, and its shelves were soon filled with books. The library was thus formally begun.

The need for a resource library, especially in scripture studies, was evident. More and more lay presiders would be invited to lead the people in prayer; more and more of the laity would be asked to preach and to teach. How could anyone do such work if there was no place to do even minimal research? Further, anyone with a scholarly bent would eventually want to find out what Catholic scholarship said about moral and theological questions. Our faith is not built on guesswork or hunches – there is a coherent body of truth, but its discovery requires both work and material. Such is a parish library, and its future development was one of the hopes Father Sullivan expressed during his work in Weyburn.

These hopes met full growth in the work of Joan Leydon, beginning in 1985 and ongoing to the present time (November 1, 1992). In 1985, Fr. Tim Ziegler, by way of the parish bulletin, asked for a volunteer to catalogue the books in the rectory library. Having some background in library work, Joan felt that she could be of assistance. Fr. Tim was delighted and gave her a free hand.

Working in the small room in the basement of the rectory, Joan attacked the books, only a mere 870 at the time. Her husband, Leo, found a tiny filing cabinet which he sanded and polished. It was adequate for the needs at the time. Joan purchased all the necessary supplies and began. It was a very pleasant time for her working quietly in the afternoons, with Sr. Columbiere in the next room doing the ironing! Gradually Joan put all the stock on the Dewey Decimal System of classification: typed at least three cards for every book and filed them under Author, Title, and Subject.

Moving into our new facility in the renovated Church in June, 1988 was exciting. It was so much more spacious with room to expand our collection of books, as well as non-print materials – i.e. films, cassette tapes, videotapes, etc.

We now have some 1700 books on philosophy, religion, theology, Christology, prayer, meditation, pastoral care, homiletics, liturgy, the sacraments, biography, travel, family life, health, addictions, papal encyclicals, history, as well as archival material and parish histories.

Parishioners may borrow any of these books by merely signing them out. Joan says the library is well used by some, but not as much as it could be. We are very fortunate here in Weyburn to have such a useful and pleasant facility.

Today we are privileged to have in our midst Father Len Sullivan who will officially bless and dedicate the Fr. Sullivan Resource Centre.

St. Vincent de Paul Church  
314 3rd Street N.E. Weyburn, Saskatchewan  
November 1, 1992

*"Here I am Lord, send me"  
(Is. 6:8)*



L-R: Fr. Richard Jasiuk, Fr. Stephen Bill, Fr. Norman Marcotte, 1992-93, in front of St. Vincent de Paul  
Source: Renee Parsons



**THOMAS DUONG NGUYEN**

Ordained A Priest

May 22, 1993

Assistant Pastor 1993-96:  
Source: Robert Lukey

## St. Vincent de Paul 90th Anniversary Celebration

The first image is the 90th anniversary logo as painted on the cover of the white binder from which the invitation and program pages that follow were obtained. Guest book pages and other items are included in this book, in the Fr. Sullivan Resource Centre.

The info about the logo designer and explanation of the design are given on 7th page of the program.



### *The Parish of St. Vincent de Paul in Weyburn*

*Cordially invites you  
to join in the celebration of their  
90th Anniversary on  
Sunday, September 29, 1996.  
Archbishop Peter Mallon  
will celebrate a  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
at 3:00 p.m.  
A parish gathering and supper  
will follow.*

*If you are able to attend please phone  
(306) 842-2847 or 848-0512 or  
Fax (306) 842-7818 by September 24*

*Designed by  
Rosemary Ponto*



Celebrating  
the  
90th Anniversary  
of  
St Vincent de Paul Parish



**Weyburn Saskatchewan  
1906 - 1996**

**Most Reverend  
Peter J. Mallon**  
ARCHBISHOP of REGINA

Leads our Parish Community of  
**ST. VINCENT de PAUL**  
Weyburn Saskatchewan

in a  
**EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**  
of  
**THANKSGIVING**

on the  
Occasion of 90th Anniversary  
Sunday, September 29, 1996  
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Pastor  
**Reverend Norman Marcotte**  
Assistant Pastor  
**Reverend Emilio Saribong**

Acolytes

Joe Krumenacker      Maurice Miller  
Lucien Sylvestre      Arthur Sabados

CHOIR :— ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHOIRS

**Priests who have ministered in  
St. Vincent de Paul  
From Forget**  
Jules Morard, M.S.      Joseph Luyten, M.S.  
Oscar Kucnen, M.S.

**Resident at Weyburn**  
Rev. Jean Marie Trapeau, M.S. 1907 - 1910  
Rev. A. Dupraz, M.S. 1910 - 1912  
Rev. P.J. Morard, M.S. 1912 - 1917  
Rev. Y. Plattier, M.S. 1917 - 1921  
Rev. F.X. Cruveiller, M.S. 1921 - 1927  
Rev. H. Galvin, M.S. 1927 - 1933  
Rev. W.J. Fortier, M.S. 1933 - 1936  
Rev. F.S. Richard, M.S. 1936 - 1943  
Rt. Rev. A.J. Janssen, P.A. V.G. 1943 - 1956  
Rev. R.J. McKenna 1956 - 1969  
Rev. Sebastian Liebel 1969 - 1979  
Rev. Leonard Sullivan 1979 - 1982  
Rev. Stan Slezak 1982 - 1984  
Rev. Norman Marcotte 1984 - 1985  
Rev. Tim Ziegler 1985 - 1986  
Rev. Norman Marcotte 1986 - Present

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Rev. W. Zimmer	Rev. Thomas Nguyen
Rev. Albert Schmitz	Rev. Emilio Saribong
Rev. Emil Kutarna	

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING SONG :      ECCE SACERDOS  
City of God #187 G&P

WELCOME :      Jean Wagner  
( St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Council Chairperson )

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING :    1 Kings 8: 22 - 23, 27 - 30  
Proclaimed by :    Hilda McGowan

