

St. Casimir
Parish



**75th DIAMOND
JUBILEE**



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Diamond Jubilee

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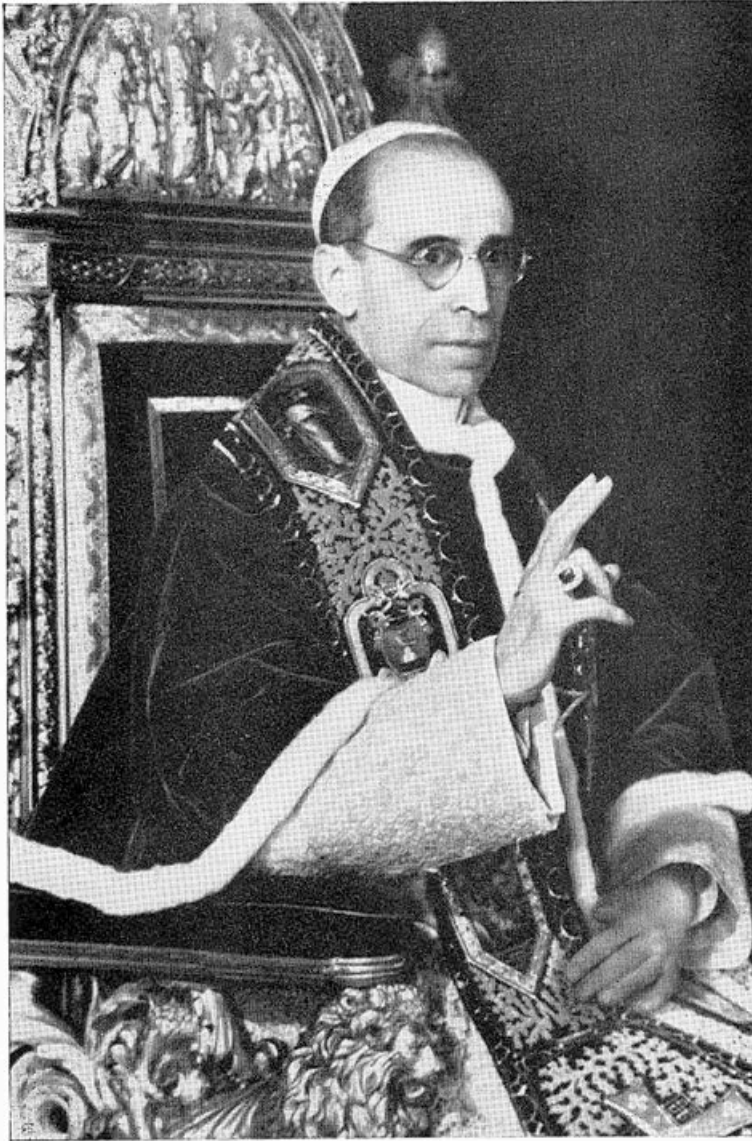
Founding of

St. Casimir Parish

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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His Holiness Pope Pius

XII





Papal Blessing

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

August 26, 1957, 7:00 P. M.

LT. CARDINAL MOONEY
1234 Washington Blvd., Detroit, Michigan

OCCASION: COMMEMORATION SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
FOUNDING OF ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH, DETROIT.
HOLY FATHER CORDIALLY IMPARTS TO PASTOR, ASSISTANTS,
SISTERS, PARISHIONERS, CLERGY AND FAITHFUL PARTICIPATING
. . . PATERNAL APOSTOLIC BLESSING IMPLORED.

— GRANO SUBSTITUTE



This is a copy of the telegram received from His Holiness Pope Pius XII
bestowing the Papal Benediction upon the Parish on the
occasion of its Diamond Jubilee.





MOST REVEREND

Alexander M. Zaleski, D.D.

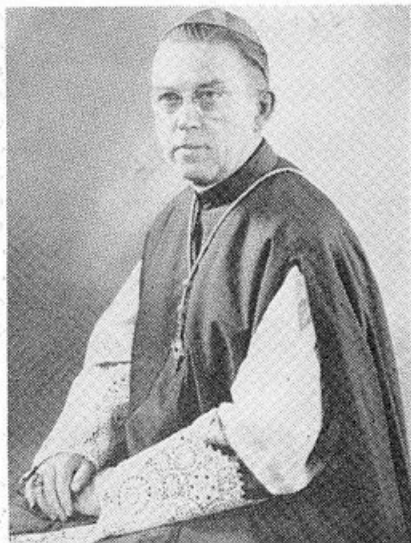
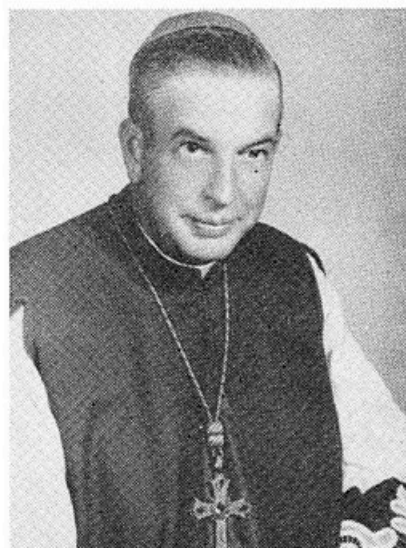
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF DETROIT

Ordained July 12, 1931; appointed Titular Bishop of Lyrbé and Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit March 29, 1950; consecrated May 25, 1950. Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Pastor, Church of St. Alphonsus, 7455 Calhoun Ave., Dearborn 1, Michigan.

MOST REVEREND

John A. Donovan, D.D.

Ordained December 8, 1935; consecrated as Titular Bishop of Rhasus and Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, October 26, 1954. Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Pastor of the Church of St. Aloysius, 1234 Washington Blvd., Detroit, Michigan.



MOST REVEREND

Henry E. Donnelly, D.D.

Ordained August 17, 1930; consecrated as Titular Bishop of Tymbrias and Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, October 26, 1954. Vicar for Religious. Pastor, St. Matthew, Detroit, Michigan.





His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney
ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT





St. Casimir Church

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Dedication

To St. Casimir under whose patronage we are proud to live and worship and under whose banner we are proud to march;

To the pioneers, priests and people, who seventy-five years ago were responsible for the founding of St. Casimir Parish!

To the self-sacrificing parishoners, past and present, who during these seventy-five years contributed so generously of their time, efforts and means, to provide and maintain a House of God in their midst, and a Catholic School for their children;

To the Reverend Pastors and Assistants who shepherded the flock during these seventy-five years;

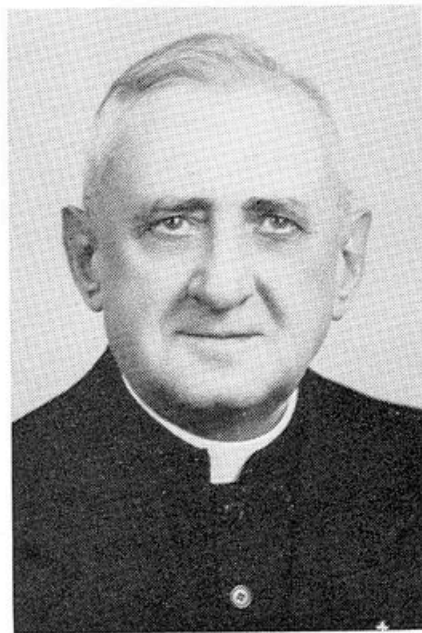
To the venerable Sisters who, unselfishly fulfilled their trust in educating and moulding the characters of our youth and to whom we owe constant cleanliness, beauty and order in our Sanctuary and sacristies;

To the deceased priests, sisters and parishoners who have preceded us into life eternal;

To all the benefactors of the St. Casimir Parish:

We dedicate this souvenir booklet in the spirit of gratitude, love and reverence.





Rev. Edward S. Maisel

Present Pastor of St. Casimir

Born Sept. 12th, 1888

Attended St. Albertus parish school

Received his priestly training at the Polish seminary
in Orchard Lake, Mich.

