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*Dedication
of
St. Catherine of Siena
Church*

Preston, Connecticut

Sunday

April 24, 1960



St. Catherine of Siena Church, Preston, Connecticut



DIOCESE OF NORWICH

201 Broadway
NORWICH, CONN.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 18, 1960

Dear Father Murphy:

I look forward with great pleasure to officiating next Sunday at the dedication of the new church in Preston which has been built under your direction. It will be for me an occasion of special importance, since Saint Catherine's will be the first church I shall have the privilege to dedicate as Bishop of Norwich.

When I visited the site of the new church with you recently, I was struck by its simple beauty. It is truly a House of God. All who shared in its building have a right to feel proud of their work. This church which will fill a long-felt need for a proper place of worship in the area is a monument to the faith and generosity of your people. I am grateful to you, their pastor, for the inspiring leadership you have given them.

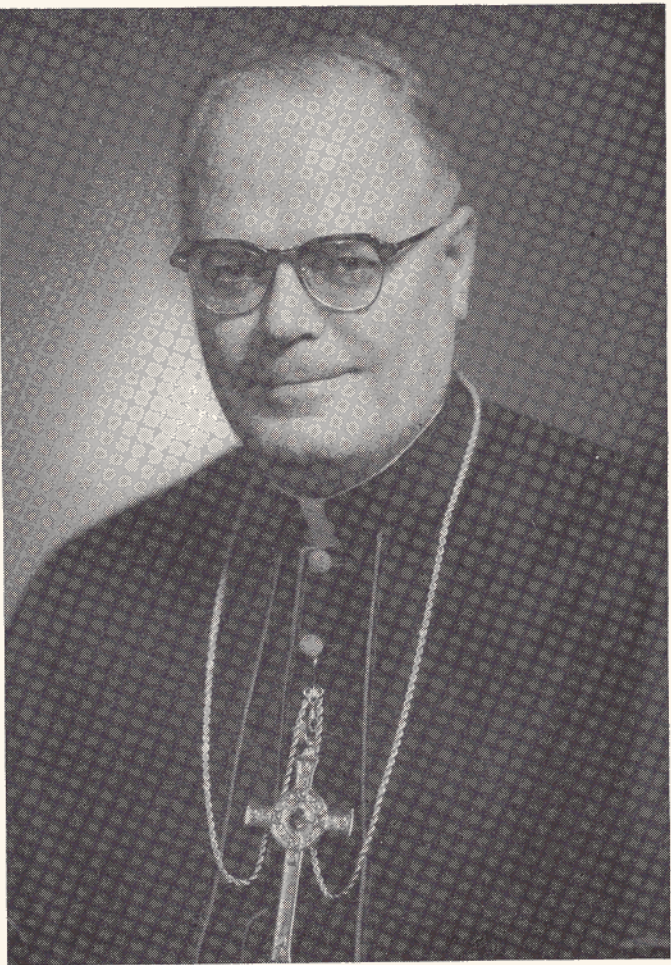
It is my sincere hope and prayer that Our Blessed Lord will shower His blessings upon the priests and people of Saint Catherine's, and that this Day of Dedication will mark the beginning of an era of rich spiritual growth and development for the Catholics of Preston.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ Vincent J. Hines

Bishop of Norwich

Very Reverend Vincent D. Murphy
Saint Mary's Rectory
Jewett City, Connecticut



His Excellency
The Most Reverend Vincent J. Hines, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Norwich

HISTORY OF THE PARISH

For many years the Catholics in the town of Preston were under the jurisdiction of the Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Norwich, but in the year 1954 The Most Reverend Bernard J. Flanagan, Bishop of Norwich, transferred that jurisdiction to the Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Jewett City, to Monsignor Alfred F. Driscoll.

He arranged for Mass to be offered up every Sunday and Holyday of Obligation in the Community Center at Preston City, the first Mass being celebrated there on December 19th, 1954. At first catechism was taught in the Community Center but later on classes were also held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Lambert in the Poquetanuck section of the town.

