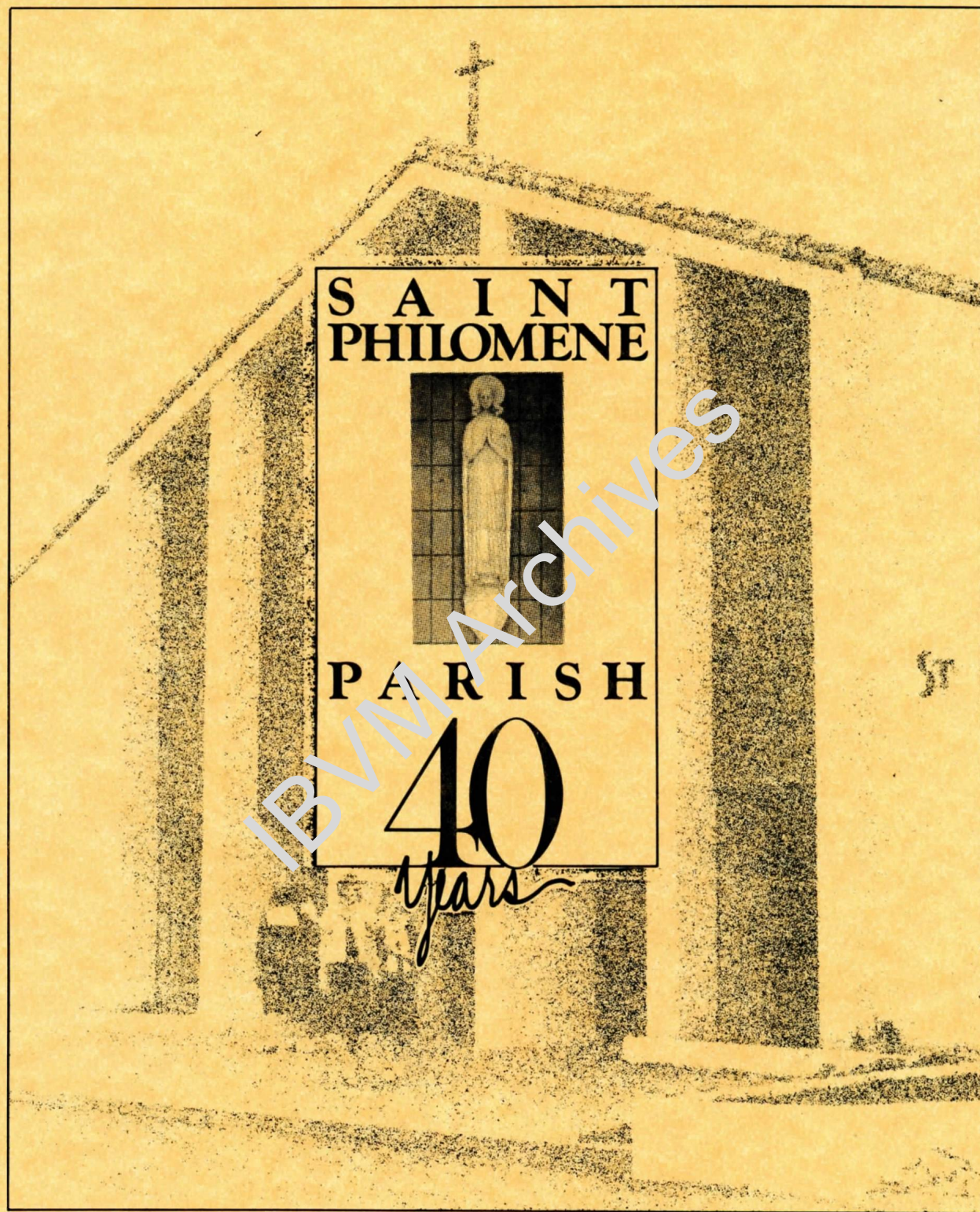
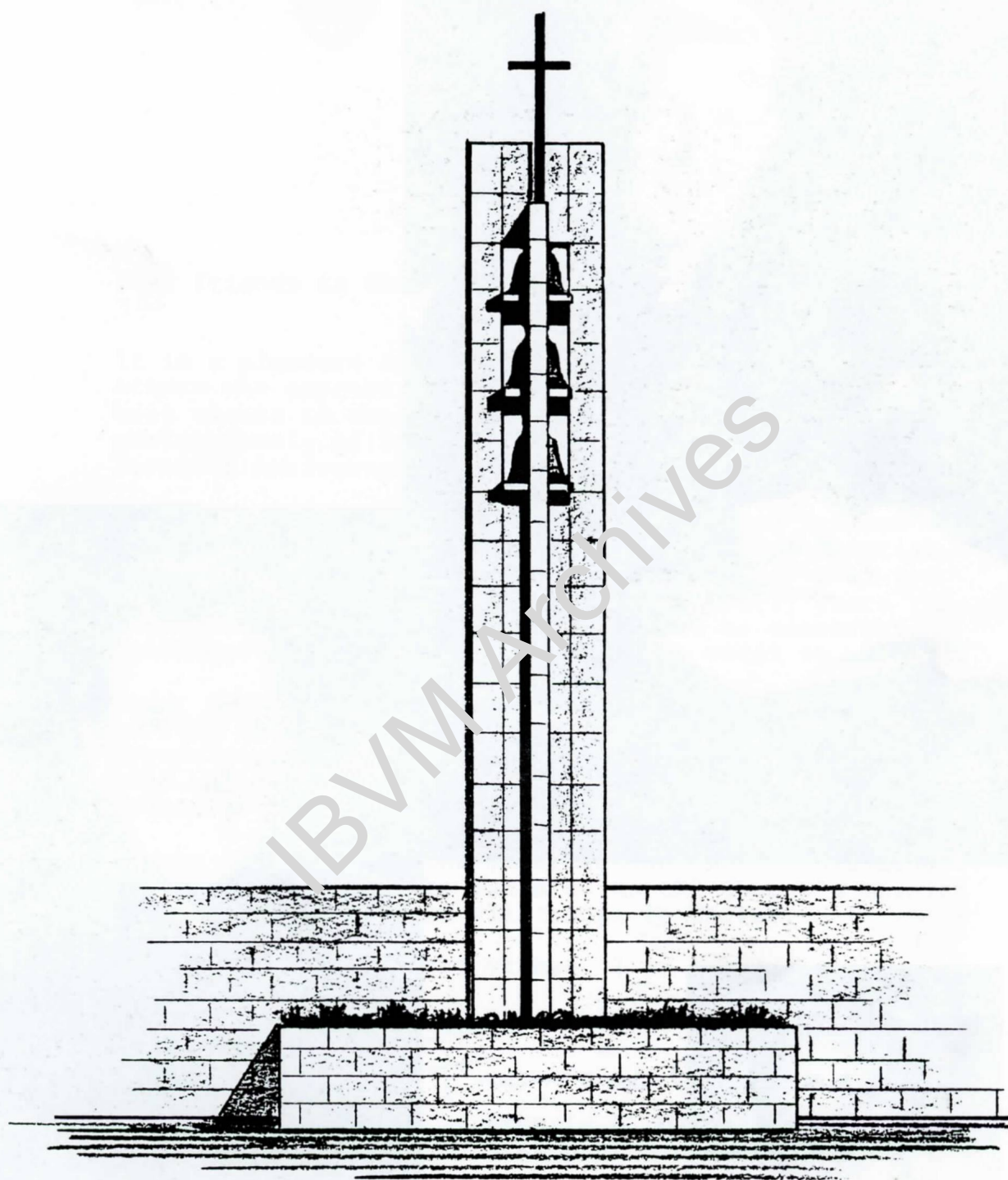
