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Union de prière

Monsieur Purcell et nous
souhaitons, nous nous engageons à dire
chaque jour trois Ave Maria (les uns
pour les autres, pour attirer la protection
de la Vierge et sur nos personnes
et sur nos travaux).

Nous offrirons chaque année quatre
pointe de la Sainte Famille pour le
repos de l'âme des amis défunte.

+ J. B. Purcell
Ex. ad Cinc.

Gacon Olivetti
Cheyne Huber
Machebeuf
Lamy
Navarron

The above pact of prayer was signed in Cincinnati in 1839 by Bishop John Baptist Purcell and Fathers Gacon, Cheymol, Machebeuf, Lamy, Navarron, Olivetti and Huber. (Courtesy of the Archives, Ursuline Sisters, Brown County, Ohio.)

A PROMISE OF PRAYER

The Rev. John Baptist Purcell, president of Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Maryland was named second Bishop of Cincinnati in 1833. "His spotless virtue, together with his learning and his other amiable and illustrious qualities" (1) rendered him worthy of the high honor. A few years later, in 1838, his great need for additional laborers caused him to make a trip to Europe to seek missionaries for the struggling mid-west Diocese in America. His efforts were not without success. Landing in New York in August, 1839, he had seven priests with him. They were to render valuable service for the church in the years to come. They were Rev. William Cheymol (1811-1885) and Rev. Claude Gacon (1798-1865), who were to be together for many years at the Ursuline Motherhouse in Brown County, Ohio; Rev. Louis Navarron (1807-1882), who served the French settlements in Darke and Shelby counties for many years and later was at Owensville in Clermont County; Rev. John Baptist Lamy (1814-1888), who was the first resident pastor at Danville, Ohio, and served many missions of that area, and later became the legendary Archbishop of Santa Fe; Rev. Michael E. Olivetti (1813-1863), who served the missions of Perry County for some years in his early priesthood; Rev. Joseph Projectus Machebeuf, who spent many years in the area of the present Diocese of Toledo and was a close personal friend of Father Lamy, and later became Bishop of Denver; and Rev. Huber, O.F.M., about whom there is little information.

Apparently the little group upon arrival in Cincinnati, before departure to various missionary duties, signed a promise of prayer for one another. The pact in French, was as follows:

IN UNION OF PRAYER

Bishop Purcell and the undersigned bind ourselves to say each day three Ave Maria for one another in order to draw down the protection of the Holy Virgin on us personally and on our work.

Each year we shall offer four times the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the soul of any one of us who dies.

+ J. B. PURCELL
Bishop of Cincinnati

GACON

OLIVETTI

CHEYMOL

HUBER

MACHEBEUF

LAMY

NAVARRON

(1) History of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 1821-1921, by Rev. John H. Lamott, S.T.D., Pustet Co., Cincinnati, 1921, p. 71.

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS
OLD STONE CHURCH, ST. PETER'S
SALT LICK TOWNSHIP, PERRY COUNTY, OHIO

1. Margaret, wife of M. Dinnean, died Oct. 25, 1880, aged 30 years.
2. Gurtie, son of T.B. & M.A. Teeter, died March 26, 1873, aged 26 D.
3. Bridget, wife of Thomas Joice, died March 12, 1875, aged 40 years. A native of Co. Clare, Ireland. Requiescat in pace.
4. Edward, son of Edward and Mary Burk, died April 13, 1877, aged 20 Y, 5 M, 16 D. Native of Co. Galway, Ireland. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.
5. Catherine, daughter of T. & M. Healy, died Sept. 19, 1873, aged 9 Y, 5 M, 19 D.
6. Thomas Healey, died May 22, 1881, aged 76 Y, 5 M. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.
7. Julia, daughter of T. & M. Healy, died Sept. 15, 1873, aged 1 Y, 7 M, 2 D.
8. William Seals, died Aug. 12, 1872, aged 54 Y, 8 M, 6 D. Go home my friend, and do not weep, I am not dead, but here do sleep.
9. Rosanna H., wife of William Seals, died June 19, 1869, aged 53 Y, 8 M, 16 D.
10. Ann, infant dau. of E. & J. Grogan, died Feb. 21, 1853 AD, 5 M 26 D.
11. Anna, dau. of P. & E. Purcell, died May 16, 1870, aged 2 Y, 27 D. Sleep on sweet babe, and take your rest, for such as these the Saviour blest.
12. Mary, wife of N. Lambert, died Feb. 17, 1879, aged 22 Y, 24 D.
13. Andrew, son of N. & M. Lambert, died Aug. 17, 1880, aged 2 M. Not lost blest thought, but gone before where we shall meet to part no more.
14. William Daugherty, died Dec. 17, 1879, aged 43 Y. May his soul rest in peace.
15. Thomas Donley, died Oct. 1, 1878, aged 67 Y. May his soul rest in peace.
16. Michael Kenney, died April 28, 1882, aged 24 Y. May he rest in peace.
17. Hugh Vains, born in Co. Gavin, Ireland, died Aug. 18, 1879, aged 51 Y. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.
18. Thomas, son of J. & M. Devine, died Jan. 22, 1880, aged 17 Y 6 M, 24 D.
19. May, daughter of D. 7 B. McLosky, died Sept. 10, 1858, aged 11 M, 9 D. Sleep in light and take thy rest, for such as thee the Saviour blest.

