

## Chamber Archives – Sharing Our History

### A Blessing from Pope Paul VI by P. Calcaterra, G. Esposito & F. Pompa

Pope Paul VI (Born 9/26/1897 – died 8/6/1978) was elected on June 21, 1963 and reigned until his death on August 6, 1978.

The year 1978 is known as the year of three Popes. John Paul I who was elected to replace Pope Paul VI lived only thirty-three days and was replaced by the well loved Pope John Paul II who reigned until 2005.

Pope Paul VI – (see above).

Pope John Paul I – 33 days - elected on 8/26/1978 and died on 9/28/1978.

Pope John Paul II was elected on 10/16/1978 and held the position for almost 27 years until his death in 2005.

Why the short history lesson? Because the Chamber holds the honor of being blessed by Pope Paul VI sometime in 1975. Yes - we have a framed document on display in our Archive Cabinet (stored at the Fern Hill Golf Club) containing this blessing.

Marion Macioce (deceased RIP), a Chamber member and retired Union Official, had the honor of a personal audience with Pope Paul VI. At that occasion, Mr. Macioce requested that the Pope bless our organization. Do you know of any other organization that has the blessing of a Pope? You are now better informed.

We wish you all a healthy and a prosperous New Year, F. Pompa 12/23/14