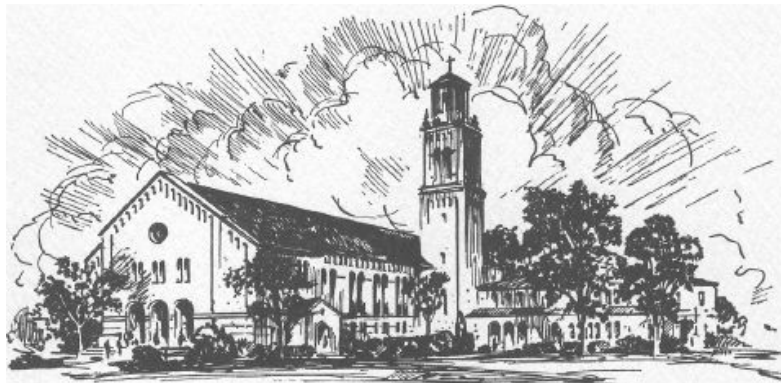


# Centennial Corner



Holy Trinity  
Catholic Church  
1906 - 2006



*The following pages tell the story of Holy Trinity Catholic Church from its beginnings in 1905 when Bishop Edward Dunne asked the Vincentian Fathers to establish a church and university in Dallas. These memories have been collected from historical documents and from many parishioners reflecting on their experiences here. We are grateful to Martha Brooks and Ruth Lang who have collected, written and catalogued these reflections for this booklet.*

August 7, 1905 is the date on the handwritten letter of Bishop Edward J. Dunne sent to the Congregation of the Faith in Rome requesting permission to invite the Vincentian Fathers to establish a college and a church in the Dallas Diocese. Permission was granted in a letter dated August 26, 1905. In September 1905, the Very Rev. Thomas Smith, C.M., provincial of the Vincentian Fathers, agreed to accept responsibility for a college and a parish in Dallas. Thus began Holy Trinity Parish. The territory of the parish included what is now Christ the King parish and Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and even a large area to the north. The nearest Catholic church to the north was in McKinney.

During the year 1906, the construction of the college and the parish began and the cornerstone was laid on June 21, 1906. The cornerstone ceremony was attended by Bishop Dunne and the mayor, plus other city dignitaries. The academy and college building was a large red brick building and was called Holy Trinity College. It admitted the first students in September, 1907. (About 1910 the name was changed to the University of Dallas.) The church was a small wooden structure on the west side of the college. On November 3, 1907, when the church was dedicated, about 15 Catholic families lived nearby. At that time, this area was considered far north Dallas! Among the families who lived in the parish at that time were the Schmuckers, who lived on Swiss Ave., but later moved to Maple Ave. Among their children were two sons who became Vincentian priests and a daughter who joined the Poor Clare nuns and a daughter who became a Sister of St. Mary of Namur. Another daughter was Mrs. Frank Goulding, who lived on Irving Street and whose children attended Holy Trinity School.

Shortly after the dedication of the church on November 3, 1907, the first organization of the parish came into being - the Holy Trinity Altar Society. The faithful women cared for the vestments and altar linens (cleaning and mending), cleaned the wax from the votive light stands and candlesticks when necessary, among other many tasks connected with keeping the sacristy in order. The Altar Society functioned beautifully until the 1970's, with many dedicated women - of special note Martha Gould, Ann Bloomer, Louise Dean, Pat Emmert, all serving as sacristans and forty-six more dedicated women who, through the years, served as Presidents of the Altar Society. Among them were Catherine Schwane, Naomi Glaser, Martha Brooks, Susan Stanzel, Bette Hoag, and Judy Goodnight.

The University of Dallas eliminated the senior college program in 1926, but the Academy (high school) department continued until 1928. At that time, Gordon Gruber finished his sophomore year in the academy and remembered transferring to finish high school. Among

the other students at the University of Dallas were A.C. Moser, Jr., Harry (Bud) Deuser, J.H. Abright, Arch Abbey, Joe Semmes, and Walter Verhalen. By this time Holy Trinity School needed more classrooms, so the upper grades used some of the empty rooms of the University. Also, St. Joseph's Orphanage occupied quite a portion of the building and, for a time, it was the rectory for the parish priests. The parents of Martha Brooks and Mary Garrett were married in the parlor at Dallas University in 1919.

The first Mass in Dallas was celebrated in the home of Maxime Guillot in 1859. Mr. Guillot was a carriage maker from France and became one of Dallas' most prominent citizens. Guillot Street is named for him. His grandson, Maxime H. Guillot, was the first person to register as a student at Holy Trinity academy, graduating in 1912. He married and had three children, Dorothy, L.E., and Maxine. Dorothy married Lon Emerson and their three children, Scott, Lance and Mark, attended Holy Trinity School. Max Guillot and his wife, Florence, loved Holy Trinity Parish and were pleased to be able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass at Holy Trinity.

