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November 7, 1977

Dear Father McCarthy:

On the joyous occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Mary Parish, Newport, Rhode Island, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that our most Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, graciously bestows his Apostolic Benediction upon you, the clergy, the parishioners, the staff of the Catholic Regional School, and all who join in observing this happy event on April 8, 1978.

As one of the oldest parishes of the Diocese of Providence, St. Mary's has accomplished much for the honor and glory of God. Its charming setting on Aquidneck Island typifies its rather unique character. It has nurtured Christians who have traveled around the world on the seven seas, and others who have remained in Newport to share their rich local heritage with one another. Its present Newport County Catholic School contributes significantly to the religious development of young Catholics.

In the years to come may the priests and people of St. Mary's, united in Faith and conscious of their incorporation in the Church, make a concerted effort to assist the needy. Guided by the example of the Holy Father, may they help support the Missionary work of the Church and share his genuine concern for the poorer nations of the world.

To the Blessings of the Holy Father I wish to add my personal greetings and prayerful good wishes. With sentiments of esteem and renewed felicitations, I remain

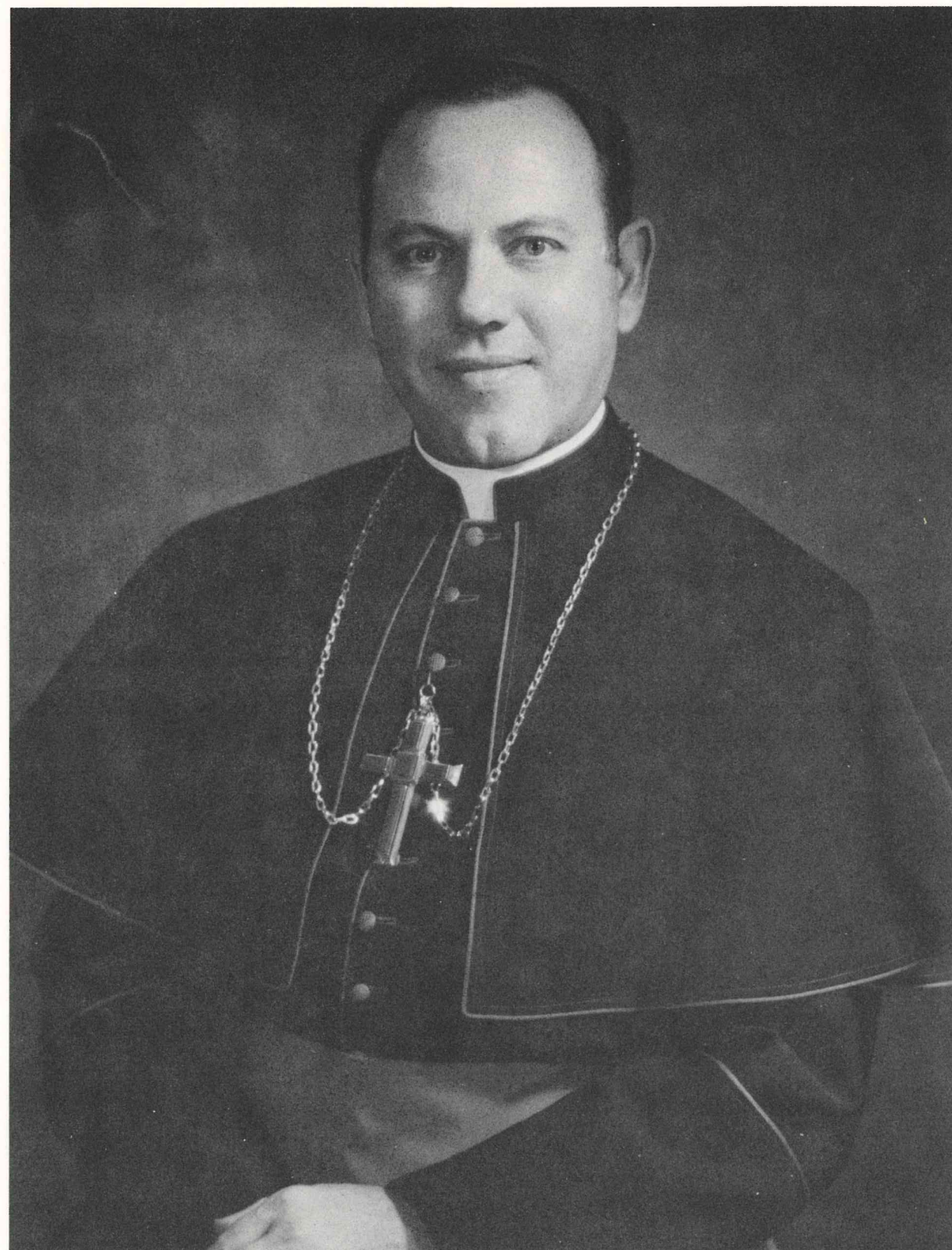
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*Jean Tardot*

