

APPENDIX J

Newspaper Articles

THE DAILY FREE PRESS,
BURLINGTON, AUGUST 24, 1850

THE NEW FRENCH CHURCH

The Ceremony of the Benediction of the Corner Stone of the French Church, on Goff Street (North Prospect Street), took place on Thursday, in the presence of a large assemblage of our citizens. The Very Rev. Mr. Mignault, Vicar General of the Diocese of Montreal, performed the impressive services, and pronounced an appropriate discourse in French and English. The Rev. Messrs. Larocque Titular Canon, Lamondon and Hubeedault, Chaplains, of the Bishop of Montreal, and Rev. Messrs. Gravel, Curate of St. Athansee, Leclere, Curate of Stanbridge, and Hardy, Curate of St. Louis de Gonzague, were present, with Rev. Mr. Quevillon, Missionary Priest to the French Catholics in Burlington and vicinity, were present and assisted at the interesting ceremony. Much is due to the untiring perseverance and energy of the Rev. Mr. Quevillon for the success that has thus far attended the efforts of our French population to secure for themselves a place of worship.

The new Church, the foundations of which are already laid, will be 95 by 48 feet, with a Steeple or tower 60 feet in height, and a Sacristy or Vestry, extending from the rear, 32 by 22 feet.

BURLINGTON FREE PRESS 3/19/1869

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY-This festival was very appropriately observed today by the St. John's and St. Joseph's Societies of this city. At ten o'clock the St. John's Society, headed by the Jericho Brass Band, visited the St. Joseph's Society at their hall in Leavenworth Block, when the grand procession was formed in the following order: Francis Guimond and Samuel Gravelin, marshals of St. John's Society, mounted; Lewis Roberts band marshal; Jericho Band; Officers and members of St. Joseph Society; Oliver Varan and John Ross, marshals of St. Joseph's Society, mounted; Felix Bador, band marshal; Charlotte Band; officers and members of St. Joseph Society; orator of the day, and citizens generally. The column moved from College Street to Church Street; thence to Pearl Street; Pearl Street to Gough, and up Gough to St. Joseph's Church, where divine services were held, mass being celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop De Goesbriand and an able and eloquent sermon preached by Rev. J.L.M. Cam of Swanton. The ceremonies at the church concluded the procession reformed in the same order as above, and paraded through the streets of

the city, as follows: Gough Street to Winooski; thence to North St.; North to Champlain, Champlain to Pearl, Pearl to St. Paul, St. Paul to Main, Main to corner of Church, where the lines were broken and all repaired to City Hall, to listen to an oration by Mod. Lanctot, Esq., of this city, a gentleman whom we have never had the pleasure of hearing in public, but who is described to us as a polished and fluent orator.

The programme of the day concludes with religious services at St. Joseph Church this evening.

The procession was quite large, and the members, wearing badges of their respective societies, and bearing the French and American flags side by side, presented a highly creditable appearance. Everything was conducted in an exceedingly orderly manner. The weather was all that could be desired and the whole proceedings passed off in the most satisfactory manner.

THE BURLINGTON FREE PRESS AND TIMES,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1873

DEDICATION OF THE SITE OF THE NEW ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

The dedication of the ground on Allen Street, for the new French Catholic Church, took place with imposing ceremonies last evening. The rain, which had been falling nearly all day, slackened, and the weather was all that could be desired for the success of the exercises. At 5 o'clock the procession formed in front of Nazareth School House on Allen Street, and marched through Locust (Elmwood Avenue), North and Murray Streets to the ground on Allen Street in the following order: Children carrying crosses and incense, the Lafayette Cornet Band, under the leadership of Ed. T. Paige of the Queen City Band, children of the schools of St. Joseph, Nazareth and the Orphan Asylum, and children of Mary, who carried a splendidly worked banner, the societies of St. Joseph and St. Jean Baptiste, with banners and flags, the cross that was to be planted on the site of the new church, carried by two men; choir of male voices, who sang during the march; Fathers Cloarec, Lynch, Lane, and Michaud of this city, Druon of St. Albans, and Audette of Winooski, and Bishops Fabre and De Goesbriand; men, women and children, the whole forming quite a lengthy procession. On arriving at the stand, a hymn was sung by the choir, and the cross blessed by the Bishop, and kissed by the attending priests, and then placed in its position, after which an address was delivered in French by Bishop Fabre of Montreal. The benediction

was then pronounced by Bishop De Goesbriand, the whole audience kneeling. After the conclusion of the exercises at the stand, the different societies re-formed, and marched to their several headquarters, the people dispersing to their homes.

BURLINGTON FREE PRESS JUNE 9, 1883

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. J.M. Cloarec

The French Catholic celebration last night in honor of Rev. J.M. Cloarec's 25 years priesthood was a notable event, the procession to the church being imposing in numbers and full of zeal and merriment. The mass of humanity, advancing with sparkling fireworks and eager tumult, the interchange of courtesies at the church and the final observances, made a memorable occasion. Rev. Mr. Cloarec has had charge of St. Joseph's Church for 12 years, and his ordination took place in this city. He has gained widespread respect and devotion among our citizens.

The parish of St. Joseph's Church the St. Jean Baptiste and St. Joseph societies, the church choir, the children of all the French Catholic schools and others, to the number of about 700, assembled on Allen Street and formed in procession last night, and marched by Elmwood Avenue, North Street, Winooski Avenue and Archibald Street to St. Joseph's Church. The City band headed the procession, playing creditably, fireworks were let off along the line of march, and appropriate illuminated mottoes were carried in the column. Cannon were fired at different points on the way and at the church, where a large number of the parishioners and friends - some two or three thousand - were assembled and where Rev. Mr. Cloarec was met, and was notified of his parishioners' desire to do honor for his long and faithful pastorate. Addresses were then presented by the sociality of the children of St. Mary, by the children of the French Catholic School, by President A.H. Duhamel of the St. Joseph society, and President Clement Beaupre of the St. Jean Baptiste society and by Alphonse Rousseau for the parish. With each address a handsome present was made, the St. Joseph's society giving a fine cake basket and \$25 in silver, the St. Jean Baptiste society presenting a handsome silver ice pitcher, the St. Joseph parish \$100 in silver, and the other delegations various valuable gifts. The addresses thanked Mr. Cloarec for his faithful labors for the parish, and were filled with acceptable congratulations. At the conclusion of the addresses Rev. Mr. Cloarec responded feelingly, returning thanks for their kind expressions and celebration. Then short addresses were made by Rev. J.H. Carrieres and Rev. J.H. Kerlidon, expressing their sympathy with the occasion and voicing their regard for Rev. Mr. Cloarec. The choir gave selections.

