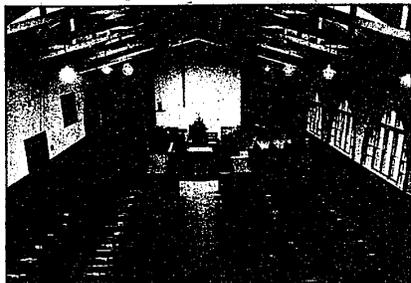


St. Mike's renewal begins from ground level



St. Michael's Catholic Church in Southfield originally was planned as a temporary structure. That has changed with the renovations. White ceiling paint, new earth-tone carpeting, freshly plastered walls and re-arrangement of the pews are the most noticeable changes. Also, the main altar is separated from the tabernacle. (Photo by Mindy Saunders)

By GAIL DeGEORGE

Some of the finishing touches were missing and there was a faint scent of paint and sawdust. But quite a transformation was still evident when St. Michael Catholic Church of Southfield re-opened this week after four months of renovation.

A special Golden Anniversary Mass Sunday marked the first time most parishioners had seen the interior of the church since renovation began in June. Services had been held in the church basement.

Despite all the work that has gone into the project, the Rev. Don Holtgrewe said renovation is really just beginning for the parish.

plastered walls and rearrangement of the pews are the most noticeable changes. Stained-glass windows, banners and statues — including one of St. Francis of Assisi — will be added later.

Most striking of the changes, however, is the separation of the Altar of Sacrifice (the main altar) and the Altar of Repose (the tabernacle).

THE RENOVATION conforms to recommendations of the archdiocese of Detroit for implementing Vatican liturgical directives, the Rev. Holtgrewe. The area of sacrifice is now separate from the area of adoration.

"Some may not understand this and will expect to see the tabernacle (near the main altar)," he said. The Altar of Repose is directly behind the Altar of Sacrifice, in an area with its own pews, and can be approached directly by two of the church's main doors. The main altar has also been moved closer to the center of the church.

the sale of a house across from the church had been a rectory. Living quarters for Holtgrewe, his assistant, the Rev. John Markel, and Brother Joel Soldenski are now in the former convent. Part of the former convent is also being converted into a parish center under the total consolidation plan.

Restrooms and classrooms have been added in the convent basement, as well as meeting rooms, a kitchen and other areas for parish use. Total cost of the renovation-and-consolidation plan is approximately \$200,000. About half of that amount was spent on the church interior, with the rest used for the convent/parish center and for a new roof for the adjoining school.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province, were reassigned to another parish earlier this year after nearly 40 years of service to St. Michael School. The three Felician nuns now in charge of the school reside in another parish-owned house next to the school.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH was started in 1930, when the congregation of 24 area families was invited to attend Mass and services in St. Anthony's Chapel in Dun Scotus College, also in Southfield. By the mid-'50s, more than 75 families belonged to the church, in an area that was considered rural farmland.

In 1939, the parish got permission to purchase five acres to build a school and other parish building. But classrooms and the convent preceded the church building in 1951. The rectory was built the following year.

Having adjusted to the area's growth, the church is now adapting to changes in Southfield's population, said the Rev. Holtgrewe. Southfield has already gone through most of the integration changes other suburban communities are just beginning to enter, he said.

"If the church has changed at all, it has changed in the sense that it has become the testing ground for catholicity, for the universality of the Church," he added.

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