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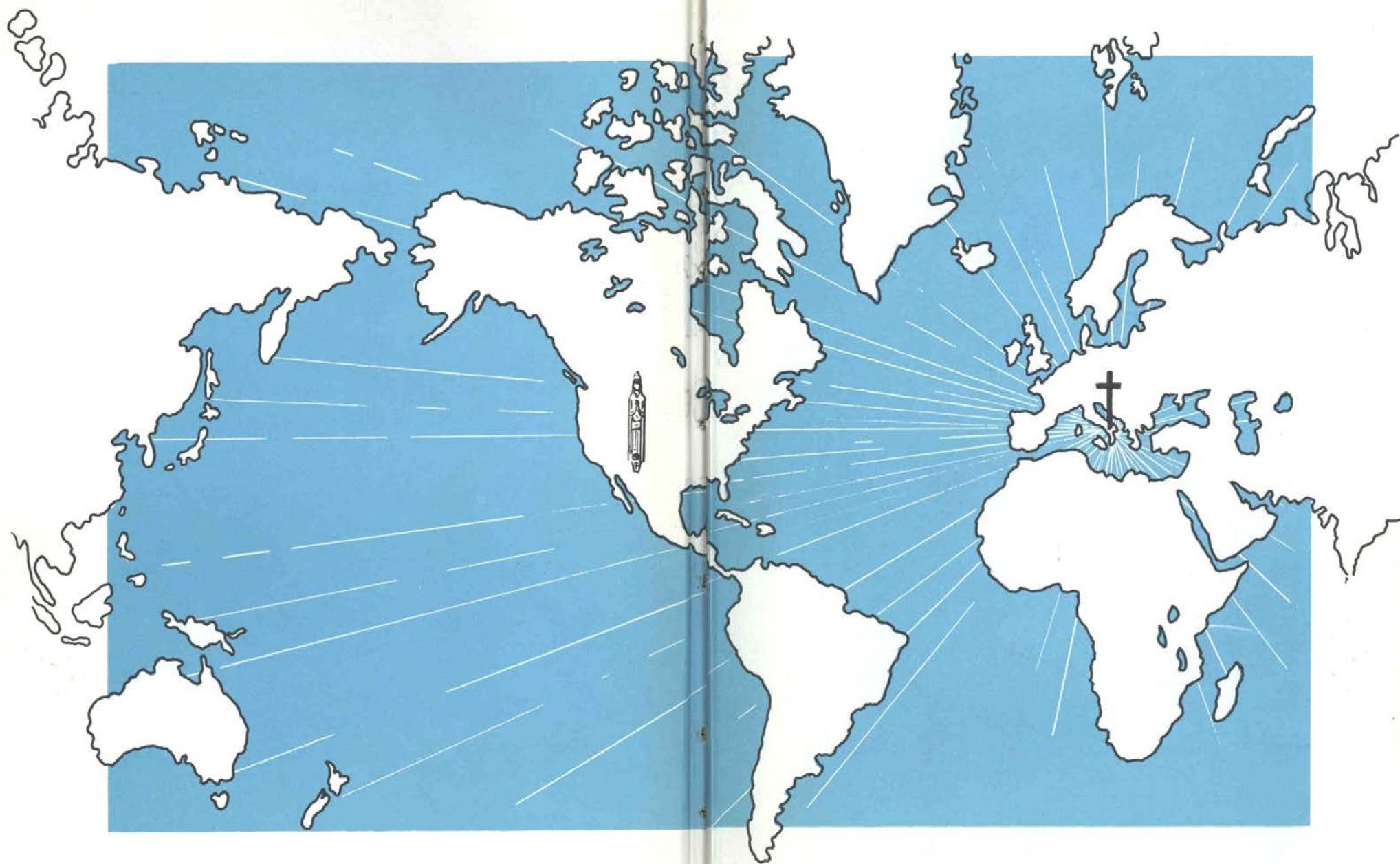


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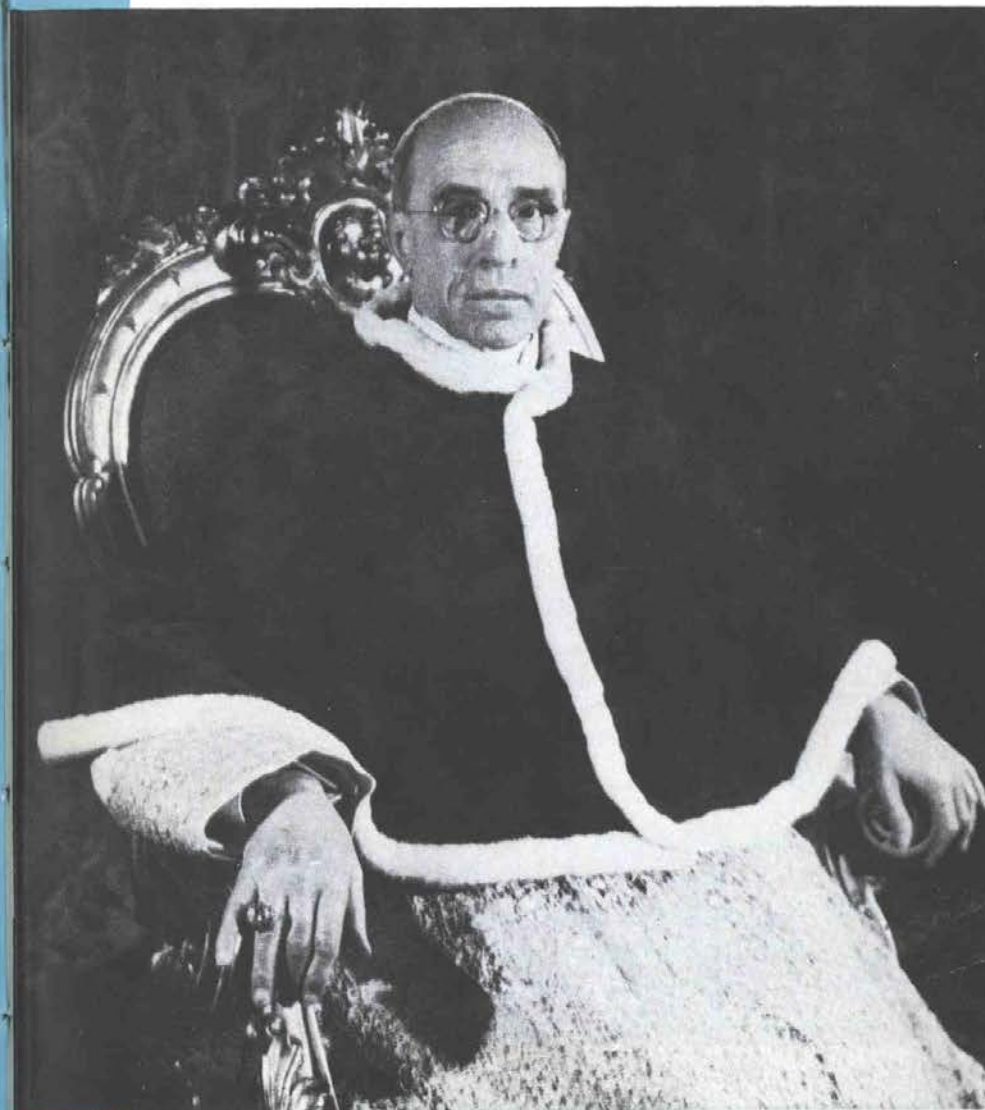
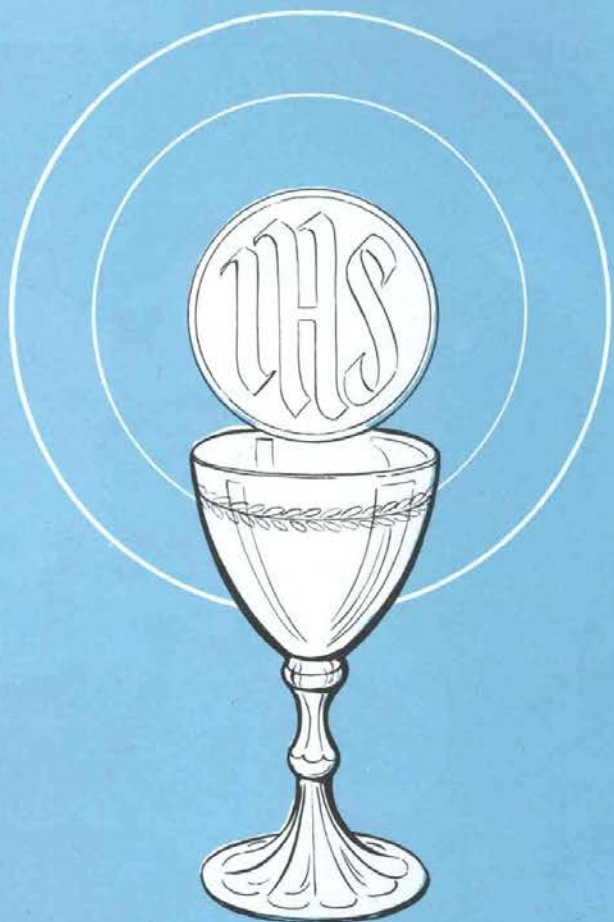
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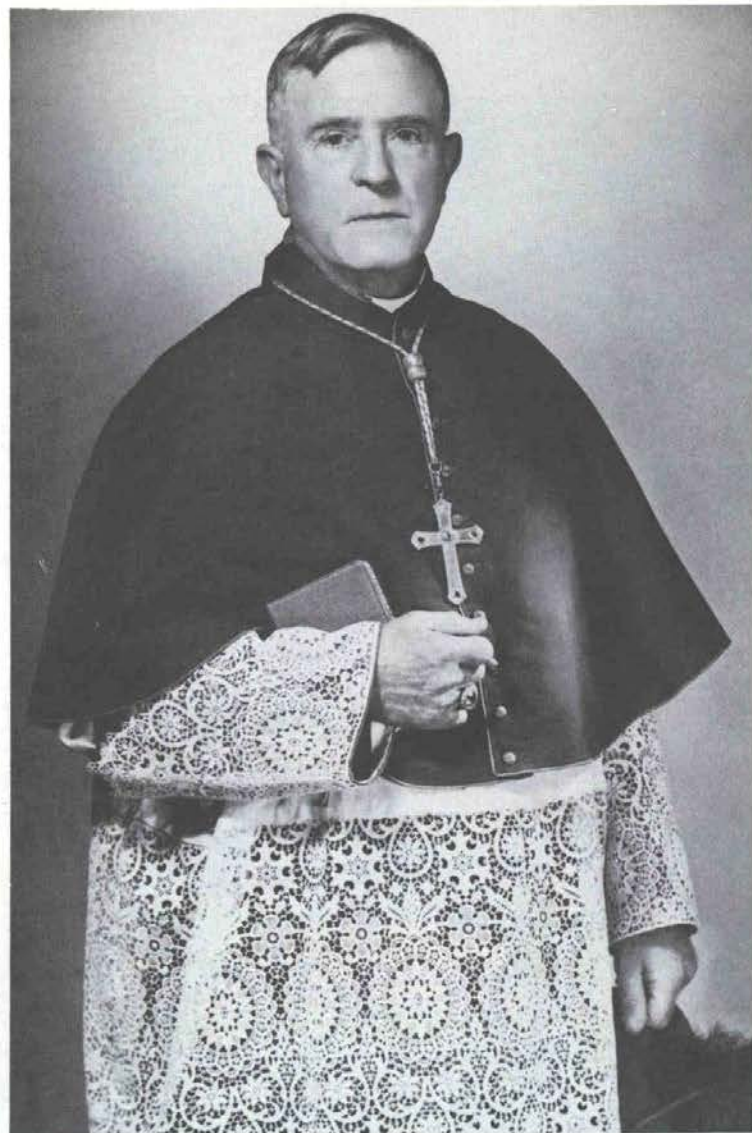


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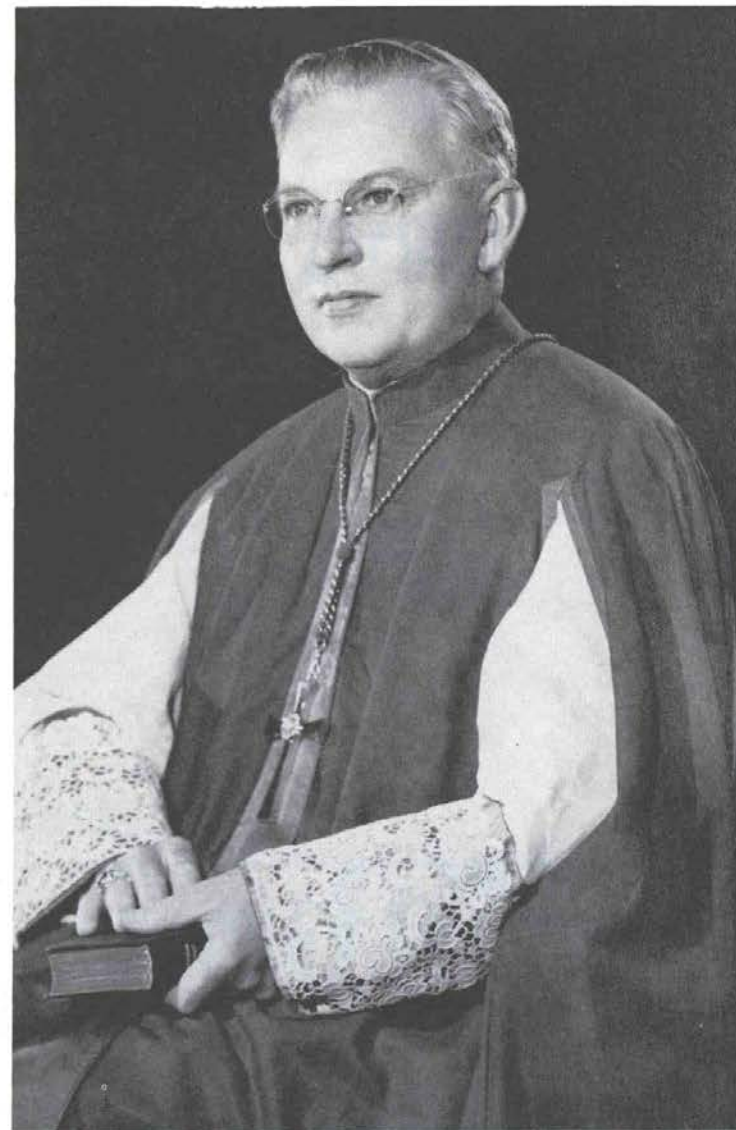
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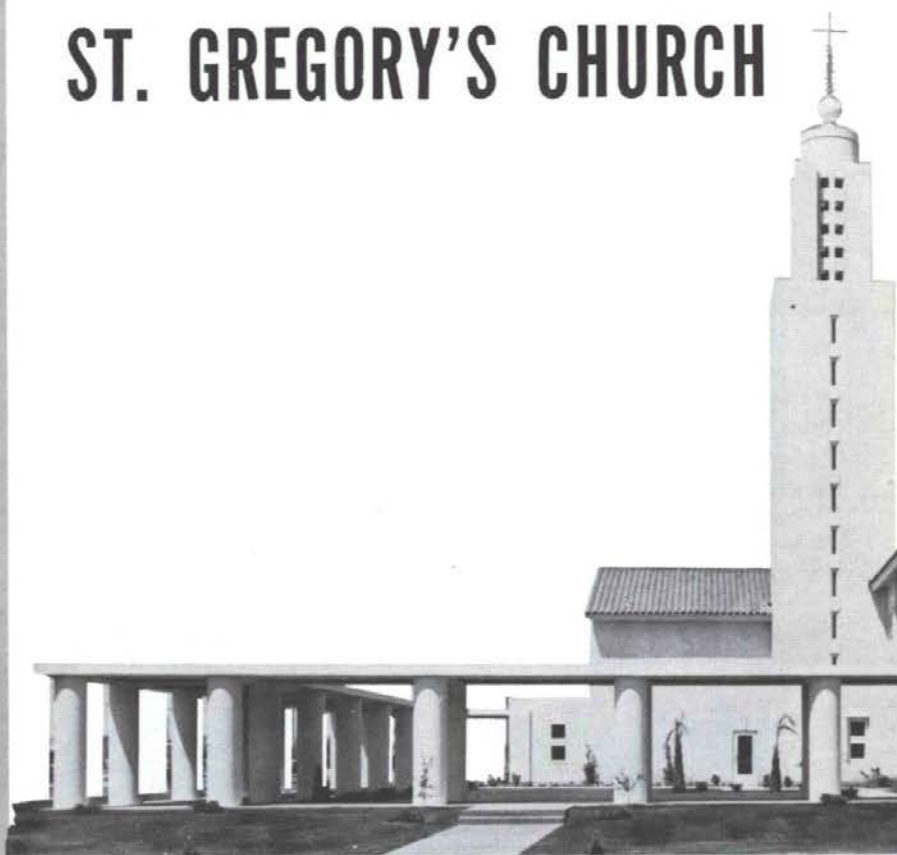
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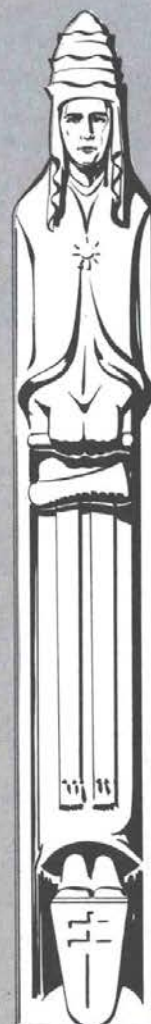
## A DECADE OF ACHIEVEMENT 1947 + 1957

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## IN THE BEGINNING

The original families of St. Gregory's Parish treasure the memory of Palm Sunday, March 31, 1947. At the eight o'clock and ten o'clock Masses on that historic date St. Gregory's Parish was born. Two hundred families knelt in a makeshift chapel in the Civic Building of the Arizona State Fair Grounds. Amid the stables, stalls, and exhibition structures of this site Christ again came to His people in Holy Mass.