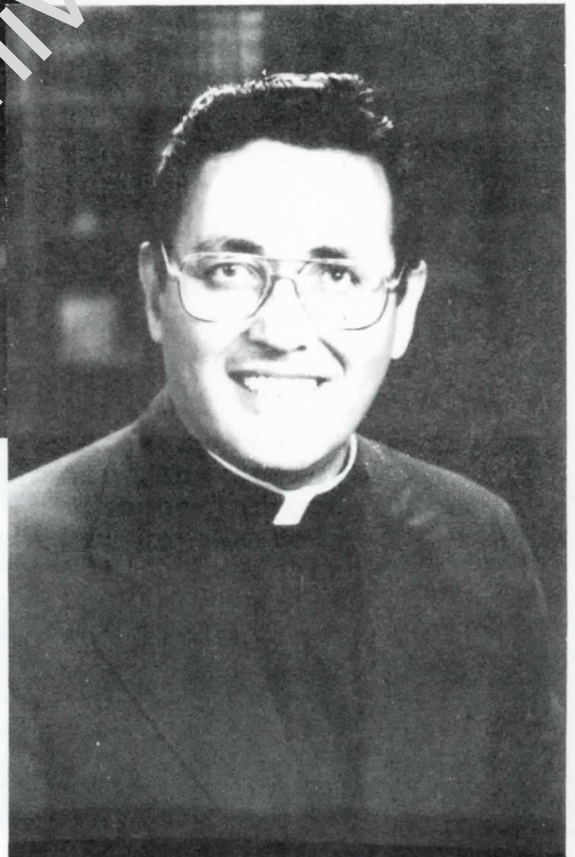