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :  
Cantor      Sandra Benring

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts

SECOND READING :    Philippians 2: 1 - 5  
Proclaimed by :    Sandra Marcotte

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :

GOSPEL :    John 15: 1 - 8

HOMILY :      Archbishop Peter Mallon

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS :

Read by : - Lise Marcotte

## LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn - Glory and Praise to our God

### GIFT BEARERS

Barbara Probe  
Joe Broccolo

Helen Rubin  
Rob Labbie

### Holy Holy

### Lamb of God

### Communion



Eat this Bread - Taize'

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Bread

Cecile Broccolo    Jean McNaughton    Judy Pohl

#### Cup

Mildred Rubin    Joy Janeczko    Mary Krumenacker  
Gloria Fong    Marcel Bauche    Bruno Tuchscherer

### CONCLUDING RITE

### SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN - Holy God We Praise Thy Name  
#631 CBW

We wish to express our thanks to all those who have been or will be part of our parish family in the past, present or future. After mass all are invited to McKenna hall to continue our celebration of thanksgiving and joy for these ninety years of God's blessings to us.

## St. Vincent de Paul Church Mission Statement



### St. Vincent de Paul Parish

In communion with the Holy Father our Bishop and the teachings of the Universal Church, we the members of St Vincent de Paul Parish, are a community of hope and joy, renewed each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

We are a community alive with the Good News of Jesus Christ, Celebrating joyfully together, and reaching out in justice and love to share our faith with the world.

## St. VINCENT de PAUL LOGO



### AN EXPLANATION OF THE LOGO by

*Rosemary Ponto*

(Local Artist/Parishioner/Wife & Mother of two children)

At first sight one sees the prominent symbols of Host and Chalice. A second look shows a person reaching up to the heavens representing our church community living in Christ's light. Turned on its side a fish is seen. Symbol used by the early Christians. The red is symbolic of the blood of Christ, a symbol of our salvation.

Ptrs will be available for sale by the St. Vincent de Paul Youth Group.  
T-Shirts with the logo are available for purchase at:

Weyburn Monograms  
409 Railway Ave.  
Weyburn Sask.

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL

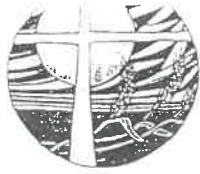
Saint, social worker, reformer, Vincent de Paul was a man who changed the face of France and in large measure, the thinking of the world. He was born in Pouy, France, in 1851 of a peasant family. He attended university and was ordained at twenty. His first inclination was to earn a good income and climb to power. When pastor of Clichy in 1611, Vincent became aware of the true state of the common people. Vincent's extraordinary charm and appeal had gained him many wealthy and influential friends from whom he received large sums of money for the poor.

On a return trip from Marseille, France, he was captured by Barbary pirates and was sold as a slave in Tunis. After his escape Vincent never forgot the experience of being a slave. During his lifetime he raised enough money to ransom twelve hundred Christian slaves in North Africa.

Always riding on a white horse, Vincent became a familiar figure on the streets of Paris. He directed the foundation of hospitals for the sick, for foundlings and orphans, for galley slaves, for the aged and a shelter in Paris for young women in need of protection. Societies were organized to distribute alms and to bury the dead. He founded a congregation of priests to preach and train the clergy.

Vincent cared for more than forty thousand children a year and as many old people. He created an asylum where forty thousand poor were given useful work. Not only did Vincent expect large sums of money from his friends, but also their time and effort. The "Ladies of Charity" was a group organized to help in the distribution of alms. However these ladies of society had never soiled their fingers with real work and so it did not last very long. The difficulty was solved when he met Louise de Marillac, now canonized a saint herself. Louise organized a force of another type. One used to hard work and with no social position to lose. From these beginnings arose the religious congregation called the "Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul" now spread throughout the world including Canada and the United States.

Vincent de Paul died in 1660 and was canonized in 1737. He is the patron saint of charitable societies. The charitable society of St. Vincent de Paul is well established in many large cities today and continues to minister to the poor.



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## Weyburn parish celebrates 90 years of faith

By Mary Ann Seitz

In communion with the pope, our archbishop, and the teachings of the universal church, we the members of St. Vincent De Paul Parish are a community of hope and joy, renewed each time we celebrate the eucharist.

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True to its mission statement, the parish community of St. Vincent de Paul, Weyburn, is indeed celebrating joyfully with 1996 being its 90th anniversary. Various organizations worked hard for several months to commemorate the event.

On the afternoon of Sept. 29, parishioners and visitors packed the church for a thanksgiving eucharist. Archbishop Peter Mallon was the main presider, with the local pastors and several former pastors acting as concelebrants.

The three parish choirs combined to greet the bishop and lead the congregation in hearty response and song. Following the eucharist, parishioners filled both floors of McKenna Hall, named after a former priest, to enjoy a potluck supper. It was a large, multi-generational family

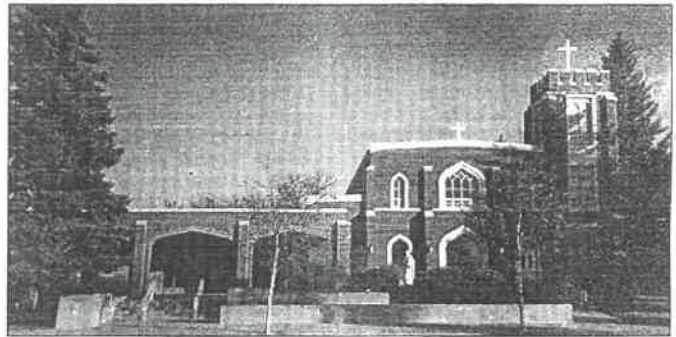
gathering with all age groups represented.

During the program following the supper, Claire Kuhn, chair of the Pioneer Research Committee, honored the parishioners who laid the foundations of the parish. She supplied a brief history.

