One of Monsignor Mattingly's particularly keen affections was for the liturgy of the Roman Church. Mattingly was named chairman of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission before the end of the Second Vatican Council. The Council was instrumental in the reform of the liturgy with its "Decree on the Sacred Liturgy," Sacrosanctum Concilium, issued on December 4, 1963. Monsignor
Mattingly worked with unswerving devotion for ten years as chairman of this commission charged with implementing the directives on liturgical renewal. Writing to the Apostolic Delegate in 1983, Bishop James A. Griffin noted that in this capacity, Mattingly "...worked tirelessly to implement the decree and the post-conciliar documents on Sacred Liturgy." Bishop Griffin goes on to note that "it was due to Monsignor's efforts that the Diocese experienced a successful period of liturgical renewal after the Second Vatican Council." (4)

Interested in church architecture and its relation to liturgical services, while pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Mattingly had the entrances to the church rebuilt, the sanctuary reconstructed, a liturgical altar table erected, the pews in the church refinished and reset, and the interior of the church itself redecorated. He also introduced the "dialogue Mass." (5) This was accomplished in the 1960's as the first fruits of liturgical renewal were being seen from the directives of Vatican II. At, St. Francis, Mattingly sponsored the offering of the Byzantine Rite Liturgy,"...for all of us to know more about the...Eastern Rite of the Church." (6) Long interested in liturgical music, at St. Francis Mattingly founded a boychoir called "The Little Singers of the Cross." This choir journeyed to Rome in 1966 to sing in St. Peter's Basilica. He also brought an organist and choir master to Newark in order to assist in developing a comprehensive music program for St. Francis Parish.

As chairman of the Liturgical Commission, Monsignor Mattingly had to steer the deliberations down a middle road between what he perceived as wild experimentation on the one hand and entrenched resistance to change on the other. His notes to the Bishop on these difficulties are found in a lengthy memo dated December 3, 1973 sent from his final pastorate at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Buckeye Lake. Mattingly writes that from the beginning "I have always loved the Liturgy and the work connected with the Commission." But he notes that he has "lost 'heart' with the many aberrations that continue in our midst in this day." He notes that too often the efforts of the Commission were met with a lack of efficiency and a "great lapse of time between the final approval by the Bishop of prepared matter, and the time that it was in the hands of the priests." Mattingly is concerned that all of the Commission members had so many other obligations that the most many of the members could do was attend the meetings. One note of sadness comes through in the memo. Mattingly writes that it came to him from "...two entirely different sources that I was too old and unable 'to bend' to be chairman of the Commission." He then concludes that "I have reason, therefore, to doubt my ability to 'relate' (to use a word that I no longer relish) in the realm of the Liturgy." Mattingly expresses his concern over the division of judgment regarding liturgical matters which consumed the Commission. He writes as follows:

We have, in the past, had a wider representation on the Commission. Some of these were of what today is called the "liberal" persuasion. Not agreeing with the policy of the Commission, they gradually left us. It was my position that the Commission, being official, was to present the official position of the Church and of the Bishop; and, beyond this, to interpret the decrees and regulations. Others wished us to launch into the waters of experimentation beyond the official guidelines for such action.

Mattingly reports that he attended a national meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgy Commissions. He notes that he was distressed to "see all the
young priests present, all presumably appointed by their Bishops, and most of them eager to promote unauthorized actions in matters liturgical." This activity worried Monsignor Mattingly very much. Yet he was genuinely interested in reform of the liturgy, but only in accord with the official regulations and prescriptions. One detects an almost ultramontane attitude in these matters. Nonetheless, he noted vigorously that "it could be hoped that on a national scale the Liturgy in all of its glory could be presented, and in different fully approved forms."

The Catholic Record Society

On April 1, 1974, Monsignor Mattingly retired from his active pastoral career in the parishes of the Diocese of Columbus. At the time, he remarked that "I don't plan to get old right away; I'll be the youngest retired man around, phooey on it!" He also noted, with a perceptive insight, "I'm too confounded impatient to sit!"