During the early years of the University and the Parish, the Vincentian priests also ministered to many areas around Dallas where small mission churches existed, such as Wylie, Rowlett, Irving, Grand Prairie, Handley, and even Tyler. The sphere of influence covered a good part of North Texas. The mission at Wylie was a small community called St. Paul. All that's left there today is the cemetery, but the descendents of those early pioneer families are active today in Holy Trinity parish.

October 12, 1914 was opening day of Holy Trinity School. A two room building was purchased from the school board of Highland Park and moved to the 4200 block of Holland Avenue. Two Daughters of Charity, Sr. Clare Hoch and Sr. Mary Michael Ryan, were the faculty. At first the sisters lived at St. Paul Hospital on Bryan St. and commuted by horse drawn carriage each day. They soon had a small convent next door to the school at the corner of Wycliff and Holland. The first graduation took place on June 12, 1918. By 1924 a group of parishioners wrote to Bishop Lynch requesting the building of a larger school. The signers on that letter are J.W. Simmons, Pat Richardson, C.F. O'Donnell, Lewis Grinnan, A.J. Urbish, and R.E. Kinney. A larger school was built in 1925 to accommodate the enrollment, but even that new school became too small. In the 1930's the upper grades used classrooms in the University of Dallas building. About 1936, a three room frame building (later named the DePaul house) was put on the school grounds and the upper grades moved into that building. In 1947 the red brick school house was enlarged and became the present

yellow brick school house.

In 1918, Rev, Thomas A Lilley, C.M., the pastor, published a financial report for the year. Several Items might be of interest today...for instance, pew rent brought in \$1,059.50, Sunday collections totaled \$908.68. On the opposite side, and expenditure that would be of special interest to the choir - the expense for music for the year was \$2.64!

In September, 1923, the Daughters of Charity took up residence in Holy Trinity Convent, located at 3811 Oak Lawn Ave. (present location of the rectory.) This was a white frame structure. During the summer of 1941, the convent was moved to 3822 Gilbert St. in preparation for the building of the new church and priests' rectory. In 1952 a new convent was erected at 3826 Gilberts St. and was dedicated on November 1, 1952. Since August of 1990, this building has been used as the Pastoral Center.

Holy Trinity Mother's Club was organized in 1935 to support school projects. It's first president was Mrs. Harold (Adelaide) O'Brien who was followed by many hard-working mothers, among them Katy Frulong, Martha Brooks, Ruth Crutcher, Doreta Canty, Lucille Bembenek, Margaret Moser, Ernie DeLacy, Dolores Brown, Lynn Moroney, Marguerite McAdam, and Marie Ribelin. This was a very active organization with its members volunteering as librarians, cafeteria helpers, room mothers, carnival sponsors, automobile drivers for the sisters (who didn't drive in those days) and for field trips, and assisting with the clinics health testing. The Holy Trinity Dad's Club came into existence about 1950 and was very helpful with all school projects. Louie Tomaso was one of the many presidents of the Dad's Club. During the 1980s these two organizations were combined and the PTO took their places.

During the 1930s parishioners of Holy Trinity Church prayed and worked for a larger church building. During those days, a special prayer was said to the Infant of Prague for funds with which to build the church. The funds came, the church was built - and for many years, the Infant of Prague statue had a place of honor near the communion rail. Parishioners also called on people for donations. There is a story of two ladies making a visit to Jacob Reichenstein, whose wife Frances, was a Catholic and a Holy Trinity parishioner. Mr. Reichenstein explained that he was not a Catholic, but on behalf of his wife, he would give them their choice - a donation of \$100.00 OR all the wood for the interior of the church from his wood mill. Knowing the pastor's urgent need of funds, the ladies choose the \$100. Returning to the rectory, they told Fr. O'Dea (the Pastor) about the conversation and their choice

of the \$100. Fr. O'Dea nearly fainted - but hurried to call Mr. Reichenstein and discuss the matter. He got the wood!

April 26, 1941: Work was begun on the construction of a new church. The convent was moved to its new location and several houses on Oak Lawn and Gilbert St. were either moved or demolished. The cornerstone was placed on December 21, 1941 (just two weeks after Pearl Harbor.) There are several architectural symbols of the Trinity on the exterior of the church - over the Oak Lawn entrances and on either side of the church above the windows. The dedication of the church took place on May 31, 1942.

Laura Genero Tomaso relates that her grandfather, M.A. Genero, and his family donated the St. Joseph statue for the new church. Laura herself has been a member of Holy Trinity parish all her life - from her baptism in the wooden church through her marriage to Louie Tomaso in 1949 in the new church. Their children were all baptized and received their sacraments here and now some of their grandchildren have been baptized here. During the time that their children attended Holy Trinity School, Laura volunteered in the library and cafeteria, while Louie was President of the Dads' Club and was the first lay leader of the school board. Louie also served on the Finance Committee, the Worship Committee and the Parish Council. He also was one of the first to become a lector after Vatican II and took part in this ministry for many years.

