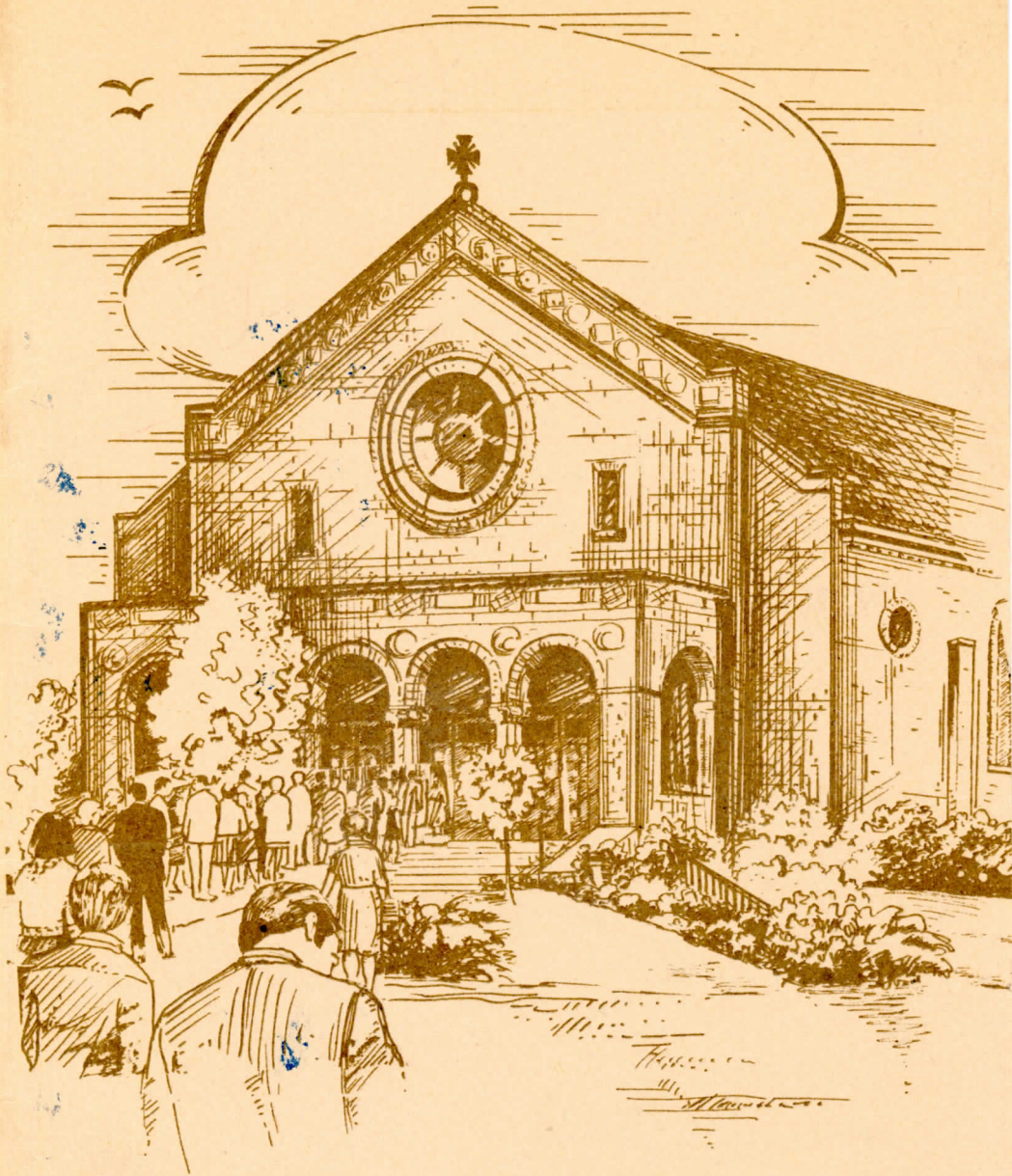




St. Agnes Church

Ft. Wright, Ky.

1930-1980

Sunday, October 19, 1980

Rededication of St. Agnes Church

in honor of

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

under the Patronage of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother of Good Counsel

and

Consecration of the new Altar of Sacrifice

His Excellency

Most Reverend Richard H. Ackerman, S.T.D.

