

The main focus of St. Patrick's in this century has been service to the community. During the Great Depression, the parish operated a school and tried to feed the hungry and cold of the area. St. Patrick's Hunger Center was installed many years later as a way to continue service to the less fortunate of the community. Also, a parish council was established to better service the congregation of St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's has clearly been a beacon for the community of West Park in Cleveland during its 150 year existence. My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a gem of the West Park neighborhood, St. Patrick's Parish.

#### INTER-CLUB COUNCIL AWARDS

### HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives my colleague, Mr. MORAN, and myself great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to Mrs. Martha McCash and Mrs. Thelma Gallant McDonald, two outstanding citizens of Northern Virginia for their dedicated community service. On March 25, they will be honored by the Inter-Service Club Council of Springfield ISCC as co-recipients of the Bob Westmoreland Award for Person of the Year.

Martha is currently the Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Springfield and formerly served as President. She coordinates the activities of twenty-two Kiwanis-affiliated Key Clubs in area high schools. Martha's devotion and hard work has earned her the support of the high schools' faculty advisors, the President of the Springfield Club, and the Capital Kiwanis Key Clubs Zone Administrator. Her past honors for outstanding community service include the Capital District Kiwanis Governor's Distinguished Service Award, the Kiwanis International Distinguished Club Officers Award for 1995, and 1996 and 1997, and the Capital District Kiwanis Distinguished Member Award for 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. Martha's clear dedication to service makes her truly deserving of the Bob Westmoreland Award.

Thelma has persevered through the great personal loss of being twice-widowed, to devote herself to community service. For ten years, she was involved in American Legion Auxiliary Unit 176 Junior activities. As a Girl Scout Troop Leader, Thelma was active in a program to provide performing groups to local schools. She has been involved with the Host Lions Club for thirty-five years, first as a spouse, then as member in 1994. There she trained and managed Lions Club sponsored baton corps, served on the Club Board of Directors, chaired the local Nursing Home Bingo prize project, and chaired a project that collected over one hundred lap rugs for a nursing home and seniors. In addition, she is active in church programs to aid handicapped children and a local nursing home, and has logged over one thousand hours of volunteer service at Fairfax Hospital. The Bob Westmoreland Award is well bestowed on Thelma with her unwavering commitment to others.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues join us in congratulating these two outstanding women on their service and dedication. We appreciate their true spirit of giving and helping others that makes the Northern Virginia community such a fine place to live and work.

#### OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH CELEBRATES 50TH AN- NIVERSARY

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on its 50th Anniversary as a Church and Parish in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Fifty years ago, Our Lady Queen of Peace was little more than a mission of the St. Francis Xavier Church that at the time was said to be the largest parish in Southeast Washington. On the eve that it was formally announced as a parish, it had no building of its own and was in fairly embryonic state. It had been established as a mission in March 1943 during the turbulence of World War II by the late Monsignor Joseph V. Buckley. If there was a physical edifice to call home, it was distributed between three buildings: The City Bank Building, the Senator Theater and a small store building, all of which were clustered along Minnesota Avenue just below Benning Road. These were indeed humble circumstances and remained so for nearly nine years. The church's early parishioners, bolstered by their first pastor, Reverend James H. Brooks, set to work helping him to build and organize the new parish. In January of 1950, construction began on the church and school at its present location, the corner of Ely Place and Ridge Road, SE. The first Mass of the Eucharistic Celebration was held on December 24, 1951, in the building while it was under construction.

Even in that long ago generation, before Queen of Peace had a home of its own, its members were founding organizations to address social concerns extending beyond the church membership. That membership was composed of many converts and non-Catholics who were regular Sunday mass worshippers. Many of these organizations are cornerstones of Our Lady Queen of Peace and have been active for almost as long as the parish has existed. Such groups as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Sodality, the Parish Credit Union, the Parish Council, the Men's Club, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), and the Scouting programs fall in this category. They have done much to make Our Lady Queen of Peace the still "young, but strong and active" church that it is. These groups, and their activities, encourage brotherhood in the true sense of the word both within and outside the parish.

Since that time, mainly under the umbrella of the Social Justice and Community Outreach committees of the Pastoral Council, new organizations have emerged in response to the needs of the neighborhood-at-large as well as the parish family. One particular endeavor the Church recently worked on with the community was to put pressure on the city to remove abandoned buildings located on Ridge Road SE that had become havens for drug traffic.

There are now groups and ministries providing real support: food for the mind as well as the body. Ministries such as Visitation of the Sick and Shut-In, the Community Empowering and Outreach in Public Housing and the Reclaiming Our Youth and Mentoring Program are but a few of these organizations. There are also ministries such as SOME and SHARE that prepare and distribute food for the hungry, the Prison Ministry and the Youth Ministry. The HIV/AIDS Ministry of Hope and Love is only a few months old and works side-by-side with the venerable St. Vincent de Paul Society that has been meeting the needs of the poor in the community for its 50 years in existence at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this august body to join me in saluting a snapshot of this church, itself homeless for more than eight years of its early life, yet rooted from the start to build, love and serve families.

#### HONORING THE 60TH REDWOOD REGION LOGGING CONFERENCE AND DON ANDERSON

### HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 1998*

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the Redwood Region Logging Conference and its 1998 Achievement Award Winner, Don Anderson.

For over 60 years the Redwood Region Logging Conference has provided a forum for the exchange of ideas by focusing on the improvement of forest management and harvesting practices in the redwood and Douglas-fir forests of Northwestern California. The Conference provides an opportunity to showcase the men and women of the logging industry to the communities in which they work and live.

The organization was founded in 1936 by Professor Emanuel Fritz. Thirty-six men attended the first meeting at the Eureka Inn in Eureka, California. Professor Fritz thought a logging conference was a great opportunity to bring loggers together for an exchange of ideas and to become better acquainted with one another. That first meeting was an unqualified success, and the Conference has been an annual affair since 1936, with only a short lapse during World War II.

The Redwood Region Logging Conference is an industry leader because of its exemplary education program. The goals of the program are to educate the public and students on forestry and logging practices in the Redwood Region. The Conference is the major sponsor of the Redwood Forest Institute for Teachers, the Temperate Forest Teacher Tour, the northcoast section of Future Farmers of America Forestry judging contest. Additionally, the Conference funds the transportation needs for the field trips which give children a better understanding of the forestry and logging industry. Each year, over \$10,000 of academic scholarships are awarded to forestry students from accredited forestry programs throughout California. Also, approximately two thousand children attend the annual Forest Education