Apostolic Delegate

Reverend George B. McCarthy  
Pastor: St. Mary Parish  
Newport, Rhode Island





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April 8, 1978

My dear friends in Christ:

One hundred and fifty years ago today, Saint Mary's Parish, Newport, was established. I rejoice with all of you in the celebration of this important historical and religious event.

The initial purchase of property for religious purposes in Newport was a significant step toward the stability of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Rhode Island.

Few in number and limited in resources, priests and laity translated their faith into action by establishing a humble yet firm foundation upon which the Church in Rhode Island could begin to flourish.

The faith-filled community of Saint Mary's Parish in Newport has indeed flourished over these one hundred and fifty years. Countless numbers of people have experienced God's love and have been blessed with many graces.

I salute the dedicated priests and religious sisters who have worked so selflessly over the years to inculcate Christian values. While we can never estimate the extent of their influence, the present Christian community gives witness to their accomplishments.

To the priests, religious and parishioners of Saint Mary's I offer my sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes on this great day.

Asking Almighty God to abundantly bless all of you with His graces and love, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

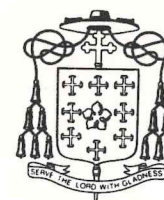
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January 24, 1978

Reverend George B. McCarthy, Pastor  
Saint Mary's Parish  
12 William Street  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Father McCarthy:

I happily respond to your request for a letter on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of Saint Mary's Parish in Newport.

As you well know, I spent eight happy years as an Assistant at Saint Mary's and I look back on my stay in Newport with great fondness. The people of Saint Mary's are, in my estimation, an extraordinary community of believers who have great affection and devotion to their Parish. They are people of deep faith in Jesus and in His Church. They are a committed people who take the good news of salvation seriously both in their worship and in their reaching out to their brothers and sisters. The Catholics of Newport, and especially those who belong to Saint Mary's Church, are loyal to their Bishop and to their priests and religious.

The Parish has been blessed with many dedicated priests and religious throughout these many years. They did exemplary work as they tried to fulfill the mission of the Church but they would have achieved very little were it not for the cooperation and inspiration given them by the people of God whom they were privileged to serve.

On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the first Catholic Parish in Rhode Island, I congratulate the clergy, the religious and the parishioners who have true cause to celebrate the memories of those who have gone before and to celebrate the goodness of those who call Saint Mary's their Church.

Wishing you, and all at dear old Saint Mary's, every blessing,  
I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Kenneth A. Angell*

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Rev. George B. McCarthy  
Pastor of St. Mary's

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8 April 1978

Dear Parishioners,

Today on April 8, 1978 we celebrate the One hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of Saint Mary's Parish - the oldest parish in the Diocese of Providence. It has been customary on the occasion of Anniversaries to dedicate the event to a particular individual. I feel it is only proper at this time that our Anniversary be dedicated to the Parishioners of Saint Mary's Church. The people of this parish have always shown deep loyalty, pride and devotion both to Saint Mary's and the Diocese of Providence.

In this the oldest parish in the Diocese the people have remained ever young in their ideas, open to change and willing to be leaders in implementing these changes in accordance with the mind of the Church in the modern world. They have been leaders in spirituality and in their concern to aid the needy and helpless of the parish, the diocese and the world.

The years between 1828 and 1978 encompass a period that has seen tremendous change, including many within the Catholic Church. Established, time honored customs were transformed, and we witnessed the introduction of the new liturgical forms. In the face of all this Saint Mary's Parish has been blessed with People of deep faith and openness.

We are deeply grateful for the priceless gift of our people, young and old, The past has been glorious, let us now look forward to the challenge of the years ahead, and pray that Almighty God will continue to bless us with committed people, people of deep faith, hope and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*George B. McCarthy*  
George B. McCarthy  
Pastor



# IN MEMORY OF ALL DECEASED PRIESTS WHO SERVED IN SAINT MARY'S PARISH FOR THE PAST 150 YEARS

## Moments....and people...to remember

Would you believe that coal miners from Portsmouth along with some employees of nearby Fort Adams were responsible for the birth of St. Mary's 150 years ago?

