



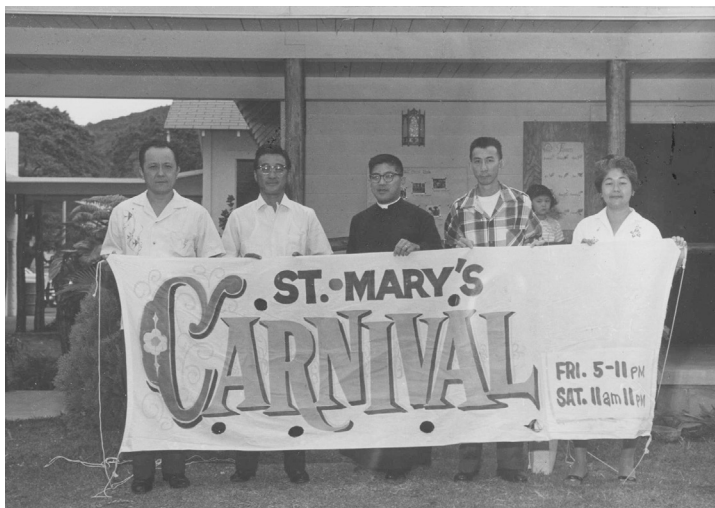
The Rev. Kaneshiro: 1950's

The appointment of the Rev. Morimasa Kaneshiro as the new vicar on October 6, 1959, brought a degree of permanency to the mission. A native of Hilo, he had been assigned by the Bishop to the Kohala Mission. He had served as an interpreter for the U.S. forces on Okinawa through the end of World War II. Following his discharge, he continued his college work and went on to seminary for his divinity degree. A year after the Bishop brought him to Honolulu, he was married to Myrtle Hirokawa, a graduate of St. Andrew's Priory School and a trained physiotherapist. Father Kaneshiro also had a social work background through his college work that stood him well in his new surrounding.

Together, the Kaneshiros built a sturdy mission that took great strides toward parish status. They started the church camp at Moku-leia to bring the membership together socially and strengthen the fabric of the church. Picnics were added to the program in following years. They also initiated St. Mary's Mother's

Day and Father's Day celebrations. For the elderly, they organized the Golden Age and Paradise Club. One of the important things he initiated was to get women more actively involved in the life of the church. But before Father Kaneshiro could get St. Mary's to parish status, he was transferred to Kauai in 1967 by the Bishop to help build that island's membership. They were the last clergy family to live in the parsonage. Since then, the sexton and his family have lived on the church property.

Bishop Kennedy appointed the Rev. Eugene Connell as vicar in 1967. St. Mary's purchased a house on Wilhelmina Rise for the new vicar's family. One of the first things he did was to get a new carpet flooring for the old sanctuary. Father Connell was a founder of the McCully-Moiliili-Lower Manoa Community Association, and the mission played an active role in it during its short life. It was during his tenure that a kindergarten, named the Van Deerlin Pre-School was started in 1968, and a new building was erected. The kindergarten today is operated by a private organization and the school is known as Angels at Play.



Tom Teruya, Harry Hirao, Fr. Kaneshiro, Tom Tokushige, Lillian Nishimura



Thurs., Sept. 18, 1969



CENTENARIAN—Hilda Van Deerlin received holy communion from the Rt. Rev. E. Lani Hanchett, bishop-in-charge of the Honolulu diocese, at St. Mary's Church last night. David Goss, her grandnephew, is seated next to her.



Ex-Teacher Will Be Honored on 100th Birthday

Miss Hilda Van Deerlin is not quite as spry as she used to be — but small wonder.

'Children' Help Dee Dee Celebrate 100

By Beverly Creamer
Star-Bulletin Writer

A lanned, grey-haired woman named Hilda Van Deerlin, affectionately called Dee Dee by her friends, began her 100th birthday anniversary yesterday by reading a letter from President Nixon.

"It pleased me to know that you are celebrating your 100th birthday," the President wrote in a night-letter.

"To have lived so long a life is in itself a milestone to treasure. But to have lived it with such distinction to the education of the young is especially significant," Nixon continued.

