

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE  
OF NARRATOR

As you know, our first year of the paper was a trying one, so now we are into our second year. Our Trustees said the paper shall be self-supporting. We now have our own paper, you should realize it costs money. I am going to have a Patron's List for the Christmas issue of December 19, 1962. In this way we will get some extra money to keep your paper in the black.

We are asking each brother and of course any company you work for or you know of to help us out. The donation for a brother, his name only, one line—\$5.00; for your name and company, two lines—\$10.00. I know any brothers with the K. C. spirit will come through. Send remittances to John A. Freeborn, 5569 Porter Road. Make checks out in the name of K. C. Narrator.

We would like to know how many are going to help in this cause. Please help, for this will reach many men that are not K. C. for we will have more of this issue printed for that purpose. Wouldn't it be better for our degree team to have twenty-five or thirty take the first degree instead of five or six. Just think what could be done by you simply sending in your share. Do it now. Thank you. —J.A.F.

STATE YOUTH CAMPAIGN

We have now entered the third and final phase of the campaign which ends on Saturday, December 8, 1962, here in Cleveland at the Manger Hotel. All book returns must be in the hands of Chairman Joe Arnold no later than 3:00 P.M. on December 8, as the campaign closes at 6:00 P.M. and the drawing on the cars and free trips to Florida will take place that same evening.

The Council has unselfishly committed itself, in the name of charity, to a program of youth work. Regardless of your own personal feelings on the matter, it is asked that you re-examine your conscience, do your duty, and become part of the team.

We still need 196 books to meet quota and earn the maximum benefits. There are 98 Brothers who still have not been heard from—perhaps some of you have books sold but not returned. If you have not done your share, we exhort you to please do so.

The race for top seller in the Council is close—Joe Kueharik with 25 books and Joe Arnold with 23 books. There are five members with ten books or more to date, qualifying them on

HISTORY OF ST. RICHARD'S PARISH

North Olmsted, Ohio

On May 19, 1950, with the growth of Catholicism increasing rapidly in the western sector of Cuyahoga County, Archbishop Hoban announced the formation of the first Catholic Church in North Olmsted. He placed the new parish under the patronage of St. Richard (1197 to 1253) a Confessor Bishop of Chichester in England and under the guiding hand of Father John T. Cullihan, a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland for 28 years.

The first families in the new St. Richard parish were mainly from St. Angela's Parish in Fairview Park which had served the Catholics of the area since 1922.

Within a few weeks the spiritual growth of St. Richard began with the celebration of Sunday Mass in Butternut School. The site of the new parish was decided by the Archbishop to be on Lorain Road just east of Dover Center Road, about centrally located between the parish boundaries of Clague Road and the Lorain county line.

Fr. Cullihan's first move was to obtain a house on Porter Road for a rectory and a center of his administration of the parish.

In 1951 ground was broken for the present church, gym and four classrooms and a new rectory. These buildings were completed with the dedication of the church in the summer of 1952.

St. Richard's school opened for the first time on Sept. 4, 1952, with the enrollment of 154 students under the direction of Sister Mary Paul and three other Sisters of the Incarnate Word. By June of 1954 the first graduating class of 20 boys and girls graduated. By June of 1955 the first addition of four classrooms was started and by September there were eight classrooms in use.

With the increasing growth of the parish becoming more evident, Archbishop Hoban sent Fr. Bernard Brady as the first assistant in St. Richard's parish to assist Fr. Cullihan.

For a period of a few months the situation seemed well in hand but by March of 1956 with the registration for the fall school term it became evident that the student body would outgrow the available classrooms. Immediate plans were underway for expansion and again September 1956 found 12 classrooms and filled. With the class of newly ordained priests on hand the Archbishop sent more help to St. Richard's in the appointment of Fr. Wm. Tezie which was effective on June 7, 1956.

In June of 1958 the last six rooms of the main school building went under construction and school was on half day sessions until February of 1959 which found St. Richard's School numbering 17 classrooms.

With the constant strain of the building program weighing heavily upon him, it was evi-

dent that it was taking its toll on the health of Fr. Cullihan. In the midst of preparations for Easter of 1959 Fr. Cullihan suffered a fatal heart attack on Holy Thursday and died that very night. As the people of St. Richard's were remembering the death of our Lord their hearts were sad in the mourning their beloved Pastor.

It was only a few weeks later that the Archbishop realizing the need of vigorous leadership for St. Richard's appointed Father O. J. Korab who had been the pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Wadsworth, Ohio, to become the new pastor of St. Richard's.

Following the pattern of the vest of the diocese, on May 23, 1959, Fr. Peter Lenahan also a newly ordained priest was appointed to succeed Fr. Brady, who had served his five years at St. Richard's.

North Olmsted was continuing to grow and it was clear that St. Richard's School was not large enough to handle the increased number of children so Father Korab had plans drawn up for a new school building.

On March 10, 1960, the Holy Father recognizing Father Korab's work in the priesthood gave him a great honor in naming him a Domestic Prelate with the title of Rt. Reverend Monsignor. The whole of St. Richard's parish were thankful to God and to the Holy Father for the honor bestowed on their Pastor.

The increase of the Catholic population also created a problem of parking for those attending Sunday Mass, so early in 1961 Msgr. Korab made plans to acquire more property. During the summer of 1961 he acquired three parcels of land directly south of the parish property for the future parking lot.

With Fr. Tezie's five-year tenure coming to a close on June 8, 1961, Fr. Joseph Wagner was appointed by the Archbishop to succeed him.

Because of a delay of a few weeks to wait for a new sewer to cross the property, the new school building was not under roof by January 1962 as was planned.

During 1962 the new building was completed, so that St. Richard's School opened in September 1962 with 25 classrooms, 1300 students, 11 Sisters and 14 lay teachers.

Just reaching completion at this time is the new paved parking lot in front of the new school.

Today St. Richard's stands as a tribute to the grace of God, the faith and hard work of her Priests and Sisters and the faith on sacrifice of her many parishioners.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Oldrich

J. Korab, Pastor

Rev. Peter J. Lenahan,

Assistant Pastor

Rev. Joseph Wagner,

Assistant Pastor

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At the last meeting we had our Memorial Service for our departed brothers as follows: Father Wagner opened the service with prayer. Rev. John T. Cullihan, our first Pastor; Edward J. Krejci, Louis B. Marking, Joseph A. Somerville, John J. Camray. It is a very impressive ceremony. Some day the Knights will be having the same service for you and me. I hope with God's blessing we will still be a K.C. Elmer F. Synek, Diocese Coronate, led us in prayer at the end. There were about sixty members present. The attendance was a little better than other meetings, but not good enough yet. —J.A.F.

MEMBERSHIP

Check on that new member now. Remember the promise to the other Councils. We are not out in front yet, so don't give up. Just think if we could double our members, that would be real Columbianism, and brings us closer to our own goal. The ones that do join will wonder why they waited so long to do so. We have lunch, etc., after each meeting. The meetings are short and snappy—just one hour.


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