It's true!

Oh yes, there was a Father Woodley. And there was a Father Byrne. There was also a Bishop Fenwick. They, too, played vital roles in making St. Mary's the first Roman Catholic Church to be blessed in the State of Rhode Island, thus establishing it as the first Roman Catholic parish in Rhode Island.

Presumably, Father Woodley would be remembered by those of you who are familiar with the history of St. Mary's since it was he who purchased a schoolhouse on Barney Street and quickly converted it to a church. Incidentally, if it were not for the impetuosity of Father Woodley, St. Mary's of Newport would have ranked second in seniority - instead of first - because St. Mary's of Pawtucket was established one year later in 1829.

Thank you, Father Woodley, for making us Number 1!

The coal miners and the people at Fort Adams haven't been forgotten. We'll get back to them but, first, let's determine the roles played by

Bishop Fenwick of Boston along with another Bostonian, Father Byrne.

Bishop Fenwick was the one who instructed Father Woodley to come to Aquidneck Island and open a church to serve the spiritual needs of the people in this community. The obvious question is how did a bishop up in Boston know there were members of his flock down here on the island that needed spiritual fulfillment? Father Byrne told him!

You see, Father Byrne was the first one on the scene, so to speak.

He visited Aquidneck Island in February 1827 - fourteen months before Father Woodley had even turned the key in the schoolhouse door. And during his visit here, Father Byrne distributed Holy Communion to about 150 men.

You guessed it - the congregation was comprised primarily of coal miners from Portsmouth and employees of Fort Adams!

Sports fans, baseball fans in particular, may remember reading, or hearing, about the famous double-play trio of the Chicago Cubs in the early 1900's - Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance. The swiftness they executed in passing

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 150th ANNIVERSARY

1977 - 1978

November 20th	Opening Mass at 11:15 a.m. Bishop Kenneth A. Angell - Principal Celebrant and Homilist. Reception Following the Mass in the School. "Remember Our Heritage" A Display of Pictures.
November 24th	9 A.M. Special Thanksgiving Liturgy for our Parish Family.
December 11th	7:30 P.M. - Christmas in Newport - Saint Mary's Choir in Church. "Christmas Around the World"
December 14th	7:00 P.M. - First Penance for Grade 4.
December 19th	7:00 P.M. - Parish Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas.
December 24th - 25th	Christmas Masses: 5:15 P.M. - Vigil Mass - Special Family Liturgy which will fulfill the Holy Day Obligation. Midnight Mass in Church (preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m.) Morning Masses - 7:00, 8:45, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. No 5:15 Mass That Day. "Treasures of Saint Mary's" - Display of Vestments and artifacts.
January 15th	Family Mass: 10:00 a.m. "The Value of Remembering"
February 5th	Theme of all Masses "Remembering the deceased members of Saint Mary's"
February 26th	Parish Spiritual Renewal (Mission) Passionists Fathers - Father Victor Hoagland and Father William Murphy.
March 4 - 10	Parish Penitential Service for Easter
March 20th	Holy Week Services
March 23rd, 24th, 25th.	Easter Sunday
March 26th	4:00 P.M. Mass in Honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Parish.
April 8th	Bishop Louis E. Gelineau - Principal Celebrant Archbishop John F. Whealon of Hartford - Homilist After Mass - General Reception for Parishioners on Church Grounds. Banquet at Salve Regina College - 7 P.M.



In  
Memory  
of  
Dr. Alfred M. Tartaglino

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the ball along to one another prompted Franklin Pierce Adams to write a poem ("Baseball's Sad Lexicon") which read in part: "A trio of bear cubs and fleeter than birds, Tinker and Evers and Chance."

It could be said that the establishment of St. Mary's was a spiritual double play. The "ball" was the faith and devotion of those coal miners and Fort Adams employees. It took only seconds for it to reach Father Byrne with an impact so great that unhesitatingly, he threw this "ball of faith" to Bishop Fenwick who immediately put it "into the hands" of Father Woodley.

But that was then . . . and this is now, so let's get to the now of St. Mary's.

Almost as if history was repeating itself, once again three members of the clergy (this time, two bishops and one priest) got together and realizing the sesquicentennial of St. Mary's was just around the corner, agreed that "something" should be done to make the laity aware of this significant milestone. Their names - Bishop Gelineau, Bishop Angell and our pastor Father McCarthy.

That was a little more than a year ago.

