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THE 1873 CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS
TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In response to an invitation of Pope Pius IX the Diocese of Columbus was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1873. Elaborate ceremonies marked the occasion in St. Joseph's Cathedral.

All dioceses in the United States had been invited by the Supreme Pontiff to have the consecration. Accordingly, the Bishops of the Province of Cincinnati gladly accepted the Holy Father's suggestion. Published acceptance of the invitation was signed by Archbishop J. B. Purcell, Cincinnati; Bishop M. St. Palais, Vincennes; Bishop S. H. Rosecrans, Columbus; Bishop William McCloskey, Louisville; Bishop Ignatius Mrak, Marquette; Bishop A. M. Toebe, Covington; Bishop Caspar Borgess, Detroit; Bishop Richard Gilmour, Cleveland, and Bishop Joseph Dwenger, Fort Wayne.

An account (1) of the ceremonies in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus, was published in the New York Freeman's Journal and Catholic Register of December 27, 1873. Previous issues of that publication had recorded the consecration in the Province of New York and in the dioceses of Pittsburgh and Newark.

The Freeman's Journal's published account: "The Diocese of Columbus was consecrated on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to the Sacred Heart in all the churches.

"In the cathedral of Columbus it was preceded by a Novena of prayers, instructions, and benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament. The night of the Feast, though it was very rainy, witnessed the devotion of a very great throng. All the clergy of the city and seminary, the priests from St. Mary's of the Springs; two Sisters and six young ladies from the same academy; two from the House of the Good Shepherd; four from St. Francis Hospital; the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society with their flag and regalia; representatives from the St. Vincent of Paul's, the St. Joseph Benevolent, the St. Patrick's School, the Married Ladies, the Young Ladies, the Children of Mary societies, and a great crowd of devout people assembled at half-past seven. After Pontifical Vespers, a sermon was preached on the devotion; and during the singing of the "O Cor Amoris" the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, and when it was finished the Act of Consecration was said followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Act of Consecration was made in the name of the whole Diocese in these words:

(1) Courtesy Archives, Motherhouse, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

LETTER OF CONSECRATION

OF

THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS, TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS,

DECEMBER 8TH, 1873.

O, Adorable and Loving Heart of Jesus! Our Refuge, Our Strength, Our Hope, Our Consolation! behold! a feeble, humble, scattered portion of Thy flock desires a refuge in Thee against countless perils, and aid against a great host of foes.

We feel the perils of Thy immaculate Spouse in the centre of Christianity; and in far off lands, where Rulers have risen up, and princes have conspired against **Thee and Thine Anointed!** Where they have plundered Thy Sanctuaries; shattered Thy altars; imprisoned **Thy Vicar**; exiled Thy faithful Pastors; and driven Thy Chosen Spouses from their Consecrated Homes. Hear our prayer, and shorten these days of persecution, for those who are of one Faith, one Baptism, one Lord with us. Make us, in deed, and in truth, one with Thy Vicar, and with all, who are true to Him, in Thee!

We seek refuge in **Thee, O Loving Heart!** against our own proper enemies, also. Those who would kill the Body for fidelity to **Thee** are powerless here. But those, who would destroy the soul are ever wakeful and active.

Infidelity and heresy compass us round about; worldly ambition, avarice, and sensuality threaten us from without and from within. Thy very Priests are assailed with many temptations, Thy Elect of the cloisters are rudely tried. The old are in danger of forgetting Thee — and the young wander off into the paths of forbidden pleasure, like sheep without a shepherd.

Adorable and Loving Heart! Be to us a tower of strength and accept the offering which we make of ourselves to **Thee**, this day.

Tender Heart of the Good Shepherd! Be the dwelling place, henceforth, of all our Clergy, where they may learn to lay down their lives, that is, the energies, and hopes, and works of their lives, for their flocks.

