

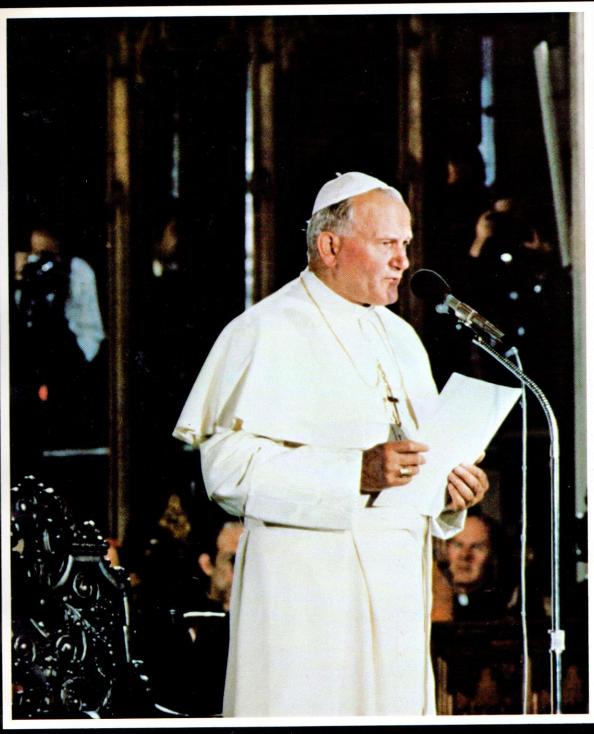
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This Memorial Book, observing the 125th Anniversary of the founding of our Parish, is affectionately dedicated to

HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II

with the realization that this, our anniversary year, will stand out in history because of his visit to our City.



His Holiness Pope John Paul II addressing priests and religious, October 3, 1979 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral



452 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

December 8, 1979

Dear Monsignor Hunt:

On the occasion of the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish, I wish to congratulate you, the priests of the Parish, the devoted Religious and loyal Parishioners.

Archbishop John Hughes expressed his own joy, over one hundred years ago, when he wrote: "I had the happiness to be present at the time that the Immaculate Conception was so declared, and I could not help thinking even then how well it would be for the Catholics of New York to consecrate a temple to God in honor of the event." Your Parish was the first to be established under this title of the Immaculate Conception when Archbishop Hughes presided at the laying of the cornerstone on December 8, 1855. The Archbishop was courageous in establishing Immaculate Conception Church on the East Side of New York, and he was confident that God would see the work completed. You, the priests and the Parishioners, are the recipients of his trust in the Lord.

I join with all of you in thanking God for the many blessings and graces that have come to Immaculate Conception from Our Heavenly Father through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother these past one hundred and twenty-five years.

It is my prayer that Almighty God may continue to bless you, the priests of the Parish and the Parishioners, so that you may continue the good work begun many years ago, and that you may give glory to God by your faith and trust in His love for you. With God's help, the future of Immaculate Conception Parish on 14th Street is filled with hope.

With best wishes and kind personal regards, I am

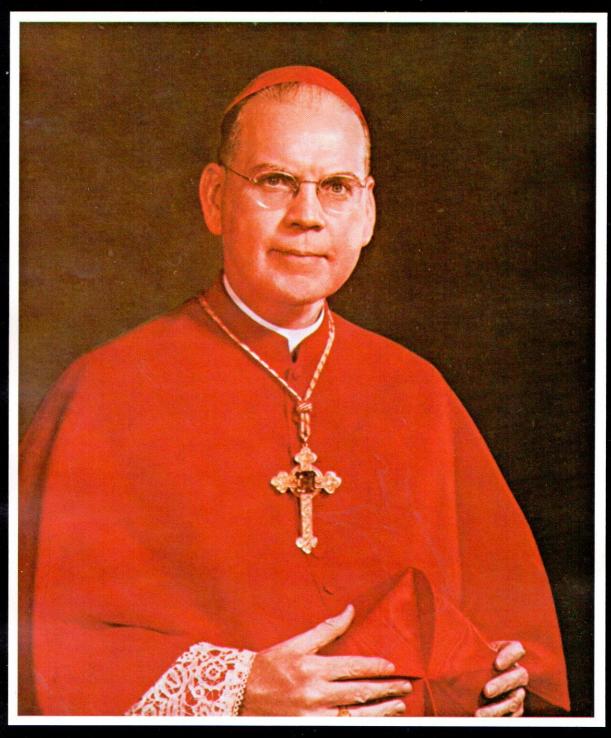
Faithfully yours in Christ,

Archbishop of New York

Reverend Monsignor Leonard J. Hunt Pastor

Church of the Immaculate Conception 414 East 14th Street

New York, New York 10009



His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke, D.D. Archbishop of New York

Reflections of 125 Years

IN THE BEGINNING....

Faced with the migration of an increasing number of Catholics from both Ireland and Italy to the East Side of Manhattan, Archbishop John Hughes began plans to establish a new parish church on Fourteenth Street and Avenue B in 1853 to serve those new New Yorkers.

The title of Immaculate Conception for the new parish was chosen in 1854, when Archbishop Hughes was in Rome. He explained his choice this way:

"When the dogma of which the church is to be a memorial and a monument was proclaimed as an article of faith, I was but four or five feet distant from the Holy Father.

