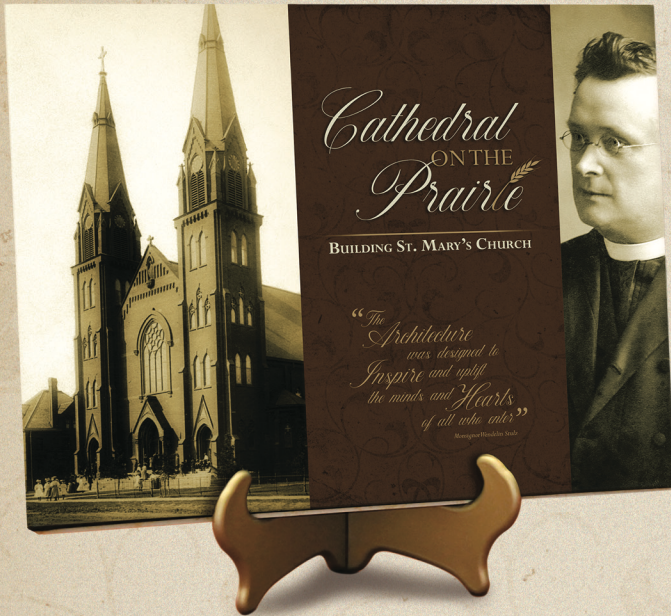


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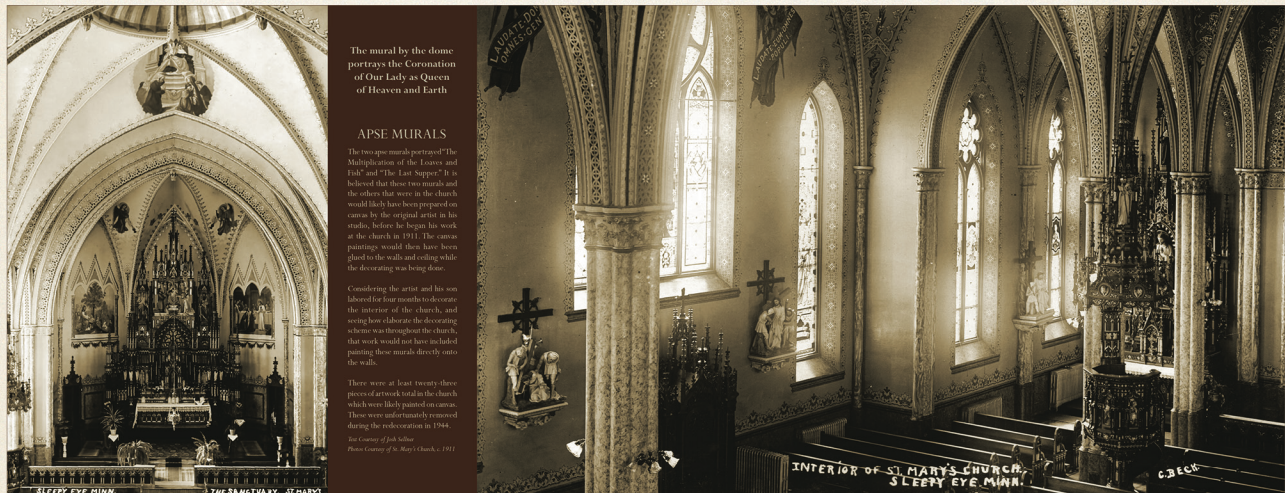
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Rev. W. M. Stulz, Popular Rector at St. Mary’s Church, Sleepy Eye, Elevated to Position of Monsignor
An Impressive Ceremony Conducted by Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Trobec and a Number of Visiting Priests

It was a distinguished honor conferred on a splendid and worthy gentleman and highly respected citizen, the ceremonies which took place at St. Mary’s church, last Sunday, March 30, when Rev. W. M. Stulz, for fourteen years rector of St. Mary’s church, was elevated to the distinction of Monsignor Stulz. The beautiful and spacious interior of St. Mary’s church was pleasantly decorated with flowers, evergreens, and other emblems, for the happy occasion.

The ceremonies were in charge of Rev. P. Schinners, of College, a former assistant priest of St. Mary’s church. Among the distinguished divines present were the Right Rev. John Ireland, archbishop of St. Paul, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Trobec of St. Cloud. Among the other priests present were Rev. Fey of Springfield, Rev. Kern of Lorenzo, former assistant at St. Mary’s, Rev. Lovibon and Rev. Wisner of St. Paul, Revs. Schindler and Sledge of New Ulm, and a number of other clergymen from outside towns.

In the presence of an audience of nearly 1500 people the interesting and impressive ceremonies were carried out by the archbishop, assisted by the above clergy. Bishop Trobec conducted Pontifical High Mass, assisted by the visiting priests. After the impressive services, the distinguished archbishop conducted the ceremony of investing the Rev. Stulz with the purple robes, denoting distinction and honor before the world and among his brethren, the clergy.

Rev. W. M. Stulz came to Sleepy Eye fourteen years ago and took charge of St. Mary’s church, and his pastorate has been characterized with great energy and success, both in material things as well as spiritual. His work here has been noted for its great success in the way of building up a great church and a rectory. He not only combines great executive and administrative ability in the discharge of his duties, but he has endeavored himself to his people as well as to the public in general, because of his fidelity to the cause of Christianity and the moral uplift of society in general in this city.

No one who attended the services last Sunday, witnessed the ceremonies and looked with admiration on the handsome and commodious St. Mary’s church, with all its interior beauty and splendor, but felt that the honor conferred on Rev. Stulz was a most worthy one. He came to Sleepy Eye and built a monument in the shape of a church and the rectory that will last long in the memory of all of us and be a fitting testimonial to future generations, of the sterling worth of Rev. Stulz as a pastor and citizen.

Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch, April 4, 1913
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