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100th Anniversary Celebration Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th, 2022 St. Adalbert/Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament 2347 East 83rd Street Cleveland, Ohio 44104 11:00 am

Presider: The Most Reverend Bishop Edward J. Malesic Concelebrating Priests: Fr. Gary Chmura, Fr. Ezer Uri Kasimo Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.S /Fr. Jerry Steinbrunner, C.PP.S /Fr. Clarence Williams, C.PP.S Deacon Hardin Martin

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Prelude:

Praise Dancers/St. Adalbert School

Oh, Happy Day / St. Adalbert 3rd Graders

Entrance Song: With Joyful Lips

The Glory

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40b-41(48c1)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 730: 2,4,5-6, 11-12, 13

2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Gospel Acclamation / Revelation 19

Profession of Faith / Prayers of the Faithful

Offertory Song: Praise Him / He Decided to Die

Communion Song, One Bread, One Body / He Decided to Die

Communion Reflection: Tumani Letu Mama Maria

Acknowledgements

Closing Song: He Arose

The Gloria

Glory, Glory to God in the Highest

And on earth, peace to men; Peace to men who are God's friends, (Glory...)

God almighty Father, heavenly King; We praise you and we bless you (Glory...)

We adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory (Glory...)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord lamb of God Lord Jesus Christ (Glory...)

You take away the sins of the world; Have mercy on us, receive our prayer (Glory...)

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; Have mercy, lord Jesus Christ (Glory...) You alone are holy; you alone are Lord; You alone are the most high (Glory...)

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son; Glory to the Spirit, now and ever more (Glory...)

Entrance Hymn

With Joyful Lips by Namanda

With joyful lips, O Lord, I will sing your praise, I will sing your praise; you are a feast for my soul.

- 1. O God you are my God and my hope, My soul thirsts after you.
- 2. Your glory I behold in the temple, your majesty enthroned.
- 3. More beautiful than life is your glory. My lips shall sing your praise.
- 4. So all my life I bless you O Lord, to you I lift my hands.
- 5. As one that you have called to your feast, my heart gives thanks to you.
- 6. The shadow of your wings is my shelter, My soul clings fast to you.
- 7. My thoughts have turned to you in the night at dawn I sing your praise.
- 8. For you have been the light of my soul, in you I put my trust.
- 9. To Father, Son and Spirit give glory, Both now and evermore.

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Communion Reflection

TUMAINI LETU MAMA / JOHN MGANDU (1992)

Tumaini letu Mama, (yetu) Mama Maria, Tumaini letu Mama (yetu), ee Mama mwema ndiwe tumaini letu ewe Mama yetu Maria (2x)

100th Anniversary OLBS

On behalf of the 100th Anniversary Committee, welcome to the community of St. Adalbert/Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament on this momentous occasion. We extend a sincere grateful and warm thank you to everyone who has made this day, year and event possible.

We especially extend our gratitude to Fathers Gene Wilson, Jerry Steinbrunner, Ken Pleiman, Gary Chmura, Sister Norbert Moline, Lydia Harris and James Smith for the vision and collaboration to continue to nurture the seeds of evangelization, excellence in education and pride in the African American Catholic community.

Thank you to the families and countless others who have tirelessly worked to continue the sharing, love, faith, and sense of belonging to what is and will always be the Blackjacks of St. Adalbert/ Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish and School Community. We've come this far by faith, working hand in hand to serve the Lord.

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Our spiritual beginnings...



Katharine Mary Drexel was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1858, to Francis Anthony Drexel and Hannah Langstroth. Her family owned a considerable banking fortune, and her uncle Anthony Joseph Drexel was the founder of Drexel University in Philadelphia. She had two natural sisters, Louise and Elizabeth. She took religious vows, and took the name Mother Katharine, dedicating herself and her inheritance to the needs of oppressed Native Americans and African Americans in the western and southwestern United States, and was a vocal advocate of racial tolerance. She established a religious congregation, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for

Indians and Colored People. She also financed more than 60 missions and schools around the United States, as well as founding Xavier University of Louisiana — the only historically Black, Roman Catholic university in the United States to date and staffing Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church and School (St. Adalbert/OLBS) in Cleveland Ohio, the oldest and first parish for African American Catholics to date.

