



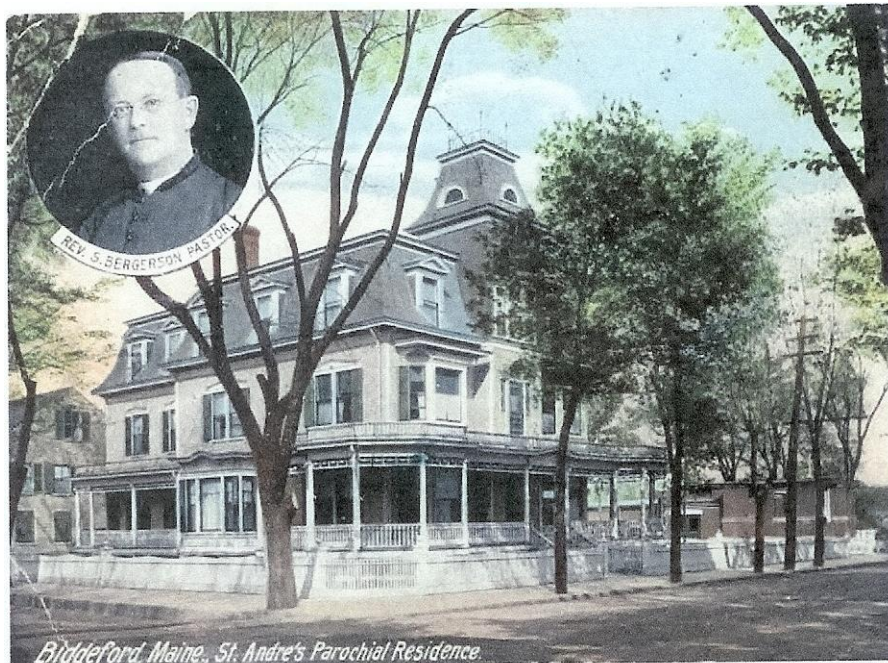
## History

It was on November 30, 1899 that Bishop Healy decided to institute a new parish in Biddeford. St. Joseph Church had ministered to the city's Franco-American Catholics since 1864 but now had simply grown too large.

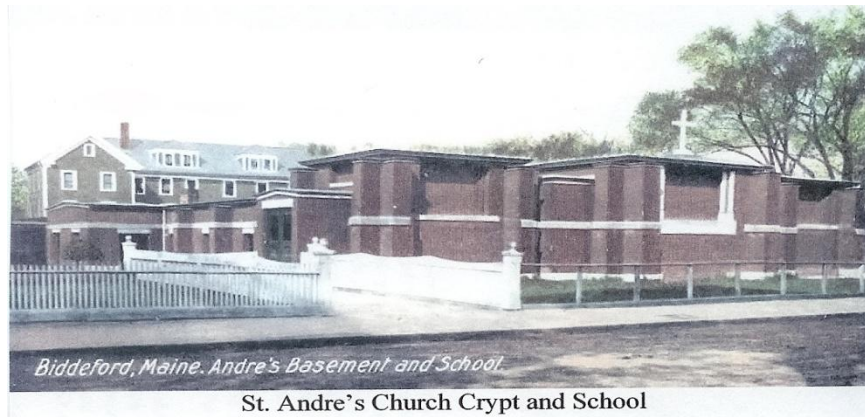
On June 5, 1910, Bishop Walsh dedicated the completed St. Andre Church. It was not long before a parish school was established. This was initially staffed by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, then by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. In 1930, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart became part of the teaching staff. In 1940, a high school for girls was established.

In 1992, St. James tri-parish school was established as a regional Catholic school for the three Biddeford parishes and continues today to educate students from Pre K to Grade 8. St. Andre school building was sold and became St. Andre Elderly Apartments in 1998. St. Andre celebrated its centennial in late 1999. On July 1, 2008, St. Andre Church merged with other local parishes to become part of Good Shepherd Parish. Mass was celebrated for the last time at St. Andre church on December 31, 2010.

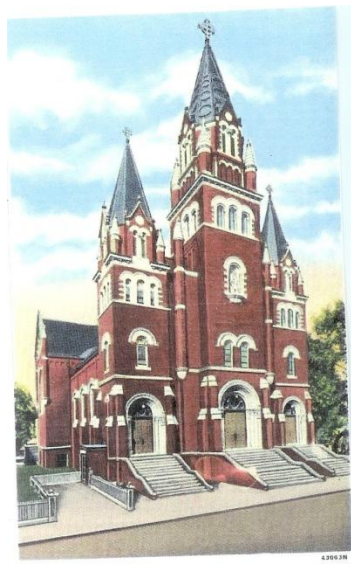
## A postcard history of St. Andre's



*Biddeford, Maine, St. Andre's Parochial Residence.*  
St. Andre's Rectory & Church Crypt (pre-1910)



St. Andre Church and rectory ( after 1910)



St Andre Church (as completed in 1910)