Consecration of the New Church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville, Ohio

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On Sunday last, Dec. 14th, this beautiful edifice was solemnly dedicated and opened for the celebration of divine worship. It having been announced in the public papers that the most Rev. Archbishop would officiate on the auspicious occasion, great numbers were attracted to the spot at an early hour, both from the town and the adjoining localities, and long before the time appointed for the admittance of the laity, a large crowd of persons had collected outside the doors, anxious, no doubt, to witness a ceremony which in all the imposing grandeur of the Roman ritual is rarely performed in these countries, owing in part to the difficulty of procuring the requisite attendants for the consecrating prelate, but chiefly, also, to the pecuniary embarrassments which not unfrequently follow the erection of an expensive church, and which not all the devoted zeal of the pastor is able to remove.

We cannot sufficiently admire the perseverance which in the present instance has overcome every such obstacle, and while we cheerfully give credit to the Catholics of Zanesville for the spirit of piety which prompted their generous offerings, and while we also acknowledge with the deepest gratitude the liberality displayed in this good work by their fellow-townsmen of other religious persuasions.--We owe it to the Dominican fathers who founded the mission, to state, that had it not been for their untiring exertions in collecting funds, not only throughout this vast Union, but also in various parts of Europe, and in Ireland especially, the building could not have been brought to the speedy completion which it is now our gratification to be able to record.

At half-past eight o'clock the Archbishop entered the church, attired in his full pontificals, and

St. Thomas Aquinas Church. A steeple was added in 1870 but was blown down in 1912.
proceeded at once with his deacon and subdeacon together with the various orders of the clergy who assisted, to the western extremity of the building, there to recite the seven penitential psalms, and to pronounce the blessings which are invoked, while the doors remain closed. The passages from the sacred text were next chanted aloud, in which entrance was claimed for the Lord of Majesty who was coming to take possession of his temple, and the case of relics which had been sealed up, as prescribed, the evening before, having been laid under a canopy within the front door, the officiating prelate advanced up the nave of the church, and formed with the end of his crozier the letters of the Greek and Roman alphabet on the diagonal line of ashes drawn upon the floor.

The water with which the sacred edifice was to be sprinkled having been blessed, and several other preliminaries having been gone through, the doors were then thrown open, and the relics were carried in solemn procession inside the church and round the walls previous to being deposited under the table of the altar. The procession was led by the cross bearer in surplice and soutanne, the acolytes with lighted tapers, and the thuriferarian; next came the priests who supported the canopy, and finally the Most Rev. Doctor Purcell Archbishop of Cincinnati assisted by the Deacon and Subdeacon and a numerous body of clergy who joined in the solemn supplications, recited aloud by the officiating prelate, while the people following repeated at the conclusion of each the Kyrie Eleison.

As the procession in its return entered the church through the centre door, we were greatly struck with the graceful elegance of the structure which consists of a nave and two side isles in the pure gothic style. The ceiling which is tastefully groined is supported by arches which spring from the clustered columns ranged on either side of the nave and dividing it from the aisles. The body of the building is lighted by lancet windows which have been erected at the extremity of the sanctuary. The latter being divided from the nave of the church by a balustrade of oak, and ascended by steps. The exterior of the church is entirely of cut stone, and the whole presents the appearance of a building in which solidity and beauty of design have been most happily combined.

A most interesting portion of the ceremony was that which now took place, and at which the faithful assisted together with the clergy, namely, the consecration of the altar, and the anointing of the four walls which are forever to enclose the house of God.

At the conclusion of the consecration, which occupied nearly four hours, the linen which had been previously blessed was spread upon the altar, a crucifix was placed in the centre surmounting the tabernacle, with three candles lighted on either side, and the usual preparations were made for the celebration of the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. The celebrating priest on the occasion was the Very Reverend G. A. Wilson, O.S.D., assisted by Rev. Cubero, as Deacon, and the Rev. A. Bokel, O.S.D., as Subdeacon. Among the clergy, present at the consecration of the high mass were the Very Reverend W. S. Murphy, Provincial and Visitor General of the Society of Jesus; the Very Rev. R. A. White, Prov. and Visitor General of the order of Preachers; the Rev. Wm. Dieters, Pastor of the German Catholics of Zanesville; the Very Rev. D. Young, Ex-Prov. O.S.D.; the Very Rev. C. Montgomery, Ex-Prov., the V. Rev. C. D. Bowling, Prior of St. Joseph's, the Rev. Januarius D'Arco, O.S.D.; the Rev. J. V. Daly, O.S.D., and the V. Rev. Joseph Ferneding.