Katherine was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1988, and canonized on October 1, 2000, as the second American-born saint. The Vatican cited a fourfold legacy of Drexel: A love of the Eucharist and perspective on the unity of all peoples; courage and initiative in addressing social inequality among minorities; her efforts to achieve quality education for all; and selfless service, including the donation of her inheritance, for the victims of injustice. She is known as the patron saint of racial justice and of philanthropists. (Wikipedia, Saint Katharine Mary Drexel)



St. Gaspar del Bufalo founded the Society of the Precious Blood in Giano, Italy, on August 15, 1815. Here, in the 10th century abbey of San Felice, our founder opened the gates of an ardent devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ. The preamble of the C.P.P.S. constitution captures this new beginning: Early in his life, gaspar showed a great concern for the poor and sick. Perhaps because he came from family of meager means and because he himself had been a sickly child from family of meager means and because he himself had been a sickly child (almost dying at the age of two, only to be cured through the intercession of St. (almost Avier), Gaspar's compassion for the poor and outcasts consumed him. Francis Xavier), Gaspar's compassion for the poor and outcasts consumed him. Gaspar died on December 28, 1837. The medical report called him a "victim of charity" because even though he was in ill health himself, he ministered to the

victims of the cholera epidemic that broke out in Rome. Gaspar was beatified in 1904 and canonized a saint on June 12, 1954. (Wikipedia, Saint Gaspar del Bufalo)

Our Journey...

In the fall of 1921, several colored Catholics frustrated, not welcomed in the white catholic community and tired of being forced to meet in the lower-level chapel in the basement of St. Joseph Franciscan Catholic Church on East 22nd and Woodland Avenue, began to meet to discuss a church for colored Catholics that could meet the spiritual, educational and cultural needs for the advancement of colored Catholics. This meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lomax; among those who met were Murcy Adams, Oliver Waters, Frank Petite, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson, Elizabeth and Kathryn Smith. Subsequent meetings were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. There were of forty persons in attendance. Having developed a plan to petition the diocese for their needs, they formally met with Bishop Schrembs.

Bishop Schrembs, presiding over a meeting at St. Bridget's Hall on East 22nd St. and Woodland Avenue (St. Joseph Franciscan Parish), formally declared the establishment of a parish for the Colored Catholics of Cleveland. He named Rev. Thomas McKenney as the first pastor. Donations were solicited at this meeting, the Bishop donated one thousand dollars. The bishop estimated that the church could be built for \$25,000.00 they were able to find a donor of that amount, they would have the right to name the church.

This event took place on April 11th, 1922. Black and white Catholics held card parties and other events to raise funds needed to build the Church. The cost of the church totaled \$46,000.00.

The Franciscan community continued to allow the Colored Catholics to continue use their facilities until they were able to construct a church of their own. On November 2, 1922 (the feast of All Souls) ground was broken for the construction of the new church. The cornerstone was laid on December 3, 1922. The location of the parish would be 2354 East 79th Street.

During this time Bishop Schrembs wrote Mother Katherine Drexel (foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Mother Drexel was canonized on October 1, 2000) to request assistance/teachers for the parish and school. Fr. Thomas McKenny also paid a personal visit to Mother Drexel at the Mother house located in Cromwell (now Bensalem) Pennsylvania to seek assistance/staffing for the parish and school. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament arrived on August 24th. The school and parish were served by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament from 1922 until 1985. Among the first arrivals were the Mother Superior Mary Evangelista, Sister Mary of Lourdes, Sister Mary Amelia, Sister Mary Francis Xavier and Sister Mary Ignatia. Fr. McKenny met the Sisters at the railroad station on East 55th and Euclid Avenue with a delegation of parishioners. The Sisters resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams until a suitable home could be refurbished for a convent. The sisters immediately began their apostolic activity visiting hospitals and providing instructions in the Catholic Faith to adults and children.

