

## 25th ANNIVERSARY

In September 1954, St. Augustine celebrated the 25th anniversary with rites being highlighted by the Confirmation of six members. Bishop Albert L. Fletcher was the host celebrant while the Catholic High School choir provided the music. The Confirmation service concluded at the home of Mrs. Mary Taylor, an elderly bedridden woman who lived at 1600 East Second. Father Louis A. Nau, from Bay St. Louis Mission was appointed to St. Augustine in September 1955 and served for 12 years. Several significant organizations were formed in the mid 1950's. In September 1956, Rev. James Patrick McDonnell, Diocesan Director of Catholic Youth (CYO), and three officers of the Little Rock CYO helped the youth of St. Augustine form a similar group. On Dec. 9, 1956, the Arch-Confraternity of Christian Mothers was established at St. Augustine with the approval of Bishop Fletcher as well as men of St. Augustine helped established the Holy Name Society. A thrift store opened in November 1957 that allowed the women of the community to buy nice, slightly used clothing for themselves and their families at low prices. The sale was held every other Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and brought an additional \$250 a month into the parish. The sisters received contributions of clothing from outside the parish. On January 5, 1958, the first Sunday bulletin was issued.



CONFIRMATION CLASS: Sisters of Christian Charity with confirmation candidates in 1954.

## NEW SCHOOL BUILT

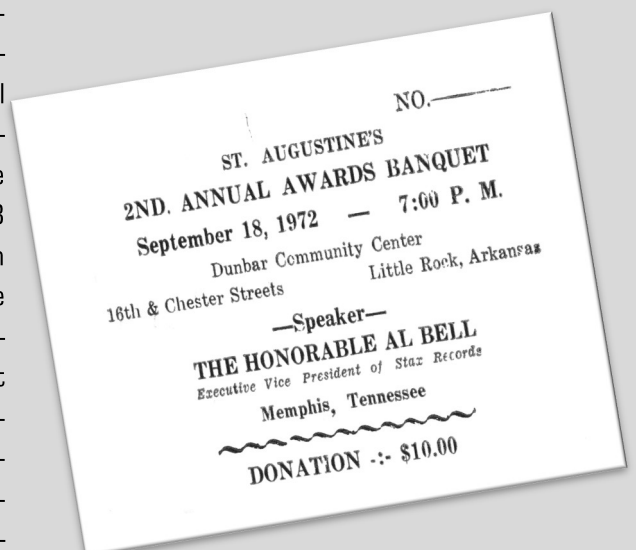


GRADUATION: Eight grade students from St. Augustine school with Father Keller in 1966.

omew participated in a Cana Conference for marriage preparation at St Augustine. Junior and senior members of the school were invited to enter the Greater Little Rock Parochial Basketball League. The girls' volleyball team was the winner in this league. At the first annual awards banquet held at the Dunbar Community Center in 1971, St Augustine recognized members who helped make the church a success.

Under the direction of Father Nau, more land was purchased and a new school was built. With membership at 165, members planned bazaars, suppers, parties, and entertainment to raise money to reduce the amount borrowed to build the \$50,000 school building. One bazaar was featured in The Guardian newspaper.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new school was held on April 24, 1960. By May of the following year, five houses next to the church were demolition for the construction of a playground. By August 18, 1964, St. Augustine was no longer the "school for the coloreds." In the mid 1960's, 33 couples from St. Augustine and St. Bartholomew



AWARDS BANQUET: Al Bell, founder of Stax Records was guest speaker in 1972.