A huge bonfire then sent up its light high in air, a blazing cross rising above all, and after a pleasant sociality the crowd dispersed amid music by the band.

BURLINGTON FREE PRESS 7/3/1884

Where to spend the glorious Fourth; Go to Montpelier with the Ethans; go to Rouse's Point on the Reindeer; go the firemen's muster at Fairhaven; stay at home and witness the ceremonies connected with the laying of the cornerstone of the new French Catholic Church.

The cornerstone of the new French Catholic Church will be laid with imposing ceremonies tomorrow. High Mass will be celebrated at 8 AM at the church, which will be elaborately decorated. The cornerstone will be laid in the afternoon and, in connection with the ceremonial, there will be a procession through the principal streets of the two French societies.

The members of St. Joseph's Society are arranging for a grand celebration, next month, in honor of the society's quarter-centennial. Arrangements have been made for an excursion to this city from Montreal, when tickets for the round trip will be sold at \$3. The celebration is sure of a large attendance and will be a notable affair in every respect.

BURLINGTON FREE PRESS 7/4/1884

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new French Catholic church will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon. There will be a procession of the French societies from their headquarters to the Cathedral, where it will be joined by the Bishop and clergy, in carriages, and will then proceed to the church. There will be two sermons, one in French and one in English. The people generally are invited to attend. At 8 o'clock this morning Rev. Father Cloarec will celebrate High Mass at the new church, in the open air. The church has been elaborately decorated for the occasion by the St. Jean Baptist society, the members of which, together with those of the St. Joseph Society, will attend mass in a body.

EXCERPT FROM LAYING THE CORNERSTONE

(Taken from article in the Burlington Free Press, Monday, July 7, 1884)

The cornerstone of the new French Catholic Church on Allen Street was laid with imposing ceremonies on Friday.

Within the stone was placed the following document:

To the Lord God, Almighty and Bountiful: In the year of Our Lord 1884 on the 4th day of July, it being the anniversary of the declaration of the independence of the United States of America, under the reign of our glorious Pontiff, Leo XIII, Pope at Rome, Chester A.

Arthur being President of the United States, John L. Barstow, Governor of Vermont, George H. Morse, Mayor of the City of Burlington, Rev. Jerome M. Cloarec; Rector of the present church of St. Joseph; this cornerstone of the new church, in honor of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, was laid by the Right Rev. Louis deGoesbriand, first Bishop of the diocese of Burlington.

The architect of the proposed church is Rev. John S. Michaud (sic).* The following Rev. gentlemen were present at the ceremony: Very Rev. Thomas Lynch, V.G., Rev. Daniel J. O'Sullivan, Rev. John Coathuel of Burlington, Rev. George N. Caissey of St. Albans, Rev. Magiorius Pigeon of Underhill, Rev. John S. Michaud and Rev. Gaivader of Winooski, Rev. Edward Moloney of Middlebury, Rev. John J. Cam of Swanton, Rev. Francis Yvinec of Milton, Rev. Andrew Hamon, Deacon, Thomas Donahue, cleric.

*Note by R.G. Keenan: The architect was Rev. Joseph Michaud, The Clerics of St. Viateur of Montreal.

THE BURLINGTON FREE PRESS,
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1886

THE NEW ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Vespers Held in it Sunday-Nearly 2000 People Present.

The decorations on the arch and ceiling of the new St. Joseph's church were completed last week and in order to allow the congregation to inspect the work the church was thrown open to the public yesterday, vespers services being held there in the afternoon. The staging was but partially removed, but a good idea could be obtained of the beauty of the magnificent arch running the entire length of the vast auditorium as well as the majestic proportions of the structure itself. From the time that the doors of the church were opened until they were closed, it was continually thronged, and no one spoke of the edifice, but to praise its attractions. At 5 o'clock, vespers were chanted by the choirs of the St. Joseph church and St. Francis Xavier church of Winooski, accompanied by the Sherman Military Band under the direction of A.N. Duval. The accompaniment was performed on an organ kindly loaned by A.L. Bailey. The choir and band were stationed in the second gallery above the entrance to the church and the effect of the music was fine. Rt. Rev. Bishop DeGoesbriand and Rev. Fathers Cloarec, Coathuel and Yvinec participated in the services and at the close of the services the bishop pronounced the episcopal benediction.

The church is one of which any congregation might well be proud, and when completed it will be one of the finest in Vermont. The auditorium is 150 feet long and 70 feet wide, and the sanctuary, which is 35 feet deep, is situated at the south end.

The top of the lofty arch is about 55 feet above the floor and the base rests on twelve immense columns, six in a row on each side, which are of the Corinthian order, thirty feet high and three feet in diameter. The sides of the arch are divided into large panels corresponding with the columns with a centre piece, circular in form and bearing various devices. That over the altar represents the Holy Trinity and the next in order the alpha and omega, the Lamb, the Holy Ghost, the sacred heart of Jesus, the holy heart of Mary, and over the gallery is the shield of Canada and Brittany. These centre pieces are handsomely decorated in various colors. There are also side panels finely finished in arabesque, while over the capitals of the columns are a cornice and frieze with artistic decorations. The walls of the sanctuary are not completed, but the designs show that they will be remarkably rich, and the altar will also be in keeping with the rest. It is the intention to erect a pulpit near the second column from the altar, on the left side. The confessional and baptismal fonts will be located on either side of the main entrance. In each corner next to the street are circular staircases, leading to the first and second stories, and stairs leading to the basement, which affords a vast schoolroom, the same size as the auditorium. It is expected that the auditorium will seat between 1100 and 1200 persons.

Work upon the foundations of the church was begun September 1, 1883, and the cornerstone was laid July 4, 1884. Over \$70,000 has already been expended on the structure, all of which has been raised by the congregation, and a few friends, and it is estimated that at least \$100,000 will be required to complete the work. It is expected that the church will be ready for next spring.