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Bishop Hanchett, Fr. Duncan, John Tom, Fr. Perkins, Miss Dee Dee



1960's: Dee Dee's 100th birthday

In the summer of 1968, Rudolph Ather-ton Duncan was graduated from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He had started his divinity career later in life. He had a suc-cessful career as a finance officer at Amfac be-fore deciding to go into the ministry. He was ordained a deacon and assigned to St. Mary's as an intern under Father Connell.

When Bishop Kennedy retired in 1969, Suffragan Bishop E. Lani Hanchett became acting Bishop of the diocese. Bishop Hanchett appointed Father Connell as his administrative assistant, elevating Father Duncan to vicar of St. Mary's.

The first big event in the new vicar's career was to put together the 100th birthday celebration of the most beloved teacher at St. Mary's—Hilda "Dee Dee" Van Deerlin. The service was held at St. Mary's on the evening of September 17, 1969—her 100th birthday, with the Rt. Rev. E. Lani Hanchett leading the service. The big feature of the evening was the delivery of a night letter to Dee Dee from none other than the President of the United States, Richard Milhouse Nixon. "It pleased me to know that you are celebrating your 100th birthday," the President wrote. "To have lived so long a life is in itself a milestone to treasure. But to have lived it with such distinction in the

education of the young is especially signifi-cant." U. S., Senator Daniel K. Inouye was not able to be present with duties keeping him in Washington, D. C. But he sent best wishes. "I was in your kindergarten class during 1929 and 1930," he wrote her. "Those were truly happy years. Your children loved you then and we love you now," his letter said. During the reception after the service. Dee Dee was recounting her experiences. I raised four boys right straight through until they went to war," she said. "They served with Dan Inouye." Also sending congratulations was Sen. Hiram L. Fong.

In only his second year as vicar, Father Duncan had the bishop's committee peti-tion the 1970 Diocesan Convention for parish status. The convention's vote was affirmative and there was great joy at St. Mary's, having reached its goal of becoming a parish after many years of work with that goal in mind. Riding to victory with Father Duncan was the last bishop's committee, made up of Dr. John Y.S. Tom, Senior Warden; Kenneth Yamamoto, Treasurer; Eloise Lawrence, Clerk; Albert Oki, George Clarke, Shurei Hirozawa, Lester Mu-ramoto, Mrs. Josephine Piltz, Robert Mowdy, Raphael Harper, and Mrs. Ethel Ann Nishida.



Exhibit: the calling of the first rector

On December 11, 1970, Dr. John Y. S. Tom, in his position as Senior Warden, wrote the following letter to the Rev. R. A. Duncan:

Rev. Rudolph A. Duncan
St Mary's Parish
2062 S. King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Father Duncan:

At a special meeting of the Vestry of the Parish of St., Mary's, it was unanimously approved that we issue a call to you to become our Rector.

During the past two and a half years your devotion and concern for our congregation has been above that of ordinary duty. You have worked harmoniously with our Bishop's Committee, Vestry and diocesan committees. Under your leadership and guidance, we have progressed in our mission to the Diocese and community. Your wife and family have contributed much to the life of the church. These qualities, among others, were considered, and it was unanimously agreed that you become our first Rector.

Bishop Hanchett has been advised of our intention to call you. He has tentatively approved. If your decision is favorable toward us, your appointment will be formalized when we notify him by letter.

Your decision should be made in writing to the Vestry at the next meeting or the one thereafter.

Sincerely yours,
John Y. S. Tom
Senior Warden for the Vestry of St. Mary's Church

In his letter dated December 12, 1970, The Rev. R. A. Duncan responded as follows:

Dr. John Y. S/ Tom and the Vestry St Mary's Episcopal Parish
2062 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Friends:



I want to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to you for your letter of December 11th in which you asked me to be the first Rector of St. Mary's Parish.

The two and one half years I have been with you have been years of much joy and of many challenges, but above all they have been years during which my family and I have received your love and cooperation. Because of this I will repeat what I said last night at the St. Mary's Christmas Party—"there is no place that I would rather be than at St. Mary's."

This letter will serve to convey to you my official acceptance of your call for me to be the first Rector of St. Mary's, and I look forward to our association as we continue to serve our Lord and His Church in this place.

