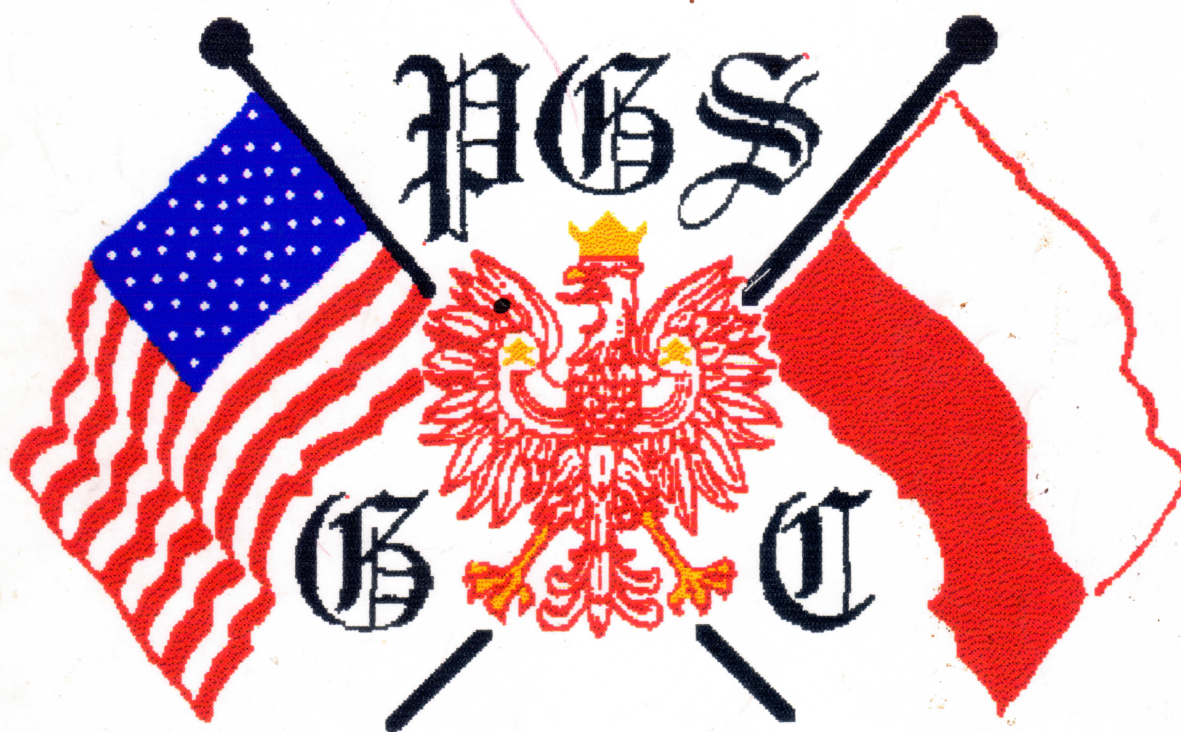


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**FOREWORD**  
**FORWARD**

A little over a year ago, a number of us Polish-Americans got together to form the Polish Genealogical Society of Greater Cleveland. In that time, we have come out with a Newsletter which we have published as needed. This publication, the first of what we hope will be many more to come, is related more to genealogical topics.

This first issue of our Bulletin is quite unique. It is not as "finished a product" as other publications put out by other groups. For the time being however, we feel that it meets the needs of our members and is a worthy first endeavor.

What we have tried to present is a publication that people will find interesting and entertaining. Included within are topics ranging from Polish legends to tasty recipes. Some of the articles are concerned with the Greater Cleveland area and this is as it should be, since most of our present members are from this area. As time goes on however, we would like to expand our field of interest to include the State of Ohio, the Midwest, and finally, the U.S.A. We invite our readers to submit any articles which they feel might be of interest to our genealogical group. All articles will be given serious consideration.

Finally, a great big "Thank You" to all our members and supporters. We have survived our critical first year and continue to thrive. We couldn't have done it without you.