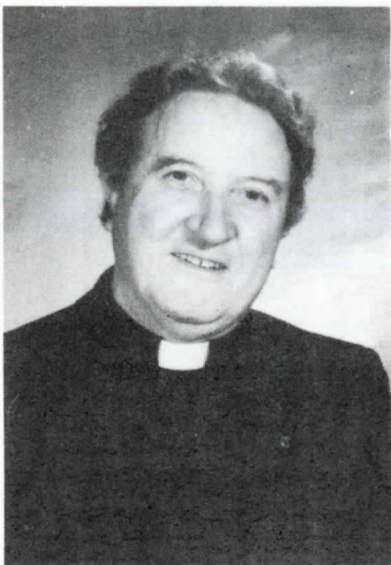
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Diocese of Sacramento

"Love God,

Love One Another"

October 14, 1988

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is a pleasure for me to add my voice to the many others who express their congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the clergy, Sisters and to all of the parish family of St. Philomene's on the occasion of the Fortieth Anniversary of your parish.

Anniversaries are special occasions when we reflect upon the people and events who have been an essential part of life's treasury of memories. I know that you have many happy recollections of those early years when you gave of your time and service to construct buildings and plan programs which are vital to a parish.

Under the pastoral care of many dedicated priests, the Loretto Sisters, and lay leadership, you have formed a joyous parish community where you worship together, your children are educated and where you can come together as a parish family.

I pray that through the intercession of St. Philomene, you may continue to be faithful to the Church's mission to renew and transform all things in Christ.

With blessings and best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Francis A. Quinn*

Francis A. Quinn
Bishop of Sacramento

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October 17, 1988

St. Philomene's Parish
2428 Bell Street
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is a joy for me to write to you to add my voice to the many others who express their congratulations to your Parish of St. Philomene on the occasion of its Fortieth Anniversary.

Parish anniversaries provide us with an opportunity to reflect gratefully on the many people who have labored to build up the local faith community. I know that you are filled with many fond memories of such events which bring a smile, a hearty laugh and a sense of admiration for the faith and fellowship over the past forty years in your part of the Lord's Vineyard.

I salute and entrust you and your loved ones to the special care of St. Philomene. I pray that through her heavenly intercession you will enjoy the rewards of a lively faith and an abiding hope in the Lord's promise of eternal happiness.

May God give you His choicest graces in the years ahead. With the assurances of my prayers and blessing, I remain

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

+ *Alphonse Gallegos*

+ Alphonse Gallegos
Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento

ST. PHILOMENE CHURCH
2428 BELL STREET
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October 24, 1988

My dear People of God:

As we observe forty years of service in this part of God's vineyard called St. Philomene's Parish, we thank God for all the blessings of those years, all that has been accomplished. At the same time, we look to the future with hope and the belief that the best is yet to come.

