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## BISHOP ROSECRANS' WILL

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I, Sylvester H. Rosecrans, Bishop of Columbus, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament.

In accordance with the requirements of the law or rule agreed upon among the Bishops of the United States I do hereby give, devise and bequeath all my property and estate, real, personal and mixed, of whatever kind or nature, wherever situate, to Most Reverend John B. Purcell, Archbishop of Cincinnati; Right Reverend J. H. Luers, Bishop of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Right Reverend A.M. Toebe, Bishop of Covington, Kentucky; Rev. George H. Ahrens, Chancellor of Columbus; John Joyce of Columbus; Jacob Reinhard of Columbus, and Michael A. Daugherty of Lancaster, or the Survivors of them, or any one of them that for that purpose may be designated by said Most Reverend John B. Purcell, Archbishop of Cincinnati, or his successor as such Archbishop, in trust that they or the survivors of them, or the one so designated shall and will immediately on the installation of my successor in the See of Columbus by Authority of the Holy Apostolic See into the Episcopal Office, convey and assure to my said successor all of said property, real, personal and mixed, by the same title by which at my death I may hold the same: the object and purpose of this will being to secure the said property to the Catholic Church for whose use I received the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of December A.D. 1870.

SYLVESTER H. ROSECRANS

(Witnessed by T. Meagher and N. A. Gallagher. Admitted to probate on July 1, 1879; Nicholas Gallagher testified to the signature; Meagher was absent.)

The above Will is recorded in Franklin County (Ohio) Will Book, Vol. G, page 563.

Bishop Rosecrans died October 21, 1878. "N.A. Gallagher" was the Very Rev. Nicholas A. Gallagher, pastor of St. Patrick's, Columbus. He became administrator of the Diocese upon the death of Bishop Rosecrans. He was consecrated Bishop-Administrator of Galveston, Texas, April 30, 1882.

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

Thienpont, Rev. Emmanuel

St. Mary's, Chillicothe, Waverly and other stations, 1845; Nativity, Portsmouth; St. Michael's, Ripley; Aberdeen New Richmond, and the settlements around the furnaces of Scioto and Lawrence Cos., and St. Matthew's, Racoon Creek, 1846-1851; St. Pius', Steubenville, 1852-1855; St. Peter's, Steubenville, 1856-1865; St. Mary's, Chillicothe, 1866; St. John's, Logan, 1867-1873.

Thisse, Rev. John Nicholas

St. Joseph's, Circleville; St. Francis, Pleasant Valley; Frankfort, Williamsport, New Holland and Piketon, 1855; St. Mary's, Chillicothe, 1856-1860.

Thompson, Rev. David A.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Glouster, 1893-1896; St. Peter's, Steubenville, 1897-1898.

Thurheimer, Rev. P.

Marietta, McClures, Newport, Cutler, 1877-1878; Minerton, 1879; St. John's, Lilly; Monroe Furnace, Jackson Co., 1880; Jackson, 1881; Jackson and Wellston, 1882; Jackson, Wellston and Washington Furnace (Lawrence Co.), 1883-1887; Holy Trinity, Jackson, and Washington Furnace, 1888-1889; Pomeroy, 1890-1891; Pomeroy and Syracuse, 1892-1896; Jackson, 1897-1899+.

Tierney, Rev. Timothy J.

St. Michael's, Wilkesville (Vinton Co.), 1861; 1864; St. Mary's, Chillicothe, 1865.

Towle, Rev. D.R., O.P.

St. Patrick's, Columbus, 1888-1890; St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1891.

Trogus, Rev. Otto

Cathedral, Columbus, 1898; St. Francis', Newark, 1899-1900.

Tschieder, Rev. P., S.J.

St. Peter's, Chillicothe, 1850-1851.

Tuomey, Rev. Thomas M.

St. Peter's, Steubenville, 1871-1874.

Turner, Rev. J. P., O.P.

St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1867.

Twohig, Rev. F.J., O.P.

Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1897-1899.

Vallely, Rev. J.P., O.P.

St. Patrick's, Columbus, 1894-1896.