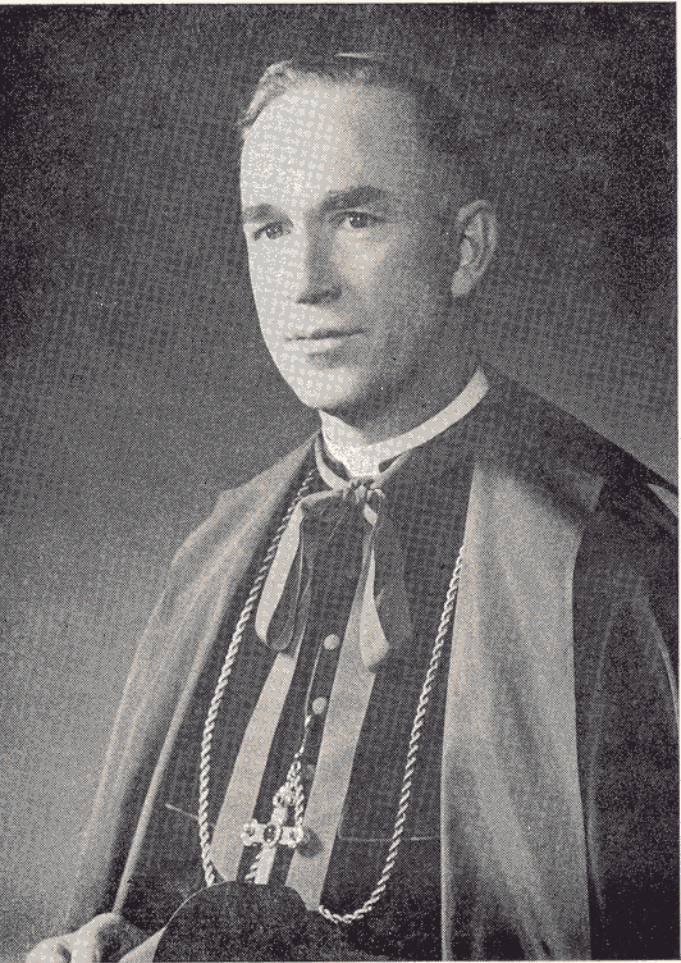
In June, 1957, Monsignor Driscoll was transferred to St. Mary's Church, New London, and was succeeded by the Reverend Vincent D. Murphy, Pastor of St. John's Church, Montville. So that more children might be able to participate in the religious instruction program, arrangements were made for the teaching of catechism in the Preston City and Poquetanuck Public Schools and this program is still in effect.

During the pastorate of Monsignor Driscoll the Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel was organized. Under the direction of Father Murphy this group continued its zealous work and became the nucleus of a drive for a church that would provide for the spiritual needs of all Catholics in the Town of Preston.

In the year 1959 four acres of land was donated to the embryonic parish by the William O'Neil Family of Norwich. A successful financial drive was launched and with help from the Norwich Diocesan Development Fund, ground was broken for the new St. Catherine Church in July, 1959. With the Dedication of the church today by His Excellency, Most Reverend Vincent J. Hines, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Norwich, the dreams and plans of the Catholics of Preston become a reality.

Mention must be made of the invaluable service rendered to St. Catherine's by the Sisters of the Holy Ghost of St. Mary's Convent, Jewett City, who have taught in Preston City since 1955, and by the Assistants of St. Mary's, Jewett City, Father Messier and Father Sutula, who have taught at the Poquetanuck School since 1957.