"Just at that moment, I resolved on my return to New York to erect a church to commemorate the event. I knew that Catholics of this city would enable me to carry out this resolution...."

On June 15, 1855, the Archbishop appointed the Reverend Bernard Farrell to begin work on the new parish. A recently ordained young priest, Father Farrell gathered the Catholics of his new parish into a temporary church located on Fifteenth Street for the first time on August 15. While engaged in fund raising for the new church building, Father Farrell's health began to

fail and the Archbishop appointed the Reverend John Ryan to take over the endeavor.

Father Ryan was no newcomer to establishing parishes and building churches for he had already organized the first parish in suburban Yonkers and built the church of St. Francis Xavier in New York City.

The cornerstone of Immaculate Conception Church was laid on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1855, with appropriate ceremony by the Very Reverend William Starrs, officiating for the Archbishop, who was away.

With heavy unemployment in the city, Father Ryan found it difficult to raise the necessary funds for the new church so the temporary church was enlarged. However, within three years, Father Ryan completed the first building for Immaculate Conception Parish and it was dedicated on May 16, 1858. Archbishop Hughes officiated at the dedication of the brick and stone building located at 505-09 East 14 Street, between Avenues A and B. The Most Reverend John Loughlin, Bishop of Brooklyn, offered a solemn pontifical Mass, with the Most Reverend John Barry, Bishop of Savannah, Georgia, present.

Archbishop Hughes delivered the sermon and he noted;

"It is the first sacred consecration to the truth of the Immaculate Conception—to the declaration that the Holy Virgin was never sullied by any taint of original sin."

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Reverend Monsignor Leonard J. Hunt, P.A. Pastor

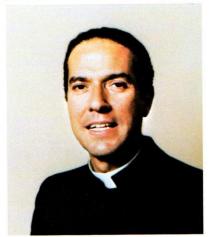


Reverend James F. Pfeiffer Associate Pastor

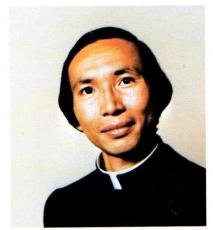


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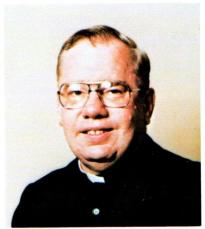
Present Staff at Immaculate Conception



Reverend Guy Vinci Associate Pastor



Reverend Francis X. Buu Associate Pastor



Reverend John J. Delaney, J.D. Pro-Synodal Judge, Matrimonial Tribunal, In residence



Exterior of the old church

Less than three years later, Father Ryan, who had worked so zealously to found the parish, died and the Reverend William P. Morrogh, who had been president of St. Joseph's Theological Seminary and pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy on the campus of what is now Fordham University, replaced him. Father Morrogh erected a school next to the church and enlarged the church in 1864, extending it through to Fifteenth Street.

When Father Morrogh's health began to fail in 1874, he traveled to Italy, hoping to regain his strength. Instead he died there, and the Right Reverend John J. Edwards was named to succeed him.

SUFFER THE CHILDREN....

The schools of the old Immaculate Parish have had a famous history; at one time three thousand children were taught by both brothers and nuns. It was the boast of Monsignor Edwards in 1878, when the parish was the largest in the city with 17,000 people, that not a single Catholic child in the parish need go without a Catholic education.

Monsignor Edwards was pastor of the parish during its most populous era. He is described as an "apostolic man," who looked after the children of the parish with a paternal interest, while exercising a "benign vigilance over the adults."

FIRST HOLY NAME SOCIETY. . . .

The parish at this time was almost a city in itself. Parish societies flourished, with the first Holy Name Society chapter in the United States established during his pastorship.

In 1906, Monsignor Edwards, already Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York, was sent to St. Joseph's Parish on lower Sixth Avenue. In his place, Archbishop John Farley chose the Right Reverend William G. Murphy as pastor. Monsignor Murphy had been vice rector of the North

American College in Rome prior to his appointment, and his dedication to the education of Catholic youth was demonstrated by his interest in the school and parish activities launched by his predecessors.

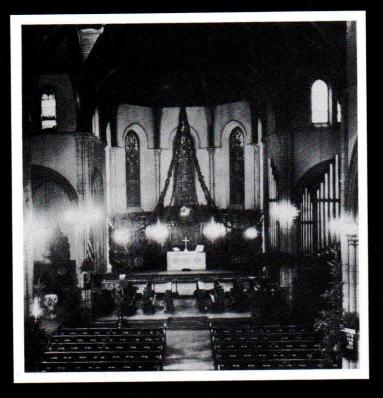
TIME OF TRIAL, TIME OF WAR....

Monsignor Murphy supervised the parish during leaner times than had Monsignor Edwards. Due to the economy and decline of the area, Monsignor Murphy was faced with a diminishing number of parishioners, who began to move to other parts of the city. When his health failed in 1917, the Reverend Thaddeus W. Tierney, who had served as Monsignor Murphy's assistant, succeeded him.

During Father Tierney's pastorate following World War I, there was a general exodus of parishioners and along with the general great depression of the early Thirties the future of the parish was severely curtailed. However, he and the parishioners refused to allow circumstances to dim their zeal and in 1930, the parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. Vast improvements were made in the entire parish plant and His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, presided over a weeklong celebration. While the school population had dwindled to a mere 800, the brochure from the Diamond Jubilee notes, "It has the unique distinction of being the most cosmopolitan school in the Archdiocese. The children of nine nationalities are being taught to love and serve their God and to be faithful and useful citizens of these United States."

