

## Preface

This manuscript is the product of a tape recorded interview conducted by John Bucari for the Oral History Office on October 20, 1972.

Rev. Michael Maietta was born in Avella, Italy on September 29, 1898. When he was four years old, Rev. Maietta immigrated, along with his sister and mother, to the United States to join his father who had preceded them two years earlier. The family settled in New Britain, Connecticut.

Rev. Maietta graduated from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago in 1920. He came to Springfield in 1922 to work at the Washington Street Mission. That same year he was ordained in the Presbytery of Springfield. From 1936-41 he lived in Peoria and attended Bradley University. In 1941, Rev. Maietta moved to St. Louis where he was the pastor of Giddings Boil Presbyterian Church. He holds both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Theology degree from Wenona Lake Seminary.

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