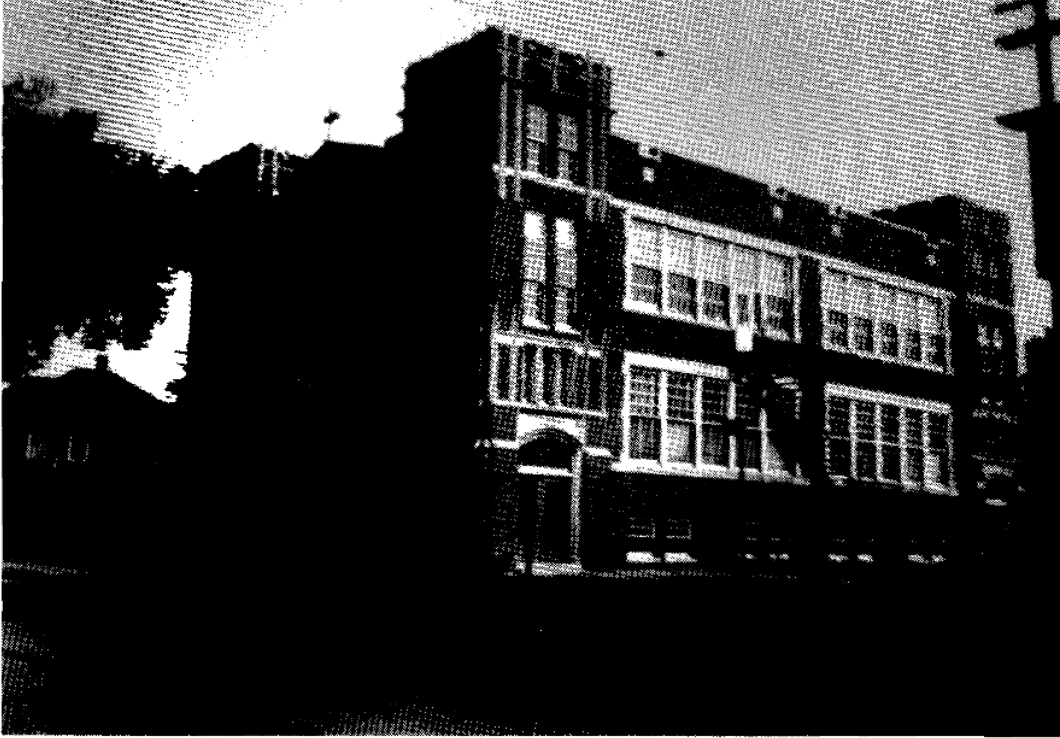


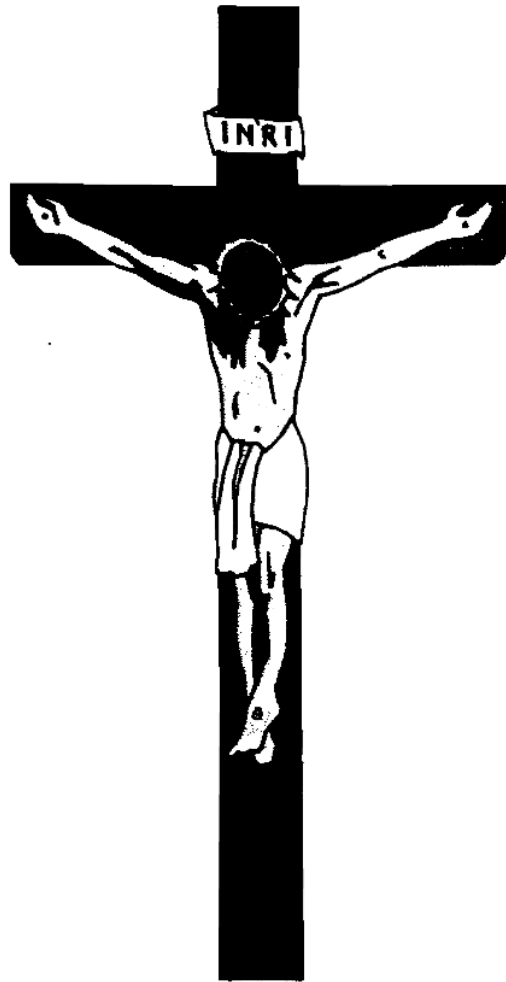
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## The Parish History Has Been Assembled In Three Sections

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This presentation was done to facilitate assembly of the information to make easier the writing of the history itself and to keep updated. Certain events or activities have been recorded in more than one section. Although complete in themselves, these three sections are still interrelated.

Not every event or activity that happened has been included in this history since it would have been impossible to do. Some information may seem somewhat trivial but it was recorded when found while searching for meaningful or important dates.

The information for the various parish organizations or societies is not detailed nor complete. Such information is intended to give an idea of what functions and activities the respective organization had and the role which it played in the history of the parish.

The information for the parish history was taken from several sources including newspaper files of the East Moline Herald, Moline Daily Dispatch, Catholic Post and stories and information from parishioners, former parishioners and the B.V.M. Sisters.



# St. Anne Parochial School

## 1919

Construction of a brick and stone combination school-church was begun on May 28, 1919. The school was to be located on the second floor of the building. Due to money and labor problems, the school was not ready for use until 1925.

During the spring of 1919 Father William J. Cleary, pastor, made a formal application by letter to the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to staff the school which he expected to open by September 1920. He would need four sisters to staff the school and would provide a suitable home for the Sisters within a block of the school. Money was not available to build a new convent. However, staffing by the Sisters was contingent upon any difficulties not contemplated during construction at St. Anne's.

In July 1919 Sister Mary Arcarda B. V. M., who was at St. Joseph's convent in Rock Island, wrote a letter to the Mother Superior in Dubuque, Iowa encouraging her to honor Father Cleary's request for staffing at St. Anne's. She warned that the Dominicans had offered their services and were anxious to get established in the area. The letter was written without Father Cleary's knowledge.

## 1924

In a letter to Father Cleary, dated June 5, 1924, Mother Mary Isabella, B. V. M. stated that "if the school is completed and you can secure a home for the Sisters, we will arrange to open St. Anne School in 1925."

## 1925

In 1925 the parish purchased the parsonage of the Lutheran church on the northeast corner of 6th Street and 18th Avenue for use as a convent by the Sisters.

A chapel and bedrooms were added to the building. The chapel gave the Sisters a place for private and Community prayers. The chapel was also utilized for Masses by the parish.

The area directly behind the convent was filled with cinders and was utilized as a playground by the school children.

## School Year 1925-26

On August 15, 1925 five B. V. M. Sisters were told that they would open a new mission at St. Anne's, East Moline. It was quite a privilege they thought and their imaginations ran wild in anticipation of what to expect.

On the morning of August 21, 1925 five Sisters of Charity, in the charge of Sister Mary Rosella, Mother Superior, arrived from Dubuque. As each one entered her new home, Father Cleary blessed her and wished her a successful year.

As soon as they could, the Sisters explored every corner of the convent and were very elated. However, there were those last minute touches that the workman needed to do so the Sisters were really never alone. No matter where they went to escape the Sisters had company.

In the evening the Sisters enjoyed sitting in their rocking chairs on the screen porch which extended across the entire front of the convent.

The Sisters soon found themselves the recipients of much kindness and encouragement from Father Cleary and the parishioners.

There were four large rooms and two small rooms on the second floor of the church-school building to be used for classrooms. A gymnasium was in the basement.

A total of 122 students were enrolled in grades 1 through 8 when the first classes of the year, and of the school's history, were held on August 31, 1925.

Distribution of the 122 students was as follows:

1st grade	18	5th grade	20
2nd	21	6th	13
3rd	12	7th	15
4th	14	8th	9

The first commencement exercises were held at St. Anne School on Tuesday, June 6, 1926. Nine pupils graduated.

Father Cleary expressed himself as well satisfied with the first year of school work.

### **School Year 1926-27**

On January 28, 1927 the St. Anne basketball team defeated the 7th Street All-Stars 14 to 6 at the St. Anne Gym in the church basement. The halftime score was 6 to 4. Team members for St. Anne's were: Leo Dineen, Arnold Donaldson, William Skinner, Harold McFayden and Joe Ponce, all eighth grade students.

### **School Year 1927-28**

Through the initiative of Dan B. Hoffman, superintendent of grade schools in East Moline and with the generous cooperation of Charles F. Carpentier, manager of the Strand Theatre, and William Butterworth, president of Deere and Co., the Tri-City Symphony Orchestra came to East Moline on February 21, 1928 to perform for the public and parochial school children of the city.

On May 24, 1928 Sister Mary Rosella, B.V.M. superior of St. Anne School, was honored

by the parish, the school children and friends in observance of her Silver Anniversary as a Sister of Charity. A High Mass was offered for her intention at 8:00 A.M. by Father Cleary. During the day many sisters from other communities in the order came to offer their congratulations.

