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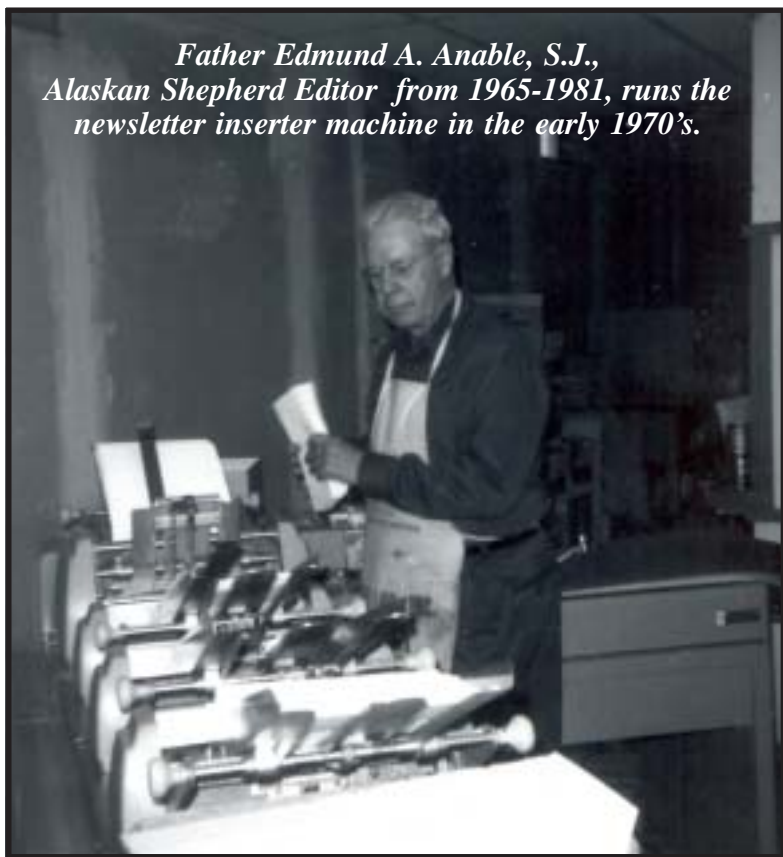
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THE ALASKAN SHEPHERD THE FIRST 50 YEARS: 1960-2010 PART I

Editor's Note: "The year 2010 finds *The Alaskan Shepherd* celebrating 50 years of publication!" This line, however, appeared already in issues of *The Alaskan Shepherd* assigned the volume number of only "48." I needed to somehow resolve this glaring discrepancy. Fortunately, I knew just the right man to turn to, to do that: Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J., who served as head of the *Alaskan Shepherd* Fundraising Program and as editor of *The Alaskan Shepherd* from 1981-2002. His reply to my plea for help leads off this *Shepherd's* contents.

Father Edmund A. Anable, S.J.,
Alaskan Shepherd Editor from 1965-1981, runs the
newsletter inserter machine in the early 1970's.



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Chancery Archives, unless otherwise noted.

—Patty Walter

Dear Patty,

Thank you for feeling free to turn to me in hopes of finding a resolution to the discrepancy between the two numbers in question. The two numbers are reconcilable, as we shall see. And, in keeping with your second request, I happily supply also some background history regarding the beginning and the middle years of the *Alaskan Shepherd* Fundraising Program and the "News Letter," *The Alaskan Shepherd*.

Luckily, I have access to a complete set of all the issues of *The Alaskan Shepherd*

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"Just a Little Bit"

The ALASKAN SHEPHERD

A NEWS LETTER TO OUR FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS

VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF ALASKA
Most Reverend Bishop Francis D. Gleeson, S.J., D.D.
1032 Eighth Ave. — Fairbanks, Alaska

Series 1 The ALASKAN SHEPHERD, Fairbanks, Alaska APRIL 1960 Letter No. 1



*Bishop Gleeson
Says:*

Dear Benefactor:

Happy Easter! May the risen Savior Bless you abundantly for the compassion you have shown toward His poor in the person of our Eskimo and Indian children.

This letter has been a long time in the writing. You may recall

published up to the present. The first issue appeared in April 1960. It was not, however, designated "Volume 1, Number 1," but "Series 1, Letter 1." The "Series" designation was used for several years; then issues appeared bearing neither a "Series" nor a "Volume" number, only a date, a non-logical sequential date. Then I found an issue with the "Volume" designation, but it was not "Volume 1," as one might have expected, but, instead, "Volume 2, No. 4." As for a "Volume 1"? There is none. In a letter to me, dated 12 February 1981, Fr. Edmund A. Anable, S.J.—veteran Alaskan missionary already at the time—wrote: "You will notice that in the Shepherd material there is a mix-up in dating the various pages, and I have often tried to puzzle out just what happened. However, all the material is there and, in some distant year, someone else can read and wonder if the editor of those pages might just possibly have had a drink or two before the printing."