This occasion provides us with an opportunity to remember the early pioneers who laid the solid foundation on which we are building our present day Community of Faith. There was this stout-hearted priest, Monsignor Daniel Twomey, who had a dream and a vision, who worked so hard to motivate the emerging pioneers to raise the necessary funds, chose St. Philomena as Patron Saint, and hired an architect to design the buildings.

We owe a debt of gratitude to all those young families who worked with Msgr. Twomey to establish this wonderful Catholic Community with Church, School, Convent, and Rectory buildings. Many have since been cut off to form other Parishes - Our Lady of Assumption, St. Ignace, and Presentation. We thank you for your help.

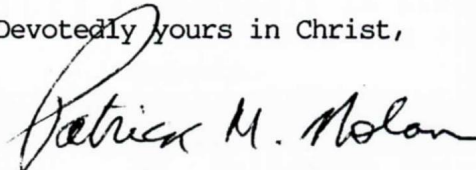
We thank all the Priests and Sisters who have served us and our children without counting the cost except generously leading others to Christ. Thanks too to all the lay teachers and staff.

They have left us a rich heritage of faith which we are in the process of handing on to a new generation. Our Community is alive and vibrant as we begin our forty-first year. Our various ministries under the general headings of Worship, Word, Service, and Community Building, provide many opportunities for our becoming involved in God's work. There is no need for unemployment when it comes to ministries.

While much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. We cannot afford to become complacent. We need to continue to grow in our faith, to reach out to others in love, to thank God for all His blessings, especially His giving us His Son Jesus in the Eucharist, calling us every Sunday to assemble as His people and be the Body of Christ.

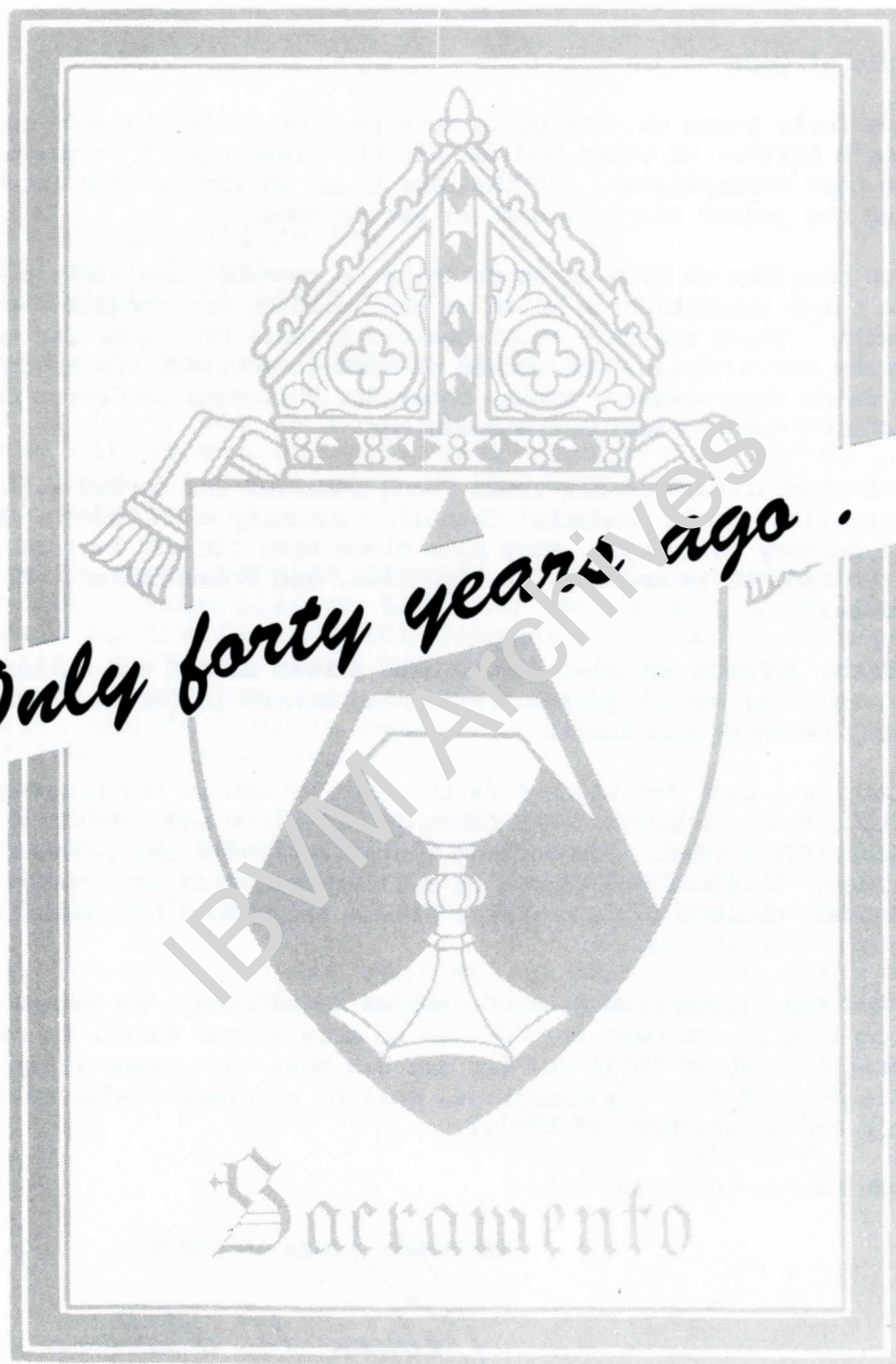
May God bless you one and all.