Following his retirement from pastoral duties, Monsignor Mattingly began heartily what may have been his most successful long-term project in terms of achievement for the Diocese of Columbus. Long interested in matters historical, Mattingly was concerned that the history of the Diocese of Columbus in terms of documents and records had not been established and collected as necessary to preserve the historical narrative of the diocese with care. Given this perceived need, Monsignor Mattingly embarked on a crusade to preserve, record, document and tell this narrative with zeal and gusto. He published the first issue of the Bulletin of the Catholic Record Society in January, 1975. With this issue he sent the following letter, dated January 1, 1975:

The Catholic Record Society is a small group of people interested in preserving and recording data and events of importance to the full history of the Church in Ohio, and in particular that part of the State which is the Diocese of Columbus. Contributions of authentic data are invited. It would seem laudable for the Society to preserve the history of parishes and missions no longer active. Catholics who have been prominent in the development and progress of the Church in the early years should be remembered.

The Society would like to collect and preserve books written by people of the Church within the area of the Diocese. Brochures and anniversary booklets of parishes are sought for preservation.

Monsignor Mattingly wrote many of the articles which appeared in the early issues of the Bulletin. In particular, he was at pains to list all of the clergy who worked within the confines of the Diocese of Columbus in the Nineteenth Century. This exhaustive and impressive list is found in Volumes III and IV (1977-1978) of the Bulletin of the Catholic Record Society. This list alone must have taken hours of painstaking research. In addition, Mattingly was moved to record as diligently as possible all of the sites of former churches in the diocese, especially in the south-eastern sections. Many of these were mission churches served by the Dominican Fathers from St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset. Long interested in the Rosecrans family, he secured copies of important microfilm from the William Starke Rosecrans collection at the UCLA Library and copies of other valuable materials related to Rosecrans and the diocese from the University of Notre Dame Archives. Mattingly published two genealogical books, The Descendants of Henry Mattingly.
(1969) and The Mattingly Family in Early America (1975). In 1981 he completed a history of his family’s home parish at Mattingly Settlement, Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1856-1981: One Hundred Twenty-Five Years. He was also a long time member of the Ohio Historical Society and involved with the Association of Diocesan Archivists.

Devotion to the Holy Father

Monsignor Mattingly served his Church with distinction, always with a reverence towards the Holy Father and a show of support for his fellow priests. Six months before his death, Monsignor made a sizable contribution to Pope John Paul II "...in gratitude for my fifty-five years in the Holy Priesthood." He went on to suggest that the pope use this money "for the needy priests behind the 'Iron Curtain'. I feel strongly the sufferings of these, my fellow priests, and in thanksgiving for all my blessings in the priesthood, I make this gift to them."

Monsignor Mattingly received all three ranks of the Monsignor. He was appointed a Papal Chamberlain on July 5, 1946, a Domestic Prelate on May 20, 1949, and on September 3, 1983, he received the rarely given rank of Prothonotary Apostolic. In honor of this last superlative act of papal recognition, Bishop Griffin hosted a dinner in Monsignor Mattingly's honor which also coincided with the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the liturgy commission which Mattingly chaired for so long.

On the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Representative Mike Stinziano introduced a resolution into the House of Representatives of the 113th General Assembly of Ohio honoring Monsignor Mattingly. The text commends Mattingly's service to Church and to Country, much like the inscription on the church on Notre Dame's campus: "Pro Deo et Patria." One specific part of the resolution states that "you have extended your ministry far beyond the walls of any church, for you have contributed immeasurably to community life through your selfless involvement in numerous religious, social and civic activities."

The Priest and the Person

Monsignor Mattingly was deeply devoted to his priesthood. One document from Blessed Sacrament Parish notes that "For those of us who attended his Masses or saw him in prayer, we realized that Msgr. Mattingly was truly a man of prayer and holiness. To us priests, he was, as the saying goes, 'a Priest's Priest.'" Reflecting on the many changes he had seen during his fifty-five years as a priest, Mattingly remarked that the changes were "all good changes." But he went on to suggest that "we've gone in for external changes too much and often missed a great deal internally."