Ordained a priest November 25th, 1911

Appointed pastor of St. Joseph in Sept. 1913
in Jackson, Michigan.

Appointed Pastor of St. Casimir January 17, 1920
in Detroit, Michigan





St. Casimir Parish

Dear Parishoners:

We are now in the seventy fifth (Diamond Jubilee) year of St. Casimir's Parish. God has been extremely good in His blessings. We ask that you join us in prayers for continued success, as well as His continual blessing in our parish. God bless you particularly because without you this parish would not exist. You have been the financial background we priests the workmen. Thank you, for allowing us the means to become closer to God.

Many of our parishoners, friends and benefactors have been with us a good many years—most of them have gone to their reward. Both you and those who have gone to God shall ever be in the masses, prayers and good works of your priests of this parish as long as they live.

This letter in a way is devoted to the physical and spiritual advancement of the past seventy five years.

As your Pastor for almost 38 years (since January 17th, 1920) it was my privilege, over the past years to be a part of what I see as a great work.

In reading over the histories of St. Casimir's Parish, I see many trials for my predecessors: i.e. the late Father Gutowski, (the founder of St. Casimir Parish) and the late Msgr. Alexander J. Grudzinski. (I knew them both) Their success, they have always claimed was due to the good parishoners of St. Casimir's Parish, their good friends and benefactors and of course their prayers.

Our wish and our prayers are, that you will continue to ask God's blessing for the future of St. Casimir's Parish.

The words "THANK YOU" seem so little to show our appreciation but, believe us, they are offered to you with all humility and sincerity, as our greatest expression of thanks.

God be with you and please continue to remember St. Casimir's Parish and your priests in your hearts and prayers as you are in ours.

Most sincerely in Christ,

REV. EDWARD S. MAISEL, Pastor

REV. STANISLAUS G. KAMINSKI

and

REV. PAUL E. SIEROCKI, Assistants





Assistants at St. Casimir

*Rev. Stanislaus
Kaminski*



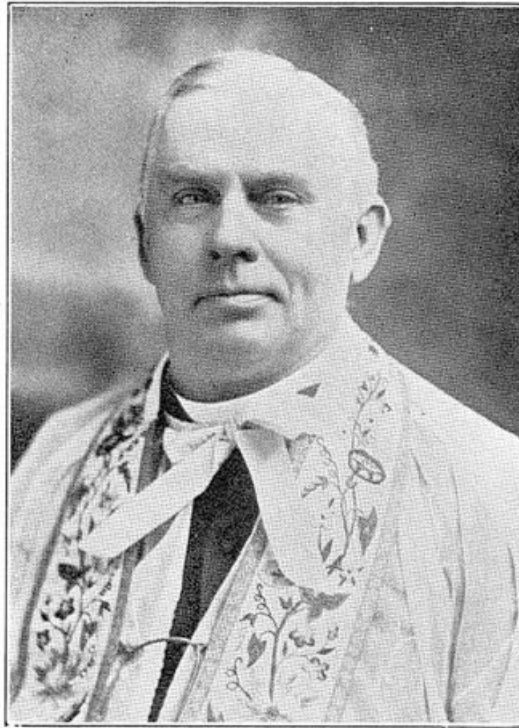
*Rev. Paul
Sierocki*





Rev. Paul Gutowski

First Pastor at St. Casimir's



Born January 5th, 1845 in Poland

Finished his education in Poland at the
Marian Seminary in Pelplinia, Poland

Ordained a priest Dec. 1st, 1872

Appointed Pastor of St. Casimir Dec. 8th, 1882

Died March 30th, 1918





St. Casimir Church Committee



Seated: Rev. Stanislaus Kaminski, Rev. Edward Maisel, Pastor
Rev. Paul Sierocki

First Row: John Dzik, Clement Schimelfening, Edward Wilczewski
Peter Borowski, Leo Sykes

Second Row: Chester Borowski, Raymond Wozniak, Organist

Third Row: Frank Cwynar, Henry Pietrzyk, Henry Taube, Edward Fraczek





St. Casimir Diamond Jubilee Committee

1882 — 1957

Seated: Henry Taube, Monica Helminski, Peter Borowski, Rev. Stanislaus Kaminski, Rev. Edward Maisel Pastor, Rev. Paul Sierocki, Martha Pinkowski, Edward Wilczewski, Rose Kowalski.

First Row: Lilian Wilmowitz, Raymond Wozniak, Anna Martins, Edward Fraczek, Margaret Sykes, Clement Schimelfening, Helen Treese.

Second Row: Chester Borowski, John Dzik, Frank Cwynar, Edward Rizner, Henry Pietrzyk, Arnold Kowalski, Leo Sykes.





ST. CASIMIR DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE

- General Committee:** REV. EDWARD MAISEL, Honorary Chairman
REV. PAUL SIEROCKI, Chairman
REV. STANISLAUS KAMINSKI, Chairman
MR. PETER BOROWSKI, Lay Chairman
MRS. MARTHA PINKOWSKI, Lay Chairman
MRS. MARGARET SYKES, Secretary
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- Souvenir Book Committee:** REV. STANISLAUS KAMINSKI
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MRS. VIRGINIA NOVAK
MRS. MARIE WILCZEWSKI
MR. RAYMOND WOZNIAK
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and Chairman
MRS HELEN SCHIMELFENING
MRS. LOTTIE CWYNAR
MRS. LEONA TAUBE
MRS. MARY SMITH
MISS JOSEPHINE WIECZORYNSKI
MISS MARY SMITH
MISS LUCILLE SMITH
- Dance Committee:** MR. EDWARD WILCZEWSKI, Chairman
Mr. Frank Cwynar, Mr. Edward Fraczek, Mr. Joseph Szewczyk, Mr. Henry Taube, Mrs. Clara Czyzewska, Miss Marie Schimelfening,
Miss Virginia Naruszewicz
- Banquet Committee:** EDWARD RIZNER, Chairman
Rose Kowalski, Arnold Kowalski, Ann Bazner, John Dzik, Blanche Bialach,
Raymond A. Wozniak, Teresa Bialach, Ed. Zyla, Regina Percha, Joseph M. Gasiorowski, Helen C. Treese, Lillian Willmowitz, Peter Borowski, Rose Kaminski, Martha Martins, Chester Borowski, Anne Schutze,
Bernice (Blanche) Rudzinski





CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE
Church Committee of 1957

PETER BOROWSKI, Chairman EDWARD WILCZEWSKI, Vice-Chairman

JOHN DZIK

CLEMENT SCHIMELFENING

LEO SYKES

HENRY PIETRZYK

CHESTER BOROWSKI

FRANK CWYNAR

HENRY TAUBE

ARNOLD KOWALSKI

EDWARD FRACZEK

PAUL LADACH (Deceased)

Compliments of

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Opanowicz

and

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ryer





History of St. Casimir Church

In the year 1882, seventy families decided to build their own church. It was a holy and beautiful thought. The biggest obstacle in building the parish was that there was no Polish priest to take charge. Confident in God a committee was organized to collect the necessary funds. The following were on the first church Committee: Joseph Raniszewski,



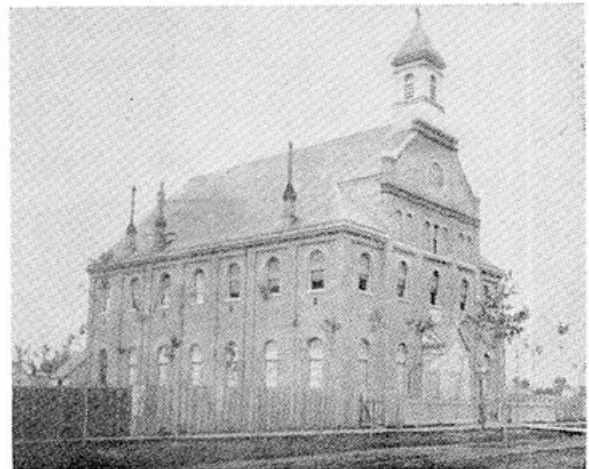
Frank Raniszewski, Joseph Deja, Alexander Knopp, Frank Konkel, John Groen, John Dalman, Andrew Morawski, John Knuth, John Malick and John Dombecki.