Edward J. Mendyka  
President



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## OUR BEGINNINGS

In 1991, St. John Cantius held its eighth annual Polish Heritage Festival over the Labor Day weekend. The pastor, Father Ralph Bodziony, asked for a volunteer to work in the Heritage Room. The Heritage Room was a new wrinkle to the festival program. The parish has been in existence since 1898 and the Heritage Room was to display parish memorabilia such as communion pictures, graduation pictures, and other items of interest from the past. Having been retired since 1988, I volunteered to man the Heritage Room for the three days of the festival.

I had become interested in genealogy and for about the preceding ten years had devoted some time to this pursuit. In that time, I had attended genealogical meetings in Chicago and Detroit. Being a native Clevelander, it mystified me why Cleveland did not have a genealogical group of its own. After all, Cleveland had a number of Polish parishes, it was the destination point of a great number of Polish immigrants in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and its Polonia was still active and "doing its thing". So, as festival time approached, I asked Father Ralph if I might make up some signs and print up some forms to see if there was any interest in beginning a genealogical society in the Cleveland area. Father Ralph agreed with my proposal.

The festival was very well attended. And at the end of it, twenty five people expressed as interest in genealogy and in forming a group here in the Cleveland area. It was a start---a beginning.

Our first meeting was held on Oct. 1, 1991. Father Ralph gave us permission to use one of the rooms of St. John Cantius School. There were many question for us to address, such as: how often did we want to meet, at what time (day of the month---day of the week---time of day) did we want to meet, what did we wish to call ourselves, how were we to govern ourselves etc., etc..It was decided that we would meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at St. John Cantius School. In the course of the next two meetings, we answered some of the basic questions facing us and elected officers at our December meeting.

With an executive committee, composed of the officers of the group, now in place, we took on the problems of by-laws, dues, membership and other problems affecting the group. Our secretary, Joyce Hillson, volunteered to put together a newsletter to keep our members abreast of what was happening. And so, slowly but surely, we are moving forward. As of this date, we have fifty one members and look to the future with confidence.

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## MEMORIES

by

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I remember a few things from my childhood that now, when I think about them, seem very old fashioned. We lived upstairs from my Polish grandfather. Grandpa Gumowski was a widower and my Uncle Tony lived with him. My dad was in the Navy. I remember seeing my dad for the first time when I was two. I can still picture that meeting. I stood in the kitchen while my dad, dressed in Navy whites, crouched down and tried to coax me towards him. Who was this smiling man who picked me up and set me on his big trunk?

My grandpa and uncle made root beer in the house - lots of it. Bottles were all over the dining room and kitchen floor. The bottles were corked but the corks blew out of a few of them during fermentation. They gave me my very own little glass bottle with a screw-on lid. I drank it all down at once - it was sugary good. Root beer wasn't the only beverage they brewed in the house I've heard.

The chicken in the backyard seemed like a pet, but not for long. I remember a scene in the basement - a commotion with the chicken, and being told to stay away. The chicken wasn't in the yard anymore after that.

The iceman carried the big block up the stairs to our place. Water ran all over the floor under the wooden ice box when the block started to melt and the pan underneath overflowed.

The animal casings soaked in water in a coffee cup. My dad ground the meats by hand and the casings filled up with homemade Polish sausage. My dad squeezed margarine in a plastic bag until the yellow food coloring was mixed all through and the margarine took on a nice buttery-yellow appearance.

My uncle made me a ring out of steel. I wore it to bed and my finger swelled up. I woke up the whole house crying about that, and they spent a few hours sawing the ring off my finger with a small hacksaw.



There was a very old man - shabby looking - who rode a horse-drawn cart up and down the streets. He called out real slow, "Paper.....Paper..Rags". A truck slowly cruised the streets and a man sold green groceries from it.

We had a galvanized metal washtub in the back yard. We filled it with water and it was our "pool" on hot summer days. Two or three kids could stand in it and jump up and down.

My uncle played Spike Jones records on the record player. The crazy noises on Spike's records scared me and my cousin half to death.

A treat from my grandpa was a piece of bubble gum. He made the best gooseliver sandwiches on rye with mustard. Yum!

We had an attic above our second story apartment. My mom hung the wash up there on bad days. She carried the heavy baskets full of wet clothing up three flights of stairs from the basement. She made lemon meringue pie and whipped the topping with a hand egg beater. It took a long time for the egg whites to get stiff. Most things took alot of time then.