- Van der Weyer, Rev. Adrian F., O.P.  
Beechland, Canton; St. Fidelis, Carroll Co., 1837; St. Joseph's,  
Somerset, 1838.
- Van Ree, Rev. Lucas  
Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, 1898.
- Vassal, Rev. A.  
Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, 1898-1900+.
- Villarrosa, Rev. Sadoc, O.P.  
St. Joseph's, Somerset (Prior), 1847-1850.
- Vogeler, Rev. Jerome  
St. John's, Zanesville, 1940.
- Volkert, Rev. -----  
St. Mary's, Lancaster, 1376.
- Volz, Rev. J.R., O.P.  
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1894-1895.
- Wachter, Rev. Nicholas, O.S.F.  
Sacred Heart, Pomeroy; Etna Furnace, Germans in Marietta, and St. John the  
Baptist, 1852-1854.
- Wagner, Rev. Carl  
Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, 1898.
- Wagner, Rev. John H.  
St. Francis, Newark, 1895-1897; McConnellsville, Meig's Creek and Taylorsville,  
1898; McConnellsville, Meig's Creek, Taylorsville and Stockport, 1899-1900+.
- Waldron, Rev. M.A., O.P.  
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1894-1899.
- Walker, Rev. A.C., O.P.  
St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1851; Marietta and St. JOseph's, Union Twp.,  
1858-1861; Holy Redeemer, Portsmouth, 1869, 1870-1874; Circleville, 1875-  
1882; St. Patrick's, Columbus; Vicar General, 1883-1884; St. Joseph's,  
Somerset, 1886-1888; 1891; 1897-1899.
- Watterson, Rev. Charles H.A.  
Catholic University, Washington, D.C., 1895; Secretary to the Bishop,  
1896-1898; Cathedral, Columbus, and Secretary to the Bishop, 1899-1900.
- Weber, Rev. Anton  
Holy Cross, Columbus, 1877; St. Joseph's, Ironton, 1878-1884.
- Wehrle, Rev. Joseph M.  
Wheelersburg and Lilly, 1890-1896; Bellaire, Neffs, Stewardsville and  
Warnock, 1897-1900+.
- Weigand, Rev. Joseph A.  
Cathedral, Columbus, 1890; St. Anthony's, Bridgeport, 1891-1894; St.  
Anthony's, Bridgeport, and Maynard, 1895-1900+.

Weisenberger, Rev. Peter Januarius

Immaculate Conception, Marges (Carroll Co.), 1864; St. Joseph's, Ironton, and St. Mary's, Pine Grove, 1865-1866; Lick Run and Little Scioto, 1878-1879; St. John's, Miltonsburg, 1880; Marges and Lodi, 1881-1883; St. John's (Anthony P.O.), Athens Co., 1885-1888.

Weisinger, Rev. J.B.

Woodsfield and Wills Creek (Monroe Co.), 1881-1883; Woodsfield, 1884-1888.

Weisinger, Rev. Simon

Sacred Heart, Columbus, 1878; Miltonsburg and Straitsville, 1879; Straitsville and Shawnee, 1880; Straitsville, 1881-1897; St. John the Evangelist, Columbus, 1899-1900+.

Whelan, Rt. Rev. James, O.S.D.

St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1847-1854; Provincial and President of the College, St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1855-1859. Afterwards Bishop of Nashville.

White, Rev. J.P.

Cathedral, Columbus, 1885-1892; St. Anthony's Hospital, Columbus, 1893.

Wiese, Rev. Caspar

St. Mary's, Delaware, 1858-1860; Holy Cross, Columbus, 1861.

Wilkins, Rev. William

St. John's, Miltonsburg, 1861.

Wilson, Rev. George A.J., O.P.

St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1838-1839; St. John's, Zanesville, 1840; St. John's, Zanesville; St. Ann's, Taylorsville, 1841-1842; St. John's, Zanesville; Coshocton, Dresden, Plainfield and other stations, 1843; Holy Trinity, Somerset; Provincial, 1844-1848; St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1849-1851; St. Joseph's Somerset, 1852; St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1853; St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1871; St. Thomas', Zanesville, 1875-1876.

Winands, Rev. D.H.

