

A black and white photograph of the St. Agatha Catholic Church, a large stone building with multiple towers and arched windows. A laurel wreath is superimposed over the image, framing the text.

*St. Agatha  
Catholic Church*

*125<sup>th</sup>*

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

*1893-2018*

*Celebrating the Past and Embracing the Future*

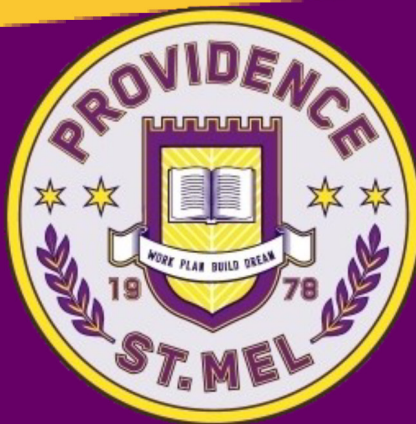
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June 24, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Agatha Parish, I welcome this opportunity to offer you my heartfelt greetings and best wishes. May this anniversary year be a celebration of abundant joy and thanksgiving.

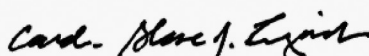
Your history is a proud one in the Archdiocese. From the first celebration of Mass in 1893, St. Agatha has remained a beacon of hope in the North Lawndale community. The many community outreach and family strengthening and empowerment programs is a testament to your dedication to live out your mission of “walking in faith, moving forward with Christ” Your history embraces the heritage of the founding members of Irish decent, as well as the present members of predominantly African-American heritage, who have enriched your community with vibrant faith, education and service and are a blessing to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Most importantly, the gift of Catholic faith that you nurture and share is precious and I assure you that our entire Archdiocesan family is grateful for your 125 years of faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the 120-year legacy left by St. Agatha Parish School. Many thanks for your lives of faith and for the many ways you contribute to the life of your parish. With you, I thank not only your pastor, Father Larry Dowling, but the many priests and religious who have served your parish and community, in particular the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as the Little Sisters of Jesus and the Sinsinawa Dominicans.

Be assured of my continued prayers throughout this important time in the history of St. Agatha Parish. May God continue to watch over you and may your faith community experience a true witness of love during your anniversary celebrations. Please pray for me as I continue to pastorally lead the faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

St. Agatha Parish  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



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June 15, 2018

Rev. Larry Dowling  
St. Agatha Catholic Church  
3147 West Douglas Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60623

Dear Fr. Dowling:

Please extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire congregation on the occasion of the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Agatha Parish Sunday, June 24th at 10am with Cardinal Cupich. This remarkable celebration is a truly historic event for our entire community.

We thank St. Agatha for all you have shared with us over these past decades and for the light you have cast on our shadows. I trust that the entire St. Agatha family will find in their devotion ever new reserves of strength and vision. Truly, as you embark on these next decades, the best is surely yet to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny K. Davis".

Danny K. Davis  
Member of Congress

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*St. Agatha Catholic Church  
125th Anniversary Banquet  
Saturday, June 30, 2018*

*Program*

Reception

Instrumental music by M.U.S.I.C., Inc. String Quartet

Welcome

Opening Invocation – Rev. Lawrence R. Dowling

*Dinner*

Dinner Music provided by Dennis Smith & Company

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies – Ms. Wynona Redmond

Mistress of Ceremonies – Ms. Dorothy Tucker

Introduction of Speaker – Mr. John Fountain

Presentation of Awards:

Religious – BVM Sisters

Staff – Ms. Vicky Tillman

Parishioner – Ms. Phyllis Lee

Alumni/Educator – Dr. Doris Williams Langon

Benefactor – Mr. Anthony McKerr

Justice – Commissioner Robert Steele, Posthumously

Closing Remarks – Rev. Lawrence R. Dowling  
Pastor, St. Agatha Catholic Church

Benediction

Dancing



# ST. AGATHA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

A 125-Year Testimony of  
Faith and Resilience





St. Agatha Catholic Church has a long rich history that dates back 125 years. It has been a spiritual foundation for Chicago's North Lawndale community and a beacon of strength for the neighborhood and beyond. In 1893 the parish was formed to serve Irish immigrant families under the pastoral guidance of Reverend Michael A. Bonfield. St. Agatha's first mass was celebrated by Father Bonfield on June 19, 1893 at the Douglas Park Pavilion just blocks away from his home at 1320 S. Albany Avenue.

During that time, Catholic churches were growing rapidly in Lawndale, and in 1884, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, at Cermak Road and Central Park Avenue, was founded that year to serve Irish immigrant families. The first resident pastor at Blessed Sacrament was Father John A. Coughlin from Galway, Ireland. Eight years later, on October 23, 1892, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church located at 15th Street and Keeler Avenue opened its doors. The pastor, Reverend D. M. J. Dowling, served a community comprised of Bohemian immigrant families.

A third Catholic Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, located at 1312 S. St. Louis, was organized to serve German families who lived within the boundaries of St. Agatha Parish. It was founded June 6, 1898 under the auspices of The Most

Reverend Patrick Augustine Feehan, D. D., Archbishop of Chicago. Its first pastor was Reverend H. Kramer. The Sisters of Providence staffed the school that had an enrollment of 150 students.