Retired Bishop of Covington

celebrant:

Former Priests — Associates and Visiting Clergy

Concelebrants

Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop

Reverend Gary A. Miller

Music: St. Agnes Choir and Congregation

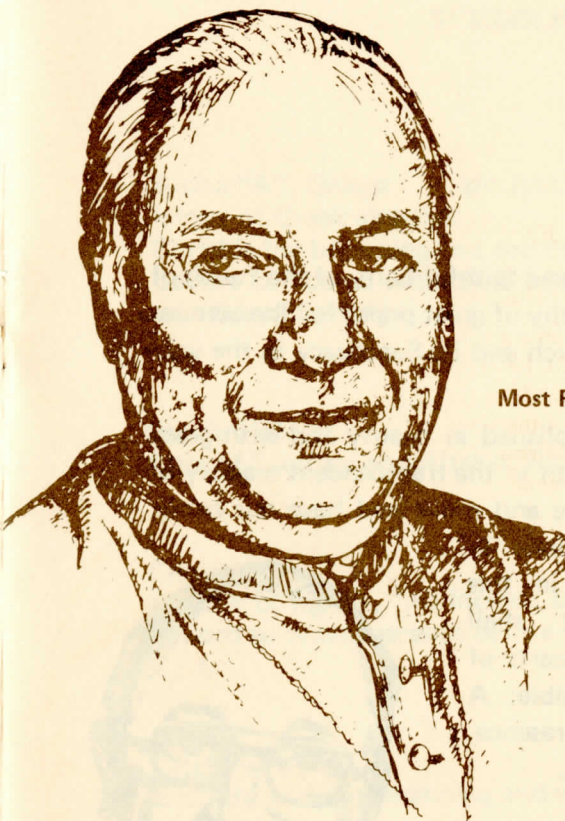


JOHN PAUL II

His Holiness The Pope

Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Jesus Christ,
Successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles,
Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church,
Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy,
Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province,
Sovereign of Vatican City.





**Most Reverend William A. Hughes, D.D.
Bishop of Covington**

Ordained April 6, 1946;
consecrated as Titular Bis-
hop of Inis Cathaig and
Auxiliary Bishop of
Youngstown, September
12, 1974, appointed eighth
Bishop of Covington
March 13, 1979, installed
as Bishop of Covington
May 8, 1979.

Dear Friends in Christ:

The celebration of fifty years of parish life is an historic event in a diocese. Many memories must well up in your minds and hearts as you look back over years of Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, weddings, funerals and parish celebrations. Such memories evoke a response of thanks to God for all His blessings. I join with you in expressing this thanks.

I congratulate your pastor, Monsignor Hickey, and all of you, the faithful of St. Agnes Parish as you join in the rededication of your Church and the conse-
cration of your new altar. May this occasion also call forth from each of you a continuing commitment to work to deepen the community of faith that St. Agnes is called to be.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

William A. Hughes
†William A. Hughes,
Bishop of Covington



The Priests, Religious and faithful Laity of the Parish of Saint Agnes are indeed worthy of great praise for the admirable renovation of their Church and its Sanctuary in the year of our Lord, 1980.

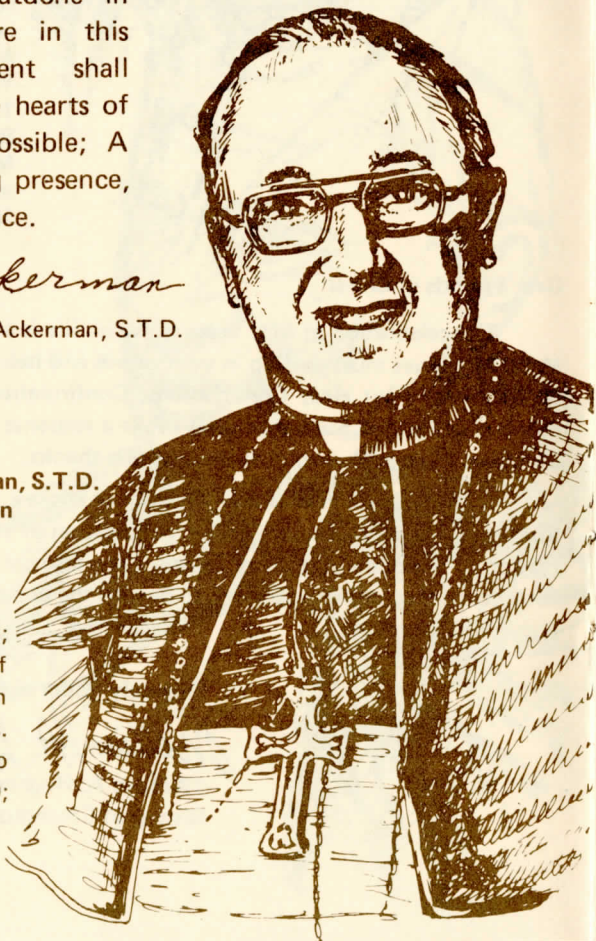
What has been accomplished in beauty and with grace is an expression of their faith in the transcendent majesty of God in Whom all of us live and move and have our being. And as God is not outdone in generosity, His pleasure in this hallowed accomplishment shall build a sanctuary in the hearts of those who made it possible; A sanctuary of His abiding presence, of its blessings and its peace.

