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TWO LETTERS OF BISHOP ROSECRANS

(Editor's note: Bishop Rosecrans visited St. Mary of the Springs frequently and came to know the young ladies attending boarding school there. The two letters which follow were written to Miss Eva Watkins, who later as Mrs. Eva Moody, lived in Evansville, Indiana. Through her the letters were given to the Archives of Notre Dame University.)

Columbus, Ohio
Sept. 11, 1872

My dear child in God:

I forget whether your letter called for any scolding - and it is now mislaid - I wished to do that in the beginning. - But as you propose to drop your sensitiveness and imagine everyone kindly disposed to you about whose regard you care I do not think you need any.

I have been out to St. Mary's every night this week. Father Clarkson has gone on a visit to St. Joseph's and I have stayed to give Mass in the morning. There are thirty-five in school now. Helen Salter(?) came last night. The Van Heydes came and brought a niece with them. The New Yorkers are back and are very easily teased about their new style in various things. - Sr. Aquin looks badly but is as bright and cheerful as ever. The lay nuns have made poor Tillie so glad that her habit is scarcely big enough for her. Sister Mary John! - If you please, not Tillie. Sallie Miller is back. So is Marietta Williams. So are Dora Davison, Jeanie and Annie Keegans with their Sister Mary - and Rose and Effie. There are some new ones of the large department of whom you will doubtless hear enough from your active correspondence at the Springs. The new "foundations" as the French call them, have thinned off the force at the Springs not a little, Lancaster, Zanesville, Newark, Portsmouth and Ironton - although each needing few - all need many.

The new novices from New York are very good - and they get into our Western ways sooner than one could expect. Sister Mary Agnes has retired from her class - keeping only drawing and Christian Doctrine. Sister Magdalen succeeds to her class. Annie Lawrence is reported (on her sister's authority) to be married this month (17th). Tell Ida to think of this and take courage! - Don't ask me who is going to marry her for I don't know.

Mary Sullivan is back also and some new girls are there from Mt. Vernon. J. Babb is to be back soon with two or three new ones. Little Saxton and Mary McGrath still continue to be at the head of all the mischief though I maintain that they are going to be models this year. I believe that is all. You forgot to say how long you were going to stay in Owensboro, and so I send this to Curdsville(?).

Your father in God,
S.H. Rosecrans

St. Mary of the Springs
Jan. 3, 1873

My dear child in God

I do not know whether I left your last letter unanswered to this time or not - But I often think of you, and here especially where I have been spending the night and all the forenoon. I said Mass in the Chapel for Sister Genevieve's day and Sister Evangela's octave.

This morning while Maria and I - Mary & Kate Reidy were having a quiet game I heard Mollie Egan and Kate O'Reilly speaking of you and Ida wishing you were there & recounting some last year's exploit or other. Mollie Egan and Mc went Xtnas to sing at the first Mass in the Cathedral. They stayed a little longer than their time owing to the extreme cold & there was quite a storm about it - though I endorsed them all through. It is all over for them now. Not two thirds of the girls went home for Xtnas. And the vacation was a little sleepy I think among them.

The Cathedral is now used for Sundays and Holiday but the Sacristy windows not being in there is no Mass there on week days. A week or ten days will suffice to get them in however.

The building is very good and the singers say easy to sing in. I cannot tell how it will be for speaking as on Christmas and New Year's day there was too much moving around and shuffling of cold feet to make a fair trial. There is no sanctuary railing as yet and the Altar is the same little one that used to be in the hall.

I have been thinking about it and nothing else for the last three months, but begin to feel now as if the pressure were nearly over.

I hope you and Ida have a happy New Year's and will have many more. Remember me kindly to her and to your brother. I suppose the girls keep you posted in all Convent news and so I will not encroach upon their province.

Your father in God
S.H. Rosecrans

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DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,
AT TAYLORSVILLE

(Editor's note: The building of a new church at St. Ann's, Philo, makes the following from the Telegraph of Cincinnati, May 23, 1839, of particular interest.)

This neat little Church, though not entirely finished, was blessed and opened for divine service on Ascension day, by the venerable and reverend Stephen Theodore Badin.

