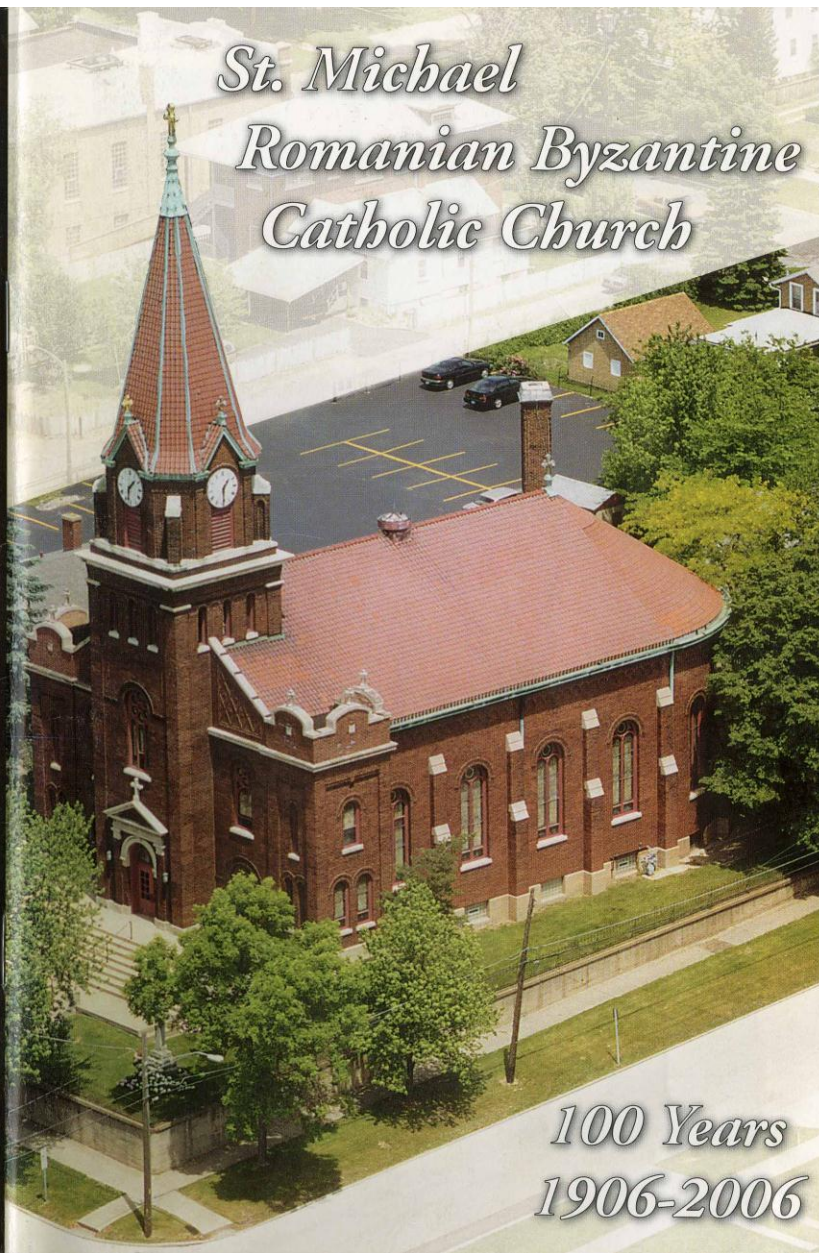


O LORD, who dost bless those who bless thee, and sanctifiest those who hope in thee: save thy people, and bless (†) thine inheritance. Preserve the fulness of thy Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of thy house; glorify them by thy divine power and do not forsake us who hope in thee. Grant peace to thy world, thy churches, priests, and all thy people. For every good gift, and every perfect grace is from above, from thee, Father of light; and to thee do we proffer glory and thanks and adoration, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and always, and forever and ever.



St. Michael Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

*100 Years
1906-2006*

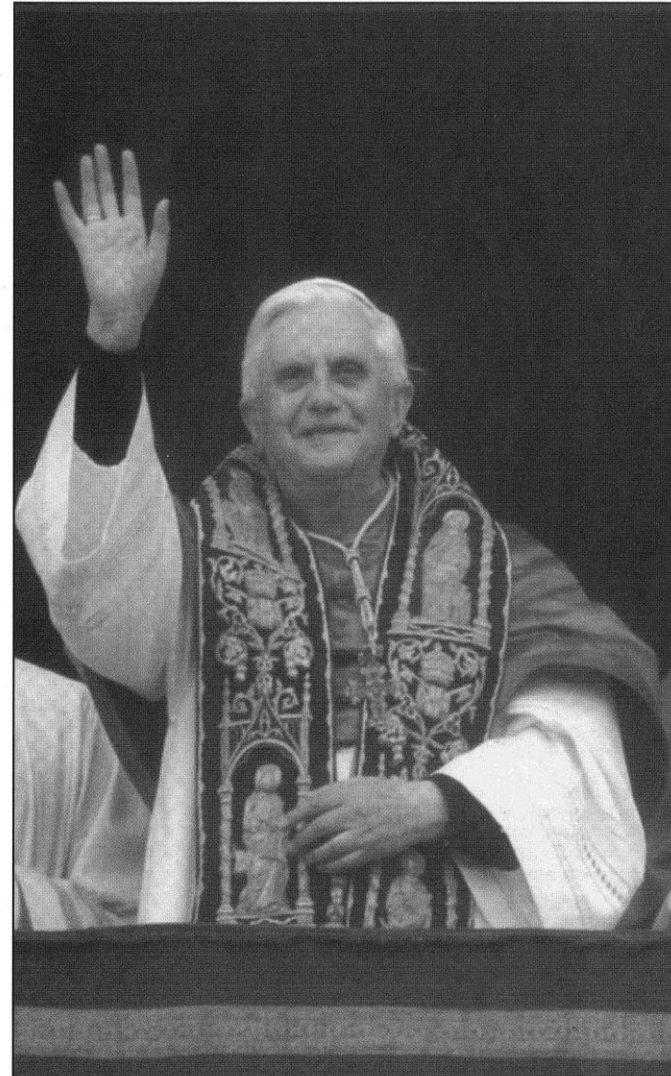
Saturday, November 4, 2006

- 8:00 am **Divine Liturgy**
St. Michael Church
- 6:00 pm **Social Hour at Long Island Sound Banquets
and Conference Center**
1920 East New York Street, Aurora, Illinois
- 7:00 pm **Dinner Served**
Entertainment and social hours following.
Advance Reservations are required.

Sunday, November 5, 2006

- 10:00 am **Divine Pontifical Liturgy**
St. Michael Church
Vested Clergy will gather and proceed
in procession to the Church.