THE BURLINGTON FREE PRESS AND TIMES:
FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1889

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Picturings of the Incidents Surrounding the Saviour's Last Hours to Be Unveiled at St. Joseph's Today.

The members of the Congregation of St. Joseph of this city, who are so proud of their large, beautiful church edifice, are now overjoyed by the reception of their new "Stations of the Cross;" a series of pictures illustrative of the last steps in the Atonement. The works have been in their place for some days, and today they will be unveiled at 8 PM, and consecrated. Fourteen incidents are represented, the medium of expression being 'Carton Pierre, sculptured in alto relievo. The designs were specially prepared for St. Joseph's church and executed in Paris by the celebrated firm of Troe Robert, who received close on \$1000 for the completed series. The artist admirably succeeded in producing a work in perfect harmony with the style and decoration of the building. The frames of the pictures rest on the wain-

seating and reach to the base of the corbels on the walls. Remarkable in these pictures are the characteristic distinction of every figure, the perfection of pose, and the realism of expression attained in the portrayal of all the varied passions that shook the throng that lined the road to cavalry. (sic) The study of these 14 remarkable pictures should give much pleasure to lovers of art and scholars acquainted with the history of the Roman empire in the days of Jesus Christ; to Christians who believe in the Incarnation and Redemption they should prove an incentive to devotion.

A word regarding the exercise of "the way of the cross" may not be out of place. It consists, when performed privately, in going round all the stations in succession, recalling to mind the special pain suffered by our Lord, as represented in each picture, and praying for grace to imitate him, and follow his teachings. As to the origin of this devotion, it may be said to go back to the very days of the apostles, when they whom He had chosen, Mary, his mother, and the disciples who lived in Jerusalem must have made it a practice to visit the spots wherein He had suffered and died. In fact, as there have ever been Christians in Jerusalem since the days of Christ, each of those sacred spots has always been known, and Christians from other lands never ceased to visit the Holy Land, when circumstances permitted it. At this very time there are about 300 American pilgrims in the Holy Land.

Among those who will examine and study the pictures in St. Joseph's church, there will be some who may wonder at seeing scenes represented of which they never hear. There are many things that Christ did and said which are not recorded in the gospels, and those scenes were witnessed by the first Christians, and transmitted by them to future generations, and they are now represented in painting and statuary.

Starting from the southeast corner, or gospel side, of St. Joseph's church, the pictured incidents of the "way of the cross" may be followed. The first work represents the scene in the Praetorium at the moment when Pilate hands Jesus over to his countrymen. The forced assumption of the great cross of crucifixion forms the subject of the second work, while the third picture realistically presents the falling of the Master under its weight. The fourth work is a sympathetic showing of that tenderly sad meeting with his mother on the way; and the coming of Simon of Cyrene to bear the material cross is pictured within the fifth frame. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus in the sixth scene, and in the seventh Jesus is shown as having fallen for the second time. The dignified, yet tenderly sympathetic, rebuke - "weep not for me but for yourselves" administered to the daughters of Jerusalem inspires the eighth work of the series. The falling of Jesus again forms the subject of the ninth scene, while the stripping of the garments, the nailing to the cross and the "It is finished" incidents occupy the three following pictures. The taking of the body from the cross

and the laying in the sepulchre complete this wonderful series of lifelike representations of that short way of the cross, from the Praetorium to Golgotha, which put a period to the old world in the darkness that preceded the dawn of Christianity.

THE BURLINGTON DAILY FREE PRESS,
BURLINGTON, VT., THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1890
VOL. 47 NO. 170

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Bishop DeGoesbriand's Semi-Centennial Celebration Today

Prominent Church Dignitaries to be Present and Imposing Ceremonies Carried Out-High Mass With Sermon by Bishop Healy-The Programme.

The golden jubilee of Bishop DeGoesbriand promises to be a fitting celebration of the attainment of his 50th year of labor in the Catholic church of Vermont. A large number of dignitaries, priests and delegates will be in attendance and the ceremonies will be most imposing. The Burlington priests at the episcopal residence had a busy time yesterday receiving the delegates and visitors. The following are among those present: Archbishop Williams of Boston, Bishop Healey of Portland, Me., Bishop Bradley of Manchester, N.H., Bishop Harkins of Providence, R.I., Very Rev. Father Leblanc of Montreal, representing Archbishop Fabre of Montreal, who is unable to be present, Father Westerholt of Cleveland, Ohio, one of Bishop DeGoesbriand's former pupils, Monsignor Bouf of Cleveland, Ohio, Father Barry, V.G., of Manchester, **N.H.**, Father Fagan of Boston, Fathers Driscoll and Bray of Montreal, Father T.J. Gaffney of Rutland, Rev. P.J. Cunningham of Brattleboro, Rev. J. Reynolds of Bellows Falls, Rev. P.J. O'Carroll of Proctor, Rev. P.J. Barrett of Fairhaven, Revs. J. and J.M. Gelot of Poultney, Rev. P.J. Houlihan of Ludlow, Rev. J.A. Clark of Brandon, Rev. N. Proulx of Rutland, Rev. Father J.A. Boissonault of St. Johnsbury, Rev. H. Lane of Middlebury, Rev. J. Gallagan of Montpelier, Rev. J. Shannon of Underhill, Father Michaud, ex-Marshall Robinson, Frank Guiltinan, M.J. Guiltinan, Thomas Nolan, Dr. Daley and B. Cunningham all of Bennington are present.

At the residence connected with St. Joseph's Church the following are guests-Rev. Joseph Brelivit of Northfield, Rev. Frances (sic) Yvinee of Newport, Rev. J.M. Duglue of Harrison, N.Y. and Rev. John M. Gelot of Poultney. A large number of delegates and other visitors are at the hotels.

The committee and others have prepared elaborate decorations in honor of the event. The front of the Episcopal residence, the interior of the cathedral and the arched entrance to the church have assumed a gay and attractive appearance. Three arc lamps have been placed in front of the

residences by the courtesy of the Thomson-Houston company. Artistic decorations of flags and bunting adorn the building, beautiful flowers deck the altars in the interior of the cathedral, and other arrangements are progressing with encouraging rapidity.

