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THE OLD SAINT BRIGID'S CHURCH



Boy Scout Troop 135 received its charter in April 1946. Frank C. Lunetta was listed as the chairman, with Howard Rozelle and Frank Black as committeemen. Charter Scouts were Walter Jankowski, James Monahan, David Crawford, William Howey, George Lunetta, James Manz, Ronald Eddings and Preston Mauldin. I think this is a later group photo taken by Howard Rozelle.





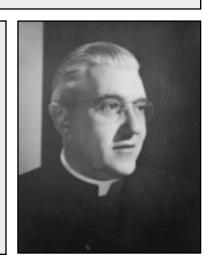


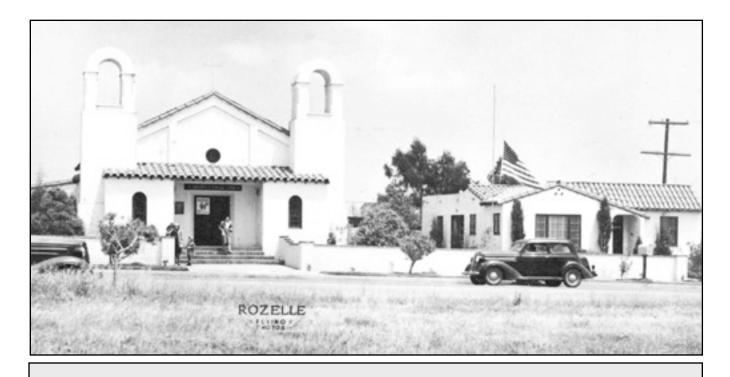


Saint Brigid Youths. (Above, clockwise) Looks like a First Communion photo on the steps of the old church; a classroom at Saint Brigid's; a Troop 135 booth at the County Fair; Boy Scouts of note on the Pacific Beach Fiesta stage. (Below) Ernie Casadas tells stories to scouts at Camp Cuyamaca in 1950. Top bunk: Donald Rettig, Pat Gonzales, Charles Zunliato, August Wagele, Bobby Braggs. Standing: Roger Huhnke, David Webb. Bottom bunk: Ted Kruger, Gary Gonzales, Jim Mantz, David Oppenheimer, Pat Belmain.



Father J.A.C. Van Veggel led the church from its founding in 1940 until 1968.





Howard Rozelle took all of the photos in this issue, some of which I borrowed from the 50 Year Commemorative Calendar published in 1990. The photo of the original church above was taken in 1945. The flag is at half-mast for the death of President Franklin Roosevelt. The aerial below, taken in 1947, shows the original church at Cass and Missouri. The square building in the next block was the radio shack where members of Christ Lutheran Church held their first meetings.



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