*St. Michael Romanian Greek-Catholic Church
(Romanian Byzantine Rite)
609 N. Lincoln Ave.
Aurora, IL*



Pope Benedict XVI



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October 15, 2006

Very Reverend and dear Father Pater,

Beloved brothers and sisters of St. Michael Church,

It seems only yesterday that we were launching red, yellow, and blue balloons from the yard in front of St. Michael's rectory in celebration of our 80th anniversary! I was privileged to be the pastor of St. Michael's at that time, in the first years of my priesthood, and an eightieth anniversary seemed then like the celebration of a lifetime. Our motto for the celebration, if you recall, was *Trăiască Biserica! Today and Beyond!*

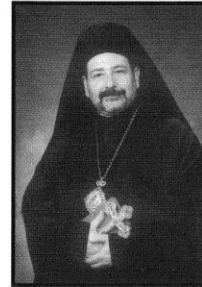
Now, nearly twenty years beyond, you are celebrating your centenary. The fact that you celebrate it this year calls into memory the very earliest days of St. Michael, even before the historic meeting of July 21, 1907. This was the day when that most energetic pioneer, Father Epaminonda Lucaci, gathered the people across the tracks at St. Nicholas in order to give a formal and definitive start to the establishment of the parish and the building of a church.

Though not the eldest daughter of what is now the Eparchy of St. George in Canton, St. Michael's has been the leader in many respects. Its commitment to the Catholic education of its youth meant that it had a parish school – unique in our diocese – until 1963. It has one of only two parish-owned cemeteries in the diocese, and has engendered more vocations to the priesthood and religious life than the remainder of our diocese combined: five sisters (that I know of), three priests, two of whom became bishops in the service of Romanian Christians in the United States, and a deacon. One of the bishops, my predecessor, the Most Reverend Louis Puscas, DD, is as proud a scion of the parish as one can imagine, as well as a significant part of the parish's living history.

I congratulate you on your history, even as I thank God for the joy of having taken part in it for a time. I commend you, with the assurance of my prayers and blessing, to His almighty providence. Trusting in Jesus and being faithful to His word will be the way – the only way – for your history to remain alive, embodied in you, His people. May this fidelity be ever more your motto, today and beyond.

With great affection in the Lord,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean
Bishop



Most Reverend Bishop John Michael Botean

Born in Canton, Ohio, on July 9, 1955, to John and Amelia (Popa) Botean. One younger brother, Mark S. Botean, of Stow, Ohio. Ordained priest May 13, 1986. Ordained bishop August 24, 1996.

Present Activities

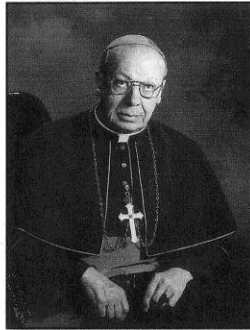
Bishop of the Romanian Eparchy of St. George the Martyr in Canton (legal title: Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton); Member of the Committee on the American College of Louvain (Region VI), past Episcopal co-sponsor, American section of the Society of St. John Chrysostom; past member of Ad Hoc Committee on Bishops' Life and Ministry of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; past secretary of Eastern Catholic Associates (organization of Eastern Catholic hierarchy in the United States)

Education

- 1973 Graduated Oakwood High School, Plain Local School District, Ohio
Canton Repository Teenager of the Year
Timken Company Scholarship winner
- 1974 St. Fidelis Seminary, Herman, PA
- 1977 A.B. in Philosophy *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
- 1977-1981 St. Gregory Melkite Seminary, Newton, MA
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
(Boston Theological Institute)
- 1985-1989 Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL

Assignments/Employment

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| Romanian Catholic Diocese
<i>Bishop</i> | 1996-present |
| Romanian Catholic Diocese
<i>Vicar General, then Apostolic Administrator</i> | 1993-1996 |
| St. George Cathedral, Canton, OH
<i>Rector</i> | 1990-1993 |
| St. Michael Church, Aurora, IL
<i>Pastor</i> | 1986-1990 |
| Pax Christi USA Center on Conscience and War, Cambridge, MA
<i>Staff Member</i> | |
| Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), Washington, DC
<i>Administrative Assistant</i> | |



Most Rev. Louis Puscas

The Most Reverend Louis Puscas, Bishop for the Byzantine Romanian Catholics in the United States, was born September 13, 1915, in Aurora, Illinois. He graduated from St. Michael Grade School, Aurora, Illinois, and attended Quigley Prep, the Minor Seminary of the Chicago Archdiocese.

His first two years of the Major Seminary were completed at Oradea, Romania. The next two years were finished at the Propaganda Fidei Seminary, Rome, Italy. While in Rome, he was enrolled as a resident of the Byzantine Romanian Rite Catholic Seminary, Pio Romeno.

Forced to return to the United States because of World War II, Puscas was placed in the Benedictine Major Seminary, St. Procopius, Lisle, Illinois, for his final two years. He was ordained into the priesthood, May 14, 1942, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by the Most Reverend Basil Takach, Bishop of the Byzantine Ruthenian Rite Diocese.

Assigned to the Latin Rite Diocese of Erie, PA., to serve in its Byzantine Romanian Rite parishes, Father Puscas appointed pastor of St. John Church, Farrell, PA., and administrator of St. George Church, Erie, PA. On May 26, 1960, he was appointed full time to the Faculty of Gannon College (now a university) as Dean of Students and Athletic Director. In January 1965, Father Puscas transferred back to his former Latin Rite diocese of Rockford, IL., and on February 1, 1965, was appointed pastor of St. George Byzantine Romanian Rite parish, Aurora, IL.

June 26, 1983, Father Puscas was ordained Bishop and was appointed as the first Exarch of the Byzantine Romanian Exarchy, founded December 4, 1982, by Pope John Paul II. Bishop Puscas was installed, August 28, 1983, at St. George Church, Canton, OH., by Archbishop Pio Laghi, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to the United States.

March 26, 1987, His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, elevated the Exarchy to the rank of Diocese, and on the same date, appointed Bishop Puscas as the first Bishop of the Byzantine Romanian Rite Diocese of St. George the Martyr.

The Most Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Popp

Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate Orthodox Church in America

Archbishop NATHANIEL was born William George Popp in Aurora, Illinois, on June 12, 1940, to Joseph and Vera nee Boytor Popp, whose origins were from Satu Mare County. The couple was married May 10, 1935, in St. Michael Church by Rev. Fr. Basil Marchis. Their children were all baptized at St. Michael parish: Joseph S., James T., Michael T. and Vera Greaves.

