

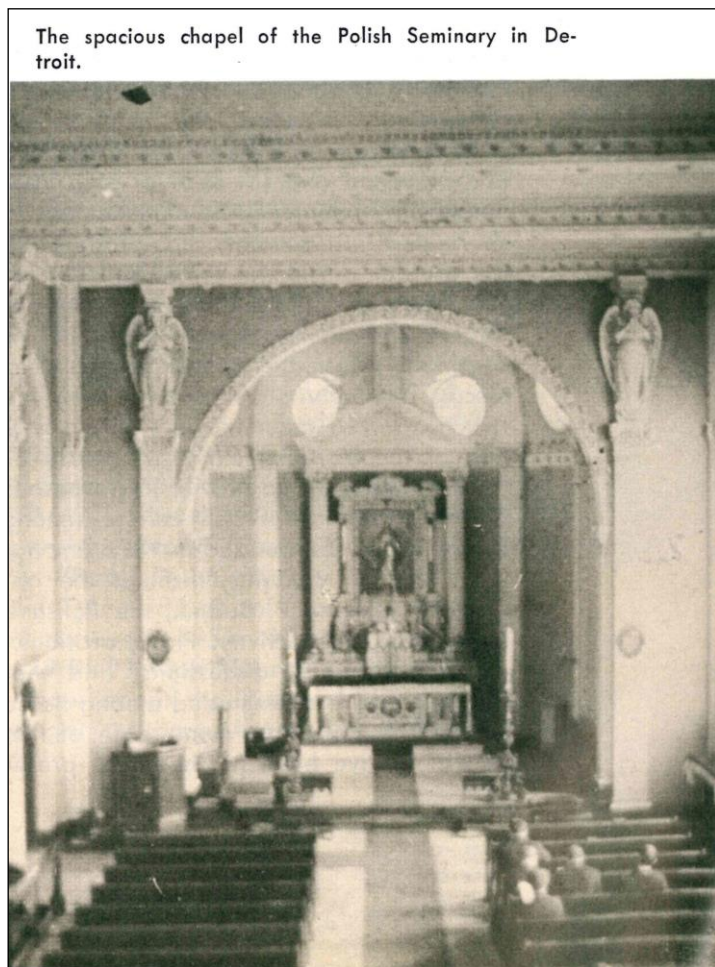
Tridentine Community News

December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent

What Might Have Been: Original Plans for Detroit's Cathedral and the Orchard Lake Shrine Chapel

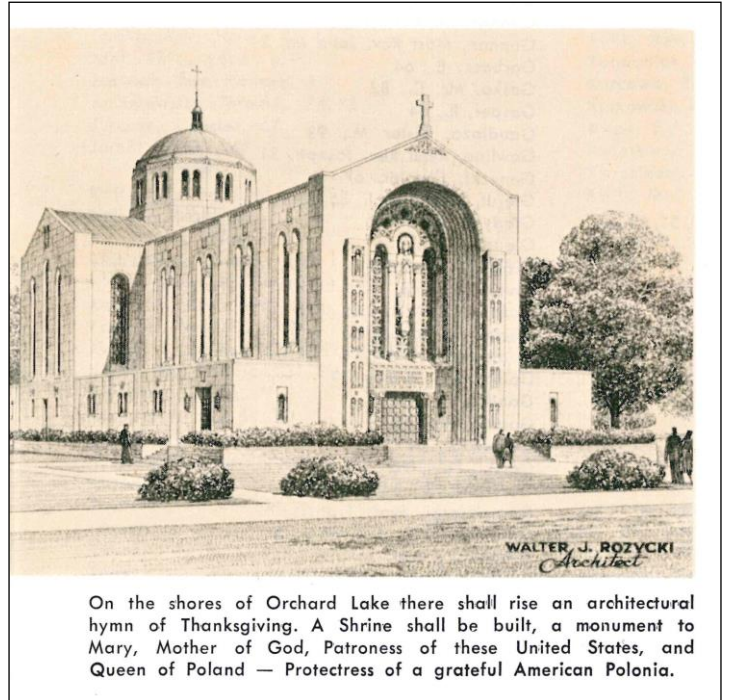
Possibly because the Orchard Lake Schools may be cleaning out their old seminary building for repurposing, piles of historic brochures have been set out on tables at the back of the Shrine Chapel for the public to take. One of those old brochures, 1885 – 1960: *Seventy-Five Years of the Orchard Lake Seminary*, contains a fascinating history of the place and some interesting photos.

Before Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary purchased and relocated to the Michigan Military Academy campus in Orchard Lake in 1911, it was located across from St. Albertus Church in Detroit. [Similarly, the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse was also located next to St. Albertus before moving to Livonia. St. Albertus was built as such a large church, seating almost 2,500 people, to accommodate both a large number of parishioners and the special event Masses which the seminary and the Felician Sisters held there.] The brochure contains the below photo of the chapel from the seminary's original home in Detroit.

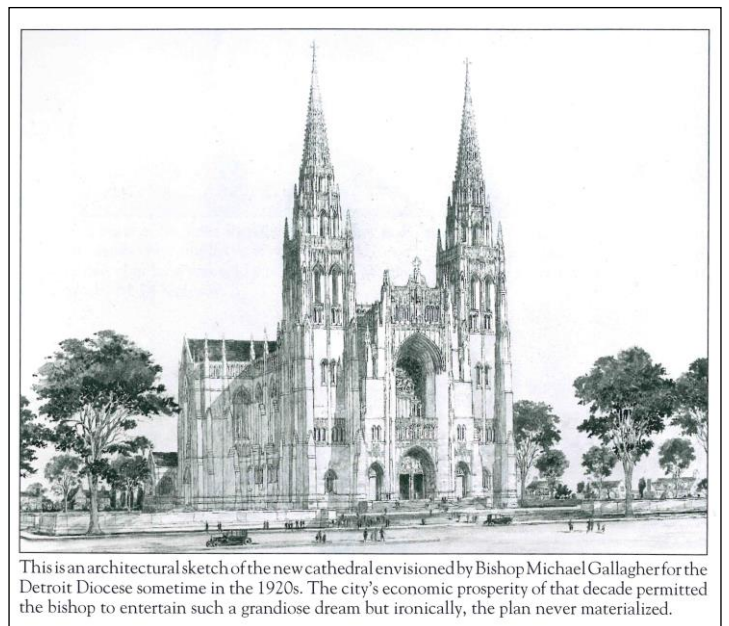


After moving to Orchard Lake, the seminary made do with some unspectacular chapel spaces. In 1960 plans were made for an impressive new Shrine Chapel on the campus. Clearly the plans were changed substantially before the present chapel was built in the 1960s.

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On a related note, a reader pointed out that the 2000 book *Archdiocese of Detroit* by former AOD archivist Roman Godzak contained a depiction of a future Detroit cathedral, before Blessed Sacrament Church was designated as the cathedral. This design seems like an enhanced version of what Blessed Sacrament became, with a more ornate front and fully developed towers.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 12/12 9:45 AM: High Mass at *Holy Family, Detroit* (Our Lady of Guadalupe) – St. Catherine of Siena Academy Choir from Wixom will sing Gregorian Mass XI (Orbis Factor).

Sun. 12/18 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Fourth Sunday of Advent) – Celebrant: Fr. Derik Peterman