Take to **Thyself, O Heart, Fount of Purity and Humility, the Religious Families** that serve **Thee** here, and edify Thy people. Let them learn in **Thee** and from **Thee** to love more and more the poverty, charity and obedience they have vowed, and to increase every day in the perfection of their state.

O, Adorable and Pitiful Heart, yearning to call little children unto **Thee**, receive into Thy keeping all our Schools — their Teachers and Pupils; keep them from heresy, infidelity, and ignorance of **Thee**; keep them from sin and fill them with strong faith, right hope, and boundless charity.

O Heart, most meek and loving, once the delight of the **Home in Nazareth!** Accept the offering we make to **Thee** of all the families living in this Diocese. Give to Fathers and Mothers the spirit of **Joseph and Mary**, and to Children Thy own piety, obedience, charity, docility, and grace with God and Men.

O, Adorable Heart! Pierced through for sin; from whose depths came up the tears thou shedst over impenitent Jerusalem, we dare to offer **Thee**, this day, even those who in their blindness now reject and scorn **Thee**, by living in unbelief and sin. Turn not Thy mercy from them. Show Thy power and dispel their darkness. Lift up their hearts, to know and love the good things that are eternal, that they may flee from the evils that never end. Turn away Thy face from our sins. We are truly sorry for them. **O, Heart!** boundless abyss of Perfections! too late we have known **Thee**, too late we have loved **Thee**. But we know **Thee** and love **Thee**, at last. We would die rather than let sin tear us from **Thee** again.

Here in **Thee** we, Clergy, Religious, Parents, Children of the Diocese of Columbus, make our abode. This is our rest for ever and ever! Here we will dwell, for we have chosen it. Take us, **Sweet Heart of Jesus**, and make us ever more Thine!

AMEN!

DISCONTINUED 19TH CENTURY MISSIONS
OF SOUTHEASTERN OHIO
(Continued)

Jefferson County

1. Hanover.....1843-1845 (S)
This mission was attended from Steubenville for three years. It may have been the present town of Hanoverton in Columbiana County.
2. Irondale, Saline Twp.....1874-(**) (S)
Irondale was attended from Steubenville from 1874 to 1880. After 1893 it was taken care of from Toronto.
3. Slaon's Station.....1881-1882 (S)
This station was taken care of from Steubenville for two years.
4. Lagrange.....1883-1889 (S)
During the seven years it was listed in the Catholic Directory, Lagrange was visited from Steubenville.
5. Brilliant.....1886-(**) (S)
Attended from Toronto from 1886 to 1892, and from Mingo Junction after 1893. This station was later discontinued, but a parish, Our Lady of Fatima, has since been established in Brilliant.

Knox County

1. St. Michael's, Jefferson Twp.....1854-1857 (M)
This mission was attended from Newark in 1854, and from Mt. Vernon from 1855 to 1857. It was not listed from 1858 to 1873. However, a record in the Columbus Diocese archives states that it was attended from Mt. Vernon in 1868. (See below also)
2. Brownsville, Jefferson Twp., St. Michael's.....1874-1880 (M)
Beginning in 1874 the St. Michael's (above) was listed as at Brownsville, the former name of the present town of Jelloway. However, St. Michael's was located in the next township east of the one in which Brownsville was located. The church no longer stands, and the cemetery is badly neglected.
3. Sapp's Settlement
Though not listed in any Catholic Directory this was an early designation for one of the earliest pioneer Catholic settlements in Ohio. It is, of course, the present St. Luke's Danville, which was first listed in 1833 as "near Danville."

