

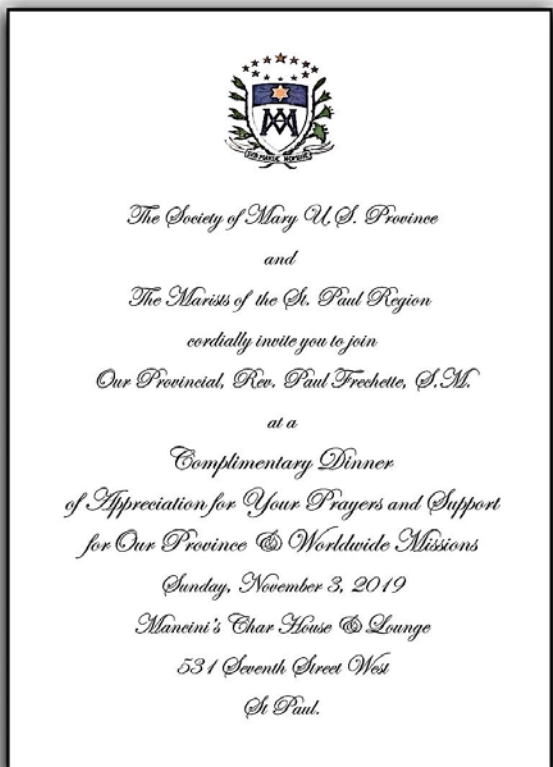


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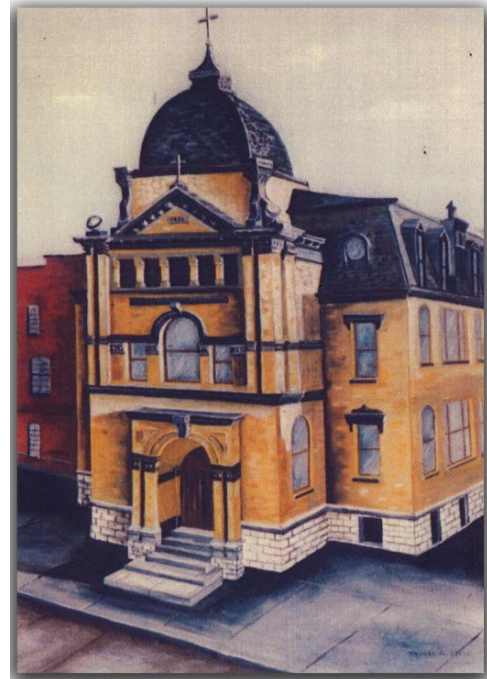
## CELEBRATING A TREASURED MARIST PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1886

A shout out to John Sajdak, SM and his Marist team (Joe Hurtuk, Ron DesRosiers, Roland Lajoie) for the wonderful Partnership Dinner with forty of St. Louis, King of France parishioners in St. Paul, Minnesota who are not only supporters of their parish but also of the Marists who have been there since 1886, 133 years!



**Marist Invitation to parishioners of St. Louis, King of France church in St. Paul, Minnesota**

A hearty thanks to Marist Director of Development Paul Carr who helped to set all this up with a lovely four minute video and some literature. On Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> we met at Mancini's, a family restaurant, and had a lovely meal with hors d'oeuvres, salad, and steak, chicken, or walleye for the entrée. Many of us, me for the first time, had the walleye.



**St. Louis School – 1886 oil painting by Thomas Lyons**

*"Arriving in St. Paul August 30, 1886, Fr. John Baptist Bigot, previously superior of Jefferson College in Louisiana and Fr. John Mary Portal vicar at Lawrence, Massachusetts, took over the parish of St. Louis. When they arrived there was the tidy sum of \$120 on hand. A new school had been built and under their administration it was furnished. Foreseeing the necessity of expansion, Father Bigot bought a house and some additional land on Cedar Street."*

**Excerpt from *The Three Corners of God***

Many of the parishioners remarked how much they are enjoying the parish bulletin insert that John is placing every week (Marist Edwin Keel's work) on the history of the Marists. Thanks to John, the province intends to send a follow up letter about our Marist Charism to parishioners and friends of "the little French church."

**by Paul Frechette, SM**