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EARLY DIOCESAN HISTORY

The Diocese of Columbus was established in 1868. Bishop Sylvester E. 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, Link 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 virtues 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. Rohman, Beq., of Enoch, Noble county, on the reading of the circular of the Right Rev. Rosecrans, sends immediately $100 as a contribution to the new

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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 Sparrow, daughter of Mr. Peter Sparrow, 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 Fraytown, 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 Dewing. 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 2, 1868

On Friday [August 28] morning at 8 o'clock the church of St. Patrick in Luslov 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 onebrut w 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 33 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 penitent 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 Barriettsville, by Squire William Smithberger; in Washington county, by Ignatius Hoffman; at Archertown, by Wm. Hoffman; in particular to Mr. John S. Hoffman 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 Mtivitivy by Rev. Herman Mayrose, pastor of St. Patrick's, Lick Run. After Mass the Rt. Rev. Bishop preached and

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confirmed 74 persons. This congregation guided by the Rev. Father Kaempe 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 Abearn 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 hereforward. 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, Hick Run, where the Rev. Herman Hayrose 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 Ironont. On Friday, September 19, the holy Sacrament of Confirmation was administered in St. Mary's, Pine Grove, by the St. Hov. 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'Donohue, pastor of St. Lawrence, Ironont. 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 accomodate a bigoted holder of real estate who opposed 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 Margee 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 Belmo of Calumet 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 Belmo. 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 Margee two Sundays every month. The confirmed both at Margee and Lodi, were instructed by the active and zealous priest at Canal Dover, Rev. B. Wiseman.

On Tuesday a carriage from Calumet took the Bishop and Father Wisman 25 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. Kroon 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

Stebenville 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 throughout 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 15th 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. Ranch has been moved from Zanesville to St. Mary's, Fine 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. F. J. Daly has been made pastor of Bellaire.
Rev. M. A. Gallagher has been attached to St. Patrick's.

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Year 1845 (Continued)


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

[John Patton was a farmer, born in Ireland ar und 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 Catherine Fatten.

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

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and Margaretha Leipold.  

[Sebastian "Grunlock" was witness to the will of Ludwig Frey on January 16, 1845. (Franklin Co. Will Bk C, p. 400)]


348. 20 February: Johann, born 16 February 1845, son of Nicolaus Hamser and his wife Katharina born Weifel. Sponsors: Johann Birung and Maria Weifel.  W. Schonat.


350. Same Day: Ludwig, born 18 February 1845, son of Michael Zehnacker and his wife Anna born Schuster. Sponsors: Lorenz Schneider and Katharina Hinderschott.  [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.


["Filman 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)]


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.


["Lorenz Richter was a blacksmith, born in Germany around 1827. (1850 Ward 5, p. 405)"


360. 16 April: Jonathan Miller, born around 1813, was a book agent in Ward 4 in 1850 (p. 214). 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 J. Jones.


362. 27 April: Victoria, born 19 April 1845, daughter of Andreas Scholl and his wife Katharina born Schaefer. Sponsors: Adam Weissbecker and Victoria Weissbecker.

363. Same Day: Jacob, born 19 March 1845, son of Peter Dörg and his wife Maria born Schmidt. Sponsors: Jacob and Maria Anna Settler.  W. Schonat.

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Year 1845 (Cont.)

353. 30 April: Caroline, born 5 April 1845, daughter of Heinrich Triesen and his wife Maria born Schwartz. Sponsors: Margaretha and Valentint Nettesheimer. W. Schonat.

["Henry Tryon" was a shoemaker, born in Germany around 1818. (1850 Ward 3, p. 593)]


[The God-father was a son of Georg and Elisabeth Engler. (1850 Ward 5, p. 440)]

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


[In 1843 William Grove was living on the southwest corner of Long and Fourth streets.]


[See #399 above. At this time, William was about 15 years old and Henry about 12. John was the eldest son, born in Ireland. The "John" baptized here was probably James, listed in the 1850 census, and about nine years old in 1845. Robert was an infant in 1845.]

357- Same Day: William and John, sons of Henry and Bridget Patton (by Rev. Mr. Senes in Delaware County). Sponsors: John and Anna Patton. W. Schonat.

[See #322 above. William and John, aged about nine and eight years, were the older Patton children. The younger two had been baptized in 1843.]


357- 20 June: David (born 1 April 1840) and Johannes (born December 1842), sons of Wilhelm Gutmann and his wife Elisabeth born Albrecht. (Reside in Northern Delaware County,) Sponsors: John Gretem and Margaret Klei. W. Schonat.


357- 27 July: Maria Elisabetha, born 13 July 1845, daughter of Lorenz Hurst and his wife Eva born Franz. Sponsors: Johan Franz and Marie Franz.


[Charles Malbeuf was a brick mason, born in Canada around 1821; in 1850 he and his family were living with the Lewis Leonard family. (1850 Ward 1, p. 773)]

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