In 1939, as the parish prepared to move into its new building, Holy Trinity parishioner, Jane Talty, wrote a small history of the parish as a part of a class project for Ursuline Academy. Its ending aptly describes the feelings of many parishioners as they prepared to leave the little wooden church that had been the parish's home for many years.

"The wooden church which is the same that was dedicated 32 years ago, has been amusingly cited for its unpretentiousness but for many it is a shrine of memories. Here in infancy we were claimed by God; here in childhood Christ came and took us to Himself at First Communion; here, as we entered maturity, we felt the cross inscribed upon our foreheads; here we have found life and looked at death. When our new church is dedicated our joy will be full, but at the last service in our present church our hearts will be full, too.

Lord, we shall love the 'beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.' We shall love our new church for its beauty, we shall see a faint reflection of Him who dwells within."

Jane Talty was the youngest of the Talty children and lived all but the last few years of her life on Newton Ct., just off Oak Lawn. All her years of work were spent at Catholic Charities of Dallas. One of her sisters

joined the Ursuline nuns and taught here in Dallas for many years - Sr. Mary Ruth.

During the early years of Holy Trinity parish the priests lived in the University of Dallas building. Martha Brooks remembers that they had a house facing Oak Lawn about where the church is now located. The last place they lived before moving into the present rectory was the house at 4011 Turtle Creek Blvd. In the archives we used to have a copy of the advertisement to sell that house; the 1942 asking price was \$ 10,750.

When the new church was first built, the windows were of an amber color. It was several years before the stained glass windows were installed. The windows depict the Agony in the Garden, the Blessed Sacrament, Our lady of the Miraculous Medal, Ss. Peter and Paul, and the saintly members of the Vincentian Fathers and the Daughters of Charity. The lower panels depict various virtues. Names of the parishioners who donated the windows are also shown.

In the summer of 1946, The Vincentian Club was formed for the young adults of the parish. Fr. Austin Minogue, C.M. was the first moderator of the group. This very active club flourished for about 30 years and many marriages took place between members. After a lapse of many years, anew group of young adults is now active in the parish with the name of HT Young Adults: Beyond Sunday.

In 1947, after the school was enlarged and the 3 room frame building was available, Sr. Mary Moran, the school principal, and Fr. Dillon, the pastor, decided to start a kindergarten. The first day of class was Monday, November 3, with 25 pupils. The first teacher was Ruth Lang, followed by Katherine Keck, Mary Ann Neuhoff, Juanita Elder, Catherine Schwane, and Patsy Richardson Ryan. Now we have not only kindergarten, but even classes for three year olds and up!

January 25, 1956 was the date of the first meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at Holy Trinity. The founding members were James Horan, Joseph H. Lang, Jr., Ralph Schutzman and Carl VonBuelow. Fr. Charles E. Cannon, C.M., the pastor, was pleased to have the society and gave them \$100 to begin their work for the poor. This was the first conference in the Diocese of Dallas, but soon other parishes were organized and now there are 32 conferences in Dallas. The Ladies of Charity in Dallas began a few years later and the two groups work together very well.

Although the parish had an Altar Society and a Mothers' Club, there was no organization for those women in the parish who worked

during the day. During the 1950's, a new group was formed - The Catholic Business Women's Association. Some of their very active members were Sara and Cornelia Baird, Olga Johnstone, Viola Butler, Mary Louise and Catherine Schulze, Jane Jones, Ellen Carnes, Kate Richardson and Rosa Schachle. Their main project was a Parish Library (which grew to over 6000 volumes and was a wonderful resource.) Another project was series of lectures on religious and secular topics, drawing their speakers from the city-wide clergy and laity. The group disbanded during the 70's.

The year of 1957 was the year of the Golden Jubilee of Holy Trinity Parish. In preparation for that great event, the church was redecorated and a new building was added to the school building, with rooms for information classes, a new parish library, an assembly room, another meeting room and athletic rooms for the school to use. On Nov. 3, there was a Golden Jubilee Mass and Reception. There followed various parish activities during the week. The new golden candelabra purchased for the occasion are still in use in our sanctuary today. At this time, too, Mrs. John (Mary) Saner presented to the church lovely altar cloths hand embroidered by the Carmelite nuns of Dallas.