Prior to 1906, the LaSalette Fathers from Estevan offered mass in private homes in Weyburn, and later in the Old Stone Schoolhouse, now the site of a food store. The first church, then under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, was blessed in December 1906 and the first mass was celebrated by Father Dupras, MS. Since then the parish has grown to include over 1,100 families, currently served by Frs. Norm Marcotte and Emilio Saribong, who also serve the outlying missions at Fillmore, Griffin, Halbrite and Tribune.

The first rectory was built in 1906 and Father Jean Marie Trapeau served as the parish's first resident priest. This rectory was enlarged in 1915 and moved to a lot near the church. The first archbishop, Adalard Langevin, OMI, expressed his desire for a separate school in a letter written to the parish priest in 1910 in these words: "It is a sacred duty for the parents to secure for their children a Catholic education."

When a new rectory was built in 1950 the old one was converted into a school



St. Vincent de Paul Church has been an integral part of the parish community in Weyburn.

for 76 students. Subsequently, St. Dominic Savio School was built in 1955, followed by St. Michael's Junior High.

At present, the former rectory serves as the convent for the Sisters of Loretto. In 1925 the first parish hall was built, and in 1954 a new church which underwent extensive renovations in 1988.

Different religious orders played their part in building church and community. The LaSalettes figured in the parish's early beginnings from 1901-1943, until Msgr. Janssen, vicar-general of the Archdiocese of Regina, was appointed pastor

of St. Vincent De Paul. So began the diocesan clergy's role that continues today.

The LaSalettes were followed by Dominican sisters who stayed in a private home when they taught vacation school. In 1953, when the new Union Hospital was built, the Sisters of the Cross took charge of the old one and opened Mount St. Mary's as both hospital and home for seniors. The Sisters of St. Louis also served the parish for a time.

Lay organizations still active in the parish today are the Knights of Columbus since 1914, St. Mary's Altar Society since 1922, and the CWL since 1931.



St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Council - June 1997

Back row left to right: Cecile Broccolo (Liturgy), Renee Parsons (Secretary), Jean McNaughton (Deanery), Jaynie Himsi (Vocation Awareness), Linda Bohn (Public Relations), Paula Reich (Youth), Jean Wagner (Finance), Sr. Theresa Frey (Pastoral Assistant) and Sharon Lesy (Catholic Women's League)

Front row left to right: Johanna Brasseur (Pastoral Care), Mel VanBetuw (Knights of Columbus), Robert Labbie (Chairman), Rev. Norm Marcotte (Pastor), Rev. Emilio Saribong (Associate Pastor), Lucien Sylvestre (Vice Chairman) and Mary Krumenacker (President St. Mary's Altar Society).

Missing: Theresa Hrynkiw (Social Justice), Sandra Marcotte (Vocation Awareness), Don Bohn (Public Relations) and Christine Murphy (Spiritual & Adult Education)

Photo by Robert Lukey, copy from Renee Parsons

**"Appreciation Celebration" for Loretto Sisters  
February 15, 1998**

*From photo album "Appreciation Celebration for Loretto Sisters, Feb. 15, 1998", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre*



St. Dominic School, Gr. 2 Rm 5



St. Dominic School, Grs. 1 and 2 message



Loretto Sisters, Pastors, and former Pastors at St. Vincent de Paul:

L-R: Fr. Emilio Saribong, Fr. Len Sullivan, Fr. Norm Marcotte, Fr. Francis Hengen, Fr. Stephen Bill, Fr. John Mock

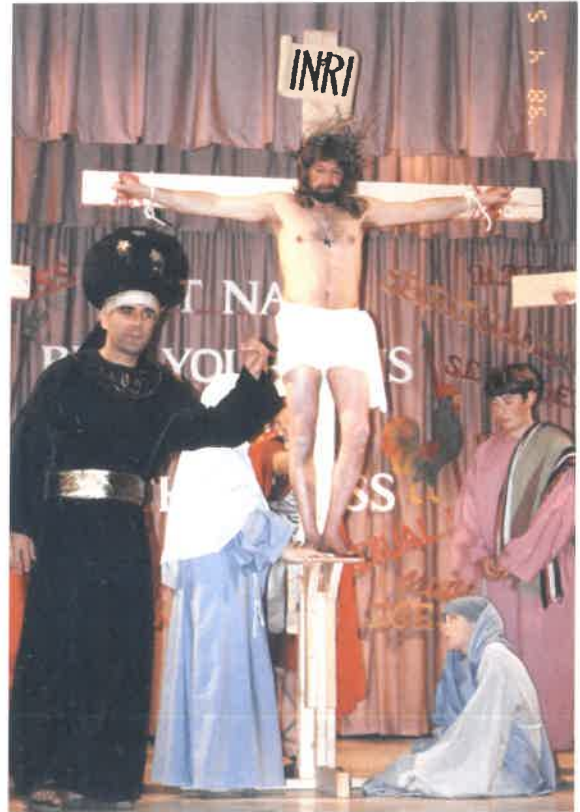
Sr. Columbiere Mildenerger, Sr. Theresa Frey, Sr. Adelaide Beaulieu, Sr. Benedicta Fahlman, Sr. Hilda Kambeitz, Sr. Johanna Mildenerger



L-R: Sr. Benedicta Fahlman, Sr. Anne Murray, Sr. Theresa Frey

## Passion Play, Easter Week, 1998 at McKenna Hall

This was 3rd year for the performance, the 1st having been done in 1995.  
Photos from "Passion Play Photo Album, Sullivan Resource Centre".  
Photo by Robert Lukey