Devotedly yours in Christ,



Msgr. Patrick M. Nolan
Pastor

Only forty years ago . . .



Sacramento

when Town & Country Village was a one-unit dream in Jere Strizek's eye, when El Camino Avenue was kingly in name only, Father Daniel Twomey was lifted out of a comfortably established Lincoln parish and deposited by Bishop Armstrong in the barren boundaries of what was called his new parish.

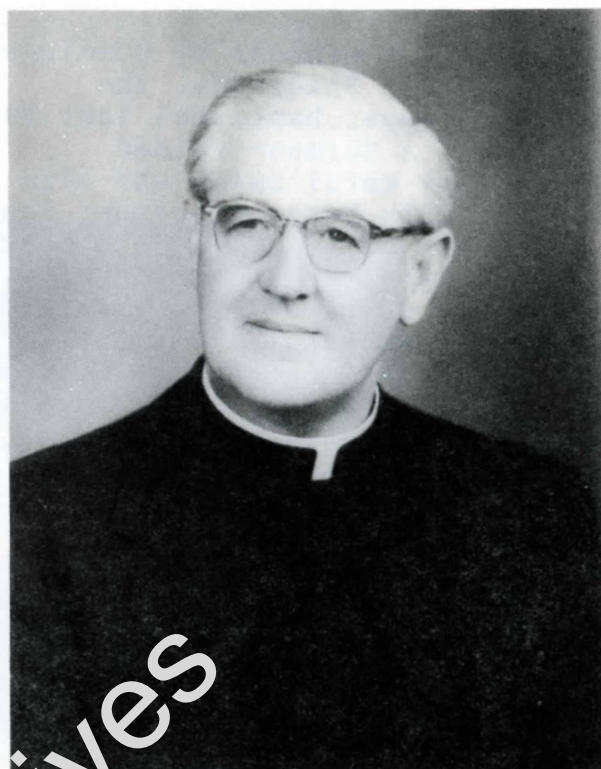
That was in 1947. By historical figurings 'not too long ago.' Can we forget the beginnings of this still vibrantly active parish? No! We will remember!

We still remember those first few months of looking for parishioners, ferreting out a meeting place, finding the Bungalow Club (Eddy's Brau Hof now), celebrating Mass amidst remnants of crepe paper and bandstand, the census runs, the parties, the striving to find and bind together enough people to make a parish.