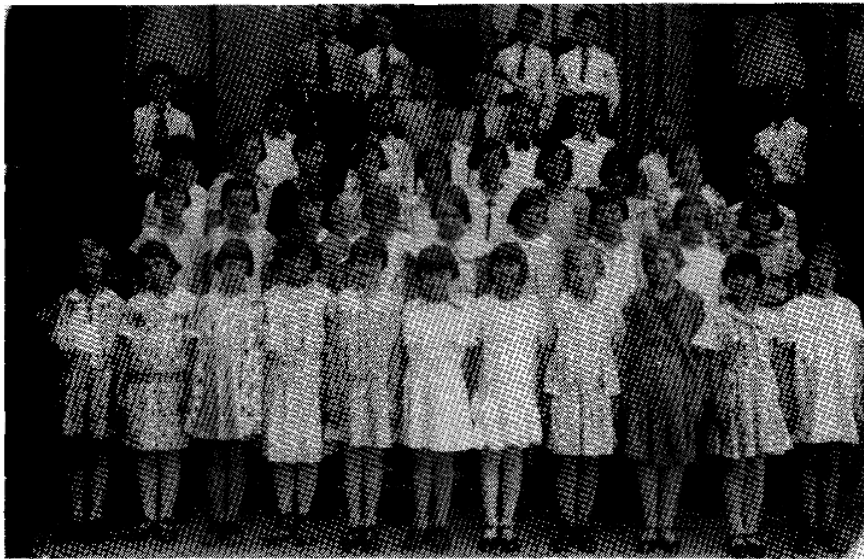
### School Year 1929-30

On October 7, 1929 a Rotary banner was awarded for excellence in deportment to St. Anne School. The award was presented by Mayor Charles F. Carpentier and the Rev. Norman Roston. The award was given to the room with the highest average in deportment a 92.

On Monday, April 14, 1930 the Tri-City Symphony Orchestra played for a Special Children's Concert at John Deere School in East Moline. This concert was sponsored by the East Moline Public and Parochial Schools and the Silvis Public School. The concert was made possible through the generosity of William Butterworth who assured the committee that he would assume the responsibility for any deficit incurred.

Each musical instrument was explained to the children.

At its monthly meeting on June 5, 1930 the Rotary Club announced the close of the contest it had conducted during the year in the local grade schools. Each



month in each school in East Moline and Silvis, in which the upper grades were taught, banners were presented to the room where the deportment average was the highest in the building. The banner remained in that room for the next month.

The winning room of the year for each building was named and a group photograph of the teacher and the class was taken. These pictures were framed and presented to the room as a permanent award. Both the 7th and the 8th grades at St. Anne School were winners.

The chairman of the contest stated that teachers told him repeatedly that the contest had

## **School Year 1930-31**

The Sisters of St. Anne School petitioned the East Moline City Council to block off 6th Street, between 17th and 18th Avenues from 12:15 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. on school days as a measure of safety for the children. On September 30, 1930 the City Council granted the petition upon recommendation of Mayor Charles Carpentier.

Starting September 30, 1930 St. Anne School was closed for a week because a first grade student had attended school while she was sick with scarlet fever. All pupils were sent home and the building was fumigated.

An older sister, who attended St. Mary School, was diagnosed with scarlet fever. She was sent home and quarantined. One room of the school was fumigated.

## **School Year 1931-32**

In September 1931 Sister Mary Presentina, B.V.M. replaced Sister Mary Rosella B.V.M. as principal of the school.

During 1932 the house at 609 18th Avenue, next to the convent was purchased for \$3400 to serve as a classroom.

St. Anne School observed American Education Week November 9 to 15, 1931. The program for Catholic schools was determined by the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Each day was set aside to discuss various phases of Catholic action -- the meaning of Catholic action, school subjects, student life, the home, economic life and religious life.

On Tuesday of American Education Week, Major J. J. O'Connor related his experiences in World War I to the students. The keynote of his talk was loyalty to God and country. He emphasized the necessity of cultivating the social virtues of truthfulness and honesty, the characteristics of the loyal Catholic man of action.

The music and speech students taught by the Sisters gave a program at the school on February 26, 1932.

On February 26, 1932 the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion announced the sponsorship of an essay contest for the eighth grade pupils in East Moline. The topic of the essay was "What a School Child Can Do to Aid His Country".

Four eighth grade students, one from each school in East Moline having an eighth grade, received medals as rewards of excellence. The essays of the winners were entered in two additional contests -- the district and the State -- which would also select winners from all essays submitted.

Conrad Churchill was the winner from St. Anne School.

a significant effect in maintaining good deportment in the rooms.

### **School Year 1932-33**

The school children who were taking musical instructions at the school gave a recital on Friday afternoon, February 24, 1933.

The eighth grade graduates enjoyed a picnic at Credit Island. They were taken to Credit Island in a truck furnished by J. L. Brady Co. Tennis and baseball were played and a delicious picnic meal was served. Chaperones were Mrs. Joe Knobloch, Mrs. William Niemeyer, Mrs. William Dowsett Sr. and Mrs. Francis Kinney. Father Cleary was a guest.

### **School Year 1933-34**

St. Anne School observed the 15th anniversary of Armistice Day with a celebration at 11:00 A.M. on November 10, 1933. The pupils enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk on the significance of Armistice Day and the founding of the American Legion. The talk was given by Mayor Charles Carpentier who was a member of the American Legion.

On Friday, December 15, 1933, the pupils held their annual Christmas program.

The Serbian All Stars and a team representing St. Anne School played two games of basketball on December 21, 1933. St. Anne's won the first game 13 to 6 while the Serbs won the second game 14 to 7.

The first Quilt Display was held by the Altar Society in March, 1934. The school children provided the entertainment at the display and for all subsequent years until the Quilt Display was discontinued in 1957.

On May 11, 1934 the mothers of the pupils at the school were guests at a program presented by the pupils in the school auditorium at 2:00 P.M.

The music students of the Sisters held a recital in the school auditorium on May 29, 1934 at 2:00 P.M. Parents and friends were invited.

### **School Year 1934-35**

Constitution Day was observed by the parochial and public schools in East Moline on September 17, 1934. Members of the American Legion gave talks on the Constitution and on the men who drafted it. The Legionnaires impressed upon the students the part that the Constitution played in the progress of this nation and the need for its preservation. St. Anne pupils were addressed by Eugene Brown.

The eighth grade students entertained at a Halloween Party on October 26, 1934 for the benefit of the school fund. A musical program was presented and bunco was played. Prizes were awarded and refreshments were served.

The school's first marble tournament was held on May 3, 1935. Tony Pucci, 13 years old,



represented the school in the Quad-City Tournament held at Browning Field on May 18, 1935. Tony eliminated Raymond Bonte, 8 years old, who seriously threatened to capture the school title in the finals.

### **School Year 1935-36**

The students entertained their parents with a delightful Christmas program in the school auditorium on December 18, 1935. Songs and recitations were given by the various grades. Santa Clause appeared and each child received a Christmas surprise package.

### **School Year 1936-37**

The start of the school year in September, 1936 saw an increase in enrollment. However, due to the crowded conditions some children were refused and all children out of the parish were asked to transfer.

### **School Year 1937-38**

In an agreement between St. Anne School and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was made August 20, 1937, each Sister would be paid a salary of \$350 for the school year (10 months). Whatever part of this amount not collected in tuition was made up by the Altar and Rosary Society. In addition the Sisters received the amount paid for music lessons: \$1.00 per hour, .50 for 1/2 hour and .25 for 15 minutes.

Because of an expected increase in enrollment in September, 1937, the cottage next to the convent, which had been purchased in 1932, was rebuilt for school purposes during the summer.

In September, 1937 Sister Mary Edwarda, B.V.M. replaced Sister Mary Presentina, B.V.M. as school principal.

The eighth grade pupils portrayed the Living Stations as part of the Service on Good Friday Afternoon in April, 1938.

### **School Year 1938-39**

On September 21, 1938, Mrs. Nellie Chalfont, housekeeper for the Sisters, died from a fracture at the base of her skull. She fell on the steps at the rear of her apartment which was in the bungalow next to the convent.

In October, 1938 the businessmen of East Moline offered prizes to the children of the city for the best Halloween idea painted on the windows in the business district. Eight of the prizes were awarded to pupils of St. Anne's.

St. Anne School was ranked second in the East Moline Clean-up campaign. Schools and

grades were rated based upon the percentage of forms returned and the amount of work of a clean-up nature accomplished by each group. Members of the Fire Department were the judges in the contest.

### **School Years - 1930's**

During the 1930's members of the Altar Society and school parents sponsored card parties and dances for the benefit of the school. For example: a benefit dance and card party held October 17, 1934 for the benefit of the school realized \$33. A dance was held October 26, 1934. Admission was 25 cents a couple and 10 cents for extra ladies.

### **School Year 1941-42**

On November 3, 1941, as part of the general Armistice Day Observance, the East Moline Post of the American Legion sent speakers to the public and parochial schools in East Moline and Silvis to speak to the students about the spirit and significance of Armistice Day, November 11.

### **School Year 1942-43**

On September 17, 1942 the chairman of the East Moline Salvage Committee announced the details of a scrap salvage drive in which all children in the public and parochial schools would participate. The drive was held the last week in September.



The scrap drive was a huge success. It was the most successful of any drive held for that purpose in East Moline.

The 2,804 pupils in the schools collected 53,140 pounds of scrap metals and rags. Sale of the salvage realized \$179. Each school was given 75% of the money received from the sale of its salvage. The remaining 25% went to the East Moline Defense Council.

St. Anne School collected 8,326 pounds of salvage which was good for second place just 11 pounds behind the leader. For its share St. Anne received \$19.70. The money was used to buy War Bonds which were given to Father Cleary for the building fund for the new church.

Ninety percent of the pupils volunteered to buy War Saving Stamps. From January 1, 1943 to June 5, 1943 the children purchased \$8000 worth of bonds and saving stamps.

### **School Year 1943-44**

In September, 1943 Sister Mary Anastasia, B.V.M. replaced Sister Mary Edwarda, B.V.M. as school principal.

On May 25, 1944 the students who took music lessons from the Sisters, publicly displayed their accomplishments in a recital. More than 40 pupils participated.