Letters found in the Catholic Record Society Archives suggest the high regard and deep respect his fellows priests had for Monsignor Mattingly. On the occasion of his receiving the rank of Prothonotary Apostolic, one priest wrote that "Nobody ever deserved it more and I'm glad somebody finally recognized it." Another wrote that "you have been so good to the diocese, its priests and people; I have always been blessed to have you as a teacher, a co-worker and a friend." Other letters speak to Mattingly's sincere dedication to his work as a priest of the Diocese of Columbus. The Pastor of St. Patrick's in
Columbus wrote that "your work and achievements in the diocese over the years have certainly deserved this special recognition...." A bishop wrote that "It is an honor for you and the diocese--maybe a little recognition of the many important tasks you have performed for the diocese--steadily and quietly--these many years. One especially touching card is a spiritual bouquet sent to Monsignor Mattingly from his former parishioners at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at Buckeye Lake.

Two adjectives which probably best described Herman Mattingly the man are "dignified" and "reserved." He may not have been an easy person to know. But "still water runs deep!" The pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Newark wrote in the parish bulletin when Mattingly returned to Columbus to live a year before he died that "Msgr. Mattingly is a very quiet and reserved person and thus he is misunderstood. For those of us who have had the honor of 'getting to know him,' we found him to be a man of great compassion, love, concern and a tremendous sense of humor." This humor is found in several of his letters, especially those he sent to his journalist colleagues. On one trip to Europe with a group of bishops and several priests, he wryly noted that the ship was overrun with bishops and too few priests--and maybe the priests ought to depose a couple of the bishops!

Monsignor William Kappes probably best summed up his colleague with the following words: "Monsignor Mattingly is remembered ... as a dedicated, reserved and scholarly gentleman, a man with great loyalty to Pope and Bishop and Church, a strong advocate of the Catholic Press and of Catholic Schools." (10)

His foundational work with the Catholic Record Society continues enthusiastically and all of us associated with the regional history of Catholicism in Ohio are indebted beyond measure to his efforts, his organizational skills, his love of historical matters and his zeal for keeping the records.

The Last Years

Mattingly began his retirement years by living at St. Joseph Academy in downtown Columbus. Later he lived in several apartments in Newark, the last being on Storybook Lane. He left Newark in 1983 to live in the Vianney Residence for Retired Priests at St. Michael's Parish in Worthington. He once told the author, late in 1983, that he didn't care for living in Vianney House--"It's too much like living in an institution!" His last months were spent in residence at the Cathedral Rectory.

When he left Newark to reside at Vianney House, the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish noted that "he does this because of ill health, tired of house work as a bachelor and of being alone." During his stay in Newark, he assisted at Blessed Sacrament on both Sundays and weekdays. In closing, the pastor noted that Monsignor Mattingly "will always be welcome to come back 'home' to Blessed Sacrament."

In early 1984, Mattingly decided to spend less time writing for and editing the Bulletin of the Catholic Record Society and to direct a larger portion of his energy towards organizing and cataloging the materials in the Diocesan Archives. He had begun this Herculean task some years earlier, and he thought
his efforts would be best utilized attempting to accomplish this much needed organizational work. He noted that there were forty-seven drawers of materials which needed to be sorted and boxed. Much of his final months were spent in the archives classifying materials so that future historians would have an easier time accounting for the different parts of the fascinating narrative which makes up the history of the Diocese of Columbus.

Monsignor Mattingly died on August 1, 1984. He suffered from complications following heart surgery. He was buried from St. Joseph’s Cathedral with many priests, religious, and laypersons in attendance. The burial was in the cemetery of St. Mary's Mission Church in his beloved Mattingly Settlement.

PERSONAL NOTE

I first met Monsignor Herman Mattingly when I was a senior at Aquinas College High School. I escorted a young woman from Holy Rosary High School to the prom. He was pastor of Holy Rosary Parish at the time. Monsignor, I remember, was demanding that young women with "inappropriate" sleeve lengths on their prom dresses be sent home. I must admit that he scared me a bit.

