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EARLY DIOCESAN HISTORY

The Diocese of Columbus was established in 1868. Bishop Sylvester H. Rosecrans, who was auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, was transferred to Columbus as its first bishop March 3, 1868. During the next few years newsworthy events of the new diocese were published in the "Catholic Telegraph," newspaper of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This practice continued until January, 1875, when the first issue of the "Catholic Columbian," newspaper of the Columbus diocese was published.

News items relative to the Diocese of Columbus which appeared in the "Catholic Telegraph" during those years are given here. The date of publication is given for each item.

August 5, 1868

Diocese of Columbus, Episcopal Visitation.
Bellaire, Sunday, August 23.
St. Mary's, Beaver, Tuesday, August 25.
Blessing of new church near Enoch, August 27.
Blessing of new church in Fox Settlement, August 28.
Archers, August 29.
Immaculate Conception, Enoch, Sunday, August 30.
Portsmouth, Church of the Nativity, September 14, in the morning.
Portsmouth, St. Mary's, in the afternoon.
During the week, St. Peter's, Lick Run, and St. Mary's, Pine Grove.
Ironton, Sunday, September 21.
St. Lawrence in the morning.
St. Joseph's in the evening.

August 5, 1868

Columbus. A large number of St. Patrick's congregation turned out on Saturday 1st, inst., to attend the funeral of Catharine Nolan, a young woman, whose virtue will command respect even in the humblest walks of life.

St. Patrick's school society gives a picnic at the county fair grounds on the 15th of August for the schools and the new Cathedral.

John H. Hohman, Esq., of Enoch, Noble county, on the reading of the circular of the Right Rev. Rosecrans, sends immediately \$100 as a contribution to the new

Cathedral. The congregation of Newark also contributed \$150 on a single Sunday. The work on the building is progressing slowly and steadily and will continue to do so, it is hoped, for the season.

The house and lot donated by Andrew Murphy, Esq., is up for raffle. The tickets, being sold at \$1.00, are not yet half disposed of. Rev. G. H. Ahrens has charge of this affair.

August 19, 1868

Columbus. Death of a venerable pioneer Catholic.

Died at Mt. Harrison, near Somerset, Ohio, on the 30th of July, 1868, Richard Dittoe, aged 75 years. Mr. Dittoe was one of the early pioneers of this section of Ohio, and he immigrated here from Maryland in 1802. He served as a volunteer in the War of 1812, and was a leading and successful merchant of this place from 1812 up to 1839. On the 4th of July, 1817, he was married to Miss Ann Sparck, daughter of Mr. Peter Sparck, then of Chillicothe, Ohio, by Rev. Edward Fenwick, afterwards the first Catholic bishop of Cincinnati.

This marriage was blessed with 11 children of whom 8 are living, and after a happy union of more than half a century his partner still survives. Mr. Dittoe soon after the start of the congregation of Perry county, was appointed County Recorder which office he held for a number of years. He was also during the administration of John Quincy Adams appointed postmaster of Somerset, although a firm and consistent Whig, and friend of Henry Clay and Thomas Ewing. He was happily continued in the same office during the administration of General Jackson and Martin Van Buren.

He aided the early Catholics of this neighborhood in building the first Catholic church erected in Ohio, and which was built in this county. And without having even seen an organ played except from the books, he successfully constructed an organ for the Catholic church at Somerset more than 40 years ago, which has ever also been used in that church.....

August 26, 1868

The Good Shepherd Sisters in Columbus.

On Friday the 21st inst. the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Columbus had a spiritual festival and [showed] the fruit of their zealous efforts and their charitable neighbors. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Rosecrans gave First Communion to 4, baptised 3, Confirmed 7, received into the Order of Penitents 3, and into the Order of the Children of Mary 5, inmates of their whole house on that day. It is a matter of congratulation that this house, struggling with all manner of difficulties, has been able to accomplish so much.

St. Mary of the Springs.