The Catholics of the town and its immediate vicinity, who number between two and three hundred, generally attended at the ceremony. The weather was very warm, and the service necessarily longer than usual, yet the aged and zealous missionary

insisted on singing the Mass - at the close of which he edified and instructed the audience by a concise and appropriate address, in which the doctrines and practices of the holy Catholic Church were explained, and some of the misconceptions of our dissenting brethren corrected in a spirit of charity and mildness, well calculated to do away with that keen prejudice so generally existing against our holy religion.

In conclusion he impressed upon his hearers the respect and reverence due to the house of God, which had just been consecrated to his service, and fervently exhorted all to the love of their Creator, and the assiduous practice of their religious duties, insisting that the most practical, and at the same time, the most convincing argument Catholics could adduce in favour of their religion, was an exemplary and truly pious life.

For the information of those at a distance it may not be amiss to state that the town of Taylorsville is situated at Duncan's Falls, on the Muskingum river, nine miles below Zanesville. About five years ago, at which time the town was laid out, the greater part of the site was densely covered with heavy timber, with here and there a few scattering houses occupied by those employed in the milling and mercantile establishments of the proprietor, who with a liberality worthy of imitation, bestowed very handsome and appropriate lots to the several religious denominations, upon all of which, there are now comfortable and convenient edifices erected. Of these the Catholic Church, though not the largest, is decidedly the handsomest, and enjoys by far the most eligible location.

It is understood that it will be alternately attended by an American and German clergyman, once in two weeks, thus affording abundant opportunities to all parties for the faithful and regular discharge of their duties. To these facilities for the practice of religion, so generously conferred by the proprietor, may be in some degree attributed the very rapid improvement that has taken place here within the last three or four years - for it is common to find that new settlers will most eagerly seek those locations where there are churches of the familiar denominations to which they belong, and to none does this remark more strictly apply than to Catholics. Employment on the public works has also served as a strong inducement to many to settle in Taylorsville, whilst others, viewing the great commercial advantages likely to arise from the splendid improvement of the river by slack-water navigation, and which will soon be completed, have wisely set themselves down with a determination to grow with the growth of the place, and strengthen with its strength. The water power at this point is certainly equal, if not superior, to that at Zanesville, and cannot long be overlooked by Capitalists.

The price of property too, is comparatively moderate, and many poor laborers have already purchased and paid for a comfortable home for their families, having great facilities for building, as there is a saw-mill attached to the merchant mills at the Falls. The country around is becoming rapidly and thickly settled, and possesses a soil well adapted to the growth of wheat, the advanced price of which for the last few years has served as a powerful stimulus to the hardy husbandman to subdue the forest and extract from the earth its hidden and abundant treasures.

In contemplation of all these advantages it will hardly be called presumption to predict that at no very distant period the town of Taylorsville will boast of a population of some 3 or 4000 souls, with a trade and manufactures sufficient to

rank it among the most flourishing, as it certainly will be when properly built up, one of the most beautiful towns of the state. The population at this time, of the town and its environs, is not far short of 1000 and constantly increasing. J.M.

Taylorsville, May 11th, 1839.

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LETTERS OF FATHER NICHOLAS YOUNG, O.P.
(Continued)

St. Joseph's April 4th 1835

Rt Rev & Dr Bishop

I received your favor of 26th of last month. I feel happy that the questions so long agitated between us are now settled, if I said any thing in my letters concerning them the least disrespectful I am sorry for it; that many superfluous things were contained in my endeavor to answer the objections to your granting the permission we asked, I feel as willing to acknowledge, this is a frailty that I know myself to be very prone to commit in communicating my thoughts on any subject more especially one so interesting to me as the of my letter.

I have already informed Mr. Martin that he may proceed with the contemplated churches in Lancaster & Columbus, it is however I fear too late this year to do any thing more than make preparation for the coming year. The collections should have long ago commenced & the work engaged to enable him to erect the buildings this season, we will do all in our power at least to forward the Lancaster Church if possible this year.

