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*As seen through the eyes of a purely fictional
but typical parishioner*

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We had been married only a short time, Greg and I, when his employer decided to establish a branch office in Washington, D.C. and selected Greg to head it up. We were thrilled at the prospect of being in the nation's Capital but had some misgivings about living in a big city since we both were used to a more rural life-style. We found a most satisfactory compromise.

It was late Spring in 1938 when we bid adieu to family and friends and set forth on our adventure. We found adequate temporary living quarters in Washington (two rooms in the home of an elderly lady) and while Greg was busy with his business affairs, I began looking for a house. Through a chance acquaintance we heard of one in Arlington, which was then a quiet community with a definite rural atmosphere which appealed to us. We liked what we saw, and soon were happily established there. One of the first things we did was find out where the nearest Catholic church was, and it turned out to be St. Charles Borromeo, in Clarendon. It wasn't exactly close by, but not too far away either, and we felt fortunate to have found such a nice location.

It was in the Fall of that year that, as we were driving down Lee Boulevard (later re-named Arlington Boulevard), we saw construction of a one-story building under way. Being curious types, we drove over to look around and a workman told us it was to be a new Catholic church. We were delighted, for that would be much closer to our home. We inquired further and learned that a Father Lee (Rev. Edwin J. Lee) was the priest who was having the building erected and that he lived in a rented room nearby. So, on the weekend, we called on Father Lee, introduced ourselves and offered to help in any way we could. Our visit turned out to be quite lengthy. Father Lee was a vital, energetic and zealous young priest whom we liked immediately. We learned that the Most Rev. Peter L. Ireton, Bishop of Richmond, had had the foresight to purchase a tract of land at the corner of N. Thomas St. and Lee Boulevard. With the coming of the New Deal era, this part of Arlington had begun to grow rapidly, with the construction of new highways, homes and apartments. The Catholic population had begun to increase accordingly and so creation of a new parish was deemed advisable. Father Lee was assigned by Bishop Ireton as the Founding Pastor. With the advice and counsel of Msgr. Thomas Rankin of St. Mary's Church in Alexandria, he had begun construction of the building which was to be the nucleus of the present parish complex.

On the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th, Father Lee was able to celebrate the first Mass in the newly constructed building. It was a happy day for him, and us, and all who attended. Sunday Masses at that time were celebrated at 7:00 and 9:00, and that first Sunday the total attendance numbered about 75 persons. Word of the new parish soon got around, however, and it wasn't very long before it was obvious that what had seemed ample space such a short time before, was fast becoming too small. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Father Lee's enthusiasm was contagious and his parishioners responded wholeheartedly. In early December, the men formed a society designed to assist the Pastor in every possible way, such as advice in setting parish boundaries, planning a parish census, etc. The women, too, banded together to provide their own special brand of help, such as care of the altar linens and vestments, altar and sanctuary decoration and upkeep, and planning special fund-raising "benefits".

That first Christmas remains a treasured memory. Greg and some other men went into nearby wooded areas and cut trees and other greens. We massed the trees in the sanctuary around the altar and made wreaths from the greens to hang on the walls. It was a simple enough motif but one in keeping with our small chapel. The over-all effect was beautiful.

The birth of Our Lord held a special significance for Greg and me that year, for we were expecting the arrival of our first child and the time was growing close. It didn't happen, though, until January 1st and we named our "New Year" son Thomas, in honor of the patron of our new parish. When we had him baptized a week later, we thought

perhaps his might be the first recorded baptism in the parish, but it was not to be. That honor had gone to another who was baptized on January 2, 1939.

Spring came, and Easter, and on that special Sunday the first High Mass was celebrated. In April too, the first religious instruction class for children was conducted by Sisters of Charity from Immaculate Conception parish in Washington, and on June 4th their First Communion Class of 16 children received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. The Sisters also conducted a religious "vacation school" for parish children that year from June 26th to July 16th.

As I indicated earlier, the number of parishioners grew rapidly and by the Summer of 1939, more Masses had to be scheduled. To make this possible, Father Lee obtained the services of Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Mitchell, who had been a former Director of Charities of the Diocese of Richmond and at that time was Dean of the School of Social Work at Catholic University. More space was needed too, and plans were made to erect another building as a wing to the original structure, to serve as a temporary church but designed so as to be a future school auditorium or gymnasium. To help finance this, and other things such as a new organ, all sorts of "benefits" were arranged, from Bingo Parties to a Lawn Fete, along with other less-ambitious projects.