20. James, son of Michael and Mary Maher, died Feb. 8, 1857, aged 7 M, 11 D.
Thy will be done.
21. James, son of J. & R. Hoy, died Feb. 18, 1847, aged 3 Y, 4 M, 9 D.
22. Sarah M., daughter of J. & R. Hoy, died Dec. 18, 1850, aged 5 Y, 16 D.
23. Andrew J., son of J. & R. Hoy, died Jan. 16, 1853, aged & y, 2 M, 6 D.
24. In memory of Robert, son of John & Mary M. Gurrin, who died Feb. 9, 1847, aged 12 Y, 11 M, 6 D. Sleep on sweet babe, and take your rest, for such as you the Saviour blest.
25. In memory of three beloved children of Stephen and Alice Fagan:
of James who died Sept. 14, 1845, aged 9 M, 25 D.
of Juley who died Sept. 14, 1845, aged 6 Y, 9 M, 2 D.
of Maryann who died Sept. 4, 1845, aged 3 Y 1 M, 24 D. [or Sept. 14].
26. In memory of Mary Manerva, consort of John Currin who died March 20, 1846, aged 21 Y, 1 M, 10 D. Requiescat in pace. Amen. Peace to the soul that mover feelin hearts, To live for Heaven and act the Christian's part, And ever willing to relieve the poor, Her hand was generous as he soul was pure.
27. Infant son of John and Catherine Griffin, died May 10, 1852.
28. Joh, son of James & Rebecca Green, died June 4, 1863, aged 4 Y, 9 M, 8 D.
29. James Green: To the memory of his beloved wife Rebecca Ellen who departed this life July 8, 1875, aged 38 Y, 1 M, 20 D.
Also to the memory of his children:
Rebecca Ellen, aged 3 Y.
Benjamin Malachym aged 1 M, 8 D.
May they rest in peace.
Come hither friend but come with solemn tread
Lo neath you lies the city of the dead
Where tender youth and venerable age
Crumble alike in death's grim heritage
Here pause a while and humbly kneeling pray
Their souls may bask in Heaven's blissful ray.
30. Jeremiah, son of Wm. and R. Seals, died March 11, 1859, aged 9 M, 11 D.
Sleep on sweet babe, and take thy rest. For such as thee the Saviour blest.
31. Edward, son of F. & M. Manley, died March 26m 1873, aged 2 Y, 5 M, -- D.
32. Sarah, wife of Basil Gordon, died May 22, 1866, aged 40 Y, 7 M, 12 D.
33. Martha A., daughter of B. & S. Gordon, died Sept. 5, 1865, aged 5 Y, 6 D.
Sweet ----- sleep and take they rest. For such as thee the Savior blest.
34. William W. son of B. & S. Gordon, died Dec 21, 1863, aged 18 Y, 9 M, 27 D.
Requiescat in pace. Amen.

35. Mary E., daughter of H. & M. Shulte, died July 5, 1873, aged 1 M, 15 D. May she rest in peace.
36. Rhoda C., daughter of J. & S. Hine, died June 13, 1853, aged 3 M, 2 D.
37. Margaret, daughter of W. J. & E. Stewart, died April 29, 1873, aged 11 Y, 9 M, 4 D. May she rest in peace.
38. Catherine, daughter of P. & M. Rice, died May 29, 1873, aged 1 Y, 3 M, 19 D. May she rest in $\frac{1}{2}$ peace. Amen.
39. Julia, wife of John Nairn, died Jan 31, 1878, aged 30 Y. A loving wife, a mother dear, In mouldering dust is laying here.

RECORDS OF BAPTISMS, ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

ZANESVILLE, OHIO 1843 - 1847

(Concluded)

Wilhelm, b. July 20; bapt. Aug. 18, of John Grosbach and wife, Anne Wangler. Sponsors: Willibald Koos and wife, Anne.

Therese, b. Aug 14,; bapt. Aug. 31, of Jaob Hof and wife, M. A. Etschmann. Sponsors: Remigius Giessinger and Theresa Hof.

