



St. John Bosco Camp from St. Paul's Toronto 1940-1945

Father Robert Walsh, former pastor of St. Patrick's Toronto Gore, with his assistant Father J.S. Howe from St. Paul's Toronto, obtained permission from Father Ralph Egan, Pastor of St. Patrick's to use the valley south-east of the church as a campsite for the underprivileged children from the parish of St. Paul's.

The first year tents were used for dining and sleeping. Father Howe with the help of other priests, older camp boys, their fathers and parishioners of St. Patrick's helped build a large dormitory and dining hall.

About one hundred boys and girls per year enjoyed a holiday at this camp and several boys who spent summers here later became priests.

The dining hall later became a part of one of the homes built in Marysfield subdivision by the Chas. Richardson family.

The priests and parishioners of St. Paul's express their appreciation for the use of the property and the kindness shown to them.



The Catholic Women's League

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Council of the Catholic Women's League was chartered on the twentieth day of December 1950 with Mrs. Fred Kenny as President and Mrs. Leo Byrne as Secretary.

The Council was a strong and active organization. It sponsored the Brownies and Guides, Cubs and Scouts and convened for First Communion and Knights of Columbus Breakfasts. It collected donations for the Catholic Church Extension and Missions as well as clothing and religious literature, and assisted Cancer and Children's Aid societies and a Hurricane Relief Fund. It also equipped the kitchen in the school. Fund raising was carried out in a variety of ways; Picnics, Fowl Suppers, Euchres, Bake Sales, just to name a few.

In 1954 the name was changed to St. Patrick's Council and continued to be active in the Parish until 1960, when it was disbanded.

In May 1977 the Charter was re-instated and officers installed: Mrs. Ralph Fitzpatrick, President; Mrs. Albert Mellor, Vice-President; Mrs. Francis Murphy, Secretary; Mrs. Francis McCarron, Treasurer; Spiritual Director, Father Joseph O'Neill.

Once again the Catholic Women's League is active in fundraising through bazaars, dinners, dances and bake sales in order to meet the needs of the Parish. The following have served as Presidents:

1950-1951 - Mrs. Frederick Kenny	1958-1959 - Mrs. Wallace Wand
1951-1952 - Mrs. John Murphy	1959- - Mrs. John Quinlan
1952-1954 - Mrs. John Stokes	1959-1960 - Mrs. Charles Richardson
1954-1955 - Mrs. Wallace Wand	1977-1979 - Mrs. Ralph Fitzpatrick
1955-1956 - Mrs. John Stokes	1979-1981 - Mrs. Albert Mellor
1956-1958 - Mrs. Martin Maze	1981-1983 - Mrs. Thomas Byrne
1983-1984 - Mrs. Aldo Mangani	



Knight's of Columbus

The Knight's of Columbus, a Catholic mens' fraternal organization was founded in June 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut.

The local Council 4973 (named the "Fr. Eugene O'Reilly Council") was established May 9, 1960, in honour of Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, parish priest of St. Patrick's from 1837-1860.

When the Council was originally formed it encompassed the general geographic area of Brampton, Mayfield, Wildfield and Bolton. In the beginning the Council held its meetings in the various parish churches in each of these areas.

With the passing years and with the growth of the Council, a more permanent home was needed and so the Council became located in Brampton, where quarters could be found. Moreover, the vast majority of members resided in that area, though members still attended from the Wildfield area.

Over the years, the Council has been quietly involved in charity work within Peel region and provides numerous scholarships for students seeking further education in University as well as in the local high schools. The Councils membership now stands at 200 strong (May 1983) and continues to grow, as does the Order nation-wide.

The Grand Knights over the years, have continued to promote the

ideals and beliefs of the Order and to keep up strong ties with the parish of Wildfield where each June the Council gathers with their families at St. Patrick's for a memorial Mass and wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Fr. Eugene O'Reilly in honour of our deceased members.

St. Patrick's will always be considered by the Council as its home church, and will always, both physically and emotionally, be drawn to the roots of its foundation.