† Richard H. Ackerman

Most Reverend Richard H. Ackerman, S.T.D.
Retired Bishop of Covington

Most Reverend Richard H. Ackerman, S.T.D.
Seventh Bishop of Covington

Ordained Aug. 28, 1926;
appointed Titular Bishop of
Lares and Auxiliary of San
Diego April 6, 1956; Cons.
May 22, 1956; transferred to
Covington April 6, 1960;
retired November 28, 1978.

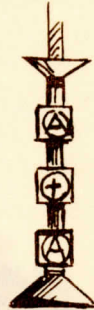


SYMBOLISM

Alpha "A", Omega the first and last
letters of Greek alphabet —
Christ is the beginning and end of all things.
Letters combined with cross represent the
sacrifice of Calvary.



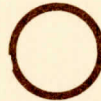
Candle Holders —
Altar of Sacrifice and Altar of Repose.



Censer —
Symbol of prayer, "As incense smoke wafts
upward so prayer ascends before God".



Circle —
Eternity without beginning and without end.



Eagle —
With fish in it's Talons. The fish represents
the soul which has taken on the character
of Christ through baptism, enabling it to
reach eternal life through the Holy Spirit.

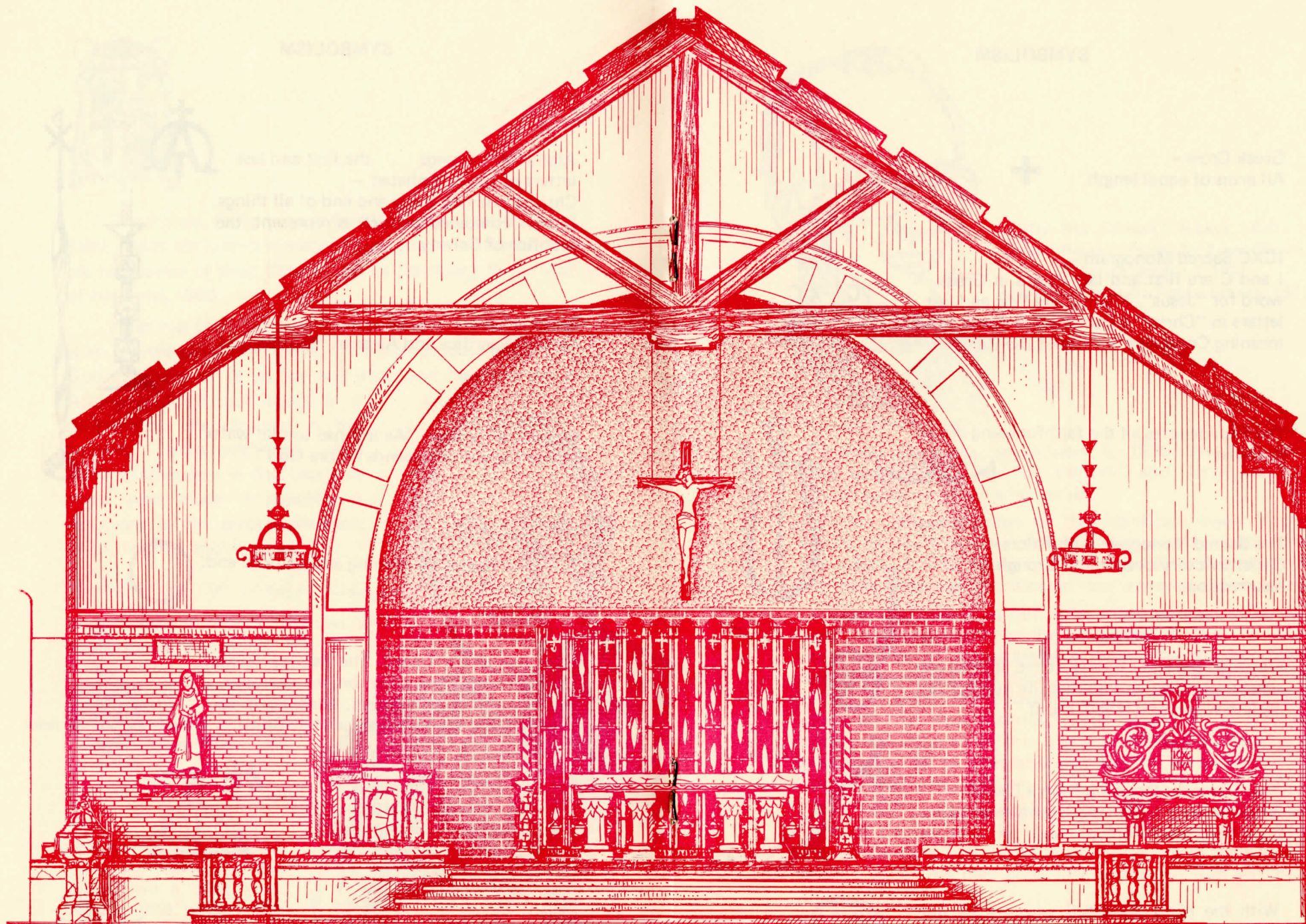


Escallop Shell with Water —
The saving waters of baptism



Fish —
The faithful approaching the saving water
of baptism





SYMBOLISM

Greek Cross —
All arms of equal length.



ICXC Sacred Monogram —

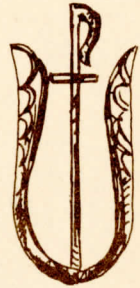
I and C are first and last letters in Greek word for "Jesus". X and C are first and last letters in "Christ" (Greek). Nika Greek word meaning Conquerer — "Christ the Conqueror"



The Fish denotes all the faithful being drawn to Christ.



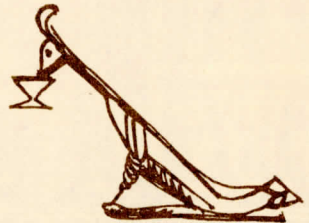
The Sacred Monogram with Palms —
Christ's victory over death through his resurrection.



Through the Holy Eucharist the faithful can attain salvation and eternal life symbolized by the wheat and grape motif.



Two Peacocks Drinking from a Chalice —
Resurrection, from the legend that peacock flesh was incorruptible.



With the birds (Faithful) who are feeding on the Grapes — The blood of Christ.





Rev. Msgr. Edward T. Hickey, J.C.D.
Second Resident Pastor, St. Agnes Church
Ordained October 6, 1945
Appointed Pastor, St. Agnes, January, 1971