From the early days Holy Trinity had a choir - in "those days" it was an all male choir. They sang a high Mass at 9:30 am every Sunday and for other solemn occasions. One of our early choir directors was Hubert Kaszynski, and among the choir members were Martin Klueser, Tom Murnane, Hugh Mullen, Vernon Elder, Greg Furstenberg. Sometime in the 1950's, the choir grew to include women. Some of those women were Naomi Glaser, Lynn Moroney, Barbara Layden, Frances DeCardenas, and Ila Peay. Fred Cook was the Choir Director from the 1950s until the 1970s. After Vatican II guitar Masses became popular and continue to our present 5:00 pm Mass. In the mid 70's, Charles (Chuck) McWilliam became our music minister and was ably assisted by Don Essmiller as organist. Under Chuck's direction, our congregation became a singing assembly with the help of our cantors. Our present Music Director is Jay Terpstra. Our wonderful choir, under Jay's direction, is scheduled to sing for Pope Benedict XVI in Rome in March.

For many years, Holy Trinity Catholic School was home to Boy Scout Troop 23. Harry Deuser was a very active leader with the group, as was Fr. William Stack, C.M. Some years later, Fr. Stack was awarded the Silver Beaver Award in recognition of his work with the Boy Scouts. For the girls, there was the Camp Fire Group. Winnie Kanouse and Marie Ribelin were the leaders for that group.

The Pat Richardson family was certainly one of the first families at Holy Trinity. Their older boys attended the very early University of Dallas while their younger children attended Holy Trinity Catholic School and Ursuline Academy. James and John Richardson became Vincentian priests. James was elected the Superior General of the Vincentian Fathers and the Daughters of Charity in 1968 and served in that capacity for 12 years. He then served at the Vincentian Mission in Kenya. John became president of DePaul University (Chicago) in 1981, but upon his retirement from that position also went to the mission in Kenya. Mary Rose Richardson joined the Daughters of Charity and Elizabeth Richardson became an Ursuline nun and taught here in Dallas for many years. Patsy Richardson married John Ryan and raised their family here at Holy Trinity while Kate Richardson was a business woman who was always willing and able to take part in all sorts of parish functions.

On November 22, 1963, Dallas filled the streets to welcome John F. Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline. Since the motorcade would pass close to Holy Trinity, the whole school and staff walked down to Lemmon and Reagan Streets to wave as they went by. Of course, the Daughters of Charity, with their large, white cornettes, were very visible and were noticed by the president and Mrs. Kennedy as they passed. Among the spectators was Fr. Oscar L. Huber, C.M., at that time the pastor of Holy Trinity. Little did he know, that within an hour he would administer the Sacrament of Extreme Unction to President Kennedy. After hearing of the assassination, Fr. Huber and Fr. James Thompson, C.M. drove to Parkland Hospital. In those days all sick calls from Parkland were answered by priests from Holy Trinity as Parkland is within our parish boundaries. However 2 phone calls were received - one from the chaplain's office requesting a priest and another stating that Mrs. Kennedy had asked that priest come. Of course, the priests were already on their way.

The VIP Group (Very Important Parishioners) was established in 1972 while Fr. Jerome Calcagno was pastor of Holy Trinity. Bonnie Ruth Lambertz was the first director of the group. It initially was composed of about 100 men and women ages 60 to 65 and older who met regularly for fun and fellowship. In the early 1980's, Lynn Moroney and Myrtle O'Fallon took over the directorship. Marge Samson, a cook at Holy Trinity School, provided lunch for every meeting. The group planned all sorts of "field trips" to many places around the city. Lynn Moroney facilitated the group's attendance at the Dallas Summer Musicals every year. In 1985 and '86, Kay Swenson Cade, director of the Home and Hospital ministry, coordinated the groups educational and social programs. The membership was about 75 strong and they regularly met for lunch and

bingo.

In 1988, Elia Meyers took over the Pastoral Care Ministry at Holy Trinity and the leadership of the group. Membership began to dwindle and by 2003 the group disbanded because of lack of interest.

After Vatican II, the changes inaugurated in the parish included the formation of a Parish Council and a School Board. In 1974, the interior of the church was updated to bring it up to Vatican II standards. Then in 1975, the Ministries of Lector and Eucharistic Ministers came into being. During this time, Seton House Ministry in the Hispanic areas of the parish began with Sr. Veronica Busch, D.C. visiting homes and providing assistance when necessary. These were accomplished during the pastorate of Fr. Jerome S. Calcagno, C.M. Seton House later evolved into Trinity Center and still later into today's St. Vincent Center.

September 14, 1975 marked the canonization of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first person born in the United States to be canonized. She was born in New York City in 1794, married William Seton, and had five children. She was a good Episcopalian and devoted to helping the poor, so much so that she was called a "Protestant Sister of Charity." Her husband's health deteriorated; in the hopes that sunny Italy would help him recover, they traveled to visit friends in Italy. But William Seton died. Following her husband's death, while still in Italy, Elizabeth became acquainted with the Catholic faith. After her return to New York, she was received into the Catholic Church. Later she became the foundress of a religious order in Baltimore, which followed the rules of St. Vincent de Paul and the Daughters of Charity. In 1850, the American group became affiliated with the worldwide Daughters of Charity.