On the corner of Cherry and St. Paul streets are suspended the United States and Irish flags and the windows of many of the stores on Church street are appropriately decorated. Suspended from the rooms of the C.Y.M.U. to J.H. Holton's store is a transparency bearing on oneside the words "We love our prelate, C.Y.M.U., the friend of youth;" and on the other, "Our bishop, long may be live:"

In the window of J.B. Scully's store is a magnificent life size oil portrait of the bishop, surrounded by flags and bunting. It was painted by Newton S. Hartshorn. The rooms of the C.Y.M.U. have been tastefully hung with flags, etc. The centre windows of Miles and McMahan's store present an attractive appearance, with two portraits of the bishop, elaborate patterns of candlesticks, etc. The north window of J.W. Sullivan's drug store has a fine crayon portrait of Bishop DeGoesbriand, United States flags, bunting and other decorations. McWilliam Bros., have appropriately prepared for the occasion, J.L. Duhamel has a very tasty window and Kelley & Berry go a little out of the usual line by surrounding the portrait of the bishop with beautiful flowering plants.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF TODAY'S CELEBRATION

- 6 AM Salute of 50 guns and ringing of bells.
- 9 AM Reception of visiting delegates at the rooms of the Young Men's Catholic Union.
- 10 AM Services at the Cathedral with high Mass and sermon by Bishop Healey.
- 2 PM Dining of lay delegates at Hotel Burlington.
- 3:30 PM Addresses and Presentations at the Cathedral by delegates from the different parishes of the diocese.
- 7 to 8 PM Public reception by the bishop at his residence, Cherry Street.
- 8 PM Torchlight procession under command of Grand Marshal J.E. Russell and Chief Aides, J.B. Scully and M.D. McMahan, assistant aides, Dr. P.E. McSweeney, Patrick Cosgrove, Jr., Thomas Fitzsimmons, W.E. Fitzgerald, John O'Neil, J.W. Daley, John Whalen, Dennis Brown, John McDonald and H.E. Curtis.

The line will consist of a platoon of police, Sherman's military band, visiting delegates, men from the different Catholic congregations of Burlington and Winooski, bishop and clergy in carriages.

The following named gentlemen will constitute the

bishop's guard of honor: James E. Burke, P.H. Scully, T.E. Russell, G.B. Rand, G.F. Collison and John Lavelle.

The procession will form with the right resting on College Street, move through College to Pine, to Cherry, to Saint Paul to Main, to Church, to Pearl, to Prospect, to Main, to City Hall Park, where, after a few remarks by the bishop, the procession will disband. There will be a continuous and brilliant display of fireworks along the route of the procession during the time of the parade.

THE BURLINGTON FREE PRESS, 1908

FATHER CLOAREC'S CAREER

Jerome Marie Cloarec was born June 17, 1833, at St. Sauveur, in Brittany, France. He came to America in 1855, entering St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., spent three years there studying for the priesthood. He was ordained in Burlington by the late Bishop DeGoesbriand, July 4, 1858, the ordination service taking place in the Old St. Mary's Church. One of his fellow students in the seminary at Baltimore was James Gibbons, now the Most Eminent James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore.

Father Cloarec's first appointment was Bennington, where he remained about two years, or until 1861, when he was recalled to Burlington and made rector of the Cathedral. After faithfully directing the progress and destinies of St. Mary's parish, Burlington, for eight years, Bishop DeGoesbriand appointed the zealous young priest rector of St. Mary's parish at Rutland, which was the French-Canadian parish of that city. he was not destined to remain long in the Marble City. The right reverend bishop having in view the interests of the rapidly increasing parish of St. Joseph, Burlington, like the Egyptian king of old, was convinced that there was not another in his diocese more fitted by zeal, prudence and financial ability, to be placed over this parish, destined one day to be the largest in the State, than the Rev. J.M. Cloarec. This appointment was made August 1, 1871.

It soon became evident that the old St. Joseph's Church, located on the hill where St. Joseph's Academy now stands, was much too small for the congregation. The site of the present church was secured and the cornerstone of the new edifice laid on July 4, 1884. The work progressed rapidly, and the present St. Joseph's Church, the largest in the diocese of Burlington, was solemnly blessed by Archbishop Fabre of Montreal, June 21, 1887.

The privilege of having a church consecrated is one which very few churches ever enjoy; and but one parish in Vermont, outside the city of Burlington, can boast of the honor. St. Joseph's Church, free from debt and enriched by a beautiful now marble altar, was solemnly consecrated by the Rt. Rev. J.S. Michaud, August 22, 1901, assisted by Mgr. Decellos, bishop of St. Hyacinth, and Mgr. Gabriels,

bishop of Ogdensburg, N.Y. Father Cloarec also built St. Anthony's Church, Park Avenue and his present residence, besides schools and convents.

In the preceding account is gained only an imperfect idea of the venerable jubilarian's works, their progress and ultimate success. There is also another view point to be considered. Father Cloarec has been honored with all the favors that are usually conferred upon a faithful priest, exclusive of the mitre. He was chosen one of the bishop's consultors on the first board elected in the diocese, July, 1886. He has been chosen at every and attended frequently and for short periods many other localities; and in all without exception he has been loved, esteemed and honored, because of his earnestness, zeal and charity. The hope is universally expressed that his years may yet be many in which he may enjoy the recollections of the golden jubilee, or look forward to the celebration of yet another, still more imposing.

Officers of the Church

The Rt. Rev. J.M. Cloarec, rector, the Rev. J.A. Lacouture, assistant, the Rev. J.M. Billon, assistant.

Trustees - C. Beaupre, Louis Pine, F.X. Joachin.

Golden jubilee choir-Assisted by Waterman's orchestra, Edward J. Beaupre, director, Fabien J. Beaupre, organist.

Ushers- Jules Simays, Napoleon Thomas, E.J. Meunier, Louis Meunier, Fred Bernard, sexton.

THE BURLINGTON FREE PRESS, SEPT. 17, 1913

BISHOP AND PARISH JOIN TO HONOR MGR. CLOAREC

Return from Europe Celebrated With Big Reception in St. Joseph's Church-Presentation of Purse Is a Feature

Upwards of 2,000 persons gathered in St. Joseph's French Catholic Church at eight o'clock last evening to witness the formal welcome of Mgr. Jerome Marie Cloarec, who returned Monday night from his three months' trip to Europe. Frank X. Joachin, in a carefully prepared address, presented a purse of money, in the giving of which St. Joseph's parishioners handsomely honored their vicar-general. Mgr. Cloarec responded with feeling, expressing his appreciation of the testimonials of affection and regard which have been showered upon him, and the unexpected presence of Bishop J.J. Rice, just back from Portland, Me., provided a surprise that pleased the congregation.