My other living grandparent, my dad's mother, lived near St. Casimir's church some streets away from us. We didn't have a car so we walked over to grandma's house or someone gave us a lift. My Polish grandma didn't speak much English so I had a limited relationship with her. She always made sure I had pop to drink and she gave me money when we were going home. During the war she gave my mother a woolen overcoat that belonged to a man who died. My mom cut the material out around the moth holes and sewed me a snowsuit. It was warm but the rough material made my face red and raw.

When I was four years old, we bought a car and moved to Euclid. Trips back to the "old neighborhood" were less frequent. I remember driving through Rockefeller Park and seeing groups of old men playing cards under a picnic pavillion. I forgot to mention that my mom took me to the park almost every day. During these outings we saw tons of people in the park. Kids sledding down the hills in winter. People sleeping in the sun during summer. Most people got dressed up on Sundays. We walked through the Cultural Gardens. My mom fussed at me because I insisted on taking off my shoes and socks to wade in the fountains.

Now when I drive down Martin Luther King Blvd. I try to visualize the park alive with people again. Maybe...someday...



## THE LEGEND OF LECH AND GNIEZNO

Many, many years ago, even many centuries ago, there lived in Polish lands a Duke named Lech. It was long, long ago, and some say it was even before the time of Alexander the Great. Be that as it may, in the land of Poland there was as yet no town of Poznan, nor of Kruszwicz, nor were there any large cities in Greater Poland. The country was wild, with few people; men lived together in small communities, greatly fearing the savage Goths who invaded them from the west and the wild Huns who came in from the east. Death and desolation came in the wake of these invaders, and the peaceful, agricultural Slavs were obliged to become warriors, that they might defend their homes and families from destruction.

Lech was the first Duke of Poland. He it was who first established a Dukedom on the soil of Poland and assumed the leadership of the western Slavs. He united the tribes, and from the time of his reign, Poland developed and grew prosperous. Better strongholds were built to resist the raids of the savage neighbours, the fields were tilled and hides were cured, and with the arrival of more settled times, men grew more civilized and turned to the making of pottery, agricultural implements and furniture, the pattern and style of which has changed but little, and even today utensils can be seen in use, very similar to those which were used in the time of Lech.

In order to ensure the defence of his country against invasion, Lech kept a strong army. This was well-equipped, well trained and vast. It covered itself with glory and indeed the name of Lech, its captain, became

so famous throughout the world, that his fiefs were called Lechici, and the Muscovites often called the Poles Lachi, and the Turks named Poland Lechistan, or the country of Lech. His power stretched over so wide an area of country that the Hungarian Lengyel also almost certainly comes from Lech.

The Duke was in every way an outstanding man. He was very tall and broad shouldered, and such was his strength that he could wield a battleaxe which ordinarily took two men to lift. He was handsome, with fair hair, blue eyes and well-defined, aquiline features. Not only was he a fearless warrior, he was also a wise ruler and, unlike most men of his stamp, had a taste for learning. He had this in common with most princes: he loved hunting, and his leisure was generally devoted to the sport. As in battle, he led the field, and always claimed the first stroke at bear or boar, when the beast was brought to bay. He had a true, brave heart and valued courage in another, be it man or beast.

Lech also loved falconry, and had many goshawks and peregrine falcons, some of which he had trained himself. He had tried to train a young buzzard, but the bird, after giving great promise, had died. The Duke had expressed the wish to train an eagle, and though his falconers had advised him that it was impossible, he still persisted in hoping that he might capture and train a young golden eagle, for he thought that it would be swifter and stronger, in the flight after its quarry, than any goshawk.

One fine spring day, the Duke and his court went hawking. A goodly company set forth from the castle, each one mounted and each dressed in the green hunting habit which Lech had commanded should be worn by all those who joined the chase with him. The Duke rode at the head of the cavalcade, with his favourite hawk on his wrist, closely followed by his Master of the Hunt.



He seemed to be in thoughtful moods, and paid little heed to the conversation which was taking place around him. Then, without preamble, he gave his bird to the Master of the Hunt, saying curtly, "I would be alone," and, setting spurs to his horse, he galloped off. His company were surprised and troubled, but no man attempted to follow the Duke, for sometimes he was given to strange moods and at such times it was better not to approach him.