In 1958, having completing East Aurora public schools, William attended St. Procopius College, Lisle, Illinois, graduating with a Bachelor in Arts Degree, 1962. In that same year, through the intercession of Bishop Vasile Cristea, he was sent to Rome, Italy, as a student of the Diocese of Rockford but for the "Eastern Rite." He attended the Gregorian University while residing at "Collegio Greco" of Saint Athanasius, 1962-1966. While in Europe, he visited Greece, Germany, Italy, and Mount Athos. He was ordained deacon on July 17, 1966, by Bishop Cristea, and priest on October 23, 1966, in the Church "San Salvatore" in Rome. In January of 1967, he returned to Aurora and was appointed by Bishop Loras T. Lane, to be Assistant Priest of at Saint Michael parish.

In the summer of 1967, Father Popp sought entrance into the Orthodox Church under Romanian Bishop Valerian D. Trifa, who received him February 15, 1968. He was part of a monastic community until 1975 when he was appointed rector of Holy Cross Church in Hermitage Pennsylvania. In April 1978, he represented the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) at a worldwide Conference on Orthodox Monasticism in Egypt.

At the request of Archbishop VALERIAN for assistance in the administration of the expansive diocese, Father Popp was called to the episcopacy by a Special Congress of The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate, September 20, 1980. On October 21, 1980, he professed the "angelic" vows (Little Schema) taking the name of the Holy Apostle NATHANIEL. His Consecration took place at Saint George Cathedral in Southfield/Detroit MI, on November 15, 1980. He was enthroned as Bishop of Dearborn Heights Saints Peter & Paul Church and named Auxiliary Bishop for The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America.

Archbishop Valerian retired in 1984, and on November 17, 1984, Bishop NATHANIEL was enthroned as ruling hierarch of The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America. Since then, he has overseen the growth and expansion of the diocese establishing 44 new missions/parishes, a monastic community for women and a monastic community for men.

In 1994, Archbishop NATHANIEL made a pilgrimage visit Romania. In 1995, he was a guest of the Patriarchate for the celebration of 110 years since the Autocephaly of the Church of Romania and 70 years since the establishment of the Romanian Patriarchate. In May 2003, His Eminence was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Oradea in recognition of his leadership of the Romanian Orthodox community in North America and of humanitarian efforts in post-communist Romania.

His Eminence is the Episcopal Moderator for the Pastoral Life Ministries Unit of The Orthodox Church in America; Chairman of the V D Trifa Romanian American Heritage Center in Grass Lake MI.; organizer of the "Help for Romania Fund"; co-founder of "Help the Children of Romania" in 1990; Chairman of the Congress of Romanian American (CORA) since 1991; President of the Board of The Center for Orthodox Christian Studies in Detroit; Spiritual Advisor for the Orthodox Christian Laity (OCL); and Co-founder of the Orthodox/Catholic Witness, Metropolitan Detroit.

He is an active member of the Synod of Bishops of The Orthodox Church in America which on October 20, 1999, in its Fall Session, elevated him to rank of Archbishop.





Very Rev. Fr. Aurel Pater & Ps. Florica

My beloved faithful Christians,

Each of us must have a vision of something that is meaningful to us, that gives us purpose in life, that allows our souls to flourish and enables us to contribute to our Christian faith and to the world community we belong to. Without this, our lives would be meaningless.

Faithfully yours,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Very Rev. Fr. Aurel Pater

A Grain of Truth of our Christian Faith and Romanian Immigration to the United States

The Roumanians present a characteristic common to some of the other ethnic immigrant groups in that they draw from different geographical environments: the Old Kingdom of Roumania, the Transcarpathian provinces of Banat, Transylvania, and Bukovina, (formerly under the Austro-Hungarian rule); the provinces of Epirus, Thessaly, and Pindus, (formerly under the Turkish and Greek flags), now incorporated in Greece, Albania, Turkey and Jugo-Slavia.

In order to preserve these geographical distinctions, Roumanians are referred to as Romanians, Transylvanians, and Romanian Macedonians. In view of this diversity, in the home background, because of the geographical barriers which isolated them for many centuries from each other, the problems related to the assimilation of these Romanians became of special interest.

Their economic adaptation to the American environment is of just as great an interest as their social assimilation because of 89% of the Romanian immigrants belong to the class of farm laborers and only 4% to the professional class.

The immigrants from Romania, to the United States belong to the so-called "new immigration," which has in the years contributed to the social structure of American life a variety of ethnic elements from southeastern Europe.

Springing from a country itself streaked with a variegated population, the stream of immigration from Romania has carried out of the cradle of the country not only people from its ethnic stock, but also the Romanian Jews, Turks, Germans, Bulgarians and others who formed one-eighth of the total population of the Old Kingdom of Romania.

The United States has also received the contribution of other streams of Romanians immigrants, coming from such countries as Austria-Hungary, Russia, Turkey and Greece, where Romanians had settled long ago and where they have maintained their racial characteristics despite the differences in citizenship, surroundings, other nationalities of antagonistic interests.

According to the leaders, in about 1890 the Romanians began to come in very small numbers, the Transylvanians about 1896. Records show however, that sporadic immigrations of Romanians came to American prior to 1890. We shall have to wait for a number of years before the influx of Romanians assumes the numerical importance and the continuity which lend to it the character of a group migration.

From 1901 on, the "Romanian immigration" to the United States increased constantly, except for the war periods up to 1924, totaling by 1928, 146,826. Romanians for the period of 1899-1928, of whom 10% came from the Old Kingdom of Romania; 83.4% from Transylvania, still under the Austro-Hungary rule, and 6.6% from, the countries of Turkey, Greece, Russia and others. The numerical superiority of the Transylvanians must be borne in mind when seeking an explanation of their decided leadership in the Romanian social organizations in the United States.

Looking at the Romanian immigrants from the standpoint of their previous occupations, it is seen that a very small number of them are trained in the professions, a few as skilled workers, with the majority belonging to the unskilled workers class. That the immigration was primarily agricultural is evidenced by the figures referring to the whole period 1899-1927, 89% were farm laborers and unskilled workers, 4% skilled workers, 6.6% were other occupations and only 0.4% were identified as professional.

From a religious standpoint, those Romanian immigrants were of three categories: (1.) The Greek Orthodox Church, which claims more than 90,000 members of Romanians, Macedo-

nians, and Transylvanians; (2.) The Greek Catholic or Uniate Church, which had a membership of 1,700 solely among the Transylvanians, and (3.) The Romanian Baptist Church which numbered about 850 members.

A summary of the outstanding features of the Romanian immigration to the U.S. disclosed the fact that the majority of the immigrants, the Transylvanians have come from the provinces ruled in the pre-war period by Austria-Hungary, a few from the Old Kingdom and only a small number of Romanian-Macedonians from Epirus. These Romanians are a group of able-bodied people, mostly from the peasant class, and in respect to age, sex, marital conditions and occupations, as well equipped for productive work.

