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They also look for connections to their faith. Those of Irish extraction, for instance, can touch history at the Illinois & Michigan Canal Corridor and see the tombstones of Irish laborers of the mid-19th century. Polish visitors will make beautiful St. Hyacinth Basilica a must-see. Others, both tourists and residents, perhaps, may want to visit the tombs of gangster Al Capone or peacemaker Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, both laid to rest in the same Catholic cemetery.

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With its many chimneys, carriage porch and coach house, the red brick residence at

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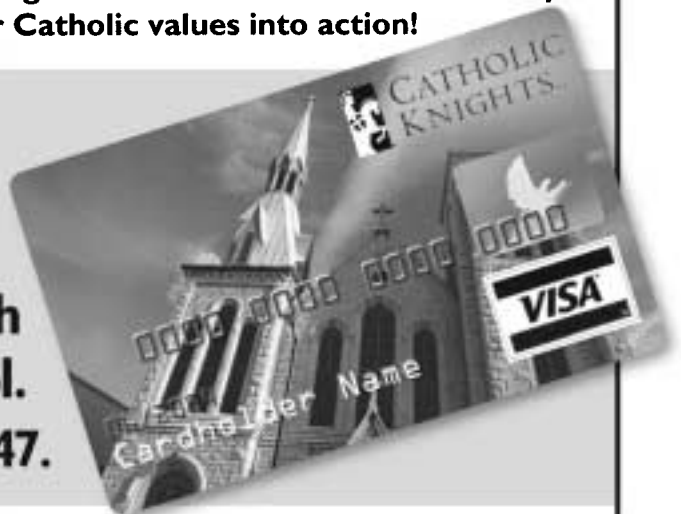
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the edge of Lincoln Park is known as the oldest house in the landmark Astor Street District. Home to all Chicago's archbishops since 1885, the three-story edifice was built by Archbishop Patrick A. Feehan on land purchased more than 40 years earlier by Bishop William Quarter. Designed in the Queen Anne style by architects James Willet and Alfred Pashley, the first floor of the home features a large foyer with an iron fireplace decorated with cherubs, a small chapel and a broad staircase with detailed carving. Over the years, the home has welcomed an impressive list of guests: in 1905 Mother Frances Cabrini, later declared America's first saint; in 1926, Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, later Pope Pius XII; in 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt; in 1960, Cardinal

Giovanni Montini, later Pope Paul VI; and in 1979, Pope John Paul II, who stayed there for two nights during his visit to Chicago. In recent years, the grounds around the residence have been the setting for the annual Theology on Tap picnic and the gardens have often been included in the annual Dearborn Street Garden Walk.

MARTIN D'ARCY MUSEUM OF ART

6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago. (773) 508-2679, www.darcy.luc.edu

Tucked inside Loyola University's Cudahy Library, with its beautiful view of Lake Michigan, the museum focuses on medieval, renaissance and baroque art dating from 1150 to 1750. Founded by Jesuit Father Donald Rowe in 1969, it was named for Jesuit British theolo-



Window at St. James Chapel
David V. Kamba

gian Father Martin D'Arcy. The collection began with one painting, "The Madonna and Child," attributed to Giovanni Bellini. It now includes more than 500 pieces, including paintings by Bassano, Tintoretto, Guercino and Stomer, as well as sculpture, liturgical vessels and processional crosses, furniture, jewelry,

domestic and decorative arts. Hours are noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, when Loyola University classes are in session; special summer hours. Admission free. The museum offers group tours as well as thematic tours and schedules a series of free lectures throughout the school year. The D'Arcy may also be rented for small private or corporate receptions.

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tours are available. A glittering promenade that stretches along the lower level of Navy Pier's Festival Hall, this is the first museum in the United States dedicated solely to stained glass windows, many of them from Catholic churches. The collection of 150 windows dates as far back as the 1870s, when the city was being rebuilt after the Chicago Fire, and includes such widely-known artists as Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany and John LaFarge. Among the windows from private homes, commercial buildings and mausoleums are many with religious themes that were once installed in local Catholic institutions. Three windows from St. Agatha Church on Douglas Boulevard were designed by the famed F.X. Zettler Co. of Munich, Germany. Other windows once graced All

Saints, St. Augustine, St. Brendan, St. Bartholomew and Resurrection churches. A memorial window for Nanette Comiskey, wife of the Chicago White Sox founder, was formerly installed in the House of Good Shepherd on the North Side. Two windows from the chapel of Maria High School were fashioned in Austria. Other windows were designed



Juan Diego statue from Fra Angelico Art Gallery.

by local studios to demonstrate their work, such as the Wisdom window from Drehoble Bros. Art Glass Co., which then made an exact enlargement for St. Theresa Church in Palatine.

