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SOME EARLY LETTERS

(Note: The "Bulletin" will present a number of letters written by the veteran missionary, Father N. D. Young, O.P., to the Bishop of Cincinnati. The first letter was to Rev. Frederick Rese, Vicar General of Bishop Fenwick. These letters are presented through the courtesy of the Archives of the University of Notre Dame Library.)

Somerset 19 Dec 1832

Rev. & Dr Sir

I received your favor of the 6th Inst just as I was starting towards Columbus to attend within 10 miles of that place a sick call, returning thro' Lancaster where I was on Sunday it being the day for that congregation. I have not till this day had an opportunity to answer your letter. I am sorry to hear that Ignatius is becoming home-sick so soon, knowing as he does the situation of his poor Father and his desire for him to prepare himself to do something for his advancement in the world. I had hoped that these considerations would have made him contented to undertake anything your judgment might in time suggest for his future prospects in case he could be of no use in the establishment of Cincinnati. He should consider that he is no longer a child, that he cannot expect to have a life of idleness in any place. If he cannot apply himself profitably in the College & be of any service to it, I hope you will procure him some situation in Town, where he can learn to do business & at least earn his maintenance. I spoke to Mr. Cassilly about him who promised in case he did not remain in the College to interest himself in his favour. His Father I am sure as well as the rest of his Relations would be very sorry to see him return so soon without any improvement. If he still continues discontented & is not disposed to follow our advise (sic!) he will return directly home. It would be loosing (sic!) his time to no purpose, besides more expenses to come this way, as it would not cost him as much to go to Wheeling in the steamboat, as it would take to reach Somerset, thus save the money it would take to go from here to Wheeling. He has not time to spend here & as agreeable as his company might be with me otherwise, this is more necessary for me and himself to consider. You will please inform of what I have said & let me know what he says in answer.

I hope this weather will start Mr. White for the corpse of our Dr Bishop & the next news we shall hear of its being placed in

that vault which his faithful Pastors forever remember his soul during the adorable Sacrifice & call to recollection the virtues that adorned his life.

I enclosed you last week the affidavit of Dr ----- respecting the Bishop's subscription to the Rehoboth church there being 60\$ yet unpaid, when convenient please forward it. That Church will soon be ready for opening. You will please authorize me to perform the ceremony of blessing it, if you could be here to do it yourself I would still be more gratified. I think we shall fix the day for the first Sunday in January. It will be a neat and well finished building. Were I not afraid of some churlish disposition in aliquibus personis, should furnish the Telegraph with an account of the Solemnities of the occasion. Is it true that Bp Flaget has resigned the Episcopacy and that Mr. Chabrat is now Co-adjutor of the Diocese of Bardstown? Such is the news we have lately received from Ky, tho I think it from doubtful authority. That miserable Priest Crowley is wandering again in these parts, drunk whenever he can get liquor. He was in Lancaster last week, & I fear we shall soon have him here. Have you received no letters from the General since I left Cinti or any other news from Europe interesting to us?

F O'Leary is very unwell this weather renders him almost useless in the Congregation. Give my love to Ignatius & tell him our Relations at Washington are all well. The Rev. Pise has been elected Chaplain to the Senate at Washington, this is something strange, the biblical gentry will rage not a little about it & will set the Senate down as a pack of Idolators. I have obtained an act of incorporation for our Sisters. This will save them much trouble & will make the Institution more generally known. My respects to Good Mr. Thienpoint (?) and the rest of my friends of the College.

I have not received a line yet from Mr. ----- Tell him with my respects that he is in my debt, & that I shall perhaps bring suit. I am glad to hear he is quiet. You surprise me in the information about the -----, as he had promised not to interfere.

Yours & etc.

N. D. Young

The Very Revd Frederick Rese
Cincinnati
Ohio

EARLY CATHOLIC MIGRATION INTO
SOUTH EASTERN OHIO

by Kathy Elizabeth Kreppner
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20. (cont.) The Archer settlement would seem to be possible at this very early date -- an example of scattered, isolated pioneers; records of which, and of other expeditions, seem forever lost. A sort of "one-ups-manship" exists in local history. Total emphasis is placed on "first church built." This is undoubtedly at Somerset. We are interested in the broader scope of Catholic settlement. Therefore, the Archer's settlement assumes an important position.
21. O'Daniel, op. cit., p. 219.
22. Maria Boyle, one of the congregation and an ardent Catholic, was married by Father Fenwick, just before he became bishop of Cincinnati. Maria married Thomas Ewing, "...one of the first graduates of Ohio University in Athens....," who practiced law in Lancaster. Although Thomas was not a Catholic, his children were reared so. Ewing was a Whig powerhouse in the Know Nothing era. His Catholic connections mitigated the Know Nothing stance of his faction of the Whigs. Brennan, op. cit., p. 2.
23. "A Layman Founds a Parish", loc. cit. Father Fenwick was appointed bishop on January 13, 1822; he was based in Cincinnati, and held Michigan and the rest of the Northwest Territory under his jurisdiction.
24. Ibid., p. 16.
25. It is of historical and antiquarian interest to complete the story of the third Saint Joseph's. In 1838, Father Charles Pius Montgomery was reassigned from Zanesville to Saint Joseph's as provincial of the Dominicans. He did, however, travel between the two parishes often. Due to the flourishing families, with a dozen or more children, a larger parish church was necessary. On July 4, 1839, Father Montgomery planted the cornerstone to the third and present St. Joseph's. The church of Gothic design was completed in four years by the local parishioners and professional craftsmen. It was officially opened on August 4, 1843.
26. Colerick, an intinerant printer, was the first Catholic in Zanesville, although he stayed only a year. J. H. Sutor, Past. and Present of the City of Zanesville and Muskingum County, (S.J. Clarke Co., Chicago, 1905), p. 159.
27. Camillus Musselman, O.P., Saint Thomas Aquinas Church -- 125 Years (Spencer-Walker Press, Ohio, 1967), p. 11.
28. Ibid.
29. Ibid.
30. Thomas W. Lewis, Zanesville and Muskingum County, Ohio, Vol. I, (S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, 1927), p. 191.

