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A "TEETOTAL" ABSTINENCE PLEDGE OF 1840

ST. JOSEPH'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

FRUITS OF TEMPERANCE.	By this sign thou shalt conquer.	FRUITS OF INTEMPERANCE.
PLEDGE.		
I promise to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, except used medicinally, and by order of a medical man, and to discountenance the cause and		
DOMESTIC COMFORT.	practice	RUIN OF FAMILIES
Favor with God.	of intem-	ANGER OF GOD,
AND	perance.	AND
Respect of Man.	<i>Teetotal</i>	CONTEMPT OF MAN.
PEACE AND PLENTY		POVERTY IN
HEALTH OF SOUL		its Worst Forms.
AND BODY.		Disease and Death.
ETERNAL HAPPINESS		INSANITY PREMA- TURE DEATH.
		ETERNAL MISERY.

No. *160*

Alice Clarkson took the Total Abstinence
Pledge this *15* day of *December* 1840
W. H. Clarkson Pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

Total abstinence societies were not uncommon in the nineteenth century. A formal certificate was given to those who made the Pledge. A very early one is shown here.

Alice and Lydia Clark, members of a Clark family that lived near Bristol Station in Perry County, took the Pledge in 1840. Alice did so on Dec. 15 of that year. The certificate given her is a gift to the Catholic Record Society of Mrs. William E. Howerth (formerly Catherine Clark) of Junction City.

Father James H. Clarkson, O.P., who signed the certificate, was stationed at St. Joseph's, Somerset, had charge of St. Lewis Bertrand Mission from 1838 to 1845. Hence, he crossed out the word "Joseph's" in the lower right corner and wrote "Lewis" over it.

Father Clarkson also wrote the word "Teetotal" in the lower section of the Cross. The Pledge is "No. 160."

HOLY CROSS: COLUMBUS' FIRST PARISH

SOME HISTORICAL NOTES

By Monsignor Joseph a Hakel

(Continued)

Saint Remigius was a great apostle of the French. He was famous for his learning, eloquence and miracles during his 77 year reign as Bishop of Rheims, France. He was the son of Emilius, Count of Laon, and a pious mother honored as St. Celina. He was chosen bishop by the people of Rheims when he was only 22 years old. In 475 the Roman Empire of the West collapsed. Gaul (France) was occupied by barbarians. Clovis, a leader of the Franks, conquered the neighboring tribes and extended his rule over most of France. In 493 Clovis married a Catholic princess, St. Clotilda. In 496 the Alemanni of Alsace tried to overrun France. Clovis vowed that he would receive baptism if the God of his Catholic wife would grant him victory. He won, and on Christmas Day 496, Clovis and 3,000 of his warriors were baptized by St. Remigius. Thus all these pagans and heretics returned to the true Faith under the guidance of St. Remigius.

St. Remigius died on Jan. 13, 533, but his feast is kept on October 1. The world famous Cathedral of Rheims is dedicated to St. Remigius. All the kings of France were crowned in Rheims Cathedral. St. Joan of Arc dedicated her life to the task of leading the French king through enemy territory to Rheims to be crowned as lawful king of France.

Father Juncker was born in Lorraine not far from Rheims. It was fitting that he choose as patron of his first church in the new world a saint who meant so much to him in the old world.

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On April 29, 1838, Rev. Henry D. Juncker blessed St. Remigius Church. Rev. Stephen Badin, the first priest ordained in the United States, happened to be in Columbus that day. He assisted at the dedication, which began with the recitation of the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus. Then Father Badin gave a beautiful explanation of the ceremony about to take place. Then the Prayer for Public Authorities composed by Archbishop Carroll was recited. High Mass was sung, the Gospel was read in English and German and Father Juncker preached in German.

In the afternoon Vespers was sung at 3 p.m. and Father Badin gave an eloquent discourse in English, stressing the obligations of a truly Catholic life as laid down by the commandments of the Church. Devotions closed with prayers and Benediction and the hymn "Regina Coeli".

The plastering and painting of the church and the installation of pews were completed during the summer of 1838. Mass was then offered regularly and the Catholics of Columbus were very proud of their fine little church.