September 1882, six lots were purchased at 23rd and Myrtle from Anthony Grosfield for \$2,330.00.

October 1882, the committee received permission from Bishop Borgess to build a combination building (church and school). The Rev. Bishop then advised the committee to visit Rev. Paul Gutowski at St. Boniface

Parish. Rev. Wermers, pastor of St. Boniface, greeted the delegation and knowing the purpose of their visit, introduced them to Rev. Paul Gutowski. Until the new parish would be built Rev. Wermers made arrangements for the Polish people to attend devotions and hear mass every Sunday at 9 o'clock at St. Boniface parish. Rev Paul Gutowski took care of their spiritual needs until they moved into their new church.

Bishop Borgess officially appointed Rev. Paul Gutowski pastor of St. Casimir parish November 8, 1882, and in charge of all the Polish people west of Woodward Avenue.



In order to gather and unite all the Poles living on the south side of Detroit, Rev. Gutowski organized the first Church Society under the Patronage of the patron of the parish St. Casimir. 35 members were enrolled. For the women another society, the Rosary Society was organized with 40 members.

Having the permission of the Bishop, they began to build the church and school. April 1883 the building was completed with the church on the first floor classes and the Feli-





cian Sisters quarters on the second floor. The building was built at a cost of \$13,000.00.

The first mass was celebrated in the new church April 25, 1883. April 29th, 1883 the new church was blessed by Rev. P. Hennact Vicar-General of the Diocese. The fast growth of the parish had shown the following year this report:

- 85 pews in the church pew rent \$4.00 and \$5.00.
- 340 families
- 2 church societies St. Casimir and Holy Rosary.
- 152 Baptisms
- 30 Weddings
- 34 Funerals
- 182 Children in school taught by 3 Felician Sisters.

April 18th, 1884 Bishop Borgess nominated the first church committee: I. Miloch and Joseph Deja.



Shortage of classes necessitated the building of the Sisters Convent in 1885, whose quarters were up to this time in the school.

Two years later in 1887 the rectory was built.

Soon the church and school were too small for the fast growing parish, and so in April 1889 the new church foundation was laid and the cornerstone was blessed on the 28th

of July by Bishop Foley. The following year the Last Sunday of Advent, Bishop Foley blessed the new church.

In the year 1893, April 30th, the parish celebrated its tenth anniversary of its organization. On that memorable occasion a souvenir booklet was issued and a banquet followed.



The program at that time consisted of a dinner with various speeches for the occasion, benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 7 o'clock in the evening a good old fashioned Polish Dance. The committee for that gala festivity were the following: President Alexander Wiciachowski, secretary Andrew Plagens, Cashier Alexander Knopp, Joseph Kromka, John Dalman, Joseph Stynka, Walter Sobczynski, John Piotkowski and Valentine Budnik.

With the beginning of the year 1905 the third floor was added to the Sisters Convent. In the year 1906 an addition of eight more classrooms and a third floor was added to the elementary school. The dedication and blessing ceremonies took place on February 10th, 1907.

November 1st, 1907 the Rev. Pastor, Paul Gutowski celebrated his Silver Anniversary of Holy Priesthood. In that same year the parish celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the parish.





Best Wishes from . . .

Holy Rosary Society

Officers:

MONICA HELMINSKI, President
GLADYS HORGER, Secretary
MARTHA PINKOWSKI, Treasurer



ORGANIZED IN 1882

MEMBERSHIP 110



In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of

AEGIDIUS A. MAISEL

MARY V. MAISEL

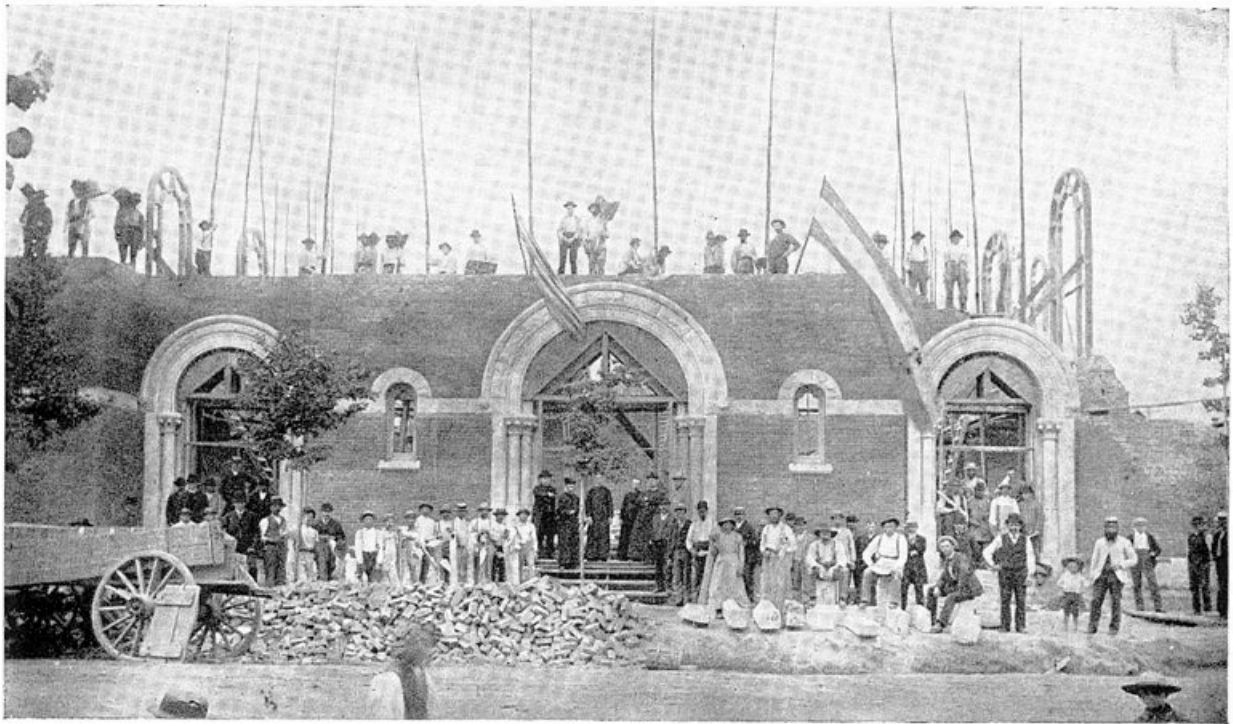
STEPHAN F. MAISEL

STELLA B. MAISEL

REV. EDWARD S. MAISEL

Pastor of St. Casimir's Church

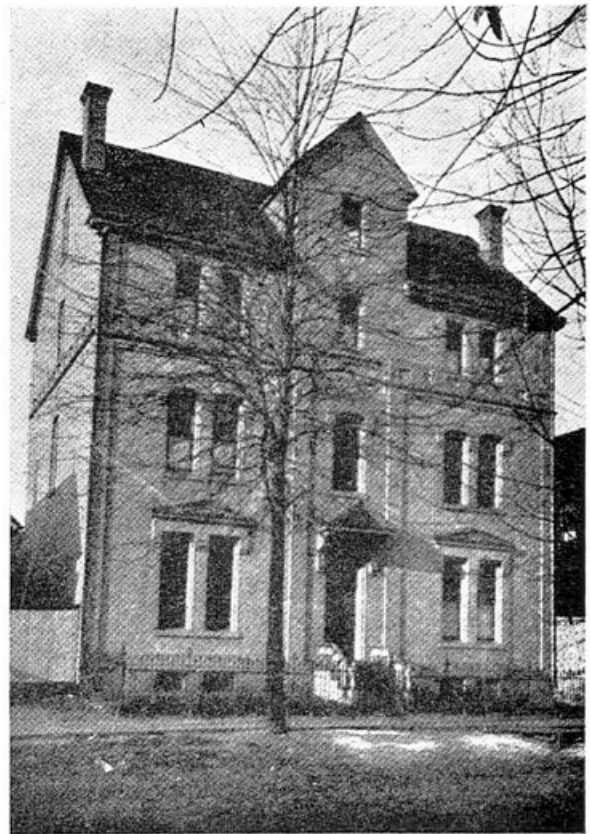




With all the preparations for the Joyous season of Easter the hearts of all the parishioners of St. Casimir were saddened for on that day March 30th, 1918, Holy Saturday, fortified with the last rites the Rev. Pastor Paul Gutowski parted with this earth to meet His Eternal Priest, Jesus Christ. Thursday April 4th, 1918, His Excellency Bishop Kelley in the presence of many clergy and friends celebrated a Solemn Requiem mass and funeral services for the remains of the beloved pastor. His body was laid to rest in Mt. Eliot cemetery.