At St. Agatha, Father Bonfield recognized that his growing parish needed a church, and thanks to a generous congregation, he was able to purchase land at Douglas Boulevard and Kedzie Avenue for the tidy sum of \$18,000. He was able to able to construct and complete a one-story church at 1417 S. Kedzie Avenue and celebrated St. Agatha's first Mass there on December 3, 1893. Eighteen months later, the brick edifice, designed by the architect Martin A. Carr, was enlarged to include a school that housed five classrooms and convent quarters for the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who operated the school. St. Agatha Catholic Church was officially dedicated on September 1, 1895. The arrival of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary had a profound effect on the development of the new parish. These nuns from Dubuque, Iowa enrolled 98 students when the school opened in September 1895. In 1901 they moved to 3143 W. Douglas Blvd, a three-story building designed by H.J. McMullen, completed at a cost of \$13,000. At that time, Father Bonfield purchased an additional five lots for \$12,523 to meet the needs of his

growing congregation.

In February 1897, ground was broken for a new parish residence at 3147 W. Douglas Blvd. The imposing Romanesque rectory was designed by William F. Gubbins and was completed at the cost of \$14,500 in August 1897.

In October 1903, ground was broken for a new church, the cornerstone of which was laid on June 26, 1904 and is visible at the front corner of the church on Douglas and Kedzie. The new church was designed by the architectural firm of Prindiville and Egan in a Romanesque and Byzantine style featuring a red sandstone facade. It stood at the southeast corner of Douglas Boulevard and Kedzie Avenue and cost \$125,000 to build. Officiating at the dedication on May 27, 1906 were Archbishop James E. Quigley and Archbishop John Glennon of St. Louis, Missouri.

In terms of territory, St. Agatha—which was then bounded by the B&O Railroad tracks at Fillmore Street, on the north; 16th Street on the south; Hamlin Avenue (now Independence Boulevard) on the west; and the Panhandle Railroad track at Campbell Avenue on the east—was one of the smallest parishes in the diocese, as half of its area was occupied by Douglas Park. There were 500 families with 600 students enrolled in the school in 1906. By 1910 the school's



peak enrollment reached 750 students.

When Father Bonfield died on October 23, 1915, he was succeeded by Reverend John J. D'Arcy, who came to the North Lawndale Community in November 1915 from Morris, Illinois where he had been Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church (now located in the Joliet diocese). During Father D'Arcy's tenure, new subdivisions arose west of Lawndale, and many families moved beyond the parish's boundaries. With fewer Catholics living in the neighborhood, the enrollment in the school began to decline.

After Father D'Arcy's death on April 25, 1926 at the age of 66, Father William J. Mockenhaupt, a former professor at Quigley Preparatory Seminary, succeeded him as pastor of St. Agatha. He also assumed the leadership of neighboring Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

From 1926 to 1934, Father Mockenhaupt directed a program of expansion and Catholic action. The convent was enlarged, the school was renovated, and a gymnasium was added. The gymnasium would later become the venue for roller skating for which St. Agatha became famously known. Almost immediately St. Agatha parish became the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) center for the Lawndale community.

By 1930, Russian Jews constituted half the population of North Lawndale. This neighborhood was once a community of single family dwellings and it became a city neighborhood with two- and three-flat apartment buildings. When Jewish families moved out of their old neighborhood near Maxwell Street, a number of

synagogues were established along Douglas Boulevard. Those that were in close proximity to St. Agatha Church included Douglas Hebrew Theological College, at 3448 W. Douglas Boulevard, and the Jewish People's Institute at 3500 W. Douglas Boulevard.

In December 1934, when Father Mockenhaupt was named pastor of St. Nicholas Church in Evanston, Illinois, he was succeeded by Rev. John B. Sprengel, who had been ordained in Rome in 1919. Because he spoke Italian as well as German, Father Sprengel had been appointed administrator of Italian parishes in Joliet and Chicago. Father Sprengel came to North Lawndale from Bridgeport, where he had been an assistant at the German parish of Immaculate Conception. Two years after his arrival at St. Agatha's, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church on Lexington Street was established to serve an Italian community.

Between 1930 and 1950, the large Russian Jewish population that had populated North Lawndale began to move into communities to the north, and by 1950 African-Americans had begun to replace them as the dominant ethnic group. The 1950s were a decade of "white flight," as the white population in North Lawndale dropped from 87,000 in 1950 to less than 11,000 in 1960, while the African-American population grew from 13,000 to more than 113,000. By the 1960s North Lawndale reached the height of its population of nearly 125,000 and was 91% African-American.

Father Sprengel's 21-year pastorate in Lawndale spanned a time of great demographic change, yet St. Agatha



remained a vital parish. He was active in the CYO, in Holy Name Cathedral initiatives, and in the development of the Legion of Decency. In November 1953 he was named a Domestic Prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor. Monsignor Sprengel died after a long illness on November 13, 1955, and Reverend Robert O. Youngs was appointed administrator of St. Agatha Catholic Church and later became St. Agatha's fifth pastor in January 1956. Under his leadership the church underwent a major renovation.