After the first Gospel the Very Rev. W. S. Murphy, S.J. ascended the pulpit and delivered a most instructive discourse on the ceremony which had just taken place, having chosen for his
text the Machabees.

During the Holy Sacrifice the Archbishop assisted Pontifically on his throne, and at the termination he gave the blessing from the altar.

In the afternoon the church was again opened for the Vesper service, when the Archbishop addressed to his congregation a discourse distinguished alike for its rare eloquence and convincing argument on the veneration paid by the Catholic Church to the blessed Mother of God. In the course of his observations which were suggested by the festival of the Conception, which is particularly sacred in the church of the United States, His Grace beautifully illustrated the advantages of the devotion he recommended to the practice of the faithful, especially at the moment of death; and we are convinced that his words made a lasting impression in his auditory.

We cannot dismiss this brief notice of the inauguration of the new church of Zanesville, without a mention of the organ which was purchased for the occasion, and which reflects the highest credit on the ladies' committee, by whose exertions it was procured.

The choir was also most efficient, and altogether the day was one which will be long remembered by the Catholic inhabitants of Zanesville with gratitude to that God in whose honor they now behold erected a temple worthy of his adorable name, and the homage which is due to it.

January 17, 1852
Subscriptions: Jacob Fink, Somerset; E. Gallagher, Temperanceville; E. Padgett, Jacksontown, O.; H. G. Watson, Miss Moran, and P. McNamara, Portsmouth, O.

An encyclical of Pope Pius IX is printed, which orders prayers and announces a new jubilee.

January 24, 1852
Subscriptions: P. M'Mullen and Mrs. McGinley, Rehoboth, O.; Z. Norris, Frankfort, O.; Rev. T. J. Boulger, Chillicothe, O.

January 31, 1852
A report on the Diocesan Seminary lists as contributors Dr. Bigelow, Lancaster and J. Reinhard, M. Reinhard, and George Entert of Columbus.

Subscriptions: John Gallagher and C. Gallagher, Temperanceville, O. and J. Poulton, Graysville, O.

February 7, 1852
Extract of a letter from the Rev. Mr. C. H. Borgess, Pastor of the Catholic Church, Columbus, Ohio, to the Most Rev. Archbishop: "On the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, I had the happiness to receive into the Church Rev. H. C. L. Richards, former Rector of St. Paul's (Episcopal) in this city. He very much edified the congregation by making his profession of faith publicly, after the ten o'clock mass."...


Agents for the Telegraph: P. McMullen, Rehoboth; John McNamee, Columbus; James Feeny, Circleville; John O'Malley, Dresden, Muskingum Co.; John Crease, Lancaster; Jacob Costigan, Somerset; V. Owsney, Steubenville; Benedict Magers, Danville, O.

February 21, 1852
Subscriptions: Francis Carr, Jersey P.O., Ohio; Mrs. Harriet Lilly, Lancaster; Rev. J. Bruneman, Mrs. Queen, and John Tobin, Newark, O.; M. Ripley, Chillicothe.

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Calendar of Circular and Pastoral Letters:
Gallagher, Watterson, and Specht

The letters calendared here are contained in a box labeled "Pastoral Letters" in the Archives, Diocese of Columbus. All letters contained in the file have been calendared here, including a Cathedral Parish letter that probably should be filed elsewhere, and including letters concerning routine diocesan taxes and collections. Taken all together, the calendar gives a good impression of what was "on the mind" of Bishop Watterson and the diocesan administration during the last two decades of the nineteenth century.

Rev. N. A. Gallagher, Administrator

June 24, 1879 Appeal to the Ancient Order of Hibernians for funds to liquidate the debt on the Cathedral.

Rt. Rev. John A. Watterson

July 6, 1880 To the clergy (?). The diocesan debt is $195,000; urges their interest in reduction of the debt.

March 22, 1881 Extract of a Pastoral letter on Sodalities and Other Societies. Societies of Catholics should be truly Catholic societies.

June 9, 1881 To the clergy. The diocesan 5% tax is due from parishes. Recommends public devotions to the Sacred Heart during the Octave of Corpus Christi. L. W. Mulhane, Secretary, by order of the Bishop.

July 1, 1882 Circular to the clergy, The 5% tax is due. Prayers are to be offered for God's blessing on the crops and harvests and the labors of our people.

December 5, 1883 To the clergy and laity. Annual account of St. Vincent's Orphanage.

December 20, 1883 To the clergy. The 5% Cathedraticum is due.

Feast of St. Joseph, 1884 Notification of an addition to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, the public recitation of the Rosary in all churches on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, and the prayers to be said after every Low Mass.