Grand Knights:

E. LeClair -- 1960-1961

F. Kealy -- 1961-1963

C. Bourgeois -- 1963-1964

M. Carberry -- 1964-1965 & 1967-1968

F. Sheppard -- 1966-1967

E. O'Donnell -- 1968-1969

D.F. McPhee -- 1969-1971

J. Bozek -- 1971-1973

I. Lavelle -- 1973-1974

R. Anderson -- 1974-1975

W. Jarvis -- 1975-1977

A. Degaust -- 1977-1979

J. Benn -- 1979-1981

A. Carr -- 1981-1983



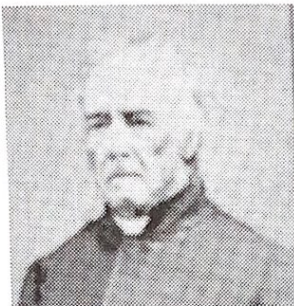
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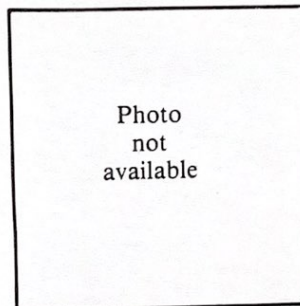
Pastors of St. Patrick's Parish



Rev. E.J. Gordon



Rev. M. Lalor



Rev. E. O'Reilly



Rev. P. Mulligan



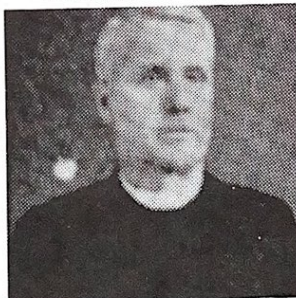
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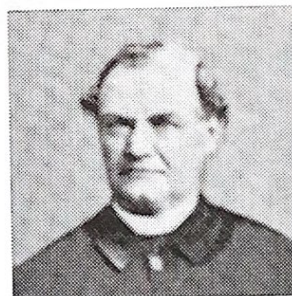
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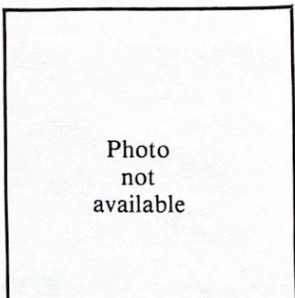
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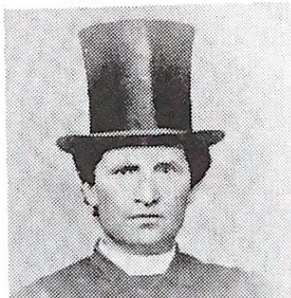
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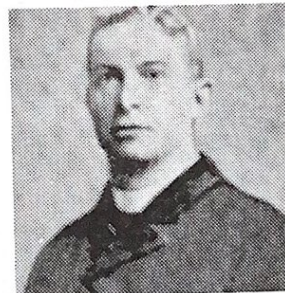
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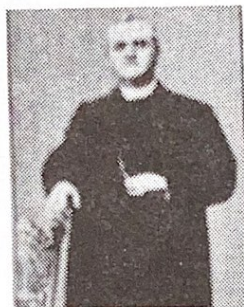


Rev. F. McSpiritt



Rev. M.J. Reddin

Pastors of St. Patricks' Parish



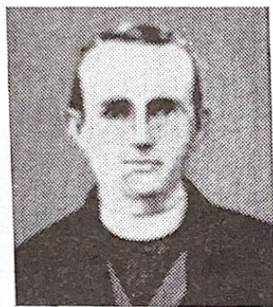
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Rev. G.A. Williams



Rev. R.P. Walsh



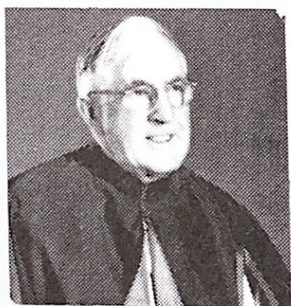
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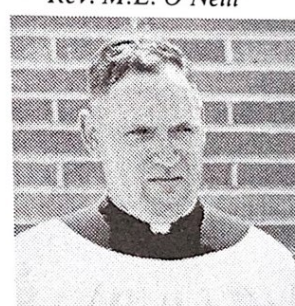
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Rev. R.J. Egan