During his pastorage the following served as his assistants: Revs. John Lemke, Joseph Herr, Alexander Skrzycki, Michael Barnett, Leon Jarecki, Eugene Pattok, Bernard Zmijewski, Sylvester Kolkiewicz, Jan Zareczny and Ralph Chraszcz.

After the death of Rev. Gutowski, His Excellency appointed Rev. Alexander Grudzinski pastor of St. Casimir. His duties began





On this happy occasion of the Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Casimir Parish, we beg Almighty God to pour out His choicest blessings in a super abundant measure on the Pastor, Assistants, Sisters and all the Parishioners.

May our dear Lord keep you in the best of health so that the good work may continue at St. Casimir's, our parish.



*Rev. Thaddeus F.
Wypijewski*

*Mr. and Mrs.
Andrew J. Wypijewski*





in April of 1918 until May of 1919 when he was made pastor of St. Francis Assisi Parish.

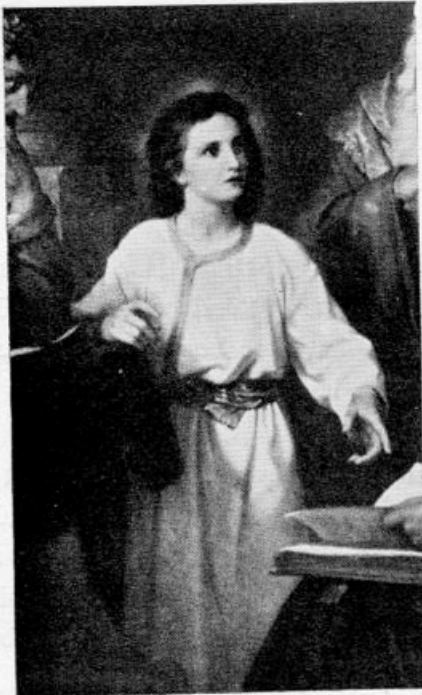
The home in which the sisters lived for the past 38 years proved to be inadequate to accommodate the sisters and to far gone for further repairs. It was then decided to build a new sisters Convent.

From May 1919 to January 1920 Rev. Francis Baweja was the acting Pastor. During his time the Central Heating Plant was constructed to care for all the heating needs. The cost of this building and boiler was \$22,000.

January 17th, 1920 the Rev. Bishop appointed Rev. Edward Maisel pastor of St. Casimir parish. At that time he was acting pastor of St. Joseph's in Jackson, Michigan.

Four lots were purchased on the west corner of Ash and 23rd Street in 1923 for \$32,000.00. Work began in the spring of that year and on August 20th, 1924 the sisters occupied the new Convent. The cost of this new building was \$69,613.63.





Congratulations on Your Diamond Jubilee

*St. Casimir's Holy
Name Society*

Number of Members: aprox. 75

CASIMIR KLEINSMITH

President

STANLEY OPANOWICZ

Vice-President

JOSEPH SZEWCZYK

Treasurer

HENRY PIETRZYK

Secretary

REV. PAUL E. SIEROCKI

Spiritual Director

ORGANIZED IN 1923

Congratulations and Best Wishes

from

*Sodality of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

ORGANIZED IN 1882

MARIE SCHIMELFENING

Prefect

ANN BRYLOWSKI

Vice-Prefect

JANE GRANZ

Secretary

JOSEPHINE GLADKOWSKI

Treasurer

13 — MEMBERS — 13

REV. STANISLAUS G. KAMINSKI, Spiritual Director





With the year 1927, it was necessary to build a new school because of its deterioration and condemnation by the City of Detroit. Once again on the west side of 23rd Street, two lots were purchased for the sum of \$19,500.00. May 1st, 1927 Rev. Edward Maisel blessed the ground and on May 30th, 1927 Bishop J. Gallagher blessed the corner stone. The 7th of October 1928 once again

His Excellency, Bishop Gallagher visited St. Casimir and solemnly blessed the finished school. The cost of this structure was \$197,467.88.

The new building contained 20 classrooms, meeting room, large auditorium, a spacious stage, dining room, library, school office, a nurse's room and a bowling alley.

St. Casimir Grade and High School



The St. Casimir Grade and High School is a three story structure equipped with the necessities of conducting a school which is accredited with the State of Michigan.

In the Grade school department the child is molded according to Christian principles necessary for his way of life. It prepares the child for their first Confession and Holy Communion. The child attends the eight elemen-

tary grades which is not only a school for book learning but more important an education in forming a good Catholic character whereby he or she will develop a good sound Christian education which is so important for the salvation of their souls.

The first school Principal of St. Casimir was Sister Mary Clara in the year 1885

The grade school enrollment for the 1957





CONGRATULATIONS ON
YOUR DIAMOND JUBILEE

from

**Altar Society of
St. Casimir Parish**

— Organized January 22, 1928 —

Present Committee:

MARTHA PINKOWSKI, President

MONICA HELMINSKI, Vice President

VIRGINIA PERCHA, Secretary

VIRGINIA NOVAK, Treasurer

— **AND MEMBERS** —

88 — PRESENT MEMBERSHIP — 88



school term was 282 children. The faculty consisted of the following members:

Sister Mary Amelberga Principal Grade 8
Sister Mary Corinne Grade 7 Sister Mary

Bonaventa Grade 6 Mr. Raymond A. Wozniak
Grade 5 Sister Mary Mariella Grade 4 Sister
Mary Leonia Grade 3 Sister Mary Alexan-
drine Grade 2 Sister Mary Gracilia and Grade
1 Sister Mary Beata.

St. Casimir High School

The high school department had its beginning in 1927. That year the enrollment was 12 students. Today the high school enrollment is 193 students. It is staffed by the following: Sister Mary Amelberga Principal, Rev. Paul Sierocki Sociology, Sisters Mary Armella and Anita Seniors, Sister Mary Vianney Juniors, Sister Mary Expedita Sophmores, and Sister Mary Philip Freshmen. Last but not least is Sister Mary Geraldine.

The high school offers the students courses in the Academic and Commercial fields. It is also accredited with the University of Michigan.

The St. Casimir High is equipped with a

laboratory for teaching Chemistry and Physics, a Typing Room well supplied with the necessary equipment, a library in which are found 1600 volumes of books filled with knowledge for the further development of the minds of the students.

At present the students come not only from the parish of St. Casimir but from the various neighboring parishes on the West side of our fair city of Detroit.

After the completion of the new school the old rectory was torn down and a new building began to rise in December of 1927 and was completed in August of 1928, at the cost of \$52,742.66.





With Best Wishes to
ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH
on its Diamond Jubilee

*The Third Order of
St. Francis*

ST. CASIMIR PARISH

— Organized in 1889 —



WITH BEST WISHES

from

*Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Wypijewski*





March 4th, 1952 the feast of St. Casimir, during the parish Mission a fire destroyed all the vestments and vestment cabinets in the sacristy. The fire was caused by a young boy who started the blaze in the vestment cabinet. Fortunately the doors leading to the church from the sacristy were closed, otherwise the entire church would have been severely damaged or destroyed completely.