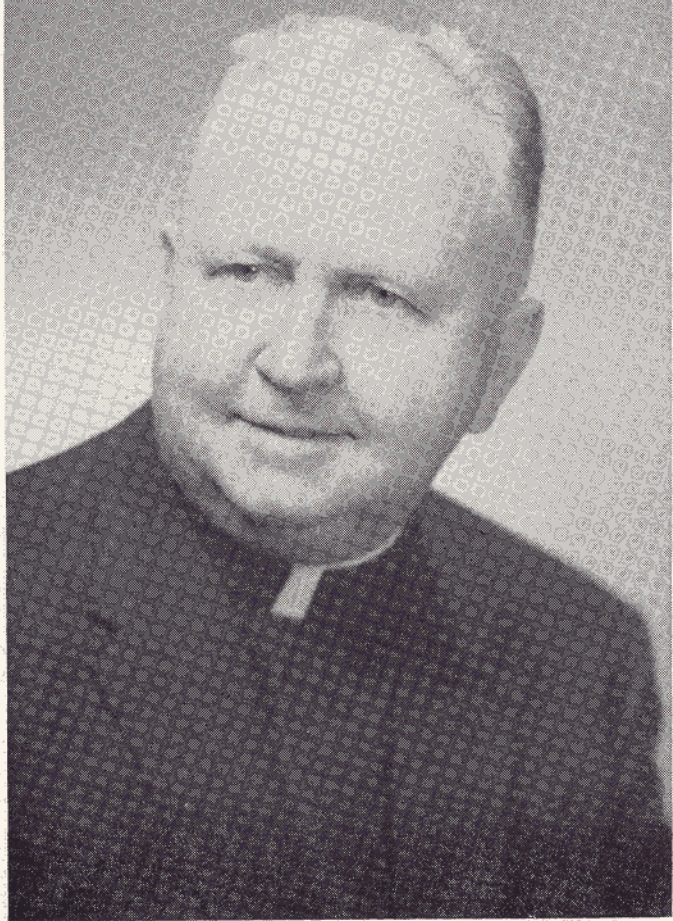
With the rapid growth of Eastern Connecticut, it is inevitable that the population of Preston will expand. Thus Catholics of the town of Preston today and for many years to come will have their spiritual needs satisfied by the beautiful new church that is being dedicated today.



His Excellency

The Most Reverend Bernard J. Flanagan, D.D., J.C.D.

Bishop of Worcester

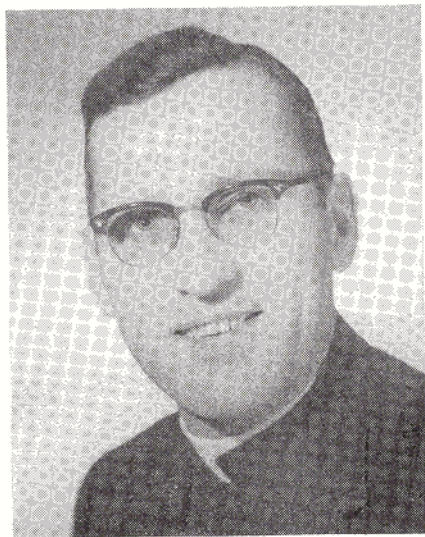


Very Reverend Vincent D. Murphy, Pastor



*Reverend Rene D. Messier,
Assistant*

*Reverend Leo S. Sutula,
Assistant*





*Right Reverend Monsignor Alfred F. Driscoll
Pastor, St. Mary's Church, New London*

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY WINDOW	Our Lady of Good Counsel Guild
ALTAR AND CANDLESTICKS	Mr & Mrs. Joseph Perrone
TABERNACLE	Catherine J. O'Neil
ALTAR CRUCIFIX	Catherine E. Yerrington
SANCTUARY LAMP	Blanchard Family
UPPER FRONT STAINED GLASS WINDOWS	Blanchard Family W. Howard Haley Murphy and Gormley Families Edwin J. Edwards
TESTER	Girard Family
LOWER FRONT STAINED GLASS WINDOWS	Deceased Parents of Andrew and Jeannette Popinchalk
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BLESSED VIRGIN STATUE	Deceased Members of Courey Family
BAPTISMAL FONT	Barbara Ann Lambert
SANCTUARY KNEELERS	Joseph E. Brochu — Anthony and Claudia Przekop
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V and VI	Mr. and Mrs. William B. Noyes
VII and VIII	Przborowski Family
IX and X	Thomas I. Wilson Family
XI and XII	Anthony C. Walker Family
XIII and XIV	Teater Family
LECTERN	Barry Family
CONFESSONAL	Mr. & Mrs. John P. Driscoll
CREDENCE TABLE	Fontaine Family
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ALTAR RAIL	Parishioners of St. Mary's, Jewett City
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SEDILIA	Preston City Fair Association
AMBRY	Mrs. Mary Nealon
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MISSAL AND STAND	Raymond and Katherine Wheeler
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CENSER AND BOAT	Anthony Cook
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