As to causes which brought this human raw material within the gates of the U.S., to discover what prompted these people to face the hardship of breaking home ties, of risking their savings and making the adjustments demanded by their new environment, I will attempt to make in succeeding lines.

The causes underlying the immigration of peasants from Transylvania are very complex. In addition to the psychological motives, influenced by social and economic circumstances, there is also to be considered the tense political situation in which they lived. Their homes were on the western slopes of the Carpathian Mountains, thus bringing them under the Austria-Hungarian rule.

As subjects of the dual empire, they were supposed to enjoy the privileges of freedom of religion and language guaranteed by the Law of Nationalities of 1868. But as this law was never respected by the Hungarians, the fate of the Romanians, whose claims to an autonomous government under the direct rule of Austria Francis Joseph, had been disregarded by accepting the Ausgleich of 1867, and was left to the discretion of the Magyar administration.

Departing from the liberal policy of the Hapsburg dynasty the Hungarian Diet pursued a policy of strong Magyarization. Not daring openly to contradict the Law of Nationalities of 1868, it resorted to a series of intricate measures which created a great deal of dissatisfaction and suffering among the Transylvanians. The latter saw their electoral freedom curtailed by high taxes and still more by the iniquitous class system of taxation. They had to pay four times the amount of taxation levied on the Hungarians living in the other electoral districts.

In the reaction to this policy of forced assimilation, the Transylvanians created in 1881 the National Romanian Party of Hungary, which demanded first, the autonomy of Transylvania; second, the use of the Romanian language in administration and justice in Romanian inhabited countries; third, the appointment of Romanian officials in these countries or of Hungarian officials who could speak Romanian; fourth, the religious and cultural autonomy and state subsidy for Romanian schools; fifth, the curtailment of Magyarization policy. But despite its efforts the National Romanian Party failed to have its claims recognized by the Hungarian government.

The economic situation of the Transylvanian peasants was highly unsatisfactory. Political pressure, small wages and the general economic depression in Hungary kept it at a low level. Only a few Transylvanian peasants held property.

As a direct result of this general economic depression the Transylvanian peasants were forced to borrow money and mortgage their small land holdings. Economic pressure hardened the Transylvanian peasant and embittered his feelings.

But all these causes together would have been ineffective were they not supported by some elements in the character of Transylvanian peasant. Unlike his passive, fatalistic, Romanian brother, he is known for his daring and his spirit of independence which he holds as a sacred heritage from his ancestors. Despite their long-drawn struggle for equality of opportunities, or perhaps on its account, they have a keener sense of their rights and they fought more in

preserving them. It is due to this daring spirit and the causes of dissatisfaction which had been created, that the Transylvanians reacted and decided to leave for the United States.

For the presentation of the home backgrounds of the Romanians, Transylvanians, I have gathered an idea of hardships and limited opportunities that they had in their native villages and of the motives which decided them to migrate to America. For the Romanians of the Greek Catholic faith, the church has been a rallying point of their group ever since its formative period and it has initiated all the other organizations. This is due to the prestige that the Catholic Church has for its members and to the leadership it assumes in any faith community.

Organized very well for missionary work, the Uniate or Greek Catholic Church of Transylvania has sent to America prelates trained in the Theological Faculty of Blaj, and in Rome where they obtained a broader point of view. Of high moral character, they commanded the respect of their flock by their zeal in promoting the well-being of their parishioners. They were able to collaborate with their parish committees in erecting churches, parochial schools, working with social organizations of mutual help and the press. This exclusiveness was not compulsory, it allowed individual members to join the other Romanian organizations of another creed.

It helped however by making Catholicism the basis of membership, and to reinforce the solidarity of the Romanian Catholics. This group allegiance, based on religious belief, was strengthened by the encouragement that the Romanian Catholics received from their bishops in Transylvania and from the higher prelates of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

With such an enlightened leadership on the part of its prelates and with a keen cooperation on the part of its members the Greek Catholic Church continues to be the Romanian Catholic's stronghold in their social organization. In this context, like other churches in the United States, was born the Romanian Catholic Church in Aurora, Illinois.

In the early spring of 1906, Romanian immigrants living in Aurora, Illinois considered a need for their own church. According to the minutes of January 17, 1909, written by the parish council, and having in attendance were Arch-Bishop Peter I. Muldoon, of Rockford and priests Dr. Alexandru Nicolescu, Alexander Pop, and Dr. Epaminonda Lucaciu.

A quote from those minutes reads "the foundation of this parish was placed in 1906, when the missionary priest Dr. Epaminonda Lucaciu going from house to house, made registration of all faithful christians and urged them to organize."

In 1908, the parish house on north Lincoln Avenue was purchased for \$3500 and was used for church services. In early spring construction of the church began. The parishioners were forced to use the church for services even while under construction as the parish size rapidly increased.

On July 4, 1909, Bishop Muldoon, D.D. of Rockford blessed the now completed church. Fr. Lucaciu's task in Aurora was completed and he went on to other missionary work.

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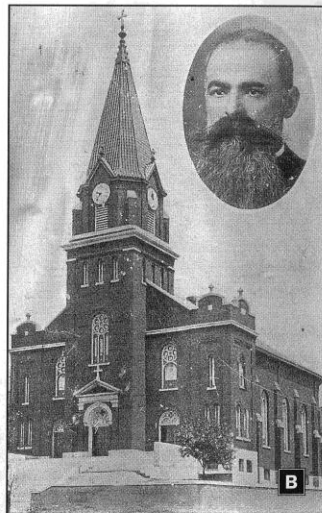
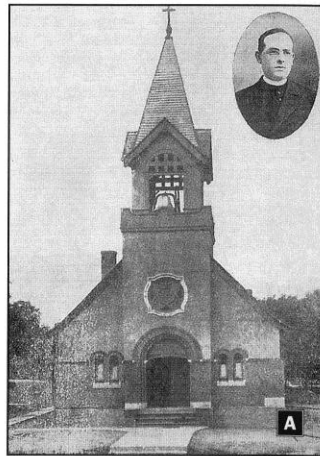
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St. Michael Parish

A Brief History

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- 1915** Aurora's Romanian population grew quite rapidly and it became apparent that the first church was too small. A new and larger church was built on the site of the old church. The old church was then moved to the north end of the parish grounds and converted into a school. ■
- 1916** Plans and contracts were worked out and construction started on the new St. Michael Church. ■
- 1917** The contract payment was completed (\$2,475) as previously agreed upon. Land for our cemetery was purchased for the sum of \$2,500. Eight years after dedicating the first church, Bishop Muldoon, D.D. of Rockford once again blessed and dedicated a new, beautiful St. Michael Church. ■
- 1919** Rev. Fr. Ioan Pop, pastor of St. Michael Church, died on October 23. He was succeeded by Rev. Fr. Aurel Bungardean from May 1919 through the spring of 1920. Rev. Fr. Aurel Hategan succeeded Fr. Bungardean. ■
- 1920** On September 12, Rev. Fr. Leon Manu, who arrived from Romania, succeeded Fr. Hategan. ■