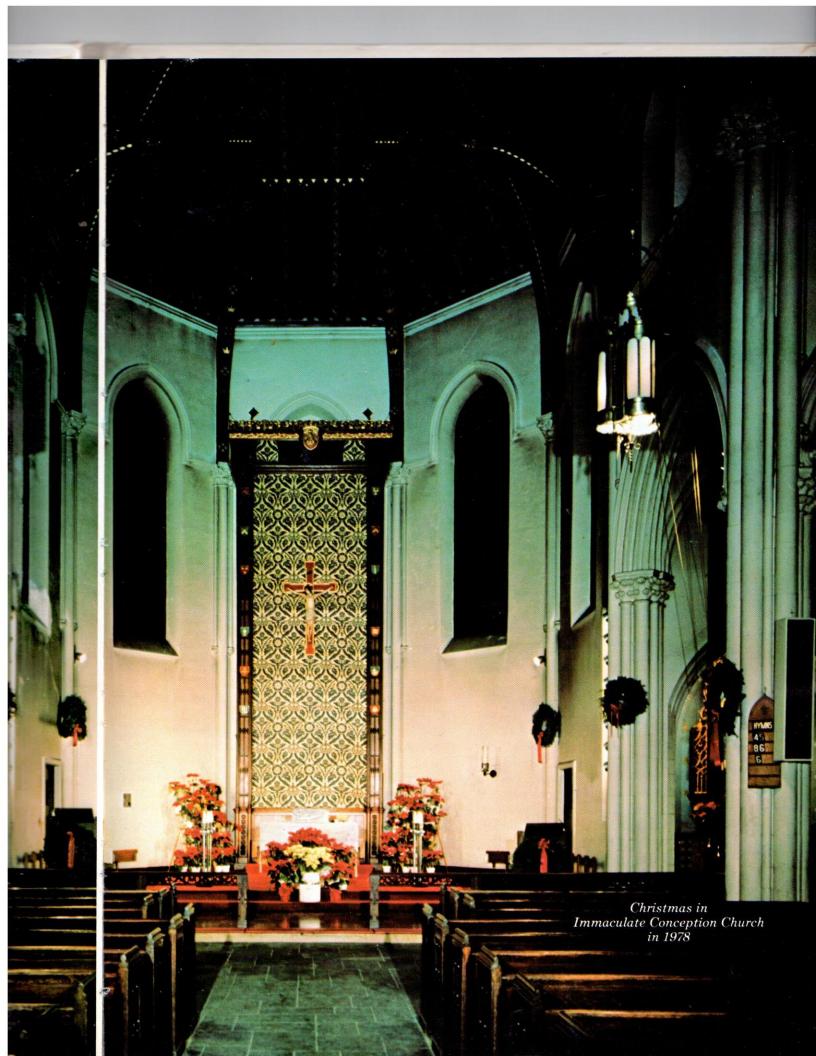
A TIME OF CHANGE...

Father Cornelius Fitzsimmons, who succeeded Monsignor Tierney in 1932, felt the full brunt of the depression with all its resulting problems, as did the Reverend Aloysius Karl, who succeeded him in 1936. Parishioners continued to leave as the area became even more depressed due to the decline



Christmas in the then Christ Episcopal Chapel in 1897





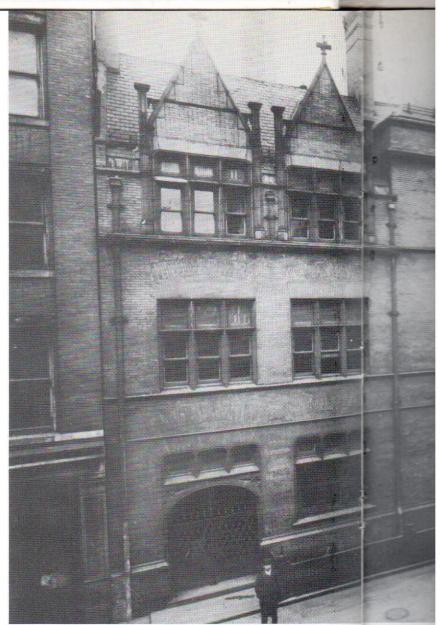
The club house, clergy house, and the parish house of the old Grace Episcopal Chapel on the present site on 13th Street

of jobs and services within the city. However, Father Karl and his assistants and the comparatively few parishioners remaining maintained all the facilities of the church and school just as had been done in the past. Their steadfastness and sacrifices were rewarded when it was made known in the early 1940's that plans were being made by New York City and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to build a remarkable housing development immediately after World War II to be called Stuyvesant Town.

Hundreds of worn down old tenements would be razed but unfortunately Immaculate Conception Church that had been built and beautified by the zeal of good priests and sacrifices of good parishioners would have to be demolished also. The last Mass was offered in that sacred edifice on August 20, 1945.