**1998-99 St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Council Executive**

F.row,L.toR- Wally Cameron-Public Relations, Rob Labbie-Chairman, Christine Aalbers-Social Justice, Fr. John Mock-Assst. Pastor, Lucien Sylvestre-Vice Ch., B.Row- Paula Reich-Youth, Loretta Cameron-Public Rel., Jean Wagner-Finance, Cecile Broccolo-Liturgy, Rene Parsons-Secy., of P. Council, Mary Krumenacker-Pres. Altar Society, Missing - Fr. Francis Hengen-Pastor, Mary Ann Seitz-Spiritual & Education, Johanna Brasseur-Pastoral Care, Jayni Hims-Vocations Awareness, Jean McNaughton-Deanery Rep., Mel VanBetuw-Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus, Sharon Lesy-CWL Rep., Sandra Benning-Parish Sec'y. Photos compliments of Weyburn K. of C. Photo by Robert C. Lukey



**"St. Vincent de Paul Parish - Weyburn - 1999-2000 Pastoral Council"**

F.Row,L.toR.-:Jean Procknow(CWL), Glen Ziegler(Finance), Jean McNaughton(Pastoral Care & Deanery) Lucien Sylvestre(Chairman), Fr. Francis Hengen(Pastor), Mary Krumenacker(St. Mary's Altar Society), Cecile Broccolo(Liturgy). B.Row:Wally Cameron(Public Rel.)Paula Reich(Youth), Don Dufour(Knights of Columbus), Loretta Cameron(Public Rel.) Michael Meink(Vice Ch.). Missing-MaryAnn Seitz(Spiritual & Adult Ed.) Rob Labbie(Past Ch.), Ron Wormsbecker(Social Justice), Renee Parsons(Sec'y.), Staff: Sandra Benning(Parish Sec'y.), Richard Loos(Caretaker), Pat Benning(Casual Caretaker). Photos compliments of Weyburn Knights of Columbus. Photo by Robert C. Lukey





**St. Mary's Altar Society's 70th Anniversary - St. Vincent de Paul - May 18, 2000.**

**LtoR**

**FrntRow:** - Mildred Rubin, Frances, Krainyk, Ameilia Miller, Anne Legin, Roy Chuckry, Fr. Norm Marcotte, Mary Krumenacker, Fr. Francis Hengen, Kay Deck, Mary Wannier, Kay Muhr, Barbara Probe, Lydia Monastersky, Wilhelmina Wilson.

**BkRow** - Joanna Ferner, Chris Masniuk, Theresa Carter, Elsie Callan, Pauline Kosior, Angela Claude, Elizabeth Baudria, Josie Plonka, Mary Klein, Nellie Skiba, Irene O'Byrne, Anne Fellner, Mary Janeczko, Judy Pohl, Margaret Ruscheinsky, Daisy Paslawski, Anne Gutzke, Valerie Kot, Helen Kot.

*Photo by Robert Lukey. Copy from Anne Legin.*



President, Mary Krumenacker presenting 65 year member, Barbara Probe with a corsage.

President Mary Krumenacker presenting 65 Year Member, Mary Probe, with corsage, May 18, 2000  
*Photo from Anne Legin*

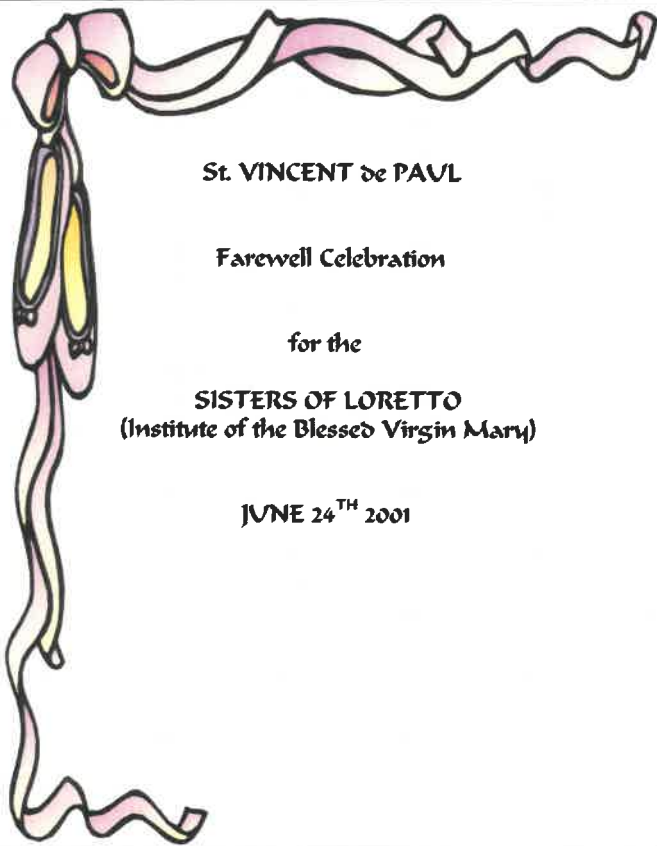


Pastoral Council 2000-2001 - Back Row: Gary Sidloski (Vocations), Marilyn Schuck (CWL), Ron Wormsbecker (Social Justice), Michael Mainil (Vice Chairman), Father Francis Hengen (Pastor), Lucien Sylvestre (Chairman), Denis Tremblay (Knights of Columbus), Rob Labbie (Past Chairman). Front Row: Jeannine Kater (St. Dominic Parent Assoc.), Cecile Broccolo, (St. Michael Parent Assoc.), Mary Jarvis (Spiritual & Adult Education), Loretta & Wally Cameron (Public Relations), Glenn Ziegler (Finance), Joanne Wormsbecker (Ecumenism) and Renee Parsons (Council Secretary). Missing: Jean Wagner (Liturgy), Paula Reich (Youth), Jean McNaughton (Deanery Representative & Pastoral Care), Judy Pohl (Pastoral Care) and Mary Krumenacker (St. Mary's Altar Society). Photo by Bob Lukey. Compliments of the Weyburn Knights of Columbus.