In the spirit of Vatican II, Father McCarthy called upon the people of this parish for ideas on how we could best commemorate our 150th Anniversary.

A special notice appeared in our Parish Bulletin of July 3, 1977 asking for volunteers to come forward with their suggestions, and even those with prior military service - where it was learned you never volunteered for anything - responded.

To give thanks seemed to be uppermost in the minds of all. As a result, a liturgical committee was formed.

It was felt our parishioners should be made aware of all the trials, tribulations and triumphs of the clergy and faithful alike during the 150-year existence of St. Mary's. A historical committee was established to research, document and publish the little known facts - all 150 years of them - about St. Mary's.

It became apparent that unprecedented events should be a part of our overall celebration, so two other vital committees were formed - a special events committee whose responsibility would be to create these events, and another committee to publicize them.

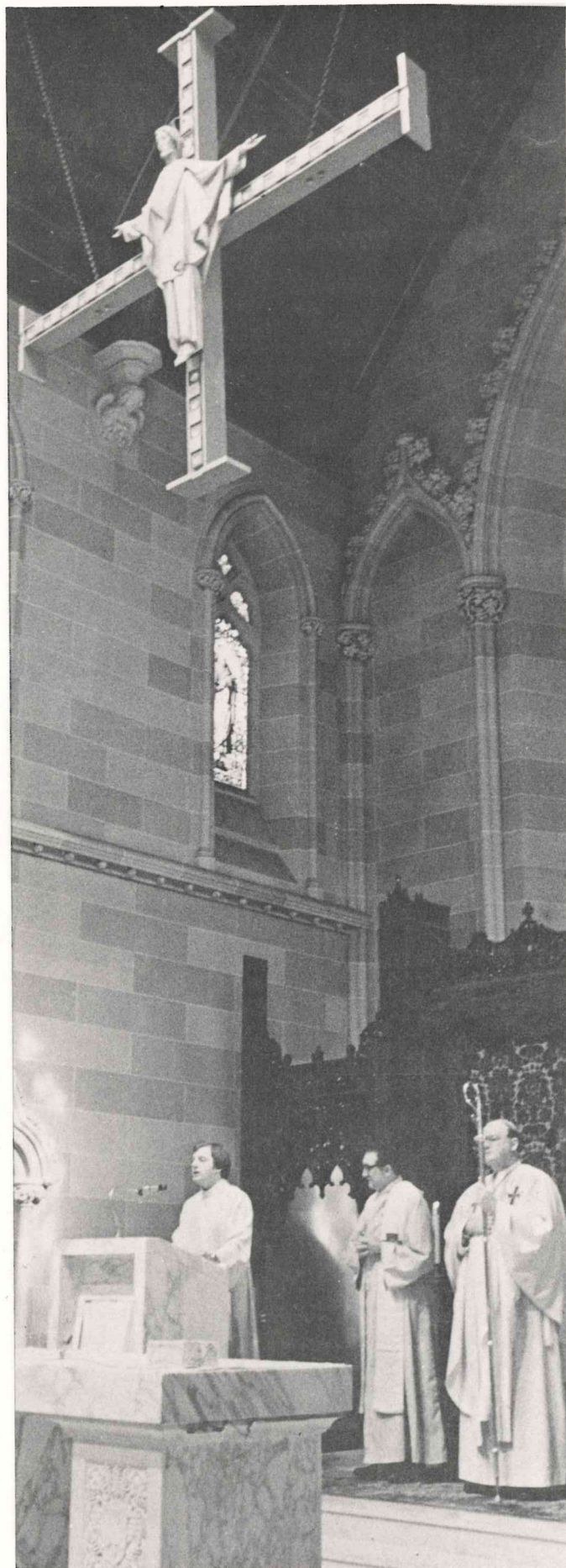
Most certainly a "birthday party" would be scheduled for April 8, 1978. To be sure participants at the festivities would receive more than the traditional cake and ice cream, a banquet/reception committee was created.

Committees of two were increasing to four . . . to six . . . a dozen! Every committee was growing.

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In memoriam of  
  
the deceased members  
  
of the  
  
McCarthy  
  
and  
  
Horan Families





The beginning.....November 20, 1977



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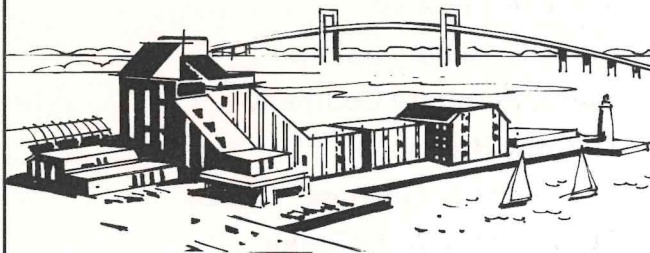
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All were volunteers. It became obvious that just about everyone wanted to be part of St. Mary's sesquicentennial.