Rev. L.J. Austin



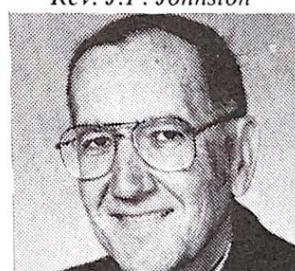
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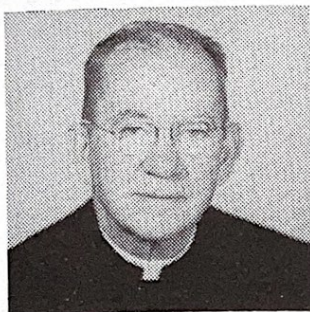


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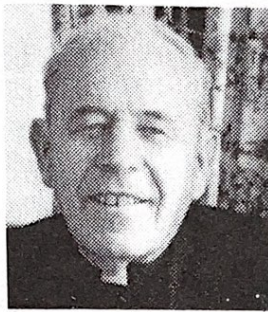


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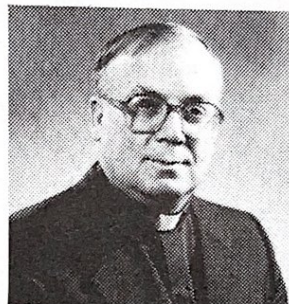
Pastors of St. Patricks' Parish



Rev. F.R. McGinn



Rev. J. Majka



Rev. M. Perrella

Pastors

Rev. Edward John Gordon 1830-1833
 Rev. Murtagh Lalor 1833-1837
 Rev. Eugene O'Reilly 1837-1860
 Rev. Patrick Mulligan 1860-1862
 Rev. Richard Alphonsus O'Connor 1862-1865
 Rev. William James White 1865-1867
 Rev. John Joseph McCann 1867-1870
 Rev. John Gribbin 1870-1876
 Rev. Patrick Joseph Keane 1876-1886
 Rev. Patrick Whitney 1886-1887
 Rev. Francis McSpirtt 1887-1895
 Rev. Michael Joseph Reddin 1895-1897
 Rev. Patrick Joseph Kiernan 1897-1905
 Rev. George A. Williams 1905-1909
 Rev. Robert Patrick Walsh 1909-1916
 Rev. Maurice Joseph Wilson 1916-1931
 Rev. Michael John Carroll 1931-1938
 Rev. Michael Edward O'Neill 1938-1942
 Rev. Ralph J. Egan 1942-1949
 Rev. Leo J. Austin 1949-1952
 Rev. Joseph P. Johnston 1952-1960
 Rev. Edward J. Lawlor, B.A. 1960-1969
 Rev. Joseph H. O'Neill 1969-1977
 Rev. Leslie A. Tamas 1977-1978
 Rev. F. Roy McGinn 1978-1980
 Rev. Joseph Majka 1980-1983
 Rev. Michele Perrella 1983-