Faithfully and affectionately,
The Rev. R. A. Duncan

The Rev. R. Duncan

Father Duncan took over the Rector's position beginning on January 1, 1971. But the official Institution of the Rector was held on February 14—Sexagesima or the Second Sunday before Lent, with Bishop Hanchett as Institutor and Preacher. Taking part in this great service were:

Albert Oki as Bishop's Chaplain; Dr. John Y S. Tom as Senior Warden, George Clarke as Layreader, Kenneth Yamamoto as Reader, John Oki as Psalmist, Lisa Sumida and Allison Pang as organists. Mark Tawarahara, Kevin Sumida, and Stan Duncan as acolytes, David Yashiki and Jay Suemori as bearers, Bernice Tawarahara and Amy Chong as Altar Guild members, and Yoshi Sasabuchi, Norman Yamaguchi, and M. Manguchei as ushers.

This action made Father Duncan the last vicar of the mission and the first rector of the new parish. Father Rudy and his wife, Ululani, became a favorite with the congregation, and

he led the new parish to new heights.

At the first annual meeting of the Parish on January 31, 1971, the Rev. Rudy Duncan appointed Dr. John Y. S. Tom as his first Senior Warden for the parish, and the Congregation likewise elected the following as the first vestry for the parish:

Kenneth Yamamoto, Treasurer; Albert Oki, George Clarke, Jane Oki, President of the Women; Shurei Hirozawa, Lester Muramoto, Kevin Sumida, President of the Youth; Frances Afong, Richard Yashiki, Gilman Hu, Moheb Ghali, Norman Yamaguchi, Head Usher and Acolyte Master; Albert Nishikawa, Harriet Kusahara, Bernice Tawarahara, and John Ushijima.

One of his important actions early in his mission was to offer Bible study sessions and prayer and praise meetings for church members. On the social side, he started annual picnics for the congregation. Father Rudy showed his concern for the community also, having served many years on the board of the



Baptism of the Thai family



Hai, Bang, Eileen LoForte, Dao, Oanh



Moiliili Community Center, and the McCully Recreation Center. He served as well on several diocesan committees, including the Finance and Real Estate Committees..

Father Duncan used his financial expertise to lead the new parish to sound financial ground. The mission had a debt of \$45,000 remaining on the vicarage and preschool when he took over the church. By deft financing and generous gifts from the congregation, plus a successful carnival, the debt was completely cleared by 1975. The following year, the congregation decided to do extensive renovations of the church, parish hall and the rectory. The cost of \$24,000 was fully paid within a year.

A major project initiated by the new rector was the opening of a church-run preschool. A contract was let to build a new Butler building, which stands on the mauka-ewa portion of the lot today. Unfortunately, the contractor was not bonded, and he left town before the structure's completion. Fortunately, St. Mary's had a junior warden, Clarence Tom, who possessed construction skills. He and his brother David completed the project by themselves and had it ready by the scheduled opening of the pre-school.

In 1975, Father Duncan had St. Mary's sponsor a Vietnamese family. With the fall of Vietnam, institutions across the nation were sponsoring Vietnamese families that had escaped with the U. S. military. Father Duncan appointed Bob and Eileen Lo Forte, both of whom had served with the military in Vietnam and knew the language and culture, to spearhead St. Mary's Vietnam Project. Coming to St. Mary's were Thoai Onh and Bai Thai and their four younger children. Living quarters were found for them on Thurston Avenue. A job was located for Mr. Thai. Five of their remaining children came to Hawaii to be with their family sometime later. The Thai family members

were hard workers and many of the children became college graduates. They are members of St Mary's to this day.