Such an enthusiasm by our parishioners - and as things turned out, by the entire community - was not to be dampened. Father McCarthy called for yet another committee whose responsibility would be to come up with a formula that would give the opportunity to every person and family in the parish to be represented in a book - a 150th Anniversary Commemorative Book - that would be published not only for posterity, but as a keepsake for ourselves, our children and our children's children.

In all, there were six committees - liturgical, historical, special events, publicity, banquet/reception and commemorative book. Each had a different mission but a common goal . . . accomplishing the "something" Bishops Gelineau and Angell and Father McCarthy would consider appropriate to make the laity aware of the sesquicentennial of St. Mary's.

Select any dictionary of your choice and you'll find liturgy defined as (1) the rite of the Eucharist and (2) the system of public worship in the Christian Church.

Moving the index finger along in the area of words that begin with "litur", we find a liturgist is "one who uses, or advocates, the use of liturgical forms."

This pretty much defines the assignment that was given to the liturgical committee.

The Mass that would officially open our Sesquicentennial activities would have to be special! And our liturgists went about making it just that!

Appropriate readings had to be selected, as well as readers, and it was done.

A musical program had to be arranged, and, with the guidance of our organist, this, too, was accomplished.

No one will dispute the fact that St. Mary's is a beautiful church, but to enhance its beauty, our liturgical committee added flowers.

It has been said that when you sing the praises to God and His Blessed Mother, you pray twice. A choral group supplemented the prayers of the clergy and laity to double the impact our message of thanksgiving would have in the ears of God.

Because the liturgical services were custom-made, so to speak, for the occasion, special programs were prepared and distributed to the congregation.

The debut, or premiere - call it what you will - of St. Mary's 150th Anniversary - was indeed special, and five or six dozen people became in-

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volved to accomplish the program our liturgical committee felt would be appropriate.

That was the beginning . . . and now for the concluding Mass scheduled for April 8, 1978.

New liturgical forms and programs were prepared to make this also a memorable event.

In capsule form, our liturgical committee was the alpha and omega of our sesquicentennial - arranging the opening and closing of our spiritual sesquicentennial program.

Each group had its share of paperwork, but in the case of the historical committee, files - if stacked in a pile - would be umpteen inches high. And assembling this information was only the beginning!

Arranging the facts that affected St. Mary's for a century and a half in chronological order was in itself a tremendous undertaking.

Sources off the island, as well as on the island, were contacted and another gap in our history would be filled . . . and filed.

After securing all information available from newspaper reference libraries, historical committee members contacted public libraries and uncovered "new" old news about St. Mary's that had been published in the Newport Mercury more than 100 years ago! This is but a brief example

of the perseverance of our historical committee members.

Imagination, too, was demonstrated when taped interviews with our most senior senior citizens resulted in "I was there" revelations.

Since the booklet published by the historical committee contains no advertising, a subscription price will be charged to defray the printing costs. Every home in St. Mary's should have a copy of this history, and a logical place to keep it would be with your Bible.

As previously mentioned, the liturgical committee arranged for the opening and closing of our 150th Anniversary celebration. Who then would take care of the "in between"?

This was the responsibility of the special events committee. It created - planned - and executed our special events.

A Family Mass was scheduled with the appropriate theme - "The Value of Remembering". This led to another event. In remembering, you don't forget, so a special Mass was also said for all the deceased of St. Mary's Parish.

The biggest blizzard in the history of this area necessitated cancellation of a lecture on the subject of "Changing Spiritual Emphasis in Devo-

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# Program Commemorating The Sesquicentennial of St. Mary's Parish, Newport, Rhode Island

Saturday, April 8, 1978

Concelebrated Mass at 4:00 p.m.

The Most Rev. John F. Whealon, D.D., S.T.L., S.S.L.

Archbishop of Hartford, Homilist

GREETING ..... The Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau

The Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau, D.D., S.T.L., S.S.L.

