

Eugene Pipas, as the Director of Music Ministry; and in June by Sister Frances Clare Ugast, CSC, as founding Director of the St. Raphael Early Childhood Center. Together with the St. Raphael parish community, they celebrated the groundbreaking for the Parish Center on June 23, 1979.

The Parish Center, dedicated by Bishop Gossman on August 3, 1980, changed the life of the parish in many ways. With adequate space for our Religious Education classes, an Early Childhood Center and rooms for the meeting of all of our parish organizations, we were for the first time, able to reach out to various local support groups and diocesan organizations and invite them to make use of our facilities. In 1982 we invited the Wake County Election Commission to establish a voting precinct at St. Raphael. Voting takes place each election day at Seton Hall.

Today, the parish numbers 2,000 families. Much has happened in the last twenty-one years. Yet one thing remains the same, and that constant seems to be captured in our parish motto: "Our Family Together." Ministry to the St.

## THE CAREY— BEDDINGHOUSE HOUSE

The Saint Raphael Rectory has been named the CAREY—BEDDINGFIELD HOUSE in honor of the priest who purchased the house in 1964 and first turned it into a rectory and the family who built the house and resided in it for well over one hundred years.

It was shortly after 1810 that the mother and two uncles of Eugene Crocker Beddingfield built the house on a large tract that extended from the present Quail Corners to Spring Forest Road. The property was on both sides of what is now Falls of the Neuse Road, which at that time was located further east than the present road. A beautiful pine grove was in front of the house as was a large pond.

The walls of the cottage are logs covered with pine boards. These and the ceiling beams are all hand hewn. The cottage was enlarged in the 1830's and several times there-after. During the War between the States, Sherman's army occupied the grounds and raided the family of supplies of goods and clothing.

In the days of travel by horse and buggy, the Beddingfield estate was about an hour from either Raleigh or Wake

Raphael family has grown in pace with the family: Father Thomas S. Tully is now Associate Pastor and Director of Youth Ministry; Father Francis Knott, SJ, leads a special ministry for Seniors; Deacon Robert Madey is a Pastoral Associate and Director of the RCIA process. Ministry, however, is not limited to the ordained: Sister Patricia Cornell, CSC, is Pastoral Associate and Director of RENEW in our parish; Rosalie (Mrs. Guido) Innacelli is Director of the St. Raphael Early Childhood Center; Gerry (Mrs. Robert) Madey is Health Care Minister; Dr. Joanne Schaefer is Director of Religious Education; and Gene Pipas continues as Director of Music.

Today—All Saints Day, 1987—as we dedicate our new House of Worship, we are one family, called together by our faith in Christ Jesus. Because of a commitment to community we remain few enough in number to know each other and we are large enough to have many gifts which we can share in caring for each other. Today, as A FAMILY CALLED. . . by God, we take time to celebrate anew what we are and what we will continue to become: THE CHURCH RENEWED!



Forest. While the home was not an inn as has been thought, it did often serve as a guest house for travelers (both friends and strangers).

In 1978, it was decided to restore the house as a priests' home rather than destroy it. The Parish Office was removed to a trailer and is now located in the Parish Center. In 1986, the house was moved to make room for the new Sanctuary. The CAREY—BEDDINGFIELD HOUSE, restored in its antique beauty and modernized as a residence, now sits on a knoll about 100 yards off of Falls of the Neuse Road, providing a home for your priests.