### **School Year 1947-48**

Prior to the opening of school in September, 1947 the house at 1719 6th Street was remodeled as a dwelling for Father Wolvers and a school room for 3rd grade.

### **School Year 1948-49**

St. Anne and St. Mary Schools held a joint waste paper drive on Sunday, October 10, 1948. Collection of paper, which started at 1:00 P.M. was made by the Boy Scouts, students of the schools, adult members of the parishes and the Forester Courts. The proceeds were used to purchase athletic equipment.

### **School Year 1949-50**

In a 7-hour period on August 11, 1949 the area was drenched with 6.3 inches of rain which was the heaviest deluge of rain ever recorded in the area.

The heavy downpour caused streets below the hill to flood and hundreds of basements in homes and businesses were flooded. Cars were stranded in water up to their hoods. The workers at IH were sent home and A. M. & M. shut down. St. Anne incurred considerable damage to equipment in the basement of the building due to the flooding.

In August 1949 Sister Mary Felicia B.V.M. replaced Sister Mary Anastasia B.V.M. as school principal.

In October 1949 the school children held their first Halloween parade. Dressed in costumes they paraded in the neighborhood.

Across the street from the convent was a small gray bungalow which housed the second graders during the 1949-50 school year. These students unwittingly entertained Father Wolvers with their songs and recitations as he sat in his closed-off living quarters in the same bungalow.

The bungalow next door to the convent housed the first graders in one section and the Sister's cook in another section. Also during the 1949-50 school year Father Cleary realized that the walls would not stretch any farther. He was faced with a decision of providing new classrooms and starting construction of a new church building.

St. Anne School won the lightweight championship of the local diocesan tournament held at Alleman High School on February 11, 1950. On March 16, 1950 the lightweight cagers won

3rd place in the diocesan tournament in Peoria.

St. Anne School track team tied for 3rd place in the Quad-City parochial school track meet which was held in May, 1950. The meet was held at the Rock Island public schools stadium with seven schools entered in the team events. Points for St. Anne were scored with Ray Nass taking a 1st in the high jump and the shot put, and a 3rd in the 100 yard dash in the junior division. Bob McConoughey was 3rd in the high jump, broad jump and the 100 yard dash in the midget division. Bob Fredericks placed 2nd in the shot put and 3rd in the high jump in the junior division. The 440 yard relay team placed 3rd in both the midget and junior divisions.

The night after graduation in June 1950 the men of the parish proceeded to strip and uproot the altars and pews from the church preparatory to having the first floor converted into classrooms.

### **School Year 1950-51**

When school opened in August, 1950 four new classrooms and a library were ready for the start of the school year. The gray bungalow which formerly housed the second grade was sold and moved. Father Wolvers moved to new living quarters in the bungalow next to the convent.

As a result of converting the church proper into classrooms, the school basement went through a series of changes every day. Mass was celebrated in the morning. The altar was screened off during the noon hour when lunch tables were set up. The blessed Sacrament was kept in the small room next to the front door which served as a chapel. The lunch tables were taken down and the seats rearranged for the parish groups holding evening meetings. The chairs were then set back in position for Mass the following morning.

### **School Year 1951-52**

On Sunday, July 22, 1951 St. Anne and St. Mary parishes sponsored a joint waste paper drive for the benefit of their respective school athletic funds. Volunteers and trucks met at St. Anne School at 12:30 P. M. to be dispatched to designated areas in East Moline and Silvis.

In June 1952 it was necessary to postpone commencement exercises from Sunday to Monday because of a "flash flood" that paralyzed the East Moline area.

### **School Year 1953-54**

As a feature of the annual quilt display and bazaar sponsored by the Altar Society the students of St. Anne School presented a special program. The event was held Tuesday, March 2, 1954.

On April 26, 1954 the football and basketball letter winners of the school were feted at the annual sports banquet sponsored by the Catholic Foresters. A ham dinner was served. Bob

Austin, a local sports official, was the featured speaker.

### **School Year 1954-55**

In August 1954 Sister Mary Christelle, B.V.M. replaced Sister Mary Felicia B.V.M. as school principal. She was the sixth principal.

Because of the expansion of the parish and the increased enrollment in the school, Father Cleary saw the pressing need for a school bus. In September, 1954 the first school buses were purchased. After some confusion because first graders seldom knew where they lived, much less how to find their way there, the buses made a total of four runs each day. Parents who had driven their children to and from school each day were truly grateful for the new service.

The first and second graders received their first shots of the Salk anti-polio vaccine on Monday, April 25, 1955. Permission slips were required from the parents.

### **School Year 1955-56**

On November 14, 1955, the booster shot for polio was given to those students who received the first shot of the anti-polio vaccine in April 1955. Public school buses were used to transport the students to the John Deere School gym where the shots were administered.

### **School Year 1956-57**

The annual grade school sports banquet was held April 29, 1957 in the school hall. Lennie Pecaut, outstanding Alleman athlete and graduate of St. Anne School, was a guest speaker.

The students were given their tuberculin patch tests on April 29, 1957.

In June, 1957, the B.V.M. community asked the pastors of the different schools to give up one sister for at least a year so the newly professed sisters could do further study. This meant there would be no sister beginning mission life or her teaching career for three years. Father Cleary offered to give up a Sister and hired a secular teacher.

### **School Year 1958-59**

The tragic fire at Our Lady of Angels School in Chicago in 1958 meant many changes and readjustments at St. Anne as it did in most schools. Father Cleary began at once and in a short time accomplished all the things that the Fire Marshall ordered -- a new door leading from the library to the alley, a second row of hand rails on the fire escapes, fire doors where needed, numerous exit signs and wire glass in several windows on the first floor.

### **School Year 1959-60**

The fire also increased Father Cleary's determination to start building the new school at once. He had, for some time, tried to get permission from the Bishop because the classes were growing larger each year and more room was a necessity. Father wanted to build eight

classrooms but Bishop Cousins was leaving the diocese and could only give permission for four classrooms. In May, 1959, ground was broken for the new building. The contractor promised that, barring any delays, the school would be ready in September.

After working desperately hard during the long, hot summer, the workmen, true to their promise, had two classrooms in the new building ready for the opening of school in September 1959. The 5th and 8th grades were the largest classes so were the first classes to be taught in the new building. Two weeks later, the 6th and 7th grades moved into the new building.

Father Cleary planned the new school well. His only regret was that he was unable to build eight classrooms.

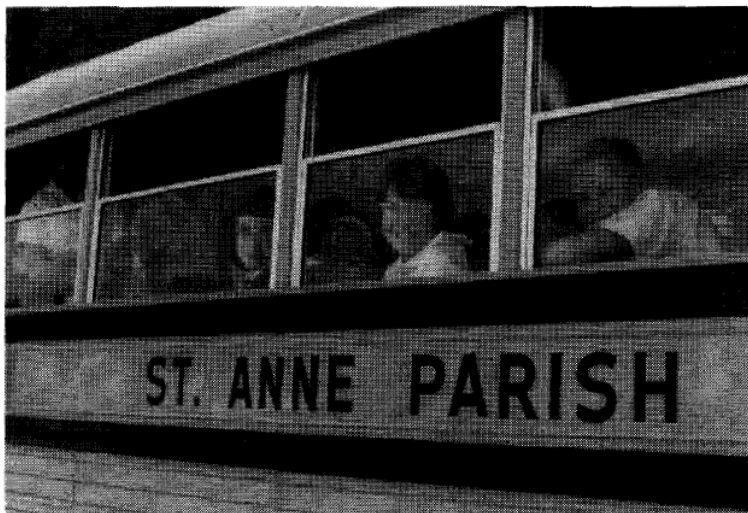
Due to an increase in enrollment (from 412 students to 424 students) one of the projected unoccupied classrooms in the old building was used by the 4th and 5th grade combination.

### **School Year 1960-61**

In August 1960 Sister Mary Isabella, B.V.M. became the seventh principal at St. Anne School replacing Sister Mary Christelle, B.V.M.

### **School Year 1963-64**

During the summer of 1963, Father Cleary purchased a bus for \$5687 to be used for the school.



During the 1963-64 school year the first grade children were prepared for

the reception of their First Holy Communion. For the first time in the history of the school, however, there was no formal group reception. Each child approached the Communion Table with his or her parents and family on the day chosen by the parents.

### **School Year 1965-66**

Father Cleary announced to the parish on August 3, 1965 that a new convent was to be built and that construction would begin in the spring of 1966. In a spirit of collegiality, the Sisters agreed that they preferred living temporarily in the school basement rather than to rent two houses and commute to school each day. Renovating the school basement into private rooms and living facilities began on November 26, 1965.

On Saturday February 19th, 1966, the Men Foresters moved the Sisters' furnishings to their temporary "English Basement Apartments" in the school.

### **School Year 1967-68**

The Sisters were moved into the new convent on June 20, 1967. In August 1967, Sister Mary Ellenine B.V.M. replaced Sister Mary Isabella B.V.M. as principal of the school.

A Parent Teacher Organization was formed for the first time in the history of the school on September 12, 1967. The name was later changed to the Home and School Association.

In February 1968, a parish Board of Education was formed to evaluate and coordinate all the educational programs of the parish.

It was announced May 19, 1968 that the B. V. M. Sisters had received permission to experiment with the use of color in their dress.

### **School Year 1968-69**

Prior to the start of school in September, 1968, the St. Anne Board of Education reached an agreement with the Administration of the East Moline Public Schools whereby the public schools would provide the necessary transportation for the St. Anne students. The school bus and station wagon were sold for \$3100.

