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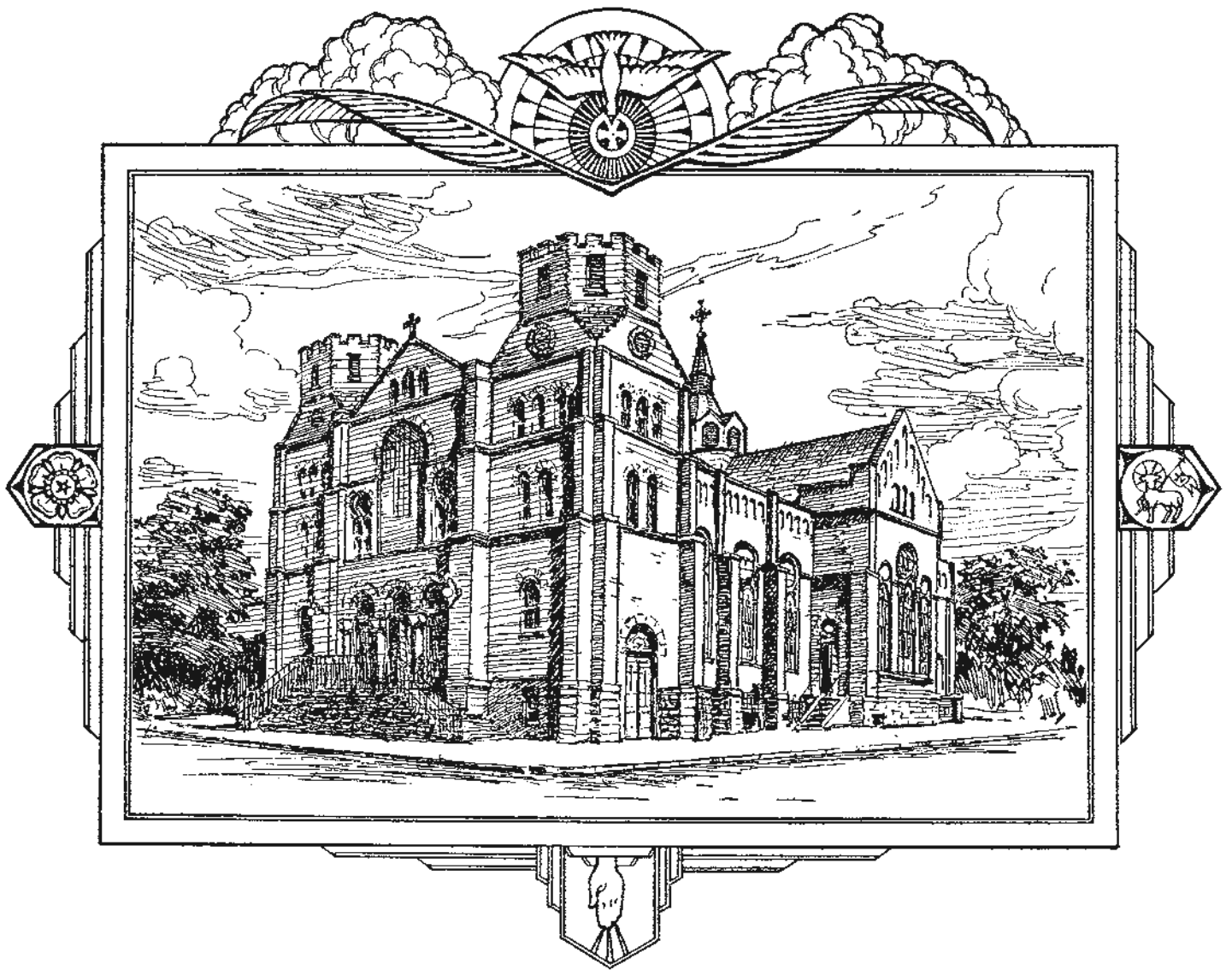
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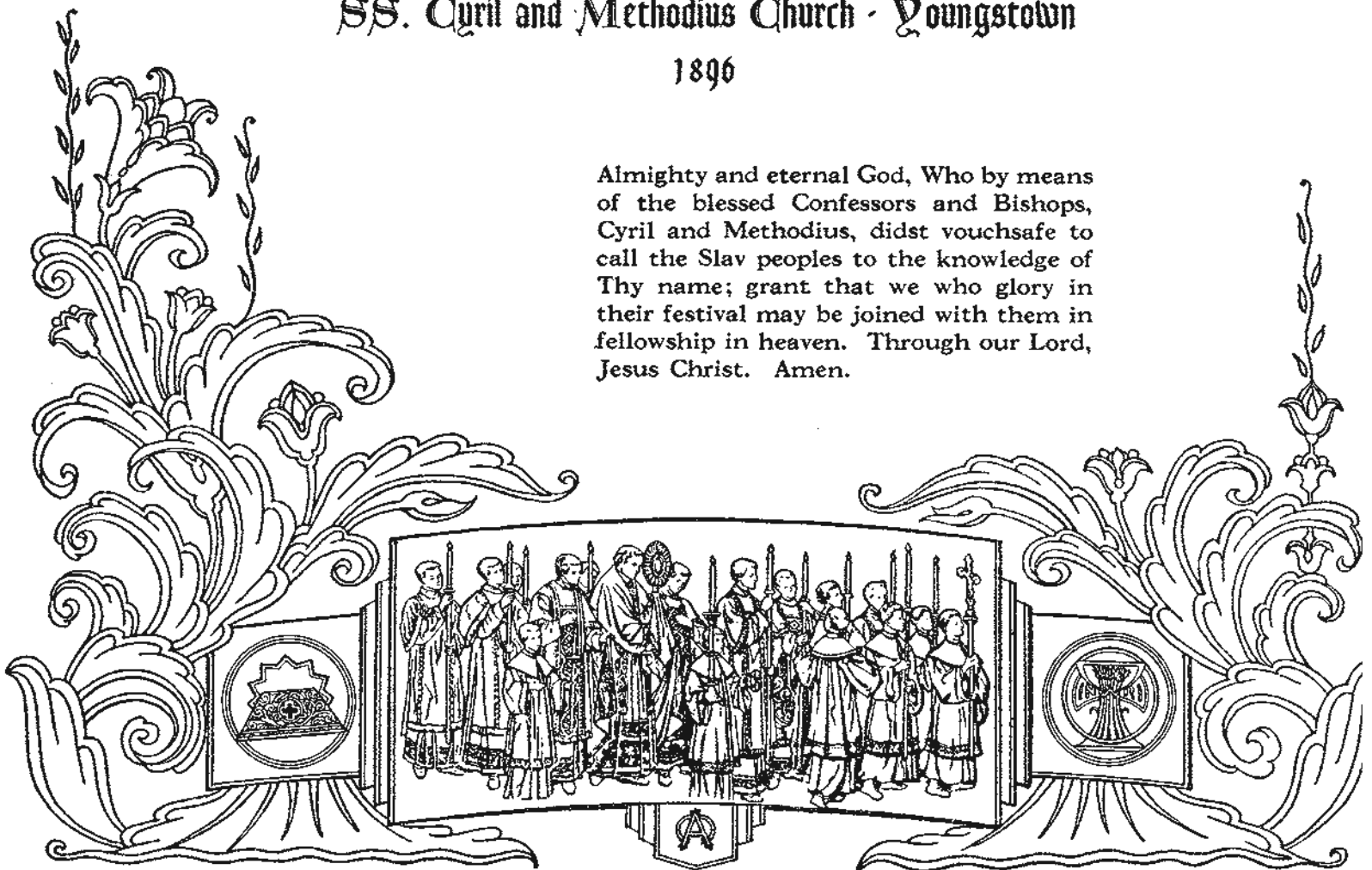
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THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN FIFTY-ONE  
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## SS. Cyril and Methodius Church - Youngstown

1896

Almighty and eternal God, Who by means of the blessed Confessors and Bishops, Cyril and Methodius, didst vouchsafe to call the Slav peoples to the knowledge of Thy name; grant that we who glory in their festival may be joined with them in fellowship in heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# SS. Cyril and Methodius

## Youngstown

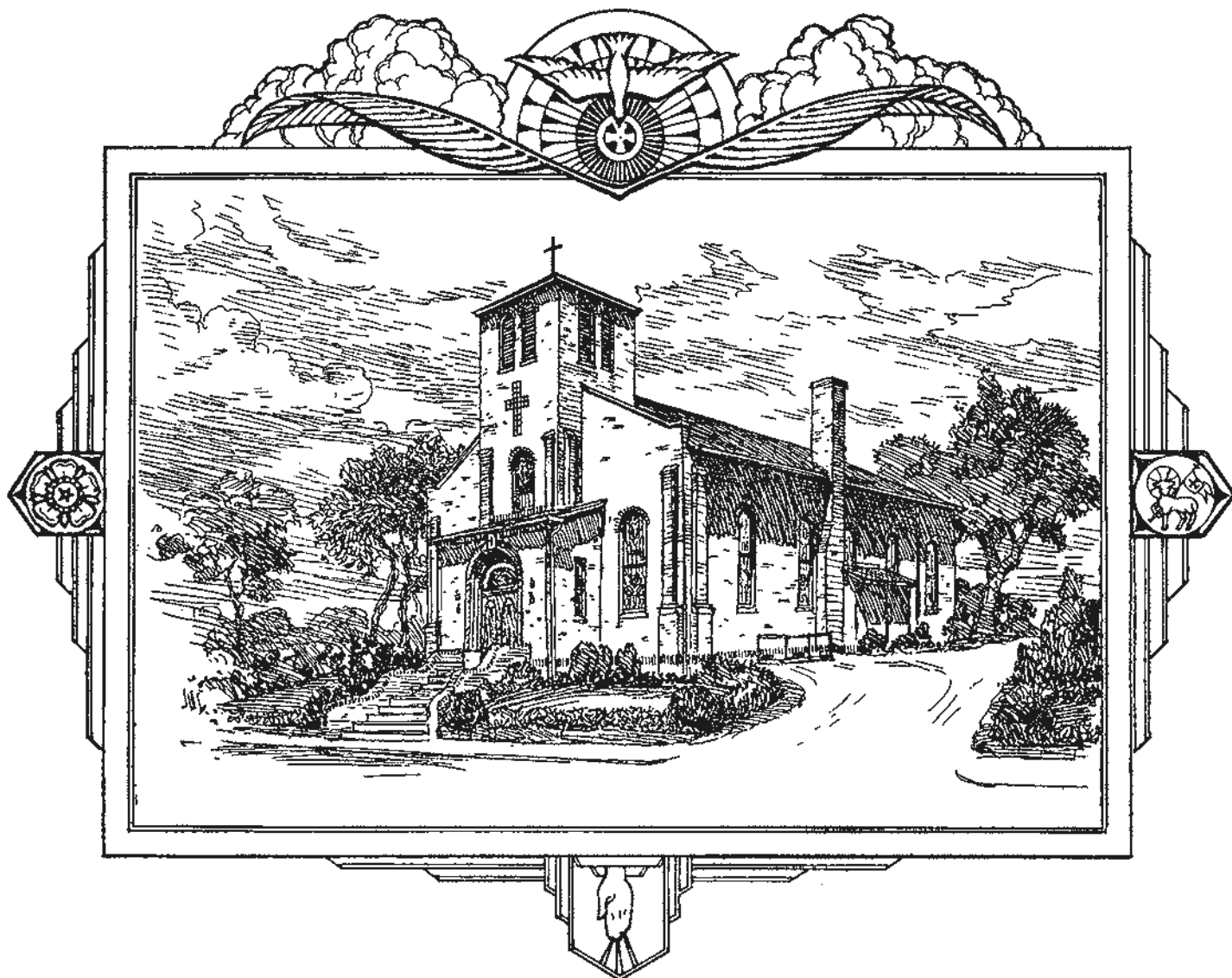
**D**URING the period from 1880 to 1896, the Slovak population of the city of Youngstown and vicinity grew very rapidly. In consequence a demand for a Slovak parish became insistent. Up to this time, the Slovak families of Youngstown had attended the church nearest their homes. In 1896, a meeting was held which resulted in the formal founding of a Slovak parish. However, no priest who knew the Slovak language was available, and services were held in the basement of Old St. Columba. ¶In 1898, Father Koler was appointed first resident pastor. The same year, the basement of the present church was ready and services were held there until the present church was finished in 1900. The parochial school and parish house were built in 1907. ¶The Church is a red brick structure of Romanesque, cruciform style. There are two steeples and a tower. All windows are imported art glass and add materially to the beauty of the edifice. All are donations of parishioners or parish organizations. ¶SS. Cyril and Methodius was the first parish for Slovaks in either Mahoning or Trum-

bull Counties, and in the beginning all Slovaks, Poles and Croates of both the Roman and Greek Catholic faith worshipped here. It is the Mother Church of Holy Trinity, Struthers; St. Matthias, Holy Name, St. Elizabeth, SS. Peter and Paul and St. Francis Churches of the city of Youngstown. ¶The spirit of co-operation shown by the people with their beloved pastor, Msgr. Stephen Begalla, and the increase in the Slovak population have made SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish an outstanding one in the Valley. ¶Msgr. Begalla has been more than a pastor to his good people. A native of Youngstown, he is widely known beyond the limits of his parish. His civic-mindedness has made him a natural leader in every movement looking to the improvement and betterment of the community and the interest of his own people. The entire city rejoiced with his people when the Holy Father honored him by making him a Domestic Prelate. ¶SS. Cyril and Methodius, because of the zeal of its pastors and the deep devotion and faith of its people, have contributed more than their share to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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1898



## St. Anthony Church · Youngstown

1898

May the festival of blessed Anthony, Thy Confessor, O God, ever give joy to Thy Church, that her children may be ever upheld by spiritual help and become worthy of eternal bliss. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





# St. Anthony Church

## Youngstown



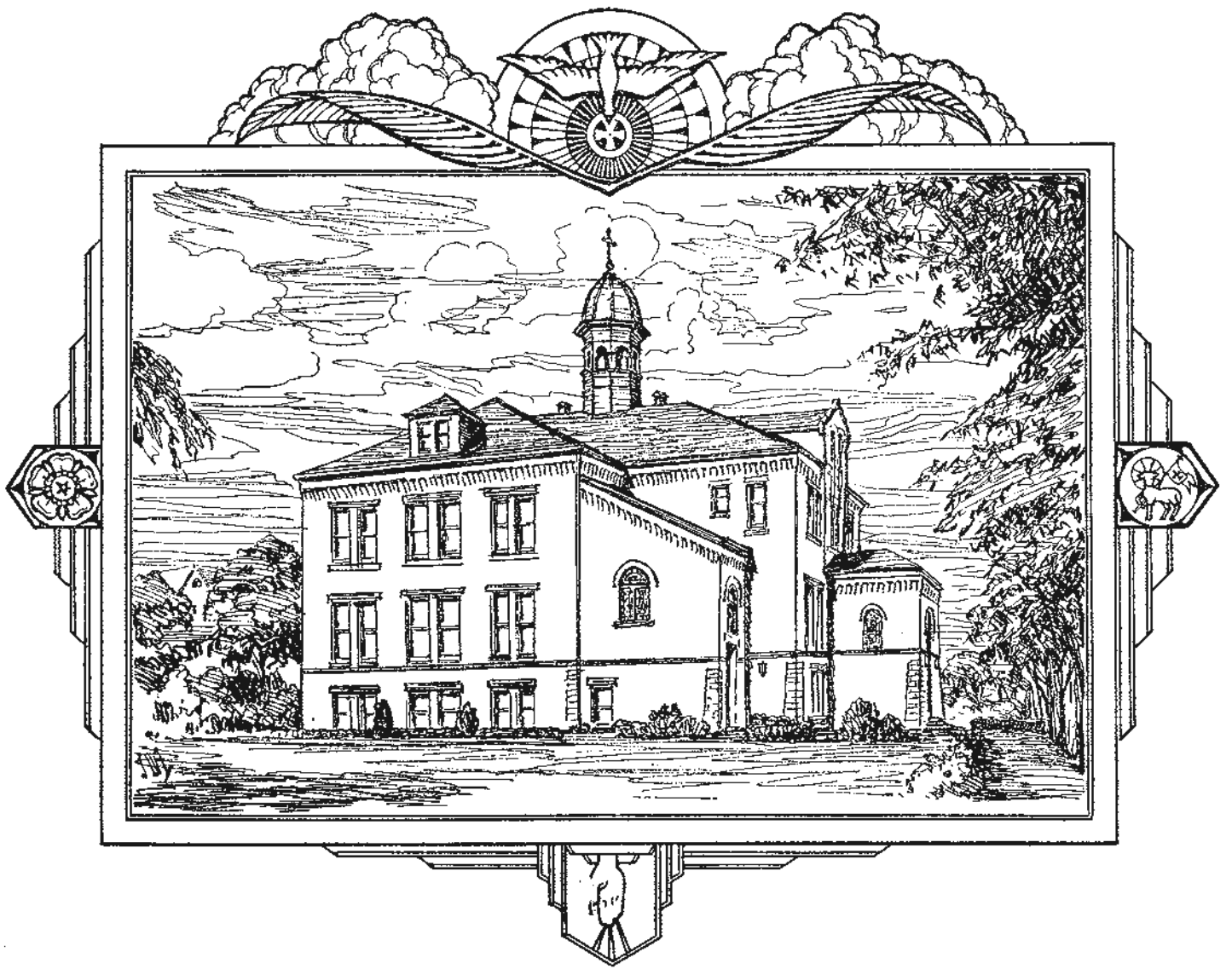
THE organization of a separate church for the Italian-speaking members of St. Columba and St. Ann was authorized by the Most Reverend Ignatius Horstmann, and the parish of St. Anthony was established in June of 1898. Shortly after its organization, the congregation, aided by Reverend Father Anthony Petillo, the first resident pastor, purchased the structure which was formerly St. Ann, constructed in 1871. Father Petillo immediately had it rededicated under the patronage of St. Anthony of Padua. The interior was remodeled, and new altars, Stations and other furnishing were acquired at that time. The gray frame church has no definite architectural design. ¶From 1933 to 1935, St. Ann and St. Anthony were administered jointly. In March, 1935, they became separate parishes

again. St. Anthony had the first parochial school in the diocese for Italian children. The church has recently been renovated. ¶Anticipating the great need for recreational and social activities for all the youth of his parish, the present pastor, the Reverend Father Humbert Crescentini, started a drive to raise the necessary funds to promote such a program. ¶The splendid enthusiasm and fine spirit of his flock made it possible to begin work on extensive alterations. The church was remodeled and covered with a brick veneer; and imposing new entrance was added, the interior decorated with warmth and life. In 1949, a fine parish hall was built and is the center of the social life of all the people. St. Anthony Parish can justly be proud of its recent achievements and its contribution to the March of the Eucharist.

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Immaculate Conception Church - Canton  
1899

O God, Who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, didst prepare a worthy dwelling place for Thy Son, we beseech Thee that, as by the foreseen death of this Thy Son Thou didst preserve her from all stain, so too Thou wouldst permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





# Immaculate Conception Church

## Canton



AS early as 1869, a parish for the accommodation of the members of St. John and St. Peter Churches who were living in the southern section of Canton was anticipated. At that time, a lot in that portion of the city was purchased as a site for a new church. It was not until September, 1899, that plans for the organization of the Immaculate Conception Parish, which was popularly known as "St. Mary's," were completed. Father Clement H. Treiber was assigned the task of organizing the new parish by the Most Reverend Ignatius F. Horstmann. ¶For a short time, Father Treiber gathered his parishioners in St. Peter and St. John Churches in Canton. Later, they assembled in a public hall. Plans were immediately made for the construction of a combination church and school, and the cornerstone of the new building was laid on October 1, 1899. The

first Mass was celebrated in the basement on the following Christmas Eve, and the completed structure was dedicated on May 20, 1900, in a bi-lingual ceremony, at which Bishop Horstmann preached a sermon in English. Father Henry Kaempker followed with a sermon in German. A new convent for the Sisters was erected in 1928. ¶Anticipating the growth of his parish and the need for a larger and more commodious structure, the present pastor, Father Thomas R. Heimann, enlisted the support of his parishioners to aid in a building program. Plans were begun, and it was only a very short time before the dreams for this new church became a reality. A new school has just been completed. It is one of the finest in the diocese, both in material and equipment -- a fortress of strength to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

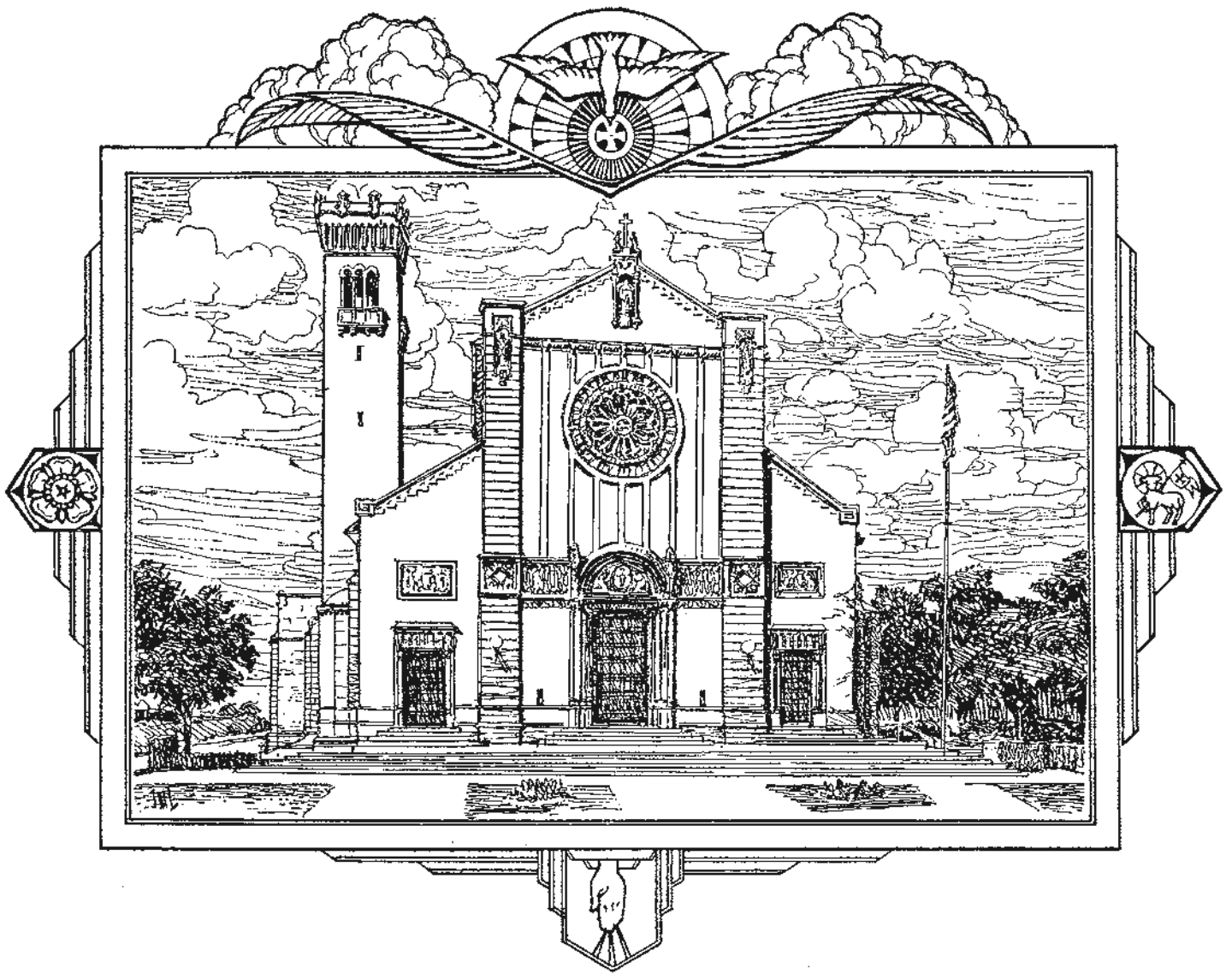
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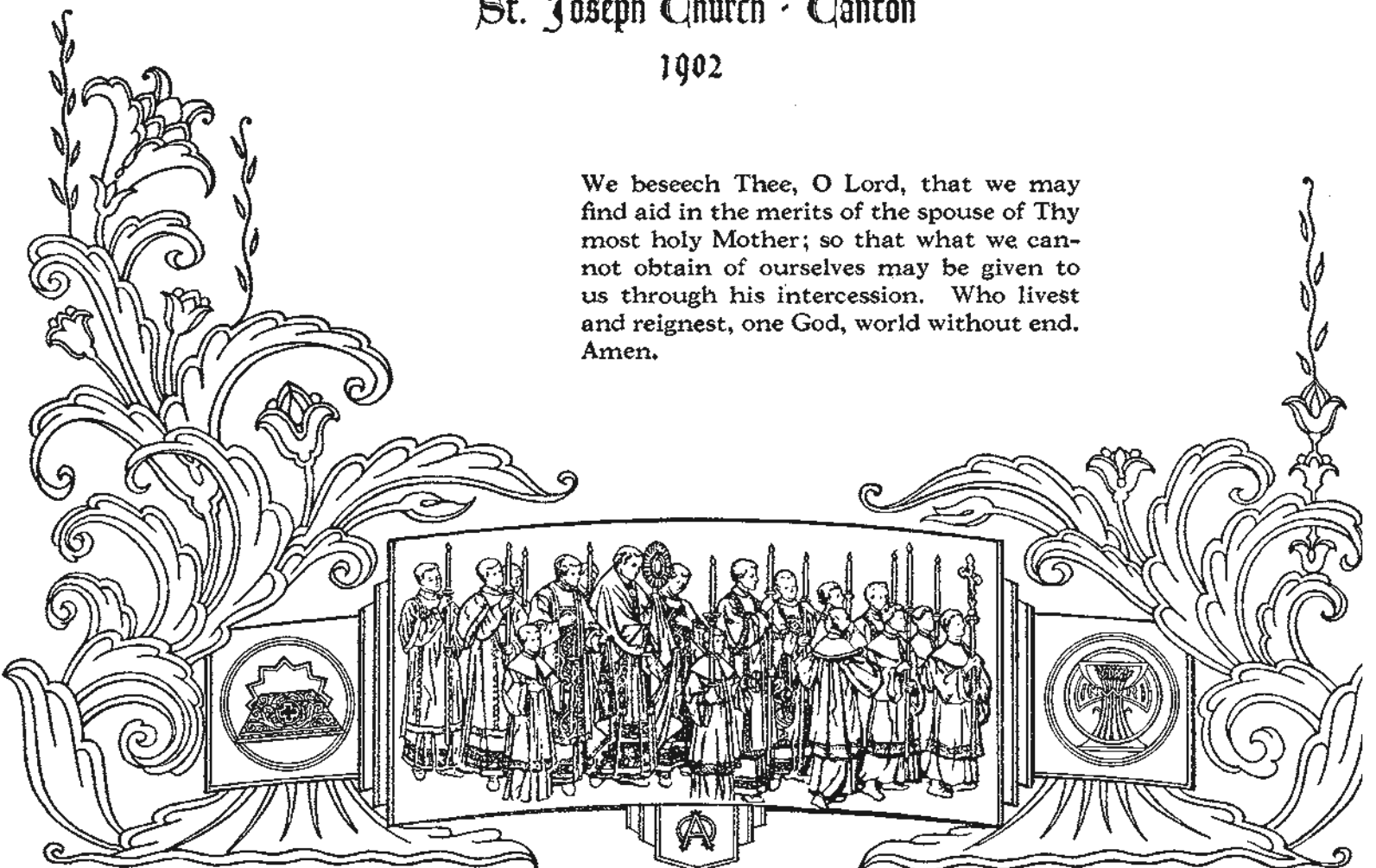






St. Joseph Church · Canton  
1902

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may find aid in the merits of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother; so that what we cannot obtain of ourselves may be given to us through his intercession. Who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.





# St. Joseph Church

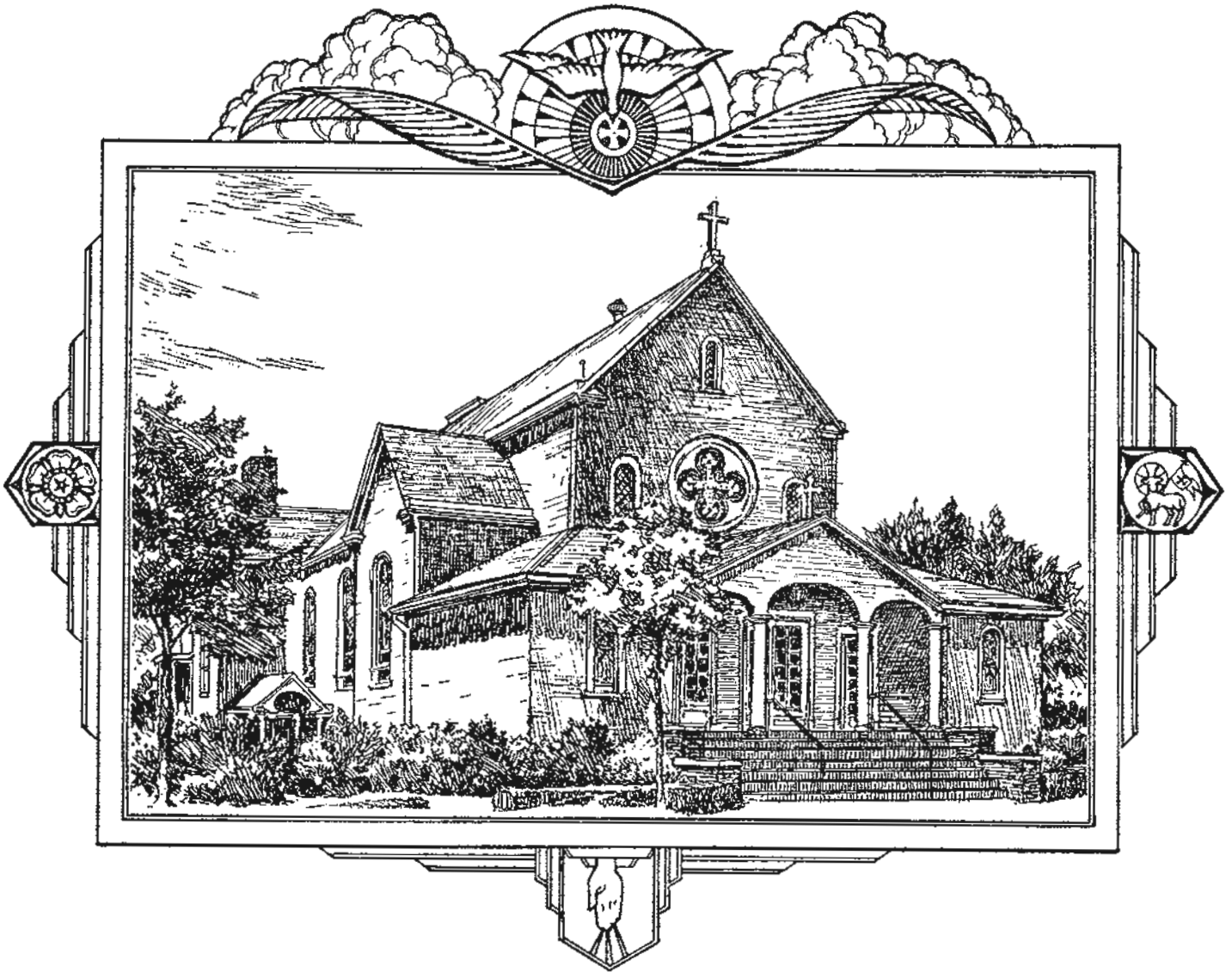
## Canton

**S**HORTLY after the turn of century, eighty families residing in the west section of Canton petitioned Bishop Horstmann to establish a new parish in that section of the city. Formal organization of the parish took place on June 16, 1902, at which time Father Clement Treiber was appointed as the first pastor. The first Mass was celebrated in a rented hall, and St. Joseph was named the patron saint of the parish. A combination church and school was completed a year later. It was dedicated by Bishop Horstmann on March 8, 1903. ¶The parish grew so rapidly that it was necessary to expand all its facilities. The school was enlarged and a convent provided for the Sisters. In 1920, work was begun on the basement of a future permanent church. The cornerstone was laid on August 2, 1921. The first public service took place on Sunday, June 25, 1922. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop August Schwertner of Wichita, Kansas. Construction on the superstructure began in 1931. The edifice was dedicated on May 29, 1932. ¶The church edifice is a magnificent stone structure, rectangular in shape, and finished in the Romanesque style of architecture. The building is surmounted

in the rear by a tall bell tower containing one bell. ¶The interior is decorated with many bas reliefs and statues. ¶The parish buildings are now among the finest in the entire Diocese. The school has an enrollment of four hundred twenty children and the enlarged parochial residence is one of the most practical and modern to be found anywhere. ¶On January 18, 1923, Father Treiber was installed as Dean of the Canton Clergy and the Holy Father raised him to the rank of Domestic Prelate, a fitting reward for his long and glorious years of service to the Church. ¶Msgr. Treiber served as pastor of St. Joseph for thirty-one years. He was forced to resign in 1933 because of ill health. He was succeeded by Msgr. Ralph C. Kotheimer, under whose able management the parish has continued to show remarkable growth. Msgr. Kotheimer has done an outstanding work in refinancing the parish and reducing its indebtedness. It is now as sound financially as its buildings are monumental. Its communicants number forty-five hundred, and it is one of the three largest parishes in the Canton area -- another monument of tireless effort and enthusiastic Catholicity to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.







Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church - Ashtabula  
1902

O God, Who hast honored the Order of Carmel with the special title of Thy blessed Mother, Mary ever virgin; grant, in Thy mercy, that we, who keep her memory this day by a solemn office, may be shielded by her protection, and be found worthy to attain unto joy eternal. Who livest and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.





# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

## Ashtabula



THE site of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church was purchased in 1897 by Father Joseph Smith, then pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows, acting as agent for Bishop Horstmann. It consisted of three lots on the corner of Columbus Avenue and East Sixteenth Street. The ever increasing number of people of Italian extraction in Ashtabula made it clear that a church would have to be built to take care of their spiritual needs. The actual construction of the church began in 1902. The first Mass was celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 1903, and the church was dedicated on November 29, 1903, by Bishop Horstmann. For fifteen months before the completion of the church, Mass was celebrated in the Christopher Columbus Hall on Columbus Avenue and East Twelfth Street. ¶For the first nine years, the church was administered by several priests. In February, 1912, Father Joseph Tomasi was appointed pastor by Bishop Farrelly and served almost fifteen years. During his pastorate there were many improve-

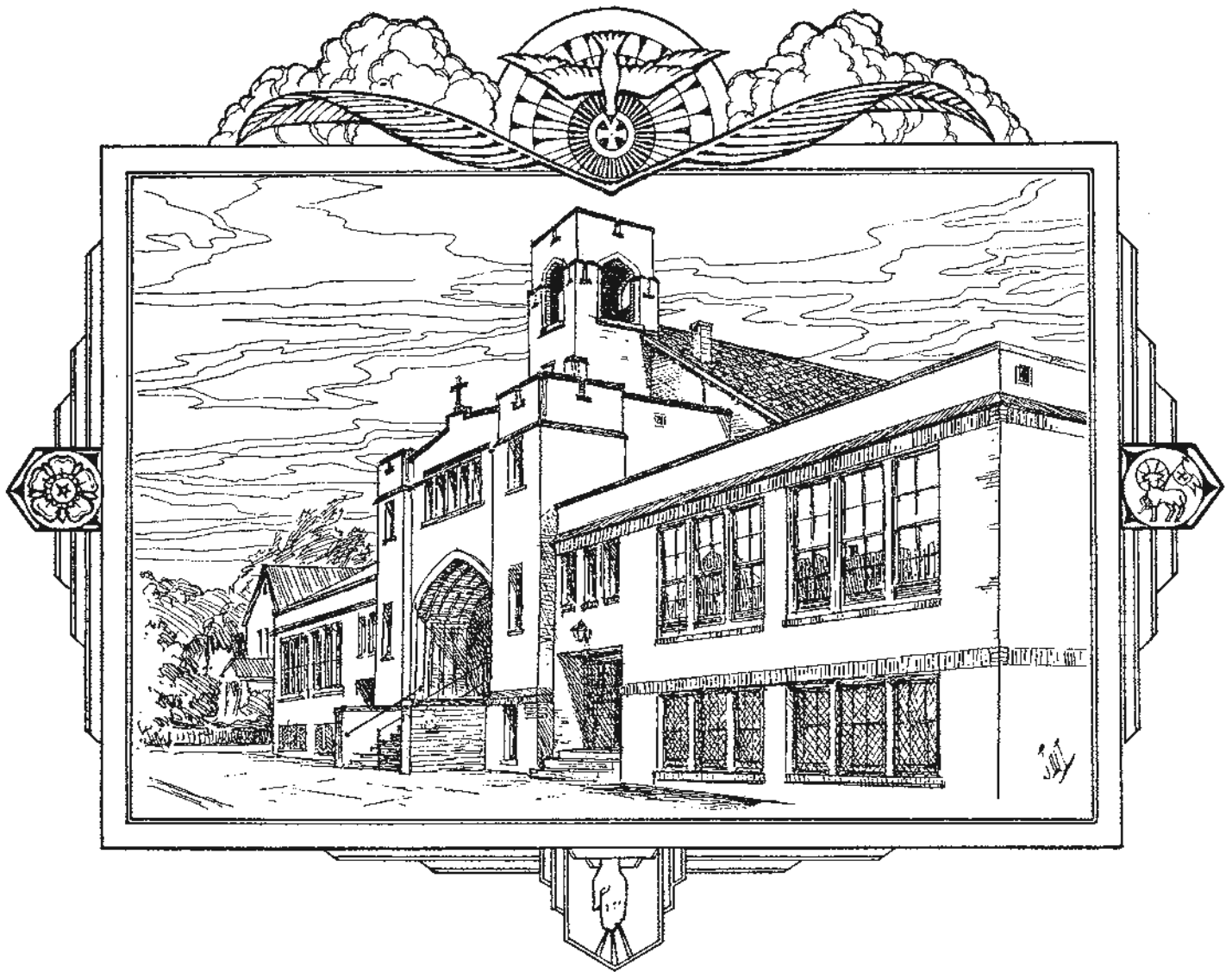
ments made and the church debt was paid. ¶The present pastor, Monsignor John J. Davidson, was appointed July 14, 1926. In September, 1942, a house located near the church building was purchased and Sisters Dolorosa, Mary Benedict and Consuela, of the Holy Humility of Mary, came to the parish to do catechetical and social work among the people. ¶Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is a frame structure; a combination of Spanish mission style and the Romanesque type of architecture. The church has since been repaired and brick veneered. ¶The well-woven spirit of unity and good will that exists among the faithful parishioners must gladden the heart of their beloved pastor, the Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Davidson, V.F., who has served them so faithfully. They answer every call of their pastor with energy and enthusiasm in regard to the maintenance of their church. They have a keen interest in everything pertaining to the furtherance of Catholic - continued on page 253

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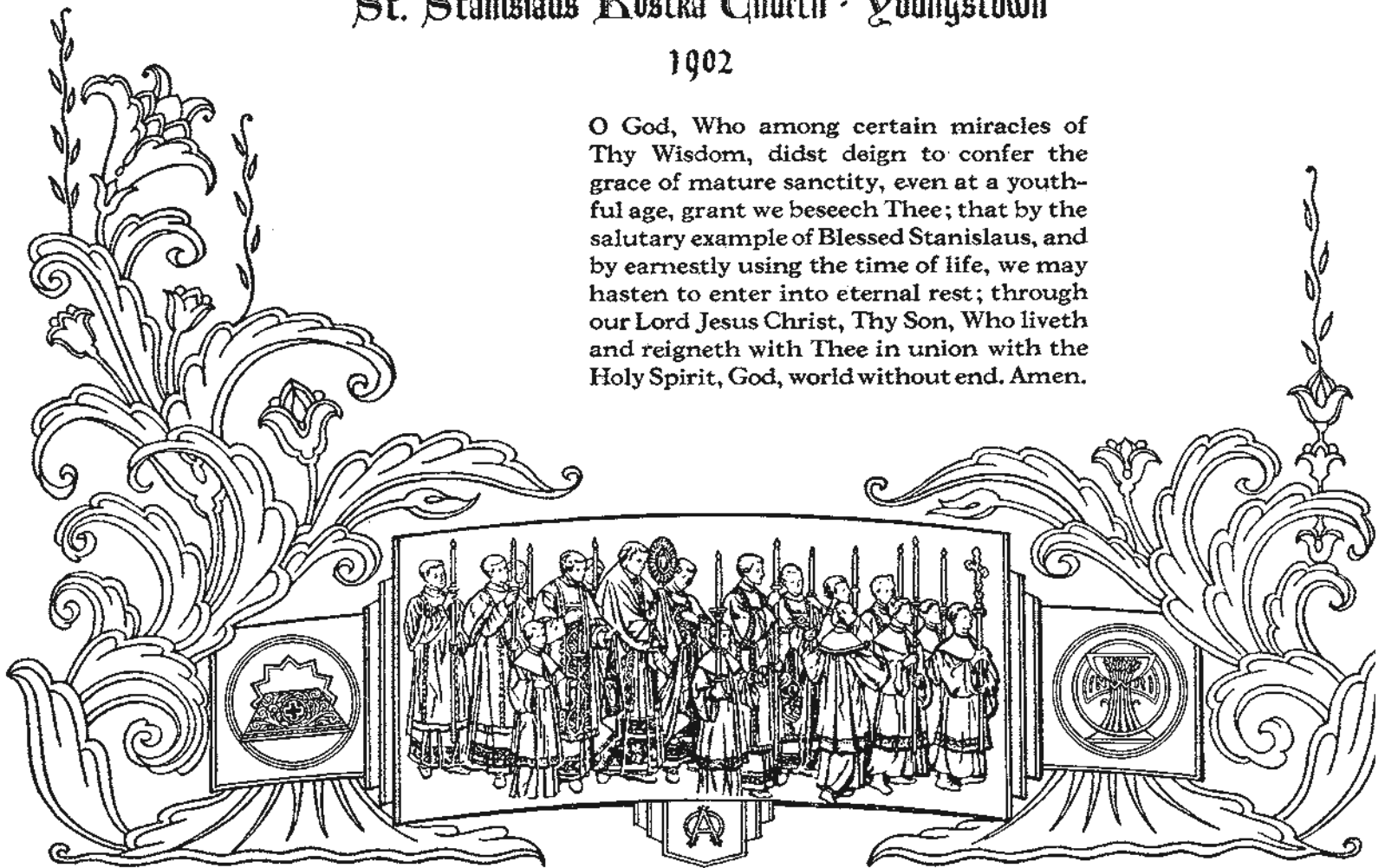




## St. Stanislaus Kostka Church · Youngstown

1902

O God, Who among certain miracles of Thy Wisdom, didst deign to confer the grace of mature sanctity, even at a youthful age, grant we beseech Thee; that by the salutary example of Blessed Stanislaus, and by earnestly using the time of life, we may hasten to enter into eternal rest; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in union with the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.





# St. Stanislaus Church

## Youngstown



BEFORE the turn of the century, St. Columba Parish had a considerable number of Polish-speaking parishioners whose understanding of English was limited. As a result, a movement began for the purpose of forming a congregation which could worship in the Polish language, and in 1902, such a group was organized as the parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka. This group met in the basement of St. Columba Church under the direction of the Reverend Charles Ruszkowski. The following year, a parcel of land was purchased, and the first church, a frame structure, was erected in 1904. Owing to the increasing population of Polish-speaking people in Youngstown during the next twenty years, it was found that the facilities had become inadequate, and a new and larger church building was erected. This structure was completed in 1925 and was dedicated by the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs in the same year. ¶The buildings of St. Stanislaus include a combination church and school, con-

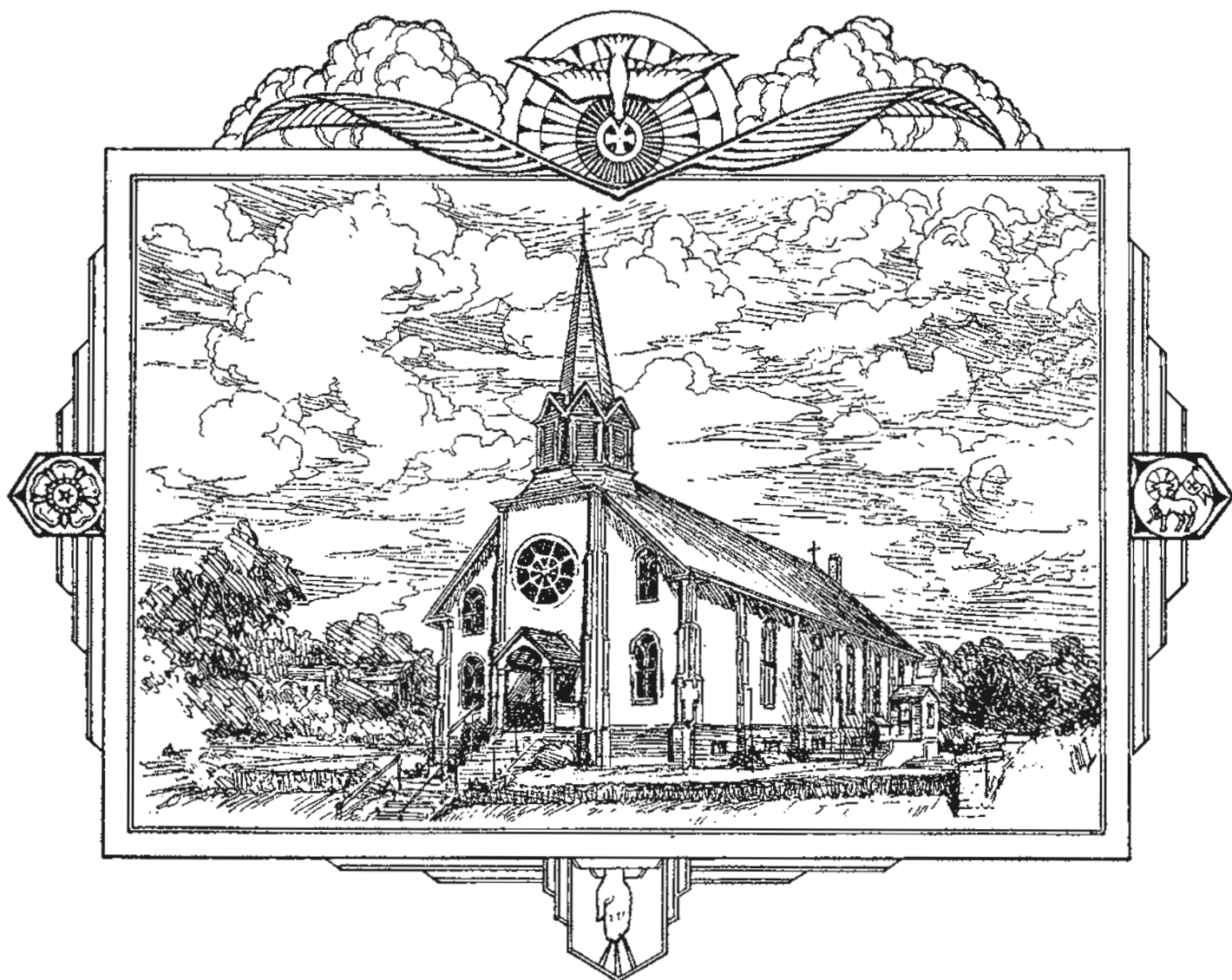
structed of buff brick in Romanesque style of architecture; an auditorium, having a two-manual pipe organ and finished in hard wood with plain painted walls; a parish house and a Sister's Convent. On the church is a tower containing one bell. The church windows are of art glass. Fully-equipped facilities are available for all social activities. ¶Under the able leadership of the present pastor, the Reverend John A. Grabowski, the progress of the parish has been most outstanding. The different organizations have supported him in all of his religious, social and financial programs. Substantial repairs and remodeling have been made. On the occasion of Father Grabowski's Twentieth Ordination Anniversary, he offered a Solemn High Mass in Thanksgiving for the wonderful support he has received from his flock, who helped him so generously in retiring the debt of the church -- a proclamation of glory to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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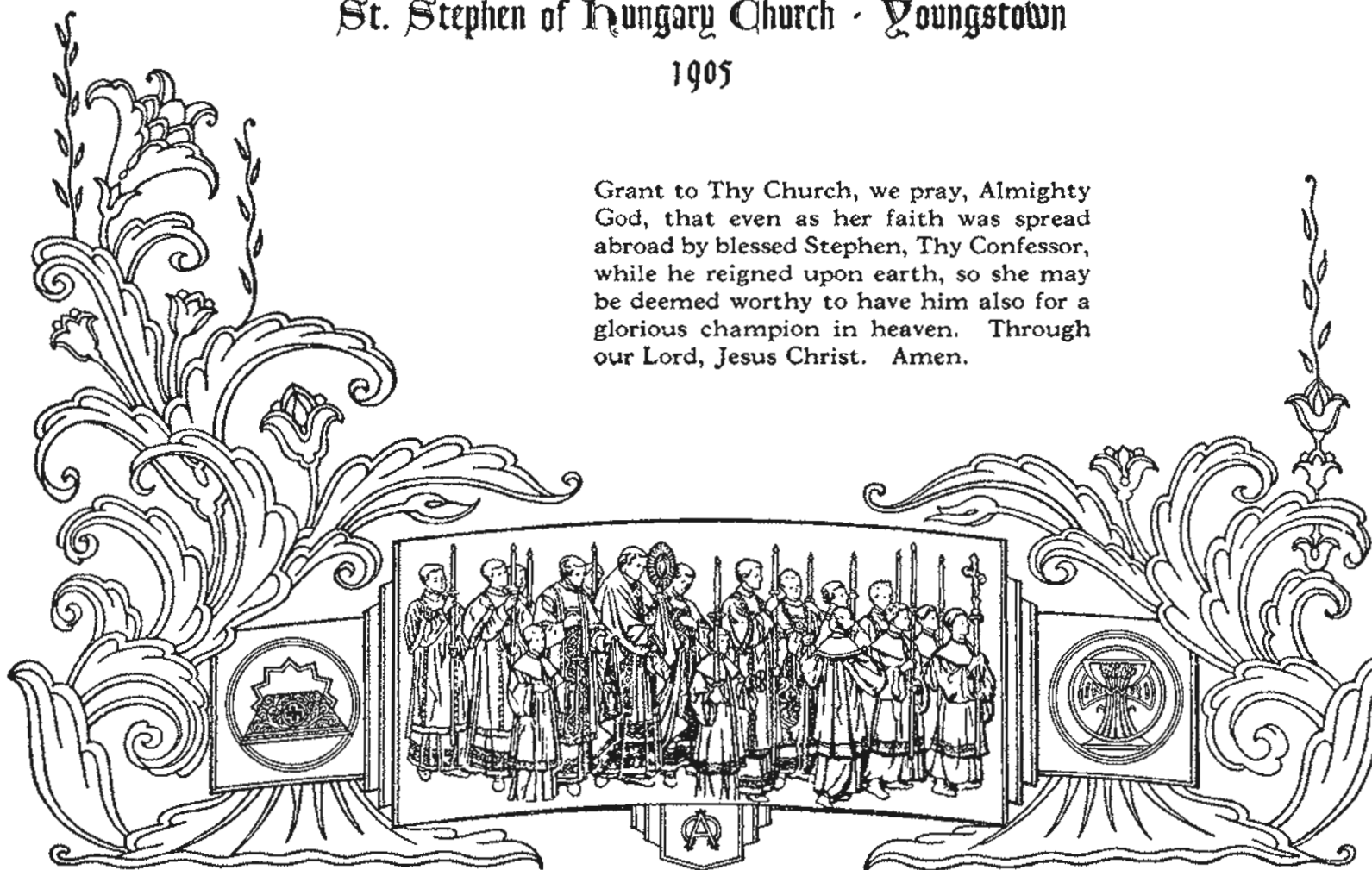
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## St. Stephen of Hungary Church · Youngstown 1905

Grant to Thy Church, we pray, Almighty God, that even as her faith was spread abroad by blessed Stephen, Thy Confessor, while he reigned upon earth, so she may be deemed worthy to have him also for a glorious champion in heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Stephen of Hungary

## Youngstown



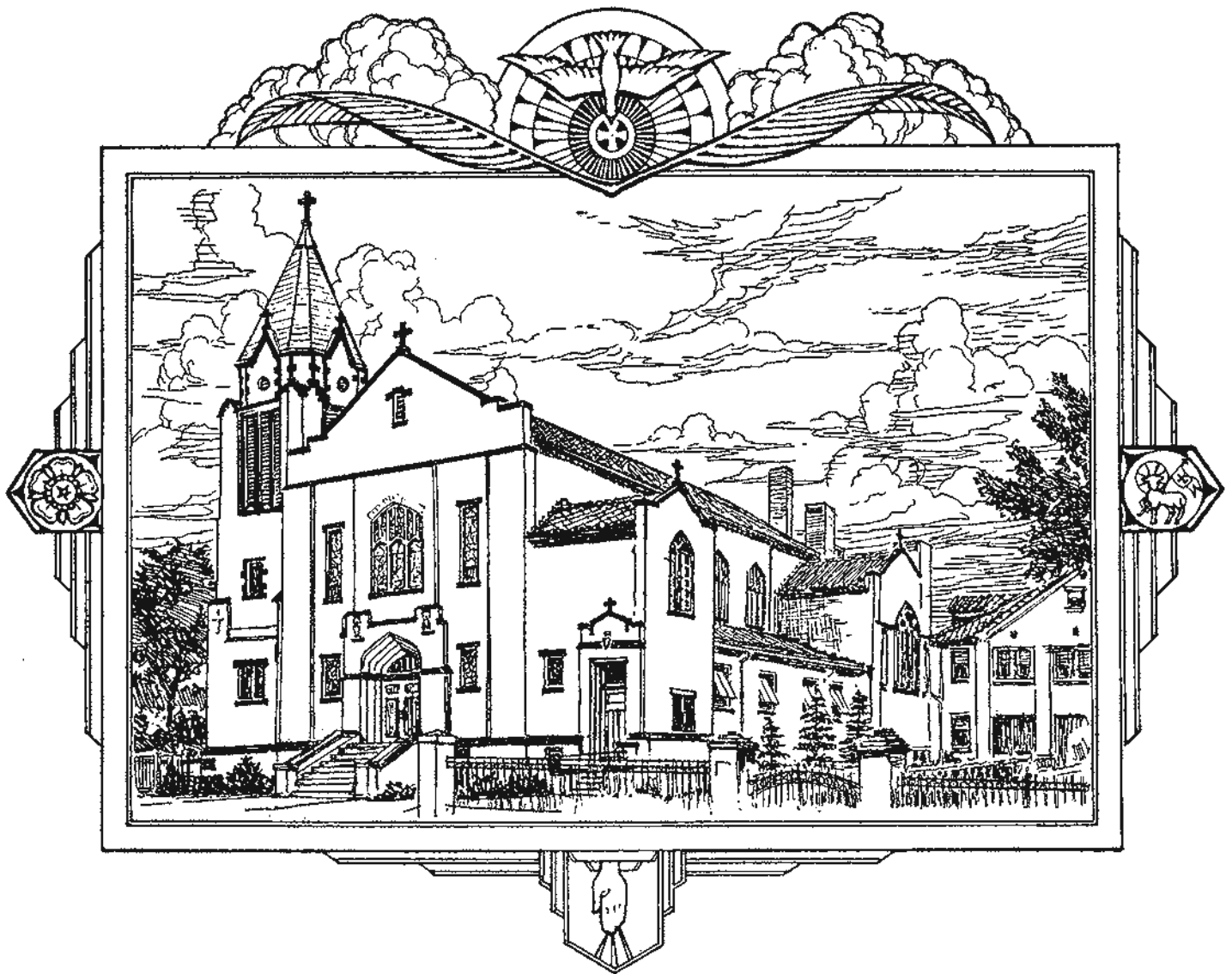
RIOR to the founding of St. Stephen of Hungary late in 1905, occasional services for Hungarian Catholics of Youngstown were conducted by the Reverend Charles Boehm, a missionary priest of Cleveland. The first Mass was celebrated on November 23, 1905, in a Roumanian hall by the Reverend John Kropacs, who was appointed as the first pastor. For a period of five years services were held in SS. Cyril and Methodius and St. Columba Churches until 1910, when erection of the present building was begun, and the dedication ceremonies were conducted later in the same year, making it possible for the members of the parish to have a church of their own in which to worship. ¶In 1931, the parish was placed under the care of the Franciscan Friars, and the Reverend Lawrence Biro, a member of that order,

was made administrator. ¶The church is a frame building, constructed in a modified Gothic style and contains the usual Catholic features. The tower, which is directly over the main entrance contains two bells. In 1918, a pipe organ was installed, and a considerable number of other improvements were made. Following the death of Father Biro in 1947, the Reverend John J. Vasko was appointed administrator of St. Stephen of Hungary. The number of Hungarian Catholics in the district has greatly increased, and the spirit of loyalty between the pastor and the faithful parishioners is reflected in the progress they made. They are joyfully anticipating the completion of their new church, the work having been started recently -- perseverance in devotion to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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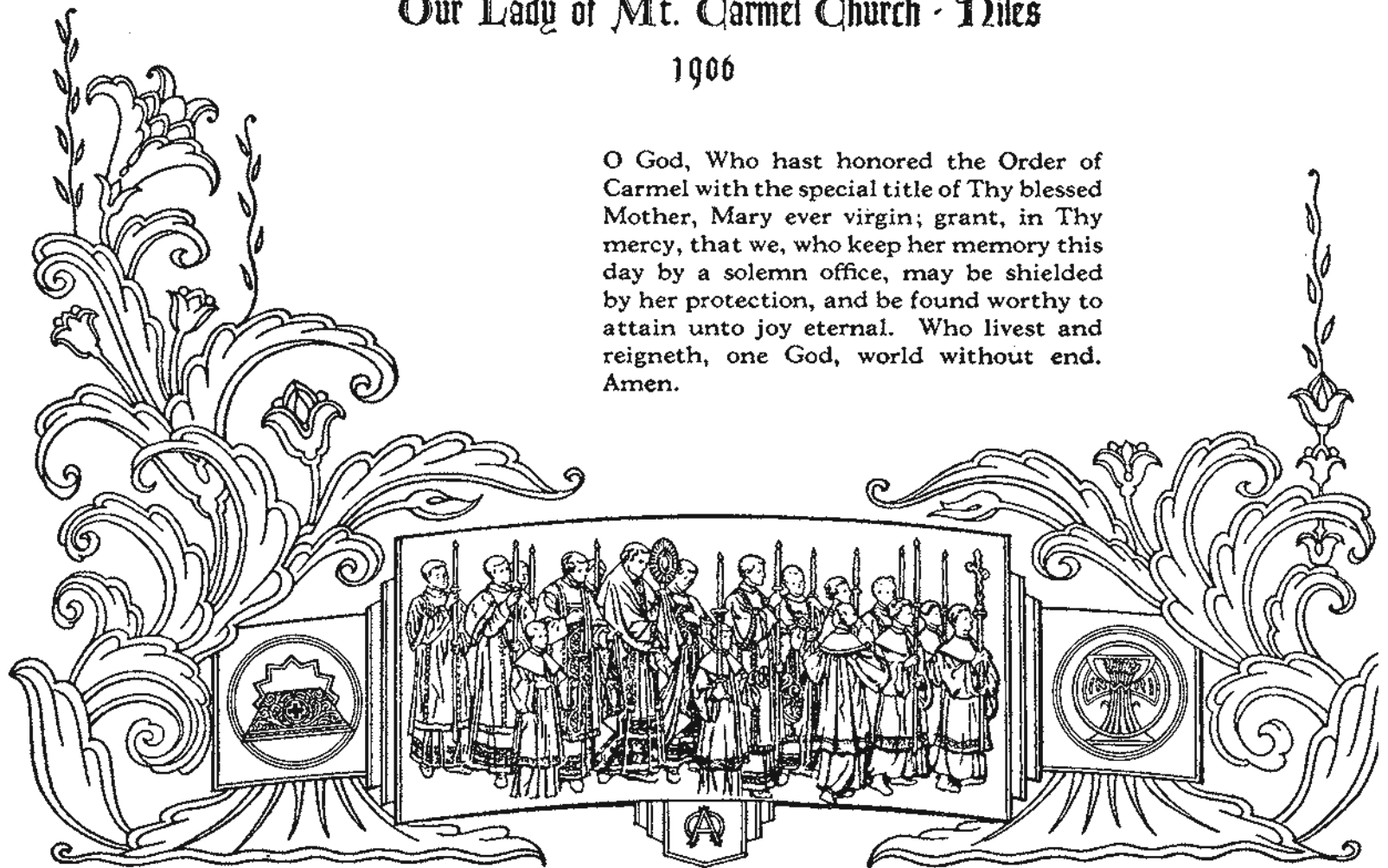




## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church - Niles

1906

O God, Who hast honored the Order of Carmel with the special title of Thy blessed Mother, Mary ever virgin; grant, in Thy mercy, that we, who keep her memory this day by a solemn office, may be shielded by her protection, and be found worthy to attain unto joy eternal. Who livest and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.





# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

## Niles

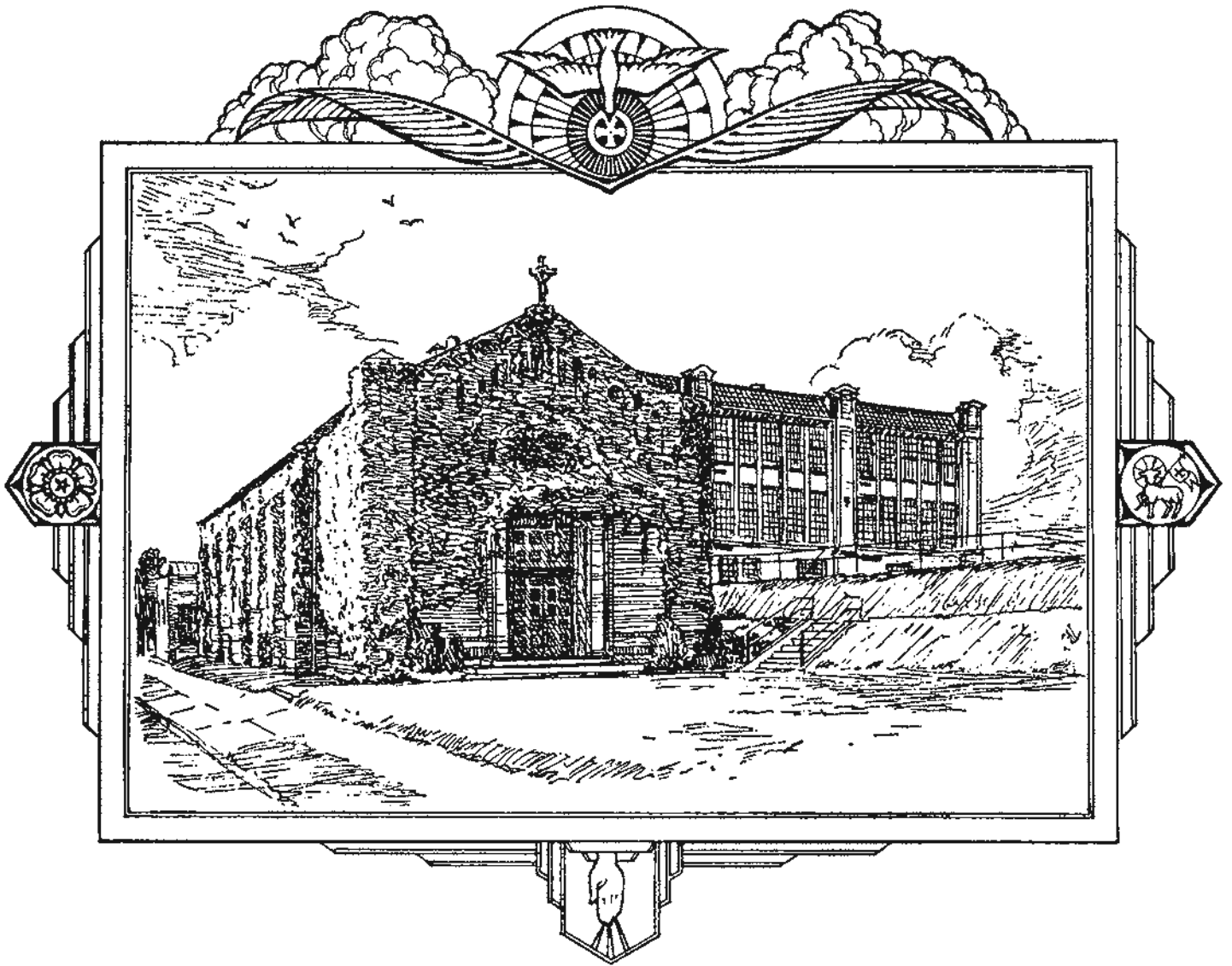


IN 1906, an Italian colony of Catholics in Niles was organized into the parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and was placed under the direction of the Reverend Vitus Franco, who served the parish from 1906 until 1911. Early Masses were celebrated in the Robbins homestead. In 1914, the parish was placed in the care of the Fathers of the Precious Blood, and the Very Reverend Nicholas Santoro, C. PP. S., was appointed as the resident priest. Construction of the present church was begun in 1924, and the first celebration of Mass occurred on Christmas Day of that year. Construction on the building was not completed until 1929. In 1936, the Robbins' home was razed to make a site for the construction of the parish house, which adjoins the building. The church edifice, which is constructed in the Gothic-Lombardo style of architecture, is built of brick and stone. It is equipped with art-glass windows and a large bell. Owing to the rapid increase in the membership of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and

the need for Catholic education for the children, the present pastor, the Reverend Oreste Cerbara, C.P.P.S., decided to build a new school. Funds were solicited, and many gifts such as radios, television sets, etc., were donated by friends and merchants of Niles -- all of which contributed toward making this school one of the most modern and best-equipped schools in the district. The cornerstone was laid by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden in April, 1949. At a very impressive ceremony, the new school was blessed in January, 1950, and placed in charge of the Sisters of the Adorers of the Precious Blood. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is surely one of the most flourishing parishes in the Diocese. Its recent development into a complete parish unit reflects great credit upon the zeal and untiring efforts of the Fathers of the Precious Blood and on the generosity of the Italian people of Niles. Both have contributed materially to the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese.

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## St. Paul Church - Canton

1907

O God, Who by the preaching of blessed Paul, the Apostle, didst teach the multitude of the Gentiles; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who celebrate his birthday, may also enjoy the benefit of his patronage. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.







# St. Paul Church

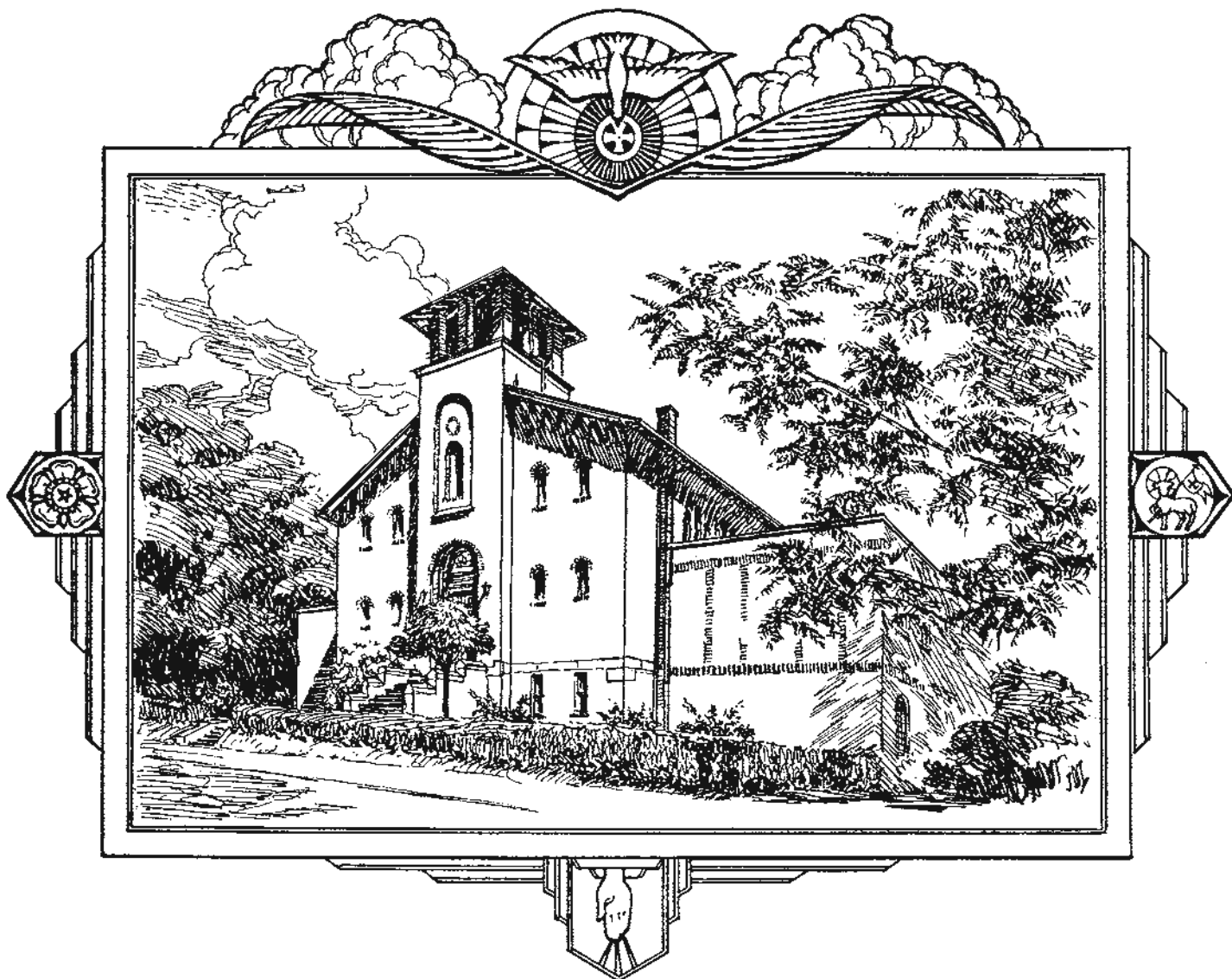
## Canton

**D**UE to a rapid growth in the Northeast Section of the City of Canton, it was deemed advisable early in the year 1907 to plan for a new Parish in order to provide for members of St. John and St. Peter Parishes who lived in this part of Canton. ¶The Bishop appointed Father J. M. Paulus to direct the work of organization and to assume the duties of pastor of the new St. Paul Parish. Under his able leadership, the parish was well organized and became firmly established. ¶In 1911, he was succeeded by the Reverend Wm. C. Zierolf, now Pastor of St. Mary in Sandusky, Ohio. ¶In 1919, the Reverend Father Zierolf was succeeded by Father John Schmitz. It was during his time as pastor that the new church was built. Father Schmitz remained in charge until 1924. He was succeeded by Father John A. Stefanic, now deceased. Father Stefanic was responsible for the building of the six-room school, in charge of the Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary. Five sisters and one lay teacher make up the personnel of the school. ¶Father Stefanic was succeeded by Father Ernest J. Smith, who came from Harrisburg, Ohio, July 6, 1948, after the death of Father Stefanic.

Father Petric, who came to St. Paul on May 6, 1946, ably assisted Father Stefanic and still serves in the same capacity at St. Paul. ¶In the last two years, many improvements have been made on the parish property. The interior of the church was redecorated and altars remodeled. Repairs have been made to the lighting fixtures and stained glass windows. ¶A very beautiful shrine of the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague has been installed. This was due to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Kark. A new baptismal font was donated by Mrs. James Hanlon in memory of the deceased members of her family. ¶The rectory has been completely renovated, and plans are in the making for enlarging and improving the Sisters' residence. ¶Much attention is being paid to the youth of the parish. A well established Catholic Youth Organization and High School Club have been productive of much good. The newly established Holy Name Society and the Rosary-Altar Society have been of invaluable assistance to the pastor. St. Paul has become an important part of Catholic life in Canton. It is now a fruitful source of faith in Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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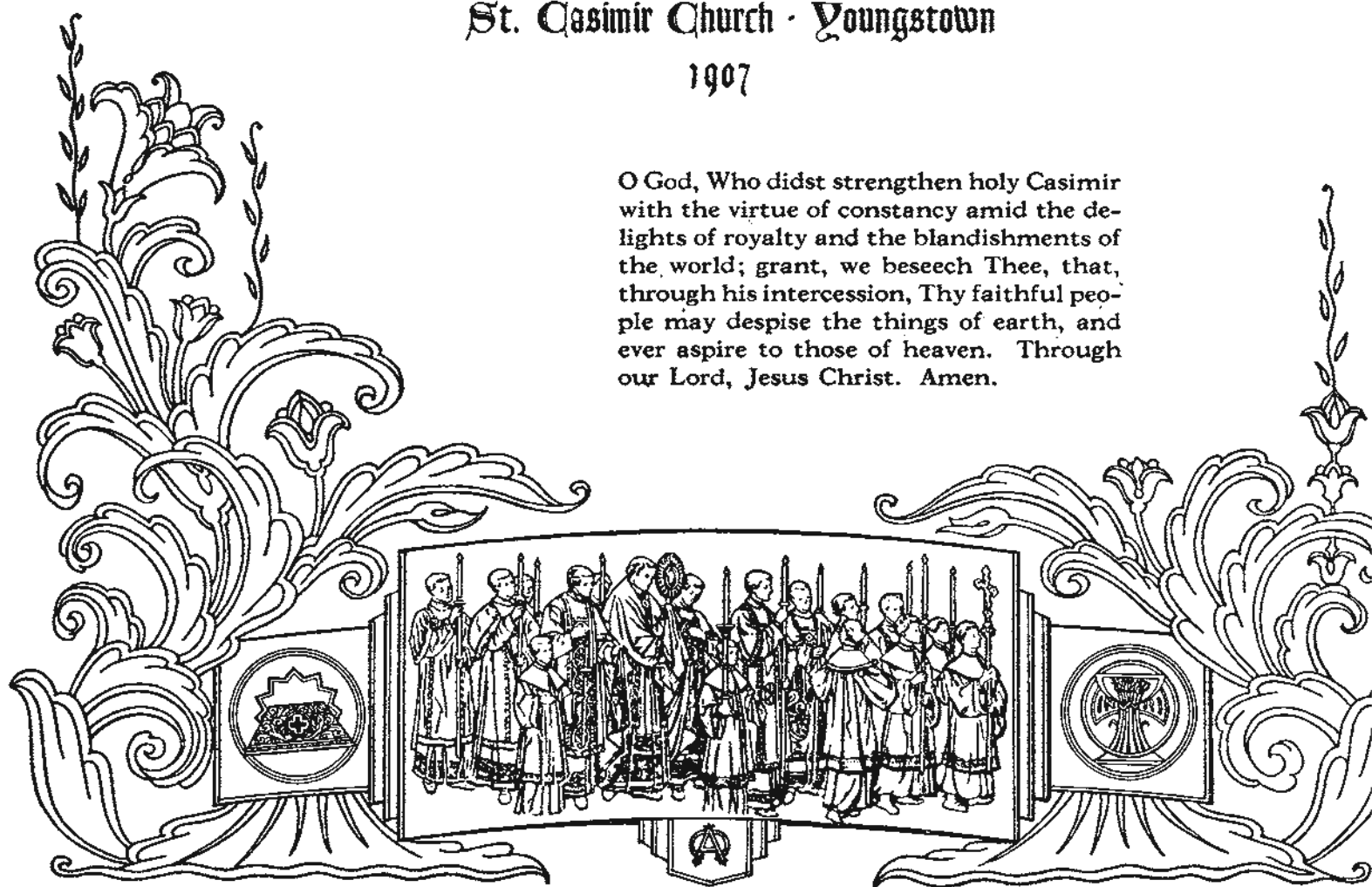




## St. Casimir Church · Youngstown

1907

O God, Who didst strengthen holy Casimir with the virtue of constancy amid the delights of royalty and the blandishments of the world; grant, we beseech Thee, that, through his intercession, Thy faithful people may despise the things of earth, and ever aspire to those of heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Casimir Church

## Youngstown

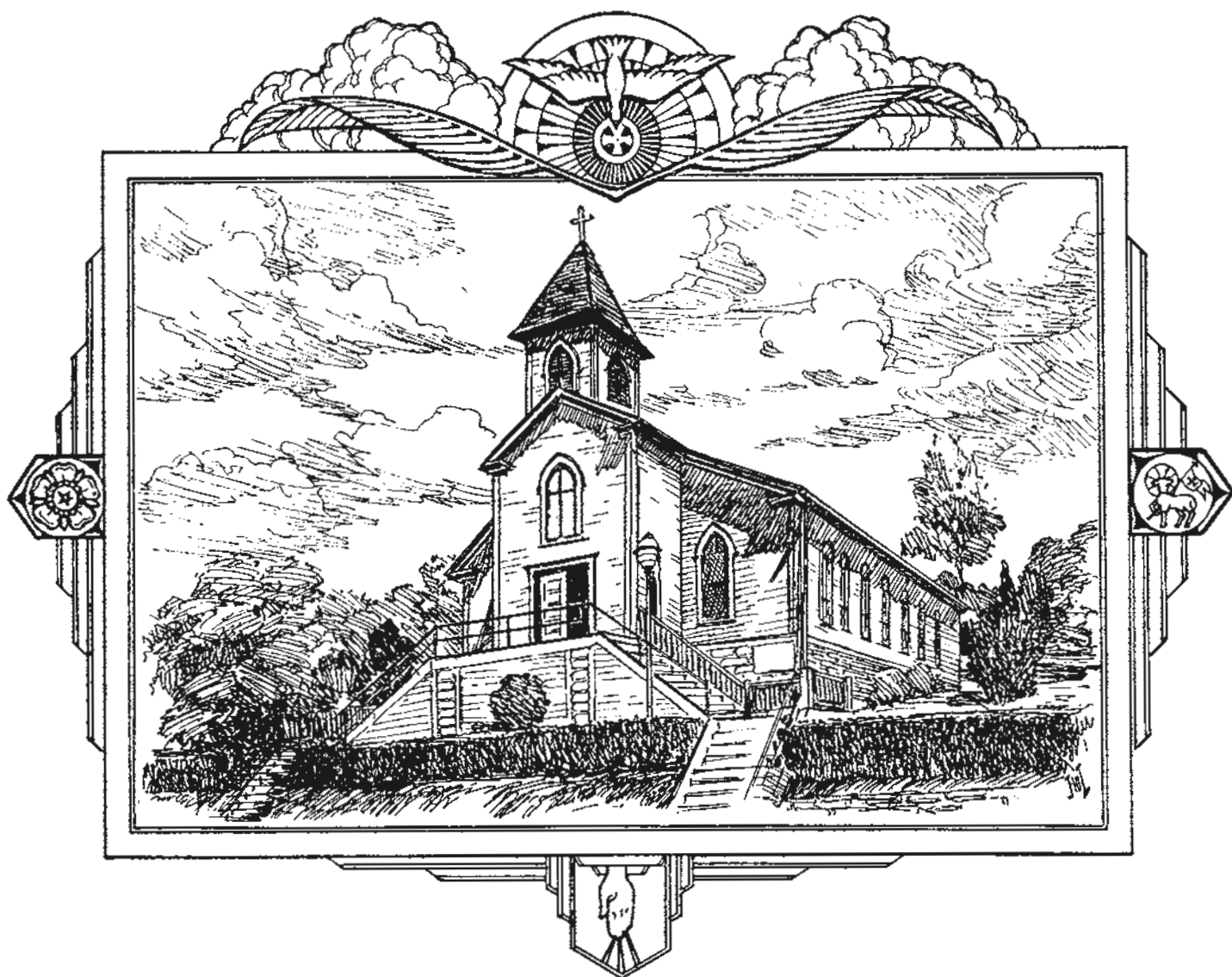


THE history of St. Casimir Roman Catholic Church can not be separated from the founding of the first mission for Polish-speaking people in Youngstown. On November 19, 1901, with the help of the late Monsignor Klute, the Polish-speaking people from all parts of Youngstown united. Two weeks later, Father Ruszkowski celebrated the first Mass for them in the first Polish Mission, in old St. Columba Church on the corner of Hazel and Wood Streets. Under the guidance of the Reverend Father Francis Siatecki, in the summer of 1907, a campaign was begun to establish a church for Polish-speaking people on Brier Hill. An old German club house and surrounding gardens, located at 149 Jefferson Street, were purchased for the new church to be known as St. Casimir Roman Catholic Church. In October, 1907, the newly purchased building was ready. It was consecrated by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Koudelka of Cleveland. Father Siatecki was appointed its first pastor. The present structure, a combination brick church

and school, in modified Spanish architecture, was erected under the direction of Father Ignatius Dembowski and was dedicated July 3, 1927. In September, 1927, the first parish school was opened by him in the four class rooms adjoining the church. In the fall of 1950, a new order of Sisters, the Sisters of the Holy Ghost from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, took over teaching duties at St. Casimir. A new rectory was completed in December, 1950, on the site of the old one. Under the direction of the Right Reverend Monsignor Louis Kazmirski, the new ten-room brick structure promises to be a substantial dwelling for the clergy of the parish in years to come. Father Francis Siatecki did the ground work of establishing a parish. Father Stanislaus Jastrzebski continued the work begun by Father Siatecki, taking great interest in improving the grounds and adding the sanctuary necessities. Father Rybacki completely restored and refurnished the rectory. He installed a new heating system and renovated the church. - continued on page 253







## Holy Trinity Church · Struthers

1907

Almighty, everlasting God, Who in the confession of the true faith hast given Thy servants to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of majesty to adore the Unity; grant, we beseech Thee, that by steadfastness in this same faith we may evermore be defended from all adversity. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# Holy Trinity Church

## Struthers



**N**ATIONAL groups have been identified with the Diocese of Youngstown from a very early period. Catholics of Slovak extraction were affiliated with the Diocese as early as the year 1890. The first parish to be organized as a distinct Slovak organization was SS. Cyril and Methodius, founded in 1896. Many of these families lived in Struthers and found it inconvenient to attend Mass in Youngstown. In 1907, these people, at a meeting of Catholic Slovak Men's "Jednota" Branch 259, of the Society of St. Michael the Archangel, petitioned for a new parish in Struthers. The petition was accepted by Bishop Horstmann, of Cleveland, and Father Paul Herman was sent to organize the parish of Holy Trinity on October 7, 1907. ¶The first Mass was celebrated in the present church building the following December, and Father Melchoir Furst was assigned as the first resident pastor. The building was dedicated

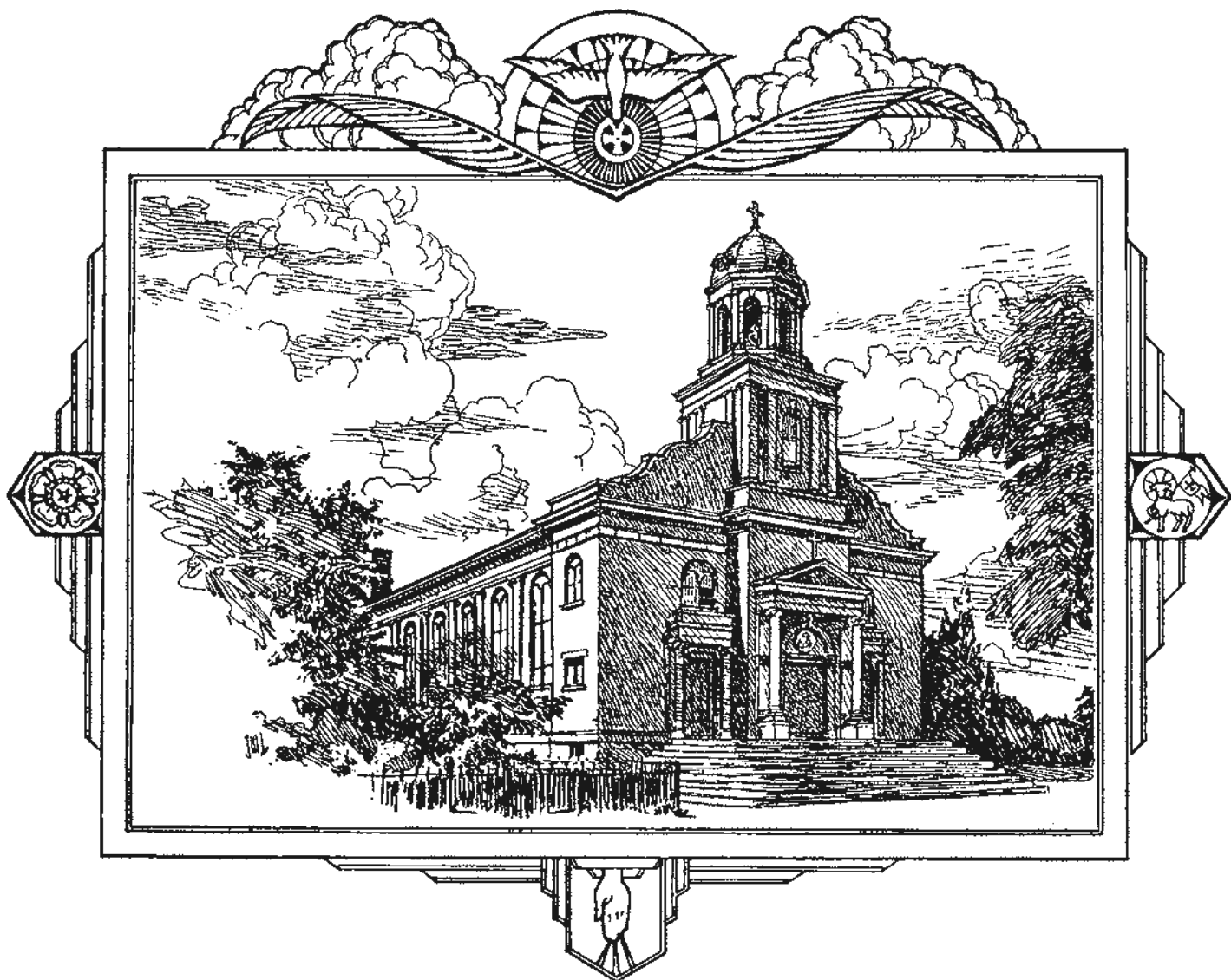
December 7, 1910. The brick school was erected in the same year. In 1916, the Sisters' home was constructed, and the school building was enlarged. A property on a hill north of Struthers was purchased for outdoor events in 1918, and in the following year the auditorium opposite the church was built. The latter is used for club and social activities. The church is a rectangular frame building. The windows are made of colored glass, and the church possesses one bell. ¶Under the leadership of Father George R. Bobal, supported by the cooperation of his loyal parishioners, a great deal of progress has been made. The church buildings have been renovated and repaired, and the school has an enrollment of about one hundred twenty-five pupils. All social activities and religious ceremonies are well attended -- a precious gift of faith to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church - Youngstown 1908

O God, Who hast honored the Order of Carmel with the special title of Thy blessed Mother, Mary ever virgin; grant, in Thy mercy, that we, who keep her memory this day by a solemn office, may be shielded by her protection, and be found worthy to attain unto joy eternal. Who livest and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.







# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

## Youngstown

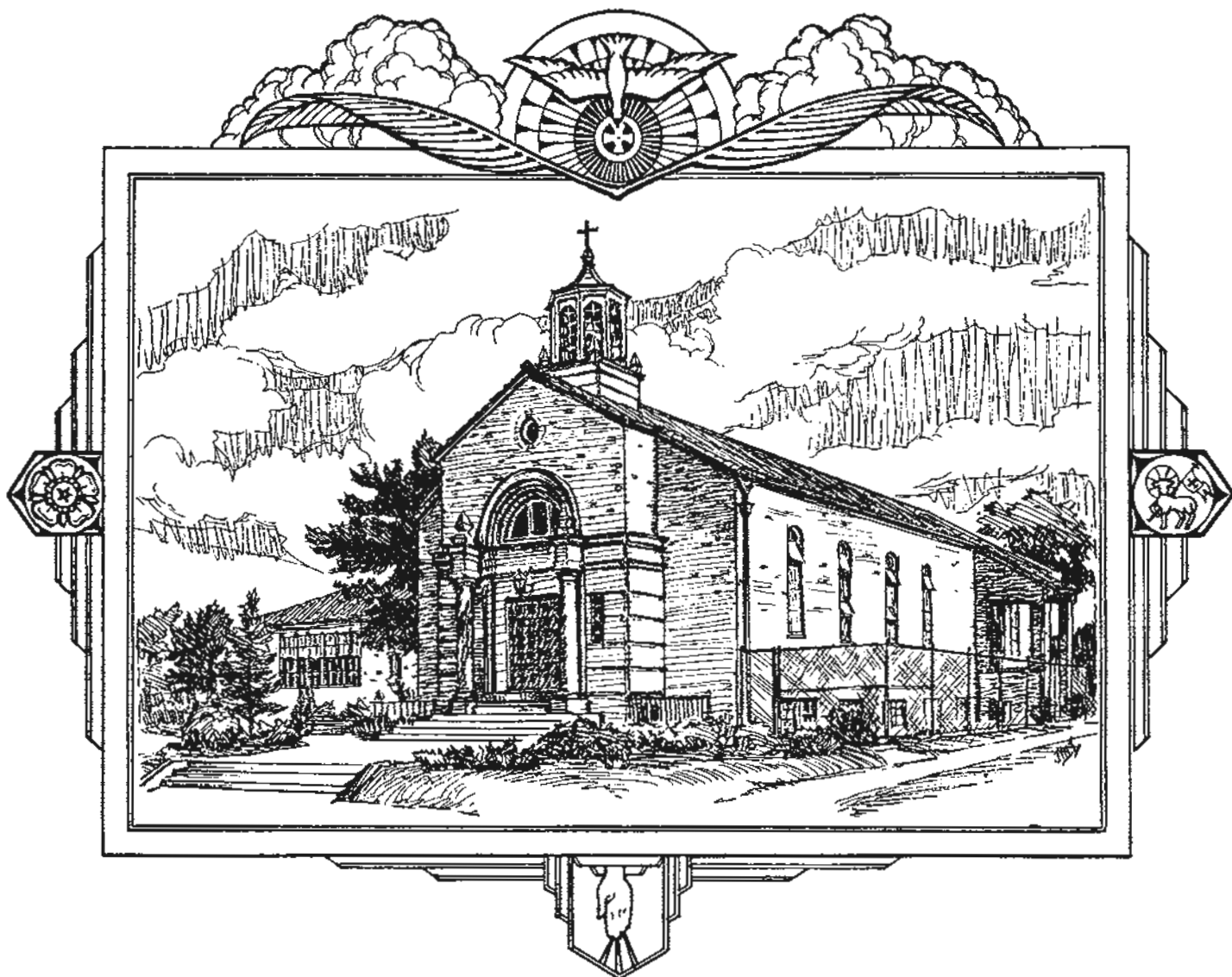


THROUGH the efforts of a group of Italian Catholics under the leadership of Louis Adovasio and Frank Zarlengo, the parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was organized in 1908. Co-operating in this work were the Reverend Emmanuel Stabile, the first pastor, and the Reverend Vitus Franco, the present pastor, then serving St. Anthony. For two months in 1908, services were held in the basement of St. Columba Church. The congregation then moved to the basement of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, conducting services there until late in 1910. The basement of the present church was completed in 1913. In 1922 it was necessary to rebuild the entire interior of the church as the result of a disastrous fire, which occurred in the same year. The work was made possible by parishioners and friends, who generously gave of their time and money to acquire funds for the project. On Palm Sunday in 1923 the renovated church was dedicated. In recognition of his services to the Italian population of Youngstown, Father Franco was decor-

ated with the Order of Knight of the Crown of Italy in 1932. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is constructed of red brick in the Romanesque design. The bell in the tower over the entrance to the church was imported from Italy, and is a replica of a bell which was used in an Italian village church. Memorial windows of art glass, donated by church societies and members of the parish, allows the sun to light the plain interior. From a small scattered group of people forty-two years ago, the parish has grown into a well-organized unit participating in all forms of Catholic life. The members of the parish and the different organizations of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel have supported the pastor in all programs for the betterment of the church. All religious ceremonies and social activities are attended enthusiastically by the parishioners. Special catechism instructions are arranged for the youth of the parish in the furtherance of Catholic Action. It is their dream to build a new school as soon as possible -- a beautiful token of devotion to Christ.

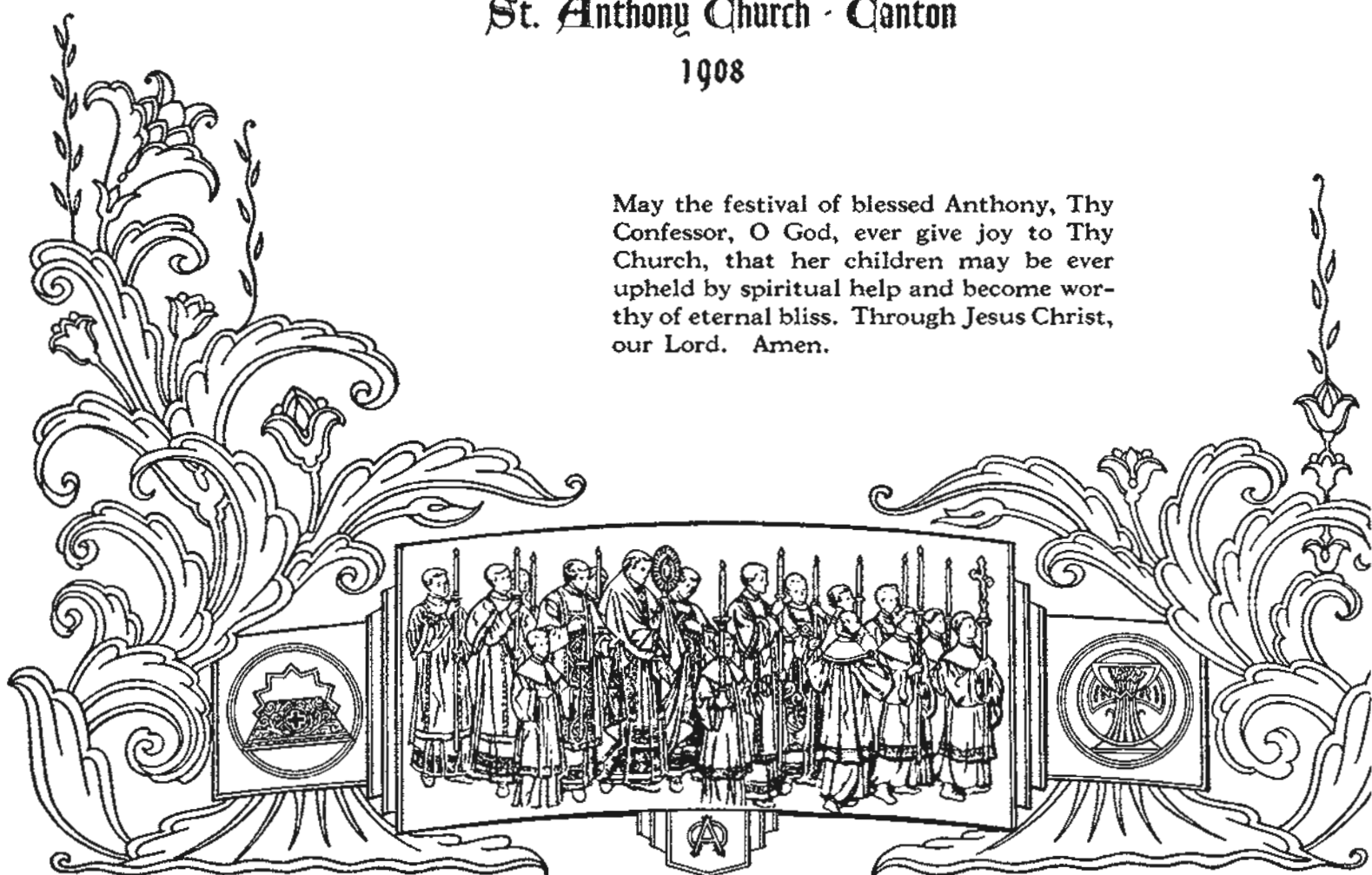
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St. Anthony Church - Canton  
1908

May the festival of blessed Anthony, Thy Confessor, O God, ever give joy to Thy Church, that her children may be ever upheld by spiritual help and become worthy of eternal bliss. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





# St. Anthony Church

## Canton



BECAUSE the Catholics of Italian extraction, in the parish of St. Peter in Canton, felt that there was a definite need to have services conducted in their native tongue, the Most Reverend Ignatius F. Horstmann assigned an Italian priest, Father Adolph Casianelli, the task of organizing a parish for this purpose. For a year services were held in St. Peter Church. In 1908 the parish was formally organized. Father Casianelli was appointed as the first pastor. On a lot which was purchased by the congregation on Liberty Avenue, the first church was erected and was fully completed in October of 1908. This church was used until December 11, 1927, when the present church edifice was completed and dedicated. The old building has since been razed, but the lot on which it was located is still the property of the parish. The priest's residence was erected in 1928, and two years later the Sisters home was completed. The present combination structure of a church and school is constructed in the Spanish mission type of

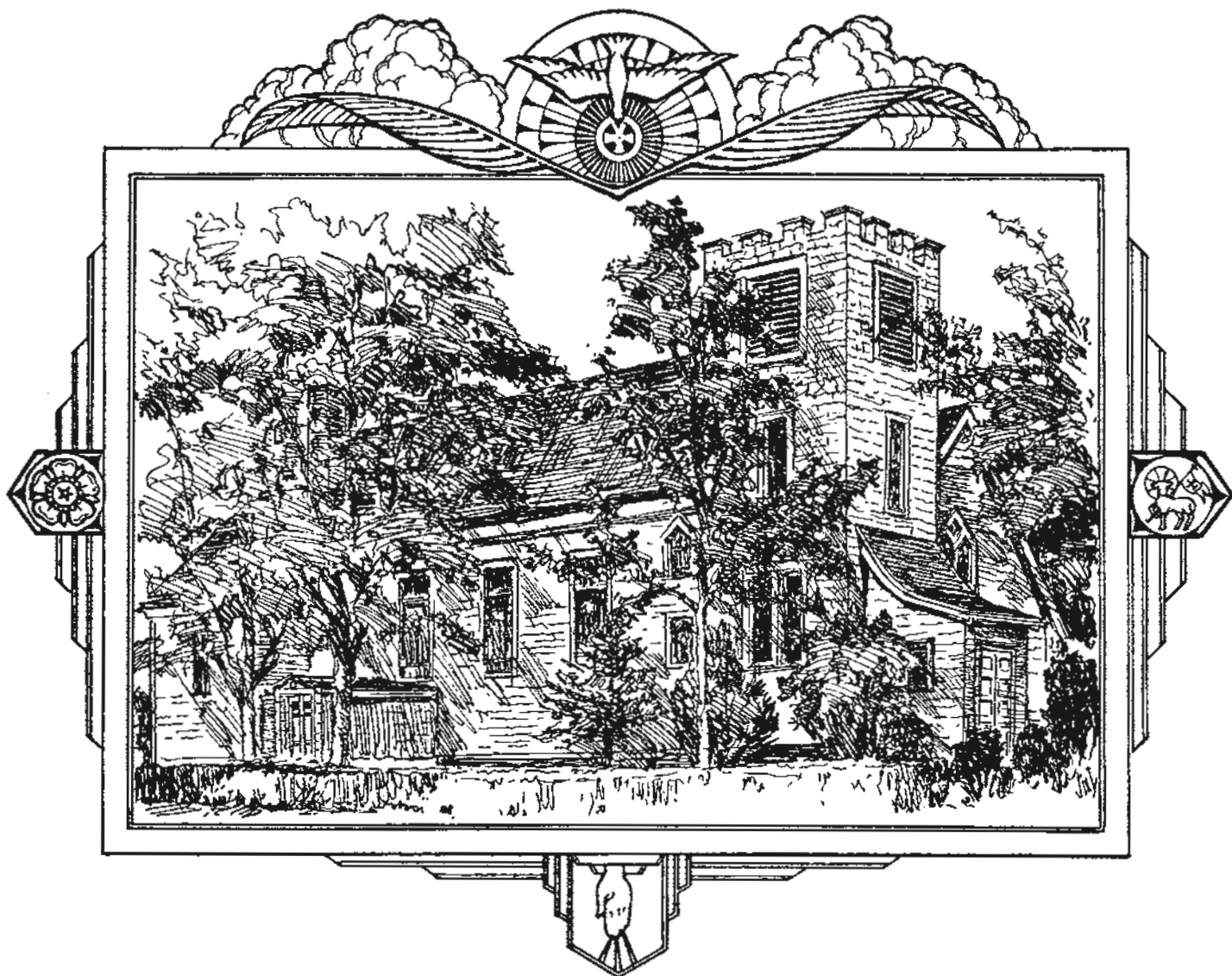
architecture. It is a one-story, L-shaped building, the southeast arm of which forms the school. The windows are of colored glass and have no inscriptions. The closed bell tower contains one bell and is surmounted by a Latin cross. A steel flag pole stands in the center of the church lawn and is embedded in a large concrete base, on the front of which is a large cross in relief. All the buildings are constructed of light-buff brick and harmonize to make an attractive setting. Through the able administration and untiring effort of the pastor, the Reverend James P. McLaughlin, together with the members of his faithful congregation, who take a great deal of pride in their church, much advancement has been made at St. Anthony. The school has an enrollment of approximately one hundred seventy pupils. All religious ceremonies are well attended, and the parishioners enthusiastically join with Father McLaughlin in arranging social and educational programs for the youth of the parish -- a monument of love and endeavor for Christ the King.



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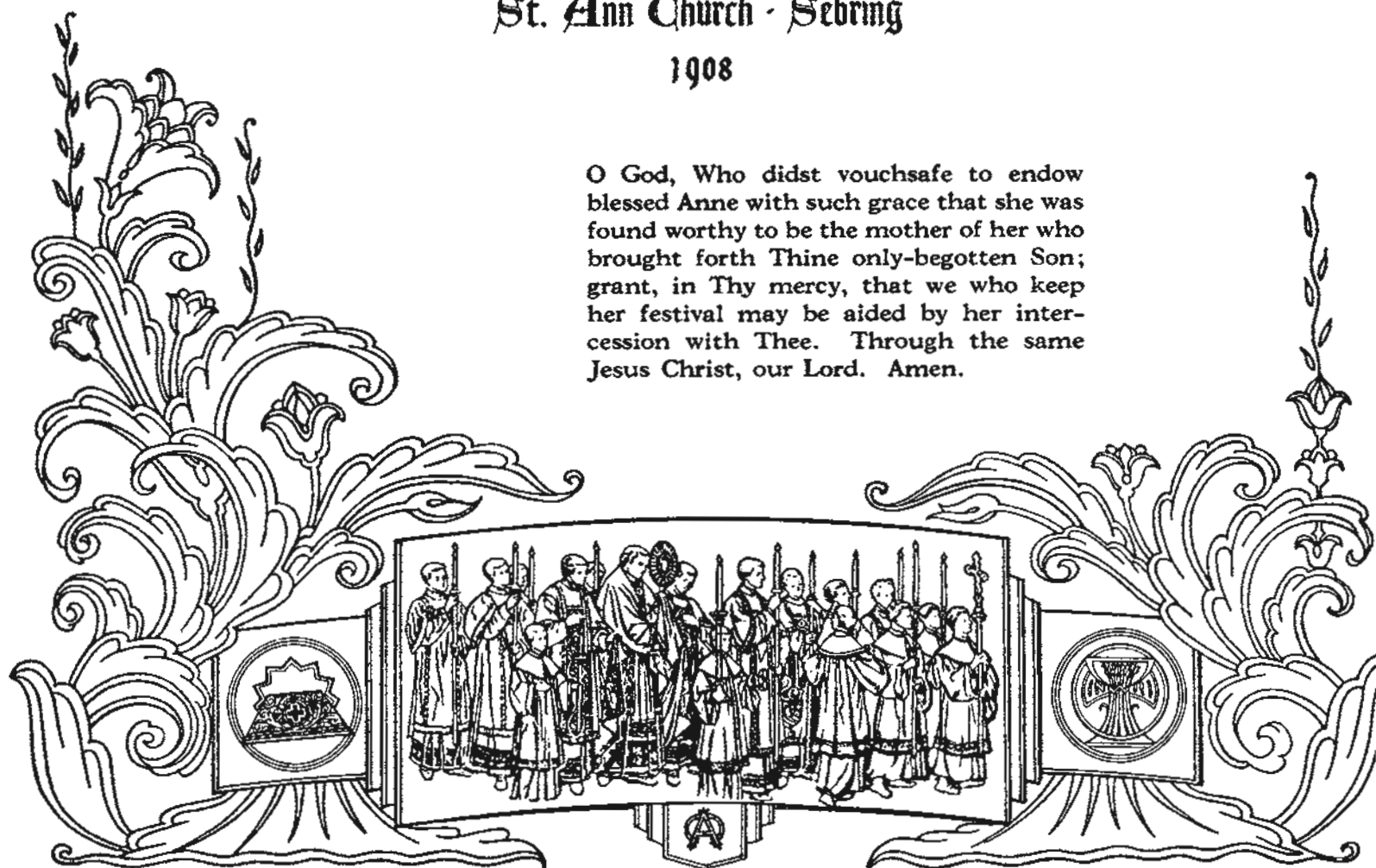




## St. Ann Church - Sebring

1908

O God, Who didst vouchsafe to endow blessed Anne with such grace that she was found worthy to be the mother of her who brought forth Thine only-begotten Son; grant, in Thy mercy, that we who keep her festival may be aided by her intercession with Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





# St. Ann Church

## Sebring



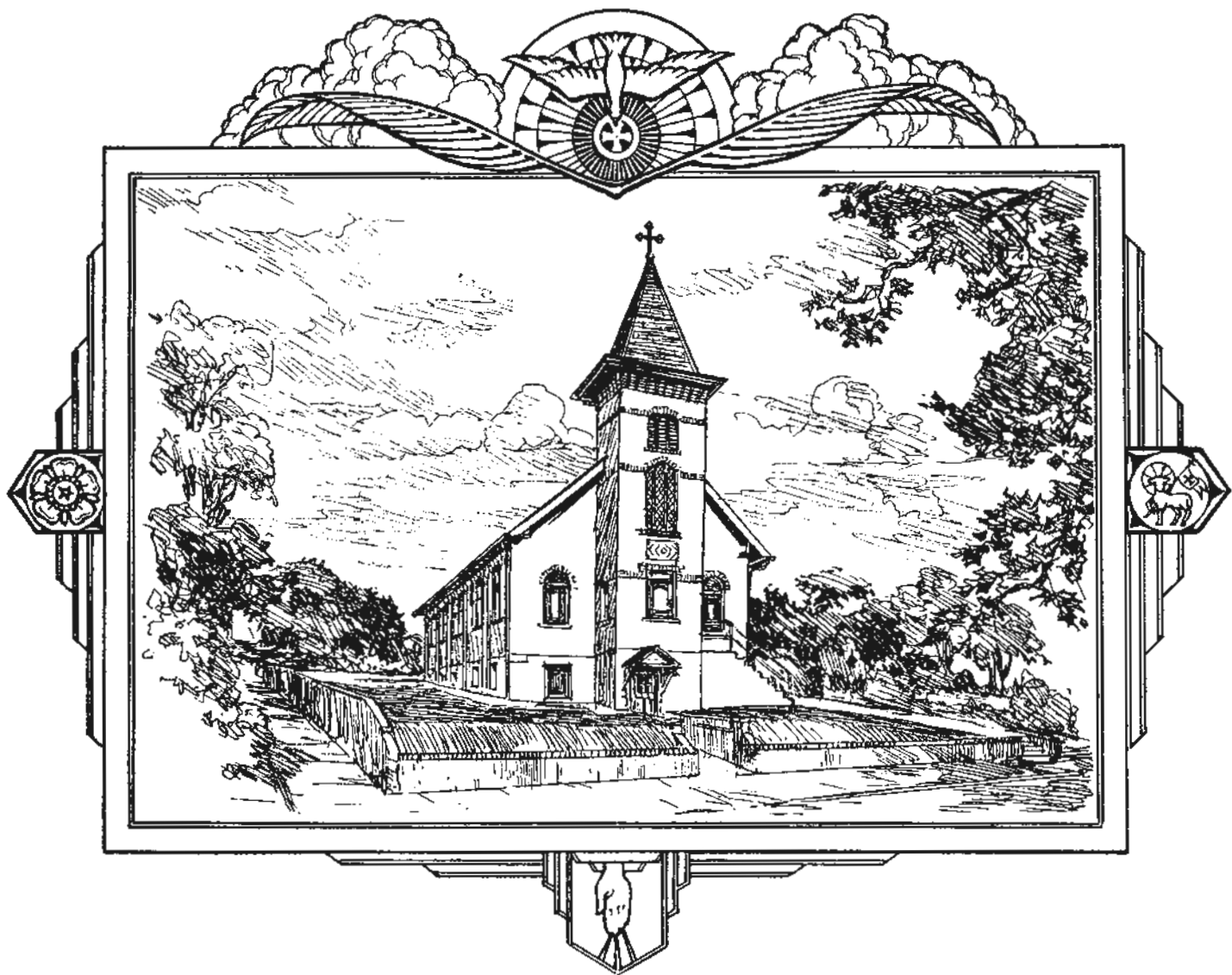
GROUP of Sebring Catholics, for whom services were held intermittently for several years, began organizing a parish in August, 1908. Father George C. Schoeneman was selected to supervise the promotion of this project. Father Schoeneman was succeeded by the Reverend Thomas Hanrahan, who completed the organization of the new parish. ¶The cornerstone of the present church was laid on July 31, 1910. The structure is a gray-shingled, one-story, mission-type building. A square-louvered entrance tower, which contains one bell, is built on the north side of the facade. This gives a friendly, substantial tone to the small structure. The altars of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the patron saint of the church, St. Ann, are flanked on either side of two pedestaled statues of the Blessed Virgin and of St. Joseph. On the north and south walls of the church are the Stations of the Cross. These are interspersed with memorial windows, which were donated by members of the parish. A reed organ is located

in the choir. ¶In 1921, during the pastorate of the Reverend Joseph A. Powers, the present rectory was built. Prior to his retirement in 1930, Father Powers served the parish for a period of seventeen years. He was succeeded by Father Victor Studer, who ministered to the needs of the parishioners from 1930 until his death in 1934. For a period of four months after the death of Father Studer, the White Fathers were in charge of St. Ann Parish. From 1934, the parish was served by the Reverend J. Francis Dietz, whose pastorate ended with his death in 1944. ¶A warm spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation exists between the parishioners of St. Ann and their present pastor, the Reverend Ferris J. Petros. All of the religious ceremonies and social events, which are conducted by the parish, are well attended. Special catechetical instruction is given to the youth to train them in the principles of their religion -- so that they may become valiant soldiers of Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist!

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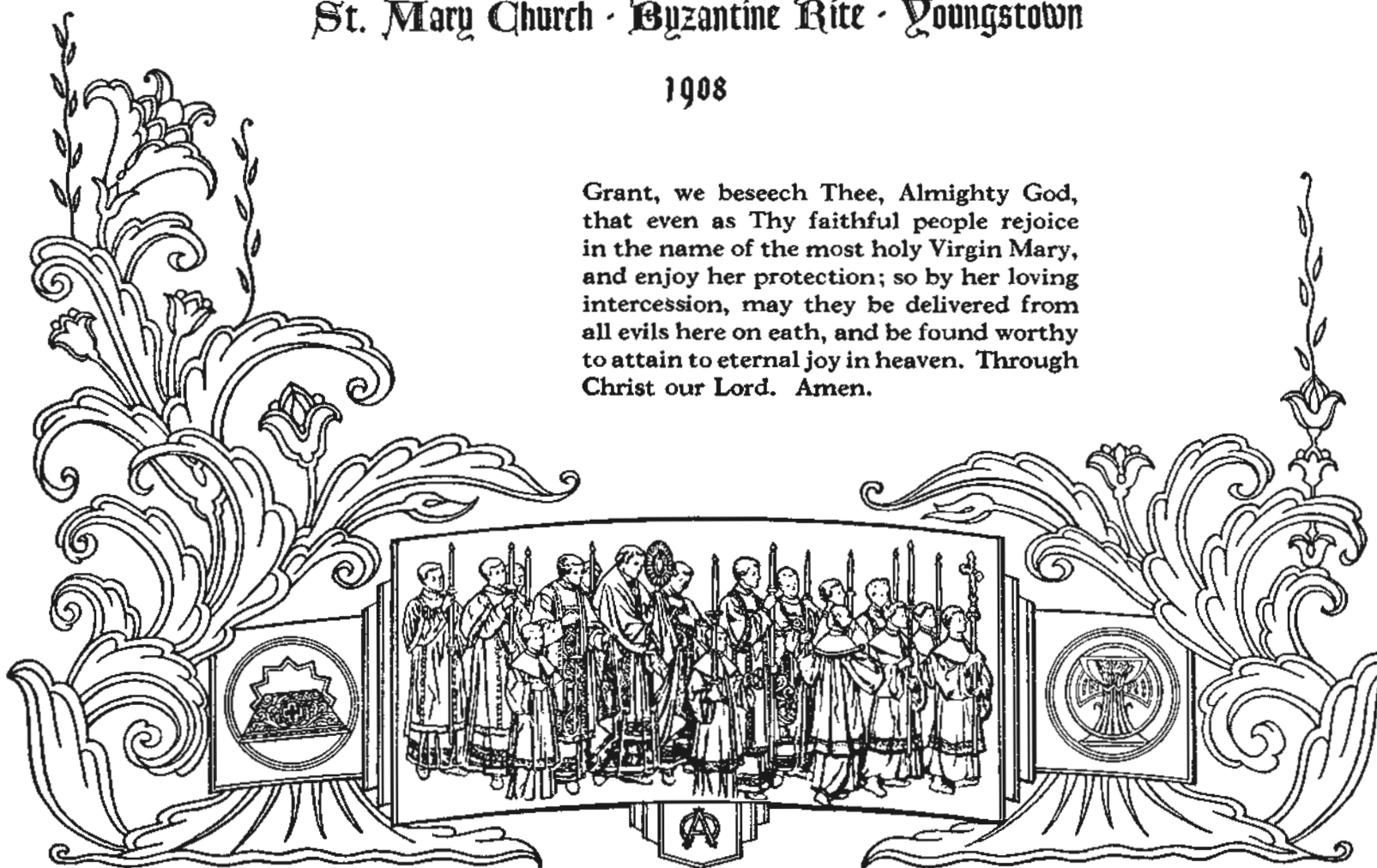
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## St. Mary Church · Byzantine Rite · Youngstown

1908

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that even as Thy faithful people rejoice in the name of the most holy Virgin Mary, and enjoy her protection; so by her loving intercession, may they be delivered from all evils here on earth, and be found worthy to attain to eternal joy in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.







# St. Mary Church

## Youngstown

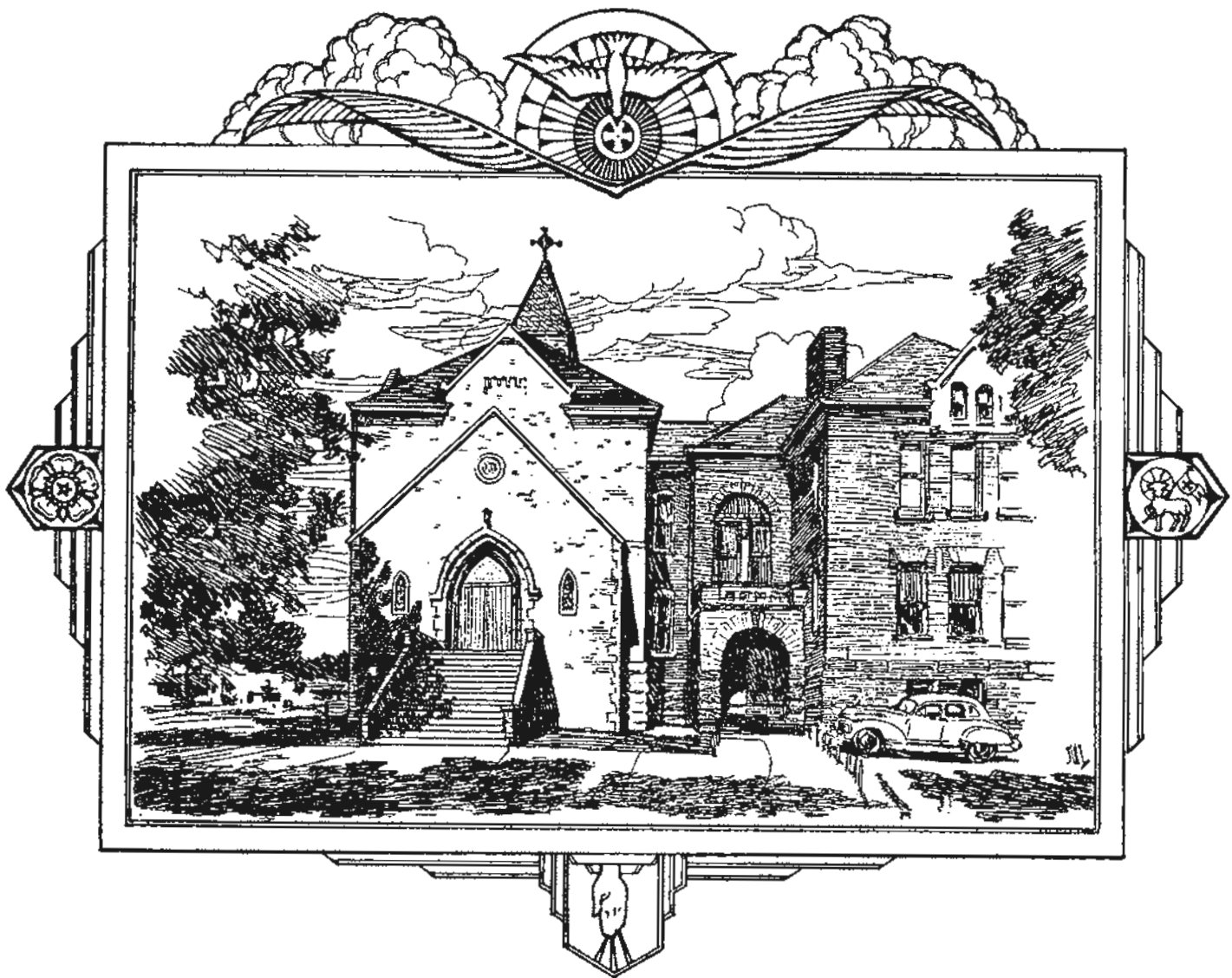


IN 1906, the first attempt was made to organize a Catholic Church in Youngstown for residents who worshipped in the Roumanian Byzantine Rite. This came about through the preliminary work of the Reverend Cornelius Lenghel, who came here from Transylvania, then a part of Hungary. Father Lenghel remained about a year only. From April 1, 1907, until St. Mary Parish was organized the following year, the work was carried on by two priests from St. Helena Parish of Cleveland. The first of these priests to succeed Father Lenghel was the Reverend Epaminondas Lucaciu; the second was the Reverend Alexander Nicolescu, who later became Archbishop and Metropolitan of Alba Iulia and Fagaras in Roumania. Until the present St. Mary Church was completed in 1909, services were held in St. Columba Church. In 1910, the Reverend Alexander Pop was appointed as first

resident pastor. In the same year, the building was blessed by Bishop John Farrelly. ¶In 1915, the basement was enlarged to provide a dining hall and a kitchen. In addition to these improvements, a heating plant was installed at this time. ¶The red-brick church is of Gothic design; the windows are of art-glass. Over the main entrance is a Latin cross. The church possesses one bell. On the property is the pastoral residence, a two-story brick nine-room structure, which was built in 1914. ¶The zealous pastor, the Reverend John Spataru, has worked so co-operatively with his parishioners that great progress has been made in St. Mary Parish. The special catechetical instruction, provided for the youth of the parish, prepares them to actually live their religion -- and so receive the graces and gifts of Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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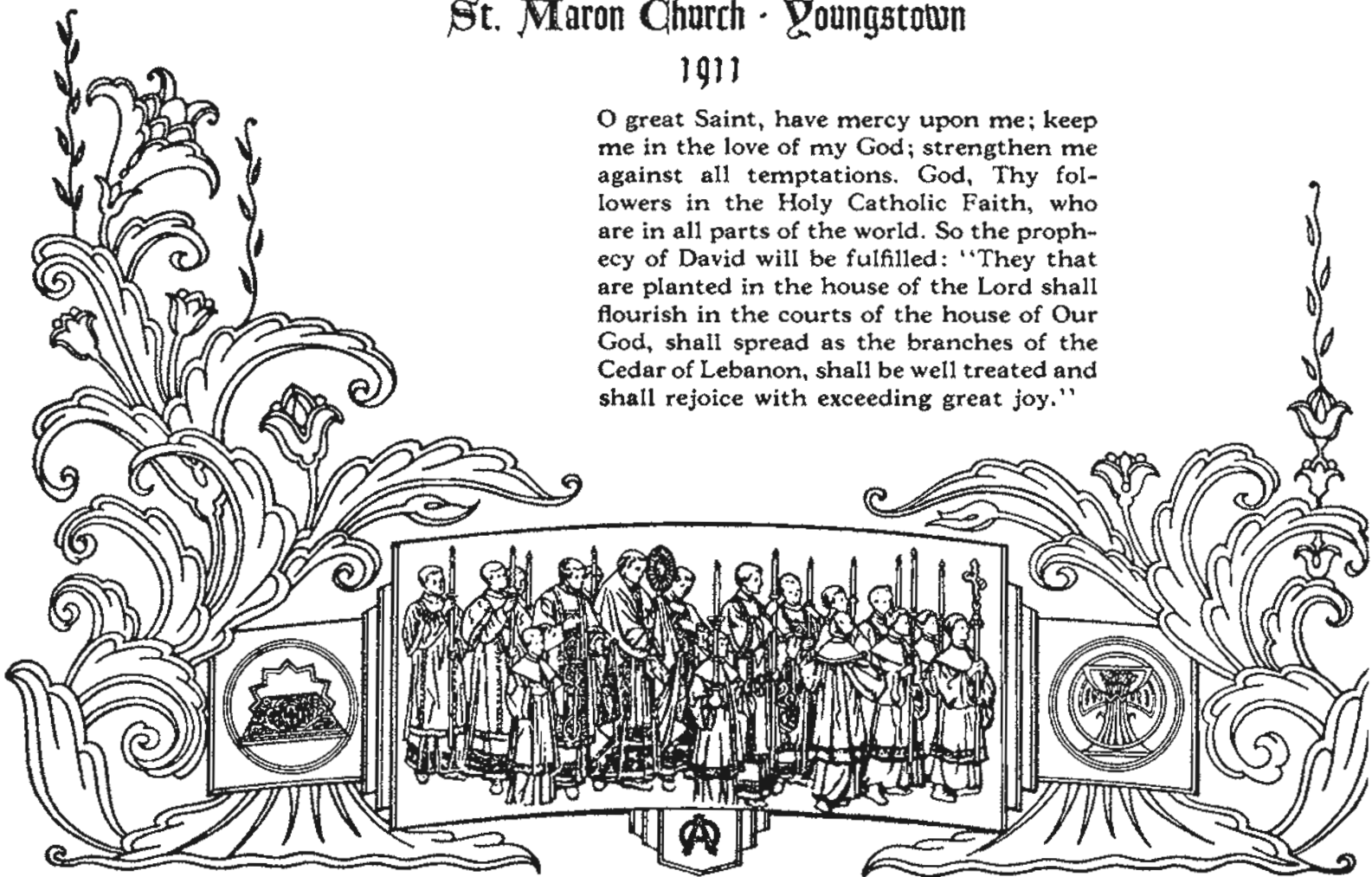




## St. Maron Church - Youngstown

1911

O great Saint, have mercy upon me; keep me in the love of my God; strengthen me against all temptations. God, Thy followers in the Holy Catholic Faith, who are in all parts of the world. So the prophecy of David will be fulfilled: "They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of the house of Our God, shall spread as the branches of the Cedar of Lebanon, shall be well treated and shall rejoice with exceeding great joy."