June 30, 1884 To the clergy. The 5% tax is due. Prayers as July 1, 1882.

February 10, 1885 Regulations for Lent.

April 22, 1885 Litterae Indictionis Synodi dioecesanae Columbensis Tertiae.

May, 1885 Circular Letter. Concerning collections for the support of the seminarians.

June 5, 1885 To the clergy. Regarding upcoming visits by representatives of Knapp Real Estate Manual Company, who are compiling an Ecclesiastical Manual of the Parish and Mission properties of the diocese. [This manual is in the archives; its property maps have appeared often in the Bulletin over the years.]

December 29, 1885 To the clergy. Sends financial forms to be filled out and returned; the Cathedraticum of 5% is due.

August 11, 1886 To the Clergy. Announces a collection on Sunday August 22 for the Pope, the first general collection ever taken up in the diocese for the Pope, now stripped of the patrimony of St. Peter.

February 3, 1887 Regulations for Lent.

September 20, 1887 Litterae Indictionis Synodi Dioecesanae Columbensis Quartae.
January 4, 1888 Circular to clergy. Requests the
"Liber Status Animarum", enacted by the recent
Synod, by March 1, under penalty of privation of
faculties.

February 23, 1888 Statutes of the Fourth
Provincial Council of Cincinnati and the Third
Diocesan Synod of Columbus, concerning
Catholic Societies.

August, 1888 Blank invitation to the United
Catholic Society Day in Columbus, September 7,
during the Ohio Centennial celebrations.

Executive Committee: P. J. Sullivan of A.O.H.,
Chairman; E. C. Bartling of K. of St. G.,
Secretary; L. Seidensticker, St. Paul's Y.M.B.S.,
Treasurer; W. S. Connor, I.C.B.U.; W. H. Kelly,
C.K. of A.; Wm. T. Molloy, C.T.A.U.
Committee on Invitation: +John A. Watterson,
Bp. of Columbus, Chairman; D. J. Durney, of
C.K. of A., Secretary; J. P. McCann, I.C.B.U.; J.
V. McDonald, C.T.A.U.; J. B. Myer, R.C.U.K of
St. J.; H. Sebitzky, R.C.C.B.U.; T. J. Dundon,
A.O.H.

Hallow Eve, 1888 To the clergy. Second annual
collection for the Infirm Priests' Fund.

December 18, 1888 Concerning parish
(liturgical) celebrations of the Final Jubilee
Thanksgiving, Decretum Urbis et Orbis.

February 19, 1889 Form to pastors, survey on
mixed marriages conducted by the Bishops of the
U.S. at the request of the Sacred Congregation
of the Inquisition.

February 20, 1889 Regulations for Lent.

April 9, 1889 Recommends collections for the
Holy Land during Holy Week, as requested by
Pope Leo XIII on December 26, 1887.

May 29, 1889 Circular to clergy. Pentecost
collection for support of seminarians.

January 11, 1890 Order of Forty Hours' Devotion in the diocese for 1890.

January 21, 1890 Regarding the examinations of all parochial schools in the diocese.

May 14, 1890 Circular to clergy. Pentecost
collection for support of the seminarians.

September 4, 1890 Program of Studies for the
parochial schools in the diocese.

October 8, 1890 To the clergy. Regarding the
celebration of the second centenary of the death
of Blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque.

October 10, 1890 Circular to clergy with forms
of Consecration to the Sacred Heart, to be filled
out and submitted to Rev. R. S. Dewey, S.J.,
Philadelphia.

[November 28, 1890 Letter from the Cathedral
parish committee to parish members regarding
the Diocesan debt. Subcommittee: John Joyce,
William Wall, D. E. Sullivan, H. L. Jacobs, L. G.
Byrne, W. J. Clarke, D. C. Meehan, W. A.
McDonald.]

January 6, 1891 Order of Forty Hours' Devotion
for 1891.

January 12, 1891 Circular letter on School
Examinations.

November 19, 1891 Circular letter to the clergy
urging High Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

December 10, 1891 Circular to clergy. Presents
the 16th Annual Report of St. Vincent's
Orphanage.