- June 24th, 1st mass and dedication of OLBS. Fr. McKenny became the first pastor from 1922-1934. Church seating capacity was 280 people.
- Three room frame schoolhouses built under the auspices of Fr. McKenny and in collaboration with the Cleveland Catholic Diocese and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, benefactors, and friends. Grades 1-4 were taught. There were approximately 100 students.
- .930 School taught grades 1-8. 1st graduating class three young men and two young women. The parish had 1,000 members (340 families, 70 converts)
- 1934 Fr. Michael L. Stevenson appointed as second pastor of OLBS, with the understanding he would work to make the parish financially sound.
- 1936 Convent was placed on Sheriff's sale. Monsignor Smith with the assistance of parishioners, benefactors and friends managed to raise enough funds to refinance the parish debt and stop the sale of the convent.
- After numerous attempts to secure assistance from religious orders to serve the needs of the African American community, Bishop Schrembs requested and received the assistance of the Society of the Precious Blood, Cincinnati Province for the parish. June 22, 1937 Fr. Melchior Lochtefeld, C.PP.S became the third pastor of OLBS.
- 1937 Fr. Lochtefeld, while nurturing the spirituality of the parish and overseeing the material condition of the physical plant of OLBS, initiated vocational training programs, acquired playground equipment for the school, and encouraged participation in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO).
 - Under the guidance of Fr. Lochtefeld and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Choirs were formed for the men, women, children and teenagers. OLBS began producing its own plays and light operas.
- 1943 Fr. Aloys G. Friedrich named as fourth pastor of OLBS. Fr. Lochtefeld assigned as the first pastor of St. Edward; the second parish established for black Catholics. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament served as teachers/educators of the school.
- 1958 First proposed by St. Adalbert's Pastor, (Fr. Clarence Liederbach), that St. Adalbert should consider merging with OLBS. The conversation fell on deft ears. The membership continued to decline as the neighborhood continued to change. White flight led the Fairfax community becoming a predominantly African American community.
- The membership of St. Adalbert continued to decline, while OLBS continued to grow and was in dire need of a new school and larger church. Bishop Edward F. Hoban (later named Archbishop of Cincinnati) decided to move OLBS to St. Adalbert. The people of OLBS would have to build a school. February 1, 1961, OLBS and the Society of the Precious Blood took

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possession of the physical plant of St. Adalbert which consisted of the church, rectory and convent. There were no active parishioners.

The parishioners, the Society of the Precious Blood, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and benefactors raised the funds to build the new school.

The Bishop's letter stated: "St. Adalbert will continue to be the principal patron of the parish as a tribute to the contributions of the Bohemian community; the secondary title and patroness will be Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament."

- June Construction of the school completed. Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and students carried desks, books from OLBS to the new school located at St. Adalbert. The modern history of St. Adalbert/OLBS parish began under the auspices of Fr. Leonard Sudhoff.
- 1966-1972 Sr. Mary Norbert Moline served as the first African American Principal of SA/OLBS. She was also responsible for instilling the importance of black values in students.
- Lydia Harris began as a kindergarten teacher and continued to become the first lay principal of St. Adalbert School (1966-1996). Under her auspices, the seven core principles and black pledge were added to the school curriculum. The school converted the existing kitchen/cafeteria and built a new kitchen/cafeteria (Harris Hall-1993) to accommodate the 400 students enrolled at St. Adalbert.
- 1969-1977 Fr. Wilson became the first Black pastor in Cleveland and the eighth pastor of St. Adalbert/OLBS. He served as co-pastor from 1969-1970, he served as pastor from 1970 until May of 1977. Fr. Gene had the statues of Jesus, St. Joseph and Mary, the Last Supper on the main altar and the stations of the cross painted black to reflect the faith community of SA/OLBS. Fr. Gene Wilson encouraged Lemuel Walcott to re-establish the Holy Name Society.
- 1978-1999 Fr. Steinbrunner was named pastor in November of 1978 June 30, 1999.

Vision

- Continue programs to serve the poor in the area
- Evangelize neighborhoods and minister to those in prison
- Have a parish community center and school gymnasium.
- Fr. Jerry began purchasing the properties surrounding St. Adalbert/OLBS. Fr. Ken Pleiman and Fr. Gary Chmura continued purchasing the surrounding properties.
- School expansion/Harris Hall construction completed 1995
- 1999-2010 Fr. Kenneth Pleiman, C.PP.S. was assigned as the eleventh pastor on July 1, 1999.

Mission statement developed in collaboration with school administration and Parish Council:

"The Community of St. Adalbert/OLBS is empowered by the Holy Spirit and bound to one another by a commitment of faith in Jesus Christ. We are a community that seeks to share the Catholic Faith with our brothers and sisters. Our hope is the life-giving message of Jesus Christ. That message calls us to truth, but justice, peace, and a joyful heart. Our faith community also supports a Catholic School that provides quality justice, peace, and a joyful heart. Our faith community also supports a Catholic School that provides quality education for children. St. Adalbert/OLBS Church and School are places where adults and children are free education for children. St. Adalbert/OLBS Church and School are places where open to all the possibilities to develop physically, spiritually, psychologically, emotionally, and become open to all the possibilities within them."

