



St. Joseph Church

Hamilton, Ohio

Centennial Year

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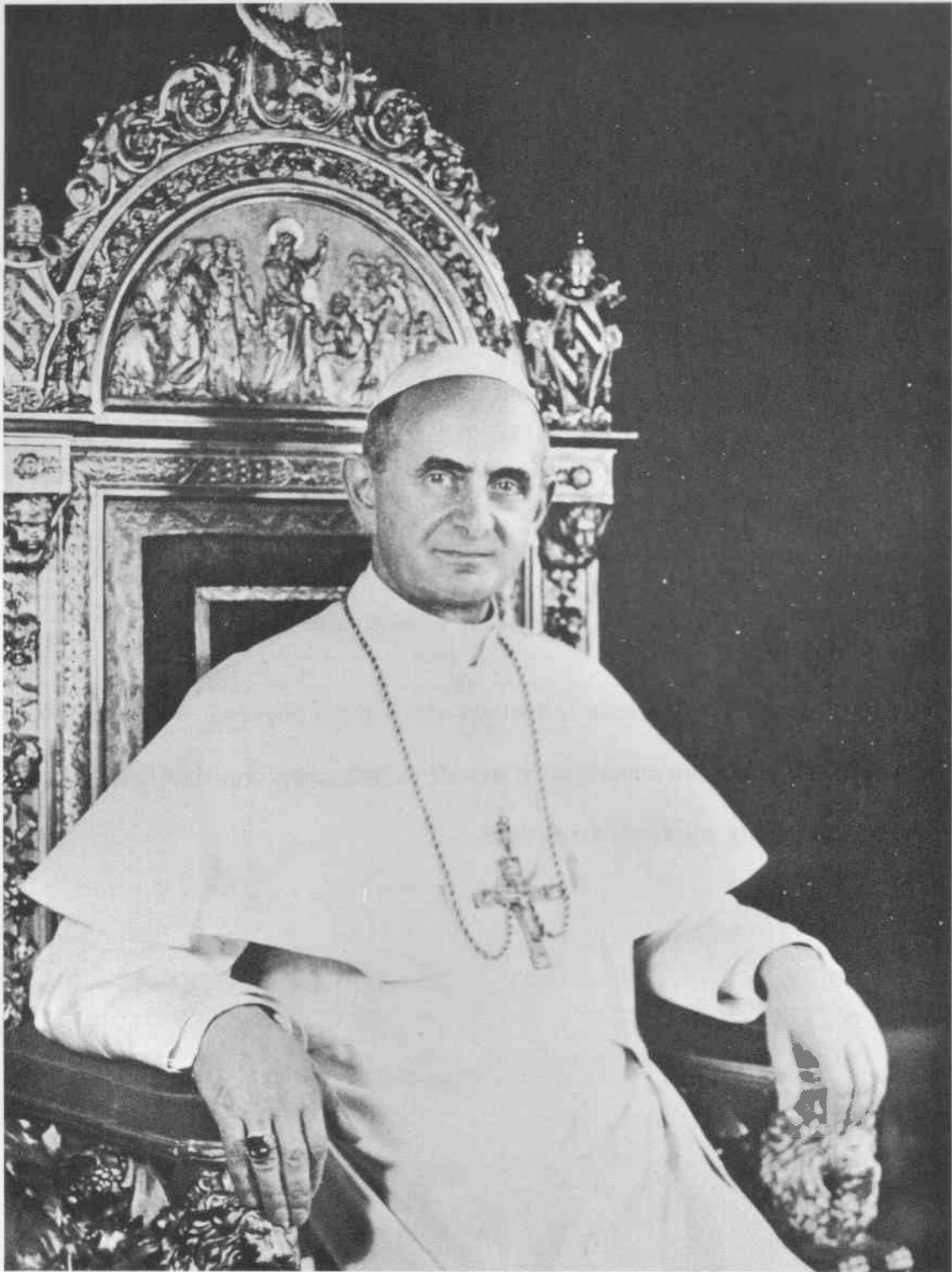
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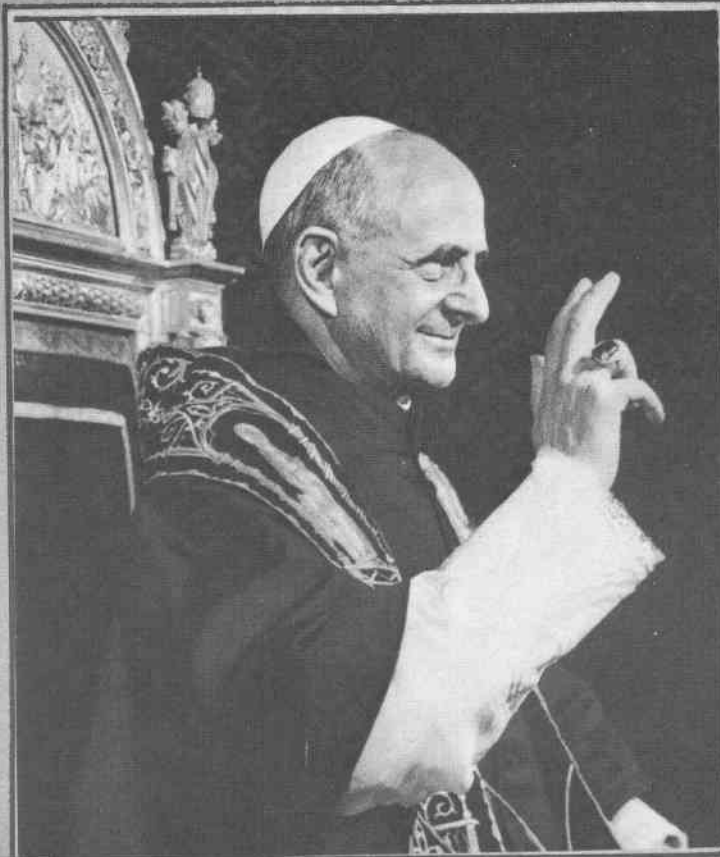
Forward