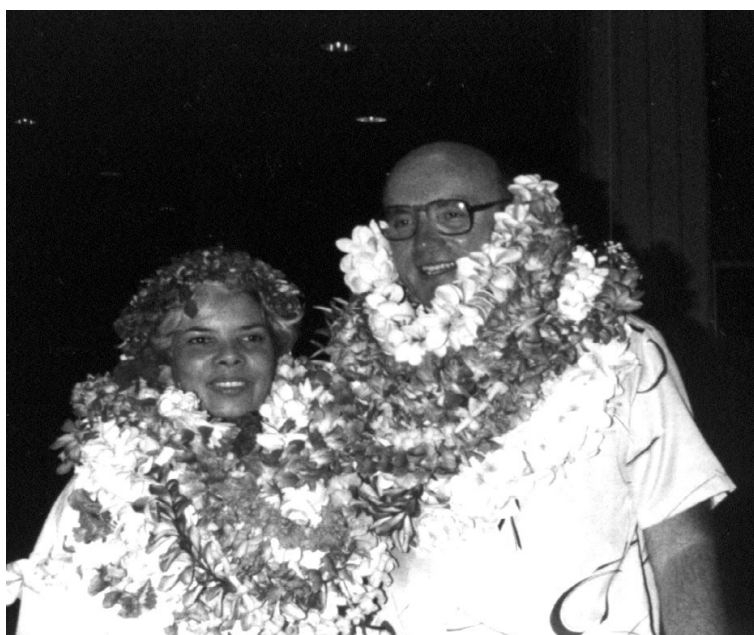
During this period, St. Mary's Church increased its giving with contributions to community, diocesan and national church needs.

By its 75th anniversary year in 1977, St. Mary's had established a savings account of \$22,000 for future projects, and its annual budget had reached \$50,000. The preschool had an enrollment of 75 with a staff of five teachers, a cook who also served as janitor, and a secretary-bookkeeper. Its gross annual revenues totaled \$75,000.

Father Duncan transferred from St. Mary's Church in 1978 to the Diocese to become the Diocesan treasurer.



Evelyn Clark, Mrs. Hanada, Edill Yashiki at a picnic



Anna and Fr. McGlynn



Renewal of mission & Fr. McGlynn

With the departure of Father Duncan, St Mary's had to look for a new rector. The vestry and search committee began its first nationwide search. There were many candidates, but after going through the applications, the search was pared to a handful of possibilities. Finally, the search committee decided on the Rev. Douglas McGlynn, who arrived in September of 1979, with his wife, Anna, and their young son Sean.

One of Father McGlynn's early projects was to start and develop a parish council. By 1980, the council had been organized. The intent was to have the council share with the rector the decisions which the canons of the church gave him over the worship and program ministry of the congregation. The purpose of the council was contained in the statement adopted, which read:

We believe that St Mary's exists:

To be a visible, ministering body of believers, filled with, led by and empowered by the Holy Spirit as a living New Testament Church in Apostolic Order.

To be used of God in drawing persons to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and to the Fellowship of His Church.

To minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of persons in this body and of those whom the Lord may lead to it.

Despite Father McGlynn's efforts to get the Council going, the programs failed to take root as planned. One reason was the loss of key members of the Council. He decided to

reorganize the Council. By 1983, the Council's purpose was divided into three objectives: Worship and Education, Training and Ministry, and Fellowships. The administrative side was also reorganized into three sections. Budget and Finance, Property Management, and Property Development. This arrangement appeared to be more manageable.

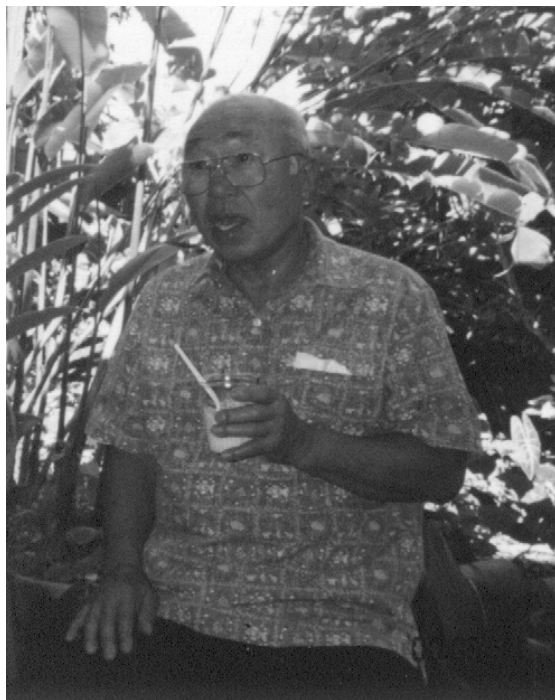
By 1983, it became apparent that the old sanctuary was getting too small for the growing congregation, and Father McGlynn started planning for a new sanctuary. One of the first things he did was to close the pre-school, citing it as an activity not conducive to church operations.