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At the time St. Remigius Church was being built the city of Columbus extended east only as far as Third Street. The church lot with its surrounding land was little more than a swamp and a stopover for wild geese and ducks in

their autumn and spring migrations. Comments made at the time give a clear indication of the condition of the location. People asked, "Why do you go so far out of town?" and "Can we not find a suitable location within the town limits?"

The church lot No. 761 in Samuel Crosby's addition to Columbus was donated by his heirs in consideration of a desire to promote religion and toleration and to improve the town. A church was required to be built and sufficiently furnished for occupancy within five years from the date of the deed, May 15, 1833. It would seem logical to conclude that the improvement of the town included the sale of lots to Catholics who would wish to live close to their church and school since there were no paved streets and no sidewalks. In bad weather, people had to slog to church through mud, water and ice and snow.

Providence moved indeed in mysterious ways His purpose to fulfill, and the Catholics of Columbus now had their own church and lot. Originally the lot was deeded to the Dominican Fathers who in turn deeded it to the Diocese of Columbus on May 29, 1869, for the sum of one dollar.

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It is interesting to note that St. Remigius' Church faced south toward Rich Street although it was built near the corner of Walnut and Fifth Streets. The church lot ran 187½ feet along Fifth Street and 62½ feet along Rich Street. This made it difficult to build a fifty foot church facing Fifth Street. Moreover a small lot 23 feet east and 18 feet south on the corner of Walnut and Fifth did not belong to the church. It was bought much later on June 28, 1849, for \$137.00 from the estate of Edard N. Gregory. So the church had to be built on the back part of the north end of the lot.

A small frame Rectory was built near the church entrance on April 1, 1843, for the pastor, Rev. Josue M. Young. A frame school was built along Fifth Street in 1844. Now we have the complete picture: the Church was on what is now the lawn between the Rectory kitchen and the brick wall; the Rectory where the present Rectory kitchen stands; the school on the lawn near the north front office of the present Rectory. This left the south half of the Church property available for future expansion.

Remains of St. Remigius Church, Broken stone, brick and mortar still lie buried under the lawn north of Holy Cross Rectory.

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In order to have enough land for building the new Church, F^Ather Schonat wrote to Bishop Purcell on Dec. 16, 1844, for permission to buy the lot #760 east of the original church lot #761. Permission was given and the lot was purchased on Jan. 10, 1845, from Matthew J. Gilbert and his wife Lucy Theadon for \$600.00. This doubled the area of the church property. The congregation elected a building committee. Members were Horace McGuire, John Duffee, Jacob Schoeringer, Fridolin Mutter, Anton Rolling, Cornelius Jacobs, Jacob Sattler, Peter Ury, John F. Zimmer and George Enterd. Its building plans were accepted by the congregation and preparations were made for gathering building materials so that construction could be started in the early spring of 1845. Benedict Lutz and A. Weisberger offered all the timber for the roof and gallery. A large number of men volunteered to haul it to town. Carpenters were selected to act as foremen. They were J. Schoeringer, F. Mutter, J. D. Briggemann, G. Eiermann

and Charles Foergan. A date was agreed upon and at 2:00 a.m. all set out to cut down, trim and haul the timber to town. That very evening the work was completed and all the lumber was stored on the church lot at Fifth Street.

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Work on the foundation of the present Holy Cross Church began during the winter of 1844-1845. The architect for the new building was Cornelius Jacobs. The masonry and carpenter work were done by men employed by the day with Joseph Sattler as foreman of the masons and Jacob Schoeringer and Fridolin Mutter as foremen of the carpenters.

The laying of the foundation progressed so satisfactorily that on April 22, 1845, Father Schonat wrote to Bishop Purcell inviting him to preside at the cornerstone laying on May 3, Feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross. Bishop Purcell was unable to accept the invitation for that date but promised to come to Columbus on May 18, 1845. The cornerstone was placed on that date. Bishop Purcell preached an English sermon. Father Schonat preached in German. A collection was taken up during the ceremony to aid in the erection of the church.

It was Father Schonat's wish that the new church be dedicated to Almighty God in honor of the Holy Cross according to the words of Saint Paul in his Epistle to the Galatians (VI, 14): "May I never boast of anything but the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through it the world has been crucified to me and I to the world." These words were engraved on a marble slab which was later covered over when the brick arch over the front door was erected to support the statue of Christ carrying the Cross.