Lech urged his steed forward, he knew not why, but feeling an irresistible desire to reach a hill which he espied in the distance. After galloping a while he reached it, and, reining in his steed, looked around him. At first he could discern nothing, but soon, he perceived a nest, perched on a rocky crag. It was the nest of a white eagle, who sat with her young around her. She was a noble bird, with curved beak and powerful talons, and wings to bear her aloft in strong and graceful flight. This was the eagle that Lech had dreamed to possess; this was the bird which would make falconry a delight, which would rouse the envy of every prince in Europe and beyond. He resolved to capture one of the young, take it home to his castle, and train it with all the care and skill at his command. What a rare prize this would be! What pleasure lay in store for him if he could but obtain one of those eaglets!

He leapt from his horse and climbed towards the nest. The white eagle watched him intently, while her fledgelings, surprised by the approach of a stranger, crept under her wings. Lech shouted and waved his arms, thinking to frighten the bird from her nest, but she stirred not. The Duke came nearer and put forth his hand, and the eagle, with a swift movement, pecked at him as though in warning. But Lech heeded her not. Reaching for his dagger, he held it aloft, so that the bird must wound herself if she

approached him too near. With his other hand, he again attempted to grasp one of the eaglets, but the mother bird was upon him once more and this time, neither prince nor bird escaped unscathed. Lech persisted; he ardently longed for one of the eaglets and was loath to abandon a prize which he thought he could capture with ease. The struggle continued. Lech, using his dagger more freely, was making desperate attempts to approach the nest. But he was beaten off by the sharp beak and powerful wings of the mother. The eagle had been wounded several times, and blood was staining the white feathers with dark, crimson splashes. She defended her nest and her freedom and the liberty of her little ones. The Duke's brave and generous heart was touched by this unyielding defence and by this noble courage, and the sight of the blood which trickled down the bird's white breast made him ashamed of his desire to deprive of its freedom the offspring of so valiant a mother. He turned away abruptly, and descended the hill, deep in thought. A brave bird, who spilt her blood for her freedom and for that of her eaglets!

Then Lech sat down at the foot of the hill and looked at the scene before him. As far as his eye could reach stretched the fair lands of Poland, his country that he loved with all his heart. Would he not defend her, just as the eagle had defended her nest? And the thought came to him: let that brave, white eagle become the badge of Poland; let her be the token of freedom for which all those worthy of the name of Pole should shed their blood, and the eagle's blood be the symbol of bravery. Poland is immortal; so shall the White Eagle be immortal. Thus, to this day, on the shield and banner of Poland, is blazoned the white eagle on a crimson field.

And the place was pleasing to the Prince. He loved that hill where he had found the eagle's nest and which still bears his name. He took his



counsellors to the spot and showed it to them, saying, "Let us build our nests here, as do the eagles." So a castle was built, and then a city, and it was called "Gniezno," which, in the Polish of those days, meant "nest." And in those far-off times Gniezno became a fair city, and was the capital of Lech's Dukedom, lying on the hillside which bears his name.

The White Eagle has always been on the banners of Poland and when, as has occurred many times, Poland has been attacked, her sons have defended her no less bravely than the eagle who long ago shed her blood in the defence of freedom.

## A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS PARISH OF CLEVELAND, OHIO\*

### HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The "Heights" area of Cleveland was a quiet rolling rural community ninety years ago, its quiet country lanes provided perfect sites for the school complexes that were planned. The city would remain by the Cuyahoga River, the people believed. The steel mill executives began building estates on the hillsides.

Many of Cleveland's steelworkers and other laborers were Polish immigrants who had settled on the South side of the city. They brought a burning faith with them from the old country and felt a need for a priest who could serve them in their own tongue.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Ignatius Horstmann readily agreed that, although their numbers were comparatively small, their dedication would surely support a parish of their own. And so he appointed Reverend Hipolit Orłowski to serve the Polish nationality parish of St. John Cantius.

Masses were originally held in a two-story barn at the corner of Professor and College Avenues. One of the first Sacraments bestowed was the baptism on May 7, 1898 of Stanislaus Sroka---the parish's first baptism. The first marriage in our parish united Adelbert Bilski and Catherine Misiak on May 30.