THE NEW IMMACULATE

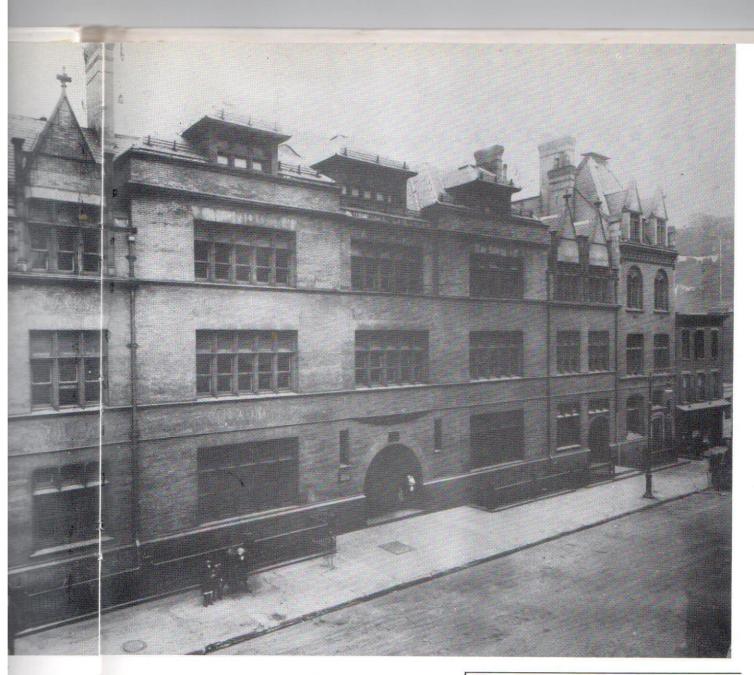
The New York Times of August 4, 1943 contained an article concerning the sale of the extensive Grace Chapel holdings at 406-16 East 14 Street running through to 407-19 East 13 Street. The frontage, according to story, was 150 feet on each end, extended through the block 201.6 feet, and included the five buildings originally known as the chapel, the hospital, the parish house, the clergy house, and the club house. Although the article did not reveal the actual buyer it was reported to be the Catholic Diocese of New York and it signaled the fulfillment of a prophecy made by Monsignor Tierney at the Diamond Jubilee of the parish in 1938 that there would be a providential future for the parish.



These buildings had served the parishioners of Grace Chapel since approximately 1897 when they were built by architects Barney and Chapman. Some were now to be converted for continued use and other demolished to make way for a new school building.

Much had to be done to adapt these buildings to the needs of the new Immaculate Conception Parish and the difficult task was entrusted to Father Karl who continued as pastor. The chapel, after appropriate changes, became Immaculate Conception Church, the hospital became the rectory, and the remaining buildings on 13th Street were torn down and replaced by a new modern school.

With thousands of parishioners moving into the newly built Stuyvesant Town, Father Karl and the old residents of the area felt a new life surging in the parish



community. After 12 years, covering the dark days of the depression and the brighter beginnings of the new Immaculate, Father Karl was replaced by the Right Reverend Valentine F. Snyder. On April 3, 1948, Father Karl, standing at the beautifully simple main altar which graced the new Immaculate, bid his parishioners farewell with these words,

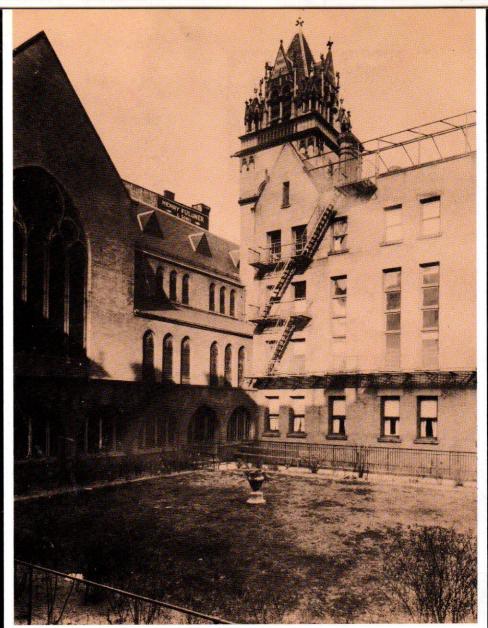
"No priest will ever have reason to speak to you other than I have spoken, of your loyalty, your goodness, your piety, for that is the spirit of Immaculate Parish, both in the old church which stood for ninety years, and in the new Shrine of Mary."

On May 2, 1948, the new church was dedicated by Bishop Stephen J. Donohue.

BINGO, BAZAARS, BULWARKS....

The new parish was firmly established but in so doing a tremendous debt of approximately \$938,000 was incurred. Monsignor Snyder, with the help of his capable assistants and the strong support of the old Immaculate parishioners who remained, joined by the many new parishioners who moved into Stuyvesant Town, quickly made the church and school the center of their social life as well as their spiritual life. Many of the new young parishioners came from old well-established parishes in New York City where the center of their activity had always been their church and they entered enthusiastically into the various activities provided by their new parish. Many present parish-

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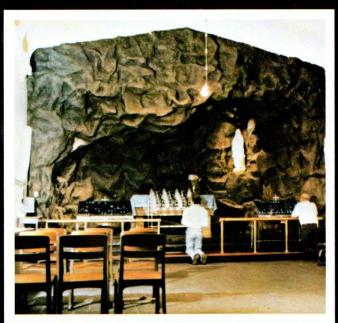
The garden between the Grace Chapel buildings and the present rectory, as it was around 1897