Also during this year (1939), the first permanent parish society was established: the Sanctuary Society.

On January 14, 1940, the Holy Name Society was established, and the men of the parish held their first Communion Breakfast at the Washington Golf and Country Club on April 14th. The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary was established on December 8th. On June 30th of that same year we had the blessing of the cornerstone of the new wing, and services were transferred from the original chapel to the new building on October 6th. The original building was then used as a parish hall for lectures, religion classes and social events.

On October 23, 1940, an assistant pastor was assigned to the parish. He was Father Richard H. Rivard, a newly-ordained priest who came to us from Massachusetts. A most likeable, dedicated young man, he quickly endeared himself to the whole parish by his kindly, unassuming, hardworking helpfulness. It was under his guidance that the Sodality grew into a sizeable organization, active in social affairs and religious activities.

Of course, our priests had to have a place to live, so a neat little bungalow-rectory was purchased on Glebe Road. This, too, was soon to be outgrown.

The momentous year of 1941 continued our growth pattern, and it was a busy year. In addition to our usual fund-raising activities, there were numerous lectures given by such notables as Frank Sheed, Father Walsh of Georgetown, Father Slavin, O.P., Father Hayes of Catholic University, and others. We were present at the unveiling of a donated oil portrait of Saint Thomas More in March, and at the erection of a new flag pole, with appropriate ceremonies, in August. Because of Greg's ever-kind cooperation as babysitter when needed, I was able to attend the Ladies' Retreat which began at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 6th and closed at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 7th. Just as I came in the front door of our home, the radio was carrying the fateful news about Pearl Harbor. It was an unforgettable day. But even the advent of World War II failed to slow our parish activities. Dr. McClosky of Washington presented the first Boy Scout Charter on December 18th, and the first investiture of Scouts was made on December 21st by Father Fuller, S.J., also of Washington.

We continued to grow in 1942 as more and more people, both military and civilian, poured into the area; and we were filled with a sense of pride at the great number of uniformed personnel evident at the Sunday Masses. One highlight of that year for me was the celebration of the First Solemn High Mass by a newly-ordained priest. I'd never had the opportunity of attending such a function before. The Bishop also came that year to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large group, on October 14th. On November 25th, our second child, Cathy, was born.

In 1943, we were five years old as a parish and felt justifiable pride in what had been accomplished. But we kept on growing, and another structure was added to our grounds. A 10-room house was purchased for use by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who were to come the next year to teach in the parish school. Even more importantly, the spiritual growth had outstripped the facilities. The congregation had soared from the original 75 to around 3000! Three Sisters of Charity were handling pre-school classes with an enrollment of 70 children, as well as evening religious classes for some 200 Catholic children who attended the public schools. About 50 more children who attended parochial schools in Washington received added instruction in our Sunday School. We had six Masses each Sunday now, at 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00. Each was well attended; some, over-crowded.

Father Lee was deeply interested in the Layman's Retreat Movement and encouraged it among his parishioners. He was able to interest some men into going to Manresa-on-Severn, near Annapolis, Maryland, this year and their reactions were most gratifying. The seeds thus planted grew and flourished. A well-attended annual Men's Retreat is still being held, now at another Jesuit house, Loyola-on-the-Potomac at Faulkner, Maryland.

But all the frenzied activity and the pressures built up by the strain of directing and guiding this really phenomenal growth began to tell on Father Lee. In April of 1944, his health broke and he was forced to retire. Several months later (January 12, 1945) he died — truly a martyr to his work.

Father Lee's replacement was Father Arthur J. Taylor, who came to us on April 30, 1944. He had been Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Diocese of Richmond immediately preceding this assignment and was well known to his fellow priests for his active and successful handling of this important Church project. We soon came to realize his determination and energy; and appreciate, even more, his belief that spiritual development must never lag behind the physical.