During 1968-69, grade school and parish studies were conducted in schools staffed by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In September 1968 an in-depth evaluation of the educational program at St. Anne Parish, with special emphasis on its parochial school, was started. All parishioners were invited to a meeting at which the evaluation process was explained and the following committees were formed.

Finance	Parish Community
School Community	Curriculum
Religious and Moral Education	East Moline Community
Public School	

The most important decisions reached through the Parish Educational Programs were:

1. to continue and to improve St. Anne Grade School
2. to upgrade the Religious Education Program of the Parish for Public School Students by placing the program under the direction of a full-time, qualified B.V.M. Sister.
3. to work towards a strong adult education program.
4. to investigate the possibility of shared-time and/or dual-enrollment with the public schools.

5. to explore the possibilities and advantages of merging the two Catholic grade schools in East Moline.
6. to support programs of public support for parochial schools.
7. to approach all parishioners and ask each one to pledge his Fair Share towards the parish budget for the coming year.

In early January, 1969 it was announced that St. Anne school would lose two sisters starting with the next school year. During the evaluation it had been decided that if the parish should lose two sisters one grade would probably be closed. This, however, was a drastic step and needed further review.

The Sisters at St. Anne felt wretched about the loss of two sisters. None of them wanted to leave and they were embarrassed that Sisters were being withdrawn so soon after a new convent had been completed. But the B.V.M. community had serious financial, personal, organizational and moral problems with which to cope.

On January 20, 1969 the Boards of Education of St. Anne and St. Mary Schools met in joint session. They mutually agreed not to merge any facilities of the two schools during the next year. Both schools had adequate staffs, building and other facilities.

At an Executive meeting on January 21, 1969, the St. Anne Board of Education decided to continue the eight grades in St. Anne School despite the loss of two Sisters for the next year.

During March 1969, St. Anne School and Parish evaluation was completed. It was the first evaluation of the grade schools and parishes staffed by the B.V.M. Congregation. Parish coordinators recommended:

1. the retention of the school.
2. exploration of a means of an outgoing curriculum development
3. development of improved religious education for public school students, and,
4. greater emphasis on adult education.

At its April 1969 meeting the Board of Education elected to put a tuition aid program into effect for St. Anne teachers interested in taking summer school courses. To qualify, the teacher had to apply with the principal, had their contract extended for another year and to have satisfactorily completed the course. The tuition aid covered tuition and lab fees only.

### **School Year 1969-1970**

A new program for the Junior High students was adopted. It consisted of a complete departmental schedule and team teaching. Each teacher was responsible for a particular area to teach.



The B.V.M. commissioners visited the school on December 2 and 3, 1969 for the annual school review. After the completion of their visit they presented the following report to the parish on their findings and their recommendations:

Program: The Junior High Program was very fine. It showed a creative and realistic approach to meeting the needs of the individual child.

Staff: It was an alive, eager group that was most willing to work together to search out ways and means to improve the education of the children.

Curriculum: Adjusted very well to meet the needs of the student.

Visit With Pastor and School Board: The school was blessed to have a pastor who had served as a school administrator. There was a unified approach of the pastor and the board to the problems of the future of the school.

On December 3, 1969 grades one through three received the rubella (3-day measles) vaccine. This was a new vaccine and was not available before July 1969.

The students in grades 6 through 8 held their Science Exhibit in Cleary Hall on Saturday, April 25, 1970 from 3:00 to 7:00 P. M. and on Sunday, April 26, 1970 after all of the Masses.

On May 12 and 13, 1970 grades 3 through 5 held a Science Exhibit and all grades held an Art Exhibit in Cleary Hall.

During May 1970 bids were taken for the installation of a television antenna on the school.

### **School Year 1973-74**

Sister Janet Rolando, B.V.M. the ninth superior at St. Anne replaced Sister Ellenine Goldthwaite, B.V.M. in August, 1973.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated February 17-23, 1974 with "Unity in Catholic Education" as its theme.

### **School Year 1975-76**

In August, 1975 Sister Mary Ann Ruhde, B.V.M. replaced Sister Janet Rolando B.V.M. as principal at St. Anne. She was the tenth member of the Sisters of charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to serve as school principal.

St. Anne School celebrated its 50th birthday on April 21, 1976. The birthday reunion began with a Mass at 2 P.M. concelebrated by former pastors of the parish, their assistants and alumni of the school who became priests. The school buildings were open for inspection and a reception was held in Cleary Hall. Memorabilia, skits and old movies were shown.

### **School Year 1977-78**

The Fine Arts Department of St. Anne School was started in September, 1977 and the first

musical production under the program was held in May, 1978 with the presentation of "Jesus Christ Superstar". Also, as part of the Fine Arts Department, the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs were started and mini plays were presented by individual classes.

Over the years the productions have improved because of the purchases and donations of new equipment and the refining of existing equipment, such as proper sound and lighting equipment. With the help of the parents of the Fine Arts Department a stage was constructed. As a result of their participation in these productions, the pupils have gained an appreciation for drama, acting and music which has broadened their interests.

### **School Year 1978-79**

In July, 1978 St. Anne hired its first lay person as principal - Marilyn Joseph. She came to St. Anne's and replaced Sister Mary Ann Ruhde B. V. M.

During the Spring of 1978-79 school year the Junior High School students presented their production of "Godspell" in Cleary Hall.

### **School Year 1979-80**

On January 8, 1980 a head lice invasion forced the cancellation of classes in the school. All students, together with their parents, brothers and sisters were called to Cleary Hall to have their scalps and hair inspected by the school nurse.

All extra-curricular activities for the students, parish board meetings, and other school functions were postponed until the lice were under control.

Since mid-November 1979 dozens of students, who were found to have lice at school were sent home and ordered to stay home until the trouble was eliminated.

Upon returning to school in January 1980 all students were asked to bring plastic bags with them to store their coats and hats. They were also asked to bring rags to scrub their desks before school began.

The students were given surgical caps to wear to prevent the lice from moving from head to head.

Head lice infestation was also reported at other schools in the county but not as bad as at St. Anne.

As of January 22, 1980 the problems with the head lice were improving daily. No new cases of infestation had been reported for 11 days.

The lice problem was under control as of February 5, 1980 even though a few cases popped up occasionally. That was to be expected according to the County Health Department.

Early in the year 1980, St. Anne School received a Title IVC Grant for \$1620. The money was used for sound and lighting systems in the Fine Arts Department and for the development

of the new kindergarten.

The Junior High School students presented their production of the musical "The Sound of Music" in Cleary Hall during the spring of the school year 1979-80.

### **School Year 1980-81**

Kindergarten classes were started September, 1980 with an enrollment of 29 students.

On January 29, 1980 St. Anne School received a Title IVC Grant of \$2070. The grant was approved by the West Central Regional Education Service Center in Peoria. The proceeds were used to cover some of the costs of a science laboratory for the intermediate and junior high classes.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from February 1 to 7, 1981. The theme was "Choosing a Tradition - Catholic Schools".

The Junior High School students presented their production of "The King and I" on April 30 and May 1, 1981.

### **School Year 1981-82**

During September, 1981 the second grade students of St. Anne School and Moline Ericsson School started a Pen Pal Exchange. The idea for the exchange was formulated during the summer of 1981 when the two teachers, Barbara Hawley of St. Anne and Martina Parker of Ericsson, worked together as park directors.

At first there was an exchange of letters between the students and later during the school year, cards and little gifts were exchanged.

The teachers first offered standard letters which the students copied. Gradually the children thought of things on their own to add to the standard letters. After awhile the teachers noticed that the students' writing skills improved.

During the Spring of 1982 the pen pals got together for a lunch. It was originally scheduled for a picnic at Stephens Park but rain forced them indoors. They met at the Ericsson School classroom. The change gave the St. Anne students the opportunity to see another school and classroom.

The 1st through 5th graders presented their annual Christmas production of "Once Upon a Star" in December 1981.

From January 31 to February 6, 1982 Catholic Schools Week was celebrated with the theme "The Good News In Education: Catholic School".

The production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" was presented by the Junior High School students during the Spring of 1982.

### **School Year 1982-83**

February 6 to February 10, 1983 was celebrated as Catholic Schools Week with the theme "In God We Trust -- and Teach".

"Fiddler on the Roof" was presented on May 13 and 14, 1983 by the Junior High School students.

### **School Year 1983-84**

The elementary grades, 1 through 5, presented their annual production of "Two Nights Before Christmas" on December 18, 1983.

The theme for Catholic School Week was "Catholic Schools -- Beacon of Hope". Catholic Schools Week was January 30 to February 4, 1984.

On May 3 and 4, 1984 the Junior High School students presented their production of "West Side Story".



### **School Year 1984-85**

During the summer of 1984 changes were made to the old school building. New energy efficient windows and doors were installed and brick work was installed to accommodate the windows. Ceilings in the classrooms were also lowered. A grant of \$3110 was received from the Department of Energy's School and Hospital Energy Conservation Program.

The money was used to buy insulation and thermostat control valves for the school as part of the remodeling program designed to increase energy efficiency. The grant paid about 5% of the total cost of the program.

In July, 1984 Mary Johnson, a teacher at St. Anne School accepted the position of school principal. She replaced Marilyn Joseph who accepted the position of school principal of St. Matthew Parochial School in Champaign.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week, February 3 to 10, 1985 was "Sharing the Vision -- Teaching Values".

The Junior High School students presented their production of "Give My Regards to Broadway" on April 25 and 26, 1985.