Lawrence County

1. Etna Furnace, St. Michael's.....1850 (M)
"A new church" near Etna Furnace was attended from Portsmouth in 1850.
2. Etna Furnace, St. Mary's.....1851-1861 (P)
This is the same as St. Michael's listed in 1850 (see above). It was attended from Portsmouth until 1853 when Father John Joseph Rauch became pastor.
3. St. Peter's.....1857-1861 (M)
St. Peter's was "9 miles distant from Etna Furnace" and was attended from there.
4. Hanging Rock P.O. (Hamilton Twp).....1864-1878 (M)
Though no church was named for Hanging Rock in the Catholic Directory, it is here given mission status since the 1866 issue of the Directory states that a new church was being built. It was attended from Ironton from 1864-1872.
5. Heckla Furnace, Upper Twp.....1865-1868 (S)
This mission was attended from Ironton.
6. Vesuvius
This is the designation given from 1891-1901 for the present parish of St. Mary's, Pine Grove, which was first listed in 1864.
7. Buckhorn, Decatur Twp.....1872 (S)
Columbus Diocese archives state that sick calls at this station were taken care of from Pine Grove.
8. Center Furnace.....1872 (S)
Where located? Columbus Diocese archives state that this station was attended two or three times annually from Pine Grove.
9. Center Station, Decatur Twp.
Along with Center Furnace (above) Columbus Diocese archives state that this station was attended two or three times annually from Pine Grove.
10. Washington Furnace.....1875-1890 (M)
Columbus Diocese archives state that this mission was attended monthly from Lick Run in 1875. It was first listed in the Catholic Directory in 1883, and was attended from Jackson from that date until 1890.

11. Sheridan Coalworks, Perry Twp.....1872-1882 (S)
Columbus Diocese archives state that this station
was attended from Ironton, 1872-1874. However, it
was not listed in the Catholic Directory until 1874.
It was attended from Ironton until 1882.

12. Old Union and Mt. Vernon Furnace.....1872 (S)
Were these in Lawrence or Vinton County? Columbus
Diocese archives state that they were cared for
from Pine Grove in 1872.

Licking County

1. Jackson Settlement, Licking Twp.....1851-1855 (M)
There seems to have been a chapel at the Jackson
(the present Jacksontown) Settlement. It was attended
from Newark for six years according to the Catholic
Directory. Much earlier property was bought for a
church. A deed of Licking County under date of Nov. 29,
1830, the Literary Society of St. Joseph's of Perry
County bought a piece of property in the town of
Jackson "for the purpose of building a Roman Catholic
Church." (Licking County Deeds, Vol. 0, p. 83)

2. Lynville, Bowling Green Twp.....1851-1852 (M)
Listed in the Catholic Directory for two years only,
1851 and 1852, this mission was designated as the
"Lynville Chapel on National Road," and attended
from Newark. However, property at Lynville was bought
for a church as early as 1842. It was sold in 1858.

3. Horner.....1853 (M)
Nothing is known of "Horner" unless it is an incorrect
designation for Hanover or for Homer, both towns in
Licking County. The Catholic Directory listed "Horner"
in 1853 only, with the notation that a church was in
preparation.

4. Jersey, Jersey Twp. St. Joseph's.....1854-(**) (P)
In its early years St. Joseph's, Jersey, was attended
from Newark. It was not listed from 1856 to 1880.
It was attended from Columbus from 1881 to 1893 when
it received parish status. Later it was attended
from Johnstown. The church was razed in 1949.

5. St. Joseph's
This was the designation for the Jersey mission from
1881 to 1892.

6. Alexandria P.O.
This was the designation for the Jersey mission from
1893 to 1894.

7. Cressk P.O.

The Jersey mission was listed as Cressk P.O. from 1895 to 1900. Thereafter it was Jersey, St. Joseph's.

Meigs County

1. St. John the Baptist.....1854-1865 (M)
This mission was listed as being 20 miles from Coalport (Where was Coalport?). It was attended from Pomeroy.
2. Jacksonville.....1855-1864 (M)
Jacksonville was listed as in Meigs County and attended from Wilkesville in 1858. The following year it was given as in Jackson county with a new church being built. From 1860-1864 it was again given as in Meigs county with Holy Name being the name of the church. Later it was listed as Holy Name Church, Jackson, and in Jackson county (See Jackson county).
3. Syracuse, Sutton Twp.....1861-(**) (M)
Beginning in 1861 Syracuse was always attended from Pomeroy "five miles distant."
4. Long Bottom, Olive Twp., Our Lady of Loretto.....1861-(**) (M)
A church at Tupperville has replaced this mission in recent years. Long Bottom with few exceptions was attended from Pomeroy from 1861 to 1889. After 1890 it was cared for from Little Hocking.