In 1975, Fr. Jerome Calcagno arranged for a statue of St. Elizabeth Ann to be enshrined at Holy Trinity. Originally, there was a small lovely park area (about where the St. Vincent Center is now,) with grass, flowers, and a few benches around the statue. Now the statue is in front of the Seton Center.

The Herbert Stanley family moved from Kansas to University Park and Holy Trinity parish in 1930. Herb Stanley, Sr. was an original member of the Holy Name society and the Holy Trinity Men's Choir. He sang at the 9:30 High Mass and every Sunday at the 5:00 pm Holy Hours. Fr. Stack would oftentimes ask him to lead the singing at the Stations of the Cross. In the late 40's, the choir staged a program in which Herb sang an unforgettable "Ole Man River." When son, Eddie was boy scout, Herb was the scoutmaster, receiving the Order of the Arrow. Mrs. Stanley, Anne, was active in the Mother's Club and the Altar Society. Sons, Herb, Jr. and Don were altar servers in the old

wooden church and graduated from Holy Trinity School in the early '40's. Eddie served on the altar of the new church and graduated from Holy Trinity in 1955. Daughters, Anne and Peggy, were active in the Senior Sodality and both taught temporarily at the school. When Eddie attended Holy Trinity's first grade, Peggy was teaching fifth grade. Both would walk home from school together to their Arcady home.

In 1981, during the pastorate of Fr. George Weber, C.M., the mission of helping the poor begun by Sr. Veronica and Sr. Mary Alice, was brought into the parish structure with the opening of the Trinity Center. Ellen Uhler was the first director, followed by Pam Schaffler. Several years later, under Fr. Louis Arceneaux, C.M., the ministry name was changed to St. Vincent Center, but the essential mission of helping the poor was foremost. Jesse Gonzalez was named director, followed by Sr. Jean Thomas Dwyer, D.C. and Shirley Mika. The case worker for many years was Delia Ledesma. Marcia Furlow and Patti Jent filled so many hats for so many years, it is hard to give them a specific title! Among the faithful volunteers those days were Vincent Towns, Felicia Lester, Gen Madigan, Clare Heinen, Ellen Carnes, Bob Simpson, Ann Herb, Nicole LeBlanc, Margaret McElroy, John Kelly, Ann Murphy, Mary Hinkle, and Deborah Lueke. Today, St. Vincent Center is under the direction of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with Anthony Levatino as Director and Maria Vega and Patricia Rodriguez, case workers.

Wonderful aspects of our parish have been donated during the years. About 1957 (just in time for the 50th anniversary of the parish) Peggy and Joe C. Thompson donated the carillon bells for the tower. Some years later, Susan and Tom Stanzel donated the hand bells for the music ministry in memory of Susan's father, Frank Heller. Most of the tress on our property were donated by the Moroney family and the Crutcher family. "Ruth's Tree" was planted in 1983 to mark the 35th anniversary of Ruth Lang's years at Holy Trinity. During Fr. Sauerbier's pastorate, new stations of the Cross were donated by David and Mary Fox.

During the year 1981 - 1982, the parish celebrated the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the first parish church, which took place on November 3, 1907. The theme of the year was "75 years of Growth in the Trinity", suggested by Martha Brooks. On November 3, a Thursday evening, the parish celebrated with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Thomas Tschoepe and Concelebrated by many visiting Vincentians and Diocesan priests. A grand reception took place after the Mass and was attended by many of the current and former parishioners. A replica of the first church was on display. Among the honored guests were many Vincentians and Daughters of Charity who

had formerly been a part of Holy Trinity parish and who came from many parts of the U.S. to join in the celebration. On Saturday evening, November 5th, there was another large gathering - this time a Holy Trinity School Reunion. There were former students from many years back, as well as younger ones. It was an evening they still remember.

Fr. George Weber, C.M. was the pastor at this time and was the one who planned and brought to fruition these wonderful events.

In writing a history of the Daughters of Charity at Holy Trinity, Sr. Jean Thomas wrote that with the lack of religious vocations, the number of Daughters of Charity in the school had gradually decreased. Among the lay teachers, we can especially remember Frances Meade, Zona Hardy, and Georgia Babb, each of whom were on the faculty for about 20 years. The administration of the school was turned over to the laity in 1985 with the departure of the principal, Sr. Mary Ann. Srs. Audrey and Augustine, D.C. continued teaching in the school until 1987. The first lay principal was Patty Sherrod, who taught in the school from 1977 to 1981 and was handpicked by Sr. Mary Ann as her successor because of her understanding of the Vincentian spirit. Dr. Ned Vanders served as principal from 1991 to 2005, when he left to become Superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Austin, Tex. Our principal now is Mr. Ed Doherty. During the 73 years of their staffing of the school, 112 Daughters of Charity were assigned to Holy Trinity, some for as short as a few months and some for many, many years.