Assistants

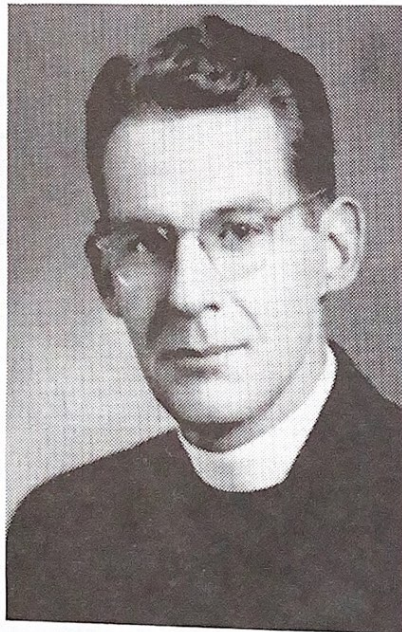
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 Rev. Joseph Michel 1859-1861
 Rev. Richard A. O'Connor 1861-
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 Rev. Patrick Joseph Keane 1863-1865
 Rev. Francis McSpirtt 1865-1867
 Rev. James Minehan 1895-
 Rev. W.A. McCann 1895-
 Rev. Ambrose Patrick Small -1896
 Rev. M.J. Jeffcott -1897
 Rev. M.V. Kelly -1897
 Rev. Patrick Foley -1905
 Rev. John J. Kelly 1905-
 Rev. F.J. Morrissey -1919
 Rev. A.J. MacDonald
 Rev. J.S. Howe -1946
 Rev. J.B. O'Reilly -1946
 Rev. Bernard J. Mahoney -1947
 Rev. E. McCormick 1947-1949



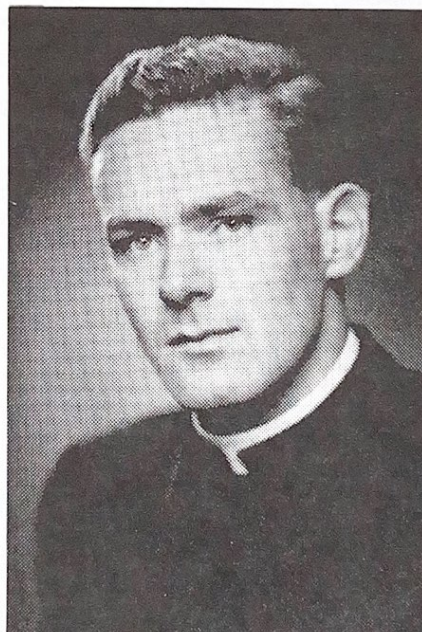
Sister Mary Vida Eagan



Rev. Bernard Wilson



Rev. Russell Pendergast



Rev. Paul Pendergast

Religious Vocations

Throughout the years several members of St. Patrick's have entered the religious life.

Sister M. Benedict (Shanahan) was the daughter of John Shanahan and Margaret McEvoy. She was born in the Gore of Toronto in 1851. She received her education in Toronto Gore and in Toronto and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in Toronto in 1873. She taught school at Oshawa and Toronto and later was Superior at St. Joseph's and St. Catherine's Convents in Barrie. She died at Toronto in 1928.

Sister M. Agnes Joseph (Gracey) was the daughter of Alex Gracey and Mary Smythe who were members of St. Patrick's, Wildfield. She was born in Etobicoke Township in 1853. She received her teacher training at Toronto Normal School and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph at Buffalo, New York in 1876. She taught in various schools for 56 years. Mt. St. Joseph Normal School in Buffalo was founded by her. She died in 1931 and was buried in Buffalo.

Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque (Malone) was born in Toronto Gore in 1855. She was the daughter of James Malone and Mary Newman. She received her education in Toronto Gore and Toronto. In 1877 she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph and died in 1887.

Sister M. Ethelreda (Fraser), was the daughter of James Fraser and Mary Ann McEvoy, members of St. Patrick's parish. She was born at Kleinburg in 1859. In 1879 she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph and taught at St. Joseph's Academy and in Oshawa. She was Superior of the House of Providence from 1917 until her death in 1919.

Sister Theresa (Lanphier) was born at Grahamsville, near Malton in 1861. She was the daughter of Peter Lanphier and Bridget O'Reilly. She received her education at Grahamsville Public School, Brampton High School and Loretto Abbey, Toronto. She entered the Precious Blood Monastery, Toronto in 1881 and helped found the London Monastery in 1913. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 1932.

Sister Mary of Precious Blood (Lanphier) was also a daughter of Peter Lanphier and Bridget O'Reilly. Born at Grahamsville in 1865, her parents were cousins of Father C.B. Lanphier who was the well known director and organizer of the Radio League of St. Michael's. She received her education at Grahamsville Public School and Brampton High School. In 1892 she entered the Precious Blood Monastery in Toronto. Like her sister, she helped to found the London Monastery in 1913.

