

Conclusion

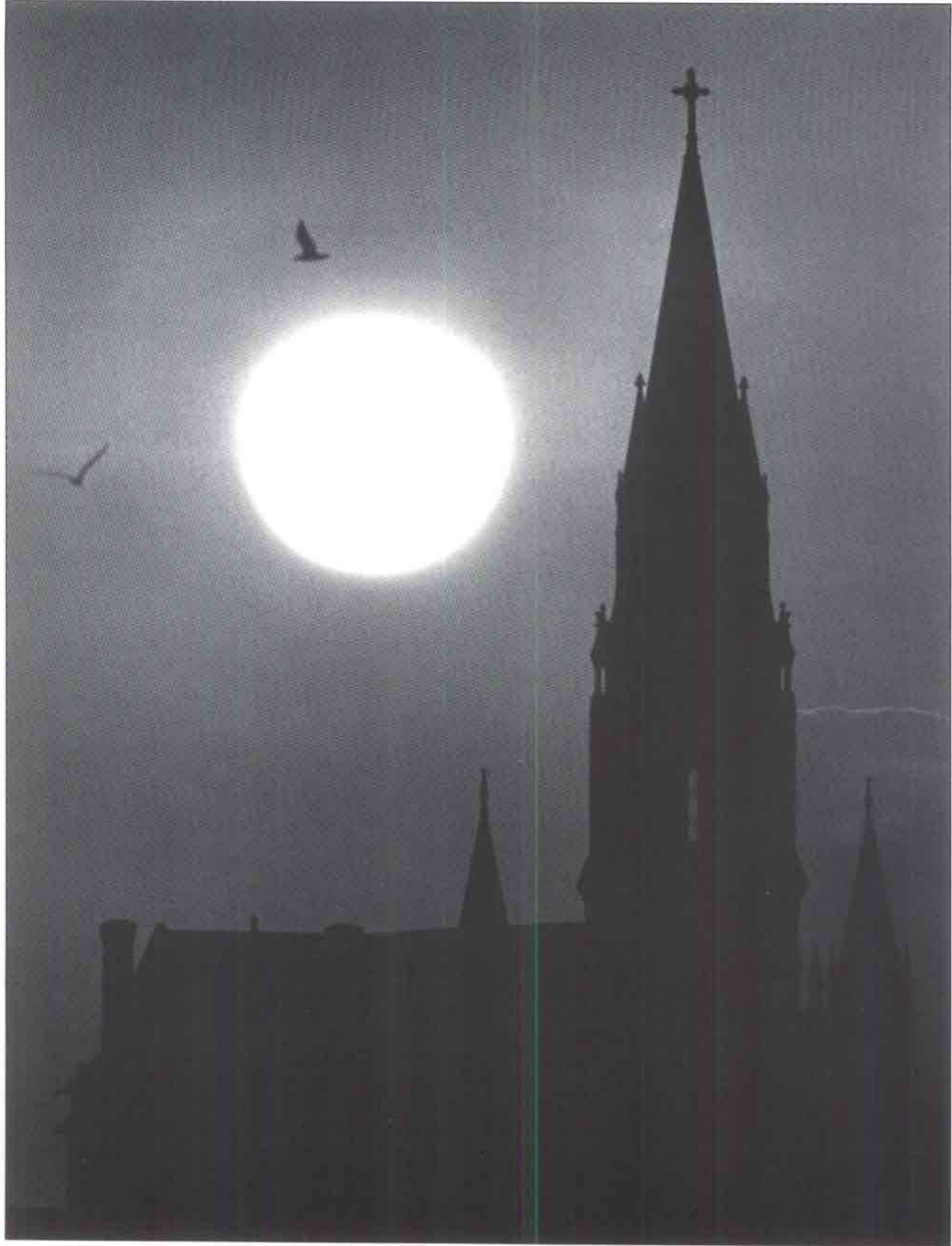
A parish centennial is an opportune time to look back and reflect. It has been obvious, during this centennial year, that the hearts of the present parishioners are filled with love and gratitude for the countless sacrifices made by previous generations of parishioners, teaching sisters, priests and “support staff.”

Indeed, the sacrifices, many unknown, and all too numerous to calculate, made by thousands of individuals over the past century, are perhaps the outstanding factor in the history of the development of the parish. Even the casual reader will be struck by the repeated instances of GIVING, in so many different forms. People have given time, energy, and every manner of resource, with the result that the dreams of the founding pastor and of those who assisted him have been brought to fruition.

What is perhaps most encouraging is that the giving has not ceased. The present pastor and those who work with him in various facets of parish life offer daily examples of generosity and selflessness to those who will follow them in the coming decades.

Witnessing such giving of self represents the most tangible assurance that the Parish of Saint Anthony of Padua will live on, and will celebrate many more anniversaries.

Thanks be to God for inspiring such giving—past, present and future!



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Sunset Over Saint Anthony Church, 1982