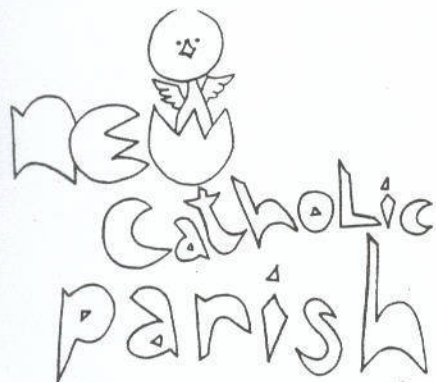


WE ARE

Canton Township Church

June 19, 1977

HIS NEW CREATION



"We are His New Creation" is the theme of the new parish. It is also our spirit. The title is a happy one. It has all kinds of theological implications.

First of all, the parish is not made up of the priest alone. It is made up of the priest and the people. Hence the pronoun WE reflects the correct notion of the Church. We are a community of people bound to God and one another by the threefold bonds of faith, hope and love.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, we labor in vain who build it." Hence, the new parish is the work of God's Spirit. He is the creative force which must shape our community. Becoming a spirit-filled community must be our response to his grace. Hence, it is his work.

"New Creation" - God's creation is dynamic, that is, powerful and on-going. It never was and never will be static and a past act. He is in our midst. "Where two or more of you are gathered in My name, there am I in your midst."

Let us then ask the Spirit of God to come upon us and unite all of us into one family, loving, caring and sharing.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We are proud to salute all fathers on this day. We salute you for your strength, guidance and manly direction. It is indeed fortunate that the first Mass in the new parish falls on Father's Day. It needs all of us to father it forth into birth, growth, and maturity.

We wish all fathers good health,

great love and lots of happiness. May the prayer of Serenity, which you receive today, be an integral part of your life.

*O God, grant me the serenity to accept what cannot be changed; courage to change what can be changed; and wisdom to know the difference.*

## Pastor's Notes

I would like to introduce myself to you. I was born on October 2, 1932 in Norma, Italy, a very beautiful town overlooking a small lake. Norma is about 52 miles south of Rome. You can easily conclude that spaghetti is my soul food. However, I don't like to bend spaghetti often. I am very much in love with American hot dogs.

My father, Joseph, was a warm and wonderful man who loved me very much. As a child, he and I had great pillow fights to the chagrin of my mother, Germana. My dad was not a great bike rider. I remember both of us falling into a ditch while riding the same bike. I cried. He took me into his arms and gave me the greatest possible squeeze. I will always remember that day. I realized how reassuring is the sense of touch. My dad taught me to be human and compassionate.

My mother had a deep sense of charity. Three years ago, while visiting in Italy, I was approached by a man who thanked me for her charity. It seems that during the Second World War, my mother used to deplete our sack of flour for the poor. I remember her telling me never to look at those who came begging. "Open the door wide enough to give the loaf of bread, but never wide enough to see the

person on the other side." These two people influenced me deeply. From my mother, I learned to be present to those in need. From my dad, I learned to be human and compassionate.

Growing amid historical monuments, I learned to appreciate the old and the true. From the new world, I have learned to implement what is new and true. In other words, never be afraid of human, liturgical and doctrinal development. However, be critical.

I have been a priest for 18 years. They have been good years. I was an assistant at St. Elizabeth, Wyandotte, for five years. The pastor's name was Monsignor McCabe, a gentle and affable man. That is what a priest must be. I spent 13 years of my priesthood at St. Clement, Dearborn - seven as an assistant and six as pastor. It was in Dearborn that I met another great priest, Father Wagener. He loves God and people. He developed in me a sense of being at ease with them.

I come to you now with a certain sense of excitement and joy. I realize my limitations and my good points. I have much to give you, but above all, you have more to give me. With our mutual gifts and above all, with the help of

Almighty God, we can be church together. With you, I am a Christian and a human being. For you, I am a priest who is very much in need of you. I do hope to get to know you and you me so that there will be much of you in me. Together, we must not be afraid to build the parish. Giving of self is primary; giving of money is secondary. However, they are complementary. Let us work together to grow in the love of God and of one another.

### The Magic Number is 250

What is the name of the new parish? This is a frequently asked question. My reply is: "We have no name." Where is the new parish? "In Canton." Where is your church? If by "church" people mean a building, we have none. If by "church" they mean a community, we have one south of Ford Road. Where are you going to worship? "In Field School." Are you a parish yet? "No," I reply, "We are in the process of forming one."

When I met with Father Dale Melczek, the Assistant Vicar for Parishes, he told me that as soon as we have 250 registered families, to write to the Board of Consultors of the Archdiocese and they would canonically erect the parish. At that time, I will be appointed pastor. As of now, I am a priest working toward the formation of the future parish.

After Mass, please take a few minutes to register. You will find fellow parishioners in the entrance of the school to help you.

### In Search of a Name

"Eh, you" is an ugly way to address a person. It is very impersonal and destructive. Knowing a person by his or her first name implies friendship and unity.