January 8, 1892 To the clergy. Appoints
committees of priests to examine the parish
schools:
Fathers Eis, McManus, O.P., Clarke, and
O'Reilly for Sacred Heart, St. Patrick's, Holy Family, and St. Dominic's.
Fathers Rhode, Goldschmidt, and Horny for St. Mary's, Holy Cross, and St. Vincent's.
Fathers Mahoney and Steyle for St. Mary's, Delaware.
Fathers Mahoney and Meschenmoser for St. Nicholas', Zanesville.
Fathers Pilger, Meara, McGuirk, and Cotter for Lancaster, Circleville, Holy Redeemer, Portsmouth, and St. Lawrence's, Ironton.
Fathers Nounen, Schmitt, Smith, and Wehrle for St. Mary's, Portsmouth, St. Joseph's, Ironton, and Pine Grove.
Fathers O'Boylan, Weisinger, Hannan, and Cahalan for Corning, New Straitsville, and Shawnee.
Fathers Hayes, Quinn, O.P., O'Dwyer, O.P., and McDermott for Newark, St. Thomas', Zanesville, and Somerset.
Fathers Mulhane and Leininger for Mt. Vernon.
Fathers Hartnedy, Hartley, Anastasius, O.M. Cap., and Campbell for St. Peter's and Holy Name in Steubenville, Canal Dover, and Dennison.
Fathers Fitzgerald, Mattingly, Leyden, and Weigand for Bellaire, Martin's Ferry, and Woodsfield.
Fathers Fladung, Sagerer, and Hansen for Wills Creek, Miltonsburg, and Fulda.
Fathers Thurheimer and Oeink for Gallipolis and Pomeroy.

April 6, 1892 Circular to the clergy. Regarding the Good Friday collection for the needs of the Holy Land, as requested in Pope Leo XIII's Apostolic Brief of December 26, 1887. Rules for functions of Holy Week.

May 10, 1893 Circular to clergy. Calls for the Pentecost collection for the support of the seminarians. Lists parish by parish results of the 1892 collection.

(To be concluded)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Columbus Cathedral Section C, Lot Records, 1867-1926
(Continued, from Vol. XXVII, No. 11)

70-C west
p. 40, Mrs. John Murphy, Dublin Ave. near Water Works, 1872 March, lot 70 west half.
Graves: 1892 Apr. 26; 1898 Feb. 21; 1899 Oct. 16; 1905 Apr. 28; 1908 Sept. 7; 1913 March 15.
(Father) John Murphy born June 18, 1835 Co. Carlow, Ireland, died Apr. 15, 1892
(Mother) Ann Shea Murphy, born July 26, 1836, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, died Mar. 14, 1913
(Brother) Matthew J. Murphy, son of John and Ann, Feb. 12, 1874-Oct. 12, 1899
(Brother) John M. Murphy, son of Joseph and Katherine, Dec. 12, 1901-July 31, 1918
(Father) Joseph A. Murphy son of John and Ann, Mar. 16, 1876-Sept. 7, 1908
(Mother) Katherine Flanagan wife of Joseph A. Murphy, Nov. 24, 1878-Apr. 27, 1906

71-C
p. 164, Thomas Swift, 1872 March 19, lot 71.
Graves: 1881 June 15; 1886 Apr. 17; 1909 (or '07?) Aug. 9; 1912 Sept. 6; 1922 Oct. 20.
Catherine Crosby 1863-1922
Dorinda, wife of Patrick Swift, Native of County Galway, Ireland Died Dec. 1, 1896, aged 70 yrs.
May her soul rest in peace.
In memory of Patrick Swift Native of the Co. Galway, Ireland, born 1817, died at Vanceburgh, Ky. 1858. May his soul rest in peace.
In memory of John son of Patrick & Dorinda Swift, born Jan. 1, 1850, died June 13, 1881. May his soul rest in peace.
Ellen, wife of Frank King, daughter of Patrick & Dorinda Swift, born at Vanceburgh, Ky., Aut. 8, 1854, died Nov. 17, 1892. R.I.P.

72-C south
p. 92, Andrew-Murphy, Andrew Hilgert
[modified from Hildreth], 35 North Mitchell St., 1877 July 10, lot 72 south half. Graves: 1877 July 10 child; 1878 May 1; 1878 Aug. 23 child; 1882 Sept. 24; 1889 Oct. 19 child; 1893 Apr. 28 child; 1989 March 12 child; 1910 Dec. 5; 1926 Jan. 26; 1926 Oct. 1; 1928 Nov. 27. (Sister) Loretta K. Hilgert 1909+1926 (Mother) Mary A. Hilgert 1871+1931 (Father) Andrew Hilgert 1869+1933

72-C north
p. 310, Mrs. M. O'Dea, Milford Center, Union Co., O., lot 72 north half. Grave: 1886 Apr. 18.
{John O'Dea, died 1863
{Mary Torpe O'Dea his wife, d. 1886
{William O'Dea, died 1920
{Pray for us.
Michael T. O'Dea, born Feb. 8, 1860, died [blank]