During the pastorate of Fr. Louis Arceneaux, C.M. (1984 - 90), a Capital Campaign was launched to renovate the church and this took place in the spring of 1990.

In the summer of 1990, as Fr. Dan Borlik, C.M. became pastor, the parish offices moved from the rectory to the convent (which was renamed the Pastoral Center.) The rectory was then used strictly as residence for the priests. Now after several renovations, some of the downstairs rooms of the rectory are used for parish activities, plus a Sunday Office which is used after all the weekend Masses.

On May 27, 2002, during the pastorate of Fr. Paul Sauerbier, C.M., a ground breaking ceremony was held for the construction of the Community Life Center and the new St. Vincent Center. The dedication of these facilities took place in September, 2003. Soon after that, the new statue of St. Vincent de Paul was placed at the Gilbert St. entrance of the St. Vincent Center. It was gift from Judy Pittman, in honor of William T. Pittman.

### **Memories of the Kervin Family**

Gene and Irene Kervin began their early years in the oil fields of many states before they moved to Dallas - and to Avondale Avenue and thus into Holy Trinity Parish. That was about 1925 when their first child, Richard (Dick), was about to start school. Dick was the first of their six children - all of whom attended Holy Trinity School. Although the family moved several times, they always remained in Holy Trinity Parish until the death of the parents, the last one in 1972.

Among the memories of May Elizabeth Kervin Maher were the Sisters with their wonderful and distinct habits. She remembers that they attended Mass in a little white church where the sister stood in front and clicked her "clicker." All would respond immediately! Lots of children would walk home for lunch.

### **Memories of the William L. McClusky Family**

Bill and Mary McClusky joined Holy Trinity parish in August 1936, having moved to Dallas from Rochester, NY. They have five daughters, Elinore, Margaret, Betty, Dorothy, and Pat. The girls with the exception of Elinore attended Holy Trinity School. Elinore was in high school. Mary was active in the Mother's club and the Altar Society. Bill taught Catechism for several years and was a lector at the 12:00 Mass for a time. The girls were all married at Holy Trinity Church. Margaret McClusky McElroy volunteered at St. Vincent Center for many years. Both parents were buried from Holy Trinity - Bill on November 24, 1984 and Mary on October 6, 1996.

### **Memories of the Harry and Ruth Crutcher Family**

Members of the parish since 1945, Ruth lived in Dallas while "the General" served in the South Pacific during WWII. Ruth was very active in the school as two children (Carol and Harry III (Buzz)) were enrolled there. After the war, Harry returned to civilian life, the two younger children, Mike and Caye, were enrolled at HT and both parents were very committed to Holy Trinity School.

After retiring from the business world, Harry volunteered to supervise the Holy Trinity grounds and landscaping. Harry was also the chairman of the Holy Trinity 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Ruth and Harry's beautiful example has filtered down to their children and grandchildren. Carol started the first ministry to the elderly. Buzz has been an advisor to the Vincentian Priests for many years and has enjoyed serving as a cantor, lector, and Eucharistic Minister. Buzz was honored to be named an affiliate of the Vincentian Fathers. Both Carol and Buzz served on the Parish Councils.

The funeral celebrations of both Harry and Ruth were at their beloved Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

### **Memories of William T. O'Connor**

William's family moved from the Irish Ridge to Dallas in 1936 and he entered Holy Trinity School in the middle of 4th grade. Since they lived in South Versailles, he rode his bike to and from school every day. After becoming an altar boy, he was sometimes called to serve Mass at the priest's house when it was on Turtle Creek. Since Mass was early in the morning, it was sometimes a dark, cold bike ride. He also served many special religious services and was honored to serve the official first Mass in the present Church. He still has many memories of the old wooden church where he was confirmed and graduated with 24 classmates in 1940. In their class photo, Fr. Stanton and Fr. Corcoran were with them, but not Sr. Lucy, who they all loved and they remembered that she really made them toe the line! One of his classmates was Bob Schwane who became a Vincentian priest and is still active in Denver.

### **Memories of Yvonne Kleuser Hardy Koelling**

Yvonne was a student at Holy Trinity for 6th and 7th grade. Sr. Mary Joseph was her teacher and she wore a habit consisting of a head gear that looked much like wings. Yvonne thought that with a strong wind she could probably fly!

In 1937 Yvonne and Joseph Hardy were married. At that time a marriage between a Catholic and non-Catholic could not be held in the church, but had to be in the rectory - a rule that her Irish mother would not accept. Fr. Quinn finally gave up and the wedding took place in the living room of her home on Avondale.