## **School Year 1985-86**

Starting with the school year in September, 1985 computer education was available for all grades for the first time. A room near the learning center in the basement of the school was remodeled to serve as the computer lab.

Other renovations included new carpeting in the learning center, lowering the ceiling in the library and installing ceiling fans in the rooms of the first floor of the school.

From February 3 to 5, 1986 Catholic Schools Week was celebrated with the theme "A Rainbow of Excellence".

"Annie Get Your Gun" was presented by the Junior High School students on April 24, 1986.

On May 31, 1986 St. Anne School had a special reunion in celebration of its 60th Anniversary. After the 5 P.M. Mass there was a cocktail hour from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. in Cleary Hall. This was followed by a catered chicken dinner at 7 P.M. and a dance from 9 P.M. to midnight.

## **School Year 1986-87**

During January 1987 the "Rainbow" program was started with 27 children and 4 teachers participating.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from February 2 to 6, 1987 with the theme "Touch the Future".

The elementary students, grades 1 through 5, presented "Sing of Rainbows" on May 20, 1987.

On May 7 and 8, 1987 the Junior High School students presented "The Music Man".

In May, 1987 Sister Geraldine Galloway, B.V.M. celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May 15 was declared Sister Gerry Day at St. Anne. The morning liturgy was dedicated to her and, after Mass, coffee and doughnuts were served in Cleary Hall. She was in charge of the learning center in the school for the past fourteen years.

## **School Year 1987-88**

The students in the elementary classes presented their Christmas play "Arch the Angel" on December 15, 1987.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week, which was celebrated February 1 to 7, 1988, was "Catholic Schools Share the Spirit".

The Junior High School Students presented their rendition of "Bye, Bye Birdie" on April 28 and 29, 1988.

In April 1988 Connie Ertel, a teacher in the Junior High, was one of 200 teachers statewide who received the Illinois Math and Science Academy "Award of Excellence" for fostering student achievement and success. She was nominated by a former student who, at the time, was attending the Aurora Academy.

In May 1988 plans were announced for the beginning of an "Aftercare Program" for students. The program was under the care of a parishioner and a teacher. The program was designed to be self-supporting.

"Salute to Disney" was presented by the elementary students as the annual Spring Production on May 24, 1988.

### **School Year 1988-89**

The annual Christmas presentation by the elementary students was "The Inn Keeper".

"Catholic Schools -- Communities With Memories" was the theme of Catholic Schools Week which was celebrated January 30 to February 3, 1989.

St. Anne School was the overall 1st place winner of the First Annual Alleman Pioneer Mathematics Contest held in April, 1989. The contest was divided into sections with both team and individual competition.

The monthly Paper Drive held by the 8th grade class for their class project was stopped. The demand for newspapers fell off sharply. The last drive was held in July, 1989.

"Guys and Dolls" was presented by the Junior High School Students May 4 and 5, 1989.

On May 17, 1989 the elementary students presented "Goin Buggy" for their annual production.

### **School Year 1989-90**

Sandra Thomas was named principal of St. Anne School in July, 1989. She replaced Mary Johnson, whose husband had accepted a job in Tampa, Florida. Mrs. Thomas was a graduate of St. Anne School in 1957. Mrs. Johnson was named principal of St. Theresa School in Spring Hill, Florida.

A Farewell Reception was held from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. in Cleary Hall Sunday August 13, 1989 for the Mary Johnson family.

In September, 1989 the 8th grade class started the monthly collection of aluminum cans. The proceeds were used for the class project.

The Father Cleary Endowment Fund was established during the Fall of 1989. This was a special trust fund that serves as an educational fund which increases continually by its own earnings. In time the use of the interest earned will help to underwrite a percentage of St. Anne School annual expenses. Contributions to the endowment fund in the form of memorials,

donations and wills is encouraged.

"Angel's Aware" was the Christmas production of the elementary students given on December 19, 1989.

"Catholic Schools Week" was celebrated January 26 to February 4, 1990 under the theme "Catholic Schools -- A Parent's Choice".

The elementary students presented "Stars and Stripes" for their annual Spring production on May 21, 1990.

The Junior High School students presented "Annie" on May 3 and 4, 1990.

For the school year 1989-90 Mrs. Connie Skahill Ertel was named teacher of the Year by the Commission on Education for the Peoria Diocese. The award was given for her outstanding contribution to Catholic education in the area of teaching. Among Mrs. Ertel's other awards were nomination for Who's Who Among Americas' Teachers, 1990; Illinois Math and Science Academy Excellence in Teaching Award, 1988; Illinois State Certificate of Recognition, 1988, and recognition from Project Business's Junior Achievement Program.

### **School Year 1990-91**

The annual Christmas production by the elementary students was "Wise Guys and Starry Skies" given on December 18, 1990.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week was "Kaleidoscope of People". Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from January 27 to February 3, 1991.

On February 19, 1991 St. Anne School had a Patriotic Peace Mass at 8:15 A.M. in the Church. The Mass featured a procession by those who had relatives in the Persian Gulf area. The Mass included patriotic songs and petitions written by the students. Instead of a homily, essays on why the children were glad to be Americans were read. It was hoped that the Mass provided an inner sense of peace as well as a sign of support for our service men and women.

During the period of the Gulf War the students of St. Anne School were in contact with the U. S. troops serving in that area. They made flag tribute pins and sent them to the troops.

The pupils also wrote letters to the troops. Some students received letters in return and some received memorabilia from the troops. In their letters the students told about their school lives, basketball teams and other activities. The students did not write to particular service personnel but sent their letters to an address to be given to any service personnel.

The service personnel who responded wrote about the conditions in Saudi Arabia, what they were doing and even information about their families.

Connie Ertel, a social studies teacher on the staff at St. Anne School, was one of the recipients of the first Western Illinois Master Teachers Awards. Seventeen top educators, selected from eight Western Illinois counties, were honored at an awards banquet held March

22, 1991 at the Circa 21 Dinner Theatre Playhouse. Each Master Teacher received a brass bell in recognition of their selection.

The First Walkathon at St. Anne School was held April 19, 1991. This was an athletic fun event along Butterworth Parkway. Students secured monetary pledges based upon the number of miles they would walk. The minimum distance was 3 miles and the maximum was 12 miles.

The School Carnival was held April 21, 1991 from 12:30 to 5:30 P.M.

On May 22, 1991 the elementary students, grades 1 through 5, gave as their annual Spring production, "Clowns".

The production "Oliver" was presented by the Junior High students on May 2 and 3, 1991.

### **School Year 1991-92**

During the summer of 1991 the computer room in the school was enlarged to accommodate more computers.

A weakness was found in the 6th Street entrance to the primary school building. During the repair of the problem a "slip" was found which had been used to help dig the original basement of the building. The slip had rotted and was of no value.

St. Anne School was recognized as the School-of-the-Month in the October, 1991 edition of "Today's Catholic Teacher", a national publication.

The magazine article cited the extras which the school offered -- a Junior Achievement Program, a learning center, a Rainbow peer support group and early-bird algebra classes at Alleman High School for high school credit.

The school was also praised for its solid academic record and parental commitment.

In November, 1991 St. Anne School received notification that it had received full recognition for non-public schools from the State. Even though registered with the state, state recognition was not mandatory for non-public schools. Recognition was based upon the recommendation of a review team. The team reviewed and evaluated the school administration, curriculum, programs, services and personnel qualifications and checked that the buildings were safe, adequate and clean.

Commendations for St. Anne were:

1. the principal demonstrated the ability to organize and run a school efficiently;
2. great continuity of plan existed from philosophy and mission statements into the curriculum and instruction;
3. commitment of the total staff to the parents and students was noteworthy;
4. long-range planning was well articulated among the staff; and



5. support staff used media centers effectively.

St. Anne was also commended for quickly adhering to recommendations in areas of health and safety made during a visit prior to the evaluation visit.

The elementary students presented their annual Christmas production of "Baa Baa Bethlehem" on December 15, 1991.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated January 26 through February 1, 1992 with the theme "Discover Catholic Schools".

On Saturday, April 4, 1992 the Alleman Pioneer Academic Contests, which are open to all four feeder schools, were held. In overall competition St. Anne School placed 1st in Social Studies and 2nd in Math.

During the school year the 8th grade students participated in a National Test on "How Are Our Children Doing in Religion". Any percentage above 50% is considered good. The results of the test are as follows:

	National	St. Anne
Knowledge of Church	43%	68%
Worship	24	48
Religious Terms	49	65
Common Questions	49	62
Social Concerns	79	86
Participation in Sacraments	79	83
Morality	26	58
Jesus as a Challenge	9	17
Need fo Grace	17	10

At a ceremony on April 26, 1992 Mrs. Janet De Meulenaere, science teacher at St. Anne School, received the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy 1991 Award of Excellence. This recognition ceremony honors outstanding educators throughout the state who have challenged and inspired students.

The elementary students presented their Spring production of "From Borders to Bridges" on May 20, 1992.

The Junior High students presented their production of "Mary Poppins" in May 1992.

### **School Year 1992-93**

In September 1992, Sister Gerry Galloway celebrated her 55th year with the order of

Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The "Early Bloomers" pre-school program for 4 year olds was started September 1992. The pre-school costs were independent of the St. Anne Kindergarten through Eighth Grade program.

During the summer of 1992 the convent basement was renovated to accommodate the school and to be in compliance with state standards. An outside entrance ramp was installed and a chain-link fence erected on top of the ramp wall. Shrubs were planted along the entrance ramp.