The hard-working parishioners immediately began remodeling---creating a pastoral residence, a school, and a Sisters' home in separate apartments behind the sanctuary portion of the building. These poor immigrants knew the importance of a good education. Even more, they realized that religious training was an integral part of a Christian education. They wanted Catholic schools for their children and were willing to sacrifice to attain the best.

Accordingly, when the church was established, so was the school. The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis were appointed to teach. Their many years of service to St. John Cantius is gratefully acknowledged by today's parishioners. The Sisters' zealous devotion to their precious charges has borne a goodly harvest of Christian souls who have served the church and their community well. The many vocations to the Sisterhood from St. John Cantius attests to the inspiration provided by these dedicated teachers.

### A BUILDING PARISH

The parish's growth was rapid. Father Orłowski's health was poor and the burden was growing greater and greater. Eventually, he asked to be relieved of his duties. In August of 1908, Father Orłowski was replaced by Reverend Francis Doppke, another dedicated priest who gave his all for St. John Cantius. He directed the building of a new church and school combination in 1913. He then arranged for the construction of a parish hall and a convent. Father Doppke's death came prematurely in March, 1917---before he was able to begin the new church he had hoped to build.

When Reverend Joseph P. Kocinski assumed the pastorate on April 24, 1917, the United States had just entered the World War. Industry was expanding in Cleveland. The population was growing. More and more Polish-speaking Catholics were joining St. John Cantius School.



Almost immediately, Father Kocinski contracted for six classrooms to be added to the overcrowded school. In conjunction with this, the Sisters' residence was expanded, also.

Then, the parish turned its thoughts to a new church building. This time it was to be a huge beautiful edifice---a monument to their faith and a sanctuary that would serve an ever-expanding parish for many decades into the future.

Architects Potter and Gable of Cleveland were chosen in 1923 to design the massive Romanesque church. Its cornerstone was laid on Sunday afternoon, July 6, 1924.

When the structure was completed two years later, it had cost two hundred and forty-five thousand dollars excluding heat and electricity. The church is one hundred and eighty-four feet long and sixty-seven feet wide. At the point where it widens for side entrances it is ninety-seven feet wide. The bell tower is one hundred and thirty-five feet high and its bells were added at a cost of six thousand dollars. These were fantastic expenditures for working people, many of whom were recent immigrants from a war-torn foreign country. But if they didn't have their faith to sustain them, they would not have had the inspiration to push on.

#### A PARISH PRIORITY ---EDUCATION

In May, 1932, a new pastor---the Right Reverend Monsignor Marion J. Orzechowski---was appointed to St. John Cantius Church. He came to a parish that was suffering from the final phases of The Great Depression. Unemployment was widespread; bank failures were still occurring. Again the faith of their fathers proved to be a great spiritual haven for these first and second generation Americans.

Monsignor Orzechowski was a zealous worker who inspired his people both spiritually and socially. Parish activities knit the congregation ever closer as well as slowly but steadily decreasing the mortgage loan indebtedness. Monsignor Orzechowski's sudden death on May 1, 1939, was a heart-rending loss to his faithful flock.

St. John's fifth pastor, Right Reverend Monsignor Francis D. Duda, proved to be as dynamic a leader as were his predecessors. One of his first tasks was to clear the parish of indebtedness. He then turned his attention to the great need for a parochial high school on Cleveland's South side.

The area had again begun to grow. The Second World War was expanding industrial production; steel mills were creeping into the residential areas. The influx of workers caused overcrowding in the community's schools. One of the country's first housing projects was built in this area at the time and is still in the eighties serving needy people. The "Baby Boom" after the war ended promised a long-term need for increase educational facilities.

Monsignor Duda planned the remodeling of the parish auditorium into high school classrooms which opened in 1945. When his assessment of the demand proved true, he decided that a complete high school and recreation center would be a vital addition to the parish complex. Monsignor added English Masses to the Polish in the post World War Two period.

In 1947, Monsignor Duda employed architect Ellsworth Potter of Cleveland to draw the plans which were later approved by his



Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Edward F. Hoban. Contractors Woods and Chleva were hired and the work began.

Cornerstone-laying ceremonies were held on Sunday, July 10, 1949, and when the building was completed, the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades were transferred into what had been the high school quarters. The old wooden frame building they vacated was moved from the parish property.