In June, 1944 work was begun on the school. War-time limitations imposed by the War Production Board (WPB) were still in effect of course, so the first step was to partition off three classrooms from the space in the original building. These were used for a full first grade, a full second grade, and a combined first-and-second grade. The pre-school, or Kindergarten, which had been started the previous year, was continued as before in the open hall. Beginning in September, two Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Community in Falls Church (Sisters Marie Rosita and Marie Pierre) commuted each day from Falls Church to conduct two of the classes that had been established. A lay teacher conducted the third, and the Kindergarten was taught by two lay teachers. There were 150 children in the two grades. The Kindergarten was limited to 50 children, and our Tommy was one of them.

During this year also, the need for a second assistant priest became obvious and so, of course, more living quarters and more office space were needed. A second story was added to the bungalow and the "new" rectory was ready for occupancy in January, 1945. A short time later (March 23, 1945), Father Charles W. Gerloff came to us immediately after his ordination, as Assistant Pastor.

The school also needed to be enlarged and in June, work began on a second story to the original building, providing five more classrooms — eight in all. Work was completed by September, and the scope of the school was broadened to the 6th grade.

In January of 1946, Father Rivard was reassigned and Father Joseph L. Wingler replaced him as an Assistant Pastor on January 16th. A 7th-grade class was added to the school that year. Another new parish-affiliated activity was begun with the establishment of the John F. Madigan Post, Catholic War Veterans, that year too.

By the time 1947 came around, the number of families in the parish, still no larger in territory, had so increased that it became necessary to add another wing to accommodate nine more classrooms to the school, which now included the 8th grade. The project was begun in May and completed by September. The school then boasted 17 classrooms,

in which germicidal lamps were installed to help reduce the incidence of illness; a clinic room; library; principal's office; and a modern, fully-equipped cafeteria. Not long ago I came across a book of chances we sold on a car and other prizes to help finance this construction.

More classes meant more teaching Sisters, so their house was remodeled, equipped with a chapel, and provided with facilities to make it a suitable convent.

1948 was a banner year, for it was that June that marked the first 8th-grade graduation of St. Thomas More students, and Bishop Ireton honored the occasion by his presence. We were also happy to celebrate Father Taylor's 25th anniversary of his Ordination that June.

In August, Greg was unexpectedly transferred to his firm's Kansas City office. We hated to leave, with Tommy now ready to begin 4th grade and Cathy having finished Kindergarten and ready to enter 1st grade, but we had no real choice. However, we'd made firm, lasting friendships in Arlington and so, through correspondence and phone calls, we were kept pretty well in touch with things there.

We knew a new church would be needed soon and weren't at all surprised when we heard that by mid-1949, construction of the 1st story of a new church was under way. It was also good to hear that the ladies of the parish were branching out into works of a less parochial nature, through their connection with the Council of Catholic Women. For a long time their energies had been mostly devoted, within the parish societies, to parish needs such as operating a nursery on Sundays for children whose parents were attending Mass, assisting in fund-raising campaigns and the like. But now came the news, in 1950, of the formation of a "Christ Child Society" as a part of Catholic Charities. How I wished I could have been a part of that, particularly their Christmas program!

During the year, they would collect discarded dolls and have them repaired if necessary. Then at a Fall meeting of the Sodality, ladies would take a doll (or several) home and make new dresses and/or wardrobes for them, returning them at the Sodality "Christ Child Party" meeting on December 8th for display and to be turned over to Catholic Charities to become a part of a Christmas basket for a needy family. They also were doing other Corporal Works of Mercy such as doing sewing for St. Vincent's Orphanage and for the Little Sisters of the Poor; and visiting elderly ladies in a Catholic rest home in Washington, brightening their lives with little kindnesses such as occasional auto rides or a shopping trip. And of course, there was a special Christmas party for those ladies.

It was also in 1950 that the basic structure for the permanent church was completed.

The next year, 1951, ground was broken for a new convent (after the customary fund drive), which was really very badly needed. It was completed and ready for occupancy by May 2, 1952. Concurrent with that construction, another change was made in the school building. The first wing that had been built and which served as a temporary church until 1950 was two stories in height, in contemplation of its possible use as a gym. Instead, at this point, there was a need for a place where meetings and/or social functions could be held, since the area devoted to that purpose in the original building had been used for the cafeteria. So Father Taylor had a ceiling/floor installed. The first-floor space was partitioned into classrooms and the second floor became a rather spacious auditorium.