The latter responded briefly to a short address and congratulated the parish and the vicar general in fitting terms. Mgr. Cloarec told of his experiences at Rome, it was difficult, he said, to obtain an audience with the Pope in summer, and especially since His Holiness had then but re-

cently recovered from illness; accordingly, Mgr. Cloarec felt particularly gratified over his good fortune. Especially interesting were Mgr. Cloarec's reminiscences of a previous visit to Rome, when he saw Pope Pius IX, predecessor of Pope Leo XIII.

After Mgr. Cloarec had talked for a time with Pope Pius X this summer, he asked His Holiness that he might be given some slight token to carry away as a souvenir of the audience. The Pope gave him a beautiful rosary of silver and pearls, with a silver medallion attached, bearing the profile of His Holiness in relief. This was enclosed in a white case on the cover of which was the Papal coat of arms in gold; and Mgr. Cloarec, delighted with the gift, opened the box in the presence of the Pope to see what it contained. The Papal benediction which Mgr. Cloarec received will be bestowed upon the parishioners at a special service to be held in the near future.

A copy of the address of presentation, engrossed by the Rev. J.M. Billon, and handsomely bound in a cover bearing a portrait of Mgr. Cloarec, was given to him last night.

Clergymen present last evening were the Very Rev. J.F. Gillis, V.G., and Frs. J.F. Audet of Winooski, E. Total, Superior of St. Michael's College, E.J. Allot, and W. Jean Marie of St. Michael's College, E. Pariseau of South Hero, M.O. O'Donnell of Randolph, W.A. Plamondon of St. Anthony's Church, this city, Elias Hendeby of this city, W.A. Cassidy and J.M. Kennedy of St. Mary's Cathedral, and J.A. Lacouture and J.M. Billon of St. Joseph's Church.

The addresses were preceded by a musical program, given by the choir of St. Joseph's Church, assisted by Cabana's orchestra.

The address to Bishop Rice emphasized briefly the good fortune of the parishioners in having his presence at the double fete, and extended him their thanks for his "delicate attention" to the venerable pastor whom they call their Father.

"Oui, ici;" and Mr. Joachin in concluding his address, "c'est un peuple tout entier qui vous respecte et qui vous aime; ici, c'est une paroisse qui vous acclame et qui brule ce soir d'entendre tomber de vos levres de nouvelles paroles de tendresse; ici, ce sont des enfants qui se rejouissent d'avoir retrouve leur Pere et s'inclineront avec bonheur sous sa benediction.

"Oui, Monseigneur, Heureux Retour! Que pourrions-nous ajouter que nous ne vous ayons cent fois dit, notre affection, notre veneration, notre reconnaissance, notre orgueil de vous avoir comme pasteur. Daigne le Dieu des siecles garder a votre corps sa vigueur, a votre coeur sa jeunesse, a votre vieillesse son calme et sa beaute pour que bien des annees encore a l'ombre du clocher de Saint-Joseph nous, vos paroissiens ayons le bonheur de nous sanctifier a votre contact et au spectacle de votre exemple."

INTERIOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH RADICALLY ALTERED AND RE-DECORATED

Redecorated in white, cream and flesh colors and gold the interior of St. Joseph's Church has been radically altered, and is now open to the public for inspection. The main part of the work is finished, although the pews and floors have yet to be varnished, and it will be at least four more weeks before the contract has been fulfilled.

Sinai Richer, a French artist who has studied for five years with noted masters in France, Germany, and Italy, has painted a large picture of the Last Supper which has been set high over the main altar of the church. The picture, which is done on a canvas, 21 feet long and 10 feet wide, is an oil painting, well worthy of inspection. Mr. Richer painted the picture here in 25 days. The canvas has been fixed to the wall with a mixture of flour and honey.

Mr. Richer also repainted all the statues of the church. Emery Hanault of this city is in charge of the entire work. Mr. Richer has done some work in the State before, having painted at the home of Dr. Webb at Shelburne. He has done work in some of the largest churches in the country and says that St. Joseph's is equal in beauty to any that he has seen.

pastor, the Rev. Father Cardinal, was deeply grieved when, owing to a delay in the mails, the little band arrived before their house was in readiness. He invited them to reside in a part of his own narrow quarters, where they remained from October until Christmas Eve.

Fitted Up a Woodshed

But their zeal could brook no delay, and they set themselves the task of fitting up the woodshed on the premises to serve for a classroom. The hardships that this entailed, the rigors of the season, and the problem of reducing the cold in such an abode were borne by these ladies. The incident speaks volumes concerning the character of the workers and the spirit of enterprise. Indeed, Miss Lambert would stop at no obstacle where the glory of God or the good of the neighbor was concerned.

St. Joseph's School at first had two departments, pupils who paid tuition, and free pupils, but the number of the former was too small to support the work and the idea was abandoned. All who were able were asked to pay a small fee and the work became entirely parochial except for several years later on when both grade and high school girls were received as boarders.

Bought Site With Own Funds

In 1867, the school was opened to the boys of the parish, and in 1869, the ladies purchased with their private funds the site where the present up-to-date Nazareth school stands. They erected a building that was used as a social center, with a chapel where the public could assist at mass on Sundays, and a classroom where the small children of that section were taught. After some years, this property was exchanged with the parish for the grounds and building at St. Joseph's, and Nazareth became the principal parish school, the smaller children from the locality being taught at St. Joseph's.

Meanwhile, the ladies expanded the building and site "on the hill." Each summer they open the house for a three days' retreat for young women, and all year round the public is welcome to assist at the daily mass in the chapel.

Taught in Swanton, Montpelier

In 1873, some of the ladies went to Swanton and others to Montpelier, in 1875. Here, besides other parish work, they taught in the parochial schools for many years, finally withdrawing from these schools when the schools in Burlington took on such rapid expansion.

Teaching is still done at St. Joseph's, both in English and French, from kindergarten to fifth grade which is a great advantage to children in that neighborhood.