(To be continued)

THE OLD ST. MARY'S CEMETERY
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO

In November, 1845, Father Emmanuel Thienpont succeeded Father Joseph O'Mealy as pastor of the Church of the Nativity, Portsmouth, Ohio. A few years later he obtained three acres of land from Nicholas Haubert for burial purposes. An entry in the record books at St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, signed by Father Thienpont, reads: "On the 25th of November, 1850, I have blessed the burial grounds which Nicolaes Hobaert has given for that exclusive purpose."

According to records at the Scioto County Court House, Portsmouth, the cemetery was divided into three sections: Lot # 1, for German speaking; Lot # 2, for English (Irish) speaking; and Lot # 3, for Italians, Poles, Greeks, Swedes, Berbers, etc.

Over the years many records of family plots have been lost, as well as individual burials. The cemetery is no longer used. It is now described as being off Grandview Avenue, between 25th and 27th streets.

Some years ago interested parties restored the neglected cemetery, sometimes called the "Old German Cemetery." Every effort was made to obtain information about burials made there over the years. The result was the following list, which includes the inscriptions from the tombstones in the old cemetery. The asterisk (*) indicates the deceased has a grave marker.

	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Age</u>
Albrecht, Mr & Mrs Kissiah	?	?	
Augustin, Adolph	?	?	
Billian, Nicholas	1863	1865	
Billian, Margaret Lekman	?	Oct. 1878	
Bourgholtzer, John	?	?	
*Busl, K. A.	?	?	
*Beck, Anna	March 17, 1795	June 7, 1860	
*Becker, Maria Franciscia (wife of Wilhelm)	April 11, 1819	Dec. 12, 1867	48 yrs.
*Canton, Malachi (son of E. & A.)	?	Nov. 8, 1858	11 yrs.
*Canton, Catherine (dau. of E. & A.)	?	Mar. 16, 1864	3 yrs.
*Christ, J.A.	?	?	35 yrs.
*Collins, John	July 18, 1852	Aug. 29, 1852	1 mo.
*Collins, Dennis	July 18, 1853	Jan. 18, 1876	22 yrs.
*Collins, Jeremiah	July 18, 1857	Nov. 7, 1860	3 yrs.
*Collins, William James	Dec. 3, 1866	Jan. 12, 1876	10 yrs.
*Collins, Bridget	Jan 31, 1869	Jan. 21, 1876	5 yrs.
Cooper, J. A.	?	?	
Cooper, ? (Son)	?	?	
Cooper, ? (daughter)	?	?	
*Dougherty, Charles H. (Son of H. & A.)	July 31, 1859	Feb. 27, 1860	
*Doyle, Sarah (dau. of J. & G.)	?	Sep. 15, 1863	11 mo. 27 days.
*Eck, Mary Elizabeth (wife of Adam)	July 4, 1811	Aug. 23, 1874	63 yrs.
*Eck, Adam	Arpil 24, 1807	July 31, 1885	78 yrs.
*Eck, Sebastin F. (Son of J. & M.)	?	July 2, 1864	
*Eck, ? (dau. of J. & M.)	?	?	
*Enright, Mary (dau. of W. & J.)	?	June 4, 1856	35 yrs.
*Emmett, Mary Miller	1839	1882	
Emmett, ? (Infant)	?	?	
Emmett, ?	?	?	
Glass, John I (Infant son of John & Maryann)	?	?	
Glass, John II (Infant son of John & Maryann)	?	?	
Glass, Jacob (Infant son of John & Maryann)	?	?	
*Gestorh, ?	?	March, 1866	
*Gihenzinger, Geo	1817	1873	
*Hubbard, Mary A. (dau. Jacob & Elizabeth)	Nov. 20, 1854	Jan. 11, 1859	
*Hefferman, Mary (wife of John)	?	Nov. 14, 1856	39 yrs.