# St. Maron Church

## Youngstown



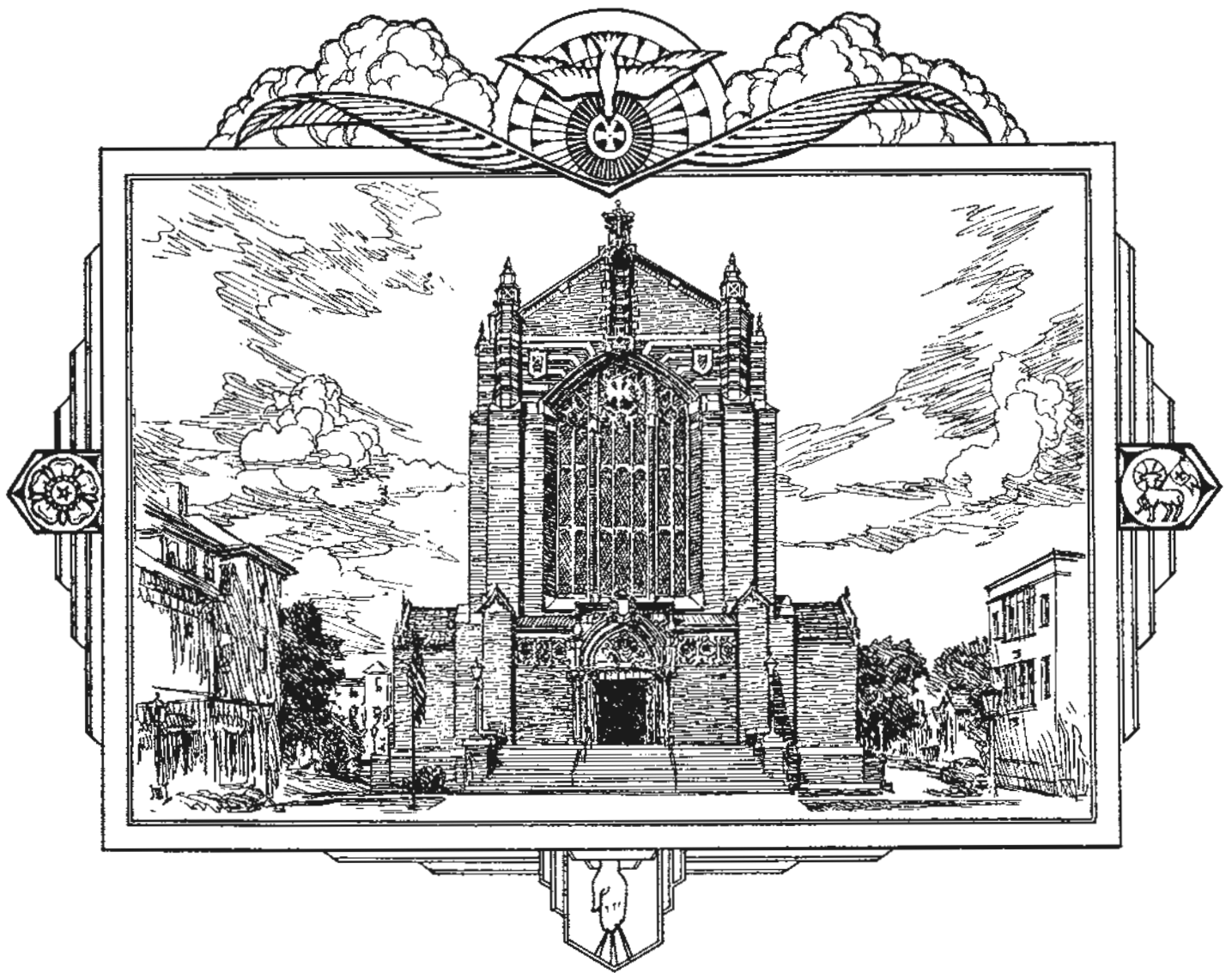
THROUGH the centuries of schisms in the early church, the Maronites remained true to the Catholic faith; they considered themselves the only legitimate heirs to the ancient patriarchs of Antioch. Originally, they were the followers of the Syrian monk, Maro, and, since the fifth century, they have continued the traditions of his disciples. Many descendents of these early Christians emigrated to America, where they now support about forty churches. ¶In 1911, Catholics of the Syro-Maronite Rite formed a congregation in Youngstown, under the leadership of Father Namatallah Beggiani, a Roman scholar. The congregation had no buildings prior to the purchase and remodeling, in 1911, of a Protestant church building. On March 29, 1929, the Reverend E. Hayek Chov was appointed Administrator. For use as a parish house, an adjoining building was purchased in 1930. Some time later, a concrete sacristy was built on

the church property. ¶Anticipating the increasing membership of his rapidly developing congregation and the need for a larger edifice for divine worship, the pastor, the Reverend Peter Eid, purchased a public school building. This was adequate for the requirements of St. Maron Parish. The building has been completely remodeled. It consists of a church, a school, and a pastor's residence. A fully equipped basement provides excellent facilities for social and recreational activities. The first church is now St. Augustine Church for Negro Catholics. The parishioners of St. Maron Parish are, indeed, proud of their accomplishments. At a very impressive ceremony, the buildings were blessed, and the church was dedicated by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden on Sunday, August 24, 1947, -- proclaiming all glory to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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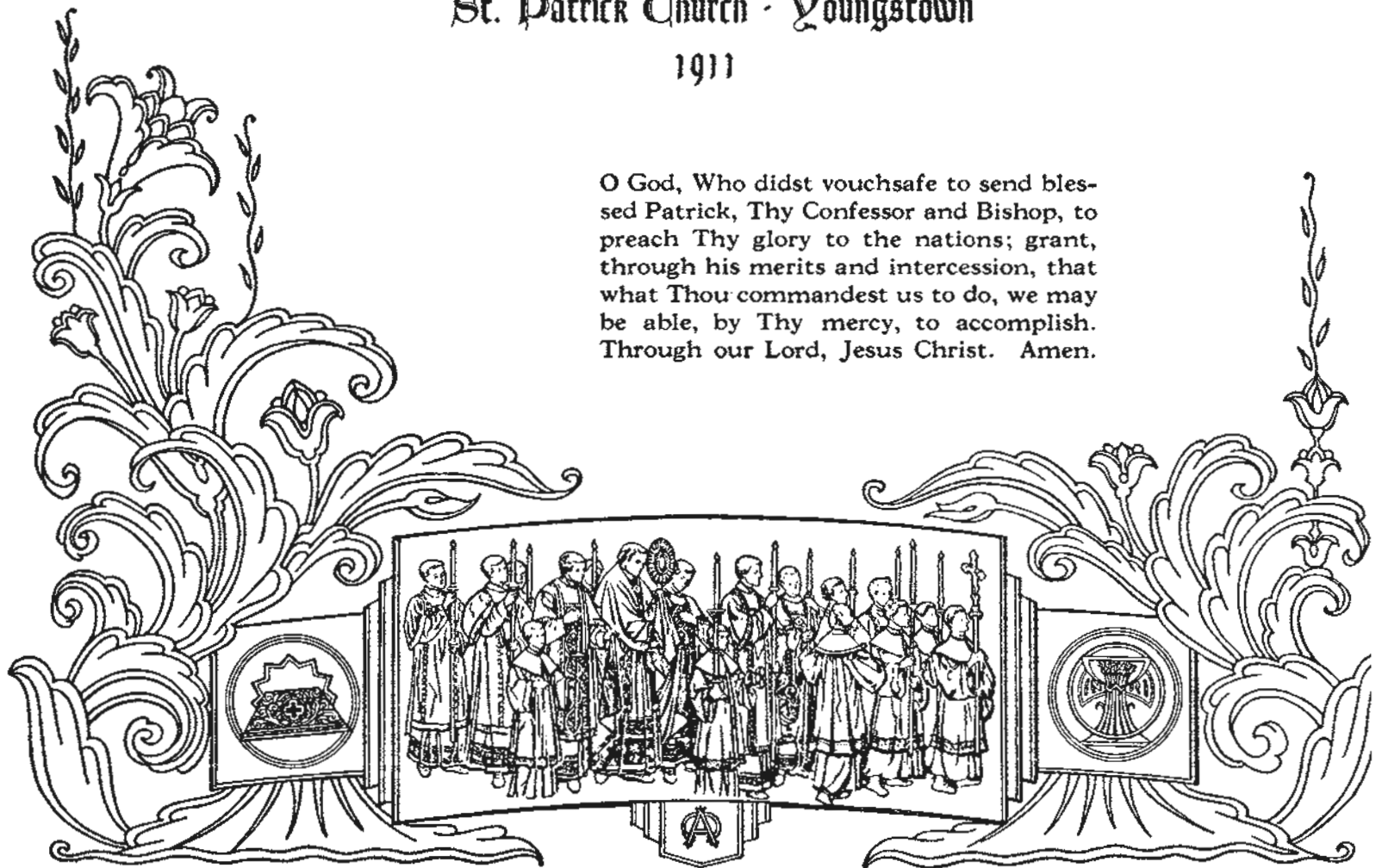




## St. Patrick Church - Youngstown

1911

O God, Who didst vouchsafe to send blessed Patrick, Thy Confessor and Bishop, to preach Thy glory to the nations; grant, through his merits and intercession, that what Thou commandest us to do, we may be able, by Thy mercy, to accomplish. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Patrick Church

## Youngstown



IN the first year of his episcopate, Bishop Farrelly, of the Diocese of Cleveland, decided to establish a new parish on the South side of Youngstown. He delegated Father Edward A. Mooney, D.D., to select its site. After consultation with Father Mears, Rector of St. Columba, the present property was purchased by the Bishop in June, 1911. ¶The appointment of Father Charles Alfred Martin on May 24, 1911, as the first pastor of St. Patrick was made. On Pentecost Sunday, June 3, 1911, the members were assembled for the First Mass of the new parish in the basement of St. Columba. Within the month a residence at 71 Cleveland Street just opposite the present site was purchased for a Rectory and a Chapel. A sizable and attractive temporary church was dedicated November 12, 1911. During the summer months of 1911 the present permanent Rectory was built and furnished. The permanent large school with 22 classrooms was constructed and dedicated in 1914 and was ready for occupancy in September of that year. A Convent was

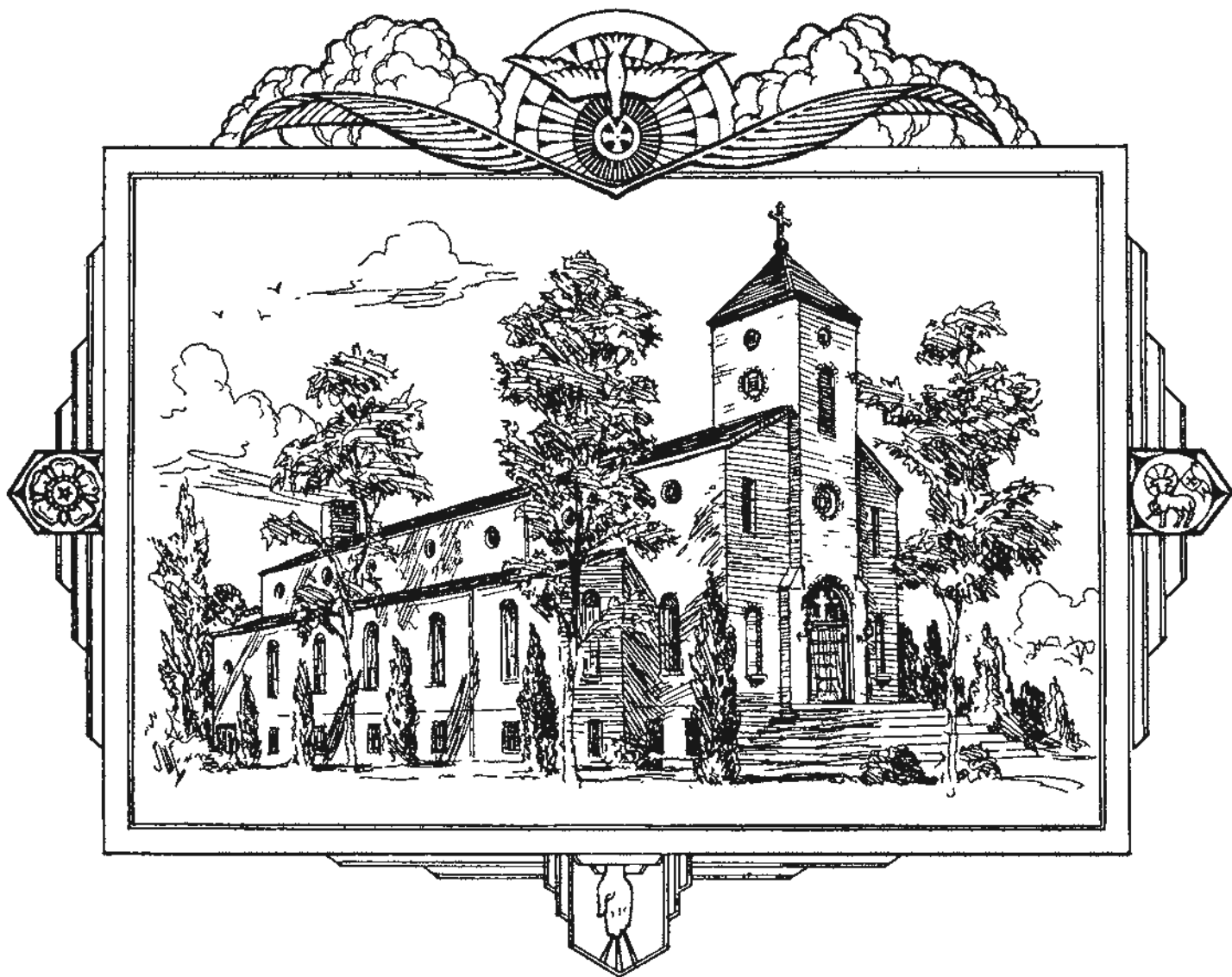
purchased about this time. For the succeeding eleven years St. Patrick functioned as a complete parish unit under the able and energetic direction of Dr. Martin. ¶In the fall of 1922, Father Edward A. Mooney, D.D., became pastor of St. Patrick. Since 1911, Dr. Mooney had been on the faculty of our Diocesan Seminary as a Professor of Dogmatic Theology, and had founded the first Diocesan High School and College for boys: the Cathedral Latin School and its associated school of St. John's College. For six years he was President of both institutions. But his pastorate at St. Patrick was short; about four months. It was during these four months that he suggested the establishment of another parish on the South side. Again he was assigned the task of purchasing the property and fixing the lines for a parish that is now St. Dominic. In January, 1923, Dr. Mooney was called to Rome to be the Spiritual Director of the American College. He is now a Cardinal of the Church and Archbishop of the Diocese in Detroit. - continued on page 249

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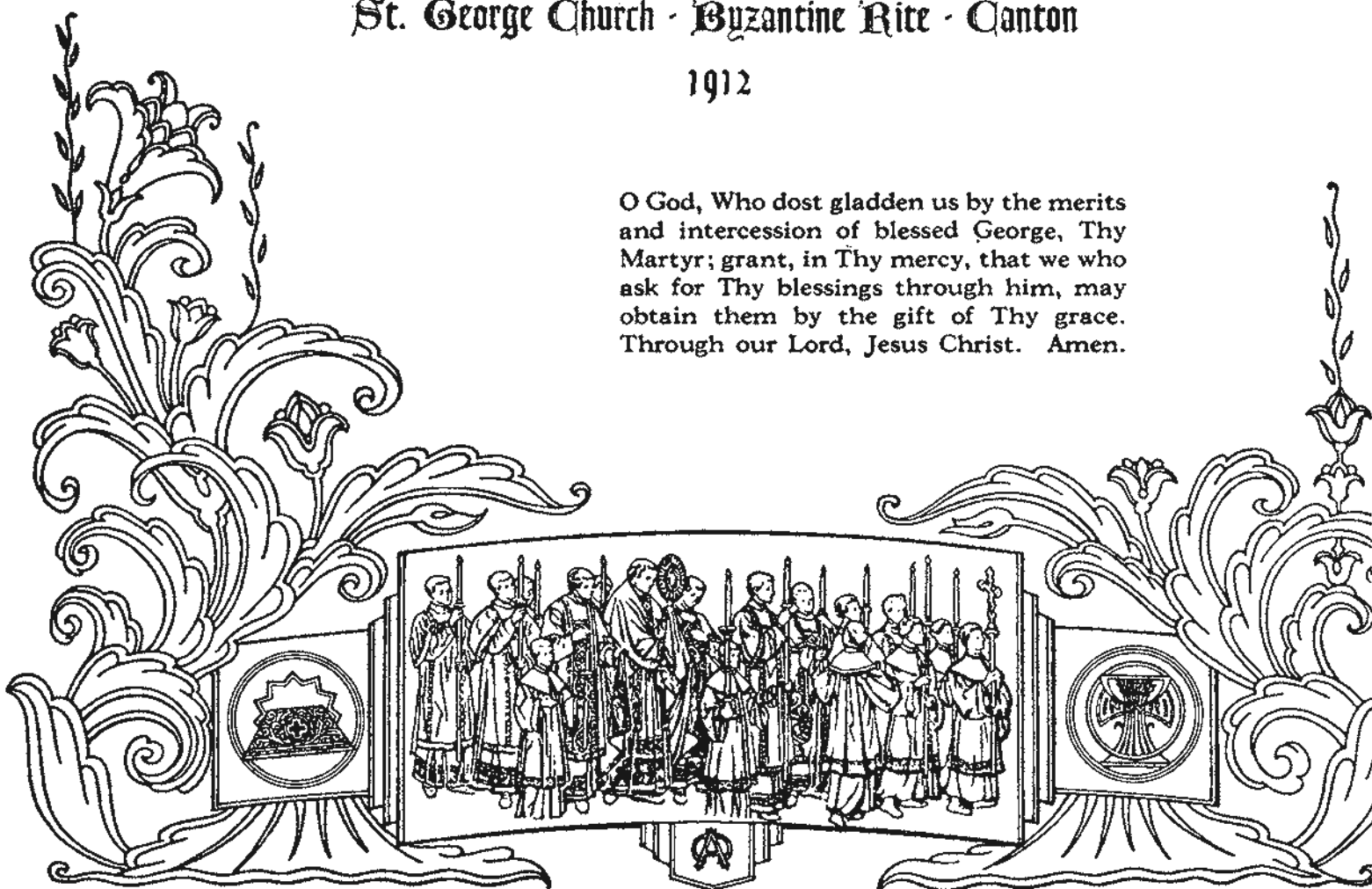




## St. George Church - Byzantine Rite - Canton

1912

O God, Who dost gladden us by the merits and intercession of blessed George, Thy Martyr; grant, in Thy mercy, that we who ask for Thy blessings through him, may obtain them by the gift of Thy grace. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.







# St. George Church

## Canton



**W**HEN, in 1912, a small group of Roumanian Catholics recognized the need of a church to serve the people of their nationality in Canton, the beginnings of the parish of St. George were climaxed, on December 23, 1912, by the acquisition of a small church building. For several months prior to this time, services had been held in the private homes of the parishioners. Arrangements were made with the Reverend Aurel Hatiegan of Cleveland to come to Canton once a month to celebrate Mass. These services were continued in the newly acquired church until 1917, when the Reverend C. Popo Lupu was assigned as the first resident pastor. In 1927, the parish was placed under the jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Their first church building was used until July 29, 1934, at which time the present church was occupied. The building was not entirely completed, however, until five years later. On August 20, 1939, it was dedicated by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop

of the Diocese of Cleveland. The Roumanian language is spoken at services. ¶The church is constructed of buff brick and is of Romanesque architectural style with a clerestory. The belfry, which is surmounted by a Latin cross, contains one bell. The windows are of colored glass. The basement is fully equipped for use as a social hall, and the programs which are held there, are always well attended. The record of those who gave financial support to the church at the time of its erection appears on the corner-stone. ¶Under the leadership of their pastor, the Reverend Ilie Crihalmean, and through the assistance of his worthy parishioners, a great deal has been accomplished to organize the children of the parish into classes for religious instruction. The Sisters from neighboring churches conduct this educational program. In addition to his duties at St. George, Father Crihalmean administers to the faithful members of St. Theodore Mission Church in Alliance -- proclaiming all glory to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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## St. Mary Church · Orwell

1912

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that even as Thy faithful people rejoice in the name of the most Holy Virgin Mary, and enjoy her protection; so by Her loving intercession, may they be delivered from all evils here on earth, and be found worthy to attain to eternal joy in heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Mary Church

## Orwell



UPON the establishment of the mission at Orwell, it was attached to the parish at Chardon and was placed in the care of Father John Price. In January, 1922, Father Anthony J. Suwalski was appointed as the first resident pastor by the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs, and on July first of the same year, the mission was formally organized into the parish of St. Mary. Mass was celebrated in private homes until 1925, when the building which was formerly used as a public school was purchased and entirely remodeled to serve as a church edifice. The present white frame building, which was dedicated on April 1, 1925, by Bishop Schrembs, resembles a tabernacle. The church has a spire over the belfry, which contains one bell, and is surmounted by a cross. The interior

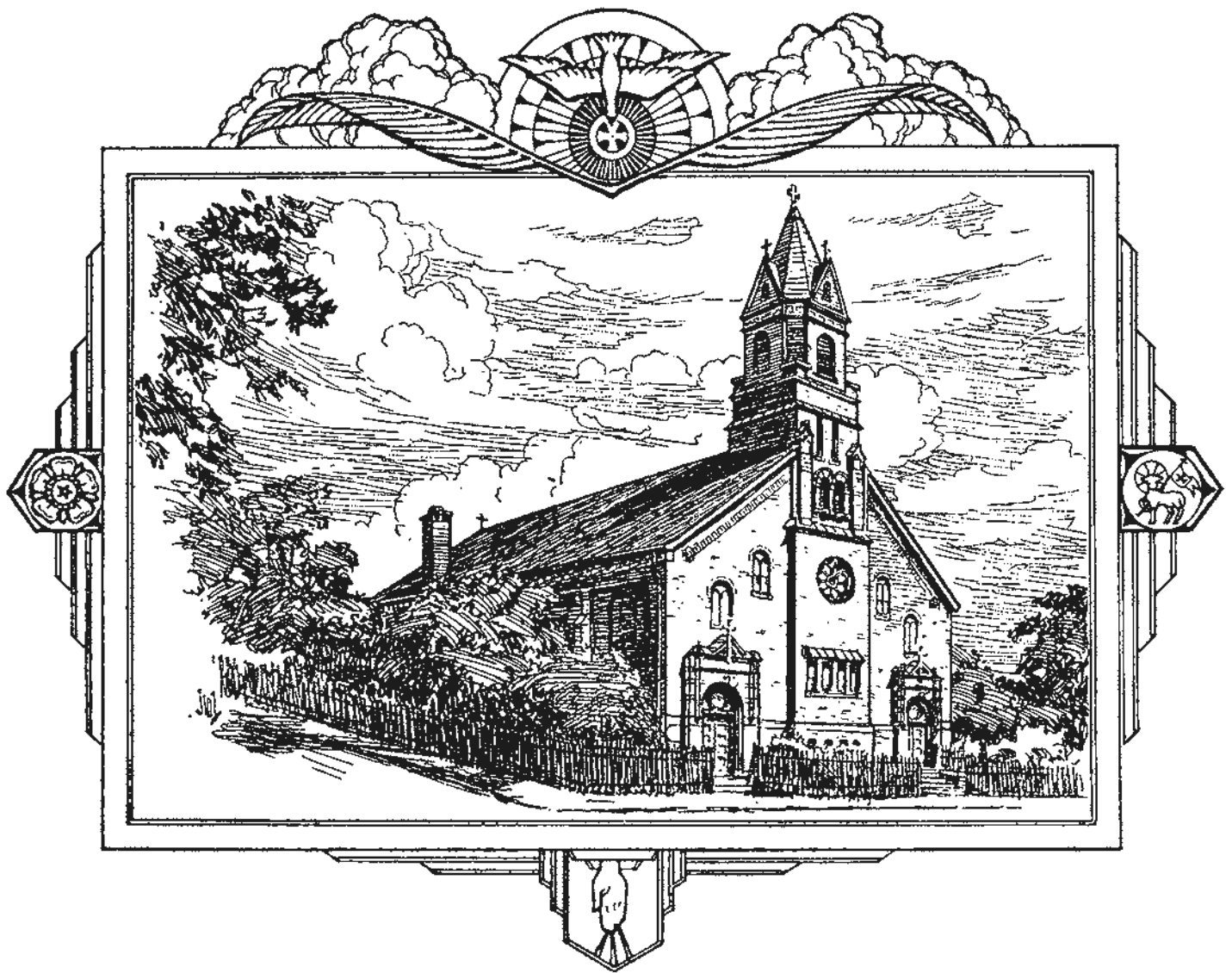
is equipped with inlaid, stained-glass windows, and the altar is located on a raised platform. A remodeled barn at the rear of the property is used as a center for social activities, athletic events and theatrical presentations. A small building next to the church was purchased in 1925, and was remodeled to serve as a rectory. The present pastor, Father John S. Bialek, who was appointed on July 13, 1939, has endeared himself to his parishioners and to the people of the community through his spirit and enthusiasm in furthering their welfare in both civic and spiritual matters. The church property is in splendid condition, as all necessary improvements have been made, and the parish holds great hopes for the future -- further trust in Christ the King.

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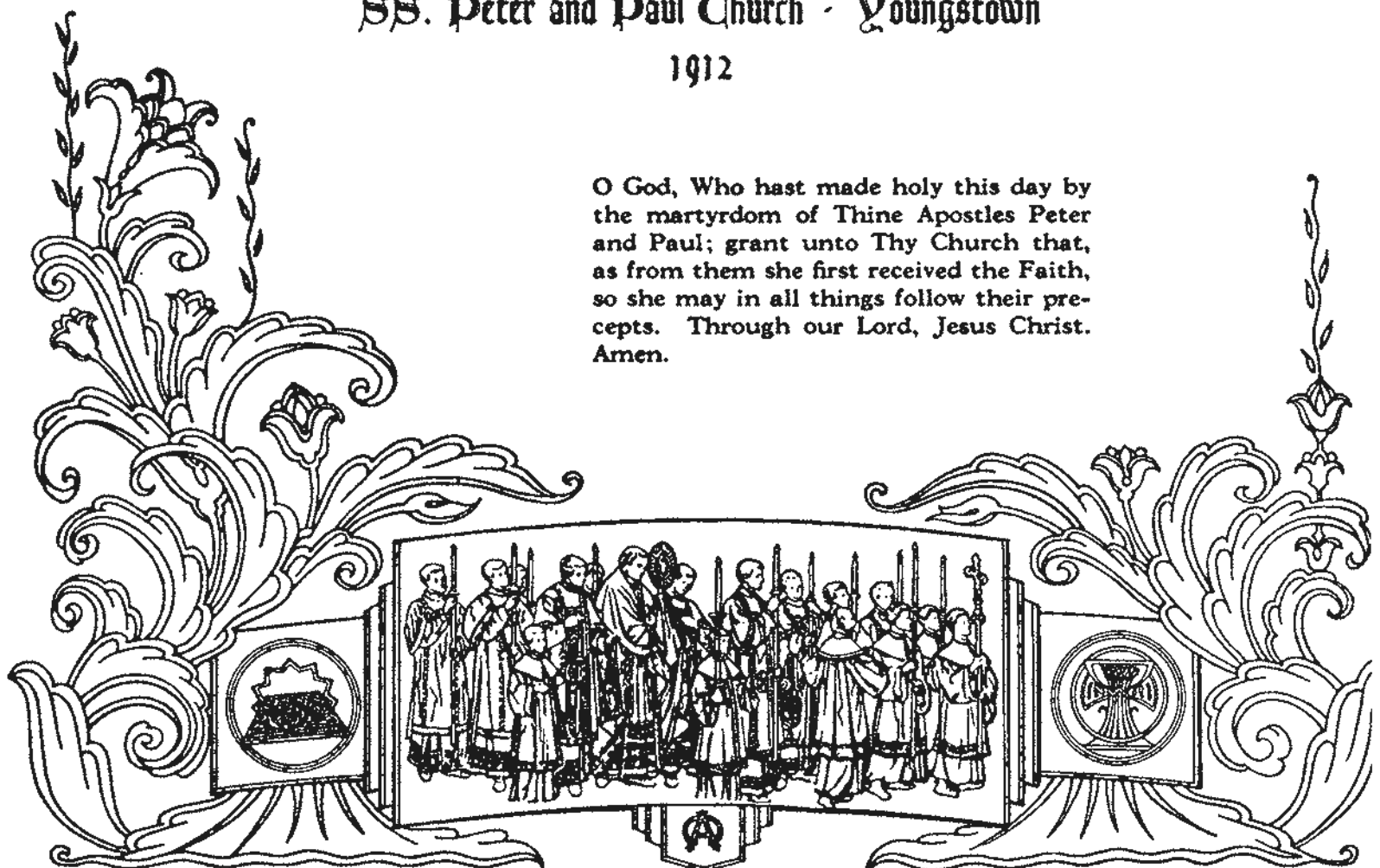
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SS. Peter and Paul Church - Youngstown  
1912

O God, Who hast made holy this day by the martyrdom of Thine Apostles Peter and Paul; grant unto Thy Church that, as from them she first received the Faith, so she may in all things follow their precepts. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# SS. Peter and Paul Church

## Youngstown

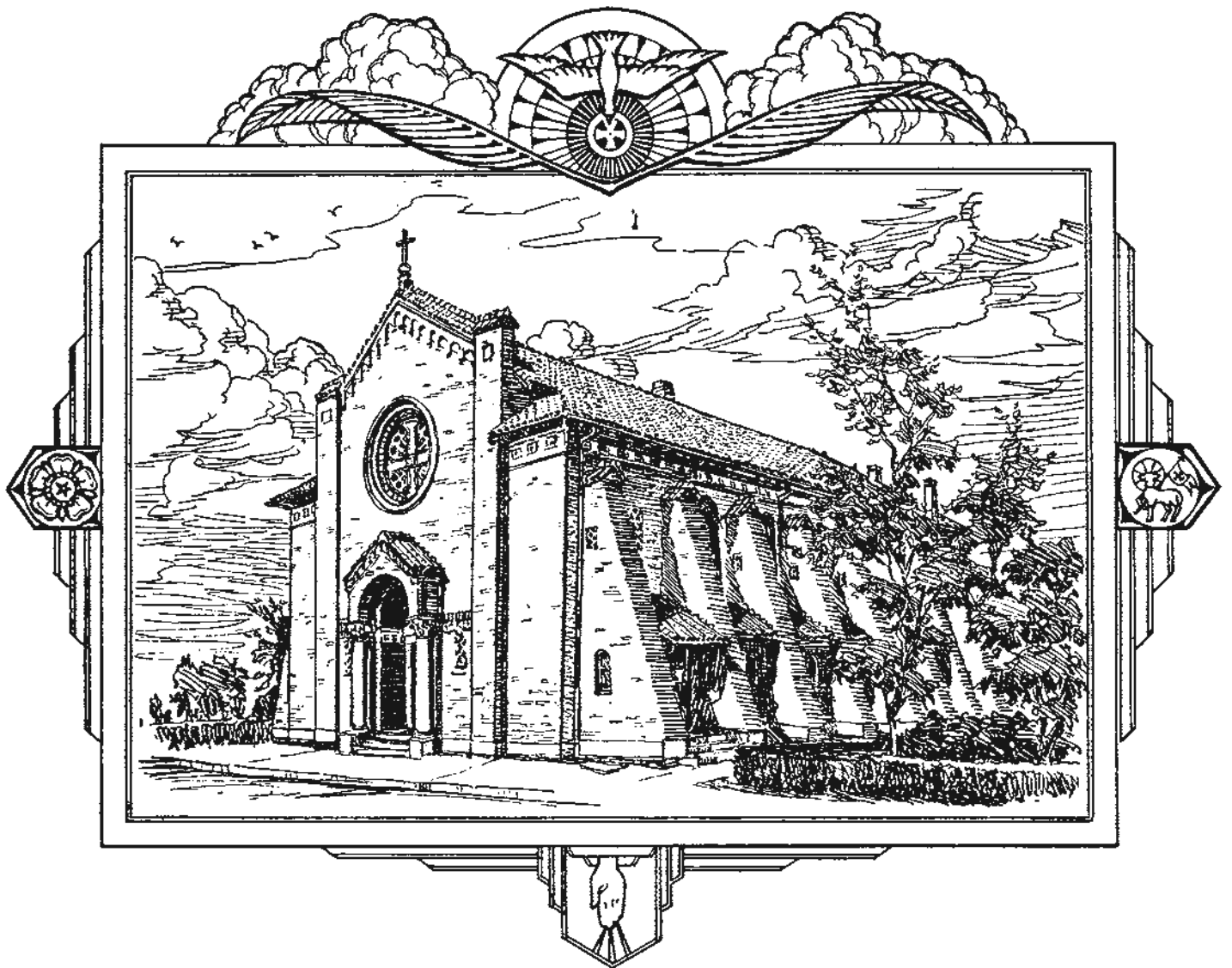


At the request of the Right Reverend John P. Farrelly, Bishop of Cleveland, a young Croatian seminarian, M. G. Domladovac, came to America from Zagreb, Croatia, to finish his theological studies. Two years later upon completion of his studies at Rochester, New York, he was ordained a priest by Bishop Farrelly on June 10, 1911. He said his first Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Youngstown on June 11, 1911, and this date really marks the establishment of SS. Peter and Paul Croatian parish of Youngstown. The young levite, Father Domladovac, was very happy to say his first Mass for his new flock in a little church of their own on July 4, 1911. Two lots with two frame houses had been purchased at the eastern corner of Covington and Arlington Streets. The house located at the corner was moved behind the second house and was transformed into a very modest little church. The other frame building became the very modest little parish house, with no plumbing facilities except running water.

The present parish house was erected in 1916. In May 1913, the cornerstone of the present church was laid by Bishop Farrelly. The edifice is of Romanesque style. It is constructed with a high basement, which until 1927 was used for the parochial school. On December 7, 1917, the present pastor, Msgr. John A. Stipanovic took over the labors and hardships of the pioneer priest, Father Domladovac. In about ten years' time, the entire debt for the new rectory and church was cleared. Gradually the parish acquired the adjoining lots and buildings so that today the parish owns a little more than one-half block of land. A new modern school building was built in 1927, costing \$125,000. The oldest Croatian and Slovenian settlers came to Youngstown and vicinity from Croatia and Slovenia about 1890. Since its establishment, the parish has given four priests to God's service. They are Reverend Joseph Misich, Reverend J. Mantun, Reverend Paul Petric and Reverend Joseph Ropar. Msgr. Stipanovic is assisted by Father Anthony Livajusic, S.T.D., and Father Joseph Ropar.

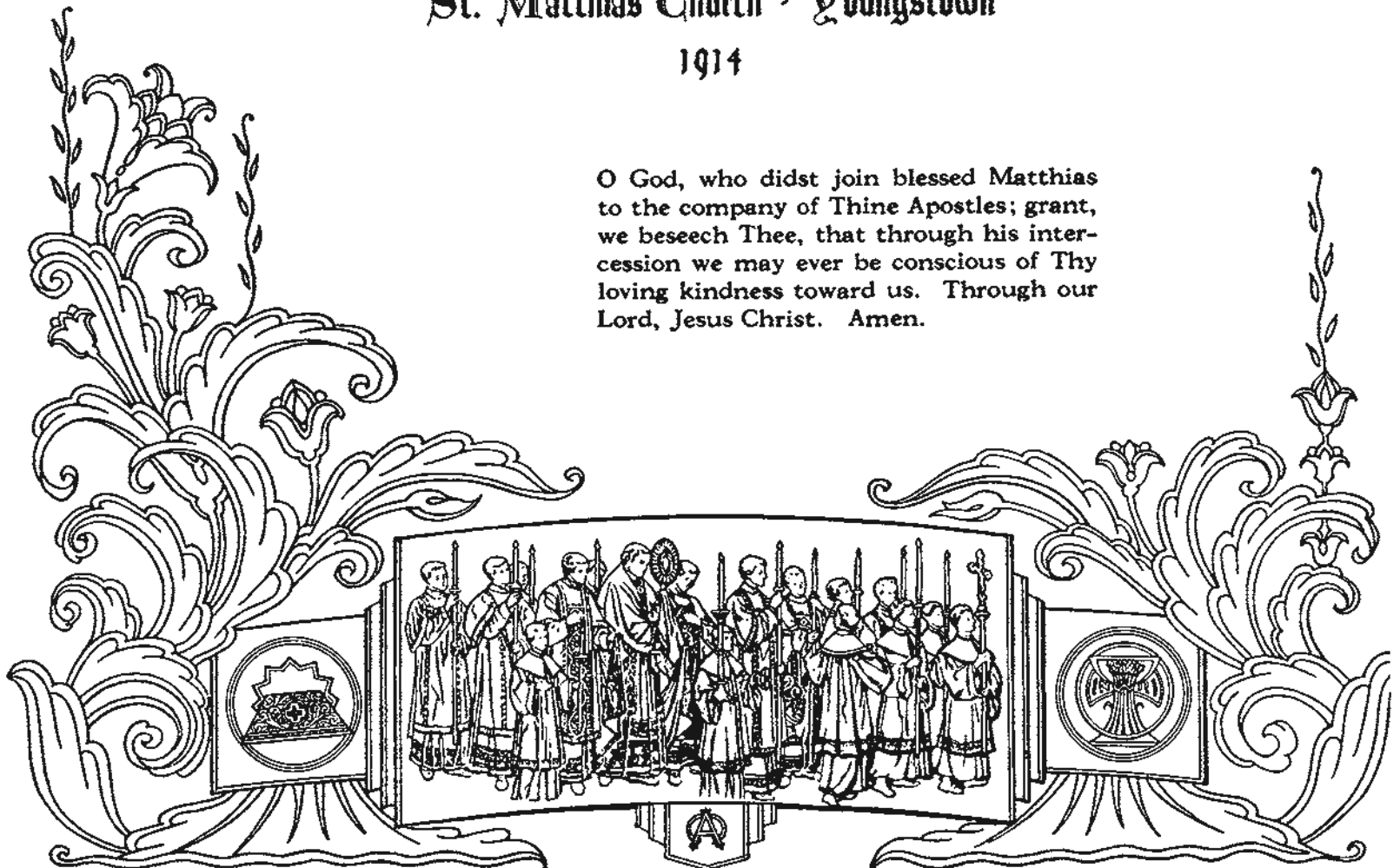
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St. Matthias Church - Youngstown  
1914

O God, who didst join blessed Matthias to the company of Thine Apostles; grant, we beseech Thee, that through his intercession we may ever be conscious of Thy loving kindness toward us. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Matthias Church

## Youngstown

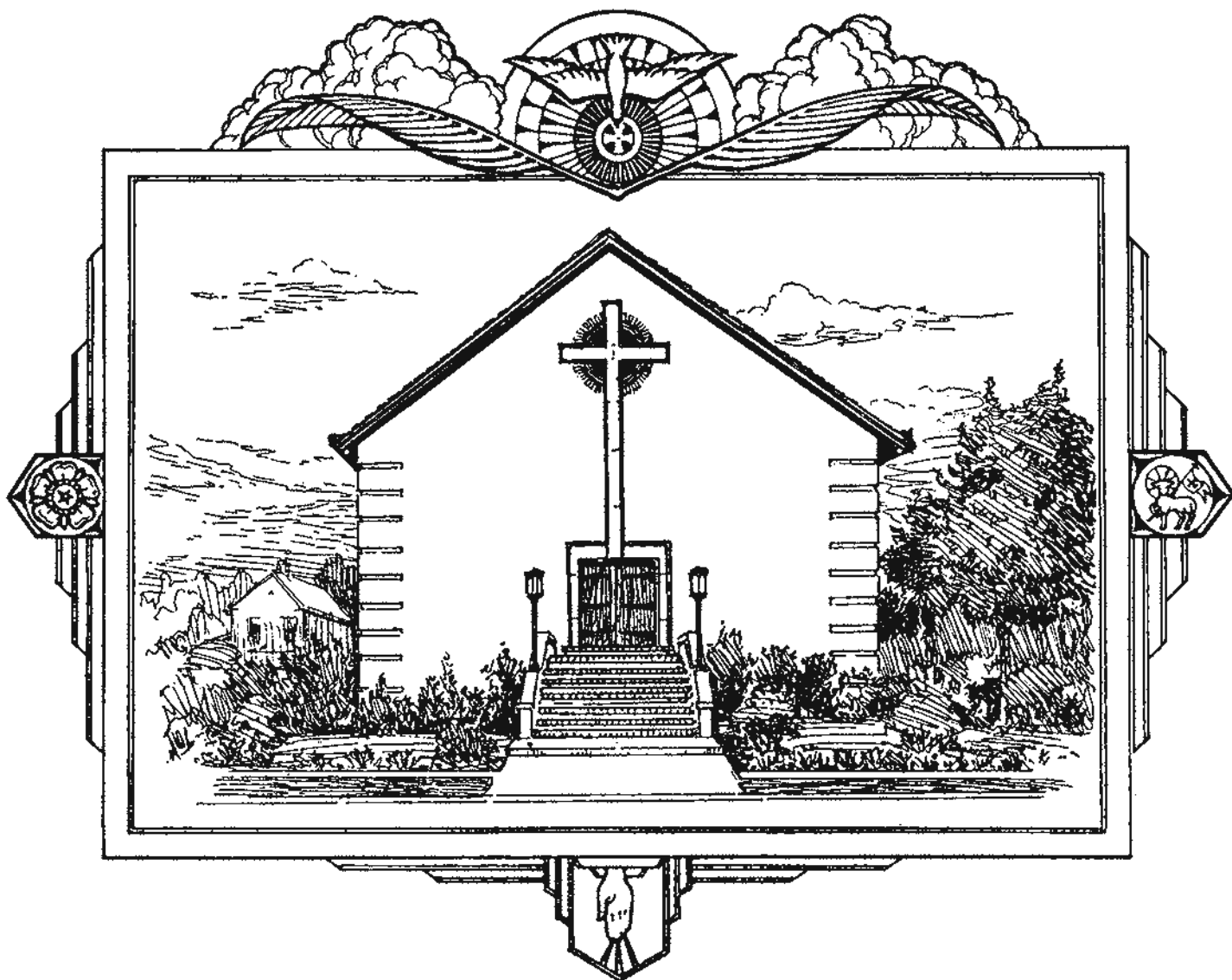


AS a result of the work of a group, who were members of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in 1913, the parish of St. Matthias was organized under the leadership of the Reverend John M. Gerenda. In 1914, St. Matthias Church was founded for the purpose of accommodating the Catholics of Slovak extraction who were living in the south-eastern portion of Youngstown. In the same year, Father Gerenda was appointed as the resident pastor. The first house of worship, a frame structure, was erected a short distance from the location of the present church. It was dedicated on July 4, 1915. A new rectory of red brick was constructed in 1917. In 1921, the Sisters' convent was built. The new parish grew so rapidly that in a little more than ten years, the edifice was found to be inadequate, and a new church was constructed. On June 13, 1926, this building was dedicated by the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs. ¶The present church structure is of red brick with sandstone trimming. It is finished in the Romanesque style of architec-

ture. Marble altars, installed in 1929, were consecrated in 1932 by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, Auxilliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. ¶In 1938, the present pastor, the Reverend John G. Hamrak, was appointed. Under his zealous guidance, the parish has advanced in spiritual strength. There is a marked increase in membership, attendance at Mass, and in the more frequent reception of the sacraments. The parochial school, which was founded in the same year as the parish, has an enrollment of nearly four hundred students. The parishioners participate with a splendid spirit in every activity for the betterment of their church and in the furtherance of Catholic Action. It is interesting to note that the parish has been served by only three pastors in a period of over thirty-five years. Additional land has been purchased, and plans have been formulated for a new school -- a strong defense of faith and love for Christ the King in The March of the Eucharist!

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## St. Ann Church - East Liverpool

1915

O God, Who didst vouchsafe to endow blessed Anne with such grace that she was found worthy to be the mother of her who brought forth Thine only-begotten Son; grant, in Thy mercy, that we who keep her festival may be aided by her intercession with Thee. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.







# St. Ann Church

## East Liverpool

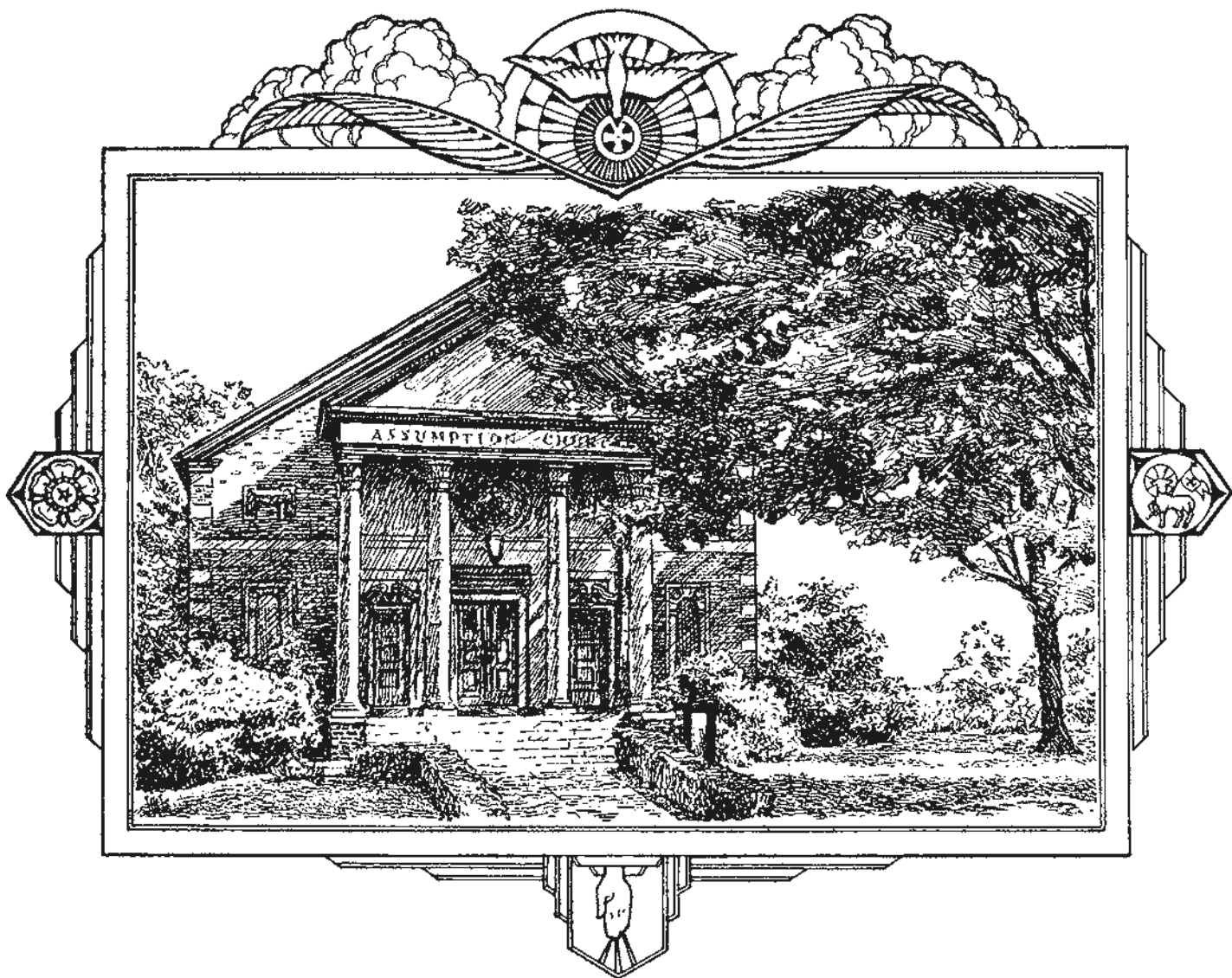


BECAUSE of the large increase in the membership of the parish of St. Aloysius in East Liverpool, a new parish was established to accommodate the Catholics who were living on the east side of the city. The members of this parish, which was placed under the patronage of St. Ann, worshipped in St. Aloysius Church until the present site was purchased and the existing church was constructed in 1915. The Reverend Jerome J. Reidy, a former assistant at St. Aloysius, was appointed as the first resident pastor by the Most Reverend John P. Farrelly in 1918. In 1919 Father Reidy was transferred to Conneaut, and the parish then became a mission, which was served from the mother parish. The Reverend Stanislaus Cappe was assigned to St. Ann, which again became a parish. During the pastorate of the Reverend John L. Maurer, the present rectory was built in 1929. When his successor, The Reverend Joseph P. Walsh, was trans-

ferred to another assignment in 1937, St. Ann once more was attended from St. Aloysius. ¶The present church is a rectangular building of Gothic outlines. A large stone cross rises above the doorway on the new exterior. St. Ann, the patron saint of the church, adorns the window at the rear of the altar. Hand-painted in carved oak frames, the Stations of the Cross may be seen at various locations around the walls of the interior. The altars are of wood, painted white. ¶Through the fervent efforts of the Reverend John C. Rath, combined with the devoted support of his co-operative parishioners, St. Ann Parish has accomplished much for the promotion of Catholic Action and for the furtherance of the religious education of its children. St. Ann has no school, but the children of the parish, who are provided with special transportation, attend St. Aloysius School - a strong link in the chain of faith to Christ the King.

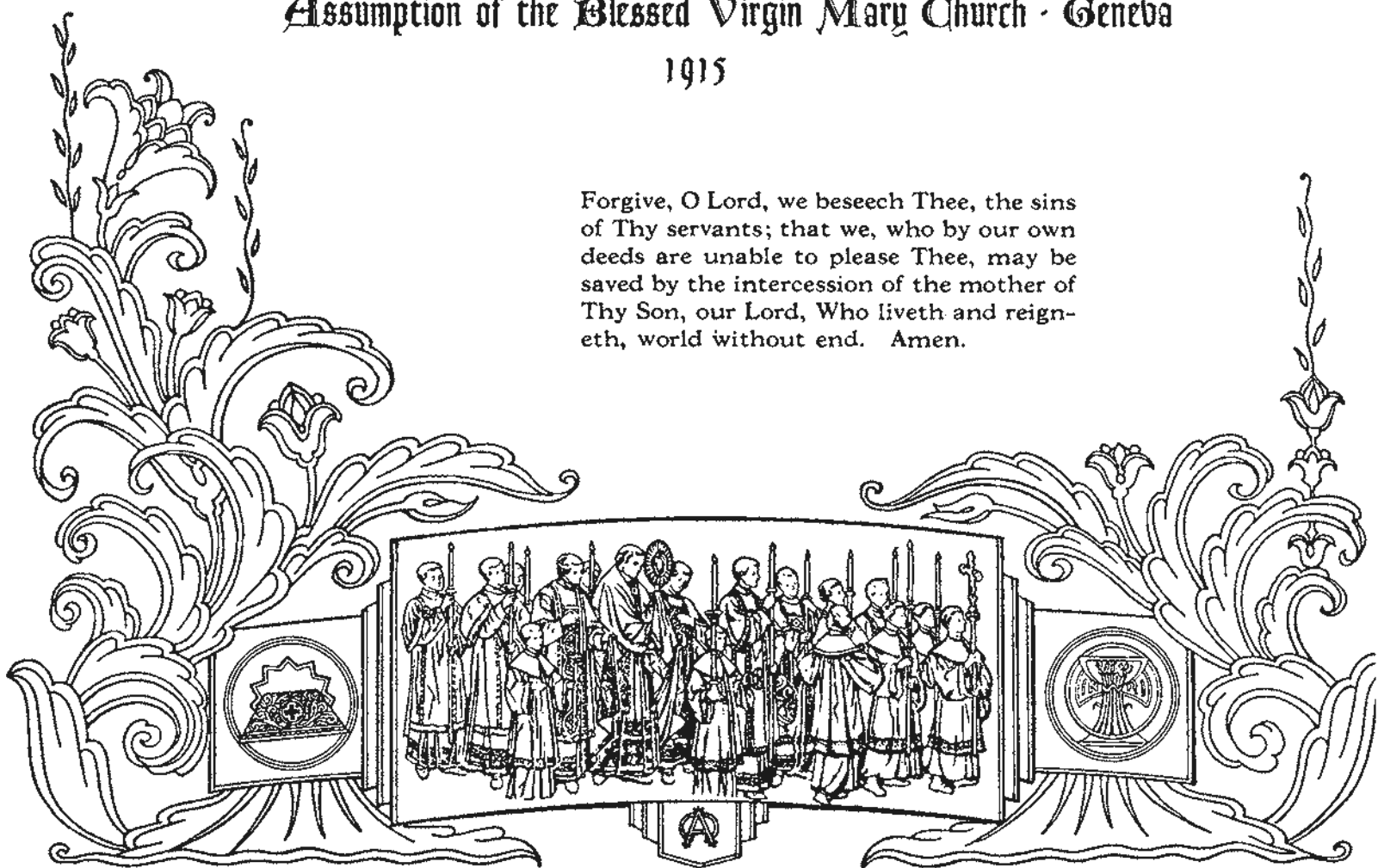
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## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church - Geneva 1915

Forgive, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the sins of Thy servants; that we, who by our own deeds are unable to please Thee, may be saved by the intercession of the mother of Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.





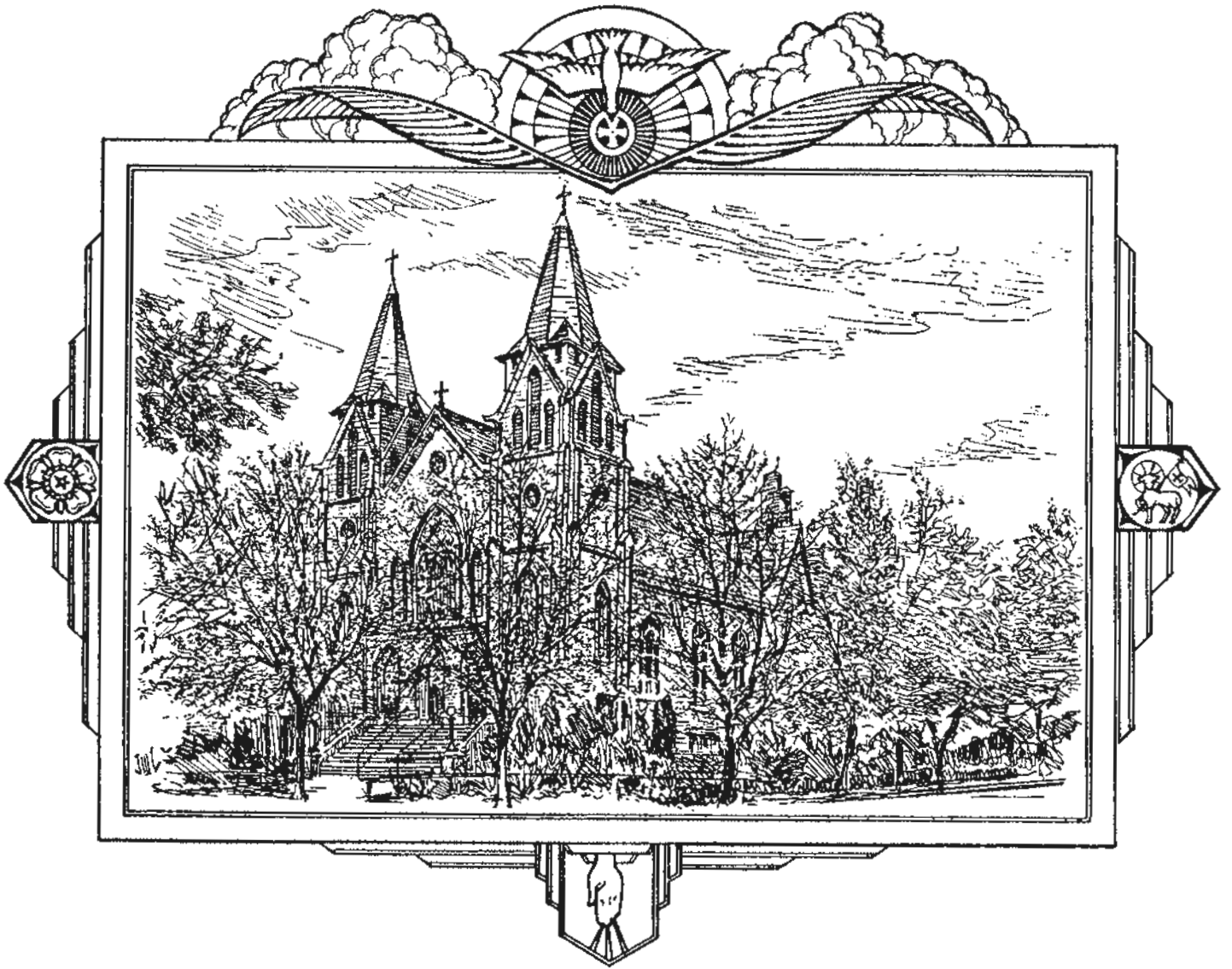
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## Geneva

**A**t the turn of the century, the few Catholic residents of Geneva, Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie, had to travel seventeen miles to St. Mary in Painesville to attend Mass. At times, Mass was read in the homes of the Catholic families of Geneva. ¶ On July 20, 1915, Geneva became a mission of Painesville. Father William Gellena of St. Mary's and his assistant Father Leo Collins met with the Catholic families of Geneva in the home of Mrs. Henry Mitchell to select a site on which the faithful of the district might attend Mass. The first Mass of the new mission was read on July 18, 1915, in the Knights of Pythias Hall. Later the site was changed to the second floor of the Munger Block. Father Leo Collins was in charge of the new mission until he became a chaplain in the U. S. Army in August 1918. He was succeeded by Father Michael Ready, who later was to become Bishop of Columbus. ¶ On September 3, 1919, Father Daniel T. Gallagher, while still the assistant pastor of St. Mary's, Painesville, assumed the responsibilities of the Geneva Mission as well as the mission church at Madison, Ohio. ¶ With the help of the summer visitors to nearby Geneva-on-the-Lake, the small congregation had contributed enough money

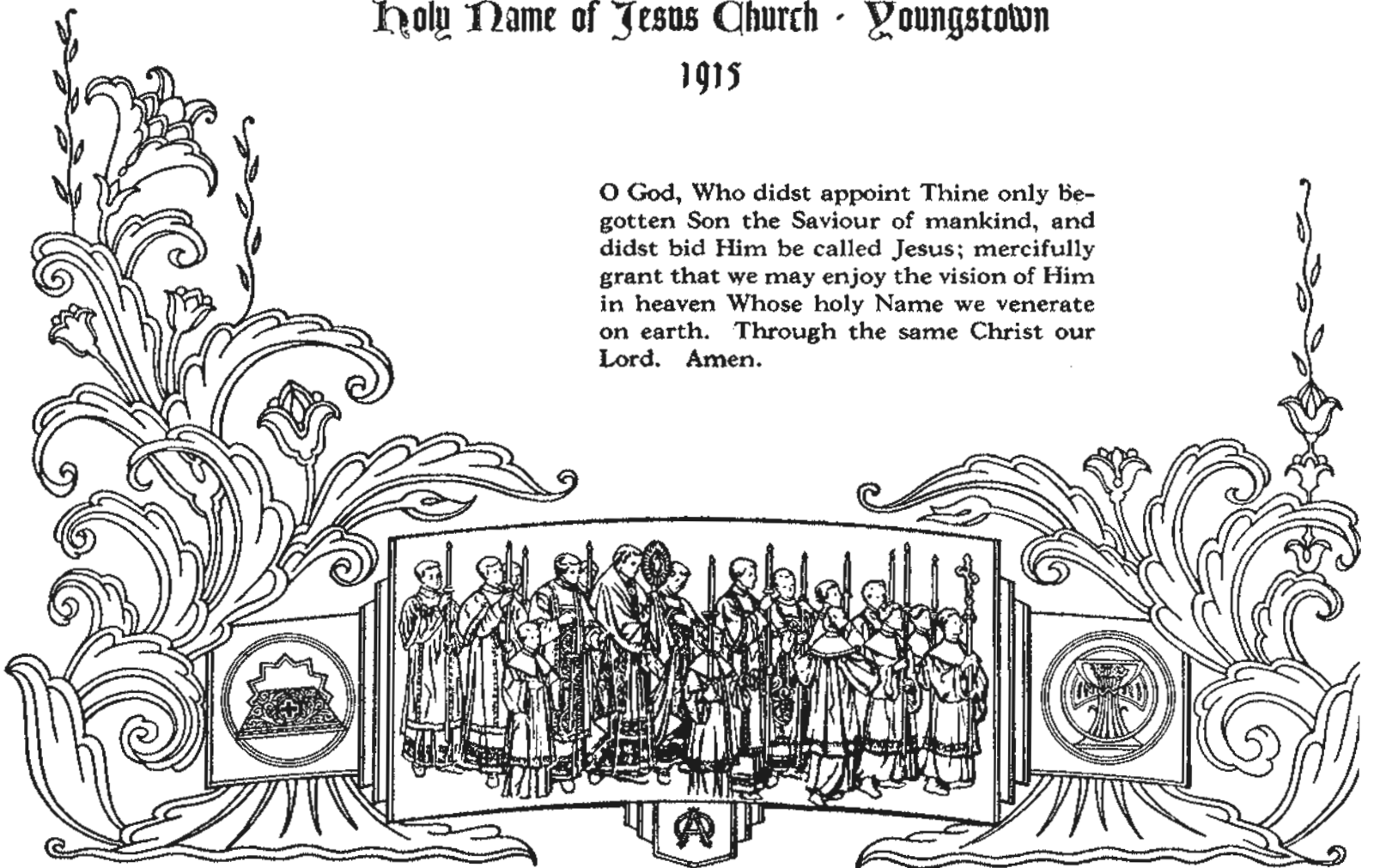
to purchase a building site on North Broadway for \$1700. ¶ April 27, 1922, was a momentous day for the Catholics of Geneva. It marked the appointment of Father Daniel Gallagher as their first resident pastor. Actually, however, Father Gallagher did not take up residence in Geneva until July of 1922, when the new property was purchased at the corner of West Main and Lockwood Streets. In a little more than a year, the \$14,500 debt on the rectory and property was paid off and plans were made for the erection of the new church building. ¶ The corner-stone of the church of the Assumption was laid by the Right Reverend Joseph Smith on May 25, 1924. The first Mass was read on July 20th, of the same year. ¶ The church at Geneva is truly a beautiful structure. The building of such an edifice was a daring undertaking on the part of Father Gallagher. Time has shown that his judgment was sound. The co-operation of his people was a tribute to the confidence and trust reposed in him. ¶ On October 1, 1929, Father Gallagher was transferred to Niles. He was succeeded by Father Raymond Kathe, who remained as pastor until 1942. The present pastor, Father Thomas Gallagher, assumed his priestly duties and together with his people is laboring for The March of the Eucharist.