- 1921 to 1922** A fire in the church basement caused much smoke damage which required the entire church to be repainted. The Romanian Athletic Club (R.A.C.) was founded. Baseball and football teams used Romanian to call their plays. ■

- 1924** A home for the school sisters was purchased next to the church, facing Pierce Street, at the cost of \$8,000. ■

- 1925 to 1926** The Romanian Red Rose band was organized. Basketball caught on with the teams of Junior and Senior High School age including a girl's team! School population reached almost 300 pupils taught by seven nuns. Organizations such as the St. Mary's Sodality and the Young People's Club were founded. ■

- 1927** Rev. Leon Manu went to Romania and returned with Rev. Fr. Liviu Fogas. Fr. Fogas stayed briefly and moved then the Detroit. ■

- 1928** The first St. Michael eighth grade class of eighteen students graduated on June 12, 1928. Rev. Fr. Basil Marchis was ordained in Romania. Rev. Fr. John Vuc arrived as the new associate to Fr. Manu. ■

- 1929** Louis Puscas, a member of this year's graduation class, was ordained a priest in 1942, and was named in 1983 as the first Bishop of the Romanian Catholic parishes in the United States. In the same class was soon-to-be Sister Stella Kuk, OSF. ■



1930 to 1935 During these difficult depression years, St. Michael Parish endured many hardships. Rev. Fr. Manu returned to Romania. Rev. Fr. John Vuc was then named as Administrator in 1930 and served until 1932, when the parish community suffered a tragic division. Bishop Hoban of Rockford then appointed Rev. Fr. Joseph Rzeszotko, a Latin Rite priest, as Administrator in 1933. He served until Rev. Fr. Basil Marchis assumed his duties as Pastor on June 18, 1935.

1936 to 1940 Many necessary improvements and repairs to the church and school took place. 3-1/4 acres were added to the cemetery where a large, ornate metal cross, donated by St. Nicholas Parish, Aurora, was installed. Damaged in later years and unrepaired, it was replaced by a simple redwood cross. Parishioners, as was so often the case, provided their energies and funds for the cemetery fencing. ■



1941 Rev. Fr. Basil Marchis, an Honorary Dean of Maramures, was designated a Papal Chamberlain by Pope Pius XII and granted the title of Monsignor.

1942 Rev. Fr. Louis Puscas was ordained a priest by Bishop Basil Takach in Pittsburgh on May 14, and returned to St. Michael Parish to serve the Divine Liturgy for his first time on May 17. ■

1944 Rev. Fr. John Filip was ordained in Rome.

1946 In preparation for the Thirtieth Anniversary of the new church, the interior was cleaned and repainted, the convent underwent major repairs, the parish home was refurbished, and the school repaired.



1947 Our parish had the honor of being visited by His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Prefect of the Sacred Oriental Congregation and Dean of the College of Cardinals. It was the first time a European cardinal had visited the Diocese of Rockford. The parish continued to improve their campus.

1948 The succeeding years did not find Msgr. Marchis and the parishioners of St. Michael inactive. On the contrary, continuing their zeal and sacrifices, extensive repairs to the church were made. A new tile roof was installed and the bells and steeple clock were electrified.

1952 The church's debt of \$72,000 was paid off.

1955 Msgr. Marchis was conferred by Pope Pius XII to Domestic Prelate with the title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor. ■

1956 Rev. Fr. John Popa arrived as Rt. Rev. Msgr. Marchis' new associate.

1957 Major interior remodeling was undertaken: painting, flooring, pews refurbished, electrical work, and marble trim was installed.

1958 Msgr. Marchis celebrated 30 years as a priest. St. Michael Parish celebrated its Golden Anniversary.

1961 Construction of the present rectory got underway and was completed in 1963.

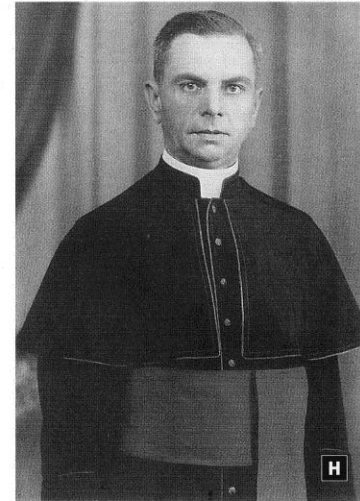
1963 St. Michael School had its last graduation class and the school closed.

1966 A small group of family and parishioners, joined by Msgr. Marchis and Bishop Cristea went to Rome where Deacon William G. Popp was ordained as a priest in October. Rev. Fr. William Popp was appointed as associate to Msgr. Marchis in January 1967 and served until August 1967.

1973 Msgr. Marchis represented the Romanian Byzantine Catholics at the International Eucharistic Congress held in Melbourne, Australia. Fr. Vuc, pastor of St. George, Aurora, died in November.

1975 Rev. Deacon John Buga was ordained to the diaconate in May.

1977 Msgr. Marchis retired after 42 years as St. Michael's pastor. Rev. Fr. John Filip was appointed as his successor in September 1977.



1980 Msgr. Marchis died March 5 at age 87 and laid to rest in St. Michael Cemetery.

1982 Sister Stella Kuk celebrated 50 years as a nun and had a special reception in her honor.

1983 Pope John Paul II elevated Rev. Fr. Puscas to the title of Apostolic Exarch. He became the first Bishop for the Romanian Catholics of Byzantine Rite in the United States. Bishop Louis was consecrated June 26 at St. John the Baptist Church in Detroit and installed as Bishop of Canton, Ohio. St. Michael Parish held its 75th anniversary celebration during this year. ■

1984 Rev. Fr. John Filip entered retirement. Rev. Fr. Mircea Boac was assigned to replace him.

1986 The interior and exterior of the church were repainted, the exterior tuck pointed, and the school building was demolished. Rev. Fr. John Michael Botean was ordained May 18, and on August 3 was installed as parish administrator by Bishop Louis Puscas. Fr. Botean served the parish until 1990, when Bishop Louis requested him to come to Canton where he served as Pastor.

1987 The current Men's Club was founded.

1988 In November, St. Michael Parish celebrated its 80th Anniversary.

1990 In September, Rev. Fr. Michael Moisin was appointed Administrator. Rev. Fr. Teodor Cornea arrived from Romania and was appointed Assistant Administrator on October 19.

