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A glimpse of the past

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October

50 years ago — 1961

The 75th anniversary of the building of the first church in Lisbon was celebrated Oct. 2 at St. Aloysius Church, with a Solemn High Mass followed by a parish dinner and a public reception in the parish hall in the evening. Bishop Leo F. Dworschak delivered the sermon at the Mass offered by Father Gerard O'Donoghue of Sanborn, brother of Msgr. Aloysius O'Donoghue of Lisbon. Msgr. O'Donoghue has been pastor of the Lisbon church for 34 years.

Msgr. N.T. Cloos offered the Solemn High Mass at Rugby on Oct. 4 when Little Flower parish celebrated its 50th anniversary. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Leo F. Dworschak. Of the clergy present, three were men ordained from the parish, Fathers John Axtman, Christian Duchschere and Vincent Tuchscherer. Eight others were former assistant pastors of the parish.

20 years ago — 1991

Father John B. Greiner received a birthday cake from Bishop James Sullivan and the Diocese of Fargo in honor of his 102nd birthday on Oct. 16. Father Greiner, who was ordained Dec. 9, 1915, in St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, is the only priest to have met all six bishops of the Fargo Diocese. He was born in Stamsreid, Germany, in 1889, the year the diocese was founded.

10 years ago — 2001

A recognition and appreciation lunch was held for Catholic members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire organizations and the various groups' adult representatives. The event, the first Bishop's Dinner for Scouting, took place Oct. 28 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. Catholic members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire were asked to select one or two students and an adult to attend. Bishop Samuel Aquila was in attendance.