

to preserve reverence for the Holy Name of Jesus by promoting spiritual and social fellowship. The group has established a parish blood bank, supported an indecent literature protest, held Holy Name rallies, and inaugurated sports night for boys of the parish. The membership sponsors a St. Patrick's night dance and an annual parish dinner dance, maintains the Christmas creche, and donates Christmas presents to poor children.

The Mothers Club, formed in January, 1934, by the mothers of the children attending Blessed Sacrament School and Monsignor McMahon, has over 200 members. The first officers were Catherine Shelley, President; Gladys Hines, Vice-President; and Mrs. O'Connor. The present officers are Judith Brinnitzer, President; Judy DeVito, Vice-President; Tina Cunningham, Treasurer; Dianne Picciotti, Recording Secretary; Grace Massa, Financial Secretary. The goals of the organization are to promote the friendly exchange of viewpoints among the mothers of school children, to raise funds for school and church projects, and to provide services for the school such as door patrol, library, learning center, and lunchroom aid. Over the years the club introduced many things: in 1961, bazaar sweepstakes; in 1962, closed TV in school; in 1966, the door patrol; in 1970, the mother-daughter communion breakfast; in 1971, the learning center; in 1972, tuition grants. In addition, the women have Masses said for deceased members, hold garage sales, cake sales, bowl-a-rama, Christmas parties, and June parties.

The St. Vincent De Paul Society, formed on November 16, 1931, by Monsignor McMahon, seeks, in a spirit of justice and charity, by a one-to-one involvement, to help those who are suffering and poor. The original officers were Peter C. Braunn, President; Peter Noone, Vice-President; John J. McCabe, Secretary; Christopher Conlon, Treasurer; Louis Berger, Wardrobe Keeper; George V. Fogarty, Librarian. The present officers are Thomas J. Berk, President; Raymond M. Yordan, Vice-President; Allan G. Larkin, Treasurer; John E. Varley, Secretary.

The Legion of Mary—Our Lady of the Holy Eucharist Praesidium, formed on December 11, 1946, by Monsignor McMahon,

aims at the sanctification of its members, to spread the Catholic faith to others, to strengthen the faith within the Catholic community, and to bring Christ to the world through Mary. One of the main innovations of the Legion is the annual *Acies* Ceremony at which active and auxiliary members renew their commitment to Mary. There is also a breakfast for Auxiliaries and friends of the Legion to thank them for their prayers and to report on accomplishments of the past year. The first officers were Mary Cunningham, President; Kathryn Smith, Vice-President; Lillie Conlon, Secretary; Julia Daly, Treasurer. The present officers are Mary Flannery, President; Margaret Flannery, Vice-President; Lillie Conlon, Treasurer; Agnes Dollard, Secretary.

The Cursillo, moderated by Fathers Patten and Bukofsky, with Pascual Ramirez as Chairman, is a course in Christian development which seeks to give its participants a greater experience of the living faith. It is a religious and spiritual movement, fostering personal renewal. Presently this group is conducted in Spanish after the weekly Spanish Mass.

Some of the other organizations active in Blessed Sacrament Parish are the **Choir**, the **Bulletin**, the **Catholic Youth Organization**, the **Golden Age Club**, the **Grandmothers Club**, the **Lectors**, **Released Time CCD**, the **Teen Club**, the **Teen Discussion Group**, the **Scouting Program**, the **Third Order of St. Francis**, the **Ushers**, the **Neo-Catechumenate**, the **Antonines**, the **Altar Servers**, and the **Grail**.

The Future

As Blessed Sacrament Parish celebrates its 50th Anniversary, it is good to reflect on the past and the many accomplishments of both the priests and parishioners. The church has always remained steadfast to the message of Christ and will continue to do so for the next glorious years of its existence.

Blessed Sacrament Parish has come full cycle—from the past immigration of the Irish to the safety of northern Queens to the present immigration of the Hispanics. So, too, this is a reminder of the cyclical nature of the eucharist—the renewal of the faith every time a parishioner receives holy communion. Jesus Christ is the same: Yesterday, Today, and Forever.