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Father Gaspar H. Borgess, future Bishop of Detroit, was appointed pastor of Holy Cross Church in 1847. He had the steeple erected on the church tower at a cost of \$7,000.00. It was surmounted by a gilt crown and a 12 foot high cross. The entire height from the sidewalk to the tip of the cross was 183 feet.

In 1855 he bought three bells for the steeple at a cost of \$1,500.00. In 1856 the church was frescoed, a pulpit and a new St. Mary's altar were built. An organ was purchased from Cincinnati at a cost of \$1,400.00.

The original church of St. Remigius located at Fifth and Walnut Streets was used as a school building. In 1857 a second story was added to accomodate the increased enrollment. There were about 300 children in school, and the parish had about 3,000 parishioners. For some years, Holy Cross was one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

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Gifts

The Spirit of St. Angela Merici (1906) and Grace of the Way (1937) by Sister Monica, Ph.D., O.S.U; Peace Grows in My Garden (1944) and Tide of the Years (1945) by Sister M. Josephine, O.S.U. Gifts of the Ursuline Sisters of Brown County, Ohio.

PRIESTS OF SOUTHEASTERN OHIO
IN THE 19TH CENTURY
(Continued)

- Noon, Rev. Dominic Hyacinth, O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1864-1865; Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1866; St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1867-1869; Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1870-1894.
- Noon, Rev. Philip Dominic, O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1854-1857; St. Joseph's College, Somerset, 1858-1859.
- Nordmeier, Rev. Johann Gerhard
St. George's, Coshocton, 1867-1869.
- O'Boylan, Rev. Bernard M.
St. Augustine's, New Straitsville, 1876-1878; St. Malachy's, Corning, 1883-1884; St. Malachy's, Corning; Chapel Hill and Buckingham (Perry Co.), 1885-1887; Corning and Chapel Hill, 1888; Corning, Chapel Hill and Glouster, 1889-1892; St. Francis de Sales, Newark, 1893-1900+.
- O'Brien, Rev. D.A., O.P.
Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1861.
- O'Brien, Rev. F.
St. Mary's, Beaver (Noble Co.): Athens and St. Patrick's, Guernsey Co., 1870.
- O'Brien, Rev. Matthew A., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1844-1851.
- O'Brien, Rev. T., O.P.
Chaplain, St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, 1877-1878.
- O'Brien, Rev. William
Millersburg, Napoleon and Oxford (Holmes Co.), 1875; St. Lawrence's, Ironton, 1876-1877.
- O'Carroll, Rev. William D., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, Provincial, 1866.
- O'Connell, Rev. J.H., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1891.
- O'Connor, Rev. J.B., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1899.
- O'Daniel, Rev. Victor F., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1892-1893; 1895-1898.
- O'Donoghoe, Rev. James J.
Holy Redeemer, Portsmouth; Washington Furnace, Junior Furnace, Beuna Vista, Aberdeen and Holy Trinity, Pond Creek, 1857-1861; Holy Redeemer, Portsmouth; Washington Furnace, Beuna Vista and McCullough, 1864.
- O'Donoghoo, Rev. Philip J.
St. Lawrence's, Ironton, 1869-1871.
- O'Dwyer, Rev. J. A., O.P.
Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1892-1894.
- Oeink, Rev. J.B.
Cathedral, Columbus, and President Columbus Catholic College, 1886-1887; Straitsville, 1888; Gallipolis, 1889-1892; Corning and Chapel Hill, 1893-1900+.
- O'Higgins, Rev. William T.
St. Lawrence's, Ironton, 1858-1859.
- O'Hoop, Rev. Francis, S.J.
St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Chillicothe, 1848-1849.
- O'Leary, Rev. D.J., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1833-1835.