Philip Heinrich, b. and bapt. Sept. 2, of Caspar Ditterbeck and wife, Catherine Piron. Sponsor: Adelheid Braun.

John Jacob, b. July 25; bapt. Sept. 17, of John Schaefer and wife, Elizabeth Hornung in Dresden. Sponsors: John Hofmann and Dorothea.

John Adam, b. Sept. 12 [date of Baptism not given], of John Soeder and A.M. Zoegler, Zanesville. Sponsors: John Adam Voll and his mother, Eva.

Barbara, b. Sept. 1; bapt. Sept. 20, of Peter Schram and wife, Walburga Graessl. Sponsors: Barbara Kiener and Felix Lang.

John J cob, b. Sept. 22; bapt. Sept. 27, of Jacob Mayr and wife, Mary Magdalen Seusler. Sponsors: Gr. Sauer and his daughter, Mary.

Carl, b. Oct. 7; bapt. Oct. 18, of Franz Jaeger and wife, Barbara Ganz, Zanesville. Sponsors: Adam Knab and M. A. Stehle.

Anna Amelia, b. Oct. 8; bapt. Nov. 10, of Michael Wagner and wife, Mary Loesch. Sponsors: George Schuh and Elizabeth.

Elizabeth, b. Oct. 23; bapt. Nov. 14, of Caspar Heinrich and wife, A. Mary Scherer. Sponsors: Sebastian Dolich and Elizabeth Heinrich.

Michael, b. Oct. 11; bapt. Nov 15, of Alois Birkbuechler and wife, Magdalen Wagner. Sponsors: Gregor Birkbuechler and Margaret Rink.

Philomena, b. and bapt. Nov. 29, of Willibald Koos and wife, Anna Schlegel, Zanesville. Sponsors: John Hof and Adelheid Braun.

Catherine, b. Nov. 1; bapt. Dec. 2, of Jacob Friedrich and wife, A. Mary Douran. Sponsors: Peter Douran and his sister, Catherine.

Ludwig, b. Dec. 7; bapt. Dec. 13, of Franz Rink and wife, Margaret Kal(?), Zanesville. Sponsors: Ludwig Ho---- and Mary Gunther.

Caspar, b. Nov. 16; bapt. Feb. 2 [1847], of Michael Paul and wife, M. Anna Haenle. Sponsors: Gregor Haenle and Elizabeth Ditterbaeck.

Lucas, b. Nov. 25; bapt. Dec. 28, of Jacob Stolle and wife, Philippina Haenle. Sponsors: Melchior Stolle and Victoria Beuter.

Caroline, b. Nov. 1846; bapt. Jan. 3, 1847. She was born after her father's death. Father's name, Kilian Muehohold(?) and wife, Barbara Roessler. Sponsors: Michael Trimberner and Caroline Koehler.

Peter, b. Dec. 26; bapt. Jan 3, 1847, of Peter Goelz and wife, Juliana Ditterbaeck. Sponsors: Peter Douran and Catherine Heilmann.

Catherine, b. Jan. 30, 1847; bapt. Feb. 2, of Adam Voll and wife, Eva Kleinhanz. Sponsor: Catherine Kimmel.

Mary Anne, b. and bapt. Feb. 21, 1847, of Joseph D-----, tailor, and wife, Sophia R-----. Spsonors: Franz Peter Arnold and Yvonne R-----.

John [date of birth not given], bapt. March 9, of Jacob Klunder and Catherine Fischrot(?) [no sponsors given].

Adelheid, b. Feb. 21; bapt. March 1, of Joseph Gunther and wife, Walburga Wagner in L-----. Sponsor: Valentine Geb.

Yvonne(?), b. Feb. 9; Bapt. March 1, of Valentine Geb and wife, Hildegard -----. Sponsor: Walburg Gunther.

John, b. Jan. 7; bapt. March 16, of Philip Lohmann and wife, Catherine Sigrist. Sponsors: John Keller and A. M. Omer.

John Baptist, b. Jan. 2; bapt. March 25, of Caspar Douran and wife, A.M. Geist. Sponsors: Peter Paul and Barbara Geist.

John, b. Feb. 22; bapt. April 4, of Franz Joseph Hof and wife, Regina Hindelang. Sponsors: Philip Resch and his wife, Mary Arna.

(The end)

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OLD ST. PETER'S, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY,

DESTROYED BY FIRE

One of the most venerable of the old churches of the Diocese of Columbus was destroyed by fire October 24. Built in 1840-1841, old St. Peter's served as the center of Catholicity for a settlement of German and French farmers of Lawrence Township, Tuscarawas County. It was located in what became known as the "Hessian Hills."