In "An Account of my Life in Alaska," written in 1984, Fr. Anable wrote, "In 1959, I moved into the Bishop's house and started making feeble efforts to begin a begging campaign for the missions, entirely by mail." Fr. Anable's official appointment, as of 1959, was to be "at the beck and call of the Bishop of the Vicariate of Northern Alaska." This was Bishop Francis D.

Gleeson, S.J., D.D. By Bishop Gleeson he was given the assignment, among other demanding assignments, to raise money to support the missions of northern Alaska.

In his "Account," Fr. Anable wrote: "We started slowly, with one woman to help in the addressing and mailing. We began simply, with two typewriters. Then we picked up a simple addressing machine; then a small machine that folded the News Letter and enclosed it in an envelope. Finally, we installed a computer."

The "woman" in question was Catherine Calvin, Bishop Gleeson's secretary at the time. (For the Renner-Calvin connection, see my autobiography, *A Kindly Providence*, p. 180!) From the outset, most of the articles in issues of *The Alaskan Shepherd* were written by Fr.



*Catherine Calvin
Editor and
Office Manager,
The Alaskan Shepherd,
1960 to 1965.*

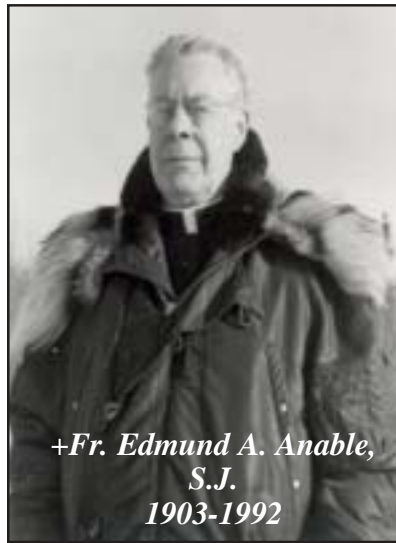
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of Rita
Johnson.*

Anable, even if they were introduced, as they often were, with the phrase, "Bishop Gleeson Says:". Catherine Calvin, too, wrote a fair number of those early-day articles. Her last one appears in the March-April 1967 issue. And, even if not by title, she was, in reality, the first editor of *The Alaskan Shepherd*, Fr. Anable being the second.

Fr. Anable was born in 1903. In that 1984 "Account," he wrote, "Once I had passed my seventieth birthday, I realized what a tragedy it could be for the missions of Alaska, if I were to develop a long-lasting illness or should die. So, I began petitioning [Bishop Robert L. Whelan, S.J. D.D.] that serious consideration be given to a replacement. Finally, Fr. Louis Renner was appointed to take over. I should close this narrative with the statement that, with neither fanfare nor disruption, the work of the *Alaskan Shepherd* has most successfully weathered the change."

After a mini-sabbatical, in 1981, I took over as head of the *Alaskan Shepherd* Fundraising Program. What I found was a really fine-tuned, smoothly functioning operation, this, thanks to the expertise and dedication Fr. Anable had brought to it. I found the *Alaskan Shepherd* staff members, the "faithful Shepherdesses," well trained and a truly compatible group to work with. For the most part, they were on their own. They knew what was expected of them and carried out their tasks competently and cheerfully. I felt perfectly at ease being out of my office for longer periods of time and for reasons other than *Alaskan Shepherd* related.

Of utmost importance to me were also the business contacts Fr. Anable had established: the list brokers, the envelope suppliers, and, above all, the people who printed *The Alaskan Shepherd*. Early on, I was introduced to Jack Ebenal and Ali

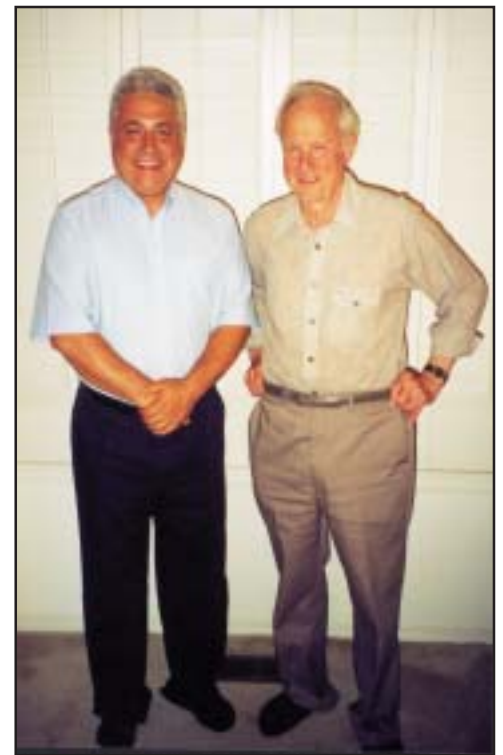


+Fr. Edmund A. Anable,
S.J.
1903-1992

Hassannia of the *Daily Journal of Commerce*, in Portland, Oregon. From the outset, I could not have wished for more competent, congenial business partners. "Business partners," yes; but, at the same time, also close, lasting personal friends. Throughout my years with the *Alaskan Shepherd* program, I was singularly blessed in having Ali (Jack died somewhat prematurely) as "my man in Portland." In 1997, *Journal Graphics*, likewise in Portland, became our printer. This firm was

headed by Phil Bridge. My working relationship with him and his firm was of the finest; his friendship became cherished. (I should mention here that, when the Oregon Province needed some outside financial help with the publication of my *Alaskana Catholica*, Ali and his son, Jeff, and Phil made very generous contributions.)