In February 1964, when Father Youngs was named pastor of St. Joachim Church on Chicago's South Side, Father Robert E. Burns was appointed pastor and Revs. Daniel J. Mallette and Owen F. McAteer associate pastors. This team of priests instituted many religious activities and worked closely with the school, parish, and community—especially the Greater Lawndale Conservation Council. Father Daniel Mallette, in particular, was very active in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, having marched in Selma, Alabama with Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. He is credited with starting the activist tradition at St. Agatha that continues to this day.

On January 4, 1968, Father Burns was transferred to St. Brendan Church on the South Side of Chicago, and Father John F. Barlow, the assistant pastor at St. Denis Catholic Church on Chicago's South Side, was appointed pastor of St. Agatha on January 30, 1968, serving this vital African-American parish for the next ten years. Father Daniel Mallette accepted a post at Lincoln Center College, a branch of Fordham University, in New York in February 1968. He later was later named pastor of Visitation Catholic Church on the South Side and was later reassigned to St. Margaret of Scotland, where he was pastor until his death.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was assassinated on April 4, 1968, and riots followed, destroying many of the stores along Roosevelt Road and accelerating a decline that led to a loss of 75% of the businesses in the North Lawndale community by 1970.

Father McAteer continued his work as a counselor with the Catholic Family Consultation Service and resided at St. Agatha Church until July 7, 1969, when he was transferred to St. Dorothy Catholic Church on the South Side of Chicago.

Under the leadership of Father John Barlow, the St Agatha School Board was formed in 1969, and in 1970, a parish council was formed that capitalized on the ability, leadership, and talents of St. Agatha's parishioners. The Women's Club also played a prominent role in keeping alive the spirit of St. Agatha parish through a long tradition of service to the church, school, and community.

The St. Agatha Choir was founded in 1972 under the direction of Frank Biggs and became the first Catholic gospel choir in the Archdiocese. The choir performed at Holy Name Cathedral, on the Rock of Ages television show, and at various parishes throughout



the archdiocese. On November 18, 1973, John Cardinal Cody presided at the 80th anniversary of the founding of the parish. The music for the Mass was performed by the newly organized gospel choir led by Frank Biggs.

Upon Father Barlow's reassignment in 1978, Reverend James J. Martin was named pastor of St. Agatha on February 15, 1978. He came to Lawndale from nearby Presentation Catholic Church, where he was the associate pastor. During his pastorate, St. Agatha's membership numbered about 225 registered families, with 235 children enrolled in the school taught by BVM Sisters along and eight lay teachers. Classes were held in mobile units located at 3146 W. Douglas Boulevard and also at the St. Agatha Community Center located at 1417 S. Kedzie. The latter became a popular meeting place for the youth of the parish. Father Gerald T. Gunderson was associate pastor from 1976 to 1981 at St. Agatha, along with its first permanent deacon to be ordained there, Deacon Roy H. Warren.

In 1980, two blocks north of St. Agatha Church on Kedzie and Roosevelt, construction began on Lawndale Terrace, a \$7 million apartment and townhouse complex for the elderly. The project included a 13 story apartment building containing 120 units and 30 two-story town homes. This project provided much needed housing for elderly Lawndale residents and was the first phase of a new construction project that would provide 2,000 new housing units over the next five years. Future plans also called for the renovation of approximately 2,000 existing housing units in the community.

It was during that time that the parish council and school board at St. Agatha submitted a proposal to the Archdiocese to replace the aging buildings, which were proving too costly to maintain. St. Agatha merged with the neighboring parish schools at Presentation and Precious Blood to become Our Lady of the Westside Catholic School. This would involve maintaining campuses at each site with a unified budget and operational plan. The proposal was approved in September of 1980, and the logo for Our Lady of the Westside was displayed at the three sites, including the St. Agatha's mobile units. It wasn't until January 30, 1981, however, that Cardinal Cody agreed to approve replacing the St. Agatha campus with a more modern and efficient structure. In February 1981, near the Feast Day for our patron saint, the Archdiocese procured the services of John C. Voosen Architects to design the new parish and worship center, primary school, pre-school, and parish hall. The parishioners approved the proposal in May of that same year. The cornerstone for the new church was laid in May 1982, and the new parish center was dedicated by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin on November 21, 1982.

Our Lady of the Westside School was formally established in 1983 under the leadership

of Father James Martin. In 1987, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, on Lexington Street closed and merged with St. Agatha, increasing its membership. In 1988, Father Martin was reassigned, and Rev. Michael T. Ivers became St. Agatha's ninth pastor.

The community, along with "Father Mike" expanded its outreach to organize the parish and evangelize the North Lawndale community. They provided support to the families of the incarcerated, assistance in building low-income housing for working families, and also helped fund Genesis House and Marillac House in their outreach for women and homeless men. Also during Father Mike's pastorate, the St. Agatha Youth Group, under the leadership of Ansonia Smith Gibbs, provided an outlet for teens to develop their faith as they participated in activities across the Archdiocese. During this time, Deacon Gregory Shumpert was ordained St. Agatha's second permanent deacon.