Sister M. Vida (Eagan) was the daughter of Philip Eagan, and Ann Jackson. She was born in Toronto Gore in 1878 and was educated at St. Patrick's School and Loretto Abbey. She attended Normal School in Rochester, New York. In 1902 she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth Convent, Rochester. She spent many years teaching at various locations in New York State and spent the remainder of her life in the United States.

Sister M. Alphonsus (McDonough) was the daughter of John McDonough and Mary Ann Gracey. She was born in Vaughan Township in 1877. She received her education at Burlington School, Weston High School, Junction High School and later attended Toronto Normal School. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1905 and taught at various locations in the province and within the city of Toronto. From 1929-1935 she was Superior of the House of Providence. Then she taught at St. Ann's School at St. Joseph-on-the-Lake. From 1935-1944 she was Assistant Mother General of the St. Joseph Community. She served as a Councillor on the General Administration of the Community from 1944-1950. For the next two years she taught at the former Motherhouse in Toronto. After being back at St. Joseph's-on-the-Lake for six years she spent two years at the House of Providence. From 1960-1964 she devoted her time to visiting the elderly at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. She spent her last 7 years at St. Joseph Motherhouse, at Morrow Park. She died Feb. 15, 1971.

Rev. John Leo O'Reilly was born in Albion township at Wildfield in 1878, the son of Edward John O'Reilly and Catherine Shortell. He was a great-grandson of Rev. Eugene O'Reilly, one of the early pastors. He received his early education at St. Patrick's Wildfield and then attended St. Michael's College, the Grand Seminary, Montreal and the Collegium Pontificium "Angelicum" in Rome. He was ordained at Berlin in 1912. He became a Doctor of Sacred Theology in 1914. For 16 years he was a Pontificium "Angelicum" in Rome. He was ordained at Berlin in 1912 and became a Doctor of Sacred Theology in 1914. For 16 years he was a Professor of ecclesiastical history at St. Augustine's Seminary. During that time he was widely known as a lecturer and writer. He died at the early age of 43 from strep throat, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wildfield.

Sister M. Norine (Pollard) was the daughter of Edmund Pollard and Honors Kennedy. She was born near Wildfield. She was educated at St. Patrick's School and Brampton High School and attended Toronto Normal School and the Ontario College of Art. She taught school at St. Patrick's and S.S. No. 2 Albion. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto in 1920 and taught school in Toronto. She was Superior of St. Michael's Hospital from 1932-1938. Then she taught at St. Ann's School.

In 1941 she was appointed Superior at the House of Providence. Her next appointment was Superior of the St. Catherine's Convent. In 1953 she was appointed procuratrix at St. Michael's Hospital. She continued at this position until her death in 1957.

Mother St. Eugene (O'Reilly) is the daughter of Eugene O'Reilly and Johanna Doyle. She was born in Albion township at Wildfield in 1896. She received her education at St. Patrick's School and Loretto Abbey. In 1915 she entered the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She held many teaching positions in the schools operated by the Loretto Sisters as they are now known. She taught at Niagara Falls, Stratford and Guelph as well as Toronto and was among the first Loretto Sisters appointed to the parish convent in Wildfield when it was established in 1946. For the first year she was acting Superior and also Principal of St. Patrick's School. Then she was appointed Superior and also held the position of Principal for the next six years. On her return to Toronto she learned the sign language of the deaf and for 9 years she conducted classes for deaf adults and children at Loretto College School on Brunswick Ave. Her teaching career covered a span of 49 years. She is now living in retirement at Loretto Abbey in Toronto.

Rev. John Bernard O'Reilly was born in Toronto Gore in 1898, being the son of John O'Reilly and Ellen Jane Doherty. He was also a great-grandson of Rev. Eugene O'Reilly. He received his early education at Grahamsville Public School, near Malton and then attended Weston High School and St. Michael's College. After studying at St. Augustine's Seminary he was ordained in 1924 at St. Michael's Cathedral. He completed further studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and at Louvain, Belgium. For several years he was a teacher at St. Augustine's Seminary. He was an avid historian and the author of many articles on local history including a history of Wildfield published in the Catholic Register in the 1950's. He died Dec. 8, 1984 at Providence Villa, Toronto, and was buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wildfield.