In 1929, the present Nazareth school was built to accommodate the increasing number of pupils which the old school could not do.

BURLINGTON FREE PRESS Oct. 15, 1938

ST. JOSEPH'S OBSERVES 75th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF ITS SCHOOLS OCT. 28

History of Work of Ladies of Nazareth In City Is Story of Achievement From Small Beginning In a Woodshed

October 28 is the date set for observance of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the schools in St. Joseph's parish. The Nazareth School Mothers' Club is in charge of the program, which will begin with a solemn high mass. Exercises will take place in the Nazareth School auditorium.

The history of the rise of the Ladies of Nazareth in Burlington is a story of achievement from a humble, small beginning.

In the annals of St. Joseph's it is recorded that a band of workers, called the Ladies of Nazareth, headed by Miss Teresa Lambert who had followed Bishop DeGoesbriand from France to Cleveland, Ohio, when he was vicar general of that diocese under Bishop Rappe, came to Burlington in 1863, ten years after the See of Burlington was established in the center of the lumber and fur trade carried on by the early settlers of the Champlain valley. The history of their painful beginning is an account by no means the least interesting of early diocesan records. With Miss Lambert from Cleveland came Miss Meyers, Miss Doyle and Miss Nagel.

They were to open a school for girls on the site of St. Joseph's Church on North Prospect street. The building was under construction but the work had been slow. The

**ST. JOE'S MARKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
LAYING, BLESSING OF CORNERSTONE**

BURLINGTON-Parishioners of St. ' Jos eph Church marked the 100th anniversary of the laying and blessing of the cornerstone of their Allen Street church here with a special outdoor Mass on the church steps July 4.

"This is a beautiful building because God lives here and God works in us;" said homilist Father Gerald W. Bombardier, a parochial vicar at New England's first national language parish of Americans of French descent. "The real beauty in the building is you; the real beauty is us;" Father Bombardier told the nearly 300 persons in attendance, some of whom sat on lawn chairs in Allen Street, which had been blocked to traffic for the special event.

Burlington Mayor Bernard Sanders had designated July 4 as a day "set aside to commemorate the celebration of the blessing and laying of the cornerstone of the present St. Joseph Church;" and during the special Mass, Msgr. Edwin T. Buckley, vicar general of the Diocese of Burlington, once again blessed the cornerstone of the red brick (sic) church, Vermont's largest.

When Burlington Bishop Louis DeGoesbriand laid the cornerstone in 1884, a document was placed inside it noting then-current Church, world and local leaders and some of the clergy members present at the ceremony.

Eight priests concelebrated this year's special Mass on the steps of St. Joseph's, including the main celebrant, Father Conrad A. Bessette, a native of St. Joseph's and a current parochial vicar there. Pastor Father Bernard H. Messier was also a concelebrant.

As he looked across Allen Street to the congregation reaching as far back as the Brothers' Residence, Father Bombardier said in his homily that "the real Church is right in front of *me*:"

"You and I, with the faith the Lord has given us ... are taking this building and making it the house of the Lord;" he said. "That is our quest. That is our goal:"

While the parish is currently in the midst of a 3½-year celebration of the building of the church, Father Bombardier said that what is really being celebrated is what church forefathers built. "They could have made anything with these stones;" he said. But what they built was a "fit place to love, honor and worship" God.

At the end of the Mass, just as rain was beginning to fall, Girl Scouts and Brownies of the parish opened the doors of the church to allow persons to visit it inside.

ST. JOSEPH NEWSNOTES
Vol. 12, No. 4 October 1984

St. Joseph Church Centennial News:

JULY 4, GREAT SUCCESS!

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Laying and Blessing of the Cornerstone.

On July 4, 1984, some 300 parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish assembled for a beautiful liturgy celebrated on the front steps of the Church. Robert G. Keenan General Centennial Chairman, gave the opening welcome and historical statement. Fr. Conrad Bessette, native son of the Parish was principal celebrant. Msgr. Edwin Buckley re-blessed the cornerstone exactly 100 years after the first Blessing on July 4, 1884. Fr. Bernard Messier presented closing remarks and formally opened the large doors of the Church with a special ceremony involving our Girl Scouts. Fr. Messier expressed a public welcome to the entire community. "Our doors are open to everyone;" he said.

WELCOME SUNDAY- September 29-30

Our next Faith-Renewal Centennial event will be a Welcome-Home Sunday, the weekend of September 29 and 30.

If you know someone who is an inactive Catholic or who feels separated from the Church because of a divorce, please invite that person to accompany you to Mass. Perhaps you know someone who has not made his/her First

Communion or received Confirmation, please welcome them to their own Church. Welcome Sunday will be a time to say *Everyone Is Welcome*.

St. Joseph Parish Family invites and welcomes everyone to join us at Mass the weekend of September 29 and 30.

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

**CENTENNIAL REUNION DAY-
Sunday, October 28, 1984**

The Parish Centennial Committee announces that Sunday, October 28, will be a special day to honor all priests and religious who are natives of the parish or who have served in the parish. This is called Reunion Sunday and all parishioners and friends of St. Joseph are welcome to the following.

3:00 PM Concert of Sacred Music

3:30 PM Eucharistic Liturgy

5:00 PM Buffet supper in school

6:30 PM Time to visit and chat with friends to your hearts content

Major efforts are being made to contact as many St. Joseph (Nazareth) School alumni as possible to invite them to take part in this Reunion Sunday. To date the response has been overwhelming! Among the priests and religious who have indicated that they will attend are:

Bishop Robert F. Joyce, Bishop Louis E. Gelineau, Rev. Conrad A. Bessette, Rev. Fernand E. Couture, Rev. Omer

L. Dufault, Msgr. Joseph Dussault, Rev. Msgr. Edward Gelineau, Rev. Joseph J. Lagor, Fr. James Lawrence, Rev. Ray Giroux, Rev. Louis Migneault, Rev. James A. Hughes, Rev. Peter A. Rousseau, Sr. Louis Wilfrid, DHS, Sr. Patricia Blais, DHS, Sr. Alice Bowman, DHS, Sr. Cecile LeBeau, Sr. Martha O'Brien, RSM, Sr. Priscilla Paradis, DHS, Sr. Aline Paris, RSM, Sr. Marion Rockwell, RHSJ, Sr. Lucille A. Trudell, RSM, Sr. Kathryn Langlois, Sr. Mary Jerome, RSM, Sr. Blanche Eugenie Cadotte, Sr. Constance Charette, Sr. Janet Gelineau, SP, Sr. Mary Lou Smith, DHS, Sr. Jeannette Bourque, DHS, Sr. Jeanne M. Gonyon, Sr. Helen Dionne, DHS. RSVP's for the Oct. 28 Reunion are coming in daily.