In 1991, under the guidance of Associate Pastor Reverend Matthew Foley, St. Agatha's Family Empowerment program (SAFE) was established to provide a safe haven for neighborhood youth as an alternative to gang involvement. It offered after-school, weekend, and summer programs for children that included tutoring, computer skill and peer leadership training, choir, drum, and dance. The program flourished under the guidance of Father Matt Eyerman, associate pastor; and directors Katherine Harris, the late Mr. Willie Bobbitt, Mr. David Wolfe, and several members of the Roman Family.







In February 2006, Father Lawrence R. Dowling accepted the call from Cardinal Francis George “to go deeper” in his ministerial journey and became St. Agatha’s eleventh pastor. In accepting the call, he has led the community forward in the activist tradition of his early predecessors with a leadership that is inspiring and empowering. Under his guidance the St. Agatha parish community has flourished and has developed a stronger sense of its catholic faith as it lives out the mission of Christ in North Lawndale. It was also during Fr. Larry’s pastorate that St. Agatha’s longest serving lay teacher, Mrs. Alma Sims, retired after a career teaching generations of St. Agatha children for more than fifty years.

Over the years, the Sisters Religious, among them: Jo Mary Davis, SND; Mary Macarius, BVM; Cathy Wright LSJ, Patricia Kerz BVM, Mary Ellen Meckley BVM, Nancy McCarthy BVM, Francine Chivot, LSJ; Olga Limon, LSJ; and Marilyn Derr, Sinsinawa Dominica, to name a few have stood with St. Agatha through adversity and triumph, encouraging the membership with their gentle and loving spirits, each fulfilling the role that God has called them to. In 2018, the BVMs celebrated 185 years of service to the Catholic Church.

Today, St. Agatha is the hub of an impressive array of program offerings and outreach initiatives with a focus on social justice and community empowerment. Among the many are:

- Participation in the Community Renewal Society
- Involvement in the Restorative Justice Community Court
- Creation of Peace Circles
- The St. Agatha Food Pantry
- The Winslow Redmond Technology Center
- Bible study classes
- Music education for youth through Music Inc.
- Community Evangelization Initiatives
- Youth Encounters the Savior (YES)
- Stress to Blessed Parenting Classes
- Stepping Classes
- The St. Agatha Poetry and Drama Club

After 125 continuous years of service to the North Lawndale community, we are proud to declare that “We Have a Testimony”!

**Resources:** A History of the Parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago

A Narrative Account of Our Mission (North Lawndale Community)

Archdiocese of Chicago Archives

North Lawndale News: Alex Nitkin (Weekend of Jan.22-24, 2016)

St. Agatha’s History (1982)

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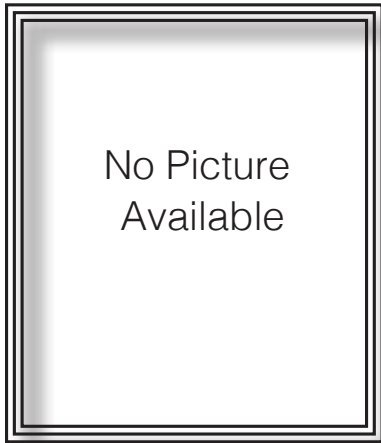
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Researched by: Jacquelyn Ingram and Patricia Winners

In July 2005, the Archdiocese made the painful decision to consolidate parishes on the West Side because of declining membership and a shortage of priests. As a result, Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Presentation merged with St. Agatha to become one parish community. This merger posed both challenges and opportunities for St. Agatha, but a significant number of the members of the merged parishes chose to join St. Agatha rather than to move their membership elsewhere enabling St. Agatha to become one parish united in Christ.

The year 2005 was the most difficult in the history of St. Agatha, as its faith was sorely tested by a sexual abuse scandal that caused upheaval not only for the members of St. Agatha, but the entire Archdiocese. At its center was St. Agatha’s pastor, Daniel R. McCormack, the successor to Father Mike Ivers, whose term at St. Agatha ended in 2000. In the wake of the scandal, Daniel McCormack was replaced by interim administrators Father Tom Walsh and Father Matt Eyerman until a permanent pastor could be assigned. One of the many casualties, besides the children whose lives were severely impacted, was Our Lady of the Westside School, which ultimately was re-named St. Agatha Catholic Academy as a means of alleviating the stigma attached to the school, where many of the abuse victims were students. Because of the after-effects of the scandal, the increase in the number of charter schools in North Lawndale as an alternative, and declining enrollment, the school was forced to close in 2014.