On Sunday, April 16, 1950, Bishop Hoban visited St. John Cantius to dedicate the new school and recreation center. The festivities also observed the church's Golden Jubilee. Again, the sanctuary was filled to overflowing with happy parishioners who were grateful for their many blessings over the years.

#### CHANGES AND MORE CHANGES

After a long and vital pastorate, Monsignor Duda died on November 27, 1955. He was succeeded, in 1956, by Reverend Francis A. Szudarek, who had served St. John Cantius as an associate pastor from 1936 to 1948.

In the parish and in the community, changes were still the way of life during Father Szudarek's pastorate. The city kept pushing out its boundaries. Highways were being cut through here, there, everywhere. Homes had to be moved or torn down to allow the "wheels of progress" to keep turning. Many parishioners had moved into the suburbs, and although most parishioners now spoke Polish as a second language, they commuted to St. John's rather than change to another church.

The high school---and the parish provided---additional laboratory facilities, a new cafeteria, and gym locker rooms. Then, in 1969, after twenty-four years of service, St. John Cantius High School was consolidated with three other schools to form Cleveland Central Catholic High School. Its initial enrollment exceeded two thousand.

Also in September of 1969, St. John Cantius Parish welcomed Reverend Ralph A. Bodziony as their new associate pastor.

The church followed the dictates of Vatican Council Two; in moving the Altar to face the people, all Masses and the liturgy are conducted in the vernacular; lay people have become commentators, leading in songs and participating in the reading of the scripture lessons. Other physical changes were also made in the sanctuary. Then in preparation for the 75th Anniversary celebration, the main body of the church was redecorated.

The grammar school was merged, in the fall of 1972, with that of the neighboring parish---Our Lady of Mercy.

The people of St. John Cantius held a "Recognition Night" Banquet on December 30, 1972, for a beloved priest who had faithfully served them for a total of twenty-eight years--seventeen as pastor. Father Szudarek was retiring to the position of "Pastor Emeritus." Reverend Ralph A. Bodziony's appointment as pastor would become effective as of January 2, 1973.

Then it was Father Bodziony's turn to be feted by the parish. Over five hundred celebrants joined him at a banquet in his honor on the day of his official installation---Sunday, January 28th.

A parish that is still comprised of in some instances by parishioners of four generations of Polish-Americans, St. John Cantius is as active and vital as ever.

Parishioners serve their church as individuals and as members



of many societies and groups including the Parish Councilmen, St. Vincent De Paul Society, Third Order of St. Francis, Holy Rosary Sodality, Knights of Columbus, St. Ann Society, St. Stanislaus Kostki Lodge, Blessed Sacrament Sodality, The Booster Club and the St. John Tremont Catholic Federal Credit Union.

Because the Sisters of St. Joseph (Marymount) did not continue to staff the High School and did not reside at the Sisters' residence, the convent became inefficient to operate for the number of sisters living there.

The residence of the sisters was changed to a newly renovated convent opposite the High School. It was more suited to the needs of the present staff and more economical to operate. The former convent became the Matt Talbot Inn, a half-way house for recovering alcohol and substance abuse residents. An "AA" meeting is held each Thursday evening in the school cafeteria.

The merger of the Grade School with Our Lady of Mercy School lasted only a few years. In 1977, the Grade School was moved to the High School building which was being under-utilized. The former grade school building for a brief period of time housed a Spanish Day Center on the first floor.

Changes which began in the neighborhood a couple of decades ago are now being addressed by a variety of neighborhood organizations. The Tremont West Development Corporation is renovating homes in the area to preserve the neighborhood as a residential area, and has already implemented plans for new housing by building its first new home in the area.

Various area landmarks have been renovated into "loft type" apartments which is the trend in new housing for inner city apartments.

In 1987 discussions began for the sale of the former Grade School building to a Tremont area developer for renovation into "loft type" apartments. This will help fulfill a need for improved housing in the area.

The Parish has been interested in neighborhood renewal. Through the efforts of a group of Parishioners and ex-Parishioners a neighborhood historic landmark scheduled for demolition was purchased by the newly formed Lincoln Park Investment Company and saved.

