The Sisters of Charity in Newark, 1864-1870

St. Francis de Sales Academy, NEWARK, OHIO

This institution is under the charge of the SISTERS of CHARITY and is connected with the academy of Cedar Grove, the MOTHER HOUSE near Cincinnati. It is situated on the west side of the CATHOLIC CHURCH, (Granville street) on a piece of ground over three acres in extent so that it affords every facility for healthy and pleasant exercise.

The only object of the St. Francis de Sales Academy, is to lay a deep and solid foundation of plain, useful knowledge of all the branches of thorough English education of history, grammar, geography, and above all, CHRISTIAN MORALITY.

REGULATIONS.

The annual session commences on the 1st Monday of September and ends the last Thursday in June. No pupil is received for less than half a session. The religious convictions of all are conscientiously respected. Payments must be made every half session IN ADVANCE. Letters of integrity may be addressed to Sister Cecilia Superior.

TERMS.

Board & tuition, including all the branches of an English education, washing, mending, bed & bedding... $150 00
Piano and use of instruments per half session... $20 00
NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR THE GERMAN, VOCAL MUSIC AND PLAIN AND FANCY WORK.
From 15 to 20 boarders only will be received.

The above advertisement was copied and sent to us by Theresa Overholser. It appeared on September 13, 1867 in The True American, a Newark newspaper describing itself as “Union in politics, progressive in everything. Devoted to the interests of wool-growers and agriculturalists.”

Information on the six-year stay of the Sisters of Charity in Newark and their little-known school is found in the unpublished history of St. Francis de Sales Parish, 1844-1977, by the late Rev. Msgr. William E. Kappes. According to this history:

An important accomplishment of Father [Louis] Cartuyvels was the obtaining the services of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati to staff the school. The minutes of the Sisters’ Council, dated January 4, 1865, state, “The anniversary of Mother Seton’s death, Sisters Cecelia, Francis Xavier, Agatha and Genevieve left Cincinnati to open a school attached to St. Francis de Sales Church in Newark, Ohio. Rev. L. Cartuyvels was the pastor. The Sisters’ house was situated in Granville Street. Besides their residence, there was an old church, used as a parochial school and a cottage for a select school. The last was the former home of the two celebrated missionaries of the West, Rev. J. B. Lamy and Rev. J. Macheboluf.”

According to the minutes of the same Council of Sisters, they conducted a “Day and Boarding School - community owned.”
The property belonged to (them). The Sisters supported themselves.

In 1864, the sisters who staffed the school were Sisters Cecelia Griffin, Francis Xavier Clements, Genevieve Spitzagle, Agatha McGuire and Sylvester Williams. In 1867 Sister Ann Xavier Sutton replaced Sister Francis Xavier Clements and Sister Marcella replaced Sister Sylvester Williams. Sister Mary Agnew McCann and Ann Magdalene Ford came for 1868 and 1869. In 1870 the mission closed, “as views of Superiors and Pastor did not agree.”

The difficulty seems to have arisen over the support of the Sisters. The sisters were expected to support themselves from payments of the parents to the students, but Father Cartuyvels seems to have been given some of this money which he applied to the costs of operating the parish. The parish was also expected to pay $1,000 a year to the Sisters, but did not do it. The Sisters had bought a house and lot from Edward Brennan and could not pay for it. The mis-understanding could not be resolved and the sisters withdrew from the Newark parish in the summer of 1870.

The Sisters returned to their motherhouse in Cincinnati.

A dispute between the parish and the Sisters continued to simmer for a couple of years. Letters were written to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome by Bishop Rosecrans and by the Sisters, or the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on their behalf, which presented different views of the disagreement. In reality the views were not too divergent. Bishop Rosecrans and Father Cartuyvels stated that the Sisters’ house in Newark had been purchased “with money from the offering of the faithful” and so the house should belong to the parish. The Sisters said they had purchased the house with their own funds, but it is clear that some of these funds were indeed donations from the faithful of the parish, but which they had intended to belong to the Sisters and had not intended to have any tie back to the parish.