The Sisters of St. Dominic have an excellent corps of teachers at their splendid new building, two miles east of Columbus, and will open school on the first Monday of September with an encouraging number of pupils. No location in central Ohio could be more favorable than theirs.

A strong movement to found a college for boys is now being agitated in Columbus. A Protestant gentleman offers the ground and many other Protestants are urging the matter for the sake of having a safe school for their sons.

The following from the hand of the Rev. Mr. Kluber: Enoch, Noble County, Ohio, August 10, 1868.

The many children and friends of the old man Simon Archer requested me to let you know of the sudden death of their father and friend. He left home on Saturday the 1st inst. to go for his "Telegraph" to the post office. But while standing on the street talking to one of his sons he fell and died in less than five minutes. The Mass was in St. Michael's church. [Signed by] Rev. D. T. Kluber.

September 9, 1868

On Friday [August 28] morning at 8 o'clock the church of St. Patrick in Ludlow township, Washington county, about six miles from Matamoras on the Ohio river in the old Fox Settlement, was blessed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop. After Mass celebrated by the Rev. D. Kluber, 16 persons were confirmed of whom one or two were converts. In this place land is good, though broken and cheap for \$20 to \$30 per acre. New land produces excellent tobacco, three times as much in a single crop as will pay for the land. The distance to the river is small and this settlement will undoubtedly flourish.

Saturday brought the party back to the old Archer settlement and Father Kluber celebrated Mass and the Rt. Rev. Bishop preached in the little pioneer church there at half past 8 in the morning. Simon Archer, who in old times used to walk to Pittsburgh over the hills, a distance of not less than 80 miles, to make his Easter confession and Communion every year, is dead. His venerable widow has been ill ever since and can scarcely survive him long.

Enoch township, Noble county, contains a district popularly known as "Germany" which comprises the congregation of the Immaculate Conception. The people are for the most part good German Catholics. They have their school near the church and every child must have at least four years schooling. Some children walk six miles to school every morning and return in the evening, all the school year, winter and summer. They have no litigation or lawyers among them. The Justice of the Peace never finds any employment among them. The only crime known here for years is one bruted about some time since in the papers, the murder of Jacob Mantel by his son a few weeks ago. The wretched son is to be tried at Caldwell next week.

On Sunday, August 30, Confirmation was given in the church of the Immaculate Conception to 30 persons, 22 males and 8 females, after Mass by the Rev. Pastor and sermon by the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

A new organ lately bought for \$1100 is an excellent instrument and the monstrance presented to the church lately by the boys and girls of the congregation is worthy of the finest church in the state. The Rt. Rev. Bishop desires to publicly acknowledge his obligation to the excellent laymen by whom himself, the Rev. Clergy, were entertained. In Bellaire, by Mr. Patrick Clark; in Harriettsville, by Squire William Smithberger; in Washington county, by Ignatius Hohman; at Archers, by Eliza Archer; and in particular to Mr. John S. Hohman of Enoch who took him from place to place six days of the visitation, in his private carriage.

September 23, 1868

Diocese of Columbus. Confirmation.

On Sunday the 12th inst. the holy sacrament of Confirmation was administered in Portsmouth by the Rt. Rev. S.H. Rosecrans, Bishop of Columbus. In the morning High Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Nativity by Rev. Herman Mayrose, pastor of St. Patrick's, Lick Run. After Mass the Rt. Rev. Bishop preached and

confirmed 74 persons. This congregation guided by the Rev. Father Kaenze has built a large brick schoolhouse near the foundation of the new church, and will proceed to finish the church next year. The Sisters of Charity teach about 150 pupils in the school.

In the afternoon after Vespers there were 32 confirmed in the church of Holy Redeemer including a few converts. A new pastoral residence has been erected here this season and the church needs painting within and on two sides without. The Rev. Michael Ahearn has been pastor only since May and it is hoped that the improvements already made are a specimen of what the congregation intends to do from henceforth. Six more persons were confirmed after Mass during the week in this church, a party from a distance who came in too late for Sunday, and a convert.