*Source: Robert Lukey*

**Farewell to the Sister of Loretto  
June 24, 2001**

Source of photos is album "Farewell - Sisters of Loretto", L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre. Album cover is shown below. Photos by Robert Lukey



St. VINCENT de PAUL  
  
Farewell Celebration  
  
for the  
  
SISTERS OF LORETTO  
(Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
  
JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> 2001



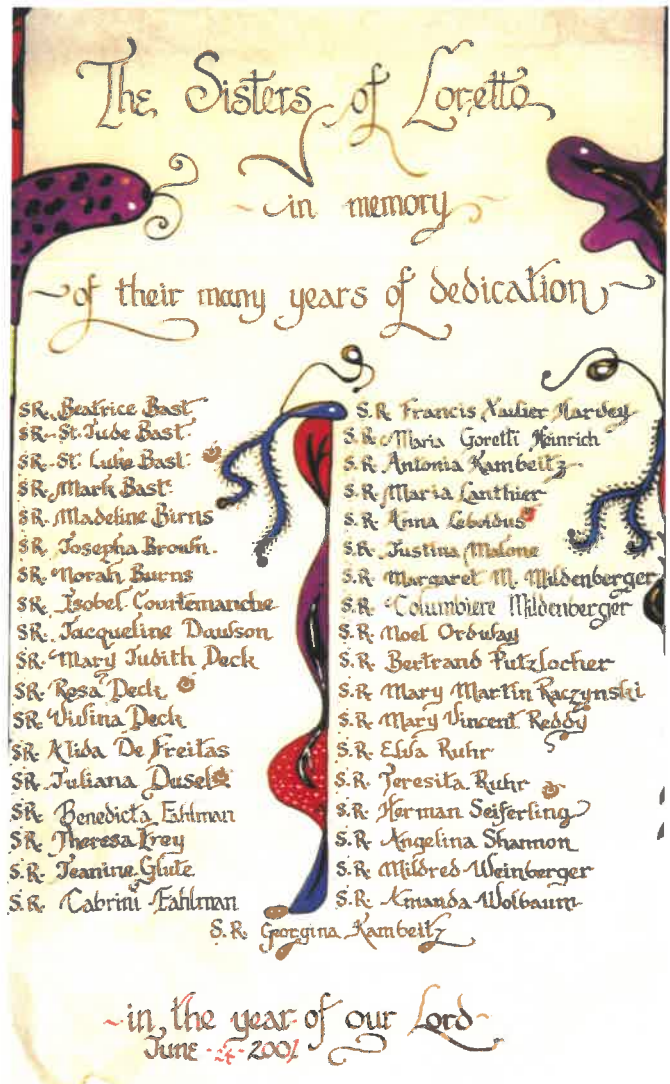
Sisters of Loretto Farewell, Jun 24, 2001: L-R: Sr. Benedicta Fahlman, Sr. Georgina Kambeitz, Sr. Mildred Weinberger, Sr. Theresa Frey, Sr. Hilda Kambeitz, Sr. Adelaide Beaulieu, Sr. Jeanine Glute, Sr. Anna Leboldus, Sr. Louisa Seiferling, Sr. Herman Seiferling  
2nd Row: Sr. Carmen Diston, Sr. Helen Cameron, Sr. Margaret O'Keefe, Sr. Johanna Mildenberger, ....



L-R: Sr Georgina Kambeitz, Sr Benedicta Fahlman, Sr Mildred Weinberger



Farewell banquet for the Sisters of Loretto, McKenna Hall



Scroll listing the Sisters who served St. Vincent de Paul and Weyburn, crafted by Connie Regier.

ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE

**FAREWELL TO THE SISTERS OF LORETTO**

Sunday, June 24, 2001  
5:00 P.M.

St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Weyburn, Saskatchewan

Music Prelude

<i>Ave Maria</i> <i>Holy is the Lord</i> <i>Strong and Constant</i> <i>To Deum Laudamus</i> <i>Ave Maria - Joe Weisgerber (solo)</i> <i>Receive, Give Thanks</i>	<i>Shelter Me, O God</i> <i>Pavio Angelicus - Vincent Ballenas (solo)</i> <i>A Grain of Wheat</i> <i>Peace is Flowing Like a River</i> <i>We Thank You, Father</i> <i>Surely the Presence</i>
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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Gathering Song: *Like Cedars They Shall Stand* CBW 671 or G & P 115

Gloria: *Glory to God* (Lanÿry)

First Reading: 1 Kings 8: 55-61 "Blessed be the Lord God who has granted rest to his people."  
Proclaimed by Mary Ann Seitz

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89 CBW 122  
Cantors: Dan & Adrienne Sidloski

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17 "Give thanks to God the Father through Christ."  
Proclaimed by Jean Woodard

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia* G & P 267

Gospel: Luke 1: 46-56 "He who has done great things for me is powerful."

Homily Rev. Francis Hengen

General Intercessions:  
Read by Michelle Megenbir

Preparation of the Gifts: *My Soul Rejoices* G & P 123

Gift Bearers – Sr. Benedicta Fahlman, Sr. Georgina Kambeitz,  
Sr. Mildred Weinberger

Holy, Holy: Williston

Memorial Acclamation: *Anemnesis 33* G & P 170

Amen: G & P 75

Lamb of God: Williston

Communion: *God is so Good* G & P 194  
*Father of Peace* G & P 99

Ministers of the Cup – Joe & Jean Janoski,  
Cecile Broccolo, D'Arcy Megenbir

Recessional Hymn: *City of God* G & P 187

Celebrant – Rev. Francis Hengen  
Concelebrants – Rev. Louis Abello and Rev. Norman Marcotte  
Acolytes – Maurice Miller, Roy Chucky, Arthur Sabados

Choir – St. Vincent de Paul Chorus directed by Lynn Kot  
Organists – Becky Tuchscherer, Jean Wagner, Gloria Miller  
Guitars – Dan & Adrienne Sidloski, Mark Bauche  
Trumpet – Rob Labbie

Ministers of Hospitality – James Brown, John Nikolejsin, Gerry Jordens,  
Julian Goski  
Honour Guards provided by Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus  
and Catholic Women's League

After mass all are invited to McKenna Hall to continue our celebration  
of thanksgiving for the gift of the Loretto Sisters to our parish.