Sister M. Louise O'Reilly was born in Albion Township at Wildfield in 1899, being the daughter of Eugene O'Reilly and Johanna Doyle. She received her early education at St. Patrick's School, Wildfield and then attended Loretto Abbey and Toronto Normal School. In 1928 she entered the Grey Sisters at Pembroke. From 1929-1932 she resided at the Sacred Heart Convent in Timmins and was a teacher at Holy Family School in that city. Then she taught at Immaculata High School, Ottawa. Later she spent 6 years in Vancouver, B.C. and then came back to Ontario to be Superior of their Convent in Windsor. She is now living in retirement at

the Motherhouse in Pembroke.

Sister M. Marcia (Smythe) was the daughter of Thomas J. Smythe and Mary Ann Shea. She was born in Vaughan township at the hamlet of Tormore in 1903. She received her education at Burlington School and Loretto Abbey. In 1927 she entered the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For some years she taught Commercial Subjects. She obtained her Master of Arts Degree from the University of Toronto in 1941 and a Licentiate in Medieval Studies at St. Michael's College in 1942. From 1942-1944 she was a Lecturer in Philosophy and Psychology. In 1944 she obtained her degree as Doctor of Philosophy and was a Professor of Philosophy at St. Michael's College from 1944-1954. From 1954 until her death in 1956 she was superior of Loretto College.

Sister Antoinette Francis (McDonough) was born at Kleinburg in 1908. She was the daughter of John Joseph McDonough and Margaret Teresa Eagen, who were members of St. Patrick's Wildfield. She received her education in Toronto. In 1928 she entered the Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor, Garrison, New York. Two years later she moved to British Columbia to work in the Japanese missions.

Sister Lenore (Sullivan) is the daughter of John Patrick Sullivan and Elizabeth O'Neill. While she was born in St. John the Evangelist Parish, Albion, her family moved into St. Patrick's Parish while she was quite young. She received her elementary education at Bolton Public School and then attended Loretto Abbey. She entered the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1952 and then taught in elementary schools. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees from the University of Toronto. Later she pursued Doctorial Studies in Classical Philology at Harvard University. In 1966 she joined the faculty of York University and taught Classics and Humanitics for 12 years. She has devoted much of her time to spiritual direction and has conducted many thirty day retreats. For 4 years she lived at the Loretto Residence in Brampton and taught for the Dufferin-Peel Separate School Board. In September 1982 she was appointed Dean of Women at Loretto College.

Rev. Bernard Wilson is the son of Roy Wilson and Mary Regan. He grew up in St. Vincent de Paul's Parish in Toronto and attended St. Vincent's School and St. Michael's High School. For 33 years he was employed by the Glidden Paint Company. His family moved to Wildfield in 1955. He took a keen interest in local sports and parish activities. He was hockey coach for local boys' and men's teams and coached the men's North Peel Champions during this time. He was a member of the board of Directors of Marysfield Credit Union for 9 years and spent a term as

President. For 6 years he represented the Northern Zone on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. In 1974 he became a deacon and assisted Rev. Joseph O'Neill at St. Patrick's Wildfield and Holy Family, Bolton on a part-time basis. On April 26, 1980 he was ordained at St. Michael's Cathedral and was given an appointment at the parish of Transfiguration of Our Lord in Weston. At the present time he is stationed at Corpus Christi Parish in Toronto.