# Pastors of 1893-



Fr. Michael Bonfield 1893-1915



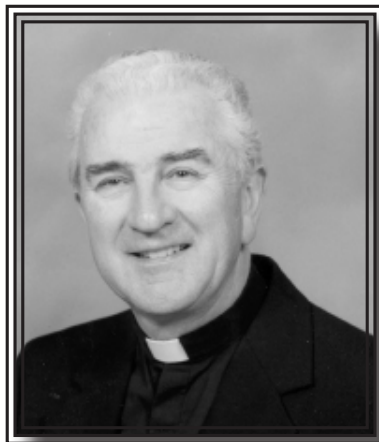
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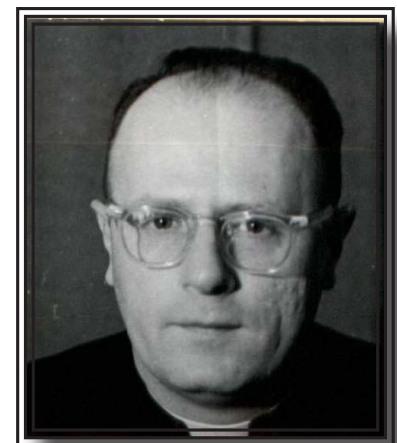
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Fr. Daniel J. Mallette 1964-1968



Fr. Owen F. McAteer 1964-1968

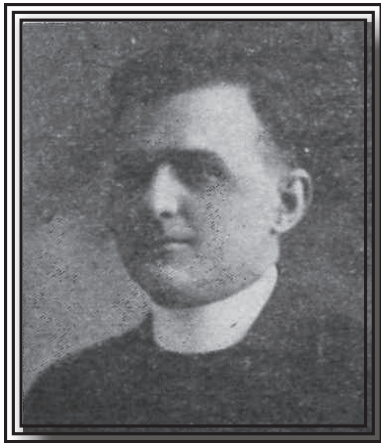


Fr. John Barlow 1968-1978

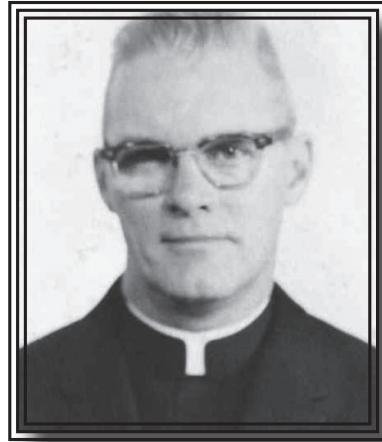


# ST. AGATHA

## 3-Present



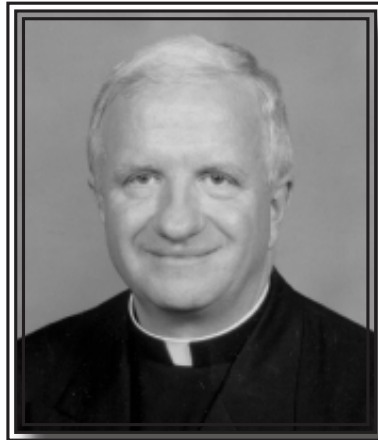
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Fr. Robert O Youngs 1956-1964



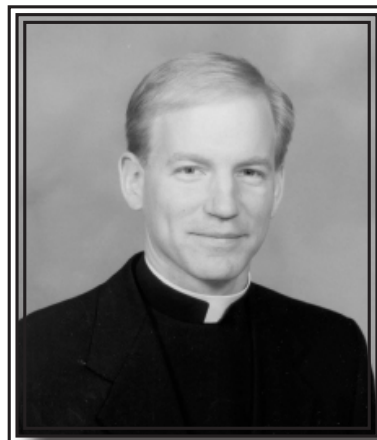
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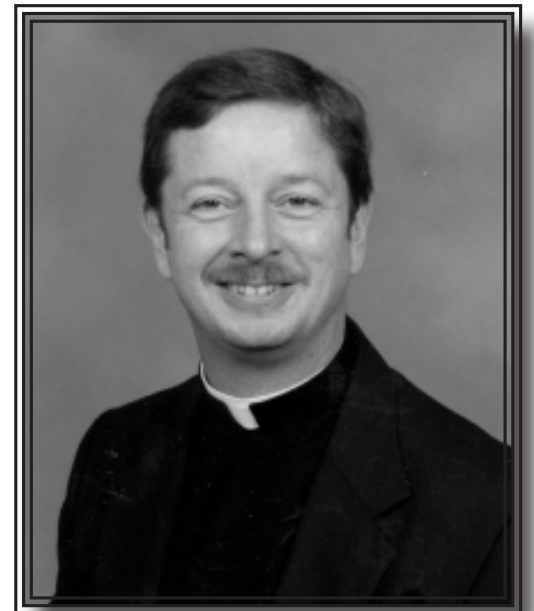
Fr. Mike Ivers 1988-2000



Fr. James J. Martin 1978-1988 10



Fr. Dan McCormick 2000-2005



Fr. Larry Dowling 2005-Present



# Happy 125th Anniversary

May God  
Continue  
To Bless  
The St. Agatha  
Community

St. Francis Xavier Parish  
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## *The Williams Family*



*Rayford\**



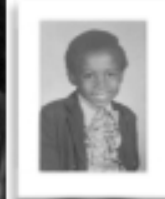
*Mahalia\**



*Willie Sr. & Mae Williams\**  
*50th Wedding*  
*Anniversary*



*Maurice*



*Daniel*



*Simone*



*Shirley*



*Ruby*



*Adrianne\**



*Doris*



*Brenda*



*Willie*



*Andre*



*Constance\**

The Williams Family proudly celebrates St. Agatha's 125th historic Anniversary. Parishioners since 1952, we are grateful benefactors of its unyielding focus on faith, family, education, and community. Family members have served as altar boys, choir, security, faculty, alumni and various organization members. Through the years, St. Agatha has been our Church Home for multiple Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Graduations, Weddings, Anniversaries and Home Goings.