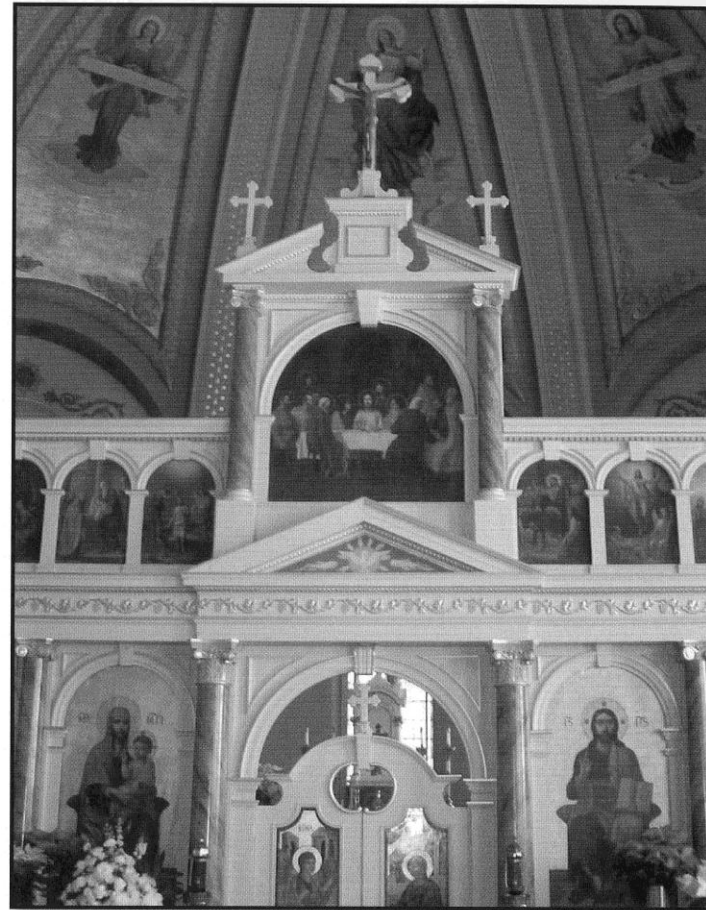
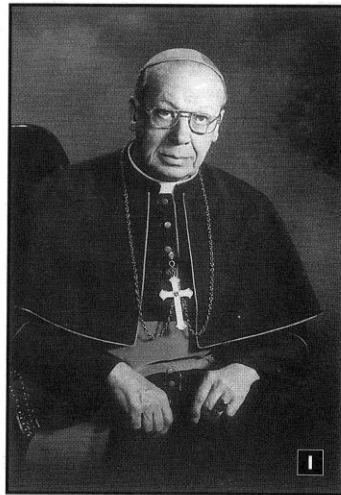
1992 Rev. Fr. Teodor Cornea was appointed Administrator and served the parish until he died February 20, 1995. He had been ordained June 26, 1947.

1995 Rev. Fr. Michael Moisin was once again assigned to St. Michael Parish as Administrator, and served until he was then granted a leave of absence to further his studies.

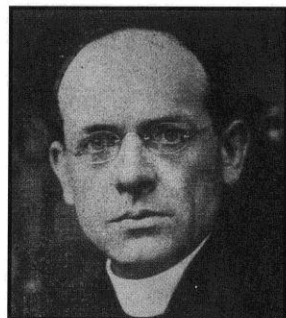
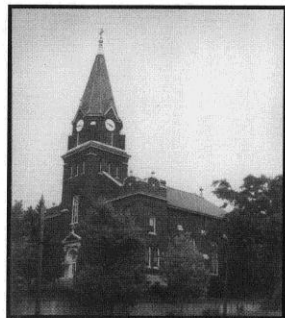
1996 Most Rev. Louis Puscas, Bishop Emeritus, who had retired, was called upon in September to be interim pastor.

1998 Rev. Fr. Gheorghe Opris was appointed by Bishop John Michael Botean as Parochial Vicar from January through September.

1998 December 1st, Rev. Fr. Aurel Pater was assigned as pastor and as proto-presbyter.



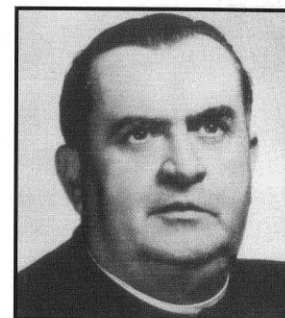
After completing their religious training as priests, two members of this church were later ordained as Bishops: Most Rev. Bishop Louis Puscas, Emeritus and Most Rev. Bishop Dr. Nathaniel Popp. After serving as a former pastor, Rev. Fr. John M. Botean, was later ordained as Most Rev. Bishop John Michael Botean.



