## How Much Do You Know about St. Leo History? --2--

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In anticipation of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November, we'll be posting questions about the history of St. Leo's in the newsletter. (Answers will appear the following month). We'd love to have your input. Share your memories and questions by calling Angela at 921-1044.

- 1. What was the original name of the street that is now known as St. Leo Place?
- 2. What city award did the parish receive in 1962?
- 3. Two sites were considered to build the church? What was the site that wasn't chosen?
- 4. What were the original boundaries of St. Leo's parish?
- 5. Where did the sisters who taught at the school originally live?
- 6. When was the pipe organ installed in the church?
- 7. Who was the first lay teacher at the school?
- 8. Who painted the murals on the ceiling of the church? What did they depict?
- 9. Who was pastor at the time of St. Leo's golden jubilee?
- 10. What is the name of St. Leo's sister parish in Haiti?

## **Answers to Last Month's Questions**

- **1.** What do St. Clara, St. Martin, St. Margaret, and St. Catherine have in common with St. Leo? *All were considered as names for the parish.*
- 2. Where did the first members of the parish gather for Mass? What was the yearly rent? *The second floor of a carpenter shop was rented from a Mr. Atchison at what is now* 1860 Baltimore Avenue at a cost of \$175 a year.
- 3. Who was the first pastor? *Father Francis Varleman was named the first permanent pastor in 1886.*
- 4. Who was pastor for our centennial in 1986? Fr. Norman Langenbrunner
- 5. What was the order of nuns who taught at the school for over 90 years? *The Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, Indiana.*
- 6. What do you know about Sister Tarcisius Hiemer? *She taught first grade for nearly 50 years sometimes with as many as 70 students in the classroom.*
- What does it mean when it says the church worshipped in "the catacombs" for Mass? From 1904 until 1911 when the present church was completed, services were held in what is now the undercroft.
- 8. When did St. Leo's school close? *The school closed in 1979.* What school became the school for the parish? *St. Boniface School in Northside became our consolidated school and students from the parish are enrolled there today.*
- **9.** What involvement did the current pastor, Fr. Jim Schutte, have with St. Leo's as a seminarian? *Fr. Jim was a group of seminarians who did summer street ministry in English Woods and the Fairmount area.*
- **10.**Why did the thrift store/food co-op sell penny candy? *The person who sold the building made selling penny candy a condition of the sale.*