In December 1992 the Catholic Schools of the Illinois Quad-Cities joined together to conduct a major fund raising campaign, "In Pursuit of Excellence". A goal of \$2.2 million was set. The funds received would be used to build an endowment fund for each of the schools and for capital equipment needs. St. Anne School would receive 7.5% of the funds raised in the campaign.

The annual Christmas production of "It Must Be Christmas" was presented on December 15, 1992 by the elementary students.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week was "Choose Catholic Schools - The Good News in Education". Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from January 31 to February 6, 1993.

An "Early Bird Care" program was started March 1993 at a cost of \$1.25 per child. Safety concerns prompted the need for the program. The program was available from 7:00 A.M. to 7:40 A.M.

The Spring production by the elementary students was "Patrick Muldoon and His Magic Balloon" on April 6, 1993.

The "Wizard of Oz" was presented on "April 30 and May 1, 1993 by the Junior High students.

On June 10, 1993 Mrs. Sally Tappendorf, kindergarten teacher at St. Anne School, was honored at a ceremony in Peoria. She was named the outstanding elementary school teacher of the 1992-93 school year by the Peoria Diocese. She was the only elementary - level teacher in the 54 schools of the Diocese to receive the award. Mrs. Tappendorf also received a Master Teacher Award from the Moline Dispatch and Rock Island Argus.

### **School Year 1993-94**

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated January 29 to February 4, 1994 using the theme "Support Catholic Schools --- Your Choice for Education".

On March 29, 1994 the elementary grade school students presented the production of "When I Grow Up".

On Sunday, May 22, 1994 a reception was held in Cleary Hall from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

for Sandra Thomas who retired as principal of St. Anne School having served five years in that position. At the time that Mrs. Thomas accepted the principal's position, she stated that she would only serve for five years.

Three teachers from St. Anne School were included in the 1994 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers". They were Janet De Meulenaire, Connie Ertel and Sally Jo Tappendorf. The teachers were selected for this honor by former students in recognition of their teaching excellence.



### **School Year 1994-95**

In July, 1994, Kenneth Jerome Sanderson was named principal of St. Anne School. He came from St. Matthew Elementary School in Champaign where he taught third and fourth grades and had served as Administrative Assistant and Assistant Principal. Mr. Sanderson replaced Mrs. Sandra Thomas who had retired.

In September 1994 the Junior High School students were assigned to build musical instruments out of everyday household items by their music teacher.

After a month the students came to school with wind, string and percussion instruments held together with tubing, wire, candle sticks and dental floss.

The assignment taught the students how to produce the components of music that they had studied in class. The project also developed their creativity and forced them to use some science facts on sound and acoustics.

The annual Christmas production by the elementary students was "The Greatest Christmas Carol in the Whole Wide World". It was presented on December 13, 1994.

From January 29 to February 4, 1995 Catholic Schools Week was celebrated using the theme "Catholic Schools -- Schools You Can believe In".

In February, 1995 St. Anne School was designated a World War II Commemorative School by the United States Department of Defense. A Certificate of Designation, personally signed by Secretary of Defense, William J. Perry, was presented to Father Robert O'Connor during a special Mass on February 16, 1995 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the war.

About 100 Veterans gathered at St. Anne Church to accept the gratitude of the students and faculty and share memories of their war experiences.

After the Mass the veterans attended a reception hosted by the Junior High Students in Cleary Hall. The veterans displayed photographs, war bonds, V-Mail and other mementos from the war and answered questions posed by the students.

The World War II Commemorative Program was designed to encourage communities, federal agencies and schools to thank and honor World War II veterans through commemorative events and activities. The program adopted the theme "A Grateful Nation Remembers".

The Mass was the beginning of a year of commemorative activities at St. Anne School. As a World War II Commemorative School, St. Anne was required to host at least three events during the commemorative year which ended on Veterans Day.

The school received a large supply of posters, pamphlets, information fact sheets, commemorative bookmarks, a World War II Commemorative Flag and other educational resources which students and teachers used to study the history and lessons of World War II.

"I Need A Vacation" was the production presented by the elementary students on April 4, 1995 in Cleary Hall.

In the annual essay contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sara Lintz won 1st place at the chapter level and won 2nd place at the district level.

On May 12, 1995 the Junior High School students presented their production of "Cinderella".

Connie Ertel, the 8th grade Social Studies teacher was granted an all expense paid trip to Estonia in mid-June 1995. This trip was granted for special recognition by Junior Achievement.

During the trip to Estonia she acquainted various leaders of the country with Junior Achievement through workshops on the implementation of the program in elementary schools.

### **School Year 1995 - 96**

On July 11, 1995 the Rock Island Arsenal and Defense Megacenter donated about \$240,000 of used computers to schools in the Quad-City area.

The 600 IBM compatible computers and some word-processing software were considered incompatible with newer Arsenal software requirements and some had been in storerooms for about three years.

The computers normally would have been either sold or junkpiled but because of an executive order by former President George Bush, the computers could be donated to public and private schools.

St. Anne School received 10 computer which allowed a computer to be installed in each classroom.

As a result of a grant received from the Carver Foundation during the previous school year and donations from some parishioners, St. Anne School was able to expand its collection of CD-Rom educational software in the computer lab. The school, therefore, has full Internet access.

Students in grades 2 through 8 took the California Achievement Tests (CAT) during September 1995. Students in grades 3, 6 and 8 also completed a battery of cognitive ability tests. A comparison of actual achievement with anticipated achievement showed:

1. grade 3 surpassed its anticipated scores in all fourteen categories;
2. grade 6 bettered its anticipated score in eleven categories and equaled its anticipated scores in the other three categories,
3. grade 8 scored above its anticipated results in ten of the fourteen categories.

When the test scores of grades 3, 6 and 8 were compared to the other schools in the Diocese the comparison showed:

1. grade 3 surpassed the Diocese average in nine of the fourteen categories,
2. grade 6 was above the Diocese average in ten categories, and,
3. grade 8 was above the Diocese average in eight categories.

In no category did the students score below the average of the other Diocese Catholic

schools.

The 8th grade students started collecting newspapers again in September, 1995 for their fund-raising. The market for newspapers had risen so that it became profitable again and the students asked the parishioners for their support.

In honor of Veterans Day, St. Anne students remembered all veterans on Thursday, November 9, 1995 at their weekly liturgy.

During the Offertory of the Mass, a list of veterans' names were presented as an offertory gift. This Scroll of Honor was displayed throughout the month of November, 1995 at the school.

During the month these men and women were remembered in prayers of thanksgiving. Especially remembered were the men and women who served our country both here and abroad so that the nations of the world would be free.

During the season of Advent in December 1995, the students of the school did all that they could to respond to the needs of the children in Haiti. Each class collected special items such as pens, pencils, crayons, chalk, notebooks and bar soap. The plight of the children was brought to the attention of a school mother by her brother, Sgt. 1st Class Jim Briese, who was stationed in Haiti.

This project fit into the school's mission awareness curriculum. The children learned more about world poverty and hunger.

The preschool through eighth grade students presented their Christmas play, "A Church Mouse Christmas", at 7:00 P.M. on December 12, 1995 in the church.

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated January 27 - February 4, 1996 with the theme "Catholic Schools, Schools You Can Believe In".

During National Catholic Schools Week the City of East Moline presented St. Anne with a copy of a resolution proclaiming the dedication and commitment of teachers, parents and others who sacrifice time and talent to provide an excellent education for the students.

As an official World War II Commemorative School, St. Anne students examined the role that freedom fighters played in bringing peace to a troubled world. On Thursday, February 15, 1996 there was a special liturgy celebration at 8:15 A.M. with special songs, prayers and symbolic gifts in thanksgiving for all American heroes of peace. This included those soldiers in Bosnia, veterans of all foreign wars and those who strive for peace here in our families and communities.

At the same time Sgt. Jim Briese thanked the students for the gifts which they sent to the children of Haiti. The Haitian students were stunned and excited about receiving the school supplies near Christmas.

St. Anne School Taco Carnival was held Saturday, March 9, 1996 from 5 to 8 P.M. in Cleary Hall. The menu included tacos, nachos, hotdogs, chips and pop. There were also carnival games and prizes, a bake sale and a magic show.

The students in pre-school through fifth grade presented their annual musical "It's Saturday" on Tuesday, March 26, 1996 at 12:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. in Cleary Hall.

The State of Illinois designated March 29, 1996 as a commemorative day to remember the Vietnam War Veterans. Three Navy veterans of the Vietnam era presented 35 copies of "Writings On The Wall" by Jan Scruggs to the school to be used for instructional material on the Vietnam era. The books were presented by three Sierra brothers - Pete, Paul and Simon - all graduates of St. Anne School.

The Junior High students gave their production of "Bye, Bye Birdie" on Thursday, May 2, 1996 at 7:00 P.M.



