



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 1975

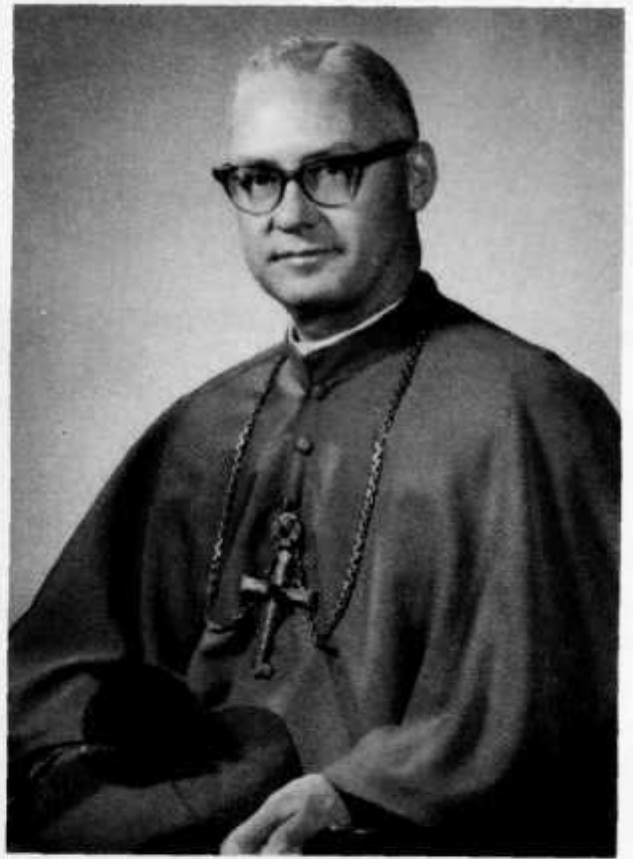


Anamoose, North Dakota



His Holiness Pope Paul VI

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808 BROADWAY
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June 29, 1975



TO: Reverend Ludvik F. Svetinsky
Members of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Anamoose

My dear Friends in Christ,
The year of 1975 is a jubilee year in Rome. His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, has called the Catholic world to a year of renewal and reconciliation in the bond of love of Christ Jesus. "For our sake God made the Sinless One into sin so that in Him we might become the goodness of God" (2 Cor. 5: 21).

St. Francis Xavier Parish likewise is celebrating a jubilee year, the diamond anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Church at Anamoose.
The commemoration of seventy-five years of service in a parish is an historic achievement. I am confident this milestone brings not only the realization of great progress in your parish, but especially the consolation of numerous spiritual benefits that have come to so many members of St. Francis Xavier Parish during these memorable years.

I ask that united with your Pastor, Father Ludvik Svetinsky, and with one another, you pray for God's continued to spread the word of God in your immediate environment and far beyond.
I join you in prayer and blessing that God will continue to favor and to protect you to the very end in Christ Jesus.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Justin A. Driscoll
Most Reverend Justin A. Driscoll
Bishop of Fargo

*SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
ANAMOOSE, NORTH DAKOTA 58710*



Dear Parishioners,

The 1975 Jubilee Celebration is a milestone in the history of our St. Francis Xavier Church at Anamoose, North Dakota.

Two years ago the town celebrated its 75th Jubilee. It was a joyous expression of pride and togetherness.

Our Church celebrates this Jubilee in Holy Year, Year of reconciliation of all mankind to God and to each other. It is a year of awareness to the needs of our fellowmen, year of promoting unity and Ecumenism of all the Churches. We are asked by our Holy Father Pope Paul VI to pray for the restoration of peace and unity of all Christians, which will also contribute to the establishment of a new relationship and respect with those of other Religions.

As we look back on the 75 years of Gods presence with us, and with our Community, our hearts are filled with thanks to Almighty Father, who inspired our Fore-fathers to build a church, where they could assemble to worship, give thanks and ask for Gods favors, have their family members accepted in the ranks of Christians and to strenghten themselves in perseverance in the service to God and their fellowmen.

No book or library of books is large enough to record Gods blessings and His gifts to each individual and the community of Anamoose. Every leaf, every star is a gift. Every kernel every shaft of wheat, every drop of rain, every blade of grass is a gift from Heavenly Father. Everytime the Sacrifice of Mass is offered in our Church, it is an expression of infinite prayer of thanks, a limitless act of gratitude.

I hope and pray that pioneer spirit of the St. Francis Xavier Parishioners will continue, and the Church will remain the focal point of our endeavors.

Congratulations, and may God bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. F. Svetinsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name below it.

Rev. L.F. Svetinsky, Pastor

A HISTORY OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Hardships and trials of true pioneer life greeted the influx of a small sturdy group of Germans, Irish and Bohemian settlers who came to the Anamoose, North Dakota community from South Dakota and Minnesota in 1898 and 1899.