- O'Leary, Rev. William J., O.P.
St. Patrick's, Columbus; St. Francis' Hospital and State Prison, 1893; St. Patrick's,
Columbus, 1894-1895.
- Olivetti, Rev. Michael E.
St. Peters', Monday Creek; also attends Deavertown and Sunday Creek, 1842; St. Michael's.
Deavertown; St. Francis, Sunday Creek; Monday Creek and Chauncey, 1843-1848.
- O'Mealy, Rev. Joseph
Portsmouth; St. Michael's, Ripley; Aberdeen, New Richmond and other stations, 1843-1845.
- O'Neil, Rev. J.L., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1886.
- O'Neill, Rev. Patrick
St. Mary's, Marietta; St. James', Meig's Creek; St. Joseph's, Union Twp., and Stockport,
1856.
- O'Regan, Rev. Daniel, D.D.
St. Mary's, Lancaster, 1866-1867.
- O'Reilly, Rev. T.J.
Cathedral, Columbus, and Secretary to the Bishop, 1886; Cathedral, Secretary to the Bishop
and St. Francis' Hospital, 1887; St. Francis' Hospital and Secretary to the Bishop,
1888-1889; St. Dominic's, Columbus, 1890-1900+.
- O'Reilly, Rev. William
Jackson, 1870; Jackson and St. Sylvester's, Zaleski, 1871; St. Lawrence's, Ironton, 1873-1875.
- O'Rourke, Rev. R.P., O.P.
St. Dominic's, McLuney; St. Pius', South Fork, and St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1867-1873; St.
Joseph's, Somerset, 1874-1877; 1886; St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, 1887-1891.
- O'Sullivan, Rev. M.P., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1899.
- O'Sullivan, Rev. Thaddeus (Rev. Joseph)
Cathedral, Columbus, 1894-1895; Marges and St. Patrick's, Mineral Point, 1896; Marges, 1897-
1899.
- Pendergast, Rev. J. Damian, O.P.
St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, 1896-1898; St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1899.
- Perry, Rev. James (also Rev. Peter)
St. Mary's, Marietta; St. James', Meig's Creek, 1851-1853; St. Mary's, Marietta; St. James',
Meig's Creek, and St. Joseph's, Union Twp., 1854; St. Mary's, Marietta; St. James', Meig's
Creek, and also given at St. Ann's, Wills Creek, Coshocton County, 1855.
- Peters, Rev. Herman Joseph, O.M.Cap.
St. Joseph's, Canal Dover, 1898-1899.
- Peters, Rev. Theodore
Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, 1895; Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, and St. Francis'
Hospital, Columbus, 1896-1899.
- Phew, Rev. G. (Rev. John)
Sunday Creek, 1861.
- Philip, Rev. M.
St. Francis' Hospital, Columbus, 1901.
- Pilger, Rev. Nicholas E.
St. John's, Miltonsburg; St. Joseph's, Wills Creek; St. Sylvester's, Woodsfield; Sts. Peter
and Paul, Crane's Nest, 1866-1872; St. Francis de Sales, Newark, 1873-1874; St. Mary's,
Lancaster, 1875; St. Mary's, Delaware, and Lewis Center, 1876-1884; St. Mary's, Lancaster,
1885-1900+.

- Pinder, Rev. Christopher
St. Joseph's, Circleville, 1866-1869.
- Polkin, Rev. Joseph, O.S.D.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1852-1853.
- Pollmann, Rev. J.
Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, 1893; Pictoria (Glenmont), Calmoutier and Millersburg,
1894-1899.
- Powers, Rev. Thomas A.
Martins Ferry, 1891; St. Francis Xavier, Malvern, 1892; St. Peter's, Steubenville, 1893;
Cathedral, Columbus, 1894; Logan, 1895-1900+.
- Pozzo, Rev. H., O.S.D.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1842-1843; St. Joseph's, Somerset; professor of Philosophy and
Theology, 1844-1849; Subprior, 1847.
- Purcell, Most Rev. John Baptist
Bishop of Cincinnati, 1833-1849; Archbishop of Cincinnati, 1850-1883.
- Quinlan, Rev. James
St. Dominic's, Guernsey Co., and St. Joseph's, Monroe Co., 1839-1840; St. Pius', Steubenville;
St. Paul's, near Lisbon, 1840.
- Quinn, Rev. W., O.P.
St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1891-1893.
- Ralph, Rev. E.P., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1864-1865.
- Rappe, Rt. Rev. Amadeus
Engaged in missions of Delaware, Piketon, Portsmouth; at St. Louis, Toledo; helps with St.
Joseph's, Maumee City; Providence, Napoleon and Defiance on the Maumee Canal, 1843.
(Afterwards Bishop of Cleveland)
- Rauch, Rev. John Joseph
St. Mary's, Etna Furnace, Lawrence Co., 1853-1856; St. Mary's, Etna Furnace, and St. Peter's,
9 miles distant, 1857-1861; St. Nicholas', Zanesville, 1864-1868; Pine Grove, Lawrence Co.,
1870-1894.
- Reid, Rev. J.
St. Dominic's, Guernsey Co., 1836-1837; St. Dominic's, Guernsey Co., and St. Joseph's, Monroe
Co., 1838.
- Reinhard, Rev. A., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1899.
- Reynolds, Rev. T.S.
Holy Family, Columbus; Good Shepherd Chapel, Columbus, 1879.
- Rhode, Rev. Clemens R.
Holy Cross, Columbus, 1878-1900+.
- Rickarby, Rev. W.J., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1886.
- Ritter, Rev. John
Miltonsburg, 1878-1880; Lilly and Lick Run, 1881-1885; Lilly, 1886-1888; Wheelersburg and
Lilly, 1889; Bremen, Sugar Grove and Good Hope, 1890-1900+.
- Roach, Rev. Paul, O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1899.
- Robaszewski, Rev. John
Adena, 1904-1905; Dillonvale, 1906.