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Folks who live on the far western stretch of GREGORY STREET near O'Hare Airport might not know the street bears the name of the great pope who gave his name to a traditional form of church music. But those who live several miles east are well aware their street is named for the patron of the local parish—St. Gregory the Great.

Originally called Edgewater Terrace, the street was renamed Gregory Street as “a testament to the impact the parish had made on the development of the Summerdale neighborhood,” according to “A History of the Parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago.”

Another street where the saintly title has been

omitted is CABRINI STREET on the Near West Side which is named after St. Frances Cabrini, the Italian immigrant who came to America to work among its poor and went on to become its first saint.

On the other hand, there are several streets that proudly boast of their saintly origins: ST. CLAIR STREET., ST. GEORGES COURT, ST. HELEN STREET, ST. JAMES PLACE, ST. JOSEPH AVENUE, ST. LAWRENCE AVENUE, ST. LOUIS AVENUE, ST. MARY STREET, ST. MICHAEL'S COURT, ST. PAUL AVENUE, AND LOYOLA AVENUE.

Loyola, which is located near both Loyola University and St. Ignatius Church, honors the Spanish founder of the Society of Jesus. But the Jesuit

influence doesn't stop on the North Side.

The South Side has Marquette Avenue, Marquette Drive and Marquette Road, all named after Father Jacques Marquette, the French missionary who passed through the area in 1673. DAMEN AVENUE, which stretches all the way from 7546 north to 10058 south, gets its name from Father Arnold Damen, the Jesuit founder of Holy Family Church at Roosevelt and May streets. Damen's prayers are credited with saving the church from the Chicago Fire of 1871.

On the Far North West Side, OZANAM AVENUE recalls Antoine Frederick Ozanam, the Frenchman who helped found the Society of St. Vincent de

Paul. Another Catholic layman, Michael DIVERSEY, has both an avenue and a parkway named after him. In the 1800s, the Chicago brewer donated the land for St. Michael's Church in Old Town and was a founder of St. Joseph Church on Orleans Street.

Not all the street names are shrouded in 19th century history. Parishioners of St. John Fisher Church on the Far South Side are proud to have their former pastor honored by Monsignor McElligott Ave. (10200 south, from 2630 to 2758 west). And thousands of Chicagoans remember when the Holy Father visited Five Holy Martyrs Parish, prompting the renaming of a stretch of 43rd Street to POPE JOHN PAUL II DRIVE.

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Catholic churches across the Archdiocese of Chicago are soaring jewels of brick and mortar and design, as well as places where souls are nourished and God is celebrated. While there are many churches whose architecture is worthy of note, here are a few examples for visitors to check out.

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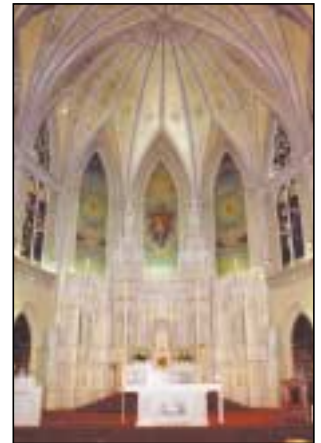
This Gothic edifice was restored in 1968. The



Holy Name Cathedral
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church's enormous bronze doors at the State Street entrance are activated by a finger-touch hydraulic system. Each door weighs 1,200 pounds. The most striking feature is the resurrection crucifix over the sanctuary, created by artist Ivo Demetz. There are abstract stained glass windows created in Milan. Behind the altar, on a raised platform, is the cathedra, or bishop's chair, from which derives the word "cathedral." Hanging from the 70-foot ceiling over the sanctuary are the tasseled hats (galleros) of deceased leaders of the archdiocese, including Cardinal Joseph Bernardin.

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St. Ignatius Church
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† ST. IGNATIUS
6559 N. Glenwood,
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www.stignatiuschurch.org.

Designed by Henry J. Schlacks in 1917. Resembles the Gesu in Rome where Ignatius worshipped. Baldachino over altar like St. Peter's. Breath-taking interior. Side chapels are the size of some churches. Proud home to two paintings (large altar pieces behind two side devotional altars) by Charles Bosseron Chambers. One, of St. Joseph and the Christ Child, known as "Light of the World," is the most-reproduced piece of American sacred art.

