



The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop

The Bishop’s Greeting from 1952

“As the time draws near for the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of our Church in Hawaii, I feel increasingly that we have been guided by the Holy Spirit to set apart this time for a long look at our past and also for a far look into our future.

What glorious years and what mighty works have gone before us! God has been god to us in the leaders both clerical and lay that have laid the foundations for a strong and growing Church in Hawaii. Noble men and women have given us a rich heritage which has linked us through our Mother Church in England to the long heritage of the Apostolic Church coming down through the ages from our Lord Himself.

What a glorious future we now have before us! God has called us to live and work in these islands where the population is growing and where we hold a strategic place as the threshold of the Pacific.

There is a great need and urgent appeal for the message God has entrusted to us to interpret through our Church. God will bless us if we do our share to spread the Gospel to His children of many races. We must do this by establishing new missions and building new churches on all our islands where they are needed. Our work must expand to meet our growing opportunities.

Thanksgiving for our past blessings and dedication for the task that lies ahead — this must be the emphasis of this, our 90th Anniversary.

May we prayerfully ask God's blessing on our life and work together as we serve Him through His Holy Church.

Faithfully your friend and Bishop,
Harry S. Kennedy”

Sesquicentennial 2012

And so the time is now drawing near for the Sesquicentennial, the 150th Anniversary, of our Church in Hawai'i. I cannot add to what Bishop Kennedy wrote 60 years ago. The challenge to live fully into God's mission and the great joy of the Gospel of Christ's love is the same. So, taking Bishop Kennedy's words as our own, let us offer "[t]hanksgiving for our past blessings and dedication for the task that lies ahead — this must be the emphasis of this, our" Sesquicentennial. And "[m]ay we prayerfully ask God's blessing on our life and work together as we serve Him through His Holy Church." Though much in the world and our Islands has changed, the work of God's people remains. "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain." (I Corinthians 15:58)

I too am,
Faithfully your friend and Bishop,
Robert L. Fitzpatrick



1943 Bishops Consecrating the Bishop of Honolulu, Harry S. Kennedy



2007 Bishops Consecrating the Bishop of Hawai'i, Robert L. Fitzpatrick