Twenty years passed before I had any direct contact with Monsignor Mattingly. It came in the context of my writing a short history of my high school alma mater. I began with a brief account of Aquinas for my twentieth anniversary reunion. I happened to send it to Monsignor because I knew of his work with the history of the diocese. He was delighted that someone had taken the time to write about Aquinas and he wanted to publish the small piece in the Bulletin. I was much more cautious because I realized that I needed to work with more primary sources on the history of Aquinas before I thought it fit to publish. Over the next five years, Monsignor and I worked together digging through old documents, finding Patricians (the Aquinas newspaper), reading year book accounts, and so forth. Monsignor kept finding interesting documents from the archives which he always sent to me with excitement.

In the fall of 1983, I wrote an extended draft of what eventually became a monograph, A History of Aquinas College High School, published under the auspices of the Record Society in 1985. In early 1984, Monsignor Mattingly read with care the draft and offered many critical suggestions which helped render the Aquinas narrative more readable and historically correct.

In 1984, I spent the spring and early summer in England on sabbatical leave from my home institution, Denison University. Upon my return, I rushed to put the final touches on the Aquinas manuscript. I received a thoughtful note from Monsignor Mattingly on this project, which may be one of the last letters he ever sent. He wrote that he was not well but that he hoped the Aquinas history would be ready soon for publication. A true and thoughtful historian encouraging his fellow writers to the very end! He died three days later. One extremely sad note is that he died before the text appeared in final published form. The Aquinas book is dedicated to Monsignor Mattingly, for without his help and encouragement, it never would have been written in its published form.

In writing the history of Aquinas, Monsignor Mattingly did not like to show all of the 'warts' common to some of the workings of the institutional church. We had a difference of opinion, for instance, over how to tell the story of
the profound disagreement which developed in the early 1920s between Bishop Hartley and the Dominican provincial, Raymond Meagher. It's unclear if he would have approved of the final rendition in the published history. Nonetheless, Monsignor Mattingly continually encouraged and supported the efforts undertaken to produce a history of an institution which contributed sixty years of education to young men in the see city of the Diocese of Columbus. (II)

ENDNOTES

The Catholic Record Society is pleased to publish this biographical sketch of Monsignor Herman E. Mattingly on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of his death. The editor of the Bulletin, Don Schlegel, encouraged the author to undertake this project remembering both Monsignor Mattingly the person and his many contributions.

The author is indebted to Don Schlegel, Mike Collins, and Sr. Lina Hess for their generous help locating important archival references and documents. This article could not have been written without their kind and thoughtful assistance.

5) This information is found in the booklet, History of St. Francis de Sales, Newark, Ohio, by Monsignor William E. Kappes, 1977. Copy in the Catholic Record Society files.
6) Much of the information about Monsignor Mattingly’s stay at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Newark is taken from the comprehensive history of the parish written in 1992 at the time of the 150th anniversary of its foundation. The author is grateful to Father William Johnson, the present pastor of St. Francis, for kindly providing a copy of the history and for discussing Monsignor Mattingly’s pastorate in Newark.
7) Monsignor placed a copy of this work in the Catholic Record Society files; it is not clear whether it was ever “published.”
8) Only two other priests in the Diocese of Columbus had by then received the rank of Prothonotary Apostolic: Monsignor Paul Glenn (1893-1957), a distinguished professor at St. Charles Seminary, and Msgr. Edmund Burkley (1980-1972), long-time pastor of St. Mary Parish in Columbus.
9) Complete text of the resolution is found in the Catholic Record Society files.
11) Many of the Mattingly quotations used in this biography are found in a delightful article written by the religion editor of The Columbus Dispatch and published just before Monsignor Mattingly retired from active ministry in 1974. A copy of this article is found in the Catholic Record Society files.

