East of Baltimore, in the beautiful vicinity, known as Grace-land Park, a new Polish settlement was begun; in the meantime many families of Polish descent came here to build their homes on the lots purchased by them.

Reverend Father Stanislaus F. Wikarski, foreseeing the future progress of the Poles and the pressing need of a Catholic Church, made a suggestion to the Most Reverend Archbishop Curley of erecting a Polish Church and School. Because of the steady increase of the said nationality, Rev. S. F. Wikarski chose a picturesque and charming spot and reserved it for the building of the church, school and a home for the Sisters.

In the same year, the Rev. Father S. F. Wikarski with the approval of His Excellency Archbishop Curley, builds a magnificent edifice which contains a spacious hall, now used as a temporary church, nine class-rooms, and a convent home for the Sisters. A remarkable
portion of land between the rectory and the combination-building is a reserved place for the
future temple of God.

The Parish also possesses near German Hill Road, in a beautiful locality, a cemetery
which covers sixty-five acres.

Ten years have passed, since the establishment of the Parish and Church of the
Sacred Heart of Mary, and twenty-five years when our most beloved Pastor, Rev.
Stanislaus F. Wikarski was ordained priest at the Polish Seminary at Orchard Lake, Mich.

The history of the Sacred Heart of Mary Church would be incomplete, if we were to
disregard the solemn celebration of the Silver Jubilee, which will take place June 21, 1936,
in the well-organized Parish of Rev. Stanislaus F. Wikarski in Graceland Park.

Reverend Stanislaus F. Wikarski was born April 4, 1882, in the city of Baltimore. He has spent
his youthful age at the home of his honored and pious parents, Adalbert and Magdalen Wikarski. He has attended the parish elementary school of Saint Stanislaus Kostka. Already then, Providence has endowed Stanislaus with extraordinary gifts of grace, a firm and a loving character. He has received First Holy Communion in the parish church during the time of the late Rev. Joseph Skrentny, the Pastor. The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered on him by the late Cardinal Gibbons. After completing with honors the parochial school, our young lad, Stanislaus, returns to this same
	school with two other students, waiting to be sent away for higher education, by their Pastor, Father Skrentny; but the Good Lord seemed pleased in his servant and called him to eternity, thus our students were left without a protector.

A few years elapsed, when the pious and saintly Mother of Rev. S. F. Wikarski, applied to Rev. Mieczyslaus Barabasz, Pastor of the Holy Rosary Church, in order that he would select an adequate school for her son. The Rev. Pastor questioned the Mother concerning the tuition which was answered in the affirmative. That same year, Stanislaus, as a young student was sent to the S. S. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich., where, after ten years of his stay, he received a solid moral and intellectual training for the priesthood. Minor Orders, he received from his Excellence, the Right Reverend Bishop Weber, and was ordained priest on June 17, 1911, by His Excellency Bishop E. Kelly, D. D. in the assistance of Bishop Weber. After his ordination, our priest has celebrated his First Solemn Mass at St. Casimir's Church in Baltimore, Md.

After spending a short vacation with his beloved parents, Rev. Stanislaus F. Wikarski was appointed as an assistant to Saint Mary's Church, Appleton, Wisconsin. Here acting as a curate for four months, he was transferred to the Parish of Saint Hedwig, where he performed his priestly duties for six months. Then he was sent to the Parish of St. Mark. The Church of Saint Mark, being closed for several months on account of ill disposed parishioners towards their previous Pastor, was soon counteracted by the tactful and wise rule of this young and zealous pastor, Rev. Stanislaus F. Wikarski. Having established good order and peace in this Parish, the Bishop has sent him, to a better Parish. This was done to
reward Father S. F Wiknrski for his faithful and untiring service in the Vineyard of his Master.

Two years later Rev. S. F. Wikarski arrived in Baltimore to attend the funeral of his dearly beloved Father. Un the day of the burial of his Dad, the Rev. Mieczyslaus Barabasz, Pastor of Holy Rosary, also died. He has stayed for the funeral services of Rev. M. Barabasz. After the interment, Father Wikarski had an interview with His Eminence, the late Cardinal Gibbons, who asked him, if he would deo.re to return to Baltimore, because at that time there was a great scarcity of Polish priests. Rev. Stan. F. Wikarski at once consented and after two months, he returned to the Diocese of Baltimore, being destined as an assistant to the Holy Rosary Parish where he fulfilled his sacerdotal duties for ten years.

In the year 1926 his excellence the Most Reverend Archbishop Curley nominated Rev. Stanislaus F. Wikarski to the newly organized Parish, where he is the acting Pastor now.

No doubt that in the presence of his honored and faithful life, he enjoys the reverence, love, and the highest esteem among his parishioners, to whom he has rendered many and important services. He is also revered and honored by the clergy, both old and young. They see in him a mark of an experienced director, and as such, confide to him their worldly and spiritual affairs.

As an upright and congenial Pole, he is very hospitable and full of humor, which circumstance won many a friend among the clergy, as well as the secular.

Still living for God and humanity, doing good upon this earth, it is our sacred duty now to congratulate him on this glorious day of his Silver Jubilee, from the depths of all our hearts, and we wish that God Almighty would spare him for many years yet to come in the Vineyard of his Master for the benefit of the Catholic Church and for the American Poles, and that he may live to celebrate his Golden Jubilee of his Priesthood and Pastorship.

So upon this solemn, memorable day of your Silver Jubilee, we are desirous of voicing our deepest sentiments of affection, gratitude and devotedness to you, Dear Pastor, with the words: AD MULTOS ANNOS!

The Opening of the New School

Reverend Stanislaus F. Wikarski, Pastor of the Sacred Heart of Mary Church, presented to His Excellence Archbishop Curley, the Ordinary of the diocese of Baltimore, in what circumstances he is in concerning the Sisters who were to teach in his Parish. The Most Rev. Archbishop soon applied by letter to the Mother House of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, in Terresdale, Pa., requesting the Sisters to take charge of the newly organized school. In spite of the lack of Sisters at that time, the Rev. Mother Provincial has satisfied the desires of the Most Rev. Archbishop Curley, and in the meantime five Sisters
were sent here to engage themselves in schoolwork in the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

This School to the present time has developed with pride and distinction. What rejoices us most is that the children of our school, after having completed the eighth grade, have an excellent deportment in the High Schools of Baltimore which later they attend.

One thing deserves an honorary mention, that many children attending our schools are of non-Catholic parents who are many a times motivated and encouraged by their children, thus resulting in many converts, whom Reverend Father Stanislaus F. Wikarski has the honor of witnessing and bringing those souls back to the true fold of the Catholic Church.