On Tuesday the Sacrament of Confirmation was given at St. Peter's, Lick Run, where the Rev. Herman Mayrose is pastor. The number confirmed was 34 including some English speaking persons from the furnaces. This congregation is made up chiefly of farmers. They are speaking now of building a church and using the old one for a schoolhouse. Last year the pastor taught the school for nearly eight months.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop visited St. John's church in the same neighborhood but did not give confirmation there. It is hoped that by his next visit things will be improved in that congregation and a large number of children ready for confirmation.

There are very few river towns so favorably located as Portsmouth. The Scioto and Ohio river valleys furnish almost unlimited supplies, and the vicinity of coal and iron makes it a favorable point for manufacturing. Still the town languishes owing in part perhaps to the policy of holding the fertile lands in large bodies and driving the men who wish to make farms by trade unproductive here.

Like Athens of old Portsmouth is full of all kinds of religious sects. There are many houses almost without number within the corporation. There is high church and low church episcopalianism; several shades of presbyterianism; different colors and degrees of methodism; Campbellism, Judaism and Lutheranism in two languages. How much cheaper and more ornamental would it be to have about five Catholic churches and as many parishes and dispose of all the rest.

September 30, 1868

Diocese of Columbus. Confirmation in Pine Grove and Ironton.

On Friday, September 19, the holy Sacrament of Confirmation was administered in St. Mary's, Pine Grove, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Columbus. The Rev. Mr. O'Brien of Ashland in the diocese of Covington had assisted in preparing the English speaking portion of the candidates. High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Philip O'Donahue, pastor of St. Lawrence, Ironton. After Mass the bishop preached. The number confirmed was 86. The congregation of St. Mary's is large and flourishing, and the wish to have a pastor resident at the church is too reasonable not to be complied with as soon as possible. After the religious exercises many members of the congregation lingered around the church telling the history of the foundation since the time when the bell, bought to accommodate a bigoted holder of real estate who answered a petition for ground to build a church on, he would not give an inch of ground and would never hear a Catholic church bell on his plantation, was hung on a barn within hearing.

On Sunday after High Mass celebrated by Rev. Mr. O'Brien, 77 were confirmed in the church of St. Lawrence, most of them prepared in the parish school. At this place the church is fortunate in having ample real estate for development in a growing town. Two squares in the middle of the city will give room for the new church and the convent and school as time goes on.

In the afternoon after Vespers Confirmation was given in St. Joseph's and the number was 77, precisely the same as in St. Lawrence. This congregation is

also growing but has not sufficient room. The church is in good condition but the school is not at present well provided.

In St. Joseph's and Pine Grove the more concern and substantial sympathy was evinced for the Bishop in the difficult task of building a Cathedral where they have the capital of the state. It was announced to them that he had established a perpetual Mass every Saturday for the intention of all who would contribute five dollars or more to the erection of the building. And upwards of 60 persons came forward and enrolled themselves sharers of the benefit of that perpetual sacrifice.

November 4, 1868.

Diocese of Columbus.

On Sunday, 24th ult. Confirmation was conferred on 58 persons in St. Joseph's, Canal Dover, Tuscarawas county. The confirmed were of this congregation and the neighboring one of St. Peter's, all instructed in Dover. St. Peter's church has not had Mass said in it for some time owing to the influence of certain evil disposed persons who refuse to submit to ecclesiastical authority. The majority of the congregation attend to their Christian duties at the Dover church which has been very much improved during the past year. It has been frescoed by.....and a new roof, and no debt incurred.

At Marges in Carroll county where there has been no pastor for more than a year only 27 were confirmed on Monday, October 25. The Rev. Father Heimo of Calmoutier celebrated High Mass and the Bishop preached before administering the sacrament. This congregation is now in a somewhat disorganized condition, but it is hoped that the new pastor, Rev. Herman Mayrose, late of Lick Run, Scioto county, will soon reestablish harmony and discipline.