April 17th, 1955 the parish had one particular reason for rejoicing, the Rev. Pastor purchased a new pipe organ, a Wick's organ, one of the very best in the line of producing clear melodic tones. The generosity of the parishoners made this purchase possible and was very gratifying. Some gave more others

less but the majority made it possible that the new organ be installed and ready to be used in praising God.

The blessing of the new organ took place Sept. 12th, 1955 the feast of the Holy Name of Mary. The Rev. Pastor with his assistants the Rev. S. Kaminski and the Rev. J. Perkowski solemnly blessed the organ. The organist Mr. Raymond Wozniak played a few concert solos and finally the grade school choir under his direction sang songs to Mary the Mother God.

All those who contributed \$250.00 towards this worthy cause have their names inscribed on a placque which is fastened to the organ case. The placque reads as follows:

THIS MEMORIAL ORGAN DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND TO THE PARISHONERS OF ST. CASIMIR'S CHURCH
AND THEIR DONORS

INSTALLED SEPTEMBER 12, 1955 REV. EDW. MAISEL, Pastor

\$500 DONATIONS

ALTAR SOCIETY, IN LOVING MEMORY OF THEIR DECEASED MEMBERS
MRS. ANTOINETTE KROPIDLOWSKI OF STEPHEN and EDWARD KROPIDLOWSKI

\$250 DONATIONS

MR. AND MRS. FRANK RUTH OF FRANCIS and VICTORIA KOLPACKI
JOHN GROEN OF HIS WIFE PAULINE
MR. and MRS. FRANK KRAUSE OF THEIR PARENTS
KRAUSE and BARKER FAMILIES
MRS. LUDWIKA KAMINSKI and FAMILY OF JOHN and HELEN KAMINSKI
MIECISLAUS ULANSKI OF HIS WIFE HELEN
JOHN DWORSKI, JR. OF JOHN AND CAROLINE DWORSKI
MRS. ANNA GROEN and FAMILY OF HER HUSBAND AUGUST
CASIMIR KLEINSMITH OF JOSEPH W. KLEINSMITH
MISS HELEN KOSIDLO OF MICHAEL and CLARA KOSIDLO
JOSEPH ODROWAS OF JACOB and CATHERINE IWANOWSKI

The following priests served the St. Casimir Parish as assistants to the present pastor Rev. Edward Maisel. The Revs. Stephen Woznicki, now the Present Bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, Joseph Utas, Herman Ostrowski, Anthony Pietrzykowski, Frank Gorzelniaski, Michael Tabor, Peter Rypel, J. A. Figlewski, E. Bartol,

S. Dzienis, C. Stolinski, Leo Dempz, Peter Wyrzykowski, E. J. Sobczak, E. F. Rucinski, V. J. Dominas, S. A. Rojewski, V. J. Szymanski, A. Nieckarz, T. Rzeznik, J. A. Gierut, J. Perkowski, Stanislaus Kaminski, Frank Szaniawski and Rev. Paul Sierocki.





St. Casimir Diamond Jubilee

Activities

MARCH 3rd, 1957

Holy Name Society: Social Gathering

MARCH 31st, 1957

Altar Society: Beef Dinner

APRIL 13th and 14th, 1957

Mr. Raymond Wozniak: Passion Play
"Mysteries of the Mass"

APRIL 28th, 1957

Altar Society: Social Gathering

MAY 5th, 1957

St. Casimir High School: "America's Troubadour"

JUNE 30th, 1957

St. Casimir United Societies: Diamond Jubilee Picnic

SEPTEMBER 15th, 1957

Scapular Society: Social Gathering

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1957

Altar Society: Chicken Dinner

OCTOBER 26th, 1957

Diamond Jubilee Dance Committee: Dance

NOVEMBER 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1957

Forty Hours Devotion

NOVEMBER 16th and 17th, 1957

St. Casimir Parish: Feather Party

NOVEMBER 24th, 1957

Diamond Jubilee Day

Solemn Mass at 10 o'clock

Jubilee Banquet — Evening: 6:30 P. M.

DECEMBER 15th, 1957

St. Casimir Grade School:

Diamond Jubilee Christmas Play





My Home Parish

These three words release a veritable flood of ideas, memories and nostalgic reveries. They send the mind rushing back to an old church, a kindly priest, half-forgotten hymns, the sweet smell of incense, the soft, mellow, flickering light of burning candles, the seat once occupied by the family.

They conjure up childhood associations, youthful friendships and sacred, solemn ceremonies. They evoke cherished, tender recollections of a first confession, a first Communion, a blessed confirmation.

They sweep aside the accumulated dust of time and expose the picture of an oft-recalled baptism, the somber funeral Mass of a loving parent, the thrilling ecstatic morning of a First Mass.

“My Home Parish!” Three small words, spelling out a first love, a church never to be supplanted, a fatherly pastor never to be forgotten, perhaps Sisters never to be equalled.

In many cases, “my home parish” describes the parish in which a persons parents were married, where he himself was baptized, confirmed and absolved. It refers to the church where he first decided on the religious or married life. The Church, possibly, from which his parents, his children, his brothers and sisters were buried.

It's not at all strange that such a church should generate an affection, a loyalty that age can never erase nor time completely efface. It's little wonder that no matter how widely a man travels, no matter how grand the churches he later attends, he never forgets his “home parish”. Nothing ever quite takes its place nor moves him to admit there's another like it.

THINK OF THE MEMORIES THAT ARE REALLY
IMPORTANT — AND YOU THINK OF YOUR
HOME PARISH.





Behold your church . . .

Behold the Temple of God . . .

Behold the pivot around which the parish is built . . .

Gaze into and reflect upon the awe-inspiring events that St. Casimir Church has witnessed.

Seventy-five years of devoted spiritual services to its faithful parishioners . . .
Seventy-five years of daily Holy Masses . . . at least 80,000 times God had deigned to grace this Altar with His presence . . .

Seventy-five years of devoted administration of the "Channels of Redemption" . . . God's Sacraments . . . Thousands of souls cleansed and incorporated into God's family — sanctified through the healing power of absolution — united with Divinity in the Holy Eucharist — strengthened in faith by the light of the Holy Spirit — joined together in Holy Matrimony — consoled in body and soul in that last dreadful moment before their souls met their Creator. —

Seventy-five years of prayers — devotions — retreats — missions — Forty Hours
Seventy-five years of peace and joy of soul imparted to countless known and unknown persons seeking God . . . These and these above all are the treasures of your church . . . This is the reason for the great celebration — for rejoicing.

For . . .

"God hath looked upon what He hath made and saw that it was good."





Donations

ST. CASIMIR DIAMOND JUBILEE

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| ALTAR SOCIETY | \$500.00 |
| HOLY NAME SOCIETY | 500.00 |
| ST. JOHN CANTIUS SOCIETY | 150.00 |
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Sermon: Rev. Giles H. Bartol

Banquet Program

DINNER — ST. CASIMIR'S AUDITORIUM — Nov. 24, 1957 at 6:30 P.M.

Prayer REV. ALEXANDER S. WILCZEWSKI

Introduction REV. PAUL E. SIEROCKI

Toastmaster REV. GILES L. BARTOL

Invocation REV. VENANTY J. SZYMANSKI

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Remarks REV. EDWARD S. MAISEL, Pastor

God Bless America By All Present

Closing Prayer REV. STANISLAUS G. KAMINSKI

Dinner Music by RICHARD GRZESKOWIAK





Priests from the Parish

The parish of St. Casimir is very proud of the fact that it has given several young men to the service of God as His priests.

BISHOP JOSEPH CASIMIR PLAGENS, D.D.: LL.D.