1952 was also notable, we were told, by the graduation of pupils who had attended St. Thomas More School all through their eight grades. This was quite a milestone!

At last the frantic pace seemed to be slowing down a bit, for our correspondents had no major projects to report to us for the next couple of years. The social and spiritual aspects of the parish continued to grow and flourish, as did the number of its parishioners. 1953 brought the good news that Father Taylor had been appointed a Domestic Prelate, with the title of Right Rev. Monsignor, and we rejoiced in this well-deserved recognition of the selfless devotion which marked his every endeavor.

Towards the end of 1954, plans were laid to build a new Rectory to better serve

parishioners' needs, such as privacy when counsel was sought for personal problems, and to provide more space for the many administrative details necessitated by such a large parish. It was completed in 1955.

Now another need arose: A Catholic high school. In May of 1955, five Arlington parishes — St. Agnes, St. Ann, St. James, St. John and St. Thomas More — with the approval of Bishop Ireton, conducted an Inter-Parish fund raising campaign to provide one-half of the 2-million dollars estimated to be required to build the school. The drive went well, we were told, and on March 27, 1956 ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the previously-acquired site in North Arlington, with Auxiliary Bishop Hodges officiating. A long-time dream of many Catholic parents was at last beginning to come true. Construction was not finished in time to begin classes that September, so it remained for the grade-school classes graduating in June, 1957 to be the first to enter the new Denis J. O'Connell High School.

We were delighted when, in the Spring of 1956, Greg's company decided to have him return to the Washington area. He went ahead to get "settled in" on the job and to secure housing for us (in St. Thomas More parish, of course). Tom, Cathy and I followed in June after the close of the school year. By this time, Tom was ready to enter his Senior high-school year and Cathy had just finished grade school.

Those eight years in Kansas City had wrought many changes, both in our little family and in our favorite parish. But even with all the new buildings to see and the outward improvements that had been made, the basic character of the parish remained the same. There was still that generous, cooperative, friendly feeling of good fellowship to surround us, and we felt we'd come back "home". Soon we were back in the mainstream of parish life, busy with Holy Name and Sodality projects, lending a hand with Sanctuary Society work, being a Promoter in the League of the Sacred Heart, joining the Nocturnal Adoration Society, taking the Christopher Leadership Course, etc. About the only thing we weren't involved in was the PTO, for we no longer had "little ones". So the next few years, while busy ones, furnished no parish milestones.

Although almost impossible to believe, our numbers continued to grow to the point that the "first-floor" portion of the permanent church was not nearly large enough. Six Masses were celebrated there each Sunday and for the last two (11:30 and 12:45), Mass was celebrated at the same time in the auditorium to take care of the overflow crowd.

Once again, a major fund-raising drive was required, and in the Fall of 1959 it got under way. The parishioners responded as they always had, giving lavishly of their time and generously of their resources, and when the drive ended on Thanksgiving Eve, we'd not only met, but exceeded, the goal that had been set. The parish had much to be thankful for that Thanksgiving Day.

Work was begun as soon as practicable in the Spring of 1960, and continued through most of 1961. What a happy day it was, on December 9th of that year, when our beautiful new church was solemnly blessed and dedicated by the Bishop of Richmond, John J. Russell.

In grateful appreciation of the generosity and loyalty of his parishioners, Monsignor Taylor had designed the "Shrine of Remembrance" in one of the transepts. The window bears the names of contributors, while the names of donors of special gifts are memorialized on plaques surrounding the window. A lovely, carved statue of Christ the King stands before the window, and the inscription on its pedestal describes the purpose of the Shrine and invites all to pray for those who made it possible. A beautiful thought — superbly executed.

As a matter of fact, while the exterior of the church is imposing, the interior strikes one with awe and reverence upon entering and yet conveys a feeling of peace and deep-down reaffirmation of our belief in the True Presence. It is truly God's House. At least, that's the way it seems to me.

It was in 1961 also that the diocese began to conduct courses for lay persons in

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) instruction, and quite a few of our parishioners availed themselves of this opportunity to qualify as teachers and be able to provide religious instruction for children of the parish who attend public schools.