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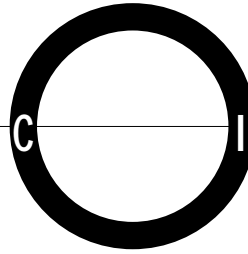
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Genius architect Henry J. Schlacks designed this near-rival of Rome's St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls and St. Mary Major in Italian Renaissance style. All the interior marble is from the same quarry used by Michelangelo. Stained glass windows created by F.X. Zettler of the Royal Bavarian Art Institute in Munich. The ceiling's gold tones and its paintings of Christ the King and Queenship of Mary add to an other-world atmosphere. The free-standing bell tower (visible from Lake Shore Drive) was used in the 1990 thriller "Flatliners," in which Julia

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"Hinky Dink" Kenna. Famed White Sox owner Charlie Comiskey as well as James T. Farrell, author of "Studs Lonigan," also sleep the good sleep here.

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site of the Archdiocese of Chicago Bishops' Mausoleum, the resting place of Cardinals Joseph Bernardin and John Cody, Archbishops James Quigley and Patrick Feehan and of Bishop William Quarter. Mount Carmel is also the last stop for gangster kingpin Al Capone and rival mobster Dion O'Bannion, gunned down in his florist shop across from Holy Name Cathedral in 1924.

+ **MOUNT OLIVET**
2755 W. 111th St.,
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est. 1885.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians have a monument here, not far from the grave of the legendary Mrs. O'Leary, whose cow was blamed, most likely wrongly, for the Great Chicago Fire of 1871



One of many sculptures found in Catholic cemeteries.

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One of the mausoleums in this traditional Polish cemetery boasts what is among the world's largest stained glass windows—nearly 2,300 square feet. Some of the orate grave-stone statuary is striking, such



Resurrection Cemetery
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as a pair of genuflecting, praying angels and the statue of Mary, Queen of Heaven, over another tomb. Local folklore also says this the resting place of "Resurrection Mary." In the 1930s, the story goes, she hitchhiked home after an argument with her date and was killed by a hit-and-run near the cemetery. Some people say they still see her, in white gown and dancing shoes, hitchhiking along the road.



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Catholics weave together

The Interview is a regular feature of The Catholic New World. This is an edited "conversation" with a Chicago historian about the city's "Catholic" face.

Ellen Skerrett, known as a "social historian" of Chicago, has been interested in the history of Catholics in Chicago since she was a college student in the late 1960s and early '70s. But her Catholic roots go beyond that. Baptized at St. Dorothy Parish in the South Side, she grew up in St. Christina Parish and now counts herself as a member of St. Cajetan—identifying herself as generations of Chicagoans have, by parish community. More than 30 years of research into the fabric of Chicago communities has given Skerrett an intense appreciation of the role the church has played in the life of Chicago and its residents.

The Catholic New World: How did you get interested in Chicago Catholic history?

Ellen Skerrett: It was when I was a reporter for the Southtown Economist. That was how I worked my way through college, in the summer. I was covering the South Side and racial issues, and at night I was reading James T. Farrell's novels—Studs Lonigan and the Danny O'Neal novels—and it was really there that I saw how much the parish was just a part of the fabric of urban life for the first time. He was talking about St. Anselm's, and the parish was really the

center of the world for Irish people in a very



diverse Washington Park neighborhood. This was a world that I knew, because I lived it and so did my parents, and here it was in literature.

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the fabric of Chicago's character

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As I went on at the University of Chicago, I never really lost this interest in looking at the city through a parochial lens, because that's how most Catholics experience it. I never found it in any of the literature, which mystified me, and continues to mystify me, in a city where the physical Catholic presence is so great. You can't go very far in the city without encountering a Catholic church, a school, a hospital, and this was invisible in the history that had been written about Chicago.

TCNW: Why do you think the academics missed it?

ES: Generally, they don't look at religion to begin with, unless the religion is seen as exotic or unnatural. But that's not the lived experience. Continually, in my work, I've been looking for "How do people live?" and Catholics' conception of city life is so different from Jews' and Protestants'.

One way to look at it as a historian is look at parishes, and the way the city is mapped out into parishes, and the way people really did internalize parish boundaries. Sometimes this is portrayed as a bad thing, that Catholics are parochial. It depends on your perspective. If you read the literature in the



1920s, when Protestant ministers were very concerned about the explosion of steam-heat apartment buildings in urban neighborhoods, they thought they weren't going to be able to keep congregations together. Not so for Catholics. In fact, if you look at the development, you'll find

that the concentration of so many families in a neighborhood like Austin or Washington Park made it easier to build a church and a school right from the start, and it strengthened those links between parish and neighborhood.