My dear Parishioners,

Fifty years ago, on October 5, 1930, the first Holy Mass was offered here "on the hill" and Christ the Son of God came to "dwell amongst us."

The commemoration of this significant event in our family history is worthy of note and so we rejoice today in the rededication of St. Agnes Church and the consecration of the new Altar of Sacrifice in our renovated Sanctuary.

Our gratitude goes out to so many of you, today for your unwavering faith in the renovation project, for your many words of encouragement, especially through some difficult days these past three years, for your gift of time and talents to bring this renovation project to completion and above all, for your contributions — great or small — to underwrite the cost of this special undertaking. Truly I am indebted to all of you who climbed the mountain to the temple of the Lord with me.

I shall never cease thanking God for you. Fortified by faith I know that the good God, who alone can reward adequately those who have "loved the beauty of His House," will do so, in His own good time and in His own way now and in eternity.

Faithfully in Christ the Lord

Rev. Msgr. Edward T. Hickey

EARLY HISTORY

In 1930, Bishop Howard established St. Agnes Chapel, as a Chapel annex to St. Mary Cathedral, for those Catholics living in the section of the Cathedral Parish at Park Hills and vicinity. From September 1930 to October 1931 Reverend Gerhard H. Geisen, Chancellor of the Diocese, engaged in organizing the new congregation at Park Hills. Thereafter a resident Cathedral assistant pastor was appointed to St. Agnes to minister to the spiritual needs of the Chapel congregation under the direction of the Pastor of the Cathedral. In the spring of 1931, Father Geisen formed a Catholic Athletic Association in connection with St. Agnes Chapel, having an eleven acre tract of land at its disposal for athletic purposes. On August 28, 1931, the bell which was donated to St. Agnes Chapel by the City of Covington, formerly used at the Twelfth Street Fire House was blessed by Very Reverend Joseph A. Flynn, V.G.