It is now time to search for a name for the new parish. It should be a good name. If we choose a saint, it should be a short name. If we choose a biblical name, it should be short also.

## You Have Questions???

### We Have Answers!!!

1. **Will there be a Religious Education Program?** ... We are in the process of preparing an education program for late Fall, 1977.

2. **Where will the classes be held?** ... Because no classrooms are available, classes will be held in neighborhood homes. If you wish to volunteer your home for this purpose, please phone the Sands at 981-0563.

3. **Will there be sacramental programs?** ... Yes, our primary concern will be establishing programs for First Communion (2nd Grade), Reconciliation (4th Grade), and Confirmation (8th grade).

4. **Are trained teachers available?** ... All classes will be taught by volunteers trained in Catechesis. New teachers will attend classes in late summer, and early fall.

5. **How can I register my child(ren) for Religious Education?** ... Children can be registered when parents register in the parish, before or after Mass on Sunday.

6. **My children are already registered at Saint John Neumann, St. Richard's or Our Lady of Good Counsel. What should I do?** ... These parishes are cooperating with us in establishing our Religious Education program. Arrangements can be made to transfer your child's(ren's) registration before classes begin in the fall.

7. **What about tuition?** ... The tuition for our program has not yet been determined. Those who have already paid tuition in the other parishes will not need to pay again.

8. **I want to send my children to a Parochial School. Would this be possible?** ... Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth has an elementary school, however, only those residents of Canton who have children enrolled in the school will be allowed continued enrollment. They are accepting no new enrollments.

9. **When will the building be built?** ... It is too early to determine the answer to this question. The answer depends largely on the growth of our parish.

10. **Where can I register in the parish?** ... New parishioners can register before or after Sunday Masses.

11. **Where and when will Baptisms be held?** ... Baptism preparation classes will be held prior to the sacrament. It will be necessary to make an appointment with Father Porcari for this instruction. The actual Baptism will take place at Sunday Liturgy.

12. **What about liturgies pertaining to weddings and funerals?** ... These liturgies require the use of a Church Building. It will be necessary for Father Porcari to make these arrangements.

### We Have Needs

All newborns are in need of others. They are completely dependent. Our parish is God's newborn. It has all kinds of needs. It needs lectors, ushers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, families to serve Mass, musicians, cantors, singers, teachers, host homes for religious education, and many more.

I am sure that God does not make junk. He made you beautiful and talented. Our common enemy will be fear of getting involved. We must kill fear. Failure to do so will paralyze us. The Spirit of God has been given to us by Jesus to build

His Church. He will see us through. We are not alone. This is the Lord's work.

Our immediate need is for families to serve Mass. We would like the whole family to serve rather than boys or girls only. So come forth and be our family of honor for the week.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above listed jobs, please call me at St. Richard in Westland where I will be in temporary residence until I find a permanent place. The phone number is: 722 9490.

**Masses For This Week**

Sunday, June 19, 1977

- 9:30 Ferdinand and Ophelia Dube  
(req) Gerri Engler
- 11:00 For the People of the Parish

**Schedules for  
June 19, 1977**

**LECTOR:**

- 9:30 ..... Arthur Carinci
- 11:00 ..... Eileen Sands

**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTER:**

- 9:30 ..... Charles Craven
- 11:00 ..... Terri Moore

**USHERS:**

- 9:30 Tom Briggs, Glenn Moore,  
Bob Wiacek
- 11:00 Bill Eaton, Randy Whit-  
taker, Charles Zazula

**Sunday, June 26, 1977**

- 9:30 a.m. Lector: Chuck Craven  
Ex. Minister: Gary Sands  
Ushers: Charles Zazula, Art  
Carinci, Bob Wiacek  
Servers: Paul Stelmaszek  
Family
- 11:00 a.m. Lector: Sue Eaton  
Ex. Minister: Tom Briggs  
Ushers: Tom Skinner, Ran-  
dy Whittaker, Larry  
Leonard  
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**The Future Site of the New Parish**



It is my hope and I am sure yours, that a beautiful church will be built on our land. The land for the new parish is located 655 feet south of Cherry Hill on the east side of Lilley Road. At the present time, the land is overrun by growth. It looks so abandoned. But

with the help of Almighty God and with your cooperation, this site will become the center of our spiritual, educational, social and financial growth. It will become our home. Let us work together to create unto the Lord a building worthy of His majesty and glory.

**Let Us Rejoice With BJN**

Today, June 19, 1977, His Holiness Pope Paul VI will raise Blessed John Neumann to the ranks of the saints of the Catholic Church. Rejoicing with the "Old Parish" north of Ford Road is the "New Parish," south of Ford Road. We extend our congratulations to Father Baldwin and his people. May St. John Neumann

guard and keep the parish from evil and may his holy life be a source of growth for all parishioners. We salute you.

We want to also express our gratitude to the people of BJN for donating half of their collection today to us. With people like these as our neighbors, we will grow and prosper. Thank you.

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