The recent restoration and physical expansion of the cathedral in anticipation of its centennial in 2006 are also chronicled in the work, which concludes with brief biographical vignettes on the bishops of Pittsburgh and the priests who so ably served the cathedral as rectors or pastors.

Considering that 100 years passed before the architectural history of the cathedral was committed to print, one can only hope that a similar period will not elapse before devoted parishioners address the yet-to-be-told history of the parish, its schools, the devoted Sisters of Mercy who educated the parish youth, and the various ministries that the cathedral has undertaken not just within Oakland to its constituent communities (the university communities, the St. Regis Chapel ministry to the Italians of South Oakland, the Central Catholic High School connection, and the unique relationship with the diocesan offices that have been housed in or close to the cathedral complex) but to the larger population of the diocese itself.

This book will be a collector's item — but I encourage you to obtain and read the work for its wonderful statement of the faith of those immigrants who erected this cathedral and spared no expense in decorating this magnificent structure, and the continuing love of parishioners and diocesan faithful who have worshipped within its towering walls for 100 years.

— John C. Bates

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR

The Catholic Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania has announced a busy and varied schedule for 1958.

Included on the calendar of events will be a tour of St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland; the annual Msgr. Andrew Lambing Lecture and an exhibition of historical Catholic art objects.

The tour of the Cathedral is scheduled for March 2 at 2 p.m. It will be followed by a brief organ recital and a reception and buffet in the Georgian Terrace Room of the Webster Hall Hotel.

The tour is open to the public but the attendance at the luncheon will be by registration only. Non-members will be assessed $1.50 each.

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