During my *Alaskan Shepherd* years, 1981-2002, issues were printed in Portland; then shipped to Fairbanks, where they were inserted into envelopes, bulked, and hauled to the post office. This meant for me more than just deskwork. Some of our mailings were as high as



Ali Hassannia of *Journal Graphics/Daily Journal of Commerce* poses with Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J., Editor of *The Alaskan Shepherd*, 1981 to 2002. Photo courtesy of Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J.

60,000. Handling that many individual copies, plus the sending and reply envelopes, plus the mailbags into which the bulked bundles went before being hauled to the post office entailed a considerable amount of physical labor for me personally, even when helped by chancery staff members. At temperatures well below zero, off-loading truckloads of now *Shepherd* issues, now envelopes, now empty mail bags and moving them into and stacking them in the basement storeroom helped keep an otherwise desk-bound man fit. In December of 2002, the *Shepherd* began to be mailed directly out of Portland.

While much of my *Alaskan Shepherd* work was deskwork, I did get away from the desk quite often—as is obvious to readers of the *Shepherd*—to travel to remote bush villages for material and photos for *Shepherd* articles. A fair number of articles that first appeared in the *Shepherd* were reprinted in other periodicals, especially in *Extension Magazine*. And a fair number of *Shepherd* articles were blended into my autobiography, *A Kindly Providence*.

Well, Patty, I hope I answered your basic questions. Sorry, if I got carried away a bit! Blessings and all best wishes,

Father Renner

Fr. Renner

I received Father Renner's reply with great gratitude, seeing his letter as the perfect opening for our Anniversary issue. Though I am in contact with Father, often on a weekly basis via email, I still find it hard to believe that he has been retired as "helmsman" of the *Alaskan Shepherd* Fundraising Program for over eight years. Even though, in distant Spokane, he is many miles away from me, I am

comforted by his support and expert opinion on all matters of *Shepherd* Publication. "Rennerizations," as I refer to his editorial suggestions, are an integral part of my editing process and consistently convince me that my finalized *Shepherd* newsletter is of a quality that our readers will find informative, inspirational, and edifying—on a parity that they have experienced for 50 years now.

In the years since I have "taken the helm," I have been fortunate to come across a great deal of archive information to help me produce this issue. It is with great pride that I pass on the story of *The Alaskan Shepherd*. I am delighted to be a small part of the history of this noble endeavor that is the *Shepherd* Mission: to raise funds and to solicit prayers needed by the Missionary Diocese of Fairbanks to carry out its basic apostolic ministries. Helping me steer is a wonderfully dedicated staff. We have a part-time clerical assistant, Megan Hockin, who is responsible for processing most of our



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NOVENA OF GRACE

Each year during the month of March, a Novena is offered for you, our benefactors, and for your petitions.

The Novena of Grace is so called because countless people have had their prayers answered by God through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier, the Jesuit Apostle to the Orient in the sixteenth century and the patron saint of worldwide missions.

We invite you to send us your petitions. Both you and your needs will be remembered on each of the nine days. The Fathers on the missions also will remember you and your intentions in their Masses and prayers during the Novena.

We invite all of you to join us in this Novena of Grace by reciting--from the 4th of March to the 12th inclusive--the following prayers.

TO: CATHOLIC BISHOP OF NORTHERN ALASKA
1312 Peger Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-5199

Please remember the following petitions during the Novena of Grace:



O most amiable and loving St. Francis Xavier, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. While joyfully giving thanks to God for the great graces which He conferred upon you in life and for the great glory with which He has gifted you in heaven, I come to you with heartfelt love, begging you to secure for me, by your powerful intercession, the inestimable blessings of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain for me the favors I ask in this Novena_____.

But if what I ask is not for the Glory of God, or for the good of my soul, do you obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory be to the Father.