SITE OF THE FIRST MASS OF THE PARISH OF ST. GREGORY

Now, in 1957, a decade later, the parishioners, numbered in the thousands, hearts overflowing with love of God, and love for their priests and nuns, again worship the Child Jesus in Holy Mass: only now the setting is one of fitting splendor and beauty. The indescribably lovely new St. Gregory's Church is a thrilling reality. It is a fitting Temple of God.

Planners and builders of superb taste and skill, commissioned by a devoted Pastor with courage, vision, and discernment, have conceived and erected a Church of surpassing excellence. It is a House of Worship truly beyond the early dreams of that small flock which first petitioned God, and St. Gregory the Great, to help them build a monumental Church and Parish.

How did this materialize? What were the struggles and sacrifices?

In the Spring of 1947 the Most Reverend Daniel J. Gercke, Bishop of Tucson, laid out the boundaries for the new Parish, the eleventh in the Phoenix area. It encompassed portions of the existing St. Mary's, St. Mathew's, and St. Francis' parishes. Later the area of boundary was itself to be sub-divided — for SS. Simon and Jude Parish in 1953, and for St. Vincent De Paul Parish in 1957.

Bishop Gercke selected as Pastor of St. Gregory's a priest already well known to the Diocese, Father Bernard L. Gordon. As founder of St. Gregory's, and present Pastor, this distinguished priest has from the unpromising Fair Ground beginnings, to the present gratifying maturity of Parish growth, devoted himself unstintingly to his people, and to St. Gregory's. His investiture, as a Right

Reverend Monsignor, with elevation to the rank of Domestic Prelate to His Holiness our beloved Pope, on June 26, 1955, constituted ecclesiastical recognition which his parishioners found highly pleasing, and regarded as deeply merited.

The second Sunday, memorable in our Parish history, was the succeeding Easter. High Mass at the Fair Grounds on this great Feast Day was graced by the vested Boys' Choir of St. Agnes Church, under the direction of the Sisters of Charity, BVM, with Father Robert J. Donohoe, Pastor of St. Agnes, as accompanist. Throughout the remainder of the spring and summer of 1947 the pioneer families of St. Gregory's trekked to the State Fair Grounds for Sunday Mass, planning and praying for the day when a more suitable church could be provided. St. Gregory's was

to be a step-by-step adventure in parish development. The first great stride would be to have a recognizable edifice for the church which would be located on Parish-owned ground.

The planners were a vigorous band of Catholics, who set an example of "pitching in" which is now a tradition among the men and women of St. Gregory's. Standing out in the original building committee were Eugene Burrus, Victor Steinegger, Bill Murphy, Frank Murphy, Howard Lampton, Lloyd Pike, and Ed Cosgrove.

Lloyd Pike, a well known architect, designed and coordinated the construction of much of the Parish plant of St. Gregory's, including the 1948 church, the school, the basic structure of the new convent, the very popular "Cafetorium," and the



handsome and spacious rectory. Lloyd's capable hand was evident in the re-converted barracks, the Parish's first actual church building.

This modest appearing structure was an actual Army surplus barracks building, procured through the efforts of enterprising parishioners from excess Government property at Papago Park. Four weeks of hard work were required to remodel the structure, following its removal to the vacant fields at 18th Avenue and Osborn Road, which comprised the St. Gregory's Parish property. Old timers Charles Rigling and Nels Tomlinson, assisted by squads of volunteer carpenters, made the building

over into a recognizable House of Worship. Among the laborers were also Emmett Gorman, Phil Holly, Bill Doyle, Al Laurent, Charles Gidcumb, Phil Ruocco, Horace Kuhl, Maurice Mooney, and among others, the Building Committee in full force.

During the intervening decade many of these original parishioners passed on to their eternal reward. We of St. Gregory's honor their memory, and are forever grateful for their labors, the fruit of which is now manifest in our splendid Parish of today. Those pioneers who are yet in our midst can contemplate with satisfaction the results achieved from their original labors.

1947 • THE HUMBLE BARRACKS CHURCH ON THE PARISH GROUNDS



BY DEC. 1949 THE FIRST CHILDREN'S CHOIR WAS IN FULL VOICE

THE 1st GRADE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN DEC. 1949



A FRIEND





JULY 7, 1947  
REMEMBER THIS DAY?



On July 7, 1947, Father Gordon, with proper ceremony, broke ground for the new interim church. Present for the ceremony were Fr. Robert J. Donohoe, Fr. Leo Hanley of Chicago, and Fr. Joseph Gavin of Chicago. It was a rainy and muddy day. Nevertheless, some thirty parishioners witnessed the historic event. (During ten eventful years of Parish life only one subsequent function — an ice cream social — has been seriously impeded by inclement weather.) Other pioneers of the Parish, who according to the records, attended this ground breaking ceremony were Mrs. Margaret B. Roche, Mrs. F. H. Springer, Miss Erma Springer, Miss Sohie Zahner, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waugh, Thomas A. Donohoe, Mrs. Mary F. Murphy, Mrs. Sophie Garrigan, Mrs. Lampton, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Laurent and Rita, and Mr. and Mrs. John Malloy. Work on the new structure was initiated at once.

Meanwhile several weeks elapsed before the barracks could be properly converted for suitable use as a church. Since the opening date of the State Fair necessitated the evacuation of the facilities at that location, new quarters had to be provided for temporary use for Sunday worship. In this emergency Bill Murphy graciously offered the chapel at his funeral home as a loan. This sufficed as the Parish Church for a three week period in November.

On November 23, 1947, the modified barracks became St. Gregory's Church, and was used as such until April 4, 1948. With pardonable

curiosity the viewer speculates on the fate of the trees which form such a prominent backdrop in the photo of this barracks Church. The auto models likewise point up the passage of time since those early Parish days.

Midnight Mass of Christmas, 1947, was celebrated in the barracks Church amid traditionally beautiful decorations, including a crib built by Charlie Rigling, and the familiar Christmas trees, green wreaths and festoons, arranged by a capable committee consisting of Sophie Garrigan, Genevieve Coffey, Bob Cosgrove, and Sophie Peck. The choir, led by Sophie Peck and accompanied by Alice Hayes, included Mrs. Walter Croft, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Minta, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waugh, Charles Rigling, Stuart Wheat, Joseph Thirbeau, Mary Ann DiEugenio, Theresa Moore, Genevieve Coffey, and Sophie Zahner.

During these days of watching and waiting for the completion of the new interim church the people of St. Gregory's organized a round of social activities which laid the groundwork for the Parish activities which have always been a significant source of financial support to our pastor. These family get-togethers have also provided the opportunity to integrate the individual families into our Parish family.

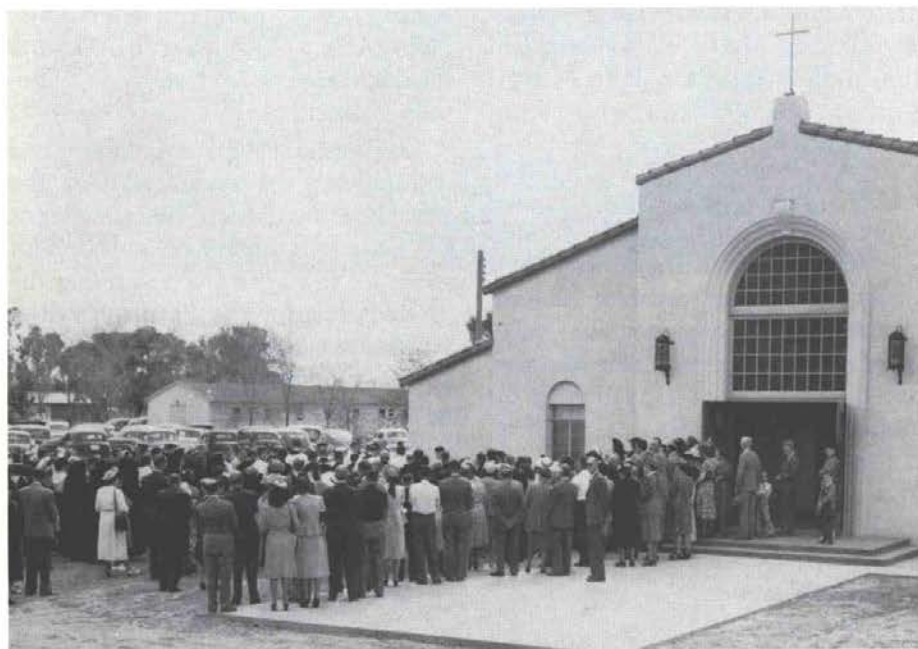
Father William P. Collins was assigned to St. Gregory's as Assistant Pastor during this period. His warm personality and saintly devotion to his priestly duties won him a permanent place in the hearts of St. Gregory's people.



A year had passed, when on the great day of dedication, April 4, 1948, the people of St. Gregory's entered their beautiful new interim church. The program of the day's events shows that Chaplains to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Daniel J. Gercke, were, The Reverend Francis J. Green (now Most Reverend Bishop), and the Reverend Robert J. Donohoe (now Right Reverend Monsignor). Master of ceremonies was The Reverend Francis X. Donnellan (now Right Reverend Monsignor). Cross Bearer was Jack Foster, Thurifer — Blair Akey, and Acolytes — Edward Murphy, Bruce Akey, and Ray and Jim Hilliard (see photo).



PROCESSION TO THE NEW AND LOVELY CHURCH



CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY

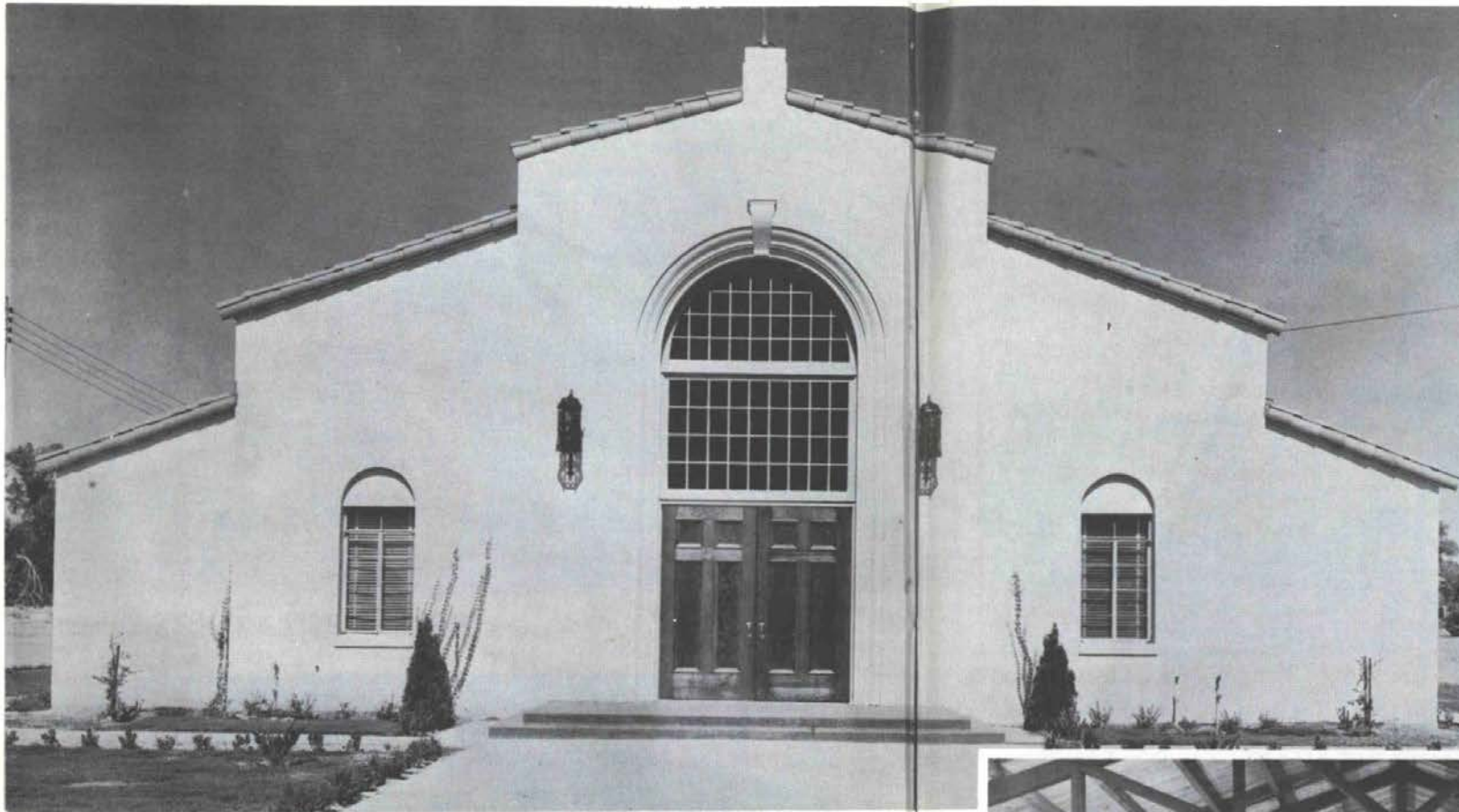


BISHOP GERCKE HOLDS DEDICATION CEREMONY  
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LOVELY,  
GRACEFUL,  
SPIRITUALLY  
INVITING . . .  
THE NEW CHURCH  
WELCOMED ALL  
TO THE  
GROWING  
PARISH

INSIDE, OUR LITTLE CHURCH WARMED THE HEART  
WITH CHRIST'S PRESENCE







## FIRST COMMUNION DAY • 1948

In May 1948 11 children made their First Holy Communion, in the first such class at St. Gregory's. (On March 31, 1957, nine years later, the First Holy Communion Class numbered 160 children). Pictured below is this first, 1948, Class, which included Anne Bernot, Joseph Bettini, Mary Bonnickson, Peter Cella, Mary Ellen Cure, Richard Herbert, Sandra Kaninski, Steven Lowry, Geraldine Reidy, John Reill, and Patrick Truhill.



THE NEW RECTORY • CHURCH • AND EVER-GROWING SCHOOL

The 1948 church, which was used until March 10, 1957, has been aptly described as a "prayerful" church. Seating 375 persons, the church achieved the intimacy of devotional setting which is the hallmark of the small chapel, tastefully appointed. Even as they rejoiced, however, in the accomplishment of worshipping God in their own lovely new interim church, Father Gordon and his rapidly growing flock knew the day was not far off when a much larger church would become an urgent necessity. During 1948, and subsequently, Catholic families literally poured into the Parish. Growth normally witnessed over a span of decades in other times and places was occurring annually in Phoenix.

