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**PIONEER RESIDENT:** The Rev. Father William Salvatore Vita, pastor of St. Michael's church, was guest speaker at celebration last week marking the ninety-fifth birthday of Mrs. Anna Wagner, pioneer Southwest resident. The Rev. Father Vita presented her with a medal from the Ecumenical council in Rome. Two events were given in honor of Mrs. Wagner, who settled here in 1889 with her husband, the late John Wagner.

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# Local pioneer 95 years old

Two celebrations last week marked the ninety-fifth birthday of pioneer Southwest resident, Mrs. Anna Wagner, who with her husband, the late John Wagner settled here in 1889 on a 320-acre farm near present-day Manchester and Vermont avenues.

Separate parties were given

in Mrs. Wagner's honor by her 12 children and the Happy Birthday club of St. Michael's church.

The Wagners were instrumental in establishing St. Michael's church and school. Because it was difficult for their children to travel the more than three miles to the nearest school . . . St. Joseph's at Twelfth and Los Angeles streets . . . the Wagners arranged to have a school built on their property. They later provided the land on which the St. Michael's church was built.

#### **STILL ACTIVE**

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All of Mrs. Wagner's children except Sister Vibiana, who was unable to attend, gathered this week at a local restaurant in honor of her ninety-fifth birthday.

Attending were her daughters, Mesdames Amanda Ronk, Irene Homan, Ann Casper, and Miss Adelaide Wagner; sons and daughters-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wagner of Inglewood; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wagner of Tustin; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wagner; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wagner of Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of Las Vegas, Nevada.

And daughters and sons-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funk of Tujunga; and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Gullede of Phoenix, Arizona.

Other out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnes of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan of Cayucos; and John Morgan of Seal Beach.

### **PASTOR SPEAKS**

The Rev. Father Williams Salavatore Vita, pastor of St. Michael's, was guest speaker at an event given in Mrs. Wagner's honor by the Happy Birthday club of the church. He presented Mrs. Wagner with a silver medal from the Ecumenical council in Rome which he attended.

Arrangements for the event were under the direction of Miss Wagner. Attending were Mrs. Ronk, Frances Bradasich, Mary Ruddy, Bessie Bowan, Ella Carle, Helen Renner, Bridget Snee, Bertha Grode, Opal Winslow, Barbara Schiller, Mary Koller, Katie Proffatt, Anna Bird, Marie Martin, Betty Proffatt, Anna Rehers, and Margaret Ziegler.