## Holy Name of Jesus Church · Youngstown 1915

O God, Who didst appoint Thine only be-  
gotten Son the Saviour of mankind, and  
didst bid Him be called Jesus; mercifully  
grant that we may enjoy the vision of Him  
in heaven Whose holy Name we venerate  
on earth. Through the same Christ our  
Lord. Amen.







# Holy Name of Jesus

## Youngstown

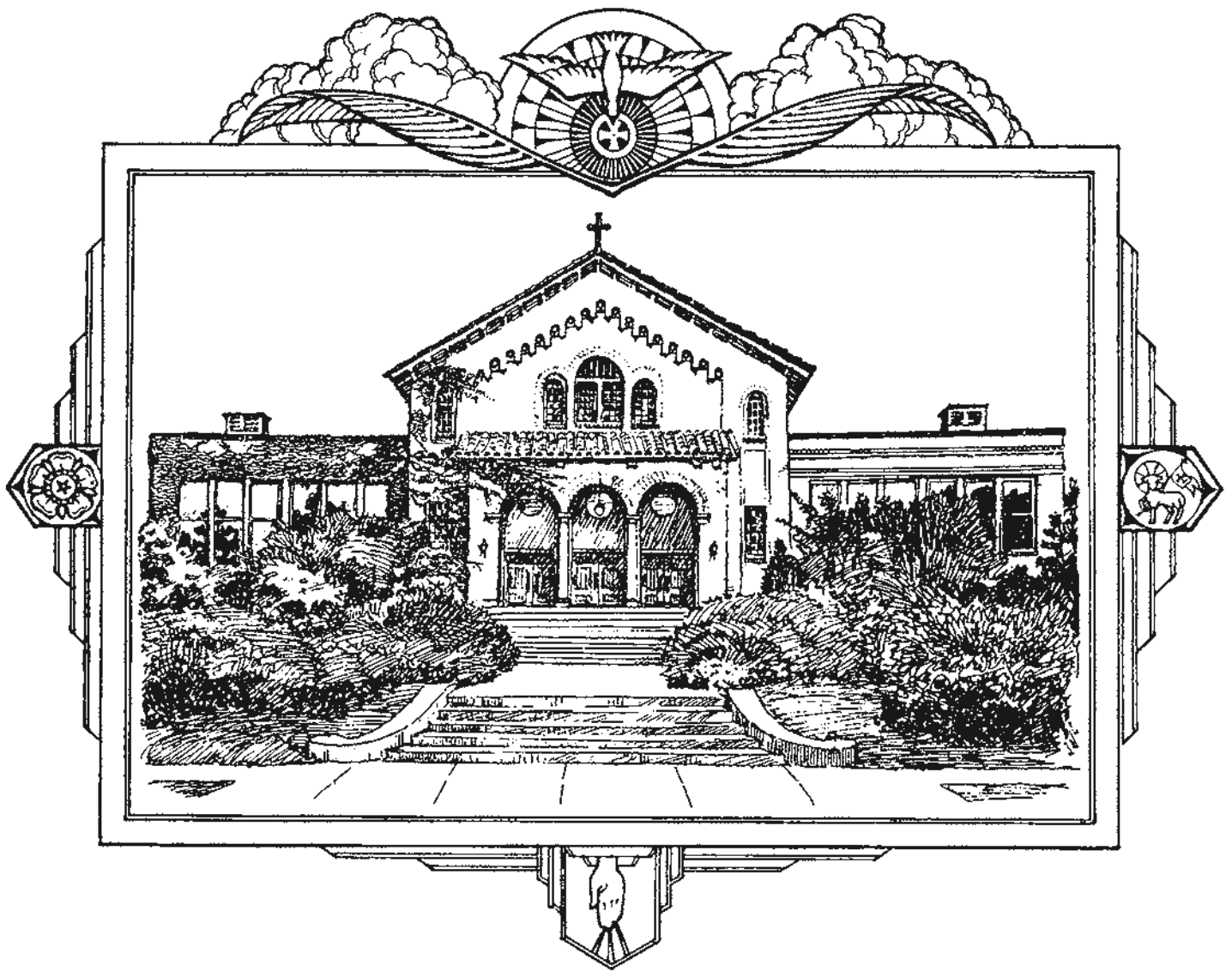


THE foreign-born population of Youngstown increased rapidly during the period of the first World War. The expansion of the steel industry was largely responsible for this increase. Many of these people were Slovak-Catholics. The formation of a new parish was imperative, and Holy Name Parish was organized. Accordingly in February 1916, Father John Stipanovic was appointed pastor. Father Stipanovic was a graduate of Zagreb University and had a good knowledge of the Slovak language. A large hall, at the corner of Midland Avenue and Salt Springs Road, was the first meeting place of the parish. This hall was used until Christmas Day 1917, when the first Mass was celebrated in the basement of the new church. During the pastorate of Father Stipanovic the present church and the parish house were constructed. However, they were not completed until 1918, under the direction of Father Dubosh who succeeded Father Stipanovic. The buff-brick church is of Gothic design. There are two graceful towers. The cornerstone bears the inscription "Ecclesia

SS Nominis Jesu A. D. 1916." ¶Msgr. Kocis has served the parish as pastor since 1922. Under his vigorous leadership the parish has developed so rapidly that it is now one of the largest in the City of Youngstown. At the present time the church and parochial residence are being enlarged. When completed the church will be one of the finest in the diocese, a monument to the zeal and energy of Msgr. Kocis, and the generosity of his people. Additional land has been acquired and will be laid out in a park and recreational center. A similar project is being carried out by the City of Youngstown. When completed the neighborhood will be completely transformed and the value of all property much enhanced. ¶Msgr. Kocis has always taken a prominent part in the National organizations of his people and on many occasions has been chosen to head these various societies. He is particularly interested in Catholic Action and in fostering among his people the spirit of true Catholicity. The parish has done more than its share to promote the March of the Eucharist.

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## St. Edward Church · Youngstown

1916

O God, Who hast crowned blessed King Edward, Thy Confessor, with the glory of eternal life; make us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate him here on earth, that we may be enabled to reign with him in heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Edward Church

## Youngstown



T. EDWARD'S PARISH was founded in 1917 by Father Maurice Griffin. It was originally a part of St. Columba's. Most of the early parishioners came from St. Columba's, and have never lost their affection for the Mother Church. They still like to visit there and also to recall the days of the Venerable Father Mears, the most beloved priest in the Valley. All the buildings on the original site were erected under the pastorate of Father Griffin. ¶The combination church and school is a modified type of Spanish Architecture. The school proper has ten class rooms, a large recreation hall and ample assembly rooms. In 1945 the property used as the old Yale school was acquired and is now a flourishing Junior High School. The gymnasium of the parish school is used as a church. It has been embellished and adorned in such a manner that it presents a dignified and reverent appearance. It compares favorably with the average church, and with a seating capacity of 900 could serve the needs of the parish for many years to

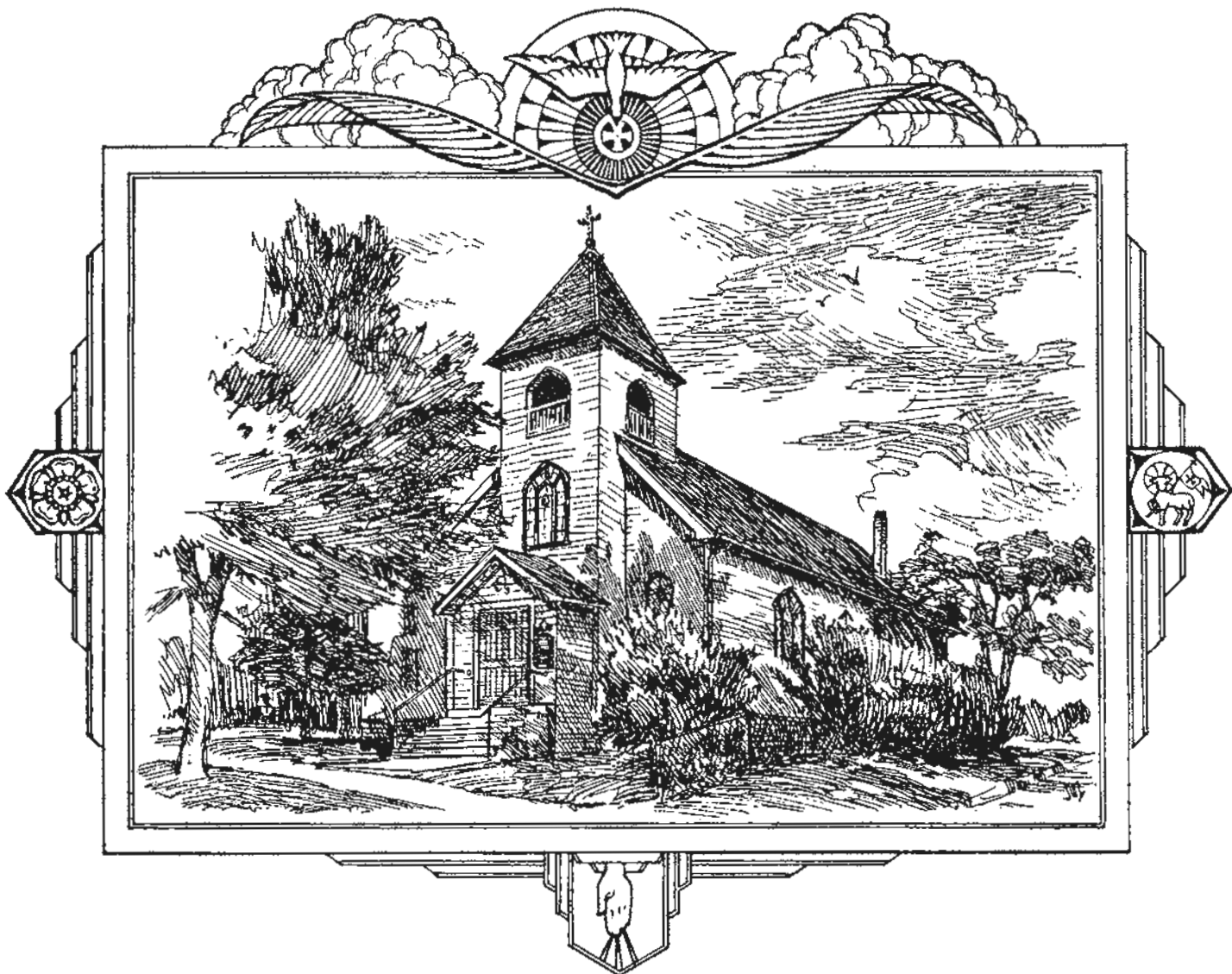
come. ¶The spirit of the parish is best exemplified by the Men's Mission Club. This organization of men was founded to extend financial aid to struggling parishes in the Diocese. It has already contributed more than \$20,000 to local missions. ¶The Parent Teachers Association has as its motto: "To make the practice of religion attractive for the school children, and to make it easier for them to practice more frequent communion." ¶The promotion of the practice of frequent communion is the goal of every priest connected with the parish. That their efforts are successful is evidenced by the more than 90,000 annual communions. ¶Since the beginning, the parish school has been under the charge of the Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary. Under their expert guidance and devoted care, the school has always ranked among the finest in the diocese. It ranks high in promoting vocations to the priesthood. The March of the Eucharist has been marked by steady progress.

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## St. Francis of Assisi Church · Youngstown

1917

O God, Who through the merits of blessed Francis, didst enrich Thy Church with new offspring; grant, that following his example, we may despise the things of earth and ever rejoice to partake of Thy heavenly gifts. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.







# St. Francis of Assisi

## Youngstown



AS early as 1909, the Lithuanian Catholics of Youngstown began collecting funds for a church building of their own. They were aided by Father V. G. Vilkutaitis, who was then Assistant pastor of St. Joseph Church. The first Mass was said by a priest from Akron, in the building of St. Joseph's Church. In June 1918, the parish was organized, and the first church was erected. The growth of the congregation during the first ten years was so rapid that this building was found inadequate. In 1925 work was started on a new house of worship. ¶This church, a frame building built on concrete block, has modified Gothic windows. Over the main entrance there is an attractive tower, surmounted by a large wooden cross.

There is a beautiful rose window in the rear of the altar. The Stations of the Cross were donated by parishoners. Services on Sunday are conducted in both English and Lithuanian. ¶The Church has been recently decorated. The modern basement contains a new heating plant and is fully equipped for all recreational and social activities. The members of the parish, together with their different organizations, have at all times supported their pastor, Father Thomas F. Sofranec, in the advancement of their parish. Their unceasing efforts to continue this advancement is evidence of the true spirit of sacrifice which brings glory to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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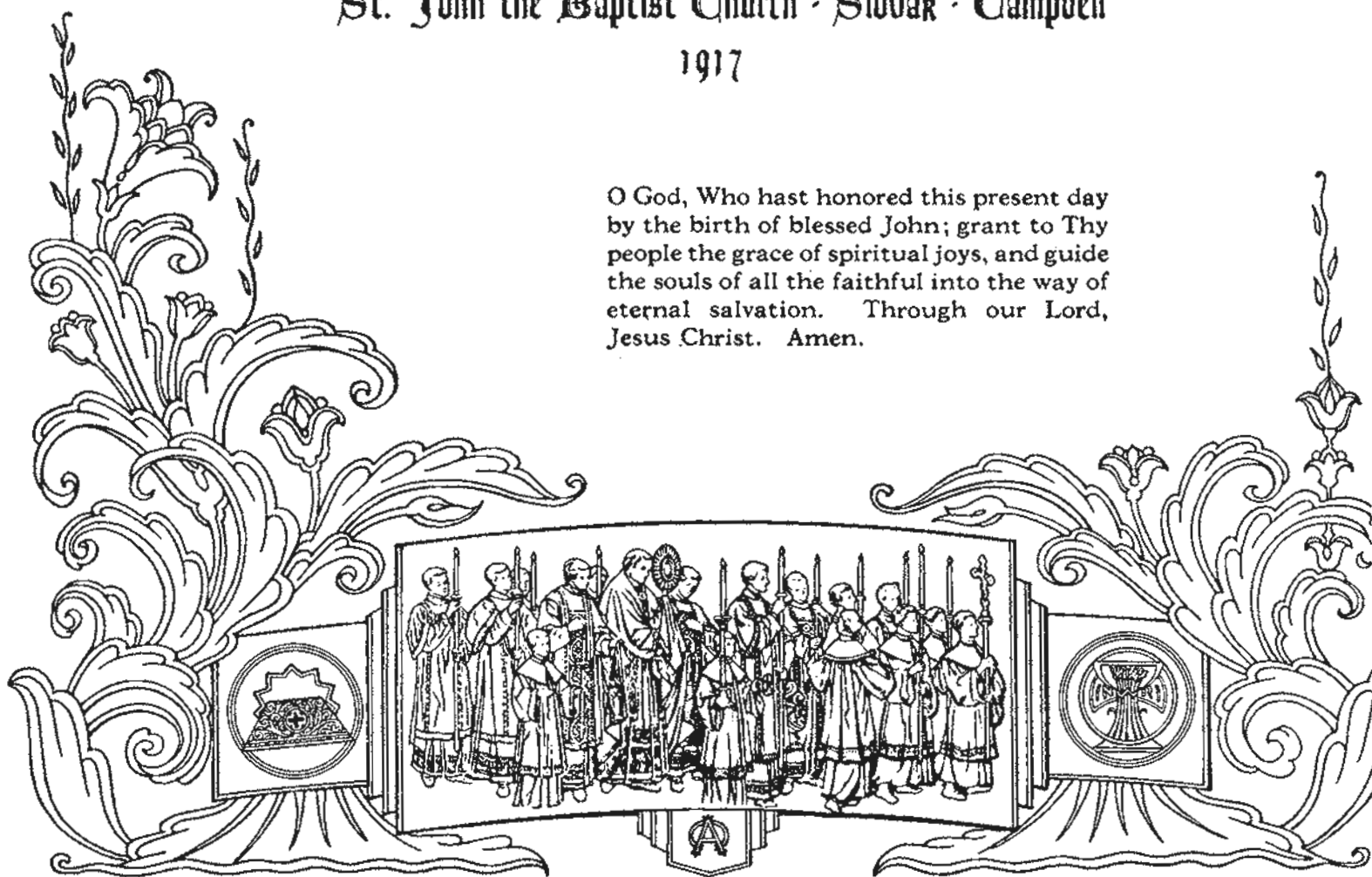
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St. John the Baptist Church · Slovak · Campbell  
1917

O God, Who hast honored this present day  
by the birth of blessed John; grant to Thy  
people the grace of spiritual joys, and guide  
the souls of all the faithful into the way of  
eternal salvation. Through our Lord,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. John the Baptist - Slovak Campbell



**L**N 1914, a group of Slovak Catholics living in Campbell petitioned His Excellency Bishop John Farrelly of Cleveland for permission to start a new parish nearer their homes. Up to this time they had been attending Mass in Struthers. Bishop Farrelly found it necessary to deny their request, because of a great shortage of priests. However, in 1916, property was bought and a contract for a new church let. The committee in charge then engaged the services of a priest who belonged to the National Slovak Order. ¶In 1919, the parish was reorganized as a Roman Catholic Congregation and in October 1920, Father Joseph Krispinsky was appointed pastor. In 1926, a parochial school was established. On October 1, 1926, Father John Hamrak was appointed pastor. During his pastorate steady progress was made, the church debt decreased and the work of reorganizing

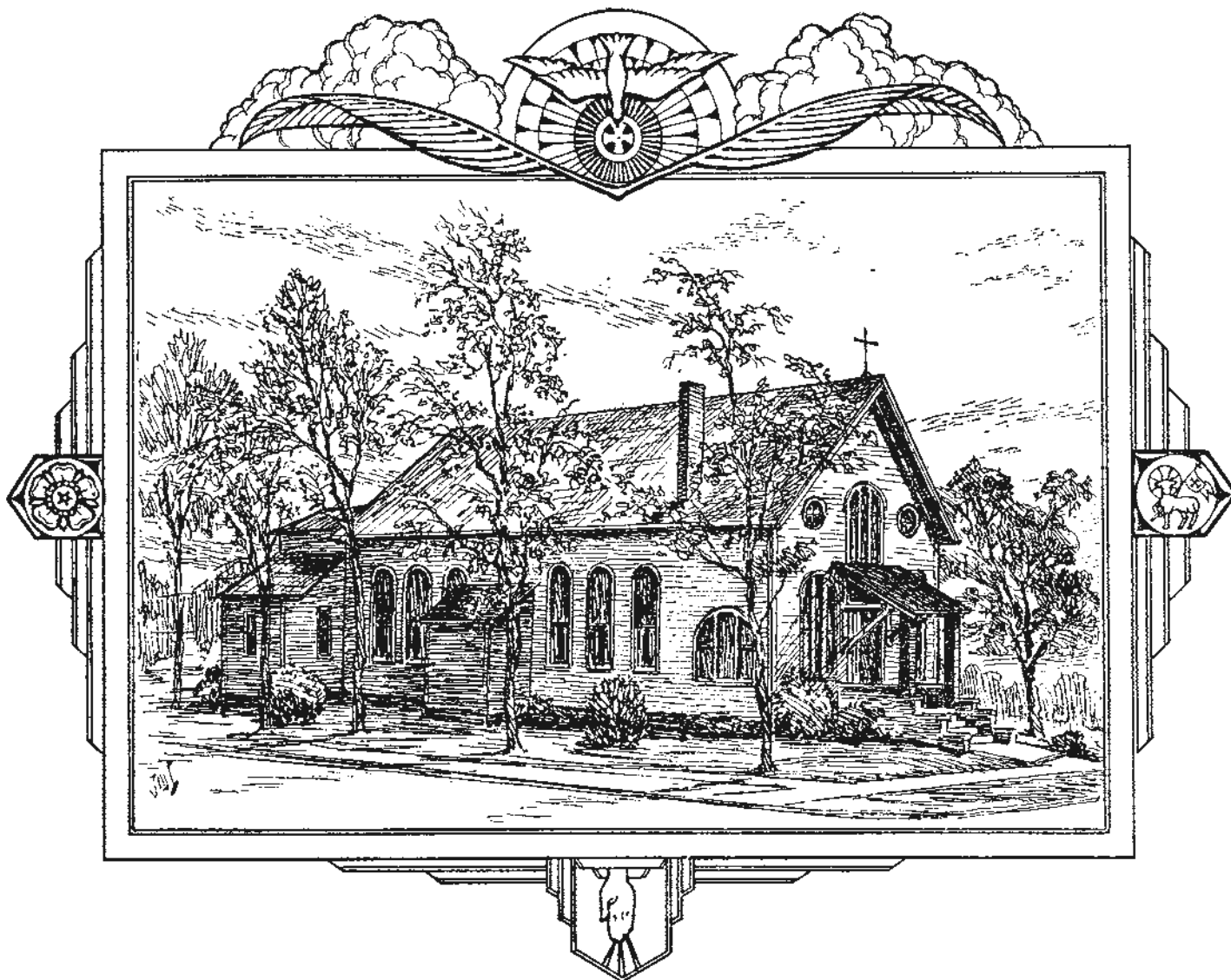
progressed rapidly. ¶The present church of St. John the Baptist, a brick structure, is of Romanesque design. The church is fully equipped. It is noted for the beauty of its decorations. There are many paintings of distinction. The church was rededicated in 1940 by the only Slovak Abbot in the world, the Rt. Rev. Stanislaus Gmuca, Abbot of St. Andrew's Monastery in Cleveland. ¶In 1931, Father George Novak was appointed pastor and served until his death in 1947. He was succeeded by Father Michael Tondra. In January, 1949 a beautiful new rectory was completed and work was begun on a new school building. It is now nearing completion and will be one of the finest and most complete schools in the Diocese. The parish has always been noted for its devotion to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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# St. John the Baptist Church · Polish · Campbell 1919

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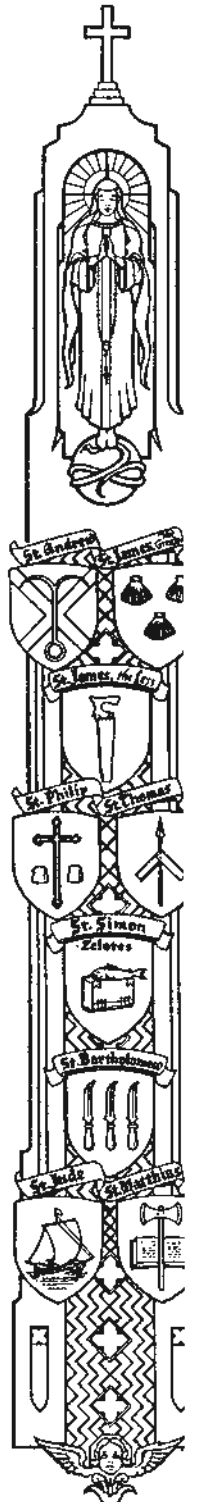


# St. John the Baptist - Polish Campbell



THE Polish Catholics of Campbell had been attending St. Stanislaus Church in Youngstown until 1919, when St. John the Baptist Parish was organized. Father Joseph Rojewski was appointed the first resident pastor. The first place of worship was a small hall, the present church being erected in the same year the parish was organized. On Christmas Day in 1919, the first Mass was celebrated in the new church. The structure was dedicated in the following June. During the depression period following the year 1929, the progress of the parish was greatly retarded, because a number of the members of the parish returned to their old homes in Europe. Despite this handicap, the parish has prospered since, and its membership is steadily increasing. The church is a rectangular frame structure in the Romanesque archi-

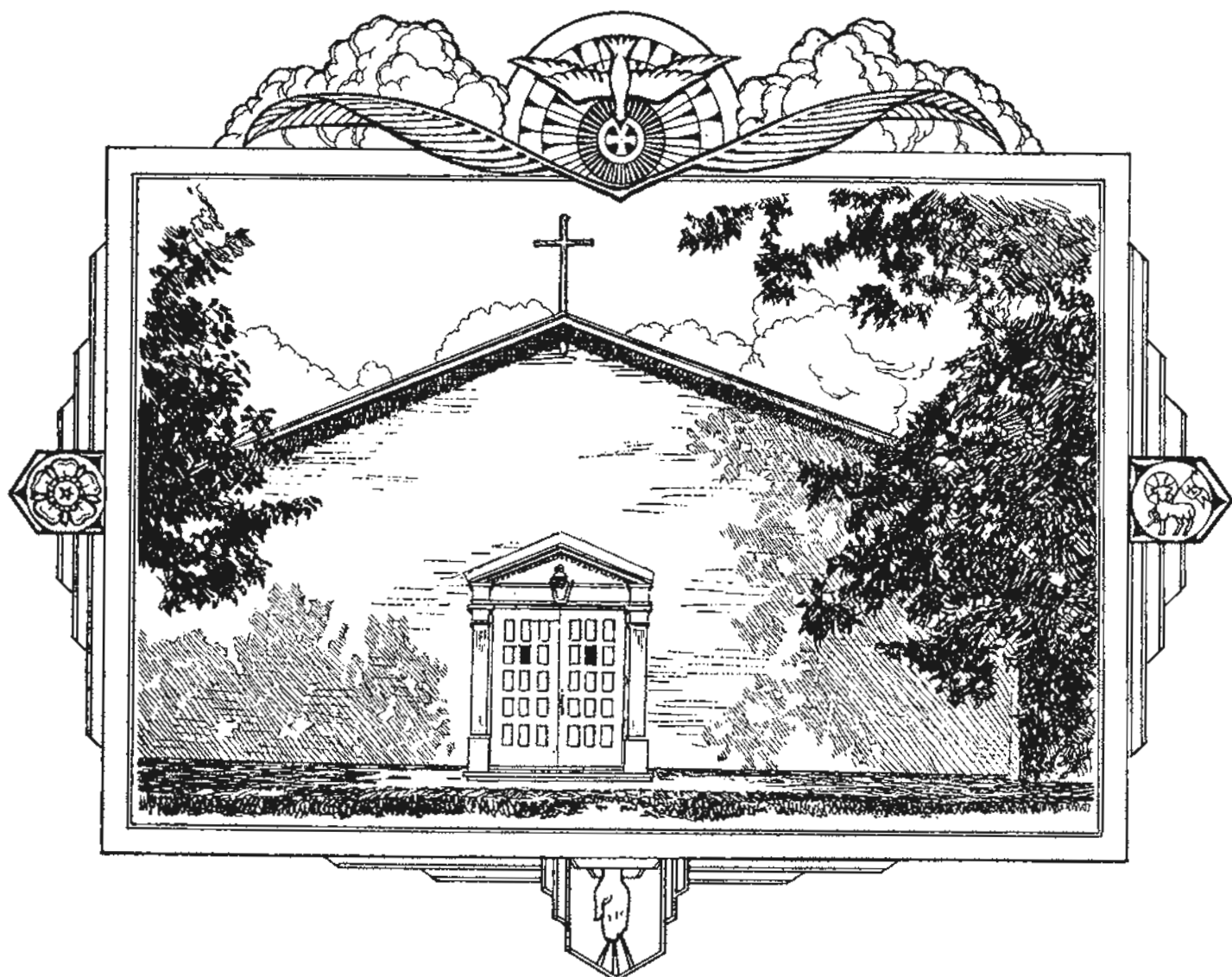
tectural style. The interior is furnished with the characteristic Catholic statues and inscriptions. The oak altar was donated by the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish of Lorain. The belfry, which is located directly above the main entrance, contains three bells. Under the able supervision of their beloved pastor, Father Thaddeus A. Herudaj, St. John the Baptist Church has made a great deal of progress. The support of his faithful parishioners and the co-operation of the different organizations has made possible the many improvements to the church and the construction of a Sister's Convent. Catechetical instruction is provided for the children. Hopes are high in anticipation of the materialization of the dream for a new school -- a harvest of love for Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.



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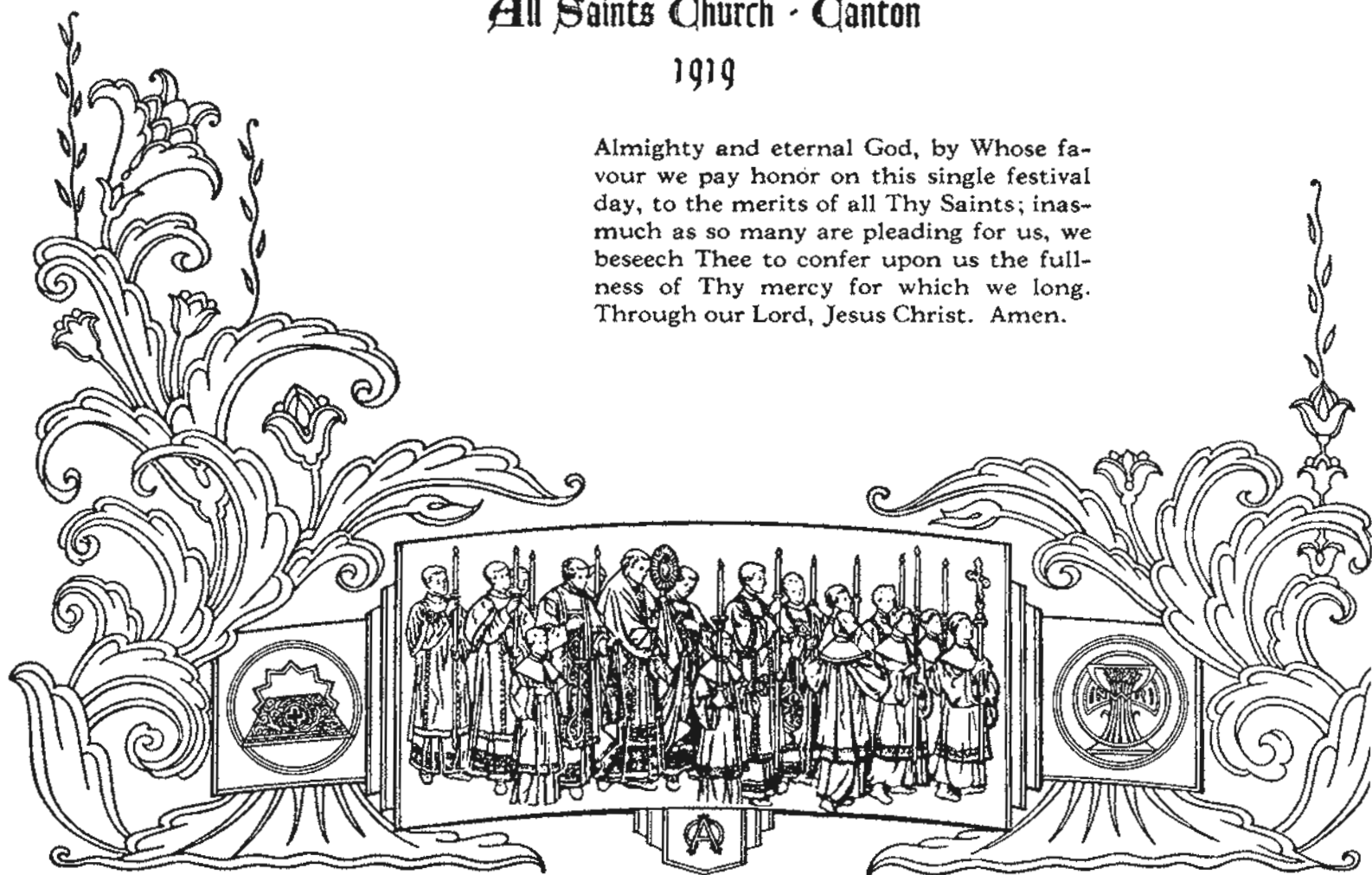
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## All Saints Church - Canton

1919

Almighty and eternal God, by Whose favour we pay honor on this single festival day, to the merits of all Thy Saints; inas-much as so many are pleading for us, we beseech Thee to confer upon us the full-ness of Thy mercy for which we long. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# All Saints Church

## Canton

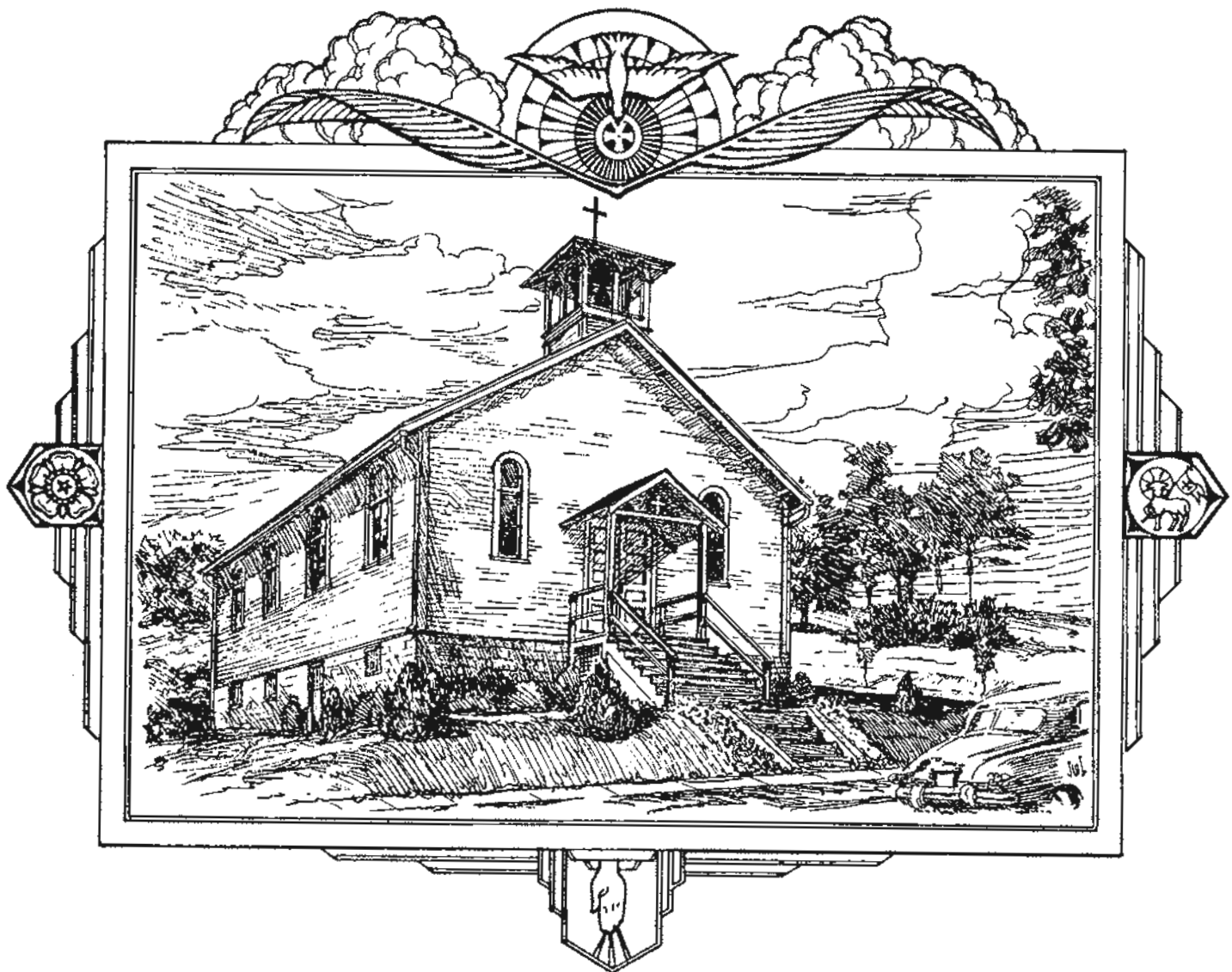


IN accordance with the desire of the Catholics of Polish nationality in Canton, the Most Reverend John P. Farrelly authorized the organization of a separate parish for them in 1919. The first service for the newly organized parish was held in the basement of St. Peter Church on October 25, 1919. From 1919 until 1921, the Reverend Francis Duda came from Barberton each Sunday to celebrate Mass. Upon the completion of the new church building, the Reverend John Kubacki was assigned as the first regular pastor in August, 1921; and it was he who celebrated the first Mass in the church. The original church was called Holy Cross Church, and it was dedicated in October of 1921, but the name was changed the following year to All Saints. The church is a white-frame structure with Gothic-styled, stained-glass windows. The building resembles the early-American type of

meeting house. A large wooden cross rises directly over the main entrance. The bell tower or campanile, containing one bell, is a separate structure, which stands to the right of the church. The present pastor, the Reverend Adolph Bernas, has been in charge of All Saints since his appointment on April 8, 1932. Under his able administration, and with the help and co-operation of his parishioners and different organizations, the parish is steadily developing. Most of the services are conducted in the Polish language. There is no school, but Father Bernas has arranged special religious instruction for the youth of his parish, continuing the advancement of Catholic Action. These pious people placed their church under the patronage of All Saints, imploring their aid and their protection through Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

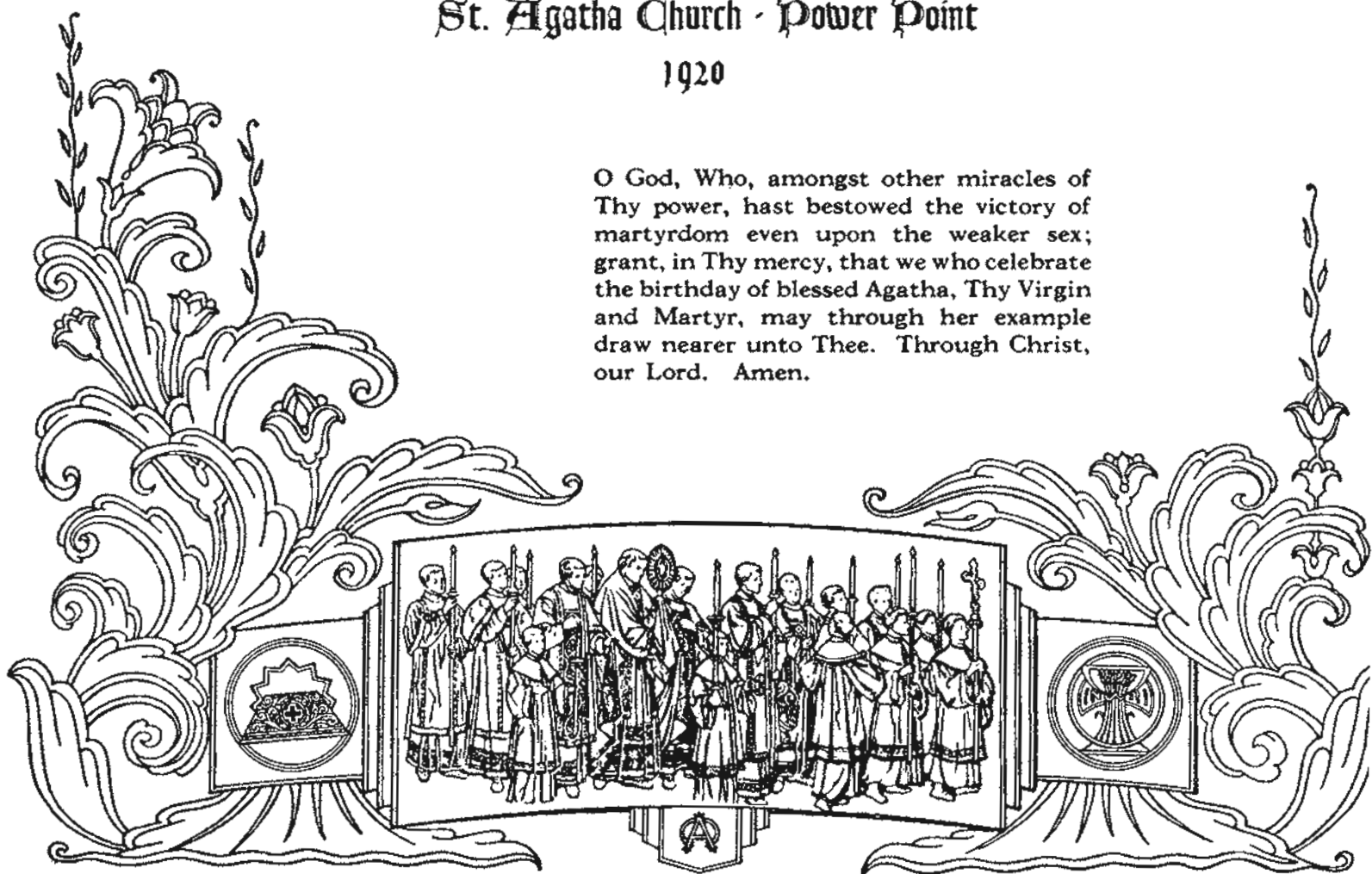
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St. Agatha Church - Power Point  
1920

O God, Who, amongst other miracles of Thy power, hast bestowed the victory of martyrdom even upon the weaker sex; grant, in Thy mercy, that we who celebrate the birthday of blessed Agatha, Thy Virgin and Martyr, may through her example draw nearer unto Thee. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.







# St. Agatha Church

## Power Point



WHEN the commercial coal mines were opened during the first World War at Power Point, more commonly referred to as West Point, a number of Catholic laborers migrated to this area. In order to provide for their spiritual welfare, Father Clement H. Boeke of St. George Church in Lisbon built the present frame building in 1920. However, since that time the mines have been closed, and the mission has gradually declined in membership. In 1934, St. Agatha Mission was placed under the jurisdiction of the parish of St. Philip Neri in Dungannon. Although Mass is celebrated only on Sunday, this small group of faithful Catholics are grateful to the Reverend Paul F. Marceau, pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, for his kind ministrations. ¶The trials and sacrifices of the early Catholic pioneers who were sincerely trying to emulate Christ

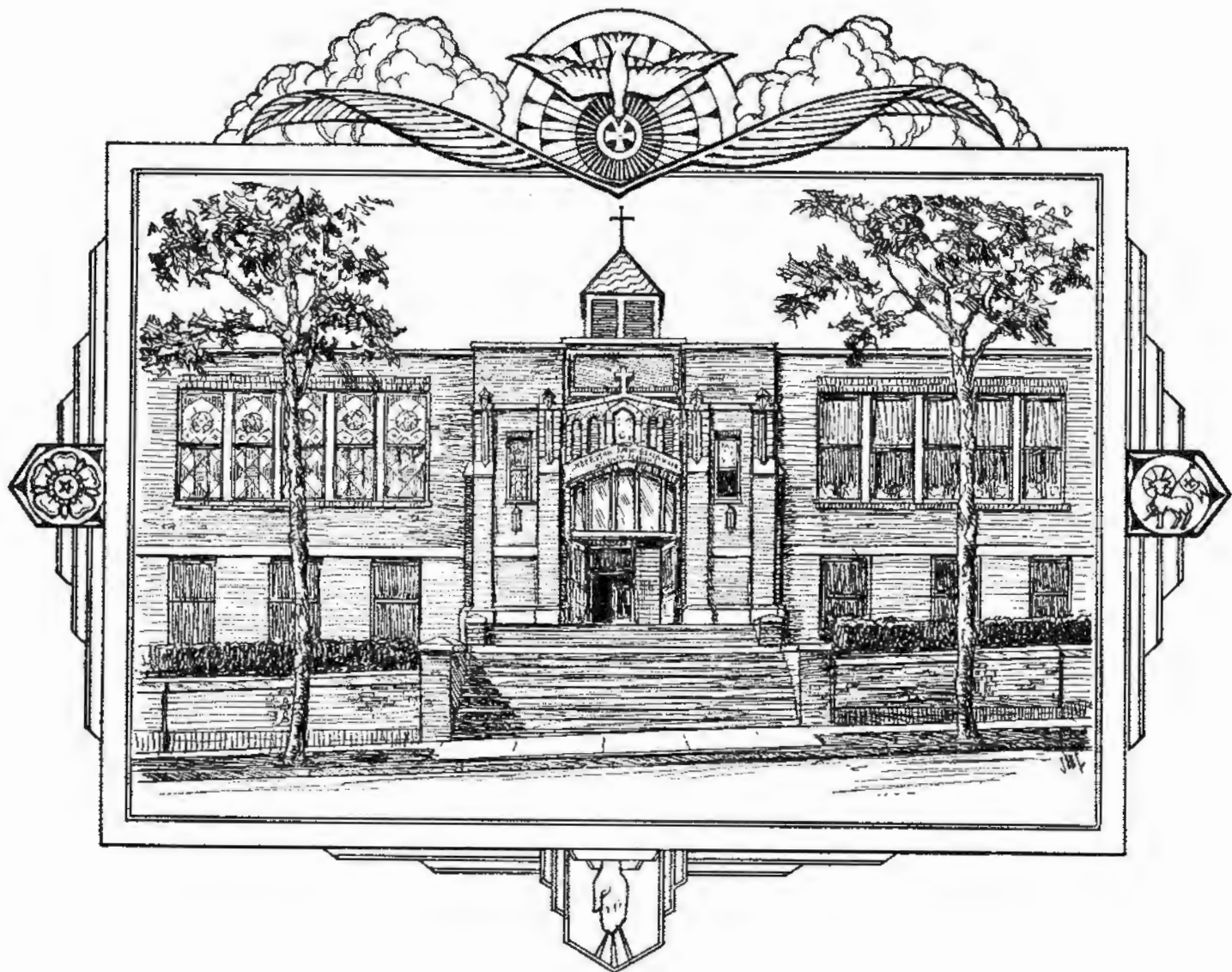
and promote Catholicity were indeed very serious, but by comparison they were nothing to the scourgings and tribulations of the early Christian martyrs, such as St. Agatha, who, from the depths of their souls, longed to be nearer to God and who laid down their very lives for their beliefs. ¶Fortunate indeed are those Catholics who are permitted to practice their religion and enjoy the privileges of their divine faith in today's well-established and flourishing churches without fear of persecution. Nevertheless, those fervent Catholics who have planted the seed of faith in new soil or barren land and who have fostered its growth, though at times slow and retarded, deserve our utmost praise and deepest gratitude -- a solid foundation of love and devotion to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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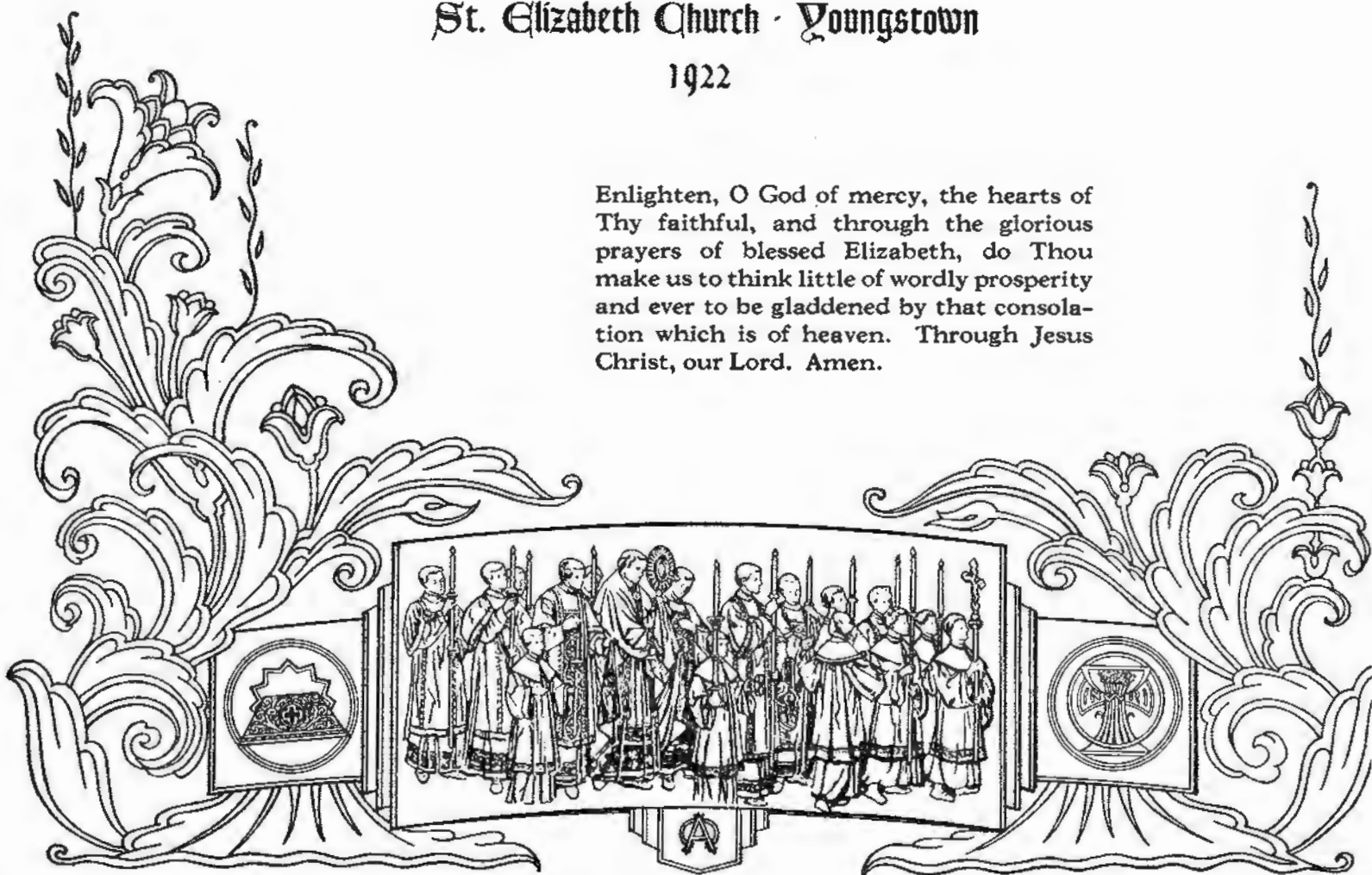




## St. Elizabeth Church - Youngstown

1922

Enlighten, O God of mercy, the hearts of Thy faithful, and through the glorious prayers of blessed Elizabeth, do Thou make us to think little of wordly prosperity and ever to be gladdened by that consolation which is of heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





# St. Elizabeth Church

## Youngstown

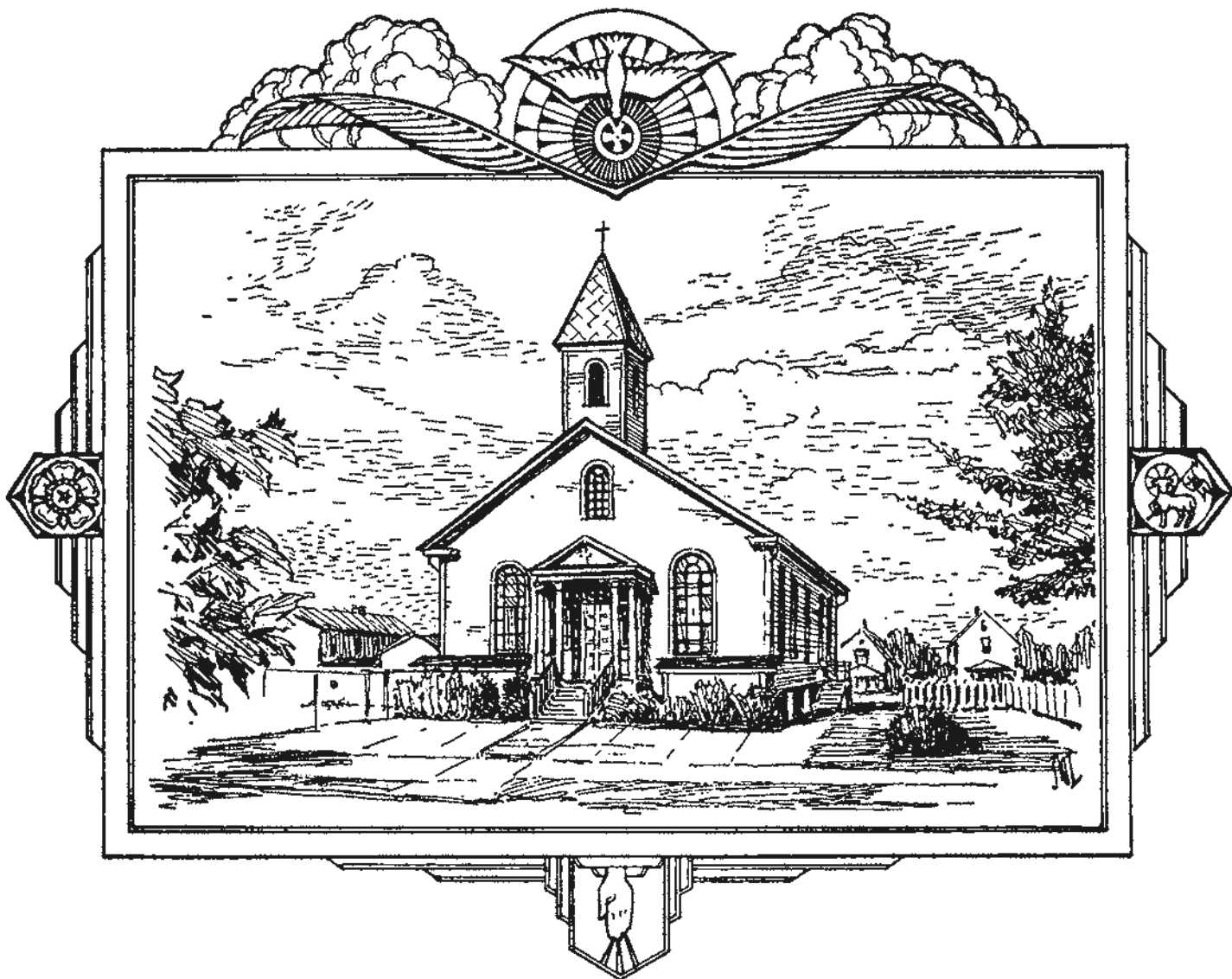


BEFORE the establishment of St. Elizabeth Parish, there were many Slovak Catholics who were residents of Haselton who were members of SS. Cyril and Methodius and other Youngstown churches. Desiring a parish of their own, they collected funds for the purpose of erecting a building and establishing a church. It was not until 1922, however, that Bishop Joseph Schrembs was able to comply with their desires. On April 6, the parish was organized, and on April 22, Father Joseph L. Kostik, S.T.D., was appointed as first resident pastor. ¶The present building was completed in 1922. The pastoral residence was given to the parish by Mr. Joseph Hessay. The Sisters' Convent was completed and dedicated in May of 1926. The combined church and school building is a red-brick, two-story, rectangular structure

with eight class rooms and an auditorium, which is furnished as a chapel. The furnishings, fixtures and statues were given by parishioners and friends. The Sisters' Convent is red-brick with a white sandstone trim. The school has an enrollment of one hundred eighty pupils. ¶There is a wonderful spirit of loyalty and co-operation existing between the people and Father Kostik, the pastor. The various organizations have supported him spiritually and financially in all his programs for the betterment of the church; especially those programs for Catholic Action. ¶Anticipating advancement and development in the future, they are laying plans for a building campaign and are striving hard to make their hopes become a reality -- an armor of faith for Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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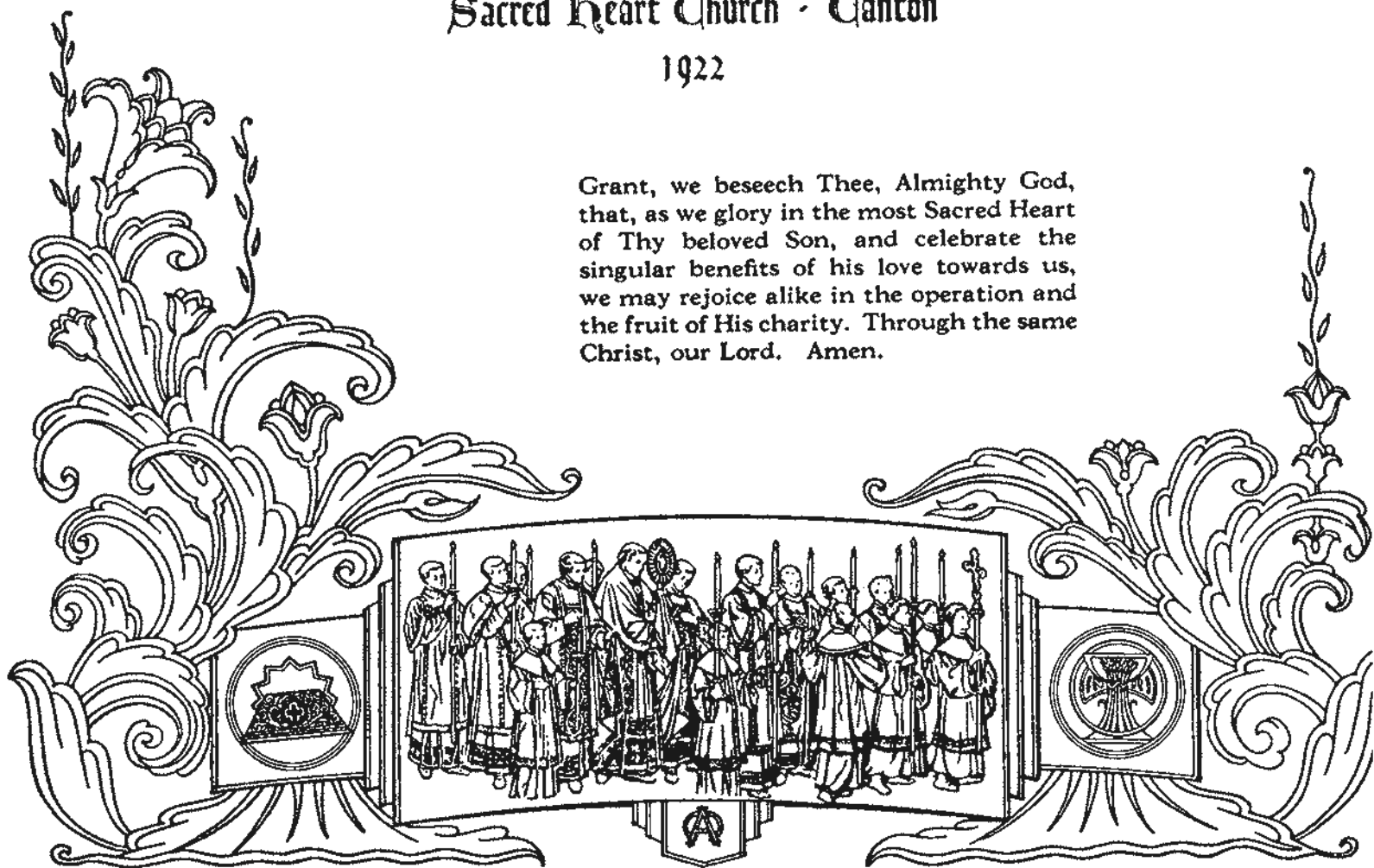




## Sacred Heart Church · Canton

1922

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that, as we glory in the most Sacred Heart of Thy beloved Son, and celebrate the singular benefits of his love towards us, we may rejoice alike in the operation and the fruit of His charity. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.