With the merger of St. John Cantius High School into Central Catholic, Parish organizations had to be revitalized, since most of the organizations were centered around the schools. The PTA was changed to a Boosters Club which assists in Spiritual and Financial Projects of the Parish. Days of Recollection are planned each year during Lent and the financial success of the Reverse Raffles and Bingo Socials has enabled the Parish to operate the School each year even though its operation is heavily subsidized. The St. John Cantius Golden Age group which was organized by Parishioners, but which met off Parish grounds, has now been meeting in the Parish meeting room. It has assisted the Parish by having "Pierogi making sessions"; these pierogi are sold at Parish activities as an additional source of Parish income. The Parish also has a full time Director of Senior Citizens Programs to assist in providing Social, Craft and recreational meetings during the week and to plan excursions as well as visitation of shut-ins.



## PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE ARE NOW

From the handful of Catholics who once met in a car barn to the thriving parish celebrating Mass on weekdays and Saturdays, and three times on Sundays, in a beautiful spacious sanctuary of their own creation, it has been a long upward climb covering a period of ninety years.

In keeping with changing housing patterns an apostolate to the Spanish speaking has been inaugurated by adding two Sisters with experience in Latin America for an Outreach Program and a Spanish Language Mass on Saturdays.

As the City changes and a building boom is revitalizing "downtown" Cleveland, also changes are beginning to take place in the neighborhood. Art related enterprises have begun to move into the area along with other businesses who find the area convenient to the center of the City along with the easy accessibility to major highways.

The area has also become more attractive to some by its designation as a "Historic Area" due to its unique Architecture and Civil War connections.

Hopefully, the neglect and deterioration of former years is being replaced by a "new spring" for the former "Lincoln Heights Area."

Many of the traditions of the past are treasured yet---the Polish heritage, the emphasis on Catholic education, the enthusiastic society memberships, the basic glowing faith directed by the Holy Father and administered by a local bishop and a devoted pastor.

The outside world, however, has changed beyond our founders' recognition; we must express appreciation and gratitude to them for their deep faith and foresight to the future from these humble beginnings.

World communications and urbanization have sophisticated our children. Within the church, another form of sophistication and communication has taken place. No longer are the people mere spectators at Mass. They are participants, serving actively in the celebration. Each and every Christian is an Apostle as well. Each shares in the responsibilities as well as the rewards of the Gospel. We rejoice in this knowledge as we face a new year and a new beginning. With an overwhelming debt of gratitude, we reflect

on the accomplishments of our forefathers; with thankful pride, we point to the dedicated parishioners of today, with a renewed sense of commitment, we face a glorious future for the Parish of St. John Cantius.

\* This is taken from the 90th Anniversary Memorial Booklet put out by the church in 1988.



## FORMER ASSOCIATE PASTORS

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| + Rev. Thomas Murawski - <i>deceased</i>       | + Rev. Edmund Kuczmarski - <i>deceased</i>   |
| + Rev. John Mlotkowski - <i>deceased</i>       | + Rev. Walter Golembiewski - <i>deceased</i> |
| + Rev. Paul Michalak - <i>deceased</i>         | + Rev. Edward Gackowski - <i>deceased</i>    |
| + Rev. Louis Kazmirski - <i>deceased</i>       | + Rev. John Kusiak - <i>deceased</i>         |
| + Rev. Michael Konwinski - <i>deceased</i>     | Rev. Richard Bober                           |
| + Rev. J. F. Napierkowski - <i>deceased</i>    | + Rev. Mitchell Cieslik - <i>deceased</i>    |
| + Rev. B. Pawlewicz - <i>deceased</i>          | Rev. John J. Bryk                            |
| + Rev. J. Bialek - <i>deceased</i>             | Rev. Thaddeus Swierski                       |
| + Rev. Francis Szudarek - <i>deceased</i>      | Rev. Leo Telesz                              |
| + Rev. Francis Szczepanski - <i>deceased</i>   | Rev. John J. Gorski                          |
| + Rev. William Kopiczanski - <i>deceased</i>   | Rev. John W. Krasen                          |
| Rev. Anthony Gawlik                            | Rev. Ralph A. Bodziony                       |
| + Rev. Edwin Osowski - <i>deceased</i>         | + Rev. Clarence Liederbach - <i>deceased</i> |
| + Rev. Stanislaus Podbielski - <i>deceased</i> | Rev. Lucian Stokowski                        |