Commemorating the Centenary of St. Joseph's Church, this publication is presented as a tribute to its parishioners, past and present, whose devotion and sacrifice have endured through a century of service to God and Country.

Every effort has been made to include within these pages pictures of all present members of the congregation as well as its various organizations. Our apologies for any unintended oversight.

Pope Paul VI





Most Holy Father

Rev. Edward J. Schriever, Pastor
 on the occasion of the 100th Anniver-
 sary of St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton,
 Ohio, 1867-1967, humbly begs for himself
 and the parishioners a special
 Apostolic Blessing as a pledge
 of divine graces and favors.

SS. D. Decimus Benedictus Apostolicus coned. +
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 a special Blessing



Most Reverend Karl J. Alter D.D.L.L.D.
Archbishop of Cincinnati



Archbishop's House
5870 Belmont Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

October 22, 1967

To the Reverend Edward J. Schriever, Pastor
The Reverend Kenneth Schroeder, C.P.P.S., Assistant
And the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton

On this significant occasion marking the centenary of your parish, I gladly extend to you my cordial greetings and my blessing.

One hundred years ago St. Joseph's Parish was founded to meet the needs of a growing population in Hamilton. We admire the courage and devotion of our forebearers in the Faith. Their labors were abundantly blessed by God during the past century. All of us, therefore, pause to render profound thanks to God for the graces enjoyed today by membership in St. Joseph's Parish. From birth to death, in spiritual sickness and health, at times of crisis and at times of joy, the saving presence of Christ in your Tabernacle, in His Sacraments, and in your Worship, has ever been the font of eternal life for each of you.

We cannot properly celebrate this Jubilee without expressing sincere thanks to the Reverend Pastor of St. Joseph's, to his Assistant Priest, and to the Religious Sisters, who spend themselves so zealously for the spiritual welfare of the parish.