### **Memories of Florence Schoech Meyers**

Florence began 1st grade at Holy Trinity School in 1922 - a day she had anticipated with joy. She remembers the school building with a small bell at the apex of a vaulted roof over the front entrance. The bell had an "authoritative" ring! There was a large center room with three doors - #1 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, #2 for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, and #3 for the 6th and 7th grades. After two years in this building, they moved into the newly built school at 3815 Oak Lawn which had a classroom for each grade, an auditorium, a cafeteria, and Principal's office. She also remembers the nuns with their angel wings on their head were "in charge!"

Each year there was a Maypole on May Day. The girls in white dresses and flowered wreaths would parade around the pole singing, "Oh Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May."

Her 7th grade teacher in 1929 was from Boston and she tried diligently to get the children to drop their Texas accents. However, she pronounced "Boston", "Borston" and she remembers the fun the children had with that!

### **Reflections on Mary Saner**

One of renowned parishioners of years past was Mary Saner. Mrs. Saner had an interesting life, part in Jefferson, TX where she was born, and the last part in Dallas. Her father, Mr. Ragley, owned sawmills in the Jefferson area. Mary and her family were Catholic parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church founded in 1867. Mary was married to Mr. Schuller and they had two children. After her husband's death, Mary married John Saner, a Dallas lawyer. The Saners had two more children. Mr. Saner was a successful lawyer and had holdings in South America and south Texas, as well a pineapple plantation in the Philippines. Mr. Saner was not a Catholic until shortly before his death in 1948. After Mr. Saner's death, Mary Saner moved into a home on Livingston and lived there until her death at 101. During her lifetime, Mary was always generous, helping her parish in Jefferson as well as Holy Trinity parish, helping sisters and priests through education and trips to Rome, helping young people through school, as well as her own four children. Also, Mary commissioned the Carmelite nuns of Dallas to make beautiful hand embroidered altar cloths for our altars and they have been used for many years. When she died, Mary left her entire estate to the Catholic church, including our own parish, where she was a long time member of the Altar Society and friend and benefactor to our priests and parish.

### **Memories of Mrs. Minnie Noel and Mrs. Etta Pennington**

Mrs. Henry Pennington lived on Irving St. Mrs. Sid Noel lived on Belt Line Rd. (where Sakowitz Village was later located.) Their niece was Edith Boone and they all attended Holy Trinity in 1915-1916. Later in the 1920's, the Noels would come by horse and buggy to Holy Trinity for Sunday Mass and would pick up Edith, even though she lived in the Cathedral parish. Edith Boone married Spencer Elliott and lived on Bowser in the 1930s and 1940s and she remembers those early experiences of coming to Holy Trinity.

### **Memories of the Magner Family**

One of our early Holy Trinity families was the Magner family. Harold Magner, who lives in Tyler, TX, grew up in our parish. He went to Holy Trinity School and remembers being an altar server in the late 1920s and early 1930s. He served Mass for Fr. McCarthy and Fr. Vaughan in the early years. Sister Mary was principal of the school and he remembers Sister Mary Joseph and Sister Josephine. Harold had three brothers: John, Tom, and Larry. He also recalled the following families from that time: the Weavers, Flemings, O'Connells, Rehkempers, Kluesers, Hagans, Gumps, Mathias', and Mosers. Harold's mother Louise was an active Altar Society member.

### **Memories of the Schwane Family**

When the Schwane family first lived in Holy Trinity parish, their two children, Bob and Virginia, attended Holy Trinity School. Their mother, Catherine, was a leader of the Girl Scouts. For his high school studies, Bob went to Cape Girardeau, Missouri where he began preparing for the Vincentian priesthood. Around that time, the Schwane family moved to Irving, TX where their third child, Karen, was born. Soon thereafter, Mr. Schwane died and Mrs. Schwane and Karen moved back to Dallas - to Gilbert St. - and again became members of Holy Trinity parish. Catherine became active in the Mothers' Club and the Altar Society and later was the kindergarten teacher for quite a few years.

In the meantime, Virginia married Joe Wallace. Bob was ordained to the priesthood in 1953 and said his first Mass at Holy Trinity. Karen graduated from Ursuline Academy and joined the Ursuline Order. The family had always loved Mexico and vacationed there each year. In the early 1960's, Catherine moved to Mexico and taught kindergarten in a school run by the Benedictine Sister. After a year or so, Catherine joined the Benedictines and took the name of Sr. Mary Frances. She was able to make several trips back to Dallas for family visits, during which times many of her Holy Trinity friends had a chance to visit with her too. She continued teaching in Mexico until her death on November 24, 1968.

Fr. Robert (Bob) Schwane, C.M. after many years of priestly ministry, died in Denver, Co. on March 12, 2006. Virginia and Joe Wallace are parents of five children and live in Waco. Sr. Karen Schwane, O.S.U. is stationed in Chicago.