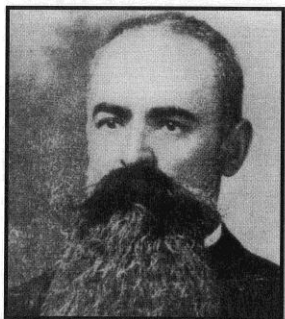
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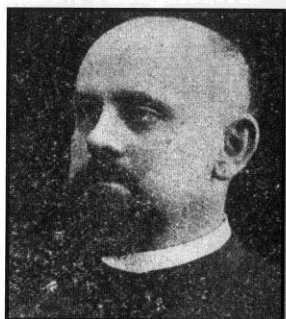
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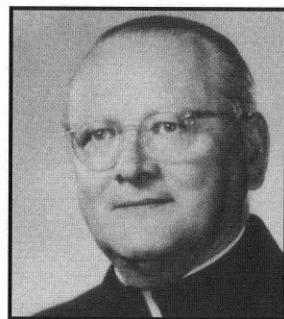
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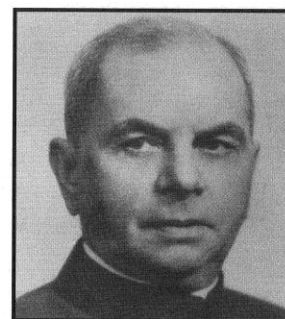
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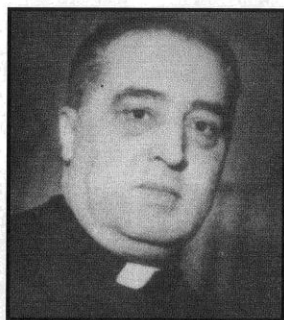
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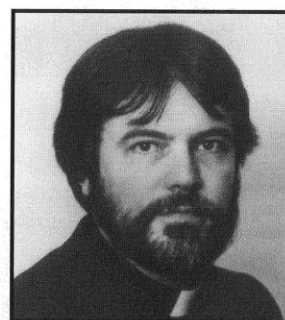
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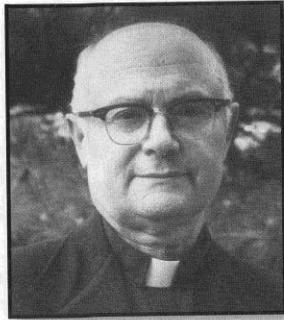
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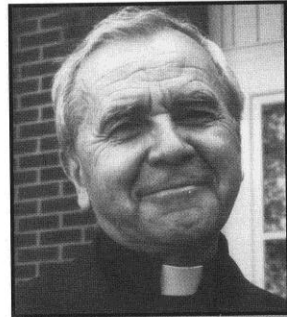
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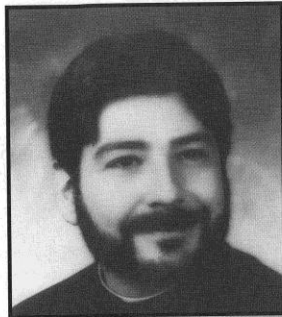
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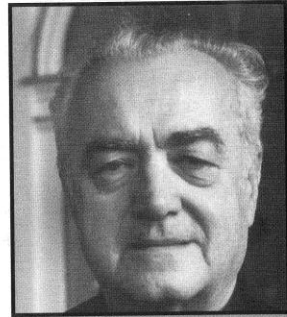
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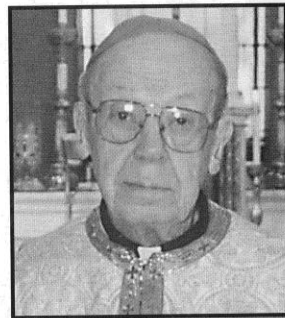
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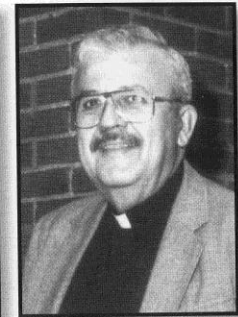
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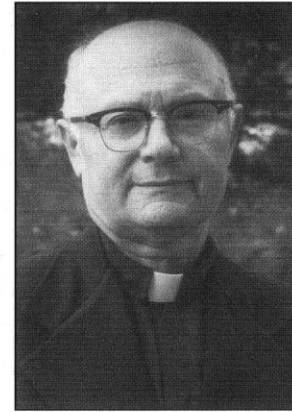
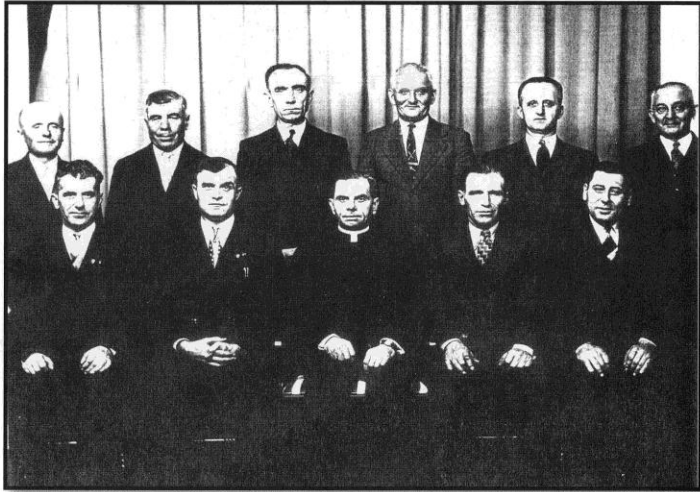
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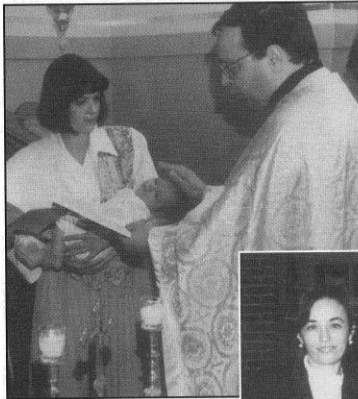
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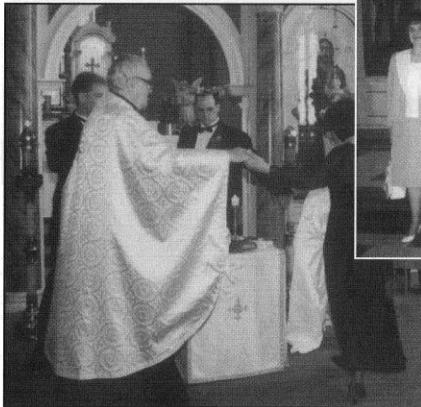
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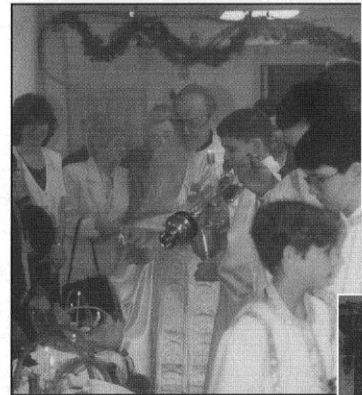
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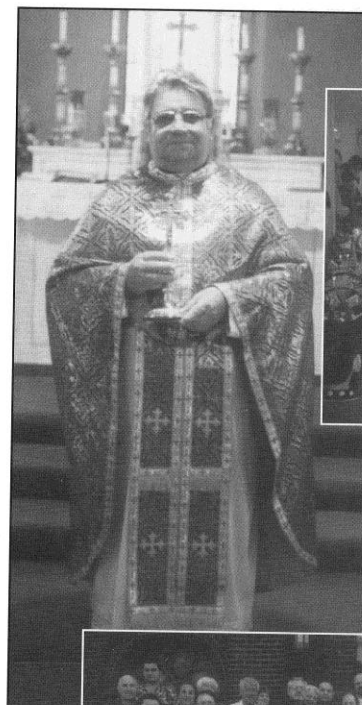
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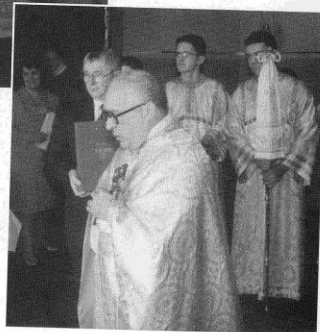
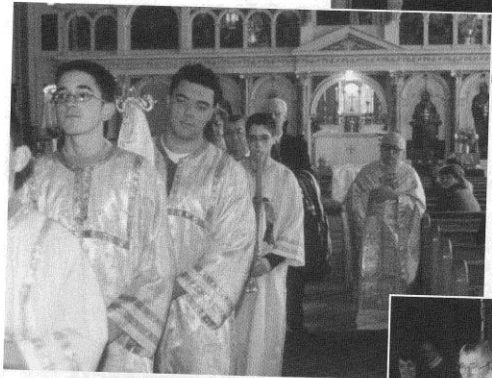
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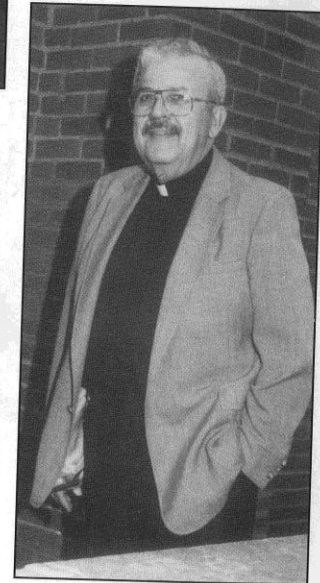
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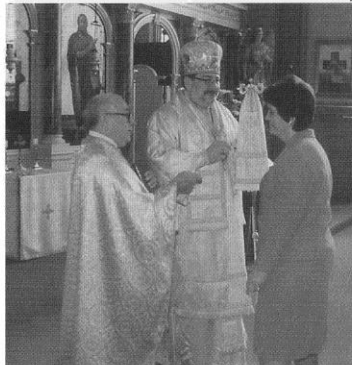