Following the erection of the first school unit in 1949 Masses were offered in one of the classrooms, to satisfy the requirement imposed by this rapid increase. Upon the completion of the "Cafetorium," in 1952, as an extension of the interim church, with the incorporation of a roll-up door the problem of accommodating the

overflow crowds was temporarily relieved. The urgent needs of building the convent, additional schoolrooms, the rectory, and acquiring real estate for parking space, and rounding out the natural Parish grounds, forced Father Gordon to postpone building a permanent church until 1956. By this time the Parish roster numbered in excess of 1400 families.

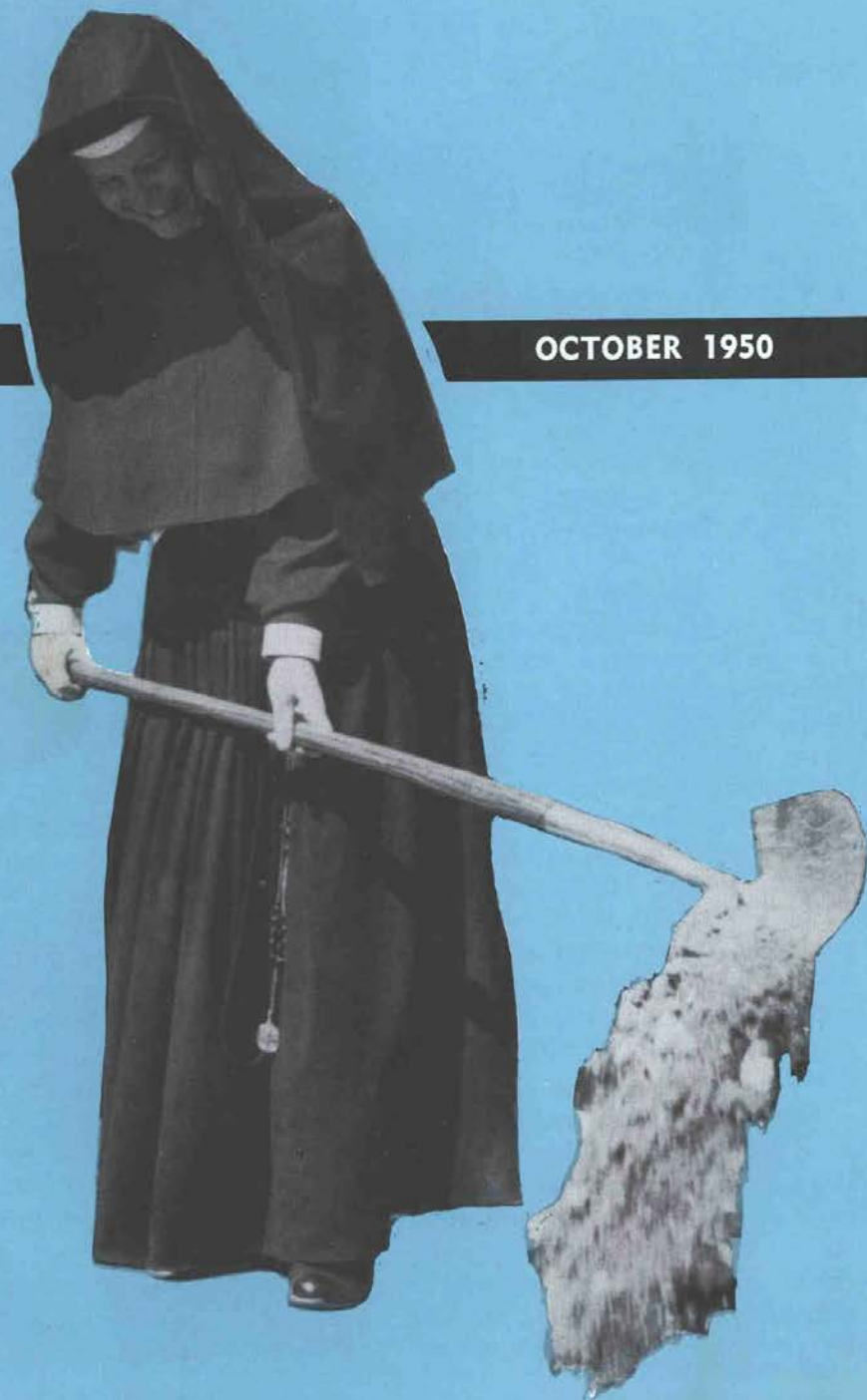
During the Autumn of 1955, (now) Monsignor Gordon devoted serious study and consideration to the problem of building a truly adequate and spacious church for the Parish. Following consultations with clergy and parishioners he engaged the services of Edward J. Schulte, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a master architect and renowned builder of churches. Jointly they planned a magnificent new edifice, the completion of which is the occasion for this memorial book.

On March 4, 1956, ground was broken for the permanent church. The balance of the year saw its majestic rise — from the foundation to the top of its stately tower and Cross.



OCTOBER 1950

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR THE CONVENT



## THE LADIES OF LORETTO

Mother M. St. Felix	Mother M. Hildegarde
Mother M. Laurentia	Mother M. Perpetua
Mother M. St. Rita	Mother M. Rosaria
Mother M. Sylvester	Mother Maria Cordis
Mother M. Myron	Mother M. Avila
Mother M. Kenneth	Mother M. Colette
Mother M. Alfreda (deceased)	Mother Mary Clare
Mother M. De Chantal	Sr. M. Trinita
Mother M. Ermelinda	Sr. M. Louella
Mother M. St. Wilfrid	Sr. M. Roland
Mother Mary Jean	Sr. M. Terence
	Sr. M. Evelyn
	Sr. M. Camille
	Sr. Mary Stephen





The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, more familiarly known as Ladies of Loretto, is an Order of teaching nuns founded by an Englishwoman, Mother Mary Ward, in 1609. The Order branched into Europe during ensuing times, and in 1847 five nuns were sent to Toronto, Ontario, from Ireland. In 1892 the Ladies of Loretto became established in Chicago, and are now conducting schools in various sections of the United States.

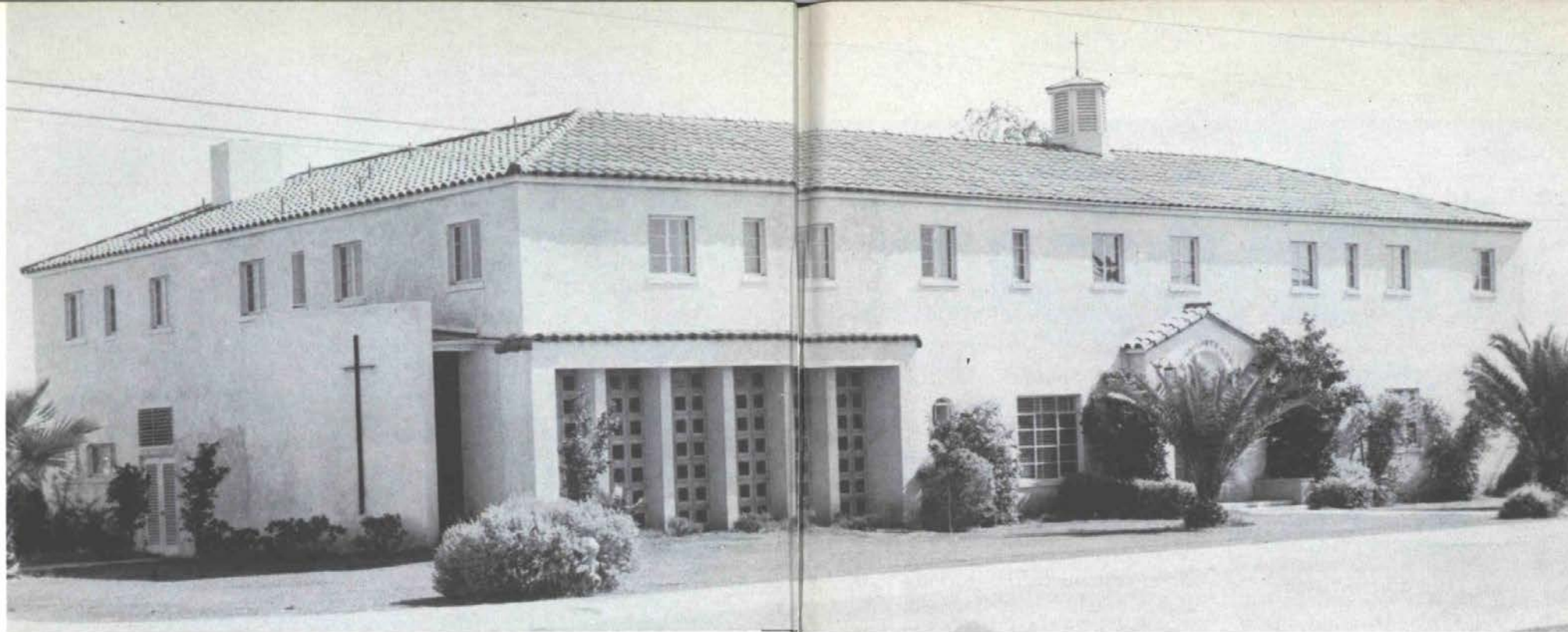
Early in 1948, Mother Victorine, Mother General of the Order, visited

Phoenix, from Toronto, and conferred with Father Gordon about the possibility of staffing the proposed new school. So impressed was she with the enthusiasm of the priests and parishioners of St. Gregory's, as well as the growth potential of the community, that Mother Victorine consented to send nuns to form a faculty and begin St. Gregory's School, the following year. Since religious teachers were so sought-after by Catholic schools throughout the entire Country, the decision was splendid news indeed.

At once preparations got under way to house the nuns, and begin construction on the first wing of the school. A house at 1711 West Mitchell Drive became the initial Convent. On August 13, 1949, Mother Mary St. Felix, Mother Mary Clare, and Sister Mary Jean arrived in Phoenix. The ladies of the Sodality had everything in readiness, including food and furnishings. Escorted by Father Collins, Mrs. Edward Klipfel, Sodality Prefect, and Mrs. Catherine F. Tomlinson, the nuns arrived at their new home, where breakfast was

being prepared by members of the Sodality.

The policy of Monsignor Gordon on behalf of the parishioners has been to insure that the dedicated nuns, who sacrifice so much for the children of St. Gregory's, be given, as at least a token of appreciation, a comfortable and commodious Convent in which to live. No sooner was it determined that the Ladies of Loretto were coming to the Parish than plans were drawn for a suitable permanent Convent which could be expanded to take care of future needs.







BLESSING OF THE SITE



THE BASIC CONVENT 1950

Mr. Lloyd Pike designed the St. Gregory's Convent, built during the period November 1950, to September 1951.

The Convent was designed initially to accommodate nine nuns, although when first occupied only five were present. There was great excitement in the Parish when the nuns held Open House, on October 7, 1951, concurrently with a Silver Tea given by the Mothers' Club. Mutual admiration was expressed by the nuns and parishioners alike with respect to the comforts and conveniences provided in the new building.

In the Autumn of 1951 the men of the Parish Holy Name Society conducted a fund drive to assist in defraying the cost of the Convent. Members of the Society also built a lovely Shrine of the Blessed Virgin in the enclosed yard of the Convent.

The fantastic growth of Phoenix generally, after 1950, and St. Gregory's Parish in particular, resulted in heavy expansion of the School, addition of nuns to the teaching staff, and inevitable need for additional Convent space. Mr. John Stephens, and his associate Mr. George Walsh, of St. Gregory's Parish, were commissioned to design additional rooms, and a permanent chapel for the Convent. Construction was under way from March through August of 1956. With this addition the Convent provides accommodations for a total of twenty nuns. At the close of the school year in May, 1957, there were twelve nuns at St. Gregory's. For the present at least there appears to be adequate living quarters for the good Ladies.

The present Mother Superior of St. Gregory's Convent is Mother Mary Clare. Since coming to Phoenix Mother Mary Clare has had published, with the cooperation of the local Chamber of Commerce, "Bluer Skies". Featuring beautiful color photographs of scenic Arizona, the book



THE QUIET CHAPEL IN THE NEW CONVENT

is a very pleasing and instructive compilation of State history, geography, and folklore. Used as a reference text in other parts of the country, "Bluer Skies" tells the story of the majesty of Arizona.

The good nuns have won the lasting affection of all people of St.

Gregory's Parish. The recognition that is their due can never be paid them with the things or the words of this world. May God sustain them and continue to bless their work always, is the heartfelt hope of the priests and parishioners of St. Gregory's.

THE CONVENT RECREATION ROOM

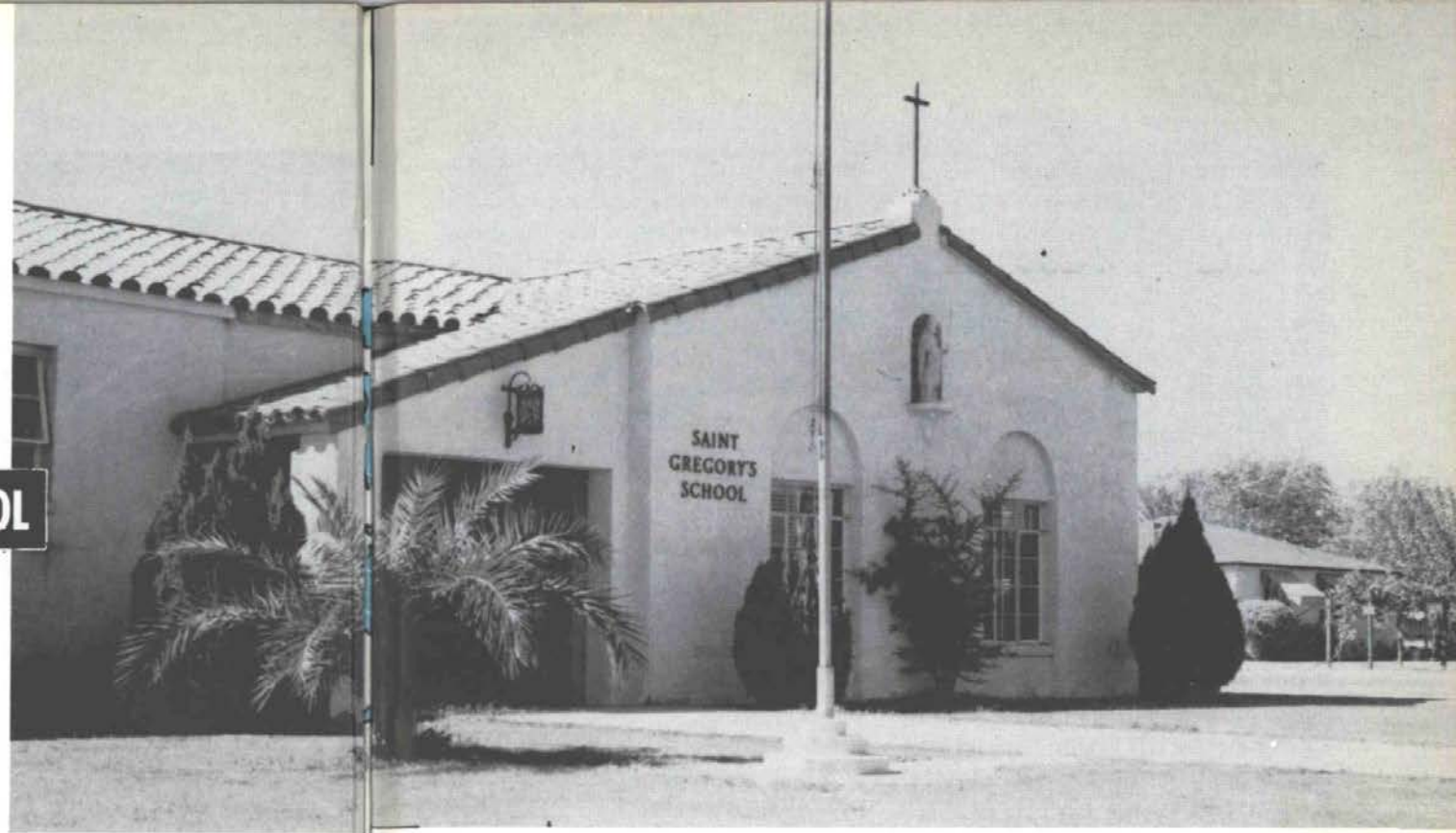






## BUILDING THE SCHOOL

Through faith and sacrifice American Catholics have brought to fruition an unique enrichment of their environment. They, in a manner unrivalled in other lands, have out of their own pockets financed a tremendously large and wonderfully effective parochial school system. They have furnished, from their families, religious to staff these schools. Although taxed fully to support the public schools, Catholic families have willingly accepted the extra burden of supporting parochial schools. They realize that in the secularized world in which we live, the obligation is urgent to provide a Christ-centered atmosphere of learning to give meaning and fullness to



the education of young minds, and to supplement the religious training of Home and Church.