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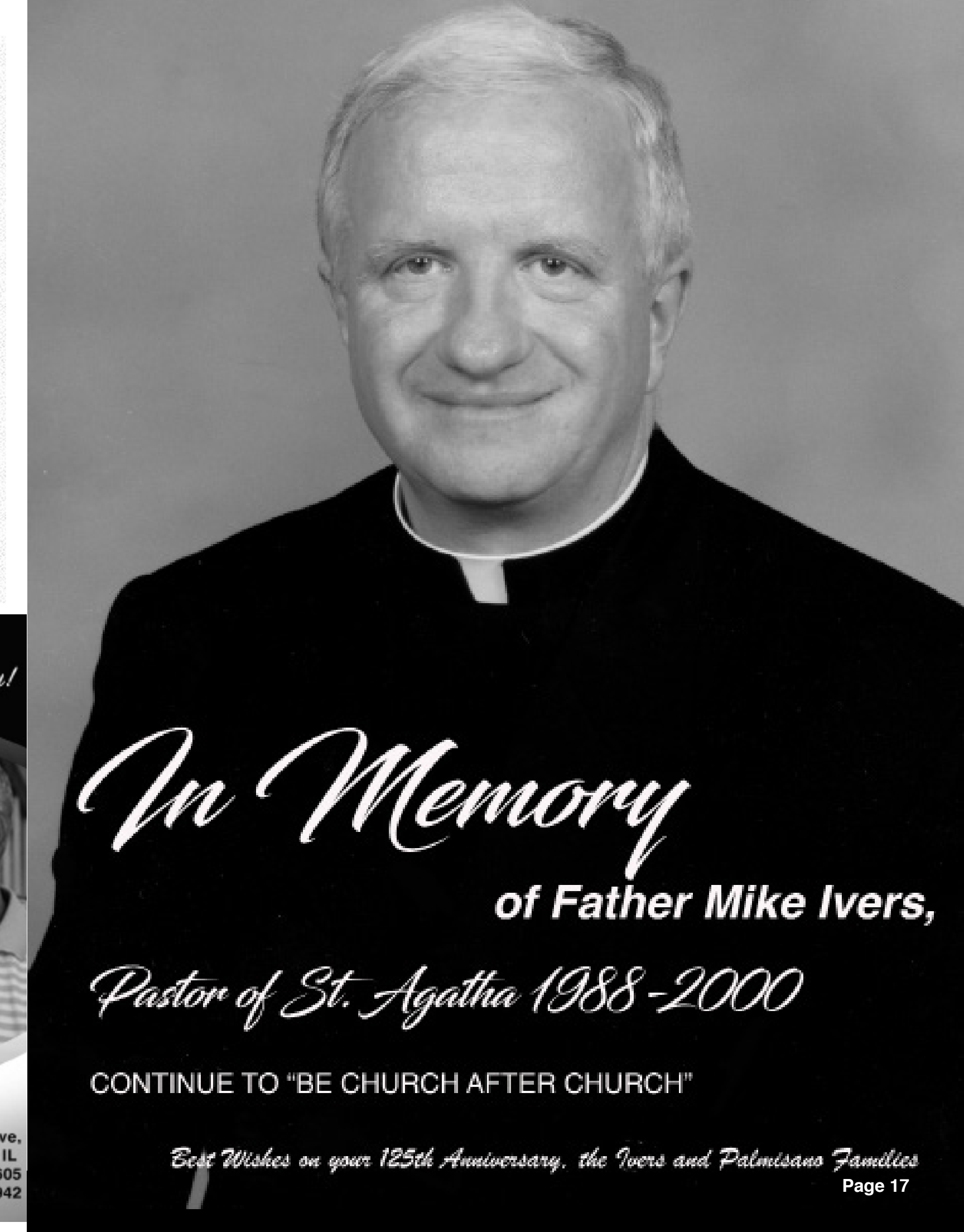
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of service to the  
North Lawndale  
community

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Choir Coordinator.