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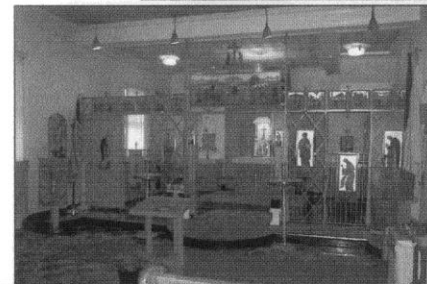
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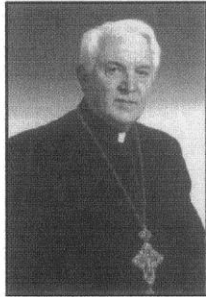


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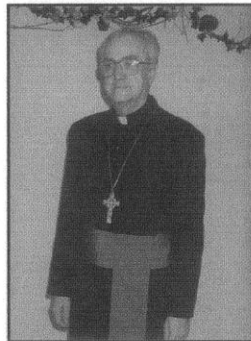


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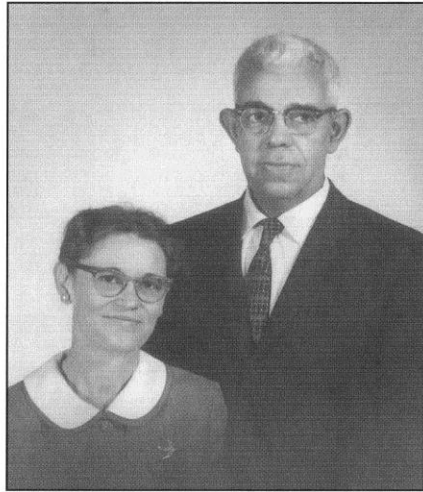
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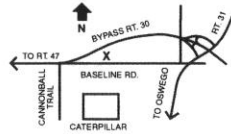
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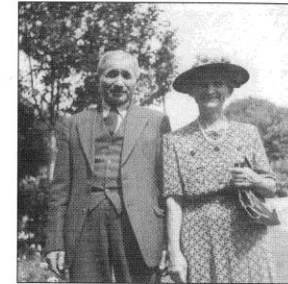
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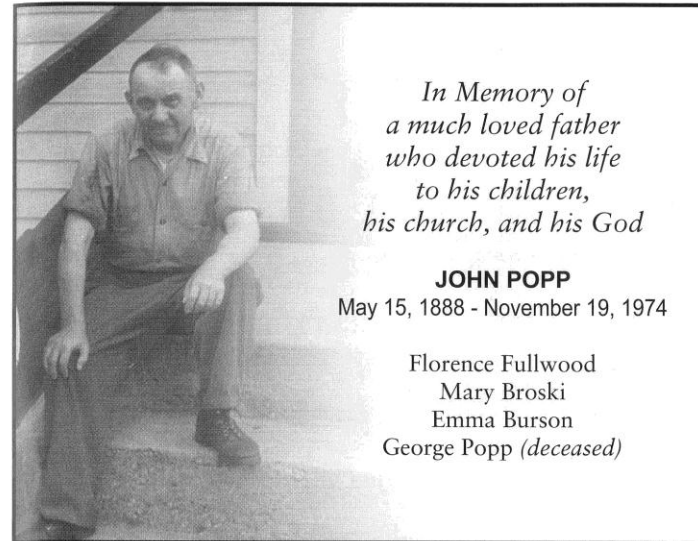
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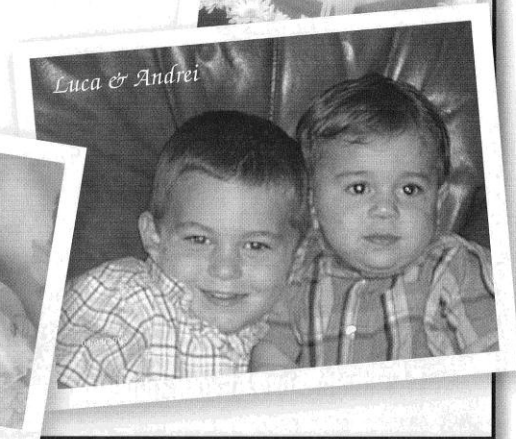
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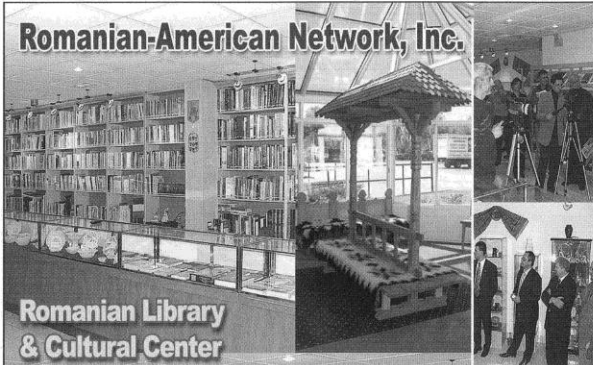
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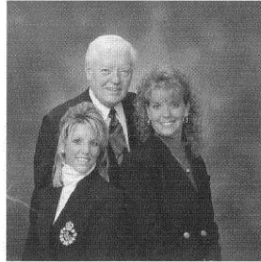
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