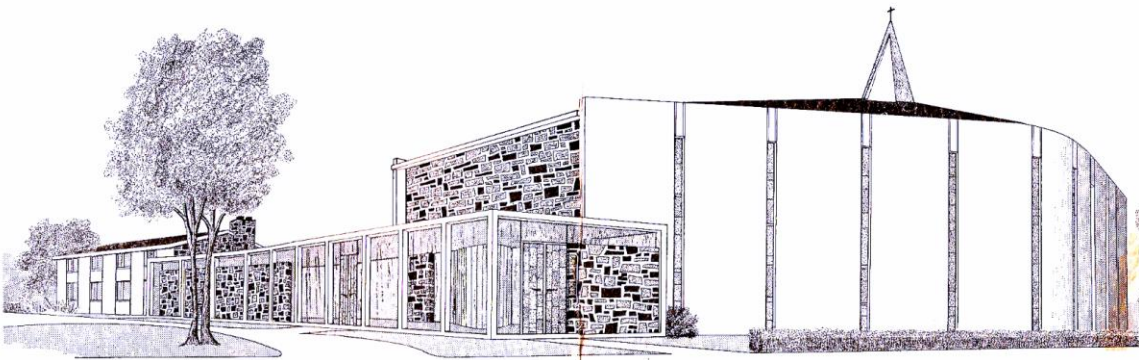
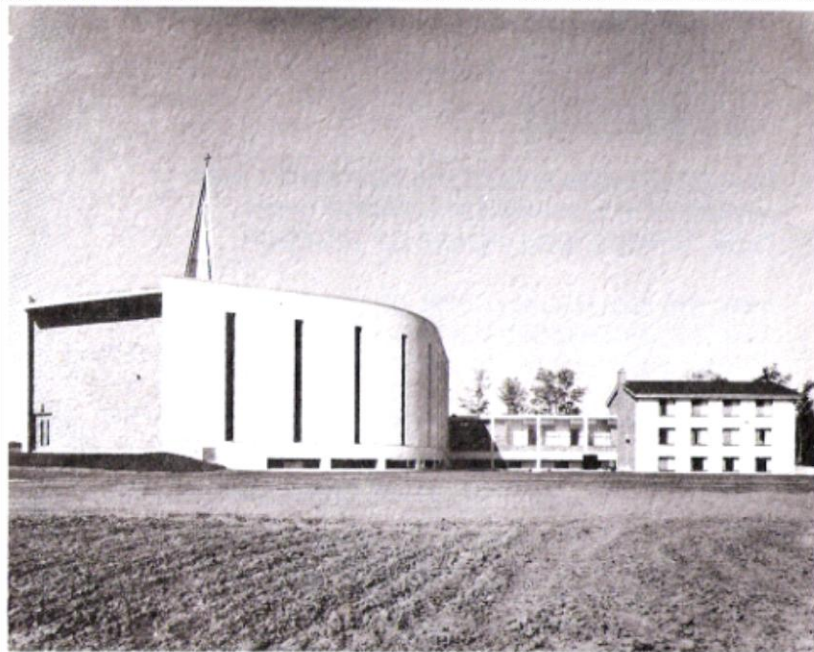


**CHURCH OF  
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE  
LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA**



From the Solemn Blessing of St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Sunday, June 11, 1967



My dear Father McMaster:  
My dear Parishioners of St. Andrew's:

Few parishes have been founded under more auspicious circumstances. The decree of founding was almost identical with the beginning of the Post-Conciliar era, a time of great renewal and enthusiasm in the Church. To the parish, was assigned one of our outstanding young priests, a man of dynamism, vigor and above all, of extraordinary devotion to his people. On their side, the people have responded both to the founding of the parish and to the leadership of their parish priest and have shown cooperation and enthusiasm which may well be a model for all.



Over these first years in which sacrifice was required of all, I have been constantly edified and pleased at seeing the various activities which have been sponsored and carried to fulfillment by the pastor and the people of St. Andrew's Church.

And now the time has come for you to enter your new parish centre from which will radiate the power and the grace of God to lead you all to a greater understanding of His wonderful works and to a greater spirit of community among yourselves centering above all in the sacred Liturgy. I send you my warmest congratulations and the assurance of my humble service in your behalf.

The founders of St. Andrew's parish are blessed indeed because they have lent themselves to the work which will endure. We look to St. Andrew's for real leadership in this See city of London and the work of renewal in the Church. You have our confidence, our appreciation and our blessing.

Devotedly in Our Lord,

*G. Emmett Carter*

Bishop of London.

My Dear Parishioners:-

Today your Parish Home will be blessed by our Chief Shepherd, Bishop Gerald Emmett Carter. Another milestone in the history of our relatively new parish has been attained. This day was made possible by your concerted efforts and response to the call of our Bishop to become the founders of a new Parish. Your loyalty and dedication and spirit of sacrifice is in evidence as one beholds your Parish Centre, your new Church. A tremendous amount of labor and of love has been woven into the very fabric of this House of God. For this we have good reason to be grateful.



One ambition has been fulfilled. . . we do have a new Parish Home. However we must not rest from our labors, but must continue to develop that true sense of community so essential for the fulfillment of our roles in the Total Parish Apostolate.

The mission of the parish, which, in its essence, is to form man in his fullness, has always been to bring its subjects to that degree of Christian maturity in which they will recognize themselves as a people journeying toward a CITY and carrying with them on that journey the responsibility of witnessing to their times and to their contemporaries the wonderful works of God. May we with one accord ever remember the true mission of our parish. For then and then only will we have a parish organism with a sense of movement, of direction and of development.

If we, by the grace of God, achieve this in part, then our successors will truly be able to say. . . they built not only in stone and concrete but laid the spiritual foundations well. May we not shrink from this formidable task, but continue to employ all our talents for the honor and the glory of God.

Your devoted servant in Christ.  
John McMaster