2010 St. Adalbert/OLBS was among 52 parishes affected by the merger/consolidation and suppression in the Cleveland Diocese. Of the 52 parishes, 13 appealed to the Vatican. 12 were successfully reopened. Of the 12, SA/OLBS was the only parish served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and the only African American parish to reopen.

July 2, 2012 Fr. Gary Chmura became the 12th pastor of St. Adalbert/OLBS. August 12, 2012 was the opening mass, the Apostles of Jesus assisted with the ministering of the parish. Although a diocesan priest, Fr. Gary accepted the spirituality of the Precious Blood.

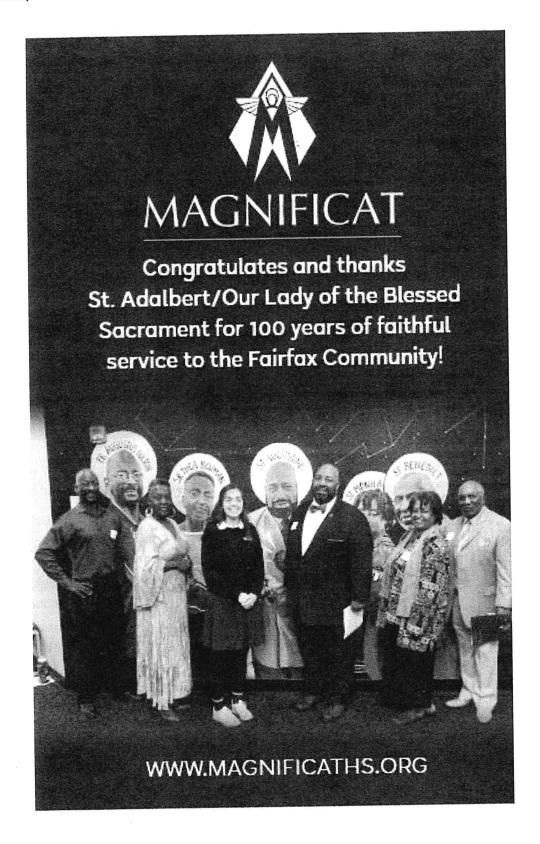
September 2014 Rectory was converted to a convent to house the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary. The convent was named Sr. Bakhita. The first nuns arrive: Sr. Rita Mary Mremba, Sr. Jacinta Kimaro

Saint Adalbert/OLBS Catholic School is recognized for providing a quality Catholic education steeped in tradition with real world results. Curriculum and instruction are the vehicles by which we provide our students with a solid academic foundation to prepare them for high school and beyond.

Under the leadership of James Smith, we have consistently added students for six straight years, has presented fiscal and facility challenges, hampering our efforts to meet the diverse needs of our students and families. Currently, the school is over capacity and relies on several temporary mobile units for classrooms, IEP support, reading intervention, and office space.

2018 -By the grace of God and a generous donor, St. Adalbert/OLBS school was able to construct a 13,000 square foot, state of the art, facility to provide our early learners an instructional environment that is rich and authentic. The New Early Childhood Learning Center includes: Nine modern classrooms, that is rich and authentic for younger students, beautiful outdoor play area with green space. A foundation of learning for the students' most important years: Pre- Kindergarten to Grade 2.





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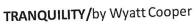
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May God continue to bless and keep St. Adalbert/OLBS.









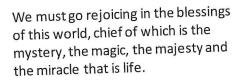


Life itself is brief, and yet each life encloses all eternity. We are, all of us, separately and together, engaged on the same tough journey.

Each of us alike tastes of its joys and its sorrows. Each of us gets by as best he can.



And we must, whenever possible, reach out to each other, tentatively to touch, with our hands, with our eyes, and with our hearts. We must wish for each other love and laughter, smiles and sunshine, good thoughts and happy days.













