

TO THE BELOVED FRIENDS AND FAITHFUL
OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X

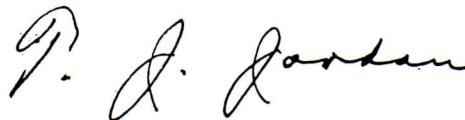
As early as 1947 it was evident that Rock Island would grow and that its immediate expansion would take place south of Eighteenth Avenue. Bishop Schlarman considered the idea of a New Church in this area as progressive, and Monsignor Durkin was a friendly cooperator. Consequently, in 1948, our present site of 7½ acres was chosen. Today, this area has been expanded to 11½ acres for buildings, playground and parking.

From the beginning, St. Pius X Parishioners have been most cooperative and enthusiastic. They responded readily to Father Farrell's "One-two Punch" plan of financing maintenance and construction, and have given an enviable example of generous giving and personal dedication to their Church. I am satisfied, happy and proud to have been their Pastor in their crucial years of growth and expansion.

Conscious of the fact that "Unless the Lord build the House, they labor in vain who would build it," they have worked, sacrificed and prayed for this Day of Dedication. Now I trust that all concerned know equally well that "Unless the Lord guard the City, they fight in vain who would keep it."

Our Congregation is determined to fulfill the purpose of our Patron Saint, "To Restore All Things in Christ." Today, as we give thanks to God for the many graces of this Day of Dedication, let us also ask His continued generosity and love in the future. May His Divine assistance always remain with us. And may the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. J. Jordan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

RT. REV. MSGR. T. J. JORDAN, R.D.
Pastor

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Dean of the Rock Island Deanery.

He originally conceived the idea of a parish in South Rock Island, suggested the present property to Bishop Schlarman, and at the request of Bishop Cousins, on December 4, 1957, succeeded Father Farrell as Pastor. During his pastorate, the present Rectory, a four room enlargement of the School with basement hall, and the present Church have been built. The plant area now covers fourteen acres and makes possible even greater expansion in the future.