## School Enrollment

School Year	Start of School Year (Sept.)	End of School Year (June)
1925-26	122	
1926-27	143	
1927-28	145	
1928-29	178	
1929-30	163	
1930-31	194	
1931-32	185	180
1932-33	179	
1933-34	189	
1934-35	217	
1935-36	217	
1936-37	220	
1937-38	230	228
1938-39	238	220
1939-40	220	200
1940-41	200	245
1941-42	245	256
1942-43	256	246
1943-44	246	
1944-45	251	
1945-46	249	
1946-47	242	
1947-48	262	
1948-49	259	
1949-50	284	
1950-51	284	
1951-52	311	
1952-53	348	348
1953-54	371	
1954-55	395	408
1955-56	410	405
1956-57	393	396
1957-58	402	397
1958-59	424	412
1959-60	470	
1960-61	483	



## School Enrollment

School Year	Start of School Year (Sept.)	End of School Year (June)
1961-62	506	509
1962-63	505	498
1963-64	494	504
1964-65	470	
1965-66	478	476
1966-67	476	
1967-68	458	456
1968-69	387	
1969-70	358	358
1970-71	338	
1971-72	304	
1972-73	296	
1973-74	289	
1974-75	291	
1975-76	280	
1976-77	263	
1977-78	250	
1978-79	225	
1979-80	221	
1980-81	236	
1981-82	209	
1982-83	204	
1983-84	200	
1984-85	224	
1985-86	242	
1986-87	252	
1987-88	261	
1988-89	273	
1989-90	265	
1990-91	262	
1991-92	253	
1992-93	255	
1993-94	236	
1994-95	259	
1995-96	249	

## American Legion Awards

School Year	Recipients
1934-35	Louis Virnig and Margaret Dowsett
1935-36	Robert Knobloch and Helen West
1936-37	Joseph Ryan and Maurita Karhoff
1937-38	Fred Rasso and Helen David
1938-39	Martin Whitney and Leota Kerres
1939-40	Clarence Vyncke and Joanne Di Iulio
1940-41	Domenic Di Iulio and Joann Rose
1941-42	Richard Mulcahy and Elizabeth Pucci
1942-43	John Cosgrave and Doris Canfield
1943-44	LeRoy Fetzner and Beverly Ostrowski
1944-45	Vernon Billiet and Helen Coyne
1945-46	Richard DeSchriver and Betty Jane Provost
1946-47	and Constance Jennings
1947-48	Kenneth McConoughey and Theresa Banaszek
1948-49	George Lerch and Lois Konitzer
1949-50	Eugene Standaert and Marian Leenknecht
1950-51	James DePauw and Donna Marie Claeys
1951-52	Norman Pastorek and Carolyn Billiet
1952-53	John VanWiel and Judith Berger
1953-54	Frank Konitzer and Marilyn Stenger
1954-55	Duane Jack and Carole Cobert
1955-56	Allen DeCaster and Rene Pastorek
1956-57	Richard Jack and Nancy Dowsett
1957-58	James Bergstrand and Janet Lannoo
1958-59	Paul Elder and Linda Hicks
1959-60	Arthur DeVooght and Phyllis Marvin
1960-61	Gary Rowe and Margo McIntosh
1961-62	August Perry and Nancy Dobreiner
1962-63	Kenneth Brooks and Martha Coram
1963-64	Mark Bollaert and Sharon Whisler
1964-65	Todd Bollaert and Susan Hauser
1965-66	Sidney Granet and Marilyn Mierzwa
1966-67	Richard DeGrauwe and Kathleen Blunke

## American Legion Awards

School Year	Recipients
1967-68	Anthony Tvarunas and Ann Kerschierter
1968-69	Mark Mataya and Jean Marie Dhondt
1969-70	William Dumolien and Sharon Buckley
1970-71	William Saelens and Mary Stoneburg
1971-72	Greg Brewers and Constance Engels
1972-73	Paul Nemerguth and Theresa Bull
1973-74	James Hunt and Mary Jeanne Vyncke
1974-75	Joseph Billquist and Kristin Runburg
1975-76	Donald Stoneburg and Jan Whitfield
1976-77	Gary Colbert and Kim Taylor
1977-78	James Coopman and Theresa Guise
1978-79	Michael Thomas and Sheila Ghose
1979-80	Thomas DeDoncker and Lori Wilder
1980-81	Chris DeCaster and Kathy Thomas
1981-82	Tony Paul and Wendy Braet
1982-83	Troy Tady and Lisa Hoefflin
1983-84	Gary Passmore and Debbie Simcox
1984-85	Douglas Wiewel and Laura Radkiewicz
1985-86	Alex Paul and Melanie Radkiewicz
1986-87	Curt Tappendorf and Thuy Luong
1987-88	Shannon Turner and Barbara Boland
1988-89	Brian Porter and Maria Swanson
1989-90	Ryan Keller and Jennifer Adamski
1990-91	Shawn Bladel and Julia Swanson
1991-92	Jeremy Coram and Cassie Ridenour
1992-93	Kory Cogdill and Rachel Pontillas
1993-94	Mike Hoeg and Ann Liska
1994-95	Billy Ziegler and Sara Lintz
1995-96	James Ombrello and Jennifer Anderson

## Remembrances

Some tributes and remembrances of St. Anne School, the Sisters and teachers were those enunciated by former students of St. Anne School. The following were submitted at the time of the celebration of St. Anne's 75th Anniversary as a parish.

"How could I ever forget Sister Mary Rosella's long fingers. When I'd act up she'd yank at my shirt collar and all the buttons would go flying -- and when I got home I went flying again."  
Joseph McConoughy - 1931

" I think I was in the first class to complete 8 years at St. Anne School. Sister Madeline was my music teacher. Sister St. Herbert - 1st grade. Sister Rosella - Principal."  
Lucile Welling Campagna - 1933

"My Sisters - Favorite - Sister Mary Margaret Therese - teacher (had a red widow's peak). Sister Mary Madeline - music teacher. Sister Mary Rosella - Mother Superior."

"I wish I could name them all because they made my days at St. Anne's the happiest time of my life - except for the birth of my own children. I could write a book! Of course at 73 years we do tend to forget a lot."

Dorothy Harper Fay - 1934

"Music lessons. Processions."

"All seven of the Weintraut children graduated from St. Anne's School. All are still alive except for Betty. I remember the Sisters insisted she go by her correct name, Elizabeth, in school. We all played in the school orchestra, but my older sister, Mildred, who played the piano and church organ. It was really fun for me when I got to ring the brass hand bell to call everyone in from noon recess. We marched in and upstairs to a record of "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Dorothy Weintraut Sosnouski - 1934

"On Good Friday I took the part of Mary Magdalene. The 8th grade participated in the Stations of the Cross. Getting to play the victrola when school was dismissed at the end of the day. You had to be in 8th grade to have this "honor". Can't remember the name of the record. All of the teachers I had gave me the foundation I have carried on in my life time. The B.V.M.'s were my only teachers in the 12 years I attended school."

Kathryn McLain Evans - 1937

"My fondest memory is the wonderful grade school education I received. I have always appreciated it."

F. Joseph Ryan - 1937

"Sisters - Rulers and Knuckles. Mostly fond memories of a strictly run school. I especially remember daily piano practices in the Nun's Living Room."

William Bollaert - 1938

"I remember all the Sisters I had but can only recall the names of three - Sisters Carmelet, Ottilia and Edwarda. They were all by far the most devoted teachers I've ever had including high school, college and graduated school. I have always felt that their lives were completely devoted to God and their students."

John Braet - 1938

"I remember the time our class put on the living stations Way of the Cross on the altar in the old church."

Dorothy DeGheselle Frest - 1938

"The Sisters always seemed so heavenly in their habits. So concerned. And on Fridays, no homework in the English competition between boys and girls for the side that won. And the convent -- I can still see it."

Bernard Steiner - 1938

"I remember Sister Mary Carmelette taking her 1st graders sledding in the winter on the hill by 5th St. The sister's housekeeper umpired baseball games for the boys during the noon hour. She also prepared the rosters each week for the two teams. She gave as many boys as possible a chance to play. It was always a fast lunch to get out to play."

"But most of all I remember the dedication of the Sisters in their work to teach and inspire the students. They worked with the students to prepare the processions for 40 hour devotion and Holy Thursday and Good Friday and also set up the adoration schedule at 1/2 hour intervals for the 7th and 8th grade boys."

Joseph Roels - 1939

"Sister Edwarda - Principal and 8th grade teacher. Stern, strict but concerned and loving to all of us in the class of 1941."

Tony Marchello - 1941

"As with most kids, I didn't appreciate the skills, talents and dedication the B. V.M. Sisters provided us. I got the best education money could buy. (I think tuition was about \$2.00 a month.) As I look back I'm so thankful for the tremendous sacrifices these women made on our behalf. "Discipline" was in place, order was always maintained and basics were taught. Religion, math, grammar, spelling, geography, history and even art once a week. Music lessons were optional, but we even had a band for a few years in which we played for the dismissal march out of school at 3:00 P.M."

Duane Billiet - 1942

"My memories of St. Anne are not many since I was there for such a short time, but I remember the candy store and the cold cheese sandwiches on 1st Friday after Mass."

Margaret Gumber Moody - 1942

"I think my fondest memories of all are the faith and value that Father Cleary and the Sisters showed us all to grow up and be who we are today. They cared for us in our young years and I am very thankful today for having been able to have had a school like St. Anne's to attend."

Vivian Vynke Verscheure - 1942

"The Sisters were strict but very kind to all of us students."

Eva Lulich Theuninck - 1943

"All the practices for school programs. Taking piano lessons for 8 years right at school. The respect we all had for our teachers (all Sisters -- Nuns)."

Patricia Rose Dopler - 1943

"I have always wondered - How did she do it? There were 17 boys and 17 girls in my 8th grade class. We had one Sister who was 5' tall, Sister Mary Anastasia. She had discipline. We all learned our lessons and she was the principal also."

Beverly Ostrowski Hawkins - 1944

"I loved my days at St. Anne School. I have very fond memories of the Nuns and Father Cleary. I learned values that I think have made me a better person throughout my life."

Marjorie Vanderbeke Kipp - 1944

"My memories of St. Anne included caring Sisters and the watchful eye of Father Cleary. We were all treated equally and fairly. The education was excellent. The atmosphere was that of a family."