I hope you will be able to supply Mr. Allemann's place at Canton immediately after Easter when I shall be under the necessity to call him here for the Germans of these parts. Directly after Easter F De Raymaecker will leave us for his native country, his health &c as well as the necessity for his again returning to Flanders on family business, have forced us to give him permission to leave our Province at least for some time. He is glad to hear that Mr. Henni is going to Europe, as he hopes to have him again as his associate across the Ocean. Will you please request Mr. Henni to inform him the precise time he intends to start & when & where he expects to embark? Mr. Raymaecker would meet him at whatever port he will go, but having to travel very slow to save his health, he would start two or three weeks before him.

I am sorry you cannot settle that business with Mr. without resorting to law. Such a man being excited may do you as well as Religion in general great injury. I do believe that his signing those deeds is quite immaterial & that they are as valid with the signatures of two as with those of the three Executors of the Bishop's will. Lawyers invariably fond of litigation, & too often their counsel give occasion to useless suits. Perhaps by a little attention he might be induced to do his duty.

We shall leave at Canton all the furniture beds &c of the house, every thing but the Books we give up for the Clergyman who may wish them. Of the Church ornaments, we shall take none but one vestment that belonged to F Hill & one chalice (gilded) belonging to us. There will remain I believe a large &

small chalice. If you could spare a few decent suits of vestments, I think you would dispose of them well by giving them to the Priest you send for Canton, as the few there are very poor.

Excuse this scrawl my pen & ink is very bad, added to the great haste in which I write must be the apology of

Your humble servant
N. D. Young

(Addressed) Somerset, O
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The Rt Revd Dr Purcell
Bishop of
Cincinnati Ohio

Rt Rev & Dr Bishop

I hope by this you have returned to Cincinnati in good health. Mr. Martin informed me that he had seen you at Columbus, had you given me notice of your intention of returning there then I should have met you in that place so anxious I have been for some time to see you for the purpose of discussing several things that could not be so convenient to do by letter.

Mr. Martin communicated your wish to purchase our property of Canton for the sum I had offered it to you when we first proposed surrendering the place to you. I feel anxious for you to have it as I think it is property that will one day be very advantageous to the Church of Canton. We could, I believe sell it now for 1200\$ without much trouble, but as I had offered it to you for 1000\$ with the above consideration we had agreed to let you have it for that now, provided you can meet our wishes in the payments. We have agreed upon the following - five hundred to be paid by the first of next March when we will give you the Deed, & the balance by obligation to be paid by the first of November 1836. If this proposition suits you, you will please let us know as soon as possible. We calculate upon building here next year & wish to make our arrangements, hence we should depend upon that money to meet our contracts.

With regard to the Mission of Columbus we are willing to give it up & if you desire it will give you the Deed of that lot in our name whenever you wish. I think it is a place that should be well attended, & that the sooner the church is commenced the better, indeed, the lot is given on condition that we build on it within a certain time. I believe 5 years & I think 3 are now expired so that if a church is not built within these two years to come it will be forfeited.

Mr. Alleman received your letter from Canton, I am thankful for the good advice it contained & hope he will profit by it. I hope also that if he writes to you more about F Fahy or any other Clergyman slandering him you will not give it a moment's , the poor man is I believe at times crazy & in his imagination full of suspicious thoughts about all who oppose his wild schemes. I hardly know what to do with him, he is indeed unfit without necessity to employ on the mission. Next year I hope to have here a young German that will be a credit to Religion & the Order. Till then I must only do as well as I can with this weak Brother. If he writes to you again, do please tell him that he must not do any thing on the

Mission without my approbation. I wish to confine him to this Congregation as much as possible & seldom permit him to go to Lancaster or elsewhere as I find he generally does harm by his simple conversation.

Excuse this scrawl & beging your prayers with respects to F Badin &c

I am Dr Bishop
Your humble srvt &c
N. D. Young O.P.

V Revd Mr Young
11th Sept 1835

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The Rt Rev Dr Purcell
Bishop of Cincinnati Ohio
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EARLY BAPTISM RECORDS OF ST. JOSEPH'S
SOMERSET, OHIO
(Continued)

1825 (Cont.)