Asking God to bless you abundantly, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Karl J. Alter
Archbishop of Cincinnati



Most Reverend Edward A. McCarthy, S.T.D., J.C.D.

Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati

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THE CHANCERY

June 28, 1967

Reverend Edward J. Schriever
St. Joseph's Church
171 Washington Street
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Dear Father Schriever:

I extend cordial and affectionate greetings to you and all the people of St. Joseph Parish on this joyous occasion when the parish celebrates the completion of one hundred years of worship to God, spiritual and material growth, and Christ-like service to the community of Hamilton.

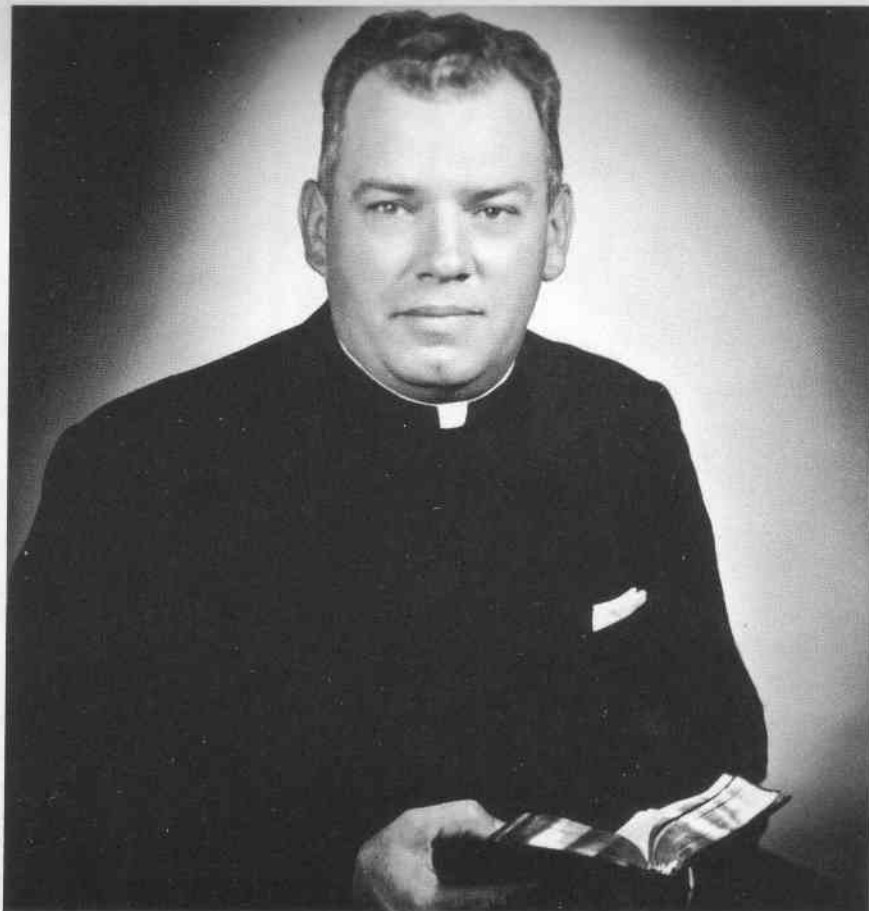
This occasion provides you all with an opportunity to rededicate yourselves to our Holy Faith, not only in words, but in action. In fact, the challenge of the Ecumenical Council and the very needs of our times demand that we make even greater efforts to intensify our understanding and increase the living of our Faith and the love we owe our neighbor. May Almighty God bless you and keep you in this.

I join with you in thanking the Good Lord for the manifold blessings and graces he has bestowed on the parishioners of St. Joseph and the people of Hamilton over the past century through the Parish.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward A. McCarthy".