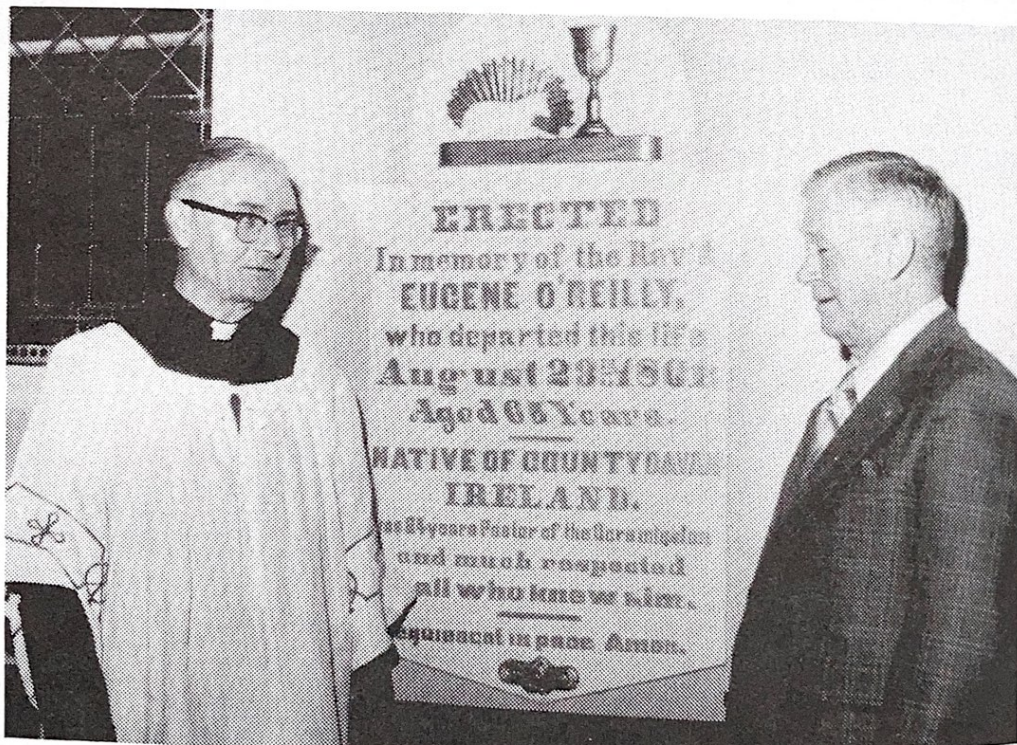
Father Russell Anthony Pendergast was the son of Francis Anthony Pendergast and Catherine Agnes Russell of St. John's Parish, Toronto. He was ordained into the Basilian Order on June 29, 1950 and offered his first Mass in St. John's. His second Mass was offered in St. Patrick's Wildfield, (the parish of his grandparents Mr. & Mrs. John Pendergast) in July 1950. He was assigned to St. John Fisher College in Rochester N.Y. and after 12 years moved to St. Joseph's College University of Alberta where he presently serves.

Father Paul Gibson Pendergast was the second son of Francis Anthony Pendergast and Catherine Agnes Russell. He was ordained into the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society on Dec. 8, 1954 and like his brother offered his first Mass at St. John's and his second at St. Patrick's. He was assigned by his Mission to the Bahamas in September of 1955 where he serves to the present day.





Memorial Cross



Rev. Jos. H. O'Neill and Melville Robinson

Latter Years

On June 2, 1965 a new Canadian Flag was bought and blessed and in September the Sanctuary was remodelled to conform with the New Liturgy. In October of the same year, Father Matera of St. John's Albion died and Father Lawlor was named Administrator, so that St. Patrick's parish bulletin now included news of St. John's as well. This continued until February of 1966, when Reverend Father McIsaac was named the new Pastor of St. John's.

In the spring of 1967 four thousand trees were planted on the school and cemetery grounds and on July 1, a Parish Centennial Celebration was held with Mass at twelve noon, at which special music was provided by the school choir. A Memorial Cross and Flags of each province as well as the Canadian and Papal Flags in the cemetery were blessed.

In 1971 the interior of St. Patrick's Church was completely redecorated. A protective covering was added to the front of the church and an extra Sacristy was added to the rear, for the use of the Altar Boys.