"I credit the education that I received at St. Anne with setting the educational standards that I still feel are so important."

Joyce Ghesquire DeGrauwe - 1945

"My favorite Nun was Sr. Mary St. Vincent whom I had in 3rd grade and who finally convinced me that school was exciting!"

Alice Malfait O'Malley - 1945

"The May crowning on May Day. We had a procession and everyone wore greenery in their hair as we marched around the Church and a girl would crown the Blessed Mother. On Mother's Day everyone wore white clothes and made their First Communion in a group."

"In the basement of the church is where we ate our lunch, boys on one side, girls on the other, in silence."

Myrtle Rockwell Yodts - 1946

"I remember the quilt displays and St. Pat's day celebration that included participation by all the grades at St. Anne's."

"Each class would perform before parents, family and parish. It always seemed to be a lot of fun for everyone."

Theresa Banaszek DeWaele - 1948

"Have fond memories of school days at St. Anne School thanks to Father Cleary and the Sisters. Can't remember any other lay teachers except Miss Van who taught us to dance for St. Patrick's Day and gym classes."

Annabelle Rockwell Smith - 1948

"We arrived at school early and Father had school opened for early arrivals and in winter time we helped shovel sidewalks. Sister Mary Ottilia was the 4th grade nun and if you got sick at school she really knew how to take care of you."

Leo Vyncke - 1948

"All B.V.M.'s in black habits topped with box-like headdress. Strict disciplinarians but excellent teachers. Mandatory neckties for classroom attire."

Raymond Nass - 1950

"We were the only class to graduate from the school basement church. Daily Mass in the summer was expected of choir boys. The "pay" was 50 cents/week. Lake Storey with the choir boys/servers and the sunburn we got. First television I ever saw was wrestling on Father Wolvers' TV set. He invited the scouts after the meeting to come over."

James F. DePauw - 1951

"I think all of my memories of school are good ones except for maybe the time two of the nuns caught the 8th grade girls playing tag football with the boys. We did get a lecture the next Monday but it was still fun."

Marilyn Himbert Wagner - 1951

"There were some school years I enjoyed more than others but my first grade year will always stand out due to the gentle care and love of Sister Mary Divine B.V.M."

Jo Ann DeDoncker Gruninger - 1952

"Sister Mary Kevin who taught us 5th, 6th and 7th Grade. A real guiding light for so many students."

Judith Berger Baker - 1953

"My favorite nun was Sister Kevin. I always liked her stories, especially about the 'Little Negro Babies.' I had Sister Roselina for the 4th Grade. She was very strict. I remember her pinching boys by the back of the neck and marching them around. Once she broke a plastic ruler over my head. My mother made me take 10 cents from my bank and pay for the ruler."

Jerry Braet - 1953

"We were so fortunate to have Sister Mary Kevin for three years."

Margie Nass Gooden

"I remember Sister Mary Kevin, her smile and freckle face is a very clear memory. She used to jump rope with us on the play ground."

Sandra Lee Park Delles - 1953

"I remember St. Anne School as a Family. I remember going to Church and practicing proper behavior. Even then, when we were being molded into proper, courteous students and reprimanded on occasion, I felt we were a family."

Mary Katherine DeDoncker Bravard - 1954



"One vivid memory is the Holidays when the ladies of the Church would have rolls and hot chocolate in the school basement. That was the world's best cocoa."

Patricia Doxsee Payne - 1956

"We were taught respect in a loving and caring manner."

Theresa Larson Ricketts - 1956

"The caring attitude of everyone there. I may not have appreciated it at the time, but I realized it after I was away."

Margaret Hewett Krob - 1957

"I wouldn't trade my 8 years at St. Anne's for anything. I truly learned love and respect and discipline there - something that is missing from the young ones today."

Verna Marie Rockwell - 1957

"Sister Mary Christelle - she Cared! and Sister Mary Trenetta - at the time I thought she liked English a lot better than she liked kids but I did learn grammar!"

Gabriel Verstraete - 1957

"I remember the music nun Sister Benedictimus and her Sammy Kaye pointer! Many sore knuckles."

Mary Lou Claeys Benett - 1958

"Seeing some of the younger nuns out playing kick ball with us. Sister Mathias and her cane. If you tried to run she would catch you with her cane."

Thomas Courtney - 1958

"Playing softball with the nuns and classes with 50+ students."

John Daly - 1960

"Mrs. Anderson putting a circle on the blackboard if you were disruptive in class and making you put your nose in it. Of course it was always high enough that you had to stand on your toes to reach it."

Patrick Dowsett - 1960

"Sister Mary Malachy who did much to encourage my poor self image. I'm really thankful for that help."

Gail Granet Vogler Michels - 1960

"Sister Mary Helen Jean, even though she was short, played basketball and jump rope with the older students. She'd wear her habit and still play."

Michaela Quinn Van Dierendonck - 1962

"Some of the fondest memories are the Halloween parties and parades around the block. The nuns playing with the kids at recess. In third grade Sister always said 'Sit Erect.' I was in 8th grade before I knew it wasn't 'City Wreck.'"

Mary Ellen Viren Neal - 1963

"There were 63 of us in our 1st grade classroom - 50 whom we graduated. As far as I know, we were all able to learn in spite of all the bodies - due to the discipline and respect for others that was instilled in us by the Sisters and priests."

Marilyn Kehoe VanAusdael - 1965

"Sisters always dressed in 'Habits,' always strict but kind. Split classes in some grades but always thinking as a child just how "smart" Sisters had to be to be able to teach two grades at one time."

Lucia Veryzer Bertram - 1965

"Helping to put together the first school library and during that time spending time with the Sisters on weekends and being allowed to share a portion of their personal lives. Also playing tennis with Sister Mary Jonelle."

Dianne Locy Roberts - 1967

"The full habits the nuns wore back then. How strict the nuns were but I view this as a plus. Their strictness along with their intolerance for mediocrity probably had a strong positive influence on me since."

Jeff Lambrecht - 1970

"I have fond memories of St. Anne's from learning to read with Sister Clea to working on science fair projects with Sister Mary Ann."

"Before the sisters shed their habits, I remember walking behind them on windy days hoping the wind would catch their veils so we could get a glimpse of their hair. Rumor had it they were bald!"

Rita Core Pacha - 1971

"All through the nine years I went to St. Anne School the teachers and sisters helped me grow and learn. They got to know each one of us personally and taught us with a smile. Now that I'm in high school, I really admire the teachers for their values they taught us and in this way were like our 'second mother.'"

Nicole Damhorst - 1992

"My fondest memories of all the sisters and teachers at St. Anne School is the love and feeling of unity they put forth to every student. They made everyone feel secure and were always willing to help anyone for any reason. Nobody felt out of place at St. Anne's and all my years were very wonderful learning experiences."

Kari Engels - 1992



While compiling this history of St. Anne School some events came to mind that may be of interest.

When I was a student at St. Anne School during the 1930's daily Mass was said at 8:00 A.M. Attendance was not mandatory but students were encouraged to attend and most of them did. Students, who came to school before Mass was finished, were asked to enter the church and sit with their respective school grade.

Masses were usually Requiem High Masses and black vestments were worn.

During Lent, Father Cleary said the Stations of the Cross after Mass each morning (Saturdays included) and at the end of devotions on Sunday afternoon.

Father selected and trained his altar boys while they were in grade school although they continued to serve as altar boys while in high school. Daily Masses and Funeral Masses were served by the grade school altar boys. Wedding Masses were served by either the grade school or high school boys. The bridal couple, however, could choose the servers they so desired.

Mass was said in Latin and all responses by the altar boys were also in Latin. The congregation did not participate in responses to the priest. The altar boys knelt on the altar steps when they were not busy with other duties to help the priest.

At Communion time those wishing to receive knelt at the Communion rail and the priest would distribute Communion as he went down the Communion rail. As people received they would get up and return to their pews and others receiving Communion would then kneel at the railing. As the priest gave Communion to each person the altar boy held a paten under the recipient's chin to catch the host should it fall. Under no circumstances was the host to touch the floor or by anybody except the priest.

The right side of the altar was known as the Epistle side and the left side was the Gospel side. The missal which was used by the priest had to be moved by the altar boy from the Epistle side to the Gospel side at the appropriate times. The missal was not light either.

Forty hours devotion started with the Mass at 8:00 A.M. on Friday and closed with services on Sunday afternoon. On Friday morning the school girls, in their white dresses and veils, and the choir boys and altar boys in their cassocks and white starched surplices, marched in the procession of Adoration which took place at the end of Mass.

During the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament it was necessary to have somebody in the church for adoration. Parish families were assigned certain half-hour periods for adoration. To make sure that somebody was present during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the altar boys and choir boys were also assigned one-half hour adoration periods. The boys wore their

cassocks and surplices. Kneelers and chairs were placed outside of the communion rail. Missals and prayerful literature was provided for the boys. The boys could not leave at the end of their half-hour unless their replacements stood behind them. They stayed even if it meant another half-hour of adoration.

The same procedures were followed during the time that the consecrated hosts were in a side altar tabernacle on Holy Thursday and Good Friday until noon when the Triune Services started.

Father Cleary heard the confessions of students on Friday morning except they were heard on Thursday morning for First Friday observance.

During Lent the Sisters encouraged the school children to give up eating candy and give the money to the Holy Childhood. With monies collected the Holy Childhood arranged for the adoption and baptism of pagan babies. These babies were then cared for in the orphanages of the religious communities in the respective countries.