### **Memories of the Woods Family**

Marie Woods, her husband James, and son Jim moved to Dallas in 1936 and Marie and Jim became parishioners at Holy Trinity. Jim entered 3rd grade and continued until the 6th grade. His classes were then in the wooden structure, the De Paul House, which was torn down in 2002. In 1939, the family moved to Indiana, but returned to Dallas, and Holy Trinity, in 1944. Jim attended and graduated from Jesuit in 1947. Marie was active in the Altar Society and other women's groups at Holy Trinity. She also assisted the Cistercians in Irving. Marie died in 1981 and was buried from Holy Trinity.

Jim married Peggy Young in 1952 at Holy Trinity Church. Both Jim and Peggy were active in Church activities. They were both lectors from about 1978, and later Peggy was trained by the Diocese to be the first Master Lector. Peggy also served as Chairperson of the Worship Commission and served on the Parish Council until her death in 1995. Jim has served on the Administration Commission and the Pastoral Council from 1992 to the present, as well as being a Eucharistic Minister.

### **Memories of the Heinen Family**

The Heinen Family moved to Gilbert St. and into the parish in 1952. J.B. and Clare were very active in the Mothers' Club and the Dads' Club as their six children Dan, Mary Pat, Miles, C.D., Steve, and Meg, attended Holy Trinity School. Clare also was a volunteer in the school library for many years, as were Lucille Bembenek, Doretta Canty, Dolores Brown, and Laura Tomaso. In 1968, Clare joined the parish staff and, as was the custom in those days before specialization, wore many "hats" for 22 years.

When the Lay ministries began, J.B. was one of the first lectors and both J.B. and Clare were Eucharistic Ministers and continued in those ministries for many years. After her retirement from the parish staff in 1990, Clare became a volunteer at eh St. Vincent Center. Her bilingual capability was an extra added bonus to all her parish work.

In 1977, the parish held their first Mardi Gras celebration. King of the Mardi Gras was J.B. Heinen; Queen of the Mardi Gras was Nina Zilvinskis, who a few years later joined the Daughters of Charity.

On June 12, 1982, their son, Miles Heinen, C.M. was ordained to the priesthood here at Holy Trinity. During his priestly years, he has served at Holy Trinity, then in Guatemala and Arkansas. Presently he is a member of the faculty of St. John Seminary in Camarillo, California. In more recent years, J.B. and Clare's granddaughters (Angela Heinen and Jean Marie Heinen attended Holy Trinity School and presently, their great granddaughter, Annelise Harrison, is a member of the pre-school class at Holy Trinity. Time marches on!

J.B. died in 1996 and his funeral was, of course, here at Holy Trinity.

### **Memories of the McRedmond Family**

Membership in Holy Trinity Parish was an experience of true community, and started our long and beautiful relationship with the Priests of the Mission and the Daughters of Charity.

Martin A. McRedmond and Catherine Helen Bergob McRedmond arrived in Dallas in 1932, and joined Holy Trinity Parish - at that time the church was the white frame building across Oak Lawn Avenue from the present church. They remained active members for 60 years. All ten children attended and graduated from Holy Trinity School (1937 - 1962), taught by the Daughters of Charity.

The parish was their life: mornings often saw one of them at Mass, evenings found some at novenas, Sunday at Mass and, later in the day, the Holy Hour. They ran the snow cone booth at carnivals. Helen served as an officer in the Mothers' Club and the Altar Society, and sewed extensively for the Daughters, especially when none of the new French-made habits fit!

Martin was active in the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus and the Dads' Club, participating in their famous plays. Both Helen and Martin served in the Ministry to the Poor for 35 years, collecting clothing and useful items in the brightly painted box for that purpose. They would sort, organize and forward a truckload to El Carmen, the Vincentian Parish in San Antonio. The Ladies of Charity enjoyed the company and services of Mary and Helen at their store on Samuell Blvd. Martin built shelving for them, picked up donations and even modeled in a style show. Helen sorted clothing and mended. Both were honored as Affiliates of the Daughters of Charity.

The McRedmond Children:

Jean, the oldest, recalls Professor Kaczinski teaching choir while Dorothy, Fran, and Kathleen remember dance lessons from Cornelia Baird. The younger girls had dance lessons with Mrs. Babb. Joan, who sang in the choir, still sings in her Arkansas parish church. Tony mentioned Miss Stiles (Rebecca) giving individual lessons in four-part harmony. Alice lived her 20 years as an active member of the parish, a member of the Junior Sodality and teaching Religion with the Daughters of Charity at St. Ann parish (a parish located in little Mexico.) Tony, Joe, and David were altar boys and Joe has wonderful stories of his years at the Vincentian Prep Seminary in Cape Girardeau, MO. Fran was a Daughter of Charity for 20 years and Ellen is still a Daughter of Charity in San Antonio's ministry with the incarcerated.

"The Daughters not only taught us and disciplined us, they laughed and cried with us, they played ball with us and came to our home. They were really our friends." Sister Ellen McRedmond