# Sacred Heart Church

## Canton



**I**N order to accommodate the Slovak-speaking members of All Saints Church, Bishop Schrembs established a separate parish for this purpose early in 1922. In April of that year the plans were completed, and Father John G. Hamrak was appointed as the first resident pastor. The original name of the parish was St. Benedict, but later it was changed to Sacred Heart. The present church building was completed late in 1923, and the first Mass was celebrated in the newly constructed edifice on November 11, 1923, at which time the church was dedicated. ¶The church structure is a frame building finished in the Colonial or early-American style of

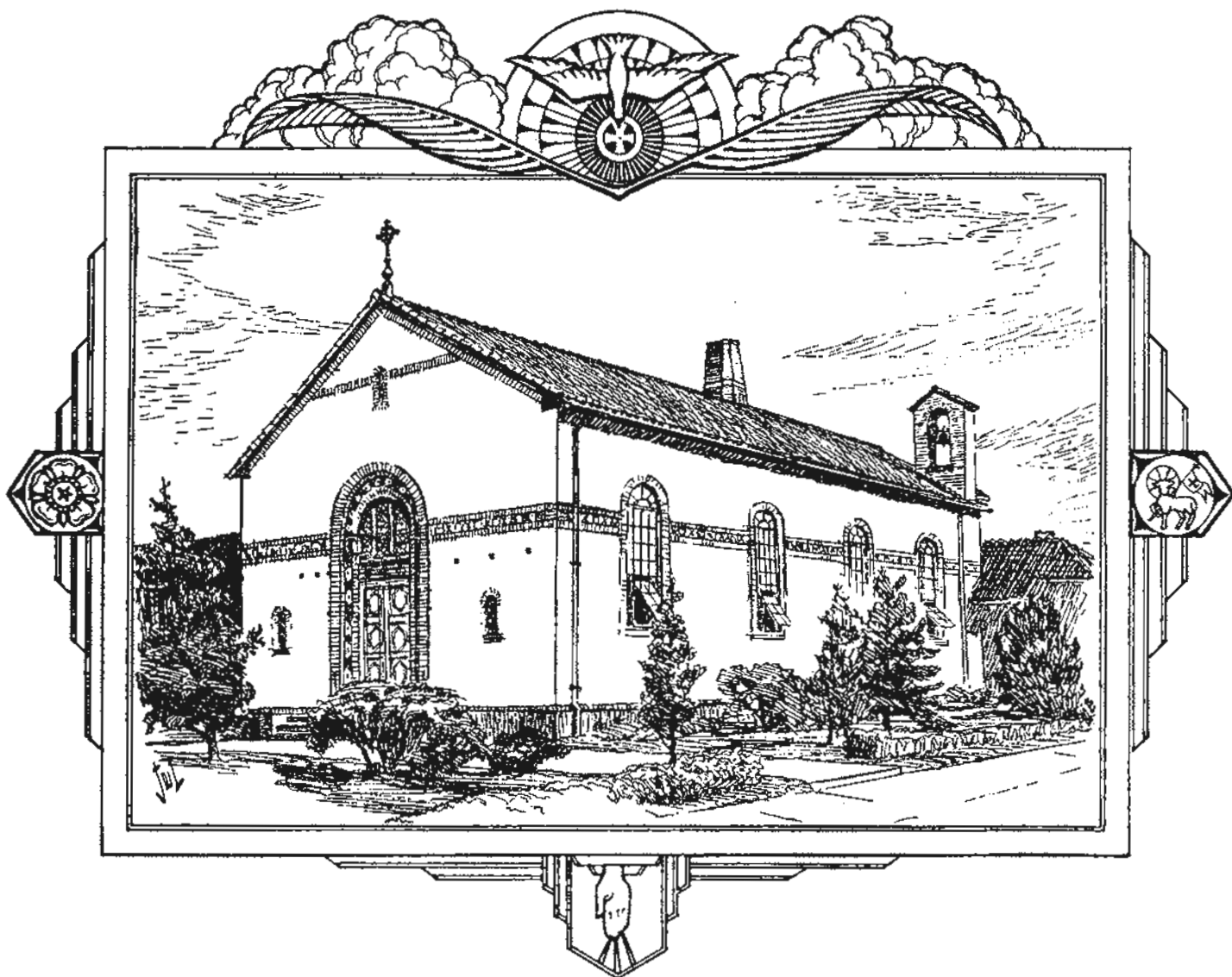
architecture. The tower, housing one bell, is surmounted by a Roman cross. The windows are of frosted glass, and an attractive portico is located at the entrance, above which is a small gilded cross. The basement is furnished for use as a hall for social activities and is used, in addition, for catechetical instruction. ¶Father Joseph J. Krisko, relying on the support of his faithful parishioners, is laboring untiringly for the furtherance of Catholic Action. They are nourishing fond hopes for the construction of a new school building in the not-too-distant future -- a monument of love to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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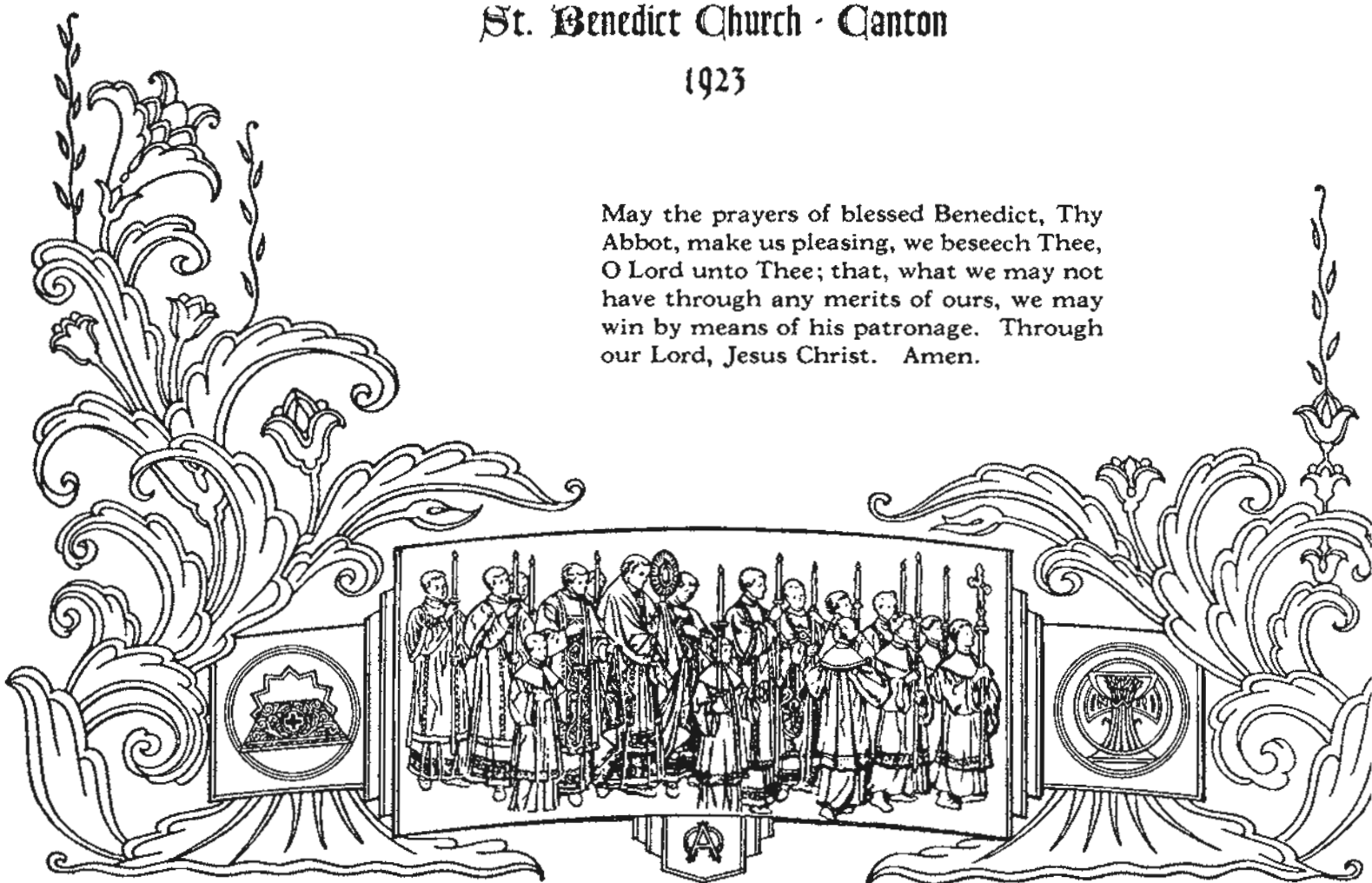
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St. Benedict Church - Canton  
1923

May the prayers of blessed Benedict, Thy  
Abbot, make us pleasing, we beseech Thee,  
O Lord unto Thee; that, what we may not  
have through any merits of ours, we may  
win by means of his patronage. Through  
our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Benedict Church

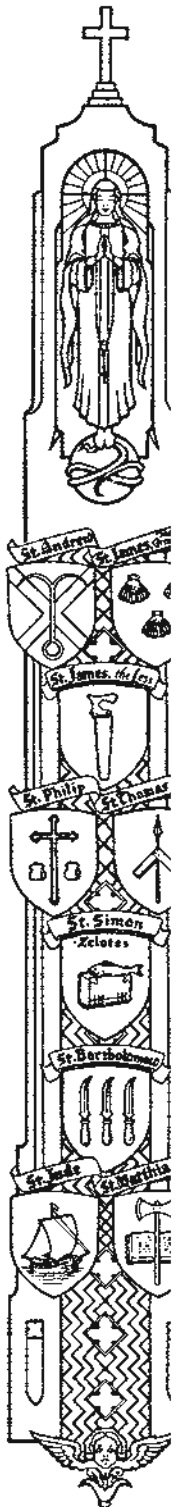
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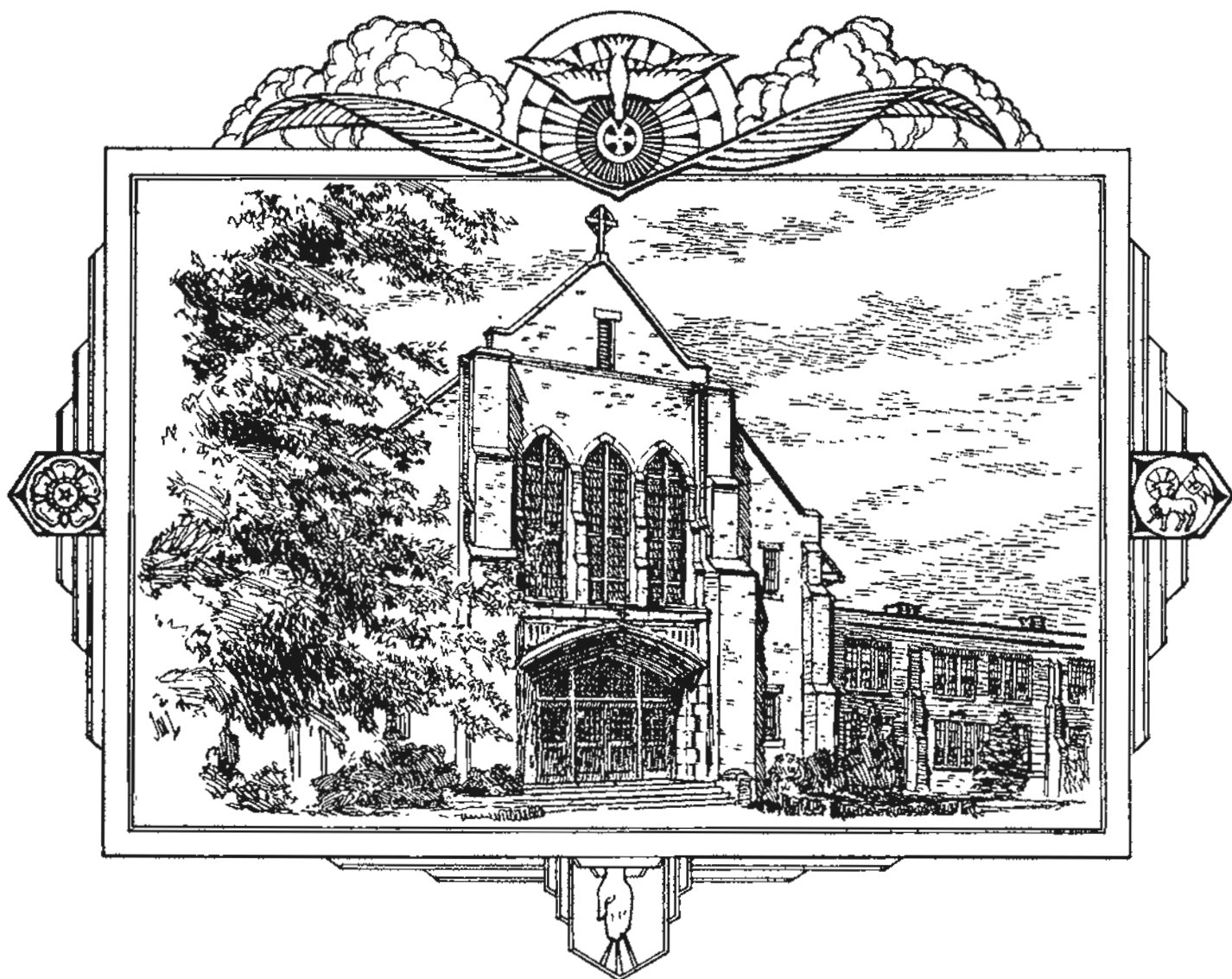


IN the summer of 1923, the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs established the parish of St. Benedict, placing it under the care of the Benedictine Fathers of the Archabbey of St. Vincent in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. The Reverend James Spalding, O.S.B., was appointed as the first resident pastor on August 4, 1923. In September, 1923, a contract was let by Father Spalding for the erection of a temporary church of frame construction. A plot of ground, facing on Tuscarawas Street, Girard Avenue and Third Street, was purchased as a site for the church buildings. On Sunday, November 11, 1923, the first Mass was offered in this building, which was given the name of St. Benedict. Upon the death of Father Spalding on May 26, 1924, the Reverend Nicholas Seidl succeeded him on June 29, 1924. The present church edifice was constructed and dedicated in 1925. Father Seidl lived only long enough to see the completion of the new church; his death occurring on December 29, 1925. ¶The original church has a plain wooden cross above a small tower

at the front of the gable. It is still used as a meeting place for the social activities of the parish. The present church, which is constructed of kiln-run pressed brick in the Spanish mission style of architecture, has a small open tower in which is one bell. A Celtic Cross is mounted near the front of the gable, and the roof is of red tile. ¶The parish of St. James in Waynesburg was established in 1927 as a mission to care for the Waynesburg residents who had been members of St. Benedict. ¶The present pastor, the Reverend Gregory McAtee, O.S.B., has been in charge of the parish since August, 1938. Under his able and zealous leadership, together with the spirit and enthusiasm of his loyal parishioners, St. Benedict has shown a great deal of advancement. All the buildings are well maintained, and the school boasts an enrollment of more than two hundred pupils. All programs for the welfare of the church are wholeheartedly supported -- the true spirit of love and protection for Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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## St. Brendan Church · Youngstown

1923

O God, Who dost gladden us by the annual feast of blessed Brendan, Thy Confessor, mercifully grant that, as we celebrate his natal day, we may also imitate his actions. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.







# St. Brendan Church

## Youngstown

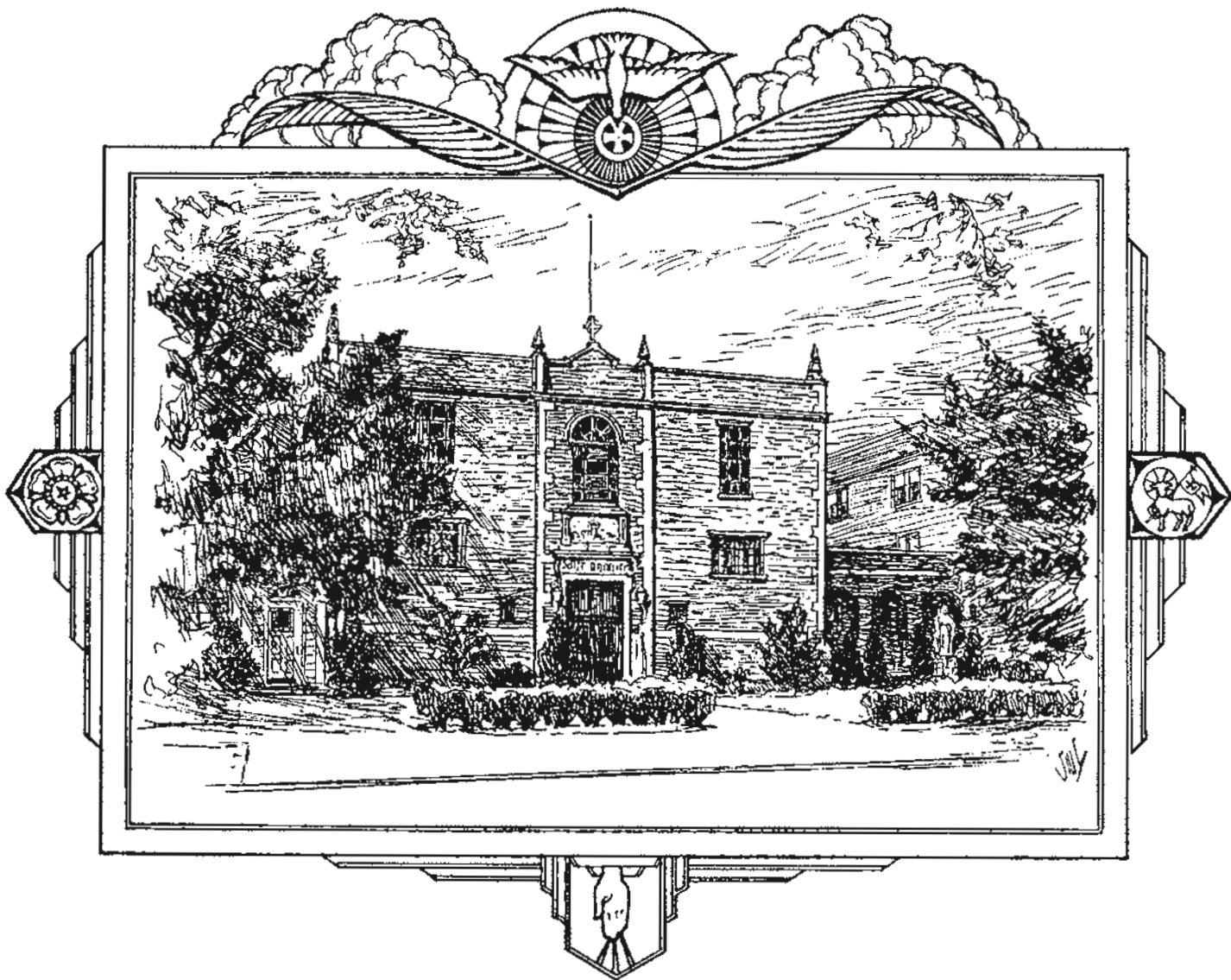


**S**T. BRENDAN PARISH was formed by members of both St. Patrick and St. Columba parishes who lived in the west section of the city of Youngstown. The congregation was organized as a parish in April of 1923, and the Irish Saint was selected as its patron saint. The Reverend Andrew A. Crehan, graduate of Holy Ghost College of Pittsburgh, was appointed as the first resident pastor by Bishop Joseph Schrembs. The first Mass was celebrated on May 6, 1923. ¶The old Perkins frame school at Mahoning and Schenley Avenues was the first building used by members of St. Brendan for divine worship. Plans were made in 1923 for a permanent church home, and construction was begun the following year. The cornerstone was laid on November 30, 1924; the structure was dedicated on November 29, 1925. ¶All the buildings of St. Brendan Parish are of the finest possible construction and material. No better type of building will be found anywhere in the Diocese. From

the beginning they were large enough to care for the growth of the parish for many years to come. No alterations of any kind have been made, thus saving much expense and trouble. Great foresight was shown by Father Crehan in the development of the parish. ¶The Reverend Father Charles W. McDonough served the parish from 1928 until 1943. His successor, the Reverend William J. Keefe, was pastor of St. Brendan until his death in 1945. Under the supervision of the present pastor, the Reverend William P. Maxwell, the parish has grown steadily. The school boasts an enrollment of four hundred pupils. All religious ceremonies and social events are well attended. The debt has been substantially reduced, and the parishioners are looking forward with eagerness to the development of St. Brendan in the future -- a great spirit of achievement in the service of Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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## St. Dominic Church - Youngstown

1923

O God, Who hast vouchsafed to make Thy Church illustrious by the merits and teaching of blessed Dominic, Thy Confessor; grant that, through his intercession she may not be deprived of temporal succor, and may have continual increase of spiritual goods. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Dominic Church

## Youngstown

**T**HE Order of the Dominican Fathers, which played an important part in the early history of Youngstown, was invited by Bishop Schrembs in 1923 to return and establish a church in the new and rapidly growing residential section on the south side of Youngstown. Members of the new organization, for the most part, came from St. Patrick Church. The Reverend Father Charles A. Haverty, O.P., a graduate of the Dominican House of Studies and the Catholic University at Washington, D.C., was assigned as the first resident pastor. Because of the increasing religious, social and school activities of the congregation, new and larger buildings have been erected -- evidence of the constant growth which St. Dominic has enjoyed from its beginning. ¶The buildings of St. Dominic Parish were started by Father Patrick Maher. The school was begun in 1923, and placed under the direction of the Sisters of St. Dominic. Their mother house is in Akron. The buildings are all of buff brick. The school contains an auditorium, music room, doctors' and nurses' rooms, a cafeteria and a library. ¶Many gifts, including the altar, pulpit and statues, have been made by members and friends.

St. Dominic has enjoyed the distinction of opening the first Catholic Junior High School in the city. ¶In 1929, the ever mounting needs of the parish necessitated the building of an addition to the school on Lucius Avenue. This work was done under the direction of Father G. Scholz, and consisted of a large auditorium which was to serve as a temporary church, and new class rooms. The Most Reverend Schrembs made his visitation and blessed the new building on December 22, 1929. ¶Father Leo Gainor, O.P., during his term as pastor of St. Dominic Church, constructed a three story convent. This was built in 1937 and has an exterior of buff brick to match the rest of the parish buildings. ¶During the pastorate of the Reverend Joseph S. O'Connell, O.P., the parish has shown a remarkable increase in membership, and is one of the largest churches in the valley. The school has an enrollment of over five hundred fifty pupils. The debt has been substantially reduced, and the buildings are in excellent condition. At all times the parishioners and lay organizations have responded to their Pastor's call for aid in his betterment programs, both religious and social. They are now planning a new and larger church and hoping their plans may soon be realized.

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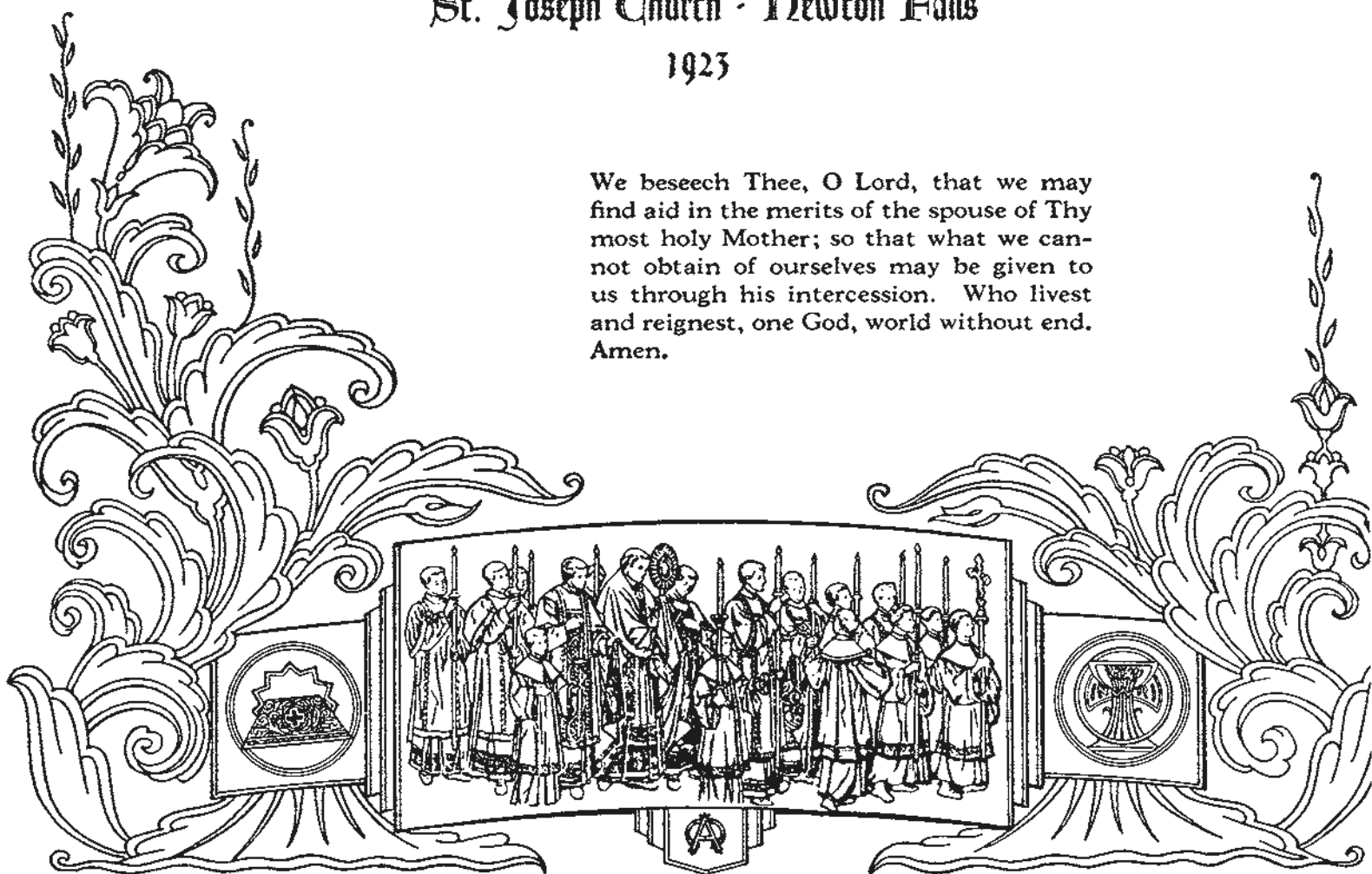
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## St. Joseph Church - Newton Falls

1923

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may find aid in the merits of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother; so that what we cannot obtain of ourselves may be given to us through his intercession. Who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.







# St. Joseph Church

## Newton Falls

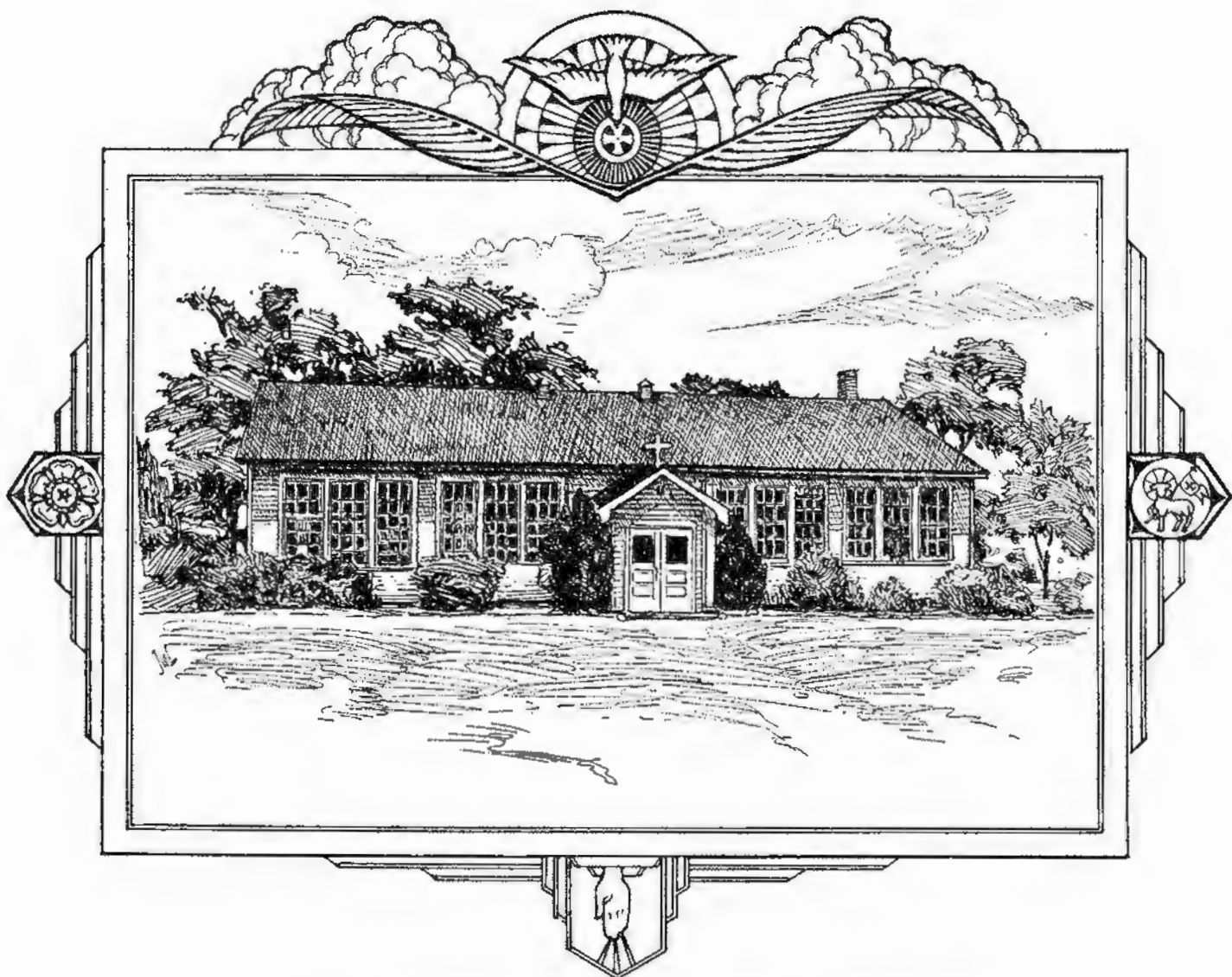


NEWTON FALLS, nine miles southwest of Warren on the Mahoning River, was founded in 1846. Because of its location in the fork of the Mahoning River, the town was an important shipping point on the canal. Also, the inhabitants were most enterprising. By 1880, the town boasted a large woolen factory and a paper mill, and prospects for the future development of the city were indeed bright. From early records it is believed that the faithful Catholics of this area established a mission around the year 1870, but because of poor business conditions, which resulted in widespread unemployment, many of the members of the mission were forced to look elsewhere for their livelihood, and the little mission was abandoned. The few that remained were forced to attend other parishes nearest their homes. Over half a century passed before a need for the organization of a parish in Newton Falls was again evident. Early services were held in rented quarters until the present church was built in 1923. The

group was served by the Reverend Emil Schaidler of Warren until the parish was organized. The Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs authorized the establishment of the parish of St. Joseph in 1923. The Reverend Francis B. Tomanek was appointed as the first resident pastor. He served the parish until the appointment of the present pastor, Father Albert Klein. The church is a rectangular edifice, painted white, and constructed of frame and concrete. Buildings, formerly owned by the Government and used during World War II, were acquired recently by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden to be converted into a community school. Now the children of St. Joseph share in all the privileges and advantages of a true Catholic education. Under the able administration of Father Klein, together with the support of his faithful parishioners, a great deal has been accomplished to preserve the faith of the early pioneers of St. Joseph -- another step forward toward Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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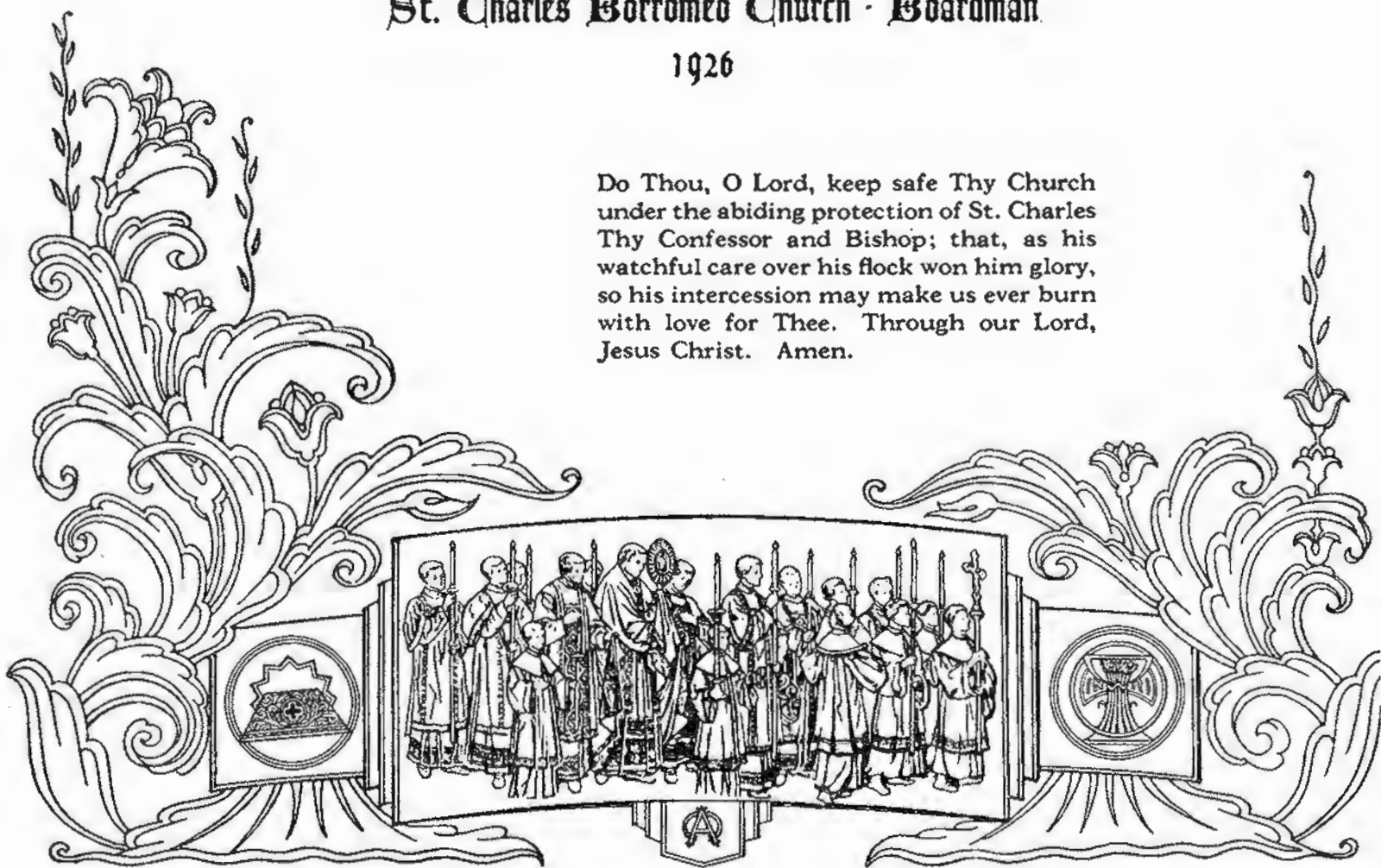




## St. Charles Borromeo Church - Boardman

1926

Do Thou, O Lord, keep safe Thy Church under the abiding protection of St. Charles Thy Confessor and Bishop; that, as his watchful care over his flock won him glory, so his intercession may make us ever burn with love for Thee. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Charles Borromeo

## Boardman



THE rapid growth of Boardman, a suburb of Youngstown, made it advisable to establish a separate parish to serve the Catholic families of this district. Prior to 1926, these families had attended various other churches in the city of Youngstown. On November 4, 1926, Bishop Joseph Schrembs assigned the Reverend Patrick J. Ferron as the first pastor of the newly created parish. For the first few weeks after his arrival, Father Ferron conducted services in the Town Hall. In the meantime the present property, on which a frame dwelling was situated, was purchased. This frame dwelling was used as a place of worship until the present building was ready for use. In 1927, construction of the new church was begun. It was completed and dedicated in May of 1928. ¶The church is a one-story, white-frame, rectangular structure. The former place of worship was then converted into a pastoral residence. One room in the latter was rebuilt for use as a chapel. ¶In addition to his many and varied duties as

Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the present pastor, the Right Reverend Monsignor John L. Bardon, has supervised the erection of a large social hall. ¶Since the parish has no parochial school at the present time, Msgr. Bardon has organized a broad and intensive system of catechetical instruction for the children of the parish. All school ages are included. Two large modern school busses are operated by the parish, and the children are transported to and from their homes. In addition to the priests of the parish, several sisters of the Ursuline Order are regularly engaged in the work. More than 300 children are cared for in this way. Father Bardon is now also planning a wide expansion program for St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Eleven acres, close by, have been purchased, and plans are being formed for the construction of a newer and larger church and school to take care of the rapid development of this district -- a model of vision and faith in Christ the King.

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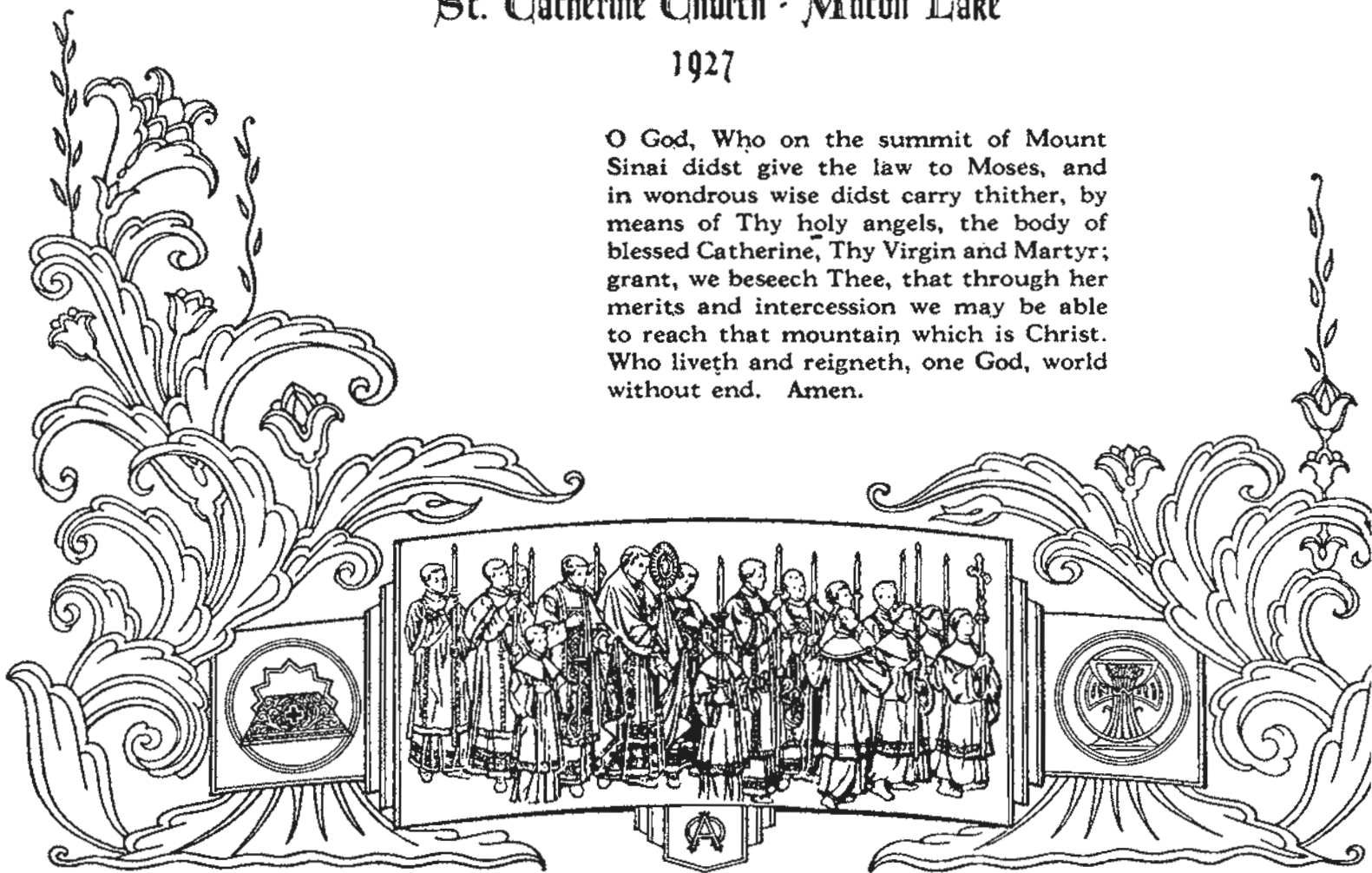
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## St. Catherine Church - Milton Lake

1927

O God, Who on the summit of Mount Sinai didst give the law to Moses, and in wondrous wise didst carry thither, by means of Thy holy angels, the body of blessed Catherine, Thy Virgin and Martyr; grant, we beseech Thee, that through her merits and intercession we may be able to reach that mountain which is Christ. Who liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.







# St. Catherine Church

## Milton Lake



**S**T. CATHERINE mission, which was organized in 1927, was established for the purpose of serving the summer vacationers visiting Lake Milton. In the year of its organization, a small frame church was erected and dedicated, and Father John Tomanek was assigned as the first pastor of the small mission. Services were held weekly for the benefit of those Catholics who made their home at the popular lake resort during the summer months. Permanent resident parishioners of the mission attend the parish of St. James, North Jackson, during the winter, when the mission is closed. During each of past four years, a different pastor has been appointed by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, first Bishop of Youngstown. ¶The first church building, which was erected in 1927, is still

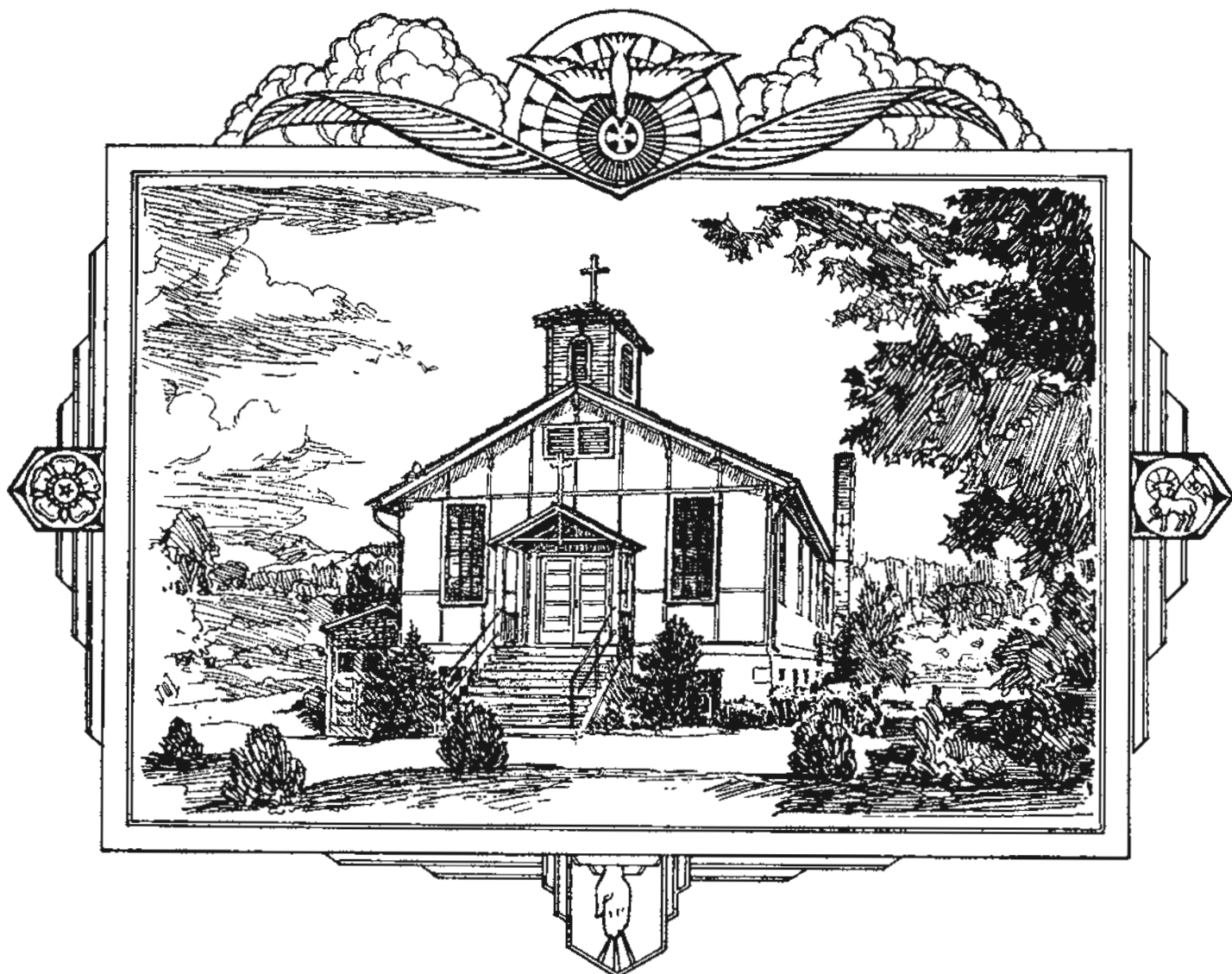
in use. The structure itself is a plain, frame, rectangular building, which is painted white. It is surmounted by an enclosed belfry, above which is a cross. The interior has been artistically decorated and is kept in splendid condition for all services. ¶At summer camps or, for that matter, at any type of vacation resort, the tendency is to neglect the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as well as many other devotions and religious services. Often these obligations are completely overlooked. God must indeed be pleased with the wisdom of those faithful and loyal Catholics, who desire a place of worship and who built St. Catherine in order that the spiritual needs of the summer visitors might be filled -- providing a haven of trust to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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## St. James Church - Waynesburg

1927

Be Thou, O Lord, the sanctifier and protector of Thy people, that, strengthened by the aid of James Thine apostle, they may please Thee in the conduct of their lives and may serve Thee without fear. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. James Church

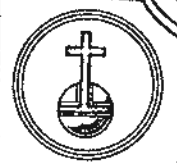
## Waynesburg

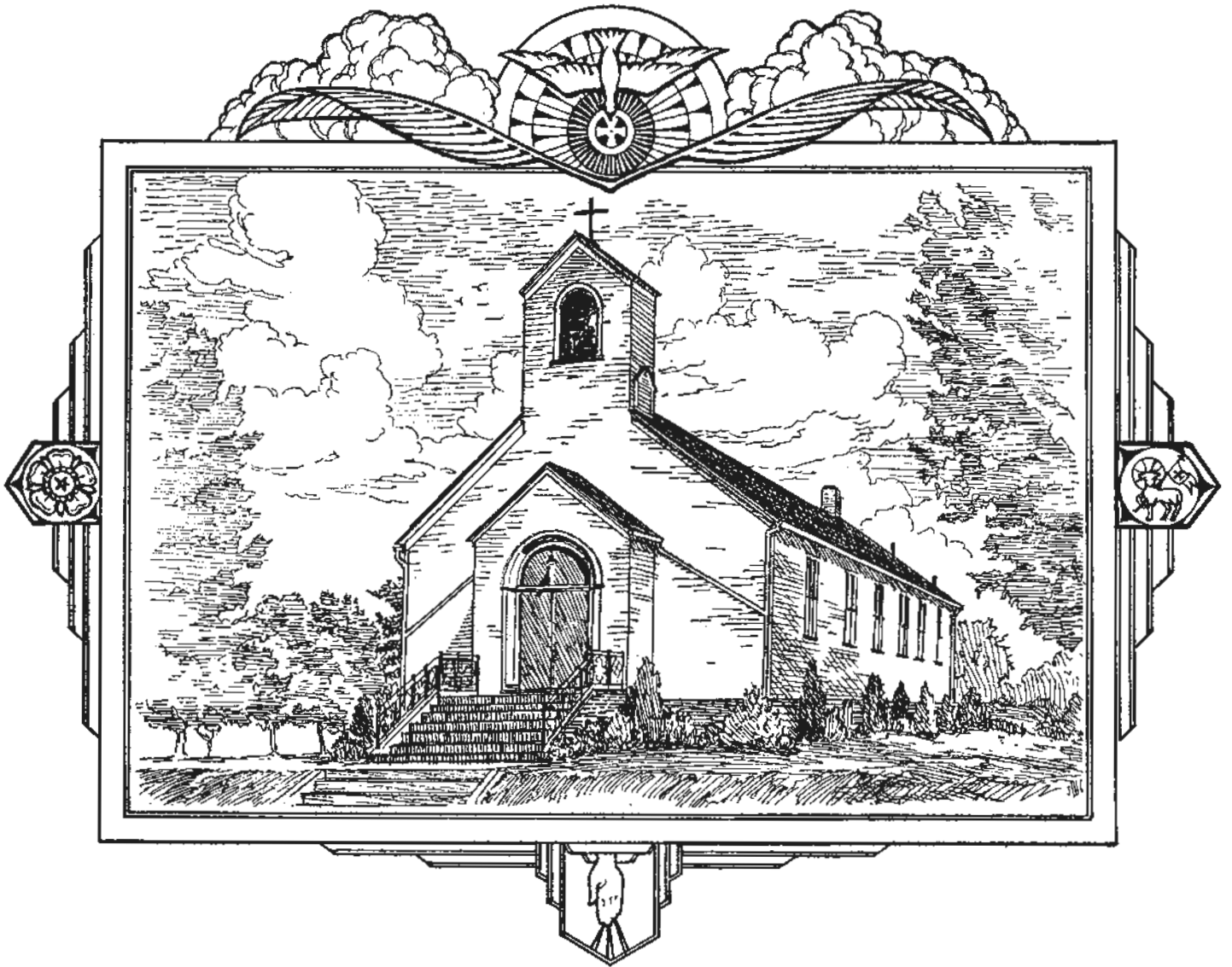


NUMBER of Catholics living in Waynesburg, some of whom had been attending the Malvern parish, were desirous of establishing a parish in their own locality in 1926. So they sent a request to the Cleveland diocesan commission for the establishment of a mission in the village. Upon the sanction of the request, Father George Brugger, O.S.B., was authorized to begin organizing and the mission was assigned to the parish of St. Benedict in Canton. ¶The Catholic families living in Waynesburg, Ohio, petitioned the Bishop of Cleveland for permission to establish a parish or mission in their community. The request was granted and a mission church was authorized. Father George Brugger, a Benedictine father, was assigned to the task. He resided at St. Benedict Church in Canton. ¶Mass was celebrated in quarters which were rented by the parish. The first Mass to be celebrated was held on the first Sunday in October, 1927, and was conducted by Father Brugger. A new church was completed and dedicated in October, 1929,

during his pastorate. Father Brugger served the parish until 1934 and was succeeded by Father Alphonse Farley. Father Sebastian McKay, assistant pastor of St. Benedict, was appointed pastor in 1936, and he was succeeded by Father Kevin Lynskey, O.S.B., in 1940. ¶The church building is a rectangular, frame structure of the Spanish mission type of architecture. It is fitted with high clear windows and a cupola which contains one bell. There are two crosses on the cupola and another above the entrance to the edifice. ¶One of the chief industries of Waynesburg is the manufacture of bricks, and many of the parishioners are gainfully employed by the brick plants. The members of the parish are faithful and loyal workers and give their full cooperation to their pastor, the Reverend Raphael Schatzel, O.S.B., who was appointed by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden to serve this parish. St. James was once a small mission, but today its congregation enjoys the blessing of a permanent abode for their Lord and Master.

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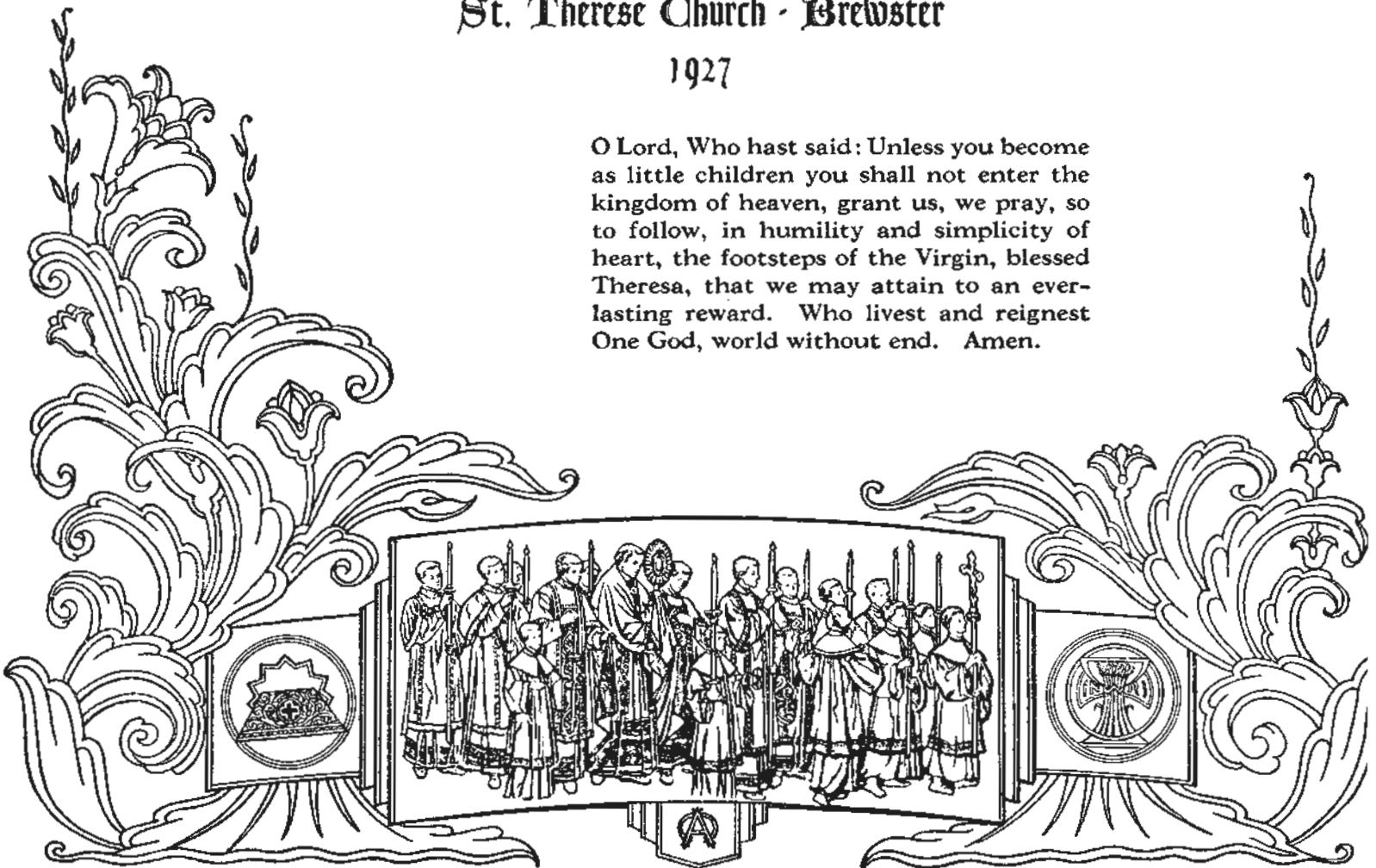




## St. Therese Church - Brewster

1927

O Lord, Who hast said: Unless you become as little children you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven, grant us, we pray, so to follow, in humility and simplicity of heart, the footsteps of the Virgin, blessed Theresa, that we may attain to an everlasting reward. Who livest and reignest One God, world without end. Amen.







# St. Therese Church

## Brewster

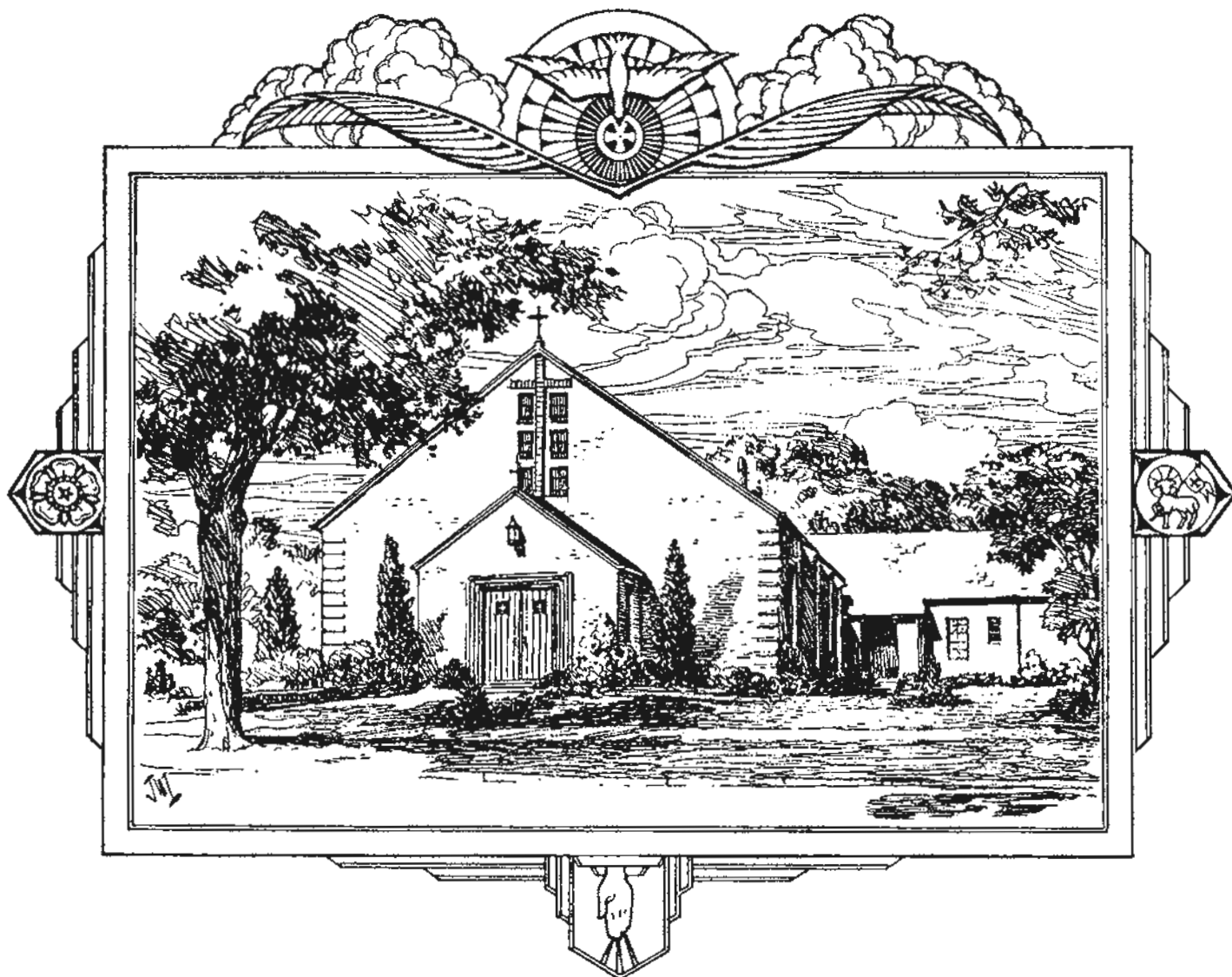
**B**REWSTER was founded in 1906, when the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, now the Nickle Plate, located its shops and its offices in the town. With the shops and offices, came Catholics from many states and of several national origins. The Italians, Croatians and the Slovenians predominated. These Catholics attended services at St. Clement, Navarre, and at St. Joseph and St. Mary in Massillon. ¶In 1927, at the request of about eighty families of Brewster, the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, established St. Therese Parish, with Father Thaddeus Marchant as first pastor. The first Mass in Brewster was offered on December 4, 1927. Sunday Masses were said in the theater for the next six months. On April 15, 1928, the Right Reverend Monsignor Clement H. Treiber officiated at the breaking of the ground for the church. Three months later, the structure was entirely completed. The plain church, of concrete and wood construction, was dedicated by Archbishop Joseph Schrembs on September 16, 1928. At this time, the church was placed under the protection

of St. Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus. ¶Father Marchant was succeeded by Father John Schaefer as pastor in 1935. Father William E. Degan was pastor from 1936 until June 2, 1943, on which date Father Paul J. Buchholz, the present pastor, was appointed. ¶In September, 1947, arrangements were made for the children of St. Therese Parish to attend St. Clement Parochial School, Navarre. During the first year, fifty-five children, transported by bus to Navarre, attended St. Clement School. This arrangement is still in effect. ¶St. Therese Parish has in attendance the Catholic families living in Beach City, Justus, West Lebanon, Elton and the surrounding territory in addition to the town of Brewster. At present there are over 120 families in the parish. The most important parish organizations are the Altar Society, Holy Name, Catholic Order of Foresters and the Catholic Youth Club. ¶Under the zealous guidance of their pastor, the Reverend Paul J. Buchholz, the faithful Catholics, who planted the mustard seed of faith in mission soil, have been rewarded by its constant growth of love and devotion to Christ the King.