# In Memory of

*Frank & Catherine Moore*  
*Johnnie & Elizabeth Lattimore*  
*George Jackson*  
*Anika M. Hawkins*  
*Mary Clements*  
*Dennis C. Lattimore*



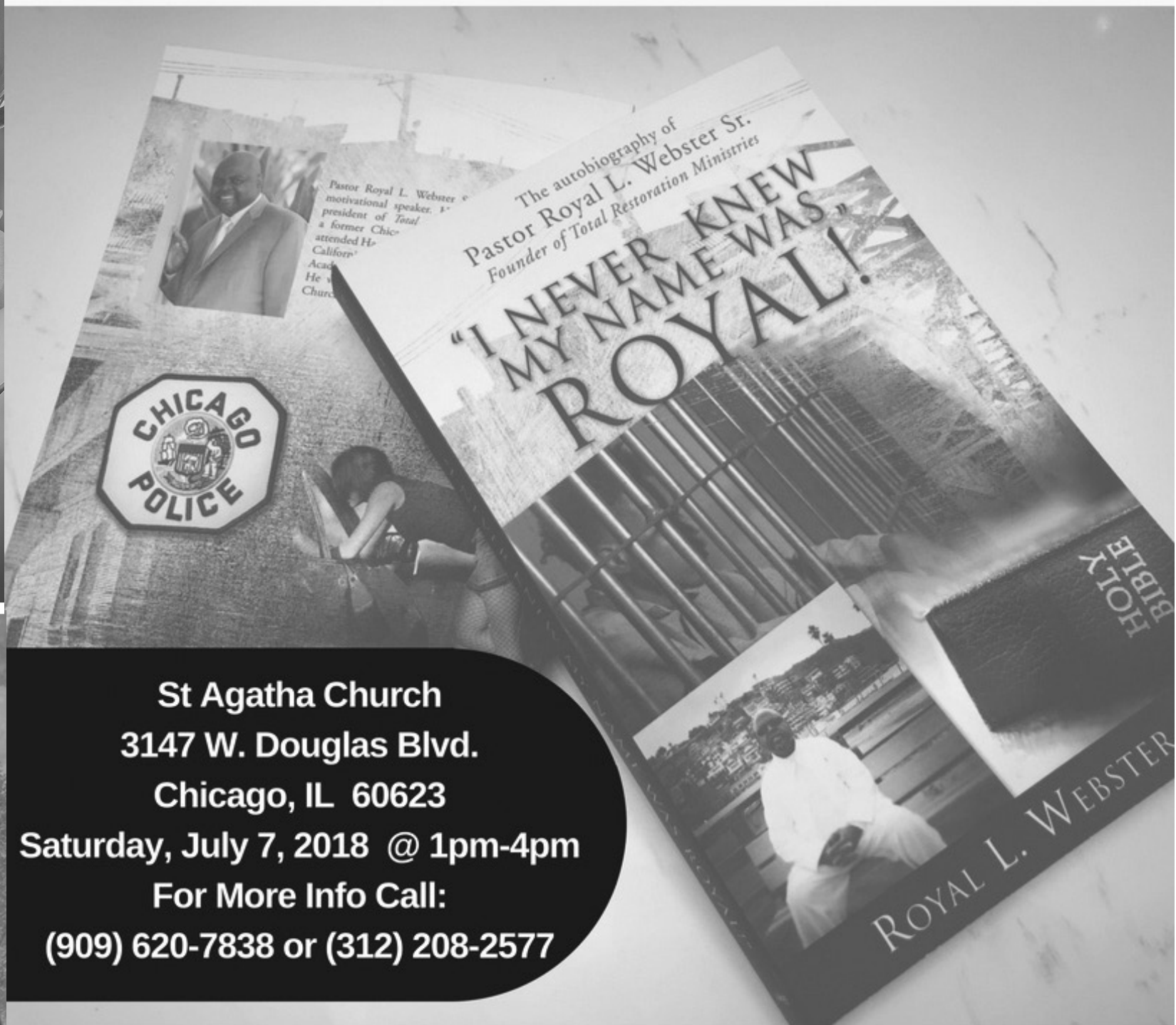
*James  
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Mary Beatty*

*in  
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*The wonderful people of St. Agatha Parish  
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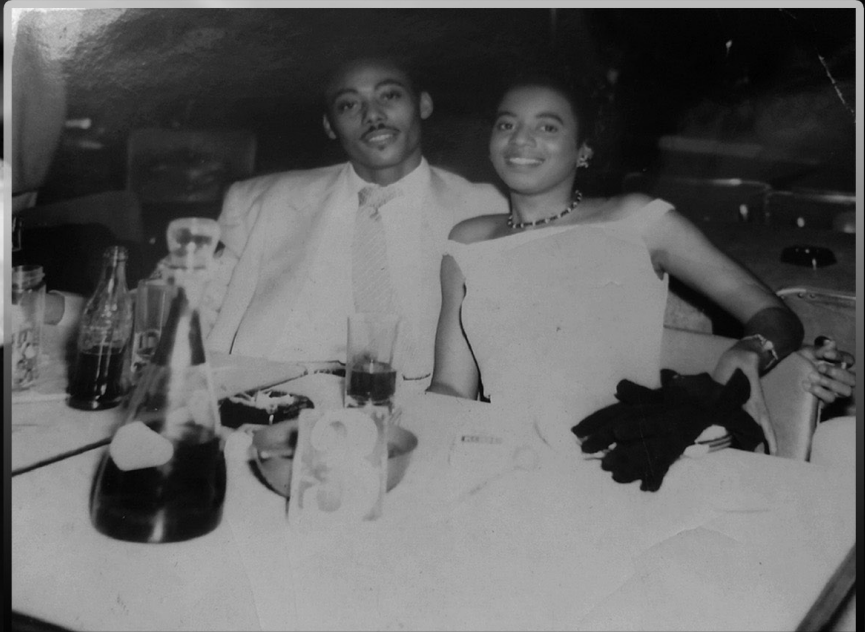
*For 125 years of service as a Catholic Parish  
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**May God grant you many more years  
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# In Loving Memory