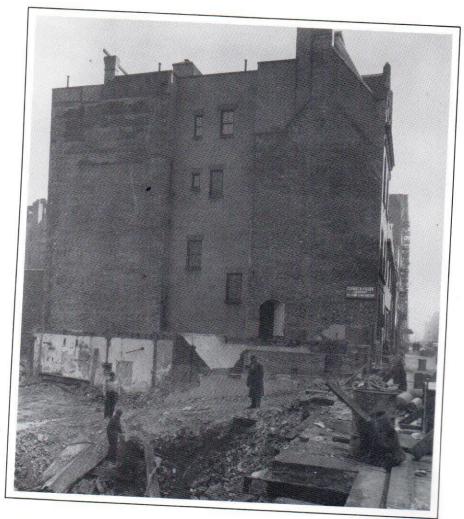
The garden of yesterday is the schoolyard of today



Petitions before the statue of the Blessed Mother



Devotions before the grotto of Our Lady



Construction of the school on the site of Grace Episcopal buildings

ioners remember the fund-raising affairs of the early days such as bingo, bazaars with their new car raffles — annual affairs that not only served to reduce the debt but also brought the parishioners together in a fine spirit of friendship and conviviality.

Nor was the spiritual side neglected in any way as the Holy Name Society was revitalized, the Nocturnal Adoration Society established, yearly Missions held, and many other spiritual activities conducted. The Mothers' Guild and Altar Rosary Society became bulwarks of the school and church respectively, each contributing greatly in their field of activity. Their meetings were well attended and their functions always financially and socially successful.

In 1952 Monsignor Snyder was transferred to Our Lady of Refuge in the Bronx. His energy, zeal, and organization talents were proven in the number of activities both spiritual and material that he organized during his comparatively short pastorship. The debt in this time was reduced to \$452,000, a significant achievement in itself.

Reverend Charles J. McCabe, with experience as pastor in four other parishes, became the tenth pastor of Immaculate Conception Church. He carried on the work already started and instituted activities of his own. He became a familiar figure around the church and school at all hours and his flattering greetings, particularly to the women of the parish, are well remembered. Through the generosity of the people who pledged memorials and Fair Share Contributions to the Debt Reduction Campaign, he was able to liquidate the remaining debt on the 100th Anniversary of the parish in 1955, a truly remarkable achievement.

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where he served until his death.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FAITH

Father McCabe also undertook extensive major repairs and redecorated the church in preparation for the spiritual observance to celebrate the 100th Anniversary. This included a solemn Triduum in honor of Our Lady on December 5, 6, and 7, 1955; solemn Mass for parishioners on December 8; solemn Mass for the school children December 9; solemn Mass for deceased priests, benefactors, and parishioners December 10; and solemn Mass of Thanksgiving December 11, culminating in a solemn Benediction observance that afternoon with his Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman.

After the centenary observance Monsignor McCabe was faced with new and different challenges in the form of changes mandated by Vatican II, the most visible change being the relocation of the altar and changes in the Liturgy. He handled these challenges with the same dedication and devotion that characterized his pastorship. On June 16, 1966, Monsignor McCabe was informed by the Office of the Mayor that Immaculate Conception Church had been declared a landmark by the New York City Landmarks Commission. Announcement of Monsignor McCabe's retirement came as a great shock to his parishioners for he was dearly loved and his spiritual leadership greatly appreciated.

Mention should be made of Reverend Walter J. Scott who served as assistant pastor to both Monsignor Snyder and Monsignor McCabe. He worked closely with the parishioners and was responsible for recruiting the large number of workers needed for the parish functions. He organized the affairs and gave a strong guiding hand to the volunteers. He became pastor in Port Jervis, New York, and was transferred to St. Vincent de Paul on 23rd Street in New York City

FOLLOWING THE LEAD FROM ROME....

In 1965, shortly after the visit of Pope Paul VI to our city, Monsignor McCabe initiated the renovation of the sanctuary to conform to the new requirements of the liturgy. This involved the change of the existing altar to a new one facing the people. The architects chosen to design the work were the firm of Genovese and Madelene, who were the same architects who designed the altar used by the Holy Father for the Mass on October 4, 1965, in the Yankee Stadium. It was decided that the form of the altar used by the Pope. This is the altar in our sanctuary today.

In the early summer of 1967, Monsignor McCabe made the decision to request early retirement from the difficult task of administering the parish. Monsignor Leonard J. Hunt, the Episcopal Vicar of lower Manhattan was appointed his successor. The appointment became effective on July 1, 1967. Monsignor Hunt began the task of setting up the administration of the parish to conform to the guidelines of the Council of Vatican II which officially ended on December 8, 1965.

On April 28, 1968, in a letter addressed to the parishioners, Monsignor Hunt wrote:

"As a result of nine months of study and observation of the condition, function, and operation of our parish buildings, and after consultation with many experienced people, I have come to the conclusion that a considerable amount of work should be done to update the buildings in our parish complex.

In the listing of the proposed renovations, new lighting in the entire school was recommended, changes in the heating system in the church, and air conditioning, as well as a new floor was proposed. Work in the rectory included the addition of an elevator and various changes to make the office area of the rectory more functional. The en-

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tire cost of these renovations amounted to \$232,265. The letter continued:

"I am happy to report that through the generosity of our parishioners over the past years, and through the good management of your former pastors, especially Monsignor McCabe, the parish has a surplus of funds that is adequate to pay the total cost of these projects."