31. Musselman, op. cit., p. 12.
32. John S. Dugan did not, however, see the new church, for he died in a stagecoach accident while traveling from Maryland to Ohio in the company of Bishop Fenwick, Father Young, and Father Gabriel Richard, the fabled priest congressman from Detroit. His remains were buried under the present church. Musselman, op. cit., p. 13.
33. Ibid., p. 12.
34. John O'Neil, The History of Fifty Years (January 29, 1918), p. 262.
35. Musselman, op. cit., p. 15.
36. O'Daniel, op. cit., p. 182. Father George Augustine (Joseph) Wilson, S.T. Lr., was a convert from Methodism. It is believed that he was converted by a chew of tobacco: "...while working on the church...(in) Zanesville, he spat out a juicy quid which accidentally fell into the open eyes of Father Stephen Montgomery. The extraordinary patience with which the good priest bore the pain determined young Wilson to study the religion that could give such fortitude. He then became a Catholic, and soon entered the Order."
37. Ibid., p. 354.
38. Brennan, op. cit., p. 31.
39. O'Neil, op. cit., p. 385, 83, 122-4.
Lorle Porter, M.S., "Genesis of the Republican Party in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1854-1856; a Democratic View," p. 56.
40. Memoirs of Muskingum County, Ohio (The Goodspeed Publishing Co., Chicago, 1892), p. 312. Obviously, Saint Anna's was built before Saint Nicholas (1842) and thus Holy Trinity was most likely the Zanesville church which supplied Catholic missionaries. The dates do not substantiate Musselman's (op. cit., p. 43) conclusion.
41. The Descendants of Henry Mattingly (Herman E. Mattingly, 1969), p. 196.
42. Porter, op. cit.
- 42a. N. H. Hill, Jr., History of Knox County (Mount Vernon, 1881), p. 600-608 - passim Genealogy studies -- Durbin, Sapp, Porter.
43. O'Daniel, op. cit., p. 224.
44. Father Frederick Barage published the first issue of the "Catholic Telegraph" of Cincinnati, "...the first Catholic paper published west of the Allegheny Mountains (on Oct. 22, 1831), ... the purpose of which was largely to make the teachings of the Church better known to the public and to counteract bias and prejudice."
O'Daniel and Coffey, op. cit., p. 159.
45. Ibid., p. 175.
46. Ibid., p. 153.
47. William Lamers, The Edge of Glory: A Biography of General William S. Rosecrans (Harcourt, Brown & World, New York, 1961), p. 14-17, and "Bishop Rosecrans: Laying the Foundation," The Catholic Times (March 3, 1968), p. 10. The Rosecrans were from Homer, Ohio.
48. O'Neil, op. cit., p. 142. Porter, op. cit., p. 57.

49. McAvoy, op. cit., p. 137.
50. Grace Goulder, This Is Ohio (The World Publishing Co., New York, 1965), p. 145.
51. O'Daniel, op. cit., p. 349.
52. Embrey B. Howson, M.S., "The German Element in Ohio, 1803-1830", (Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio), p. 2.
53. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, A History of the Irish Settlers in North America, from the Earliest Period to the Census of 1850 (Patrick Donahoe, Boston, 1852), p. 135.
54. Billington, op. cit., p. 194.
55. William G. Wolfe, Stories of Guernsey County, Ohio (W.G. Wolfe, Cambridge, Ohio, 1943), p. 406; and Rev. Donal O'Carroll and Paul R. Black, "First Mass Celebrated in Guernsey County in 1827; Old Site of Initial Catholic Church Structure," news clipping from Marie Gildea.
56. O'Neil, op. cit., p. 88.
57. Ibid.
58. Ibid., p. 89.
59. Wolfe, loc. cit., letter from Marie Gildea.
- 59b. Musselman, op. cit., p. 39.
60. O'Neil, op. cit., p. 269.
61. Musselman, op. cit., p. 43.
62. Ibid., p. 21.
63. It was during the 1790's that French emigre priests fled to America to escape the revolutionary attacks upon the Church in their native country. These French priests were well qualified and badly needed in the scattered Catholic settlements, as in southern Ohio. However, the Irish constituted the bulk of Catholic immigrants during the 1790 to 1850 period and were irked by the French priests' inability to preach well in English. Many of the Irish priests who came to America were erratic and had left Ireland due to trouble with their bishops. Roman Catholic hierarchy in Ireland was intensely conservative, firmly opposed to the "risings": since all priestly education took place in one seminary - Maryroot - it was easy to single out erratic priests. The Germans as well as the Irish prided themselves in their retaining their culture and being strongly nationalistic. This ethnic feeling found among the Catholics in the Atlantic Seaboard was carried into the western settlements of the Ohio frontier. It was this ethnic flavoring which gave the Catholic Church a foreign coloring in the 1800's and added to the nativistic cry against this minority. See Ellis, op. cit., p. 48-49.
64. Raphael N. Hamilton, "The Significance of the Frontier to the Historian of the Catholic Church in the United States," The Catholic Historical Review, V. 25(2), July, 1939, p. 174.
65. Ibid., p. 171.
66. Porter, op. cit., p. 27.

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