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"When we were children growing up in that small house on our grandmother's farm, our dad would tell us how a Catholic church was planned and built in Farmville.

My dad, Hugh J. Nixon met our mother, Willye Rebecca Webb in 1946. They were married in the Catholic church in Crewe, Virginia by Father Isadore McCarthy in June of 1947.

Father McCarthy would hold Mass in different locations in Farmville like a room at the Weyanoke Hotel or rooms at Longwood College.

Dad would often say how he and Father McCarthy would sit around our kitchen table after meals discussing a church in town. They drew up the plans on a brown paper bag from the grocery store. Father took those plans to the Diocese in Richmond. After the church was built, dad recruited the families of college students to attend.

When mom and dad's only daughter was born, I was the first to be baptized in 1951 in the new church.

Dad and mom were very proud of the church and how much it had grown."

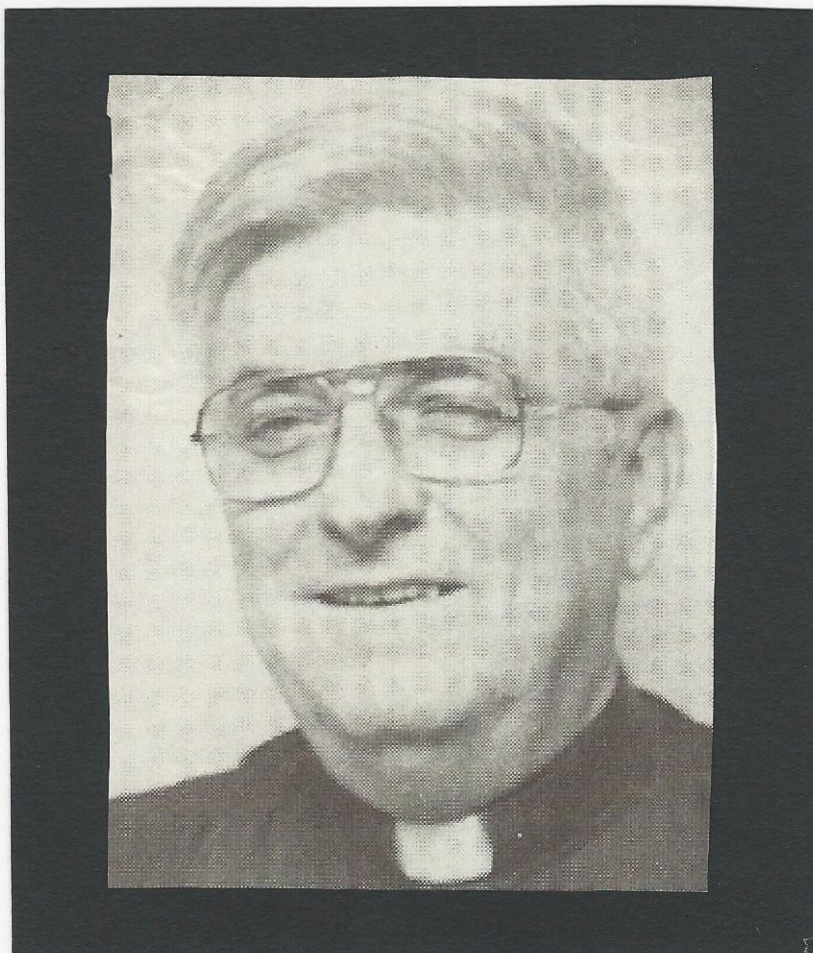
History given by Ann Marie Nixon Howard

Currently there are three generations of the Nixon family attending Masses at St. Theresa Church.









FATHER URBAN DUMMINGER

1968 – 1978

Father Urban Dumminger was born on December 19, 1922. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood at Brunnerdale High School Seminary in Canton, Ohio in September of 1937. He was professed on December 8, 1944 and was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1951 by Archbishop Karl Alter in Assumption Chapel at St. Charles Center. Father Dumminger more commonly known as Ubi, began his priestly ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Wapakoneta, Ohio where he served as Associate Pastor for one year. He then ministered to the Sisters of St. Agnes Convent in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin for a year. For the next fifteen years he served as Associate Pastor at a number of different parishes; at St. Anthony's, Linton, ND and St. Mark's, Cincinnati, OH; at Corpus Christi, Dayton, OH; at St. Mary's Church, Greenville, OH; and at St. Edward's, Cleveland, OH. On August 28, 1968, Father Dumminger became Pastor of St. Theresa's Church, Farmville, VA. Father Dumminger was very active with the Longwood College Newman Club serving as its Chaplain. Upon leaving Farmville in 1978, he became Spiritual Director for seminarians at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana. He also served the parish of Mary, Help of Christians, Fort Recovery, OH in 1981, and in July of 1982 was appointed Pastor. Father Dumminger retired from full time active ministry in 1989 but continued to help at various parishes. When St. Theresa parish lost its "mission status", Father Dumminger was the last priest of the C.Pp.S. order to serve at St. Theresa.