It was only a few years later, in 1965, that the changes decreed by Vatican II called for a major change in the Sanctuary of the new church. The altar had to be so positioned that the priest would be facing the congregation while celebrating Mass, but it wasn't as simple as it might sound. An almost complete renovation of the Sanctuary was required. The steps leading up to the altar were extended outward to each side in varying amounts, and to the back wall. This provided the necessary space for Mass to be celebrated in the new manner, and yet kept the altar at its original height above the floor of the Sanctuary. The free-floating statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph above the side altars had to be moved, for the tabernacle was placed on one, and the other held the Missal, cruets, etc. used at Mass. The renovation was accomplished in surprisingly little time and with a minimum of inconvenience.

Other effects of Vatican II began to appear. A Parish Advisory Board was established to assist the Pastor in all aspects of parish administration. The Board consisted of representatives of all parish societies and other committees set up for special requirements. The liturgy underwent what seemed to many, drastic changes. It was a time of change and some found it difficult to adapt, but that old loyalty was still there.

In 1966, Monsignor Taylor was honored by Pope Paul by being appointed as a Prothonotary Apostolic. That title carries with it certain privileges in ceremony and dress usually reserved to a bishop. For instance, a prothonotary may celebrate a pontifical Mass with the consent of his bishop, pontificate from the fald stool in ceremonies in a cathedral, wear a pectoral cross, mitre of silk or gold cloth and a black skull cap while pontificating. We were very proud of him and happy for him.

About this time, changing population patterns decreed a change in parish boundaries, and one segment of St. Thomas More parish was placed within the boundaries of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, with another segment carved out for St. Anthony parish.

After 25 years as Pastor, and at the age of 72, Monsignor Taylor retired on May 25, 1969 and became Pastor Emeritus. A reception for him was held that day, after Mass, and his grateful parishioners presented him with a most generous purse and extended their loving wishes to him for good health and happiness.

On June 8, 1969, Monsignor Richard J. Burke came to us from Richmond and assumed the duties of Pastor. Again, St. Thomas More parish was blessed with a dedicated priest and able administrator.

With the good of his parishioners always uppermost in his mind, he approved the establishment of a Credit Union in May, 1970; and a Thrift Shop at about that same time. Both of these enterprises have been very successful. For example, the Credit Union has come from the modest beginning of 7 members and a capital of \$600 to its present membership of 200 and capital of \$60,000. He also inaugurated educational programs on religious and moral subjects; invited visiting artists for organ concerts; welcomed concerts by various choirs, etc. And, speaking of choirs, his interest in, and encouragement of, the fine choir we already had, have made it one that we feel is outstanding.

Monsignor Burke encouraged many kinds of social functions too. Begun in 1971, and of special interest to the school children, was the annual All-Saints Eve (Halloween) celebration, sponsored by the Liturgy Committee. The children (and adults, if they wished), dressed as their favorite saint, attended a specially-prepared liturgy in the church, which was followed by a party with traditional games and refreshments.

To be able to do all this required, again, MORE ROOM. Under Monsignor Burke's guidance, the major portion of the former "first-floor" church was transformed into the Parish Activities Hall, and kitchen facilities installed. It is now a pleasant and attractive place for many parish gatherings. In addition, a library, a music room, a well-appointed conference room, the Thrift Shop and the Credit Union office are situated along the

periphery of this main area. A Gift Shop, also located in this area, was opened in October, 1975 to serve the needs of parishioners who wish to purchase religious articles.

On June 19, 1973, the parish celebrated, with Monsignor Taylor, the 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood. His celebration of Mass that day was quite an emotional experience for many of us, and the love and respect his people bore him was evidenced by the great numbers of parishioners who attended a reception afterwards to wish him well.

More change was in the wind. The Church in Northern Virginia had grown to such proportions that the Holy See divided the Diocese of Richmond, to which Northern Virginia had belonged for many years, and created a new diocese — The Diocese of Arlington. The Holy Father designated St. Thomas More as the Cathedral for the new diocese, so another change in the Sanctuary was required. The Bishop's chair, flanked by another chair on each side, was erected on a 2-step platform directly behind the main altar. It is modest in appearance, made of white marble and surmounted by his Coat of Arms. The Altar of the Word was removed and a marble bench installed there for use by priests and altar boys when Mass is celebrated. The Blessed Sacrament continued to be reserved on the side altar to the left of the Bishop's chair.

