

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1939

## St. Alphonsus Church Celebrates Silver Jubilee

This week-end, May 14th and 15th, St. Alphonsus church will celebrate the silver jubilee of its erection in 1914. St. Alphonsus parish was founded by Rev. Father A. J. Duke, C.Ss.R., in June, 1914. At the time of the inauguration of the parish 35 families were enrolled as parishioners. At the first Sunday school held, eleven children were present. Today the parish comprises 275 families, and 250 children attend Catechism classes.

The original church was built on the corner of Munroe and Brazier—where the school now stands—by the enthusiastic parishioners who came evening after evening with hammers and saws to build the first Catholic church in the vicinity. Shortly after the large church, which accommodates 500 people, was built. Rev. Father McDougald, C.Ss.R., was the second pastor of the parish. The growth of the parish is due, no doubt, to the erection of St. Alphonsus parish school by Rev. Father James McCandlish, C.Ss.R., in 1921. From its inception, the school has been ably staffed by the Reverend Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

During the rectorship of Rev. Father J. Kane, C.Ss.R., St. Alphonsus convent was built, which provided a suitable home for the Rev. Sisters. It was also during Father Kane's regime that an additional class room was added to the school. Rev. Father O'Hara, C.Ss.R., efficiently carried on for six years as successor to Father Kane. The present pastor is Rev. Father O'Donnell, C.Ss.R.

The ceremonies of the silver jubilee will take the form of a Solemn High Mass on Sunday at 11 o'clock, with Rt. Rev. Magr. Morton, V.G., preaching the sermon. A Solemn Requiem High Mass will be sung on Monday morning at 8.15 for the deceased priests and parishioners. An anniversary dinner will be held in the school at 7 p.m. on Monday evening.