Kerner, Mary	1869	1871	
*Keil, Minnie (dau. of J & E)	?	?	4 days
*Keogh, James (son of Thomas & Mary)	"Drown in the month of May"		?
*King, Thomas	?	Mar. 16, 1862	45 yrs.
Frederick, Anna	?	1876	
Frederick, (three unnamed infants of Isadore and Barbara)	?	?	
Frederick, Barbara	?	?	
*Fuhs, Theodore	?	?	9 mos.
Fuhs, Joseph	?	?	7 yrs.
Fuhs, Frank	?	?	18 Mos.
*Geis, Mary A. (wife of Sebastian)	July, 1809	1874	65 yrs.
*Krauser, Martin (father)	?	Nov. 28, 1871	69 yrs.
*Krauser, Elizabeth (mother)	?	Jan. 15, 1864	56 yrs.
*Lange, T.D.	?	?	
*Lange, M. U.	?	?	
*Lanning, ?	1803	?	
Lauter, Phillipi	?	before 1869	
Lauter, Lucy (wife of Phillipi)	?	before 1869	
Linder, John	?	?	2 yrs.
Linder, ? (infant girl)	?	?	2 yrs.
Linder, ? (mother)	?	?	
Linder, ? (father)	?	?	
Maier, Caroline	1884	1886	2 yrs.
*Petry, John (father)	April 12, 1810	March 11, 1879	
*Petry, Anceline (wife of John)	April 14, 1814	July 24, 1857	
*Petry, Nicholas	1838	Aug. 4, 1880	
*Petry, Mary E (dau of P & M)	Oct. 14, 1871	April 7, 1873	
*Petry, Jacob J (son of P & M)	Oct. 29, 1876	May 23, 1877	
Rottinghaus, Mary Schaefer	?	1898	
*Schafer, George	June 10, 1818	Nov. 10, 1883	65 yrs.
*Schafer, Frank J. (son of Geo & E)	Sep. 7, 1856	Aug. 19, 1881	25 yrs.
*Schafer, ? (wife of Geo.)	?	?	
*Scha (broken away), Jos.	?	?	
Shafer, Louise Adline	Aug. 1866	July, 1867	
Shafer, Clara Thresia	Oct. 1869	July, 1870	
Shafer, Joseph	?	April, 1878	
Shilling, John Adam	?	killed Nov. 1878	
*Schmunk, M. (Margaret) (infant)	?	?	
Schmunk, Teresa (infant)	?	?	
*Shunley, Patrick (son of Jas & Martha)	Apr. 29, 1861	May 11, 1861	
*Shunley, John (son of Jas & Martha)	May 29, 1862	Sept. 6, 1864	
Sommer, George	?	Aug. 13, 1883	
*Stamm, Anna Marie (wife of Christian)	?	Nov. 29, 1863	25 yrs.
*Starr, Michael (son of J & E)	1859	1861	
*Ternbass, Steven L (son of L & O)	Nov. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	1 mo.
*Uber, C.H.	Mar. 13, 1838	Dec. 20, 1879	41 yrs.
*Tierney, Isabella	?	Jan. 11, 1861	26 yrs.
*Vondreau, Rudolph	Dec. 6, 1840	Nov. 12, 1873	32 yrs.
*Vundrau, M.	?	?	?
*Weidman, Adam	?	?	?
*Wellendorf, I. H.	May 24, 1852	June 25, 1869	
*White, Ann (wife of E.)	1788	June 9, 1826	48 yrs.
*Wolfe, Peter (from Buena Vista, O)	Jan. 1, 1857	Aug. 31, 1880	
*Zimmer, Louis A.	1784	May 25, 1859	75 yrs.
*Murphy, Patrick	?	Jan. 18, 1865	65 yrs.

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