In Malvern or Lodi, the same county, 20 were confirmed after Mass celebrated by Rev. Father Heimo. Here a most excellent spirit prevails. All the members of the congregation being fervent and practical Catholics. Any German Catholic thinking of going into Tuscarawas valley could not find better company with which to cast his own and his children's lot. This place is to be attended from Marges two Sundays every month. The confirmed both at Marges and Lodi, were instructed by the active and zealous priest at Canal Dover, Rev. B. Wisman..

On Tuesday a carriage from Calmoutier took the Bishop and Father Wisman 23 miles in time for High Mass at St. Genevieve's. The celebrant was the Rev. Father Kalop of Doylestown of the Diocese of Cleveland, who spoke briefly in French before the Bishop preached in English. 59 were confirmed. The new church now under roof is quite respectable, a frame structure, and the congregation is animated by an excellent determination to finish it well and have a schoolhouse and priest's house besides.

From St. Genevieve the same carriage conveyed the clergymen about 15 miles to Millersburg, the county seat of Holmes county, where the Rt. Rev. Bishop lectured to a large and attentive audience in the Court House at 7 p.m., and was the recipient of much kind attention from Dr. Kruso and other leading citizens.

The next day the High Mass was celebrated at Napoleon 14 miles from Millersburg, by the Rev. Pastor of Wooster in the Diocese of Cleveland, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop preached and confirmed 65 persons among them several converts. The Rev. Mr. Arnaud, the respected pastor of the German church at Canton, was here to aid in preparing the children for the sacraments. This enterprising little congregation has a house

purchased for a priest, and begged most earnestly that one might be given to them. They must pray to God for the laborers are few as yet.

January 6, 1869

Steubenville Correspondence. Steubenville, Ohio, January 2, 1869.

Last fall a colony of six Sisters of Charity from the mother house in Cedar Grove came to this place to establish a parish school. So far they have been successful in their endeavor. The first day of school opened with more than 250 scholars divided into four rooms. And this number, despite the coldness of the weather, has been maintained through the winter. Since the arrival of the Sisters they took measures to form a sodality under the protection of the Blessed Virgin with the glorious title of the Immaculate Conception. On the 12th of December the Sunday within the octave of the feast, 45 persons made their act of consecration and confirmed it by the reception of the holy sacrament of the altar.

On last Sunday the organization was completed by the election of a prefect and two assistants for the ensuing year.

January 20, 1869

Diocese of Columbus. Pastoral appointments.

Rev. J. J. Rauch has been moved from Zanesville to St. Mary's, Pine Grove.

Rev. G. G. Nordmeier, from Coshocton to Zanesville.

Rev. J. M. Jacquet from St. Mary's, Beaver, to Coshocton, Dresden and Mattingly Settlement.

Rev. P. J. Daly has been made pastor of Bellaire.

Rev. M. A. Gallagher has been attached to St. Patrick's.

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ST. REMIGIUS CHURCH, COLUMBUS

SACRAMENTAL REGISTER, 1837 - 1846

(Continued)

By Donald N. Schlegel

Year 1845 (Continued)

338. 2 February: John Aeneas, born 28 March 1844, son of John Bunting and Catharine born Swenny. Sponsors: John Higerty and Margaret McNally.

W. Schonat.

339- 7 February: by Rev. Dom. Senes (in Delaware County), Mary, Hugh, and Joseph, 341. children of John Patten and his wife Anna. Sponsors: Henry Patten and Helen Cantwell.

[John Patton was a farmer, born in Ireland around 1805; he immigrated to Maryland with his wife and first child around 1830; they moved to Ohio around 1833 and were living in Troy township, Delaware county in 1840 (p. 242) and in 1850 (p. 280). Mary, Hugh, and Joseph were their youngest children in 1845, aged about 7, 6 and one years respectively. See # 367 below.]