The bulletin of May, 1968, gave the tally of the vote: approval 627; disapproval 42. The work began on Monday, July 15, and was completed in time for the Masses on Christmas Day.

A GIFT OF MUSIC

In the April 28, 1968, issue of the parish bulletin there appeared an item announcing that a pipe organ valued at \$35,000 to \$50,000 was offered to our church. This organ was in the chapel of the Seaman's Institute which was then located on South Street. The Seaman's Institute was moving, thus making the organ available. The organ was removed and installed in the church at a cost of \$5,000. A prededicatory organ recital was given on Sunday, December 7, 1969, with Mr. John Grady, organist of the Metropolitan Opera Company playing, assisted by other instrumentalists from the Metropolitan. On Monday, December 8, 1969, Archbishop John J. Maguire formally

dedicated the organ.

In addition to the physical improvement of the parish plant, two other projects were initiated. In the season of Lent 1968, a Lenten Lecture Series was begun. Vatican II had called for the establishment of a Parish Council in all the parishes of the world, and the Wednesdays of Lent 1969 were devoted to a study of the concept of a Parish Council. This resulted in the formation of an "Ad Hoc" Committee to prepare for the permanent establishment of a Parish Council. During the summer of 1969, a committee met regularly to write a temporary Constitution for the Parish Council. The first official meeting of the newly established Parish Council occurred on February 19, 1970, and has continued in operation to the present time.

The parish school continues to provide an excellent Catholic education under the wise and intelligent direction of Miss Jean Howlett, our principal.

The other pastoral project initiated was the establishment of a Senior Citizens Club. The first meeting of this club was on December 4, 1968. In the November 23, 1969, issue of the parish bulletin the following announcement appeared: "In the spirit of its members, the Senior Citizens Club shall change its name and henceforth shall be called the "Young at Heart Club." The Young at Heart Club continues to be as spritely as it was in 1969.

Among the numerous fund-raising activities carried on by the parish was a very successful annual Flea Market.

A BACKWARD GLANCE, A FORWARD VISION

So the "first parish in the world named for the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception" looks back on the last 125 years and forward to a future of service to the glory of God, the people of God, and the spiritual enrichment of all the souls which look to the Parish of the Immaculate Conception for the grace of the sacraments and the blessings of Almighty God and His Immaculate Mother. Those who have been blessed with the aid of

the parish are countless. The number of those who have been born into the faith through the sacrament of baptism have been counted. As of October 7, 1979, they number 51,435. May the mantle of the Immaculate Mother be a special protection to all these sons and daughters and may Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us and all future generations who have recourse to her.

PASTORS WHO SERVED OUR PARISH

1855	Reverend Bernard Farrell*	1917-32	Right Reverend
1855-61	Reverend John Ryan, S.J.*		Thaddeus W. Tierney, P.A., V.F.
1861-74	Reverend William Plowden Morrogh*	1932-36	Reverend Cornelius Fitzsimmons*
1875-1906	Right Reverend Monsignor	1936-48	Reverend Aloysius S. Karl*
	John Edwards*	1948-52	Right Reverend Monsignor
1906-17	Very Reverend Monsignor		Valentine F. Snyder*
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PRIESTS

THESIS				
1855	Reverend Joseph A. Lutz*	1913	Right Reverend Thaddeus W. Tierney	
	Reverend Eugene Maguire*	1917	Reverend T. Henry Dean*	
1860	Reverend Oliver O'Hara*	1918	Right Reverend Bernard J. Rourke*	
1862	Reverend Richard Brennan*	1925	Reverend J. W. Hughes*	
1862	Reverend Chris A. Farrell*	1926	Reverend Peter A. Aarts*	
	Reverend Richard Burtsell*	1929	Reverend John M. Nicholas*	
	Reverend William J. Hussey*	1929	Reverend Daniel J. Shea*	
	Reverend M. D. St. John*	1932	Reverend Stephen A. Seccor*	
	Reverend C. Profillet*		Reverend Cornelius J. Hance*	
	Reverend Patrick J. Maguire*		Reverend Walter A. Kochman*	
	Reverend John Hughes*		Reverend Albert J. McGovern*	
	Reverend George Murphy*		Reverend Charles A. Werckle*	
	Reverend Patrick Malone*	7.787.000	Reverend Harry J. Wolff	
	Reverend John S. Colton*		Reverend Hubert Beller*	
	Reverend J. F. Doyle*		Reverend John F. Donohue	
	Reverend Denis P. O'Flynn		Reverend Leo G. Farley*	
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	Reverend C. V. Mahoney*		Reverend Raymond E. Blust	
	Reverend J. B. Byrnes*		Reverend Joseph T. O'Connor*	
	Reverend D. T. Cronin*		Reverend John T. Crotty	
	Reverend P. Morris*		Reverend William J. Torpey*	
			Reverend Walter J. Scot*	
	Reverend Joseph A. Maher*		Reverend Francis P. Bergin	
1005	Reverend M. Montgomery*		Reverend Edmund F. Fogarty	
	Reverend Francis X. Kelly*		Reverend Thomas V. Gallagher	
	Reverend W. J. Hogan*		Reverend Harold F. Hackett	
	Reverend J. J. McCauley*			
	Right Reverend Patrick M. Breslin*		Reverend Francis X. Duffy	
	Reverend William C. Kelly*		Reverend Martin W. Schwalbenberg*	
	Reverend D. J. Driscoll*		Reverend John J. Cunniffe	
	Reverend Edward A. Quinn*		Reverend Joseph D. Sullivan	
	Reverend J. J. O'Brien*		Reverend Bernard McSherry	
	Reverend M. F. Horan*		Reverend Vincent J. Campbell*	
	Reverend A. T. Roche*		Reverend William Milligan	
	Reverend George F. Dean*		Reverend Monsignor Desmond J. Vella	
	Reverend William F. Hughes*		Reverend Joseph Donachie	
	Reverend A. F. Catoggio*		Reverend John K. Hawes	
1903	Reverend John J. Twomey*		Reverend Richard J. Dillon	
	Right Reverend Monsignor John F. Turner*		Reverend Joseph O'Meara	
1905	Reverend Martin P.O'Gara*		Reverend Thomas E. Gilleece	
1907	Reverend Joseph A. DeMarco*		Reverend Guy Vinci	
	Reverend Patrick S. Masterson*		Reverend Denis Kelly	
1909	Right Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Deegan*		Reverend John J. Delaney	
1910	Reverend F. M. O'Reilly*		Reverend Francis X. Buu	
* Dec	* Deceased		Reverend James S. Pfeiffer	