On September 8, 1930, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Agnes School was opened under the care of the Sisters of Notre Dame, with an enrollment of twenty-six pupils. By October 3 of that year, the erection of a temporary frame Chapel on Old State Road, below the site of the present Chapel had been completed and on October 5, 1930, the first Mass was offered in the new Chapel, which was dedicated to St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.

By 1938, the congregation, numbering about two hundred families, had outgrown the accommodations of the temporary Chapel and plans were made for the erection of a more substantial Chapel which would provide for the future, as well as the present needs of the fast growing congregation. In May 1938, work on a new Chapel was begun by Reverend Walter A. Freiberg, Pastor

of St. Mary Cathedral, at a site fronting on the Dixie Highway, near the intersection of Old State Road. On Sunday, May 22, 1938, Bishop Howard laid the cornerstone of the new St. Agnes Chapel. Early in 1939, the erection of the present attractive Chapel, constructed of brick and stone, Italian Lombard in architectural design, displaying architectural features unique in this section of the country, was brought to completion and was formally dedicated by Bishop Howard on Sunday, February 5, 1939. Salient features were the front portico, the campanile adjoining the right side, and the smaller chapel adjoining the church proper.

In 1941, a new St. Agnes Chapel School, consisting of four classrooms and a large basement for recreational purposes, was erected directly back of the Chapel, facing Old State Road. At that time it was calculated that this new structure, in conjunction with classrooms in the Chapel Building would offer a sufficient accommodation for a number of years, until a larger and permanent building would be needed. Bishop Howard officiated at the dedication of the new school on Sunday, August 24, 1941, and on September 2, the school was opened to the Catholic children of Park Hills, South Hills and Lookout Heights, sections of the Cathedral Parish, which St. Agnes Chapel served.

(History of the Diocese of Covington, 1953, by Rev. Paul E. Ryan.)

August 9th, 1954, by the authority of the Bishop of Covington, a Decree was signed establishing St. Agnes as a parish, separate from the Cathedral.

PRIESTS WHO SERVED AT ST. AGNES

Msgr. Gerhard H. Geisen
Sept. 1930 to Sept. 1931
Deceased

John J. Laux
Oct. 1931 to May 1933
Deceased

Henry B. Stober
Sept. 1931 to June 1932
Deceased

Thomas A. McCarty
Aug. 1933 to Oct. 1935
Deceased

Joseph T. Collins
Aug. 1933 to July 1938

Leo F. Wilson
July 1938 to Aug. 1941

Msgr. Walter A. Freiberg
Jan. 1932 to July 1951
Deceased

Leonard A. Wimmers
Sept. 1935 to Sept. 1949
Deceased

Ralph J. Stoeckle
Sept. 1949 to Aug. 1954

Raymond W. Steinhäuser
June 1954 to June 1958

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Towell
Aug. 1954 to Jan. 1971
Deceased

Lawrence W. Keller
Aug. 1954 to June 1960

Clarence J. Heitzman
June 1956 to June 1960

Louis J. Holtz
June 1958 to Aug. 1959

Carl C. Schaffer
Aug. 1959 to June 1961

John A. Osterhage
June 1960 to June 1961
Deceased

Leo F. Trimbur
June 1961 to June 1968

Louis H. Jasper
June 1961 to June 1968

William G. Poole
June 1963 to August 1963

William G. Brown
June 1964 to Aug. 1964

Lawrence R. Robotnik
June 1965 to June 1968
June 1969 to April 1975

Lawrence W. Hehman
Aug. 1965 to June 1968

John J. Wordeman
June 1968 to Nov. 1973

Earl C. Bierman
June 1968 to June 1969

Lester A. Linz S.J.
Sept. 1969 to March 1975

Msgr. Edward T. Hickey
January 1971 –

Urban A. Horstman
November 1973 –

Daniel J. Vogelpohl
May 1975 to June 1978

Patrick A. Doyle
April 1975 to Sept. 1980

Stephen Prigge
June 1978 to June 1980

Mark Lester
June 1980 –

Joseph Shuman
September 1980 –