Some personnel changes in staff were also made in early 1984. Mrs. Mume Hanada resigned as sexton early in the year and left the sexton's residence on the church grounds. By April, the Thai family moved into the residence and Mr. Thai became the new sexton.

In March, the church hired as secretary, Edith Yashiki, a faithful member of St Mary's.

During the year, St. Mary's also rented out the use of the sanctuary on a weekday evening to a Korean Christian church. Another important event during the year was the gift of an organ from Holy Nativity Church to St. Mary's, and it is still in use in our centennial year. During the year, three members of St. Mary's were ordained deacons— Linda Neal, Cindy Ando, and Sue Hansen. All have left St Mary's for duties elsewhere.

Father McGlynn started his home fellowships in 1985. Evening worship services were arranged in members' homes in Kaimuki, Windward Oahu, Kahala, Kamehameha Heights, and Manoa. The home fellowships were successful during Father McGlynn's tenure at St. Mary's but unfortunately, petered



Isamu Yoshioka



The Sullivans: Garrett and Janis, Jennine, Susannah and Patrick



out after he left.

A program that developed into a successful gathering was Father McGlynn's Wednesday morning service at 7. He promised that the service would not run over half an hour so that those who worked could get to their jobs on time and those retired could get to their golf game on time. As a Bible scholar, Father McGlynn kept the service tight and interesting and by the time he left St. Mary's, had built up the group to several pews. This service was cancelled by the next rector.

The big project remained the building plans for the new sanctuary which was to take up more than half of the parish hall building: The plans were nearly completed by 1985. Fund raising had begun and it was proceeding quite successfully as members came through as expected. Garrett Sullivan, Senior Warden, was named the contractor for the construction of the new sanctuary. His was quite a responsibility, as Father McGlynn began a year's sabbatical in July, 1986. The construction went well. Among the skilled workers that Mr. Sullivan had in his crew was Isamu

Yoshioka, a member of St. Mary's and a skilled carpenter, who did much of the fine carpentry for the sanctuary. The completion of the new sanctuary was well received. The only flaw was that the cost ran over by about \$300,000. St Mary's sold its rectory on Wilhelmina Rise for \$350,000 to cover the shortfall

The dedication of the new sanctuary was held on November 8, 1987.

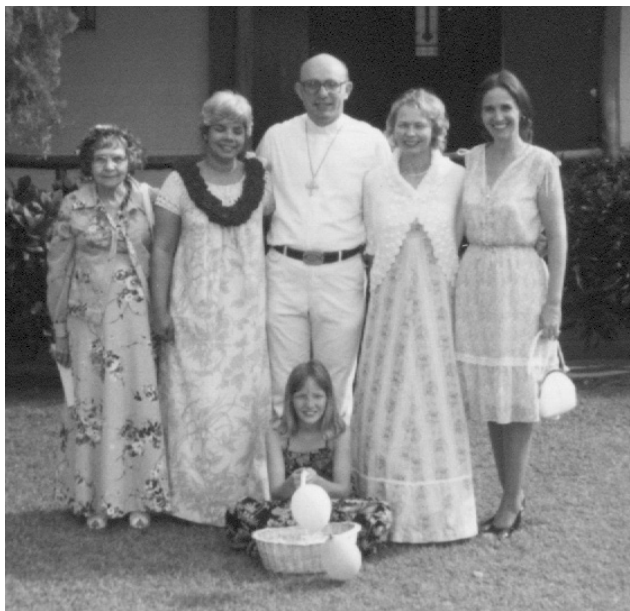
By the end of 1988, Father McGlynn resigned his post to accept a teaching position at an educational institution in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Construction of the new sanctuary



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Connie Mateau, Anna and Fr. McGlynn, and friends



Missionaries: Hugh & Chris

St. Mary's supports two missions through the ministries of Chris Ako and Hugh Kaiser.