V. Pray for us, St. Francis Xavier,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, you chose to bring into your Church peoples of the Orient through the preaching and miracles of St. Francis Xavier, mercifully grant us that we may imitate his virtues, whose glorious merits we hold in veneration.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

outgoing mail, which includes thank you letters, books, and other special mailings. Lin Craig is our Office Manager. Lin supervises two full-time clerks, Katrina Francesco and Lita Goodall, and Pat Welborn (retired Office Manager) who assists us on a part-time, call-in basis. The *Shepherd* clerks sort incoming mail, open the mail, analyze the contributor's request, assign it to the proper fund, and process the donation. The job itself requires a great deal of attention to detail. While some of our mail responses contain a straightforward check or cash donation, still many others come with letters, cards, and requests for prayers. Our ultimate goal is to make sure that we understand and comply with each of our generous contributor's requests. Every letter, card, prayer request, as well as every financial contribution, is of importance and receives our careful attention. Our work is more than just a job. It is an apostolic work, a matter of helping "keep our Missionaries on the trail."

In the early years, *The Alaskan Shepherd* newsletter sprang from an attempt by Bishop Francis D. Gleeson, S.J., to communicate the needs of a very poor, in every regard, Missionary Diocese, to

The Alaskan Shepherd Staff



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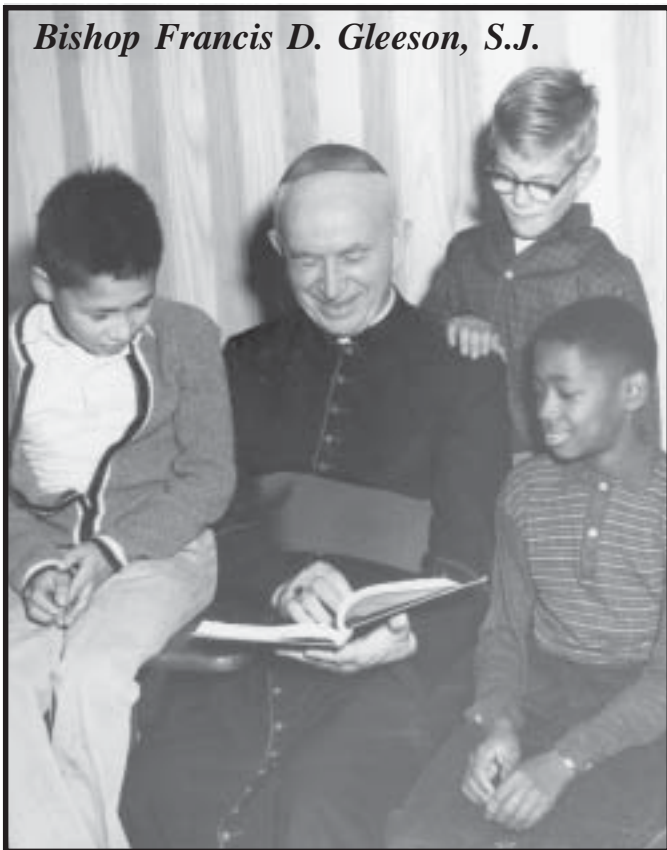
Chancery Staff, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1977: Standing: Bishop Robert L. Whelan, S.J., Sister Angela McCarthy, Georgia Schroeder, Betty Bernard, Morva Hoover, Charley Stack, Rita Johnson, Father Bill Dibb, S.J. **Seated:** Bonnie Sullivan, Bishop Francis D. Gleeson, S.J., Mary D'Ambrosia, Father Edmund A. Anable, S.J., Mary Kay Kienle, Sally Spear.

Photo Courtesy of Rita Johnson

the “outside world,” the only world that could actually assist him. It was 1960, just the year after Alaska had achieved statehood. In 1951, Bishop Gleeson moved from Juneau to Fairbanks, where he continued as Vicar Apostolic of the rest of Alaska. In 1962, the vicariate became the Missionary Diocese of Fairbanks (directly under the Propaganda Fidei in Rome) with Bishop Gleeson as its Ordinary. In 1966, the 138,985-square-mile Archdiocese of Anchorage was established with Joseph T. Ryan as its first archbishop. This left the Juneau diocese with 37,566 square miles and the Fairbanks diocese with 409,849. (The additional 4,604 Alaskan square miles found subsequently by geographers have yet to be claimed by one or other of the three dioceses.)

Bishop Gleeson penned his first newsletter for publication in April of 1960. It bears *The Alaskan Shepherd* title and has as its address head:

VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF ALASKA
Most Reverend Bishop Francis D. Gleeson, S.J., D.D.
1032 Eighth Ave. –Fairbanks, Alaska



Bishop Francis D. Gleeson, S.J.

The newsletter operated out of Bishop Gleeson’s basement, and as Father Renner mentioned, though Father Anable is touted as the newsletter’s first Editor, it is probably the Bishop’s first secretary, Catherine Calvin, who was responsible for much of the initial writing and office details.

Here is a portion of that first newsletter:

Dear Benefactor:

Happy Easter! May the risen Savior Bless you abundantly for the compassion you have shown toward His poor in the person of our Eskimo and Indian children.