342- Same day: Henry, Helen, Caroline, and Mary Anne, children of John Cantwell 345. and his wife Helen. Sponsors: John and Catharine Patten.

346. 9 February: by Rev. Domino Senes (in Columbus), Sebastian, born 22 January 1845, son of Franz and Maria Anna Gramblich. Sponsors: Sebastian Gramlich

and Margaretha Leipold.
 [Sebastian "Gramlick" was witness to the will of Ludwig Frey on January 16, 1855. (Franklin Co. Will Book C, p. 400)]

347. 16 February: John Michael, born 2 February 1845, son of John Meinert and his wife Barbara born Bobbert. Sponsors: Michael and Barbara Röder. W. Schonat.

348. 20 February: Johann, born 10 February 1845, son of Nicolaus Hanauer and his wife Katharina born Wölfel. Sponsors: Johann Birong and Maria Wölfel.
 W. Schonat.

349. 2 March: Louis, born 19 December 1844, son of Andrew Perry and his wife Louisa born Frey. Sponsors: Ludwig Frey and Margaretha Frey.

350. Same Day: Ludwig, born 18 February 1845, son of Michael Zehnacker and his wife Anna born Schuster. Sponsors: Lorenz Schneider and Katharina Hinderschitt.
 [Michael Zehnacker, born in the first decade of the century, was living in Montgomery township in 1840. (p. 201)] W. Schonat.

351. 9 March: Heinrich Ludwig, born 4 March 1845, son of Ludwig Keller and his wife Anna born Schreiner. Sponsors: Heinrich Schreiner and Maria Frank.
 W. Schonat.

352. 13 March: John Patrick, born 7 March 1845, son of William Garitt and his wife Anne born Folley. Sponsors: John and Mary Garitt. W. Schonat.

353. 23 March: Christian, born 18 March 1845, son of Nicolaus Rambusch and his wife Anna Maria born Elllein. Sponsors: Christian Wittmann and Barbara Wittmann.
 W. Schonat.

354. Same Day: Cyrill, born 13 December 1844, son of Cyrill Frech and his wife Eugenia born Herrmann. Sponsors: Simon Hegner and Friederika Seile.
 W. Schonat.
 ["Tilman Freck" was a carpenter, born in Germany around 1811. He and his wife "Euphemia" and their family immigrated around 1838. (1850 Ward 5, p. 406)]

355. 27 March: Maria Anna, daughter of Adam Jahn and his wife Veronica born Zopf. Sponsor: Wilhelm Schonat. W. Schonat.

356. 3 April: (In Marion County) Ferdinand, born 16 February, son of Georg Klaus and his wife Katharina born Sudel. Sponsors: Wilhelm Kaufmann and Agatha Kaufmann.
 W. Schonat.

357. 6 April: Joseph, born 18 March, son of Christian Zähringer and his wife Caroline born Helzer. Sponsors: Nicolaus and Anastasia Helzer. W. Schonat.

358. 13 April: Lorenz, born 27 February 1845, son of Valentin Jaeger and his wife Anna Maria Koch. Sponsors: Lorenz and Francisca Richter.
 W. Schonat.
 [Lorenz Richter was a blacksmith, born in Germany around 1827. (1850 Ward 5, p. 405)]

359. 16 April: Eugenia, born 26 February, daughter of Jonathan Miller and Sarah born Harris. Sponsor: Rev. Schonat. J.M. Young.
 [Jonathan Miller, born around 1813, was a book agent in Ward 4 in 1850 (p. 514). He and his brothers had moved to Columbus from Knox County; he later was better known as Doctor Miller. (See the biography of his brother in Williams Brothers' 1880 History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties.)
 The daughter, Eugenia, married well-to-do Columbusite Ellis O. Jones.]

360. 20 April: Wilhelm Georg, born 19 February 1845, son of Constantin Engler and his wife Katharina born Bauer. Sponsors: Willibald Engler and Theresa Beck.
 W. Schonat.