Chris Ako

Chris's mission to provide evangelistic outreach is to the young people of Poland. As a Christian she felt the need to respond to God's calling. She left Hawaii in June of 1990 to pursue her ministry. She had lived in Poland in the early 1970's and had learned to love the people. The spiritual and cultural roots of the youth were deep in the Roman Catholic tradition. Chris's background in the Episcopal Church allowed her to be sensitive about the religious background of the young people. She did not want to pressure the youth to leave their home church.

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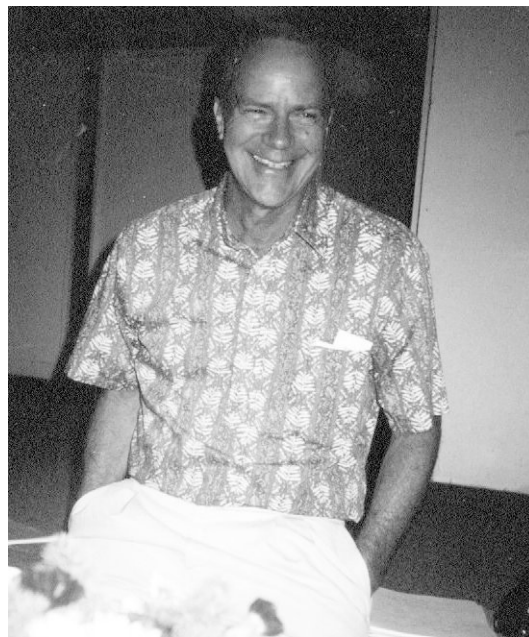


Chris Ako

organization called Nexus, the international branch of Young Life.

Hugh Kaiser

Hugh's first mission was with the Barnabas Ministry in 1985 and most of ministry started in the Philippines. He quit his profession as an Architectural Engineer in 1984 and the Lord called him to this ministry in the Philippines. He presently is serving in the Philippines as well as in Indonesia. Even while he was working, he was providing a ministry to his co-workers who came to him for healing, prayers and personal counseling.



Hugh Kaiser



John, Susan Pam, Sara, Fr. Lipka, Adam

The Rev. Richard Lipka

For the first six months of 1989, St. Mary's was without a rector and depended on supply priests to keep the institution going. Helping St. Mary's during those lean times were the Fathers Burton Linscott, Richard Rowe, Norio Sasaki, Tom Yoshida, Scott Wright and Hollis Maxon.

The new rector chosen by the Selection Committee was the Rev. Rich Lipka, who arrived in June, 1989, from Baltimore, Md., with his wife and four children.

Father Lipka retained Garrett Sullivan as his senior warden, who had successfully completed the new sanctuary. Elected junior warden was Paul Adkins. Named lay readers were Lester Muramoto, Douglas Spalding, Lynette Kurren, Albert Nishikawa, Moheb Ghali,

Janis Loo, Ken Yamamoto, Joanne Crawford and Jim Ariyoshi.

With the sale of the rectory on Wilhelmina Rise, the church entered into a shared equity arrangement in the rectory in Kailua for the Lipka family, investing \$100,000 for that purpose.

The Institute of Human Services was started in 1990 by the Rev. Claude Du Teil to care for the homeless and hungry on Honolulu streets. Father Du Tiel had served the Episcopal Church in Hawaii for many years. St Mary's became involved with this great mission over the years by helping in various ways, the last being to serve dinner to the occupants of the home once a month.

Some of the early programs begun by Father Lipka included Christian Education, the music ministry, the prayer ministry and youth ministry.



In 1990, Moheb Ghali was appointed senior warden by the rector and in 1991, the vestry elected Donna Madsen as junior warden.

In March, 1991, Father Lipka resigned to become rector of the Holy Family Episcopal Church in Orlando, Florida, after less than two years at St. Mary's. A search committee was organized to look for a replacement. Father Lipka soon was dissatisfied with his new position in Orlando, and asked to return to St. Mary's. Arrangements were made for him to resume his former ministry, and he and his family returned to St. Mary's in June, 1992. In his first sermon, he said how thankful he was that the congregation had agreed to take him back as their rector, and he promised to stay for 10 years.