CENTENNIAL FUND DRIVE:

Pledges for the Centennial Fund Drive are being met by parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Church. To date, \$400,000 has been pledged and \$230,000 has been paid in.

Every month, one Mass is celebrated for all who take part in the Centennial Fund and for all the memorials thereof.

Plans are progressing on the Centennial Fund Building projects. Weekly meetings with architect, Colin Lindberg, are being held. Bids on the new elevator will be opened next week. Before long, we hope to have some sketches of proposed plans to put on display.

BURLINGTON FREE PRESS
SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 1984

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CELEBRATES 100TH YEAR

St. Joseph's Church in Burlington, the first Catholic parish for Americans of French descent in New England, is in the midst of celebrating its 100th anniversary. Construction of the church, which took four years to build, was begun in 1883 and completed in 1887.

A special reunion will be held today to honor priests, religious brothers and sisters, and all who have ever served in the church or in St. Joseph's School, formerly called Nazareth School.

It will begin with a concert at 3, followed by Mass at 3:30, celebrated by the Most Rev. Louis Gelineau, Bishop of Rhode Island, a native son himself.

A buffet supper will be held at the school, open to anyone as long as reservations are called in. Class pictures of almost all the classes in the school since 1906 will be on display.

"Before we go to the school, we will have all the priests and religious introduce themselves and line up at the altar," said the Rev. Bernard Messier of St. Joseph's. "Sixty-six priests, nuns and brothers have pre-registered and 530 lay persons, including parishioners and alumni of the school."

Robert Keenan is general chairman for the centennial. A research chemist, he and his wife, the former Yvonne Coutu, returned to Burlington when he retired in 1975.

St. Joseph's was founded in 1850. The first church was on Prospect Hill on the corner of Archibald Street. The church was called St. Joseph's after the first patron of Canada. French Canadians living in Colchester, Williston and Shelburne attended services at St. Joseph's in addition to those in Burlington and Winooski Falls. The congregation grew from about 300 in 1850 to 3,500 by the 1900s.

The present church was built of stone extracted from the Red Stone Quarry off Hoover Street. Construction was begun on Sept. 5, 1883. The cornerstone was blessed and placed by Bishop Louis DeGoesbriand, Diocese of Burlington, the following July. Meanwhile, parishioners had raised over \$100,000.

In 1897, the organ was purchased from George Hutchins of Boston. It had been built for the Great Chicago Exposition of 1893 and installed in Our Lady of Mount Carmel (sic).

In 1901, an altar of Rutland marble was installed to replace the original wood altar. With its new altar, St. Joseph's Church was ready for consecration by the Most Rev. John S. Michaud, second Bishop of Burlington, on Aug. 22, 1901.

The clergy moved into the new rectory, also built of stone from Red Stone Quarry, in 1906.

The church was redecorated in 1923 and again in 1968, the later redecoration and sanctuary changes reflecting the modifications prescribed in Vatican II.

During the centennial celebration. St. Joseph's has been conducting a drive to raise \$525,000 to install a sprinkler system and an elevator, repair the masonry, eaves and roof, rebuild the church organ and remodel St. Anne's Hall.

"Our celebration of being on Allen Street started Sept. 5, 1983 and will continue through June 1987," Keenan said. "Numerous events have been planned."

"It is a kind of a faith renewal," said Father Messier.

For banquet reservations, call 863-2388. The banquet is free.

THE VERMONT CATHOLIC TRIBUNE
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1987

SPECIAL EVENTS END CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S CENTENNIAL

BURLINGTON-The 3-year-nine-month St. Joseph's Parish centennial celebration culminated June 19-21 with a variety of special events that celebrated the successful centennial, which not only provided parishioners with a "shot in the arm" spiritually but was the impetus for a fund drive that netted \$675,000 for restoration of the church.

The goal of the centennial fund was \$525,000, and the additional donations allowed the parish to do more work than was originally planned.

Father John R. McSweeney, vicar for finances for the Diocese of Burlington, said the fund drive was "one of the

most successful fund-raising events for restoration" ever undertaken in the diocese.

"Everything we set out to do we did and more;" said Robert G. Keenan, chairman of the St. Joseph Church Centennial Committee. For example, Mr. Keenan noted that in addition to the planned work on the church, a copper roof was installed rather than repairing the old slate roof, electric bell ringers were installed and the belfry is being restored.

Planned projects that have been completed include:

- installation of a complete fire prevention sprinkler system;
- installation of a 26-passenger elevator to the upper church;
- construction of a new lobby to the chapel and elevator;
- installation of new tempered plate glass exterior windows and thermopane lower units;
- the restoration of the historic pipe organ;
- complete restoration of the parish hall with handicap ramp access, a new kitchen, restrooms and a separate heating system;
- completion of a new assembly area with a restroom in the upper church;
- the repainting of the stone exterior with a new stone vestibule to the chapel and elevator lobby;
- the remodeling of the lower sacristy and provision of a new liturgy office; and
- the zoning of the original steam heating system.

The current church is the second church built by the French Canadian Catholics of the Burlington area. (The first was at the corner of North Prospect and Archibald streets.) Construction on the second church, now the largest in the Diocese of Burlington, began in 1883, and it was blessed on June 24, 1887, by Montreal Archbishop Charles Fabre.

"The restoration project was aimed at doing things so effectively that maintenance should be minimal over the next century;" Mr. Keenan said.

He noted that the restoration would not have been successful without the "tremendous support and very loyal, dedicated support" of parishioners, former parishioners and friends of the parish. "Experts say you can expect to collect 92 percent of the pledges;" he noted. "We did better. We collected about 97 percent;" Some contributors even paid more than they had pledged, he added.