This letter has been a long time in the writing. You may recall (those of you who got my Christmas letter) that I had hoped to have some detailed stories of this land and its Missionaries to send this year. And pictures too! Many pictures were received, but the stories are another thing. ...Imagine the difficulty after a long, hard winter day making the rounds outside, of sitting in the little shack called the “Priest’s House” and by lamp light, writing with pen and ink to your Bishop an account of the incidents of the day— incidents that are commonplace to you, but fascinating to the good folks back in the “forty-eight.”

Right after I moved here from Betty Street, where I had lived at the school, Fathers Anable and Babb came to live with me so that we would have daily contact and Father Anable was to help me with the correspondence especially during my necessary absences.

...Speaking of writing, let me tell you from the beginning how I happened to start writing to you. You know the Vicariate covers an area nearly twice the size of Texas. Here about two-thirds of the Catholics are Eskimos and Indians. A few are Aleuts. Their income is so small they cannot help much. My predecessors and I have had to rely entirely on outside support for building up and maintenance of the Alaska Missions. This help, as generous as it has been, is now entirely inadequate to supply the essential needs of the

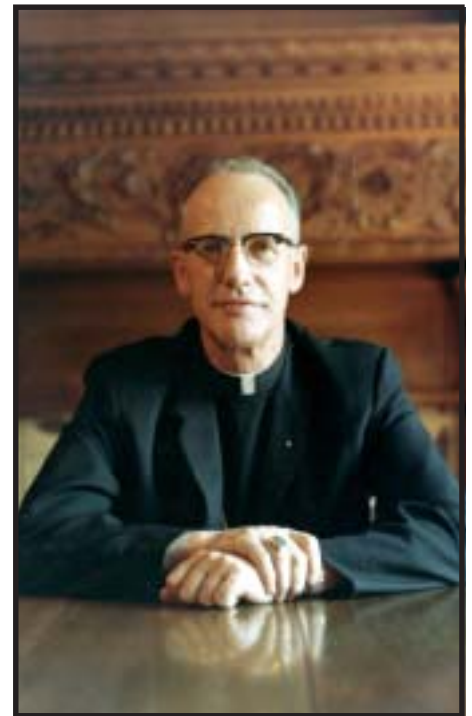
Church in the Vicariate. So, since I am getting to be an old man, I had to decide whether I should spend the rest of my life doing the best I can with what we have, or if I should reach out to good people like you for help. Many to whom I put this question, encouraged me to expand the number of appeals. This we did, and what happened? Those who responded were very generous, but not nearly enough responded! Our condition now is worse by many dollars than it was before we tried to get more. Sometimes we feel that if difficulties are a sign of God's love, then we are His favorites right now.

The newsletter features a map of the Vicariate of Northern Alaska and mission stories of the villages of St. Michael (then a district), Holy Cross, and Hooper Bay. Within the newsletter, there is a block of text that reads:

Subscription One Dollar a year with the understanding that if the publication is discontinued, the subscription price paid covers the copies issued, and any surplus remaining will be used for the

**+Bishop George T. Boileau, S.J.
1912-1965**

These few lines are significant because they were to become the foundation of our ongoing appeal effort, featuring the all important *Alaskan Shepherd* "Buck-A-Month" club, to which many of our original readers subscribed. Eventually, throughout the 1960's, our donor base reached about 2,000 donors and an annual income of about \$24,000.00. Today our mailing base is about 40,000. It has been our great fortune that our loyal donors have historically given much more annually, than the asked for \$12.00 subscription price. Today, our expenses are more than ten times the 1960 expenditures.



The Diocese of Fairbanks spans 409,849 square miles. Only nine of our 46 parishes can be reached by road. Only eight parishes are financially self-sustaining. Prices are unbelievably high and expenses great. Even with our best efforts, we are still far from realizing our ideal that every parish, mission, program, and project be as self-supporting as possible.

Our annual appeal, to this day, asks for only a "buck-a-month."

In 1962, Pope John XXIII raised the Vicariate of Alaska to the rank of Diocese, a Missionary Diocese. Bishop Gleeson first announced this news in the November-December *Alaskan Shepherd* issue,

Can you help the Missionary Diocese of Northern Alaska?

Missionary Diocese of Fairbanks (Northern Alaska) 409,849 Square Miles

- 6 Urban-Rural Parishes
- 20 Rural-Roadless Parishes
- 20 Non-Roadless Parishes
- 1 High School Mission
- 1 Elementary School
- 1 Intermediate (Catholic)
- 1 Children Center
- 1 Religious Instruction
- 1 Native Ministry Training Center
- 1 Center
- 1 School
- 1 Youth Center
- 1 Parish
- 12 Missions
- 1 Missionary
- 1 Missionary Lay Minister

"No undertaking, perhaps, is so pleasing to God as supporting the Missionary work of the Church. All who are awakened Christians or those of that name must contribute their support either by their prayers or by an offering according to their means."

—Blessed Pope John XXIII

St. Therese, patroness of the Alaska Mission, pray for its benefactors!