ON THE OCCASION  
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**FAREWELL TO THE SISTERS OF LORETTO**

Sunday, June 24, 2001  
6:30 P.M.

McKenna Auditorium  
Weyburn, Saskatchewan



SUPPER AND PROGRAM

Welcome: Jeanne Prochnow - Mistress of Ceremonies

Introduction of the Sisters of Loretto

Sr. Helen Cameron	Sr. Theresa Frey
Sr. Carmen Diston	Sr. Adelaide Beaulieu
Sr. Jeanine Glute	Sr. Veronica Hager
Sr. Margaret O'Keefe	Sr. Kilda Kambeitz
Sr. Herman Seiferting	Sr. Georgina Kambeitz
Sr. Louisa Seiferting	Sr. Mildred Weinberger
Sr. Colambiere Mildenberg	Sr. Benedicta Fahlman
Sr. Johanna Mildenberg	

Grace: Fr. Francis Hengen

Supper: Beef on a bun provided by the parish  
Salads and desserts provided by parishioners

St. Dominic Savio School Choir:

St. Michael's Junior High School: Janelle Mazurkewich (solo)

Vocal Duet: Gloria Messer & Manica McCutcheon

Skit: "A Change of Habit/Convent Capers"

Presentations:

- St. Dominic Savio School – Daven Lawson (principal)
- St. Michael's School – Raman Mahnic (principal)
- St. Mary's Altar Society – Mary Kuumenachek (president)
- Catholic Women's League – Marilyn Schuch (president)
- Youth Group – Paula Reich (parish youth minister)
- Knights of Columbus – Denis Fremblay (grand knight)
- St. Mary's Parish, Tribune – Edith Postk
- St. Vincent de Paul Parish – Jeanne Prochnow (pastoral council chair)

Reply by Sisters: Sr. Helen Cameron and Sr. Carmen Diston

Remarks:

- Fr. Louis Abello – greetings from Archbishop Peter Mallon
- Fr. Norman Marcotte – pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Regina and former pastor of St. Vincent de Paul
- Lea Leydan – member of first Weyburn Catholic School Board
- Rose Schultz – retired teacher from St. Dominic Savio School
- John Nikolejsin – present chairman of Weyburn Catholic School Board
- Fr. Francis Hengen – pastor of St. Vincent de Paul

Music: John & Ron Knox

Closing Remarks: Jeanne Prochnow

Farewell Songs: Joe Weisgerber & Sandra Benning

A sincere thank you to all the people who helped organize this celebration for the Sisters. To all who participated in any way, you have made this a memorable occasion. We all join in wishing the Sisters God's blessings in their new homes. May the Light of Christ always shine in their lives!



Sisters of Loretto Convent, view from south.



Sisters of Loretto Convent, view from SE.  
Photo from Loretto Archives, Loretto Abbey, Toronto

**Interior of St. Vincent de Paul, 100th Anniversary Year, 2006**

*Photos by Gerald Goski, May, 2006*



View from choir loft



View towards chapel, facing west



Baptismal font, view as one enters from main door



Altar area



Chapel



Chapel



Children's Liturgy area



Fr. Slezak Meeting Room



Infant's Room



Fr. L. L. Sullivan Resource Centre



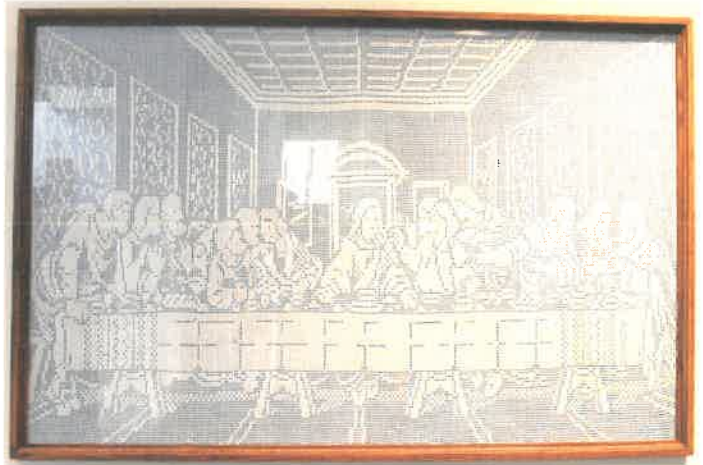
Display case near Baptismal font



Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first church, repainted with oils in 1985.



Plaque at Chapel entrance



Last Supper crocheted - west Chapel Wall

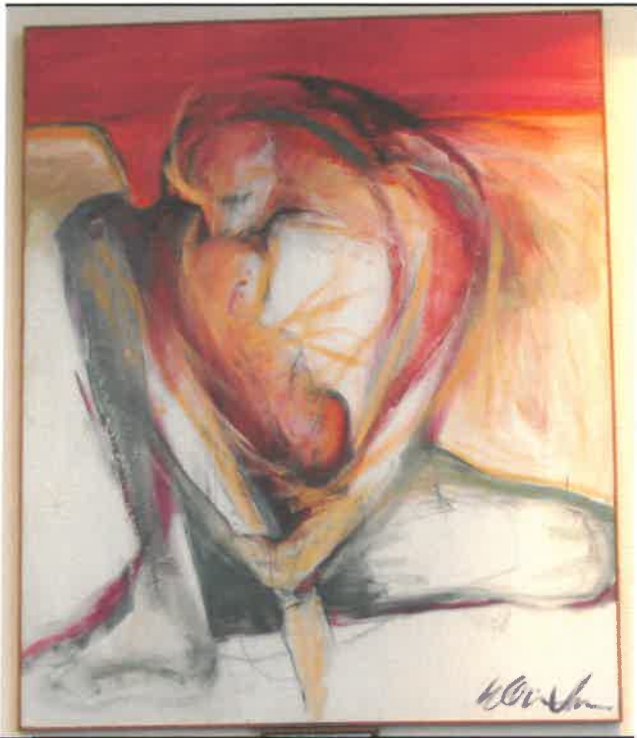


Stations of the Cross donated fall of 1958 by persons named on the plaque in memory of the 1st named Angela.