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BAPTISMS IN EAST-CENTRAL GUERNSEY COUNTY
1829-1872
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1841

June 20  Sara, daughter of Peter Timmony and Elizabeth Ward; spons. Thomas Delong and wife Catherine.  William Murphy
July or August 22  John, son of Charles McCloskey and Mary Temple; spons. Elizabeth Temple.  WM

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Nov. 24 Teresa, age 15 months, daughter of James Sharkey and Margaret Dunbar; spons. Jeremiah Hannon and Martha Hannon. Joseph S. Alemany
Nov. 26 Margaret, born April 10, 1836 and Luthesia Ann, born Aug. 27, 1838, daughters of James Sharkey and Margaret Dunbar; spons. Hugh Sharkey and sister. JSA
same day James Louis, born Nov. 17, 1835, son of Philip Nicolason and Elizabeth Reiney; spons. James Sharkey and Jane Nicholason. JSA

1842
June 22 John, son of John and Ann Timmony; spons. John Dillehay and Elizabeth ______. Charles D. McCallion
June 28 James, son of John and Polly McCune; spons. Philip Harkins. CDM
Oct. 20 Edward, son of James and Sara Kerr; spons. John and Catherine Gallaugher. CDM
Dec. 5 William Dunbar Sharkey, son of James and Margaret; spons. Hugh and Lucinda Sharkey. CDM
Dec. 8 Seth Edward, son of Michael and Caroline Bennett; spons. John Cunningham. CDM
same day Elizabeth Hariet (spons. John Bennett), Catherine (spons. Caroline Bennett), and William (spons. Mary Bennett), children of Edward (deceased) and Amelia Bennett. CDM

1843
Feb. 22 Anna, daughter of Charles and Mary McCloskey; spons. Anna McCloskey. CDM
Feb. 23 Catherine, daughter of James Carolan and Ann (non-Catholic); spons. William Lenox and Susanna Kerr. CDM
Apr. 21 Catherine, daughter of John and Mary Moran; spons. James and Catherine Lennox.

1844
Aug. 18 Mary Amoline, daughter of John Timony and Ann McClosky; spons. James and Elizabeth Brady. P. Foley
Aug. 20 Mary Ann McCoy, daughter of John McCoy and Eleanor Coyle; spons. Edward Lawn and Martha Coyle. Philip Foley
Aug. 20 Eleanor, daughter of John Early and Sarah Sweeney; spons. John Brislen and Susanna Gallagher. PF
Dec. 3 Anna, daughter of Bernard Cunningham and Margaret Donnelly; spons. Edward Lawn and Mary Moran. PF
Dec. 3 Emily, daughter of James Carolan and Anna Hamerley; spons. John Moran and C. Lenox. PF
Dec. 3 Anna, daughter of Bernard Hartkins and Sarah McCreagh; spons. William Lenox and Margaret Timoney. PF
1845
Apr. 15 William George, son of James Carr and Sarah Donoghue; spons. James and Anna Gallagher. PF

1846
Oct. 17  Elenor, daughter of Edward Lawn and wife; spons. Daniel Cantwell and ------ Donaghue; born Sept. 18. PF

[There is a gap in the register from Nov. 10, 1846 until April 8, 1849 and another from May 10, 1849 to Aug. 4, 1850.]

1850

Aug. 12  Mary Ann, daughter of Edward Gallagher and Martha Windell, born July 17; spons. John and Susanna Gallagher. JFK

[There is another gap in the register from Aug. 12, 1850, where the first baptismal register ends, to March 6, 1852, where the second baptismal register of Beaver St. Dominic begins.]

1852

Dec. 10  John Thomas, born Nov. 29, son of Thomas Treacy and Mary Donnelly; spons. Francis and Mary Coughlin--. J. W. Brummer

1853

March 2  Mary Helen, born Feb. 3, daughter of Patrick Melloy and Margaret Locklin; spons. Thomas and Lidy Erly. JWB
March 14  Patrick, born March 10, son of Michael Flaherty and Mary Monen; spons. Joseph, and Winifrid Howerd. JWB
Nov. 28  George Vincent, born Nov. 5, son of George Guildia and Margaret Gallagher; spons. James Gallagher and Susanna Carr. JWB
Dec. 6   Dominica, born Dec. 1, daughter of Dominic Meloy and Grace O'Donnell; spons. James Bonner and Mary Bonner. JWB