Accordingly, one of the first goals of Father Gordon in organizing St. Gregory's Parish was to build a school. Aided by the prayers and enthusiasm of the congregation, he labored hard to recruit nuns, and provide them with adequate shelter.

Mother Mary St. Felix, the first Principal of St. Gregory's School, inspired the students with high standards of deportment and scholarship. During the first year she and her two assistants, Mother Mary Clare and Sister Mary Jean, labored under arduous conditions. Not only were the late summer and fall fiercely hot in

1949, but there were the gargantuan tasks of organizing classes, purchasing books and supplies, formulating policies and rules, getting settled in their temporary home, becoming acquainted with the priests and parishioners, and above all, teaching 110 bright-eyed youngsters who were their first charges. Three nuns taught grades 1 through 4, that first year, in three classrooms.

The crowded conditions presented many problems. However, the fledgeling school reflected the parents' inner joy that the dreamed-of goal was now a reality, with expansion to a full eight grades already a definite project for the immediate future.

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During those trying initial weeks the good Ladies of Loretto must indeed have found repeated refuge in the thought once expressed by the Foundress of their Order, Mother Mary Ward, "By regarding only what is His Will all that is burdensome will be turned into sweetness."

The School curriculum has always conformed to the accepted requirements of sound Primary education, with "Religion" heading the list of graded subjects on the report cards during all eight years. Students at St. Gregory's are offered an excellent basic fundamental education.

In addition to the Primary academic subjects, great stress is laid on "Christian Social Living." Students are checked during the school year on their behavior in Church, School, and on the grounds. They are also trained in cooperation, self control, courtesy, neatness, and care of property. Throughout each school day the children are given help and encouragement in developing and practicing their Catholic Faith. Excellent as this program is, no school faculty can substitute for the basic training in Christian living which must originate and be continued under the direction of the parents, in the home.

Those of us who were brought up in the "red brick, slate blackboard schoolhouse" tradition were surprised and delighted with the cool loveliness of the new classrooms. From acoustical tile ceilings to asphalt tile floors, functional beauty reigned. The blackboards are pastel green in handsome extruded aluminum

frames. Whole walls of cork bulletin board expanse permit colorful and orderly display of the children's work. Room length window walls insure maximum light for young eyes. Copious overhead lighting supplements the sunlight and dispels troublesome shadows. Single floor construction, and double doors in each room offer maximum child safety. Modern steel desks are a crowning feature.

That first wing of the School did things to the parishioners of St. Gregory's. It set a high standard for future achievement. It matched the physical plant of public schools. People speculated on how wonderful it would be next year to have additional rooms, and began to visualize the projected patio. It was commonly remarked on how convenient a patio would be for festivals, and processions. Maybe a Shrine to the Blessed Mother might eventually grace its verdure. But these were exhilarating thoughts for the future. Suffice it for the time that the wonderful new St. Gregory's School was in being and a-building.

More nuns arrived in 1950, concurrently with completion of the north wing of the School, including the attractive school office. Under its mission-tile roof, the long right angled structure was integrated naturally with the mother building, the Church. Next to the School's northeast corner a splendid flagpole was erected. Here patrol boys ceremoniously raise the American Flag at the beginning of each school day, and



MODERN, COMFORTABLE CLASSROOMS

take their posts at the adjacent corners, to guide their schoolmates across the streets. From his wall niche, above, St. Gregory beams approval.

It is not humanly possible to pay adequate tribute to the untiring and unselfish labors of the Ladies of Loretto. In an attempt to express some measure of appreciation we list herewith the names of those nuns who have been to date assigned to St. Gregory's:

Mother Mary St. Felix was the first Principal of St. Gregory's School. She was followed in that capacity by Mother Mary Cordis, and by Mother Mary Clare, the incumbent, who is also Mother Superior of the Convent.

The builders completed the third unit of St. Gregory's School in time for classes in September, 1951. An attractive feature of this increment of the building program is the Library. A restful, nicely appointed room, its

size is also ideal for small group meetings. Countless such gatherings have been held over the years, to plan ham dinners, fund drives, and all manner of Parish activities. The Legion of Mary, and St. Vincent De Paul Societies use it for their regular weekly meetings.

Completion of the third wing in 1951 closed the circuit of the patio. Thanks to the green thumb of maintenance man, pipe-smoking Charlie Balchunas, whom all old-timers remember fondly, the new lawn and shrubs and palm trees got off to a thriving start. The patio has lived up to its promise of offering a delightful setting for Parish parties, carnivals, and festivals, and it has served annually as the ideal setting for the May Crowning of our Blessed Mother, since Monsignor Gordon had the lovely shrine built, in memory of his own mother.



In the meantime St. Gregory's School graduated its first class, in May 1951. The pioneer eighth graders (see photo below) of that historic initial graduation were: Bruce Ak-ey, Elaine Augustine, Sandra Bettini, Frank Coles, Bernard Costello, Margaret Croft, Edward Cullen, Janet Cure, Dennis DiConcini, Genevieve Dumurat, Bernard Dougherty, Jo-leen Duffy, Paul Gallagher, Joe Hackett, Janice Hall, Mary Harries, Richard Herbert, David Klein, Howard Lahman, Vernon Pieters, Nancy Roberts, Dorothy Runstadler, Eleanor Taylor, Virginia Taylor, Dan Trainer, Marcia Warthen, Michaela Wilson.

The parents have been very much included in St. Gregory's School life. In a direct way, of course, the wonderful Mothers' Club, which was organized in September, 1949, has been a truly helpful auxiliary to the teaching staff. The helpfulness

through direct service to the School, and through fund raising activities for school projects, has been a significant factor in the growth and development of the School. Initially, its activities provided entertainment in which adults and children alike participated, and as the development progressed the Club assumed additional responsibilities, as outlined in detail on page 58.

The Ladies of Loretto have always encouraged parents to keep closely in touch with the School. The very impressive way this has been accomplished has been through the stunning pageants which have been staged by the children. Parents were utterly amazed when they attended the "Holy Year Pageant" on March 2, 1950, a captivating play which depicted the early life of the Church. The costumes — monks, bishops, nuns, nobles, soldiers, knights and all — were a dazzling display. But what

set the audience back in its seats for a real thrill was the disciplined demonstration of advanced training the entire performance reflected. It was a revelation that youngsters could learn their parts so well, sing with such confidence, and perform so competently in a manner worthy of students years older. At this pageant, and the earlier one (in the barracks building) in 1949, St. Gregory's parents learned at first hand, with feelings of overpowering gratitude, what truly wonderful results were being obtained by the Ladies of Loretto.

The nuns have conducted open-house at the School each semester. These purposeful occasions have provided organized opportunity for individual consultation between parent and teacher. Conducted in the children's actual classrooms, with student work on display, the open-house meetings have contributed to the

realization of the co-operation between the parents and teachers in the school counseling program.

The school cafeteria was originally opened in the old barracks building, and operated under severe handicaps. The initiation of the Federal Aid Program enabled the cafeteria staff to serve nutritious and satisfying meals to a greater number of students at a very nominal price.

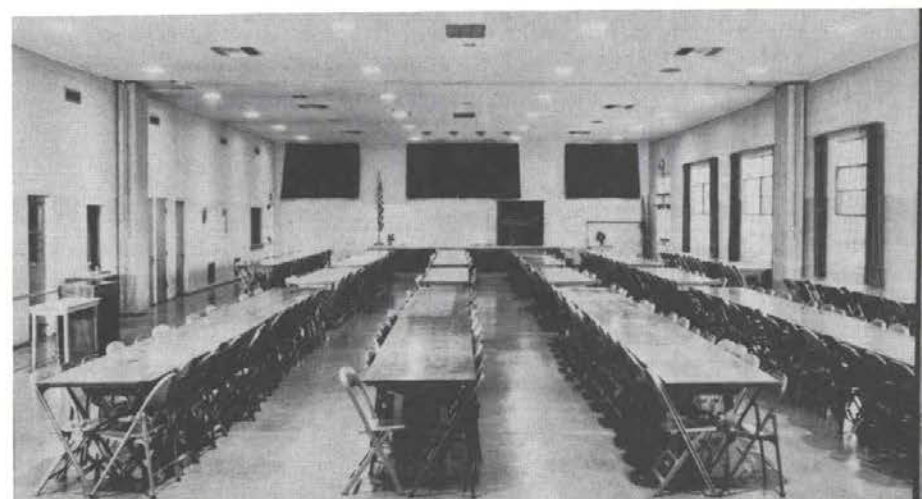
The efforts of the many women who participated in the program were directed by Mrs. Cure, and Mrs. Hess, in the early years. Currently the cafeteria is directed by Mrs. Meredith, with the assistance of Mrs. Minta, and Mrs. Arnould.

As previously outlined, the "Cafetorium" was built as an addition to the temporary church, in November, 1952. The spaciousness of the dining area was designed to accommodate the anticipated maximum school en-

CLASS OF '51; THE FIRST TO GRADUATE FROM ST. GREGORY'S



CAFETORIUM • CENTER OF MANY PARISH ACTIVITIES







BLESSING OF THE 1954 SCHOOL ADDITION

rollment. The kitchen facilities are comparable to those employed by the finer hotels and restaurants. This equipment enables the staff to provide greater diversification in their menus, in the minimum time allotted.

The coined word "Cafetorium" aptly connotes the flexibility of this particular structure, since in a matter of minutes it has repeatedly been transformed from a cafeteria; to a church; a movie theater; a bingo social; or even a gaily decorated dance pavilion, under Joe Prebil's expert stage direction.

It would be unfair to the Cafetorium not to mention that its facilities have been used for countless meetings of Parish organizations. An ac-

ordion-type partition permits the original area to be subdivided to provide two meeting halls, and on numerous occasions it has been utilized in this manner. The large stage which graces the western end of the building has seen much use in entertainments, ranging from Cub, and Brownie, skits, to the hilarious adult male dancing chorus whose pantomimes rocked audiences at Mothers' Club suppers.

The most recent addition to the school plant was the western bank of classrooms along Whitton Avenue, completed in September, 1954. The building program for St. Gregory's School is by no means completed. Enrollment has increased regularly with each year of the School's exis-

tence. During 1956 more than 800 students were accommodated, and presently there are 832 students enrolled. In February, 1958, the final wing of our School, a two-story six-room addition was begun. This new addition will include the School Library as well as the Kindergarten.

Old-timers still recall the dust problem that plagued the school yard before irrigation water could finally be brought in. Holy Name Society, and Men's Club meetings have been known to devote entire evenings to the matter of trying to settle this problem. At one time our harried pastor joked of publishing a news bulletin sheet for the parishioners on the progress of the anti-dust campaign. Noble efforts by all of the men of the Parish toward the procurement of water finally resulted in a full sweep of grass on the terraced expanses of St. Gregory's grounds. It was wonderful. Few will forget the mammoth Men's Club weed-pulling operation in the late summer of 1954. Grass and black-top triumphed over dust at long last.

Another project which triggered great efforts by men and women of the Parish was the need to provide athletic equipment for the School. Many a Smoker, and Card Party, was held by the ever-energetic St. Gregory's people for this cause. The teaching staff encourages team sports as well as individual athletic efforts. St. Gregory's teams are members of the Phoenix Catholic Grammar School League. Well-coached, these teams have brought credit to the School. The coaching staff throughout the years, has consisted of Messrs. Sam

Thomas, Harris and Douglas Patterson, James Drane, Misses Evelyn Peck, Jean Shields, and Glynn Montgomery. Their work with the softball, touch football, basketball, and track teams has been eminently successful.

The shortage of religious has necessitated supplementing the teaching staff with lay personnel. As a tribute to these qualified and devoted individuals their names are inscribed in this historical record, namely: Mrs. Marjorie Barnes, Mrs. Grace M. Beddow, Mrs. Helen Bergen, Mrs. Christine MacDougall, Mrs. Piera Mascio, Mrs. Marian Stoner, and Mrs. Mary P. Weland, Mrs. Margaret Long, Mrs. Robert Valentine, and Mrs. Mary Melody.

The customary visits of the Parish priests to the schoolrooms, in the course of their religious instructions to the children, are thoroughly enjoyed by the priests and students, alike. In addition, these visits stimulate the children to exert greater efforts in their studies, because of this relationship.

The scholastic achievements of the School have been a continuing source of pride to Monsignor Gordon. The records established by our graduates have been attested to by the number of scholarships awarded by the Catholic High Schools of the Valley, to St. Gregory's graduates. The opportunity for the development of vocations has been intensified through the religious training received by our students, and has resulted in the enrollment of an appreciable number of our graduates in various seminaries and convents.





In pictorializing one of our graduating classes it is only fitting that the Class of 1957 be selected for this presentation, inasmuch as this Class

represents the first group to have completed the course of studies embracing all of the Grammar School grades at St. Gregory's.

**Top Row:** John Prince, Terry Bliquez, Robert Walton, Terry Matter, Leslie Hilger, Donald Herman, Richard Donnelly, John Fedigan.

**Second Row:** Sara Collier, Jackie Cure, Cynthia Howard, Peggy Gatson, Peggy Smith.

**First Row:** Marie Stanford, Barbara Imperatrice, Regina Corn, Mahli Irving, Patricia Portalski, Carol Larsen.



## PARISHIONERS HELP BUILD

The cooperative spirit which has become such an outstanding feature of St. Gregory's Parish activities gained its inception at our first "Fall Festival". This memorable event was held on December 10, 1948, when the old converted Army barracks building served as the dinner site, with carnival booths adjoining on the adjacent grounds.

During the intervening short period of ten years these affairs have grown in scope and importance to the extent that our latest such event was expanded to a two day affair, and encompassed the entire area of our since greatly expanded property. Not only is the financial revenue accruing from these Festivals of substantial assistance to our Pastor, in his perennial wrestle with the Parish budget, but of equal importance are the opportunities afforded through these activities for promoting friendly cooperation amongst the members of the Parish.

The resultant success of the first two "Fall Festivals" prompted the

initiation of a "Summer Social", as well, in 1950. Since this date our parishioners have regularly vied in their efforts to sponsor these semi-annual events, which have steadily shown a healthy growth financially, as well as socially.

The inauguration of the "Hundred Dollar Clubs" by the Sodality in 1950, also adopted by the Mens Club in later years, has stimulated the friendship of our parishioners in their respective neighborhoods. Furthermore, the revenue derived from these sources represents a respectable contribution to the growth of the Parish. Most recently the Sodality fund established from this source has been dedicated to defray the cost of the Blessed Virgin's Altar, in the new Church.

Although these various functions, of a fundamentally social nature, have been effective in implementing the regular day-to-day operating expenses of the Parish plant, periodically it has been found necessary to stage formal campaigns, and make individual solicitations of the members of our Parish, to raise funds for structural additions requiring large capital commitments.

The inadequate housing facilities for the nuns created a pressing need for a new Convent. This was the occasion for the first of such drives, in 1950.

In 1953 it was recognized that immediate action was required to provide our clergy with adequate living facilities. Hence, a second such appeal was made to our parishioners.

Our beloved Bishop Gercke had long nursed the dream of a Diocesan Seminary. In 1955 he decided the time was propitious to launch a fund raising campaign, for the establishment of Regina Cleri Seminary. St. Gregory's contribution to this drive was notably successful, under the chairmanship of Les Weiland.

