

Let's Celebrate

FATHER LEO NAPOLEON SHEL TREAU
Our Founding Pastor, 1956-1980

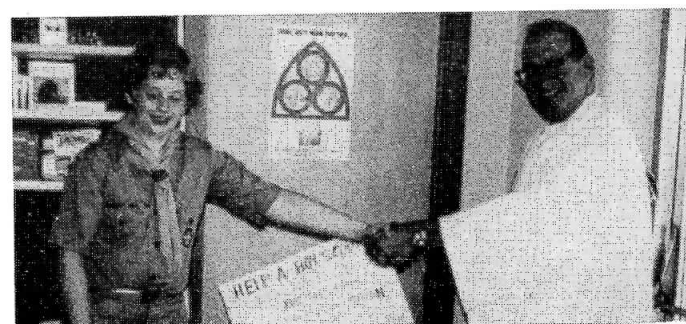
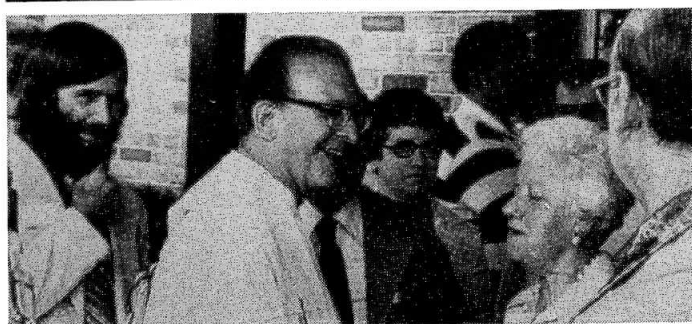
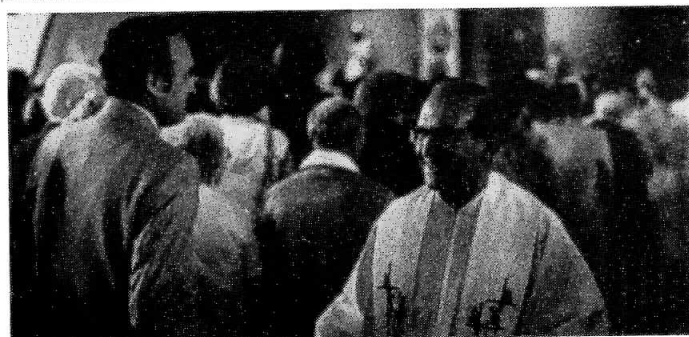
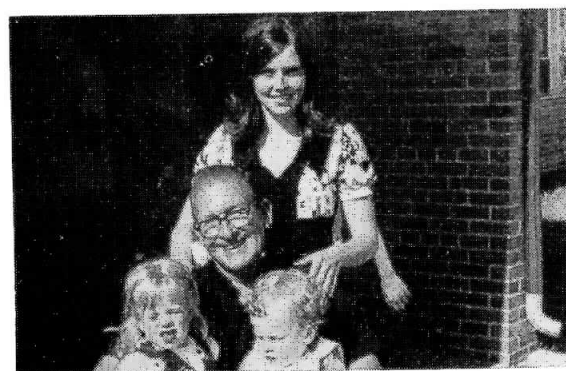
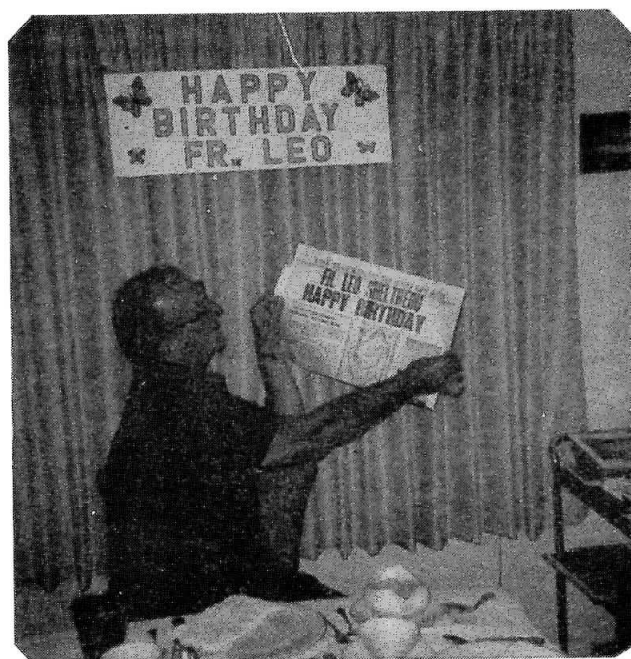
Father Leo was born on July 31, 1910, to Eugene and Emma LaRose Sheltreau and joined brother Earl, and sisters Leone and Aderine, in their Bay City home.

His education began at Holy Rosary School in Detroit in 1917, and in 1925 it was to St. James, Ferndale for high school, and Sacred Heart Seminary in 1929.

After graduating from Sacred Heart in 1933, Fr. Leo went "west" to St. Mary's Theological Seminary in Norwee, Ohio, and was ordained for the Detroit Archdiocese on June 20, 1937.

Right after his ordination, Fr. Leo was appointed chaplain of the Catholic Youth Organization. This ministry included Wayne County Juvenile Court and Detention Home, Wayne County Jail, directing the CYO Recreation Center as well as serving as Archdiocesan Scout chaplain in charge of promoting Catholic troops in parishes, providing spiritual care, boy's camps, and weekend retreats. At this time Fr. Leo also served as assistant pastor at Visitation Church in Detroit.

In 1956, Fr. Leo was given the appointment and challenge of organizing a new little parish in South Redford. His dedication to St. John Bosco is a living tribute to him. Fr. Leo retired in 1980, and will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his ordination in 1987.



... with Father Leo

