



## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HOLY NAME COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Holy Name's first women's organization- The Ladies Guild- began in 1916.

In 1918, an Altar Society and Mother's Club were also started.

Father Cunningham, (*Pastor from 1916-1935*) decided that the three groups should be combined under the name of the Altar and Rosary Society.

In the early 1970's the name was changed to the Women's Club of Holy Name Church which lasted until 1999 when it became the Holy Name Council of Catholic Women and joined the overall Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The primary stated objective of the women's groups at Holy Name has always been the spiritual development of the group. It also unites all women of the parish to aid and maintain projects of benefit to the parish and the surrounding community.

Responsibilities and projects include providing for Altar Care and Sacristan, fundraisers such as the rummage, boutique and bake sales, support such as sending Sunshine Cards and praying for those in need, donations to things like the Fall Festival, Tandem and Risen Christ and social events such as bingo, Thanksgiving meals and craft nights.

All women, of all ages are welcomed to participate in the CCW!