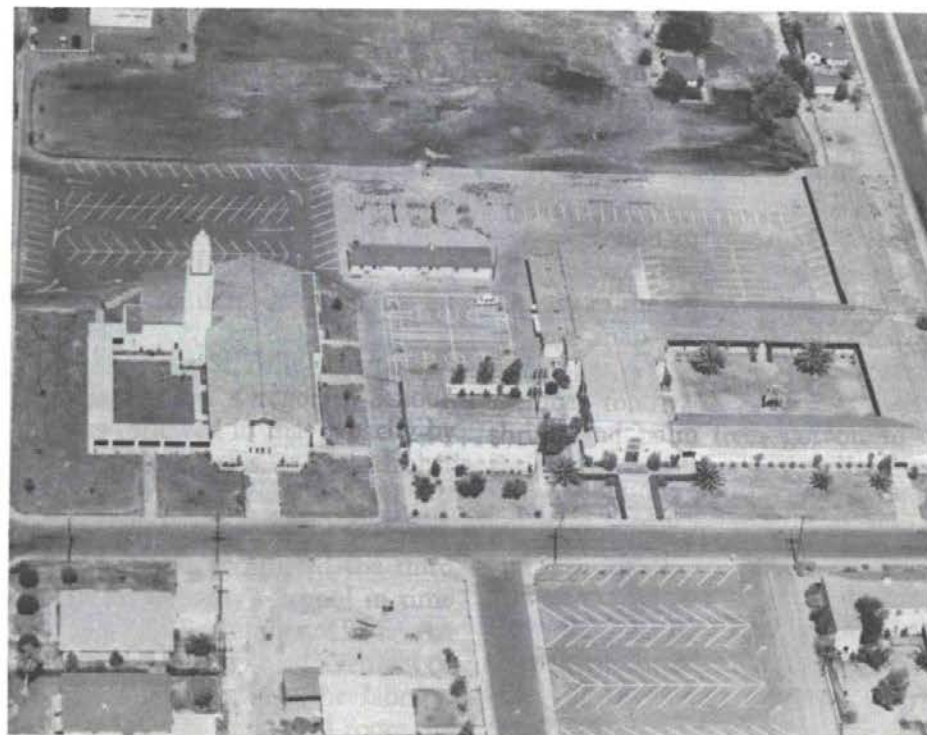
With this background of organizational experience in raising money on a pledge basis more than five hundred men, under the chairmanship of Arthur J. Smith, Jr., conducted a comprehensive campaign during the early months of 1957, to realize money for the new Church. Each

family in the Parish was solicited, and approximately a thousand pledges were obtained.

Beginning on page 68 are listed the contributors whose monetary sacrifices assured Monsignor Gordon that our Church, as originally planned, was not beyond realization. It must be recognized that credit for the spiritual offerings, and other personal sacrifices, were no less important in sustaining these efforts.

Presently, the physical assets of St. Gregory's Parish approximate one and one-quarter million dollars — an amazing growth within the short span of a decade.

THE FIRST BARRACKS CHURCH STILL STANDS SURROUNDED  
BY THE BEAUTIFUL, GROWING PARISH PLANT



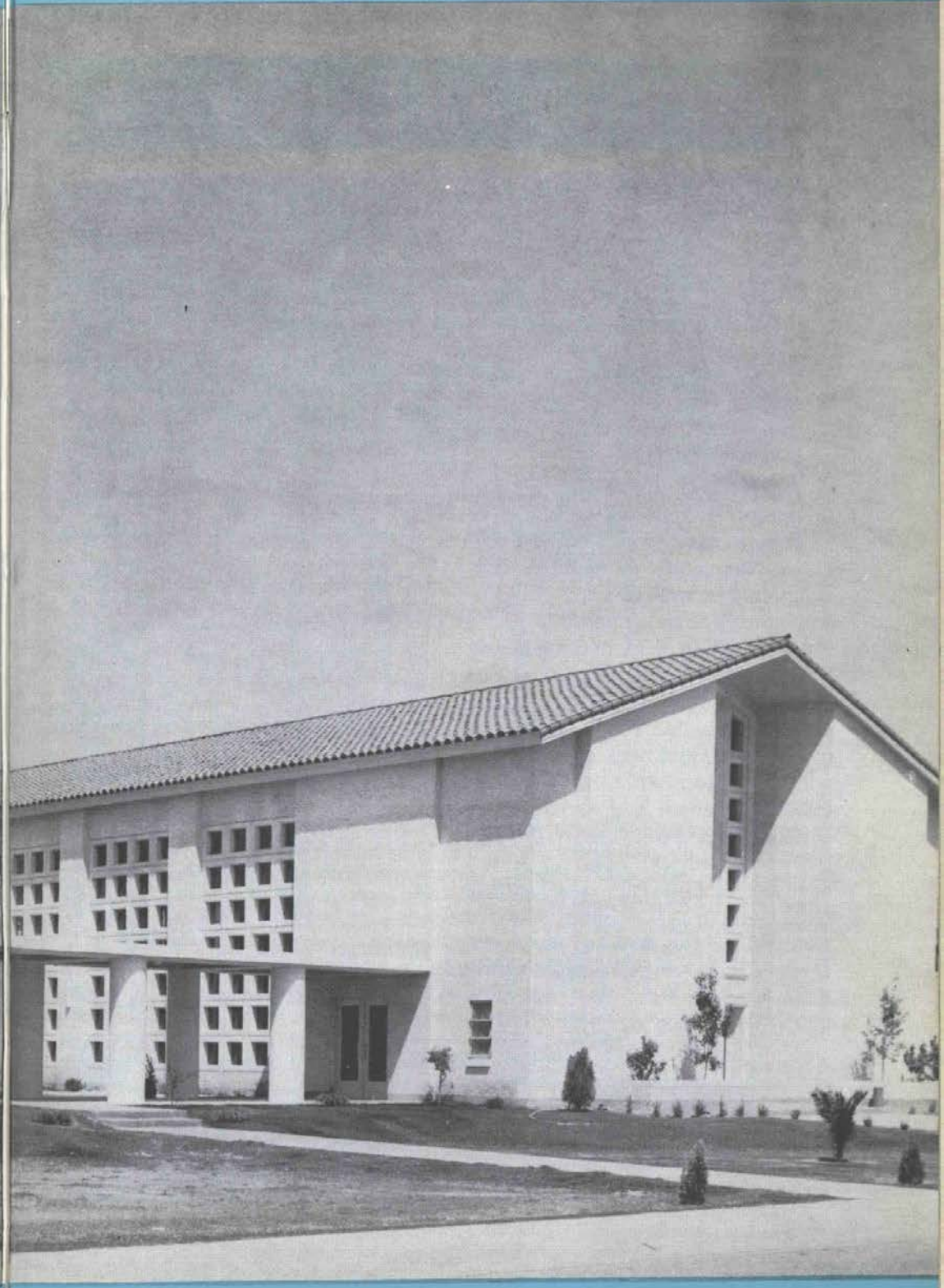
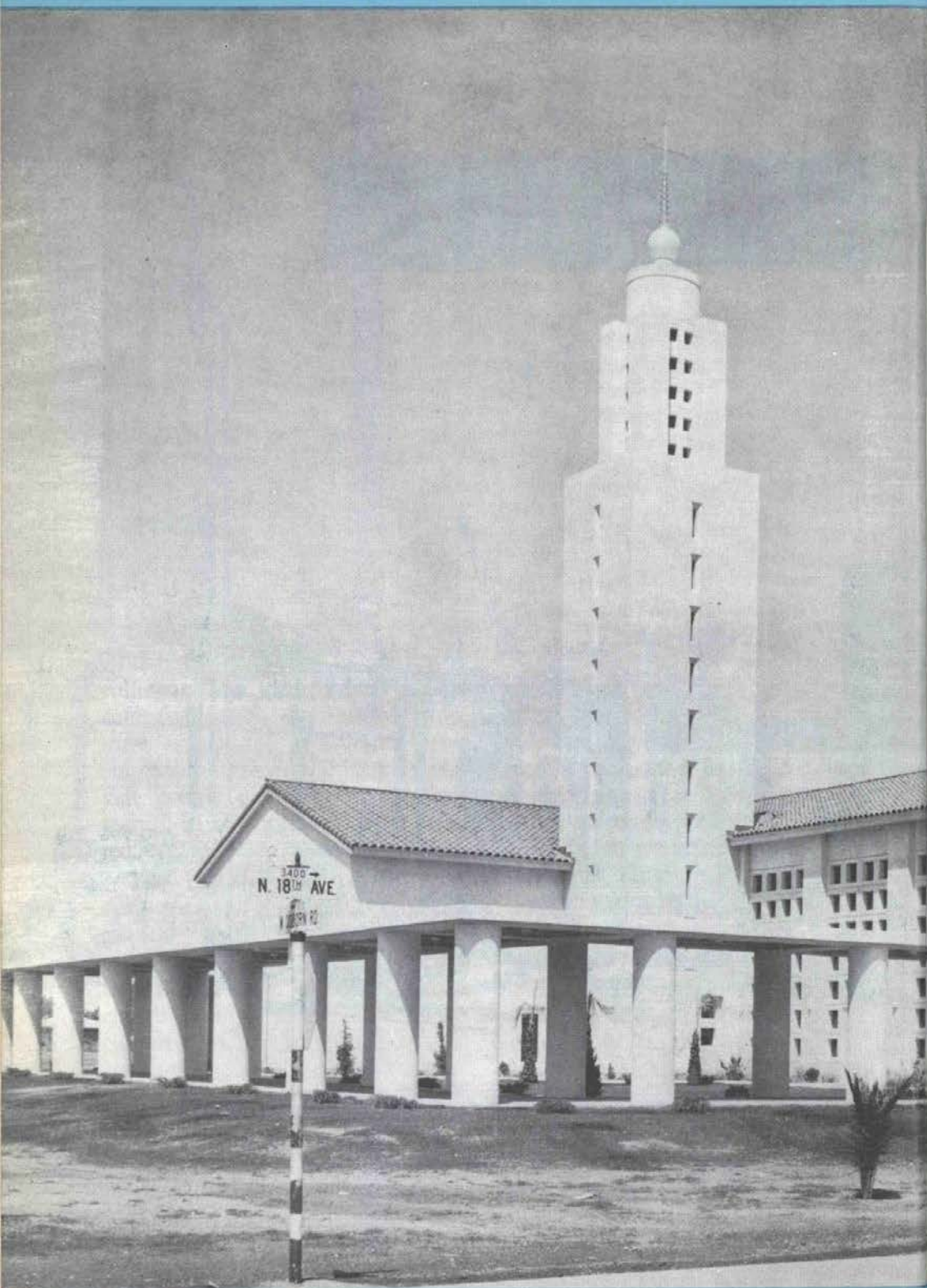




## BUILDING THE CHURCH









## Since the Church is the Mother of Arts, St. Gregory's was planned to be beautiful

Our pastor, fully aware of the constantly increasing need for a new church, yet cognizant of the commitments in behalf of Regina Cleri Seminary obligating his flock, was hesitant to further commit his parishioners. However, in 1955, his Excellency, our beloved Bishop Gercke, urged Monsignor Gordon to proceed with plans for construction of our permanent Parish Church.

Accordingly, after extensive consultations, Mr. Edward J. Schulte of Cincinnati was engaged as the architect. Subsequently the Cannie Construction Co. was awarded the general contract. On March 4, 1956, Monsignor Gordon ceremoniously broke ground for the permanent Church. Slowly the long-awaited structure assumed form. Fabricated of steel and faced brick of buff color, with cast stone trim, the new St. Gregory's Church is of contemporary design. Its composite beauty includes the traditional spire and Cross, and exquisite detail of trim. The vaulting height of the main church, and the thrust of the one hundred and twenty-five foot steeple predominantly emphasize the Church as the heart of the Parish, the center of worship.

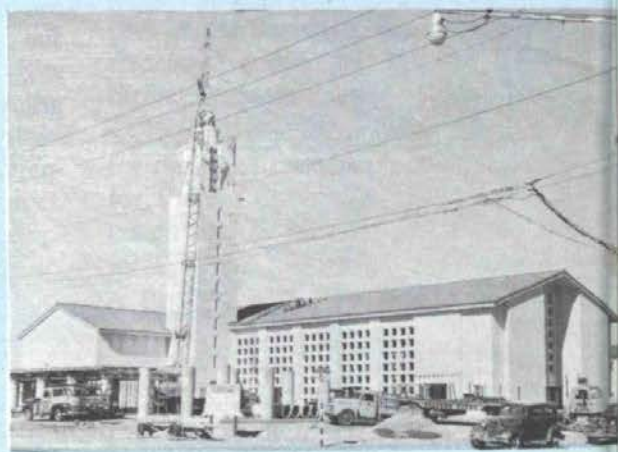
The interior of the Church surpasses the excellence suggested by the harmonious exterior. The vaulted nave is graced with color and gold leaf trim, in original and pleasing patterns. The transept is embellished







BLESSING OF THE SITE  
FOUNDATIONS ARE LAID  
STEEL IS ERECTED  
GROWING BEAUTY  
CROSS IN THE SKY



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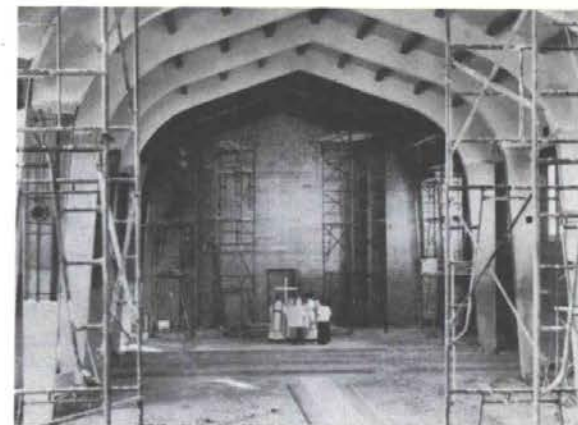
THE CORNERSTONE IS SET IN

DEDICATION SERVICES

THE FIRST MASS  
IN  
THE NEW  
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with a multi-colored sunburst. The cool gray walls, and the terrazo floor with aluminum stripping, complement the arches and ceiling decor.

Suitably the focus of worship, the altar is of rich-veined black Tennessee marble, and light-colored marble imported from Italy. Behind the altar an impressive wall of pleasing mosaic furnishes design and harmony to the sanctuary. Of Venetian gold-glass, the mosaic pieces were manufactured in Italy, and assembled in foot square sections in Milwaukee. The mosaics behind the side altars were similarly executed.

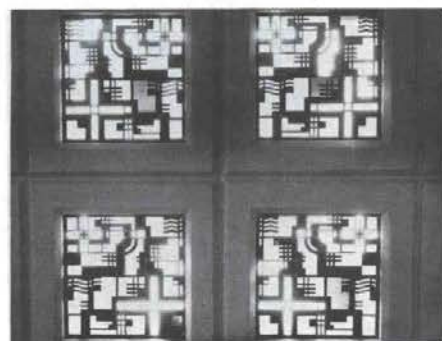
The altar is surmounted by a crucifix of heroic dimensions. The Corpus, of lindenwood, was carved in Switzerland. The statues of the Blessed Mother, and of St. Joseph, which adorn the side altars, are of the same material. The fleur de lis medallions, integrated into the mosaic background of the Blessed Mother's altar, signify purity. Similarly, the silver dove medallions gracing the mosaic background of St. Joseph's altar typify him as the Provider for the Holy Family, and in turn for the Universal Church.

The Stations of the Cross, fashioned of wood, are adorned with handpainted figures of great beauty.

Erhard Stoettner, a native of Bavaria, whose outstanding craftsmanship was commented upon in the National Geographic Magazine, of February 1957, designed the beautiful stained glass windows. Along the southern exposure of the Church are 193 of these outstanding examples of

this ancient art. Executed in multi-colored geometric patterns, they filter the Arizona sunlight into the traditional hues associated with this medium.

The eighteen larger windows which grace the northern wall of the Church were also produced by Mr. Stoettner's craftsmen. Beginning with the first window nearest the altar, they represent — Christ The King, the Head of our Mystical Body; the Blessed Virgin; St. Peter the first Pope; St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles; St. Gregory The Great, Patron of St. Gregory's Parish; St. Pius X, Patron of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; St. Augustine, Patron of the Diocese of Tucson; St. Daniel, Patron of his Excellency, our beloved Bishop Gercke; St. Anne, Patron of Mothers; St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Patron of the Poor; St. Theresa, The Little Flower, Patron of Missions; St. Joan of Arc, Patron of Soldiers; St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland; St. Bernard of Clairvoux, Patron of our founding pastor, Monsignor Gordon; St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests; St. Aloysius, Patron of Young Men; St. Agnes, Patron of Young Women; St. Mary



SPACIOUS AND SPIRITUALLY UPLIFTING, ARTISTICALLY GRAND



IN MEMORY OF PHILLIP J. KIAMY



Magdalene, Patron of Penitents. That Mr. Stoettner was commissioned to restore many of the war-damaged cathedral windows in European landmarks is readily understandable upon seeing these outstanding objects of his artistry in St. Gregory's.