Canal Dover and St. John of God, 1855-1859; St. Mary's, Pine Grove, 1864.

Wismann, Rev. J. Bernard

St. Joseph's, Canal Dover, 1866-1868; St. Joseph's, Canal Dover, and Bolivar, 1869; St. Joseph's, Canal Dover, Bolivar, Urichsville, and Mineral Point, 1870-1877; St. Peter's, Steubenville, 1878; St. Francis', Lodi, 1879-1880.

Woesmann, Rev. Francis M.

Cathedral, Columbus, 1879-1880; St. Francis, Newark, 1881-1884; Churchtown and Watertown (Ave Maria), 1885-1892; Marietta, Cutler, Macksburg, Newport, Tunnel Station and Vincent, 1893-1897; Marietta, Cutler, Macksburg, Newport, Tunnel Station, 1898-1900+.

Wuertz, Rev. Matthias

St. John's, Canton, Massillon, St. Fidelis, Bethlehem, and Bolivar, 1841-1845.

Young, Very Rev. Nicholas D., O.P.

St. Joseph's, Somerset; Lancaster, 1833; St. Mary's, Lancaster, Rehoboth and Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1834; Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1835; St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1836-1837; St. Joseph's and Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1838-1839; St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1840-1841; Holy Trinity, Somerset, 1842; St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1843; Holy Trinity and St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1848-1850; St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1852-1856; 1875-1879.

Young, Rt. Rev. Josue M., D.D.

St. Remigius', Columbus, 1840-1844 (with occasional visits to Delaware and Marion, 1843-1844): St. Mary's, Lancaster, and Logan, 1841-1852; St. Mary's, Lancaster; St. John's, near Logan, and Our Lady of Good Hope, 1853-1854. Afterwards Bishop of Erie.

Young, Rev. N. Raymond, O.P.

St. Joseph's, Somerset, 1847-1853.

Zoegel, Rev. Joseph

Calmoutier (Salt Creek P.O.), 1874.

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#### HOLY CROSS: COLUMBUS' FIRST PARISH

#### SOME HISTORICAL NOTES

By Monsignor Joseph A. Hakel

(Continued)

In January, 1848, Father Schonat wrote to Bishop Purcell asking the Bishop not to remove him from Columbus lest the new church be lost. Bishop Purcell consulted neighboring priests who recommended that Father Schonat be kept in Columbus. Father Young wrote to the Bishop on March 29, 1846, urging that Father Schonat be allowed to remain in Columbus. Bishop Purcell agreed to the recommendations and decided to leave Father Schonat in charge of Holy Cross Parish. Then in 1847, answers to the appeals for money came from Europe. The sum of 50 pounds came from Munich. In September the Leopoldine Society of Vienna sent 1,000 florins (100 pounds). Bishop Purcell also lent money to the parish.

Plans were made for laying the floor of the church and for putting glass in the windows so that Mass could be said in it on Sundays. Mr. Jacobs installed the windows with glass from Pittsburgh. The contract for plastering was given to Mr. Sutton in September 1847. It was hoped that the church could be dedicated during the Christmas season, but the work was not completed in time. On December 3, 1847, Father Schonat wrote to Bishop Purcell postponing the dedication until after Epiphany. The blessing of the church was finally set for Sunday, January 16, 1848.

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The dedication of Holy Cross Church was recorded in the Catholic "Telegraph" of Cincinnati, as follows. The spacious and beautiful Gothic Church of Columbus, 115 by 65 feet, was dedicated to Almighty God last Sunday, Jan. 16, 1848, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Purcell assisted by Rev. Fathers Wm. Schonat, Pastor, H.D.

Juncker, J.M. Young, J. Wood, Clem Hammer, F. D'Hope and Edw. Etschmann. The day was bright and Spring-like and the congregation was the largest that could assemble within the church walls. The first sermon, in English, was preached by Father James Wood (later Archbishop of Philadelphia). It was sound in argument, earnest in manner, clear in method and touched the hearts of the hearers. Solemn High Mass was sung by Fr. Juncker assisted by Fr. Young as Deacon and Fr. Wood as Subdeacon. After the Gospel, Fr. Hammer preached in German an eloquent and impressive sermon. Bishop Purcell made a brief address congratulating the Pastor and congregation. He mentioned that 300 parishioners had received Holy Communion that day. A collection was taken up and amounted to \$107.00.