Throughout the centennial celebration, there was a spirit of dedication among those who worked together to restore the church, said Father Bernard H. Messier, parish administrator and a member of the team ministry. "There was a good spirit:"

Mr. Keenan added, "People worked on all kinds of fundraisers to raise funds to build the church. We have emulated

that. We have restored this church on a pay-as-you-go basis:"

Marguerite Tessier, a parishioner for 50 years, said she particularly appreciates the new elevator. "It means very much to me. I'm very grateful because before I used to have people take me to other churches because I could not climb the steps:"

Mr. Keenan noted that in addition to making it possible for the elderly and handicapped to attend Mass in the upper church, the elevator has made it easier to bring caskets there. "The elevator is designed to easily accommodate the casket, the funeral director and six or eight pall bearers;" he said. "They no longer have to carry heavy caskets up 17 steps in the front of the church in all kinds of weather:"

Father Messier noted that the parish would still like to refurbish some of the old rectory that is now part of the church for babysitting purposes, and the parish history, begun in 1980 is yet to be completed.

Former parishioner Veronique Gasset has done a lot of work on the history, Mr. Keenan noted, adding that he hopes the "very authentic" history will be published this year.

That history, along with other artifacts such as a centennial T-shirt, a Sunday bulletin and various talks given during the centennial celebration will be included in a time capsule to be buried under the floor of the chapel and opened in 100 years.

Other highlights of the celebration included:

- July 4, 1984, an outdoor liturgy celebrated on the steps of the church commemorating the blessing and laying of the cornerstone;
- Oct. 28, 1984, the celebration of a special Centennial Reunion Day which honored the bishop, priests, and religious who were natives of the parish and/or who served in the parish;
- spring 1986, the beginning of a 3-year RENEW program to renew and celebrate the faith life of St. Joseph's Parish.

Last month's centennial-related events included a parade, an outdoor festival, a music festival in the school gymnasium, a sacred concert, an organ concert, a songfest, evening prayer, socials, historical exhibits and a special Mass with Burlington Bishop John A. Marshall as principal celebrant.

In his homily at the June 21 morning Mass, Bishop Marshall praised the accomplishments made during the centennial celebration. ".All these accomplishments are wonderful. We thank God and we thank you for them;" he said. "But that which is more wonderful still, that which has made this church possible in the first place, that which has enabled this parish to do so much in the past few years of centenary celebration is the strength of its family life:"

The bishop said that parish communities are as strong as the families in them, "and it is evident ... that family life

in St. Joseph Parish is still important, that it remains strong and vibrant.'

The bishop added, "Surely, as we reflect on the early history of Vermont and St. Joseph Parish, we realize how true it is to say that the Church is not a building but a group of people and that every home is expected to be a 'domestic church:'"

Now that the celebration is completed, Father Messier pointed out that there still remains a challenge: continued parish renewal, the enhancement of family life and family growth and growth as Christians and as "domestic church:'

During the Mass, Father Gerald W. Bombardier, a member of the team ministry at St. Joseph's, presented Mr. Keenan with a plaque in appreciation for his work on the centennial. The congregation responded with a standing ovation for the retired research chemist and laboratory director.

In addition to the bishop, Father Messier and Father Bombardier, other concelebrants at the Mass were Father Conrad Bessette, parochial vicar at St. Joseph's; Father Francis R. Prive, director of the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and a former team member; and Father Orner Dufault, director of the diocese's Office for the Propagation of the Faith and a former parochial vicar at St. Joseph's. Deacon David Veilleux also participated.

After the Mass, Blanche Bonnette, the parish organist, said, "It's been a great renewal for the parish, a real shot in the *arm:*'

ST. JOSEPH NEWSNOTES

Vol. 11, No. 4 Nov. 1983

BISHOP LOUIS E. GELINEAU, A NATIVE SON, LAUNCHES CENTENNIAL FUND DRIVE

A story by Cori Fugere, Vermont Catholic Tribune Staff Reporter

- Bishop Louis E. Gelineau of Providence (**R.I.**) is in love - in love, he said, "with a beautiful church and in love with all it means:'

The church is St. Joseph's in Burlington, the parish in which the bishop grew up, served as an altar boy, said his first Mass and now returns to each Thanksgiving to celebrate the holiday Mass.

"It's always great to come home;' the Burlington-born bishop told the 275 persons gathered at the Ramada Inn

Sept. 27 for the kick-off dinner for the St. Joseph Church Centennial General Fund Drive, which began Sept. 28.

The parish, which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the beginning of construction of its present church on Allen Street, is seeking to raise \$525,000 over a three-year period to make a variety of repairs and renovations at the church.

Reminiscing about St. Joseph's, Bishop Gelineau said he came to the dinner "to express my love ... to my parish:'

"I am here because I love St. Joseph's Church and I want to see it refurbished ... so it can continue to be all it is:'

The bishop talked of the church as a symbol of the "life of God in our midst:' He said he knows what God looks like because he sees him in the people of St. Joseph Parish - good, loving, caring, majestic and sharing:'

When he was a young man he said he found God in the parish -He was in everybody:' "All I wanted to do was be around St. Joseph's and Nazareth [now St. Joseph's] School:' He recalled the special midnight Masses at Christmas, the "fire and brimstone" mission talks, the May crownings, the communion Sundays and the societies. Life in the Old North End of Burlington" centered on our church;' he remembered.

The church building is the "center of the life of the parish;' the former chancellor of the Diocese of Burlington said, "It is a sign of a deep life we live together:'

The entire church has symbolic meaning from the altar where the sacrifice of the Mass is offered, to the tabernacle ("the house of God"), to the lectern where the Word of God is proclaimed to the confessional where "the mercy of God" touches persons. The church is a "sign of Christ alive in our lives;' he added, and the parish together "announces the good news ... of love of God and neighbor:'

Bishop Gelineau also said that the church is a "place where God comes to the assistance of people - and I'm sure that's true of St. Joseph's:'

In his remarks at the dinner, Burlington Bishop John A. Marshall agreed with Bishop Gelineau on the significance of the church building. He said the building should be "precious to us as a symbol which represents the body of Christ and the whole Church-past, present and future:'

The Centennial Fund Drive is, by now, well on its way. But it is not too late to take part in it. If you have not been contacted yet, or if you know of anyone who would like to take part in the Fund Drive please call Fr. Messier (863-2388). The beautiful Gift Recognition Board and the Book of Memory are a wonderful way to have every Benefactor and Donor inscribed in a permanent way.