- Rollinet, Rev. Augustine
Calmoutier, 1851; 1859.
- Rooney, Rev. J.A., O.P.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1866.
- Rooney, Rev. Thomas
St. Francis', Chapel Hill, 1878-1884.
- Rosecrans, Rt. Rev. Sylvester Horton, D.D.
First Bishop of Columbus, 1868-1878.
- Ross, Rev. Walter
Canal Dover, 1884; Canal Dover and Bolivar, 1885; St. Stephen's, Bolivar, 1886-1888; Marges (Waynesburg P.O.), Carroll Co., 1889; Marges, Sherrodsville, Mineral Point, 1890-1892; St. Agnes, Mingo Junction, 1893-1894; St. Agnes, Mingo Junction; Sacred Thirs, Sherrodsville; Brilliant, 1895; St. George, Coshocton; Spring Mountain and Wills Creek, 1896-1900.
- Rotchford, Rev. J.F., O.P.
Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1869; President, St. Joseph's College, Somerset, 1861-1864; St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1866; St. Patrick's, Columbus, 1870-1871; St. Joseph's Cathedral Chapel, Columbus, 1872.
- Rudolph, Rev. Francis J.
St. Mary's, Lancaster, 1868.
- Ryan, Rev. F.A., O.P.
St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1889.
- Ryan, Rev. M.J.D.
St. Mary's, Marietta; St. James', Meig's Creek; several other stations on the H. & C. RR, 1864-1868; St. Mary's, Marietta; Meig's Creek and Stockport, 1869; St. Mary's, Marietta, and St. James', Meig's Creek, 1870.
- Ryan, Rev. J.M.
St. Dominic's, McLuney, 1877.
- Ryan, Rev. T.J., O.S.D.
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1849; St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1868.
- Sagerer, Rev. Ignatius
St. Nicholas', Coshocton Co., 1879; Miltonsburg, 1884; St. Josephs', Wills Creek (Burkhardt P.O.), Monroe Co., 1885-1900+.
- Scallen, Rev. T.J., O.P.
St. Josephs', Somerset, 1882-1883.
- Schelhamer, Rev. Charles F.
St. Peter's, Lick Run; St. John's, Little Scioto, 1869-1870; St. Mary's, Marietta; Meig's Creek; St. James', Stockport, 1871-1874; St. Mary's, Marietta; McClure's, Washington Co; Cutler, Belpre and Newport, 1875.
- Schlieter, Rev. H.
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Columbus; Galloway and Groveport, 1885; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Galloway, Groveport, Jersey, Taylorstown and Worthington, 1886-1888; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Galloway, Groveport, Jersey and Taylorstown, 1889-1892; St. Joseph's Orphanage, Groveport and Galloway, 1893; Josephinum Seminary, Columbus; Galloway and Groveport, 1894-1896; Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, 1897-1900+.
- Schmidt, Rev. Henry
St. Aloysius Academy, New Lexington, 1895-1900+.
- Schmidt, Rev. Joseph B.
St. Patrick's, Columbus, 1875; St. Mary's, Lancaster, 1876-1884.

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