- Sept. --: John Kalligan, of Daniel and Nancy; sponsors, John Murry and Helen Murry.
- Sept. 15: Anna McGuire, b. Sept. 12, of Philip and Anna; sponsors, Patrick and Mary McCristel.
- Sept. 17: William Burke, of Michael and Mary Finelly; sponsors, Charles Finelly and Catherine Mulloy.
- Sept. 17: Daniel O'Reilly, of John and Margaret Kerney: sponsors, William O'Hearn and Elizabeth O'Brien.
- Sept. 22: Patrick Bucklet, of Patrick and Bridget Sheehan; sponsors, Maurice Shaughnessy and Mary Phelan.
- Elizabeth McPeck, of Roderic and Elizabeth Duffy; sponsors, George O'Connor and Julia O'Hearn.
- Sept. 25: Rose Ann Nugent, infant, of Patrick and Mary; sponsors, Patrick and Mary Smith.
- Oct. --: Margaret Crosbery, 8 months, of Martin and Mary; sponsors, James Berry and Elizabeth Elder.
- Oct. 7: Margaret Divir, of Barnabas and Rise McGonagle; sponsors, Daniel Cotleton and Margaret Fleming.
- Oct. 12: Matthew Johnson, of Thomas and Mary Dowling; sponsor, Michael Cody.
- Oct. 14: James Steward, of John and Catherine Henry; sponsors, John Garway and Joanna Walsh.
- Oct. 17: Michael McAllister, of Patrick and Margaret Rea; sponsors, Michael Quinn and E. Stone.
- Oct. 18: Honora Murphy, of David and Elenora Kealy; sponsors, John Meally and Julia Jones.
- Nov. 30: George Myers, of Taphies(?) and Elizabeth; sponsors, Mathias Reos and Elizabeth Bringardner.

1825(cont.)

- Dec. --: Mary Farley, of Richard Farley and Mary Farley; sponsors, Bernard Cull and ----- Fitzpatrick.
Dec. 25: Martin Burn, of John and Mary; sponsors, Michael ----- and Catherine Crossin.
Dec. 25: Mary Cody, of Michael and Mary Cody; sponsors, William Whilin and Margaret Griffin.
Dec. 26: Susanna McDermot, of Henry and -----; sponsors, James Dittoe and Sarah Kean.

1826

- Jan. 3: Dominic Henry Hodges, of Joseph and Rachel; sponsors, Henry Dittoe and Bridget -----.
Jan. 10: Sarah Ann Sapp, of Levi and Mary Collopy; sponsors, James and Delila Collopy.
Jan. 10: Rebecca Derbin, of Benjamin and Mary Ann; sponsors, Daniel and Ann Derbin.
Apr. 1: Thomas Largey, of Patrick and -----.
Apr. 4: Ambrose Dittoe, of Peter and Ann; sponsor, Domna Spark.
Apr. 15: Hugh, of Hugh Kelly and Catherine Stone; sponsors, Hugh McCunis and Margaret Magrath.
----- John, of Richard McGonigle and Jane Duffy; sponsors, Margaret Ward and Bernard Grimes.
May 8: Robert, of Robert Bennett and Cecilia (ceremonies supplied).
May 8: Richard, of Robert and Cecilia.
----- Elenora Buck, of James and Margaret Wade; sponsors, John Walsh and Catherine Doyle.
----- Mary A. Buck, of James and Margaret Wade; sponsors, John Walsh and Catherine Doyle.
May 19: John Moffett, of Richard and Margaret Glass; sponsor, Elizabeth Plott.
May 21: Peter Myers, of Joseph and Martha Algier(?); sponsors, Martin Zimmerman and Catherine Grooer(?).
May 21: John Stanner, of Henry Stanner and Mary Thum(?); sponsors, John Litzinger and Brinny Huett.
May 24: Cecilia Rose, of James Keoho and Susana Burgoon; sponsors, Henry Flowers and Anna Rooney
May 24: Thomas Farquer, of Michael -----.
May 24: Elizabella Mihign and Ann -----.
----- James Myers, of Joseph and Martha Algier(?); sponsors, Anthony Saunders and Elizabeth Grooer.
July 2: Joseph Galegher, of Peter Galegher and Bridget McKenney; sponsors, James Grace and Elizabeth Bringardner.
July 9: Sarah Joanna McNulty, of Hugh and Catherine; sponsors, William Martin and Elizabeth Stein.
July 17: Thomas, of John Patten and Mary Ward; sponsors, James Keane and Rose McGunagle.
Dec. 3: Sarah, of James and Rose Kiernan; sponsors, James Standler and Cecilia Flanigan.
Dec. 11: Mary Black, of Randali Black and Dorothy Sharp; sponsors, Peter Early and Catherine Early. -- F.T. Martin.
Dec. 13: Susanna Bowers, of George Bowers; sponsors, Bernard Harvey and Elenor Kelly. -- F. T. Martin, O.P., D.D.
Dec. 16: Margaret Ann, of Gabriel Padgett and Elizabeth S----; sponsor, Mary -----.
-- F. Tho. Martin, O.P.