It is the feeling of St. Gregory's parishioners that the architect may take justifiable satisfaction from the results of his latest effort in a twenty-one year history of designing scores of beautiful Catholic churches throughout the United States. Chandeliers, altar rail, and similar interior functional components are of original design.

Wherever local facilities were available work was sub-contracted to local firms, for the construction work. The faithfulness with which these craftsmen executed their appointed tasks is be-spoken in the finished structure, which will endure as a fitting monument to their skill.

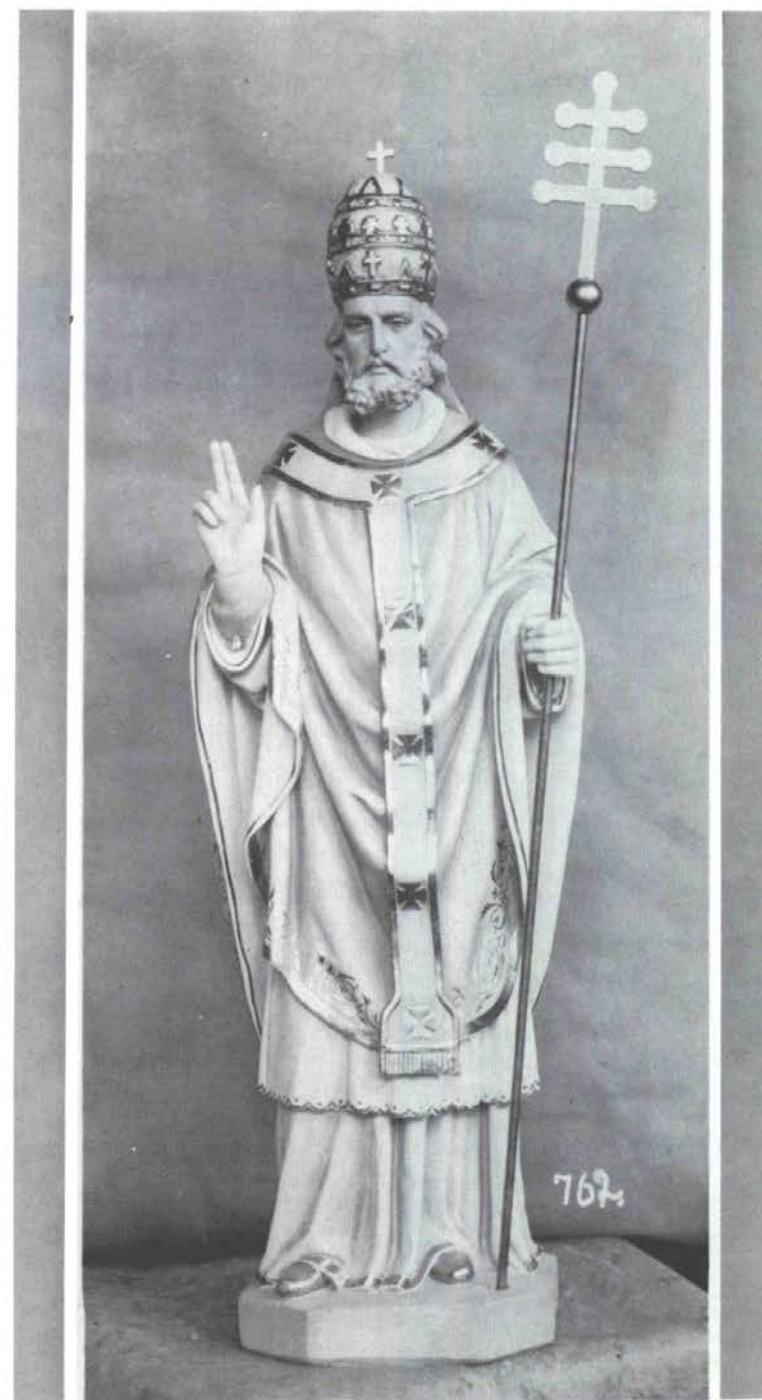
It is our humble prayer that our renowned patron, St. Gregory the Great, will regard with benign satisfaction our supplications, as we worship our Lord in this memorial to his ecclesiastical eminence. St. Gregory, known as one of the four great Fathers of the Western Church, reigned as Pope from 590 to 604, A.D. Born in 540, he early in life showed marks of greatness. During his early years he was made Governor of Rome, by the Emperor Justinian II. He soon, however, decided to forego his prospects of a brilliant future in the world, and retiring to his family mansion he converted it into a monastery. But Pope Benedict I again called him to ecclesiastical service, af-

ter a short time, and appointed him Legate to Constantinople. He served in this post for seven years.

Upon the death of Pope Pelagius II, in 590, Gregory, after vainly trying by flight to avoid the dignity, was elected his successor. During the thirteen years of his Pontificate St. Gregory effected monumental reforms of Church discipline, both among the secular clergy and in Religious Houses. He instituted outstanding reforms in the Liturgy, and the majesty of Gregorian Chant still proclaims his eminence in the field of Church music. He dealt successfully with the yet existing debris of old heresies, as is proved by his voluminous correspondence with Spain, Ireland, and the Eastern Patriarchs. He strenuously upheld the rights of the Roman See against the pretensions of the Patriarchs of Constantinople, but treated so wisely with the Byzantine Emperor, and other Christian Princes, as to avoid all open conflict with them.

The Christianization of England resulted from St. Gregory's commissioning of St. Augustine as missionary to this land of the Anglo-Saxons. He saved Rome from oppression by the Lombards, who were at the time devastating Italy, and showed himself a most sagacious administrator of the Patrimony of St. Peter. His loving kindness to the poor, whom he delighted in ministering to with his own hands, has remained proverbial. He left letters, homilies, and exegetical and ascetical works which comprise several folio volumes.

St. Gregory rested from his labors on March 12, 604, and was buried in St. Peter's.



ST. GREGORY • POPE, SIXTH CENTURY • OUR PATRON SAINT





## PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY'S PARISH

OUR PARISH HAD KNOWN FROM  
THE START THE DEVOTION OF  
ITS PARISHIONERS TO DOING  
THE REWARDING WORK OF  
KEEPING AND BUILDING  
CHRIST'S HOME HERE AMONG  
OUR HOMES



## OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SODALITY

Shortly after the formation of the new St. Gregory's Parish the ladies gathered at a meeting in the State Fair Grounds, on March 31, 1947. At this meeting a Women's Club was formed, which later evolved into the present Immaculate Conception Sodality, upon receipt of a Charter from Rome, and affiliation with the Prima Primaria. The date of this Charter, and hence the actual inception of the Sodality as such, is April 1, 1948.

Although the Sodality is basically a Confraternity, with the primary aim of furthering the sanctification of its members, it nevertheless sponsors activities which further the social side of Parish life, as well, in keeping with the Rules which specify Catholic Action as an important aspect of the group's activities. Shortly after the initial organizational meeting, the twenty founding ladies sponsored a Ham Dinner, at Encanto Park. This was mainly a get-together affair, to bring the new parishioners out for the purpose of getting to know each other. Although a modest venture, this Dinner was the beginning of our present extensive Parish

Festivals, and hence was the seed from which have grown some most elaborate functions.

One of the principle activities of the Sodality, from the beginning, has been providing and caring for the Altar linens. In addition the group regularly sponsors the Church Flower Fund, and insures that the altars are fittingly arrayed as the abode of the Blessed Eucharist.

With the building of the first section of St. Gregory's School, and the arrival of the Ladies of Loretto, the Sodality, as the only active ladies organization in the Parish at the time, undertook to officially welcome the nuns to their new home, in behalf of the Parish.

The principal corporate activity of the Sodality is the regular monthly Communion, which is received on the first Sunday of each month. All the ladies of the Parish are urged to attend these group Communions, and to share in the wealth of Indulgences which are available to the participants. The annual St. Gregory's Ladies Retreat, at the Casa De Paz Y Bien, at Scottsdale, is sponsored by the Sodality. The excellent atten-



SOME OF THE PAST SODALITY PREFECTS

Left to Right: Mrs. Edward Klipfel, Mrs. Francis Brancheau, Mrs. John Morgan, Mrs. Forrest Akey, Mrs. A. C. Barnes, Mrs. Ona Fleming, Mrs. Phillip Isham, Mrs. Edward Cosgrove, Mrs. R. M. Garrigan.

dance records which have been established for these events speak well for the spiritual growth which the Sodality has fostered among its members.

The regular business meetings of the Sodality are held on the Monday evening following the corporate Communion Sunday. At these meetings the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception is recited in the Church. The business session follows in the Cafetorium, and closes with a social hour. From an original founding group of twenty ladies the Sodality has grown to ten times that number, which speaks well for the cooperative spirit of the ladies of the Parish, as well as their interest in fos-

tering their own spiritual welfare.

The Prefects who have served the Sodality from its inception, including the incumbent, are listed:

1947-48	Mrs. P. M. Garrigan
1948-49	Mrs. Edward Cosgrove
1949-50	Mrs. Edward Klipfel
1950-51	Mrs. Monty Lebert
1951-52	Mrs. Forrest Akey
1952-53	Mrs. Ona Fleming
1953-54	Mrs. John Morgan
1954-55	Mrs. A. C. Barnes
1955-56	Mrs. Francis Brancheau
1956-57	Mrs. Steven Glowacki
1957-58	Mrs. Phillips Isham





#### MOTHER'S CLUB PRESIDENTS

Present here, Left to Right, are: Mrs. Joe Gay, Mrs. Howard R. Linsenmeyer, Mrs. Ralph C. Bliquez, Mrs. William E. Plutte, Mrs. John R. Crowley, Mrs. James C. Borst, Mrs. Joseph B. Pennington.

## ST. GREGORY'S MOTHERS CLUB

The St. Gregory's Mothers' Club was organized at a meeting called in the barracks building Social Hall, on September 29, 1949. The first wing of the new Parish School had just opened its doors. Fewer than fifty women attended the organizational meeting. Mothers' Club meetings today, in contrast, are attended by upwards of two hundred women.

The primary goal of the Club is to coordinate the school and home, thereby fostering cooperation between teachers and parents in the training of our children. The meetings and other activities of the Club also provide opportunities for cultivation of closer relationships within the school family. One of the principal activities consists in assisting the Ladies of Loretto in school functions through an organization of Room Mothers. These Room Mothers enlist the aid of additional mothers, and serve as liaison between the families and the nuns.

Annually the Mothers' Club coordinates a magazine subscription

drive, a source of substantial revenue for the Parish. It cooperates with the Ladies' Sodality in publishing the "St. Gregory's Book", the much-used Directory, which is found next to virtually every telephone in the Parish. The Mothers' Club also prides itself upon its full participation as an organization, in all of the Spring and Fall festivals.

The most imposing activity of the Club is a Fashion Show, which is held annually just prior to Lent. This remarkable display of entertainment, styles, and hospitality has drawn favorable notice throughout the city. It is a satisfying endeavor which at once delights the eye, and builds up the Club treasury.

Mothers' Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, during the School year. Business sessions are followed by refreshments and a social hour. Monsignor Gordon is the Spiritual Director of the Club. The ladies who have served the Club in the capacity of President are:

1949-50	Mrs. James C. Borst
1950-51	Mrs. Alex Trakes
1951-52	Mrs. Ralph C. Bliquez
1952-53	Mrs. Howard R. Linsenmeyer
1953-54	Mrs. Andrew L. Bettwy
1954-55	Mrs. John R. Crowley
1955-56	Mrs. William E. Plutte
1956-57	Mrs. Joseph B. Pennington
1957-58	Mrs. Joe Gay



## THE LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary was organized at St. Gregory's on September 25, 1951, with the activation of "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Praesidium." An additional unit, "Our Lady Queen of Heaven Praesidium" was activated within the past year.

The Legion has three functioning units, the Active Senior Legion Praesidia, the Active Junior Legion, and the Auxiliary.

The Active Senior and Junior Legionnaires hold weekly meetings, at which they plan a wide variety of outside activities which are conducted by the members. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Praesidium meets each Friday evening in the School Library, at 7:30, and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Praesidium meets each Friday morning, at 11, in the same location. The activities undertaken by the Legion are based upon Parish needs as conveyed by the Spiritual Director, representing the Pastor. The Legion is a worldwide organization, which follows time-tested rules, including daily recitation of prescribed prayers. Inviolable confidence in regard to the work undertaken is observed.

Auxiliary members recite, daily, prescribed prayers which are offered for the intention of our Blessed Mother. The Active members count heavily on this spiritual support which is an integral part of the Legion program. So necessary is this spiritual aspect of the program that the aims of the Legion could not be realized without it.

Physical assignments of Active Legion members include visiting the sick, calling on lax or fallen-away Catholics, welcoming new-comers to the Parish, arranging baptisms, and providing transportation to Saturday catechism classes for Catholic children who are attending public schools. Other activities are inviting non-Catholics to Inquiry Classes, distributing Catholic literature, collecting stamps for the Foreign Missions, and similar diverse activities.

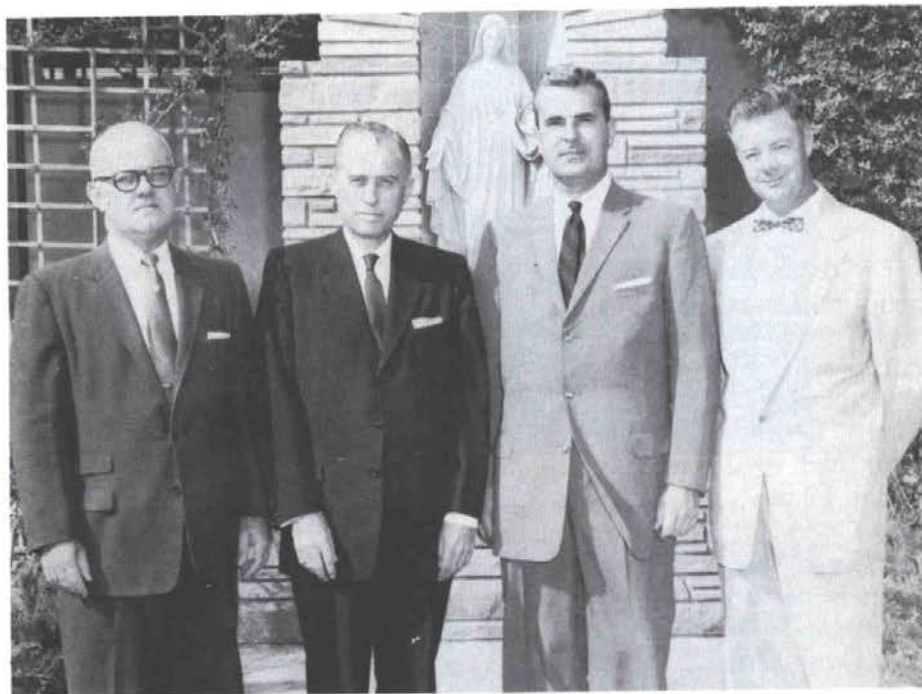
Active Junior members maintain the Vigil Lights in the Church, and make cord rosaries for servicemen, and for the Missions. They engage in other spiritual works of mercy, including follow-up with public school children to foster regular reception of First Holy Communion.

The 1957 President of the Assumption Praesidium is Mrs. E. A. Odette, and Mrs. Marcella Castle is 1957 President of Queen of Heaven Praesidium. Mrs. Betty Keil heads the junior group.





## THE MEN'S CLUB



PAST PRESIDENTS: Regis G. Lynskey, Joseph J. Timmerman, Carl A. Muecke, Daniel G. O'Meara.

The St. Gregory's Mens' Club was organized in 1952. Membership is open to all adult males of the Parish, and non-Catholic husbands or fathers of Parish members are also urged to become active in the group.

Annually, in May, the following officers are elected, President, First and Second Vice - Presidents, Secretary, and a Treasurer who has the aid of an Assistant appointed by the elected group. These, under the guidance

of the Pastor, and with the aid of the two immediate past Presidents, constitute the Executive Board, which coordinates the various activities sponsored by the Club, and passes on the projects undertaken by the Club insofar as the expenditures are concerned.

