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. Toebbe, 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.
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 watchful 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 Pitying 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 Man.

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 Thee, 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 Hanover
   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."

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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. Heckia 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.

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

   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.

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7. Creak P.O.
   The Jersey mission was listed as Creak 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 Pomero.

2. Jacksonville.................................1855-1864 (M)
   Jacksonville was listed as in Meigs County and
   attended from Wilkesville in 1558. The following year
   it was given as in Jackson county with a new church
   being built. From 1860-1861 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.................................1862-(**) (M)
   Beginning in 1861 Syracuse was always attended from
   Pomero "five miles distant."

4. Long Bottom, Olive Twp., Our Lady of Loretto..............1861-(**) (M)
   A church at Tappers Plains has replaced this mission
   in recent years. Long Bottom with few exceptions was
   attended from Pomero from 1861 to 1889. After 1890
   it was cared for from Little Hooking.

   (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.

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Birth</th>
<th>Death</th>
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<td>Albrecht, Mr &amp; Mrs Kissiah</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>Augustin, Adolph</td>
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<td>Billian, Nicholas</td>
<td>1863</td>
<td>1865</td>
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<td>Billian, Margaret Lekman</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>Oct. 1878</td>
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<td>Bourgholtzer, John</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>*Bul, K. A.</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>*Beck, Anna</td>
<td>March 17, 1795</td>
<td>June 7, 1860</td>
<td></td>
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<td>*Bockor, Maria Franciscia (wife of Wilhelm)</td>
<td>April 11, 1819</td>
<td>Dec. 12, 1867</td>
<td>48 yrs.</td>
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<td>*Canton, Malachi (son of E. &amp; A.)</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>Nov. 8, 1858</td>
<td>11 yrs.</td>
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<td>*Canton, Catherine (dau. of E. &amp; A.)</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>Mar. 16, 1864</td>
<td>3 yrs.</td>
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<td>*Christ, J.A.</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>*Collins, John</td>
<td>July 18, 1852</td>
<td>Aug. 29, 1852</td>
<td>1 mo.</td>
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<td>*Collins, Dennis</td>
<td>July 18, 1853</td>
<td>Jan. 18, 1876</td>
<td>22 yrs.</td>
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<td>*Collins, Jeremiah</td>
<td>July 18, 1857</td>
<td>Nov. 7, 1860</td>
<td>3 yrs.</td>
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<td>*Collins, Bridget</td>
<td>Jan 31, 1869</td>
<td>Jan. 21, 1876</td>
<td>5 yrs.</td>
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<td>Cooper, J. A.</td>
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<td>Cooper, ? (Son)</td>
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<td>Cooper, ? (daughter)</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>*Dougherty, Charles H. (Son of H. &amp; A.)</td>
<td>July 31, 1859</td>
<td>Feb. 27, 1860</td>
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<td>*Doyle, Sarah (dau. of J. &amp; G.)</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>Sep. 15, 1863</td>
<td>11 mo. 27 days.</td>
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<td>*Eck, Mary Elizabeth (wife of Adam)</td>
<td>July 4, 1811</td>
<td>Aug. 23, 1874</td>
<td>63 yrs.</td>
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<td>*Eck, Adam</td>
<td>April 24, 1807</td>
<td>July 31, 1885</td>
<td>78 yrs.</td>
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<td>*Eck, Sebastian F. (Son of J. &amp; M.)</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>July 2, 1864</td>
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<td>*Eck, ? (dau. of J. &amp; M.)</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>*Ehring, Mary (dau. of W. &amp; J.)</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>June 4, 1856</td>
<td>35 yrs.</td>
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<td>*Emmett, Mary Miller</td>
<td>1839</td>
<td>1882</td>
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<td>Emmett, ? (Infant)</td>
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<td>Emmett, ?</td>
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<td>Glass, John I (Infant son of John &amp; Maryann)</td>
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<td>Glass, Jacob (Infant son of John &amp; Maryann)</td>
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<td>*Geistorn, ?</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>March, 1866</td>
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<td>*Giehring, Geo</td>
<td>1817</td>
<td>1873</td>
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<td>*Hefferman, Mary (wife of John)</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>Nov. 14, 1856</td>
<td>39 yrs.</td>
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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 4½ yrs.
Frederick, Anna ? 1876
Frederick, (three unnamed infants of Isadore and Barbara) ? ?
Frederick, Barbara ? ?
Fuhs, Joseph ? ? 7 yrs.
Fuhs, Frank ? ? 18 Mos.
*Gels, 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. ? ?
*Langer, ? 1803 ?
Lauter, Phillipi ? before 1869
Lauter, Lucy (wife of Phillipi) ? before 1869
Linder, ? (mother) ? ?
Linder, ? (father) ? ?
Maier, Caroline 1884 1886 2 yrs.
*Petry, John (father) April 12, 1810 March 11, 1879
*Petry, Anseline (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, ? (wife of Geo.) ? ?
*Schafer, (broken away), Jos. ? ?
Shafer, Louise Adline Aug. 1866 July, 1867
Shafer, Clara Thresa 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
Somer, George ? Aug. 13, 1883
*Stamm, Anna Marie (wife of Christian) ? Nov. 29, 1863 25 yrs.
*Starr, Michael (son of J & E) 1859 1861
*Tembass, Steven L (son of L & O) Nov. 5, 1860 Dec. 5, 1860 1 mo.
*Termeier, Isabella ? Jan. 11, 1861 26 yrs.
*Vondreau, Rudolph Dec. 6, 1840 Nov. 12, 1873 32 yrs.
*Vondrea, M. ? ?
*Weiman, 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.