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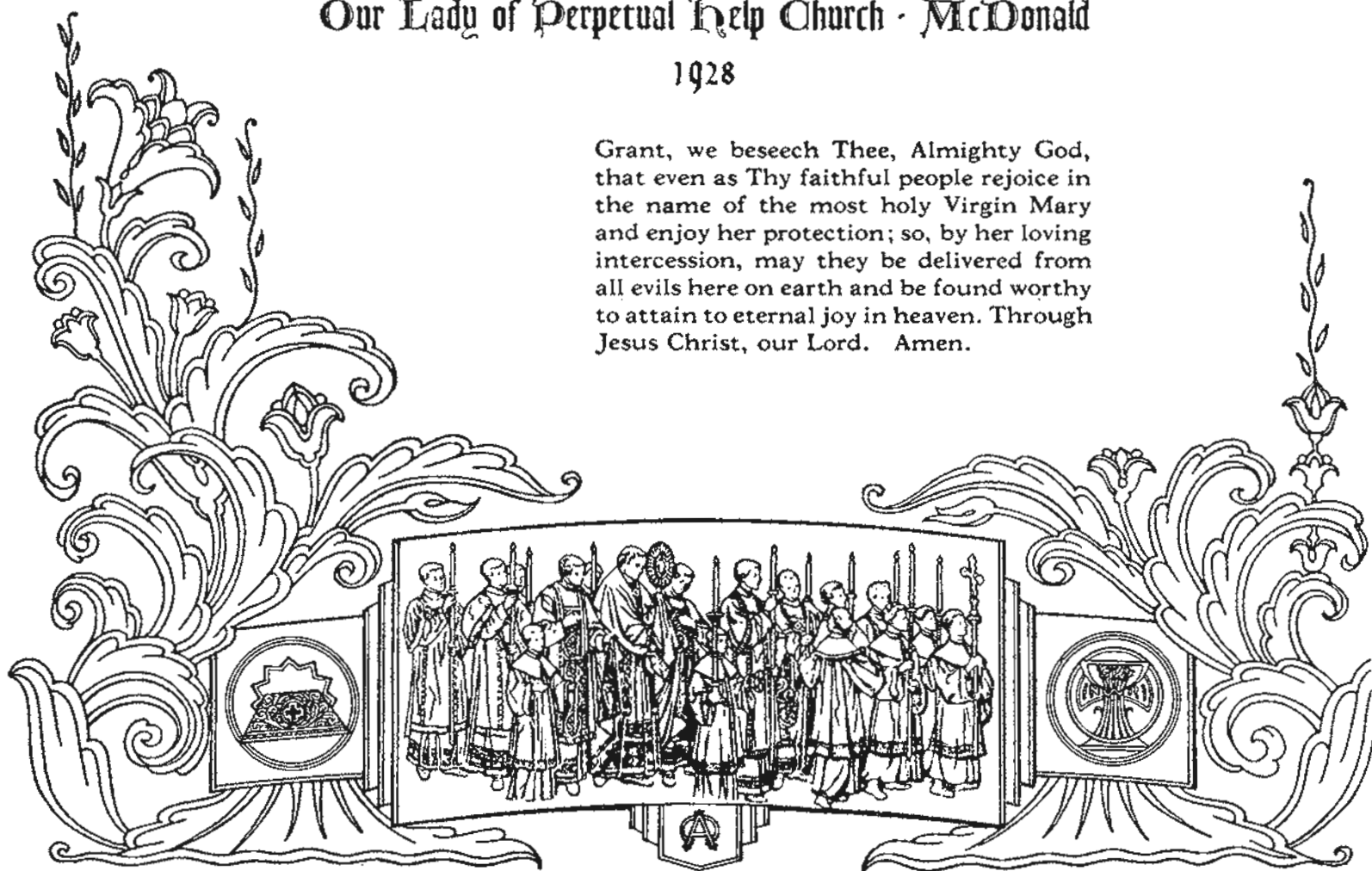




## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church · McDonald

1928

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that even as Thy faithful people rejoice in the name of the most holy Virgin Mary and enjoy her protection; so, by her loving intercession, may they be delivered from all evils here on earth and be found worthy to attain to eternal joy in heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## McDonald

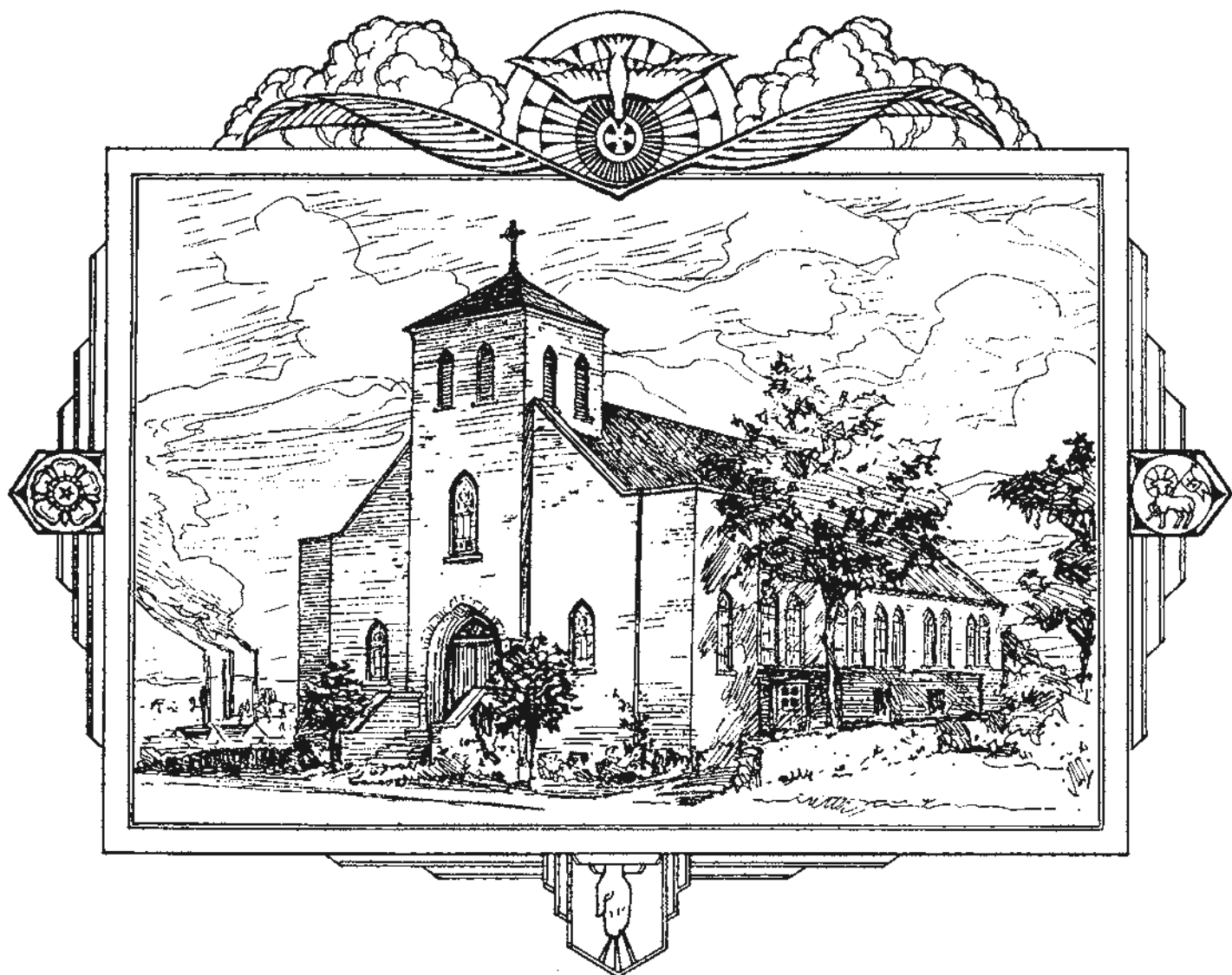


IN order to serve the mill workers of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation in McDonald, a mission church was established there in 1928 by Father Michael J. Coan, pastor of St. Rose Church, Girard. The first services were held in the auditorium of Roosevelt High School, use of which had been granted by the Board of Education. The congregation, however, was able to acquire its own buildings. A portable school building, with a gable roof, was purchased and converted for use as a church. It was completely equipped with all things required for Divine service. Beautiful altars and Stations of the Cross added to the dignity with which the various services were conducted. During the period when Our Lady of Perpetual Help was a mission of Girard, Father Coan was ably assisted in the work by Father George P. Mulroy, his assistant at St. Rose. It was fitting that Father Mulroy should be named the first pastor of McDonald. ¶To meet the growing needs of the parish, Father Mulroy began the construction of a new

brick church. The church is unique in design. The sanctuary may be completely closed off when Mass is not being celebrated in order that other parish activities may be held in the building. The Blessed Sacrament reposes in a beautiful little chapel to the right of the sanctuary. Here Mass is celebrated on week days. The building is equipped with complete kitchen facilities for all parish functions. ¶Before leaving for a new assignment at Kent, Ohio, Father Mulroy had begun the construction of a new parochial residence. It is also unique in the sense that a great deal of the material work was done by the parishioners themselves, who donated their services and thus reduced the cost of the building to the parish. Father Herbert Cook, who succeeded Father Mulroy, used his great talent in supervising the construction and personally assisted in the work. The residence is now completed. In September, 1949, the Men's Mission Club of St. Edward's in Youngstown, contributed funds which helped in the construction of the church.

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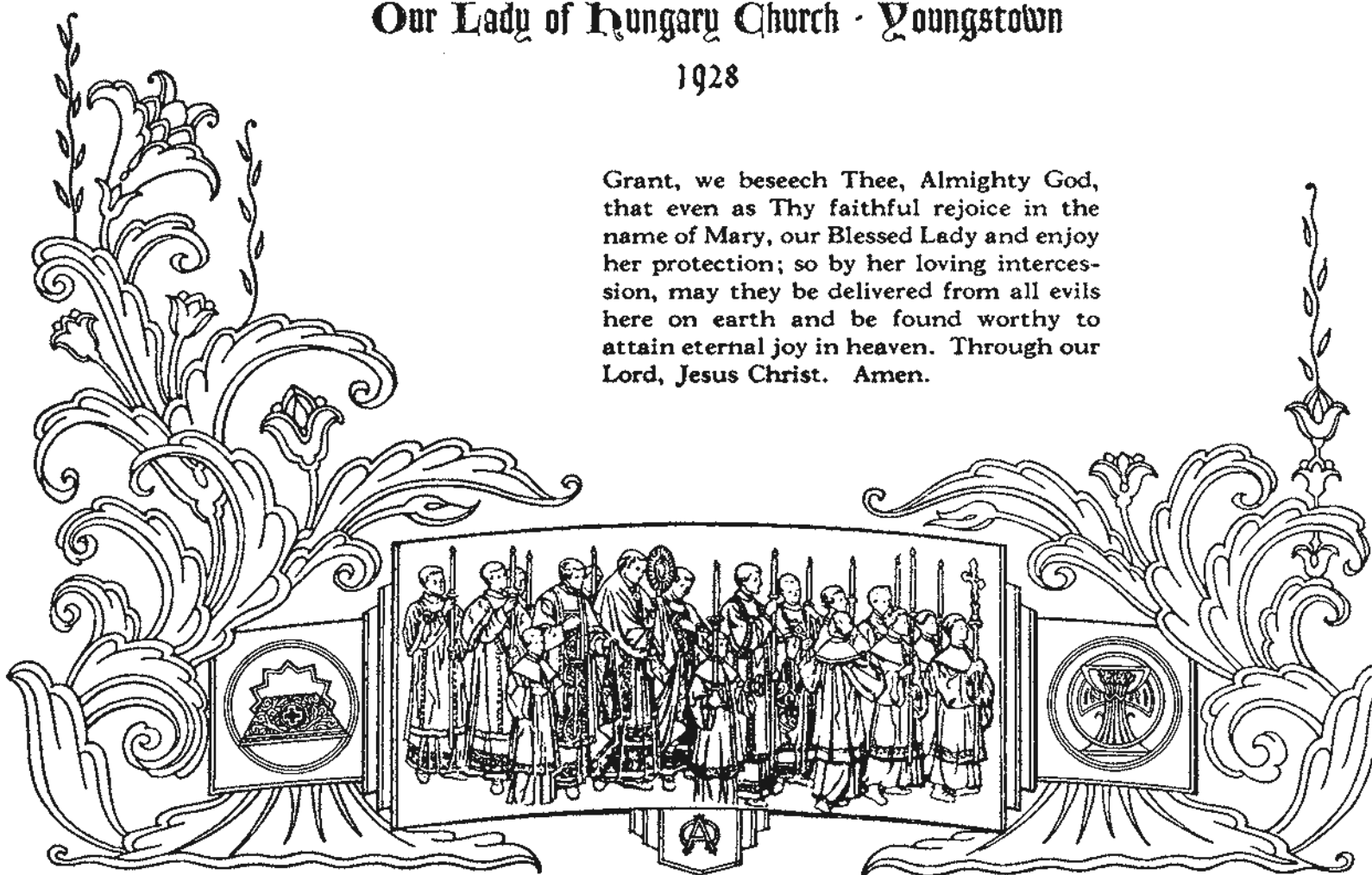




## Our Lady of Hungary Church · Youngstown

1928

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that even as Thy faithful rejoice in the name of Mary, our Blessed Lady and enjoy her protection; so by her loving intercession, may they be delivered from all evils here on earth and be found worthy to attain eternal joy in heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.







# Our Lady of Hungary

## Youngstown

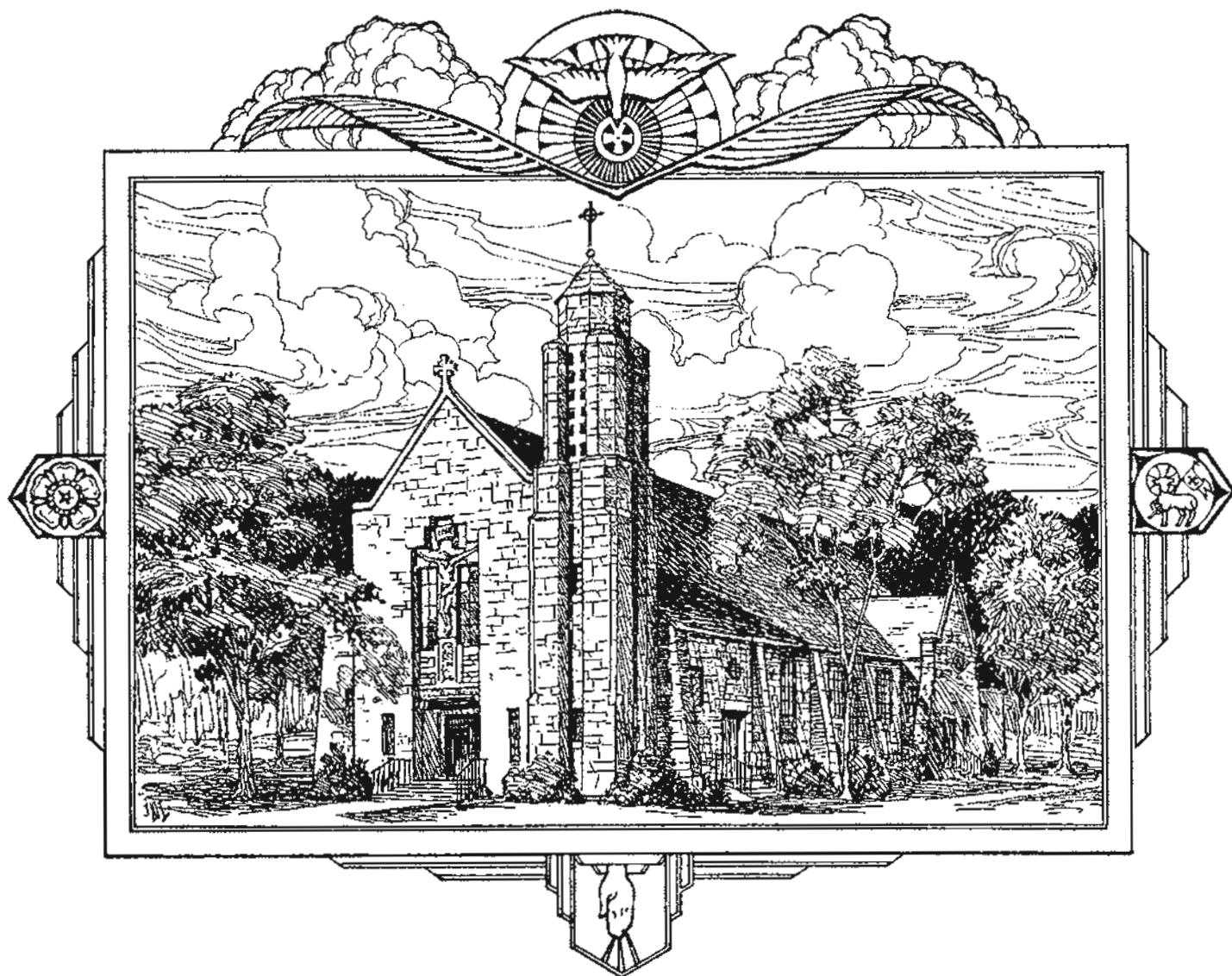


HUNGARIAN Catholics, who lived in the western portion of the city of Youngstown and who were members of the parish of St. Stephen of Hungary, found it increasingly difficult to attend Masses during the periods of inclement weather. In 1928, these good Hungarian Catholics petitioned Bishop Schrembs for a church. Their petition was sanctioned, and immediate steps were taken to raise funds for the new parish. In November of the same year, Bishop Schrembs appointed the Reverend Stephen Nyiri, S.T.D., as the first pastor. From the organization of the parish until December of 1929, services were conducted at St. Mary Church on South Prospect Street. Early in 1929, Father Nyiri purchased the present site, and construction was begun. The following year, a two-story, brick, combination parish house and hall and a small frame house were completed. Hungary, as a nation, has always placed

herself and her people under the special guidance and protection of Our Blessed Lady. Her Feast Day in Hungary is celebrated with public worship and devotion, with processions and special events in her honor. It is not surprising, then, that these loyal sons and daughters in Youngstown should carry on the tradition of their forefathers by placing their church under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin. Owing to the very wide expansion in this industrial area, the Hungarian Catholics have shown a marked increase in population. With this increase has come a great furtherance of religious and social activities. Under the guidance of their energetic pastor, Father Peter Heggi, O.F.M., the faithful followers of Our Lady of Hungary in this thriving parish realized the dream of years of planning, when their completed church was dedicated on April 23, 1950 -- another banner unfurled to Christ the King.

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## SS. Cyril and Methodius Church · Warren

1928

Almighty and eternal God, Who by means of the blessed Confessors and Bishops, Cyril and Methodius, didst vouchsafe to call the Slav peoples to the knowledge of Thy name; grant that we who glory in their festival may be joined with them in fellowship in heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# SS. Cyril and Methodius

## Warren

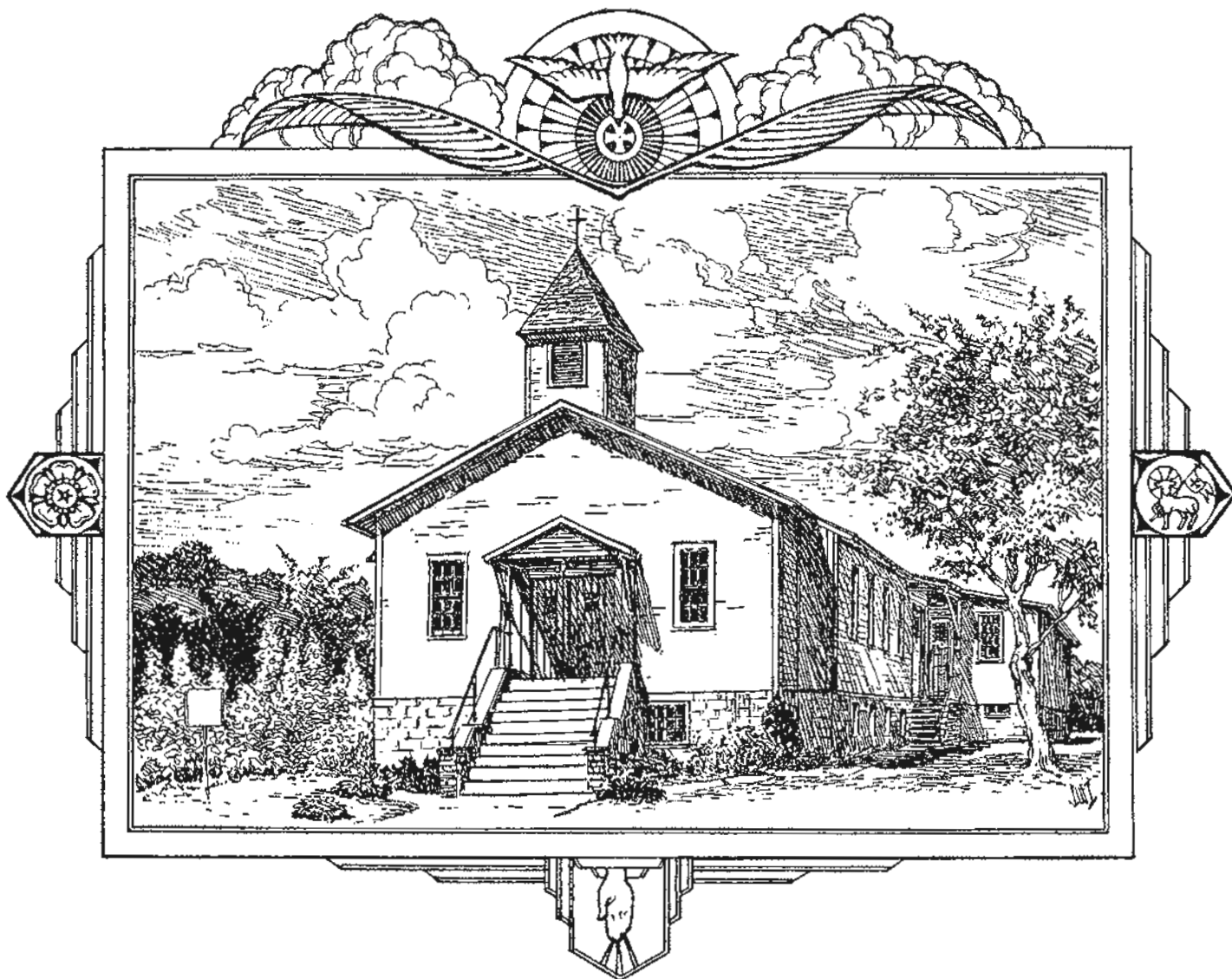


IN 1928, the parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius was organized by the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs of Cleveland, to serve the Warren Catholics of Slovak descent. Father George R. Bobal was appointed as the first resident pastor. During the first five years of its existence, Masses were celebrated in the Ruthenian Uniate Church. In 1933, the Reverend Father John A. Kandrak purchased two public school buildings from the Board of Education, and moved them to a previously acquired site. This formed the basis for a church building, an L-shaped, white frame structure. It was blessed on September 17, 1933, by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, then Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Reverend Gregory K. Vaniscak, O.S.B. ¶ Under the zealous efforts of their pastor, the Reverend J. A. Krispinski, marked progress has been

made. Following the example of their noble ancestors, who fought so valiantly to build churches, and to promote Catholicity in their native countries, the organizations, societies and parishioners, both young and old, have participated in every activity which might create the good will and fine spirit of co-operation, so necessary in any parish. ¶ The rapid development and the increase in the population in Warren's thriving and diversified industrial territory, prompted these vigorous people to build a church which would reflect credit upon them. Their sincere and untiring efforts were crowned with success. One of the most beautiful edifices in the diocese, combining an interior of rare and exquisite loveliness, with an architecturally perfect exterior, SS. Cyril and Methodius was completed, and was dedicated by Bishop McFadden in 1949 -- a solemn covenant to Christ the King.

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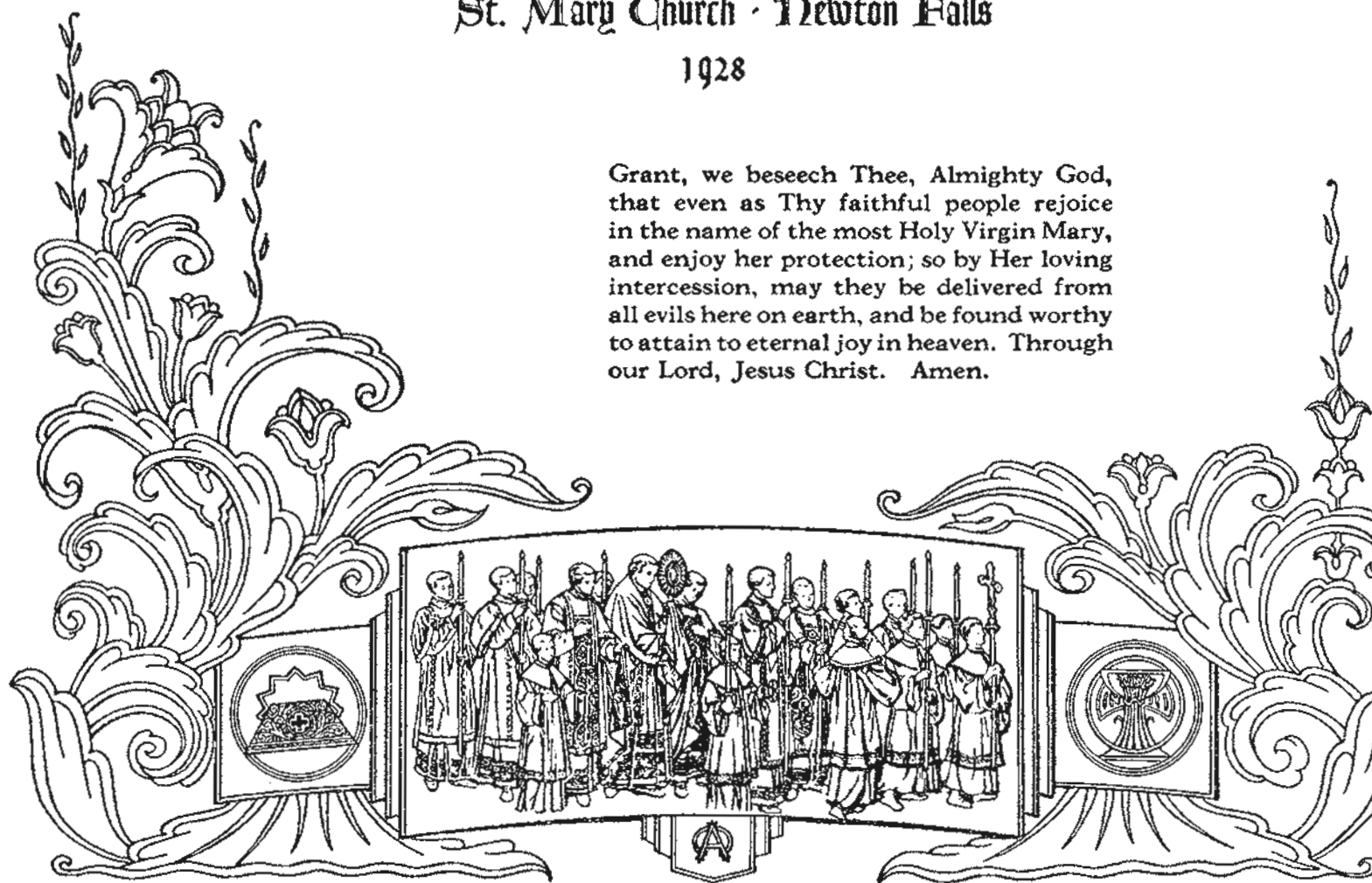




## St. Mary Church · Newton Falls

1928

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that even as Thy faithful people rejoice in the name of the most Holy Virgin Mary, and enjoy her protection; so by Her loving intercession, may they be delivered from all evils here on earth, and be found worthy to attain to eternal joy in heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.







# St. Mary Church

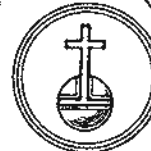
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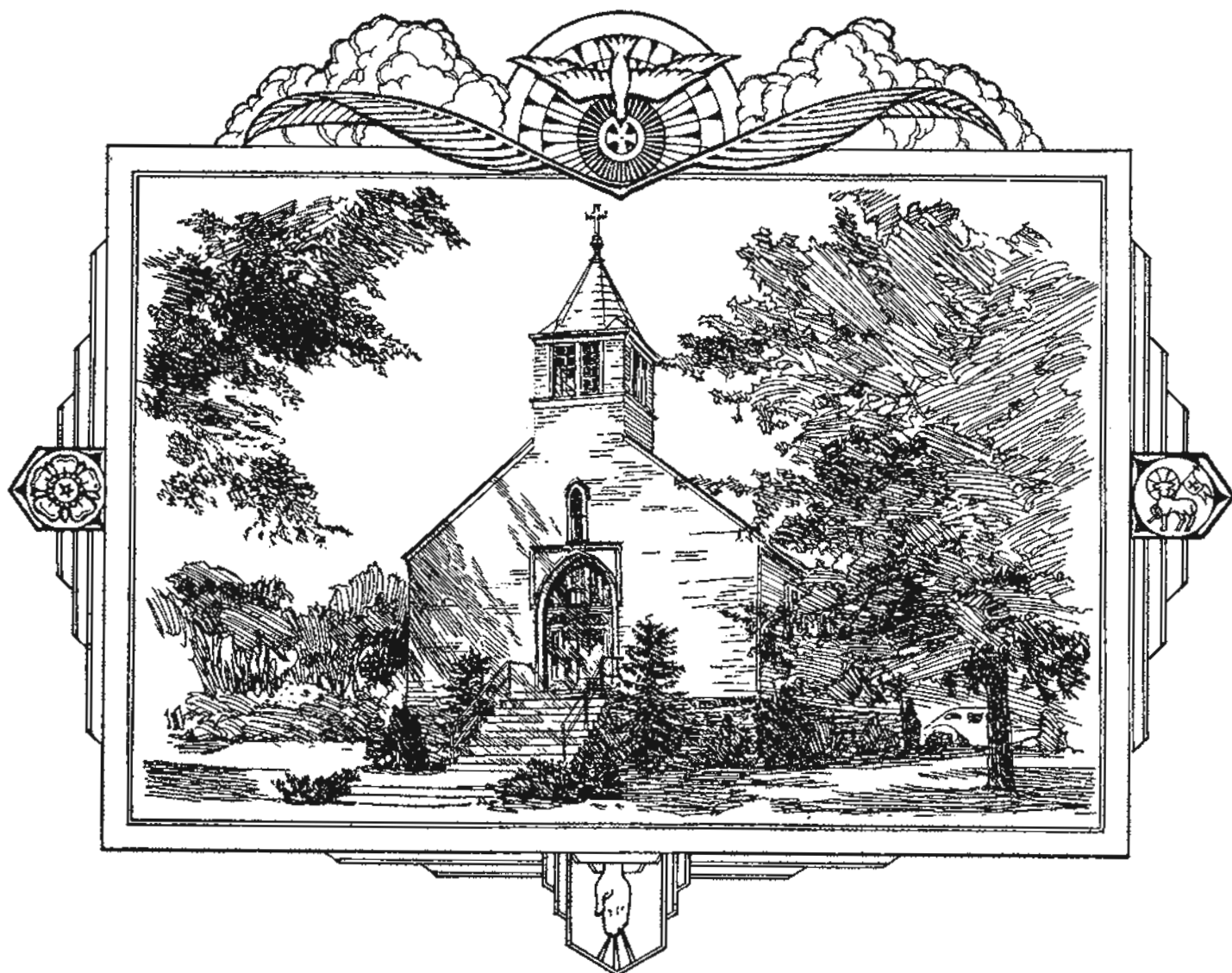


A GROUP of Catholics who had previously established themselves as an independent congregation, expressed their desire to become affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. After certain formalities, the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs authorized the group to organize as the parish of Our Lady of Czestochowa in 1928. The parish was placed under the direction of the Reverend Adolph Bernas. During the first few months, the group was attached to St. Joseph Church in Warren as a mission, and Mass was celebrated twice each month in the basement of the present church building, which was erected in 1928. In 1938, it became a separate parish, and the Reverend Max Krajdzieski became the first resident pastor. The church was fully completed in 1939. This white frame building is equipped with amber cathedral windows, statues, pictures of the Saints and a bell. During World War II, the United States Gov-

ernment purchased five acres of land in Newton Falls and built a large social hall, which was used for community purposes and a nursery for the babies of mothers who worked in war plants. In 1949, the Most Reverend James A. McFadden purchased this property with all its buildings, and thus his past fond hope of adding these valuable assets to the parishes of Newton Falls became a reality. Under the able supervision of the Reverend Aloysius J. Rzendarski, with the cooperation of his faithful parishioners, a great amount of progress has been made. The social hall purchased by Bishop McFadden is to be converted into a combination school and priest's residence, where the children of the parishes of St. Mary, St. Joseph and St. Michael will all share the benefits and privileges of this newly acquired community school, thus insuring the future of Catholic education in these parishes -- a strong declaration of faith in Christ.

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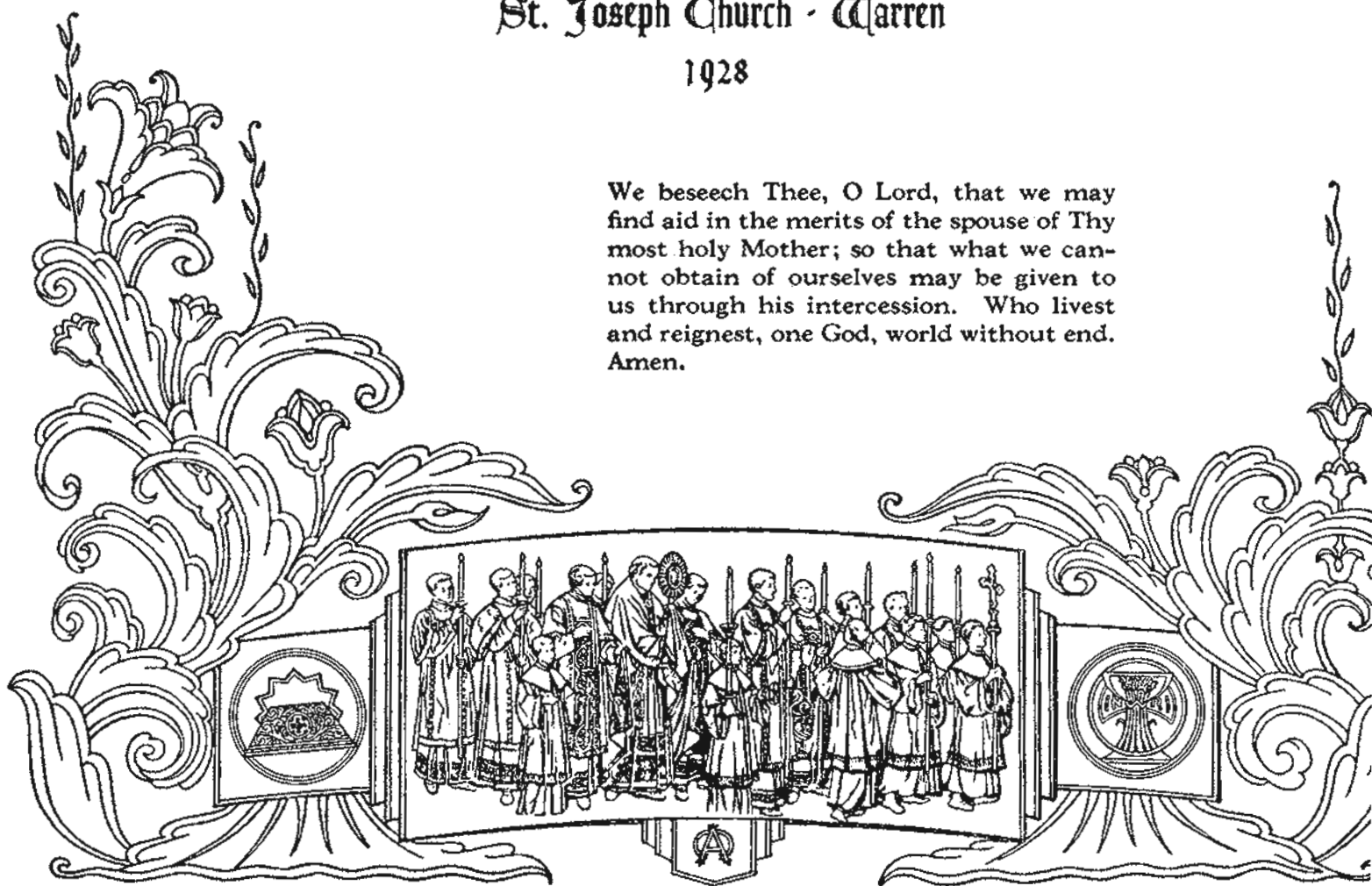




## St. Joseph Church - Warren

1928

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may find aid in the merits of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother; so that what we cannot obtain of ourselves may be given to us through his intercession. Who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.





# St. Joseph Church

## Warren



IN July 6, 1928, a group of Catholics of Polish descent, who lived in Warren, was organized into the parish of St. Joseph under the leadership of the Reverend Adolph Bernas. ¶Early Masses were held in rented rooms until 1929, when the present church was built. This structure, built by the parishioners themselves, was dedicated on October 13th of that year by the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs. It is a white frame structure of Gothic design with a bell, which was installed in 1933. ¶The people of noble Polish ancestry chose St. Joseph as their patron saint. St. Joseph, often called the "Carpenter" of Nazareth, inspired these pious people to build a house of God with their own hands. ¶This, of course, is the ideal way to building a church. If it were at all possible to follow this method, it would undoubtedly create greater interest on the part of the people in their church and in

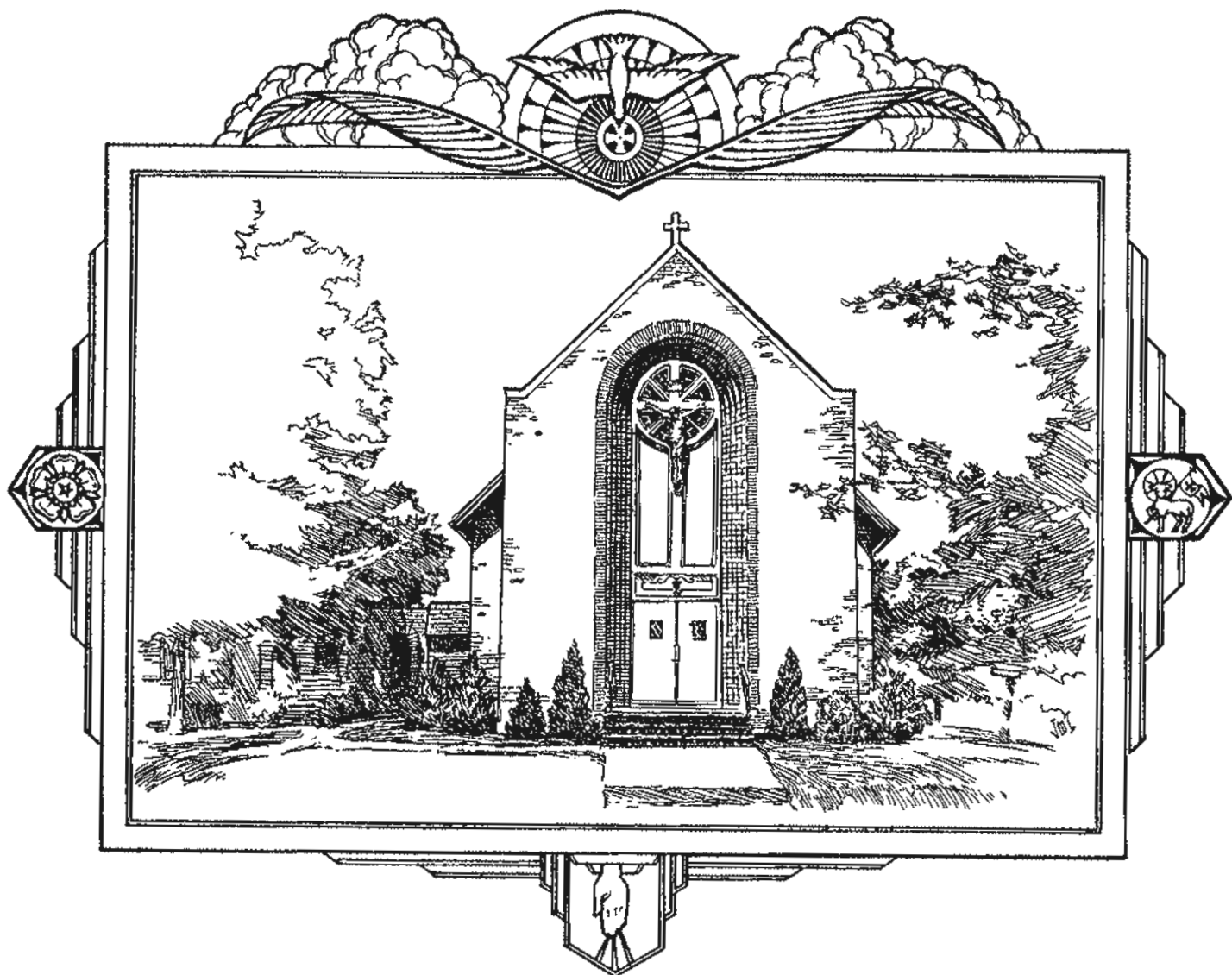
the work that their church is trying to do for them. It was thus that many of the great churches of the Old Country were built. They have endured the elements down through the centuries, a monument in stone to the faith and love of the people and of their desire to give the best that is in them to the service of God. It is heartening to know that even in our materialistic age, our people have the faith and zeal to emulate the example of their great forbears in giving their time and labor to God. ¶With St. Joseph as their model, and knowing his powerful intercession with God and the Blessed Mother, the work progressed with spirit and great enthusiasm. Their faith increased with their labors and, with the co-operation and earnest goodwill of their pastor, Father Alphonse A. Konarski, the church was completed and stands today as another tribute to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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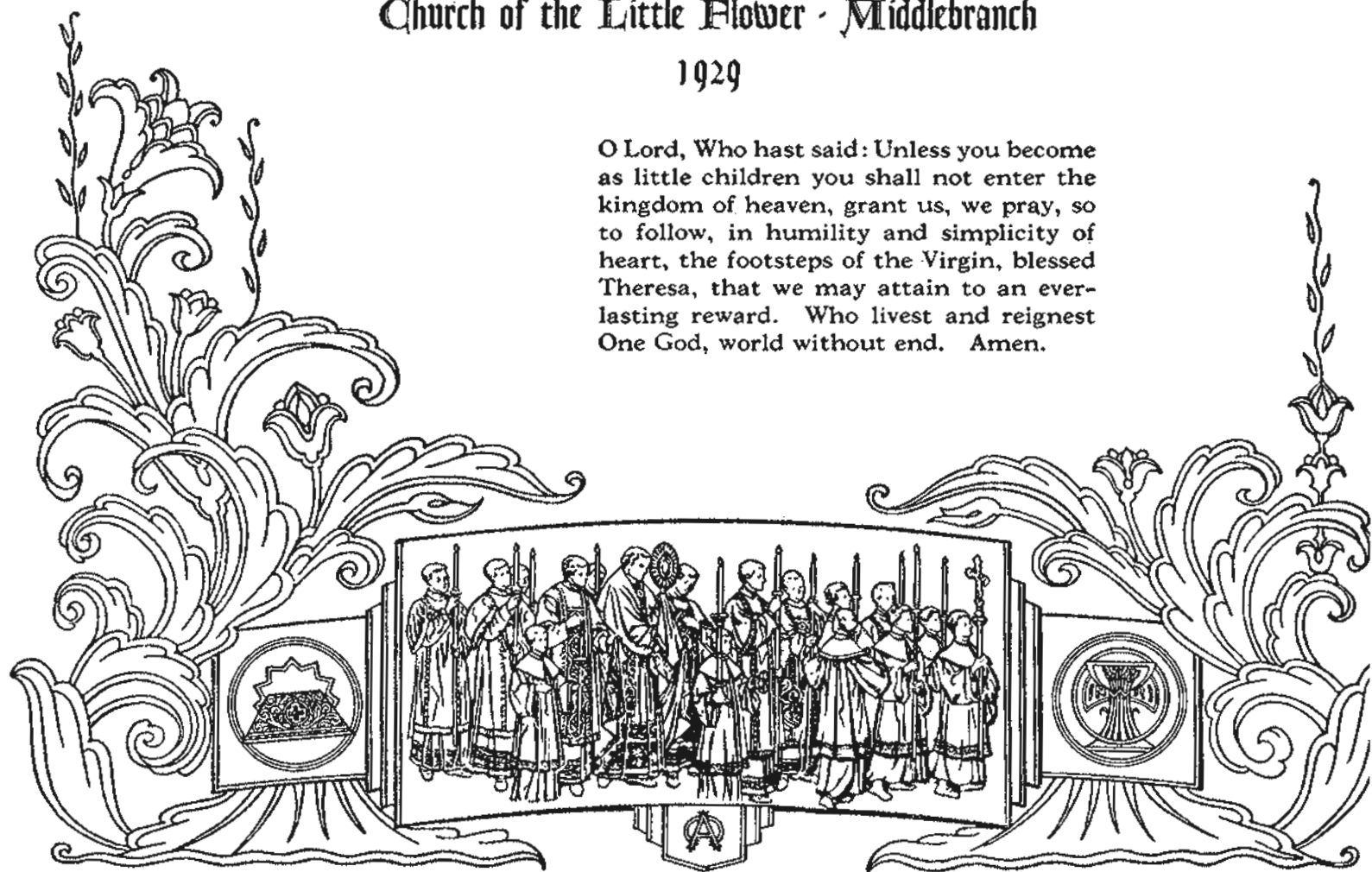




## Church of the Little Flower - Middlebranch

1929

O Lord, Who hast said: Unless you become as little children you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven, grant us, we pray, so to follow, in humility and simplicity of heart, the footsteps of the Virgin, blessed Theresa, that we may attain to an everlasting reward. Who livest and reignest One God, world without end. Amen.







# Church of the Little Flower

## Middlebranch



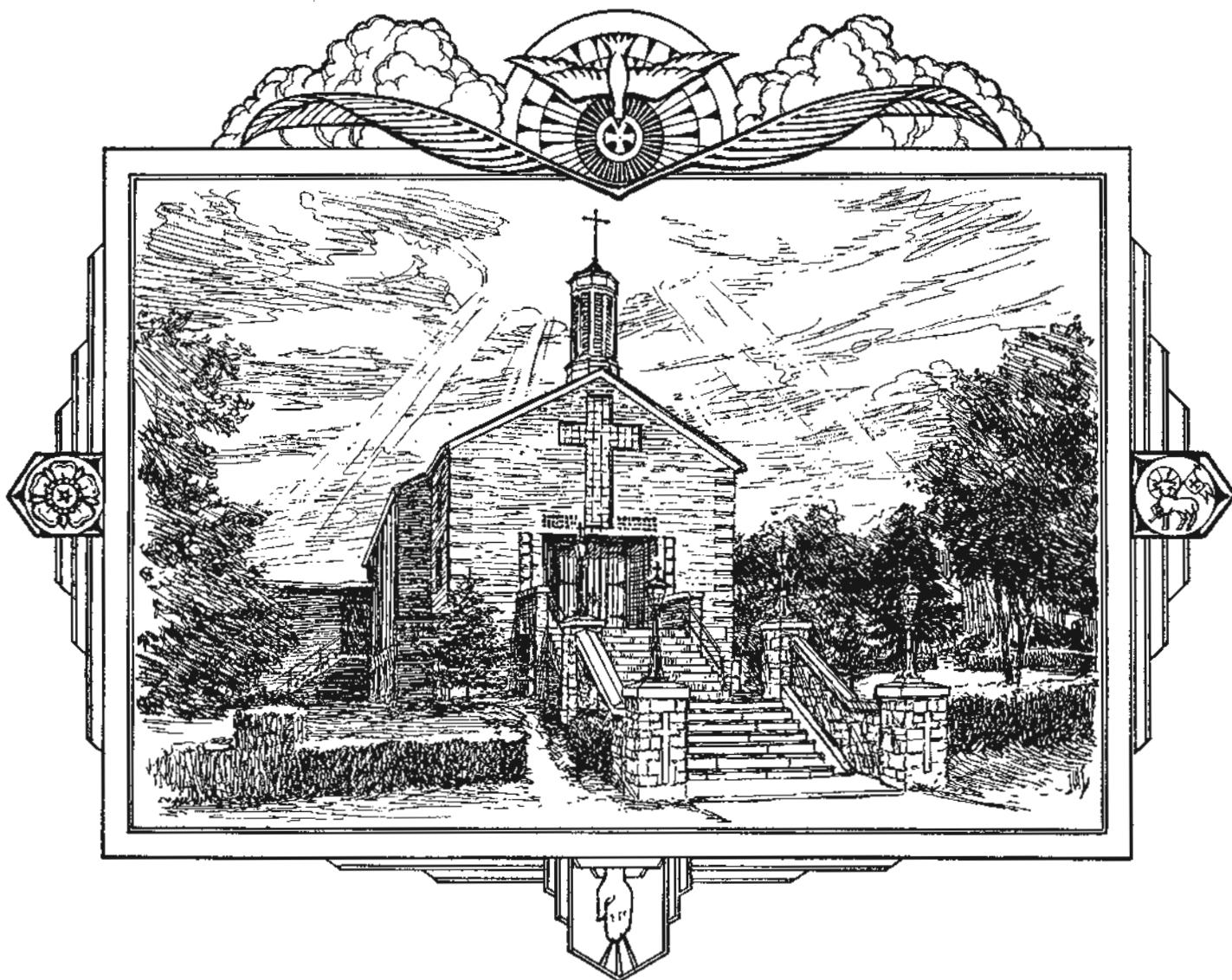
THE organization of the Little Flower Mission was authorized by the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs, and under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Hickey of Canton. The project was accomplished in 1929. The mission was to serve the people who were living in the villages of Hartville, Middlebranch and the surrounding area. At the time of its organization, the mission acquired the old Middlebranch public school building, and it was remodeled into an attractive place of worship. The first Mass was celebrated by Bishop Schrembs at the dedication of the newly acquired chapel in 1929. The men and women of the mission chose Little Theresa as their patron saint because of her great affection for mission churches, and because of favors and graces which were granted through her intercession to the Eucharistic Lord. On May 2, 1937, the Reverend Walter Edward Connolly was appointed as the first resident pastor, which at that time became the separate parish of the Little Flower. ¶Among the letters of the Little Flower, the following prayer is most appealing: "I want to ask you to say for

me every day this little prayer that comprises all my desires: 'Merciful Father, in the name of Thy Sweet Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin and all the saints, I beseech Thee to inflame the hearts of all with Thy spirit of love, and to bestow the grace of making Thee loved more and more. If Our Lord takes me to Himself soon, I earnestly beg of you to continue the same prayer every day, for in Heaven I shall have just the same longing desire as I have here below: to love Jesus and to make Him loved'." ¶Father Connolly served the parish until the appointment of Father James J. Stevenson on August 13, 1941. During the pastorate of Father Stevenson, a parish house was built and the church was enlarged and was completely remodeled. The Reverend Bartley J. Kennedy was appointed pastor of Little Flower in August, 1949. ¶Because of the spiritual inspiration of their patron saint and the loyalty and enthusiasm manifested in the betterment of their church, the membership of this little mission has increased in numbers and advanced in zeal and devotion to Christ the King.

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## St. Bernadette Church · Masury

1934

O God, protector and lover of the humble,  
Who hast bestowed on Thy handmaid  
Bernadette, the favor of beholding the  
Immaculate Virgin Mary and of conversing  
with her; grant, we beseech Thee that  
walking through the simple paths of faith,  
we may obtain to behold Thee in Heaven.  
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Bernadette Church

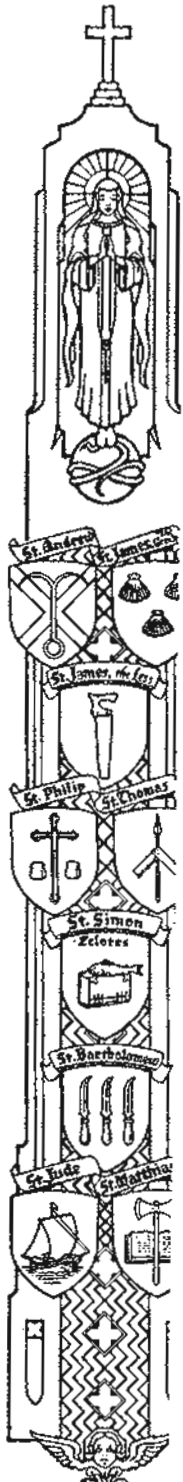
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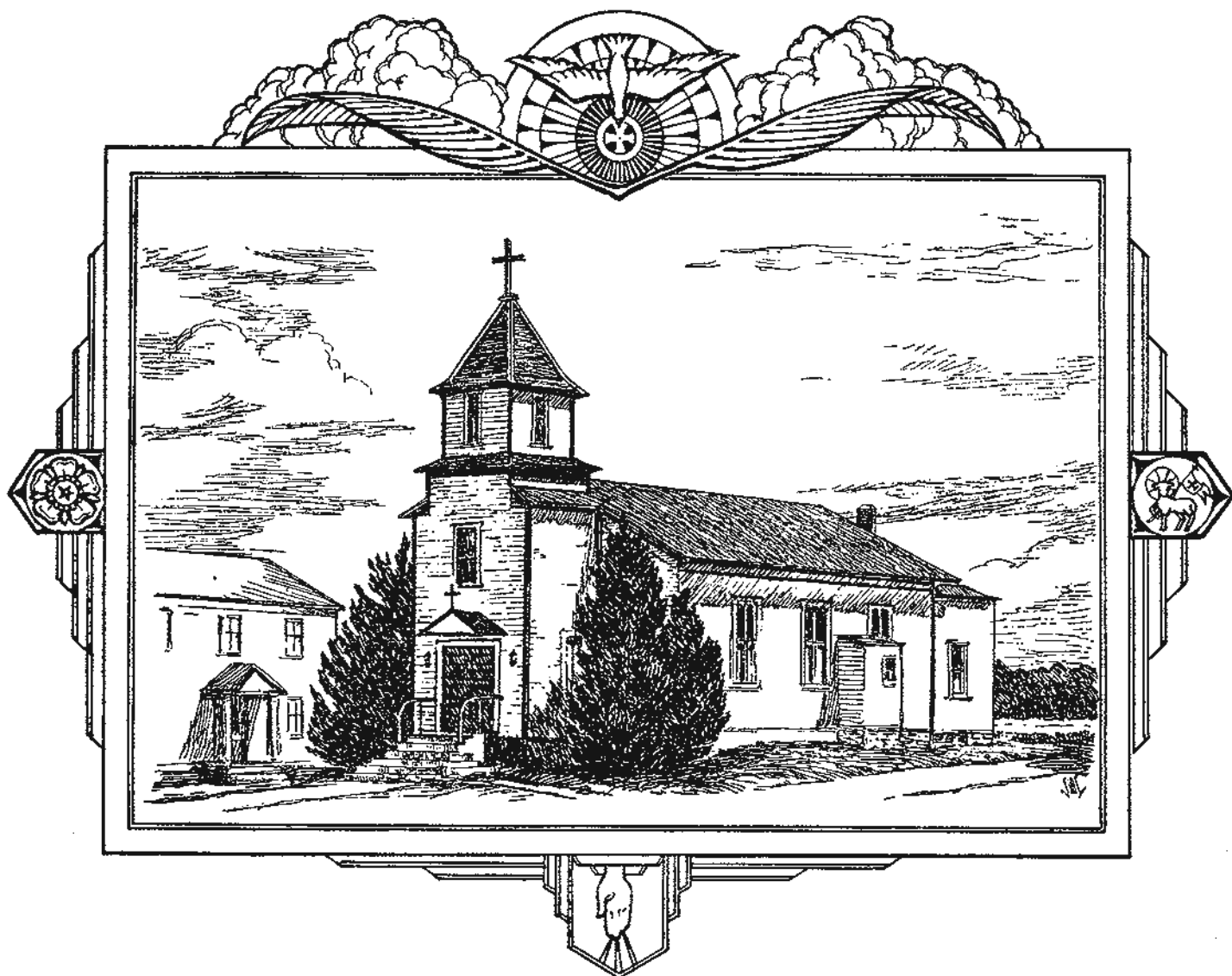


BERNADETTE, the little girl who, because of her many apparitions of the Blessed Virgin, changed the course of the small village of Lourdes, France, into the most famous shrine in the world, provided the faithful residents of Masury with the spiritual ammunition for their task of organizing a parish. ¶In October, 1934, a frame house was rented and converted into a mission chapel for religious services. The organization of the parish of St. Bernadette was begun by the Reverend John A. Carrabine, then the pastor of St. Patrick, Hubbard. In 1937, an eight room house was acquired for use as a place of worship and a rectory. On July 8, 1937, Bishop Schrembs established St. Bernadette as a separate parish, and appointed Father Joseph F. Bresnyak as the first resident pastor. ¶The present red-brick church of Colonial design was erected and dedicated in 1940. The design of a cross was the architectural

theme which was followed throughout the building. ¶Father Bresnyak was determined to give his good parishioners the spiritual comforts and social activities which he deemed necessary for them, and with the good spirit and loyal co-operation which he received from them, his efforts were well rewarded. Although the work progressed slowly in the beginning, the increase in attendance at Mass and in the reception of the Sacraments has been most encouraging. The great number of sacrifices made, combined with the many and diversified projects created to raise the funds necessary for the continuance of the parish, are just a few of the ways in which the members displayed their genuine interest. Statues, altars and other church equipment were willingly and generously donated to the church. St. Bernadette Church is another temple of worship worthy of the faith in Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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## St. Andrew Church - Sheffield

1936

We humbly beseech Thy majesty, O Lord,  
that as Thy blessed Apostle, Andrew, was  
once a teacher and ruler of Thy Church,  
so he may ever be our advocate with Thee.  
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.







# St. Andrew Church

## Sheffield



SINCE there had been an appreciable increase in the number of settlers of Polish descent in Sheffield Township prior to 1934, an independent Polish congregation, organized under the title of All Saints Church, held services in an old building which this group had purchased in September, 1934, from the Free Will Baptists of Sheffield Center. At that time, a lodge of the Polish Association of America, a Catholic fraternal organization, was organized at Sheffield. This organization became the medium through which this group could express their desire to be reunited with the Catholic Church. A committee, under the direction of Father Augustine A. Binna, approached the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs, who made arrangements for the reconciliation. The parish was formally organized in April, 1936. Father Binna became the first resident pastor. The church was named in honor of the Jesuit martyr of Poland: St. Andrew Bobola. The first Mass, which was celebrated in the present

church edifice, occurred on Easter Sunday, March 28, 1937, at which time it was formally dedicated. On May 16, 1937, on the feast day of the parish, the pontifical Mass was conducted by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. The rectangular, white-frame early-American type structure is surmounted with a square belfry. Under the able supervision of the pastor, the Reverend Father Joseph J. Elias, who has anticipated the needs of his rapidly growing parish, a great deal has been accomplished. A unique social center and recreational hall was constructed for such social events as basketball games, movies and the like; and a nursery is included in order that parents may leave their children under the competent supervision of the Sisters while they attend Mass. In addition to his pastoral duties, Father Elias has charge of the Rural Life Conference -- a pace ahead of the times in the advancement of Catholic Action for Christ the King.