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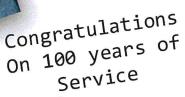
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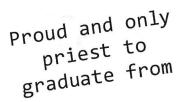


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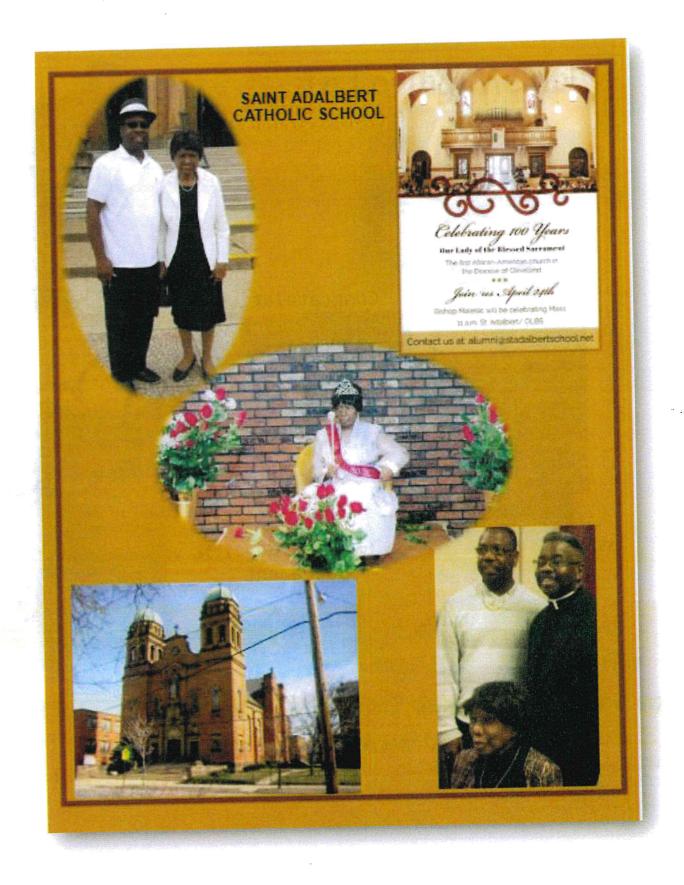
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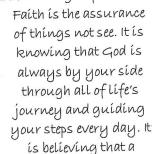
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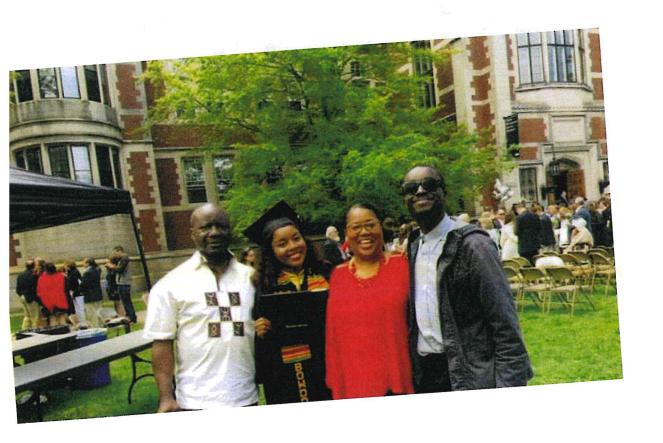