However, his second stay was also brief. Among his first projects was to change St. Mary's from an unincorporated to an incorporated parish. This was accomplished in 1993. The next step was to hold title of and administer the real property and/or trust funds of St. Mary's. This would be possible because the board of directors of the new incorporated parish has legal power, unlike the previous vestry. But there were legal problems about transferring the property to this incorporated parish.

Father Lipka's biggest concern was the liberal leaning bent of the Episcopal Church. "There are a number of us who can no longer support the current theological and moral direction of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A and the Diocese," he wrote in his State of the Parish in 1993, which was passed out to all members of St. Mary's before the annual meeting.

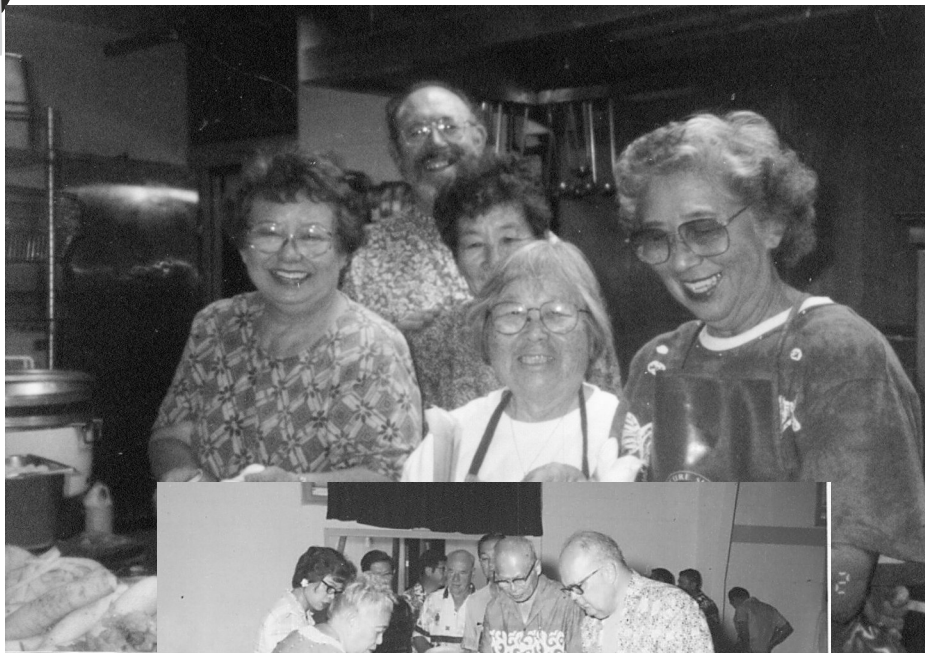
He told the annual meeting in his report that "the most important and stressing issue we will have to face in 1994, as individuals and

corporately as a parish i.e., our ongoing relationship with the Episcopal Church in the USA and, therefore, with the Diocese of Hawaii."

"For many of us, it seems, that the Episcopal Church is choosing to deliberately depart from historical biblical Christianity regarding the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as the Universal Savior and Lord; the authority and primacy of the Bible in matter of Faith and Morals; and the traditional understanding of marriage and human sexuality. At the General Convention in Indiana this summer the Episcopal Church may declare homosexuality and lesbianism a God-given uniqueness and gift and valid lifestyle to be honored by all. It may also officially allow the ordaining of practicing homosexuals and lesbians."

Father Lipka and the entire board of directors resigned in May, 1994, and took with them half of the members of St. Mary's to form a new church.

Just about all of the lay leaders of St. Mary's left with Father Lipka, leaving a small and leaderless group to shift for themselves. But soon new leaders sprang up among the leaderless, and the congregation came to life. Bishop Hart, who gave the remaining congregation his encouraging support, appointed Father Morimasa Kaneshiro, who had retired, interim rector.



IHS volunteers. Aloha Hour from the 1950's. Women singing on Father's Day.



Michael and Kerstyn Tsuruda helping in the kitchen. Floral arrangement by Arlene Sato. Men singing to women on Mother's Day.



William Mok