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# St. James Church

## North Jackson



IN 1937, several Catholic families living in the vicinity of North Jackson requested that a mission be established in the settlement in order to eliminate the necessity of traveling to Youngstown to attend church. They were joined in their plea by the group of communicants of the mission at Lake Milton, which is open during the summer only. The first services were held on July 1, 1937, in a hall acquired for the purpose. Father Charles W. McDonough, former pastor of St. Brenden Church in Youngstown, was in charge of the congregation. ¶The present place of worship is a frame building, which was formerly the town hall. The present pastor, Father Edward C. Labbe, was appointed in 1945. ¶The building has since then been remodeled. Now there

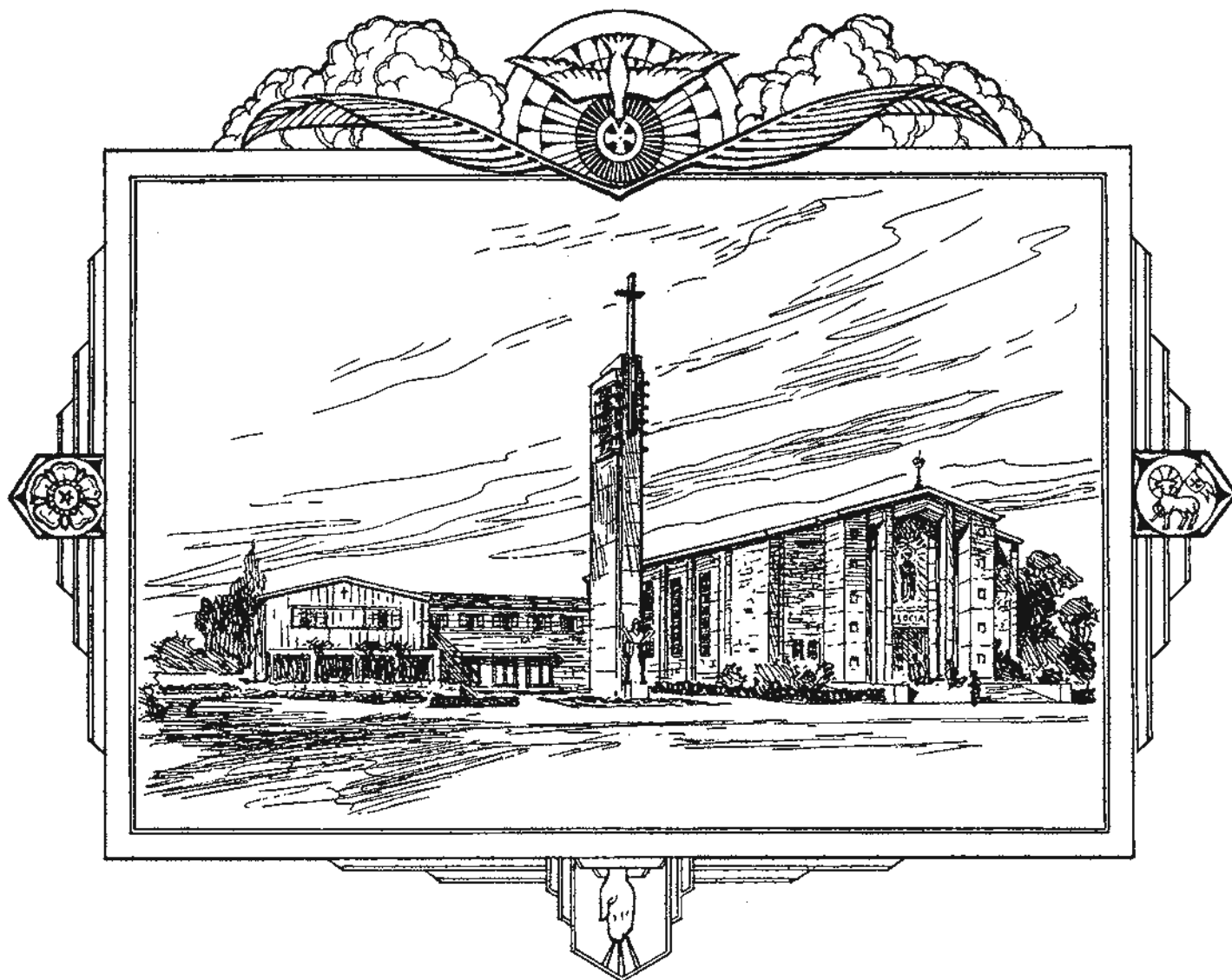
are comfortable quarters for the pastor and a spacious hall for parish meetings. It is a model of efficiency. ¶Nothing is more pleasing to God than having small mission churches become permanent places of worship. ¶The members of the parish of St. James are extremely pleased to be able to attend both daily and Sunday Masses. The Blessed Eucharist is the source of influence and power for good, which is so reverently upheld by Catholic people everywhere, as it results in every blessing that brightens our lives. ¶There is, as yet, no school at St. James Parish, but the good parishioners cherish the hope that a school will soon be possible. They realize that nothing can take the place of a school in cultivating devotion to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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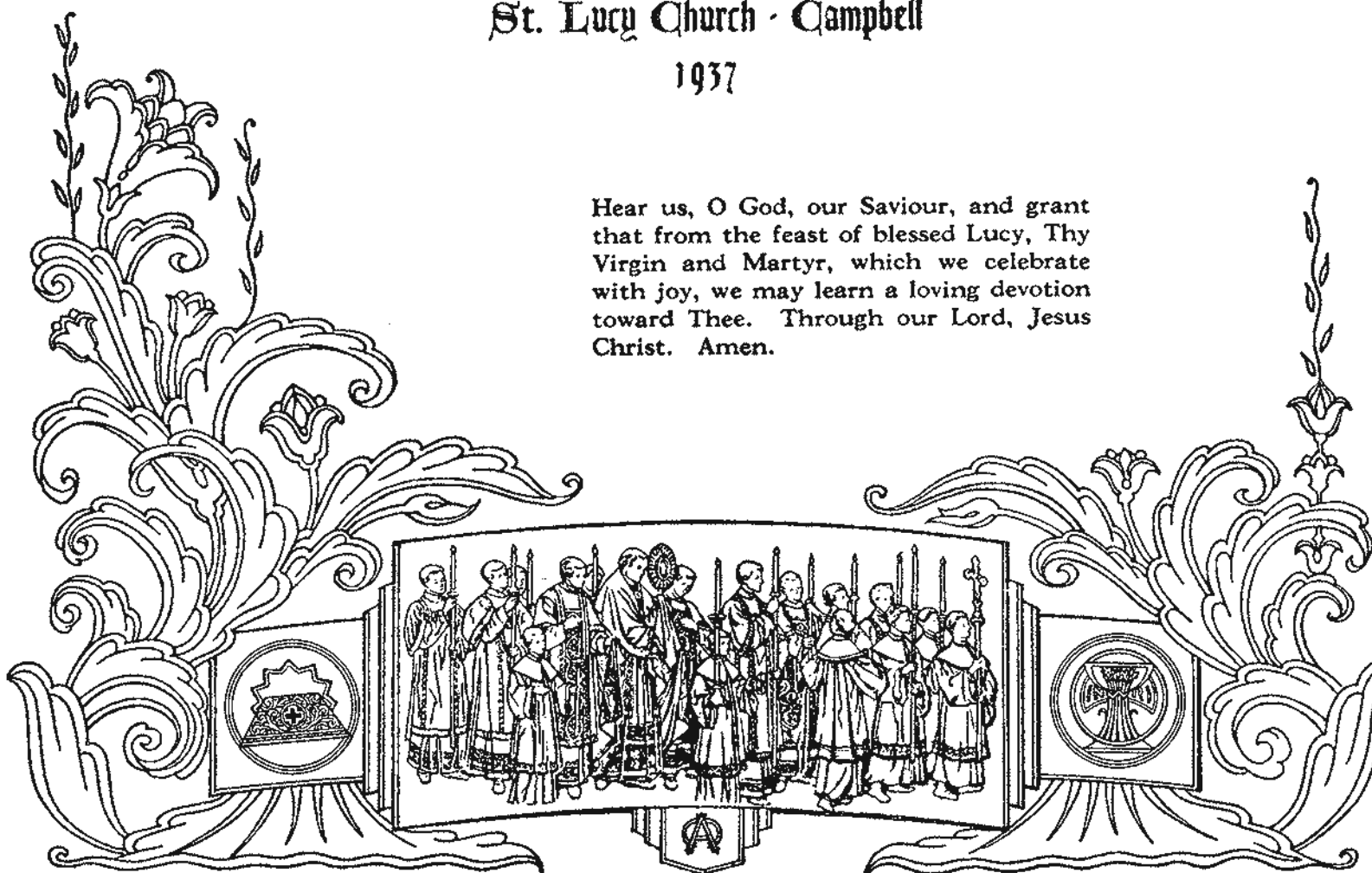




## St. Lucy Church - Campbell

1937

Hear us, O God, our Saviour, and grant that from the feast of blessed Lucy, Thy Virgin and Martyr, which we celebrate with joy, we may learn a loving devotion toward Thee. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Lucy Church

## Campbell



THE Catholics of Italian origin who lived in Campbell worshipped at various churches in the Youngstown area, one of which was Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. This church is considered to be the mother church of the parish, which is now under the patronage of St. Lucy. When Bishop Schrembs sanctioned the establishment of St. Lucy, the Reverend John A. Iammarino was appointed as administrator. The Sons of Italy Hall was rented and equipped as a place of worship for the purpose of holding services, and the first Mass was celebrated on June 27, 1937. Dedication services were held October 31, 1937. Although one of the younger churches in the Youngstown Diocese, it has grown very rapidly. ¶The Reverend Father Joseph Palermo, S.T.D., is the present pastor. He was appointed by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, on October 30,

1942. Under his guiding leadership, plans for a new church were prepared. The parishioners cheerfully and eagerly accepted the task of raising funds by working in close unity with their pastor. Although they met with many obstacles, every known sacrifice was made to bring about their cherished desire for a new church. A parcel of real estate was purchased, and the ground was broken on July 10, 1949. The new structure will be a gem of architecture with many unique and outstanding features. A comfortable home has been fitted as a pastoral residence. ¶Responses to requests for funds have been extremely generous. 1951 will see the completion of the new church, and it will be with joy and gratitude that these faithful, earnest parishioners will witness the dedication of their new house of worship to St. Lucy -- another milestone to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.



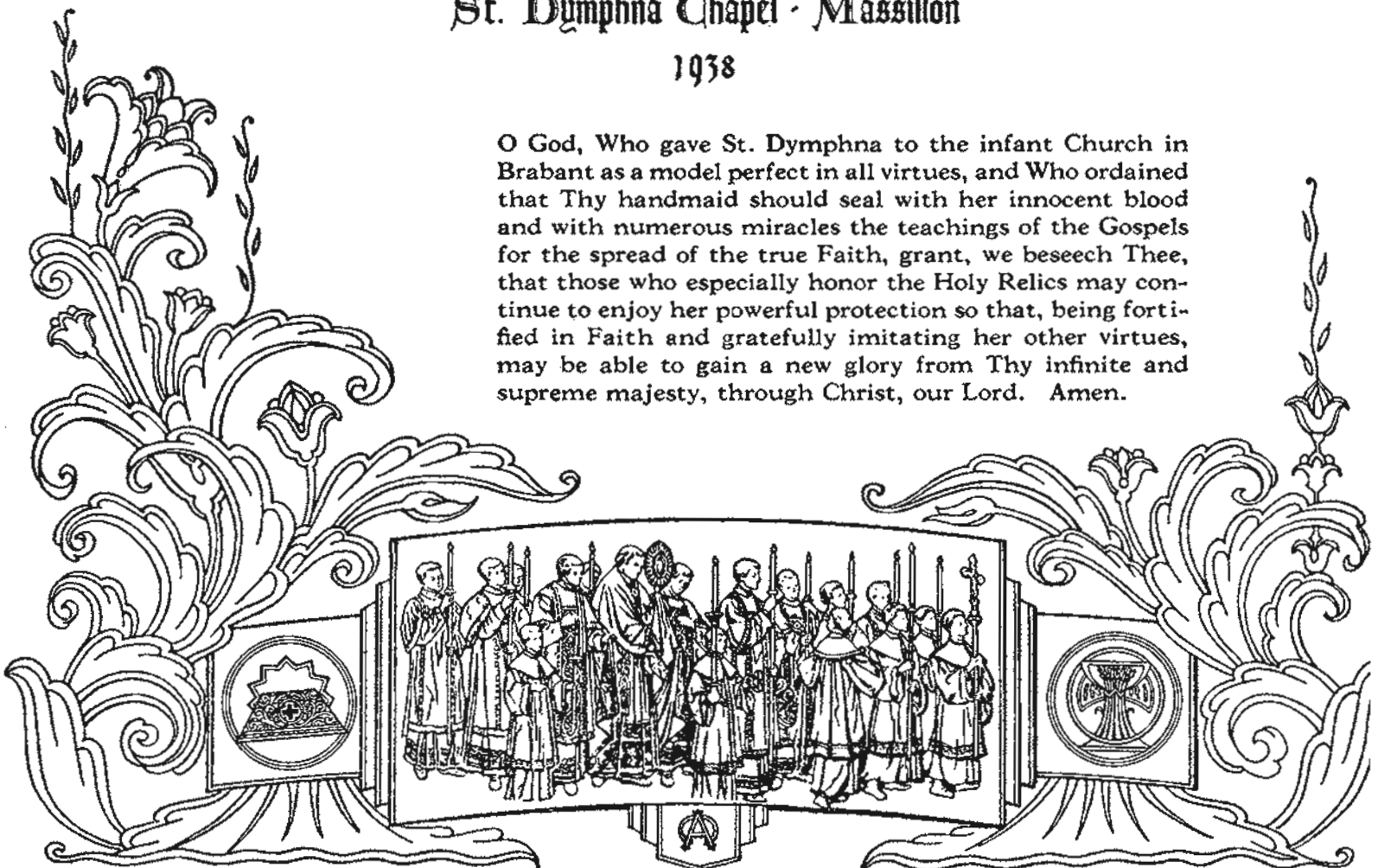




## St. Dymphna Chapel · Massillon

1938

O God, Who gave St. Dymphna to the infant Church in Brabant as a model perfect in all virtues, and Who ordained that Thy handmaid should seal with her innocent blood and with numerous miracles the teachings of the Gospels for the spread of the true Faith, grant, we beseech Thee, that those who especially honor the Holy Relics may continue to enjoy her powerful protection so that, being fortified in Faith and gratefully imitating her other virtues, may be able to gain a new glory from Thy infinite and supreme majesty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.





# St. Dymphna Church

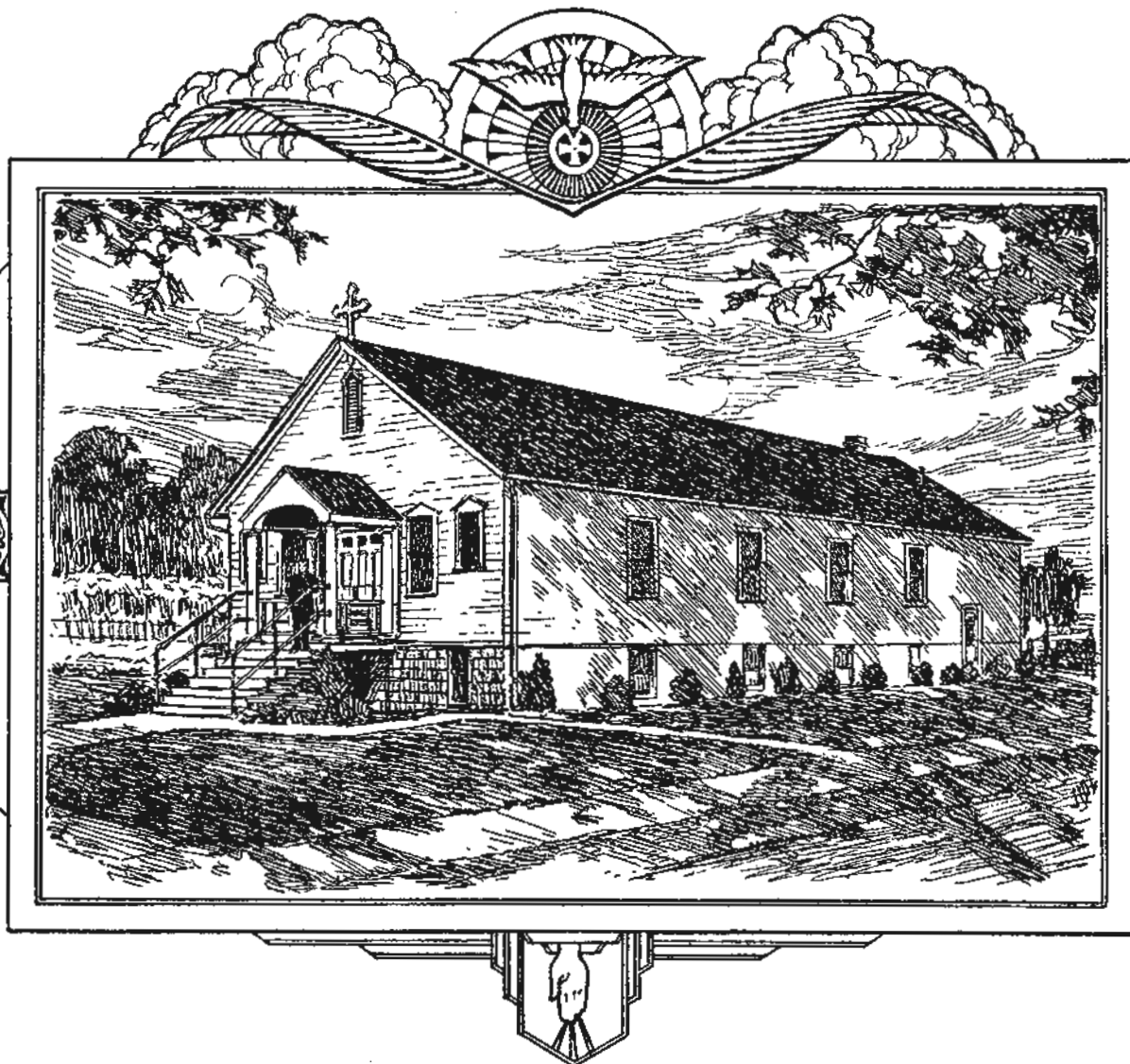
## Massillon



**D**T. DYMPHNA is said to have been converted to Christianity during the sixth century in Ireland. Owing to the opposition of her father, she fled to Gheel, Belgium, but was unable to escape his wrath. He followed his daughter and upon finding her place of hiding, murdered her. It was not until the thirteenth century that her place of burial was discovered, and it became a shrine. Many people who were mentally afflicted visited the shrine and recovered from their affliction. It was thus that she became a patron of those who suffered mental ailments. ¶The Church of St. Dymphna is unique in that it was the first in the United States and Canada to be dedicated to the service of the mentally ill. The first League of St. Dymphna in this country has been formed to support the chapel and its numerous services to these patients. In 1937, the Reverend Austin W. Scully, then assistant pastor of Annunciation Parish in Akron, was appointed chaplain to the Catholic inmates of the Massillon State Hospital. Since neither patients

nor the institution itself were able to contribute the necessary funds for the erection of a place of worship, it was necessary that the parishes of the diocese support the work through voluntary contributions. The personal appeals of Father Scully brought more than \$50,000 in pledges, and on May 15, 1939, the chapel was completed and dedicated. Among the thirty-five hundred patients being treated at the hospital, there are many of the Roman Catholic faith, who are attended by Father Scully. Those who can not attend Mass are visited in their rooms or wards. ¶The chapel is constructed of brick in the village Gothic style of architecture. The interior is finished in white tile and has oak furnishings. A complete description of the many beautiful and interesting stained-glass windows is framed and hangs in the vestibule. Many of the windows depict the miracles of Jesus. Adorning the large window over the choir is a picture of St. Dymphna holding a book and piercing a dragon -- symbol of evil -- with a sword. - continued on page 255

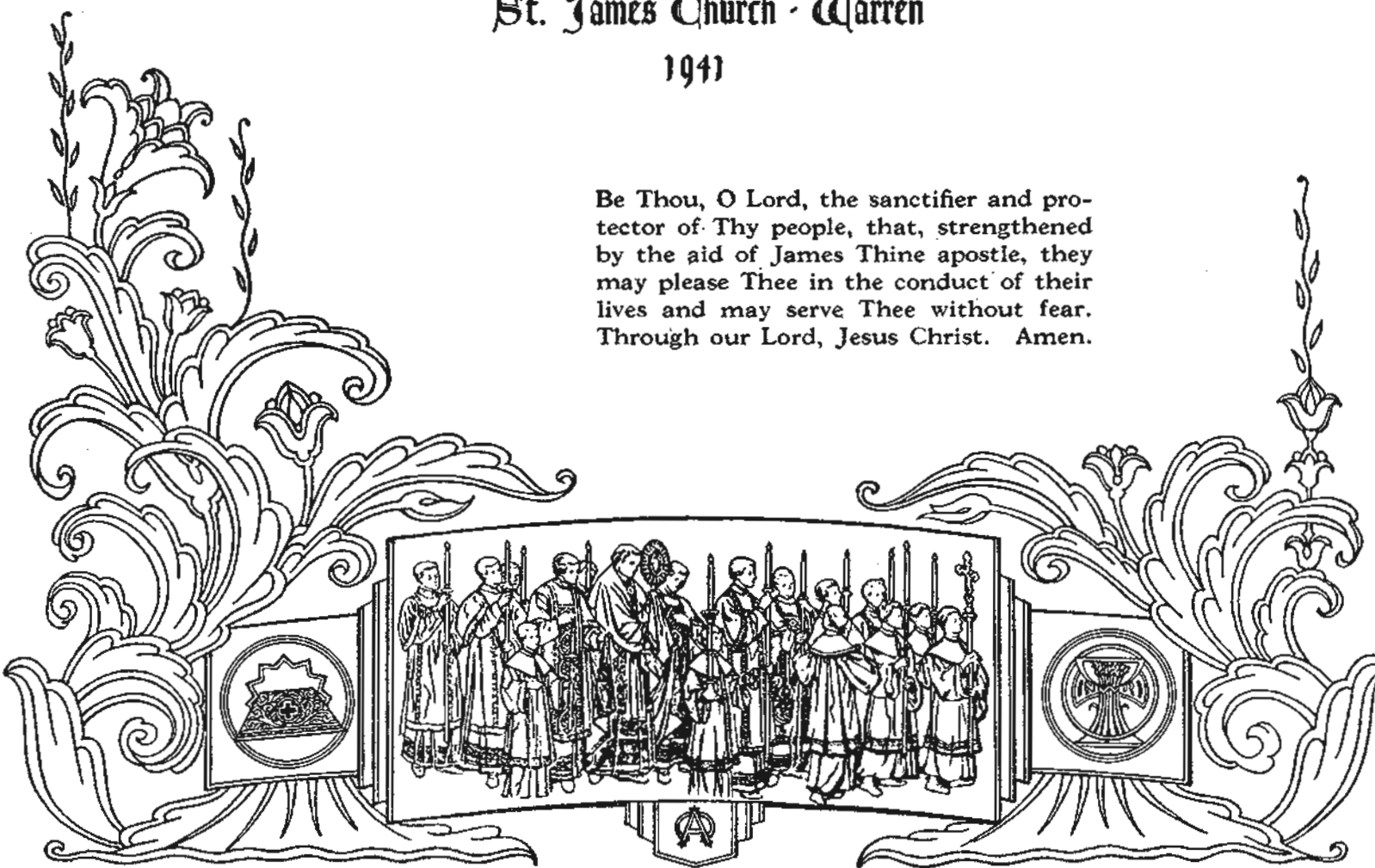




## St. James Church - Warren

1941

Be Thou, O Lord, the sanctifier and protector of Thy people, that, strengthened by the aid of James Thine apostle, they may please Thee in the conduct of their lives and may serve Thee without fear. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.







# St. James Church

## Warren

**I**N January, 1941, with the approbation of the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, Ohio, the Right Reverend Monsignor Edward A. Fasnacht, the pastor of St. Mary Church in the city of Warren, purchased a site in the southeastern section of Warren for the purpose of establishing a mission for the faithful Catholics of this area, who were desirous of attending divine worship in a church of their own and who were willing to lend their support for its maintenance in all spiritual and temporal matters. The site chosen for the new church was located at Millard and Burton Streets. ¶The Most Reverend James A. McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, broke the ground, blessed it and laid the cornerstone of the newly formed mission, which was named St. James in his honor. The work progressed with spirit and enthusiasm, and on July 4, 1941, the church, a white frame building of early-American design, was completed. Bishop McFadden pontificated at the first Mass in the new church on July 25, 1941. It was the feast day of St. James, the Apostle, who was

so dear to the heart of Our Blessed Saviour that he was one of the twelve fishermen chosen to spread His gospel during Christ's ministry on earth. Msgr. Fasnacht preached the dedicatory sermon. ¶The rapid expansion of this great industrial territory, resulting from the production of steel for the global war then being waged, brought an increase in the Catholic population and an improvement in financial conditions. Aware of this development and the need for providing improved spiritual facilities for these earnest people, Bishop McFadden, then Bishop of Youngstown, raised St. James to the status of a parish on May 10, 1947, and named the Reverend Clarence A. Halter as the first resident pastor. A house was purchased on the corner opposite the church to serve as a parish rectory. ¶Under the zealous guidance of Father Halter, the members of the parish endeavor in every way to co-operate in establishing goodwill among young and old alike. The Sisters of Notre Dame conduct catechism classes for the children. Plans are now under way to erect a new school in order that the children of the parish may have the advantages of a Catholic education.



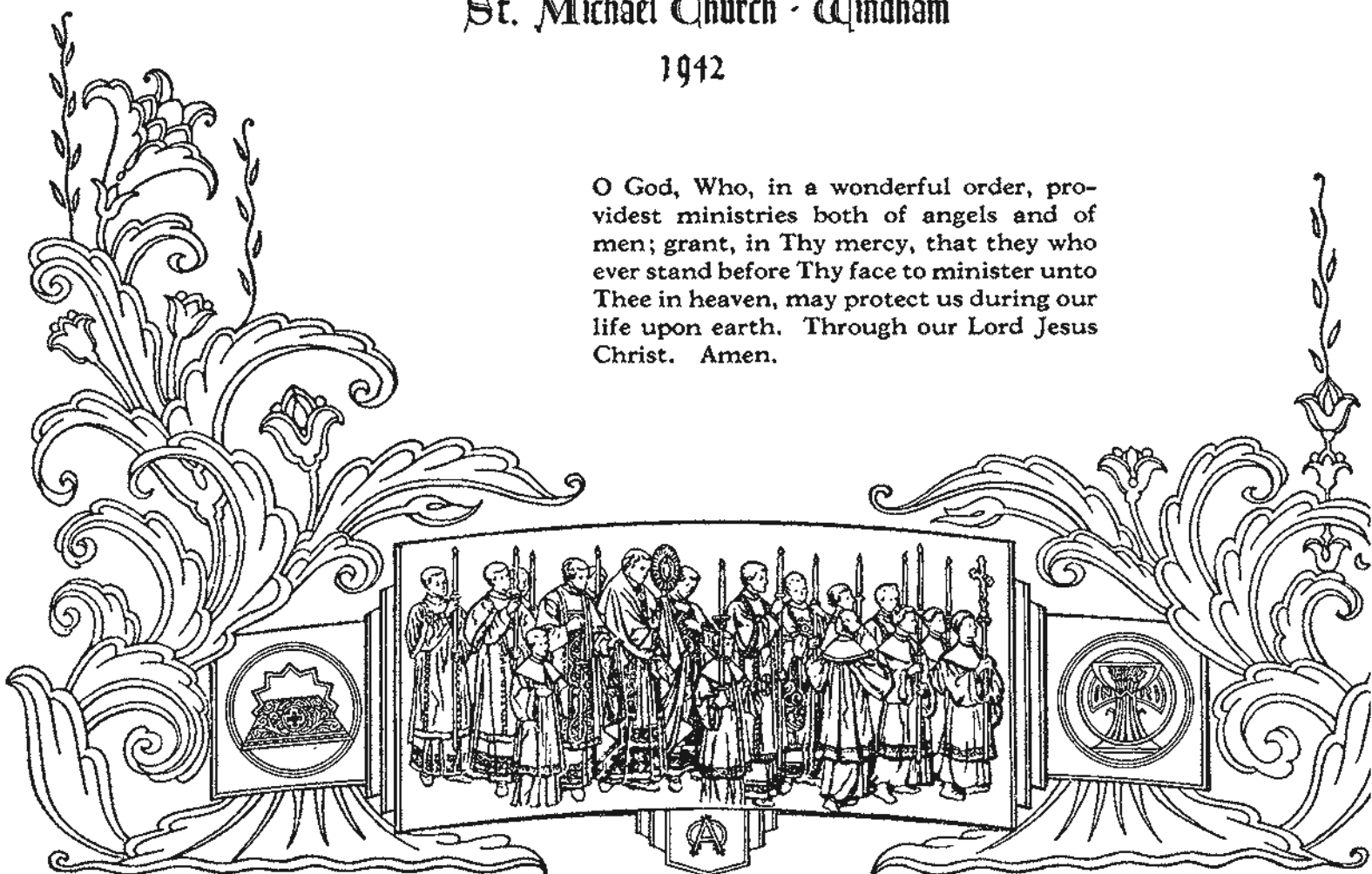




## St. Michael Church - Windham

1942

O God, Who, in a wonderful order, providest ministries both of angels and of men; grant, in Thy mercy, that they who ever stand before Thy face to minister unto Thee in heaven, may protect us during our life upon earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Michael Church

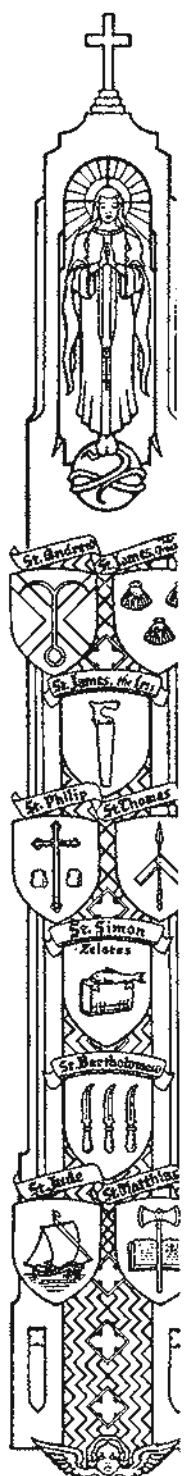
## Windham

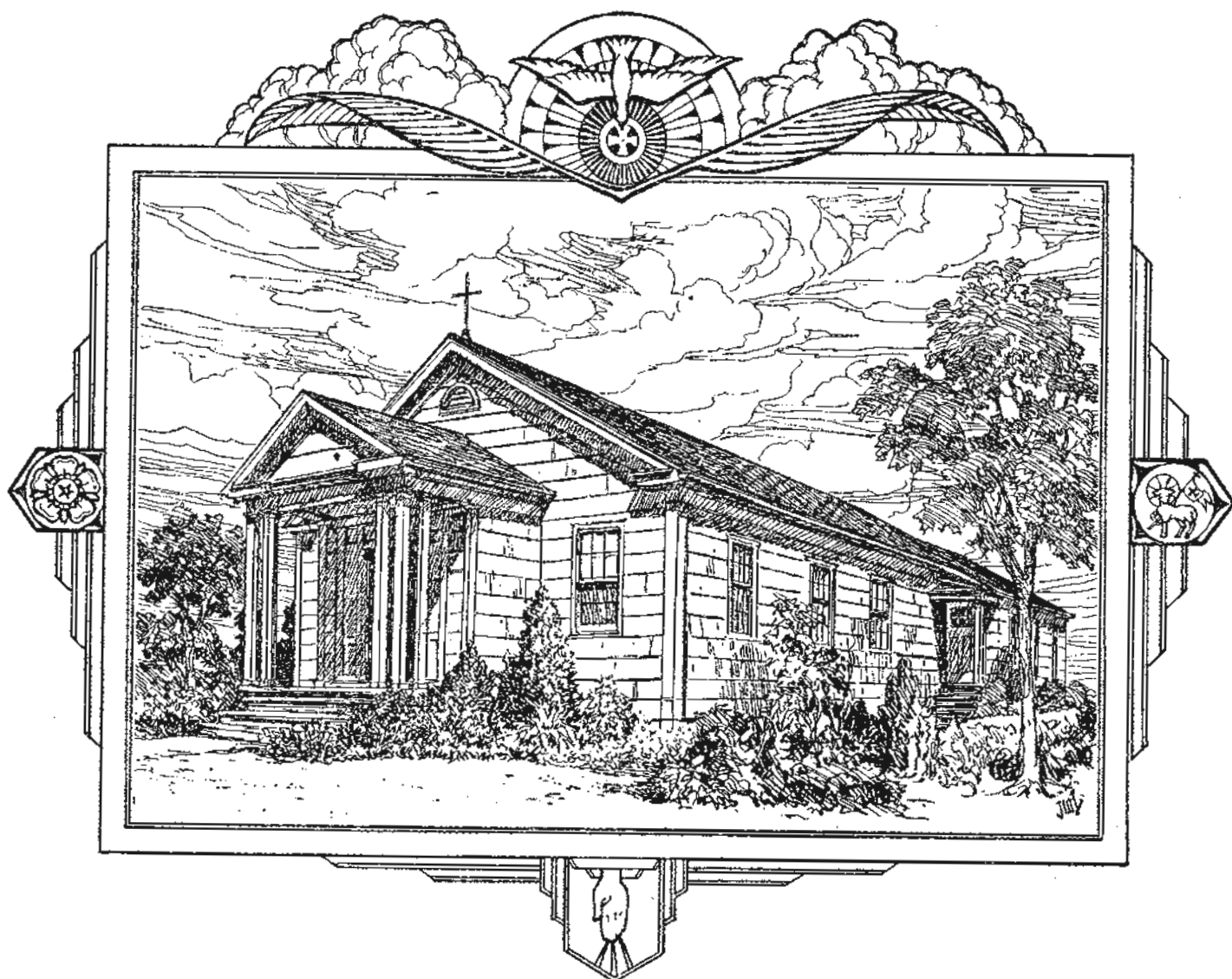


SITUATED in the heart of the old cultural Western Reserve, Windham received its name from the Connecticut Land Company in 1865. Because of its small Catholic population, Windham was visited by priests who came from Niles and Ravenna. ¶As the Catholic population of the region increased, Monsignor Leo A. Schlindwein, anticipating the need for a Catholic Church in Windham, purchased a large home, which was converted into a chapel for church services. ¶The chapel not only provided religious services for the Catholic inhabitants of Windham and for many of the students of Kent State University, but was a source of consolation to many of the defense workers at

Ravenna at a time when the Catholic religion meant so much to the hearts of those doing their part in the war effort, and whose loved ones were giving their lives for their country in every theatre of war. In anticipating the opportunity to fulfill these spiritual needs for those working in and near Windham and Ravenna, a war arsenal, by providing at least this small Catholic church, Msgr. Schlindwein showed a great deal of wisdom and vision. ¶Dedicated to the great Archangel, St. Michael, the earnest prayers of the members of the Catholic community in Windham will surely be answered by God in the future development of a Catholic church -- firm trust in Christ the King.

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## Our Lady of Victory Church · Andover

1944

O God, Whose only-begotten Son by His life, death, and resurrection hath purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries in the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise; through the Same our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth in unity with the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.





# Our Lady of Victory

## Andover



THE organization of the parish of Our Lady of Victory was the result of several years of mission work by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Approximately seven years ago, the first Mass in the Andover area was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ejbl. Later, a double house was purchased and used as a temporary place of worship until it proved too small to accommodate the increasing number of worshippers. ¶The Reverend Joseph Stanton, O.M.I., designed the church and guided its construction through to its completion with the help of the parishioners, many of whom were summer residents of Pymatuning Lake and many others were friends in Ashtabula, Jefferson and the surrounding territory. ¶The new church, which was blessed and dedicated on Sunday, November 6, 1949, by the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, is a beautiful Colonial structure. The dedication ceremony was attended by many members of the clergy, parishioners of Our Lady of Victory, and other visitors. Upon completion of the blessing of the exterior, Bishop McFadden entered

the church, blessed the interior and celebrated Mass. Brief remarks were made by Father Stanton. Showing the spirit of good will that exists among the people of this community, the Andover School building was generously placed at the disposal of the visiting clergy, relatives of Father Stanton and out-of-town guests. ¶Colonial architecture and design have been employed throughout. White wooden shingles and a green roof have been used as an exterior finish, and the main building is surmounted by a Celtic Cross. The walls are finished in ivory, and the pews are of blonde wood with a natural finish. The church has a seating capacity of approximately two hundred fifty. The main altar has a statue of Our Lady of Victory, one of the titles given to the Mother of God. On each side of the altar is a small room, one being an office, the other, a confessional. Much of the work was done through the volunteer effort of the parishioners, and saved thousands of dollars -- another mark of great devotion to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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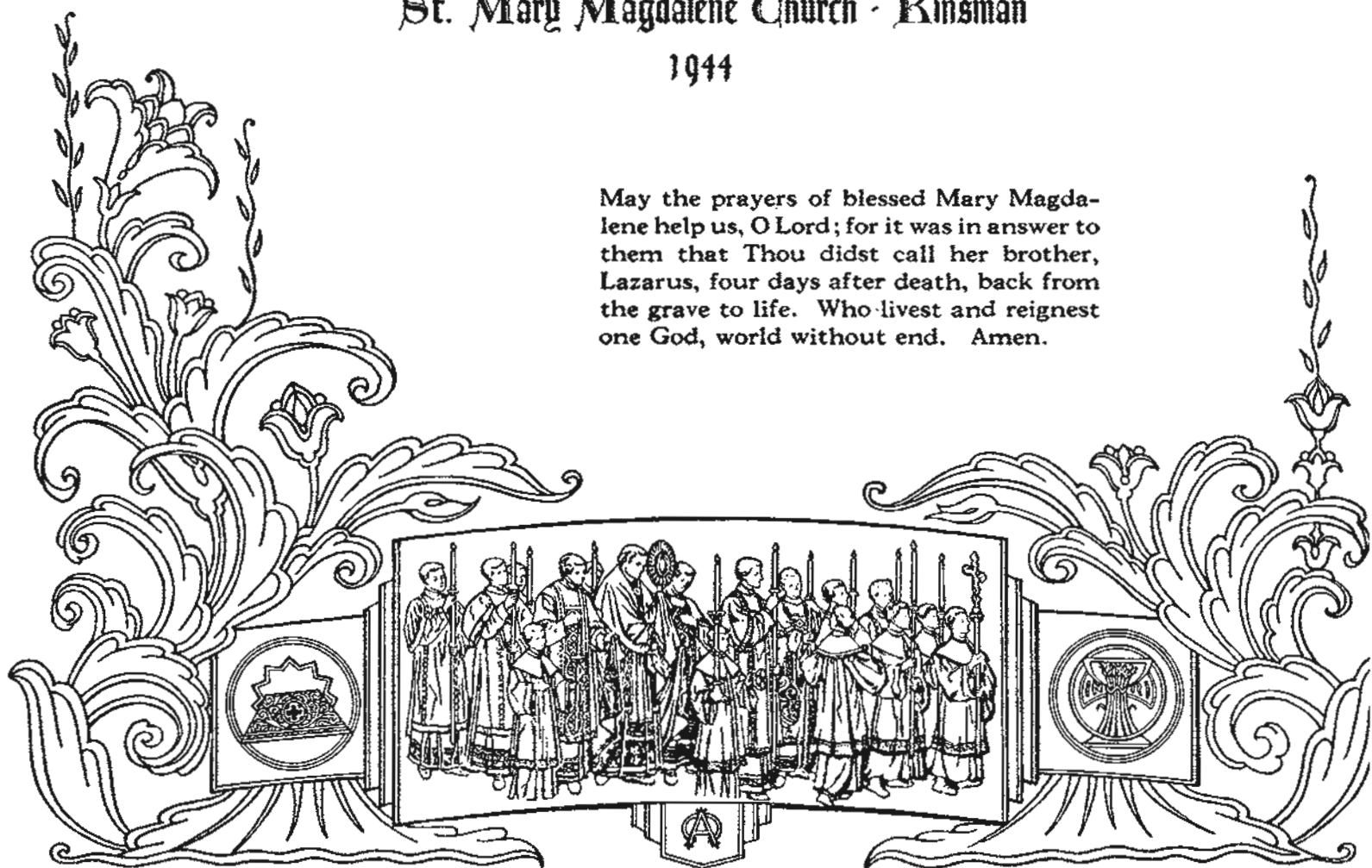




## St. Mary Magdalene Church - Kinsman

1944

May the prayers of blessed Mary Magdalene help us, O Lord; for it was in answer to them that Thou didst call her brother, Lazarus, four days after death, back from the grave to life. Who livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.





# St. Mary Magdalene

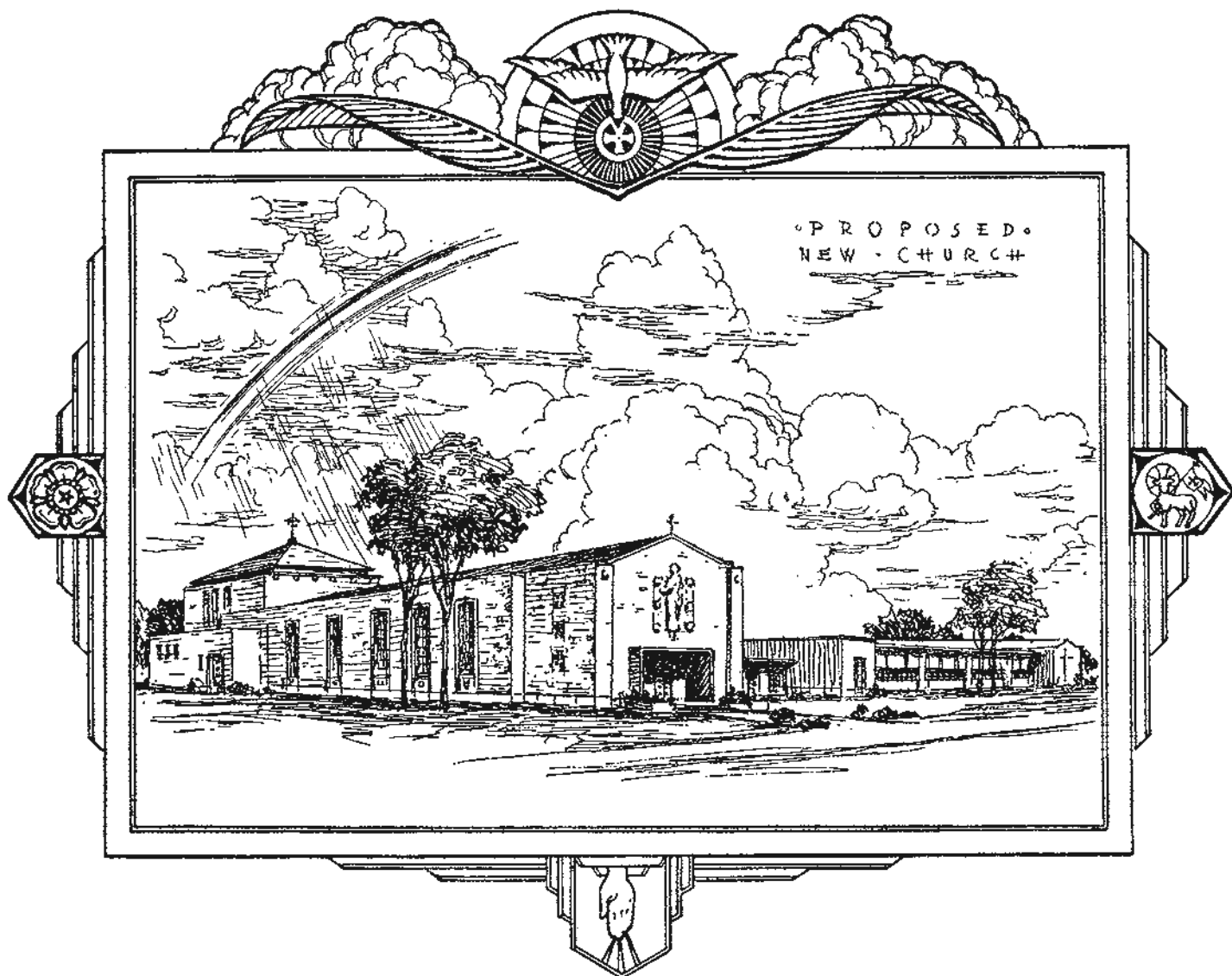
## Kinsman



KINSMAN, a quiet, peaceful town in northeastern Ohio, has a colorful historic past, and during its early history, the faithful Catholic residents of the village worshipped in private homes. Because of poor business conditions and difficult times, many of these Catholics were compelled to leave Kinsman and seek their livelihood elsewhere, and their number decreased. In 1887, a station in Kinsman was administered from St. Mary Church in Warren. Later, in 1890 or thereabouts, the Right Reverend Monsignor Gilbert Jennings, then pastor of the parishes in Jefferson and Conneaut, made occasional visits, often under considerable difficulty, to administer the sacraments and to care for the sick and dying. ¶The true spirit of the Catholics of Kinsman never died, however, and in 1944, the Most Reverend

James A. McFadden dedicated the mission church of St. Mary Magdalene, a picturesque, quaint little building, with its knocker on the door welcoming those desiring spiritual satisfaction and its cheery lamp post to light the path to its door. ¶In recent years, Kinsman, like many of the surrounding communities, has grown a great deal, and an enthusiastic spirit has developed among the townfolk. They boast of the beauty of many of the buildings, which are models of early Western Reserve architecture. The Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate kindly minister to the spiritual needs of the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Church. The residents of the town have been most generous in providing furnishings for the interior of the church -- generous acts of love and charity to Christ the King.

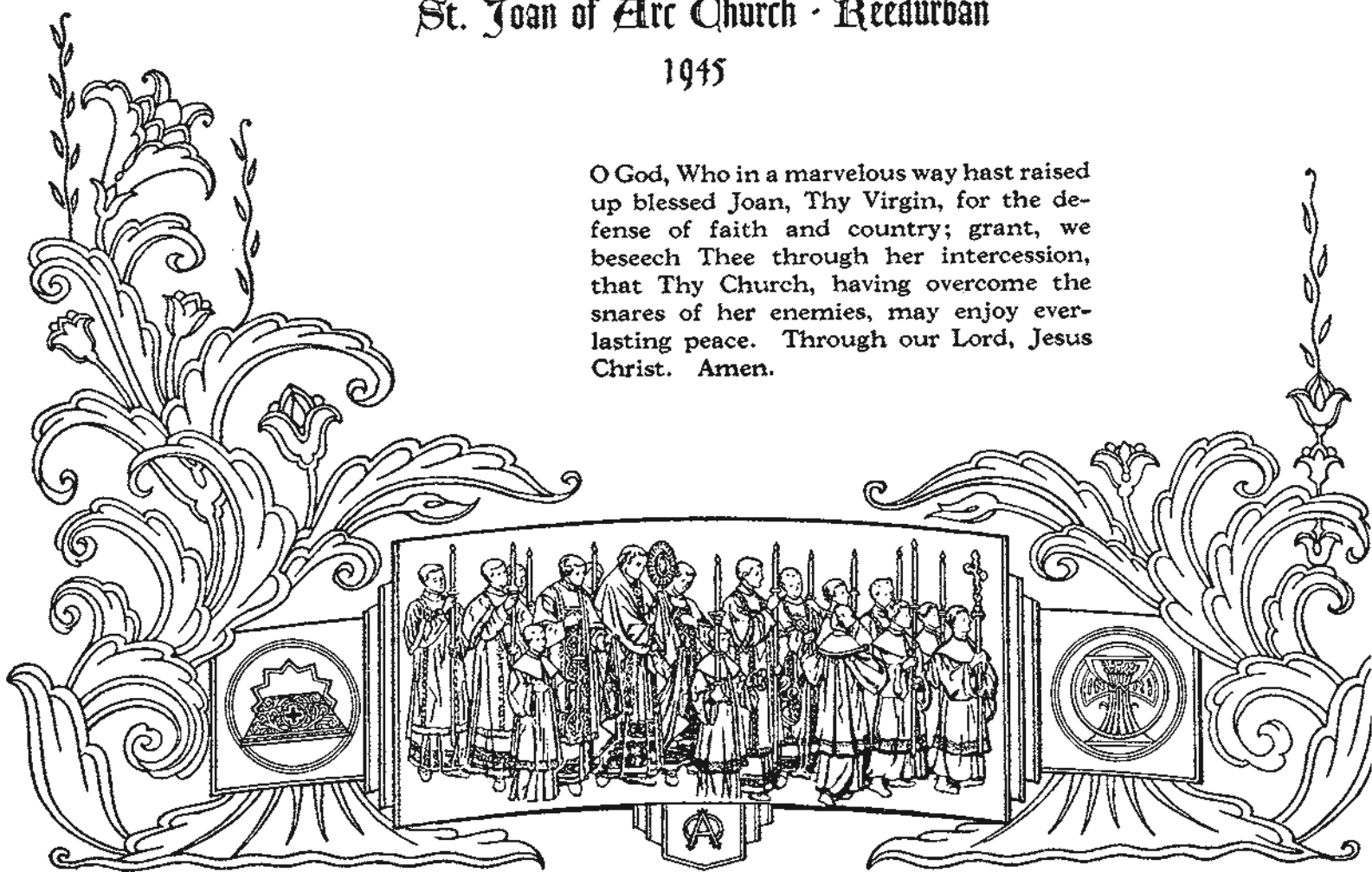




## St. Joan of Arc Church · Reedurban

1945

O God, Who in a marvelous way hast raised up blessed Joan, Thy Virgin, for the defense of faith and country; grant, we beseech Thee through her intercession, that Thy Church, having overcome the snares of her enemies, may enjoy everlasting peace. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St Joan of Arc Church

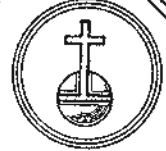
## Reedurban



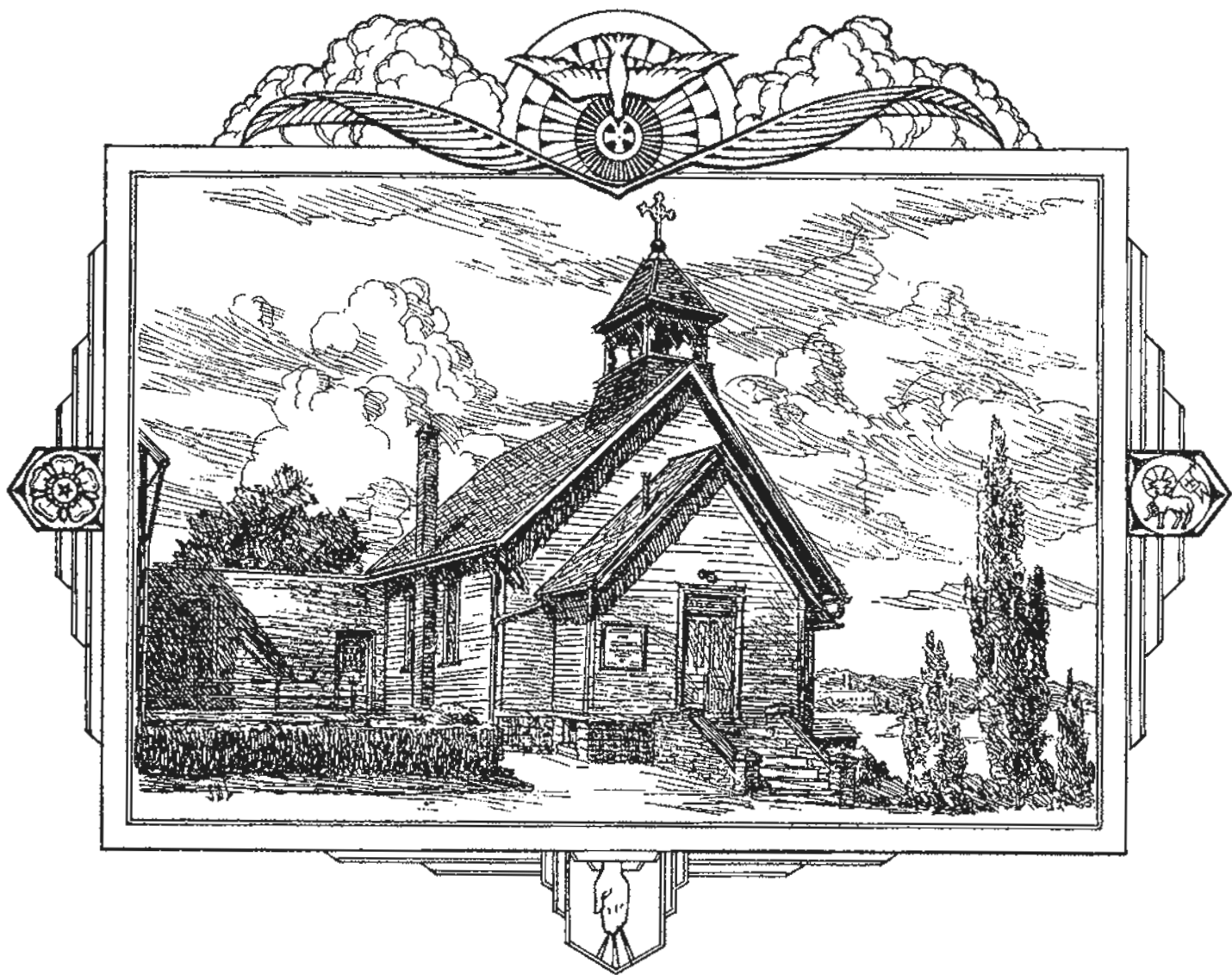
**S**T. JOAN OF ARC was born in Domremy, France. This very innocent young maiden was known for her goodness, charity and holiness. She heard voices, which she believed came from heaven, telling her to leave her family and lead the armies of France to glorious victory against the English invaders. The rough soldiers of the king's army, inspired by her courage and enthusiasm, followed her into battle, gaining victory at Orleans and Reims, where Charles was crowned King of France with Joan of Arc at his side. Tried as a witch and a heretic, she was sent to prison where she suffered insult and ignominy. She was condemned to death and burned at the stake, a martyr to her God and her country. She was beatified by Pope Pius X in 1909 and canonized in 1919. The life of St. Joan of Arc makes one of the most colorful stories in the history of the Catholic Church. ¶For many years the pious people of Reedurban cherished the hope that some day they might have a church of their own, as the distance from Massillon and Canton was too

great to enable them to attend religious services as frequently as they desired. When the Catholic population in this area had increased to the point of making it advisable to establish a parish, the Most Reverend James A. McFadden authorized its organization in 1944. A large pastoral residence opposite the Mt. Marie Academy, now Central Catholic High School, was purchased. A room in this house was furnished as a chapel for week-day services, and the gymnasium on the property of Mt. Marie serves as a temporary church for the celebration of Sunday Mass. Five acres of land were acquired on the same property and will be the site for the new church. ¶The Reverend Father William J. Fitzgerald was appointed as pastor, and the newly formed parish was placed under the patronage of St. Joan of Arc. Inspired by their valiant young patroness, the members of the parish, together with their pastor, are steadily going forward in anticipation of future developments, participating in all religious and social activity for the good of the parish.

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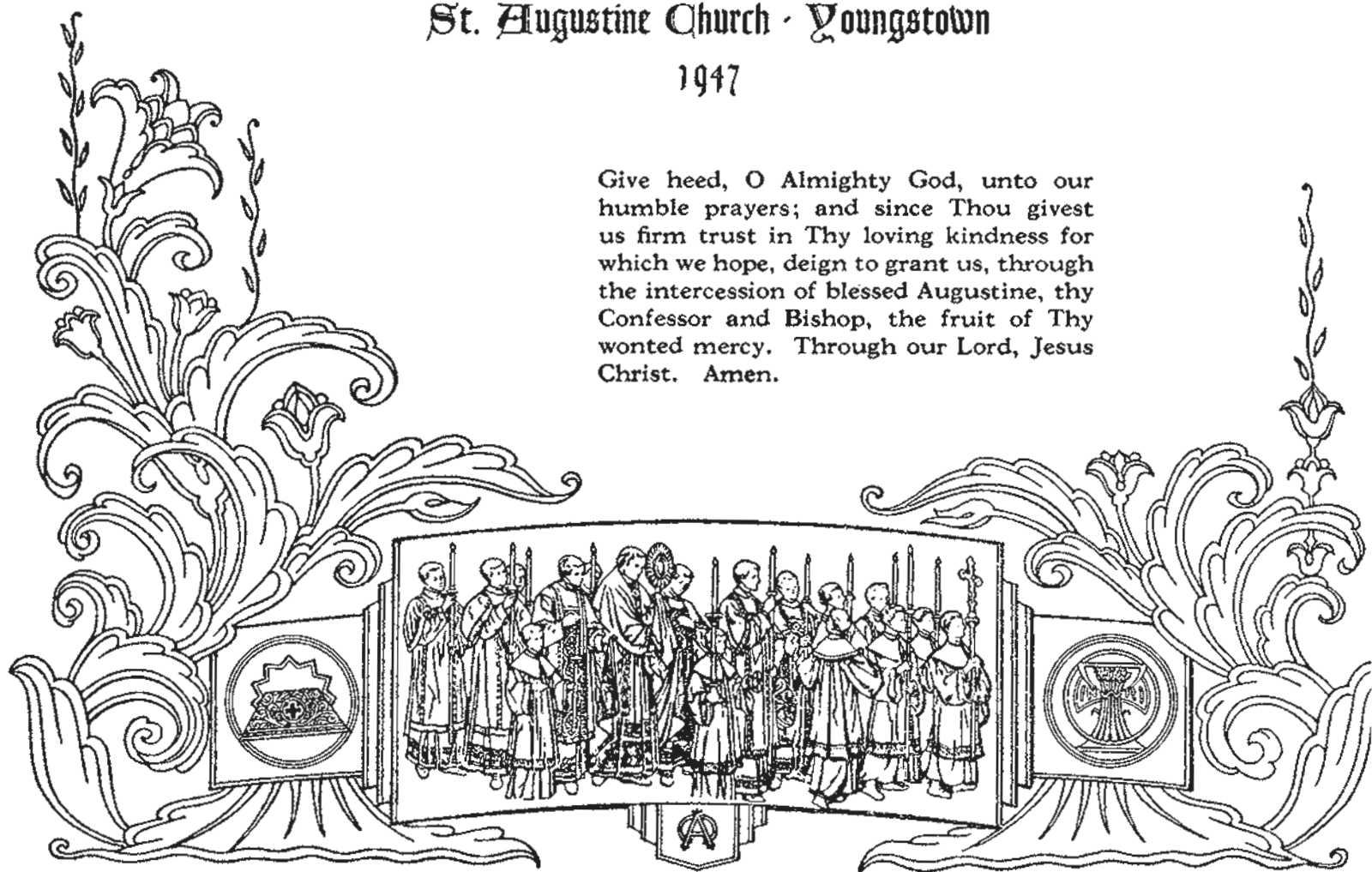




## St. Augustine Church · Youngstown

1947

Give heed, O Almighty God, unto our humble prayers; and since Thou givest us firm trust in Thy loving kindness for which we hope, deign to grant us, through the intercession of blessed Augustine, thy Confessor and Bishop, the fruit of Thy wonted mercy. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.





# St. Augustine Church

## Youngstown



DEEPLY solicitous for the Negro portion of his flock, the Most Reverend James A. McFadden sought to establish a parish for these good people, who are groping for spiritual comfort and consolation. The Bishop found many Negro Catholics within the bounds of the city of Youngstown who were eager to serve God in the Catholic faith, and who had no Catholic affiliations or contacts of any kind. ¶ St. Maron Church, which was originally a place of worship for Protestants and later was purchased by the Maronites for a Catholic church, was transferred to Negro Catholics in 1944. ¶ In tribute to their bishop, the Most Reverend James A. McFadden, and in appreciation of his encouragement, guidance and inspiration, the members of the newly formed parish requested that it be dedicated to St. Augustine, the patron saint of the Bishop. The spiritual reverence on the countenances of these earnest people,

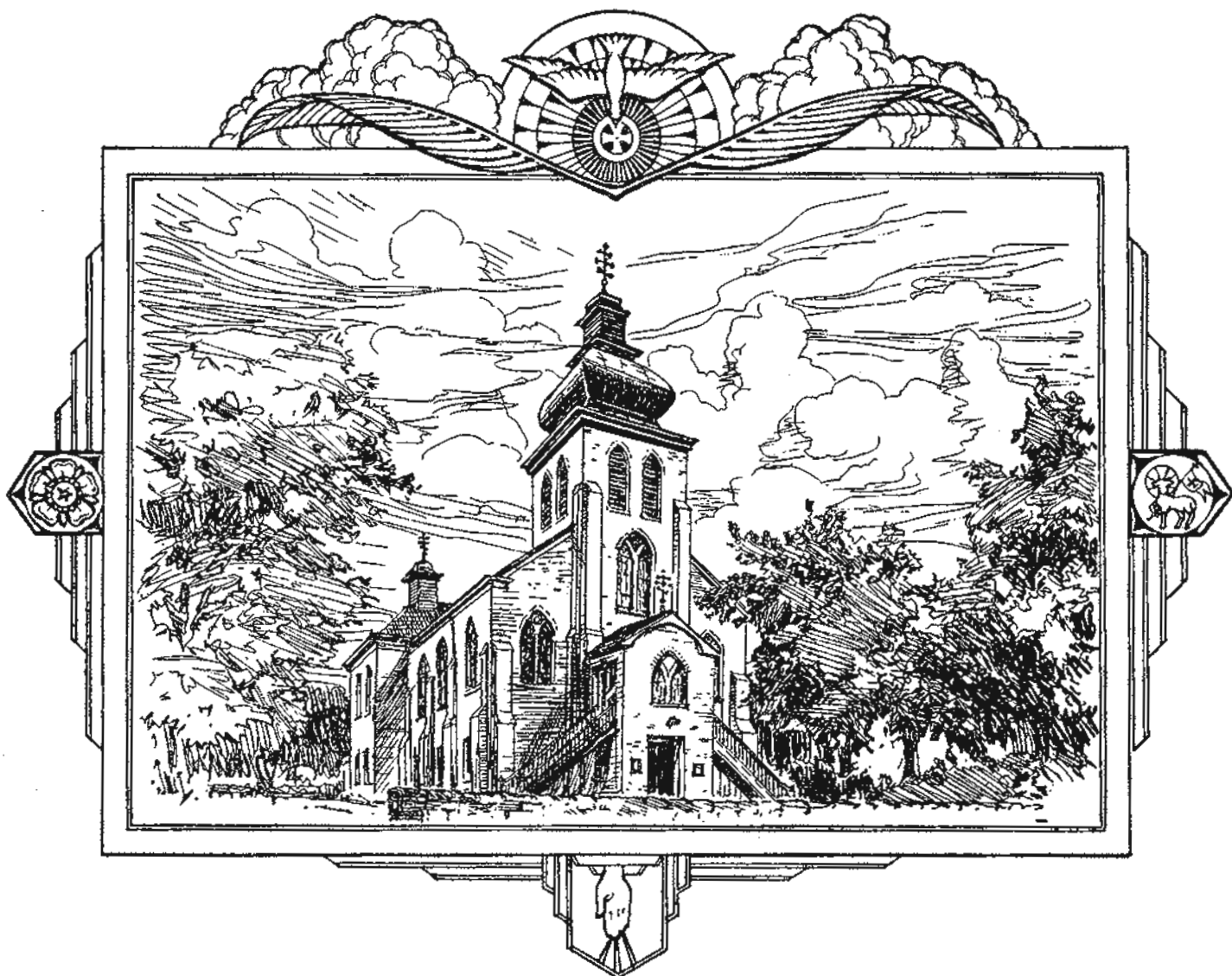
the glorious contentment in their hearts and their desire to worship God in a church exclusively their own, is most gratifying. ¶ The first Mass was celebrated on January 12, 1945. The Reverend Father Norman Koller, C.P.P.S., was appointed resident pastor and was placed in charge of this noble work. ¶ The property consists of a church building of frame construction, a priest's residence and a large hall with a fully equipped kitchen for social gatherings and meetings of the parishioners. ¶ The Reverend Father Koller was succeeded by Father Kuhns, who was soon called to act as chaplain in the armed forces. His place was taken by Father Emil J. Meyer. The Community of the Precious Blood has had wide experience in administering parishes for Negro people, and it is felt that under their guidance much will be done to further religion and the March of the Eucharist in the Youngstown Diocese.

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## The Byzantine Rite

The Catholic Religion, founded by Our Lord Jesus Christ, is a single, unified body of revealed truth, divine precepts and sacramental means of grace. By professing this truth in its entirety and adhering to these precepts and means of salvation, Catholics bind themselves to the Church and, through membership in the Church, establish a bond with other Catholics everywhere in the world. It is for this reason that St. Paul speaks of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. ¶However, adherence to the common teaching of the Church and the acceptance of her precepts and means of salvation are not necessarily accompanied by a corresponding uniformity of religious practice, for it is possible to utter the same truth in many different languages and to express it in many different forms of religious practice and devotion. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for example, is the same divine sacrifice everywhere in the world, yet it is not necessarily said in Latin or accompanied by the particular ceremonies to which we of the Roman rite are accustomed. ¶Without delving into the historical origin of the fourteen rites within the Catholic Church, it is sufficient to say here that, since a rite follows the person, many of these rites other than the Roman are found represented in the United States. Some of these rites are represented here in the Diocese of Youngstown and so we are happy to include in this historical synopsis a brief account of the Byzantine Rite parishes. Although located within the geographical confines of the Diocese of Youngstown, they are under the spiritual jurisdiction of one or other of the two Bishops of the Byzantine Rite in the United States, the Most Reverend Daniel Ivancho, D.D., of the Ruthenian Greek Rite Diocese of Pittsburgh or the Most Reverend Constantine Bohachevsky, S.T.D., of the Ukrainian Greek Rite Diocese of Philadelphia.



