



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL
NATIONAL SHRINE OF
THE APOSTLE PAUL

Our Parish - 175 Years

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(Saint Paul, Minn) On November 1, 2016, the Cathedral of Saint Paul parishioners will celebrate 175 years since its founding. This date also gives reasons for rejoicing from all Minnesotans' who prefer to call their capital city *Saint Paul*, rather than *Pig's Eye*.

It's true. The Minnesota Territory settlement along the east bank of the Mississippi River went by the name "Pig's Eye," for several years in the late 1830's through 1841, named for the popular French Canadian fur trader, Pierre 'Pig's Eye' Parrant, who had settled in the area and established a distillery. The city's name might have remained Pig's Eye had it not been for the arrival of the French Catholic priest, Fr. Lucien Galtier. As soon as his French Canadian parishioners built his humble chapel along the banks of the Mississippi River, not far from Parrant's establishment, Galtier seized the opportunity to dedicate it on the Feast of All Saints Day, November 1, 1841 with these words: Pig's Eye, converted thou shalt be, like Saul; Arise, and be, henceforth, Saint Paul!"

Father Galtier first officially used the name "Saint Paul" nine months earlier for the settlement on the marriage certificate of Vital Guerin and Adele Perry on January 26, 1841. As history has proven, the name "Saint Paul," gradually became accepted by the settlement's occupants.

Galtier was succeeded by Father Augustine Ravoux in 1844. He immediately found the small structure too cramped for the needs of his growing parish, and built an addition, doubling its size.

When Joseph Cretin was installed as the first Bishop of Saint Paul on July 2, 1851, the humble parish chapel was formally proclaimed the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Learn more about the growing parish life including the influx of new immigrants, schools built and many social service organizations formed to support the growing community in the *Parish Life-175 Exhibit* opening **Sunday, August 21 at 11 a.m.**

Look for updates and specific hours each week at

<http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/cathedral-parish-175-years>

Cathedral Hours: The Cathedral doors are normally open Sunday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guided tours are given at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday year round except on Holy Days and civil holidays. No appointment is necessary. For more information call the Cathedral at 651.228.1766 or visit online at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org

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