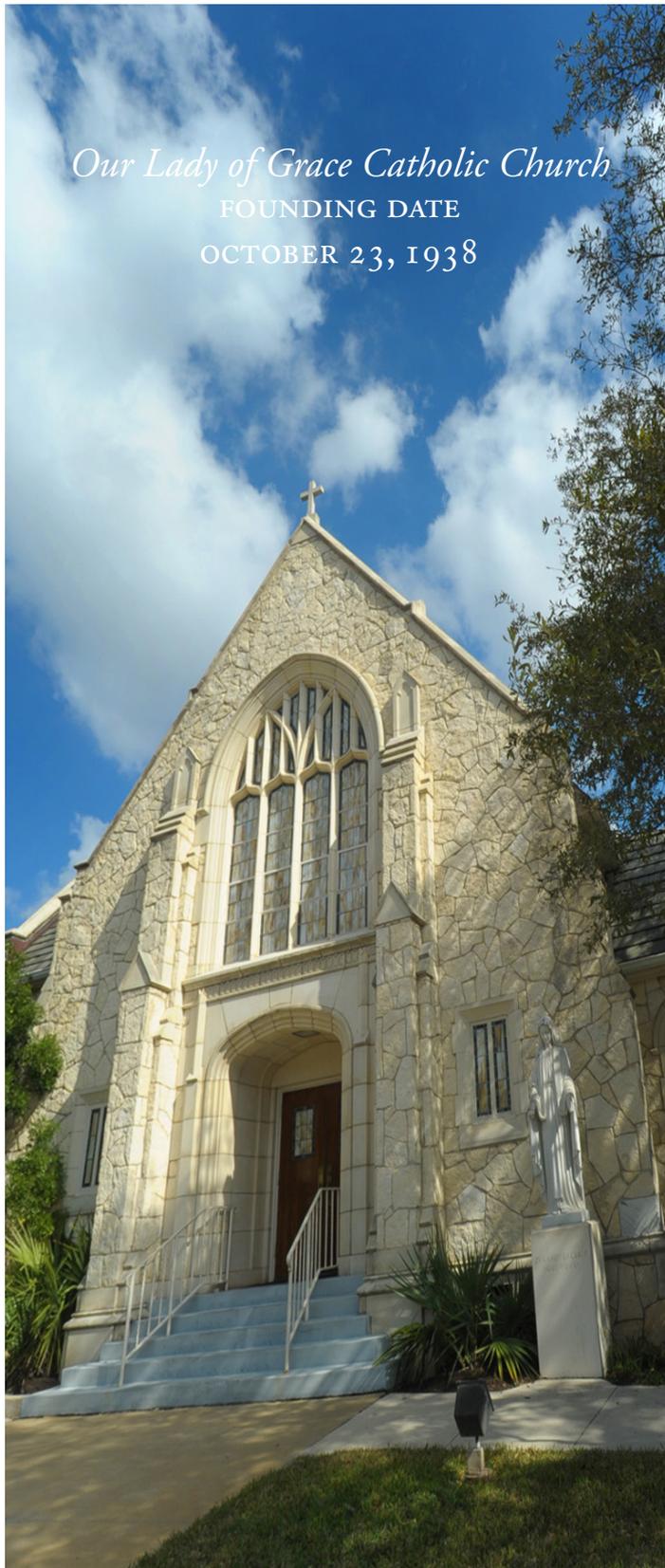


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OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

Called one of the most beautiful churches in the United States by the late John Moody in his book, *Lost by the Road*, Our Lady of Grace began as St. Mary's Chapel, a mission of St. Mary's Church in downtown San Antonio. The church's history is intertwined with that of the many

dedicated priests of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.) who have and continue to serve the people of San Antonio. From Father Edward J. Burns, charged with the construction of St. Mary's Chapel to our beloved Father Patrick Guidon, the Oblates have sustained and supported our parish, working alongside diocesan priests and religious.

St. Mary's Chapel was built of native stone in a simple Gothic design by the firm of Phelps and Dewes and Simmons, Architects. The Chapel was dedicated on October 23, 1938, by Bishop Gerard Mongeau, O.M.I., Vice Provincial of the Southwestern Province of the Oblates.

On July 30, 1952, St. Mary's Chapel was elevated to Parish status and renamed Our Lady of Grace Parish with Father John Collins as the first Pastor. He oversaw the construction of the rectory, gymnasium, meeting rooms, nursery and bride's room in the early 1950's. In 1956, Bishop Steven A. Leven was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Grace. During his 13 years of service, Bishop Leven helped the religious education programs grow in strength and oversaw the refurbishment of the sanctuary.

In the 1970's, under the leadership of Msgr. William C. Martin, V.G., the sanctuary was remodeled. This included the installation of a marble altar, new lectern, and stained glass and wood paneling. Also built during this time period, were the Madonna Room and the Youth Center.

Rev. Msgr. Raymond Garcia was pastor from 1983 until 1995. Under his spiritual leadership, public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was introduced

and continues to this day – more than 30 years later.

Rev. Msgr. Terrence Nolan was pastor from 1995 until 1997 while also serving as the Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Walsh was pastor from 1997-2013. Under his leadership, the parish grew and the church grounds were expanded and refurbished and the priests moved into a remodeled house on the property as a new rectory leaving the prior rectory to serve only as the church offices. Our Lady of Grace was rededicated on April 13, 2003. Msgr. Walsh cared deeply for the spiritual life of the parish. He was instrumental in bringing the ACTS movement to the parish, encouraging Bible Study programs, introducing numerous speaker series, and enriching parishioners' understanding of the faith. Through the leadership of Sister Mary Teresa Cullen, C.S.B., Religious Education Director, dramatic increases were made in the number of children enrolled in the Religious Education Program and adults completing the RCIA Process each year.

Fr. Martin J. Leopold, the current pastor continues growing the spiritual life of the parish, while increasing the focus of generosity of Our Lady of Grace parishioners to assist many in need around San Antonio. Under his leadership, the parish added new meeting rooms and refurbished classrooms, gym, Madonna Room, and parish offices.

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