OUR THANKS

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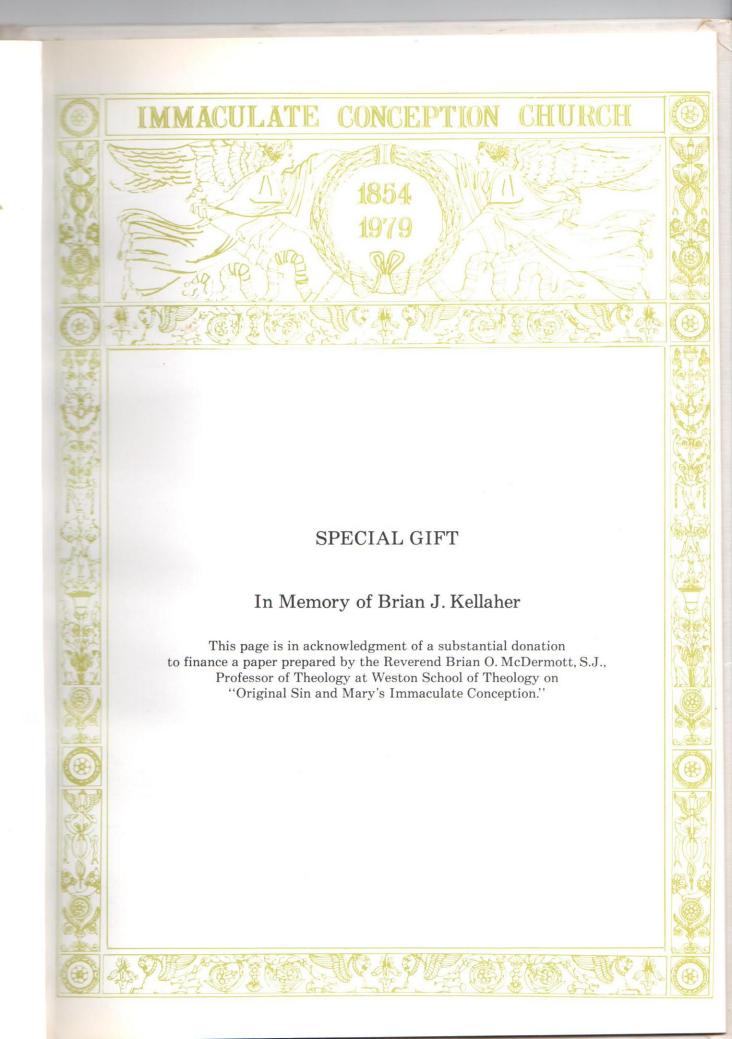
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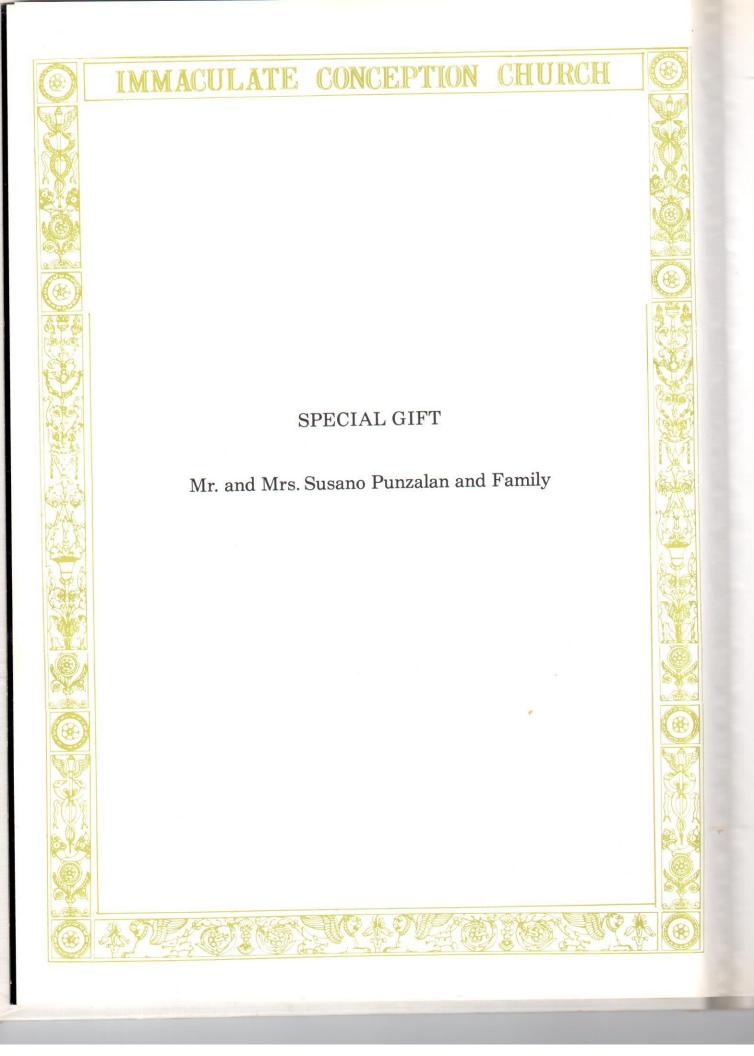