of Sylvester and Renadar Curtis

Always in our hearts, the Curtis Girls

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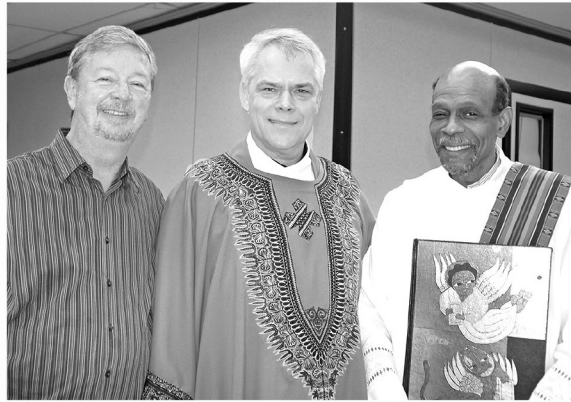
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**By this all people will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another.**

*~John 13:35*

**Congratulations to St. Agatha on reaching this great milestone!**

**Our long-standing relationship and collaboration over the years has been  
a blessing to us as we've gotten to know you and felt your love and spirit.**

**God's blessing to Fr. Larry Dowling, St. Agatha's staff,  
and the people of St. Agatha Parish as you launch into the next century.**

*Your sharing parish of St. Luke,  
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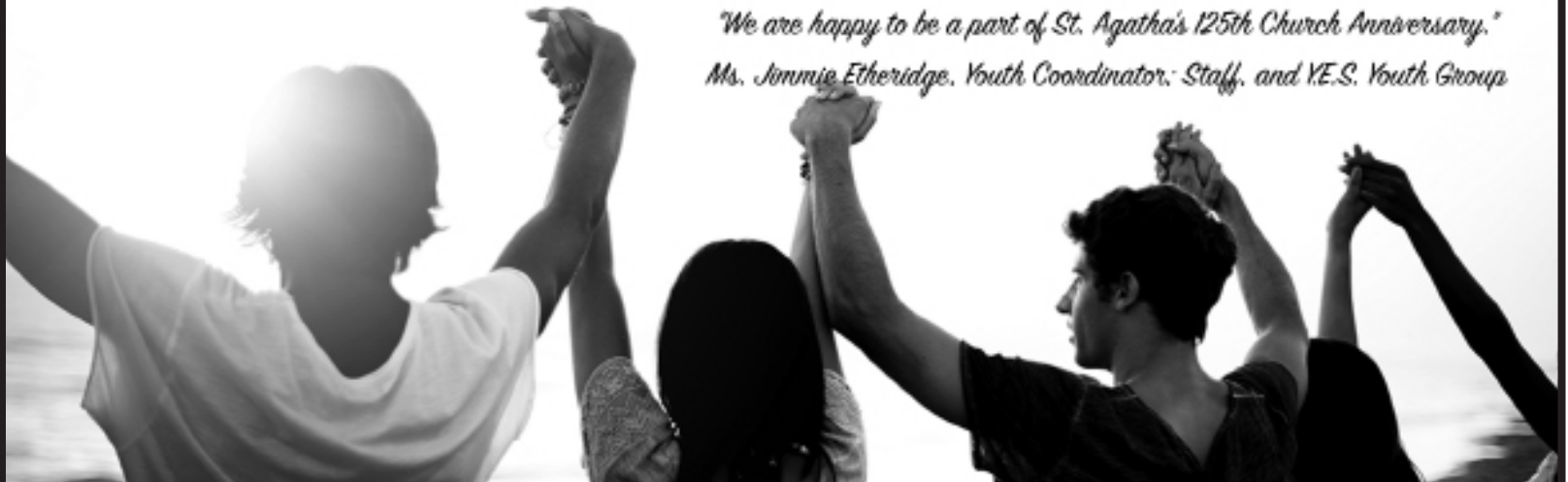
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**WHO WE ARE:** We are a Saturday faith-based program for youth. We invite parents with children from ages 7-12 and teens from ages 13-18 to enroll their children in Y.E.S.

The Program runs every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at St. Agatha from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at St. Agatha Church, 3151 W. Douglas Blvd., Chicago, IL 60623.

We offer a variety of activities, including Bible study, praise dancing, life skills training, and many more activities to nurture the body, mind, and spirit of our youth. You do not need to be a Catholic to participate.

*"We are happy to be a part of St. Agatha's 125th Church Anniversary."  
Ms. Jimmie Etheridge, Youth Coordinator, Staff, and Y.E.S. Youth Group*



For more information: contact Ms. [jimmieetheridge70@gmail.com](mailto:jimmieetheridge70@gmail.com) or St. Agatha Catholic Church - 1-773-522-3050



# *Congratulations*

ST. AGATHA

*on your*

# 125 *years*

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# *Best Wishes, St. Agatha on Your 125th Anniversary*

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