DEDICATED TO  
 FATHER S. LEIBEL  
 ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
 40th ANNIVERSARY  
 IN THE PRIESTHOOD  
 MAY 27 - 1977



**Mother & Child / Madonna & Child**

The painting will be read initially as a Mother and Child, or as a Madonna and Child. The artist's interpretation is free, however it can also be understood as different. The artist suggests a child in a more personal reading. The title is a line from Thomas Merton's poem, "The Jew's Prayer" which reads: "I hope to stand the people of Judah's Jewry / In the temple of my heart / To the Jew's prayer, deep within our hearts / So the image be as a sign / We, the Jew, may give birth to and / God Christ within our hearts." The artist's reading is of God reaching His / Her children into His / Her arms after death. Hence the image is a death as a Jew's prayer to new life. The artist's reading is of God as parent from the vantage point of parent to child. The artist's love for us is infinitely greater than any own seemingly overwhelming love for God. When Merton died, the image I had was of God embracing us. Since the image is dedicated to her, the image seems appropriate, and personally is very moving for me. So it is my gift to the community and for a very, very gift for Merton. For her gift of faith and love and nurturing which I will carry always. I hope the community will enjoy it.

Blaise Pascal 1659  
 August 22, 1997



St. Vincent de Paul painting by Mary Ann Seitz for 90th Anniversary of St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1996



Hymn Board - pair constructed by Jerry Goski Sept. 2001



"Extended Throwing of Clay on a Wheel",  
1993, Judy McNaughton, ceramic artist:  
Donated by Jean McNaughton 1995



Baldwin piano, purchased Nov. 2001.



Dedicated to:  
*ELAINE DUMBA*  
in honor of her many years of faithful service  
to the music ministry  
March 10, 2002

**STAINED GLASS WINDOWS**  
on this and following page:  
Artist - David Johnson.



"Gathering of the People"  
Chapel (west side), smaller window



"Eucharist", Chapel (west side), large window

DEDICATED TO ST MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY FOR THE  
DILIGENT WORK DONE FROM MAY 1930 - MAY 2004





Stairwell to choir loft



Choir Loft - large window: Fr. Gerry Bauche, pastor



Choir loft - small window



"Creation", south wall, 1st from east, Dec. 12, 1999



"Baptism of Christ", south wall 2nd from east



"Feed My Sheep", 1st rt of altar, completed Aug. 1992



South wall, 2nd rt of altar



Upper level 1st from east



Upper Level 2nd from east



Upper Level 3rd from east



Upper Level 4th from east



Upper Level 5th from east



McKenna Hall upstairs kitchen



McKenna Hall upstairs kitchen



Presidents of Catholic Women's League, Weyburn. on display in trophy case at McKenna Hall

## CENTENNIAL YEAR 2006 CELEBRATIONS



**Centennial plaque for Catholic church**

Father Gerry Bauche shows off the new brass plaque with Ed and Claire Kuhn, chairpersons of the Centennial committee for St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church. The plaque reads, "With gratitude to God, 100 years a faith community 1906-2006, St. Vincent de Paul Parish." The church will be marking its Centennial throughout the coming year, with the main celebration slated to be held in September.

Photo 6458 courtesy Bob Lukoy

Mar. 12, 2006: Caption from Weyburn Review, March 22, 2006



Centennial Banner hung east wall of church in Jan 2006. Made by Terry Creurer, Renee Parsons, Glenda Shupe, Delois Sunde with help from Terry's mother.

### Polka Mass - June 18, 2006: Mass moved indoors due to rain. Photos by Robert Lukey



Beginning of Mass, view from choir loft



L-R: Bruno Tuchscherer, Ron Klein, Fr. Gerry Bauche, Wendy Pitre, Francois Porte



Fr. Gerry Bauche opening Mass



1st Reading: Shirley Mondor



2nd Reading: Wendy Pitre



Gospel: Fr. Gerry Bauche with acolytes Francois Porte (left) and Bruno Tuchscherer



L-R: Stella Hoffart, Yvette Bauche, Fr. Gerry Bauche, Francois Porte, Bruno Tuchscherer, Ron Klein, Dorothy Rist,



End of mass: L-R: Bruno Tuchscherer, Ron Klein, Fr. Gerry Bauche, Francois Porte



Music at Mass by Ray Stepp and The Melody Kings

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**BBQ lunch and dance in McKenna Hall after Polka Mass - June 18, 2006:**

*Photos by Robert Lukey*

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Entering McKenna Hall after Mass for lunch & dance

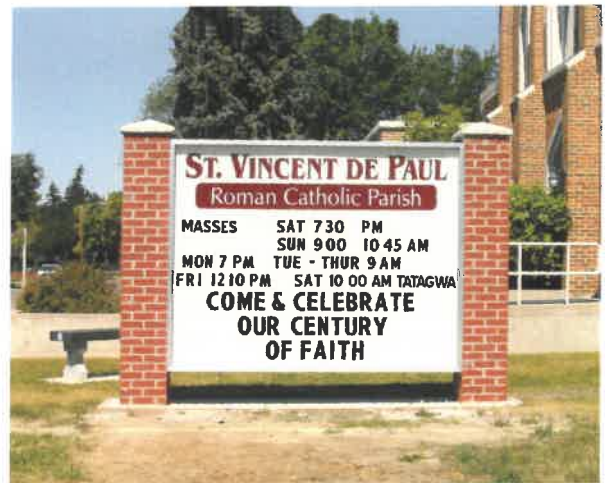




L-R: Jim & Marion Brown, Audrey & Dick Michel, Loretta & Wally Cameron, Claire Kuhn



Music for dance by Ray Stepp and The Melody Kings



St. Vincent de Paul Parish sign  
Was completed week of Jul 26-30, 2006.