## FORMERLY IN RESIDENCE

- Msgr. Casimer S. Ciolek - *Director Catholic Charities*  
Reverend John R. Olsavsky - *Tribunal Officialis*

## VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD FROM ST. JOHN CANTIUS

- Rev. Cantius Kobak, O.F.M.  
+ Rev. George Kmiecik, S.J. - *deceased*  
Rev. Gerard Kotula, O.S.F.  
Rev. Gary Churma  
Rev. Dennis Bogusz  
+ Rev. Remiguis Steczkoski, O.S.F. - *deceased*  
+ Rev. Lambert Jureczek, O.S.F. - *deceased*  
+ Rev. John Grabowski - *deceased*  
+ Rev. Casimir Grabowski - *deceased*



# Sisters of St. Joseph of The Third Order of St. Francis

- Sister M. Adella Sniezek  
 + Sister M. Amabilia Sokolowska (deceased)  
 + Sister Anita Marie Jaracz (deceased)  
 Sister M. Annette Jaworska  
 Sister M. Antonine Gwozdzinska  
 Sister M. Armella Steczkiowska  
 + Sister Barbara Gomolka (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Basilian Sroka (deceased)  
 Sister M. Benonia Kudlata  
 Sister M. Berenice Bronczyk  
 + Sister M. Bertha Kolis (deceased)  
 Sister M. Blandine Jureczek  
 + Sister M. Carmella Wiencek (deceased)  
 Sister M. Celeste Brej  
 Sister M. Celsia Ryba  
 Sister M. Charlene Zawadska  
 Sister M. Clarissa Tomasik  
 Sister M. Clothilde Pilt (Genevieve)  
 Sister Cecila Wajda (Consolata)  
 Sister Constance Dziubakowska  
 + Sister M. Dolores Romanek (deceased)  
 Sister M. Edeltrude Ryba  
 Sister M. Blanche Theresa (Edelvine)  
 Sister M. Fabiola Zawadska  
 + Sister M. Genevieve Sobczyk (deceased)  
 Sister M. Francis Theresa Woznicki  
 Sister M. Grace Puchacz  
 + Sister M. Geraldine Swiatek (deceased)  
 Sister M. Gertrude Dudzinska  
 + Sister Helen Joan Slusarczyk (Erasma) (deceased)  
 Sister M. Hermenegilde Zubek  
 Sister M. Hyacinth Czerapowicz  
 Sister M. Josephine Kubek  
 Sister M. Jude Buczek  
 Sister M. Leona Staniszevska  
 Sister Florence Mary Wilczewska (Ludvinette)  
 + Sister Marietta Zola (deceased)  
 Sister M. Marianna Marcenko  
 + Sister M. Maura Ryba (deceased)  
 Sister M. Melaine Oleszkiewicz
- + Sister M. Napomucene Szemer (deceased)  
 Sister M. Nolantia Zola  
 Sister M. Rosalie Wilczenska  
 Sister M. Rosaline Romanek  
 Sister M. Rosette Rozpotynska  
 + Sister M. Silviana Kudlata (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Suzanne Wos (deceased)  
 Sister Zita Marie Slusarczyk  
 Sister M. Virgiliana Zola  
 Sister M. Angeline Kubit (Gonzaga)  
 Sister DeAnne Zawadzka  
 + Sister M. Anisla Rozpotynska (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Caroline Kaczmarek (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Clementia Kobak (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Eulalia Szeredy (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Eunice Swiatek (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Florette Ziemba (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Juvenalia Hyber (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Leonette Zawlerzowska (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Michaelina Staniszevska (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Monica Huspek (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Norbert Staniszevski (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Pafnucia Frankiewicz (deceased)  
 + Sister M. Roland Malkowska (deceased)
- Principals of St. John Cantius High School**  
 + Sister Mary Aidona (deceased)  
 + Sister Mary Dulcia (deceased)  
 + Sister Mary Aniceta (deceased)  
 Sister Mary Concepta  
 + Sister Mary Justitia (deceased)  
 Sister Grace Dubin
- Elementary School Principals**  
 Sister Felicia Mann (David)  
 + Sister Mary Genevieve (deceased)
- Previous to this the High School Principal was also Principal of Elementary School.