Some give by going to the Missions. Some go by giving to the Missions. Without both there are no Missions.

"LITTLE THINGS OF THE WORLD I WILL BRING MY HEAVEN BEING GIVER UPON EARTH!" —St. Therese of the Child Jesus

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*Rita Johnson, Alaskan Shepherd Office Manager
1965-1986*



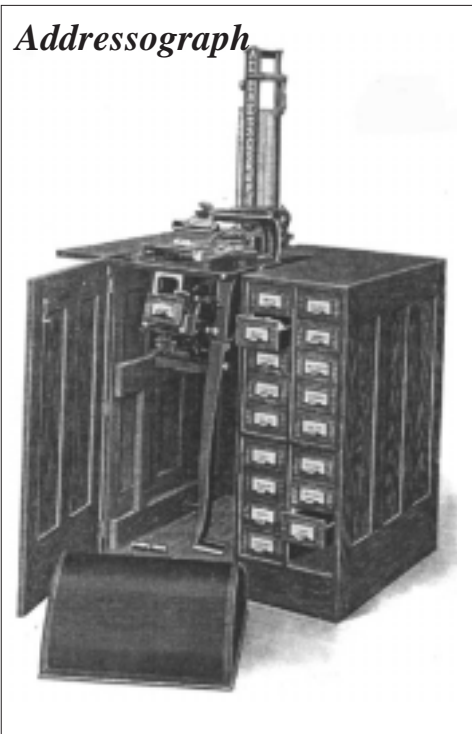
of that same year, just weeks before leaving to attend the first session of the Ecumenical Council, in Rome.

In the 1964 May-June *Shepherd* issue, Catherine Calvin announced that the Diocese had just received word that Pope Paul VI had appointed the Very Reverend George Boileau, S.J., Titular Bishop of Ausuccura and Coadjutor with the right of succession to the Most Reverend Francis D. Gleeson, S.J. In late February 1965, a great many people were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Bishop Boileau. He had delivered a lecture at Seattle University and was to leave the

next morning for Spokane. At his sister's place, in Riverton, near Seattle, where he had spent the night, early in the morning of February 25, 1965, as he was putting on his coat, he was stricken with a heart attack and died instantly.

Just prior to Bishop Boileau's passing, Catherine Calvin hired Rita Johnson to join the *Alaskan Shepherd* staff and to assist Fr. Anable as Office Manager. Rita began in 1965 and would stay with the *Shepherd* 21 years, retiring in 1986. Rita recalls being trained by Peg Harkovich to use a machine called a Flex-O-Writer. The machine was a teleprinter, a heavy duty electric typewriter capable of being driven not only by a human typing, but also automatically by several methods including direct attachment to a computer (in later years) and by use of paper tape. Rita also recalls a machine called an Addressograph. The machine, was essentially a steel frame with an integrated keyboard for stamping out address plates, a cassette-style plate feeder, a heavy-duty, rapidly moving inked ribbon, a platten for hand-feeding the mail piece, and a foot pedal for

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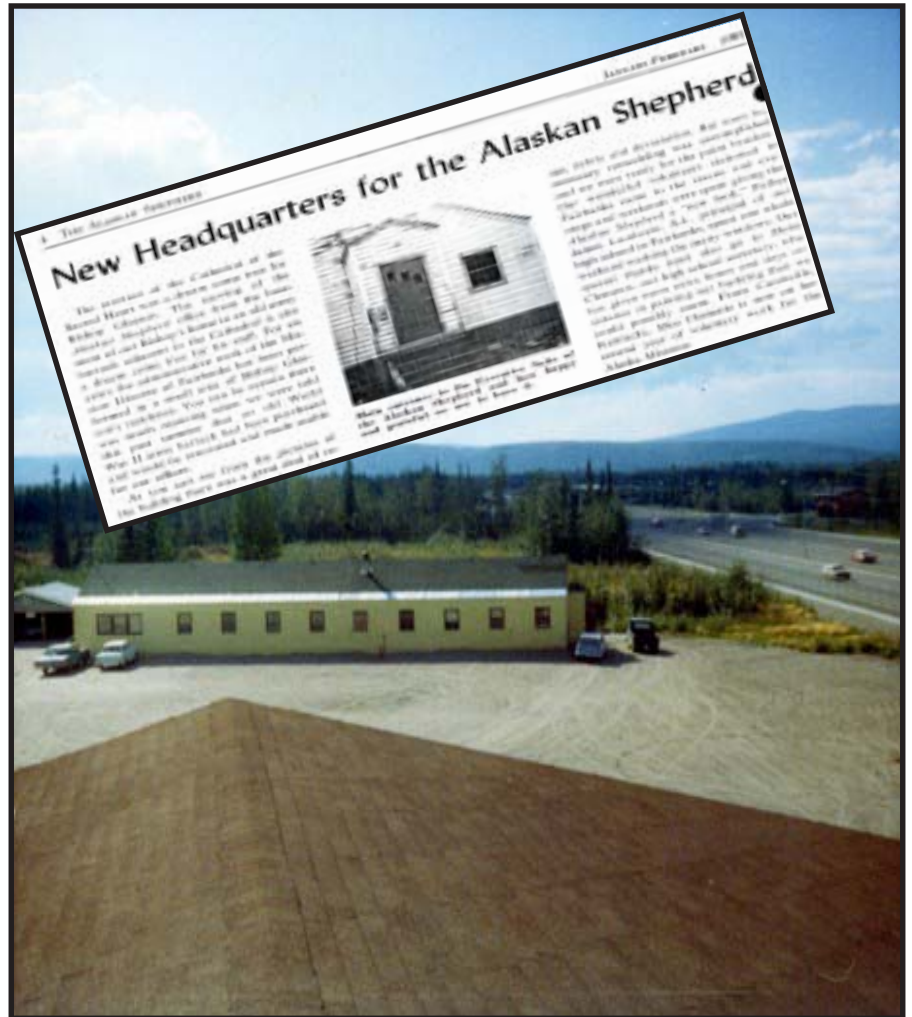