TCNW: When did Catholics become a presence in Chicago?

ES: One of the things I'm working on now is an exhibit on Catholic Chicago for the Chicago Historical Society (scheduled to open in 2007)—Rosemary Adams is the other curator—and we found a wonderful 1857 map, the

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Old St. Pat's

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restored along with his intricate Celtic ceiling stencils for parish's 150th anniversary in 1996. The mayor of Chicago worships here. Called the mother parish of Chicago Irish, Old St. Pat's has undergone a dramatic rebirth since the 1980s.

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Known as the oldest Catholic church and cemetery in the Archdiocese of Chicago, St. James

at Sag Bridge has many stories to tell. Irish immigrants founded this church while building the Illinois & Michigan Canal in the early 1800s, and many have made St. James cemetery their final resting place. The church, made of the canal's limestone, is perched upon a hill, and the cemetery symbolically encircles it in the valley below. Local parishioners say the men who carried the most stones during the church's original construction won rights to cemetery plots at the top of the hill. In 1998, parishioners built the Our Lady of the Forest shrine and grotto in the middle of the cemetery.

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HOURS: Museum- daily 11 am-4 pm, Closed Thursdays; Library - Mon., Tues., Fri., Sat. - 10 am-4 pm; Wed. - 1-7 pm, Closed Sun. & Thurs. The Polish Museum of America, opened in 1937, is the oldest ethnic museum in the U.S.A. Its mission is to preserve the Polish past in America and to promote Polish history and culture. Major exhibits include collections featuring the pianist, composer and statesman Ignacy Paderewski; Revolutionary War hero Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko; and Shakespearean actress Helena Modrzejewska (Modjeska). The museum houses many artifacts from the Polish pavilion at the 1939 N.Y. World's Fair. It exhibits folk arts of woven textiles, exquisite Easter eggs, leathercraft, needlecraft, and colorful authentic folk costumes from various regions of Poland. Polish American memorabilia includes the original Stations of the Cross from the first church in the oldest Polish settlement in America, at Panna Maria, TX, and uniforms from Polish para-military societies, among other interesting historical artifacts. The Art Gallery contains many paintings by Polish and Polish American artists of international repute. In the museum's Great Hall hangs the famous painting "Pulaski at the Battle of Savannah" by Stanislaw Batowski, as well as a stunning huge stained glass window by Mieczyslaw Jurgielewicz. The Museum Library, with 60,000 volumes and 250 periodicals, ranks as one of the largest Polish libraries outside of Poland. Both the library and archives are used extensively by researchers and students. The museum is located in near N.W. Chicago and accessible by the Milwaukee bus and the Blue Line el train.

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receives donations of books on an ongoing basis. There is an Irish School on Saturdays for children and teens, and five Irish dance schools for children. Seniors meet for fellowship once a month, as do a group of crafts-people. Set dancing is available on Tuesdays and Sundays, and the center offers Irish language lessons and lessons in Irish music. Friday and Saturday evenings an authentic Irish pub, the Fifth Province, opens on the premises and quality Irish music is offered by a variety of entertainers.

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tures Irish entertainers Fridays and Saturdays. Outdoors is a bronze memorial of the Irish Famine (Gorta Mor) of 1845-1850, as well as a memorial garden, and statues of St. Patrick, St. Brigid and the Blessed Mother. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with a week of special programs here.

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Palmaria Map, and you can see clearly that Catholic churches are already landmarks on the urban landscape. ...

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TCNW: How does the Catholic nature of the city

make Chicago different?
ES: There's always been a component of social activism here, looking out for the poor, looking out for the needy. Education has been one of the great achievements of this diocese. Even before the third Baltimore Council of 1884, which mandated "a parochial school in every parish," the system was already in place in Chicago. Chicago has been so ahead of the curve in so many things. Look at the national movements that came out of Chicago: the Cana movement, many of the novenas that took on national recognition. There have been Catholic movers and shakers here who have really made a difference in terms of the sensibility of the city. It's

not just building walls around Catholics. It's what's good for the entire city.

TCNW: How important was the church building to a parish?