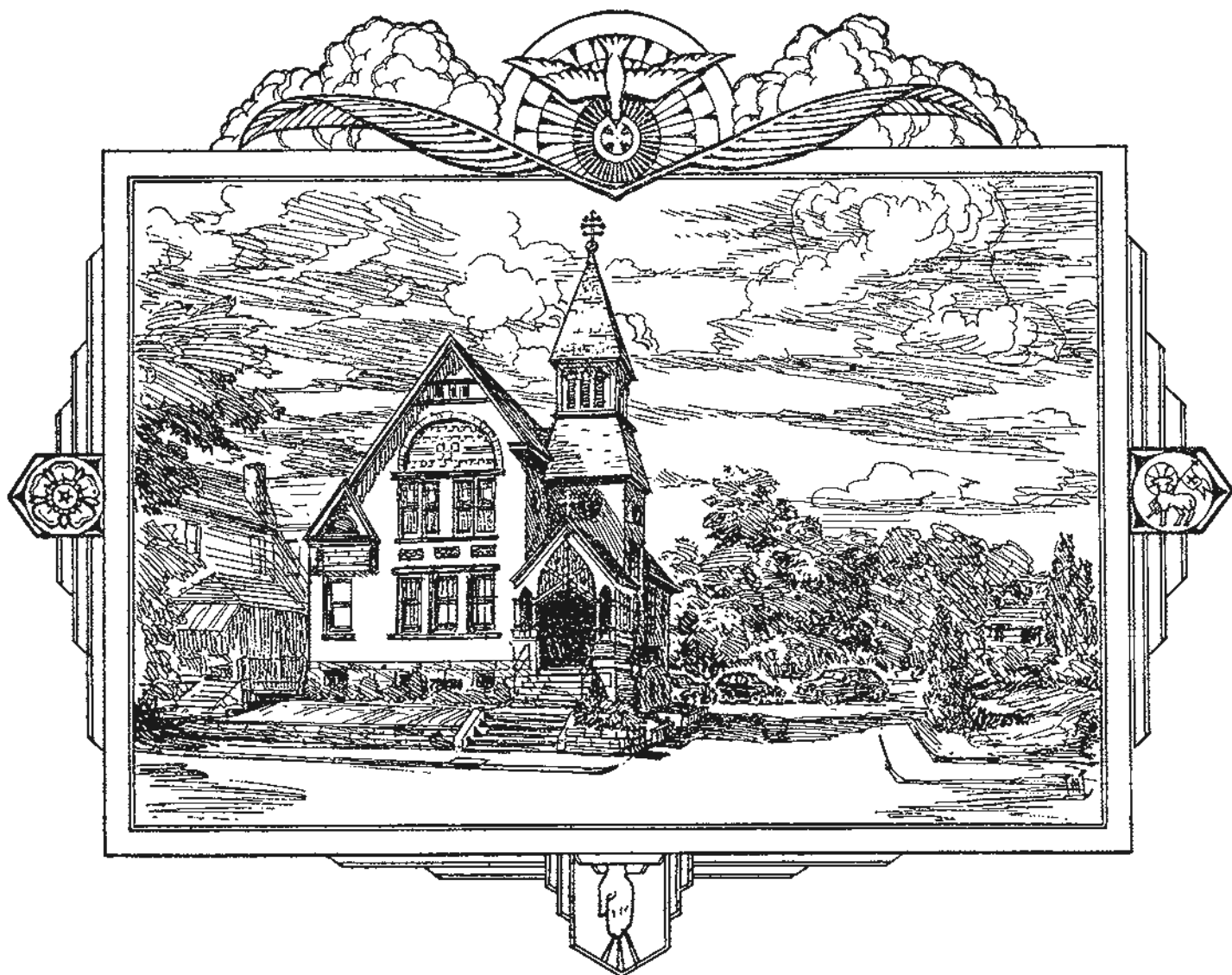
## Assumption of the B. V. M. - Youngstown

Assumption Church was founded September 22, 1900, by a group of Catholic Ruthenians of the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite, who emigrated from what was formerly the northern part of Hungary. The first resident pastor was the Reverend Anthony Mhley. The original church was erected in 1900, later enlarged and remodeled, then brick-veneered in 1916 and artistically decorated in 1948. It is the mother church of all those Byzantine-Slavonic Rite Catholics of Youngstown who were responsible for organizing Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. George Hungarian Greek Catholic Church, and St. Nicholas Greek Rite Catholic Church. The parish had three vocations to the priesthood. The membership of the parish is 940 souls.

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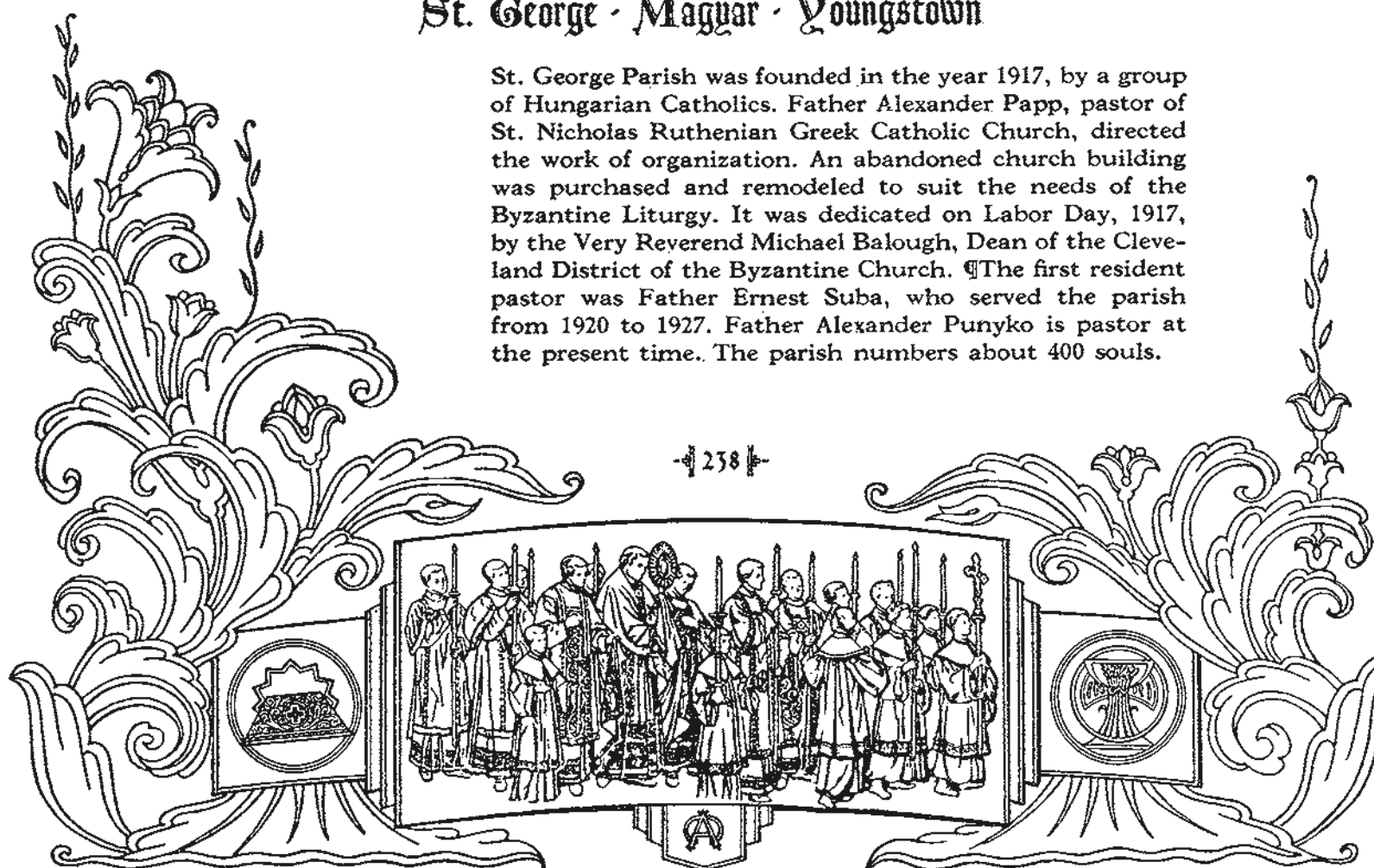




## St. George · Maguar · Youngstown

St. George Parish was founded in the year 1917, by a group of Hungarian Catholics. Father Alexander Papp, pastor of St. Nicholas Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church, directed the work of organization. An abandoned church building was purchased and remodeled to suit the needs of the Byzantine Liturgy. It was dedicated on Labor Day, 1917, by the Very Reverend Michael Balough, Dean of the Cleveland District of the Byzantine Church. ¶The first resident pastor was Father Ernest Suba, who served the parish from 1920 to 1927. Father Alexander Punyko is pastor at the present time. The parish numbers about 400 souls.

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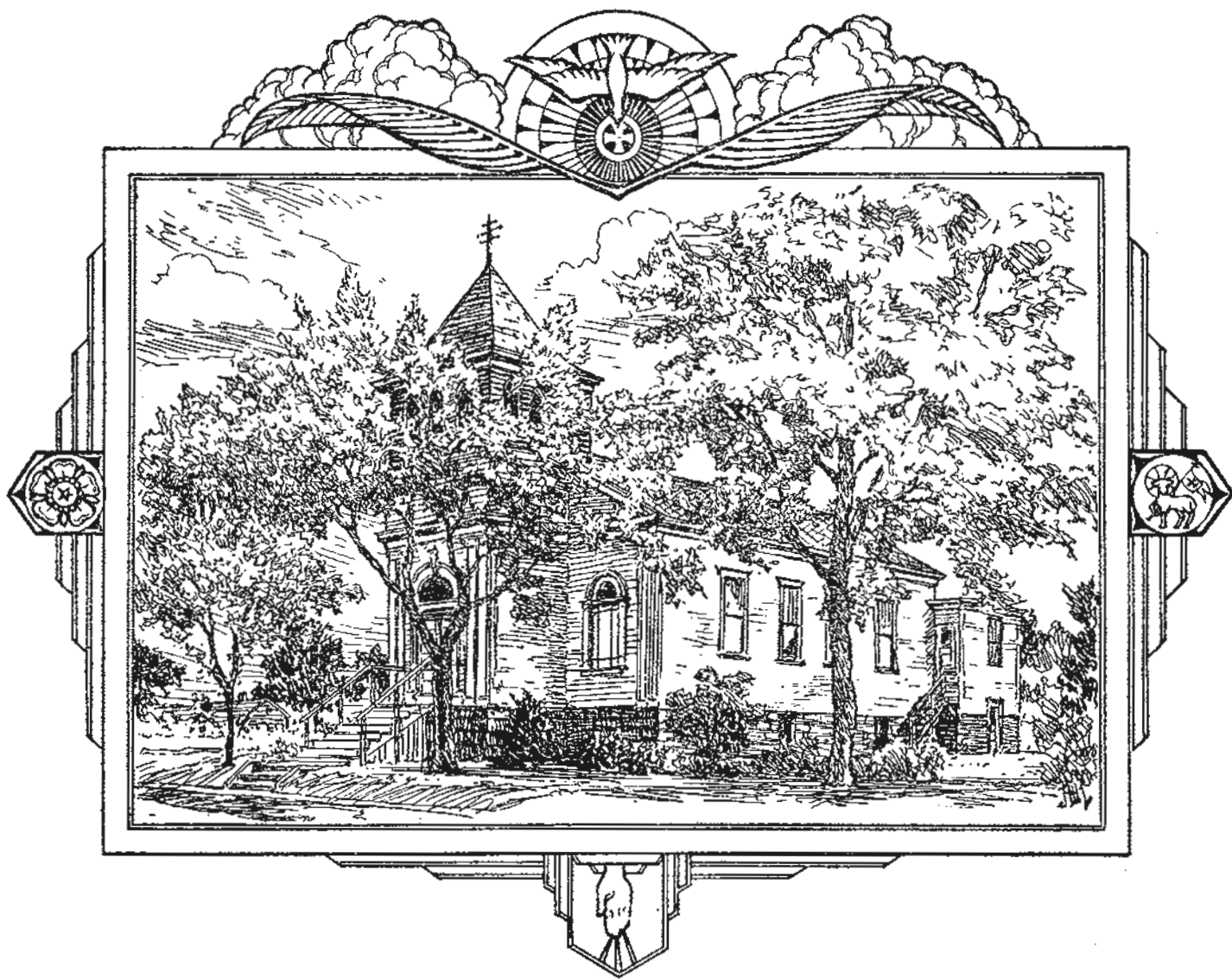


## St. Nicholas - Youngstown

St. Nicholas was founded January 7, 1912, by twenty families under the leadership of Father Alexis Medvecky. An old Swedish church was purchased in 1912 and used as a place of worship until the present church was erected in 1919. The parish was the mother church of St. Michael, Campbell, and SS. Peter and Paul, Struthers. The parish boasts of the following vocations: two priests ordained in the Latin Rite: Fathers Michael and Andrew Hnat; two priests and one seminarian in own Rite: Fathers John W. Rommack, Thomas Gran and Myron Horvath, one Ursuline Nun and eight Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great.

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St. Nicholas Church · Ashtabula

O God, who has adorned the blessed Bishop Nicholas with numberless miracles: grant, we beseech Thee, that by his merits and prayers we may be saved from the fires of hell. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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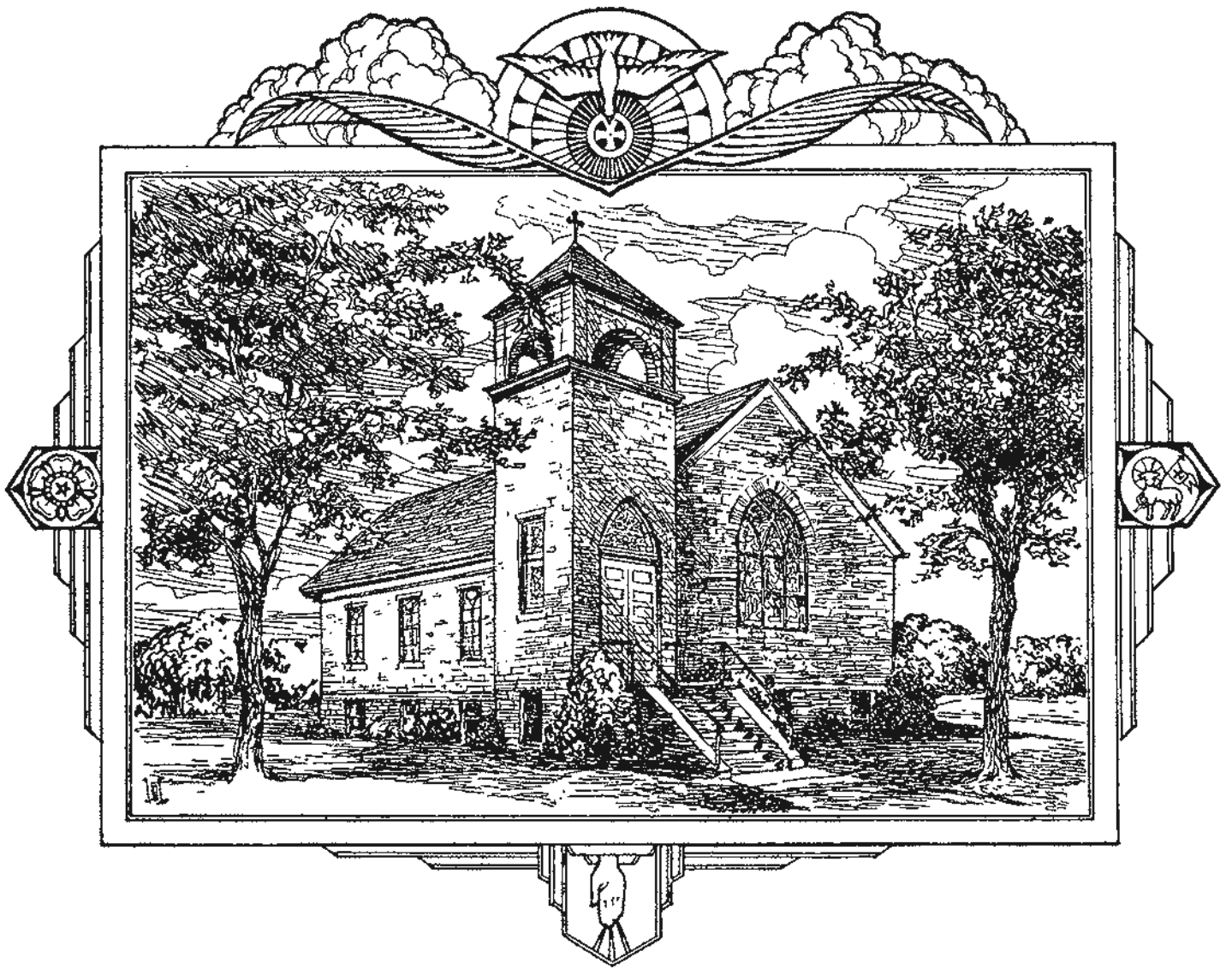
## St. Michael - Campbell

In 1918, a group of eighty Greek Catholic families founded St. Michael Church in Campbell. However, it was not until August 21, 1922, that their status was clarified, and they were able to purchase a hall and remodel it for ecclesiastical purposes under the leadership of Father John Krusko. He was succeeded by Father Peter Dolinay who served until 1932. From 1932 until 1937, St. Michael was without a pastor, until the appointment of Father Joseph Kovalchik, who was succeeded by Father Warady in 1939. The present pastor, Father George B. Petro, was appointed by the late Bishop Basil Takach on May 7, 1946. The church has been redecorated and a new altar has been installed. At present, a new church is under construction.

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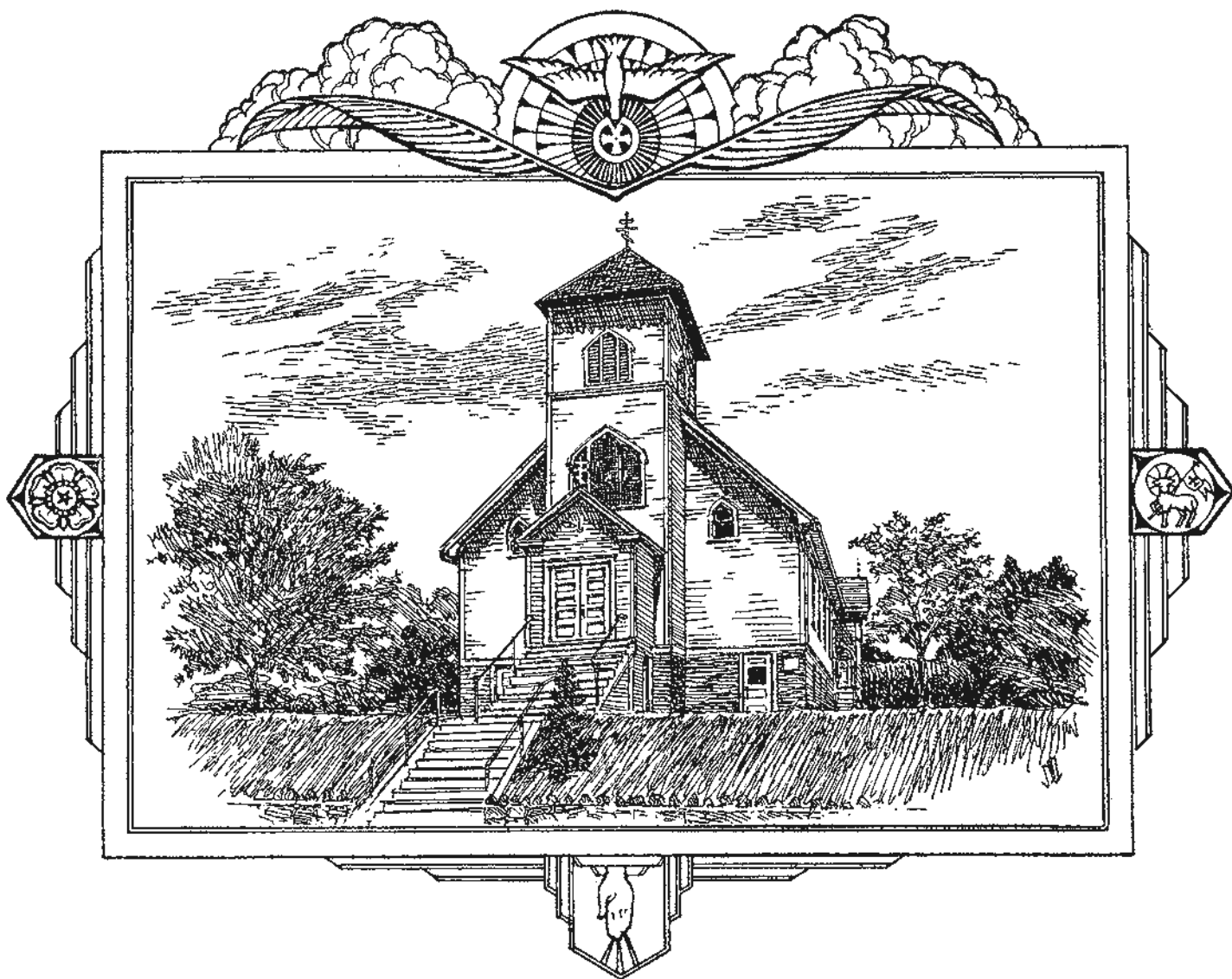


## St. Michael · Newton Falls

In 1922, Father Cornelius Mankovich, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul, Warren, established the mission of St. Michael. Although an earlier church had been erected, the present edifice was built in 1932. It was dedicated by the late Bishop Basil Takach in 1937. St. Michael was served as a mission from Warren until 1949 when it became a separate parish and Father Eugene Hornyak, S.T.D., was appointed as first resident pastor. The present pastor, Father John Nemeth, was appointed by Bishop Daniel Ivancho on January 18, 1951. Father Nemeth is a refugee priest from Uzhorod, Czecho-Slovakia.

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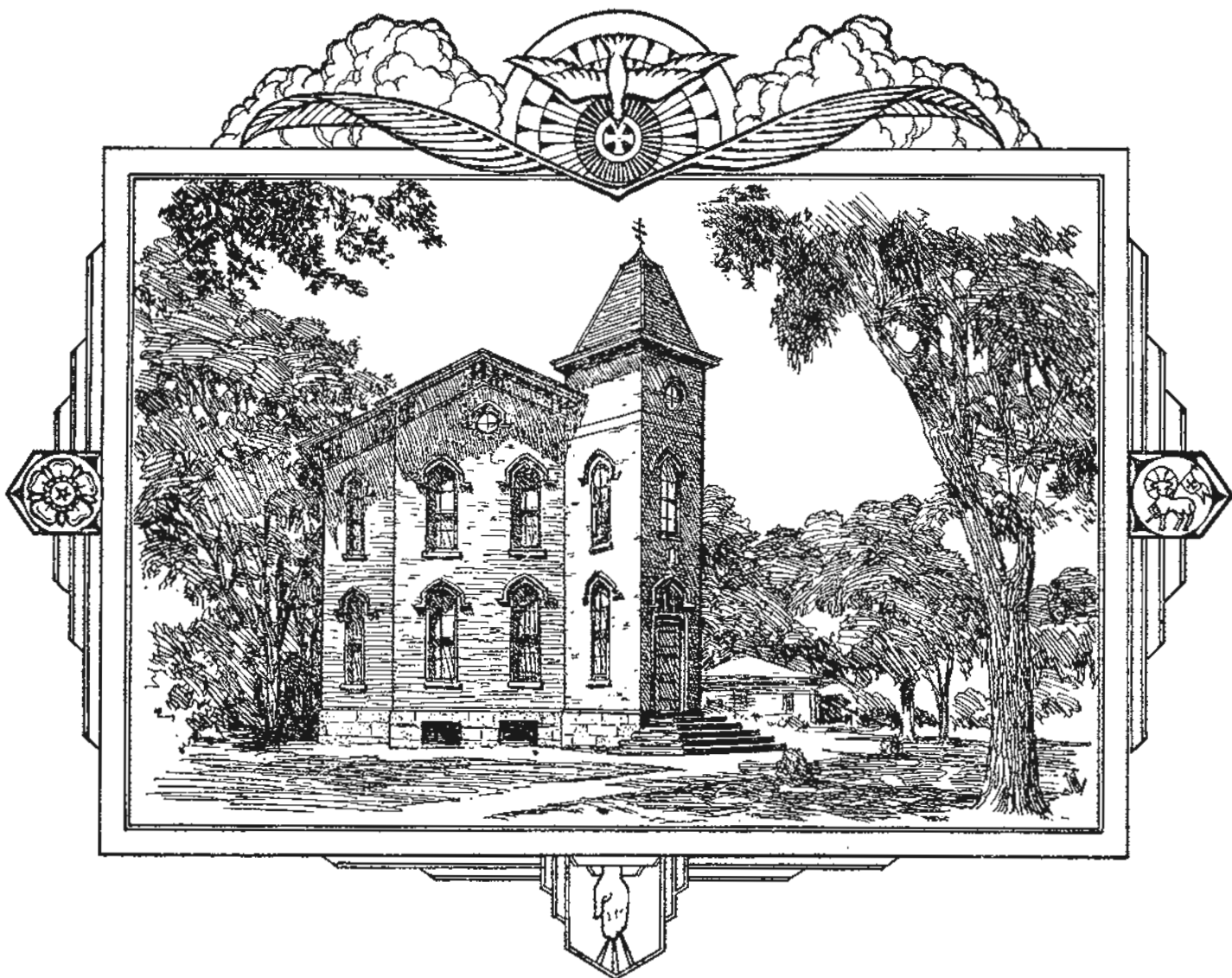


## SS. Peter and Paul · Struthers

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of the Byzantine Slavonic Rite was really established in the year 1907. At that time the land on which the church now stands was purchased. It was not, however, until ten years later that the church was finally erected. In the interval the people of the Byzantine Rite, living in Struthers, attended religious services either at St. Mary Church, Steelton, or St. Nicholas Church, Struthers. The present church is a very beautiful structure, a monument to the zeal and generosity of priests and people. It was dedicated in 1907. In 1921, the first resident pastor was appointed. Father Mulialik is the present pastor.

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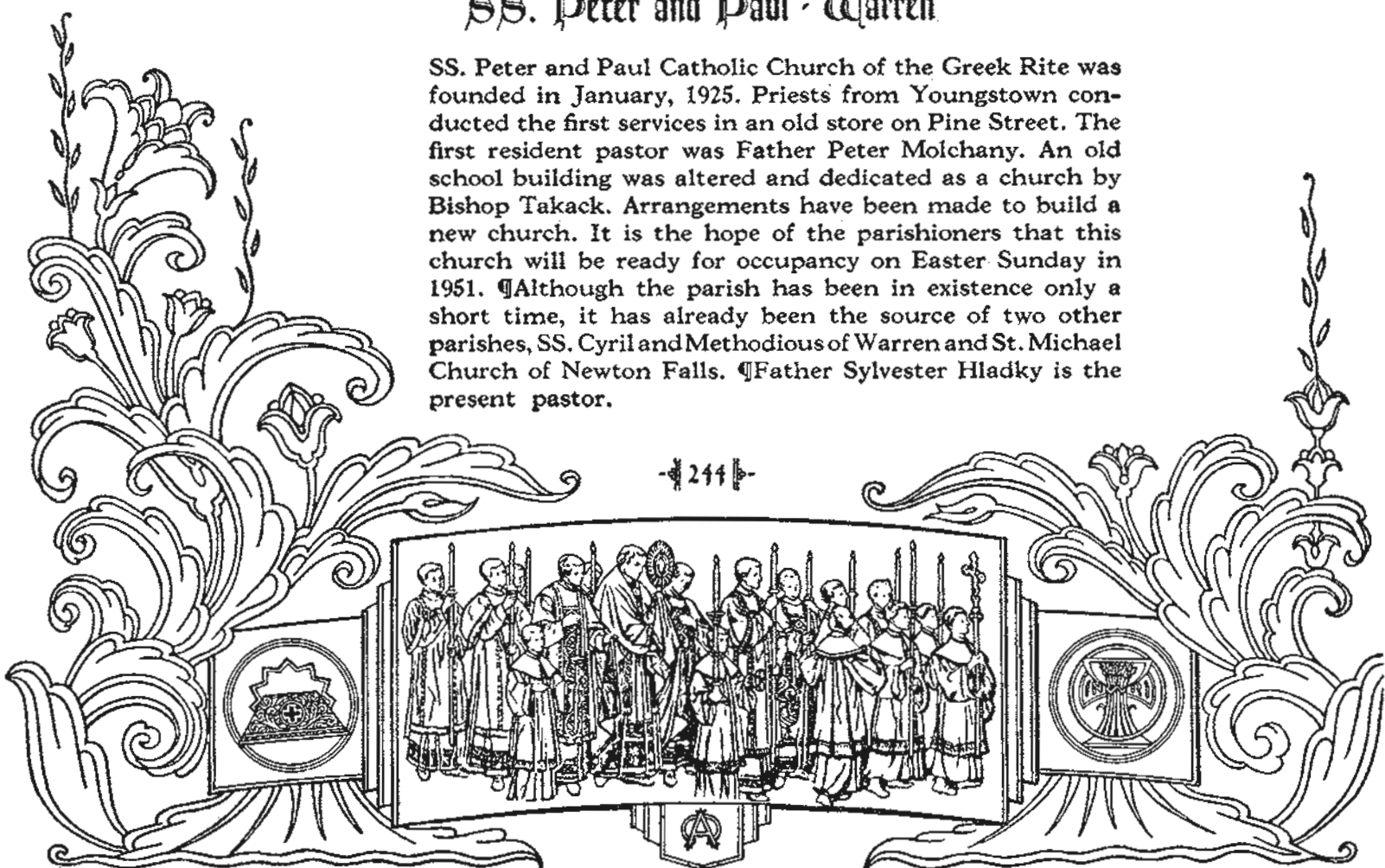


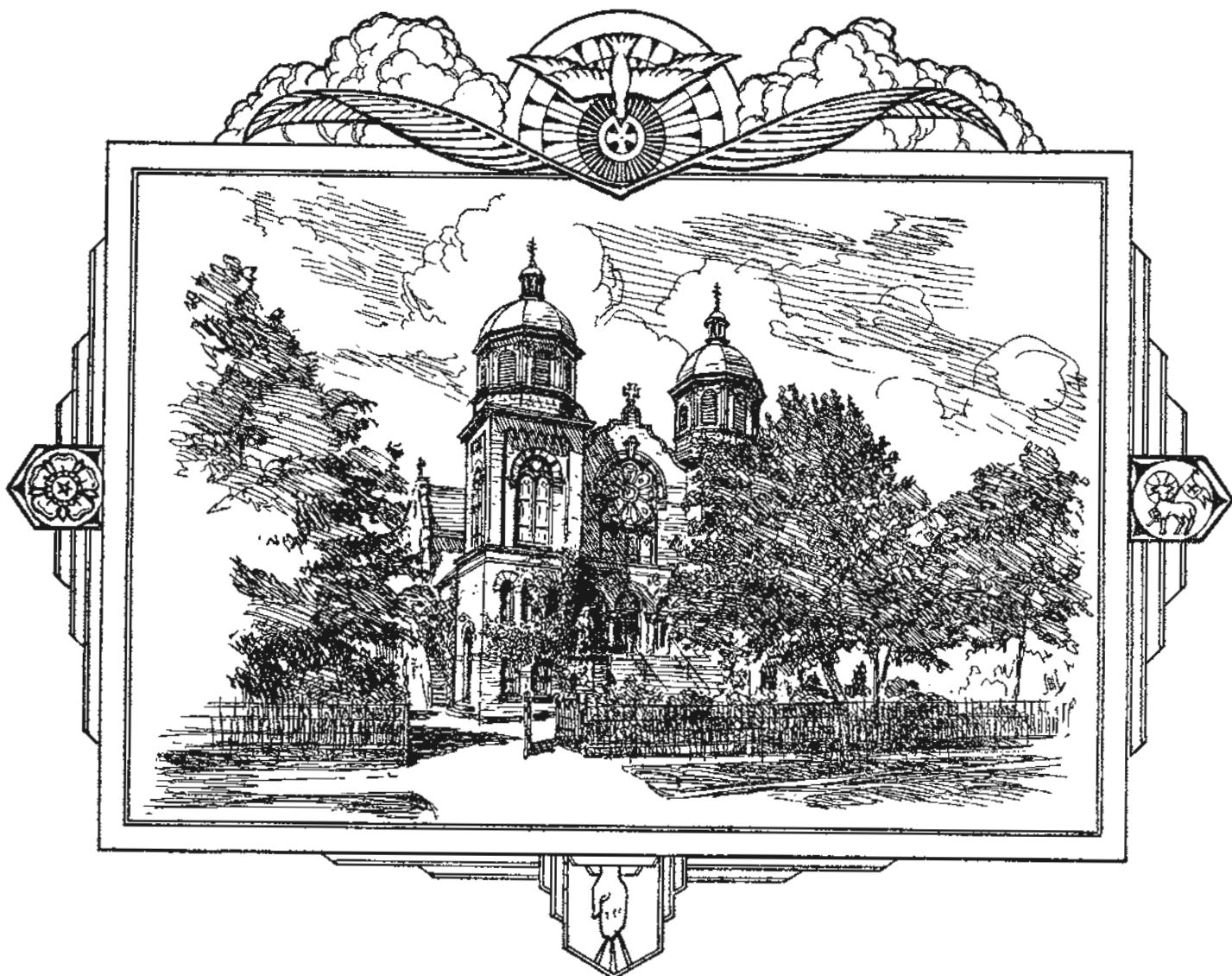


## SS. Peter and Paul - Warren

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of the Greek Rite was founded in January, 1925. Priests from Youngstown conducted the first services in an old store on Pine Street. The first resident pastor was Father Peter Molchany. An old school building was altered and dedicated as a church by Bishop Takack. Arrangements have been made to build a new church. It is the hope of the parishioners that this church will be ready for occupancy on Easter Sunday in 1951. ¶Although the parish has been in existence only a short time, it has already been the source of two other parishes, SS. Cyril and Methodious of Warren and St. Michael Church of Newton Falls. ¶Father Sylvester Hladky is the present pastor.

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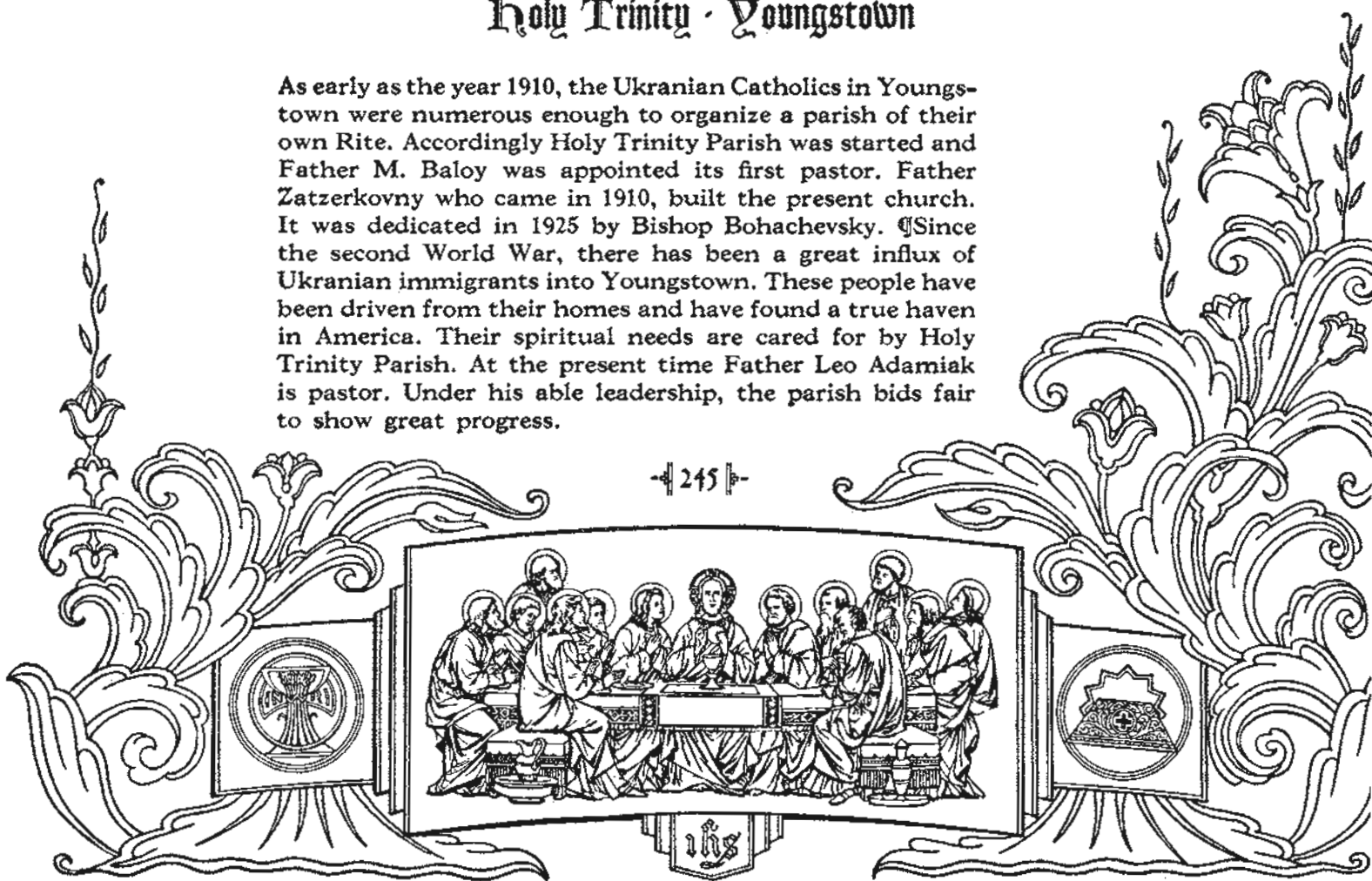




## Holy Trinity - Youngstown

As early as the year 1910, the Ukranian Catholics in Youngstown were numerous enough to organize a parish of their own Rite. Accordingly Holy Trinity Parish was started and Father M. Baloy was appointed its first pastor. Father Zatzerkovny who came in 1910, built the present church. It was dedicated in 1925 by Bishop Bohachevsky. ¶Since the second World War, there has been a great influx of Ukranian immigrants into Youngstown. These people have been driven from their homes and have found a true haven in America. Their spiritual needs are cared for by Holy Trinity Parish. At the present time Father Leo Adamiak is pastor. Under his able leadership, the parish bids fair to show great progress.

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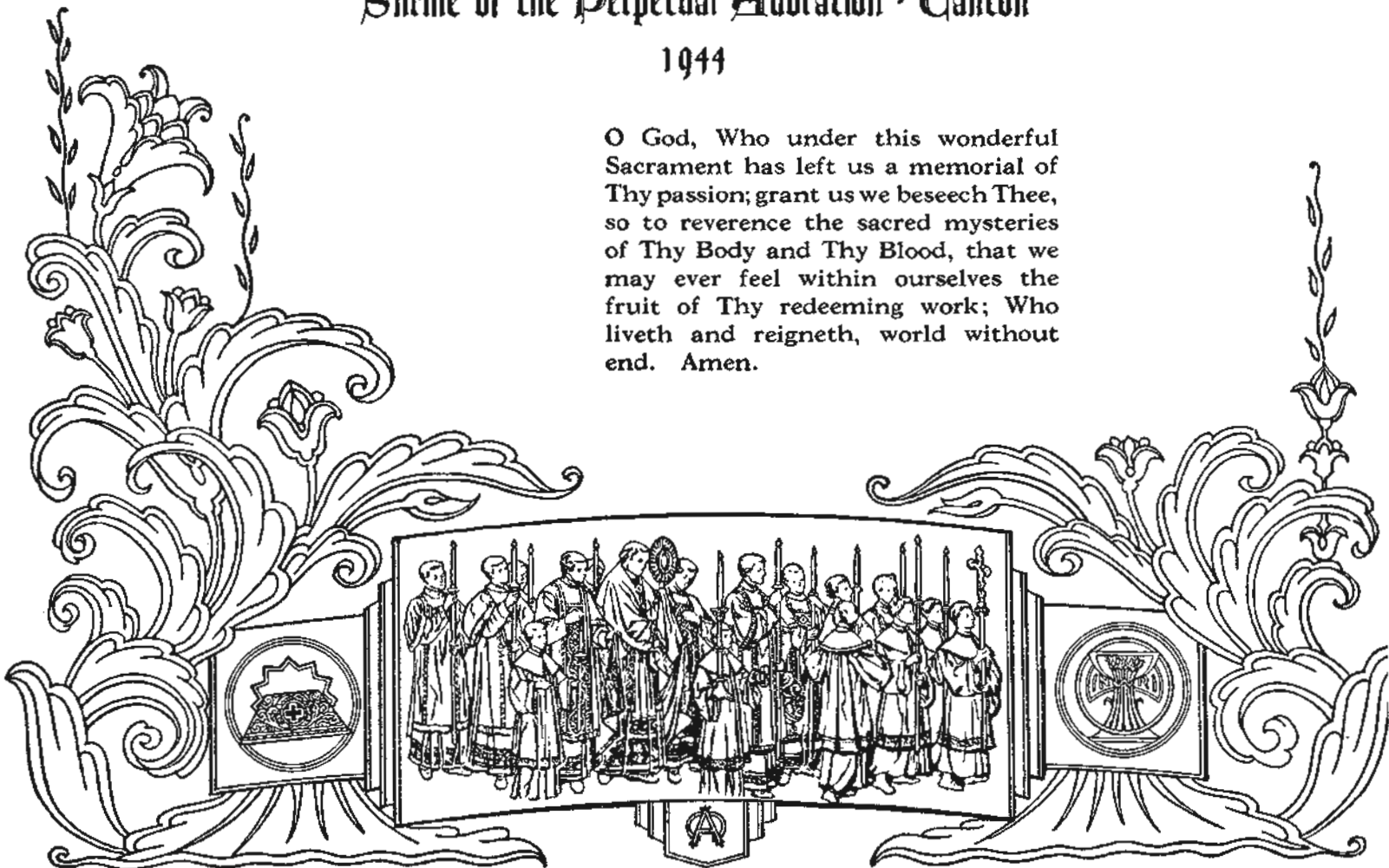




## Shrine of the Perpetual Adoration · Canton

1944

O God, Who under this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy passion; grant us we beseech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Thy Blood, that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruit of Thy redeeming work; Who liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.





# Sancta Clara Monastery

## Canton



THE theme of this beautiful book is the March of the Eucharist. It is most fitting, then, that it should end with the story of the enshrining of Our Eucharistic Lord in a home of perpetual adoration, where every hour of the day and night, praise and thanksgiving should be offered to His Holy Name; and where "from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof a clean oblation should be offered to His Sacred Majesty". This is the story of Sancta Clara Monastery and the Shrine of Perpetual Adoration in Canton. ¶The founding of such a shrine has ever been dear to the heart of Bishop McFadden. That he, in the providence of God, was allowed to realize his dream, almost at the very beginning of the new Diocese of Youngstown, is a fitting climax to his priestly and episcopal labors, the crowning effort of years spent in the vineyard of the Lord. ¶The shrine was made possible by the princely gift of Mr. and Mrs. John F. O'Dea of Canton. They turned their palatial home, with its beautiful grounds, over to the Francis-

can Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. This religious order devotes itself to the task of perpetual adoration. Necessary remodeling was done to provide a modest temporary chapel and living quarters for the sisters. There are twenty sisters in the community at the present time. The donors then began planning a permanent Chapel, which when completed will be large enough to accommodate the thousands of visitors and pilgrims who will flock to the shrine in years to come. It is confidently hoped that the Chapel will be completed early in 1951. Provision for financing the shrine will most probably be made by establishing Confraternities of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the diocese. ¶No one can doubt that the existence of the shrine and the generosity of its donors will be a source of endless blessing to the diocese; and that the onward March of the Eucharist will be measured by the sacrifices of the unselfish women who devote their lives to the arduous task of perpetual adoration of the Eucharistic God.



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discontinued. In 1859 the old St. Paul Church was torn down, and the bricks, which were to be used in the construction of a school, were badly damaged due to improper storage over the severe winter, thus making it necessary to abandon the project temporarily. ¶And so passed old St. Paul Church, the venerable relic of the Diocese of Youngstown and the first landmark of faith to Christ the King.

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for good in the community. In 1945 it was merged with Mount Marie Academy to form the present Central Catholic High. The new building is one of the finest High school buildings to be found anywhere. ¶Under the present pastor, Msgr. Owen Gallagher, great improvements have been made. In its long history the parish has contributed its part to the March of the Eucharist.

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LOUISVILLE

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forests furnished the lordly pillars; a parish-owned brick plant produced the mountains of brick; the women and children contributed hours of toil. The church was extensively remodeled in 1904 and again in 1932. The school was built in 1922; the parish house in 1925. The former parish house became the residence of the Sisters. ¶Father Francis J. Palm was appointed pastor of St. Louis Church in 1943. Father Palm has made extensive repairs. Property adjacent to the school has been purchased for enlarged playground facilities and as a site for a new Sisters' Convent.

His progressive and concerted action has resulted in the arrangement of bus transportation for three hundred-fifty parish children in an effort to secure all the benefits and advantages of Catholic education for them. His faithful and devoted parishioners have given him the utmost in co-operation and, through his vision and planning, the future will witness further development of his parish and a greater increase in Catholic Action -- a pinnacle of deep faith in Christ the King.

ST. ALOYSIUS  
EAST LIVERPOOL

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A.D. 1857." ¶Through the enthusiastic efforts of the present pastor, the Right Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Lavery, Dean of Columbiana County, and the co-operation of his loyal parishioners, much has been accomplished. Not only has proper maintenance of the church property been carried on, but keen interest has also been manifested in the furtherance of Catholic Action. It is indeed a kindly gesture for the parish of St. Aloysius to share the benefits of its school with the neighboring children of St. Ann. Special transportation is provided for these children in order that they may share in the privileges of a Catholic education -- the true spirit of love and devotion to Christ the King.

ST. MARY  
WARREN

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children. The recently built modern high school provides the further education, which equips these future citizens to meet the challenge of the world of tomorrow. A large auditorium and social hall have been built to provide social and recreational programs for the parishioners -- another step towards the love of Christ the King.

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¶The beauty of St. Mary Church and the traditional Roman Catholic principles for which it stands, not to mention the part it has played in shaping the history of Massillon, has been carefully preserved. Through the well-regulated management of its pastor, the Right Reverend Monsignor James M. Eischen, Dean of Stark County, the debt of the church has been completely liquidated. A bond of love and unity exists between the pastor and parishioners. Worthwhile effort, projected by the pastor, has met with much success through their co-operation. The interest in the Catholic education of the children of the parish has given impetus to their desire to build a new school -- a resplendent flame of trust and hope to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

ST. PATRICK  
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¶In quick succession the Reverend Dr. William A. Kane, until then the Superintendent of Education, became Pastor of St. Patrick. Possessed of high talents, Monsignor Kane remade the parish in all its activities. Our beautiful and monumental church, of a modified Gothic style, was his creation. The Liturgy of the Church was followed out in infinite detail. He established the ceremonials of the Church, with all its grace and beauty in form, vesture, and sacred pageantry. With his death, November 1937, a great parish mourned a great shepherd of souls. His successor, Father Maurice J. Casey, was appointed Pastor January 21, 1938. ¶This brief notice must carry an historical tribute to the Sisters who

ministered in the establishment of St. Patrick. The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown graciously and with high fervor, were the first to come to the parish and for three years taught catechism to the children. When the new school opened in 1914 the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cleveland assumed the duties of the teaching staff. In 1944, after the creation of the new Diocese of Youngstown, the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown returned to our parish school.

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improvements in the property, work has begun on the construction of a new and modern school. It will have eight class rooms, a kindergarden, meeting rooms, gymnasium and recreational center. There is a deep spirit of faith in the Immaculate Conception Parish. The zeal of its pastors and the loyalty and generosity of its people have accomplished much for Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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the Reverend James P. Peppard, have been pastors. ¶The present St. Joseph Church was built under the direction of Father Thomas F. Mahon and dedicated by Bishop Horstmann in 1894. St. Joseph Cemetery was opened in 1895. The present eight-room school was built under the direction of Father Doherty in 1904. During the pastorate of Father John E. Casey, 1922-1934, a modern rectory was built. The school hall was converted into four additional classrooms as originally designed. The church and its appurtenances were entirely restored, and a parish hall built into the



basement of the church. The first assistant assigned to the enlarged parish was Father Maurice J. Casey, a brother of the pastor. ¶To provide Catholic education for all the children of families affiliated with St. Joseph, a bus system was inaugurated. Through this system, girl graduates of the school received transportation to Mount Marie, now Central Catholic High School, on the Canton-Massillon Road, and the boy graduates to St. John High School in Canton. Practically all graduates then were enabled to attend a Catholic high school. ¶Care of the Catholic patients at the Massillon State Hospital was also assumed during this period and was continued until the construction of St. Dymphna Chapel and the assignment of a resident chaplain, Father Austin Skelly, in 1939. ¶The present pastor, Father James P. Peppard, following Father Dominic Sweeney and Father Owen L. Gallagher, has carried on the duties of this large parish with unusual competence and devotion to the care of souls. So much so that now St. Joseph Parish is one of the best organized parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown. Massillon, named to commemorate Pere Massillon of France, today has a high percentage of devoted Catholics in its passage from a coal mining village to a city of large and diversified industries. In the March of the Eucharist, St. Joseph has played a high and prominent position.

#### CATHEDRAL OF ST. COLUMBA YOUNGSTOWN

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construction of the imposing church, Father Mears is said to have often stated that he was building a Cathedral. His

words proved to be prophetic. Built of granite from the Catskill Mountains, the beautiful Gothic structure can be seen for many miles. ¶Msgr. Joseph Trainor has been pastor of St. Columba since 1923. He was made dean of the Mahoning Valley clergy in 1940. During Monsignor Trainor's pastorate many additions have been made to the church building. In 1928, the towers of the church were replaced with the present imposing spires. These are copies of the spires of the Cathedral at Norwich in England. When St. Columba was named the Cathedral church of the new Youngstown Diocese in 1943, the sanctuary was enlarged to its present ample proportions and the Bishop's throne installed. A beautifully carved oak pulpit was added in 1949. Since 1943, St. Columba has welcomed two Bishops: Bishop James A. McFadden as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, and Bishop Emmet M. Walsh as Coadjutor in 1949. ¶As the Mother church of the Valley it has ever lead in the March of the Eucharist.

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McFadden, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, assisted by the pastor, the Right Reverend Monsignor Alfred J. Manning. The present structure is constructed of smooth-faced, salmon-colored brick trimmed with gray stone in the Romanesque style of architecture. A beautiful new home has recently been built for the Sisters. The parish school has an enrollment of three hundred eighty pupils -- a firm foundation and expression of great faith in Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

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which surrounded Niles, and they had their headquarters in the city itself. Through wise and courageous guidance of his people during this most critical period, the efforts of the Klan were nullified and their influence weakened, not only in Ohio, but all over the country as well. Too much credit cannot be given to Msgr. McDonough for his skillful and courageous handling of a situation full of great danger. ¶During the pastorate of the Reverend Thomas Ring the parish has made much progress. The parish at present time is seriously considering the possibility of establishing a Catholic High School for the city and the surrounding territory. When these plans are completed, St. Stephen Parish will continue by its faith and devotion, to promote the interests of Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.

## ST. BARBARA MASSILLON

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31, 1894, St. Barbara Parish was greatly saddened by Father Goebbels' death. ¶The next eighteen years saw many pastors at Saint Barbara. In the order of their pastorates they were: Father Henry Boesken, 1894-1900; Father J. Alten, 1900-1903; Father C. A. Snyder, 1903-1904; Father Frederick Reuter, 1904-1907; Father Joseph Corsini, 1907-1908; Father Nicholas Weckel, 1908-1912; the Reverend Father John Wagner, 1912-1922. ¶All of these pastors did their share in furthering the cause of Christ, and improving the parish property. The Reverend Father Wagner was to be in charge of the parish for a longer period than any incumbent up to that time. He was succeeded by Father Hilary

Zwisler. Father Zwisler enlarged the church and built the present modern school in 1924 at the estimated cost of \$60,000. The Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary were placed in charge. ¶In 1927, West Brookfield was incorporated into the City of Massillon. A year later Father Zwisler was transferred to Akron. His place at St. Barbara was taken by Father Joseph Reichlin, the present pastor, on July 6, 1928. Inheriting a heavy indebtedness, the Reverend Father Reichlin, with characteristic energy, immediately set out to put the parish out of debt. ¶The struggle was difficult but in 1944 the entire debt had been wiped out. Many improvements have been made in the school, the church, and the cemetery. ¶To meet the needs of the growing parish, Father John P. Gallagher was appointed assistant on February 28, 1948. Plans are now underway for the construction of a new and larger church. In the many years of its existence, the parish of St. Barbara has made sacrifices for the faith and contributed substantially to the March of the Eucharist.

## ST. PETER OF THE FIELDS ROOTSTOWN

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¶After his first Mass at Dungannon, Father Lindesmith was appointed pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Doylestown, to which were attached Stations and Missions at Canal Fulton, Marshallville, Orville, French Settlement, Clinton, N. Lawrence, Millersburg, Loudonville and Black Creek; on occasions he also helped out at Akron, Wooster, Harrisburg, Louisville, Randolph and as far away as Mansfield. ¶Transferred to St. John, Canton, with its Mission at New Berlin, he served there ten years until October 1, 1868, when he went to Alliance, where he also was in charge of the Atwater, Salem and Leetonia missions.

Moving to Leetonia in May, 1872, he retained the Salem Mission and also the one at East Palestine. ¶When he was commissioned a Chaplain of the United States Army by President Hayes on June 19, 1880, Father Lindesmith was delighted; he was always proud of his patriotic ancestry: great-grandson of a soldier in the Revolutionary War in 1776; grandson and grandnephew of soldiers in the War of 1812; son and brother of Civil War Volunteers in 1861. Chaplain Lindesmith was assigned to Fort Keogh, Montana, and set out for there July 22, 1880. During the Sioux or "Sitting Bull" War, his military and missionary campaign extended to North Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The Army retired him September 7, 1891. Returning home in August, 1891, he was appointed pastor of his home parish in Dungannon where he served until November, 1893, when he was re-appointed pastor of the parish where he had started out as a young priest 38 years before - SS. Peter and Paul, Doylestown. ¶Now, after a long career as God's "Johnny Appleseed," sowing the seed of the Faith in many sections of the country and the Diocese, founding Missions, starting Parishes, building Churches, platting Cemeteries, preaching Temperance, Father Lindesmith, 74 years old and 46 years a Priest, with his long gray hair and flowing gray beard but erect as a soldier, arrived at St. Peter Church. He worked on until October 9, 1909, at which time he became Chaplain at St. Ann's Hospital, Cleveland, where, after 13 more years, he died February 6, 1922 -- over 94 years old. And even then he had prepared for that event: he had erected his massive monument over his grave in Dungannon back in 1900, and, having written his own funeral sermon, he had it printed and ready for distribution at his Funeral

Mass. ¶A protege of Father Lindesmith, Father John P. McGoogan, ordained by Bishop Horstmann May 25, 1907, followed him as pastor of St. Peter. Father McGoogan, an accomplished musician, had the old Church raised and a Parish Hall built beneath it so his own trained orchestra would have a proper place to perform. When he was transferred to Warren January 3, 1919, he was succeeded by the Reverend Louis A. LeMiller, a native of Stark County but ordained in 1898 by Archbishop Chapelle in New Orleans for the Archdiocese of Oregon City Missions to which he returned in 1923. The Reverend Anthony A. Battes, ordained in Fulda, Germany, July 22, 1909, was Pastor from January 1, 1923, until August 19, 1927, when he was transferred to Canal Fulton. Father Siegfried W. Heyl, S.T.D., ordained in Innsbruck July 26, 1911, was stationed at St. Peter until 1933 when Father Fowler, at the recommendation of Auxillary Bishop James A. McFadden, was appointed Pastor by the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs, September 7th. ¶Father Walter J. Fowler, born June 2, 1898, was ordained by Bishop Schrembs on February 24, 1923. During the 30 year period, 1868-1898, when St. Peter was a mission, the priests of St. Joseph kept the Faith alive but it never became robust; during the next 35 year period, 1898-1933, hard times, misunderstandings and other unfortunate circumstances contributed to such a loss of parish interest on the part of the people that it was suggested that the place be abandoned. Though not in perfect health, Father Fowler set out to remedy the ailing spiritual and material condition he found, and, in a short time, parish interest was revived, church attendance was increased, buildings were repaired, the Cemetery reconditioned and enlarged. The parish was reborn and

began to thrive in spite of the depression. Father Fowler never spared himself for St. Peter Parish until he died in St. Thomas' Hospital, Akron, on January 22, 1941. ¶The present pastor, Father Robert D. Delmege, ordained April 2, 1929, was appointed Administrator December 19, 1940, and pastor in June, 1941. During the past several years the Church has been remodeled by the additions of a front entrance which contains the Baptistry and Parish Library; an enlarged Sacristy which contains a Chapel; entrances to the Parish Hall which have been renovated. The interior of the Church has been completely refurnished and redecorated. A new approach and entrance now leads to the cemetery in which a life-sized rustic Crucifix has been erected above a stone Altar. The entire grounds and cemetery have been landscaped. In 1941, the parish was given the title, "St. Peter of the Fields" to designate its rural setting and to distinguish it from the other churches of the Diocese under the patronage of the Prince of the Apostles. ¶Seventy children are in the parish Sunday school and the fifty-two families, besides the decreasing number of the descendants of the German founding fathers, include those of Italian, Slovak, Bohemian, Irish, Hungarian, Polish, Croatian and Lithuanian extraction. The records of the Altar-Rosary Society date back to 1898. The Holy Name Society was canonically erected October 8, 1931; the Court of Mary Sodality on May 11th, and the Holy Childhood Association on December 23, 1945.

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES EAST PALESTINE

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as pastor until 1929. In June of the year 1904, construction of the parish house was begun and Father Barth was

able to move into his new residence in December of that year. Renovation of the church was undertaken in 1921. ¶Father Joseph Heid, the present pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, came to East Palestine in 1935. Construction of the present church was started in 1939 and the dedication ceremonies were held February 4, 1940. The furnishings of the church harmonize with the modified Gothic design of the interior and exterior. The red tile roof is supported by laminated arches which enhance the charm of natural wood; the exterior is of buff brick with trimmed stone. ¶Construction of a parochial school is about to begin east of the church on property that has been acquired in recent years. It will serve to strengthen the faith of the parishioners of tomorrow, and to continue the glorious March of the Eucharist in our diocese.

#### OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL ASHTABULA

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Action. ¶Monsignor Davidson, Dean of Ashtabula County, has provided catechetical instruction for the children attending public schools. It is the hope of the pastor and his parishioners that, through their efforts, God will bless Our Lady of Mt. Carmel with a school of their own to take care of the Catholic education of their children, realizing that the more firm and staunch the Catholic, the more loyal and trustworthy the citizen -- golden letters carved in faith to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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In 1925, under his untiring care, the Young Ladies Sodality was organized to bring young women closer to God. Then



in the same year, the Literary Club was initiated to bring young men and young married couples to the fold. Besides their many dramatic performances, they have donated much time and money to projects at St. Casimir, especially during the days of church construction and payment of church debts. The present president is Thomas Romanick who is keeping the organization interested in youth work. Each year, the club sponsors a Christmas party for the children of St. Casimir School, another for the children of married members and several communion breakfasts. ¶Father Dembowski continued the good work begun by Father Rybacki, giving of his energy unsparingly toward supervising and directing young people's clubs and planning the new church-school building begun under his pastorate. ¶The Right Reverend Monsignor Kazmirski took over the parish in 1932, during the hard years of the depression. When he became pastor, he found himself overburdened with a debt larger than his working class of people could handle during those trying years. Encouraging members of various organizations to bend their efforts toward paying off the church debt, he managed many church affairs to improve the finances. After re-financing the mortgage, he undertook the gigantic task of wiping it out. During his nineteen years as pastor, he not only cleared the church debt but purchased and installed a new Hammond organ in the church, completely equipped a kitchen to serve 350, remodeled the auditorium, redecorated the church several times and finally built the new attractive rectory which has just been completed and furnished. ¶Among the parish organizations is the Altar and Rosary Society which was founded in the first year of the parish. Its members form a living Rosary. ¶The oldest lodge which

had its headquarters in the parish club rooms until they built their own home, is St. Stanislaus Polish National Alliance. They organized in 1904. Another old lodge is St. Casimir Roman Catholic Union. They organized in 1907, and have met in the church club rooms since then. In 1947, Boy Scout Troop 51 was organized at St. Casimir Church by Father Kazmirski. Mr. John Lapinski was made the Scout Master. The Infant of Prague League was organized in the spring of 1948 through the efforts of Mrs. Alexander Mlynarski. This organization distributes Infant statues to the new-born babies upon their baptismal day at St. Casimir, enrolling each child in the League at the time. They also take statues of the Infant of Prague to the Sick. ¶Among the most important events of recent years in the parish was the burning of the mortgage, amounting to \$69,000, on April 15, 1945. This was accomplished through the untiring zeal of Monsignor Kazmirski. Another great day was the investiture of Monsignor Kazmirski as a Domestic Prelate in the Diocese of Youngstown on April 4, 1948. This was followed by a church banquet in his honor at St. Casimir Church on April 17, 1948. The Silver Jubilee celebration of his Priesthood, by a Solemn High Mass and banquet, occurred on April 23, 1950. ¶The Reverend Father W. P. Slipski is the only parishioner to have been ordained to date. Three others are in seminaries at present; namely, E. Kowaleski and Joseph Malik, who are in St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland; Walter Wroblewski, who is in Philosophy at the Resurrectionist Seminary in St. John Kantius, St. Louis, Missouri. ¶Father Leo Dobosiewicz, the new assistant, has inspired the various organizations to buy and make all new altar vestments. The Infant of Prague League has purchased and made the white ones;

the Altar and Rosary Society, the black and green ones. Personal gifts have already been made toward the purchase of others as soon as the women can finish the outfits they began. ¶There are one hundred twenty pupils enrolled in the school, and they are under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Ghost who have also organized the junior and senior choirs. ¶The generosity and sacrifices of the parishioners of St. Casimir are bountiful -- great faith in Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Youngstown.

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The vestibule window of the church is dedicated to St. John, the founder of the Brothers Hospitallers. ¶At the rear of the chapel, adjoining the church building, is the pastoral residence of Father Scully, who ministers spiritually to the patients, giving loving care to tortured minds and souls -- a great source of consolation to Christ the King in the March of the Eucharist.