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you had better blow those out in the future after night services or your church door will be forced open." Our final greeting was a mutual "Merry Christmas."

Christmas in the small parishes, such as St. Catherine's at Wake Forest, left its unique impression. The parish was small but the people's hearts were big. Someone usually had a housewarming after the midnight Mass to which all were invited.

Of course, the priest is the only one who has to get up early the next morning. Making the rounds at one thirty is happy exhaustion but a joy to be a part of each group.

### Makes A Difference

The parochial school at Our Lady of Mercy at Winston Salem and Immaculate Heart of Mary at High Point added much to the delight of the season. In the former assignment a beautiful all Latin Mass was learned by the school children and adults who joined voices together at midnight. A High Point experience was the year that an ice storm hit the city and power was knocked out for more than 24 hours. Offering Mass in a cold church with only candles for a light, but having no one in the parish miss Mass, was truly an unforgettable religious experience.

And now back to the big city again, but in a different way. The meaningful liturgy of the sung Mass in English accompanied by organ and two trumpets and congregational singing is far different from my first

Christmas Day as a priest 25 years ago. I wouldn't want to go back, but on the other hand I wouldn't want to trade anyone of those Christmases with one another. Each Christmas has its own distinct character and for us each one has been a great "happy exhaustion."

We extend the good wishes of the Editor's Desk to all our faithful subscribers that they too will experience happy recollections of Christmases past and find this one sustaining them with many blessings.

A Merry Christmas to all!!!

### Sands of Time

From the N.C. Catholic, issue December 24, 1948. . . . Midnight Masses will be broadcast over the local radio stations of parishes located in Raleigh, Greensboro and Durham. They are Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Benedict's and Immaculate Conception. . . . Father Thomas Price Council of the Knights of Columbus entertained the children of the Catholic Orphanage at Nazareth with their annual Christmas party. The children responded by entertaining their guests with a musical skit. . . . Bishop Waters honored the 85th birthday of Mrs. E. K. Edwards by writing a letter of congratulations to her. She is a pioneer of St. Marcella's parish at Sanford. The former Catherine McGlenn of Laurinburg, she is the mother of eight children. The Rev. James H. Tevlin, pastor, presented Mrs. Edwards with a pair of wax altar candles handsomely embossed with her name and the years 1863-1948. . . .

# Racial Justice

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parishes and noted the good will evidenced by members of formerly separate parishes. He also pointed to what he said was a truly Christian spirit shown in the merging of parishes at Statesville.

The visitor also spoke of the Church as an agent of change and referred to the power of revolution: "You can do whatever you want to do when once you have made a resolve to do the right thing."

Father Graves spoke on the inroads of personal prejudices and how they can best be overcome, while Father Howze discussed loyalty and pastoral life.

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The Sisters of Mercy and Father Rod O'Connor  
(The Catholic Orphanage, Raleigh, N.C.)