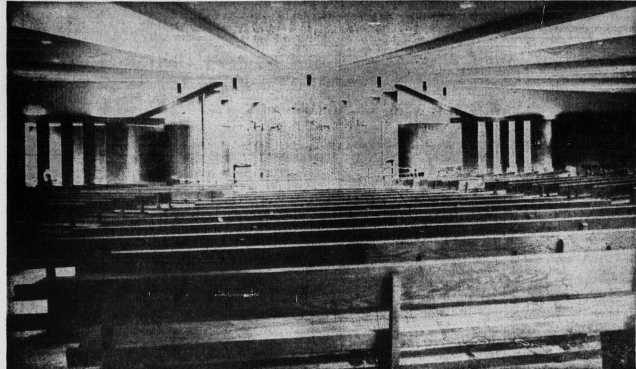


EXTERIOR GLIMPSE OF CHURCH AND RECTORY



VIEW FROM REAR FACING ALTAR

Parish History Recalled; Improvements Are Noted

It was a little more than 35 years ago when Holy Redeemer Parish was born and work began on a new church at the corner of Upper Queen and Bayfield Streets.

The late Bishop Louis J. O'Leary, realizing the need of an older Catholic church in the city, created the new parish and invited the Redeemerists Fathers to administer to the needs of its people.

The invitation was readily accepted and the Redeemerist Provincial named Rev. Joseph McGreel C.S.R. as the first superior. Father McGreel arrived in Charlottetown in the spring of 1929 and soon acquired a residence for himself and his assistant priests at 73 Euston Street.

This served as a home for the Redeemerists until last week when they moved to their spacious new quarters adjoining the new church.

Work commenced in June, 1929 on the first Church of The Most Holy Redeemer and the cornerstone was laid on August 12, 1929 by Bishop Louis O'Leary, one of his last official tasks before his death. Delivering the sermon on that occasion was the late Rt. Rev. G.J. MacLellan.

It was at Christmas, 1929 that Holy Redeemer parishioners first had the opportunity of attending services in their own church. The first Mass was celebrated at midnight by the then Vicar General of the diocese,

Monaghan MacLean Rev. Philip Quinn C.S.R. preached the opening sermon and remained in Charlottetown to conduct the first mission at Holy Redeemer in January, 1930.

Father McGreel had two assistant priests when the parish began. They were Rev. Joseph O'Hara and Rev. Charles MacCormack. Early in 1930 Rev. W. Enright was named as an assistant to Father McGreel.

It was anything but prosperous times when Holy Redeemer Parish came into existence. However, it mattered little because an energetic people worked wholeheartedly with the priest to create many parish improvements.

Improvements came gradually and parishioners took great pride in their many achievements. Holy Redeemer was a regular beehive of activity and parish spirit became mighty high. Parishioners worked hand in hand to make a better parish and the social life of parish members was well looked after in the confines of their own particular area.

Tennis courts were provided, rink facilities became a reality, drama groups sprang up and scouts, guides and Cubs got into the swing of things. The old parish hall, a former garage, provided for many activities and served nobly until the erection of the Community Centre in the early 1930's.

But the parish grew and grew

and many years ago it was felt that the church was not adequate to provide for the people attending. Planning began several years ago on the construction of a new edifice and the church being blessed today by His Excellency Most Rev. Malcolm MacEachern is the fruit of such planning.

Fifty-five priests and 10 lay brothers have served at Holy Redeemer in the 35 years it has existed. Many of them will be here for the opening of the new church. Death has claimed several who were attached to Holy Redeemer including three rectors, Rev. H.I. Fleming, Rev. L. Howard and Rev. Archibald MacDonald. Other superiors who guided the destinies of Holy Redeemer were Rev. Joseph McGreel, Rev. W.J. Enright, Rev. Edward Baldwin, Rev. Alex MacLellan, Rev. Gregory Murphy, Rev. C. Moreau and the present rector, Rev. Frank Maloney.

Holy Redeemer is justly proud of its record and folks in this active parish are hopeful of a continuation of blessings in the years ahead. The new structure is one of the finest to be seen

anywhere and it should indeed fill a great need in the lives of persons of this particular area of Charlottetown.

Pipe Smokers Show Increase

MONTREAL (CP) — Canadian smokers are buying pipes at a record pace, the British Tobacco Company of Canada reported Thursday.

The dollar value of retail sales in the first half of 1934 increased by more than 75 per cent over the same period last year. The council estimates \$4,100,000 worth of pipes were sold from January to June compared to \$2,300,000 in the first six months of 1933.

First quarter demand was so great that many medium-priced lines were out of stock by April. Female smokers are no longer uncommon. Suppliers could not meet the demand for women's models at one point.

Blessing Scheduled

The solemn blessing of the new Church of the Most Holy Redeemer is set for 4 o'clock this afternoon. Performing the ceremony will be His Excellency Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, bishop of Charlottetown.