Bishop of Providence, Principal Celebrant

WORDS OF WELCOME ..... The Rev. George B. McCarthy

## MUSICAL SELECTIONS

- Gloria in Latin (from Missa de Angelis)
- Holy, Holy, Holy (Vermulst)
- O Magnify the Lord (Composer Unknown)
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tional Practices". However, our special events committee had also arranged for a weeklong Mission of Renewal to be given by the Passionist Fathers. This mission reflected a major change in devotional practice in that the love, mercy and forgiveness of God was the emphasis - not the fire and brimstone we had heard about years ago.

Not content with only the accomplishment of special events, this committee went further to - shall we say - put frosting on the cake. Vestments and artifacts were secured from sources too numerous to mention here and then displayed for our parishioners to see. This one-of-a-kind collection was rightly called - "Treasures of St. Mary's".

It has been said that to have an event as important as our 150th Anniversary without publicizing it, would be comparable to winking at a girl in the dark . . . you know what you're doing, but nobody else does! Because of the conscientious follow through by our publicity committee, no one was left in the dark.

Announcements for our Parish Bulletin were submitted with regularity. The local media were personally contacted prior to all special events commemorating our anniversary. The accomplishments of this committee, and the cooperation of the media, has been evidenced by the consistent large turnout of parishioners at all events.

The banquet/reception committee found itself going in so many directions that space here does not permit an in-depth breakdown of the many many assignments it successfully completed.

The workload of this committee was doubled when it was felt that one banquet would not accommodate all of our people so another reception was scheduled to take place only hours before a banquet at Salve Regina.

Reserving sites, selecting a caterer, choosing a menu and beverages to be served, music, program, tickets, costs, etc., etc., etc. were but a few of the challenges they encountered - and successfully met.

The results of the 150th Anniversary Commemorative Book committee you're holding in your hands.

You may recall this was to be the vehicle Father McCarthy felt was necessary to give all parishioners the opportunity to have their names go down in history, so to speak.

Well, it has that . . . and more!

Many individuals felt in commemorating the past of St. Mary's, it would be appropriate to remember their loved ones of the past who made their contribution to St. Mary's but who are no longer here. As a result, memorials appear throughout this book.

The local business community, neighboring churches, social clubs, religious orders, elected officials and professional people were among those who responded with advertisements - the number of which far exceeded anyone's expectations.

Businesses and individuals miles and miles from Aquidneck Island also responded.

For example - and trivia buffs will appreciate this - from California came an advertisement from the most southwestern parish in the United States! Can you name it?

Another advertisement brings the best wishes of a Navy Chaplain (now stationed in the South) who only a few years ago was an assistant at St. Joseph's.

And so it goes . . . on every page *people* are extending to us their best wishes.

And isn't that what it's all about - *people*?

Nine months ago, when Father McCarthy felt the 150th Anniversary of St. Mary's should be a memorable one, he came to the *people* for ideas, suggestions and help. Scores and scores of parishioners, many of whom will receive no individual public recognition, came forward and willingly gave freely of their time and their talents.

While there may very well be employees of Fort Adams participating in the festivities today, we know coal miners from Portsmouth will not be attending because there are none.

But the blue collar worker is represented.

Blue collar - white collar - Roman collar . . . black skirt - black habit - blue taffeta - or blue jeans, it makes little difference. All are people in St. Mary's in 1978.

For the same reason you can't buy tomorrow's paper today, one major "news item" is missing from this book . . . the story of our celebration today.

But it will be published, not only in the local press, but in April of 2028 when our youngsters with the same amount of pride and eagerness to serve will come forward and answer the call of a pastor . . . or maybe yet another trio of the clergy . . . when they're told "something" should be done to commemorate the Bicentennial of St. Mary's.

We think we've done a good job, but we know - with the help of God - you, the youngsters of today, will do even better.

Good luck - and God Bless!

— John J. O'Malley

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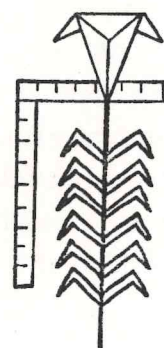
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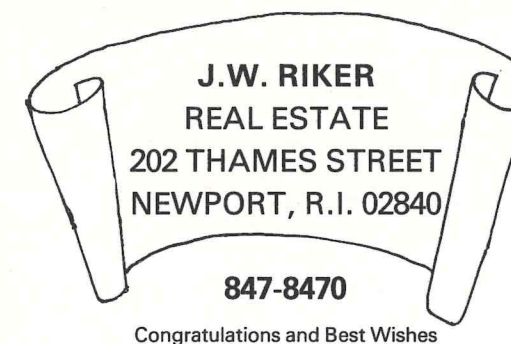
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