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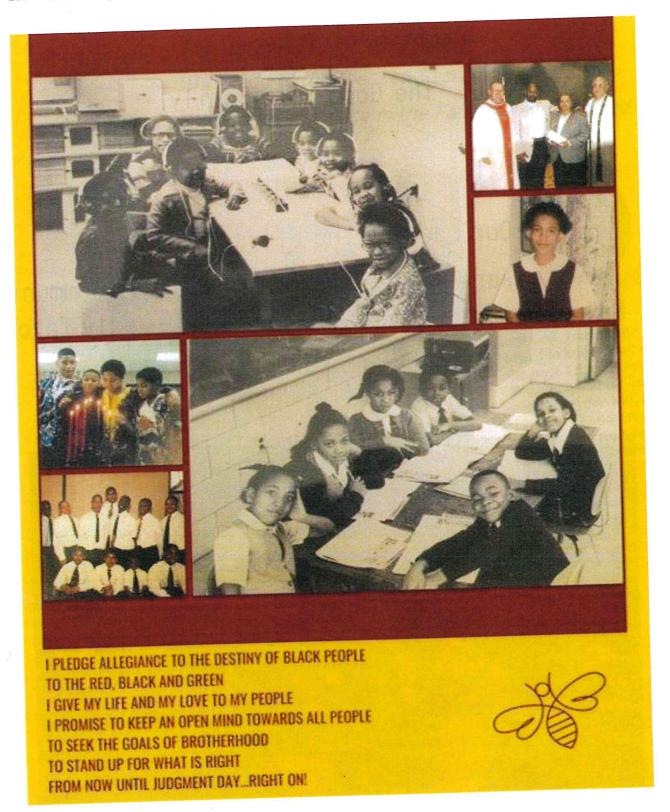
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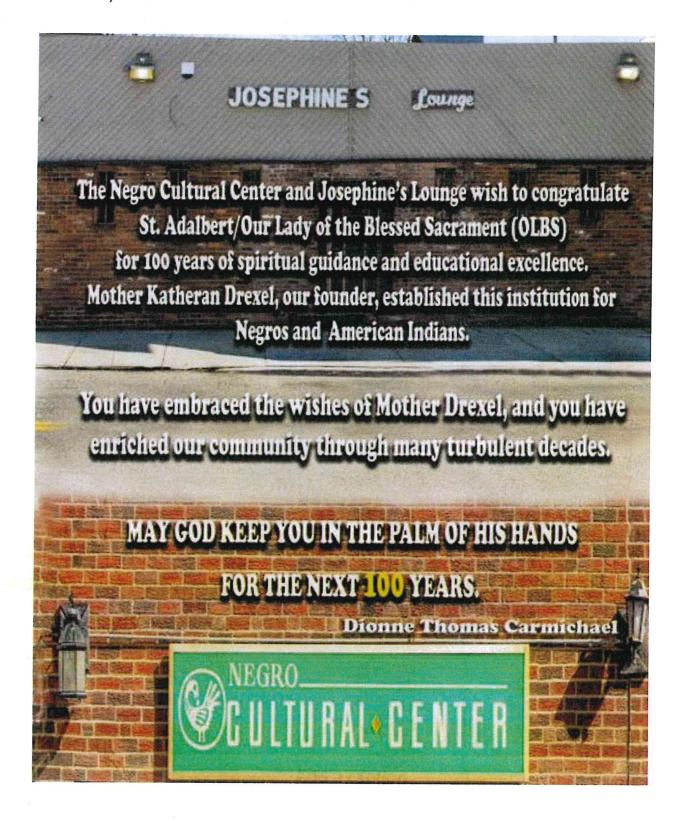
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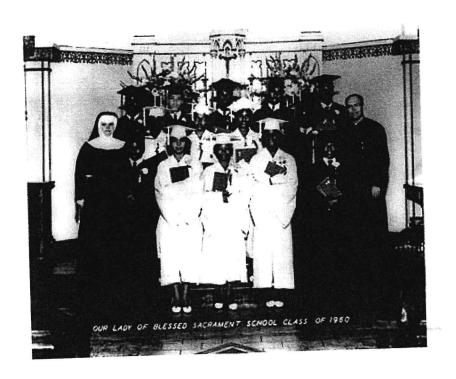
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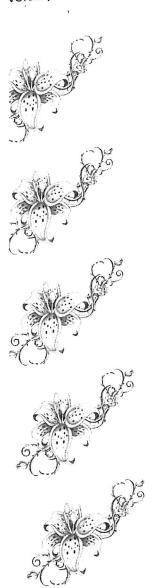
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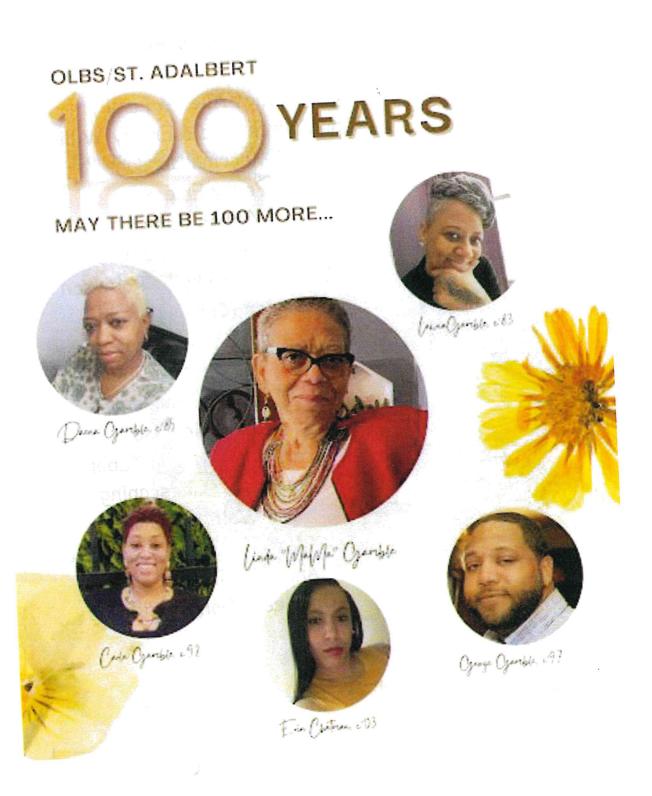


