

History of St. Joseph Parish continued.

1925 – 2003

Two Administrators Serve the Parish from 1982 - 1983



Father Eamon Tobin. After the Death of Father Smith, Father Tobin became the administrator of St. Joseph until a new pastor would be assigned. Many hoped that he would be appointed pastor, but he wrote, “Let us as individuals, as families, and as a parish community make constant intercession to the Lord that He will send us a Shepherd after His own heart.” (Jer.3L15). In March 1982, he instituted a parish census because no census of the parish had been made since 1969. On May 2, he presented Roselyn Quinn and Margaret DeHaven with Papal Blessings for their many years of service to the parish.



Father Robert McGuire was later appointed by Bishop Thomas Grady to continue to administer the parish until a permanent pastor would be appointed. In a letter in *The Chronicle*, Father estimated the parish to have about 1500 families with active “mainstream” Catholics numbering between 3000 to 3500. The purpose of his letter was to invite the six hundred to seven hundred families who attend church infrequently to “Come Home for Christmas.” He encouraged all who had family members or who knew of Catholics like this to “open the door” to the church again.