Twenty nine people attended the first Mass. In three months a master plan of a five-unit building program was drawn up by Nicholas Tomich, was presented, outlined, subscribed to: convent, hall, rectory, church school. In four months the six acres at El Camino and Bell was purchased. In less than a year a two wing building was up and in use.

In 1949 the Ladies of Loretto arrived, enrollment began for St. Philomene School, six grades and six teachers. Over the years that auspicious beginning expanded to seventeen classrooms (kindergarten through eighth grade). Thousands of children have been educated in St. Philomene School.

After thirteen years of working, budgeting and keeping up the spirit of community, St. Philomene, as a parish plant, represented close to a million dollars. Yet something was missing. The sanctuary walls remained bare. John De Rosen, a noted artist (whose 75 foot figure of Christ in mosaic can be viewed in the Shrine of



MONSIGNOR DANIEL TWOMEY

the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C.) was commissioned to do the sanctuary mural, completing the interior of the church.

In 1952, when the plans were started, an area was set aside for the bell tower. By 1961, Msgr. Twomey and the architects began the work to build the tower which was to hold 2½ tons of bronze bells -- 49 feet above the earth. Cast in the bell foundry of Petit and Fritsen, Holland, the smallest of the three is 34" in diameter and weighs 880 pounds, the middle bell is 39" across and weighs 1,320 pounds, and the tenor bell is almost four feet from rim to rim and weighs 2,200 pounds.

There is a legacy of treasure in St. Philomene beyond the mural and the bells . . . enhanced by the deep spiritual dedication of the people who build this parish . . . the glass mosaic stations, the

stained glass windows by Cummings Studio in San Francisco, the hammered copper baptismal font by Hans Grag, a German-trained Nevada City metal smith who also made the Holy Water Dispenser Font, a sanctuary bell and the sanctuary light holder, the brass repousse tabernacle door, abalone cabachons of the processional cross, the handmade color-glazed tile of the sanctuary, the figure of St. Philomene at the front of the church, the custom-built organ in the loft. Yes, from the early days and through the years the people of the parish built to leave a fine legacy of treasure and talent for the generations to come.

From the beginning of twenty-nine people attending the first Mass at the Bungalow Club, St. Philomene has grown to a parish of 1400 families, with lay people heading and participating in some thirty-five parish ministries: WORD -- Catholic Youth Ministry, School of Religious Education, Rite of Christian Initiation of Children, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Evenings For The Engaged, Adult Education, Scripture Sharing, School and Re-membling; WORSHIP-- Eucharistic Ministers, Liturgical Art and Environment, Lectors, Ushers, Music, Altar Servers, Welcome/Hospitality; COMMUNITY -- Parents and Patrons, Knights of Columbus, Sharing and Caring, Holy Name Society, Marriage Encounter, Young Adults, Boy Scouts of America, Brownies (Girl Scouts), Juniorette and Junior Catholic Daughters of The Americas, Festival; SERVICE -- Women's Guild, Building and Grounds Maintenance, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Mary's Aides, Sharing His Bounty, Social Justice, Right To Life; and, RENEW.

From the beginning of twenty-nine people attending the first Mass at the Bungalow Club, the parish has grown, been divided to form the

parishes of Our Lady of The Assumption, St. Ignatius of Loyola and Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Today the parish is approximately bounded by Watt Avenue on the East, Cottage Way to Ethan and Arden Way on the South, the freeway on the West and Auburn Boulevard on the North. As of this fortieth anniversary of the parish there have been 5,680 infant and adult baptisms, 4,618 First Holy Communions, 3,303 have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, 1,503 marriages, and 789 burials.

Under the guidance of the four pastors of St. Philomene Parish, Msgr. Daniel Twomey, Msgr. Raymond Renwald, Fr. James O'Dea and Msgr. Patrick M. Nolan, the parish community has experienced a rich and fulfilling spirituality, social activity and friendships. Through the years, beginning with the Holy Name Society, St. Martha's Altar Society (replaced by St. Philomene Women's Guild), Mothers Club (replaced by St. Philomene Parents and Patrons Club), and the Booster Club, there has been constant growth and development. Hot dog day at the school, First Friday Breakfast for the students, Queen For A Day Luncheons, Fashion Shows, Boxing matches, St. Patrick Day dinner-dances, Yuletide Capers dinner-dances, parish festivals, four-hour-a-month-club which did so much plant maintenance, bingo, golf tournaments, parish picnics -- it all meant work -- it forged community and countless long, enduring personal friendships.