Most Reverend Edward A. McCarthy
Auxiliary Bishop
Vicar General



Dear Parishioners:

St. Joseph Church is celebrating its Centennial year. The history of these first one hundred years is marked with zeal and enthusiasm of holy priests and the devoted Sisters of Notre Dame, as well as the sacrifice and generosity of the Catholic laity. The parish has borne witness to its love of God in the beautiful parish Church, constructed and maintained for His worship.

We are indeed fortunate to be celebrating a Centennial at this time. It is a time to explore and to foster the spirit of Ecumenism, to begin our humble part in working towards that unity of all Christians, which is the oneness of Christ.

We have the opportunity to begin our second century of faith with the guidance and promptings of the Second Vatican Council. We are called upon to profess anew our Christian faith, to make real our protest of love of neighbor to perfect worship of God in and with and through Christ.

The future of the parish is in the hands of God, but He will not be lacking in His love, His grace and His kindness to all. I pray that during the years which lie ahead, that St. Joseph, its patron, will guide and direct it.

We thank God for the privilege of this Centennial and pray that our efforts will reflect His glory and accomplish His will.

Edward J. Schriever

Pastor

Our Pastors



Rev. George P. Steinlage



Rev. Francis Varelmann



Rev. John H. Holthaus



Rev. George Mayerhoefer

- 1867 - Rev. George P. Steinlage
- 1873 - Rev. Joseph Resch
- 1879 - Rev. Accursius Beine, O.F.M.
- 1883 - Rev. Clemens Steinkamp, O.F.M.
- 1887 - Rev. Pacificus Winterheld, O.F.M.
- 1888 - Rev. Francis Varelmann
- 1896 - Rev. A. E. Drufner
- 1897 - Rev. John H. Holthaus
- 1913 - Rev. George Mayerhoefer
- 1919 - Rev. John F. Cogan
- 1949 - Rev. John B. Reichert
- 1961 - Rev. Edward J. Schriever



Rt. Rev. John F. Cogan



Rev. John B. Reichert



Rev. Edward J. Schriever

Our Pastors

REV. GEORGE P. STEINLAGE

Father Steinlage, first pastor of St. Joseph's, was but twenty-six years old when appointed in May, 1867, and served until December, 1873. Born and educated in Germany, he came to this country as a young man and studied for the priesthood here. After leaving St. Joseph's, he served at several parishes in Cincinnati before being transferred to Piqua where he built St. Boniface Church. He served as pastor of that church until his death, August 20, 1913.

REV. JOSEPH RESCH

Father Resch succeeded Father Steinlage in December, 1873, and served as pastor until July, 1879. He, too, was born in Germany. During his pastorate, the main altar was erected and blessed April 15, 1877.

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

The Franciscan Fathers were in charge of the parish from July, 1879, until August, 1888. The first of these was Father Accursius Beine, followed by Father Clemens Steinkamp in 1883, and by Father Pacificus Winterhold, in 1887. In 1888, the church reverted to the care of the secular clergy.

REV. FRANCIS VARELMANN

Father Varelmann became pastor in August, 1888. His pastorate was quite eventful. The rectory was built by him and he was instrumental in establishing two other parishes, St. Peter's and St. Veronica's. He served as pastor until 1896 when he was transferred to St. Elizabeth's Church, Norwood, where he remained until his death. While there he was elevated to the rank of Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor. He died September 27, 1933, at the age of 81.

REV. A. E. DRUFNER

Father Drufner succeeded Father Varelmann in 1896 and served less than one year, when he was transferred as pastor to Holy Family Church, Price Hill, Cincinnati. He remained there until his death, July 21, 1912, at the age of fifty-three.

REV. JOHN HENRY HOLTHAUS

Father Holthaus became pastor in August, 1897. He was born in Cincinnati, April 29, 1857, and ordained December 24, 1885. During his pastorate, St. Ann's Church was established. A musician of note, he was president of the Diocesan Music Commission. He died February 22, 1913, at the age of fifty-five.