On January 9, 1972, Archbishop Pocock of Toronto blessed the Improvements. Archbishop Skinner of Newfoundland was in the Sanctuary. The Sisters of Loretto Convent celebrated twenty-five years of service to the community on the same day. Many notable guests attended, including the Reeve of Toronto Gore, Melville Robinson, and the Councillors as well as former clergy and sisters.

On Christmas Eve 1972, St. Patrick's Parish, Wildfield, and Holy Family Parish, Bolton celebrated a great feast together through the generosity of the Executive of the Bolton Community Centre who donated the use of the hall. The Bolton Community Entertainers, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Addison, took charge of the music. Many non-Catholic friends also attended and made the event so memorable that it has been repeated every year since.

From Feb. 10 - Feb. 17, 1974, another first for all Christians in the area took place in an Ecumenical Mission shared by members of all faiths. The opening and closing ceremonies were held in Bolton United Church. Rev. Matthew Meehan of T.V. fame and Rev. Harry Robinson of Little Trinity Anglican Church, Toronto, were the speakers. During the week services were celebrated each evening in several churches to accommodate the faithful.

In 1977, in order to accommodate the sisters teaching in the Port Credit and Cooksville and Brampton areas, the Loretto Sisters were

forced to withdraw from Wildfield. Three Sisters of St. Joseph came to replace them. At the end of six months they were succeeded by five Felician Sisters who are still serving the community.

The 1970's brought significant changes to the parish of St. Patrick's. During the 8 year pastorage of Father Joseph O'Neill a considerable influx of new families substantially increased school enrollment so that an addition to the school became a serious consideration. Father O'Neill, a memorable speaker, headed a congregation made up of growing numbers of Italian-Canadian parishioners. St. Patrick's too was beginning to reflect the mosaic of Multiculturalism. Father Leslie Tamas succeeded Father O'Neill before his transferral to Holy Family Church in Bolton. Father Roy McGinn followed at St. Patrick's but resigned after a year due to ill health.



Sacred Heart



Blessed Virgin Mary

Both refurbished for the 150th anniversary.

Father Joseph Majka succeeded Father McGinn, and was instrumental in the preparation of the 150th anniversary celebrations which were held June 26, 1983. The events began on Saturday, June 25 with a historic bus tour visiting old churches and cemeteries in Adjala, Albion, Tecumseth and King. On Sunday, June 26, a sesquicentennial anniversary Mass was celebrated at 2:30 p.m. by His Grace, The Most Rev. Phillip F. Pocock, assisted by Father Joseph Majka. The homily was delivered by Father Joseph H. O'Neill and Master of Ceremonies was Father Edward Jackman, O.P. the Choir Director was Joseph Robinson. Immediately following was a blessing of the Plaque and a reception in St. Patrick's School. In early evening a dinner was held at the Italian Recreation Centre, Woodbridge.

Father Majka died suddenly July 1983.

In September of 1983 Father Michele Perrella assumed pastoral duties at St. Patrick's bringing with him the traditional European practice of celebrating special feast days such as Corpus Christie and the Feast of the Assumption in the open air on the newly cleared valley lands of St. Patrick's Church.



ST. PATRICK, Bishop, Apostle of Ireland
March 17 - Patron of Ireland



The date and place of St. Patrick's birth are uncertain. He was born about the year 387, the son of Calpornius and Conchessa. In his sixteenth year he was carried as a captive into Ireland and obliged to serve a heathen master as herdsman. Escaping from captivity he prepared himself in the schools of Tours and Lerins to be the instrument and Apostle of God in converting Ireland. Pope Celestine I commissioned him, and having received episcopal consecration in 442, he began his wonderful mission of winning to Christ a pagan nation, and making it an island famous for its seats of piety and learning. St. Patrick died March 17, 493, in the monastery of Saul, in Down in Ulster, where his remains, and thirty years later, the body of St. Bridgid, the Mary of Ireland, were buried in one grave.

PRAYER: O God who vouchsafed to send Blessed Patrick, Your Confessor and Bishop, to preach Your glory to the Gentiles, grant by his merits and intercession that we may be enabled to accomplish by Your mercy those things which You command us to do. Amen.

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