**Centennial Celebrations: Mass and Banquet, Sept. 17, 2006**

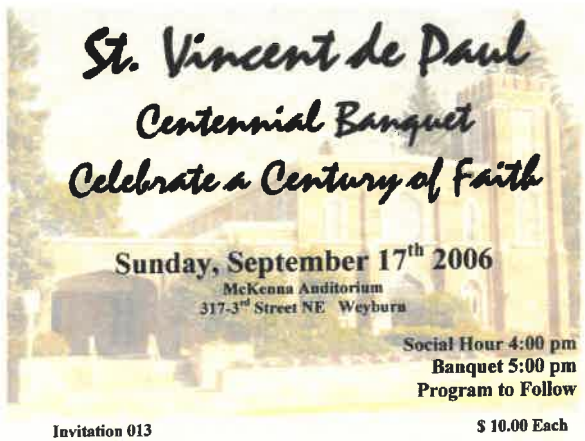
For more photos of the Polka Mass & Social, Jun. 16, and of the Centennial Celebration Mass & Banquet, Sept. 17, 2006 - see Robert Lukey's photo album placed in Fr. Leonard Sullivan Library "A Century of Faith, 1906-2006: June 16 Polka Mass & Social, Sept. 17 Mass Celebration & Banquet".  
*Photos by Robert Lukey*



Archbishop Daniel Bohan, Fr. Gerry Bauche at 10:45 a.m. Mass, Sept. 17, 2006



View from balcony, 10:45 a.m. Mass, Sept. 17, 2006



Centennial Banquet ticket



Ed & Claire Kuhn, Masters of Ceremonies and chairpersons of Centennial Year activities by the Centennial cakes.



Head table at banquet:  
L-R: Claire & Ed Kuhn, Gerald Goski, James Brown, Archbishop Daniel Bohan, Fr. Gerry Bauche, Jean & John Nikolejsin, Audrey & Dick Michel



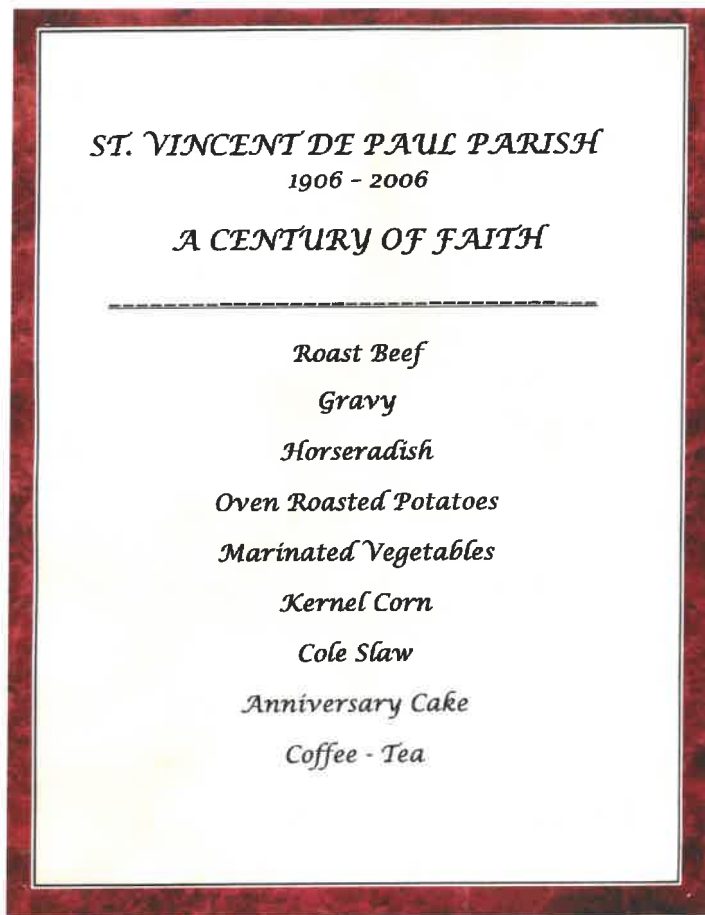
Priests who served as pastors or associate pastors:  
L-R: Bk - Fr. Norm Marcotee, Fr. Gene Schaffer, Fr. Stephen Bill, Fr. Don McNeill, Fr. Francis Hengen, Fr. Thomas Nguyen; Frt - Fr. Louis Kubash, Fr. Art Vandendriessche, Very Rev. Msgr. Ken Miller, Archbishop Daniel Bohan, Fr. Gerry Bauche, Fr. Ken Koep



The 9:00 a.m. choir sings closing songs at the banquet entertainment



with Lynn Kot directing from the main floor amongst the banquet attendees.



Centennial Banquet Menu (image is half size of the original)



Weyburn St. Vincent de Paul Parish Centennial Concert, A Showcase Of Our Parish Youth  
Nov. 26, 2006

Participants: L to R:

FrtR - Gary Cooney - MC, Tenille Arts, Megan Milatz, Chelsea Woodard, Ben Sidloski, Sabrina Mainil, Michaela & Erin Sidloski.

BkR - Jana Dionne, Shauna McNaughton, April Hoffman, Dalton Mainil, Natalie Sidloski, Ambria Mainil, Danica Milatz, Claire Kuhn - committee member.

Photo by R. C. Lukey

*ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH*

*1906 - 2006*

*A CENTURY OF FAITH*

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*Roast Beef*

*Gravy*

*Horseradish*

*Oven Roasted Potatoes*

*Marinated Vegetables*

*Kernel Corn*

*Cole Slaw*

*Anniversary Cake*

*Coffee - Tea*