Flex-O-Writer

stamping the address. The individual steel address plates were inserted into card-sized frames, which had a series of slots along the top where colored metal flags could also be inserted for sorting purposes. The plate assemblies were placed in steel cassettes resembling library card catalogue drawers, which were manually inserted into the machine. At the press of the foot pedal, the plate assemblies were swapped in sequence in a similar fashion to a slide projector, placing an impression of the raised type onto the mail piece. The *Shepherd* had 2000 contributors, at the time, and each had to be handled with a separate nameplate and then hand-stuffed with a newsletter and a reply envelope. Volunteers and staff would set up a nameplate for each new donor and keep them in the catalogue drawers until printing time. The newsletter was printed using a combination of the talents of the Flex-O-Writer and a Mimeograph machine. First, the staff would prepare a printed copy on the Flex-O-Writer. Once prepared, the stencil was wrapped around the ink-filled drum of the rotary machine.

When the blank sheet of paper was drawn between the rotating drum and a pressure roller, the ink was forced through the holes on the stencil onto the paper. Acceptable photo images were copied using the mimeograph as well. No staff member can recall the year the *Shepherd* received its first copy machine, but all recall rejoicing in its arrival. (*Shepherd* issues were mailed at a rate of four to six annually throughout 2002.) Benefactors to the *Shepherd* received their first annual calendar in 1973. Beginning in 2003, contributors would receive eight to nine annual issues as well as an annual calendar.

In the 1967 January-February issue of *The Alaskan Shepherd*, Catherine Calvin wrote under the headline *New Headquarters for the Alaskan Shepherd*, the following, (in part): *The erection of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart was a dream come true for Bishop Gleeson. The moving of the*



Alaskan Shepherd office from the basement of our Bishop's home to an old army barrack adjacent to the Cathedral is also a dream come true for his staff. For six years, the administrative work of the Mission Diocese of Fairbanks has been performed in a small area of Bishop Gleeson's residence. You can be certain there was much rejoicing when we were told this past summer that an old World War II army barrack had been purchased and would be renovated and made usable for our offices.

It was a most happy and satisfying moment when the time came to hang our large painting of Our Lady of the Snows (Arctic Snows) in the main office. It is our hope that with the expanded space and room for growth we now have, with it will come more volunteers familiar with office routine, that will give one year of service working in the ALASKAN SHEPHERD OFFICE.

Our new address is:

THE ALASKAN SHEPHERD

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1312 Peger Road

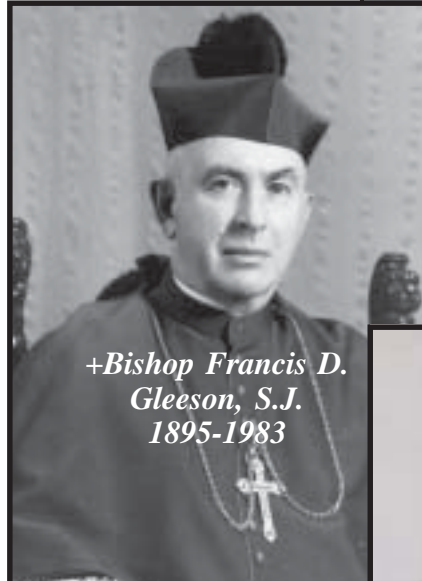
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—Catherine Calvin

