



DIocese of Dodge City
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Feast of St. Valentine, 1975

Dear Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish,

For fifty years, beginning with the ordination of Aloysius Bernard Clupny in 1925, there has been a love affair going on between the parishioners of Holy Trinity parish, Timken, and their pastor.

The story is that a group of Bohemian settlers in west central Kansas met up with a priest of Bohemian descent. Woven into their fifty years together has been the golden thread of mutual respect and cooperation. For its length and endurance it is a story that is unique in Kansas, and probably in all the world.

Moreover, it is a success story because God and His divine son Jesus, were always at the heart of the story. In other places it has often happened that when human values dominated, or when human emotions led to tears, it was God who was forgotten. In Timken it has been God who was remembered. Hence the joys and sorrows, the successes and failures of these fifty years have enabled the parishioners to walk arm in arm, grateful for what has gone before and confident, in faith, that the future of the parish will be a blessed one.

All of us in the Diocese of Dodge City, as well as the Diocese of Wichita, are proud to be a part of this celebration. We rejoice in the faith and in the accomplishments of these fifty years.

We are also confident that the years ahead both for Monsignor Clupny and the members of Holy Trinity Parish, will continue to be blest with the hope and the success that only a love for God can insure.

May the Good Lord be your joy and reward,
+ Marion F. Forst
(The Most Reverend) Marion F. Forst
Bishop of Dodge City