Born January 29th, 1880.
Educated at St. Casimir Grade School, Old Detroit now University of Detroit. St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore. Ordained July 5th, 1903 by Bishop Foley. Assistant at Sweetest Heart of Mary (3 yrs.) Appointed pastor to St. Michaels, Port Austin. In 1911 appointed pastor of St. Florian's Parish Hamtramck (7 yrs.) in 1918 appointed pastor of Sweetest Heart of Mary. Made a Domestic Prelate in 1923. Consecrated Bishop Sept. 30th, 1924 by Bishop Michael James Gallagher. He was Auxiliary Bishop for 11 years. Chosen Bishop of Marquette Nov. 16th, 1935 and enthroned by Archbishop now Cardinal Samuel A. Stritch Jan. 1936. Dec. 16th, 1940 chosen Bishop of Grand Rapids Mich. Enthroned by Archbishop now Cardinal Edward Mooney February 18, 1941. Died March 31st, 1943 in St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich. Funeral services in St. Andrew's Cathedral Grand Rapids, Tuesday April 6th, 1943 at 10 A.M.

REV. BERNARD CIESIELSKI

Born Sept. 20th, 1890

Educated in St. Casimir Grade School

College education: St. Mary of the Lake Orchard Lake

Seminary studies: Sts. Cyril and Methodius Orchard Lake

Ordained: July 11th, 1914

At present retired.



REV. BOLESLAUS GDANIEC

Born: April 3rd, 1892

Educated: St. Casimir Grade School

College: St. Mary's, Orchard Lake, Michigan

Seminary Education: St. Mary's, St. Paul, Minnesota

Ordained: June 17, 1916

At present on sick leave.



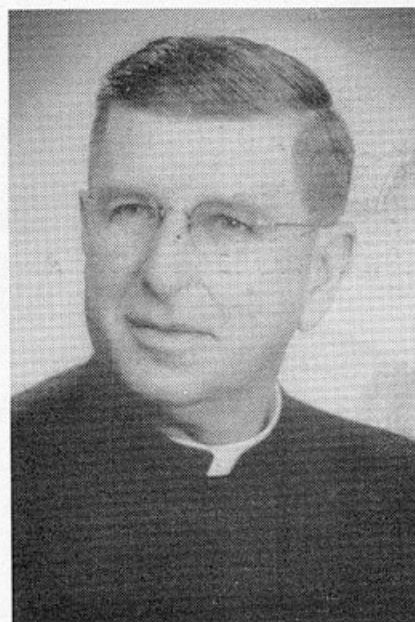


REV. ALEXANDER S. WILCZEWSKI

Born August 25th, 1896
Educated in St. Casimir Grade school
High school St. Leo
College: St. Mary of the Lake
Seminary education: Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary
Orchard Lake
Ordained Sept. 10th, 1922
At present Pastor St. Cunegunda, Detroit, Michigan

REV. JOHN MILLER

Born: May 13th, 1903
Educated at St. Casimir Grade School.
College and Seminary education at St. Cyril and
Methodius in Orchard Lake, Michigan
Ordained June 19th, 1927
At present Pastor of St. Bartholomew, Detroit, Mich.



REV. PAUL ZELAFF

Born February 15th, 1904
Educated at St. Casimir Grade School
College and Seminary education in Orchard Lake, Michigan
Ordained May 25th, 1929
At Present chaplain of Felician Sisters Villa St. Felix in
Livonia, Mich.





REV. JOSEPH TORZEWSKI

Born September 15th, 1903

Educated at St. Casimir grade school

High school: Detroit University High

Seminary education: Sacred Heart Detroit, Mich.
St. Mary's Cincinnati, Ohio

Ordained: April 6th, 1930

At present Pastor Christ the Good Shepherd,
Lincoln Park, Michigan

REV. ALPHONSE A. MADEJA

Born: April 20th, 1907

Educated at St. Casimir Grade school

College and seminary education at Orchard Lake, Mich.

Ordained: May 31st, 1931

At present Pastor St. Anne, Monroe, Michigan





REV. STANISLAUS KAMINSKI

Born: February 13th, 1912

Educated at St. Casimir Grade school

College and Seminary education
at Orchard Lake, Michigan

Ordained June 3rd, 1939

At present Assistant at St. Casimir Parish
Detroit, Michigan

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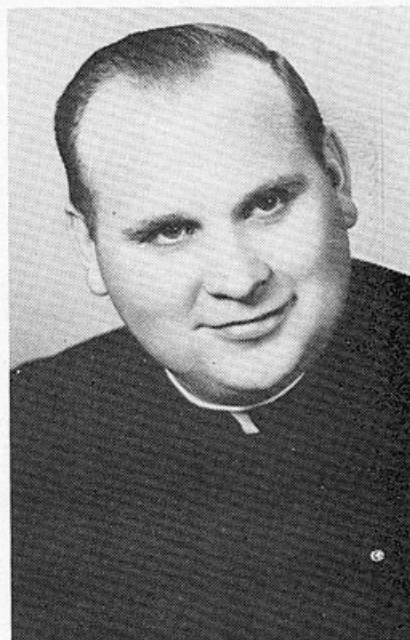
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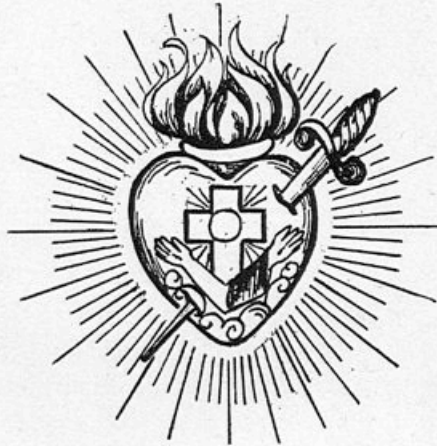
High school and College at Sacred Heart, Detroit, Mich.

Theology at Orchard Lake, Mich.