The Club regularly sponsors such activities as Parish dances, and men's Smokers, to afford real opportunities for the members to become better acquainted on the social level. That this practice has been eminently successful is attested by the reputation for good fellowship which these functions have attained for St. Gregory's.

The principle source of revenue sponsored by the Club is the weekly Parish Bingo Game. This is conducted on Friday night in the Parish Hall, or Cafetorium. During the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas dressed fowl are awarded as the prizes for these games. The advertising carried in the Parish Weekly Bulletin is likewise sponsored by the Club.

The traditional Spring, and Fall Festivals, at St. Gregory's, afford biennial opportunities for the various Parish organizations to cooperate in augmenting the regular Parish income. In cooperation with St. Gregory's Holy Name Society, the Men's Club undertakes the physical arrangements for these events, insofar as the outdoor activities are concerned. These include various carnival rides, and games of skill, plus entertainment facilities to amuse the young in heart of all ages.

The Club also functions as the sponsoring agency for the St. Gregory's Boy Scout Troop, as well as of the Cub Scouts. The outstanding record which these youngsters have established in scouting activities amongst their peers is a source of appreciable satisfaction also, not only to the Men's Club, but to St. Gregory's Parish as a whole.

That the various fund raising activities of the Club have resulted in substantially implementing the normal Parish revenue is attested by the results. These include equipping the entire School with the required desks, purchasing badly needed parcels of land to round out the Parish plant, paving of the extensive parking facilities on the grounds, furnishing venetian blinds for classrooms, purchasing and erecting playground equipment, as well as many similar projects.

The greatest claim to distinction, however, which the Club points to is the spirit of friendly cooperation which it has engendered among the men of St. Gregory's, and the close association and good fellowship which, through its various activities, it has fostered among the Parish families, generally.

The following men have, to date, served the Club, in the demanding capacity of President;

- 1952-53 Daniel G. O'Meara
- 1953-54 Regis G. Lynskey
- 1954-55 Lester W. Weiland
- 1955-56 Joseph J. Timmerman
- 1956-57 John C. Butler, Jr.
- 1957-58 Carl A. Muecke





## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

This Society was organized immediately following the establishment of St. Gregory's Parish.

In the pioneer years this organization fostered, and aided, in projects for the material as well as the Spiritual growth of the Parish.

When the increase in our congregation warranted the formation of our Men's Club, the activities of the Holy Name Society reverted to its founding principles: To Promote the Spiritual Welfare of the Men of the Parish Through Reverence for His Most Holy Name.

The influence exerted by the Society has been responsible for the Ushers' Society, which has provided the membership with the opportunity

for honorary lay apostolate work.

The Closed Annual Retreat for Men of the Parish at Casa de Pas Y Bien is a continuing project that is sponsored and promoted by the Society.

The Parish St. Vincent De Paul group, whose charitable work is of the highest order, consists of Holy Name Men.

The Society promoted and sponsors the Men and Boys' Choir to honor and praise God in public worship.

The Adult Mass Servers Group was established within the Society to train and provide men to assist the Celebrant at the Sacrifice of the Mass on Corporate Communion Sundays.



The Rosary Committee, for the Sick and Deceased Members of the Society — The Sick Committee — The Pallbearers Committee — The Anti Salacious-Literature Committee and the excellent Program Committee provide many opportunities for active participation in lay apostolate work.

Listed are the men who have served this organization as president;

1948-49	W. L. Murphy
1949-50	Horace J. Kuhl
1950-51	Wm. F. Burns
1951-52	Philip J. Ruocco
1952-53	Arthur J. Smith, Jr.
1953-54	Richard Grant
1954-55	Robert Minta
1955-56	Urban D. Kapler
1956-57	Regis G. Lynskey
1957-58	Tom Eldridge



PAST PRESIDENTS: Regis G. Lynskey, Tom Eldridge, Horace Kuhl, Urban D. Kapler, Robert Minta, Wm. F. Burns.



## USHERS SOCIETY

The Ushers group at St. Gregory's is sponsored by the Parish Holy Name Society. The rapid growth of our Parish gradually made the formation of a formal Ushers Society a must, in 1953. The Society is headed by a Chairman, appointed by the President of the Parish Holy Name Society, upon consultation with the Pastor. Six Chief Ushers, one of whom is charged with the arrangements for each of the six Sunday Masses, are appointed by the Chair-

man, and each Chief Usher then appoints the necessary number of Ushers to properly handle the arrangements for the respective Mass. Thus the Society numbers approximately seventy men. Quarterly meetings are held by the Society, in March, June, September, and December, for the purpose of acquainting the members of the group with the necessary regulations which are required to properly perform their assigned tasks.

## Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Following the instructions of our beloved Bishop Gercke, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, commonly known as the CCD, was activated in St. Gregory's during the year 1957. Under the guidance of a Priest-Director the CCD functions as a lay organization within the Church, with the object of furthering the spread of Christ's Gospel. With the many demands made upon the time of our always too few priests, and nuns, the complications of modern living render it impossible for the Church to reach into the lives of all of its members effectively, without the active participation of the laity in this apostolate. It is for the purpose of filling this gap, at least to a modest

extent, that the CCD was inaugurated as a functioning arm of the Church Militant, under the inspiration of Pope St. Pius X, now the universal Patron of the Confraternity.

The CCD officers constitute the Parish Executive Board, which acts as the coordinating agency for the various lay organizations in the Parish. Canon No. 711, of the Roman Code, specifies that the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is a required establishment in a parish, and specifies its function as that of assisting the pastor in his work. As Pope Pius XII has stated, "the laity must lend their valiant cooperation" in spreading the Word of God.

Monsignor Gordon, in April,



### CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Seated, Left to Right: Mrs. J. A. Roberts, Mrs. John W. Morgan, Father Martin Kelly, Mrs. Forrest Akey, Mrs. H. R. Linsenmeyer.

Standing, Left to Right: John F. Sullivan, Urban D. Kapler, J. J. Timmerman, Carl A. Muecke, Richard Shunick, Mrs. Walter L. Mertz.



1957, appointed Father Martin C. Kelly as the Confraternity Priest-Director, for St. Gregory's, and the following were named as the founding Executive Board: President, J. J. Timmerman; Vice-President, Mrs. Howard R. Linsenmeyer; Secretary, Mrs. Frank E. Schaffer; Treasurer, John F. Sullivan; Chairman of Teachers, Richard E. Shunick; Chairman of Fishers, Mrs. John W. Morgan; Chairman of Helpers, Mrs. Arnett Hays; Chairman of Discussion Clubs, Urban D. Kapler, Chairman of Parent-Educators, Carl A. Muecke; Chairman of Apostles of Good Will, Mrs. Forrest Akey. The initial meeting of the group was held on April 17, 1957.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our parish conference was formed at St. Gregory's during the month of June, 1950. It consisted of six laymen and our pastor as spiritual director.

The purpose of the society is to promote the personal sanctification of its members through individual acts of charity.

This is the reason why the members of the St. Vincent de Paul undertake to have frequent direct contacts with those in need of help and to visit them each week if possible.

With a view to the better organization of their good works, and to encourage one another to foster perseverance in the pursuit of their aim, there is held each week a meeting of the members. The meeting is held every Monday evening lasting approximately one hour.

The weekly meetings are one of the essential activities of a St. Vincent de Paul Conference. It is in the weekly meeting that its spirit is formed and manifested. The meeting begins with prayers on bended knees. The prayers said are the same the world over. Following the opening prayers is a short spiritual reading chosen by the President or spiritual director. Then comes the material element, the minutes of the

previous meeting, the treasurer's report followed by reports of the teams caring for the poor. All calls are made in pairs, two men to a team. Next is a report of all sick calls made, a short description of each visit made and a recommendation for further aid or visits if needed. Next we have a short spiritual talk by our spiritual director who guides us in all our undertakings and to remind us that by exercising Christian love of our neighbor is just one step further to our heavenly reward. Finally we have roll call; our secret collection, and our closing prayers. Our membership consists of nine active members all striving for personal sanctification through the two kinds of Charity Christ has so highly indulged:

**Material Charity** — To feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; visit the sick; and to bury the dead.

**Spiritual Charity** — To instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; console the afflicted; to pray for all and to support our pastor.

These are the works practiced by the conference within our parish boundaries. With your continued generous support and prayers we will be able to care for God's poor.



## SCOUTING

Under the inspiration of the Scout's Creed, "ONWARD FOR GOD AND COUNTRY," the Boy Scout program has enjoyed phenomenal success in the Parish. Chartered as Troop 43, in 1950, the group has, from a very modest beginning, increased to a present active membership of sixty. The scouting program has as its goal the development in each boy of physical fitness, self-reliance, his obligation to God, personal responsibility, service, willingness to share, and democratic living. The success and growth of scouting at St. Gregory's is a tribute to the appeal which such a program of character building has for our youth.

Proper direction is, of course, a

prime essential in building a Scout Troop. The eminence which our Troop has attained is a tribute to those who have served the group to date as Scout Masters, namely — Hugh Harries, Fred S. Henrich, Jr., Karl J. Freeman, Robert E. Smead, Joe Kramer, and John Rath.

The recognition and awards which have been received by Troop 43 from National Scout Headquarters, as well as from local sources, have been a source of justifiable pride not only to the members themselves, but to all the committee members who have worked for the furtherance of the program. Winners of the National Camping Award, National Standard Award, National Advancement



Award, the Troop went on, in 1956, to achieve first place in the Fall Camporee, of Thunderbird District, in competition against all of the Troops in the District. Troop 43 also participated in the local TV panel program called "Scouting in Action", and in four weeks of competition was undefeated. A signal mark of distinction achieved by the Troop during the 1956-57 year was the first Eagle Scout award to a member of the Troop.

During the year 1957 a further advancement in scouting was inaugurated at St. Gregory's, with the organization of an Explorer Post. Designed for boys in the age group of 14 to 18 years, the Explorers emphasize the outdoors, service to the sponsoring organization and the community, research in possible vocational fields, and social development. Thanks to the dedicated leadership of Dick Dahl, who has tirelessly expended his efforts during the past two years as Assistant Scout Master, the Explorer group is assured of the finest direction, and can look forward to a record of achievement second to none. During the early months of 1958 a second group, Troop 46, was formed in the Parish, with Charles

Weidler as Scout Master.

In 1952, with eleven boys, Cub Pack 43 was also organized at St. Gregory's. This organization is designed to promote the interests of those boys in the age group of eight to eleven years, and fosters the basic idea of Family Fun, while learning. This unit has progressed to where it is today one of the finest in the District, as evidenced by its consistent winning of outstanding awards, and has, of recent years furnished some of the outstanding members of the older Scout Troop. The present membership numbers over one hundred boys.

The success of the Cub Pack, of course, depends largely upon those devoted ladies who serve as Den Mothers, and contribute tirelessly of their time and effort at the weekly gatherings. Too numerous to mention individually in the space allotted for this chronicle, we nevertheless, wish to salute these dedicated mothers, and acknowledge their contribution to the success of this program. The outstanding success of Pack 43 can best be told in the oft voiced sentiments of the many parents who have echoed the comments of their boys, as "Gee, this sure is fun."



## THE GIRL SCOUTS



Girl Scout troops have graced St. Gregory's Parish from the beginning of the School. Their activities have followed the customary character building programs of the Scouts. The very fine success of scouting at St. Gregory's is a tribute to the unselfish devotion of their time and effort by the mothers of the girls, particularly the Neighborhood Chairmen, whose hard work and zeal for scouting sets the standard not only of the Intermediate Scouts, but for the Brownies too.

A combined Intermediate-Brownie affair is the annual picnic at South Mountain Park. The Girl Scouts cook-out for this affair, and the Brownies bring sack-lunches. Both groups have a Father-Daughter banquet, a pot luck event wherein the girls make the table decorations, and entertain their fathers. The Scouts adopt needy families at Christmas time, and collect clothing, food, and toys for them. At Easter-time they dye eggs, and distribute Easter baskets to less fortunate children of Phoenix.

Brownies learn elements of good citizenship, neighborliness, and pointers on home-making. They attend Day Camp in the summer months, and may also attend Camp Maripai at Prescott.

The Intermediate Troops (5th and higher grades) work toward Second Class, First Class, and Curved Bar Ranks. The Curved Bar Rank is the highest Intermediate Award, and has been received by Scouts of St. Gregory's.

In the Spring of 1957 there were sixty-eight Intermediates, one hundred and forty-four Brownies, and fifty-five registered adults engaged in scouting at St. Gregory's.

Past Neighborhood Chairmen have been:

**Mrs. Joe J. Gay**

**Mrs. Richard Donnelly**

**Mrs. Howard R. Linsenmeyer**

At present Mrs. Charles Wiedler is serving in this capacity.





## PRIESTS OF ST. GREGORY'S

**MSGR. BERNARD L. GORDON**  
PASTOR

**REV. WILLIAM COLLINS**

**REV. JOHN A. DEENIHAN**

**REV. COLM CASEY**

**REV. MARTIN C. KELLY**

**REV. HENRY D. HODGES**





MONSIGNOR BERNARD L. GORDON  
PASTOR OF ST. GREGORY'S

Bernard L. Gordon was born, to the late John J. and Elizabeth Gordon, on December 9, 1912, in Chicago. Following graduation from St. Bernard's School he entered Quigley Preparatory Seminary, in Chicago. Upon completion of the course here

he entered St. Patrick's Seminary, in Menlo Park, California, transferring, after two years, to Kenrick Seminary, in St. Louis, Mo., where he completed his theological studies in 1938. On May 22, of that year he was ordained in Chicago, for the Diocese of Tucson.

Father Gordon's first appointment was as Assistant at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, in Tucson. Here his outstanding administrative abilities soon came to the notice of Bishop Gercke, who appointed him his secretary in January, 1940. Concurrently he filled the Office of Diocesan Chancellor.

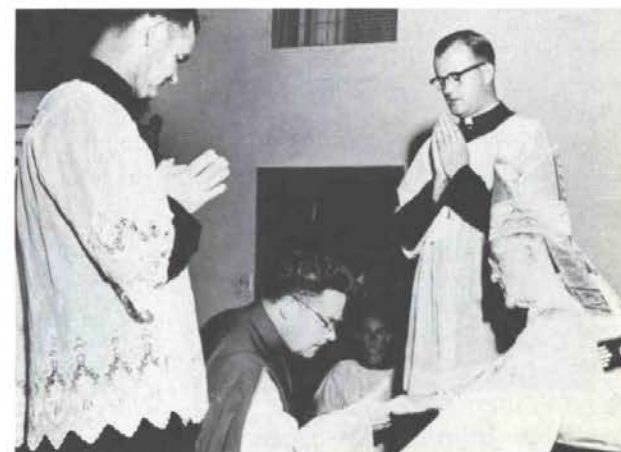
While in this capacity Father Gordon was also charged with the task of initiating a Diocesan newspaper. This was the fore-runner of the present Arizona Register. In 1941 he was appointed Diocesan Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, and also of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In August, 1941, Father Gordon was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, in Tempe, succeeding Father (now Monsignor) Arthur F. Gramer. While in Tempe he was able to inaugurate a parochial school for the Parish, securing the services of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to staff the School.

In March, 1957, Bishop Gercke sent Father Gordon to Phoenix, with the charge to organize a new parish, under the patronage of St. Gregory the Great, in what were then the northwest outskirts of the City. The phenomenal growth which has been especially marked in Phoenix, since World War II, has resulted in comparable problems in Parish administration. The knack for resolving these difficulties, and the outstanding growth spiritually, as well as physically, which has been characteristic of St. Gregory's in the short ten years since its meager beginnings, earned richly deserved kudos for Father Gordon. In May, 1955, His Holiness, Pope Pious XII, elevated him to the dignity of Domestic Prelate, as a Right Reverend Monsignor.

The modesty with which Monsignor Gordon bears the dignity of The Purple has further endeared him to his parishioners, who have ever felt that they have been most fortunate in his assignment as Pastor of St. Gregory's.

FATHER GORDON  
AT SERVICES  
ELEVATING HIM  
TO THE DIGNITY OF  
DOMESTIC PRELATE,  
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MONSIGNOR.







**Rev. William Collins**

The Rev. William Collins, was assigned as our first Assistant Pastor, in the autumn of 1947. With his native charm and wit he soon endeared himself to the parishioners, and his willing hands and heart were greatly instrumental in lifting some of the burdens from the shoulders of our busy Pastor. Father Collins was transferred from St. Gregory's in November, 1949.