73-C east
p. 41 John Thomas Darcy, Milford Center 1871 April 20, lot 73 east half. Grave: 1897 March 16.
p. 41, Mrs. Peter Murphy, 65 E. 1st Ave. 1917 May 21, 5/6 of lot 73 east half, transferred by John Darcy. Grave: 1917 May 21
(Mother) Helen N. Murphy Died Dec. 4, 1936
Lauretta Josephine Murphy 1891-1907
Lucile Norton Murphy 1889-1918
Mariette Norton Murphy 1897-1917

73-C west
p. 41 John Phelan 1875 March 15, lot 73 west half. [no grave charges listed] [no stones]

74-C east
p. 41 Mrs. Mary Walsh 1874 May 13, lot 74 east half. Graves: 1876 April 19; 1881 Nov. 23; 1886 Aug. 30; 1892 Sept. 19 child; 1895 Sept. 18 child. [no stones]

74-C west
William J. Fix 1870-1945
Welsh: (Father) John J. Sept. 3, 1963
(Mother) Grace M. Apr. 3, 1979
In Memoriam, Cath. Order of Foresters
William J. Dehl 1888-1928 at rest
Mae Hoey Dehl Mar. 17, 1890-Aug. 26, 1961

75-C
Nellie M. Young 1865+19[blank]
Harriet A. Young 1868+1945
(Mother) Anna Young 1842+1907
(Father) Lawrence Young 1838+1880

76-C east
{In memory of Mary wife of John Wiggins, born in Ireland May 15, 1847 died May 17, 1872, age 25 years
{William H. son of John Wiggins died May 23, 1872, age 2 yrs.

76-C west
p. 44, Garrett Burch[?], 1872 [Nov. 23?], lot 76 west half. Graves: 1887 June --; ---9 July 18; 1917 March 16. [no stones]

77-C east
p. 305, Michael McNamey James McNamara, 1873 July 26, lot 77 east half. Graves: 1891 or 1892 May 28 child; 1899 Oct. 7. [no stones]

77-C west
p. 42 Patrick Doyle, 1873 Aug. [blank], lot 77
west half. Graves: 1887 Apr. 27; 1888 Feb. 1; 1900 June 17.

Patrick Doyle Native of County Carlow, Ireland
 died Jan. 31, 1888 aged 66 yrs.
Mary wife of Patrick Doyle, Native of Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, died Aug. 3, 1873 aged 40 yrs.

78-C east
p. 77, Mrs. Mary White; [later] Mrs. Jos. O
Neil; 1873 Aug. 26 hot 78 east half. Graves:
1898[?] Oct. 3; 1925 Jan. 10 [or 12?]. [no
stones]

78-C west
p. 88, Patrick McGill, 1873 Aug. 27, lot 78
west half. [No grave charges listed.]
+ Ellen McGill, died Aug. 26, 1873, aged 30
years

79-C
p. 144, Mrs. Mary Handiboe, 1874 [illegible
date], lot 79. Graves: [year?] Sept. 3; [year?]
Dec. 1; 1881 Nov. 28; 1886 Oct. 16; 1930 [no
month & day].
(In Memory of + James Handibo, born Aug. 2,
1806; Died Nov. 31, 1858;
(also Catherine Dau of J. M. Handibo, born July
21, 1831. Died June 16, 1853.
(May they rest in peace. Amen.

80-C
p. 159, John Cummerford, 1875 March 16, lot
80. Graves: 1893 Nov. 4; 1923 Apr. 19; 1925
Oct. 16.
(Mother) Catherine Comerford, Died 1923

81-C east
p. 49, John Hanlon, 1876 March 26, lot 81 east
half. Graves: 1876 March 26 child; 18-- April
3 child; 1879 Jan. 12; 1905 Nov. 4; 1926 Dec.
28.
[top of stone broken off ...] Catherine and John
Hanlon, Native of Gort Co. Galway Ireland Died
Jan. 10, 1879, aged 63 [68?] yrs.
(Brother) Thomas Hanlon 1876-1926
(Mother) Elizabeth Hanlon 1835-1917
Sergt. Jno Hanlon Co E 84 Ohio Inf

81-C west
p. 62, Mrs. Mary Moran, 1876 April 13, lot 81
west half. Graves: 1876 April 13; 1883 Feb.
16; 1900 Jan. 24.

82-C south
p. 326 James Weston Harry D. Weaston, 1884
Apr. 19, lot 82 south half. Graves: 1884 apr.
19 child; 1913 Apr. 9.
+ (Mother) Anna E. Weaston 1888-1945
+ (Son) Joseph M. Weaston 1910-1935
(To be continued)