

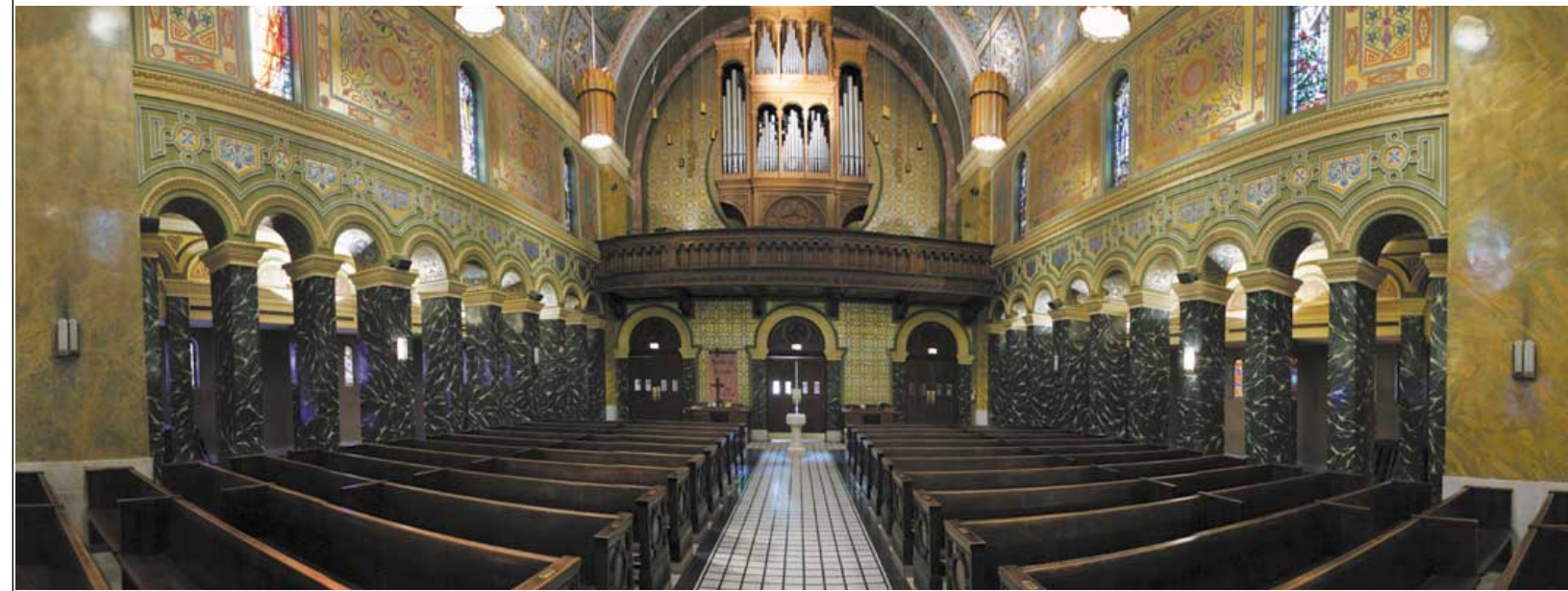
IN ROME, our patron church, San Clemente, is a place of faith and beauty and the Tree of Life that is painted in the apse flourishes in both places. It's this simple symbol; with the branches stretching out from the cross of Christ; that sustains our lives, our works, our faith, and helped inspire this book.

- Chapter one, *The Roots*, describes our history. Saint Clement Church has strong roots put down by our loving and dedicated founders. They truly planted the seed for the Tree of Life that still grows today.
- Chapters two and three, *The Trunk*, describe our strong buildings and shows the beautifully crafted art that makes Saint Clement, not only a jewel within the Archdiocese, but like the Tree of Life, shelters and sustains us.
- Chapter four, *The Branches*, tells how the life and faith of Saint Clement Church reaches out from the corner of Orchard Street and Deming Place and, like the Tree of Life, puts "faith into action".



Jesus said, "You did not choose me but I chose you.  
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

— John 15:16



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*Nourished by Our Roots  
Sustained by Our Faith,  
Branching Out to the World*



SAINT CLEMENT CHURCH

1905-2005

EARLY IN 1905, Adam Kasper and his neighbors asked the archbishop for a church. And on Christmas Eve of that same year, the community gathered for the first time in its new home— Saint Clement Church. A forest of Christmas trees hid the unfinished walls, but the pastor and parishioners could not have been more pleased and proud. The founders truly planted the seed for the Tree of life

In the century since, Saint Clement Church has continued to grow and change; the church building that we know and love was completed, filled with art, and even renovated; the parish school grew, calling for additions and expansions; and the ministries of the people, who *are* the church, continue to reach out to benefit the neighborhood, the city, and the world.

The Gospel of Christ has clearly been proclaimed and lived here through all these years.

This book is a celebration of Saint Clement's rich history and is dedicated to the faith and light of its people.