1854

March 1  John, born Feb. 23, son of John Sullivan and Catherine Kennedy; spons. ---- Dunavan and Catherine Walsh. JWB
April 9   Helen, born Apr. 5, daughter of James Gallagher and Sara Briglin; spons. James Meloy and Mary Meloy. JWB
May 8    Martha Elizabeth, born April 11, daughter of George Washington Heidelberg and Miranda Barns; spons. James Gallagher and Catherine Gallagher. JWB
June 4   James, born May 29, son of John Mal--- and Ann Meloy; spons. William Doyle and Bridget Meloy. JWB
June 4   Charles Edward, born May 10, son of Charles Gallagher and Bridget McCann; spons. Edward and Mary Ann Lawn. JWB
Aug. 20  Augustine John Baptist, born July 30, son of James Gallagher and Lydia Bellard; spons. Jerome Hannen and Bridget Carr. JWB
Aug. 25  Jane, born Aug. 19, daughter of Patrick Colle--- and Bridget Connelly; spons. Roger Cerrigan and Anna Geordon. JWB

1855

Feb. 16  Francis, born Feb. 14, son of John Erly and Bridget Shorlin; spons. Patrick Gallagher and Bridget Carr. JWB
March 1  Patrick, born Jan. 31, son of Patrick Groden and Mary Sweeney; spons. Martin Meallia and Bridget Connelly. JWB
March 1  Elizabeth, born Feb. 28, daughter of Thomas Ragen and Mary Wheeler; spons. Anthony O'Brien and Bridget Ragen. JWB

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March 1  John, born 23rd of "this" month, son of John Campbell and Anne McKenna; spons. Francis Campbell and Mary McKenna. JWB

March 17 Mary, born March 15, daughter of Roger Cerrigan and Helen Flaherty; spons. Michael Baker and Jane Glin?. JWB

May 13 Joseph Michael, born Nov. 15, son of Charles McClosky and Mary Temple; spons. James and Ann Carr. JWB

May 14 Thomas, born 11 April, 1846, son of John Charles McClusky and Mary Temple; spons. Pat. Hannen and Catherine Nevil. JWB

same day Charles, born 17 January, 1850, son of John Charles McClusky and Mary Temple; spons. John Nevil and Bridget Fitzgerald. JWB

same day Robert James, born March 16, 1851, son of same; spons. Patrick and Margaret Nevil. JWB

same day Elizabeth Mary, daughter of same; spons. Pat. Fitzgerald and Mary McNurtly?. JWB

May 20 John, born May 8, son of Edward Lawn and Mary Ann McCullock; spons. Jerome Hannon and Ann Gallagher. JWB


Nov. 11 In the church of St. Patrick, Washington, John Linsky?, son of Patrick and Mary, born Oct. 29; spons. Patrick Wilby and Margaret Wilby. JMJ

Nov. 11 In the church of St. Patrick, Washington, John Lally, son of John and Ann, born Nov. 3; spons. Lawrence Kelly and Mary Conningham. JMJ

Dec. 9 In the church of St. Patrick (Washington) Catherine Cunningham, daughter of Cornelius and Mary, born Nov. 24; spons. Edward and Bridget Carr. JMJ

1856

Feb. 10 In the church of St. Patrick, Washington, Mary Ann O'Grady, daughter of Dennis and Margaret, born Jan. 12; spons. John Purtell and Bridget Whalen. JMJ

May 11 In the church of St. Patrick, Washington, James Ring, son of Christopher and Mary, born April 24; spons. Edward and Elizabeth Carr. JMJ

July 13 John Gallagher, son of Francis and Susanna, born May 19; spons. Cornelius and Mary Cunningham. JMJ

July 13 In the church of St. Patrick, Washington, John Mullen, son of Thomas and Ellen, born May 15; spons. John Hughttn? and Catherine Dorsy. JMJ

(To be continued)

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