Deacons to Bishop MacEachern will be Rt. Rev. Patrick McMahon, Southport, and Very Rev. William Simpson, rector of St. Dunstan's Basilica. Master of ceremonies will be Very Rev. P.F. MacDonald, rector of St. Pius X parish, Parkdale.

Following the blessing ceremony, Solemn High Mass will be celebrated by Very Rev. Frank Maloney, C.S.R. rector at Holy Redeemer, Deacon and Lecturer will be Very Rev. John Lockwood C.S.R., provincial superior of the Toronto province of the Redeemerist Fathers, and Rev. Cameron MacDonald C.S.R., curate at Holy Redeemer.

Before the blessing this afternoon, Joseph Murphy, representing the firm of Williams, Murphy and MacLeod, general contractors, will hand over the keys of the church and rectory to the architect, Alfred J. Hennessey. In turn Mr. Hennessey will turn the same keys over to the rector, Father Maloney who will take possession in the name of the parish.

Following the ceremonies at the church, the ladies of Holy Redeemer C.W.L. sub-division are holding a salad supper from 5 until 8 in the Community Centre.

Sunday masses in the new church will be celebrated at the usual hours: 7.30, 8.30, 10.00 and 11.30. Special visitors are Rev. Joseph McGreel C.S.R., first rector at Holy Redeemer.

Many of the priests who were claimed law later by the cabinet, provide for the following: Establishment of a 12-mile fishing limit and an enlarged territorial zone drawn with straight baselines from headland to headland.

Creation of a united defence command under a single chief, leading to the gradual integration of the three armed forces.

Payment of \$10 monthly allowances to students and disabled youths aged 16 and 17, except in Quebec which has its own plan.

Authorization for a \$275,000 bond transaction between the American, Canadian and British Columbia governments to finance the Columbia River power project.



SOME OF THE PIONEERS

Fifty-five priests and several lay brothers served at Holy Redeemer since the parish began in 1929. Here is a picture of one of the first communities. Front row, left

to right: Rev. Gerald Murphy C.S.R., Rev. Joseph McGreel C.S.R. (rector), Rev.

W.J. Enright C.S.R.; back row: Brother Daniel C.S.R. and Rev. Joseph O'Hara. The photo was taken in 1931.

'Firsts' Are Noted For City Parish

When the old Holy Redeemer Church closed its doors this morning after the 7.30 Mass, it marked the end of nearly 35 years of service.

With the opening of the new church set for this afternoon, folks were recalling events which happened years ago when the "old" church was the "new" church.

Opened for Christmas, 1929, Holy Redeemer had its first baptism that very same day.

First marriage performed was that of Mrs. John Duffy, 53 Elm Ave. Mrs. Duffy was buried on January 3, 1930.

It was a big occasion at Holy Redeemer on June 7, 1937, when

one of Holy Redeemer's own natures, Rev. Edward Berrigan, C.S.R. celebrated his first High Mass. Later that year, Nov. 27, a new Hammond Electric organ was installed at the church (the first on the island) and a huge congregation was present for the occasion. Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan C.S.R. was the preacher for this special occasion. That same evening, Professor Bertrand, Chatham (who had installed the organ) gave a recital.

Each Tuesday at Holy Redeemer, Mother of Perpetual Help devotions are held. These began on February 2, 1930, when Rev. Joseph McGreel C.S.R. was rector.

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Top Entertainment Provided By Groups

Holy Redeemer drama groups gave some really fine entertainment to Charlottetown audiences since the parish began 35 years ago.

Ligorian Players were formed back in 1923 by the then rector, Very Rev. H.I. Fleming C.S.R. and the group came through with some really worthwhile productions.

These folks were ambitious. They staged heavy drama, operas, farce comedies and comedy-dramas and all of them met with fine approval from big audiences.

A musical revue and a short comedy began the long list of plays back in 1923. The old parish hall was jammed packed for three nights and everybody had a whole of a good time.

Minaret shows came annually and were always decided hits. These shows were not only fun for the folks paying admission. They also provided great amusement for the young people taking part.

Holy Redeemer players were most fortunate in the direction they received. Many talented men looked after their shows and saw to it that they gave as close to a professional touch as possible. Priests like Father Fleming, Father Cloran, Father Gallery and Father Gallagher really came through with excellent programs. Exceptionally fine presentations were viewed in Bernadette de Lourdes, Lady of Fatima, Father Dan, The Rosary.

First class comedies presented included plays such as Cinderella O'Reilly, The Hottentot, Stranger in the House, Har-mony Hotel, You Can't Beat the Irish and Which Is Which.

The work of Ligorian Players has indeed been appreciated by theatre goers in Prince Edward Island and undoubtedly this talented group will have many more such high class efforts in the years ahead.

Best Wishes

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