361. 27 April: Victoria, born 19 April 1845, daughter of Andreas Scholl and his wife Katharina born Schaefer. Sponsors: Adam Weisbecker and Victoria Wesibecker.

362. Same Day: Jacob, born 19 March 1845, son of Peter Dörig and his wife Maria born Schmidt. Sponsors: Jacob and Maria Anna Zettler.
 W. Schonat.

Year 1845 (Cont.)

363. 30 April: Caroline, born 5 April 1845, daughter of Heinrich Triens and his wife Maria born Schwarz. Sponsors: Margaretha and Valentin Hettesheimer. W. Schonat.
["Henry Tryons" was a shoemaker, born in Germany around 1818. (1850 Ward 3, p. 593)]

364. 11 May: Barbara Margaretha, born 2 May 1845, daughter of Georg Eiermann and his wife Margaretha born Christ. Sponsors: Franz Xavier Engler and Barbara Christ.
[The God-father was a son of Georg and Elisabetha Engler. (1850 Ward 5, p. 440)]

365. Same Day: Barbara, born 2 May 1845, daughter of Andreas Trautman and his wife Dorothea born Liebner. Sponsors: Johann and Barbara Siefert. W. Schonat.

366. 18 May: Theodore, born 17 August 1844, son of William Grove and Mary his wife. Sponsors: Bernard and Mary McNally. W. Schonat.
[In 1843 William Grove was living on the southwest corner of Long and Fourth streets.]

367- 20 May: By Rev. Senes in Delaware County, William, Henry, John and Robert, sons of John Patten and his wife Anna. Sponsors: Henry and Bridget Patten. W. Schonat.
[See #339 above. At this time, William was about 13 years old and Henry about 12. John was the eldest son, born in Ireland. The "John" baptised here was probably James, listed in the 1850 census, and about nine years old in 1845. Robert was an infant in 1845.]

371- Same Day: William and John, sons of Henry and Bridget Patten (by Rev. Mr. Senes in Delaware County). Sponsors: John and Anna Patten.
[See #262 above. William and John, aged about nine and eight years, were the older Patton children. The younger two had been baptised in 1843.]

373. 22 May: Rev. Mr. Senes baptized Ferdinand Georg, born 23 February 1845, son of Fridolin Schumacher and his wife Maria born Dorr. Sponsors: Ferdinand and Eva Lichtenegger. W. Schonat.

374. 25 May: Charles (age 9 years), son of William Grove and his wife Mary. Sponsors: Michael Murphey and Catharine Hanauer. W. Schonat.

375. 27 May: Margaretha, born 10 May 1845, daughter of Valentin Hettesheimer and his wife Margaretha born Kiefer. Sponsors: Heinrich and Maria Triens. W. Schonat.

376- 20 June: David (born 1 April 1840) and Johann (born December, 1842), sons of Wilhelm Gutmann and his wife Elisabeth born Albrecht. (Reside in Northern Delaware County.) Sponsors: John Getreu and Margaret Klee. W. Schonat.

378. 10 July: Maria Magdalena, born 22 June. daughter of Franz Buss and his wife Sabina born Fischer. Sponsors: Peter Fischer and Mar. Eisel. W. Schonat.

379. 20 July: Bernhard Johann, born 19 July 1845, son of Nicolaus Erehl and his wife Elisabetha born Brehl. Sponsors: Bernhard and Veronica Baumgart. W. Schonat.

380. 27 July: Maria Elisabetha, born 13 July 1845, daughter of Lorenz Murat and his wife Eva born Franz. Sponsors: Johann Franz and Maria Franz.

381. Same Day: Helen, age five years, adopted daughter of T. Leonard. Sponsors: John Charles Malbeuf and Maria Monica Leonhard. W. Schonat.
[Charles Malbeuf was a brick mason, born in Canada around 1823; in 1850 he and his family were living with the Lewis Leonard family. (1850 Ward 1, p. 773)]

(To be concluded)