ES: It was a great marker of

1857, the Tribune did a thing saying it was fine for middle class Protestants to build beautiful churches. That was the natural order of things. For impoverished Catholics, the Tribune was very insistent that they should not be

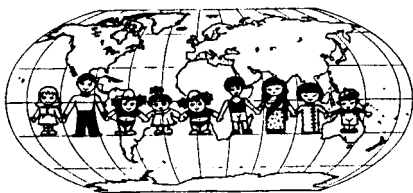
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identity. Bricks and mortar have mattered. The larger city couldn't ignore it. It was right there. It was in your face. The Palmaria Map that I mentioned earlier shows Holy Name Cathedral overshadowing St. James Episcopal. There it is, larger than life. The tensions that went on—in

spending money on these churches. What the Tribune suggested was to turn Holy Name

Cathedral into a workshop for the unemployed, where "the hum of satisfied industry would replace lavish religious ceremonies."

Catholics did both. They were never just building churches to build churches. It was part of their faith, their experience.



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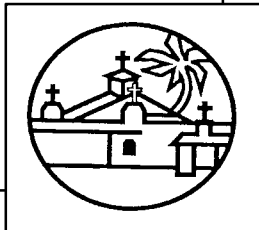


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The church was built in 1893 by Polish immigrants based on the styles of the Renaissance and Baroque so typical of many churches in their native Poland. The entire interior is covered with murals and faux painting, which creates the illusion of marble, ornamental relief, mosaic and cut stone. The monumental main altar dominating the sanctuary, along with its two matching side altars, reputedly originate from the 1893 Columbian Exposition.



Choir and orchestra Mass schedules are available upon request.

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Located in the heart of Chicago, about one mile directly west of the famous Water Tower on Chicago Avenue, St. John Cantius Church is easily accessible by car, bus, or subway.

Among the church's many treasures are: a nineteenth-century copy of the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa adorned with jeweled crowns personally blessed by Pope John Paul II; the largest and most detailed replica of the Wit Stwosz altar from Kraków, Poland; an ornate inlaid wood floor; beautiful and historic vestments and several hundred relics, including the True Cross.



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Considered one of the best examples of sacred architecture in the city of Chicago, St. John Cantius Church is the home of a unique parish representing a broad cross-section of people from the greater Chicago metropolitan area. Its imposing historic church, solemn liturgies, devotions, treasures of sacred art, and rich program of sacred music have helped many Catholics rediscover a profound sense of the sacred. The parish offers the Missa Normativa in both Latin and the vernacular, as well as the Tridentine Mass and has been at the forefront of the preservation and cultivation of the sacred arts for many years. It is most known for its beautiful liturgies and sacred music. Masses are celebrated with reverence and in a truly prayerful atmosphere. Four choirs provide the musical setting for Sunday Masses, drawing from the Church's rich and varied heritage of sacred music.

A small permanent exhibit of sacred art, located in the church's north tower is open on Sundays, as well as upon special request. Its centerpiece is an elaborate eighteenth-century Neapolitan praesepio (Italian crèche) from Rome.



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 a.m.—Tridentine Low Mass (Latin)
9:00 a.m.— Missa Normativa (English)
11:00 a.m.— Missa Normativa (Latin)
12:30 p.m.—Tridentine High Mass (Latin)

Monday—Friday

6:15 a.m.—Tridentine Low Mass (occasionally subject to change)
7:30 a.m.— Missa Normativa (English)

Saturday

8:30 a.m.—Tridentine High Mass (Latin)
5:00 p.m.—Anticipated Mass, Missa Normativa (English),

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Monica Novena
7:30 p.m.—Tridentine Mass (Latin)

First Fridays

7:30 p.m.—Tridentine Mass (Latin), followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

IMMIGRANTS INFLUENCE THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The history of the Church in Chicago can be traced almost unerringly through the development of its cemeteries. The early Church was an immigrant Church. As wave after wave of immigrants arrived, church facilities, including cemeteries, were soon set up to meet their needs.

Much of the early development was national rather than geographical in character. The German Angel Guardian Orphan Society was the earliest, reflecting the arrival of many Germans to the area. Over the years they built and maintained four major cemeteries starting with St. Boniface Cemetery.

Similarly, the Polish Catholic community shortly thereafter built St. Adalbert Cemetery, and subsequently three additional cemeteries. After the turn of the century, Lithuanian Catholics started St. Casimir Cemetery, and the Slovak Catholic community started Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery.

Shortly after the Civil War, there were only three diocesan-wide cemeteries: Calvary, which was primarily Irish; St. Boniface, primarily German; and St. Adalbert, primarily Polish. Due to population growth and movement in the diocese it shortly became an archdiocese and seven major cemeteries were established between 1885 and 1905: Mt. Olivet, St. Mary, Holy Cross, Mt. Carmel, St. Casimir, Resurrection, and St. Joseph. Although it was not a nationally oriented cemetery, Mt. Carmel became traditionally associated with the great wave of Italian immigration.

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