In the afternoon, Fr. D'Hope celebrated Vespers and gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The choir both vocal and instrumental upheld its reputation as the best in the diocese. In the evening, the church was again crowded to hear the Bishop who preached on the Gospel of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Thus closed one of the most delightful religious festivals it has been our lot to witness. The Catholics in Columbus now have the largest and the most beautiful Church in Columbus, a School and Rectory on a very large lot. The number of Baptisms in 1847 was 104. There were 900 parishioners in 1848. The church seated about 400 people.

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While Holy Cross Church was being completed and beautified, the spiritual life of the congregation was strengthened by the establishment of Church Societies. Father Schonat had organized Saint Catharine's Ladies Altar Society on July 16, 1843, to provide vestments and to decorate the altars. Father Borgess founded the Society of the Holy Infancy of Jesus on August 1, 1854, to furnish flowers for the altars. On that same day Father Borgess established the Saint Mary's Young Ladies Society to provide furnishings for the altar, sanctuary and rectory. Every member of the Society contributed ten cents a month and was entitled to the benefit of one Mass each month and to one Mass after death. St. Alcyon's Young Men's Society was also organized. On February 2, 1859, the Sodality of the Children of Mary was established. Later the Holy Name Society was formed for all the men of the parish. These societies contributed much to the care and support of the church and sanctuary, while at the same time deepening the spiritual life of the members and bringing them closer to God by prayer and mutual edification.

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Father Caspar Borgess, future Bishop of Detroit, succeeded Father Schonat as pastor of Holy Cross Church in January, 1849. Caspar Henry Borgess was born August 1, 1826, in the village of Adrup near Essen in the diocese of Osnabrueck, Duchy of Oldenburg, Germany, the son of Gerd and Maria Anna (Dinkgreve) Borgess. His father emigrated to America in 1837 but died shortly after his arrival. Caspar Borgess pursued his studies at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. In 1845 at the invitation of Bishop Purcell he came to Cincinnati where he continued his studies at St. Xavier College and at the Seminary of Mt. St. Mary of the West. He was ordained on Dec. 8, 1848, in Cincinnati, by Bishop Richard V. Whelan of Richmond, Virginia.

In January, 1849, Father Borgess was appointed pastor of Holy Cross Church, Columbus, and its numerous missions extending over several adjoining counties.

In the summer of 1849, and again in 1850, Columbus was afflicted by a cholera epidemic. Father Borgess did heroic service in caring for the sick, often falling asleep in the saddle while making his rounds.

A Columbus newspaper writer recorded his zeal and self-sacrifice as follows: I beg to mention the humane and charitable exertions of our Catholic minister, Rev. Mr. Borgess. This young clergyman who, by the way, is one of the most eloquent I ever listened to, is winning for himself the esteem of every Christian heart in the community.

Since the dread scourge of cholera first made its appearance among us, he seems to be occupied day and night visiting the destitute sick, administering to them not only religious consolation, but procuring medicine and administering it with a skill that our most prominent physicians might well envy. During the lone hours of the sultry nights when sleep is banished from my pillow and I hear the well-known footfalls of this amiable clergyman hurrying on his errand of love, I cannot refrain from saying, Protestant though I be, "Happy are the people who have such a priest."

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Soon after Father Borgess became pastor of Holy Cross Church, it was evident that the parish would have to be divided. The constant influx of immigrants from Germany and Ireland and the natural increase of the local population during the prosperous fifties caused overcrowding in the church. The Irish tended to settle north of the church near the farmlands. To meet the language demands, two separate services were held, one for the Germans and one for the English-speaking members. In 1851 an Irish priest, Father John Furlong, arrived in Columbus and, with the permission of Bishop Purcell, organized St. Patrick's Parish. The Irish continued to use Holy Cross Church from 1851 to 1853 while their church was being built. Father Furlong was succeeded in 1852 by Father James Meagher who bought the land at Grant and Naghten Streets where St. Patrick Church stands today. Archbishop Purcell laid the cornerstone on Sunday, May 5, 1852, and one year later on Sept. 25, 1853, dedicated St. Patrick Church. The Germans who lived south of Holy Cross eventually formed St. Mary's Parish after 1863.