It was evident to these early settlers, that without God's help and blessings, their livelihood was futile. When the settlement first became a station in 1899 (a place regularly visited by a missionary priest), Mass was said in the F. Zimmerman home.



Francis X Zimmerman

The first Missionaries included Rev. Vincent Wehrle, Devils Lake (later Bishop of the Bismark diocese), Rev. George Sailer, Minot, Rev. J.A. McDonald, Carrington and Rev. James Buehler, (the first resident pastor of Harvey).

In 1900 under the leadership of Rev. Buehler from Harvey, the people of this parish armed with hammer and saw constructed a church on land donated by Zimmerman. The same year the area suffered a crop failure and it was a \$1,000 loan by Mr. Zimmerman that tided the parish over the year.



The First Church

The naming of St. Francis Xavier church of Anamoose is suggested in the name of one of the earliest settlers and a prominent lay worker, Francis X. Zimmerman. On June 3, 1900, Mr. Zimmerman died at the age of 50. He was the first to be buried in the present cemetery. Father J.G. Sailer officiated.

There were joys as well as sorrow in this new community, when on August 23, 1899, a son John was born to John Waldron and wife Brigitta (Donlon) and a daughter, Marie Elizabeth born Dec. 31, 1899 to John Peerboom and Maria (Hammer).

Due to the cold winter weather and slow mode of travel Marie Peerboom was baptized June 4, 1900, by Father J.G. Sailer. Sponsors were P.H. Peerboom and Maria Glasens. John Waldron was baptized June 11, 1900, by Father Buehler. Sponsors were Thomas McLaughlin and Bedles Lindland.

June 11, 1902, Francis Albert and Marie Wilke, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Wilke, were united in marriage. The attendants were B.E. Buri and Katherine Neufeind.

In 1908, St. Francis Xavier was no longer a station but a new parish with Rev. J. Zumbusch as the first resident pastor. During the year following a new rectory was built, but is now privately occupied.



A early view of the first Church

April 1911, Rev. Nicolas Junker came to administer the spiritual needs of the parish until December 1917. He was followed by Rev. John Greiner and Rev. A. Gaydusek until 1922.



First Holy Communion Class 1920

Rev. Charles Eck arrived in 1922, remaining until January 1931. Through his influence St. Patrick, the mission church at Martin, N.D. was built in 1928. During the years from 1910 until 1941, the mission of St. Leo's (St. Margaret) Drake, N.D., was also served from the St. Francis Xavier parish.



The first Mass of Father Joseph Schmidt
May 26, 1934



Laying of corner stone

Rev. Herman Wilkes assumed his duties in Jan. 1931, remaining until August, 1941. It was during his pastorate that lots were acquired in 1940 with the intention of relocating the existing buildings or building a new church and rectory.

Due to opposition of either project, it was decided to enlarge the church as the congregation had grown to require a need for more seating capacity.

Rev. Gerard O'Donoghue came to St. Francis Xavier in August, 1941. Under his guidance the parish began a building fund by investing donated funds in Government War Bonds. The parish had \$10,000 bonds of face value by 1947 when Rev. O'Donoghue was transferred to Sanborn, N.D.

Rev. J.M. Belleau arrived September, 1947. During his stay the church and rectory underwent extensive renovation. He resigned from his pastorate duties because of ill health and retired to Montreal in April of 1956.



Mass in the old Church

Rev. Stanislaus J. Duda came to the parish in July of 1956. Immediately the Altar Society was re-activated to play an important part in augmenting the parish building fund. In spite of some pessimism the building fund was increased beyond the expectations of the parishioners.



Last Communion Class in the Old Church

What seemed to be the impossible five years before, became a reality on July 3, 1960, when the Ground Breaking Ceremonies were held at 10:15 A.M. with Father S. J. Duda officiating.

Mr. Thomas Nipper, Registered Architect drew up the plans for the new church and rectory. Construction contracts were awarded to Risovi & Kurtz of Devils Lake, N.D.

The new St. Francis Xavier church was dedicated at a solemn Mass on May 25, 1961, with Bishop Leo. F. Dworschak presiding. Monsignor O.P. O'Neill of Harvey delivered the dedicatory sermon.



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The new church is of brick and block construction with exposed wood beams and block walls on the interior. The seating capacity is about 330. Ten tons of granite were used in the Altar, Communion Rail, side altars and baptismal font.



St. Francis Xavier Church at Christmas

On the evening of May 24, 1961, Rev. Allen Nilles of Fargo, presented a special concert on the new four and a half rank pipe organ which has 438 pipes.



First Communion Class in New Church -1961



First Wedding in new Church

The new rectory is 100 x 32 ft. with the parish social hall in the basement.



Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hublou
Contributed the Main Alter
and Communion Rail.

The first baptism in the new church was Don Edward Kohler, born May 29, baptized June 4, 1961, son of Richard Kohler and Charlotte Braun. The first marriage was Rita Pillatzke, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Pillatzke and Terrance Dockter son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dockter of Harvey - Nov. 18, 1961.