**Rev. John A. Deenihan**

Reverend John A. Deenihan, was born on June 20, 1920, at Wilmerding, Penna. He attended St. Aloysius Parochial School, and Westinghouse Memorial High School, in Wilmerding; St. Francis College, Loretto, Penna.; and took his theological studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Niagara University, N. Y.

Father Deenihan was ordained on June 4, 1949, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, N. Y., by Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. His first appointment was as Assistant at St. Francis Church, in Yuma, Arizona, on June 22, 1949. Following this assignment Father Deenihan was appointed Assistant at St. Gregory's Church, in November, 1949.

Since his transfer from St. Gregory's, on September 3, 1954, Father Deenihan has served as the Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and of the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood, in Tucson.



**Rev. Colm Casey**

Reverend Colm Casey was born, to John and Margaret Casey, on August 13, 1923, at Carna, County Galway, Ireland. He attended the ARD National School, St. Mary's College, Galway, and took his theological studies at St. Patrick's Seminary, Carlow, Ireland.

Father Casey was ordained on June 4, 1950. His first appointment was to St. Gregory's, on October 15, 1950, where he served as Assistant until August, 1957, when he was appointed Assistant at Blessed Sacrament Parish, in Miami, Arizona.



**Reverend Martin C. Kelly**

The Reverend Martin C. Kelly was born on June 6, 1922, at O'Callaghan's Mills, County Clare, Ireland, to John and Elizabeth Kelly. His elementary schooling was attained at St. Patrick's Grade School, O'Callaghan's Mills. For his secondary schooling he attended St. Munchin's College, Limerick, and then took his theological studies at St. John's College, Waterford, Ireland.

Father Kelly was ordained on June

6th, 1948, for the Diocese of Tucson. His first appointment was as Assistant Pastor at All Saints Parish, in Tucson, where he served from February 19, 1949, until September 7, 1954. On September 8, 1954, Father Kelly assumed his duties as Assistant at St. Gregory's.

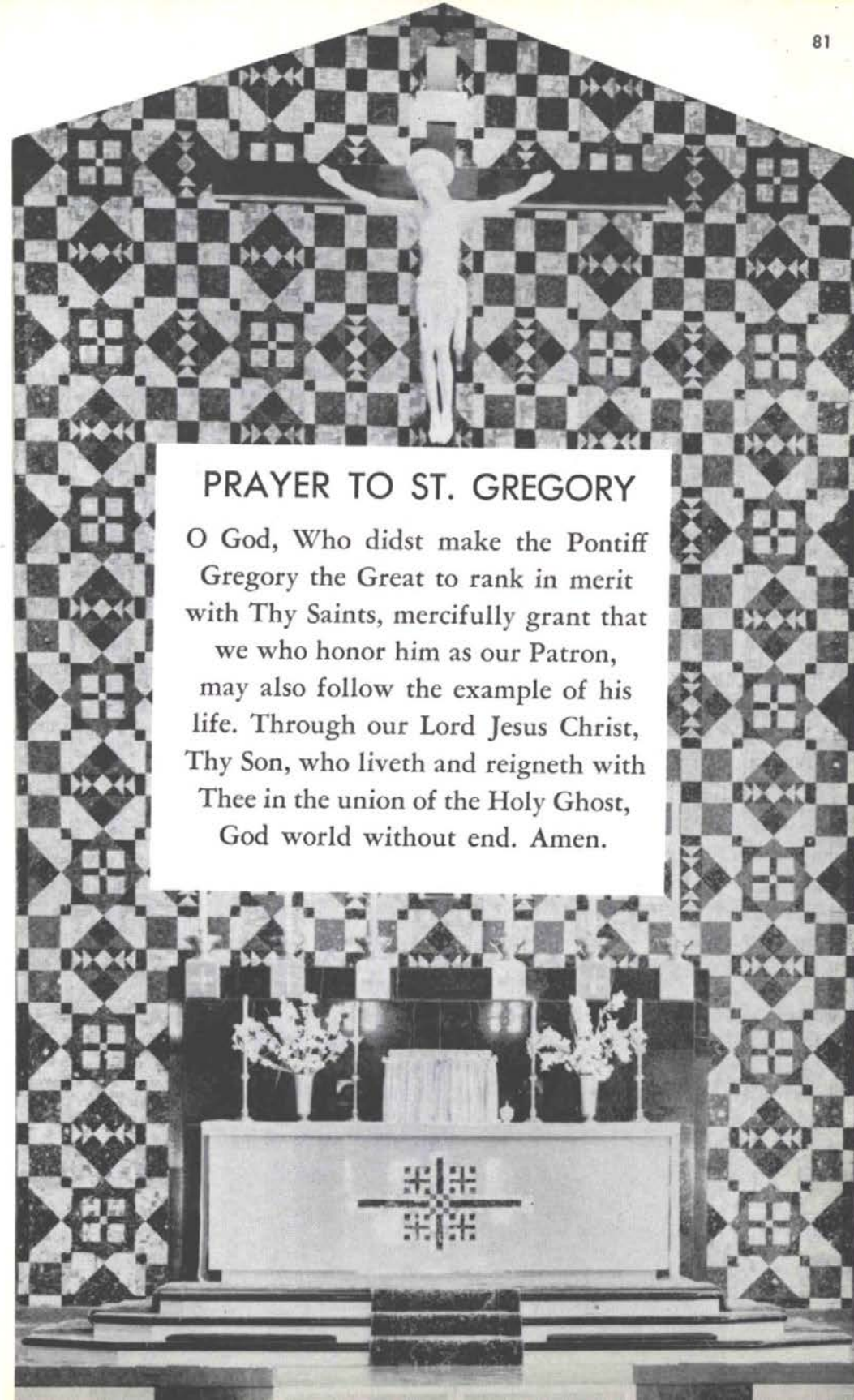
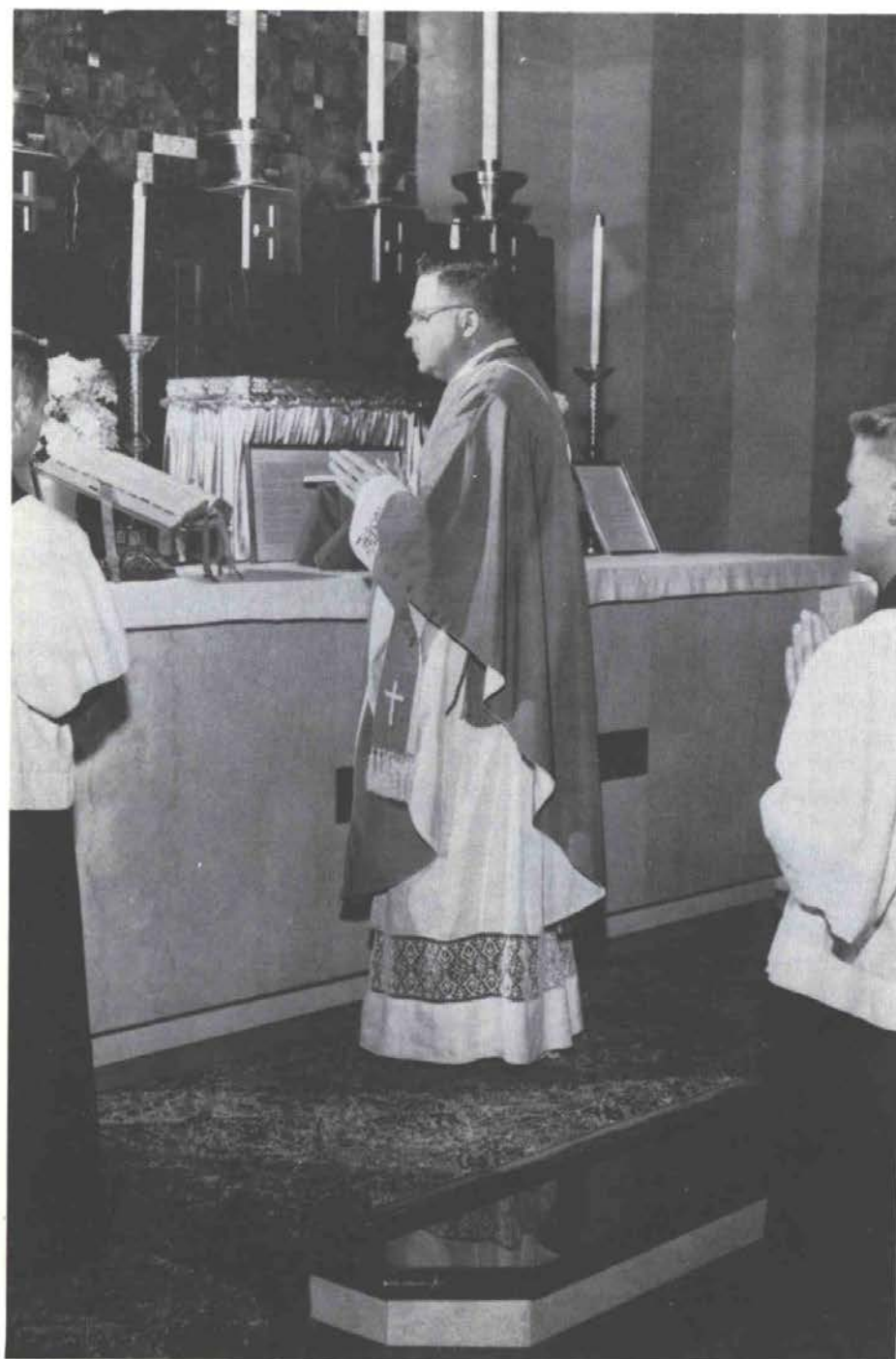


**Rev. Henry D. Hodges**

The Reverend Henry D. Hodges was born in Santa Ana, California, on August 2, 1930. His elementary schooling was completed at St. Joseph's School for Boys, in Tucson, after which he enrolled at the Pontifical College Josephinum, in Worthington, Ohio. Father Hodges was ordained, at the Josephinum, for the Diocese of Tucson, on May 26, 1956, by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, the Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

The first appointment for Father Hodges was as an Assistant Pastor of Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Miami, Arizona, on June 15, 1956, whence he was transferred to St. Gregory's approx. one year later.





### PRAYER TO ST. GREGORY

O God, Who didst make the Pontiff Gregory the Great to rank in merit with Thy Saints, mercifully grant that we who honor him as our Patron, may also follow the example of his life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the union of the Holy Ghost, God world without end. Amen.



## SUMMARY

March 6, 1947

St. Gregory's Parish established  
by Bishop Gercke.  
Father Gordon appointed pastor.

March 30, 1947

Palm Sunday —  
First Mass for St. Gregory's Parish, at  
Arizona State Fairgrounds.

July 7, 1947

Ground broken for first Church.

August 1947 - March 1948

Construction of first Church.

April 4, 1948

Dedication, first Church.

January 30, 1949

Ground broken for St. Gregory's School.

February 1949 - September 1949

Construction of School, unit No. 1,  
East Wing.

August 13, 1949

Ladies of Loretto arrive from Chicago,  
to staff School.

September, 1949

St. Gregory's School opens for classes;  
Grades 1 - 4, in three classrooms, 252  
students.

February 1950 - September 1950

Construction of School, unit No. 2,  
North Wing.

November 1950 - September 1951

Construction of Convent

October 7, 1951

Open House at new Convent.

April 1951 - September 1951

Construction of School, unit No. 3,  
West Wing.

May 1952 - November 1952

Construction of Cafetorium.

November 16, 1952

Ground broken for Rectory.

November 1952 - September 1953

Construction of Rectory.

August 30, 1953

Open House at Rectory.

April 1954 - September 1954

Construction of School, unit No. 4,  
North-West Wing.

March 1956 - August 1956

Construction of Convent addition.

March 4, 1945

Ground broken for permanent Church.

March 1956 - March 1957

Construction of permanent Church.

November 11, 1956

Laying of Cornerstone,  
permanent Church.

March 10, 1957

Dedication of Church.

February, 1958

Groundbreaking for final wing of  
School.



## BUILDERS OF ST. GREGORY'S

THE CALL TO HELP WITH THE  
BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN  
WAS ANSWERED WITH  
GENEROUS RESPONSE. THE  
CAFETORIUM WAS FILLED  
WITH WILLING TEAM  
WORKERS AT EACH MEETING.

HERE IS THE RESULT OF  
THEIR EFFORTS. LISTED ON THE  
FOLLOWING PAGES ARE THE  
WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS  
WHO SACRIFICED MUCH TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGN.



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" " " .....	John A. & Betty Crane	
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PULPIT .....	Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Heinle	
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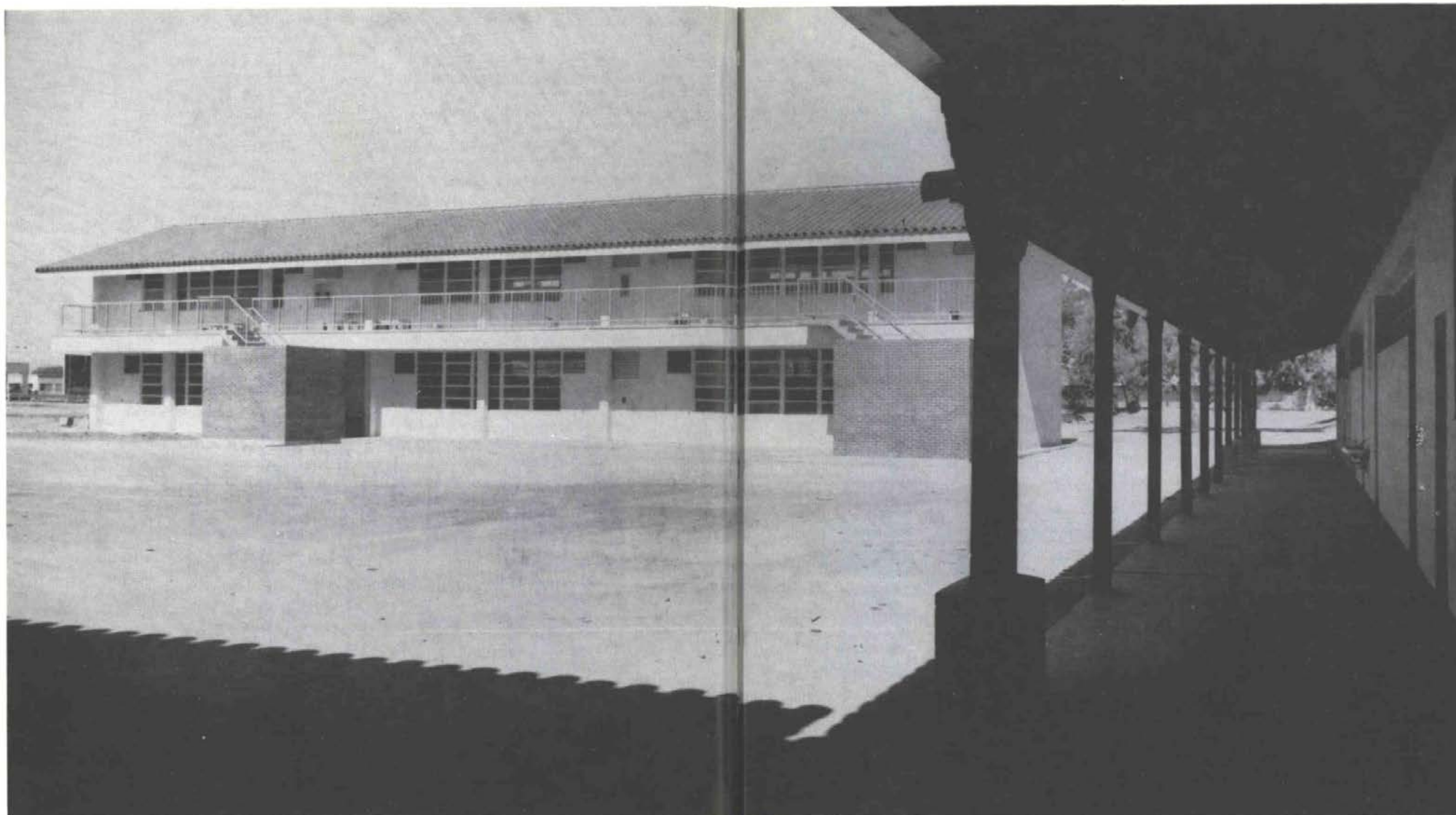
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