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#### Acquisitions and Gifts

A Neglected Glory, Glimpses of the Catholic Presence in America, by Frank Morris. Francis J. Teskey Printer. Detroit, 1976.

Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, No. 14. Brooklyn, N.Y. 1977. Gift of Bishop Herrmann.

Yesterday's Columbus by George E. Condon. E.A. Seemann Publishing, Inc. Miami, Florida. 1977.

Sesquicentennial, 1827-1977, Holy Trinity Parish, Somerset, Ohio. June 5, 1977. Memorial booklet. Gift of Rev. John T. Corrigan, O.P.

Ohio Province Archives, by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Cincinnati, Ohio. 1978. Gift of Sister Agnes Immaculata, Archivist at the Mother House.

Diocesan authors collection: Spirit of St. Angela by Sister Monica, Ph.D. St. Martin's, Ohio. 1906. Gift of the Ursuline Sisters, Brown County, Ohio, per Sister Miriam Thompson, O.S.U.

Diocesan authors collection: The Divinity of Christ by Rt. Rev. S.H. Rosecrans, D.D., First Bishop of Columbus. Benziger Brothers, New York. 1878. Gift of Rev. Thomas Kessler.

Diocesan authors collection: Tide of the Years, the Ursulines of Brown County, 1895 to 1945, by Sister M. Josephine, O.S.U. 1945. Gift of the Ursuline Sisters, Brown County, Ohio, per Sister Miriam Thompson, O.S.U.

Diocesan authors collection: Peace Grows in My Garden, by Sister M. Josephine, O.S.U. P.J. Kenedy & Sons, New York, 1944. Gift of Ursuline Sisters, Brown County, Ohio, per Sister Miriam Thompson, O.S.U.

Diocesan authors collection: Grace of the Way, by Sister Monica, Ph.D. Benziger Brothers, New York, 1937. Gift of the Ursuline Sisters, Brown County, Ohio, per Sister Miriam Thompson, O.S.U.

The Blubaugh Families in America, Part I, compiled by Homer Dennis Blubaugh and Mark Anthony Blubaugh. Columbus, Ohio, 2nd Printing, 1978. Gift of Rev. Homer D. Blubaugh.

Diocesan authors collection: A Rhapsody of Lines, by Mary M. Del Tedesco, Columbus, Ohio. Vantage Press, Inc. 1973. Gift of "The Catholic Times" per Mr. Mike Collins.

Document (Original): Articles of Incorporation (Oct. 1, 1951) of "The Catholic Times," Columbus, Ohio. Gift of the "Catholic Times" per Mr. James Flynn.

Faith in Paradise, a Century and a Half of the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, by Maggie Bunson. St. Paul Editions, 1977. Gift of Bishop Herrmann.

Diocesan authors collection: The Cornerstone, by Mary Macino Del Tedesco, Columbus, Ohio, Vantage Press, Inc. New York, 1976. Gift of "The Catholic Times" per Mr. Mike Collins.

Diocesan authors collection: To Go to Rome, by Con Downey, Columbus, Ohio. Dorrance & Co., Philadelphia, 1974. Gift of "The Catholic Times" per Mr. Mike Collins.

Diocesan authors collection: Spokes for the Wheel, by Robert Deal Broadus, Columbus, Ohio, 1961. Gift of "The Catholic Times" per Mr. Mike Collins.

"Good Counsel" (incomplete) monthly leaflet of Holy Rosary Parish, Columbus, Ohio, 1923-1951. Gift of Rev. William Dunn.

Some California Catholic Reminiscences for the United States Bicentennial, edited by Msgr. Francis J. Weber, Los Angeles, 1976. Gift of Bishop Herrmann.

Josef Cardinal Mindzenty - Memoirs, Macmillan Publishing Co., New York, 1974. Gift of Bishop Herrmann.

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