Up until the time of its destruction, old St. Peter's stood sound and firm except for the damage of vandals to the interior in recent years. It was truly a landmark in the history of the Church in Tuscarawas County, if not, indeed, for all of Ohio. A thorough and documented history of Old St. Peter's was written in 1952 by the Very Rev. John M. Lenhart, O.F.M. Cap. His work is an example of what should be done to preserve the story of Catholic pioneers, priests and laity.

A frame church, painted white, St. Peter's stood on an elevated spot which gave it the dignity it deserved. Behind it are buried the remains of the sturdy men and women who cherished it and adored their God before its altar. Made of solid walnut boards, the altar, too was lost in the fire.

Up until a few years ago, Mass was celebrated only annually in the old church. The occasion each year was something of a homecoming. With no one living close by, shielded from view by forests, it became the prey of vandals. The front doors were frequently broken open and the windows destroyed. The interior was almost completely destroyed. *

Over the broken entrance doors was a sign which read, "Old St. Peter's Shrine. First Catholic Church in Tuscarawas County. Erected 1839."

TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS
OLD. ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO

1. Krantz, George L. 1873-1934. (*)
Ellen his wife 1886-1952. (*)
2. William C. Weigand 1884-1959.
3. Weigand, Christian 1853-1919.
Katherine Margo his wife 1861-1916.
4. John Heim 1860-1913. (*)
5. Mary Ann daughter of William and Catharine Krantz 1889-1899.
6. Robert H. son of L.C. & M.A. Krantz. April 23, 1887 - September 9, 1902.
7. Krantz, Louis G. 1856-1921. (*)
Mary Weigand, his wife 1857-1906.
Mother Father
8. Private Supply Co. 5th Reg. F.A.R.D. World War I
Thomas J. Krantz, son of Louis G. and Mary A. Krantz
July 29, 1891 - August 10, 1969.
9. Francis Lab [No dates]. (**)
10. Mary Schilling Aug. 3, 1850 - May 18, 1933. (*)
11. Gertrude Hawthorne, daughter of C. & F. Shilling 1856-1916.
12. Conroy [Conrad?] Schilling, born July 12, 181[3]; died June 19, 189[?].
13. Jacob Schilling, April 3, 1861 - April 17, 1898. Father.
14. Mary A. wife of George Weigand. Born April 4, 1825; died Nov. 13, 1898.
15. John C. Weigand, born April [?] 1835; died Oct[?]. 1891.
16. Lily R----- C. & Ann Krantz. b. [?] d. 1891.
17. Mary Magdalen, wife of John Lintner and daughter of George and Mary Weigand,
Born Dec. 14, 1847; died Aug. 21, 1887. Aged 39 Y 5 M 7 D.
18. Elizabeth ----- b. 1828; d. 188[?].
19. Huth Balser E. 1849-1925
Mary E. 1866-1928

20. Elizabeth, wife of R----- W----k [Dates illegible].

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22.....[Inscriptions illegible].

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24. Thomas J. son of Louis & Mary Krantz. Born April 27, 1887; died May 8, 1887.

25. William A. son of Louis & Mary Smith. Died 1882.

26. William L. son of Conrad [?] Schilling. Born Dec. 18, 1869; died Sept. 1, 1883.

27. [Inscription illegible]

28. Adam Weigand 1865 - [?]. (***)

29. Barbara born -- J. & R Krtantz -----.

30. -----Weigand 1862 - [?].

31. Johanna Heil 1866 - [?].

32. Joseph son of -----.

33. M. Elizabeth Pelagi Fechter, 1851 - [?].

34. Anthony Bibier d. April 1877. Aged 50 Y.

35. Stephen Zojaf d. June 20, 1846; aged 51 Y, 6 M, 26 D.

36. Heinrich Krantz, b. June 7, 1791; d. Sept. 20, 1846. Aged 55 Y.

37. ----- d. Feb. 9, 1849. Aged 67 Y.

38. Denkmahl vor. Joseph Kern b. March 24, 1813; d. Sept. 24, 1849.

39. Peter Haas d. 1851. Aged 26 Y. (*)

40. George Fireb d. Dec. 31, 185[?]. Aged 68 Y.

41. John, son of L. H. & M. Muller
Herman, son of L. H. & M. Muller
[One of the above] b. 4 Feb. 1855. aged 2 Y, 6 M, 8 D.

(*) It is surprising to note that Father John M. Lenhart, O.F.M.Cap., in his History of Old Saint Peter's lists only those marked above with (*) among 35 "Burials in old St. Peter's Cemetery." The above list was copied Dec. 18, 1977, by Rev. H. E. Mattingly.

(**) Father Lenhart lists a Peter Labbe among the St. Peter's burials.

(***) An Andrew Weigand is listed by Father Lenhart as born Jan. 22, 1863, and buried Nov. 17, 1865.
