
TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. LUCY'S PARISH

During the past 50 years many changes have come to Blue Anchor: farms have given way to residential housing, back roads have become major state highways, schools have been consolidated, people have been born, have died, and have changed. The parishioners of St. Lucy's have come from the days of no Catholic church to the building of the present church, from the years of the 25¢ a week debt collection to the burning of the mortgage, from the many years of being a mission to the status of a parish with its own mission. The Mass has changed from Latin into English; the altar pulled away from the wall so that the priest faces the congregation; the church remodeled, and priests have come and gone, and died.

With all of the changes, there remains one constant factor, namely, you the parishioners. It is for people that Jesus came. It is for people that he died. It is for people that a church building should exist. No church building gives glory to God by itself. What gives glory to God is the people. As we are united in faith, charity, support, acceptance, forgiveness, then glory is given to God. You and I are the building blocks, and as we are cemented together, WE build the building that is pleasing to the Lord.

Naturally, a golden anniversary of a church is a time to be nostalgic, to look back, to share memories, to meet old friends, to instruct the youth on their heritage. It is also a time to consider one's faith, to become the kind of person God wants you to be. It is a time for the believer to consider that HE is the church.

May the years to come bring you peace in your lives. May the experience of the love of God fill your hearts so that you may share it with others. Whether the church building stands or falls, only through you will the Church truly live and grow.

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