The first funeral was Martin Hublou, age 82 who died June 6, 1961.

Father Duda was followed by Rev. Cleophas J. Jaillet from 1965 to 1968. Upon his resignation, Rev. George F. Brodeur assumed his duties until 1973. It was under Father Brodeur's supervision that the final payment of the debt was made in Jan. 1972.

Holy Family parish at McClusky became a mission in 1968.

The present pastor Rev. L. F. Sventinsky arrived in 1973. During that summer he advised the council members to modernize the sanctuary

as the priests now face the congregation, due to the participation of the people at Mass.



Mr. & Mrs. Anton Bruner of Drake
Married 63yrs. Nov. 1974
St. Francis Xavier's Oldest parishioners.

VOCATIONS FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

St. Francis Xavier has one of its sons called by Almighty God to the Holy Priesthood and seven daughters to the Sisterhood.

The Reverend Joseph Schmidt son of early Pioneers Mr. & Mrs. John M. Schmidt, Anamoose. Father Schmidt celebrated his 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood May 26, 1974 in his parish St. Henry's Church, Regent, North Dakota.

Rev. Robert Sauter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sauter.

Sister M. Rose (the former Francis Sieg) is stationed at Sacred Heart Convent, Fargo, N.D.

Sister M. Barbara (The former Martha Pillatzke) is stationed at Sacred Heart Convent, Fargo, N.D.

Sister M. Hilary (the former Ceceelisa Pillatzke) is stationed at Presentation Convent Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Sister M. Flavian (the former Helen Gollnick) is stationed at Presentation Convent Mitchell, S.D.

Sister M. Ruth (the former Marie Weber) is stationed at Order of St. Francis, Alliance, Neb.

Sister M. DelRey (the former Joann Rudnick) is stationed at Sacred Heart Convent, Fargo, N.D.

Sister M. Stephen (the former Janet Ihli) is stationed at Sacred Heart Convent, Fargo, N.D.



Rev. Joseph Schmidt



Rev. Robert Sauter



Sister M. Flavian



Sister M. Barbara



Sister M. Hilary



Sister Janel Ihli



Sister N. Rose



Sister Del Ray

St Francis Xavier Men's Society was organized July 1907 by the following members:

Leonard Ballman, John Birtel, John Bruner, Micheal Bruner, Peter Bruner, August Duda, John Ewert, Math Fuecker, Adam Geotz, Albert Gollnick, Paul Grossman, Peter Grossman, Andreas Gutenberg, George P. Kruesel, John M. Kruesel, Frank Reinowski, Frank Rudnick, Theodore Rudnick, John M. Schmidt, Peter Seefeld, Frank Sieg, Martin Sieg, John Tritashler, Peter Wambach



Parish Council 1974



Altar Society



C.C.D. Teachers

While Fr. H. Wilkes was pastor The St. Francis Men's Society, hosted the N.D. State Societies to a three day Convention on June 21, 22, and 23rd, 1937.



Altar Boys

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETARY

The first person buried in our cemetery was Frank Zimmerman in the year 1900.

A photo copy of a Warranty deed shows that the land for the cemetery was bought from F.W. McCurdy and his wife, Eva on January 25, 1912.

The trees were planted in the 1930's and the altar monument, gate and new fence were put up around 1941. The building to house the mower and equipment was erected in 1972.

The cemetery committee was formed May 24, 1970 with Clem Rudnick as Chairman, Carl Mehl, Vice-chairman, Mrs. Harold Kapfer, Secy-Treas, Frank Rieder and Francis Mayer, advisors. Mrs. Gus Dockter was asked to be Secy-Treas, April 25, 1971. At the May 1974 meeting with interested parishioners present, it was decided to keep Clem Rudnick as Chairman, Frank Rieder Vice-chairman, Mrs. Dockter, Secy-Treas, John Pillatzke, and Kasimir Schmaltz, advisors.

In 1970, John G. Schmaltz and August Selzer Jr. were appointed caretakers. Since then the Art Schmidt family have continued to provide the same excellent care.

The committee is still working on a project to complete a map of the cemetery, as many unmarked graves have been found.



Cemetery Board



St. Francis Xavier Cemetery

PRIESTS WHO SERVED AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



Rev. J. Buehler
1900-1908



Rev. F. Zumbusch
1908-1911



Rev. N. Junker
1911-1918



Reverend Stanislaus J. Duda
1956-1965



Father Cleo Jaillet
1965-1968 & 1974



Rev. J. B. Greiner
1917-1920



Rev. A. Gayduck
1920-1922



Rev. C. Eck
1922-1931



Rev. H. Wilkes
1931-1941



Rev. G. O'Donoghue
1941-1947



Rev. J. Belleau
1947-1953



Father George Brodeur
1968-1973