1826 (cont.)

- : Anna Guinan, of James and Mary Lusk; sponsors, Bernard Murphy and Anna O'Rourke.
- : James Hannefy, of James and Catherine Duffy; sponsors, Thomas O'Burn and Mary McG----.
- : Susanna Carrol, of Thomas and Mary O'Hara; sponsors, John McCarthy and Margaret Doran.
- : Andrew Boarman, of William and Elenora O'Reilly; sponsors, Michael Mulloy and Catherine Mulloy.
- : Mary Kelly, of Patrick and Lucy Boyle; sponsors, Jeremiah Daly and Bridget Elliott.
- : Christopher Foley, of James and Margaret Carr; sponsors, William McEvoy and Elenor Finelly.
- : James Bawlin, of Michael and Margaret Coughlin; sponsors, Maurice Coffee and Julia Coughlin.
- : James Campbell, of Cornelius and Catherine Shee---; sponsor, William Woods.
- : Aron Hughes, of James and Matris eius; sponsors, Adam Shorb and E. Shorb.
- : Elenor Hogan, of Michael and Anna Oakley.
- : John Flanigan, of John and Elenora Quinn; sponsors, Joseph Baughan and Catherine Farrell.
- : Catherine Tracy, of James and Mary Baughan; sponsors, Michael Mulloy Elenor Dowling.
- : Barnard Quinn, of Michael and Mary McDonnold.
- : Susanna Saunders, of Anthony and Mary Oaster; sponsors, Adam Shorb and Elizabeth Shorb.
- : Catherine Long, of Hugh and Catherine Thrux; sponsors, Patrick Lynch and Patience Thrux.

1827

- : Catherine McCew, of Philip and Mary Carr; sponsors, James McCew and Catherine Carr.
- : Charles Meier, of James and Bridget Carr; sponsors, Philip McCew and Mary C rr.
- : Elenor Sipple, of Thomas and Margaret McCleary; sponsors, Matthew Patton and uxor eius.
- : Mary C. Rufner, of Simon and Rachel Claypold(?); sponsors, Matthew Patton and uxor eius.
- March 1: Sarah, of John Dittoe and Margaret Redman; sponsors, John Redman and Frances Fink. -- F. X. Marshall.
- Apr. 1: Michael James, of James Dittoe and Sarah Shane; sponsors, John Kean and Elizabeth Dittoe. -- F. X. Marshall.
- Apr. 16: George Simon, of Michael Gisinger(?) and Susanna; sponsors, Henry Sterner and Mary Sterner. --- F. X. Marshall.
- Apr. 18: Joseph, of John Buccannon and Mary Dempset; sponsors, Cornelius Cain and Rosanna Dempsey. -- F. X. Marshall.
- Apr. 20: James, of Peter Keenan and Delinda; Sponsors, Francis McShane and Elizabeth Stones. -- F. X. Marshall.
- Apr. 20: John, of Peter Keenan and Delinda; sponsors, Edward Keenan and Margaret Caton. --- F. X. Marshall.
- Apr. 28: Winifrit, of Hugh Griffin and Mary; sponsors, Cornelius Crasson and Catherine Crasson. --- F. X. Marshall.

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