Ordained May 18, 1940

At present assistant at St. Thomas, Detroit, Michigan





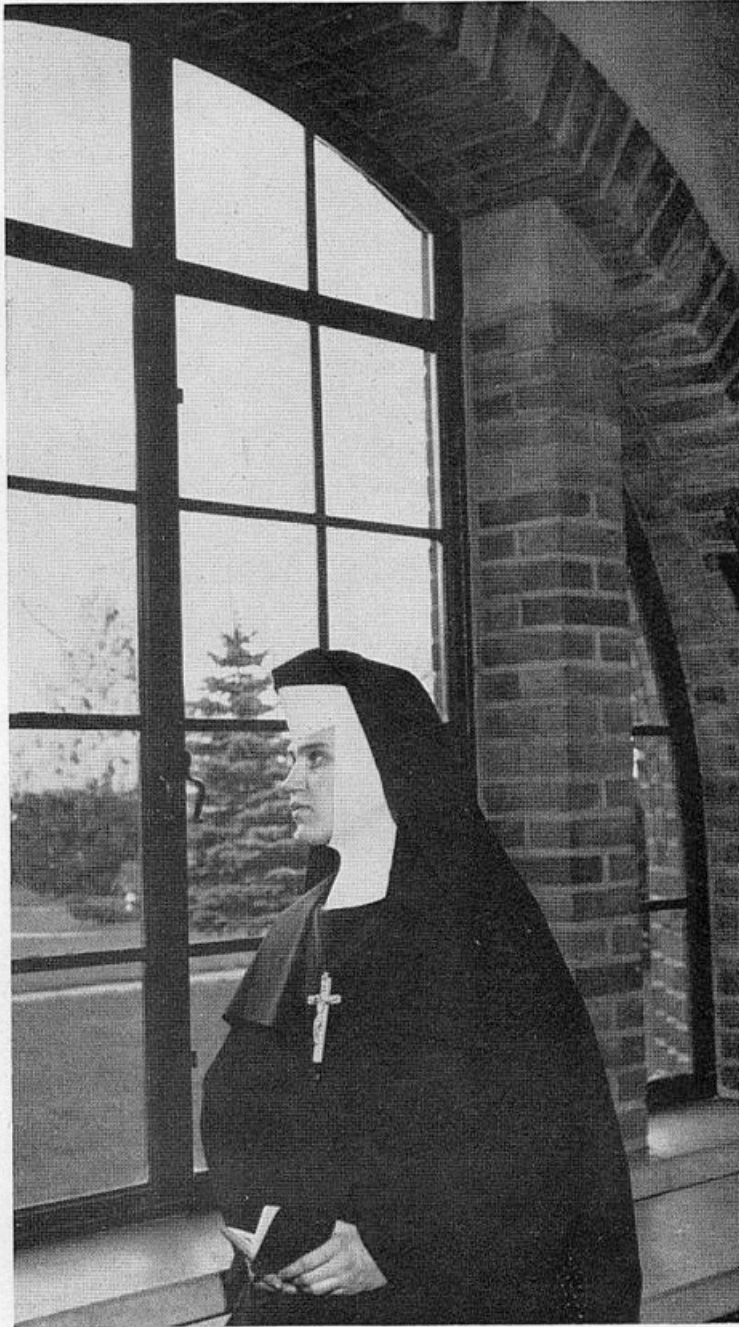
Congratulations

A Diamond Jubilee comes but once in seventy-five years. This blessed event has come to reality at St. Casimir's Parish, and we take this opportune time to pause and reflect upon this heaven sent blessing. The parish has been able to experience vicariously the spiritual blessings, the good accomplishments, and the natural satisfaction of worthwhile labor that SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS have wrought.

We, the Felician Sisters at St. Casimir School, extend our heartfelt greetings upon this blissful occasion. We are entranced with the happiness of all the parishoners and are delighted to be able to participate in the felicitations at this jubliant time.

With heartfelt wishes we, therefore, pray that the Heavenly Father will continue to shower His abundant blessings upon the Pastor, Reverend E. S. Maisel, his Assistants and each and every parishioner. We send a special prayer of gratitude speeding to heaven for fruitful blessings, continued success, and spiritual growth of St. Casimir's Parish.





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The parish was blessed with many vocations to the Sisterhood. Many were called to fill the ranks of sisters in numerous religious communities.

| Religious Names | Family Names |
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| Sister Mary Jacinta | (Sylvania, Ohio) |
| (x) Deceased | Ruth Heyza |

We regret the occurence of the (X) before the name of Sister Mary Philomena





by Mayor Louis C. Miriani

WHEREAS, For the past 75 years St. Casimir's Church has served the spiritual and educational needs of the parish; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginning the small church and school building erected at 23rd and Myrtle in 1882 under the guidance of its first pastor, the Reverend Paul Gutowski, has grown and flourished until today a large church complete with pipe organ; school buildings; convent and priests' home attest to the devoted zeal of its pastors and the loyal support of its large congregation; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Edward Maisel, revered and beloved pastor since his appointment in 1920, is preparing with his congregation to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of St. Casimir's founding on November 24, 1957; and we deem it fitting to recount for the public record the accomplishments and the contributions of the good citizens who comprise it; and

WHEREAS, St. Casimir's Parish has given nine priests and forty-five sisters to the service of God; and 510 of its young men have served in defense of their country; and many of the leading citizens of our City have learned the precepts of good citizenship there;
Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Common Council, on behalf of the people of the City of Detroit, hereby takes official cognizance of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Casimir's Parish, and conveys to Fr. Edward Maisel and the members of the congregation this expression of appreciation for their manifold contributions to the growth and progress of Detroit extending at the same time best wishes that the Parish will continue to prosper under the divine benevolence of Our Lord.



"God Protect Him . . . Mary Keep Him Safe"



We solemnly dedicate this page to all men who served their Country in the armed Forces during the last wars.

The St. Casimir High School alone gave one hundred and ten strong, brave and courageous men to serve their country. The St. Casimir Parish was greatly honored and proud to send forth five hundred and ten parishoners to serve God and fight for the freedoms which we cherish and hold so dear.

From among that number twenty three made the supreme sacrifice of their lives on the battle fields. Those that died so valiantly for their country and for our welfare we enscribe here below:

Adgeoff Theodore, Arasim Alexander, Belcarz Casimir, Bojnowski Raymond, Brzozowski Frank, Clemens Frank, Derba Harry, Fabiszak Theodore, Fidrych Joseph, Gnida Thaddeus, Hoyle Walter, Kapanoski Thomas, Klotkowski Henry, Kropidlowski Edward, Menczkowski Leonard, Ostafinski Joseph, Otlewski George, Pniewski Richard, Stipczak Martin, Voight Norbert, Wicopolski Stanley, Wojcik Frank, Wypijewski Norbert.

"Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let
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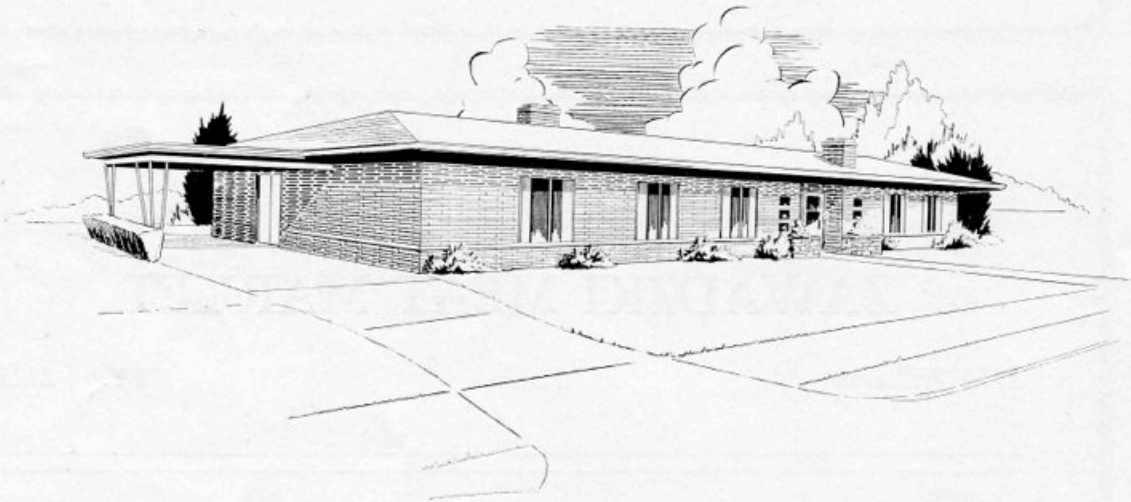
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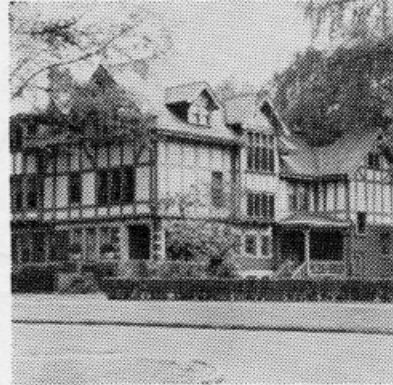
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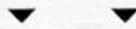
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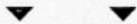
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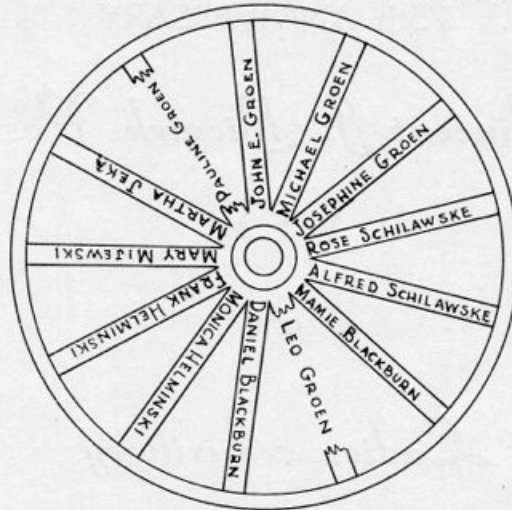
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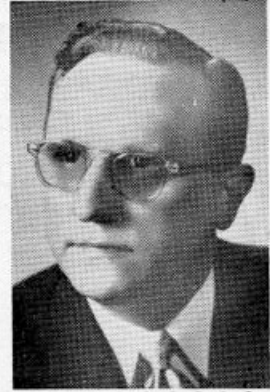
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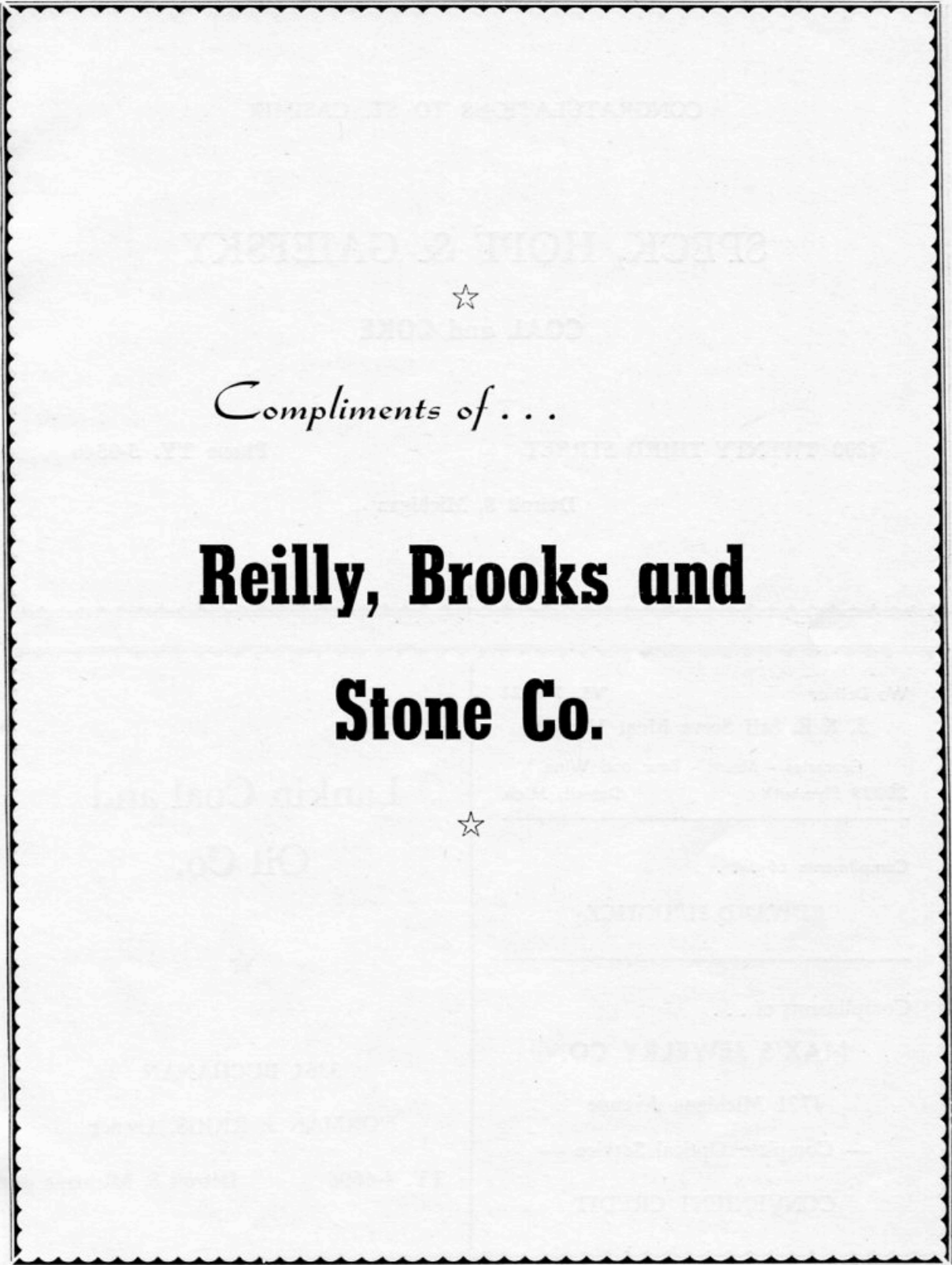
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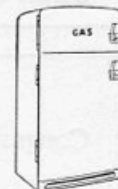
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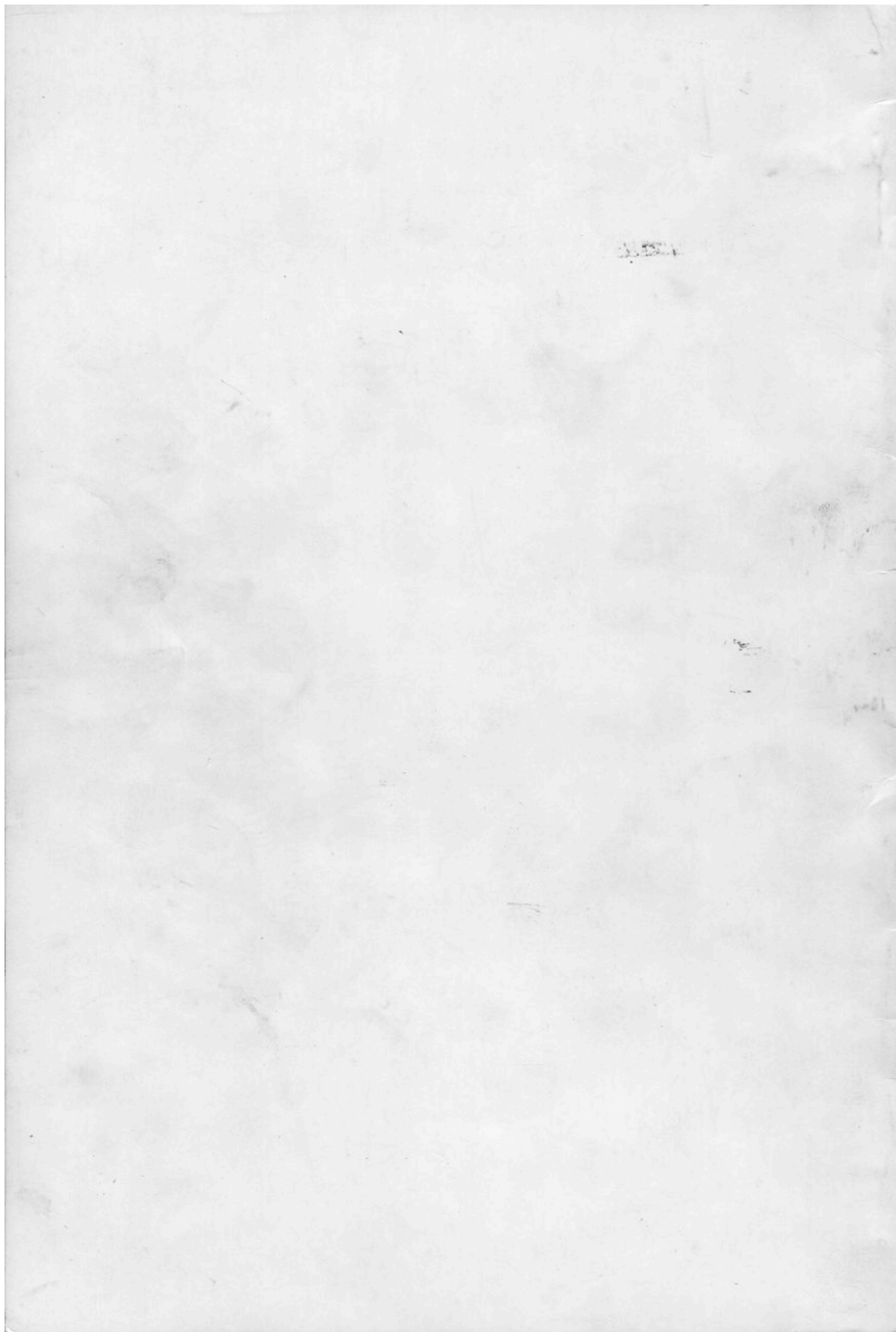
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