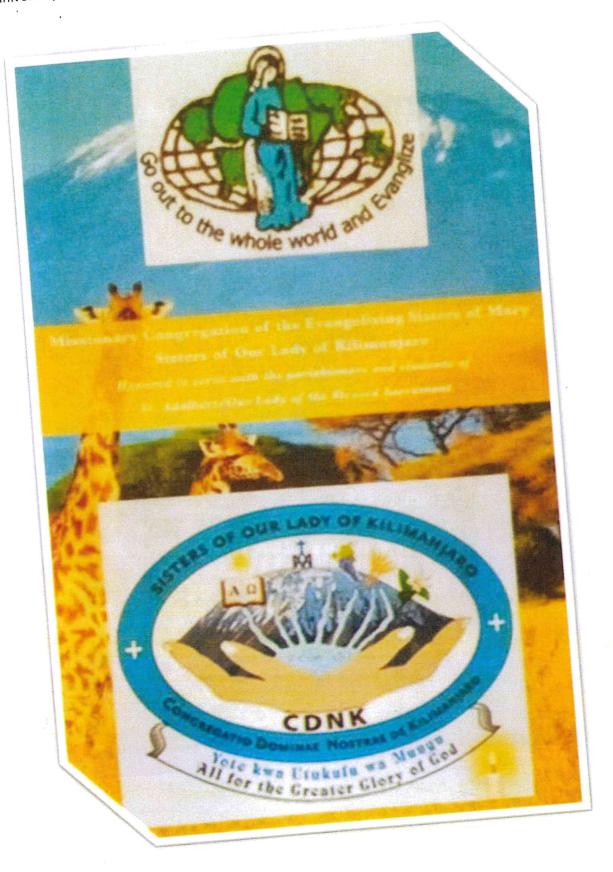
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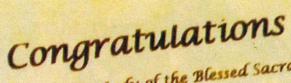


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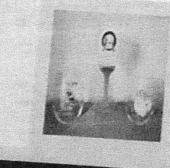
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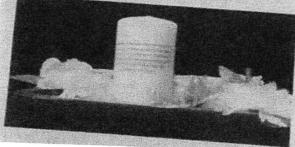
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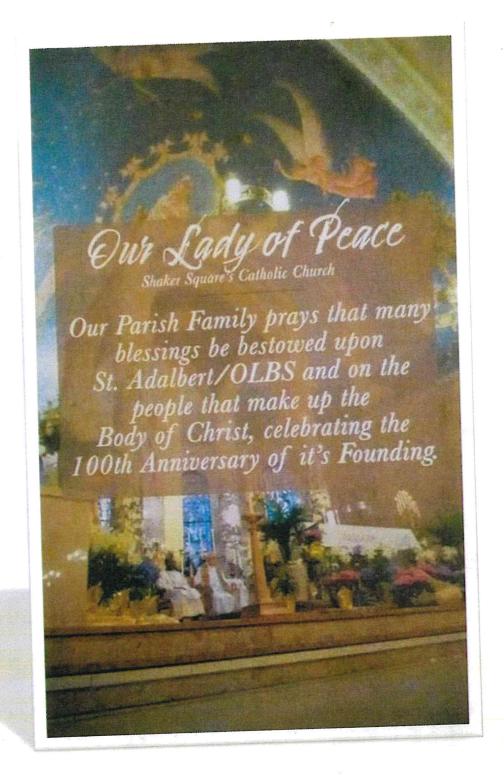
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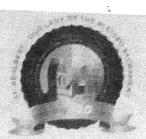
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