Writing a new chapter in the history of the parish, the parish community has embarked upon the three-year program RENEW . . . and it would seem quite fitting to conclude with an excerpt from the RENEW Prayer, "Go Forth," to express the spirit of love and dedication which inspired our parish pioneers and never faded in the intervening years.



"Father, we go forth from this gathering renewed by your love and your word. We have been blessed by your presence in the assembly of your people. Be with us as we continue the work we have begun as we go out among others. Be our strength, our hope, our love and our life. Let our lives be rich with your love and the love of your people. Let us be constant in our affection for you. May our understanding of you always grow as we sing your glory and praise.

Amen.

PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ST. PHILOMENE PARISH

1947-68	*Rt. Rev. Monsignor Daniel Twomey, PASTOR
1949-51	Rev. F. P. Reinfels
1951-53	Rev. John P. McDonnell
1953-59	Rev. Michael Lynch
1956-57	*Rev. P. F. Keane
1959-67	Rev. John van Snellenberg
1959-60	Rev. Charles Fagan
1960-63	Rev. C. Vincent O'Shaughnessy
1963-64	Rev. Bernard Burns
1964-66	Rev. Edmund O'Neill
1966-68	Rev. Cornelius O'Donnell
1967-71	Rev. Charles Brady
1968-73	Monsignor Raymond Renwald, PASTOR
1968-73	Rev. John J. Moloney
1969-74	Rev. Vincent O'Reilly
1970-74	*Rev. Hugh Bannon
1970-74	Rev. Edward O'Hara
1972-73	Rev. Thomas Maguire
1973-82	*Rev. James O'Dea, PASTOR
1973-83	Rev. Edward Lyznicki
1974-80	Rev. John Cantwell
1980-83	Rev. Gerald Ryle
1983-	Monsignor Patrick M. Nolan, PASTOR
1984-88	Rev. Philip J. Wells
1986-	Rev. Leon Juchniewicz
1988-	Rev. Thomas L. Seabridge

* Deceased

LADIES OF LORETTO WHO HAVE SERVED IN ST. PHILOMENE PARISH

*Eleanor Adette
*Edwarda Allen
*Lucia Altenberg
Arlene Ashack
*Felician Bell
++ Benita Bannon
++ Raphael Best
Maria Bierer
Denise Brudwick
Mary Carton
Michelle Cates
Marguerite Caulfield
*St. Maurus Cavanaugh
Francis Clarke
Arlene Connelly
Lorraine Crawford
Mary Creighton
++ Mary Ellen Denehey
Nancy Doolin
*Alfreda Drew
Jane Frances DuCharme
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Therese Fenlon
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Wilhelmine Fromm
Jean Frye
Mary Juana Gallagher
Mary Irene Gavin
Jackie Gleason
*St. William Gormaly
*Roberta Gormaly
Aloyse Hackett
Catherine Hanlon
Dorothea Harkenrider
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Florence Hayes
Irene Hayes
Kathleen Heffron
Mary Andre Hensel

Catherine Heraty
Judy Illig
Elaine Iwanski
*St. Frederick Kompare
Agnas Labelle
*Laurentia Loveland
++ Nora Lowe
Annette Lynch
Justina Malone
Veronka Marton
Francis McCarron
Evelyn McClosky
*Thaddea McElvaney
++ St. Edmund McGuire
Jane McKirchy
*St. Mel McNally
Patrice Moore
Mary Howard Moriarty
Mary Clare Pracek
Josephine O'Brien
Margaret O'Connor
Celine Oliva
Therese O'Neill
Leata Purpura
Mary Quinn
Perry Risolo
Betty Rhodes
*Lillian Ryan
Mary Rita Rzeppa
Miriam Scanlon
Jane Siciliano
Collette Srill
Jean Stadler
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