On August 13, 1974, Most Rev. Thomas J. Welsh was installed as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, in the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Monsignor Burke was appointed as Rector of the Cathedral and Chancellor of the diocese.

Very shortly thereafter, on August 22nd, God called Monsignor Taylor home. His fragile physical condition kept him from being a part of the festivities on the 13th, but at least he knew about them and could give thanks to God for so richly rewarding the material results of his life's work.

Late in 1976, Monsignor Burke asked his parishioners for their help in fulfilling his desire to replace the plate-glass windows surmounting the main entrance to the Cathedral with stained glass ones, in memory of Monsignor Taylor. This was accomplished the following year (1977).

Being the Cathedral of the diocese has made some difference in parish life for, while parochial interests remain, we have become aware that St. Thomas More is no longer just "our" church but is really a part of all the parishes in the diocese. It has broadened our horizons considerably. And the same generous and loyal spirit remains. With approximately 1500 families presently registered, parish organizations continue to grow in number and kind. The latest Directory lists thirty organizations, all working through the parish to help their fellow-man and promote the greater honor and glory of God.

I think I can speak for the great majority of St. Thomas More parishioners when I say we will be ever grateful to the many priests who came to St. Thomas More parish for varying periods of time and who served in so many capacities and so well. Likewise to all the Sisters and lay teachers, whose dedication to our children in their religious and general education was profound. We sincerely feel blessed that God permitted us to be a part of this remarkable parish.

Attached:

List of Clergy assigned to St. Thomas More parish, 1938-1978

List of Sisters of Charity, 1939-1944

IHM Sisters Superior, 1944-1978

May 27, 1978

Clergy assigned to St. Thomas More parish, 1938 - 1978

Rev. Edwin J. Lee, as Pastor	1938-1944
Rev. Richard H. Rivard	1940-1946
Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. Taylor, as Pastor	1944-1969
Rev. Charles W. Gerloff	1945-1951
Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Wingler	1946-1953
Rev. Francis Mooney	1950-1956
Rev. L. Douglas Brown	1951-1954
Rev. Adolph A. Snella	1953-1956
Rev. John J. Hughes	1954-1960
Rev. Frank E. Mahler	1956-1962
Rev. Carl A. Poole	1956-1963
Rev. Robert F. Ruth	1960-1962
Rev. Edward L. Tobin	1962-1968
Rev. Virgil L. Funk	1963-1968
Rev. Paul F. Carroll	1963-1965
Rev. Thomas B. Nee	1966-1967
Rev. William V. Sullivan	1967-1969
Rev. Patrick Twohig	1968-1969
Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Burke, as Pastor	1969-
Rev. William S. O'Brien	1969-1971
Rev. Stanley T. Chumura (as Deacon, 1969)	1970-1974
Rev. J. Kenneth Rush, as Deacon	1970-1971
Rev. Franklyn McAfee	1971-1975
Rev. Daniel E. Hamilton, as Deacon	1971-1972
Rev. John D. Hortum, as Deacon	1974
Rev. Vincent Heald	1974-1976
Rev. William B. Schardt, as Deacon	1975
Rev. Dominic P. Irace	1975-
Rev. Cornelius O'Brien (in residence)	1975-
Rev. Frank De Sa	1976-1977
Rev. Joseph Loftus, M.S.	1977-
Rev. Mr. John A. Pinterbone, as Deacon	1977-1978

Permanent Deacons:

Mr. Daniel F. Resendes
Mr. Frank DeLuca

Sisters

Sisters of Charity — 1939 - 1944

Sister Adele
Sister Miriam

Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters Superior — 1944 to present

Mother M. St. Paul	1944-1951
Mother M. Edmunda	1951-1952
Mother M. Clemencia	1952-1954 (Jan)
Sister Mary Ivo	(Jan) 1954-1959
Sister M. Antoinette	1959-1965
Sister M. Odilia	1965-1966
Sister Mary Ivo	1966-1972
Sister Marita Louise	1972-1975
Sister M. St. Bernadette	1975-