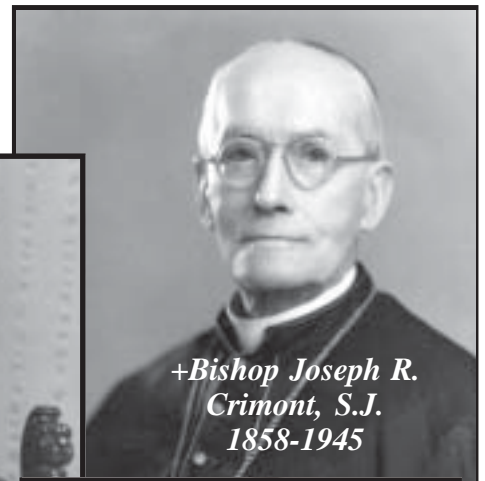
In 1968, Bishop Gleeson formally announced his retirement. (Succeeding Bishop Gleeson as Ordinary of the Diocese of Fairbanks have been Bishops Robert L. Whelan, S.J., November 30, 1968, to July 28, 1985; Michael J. Kaniecki, July 28, 1985, to the day of his death, August 6, 2000; and Donald J. Kettler, August 22, 2002, to the present.)

Shortly after Catherine wrote the letter, announcing the *Shepherd's* new home the whole *Shepherd* operation was moved to the basement of the newly built Cathedral before moving to its final and current resting place in the unfinished basement of the Chancery building in 1969.

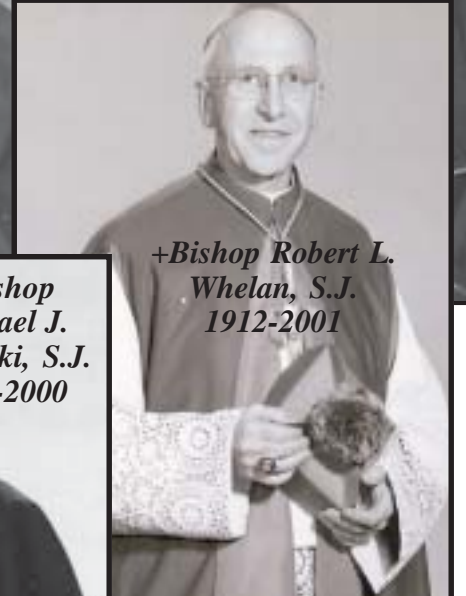
**Read more about
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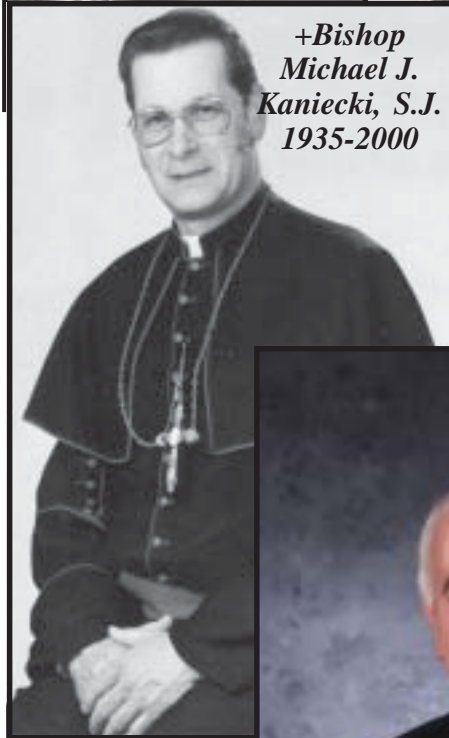
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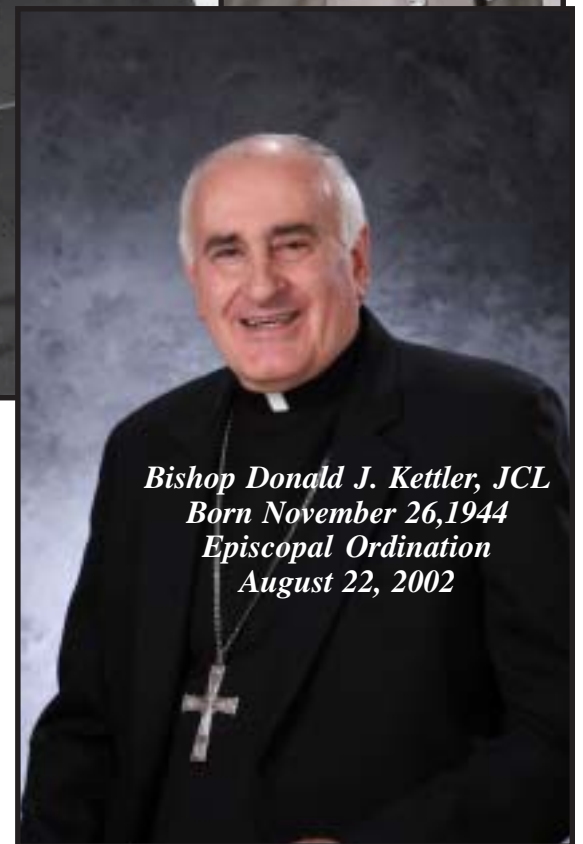
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