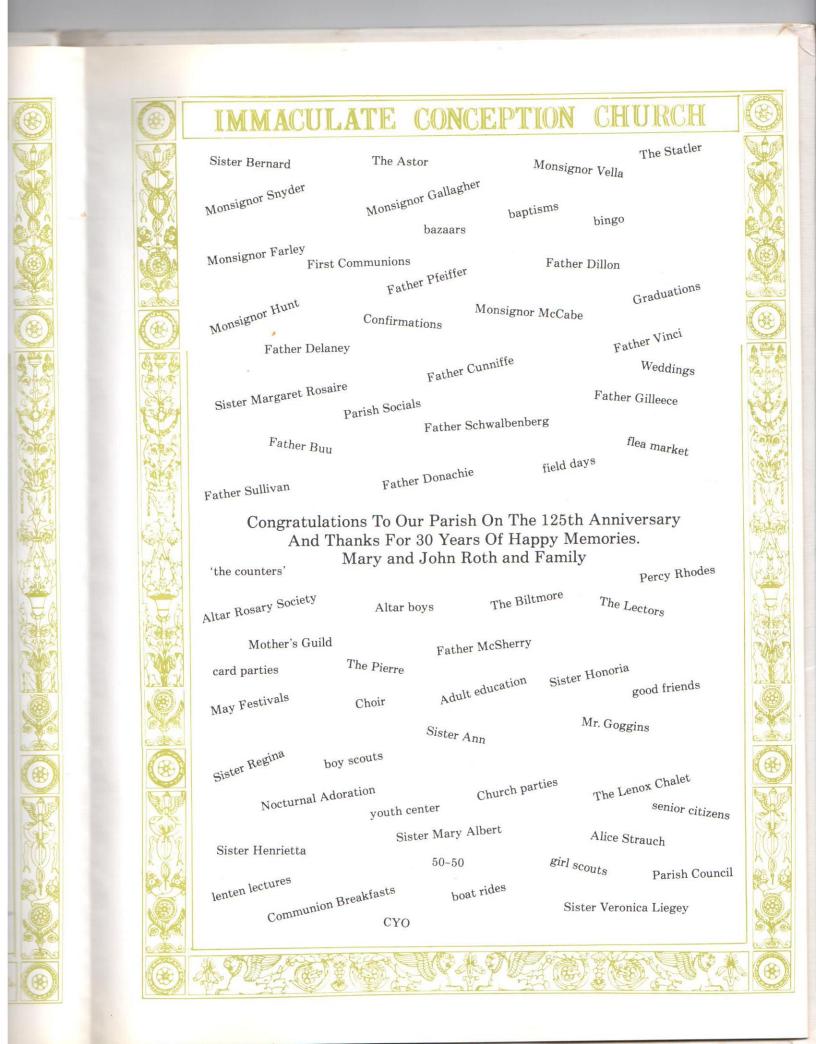
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With love and true devotion to the **Immaculate Conception** Happy Anniversary, Frank Ashley Mr. and Mrs. William G. Barron III Elizabeth Basters The Blanchfield Family In Memory of the Keegan Family By Mary and Ed Bohren Mary and Edward Bowman, "Blessed Anniversary" A Blessed Anniversary, Mary M. and Joseph J. Brown Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Burke and Family Compliments of Fran and Gene Caser The Casey Family Kathryne M. Caylor Kathryn H. Cleary Margaret A. Cleary Mary and Catherine Concannon Barbara Ann and David S. Cook William and Martha Crawford In Memory of Thomas Crickard Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Doyle and Family The Dwyer and Shields Families Donald, Marion, and Keith J. Ferguson The Fiesel Family, Kay, Jim, Kathy, and Jimmy, and Karen and John McCloskey Margaret and James Flanagan In Loving Memory of Reverend Monsignor James F. Gribbon Adelaide and Gene Haggerty Mr. and Mrs. John J. Harnett Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Hopper and Family

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I bove a bady

who is
wondrously fair.
For eyes
are like stars-and
the gold of her hair
frames a face
that's so lovely
no artist alive
could capture

"Who is this Eady?" I hear you inquire, "Who is this Eady you hymn on your lyre?"

This bady whose love fills my soul with pure fire

is Mostry,

my Queen,

only desire.

her Beauty however he'd contrive.

She is graceful and tall
like a Venus of Greece;
she is loving and kind,
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