Propaganda, based on conflicting documents received from Columbus and Cincinnati, in March, 1872 at last threw up their hands and told Bishop Rosecrans that he and Archbishop Purcell would have to try again to resolve the issue. The Sacred Congregation’s only other alternative would have been to deputize a neighbor bishop to investigate the matter and this does not appear ever to have been done.

How the two old friends resolved the issue is not known with any certainty, but it seems that the younger man at last deferred to the elder. At parish meetings held in Newark in June, 1872, to investigate the financial matters of the congregation, under the leadership of Father Louis DeCailly as representative of Bishop Rosecrans, one conclusion reached was that the parish owed $2,000 to “Father Purcell.” This no doubt was Father Edward Purcell, the brother and Vicar General of Archbishop Purcell and treasurer of the archdiocese. It may be that this amount was admitted to settle accounts with the Archdiocese on behalf of the Sisters of Charity.

After the Sisters of Charity withdrew from Newark, Bishop Rosecrans obtained the services of the Sisters of St. Dominic from St. Mary of the Springs to educate the children of St. Francis de Sales Parish.

The Sisters of Charity were devoted primarily to work in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Newark had been part of that diocese when Father Cartuyvels first obtained their services for the parish school, but was part of the new Diocese of Columbus by the time they departed. The Sisters never “returned” to the Diocese of Columbus. However, they served in several parishes that became part of this diocese when the boundaries were changed in 1944.
Chronicle of Events in the Diocese of Columbus for 2006
Compiled by the Editor

Diocese of Columbus
Oct. 15 The St. Pio of Pietrelcina Secular Franciscan Fraternity was established, being renamed from the reactivated Spouse of the Holy Spirit fraternity, centered at Holy Family Church in Columbus.

November 26 In a ceremony outside the Columbus City Hall and the Ohio Statehouse, the State of Ohio was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the Feast of Christ the King.

Institutions and Agencies
May 23 The new North Addition of nine classrooms at Bishop Watterson High School was blessed.

November 27 Ground was broken at Bishop Hartley High School to renovate and double the size of the chapel.

Parishes
March 19 Ground was broken for a new Parish Family Life Center at St. Joseph Parish in Dover.

September 3 Ground was broken at St. Elizabeth Parish in Columbus for expansion of the parish hall and a new religious education building.

October 15 Ground was broken for phase one of a new Church of the Ascension in Johnstown.

October 28 The new Sts. Simon and Jude Church near West Jefferson was dedicated.

December 15 A new organ built by Paul Fritts and Co. was blessed at St. Joseph Cathedral, replacing the 1923 Skinner organ that had been rebuilt in 1978.

Vocations and Personnel
January Rev. Samuel Ritchey was removed from active priesthood.

March  Deacon Albert Cain retired.
May 6 Diocesan seminarians Adam Streitenberger and Joseph Yokum were ordained to the diaconate, as was permanent deacon Hector Raymond.

May 27 Deacon William J. Ferguson was ordained to the priesthood at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Campbell.

June 10 Deacon Joseph James transferred to service outside the diocese.

July 1 Deacon James Keating left the diocese to take up a new post at Creighton University.


Necrology
Feb. 3 Sister Molly Lorms, O.P. died in Adrian, Michigan. She was raised in Columbus and was a graduate of St. Mary
of the Springs Academy.
Feb. 17  Sister Vivian Kessler, O.P., a native of Lancaster, died in Columbus at the age of 90.
Feb. 21  Rev. Robert A. Klee, age 85, retired priest of the diocese
April 9  Rev. Robert Reilly, a native of Zanesville, aged 76, retired priest of this diocese
April 15  Rev. Alan M. Sprenger, age 75, in Columbus, retired priest of this diocese
April 15  Sr. Joanne Cleary, age 78, of the Stella Niagara Franciscans, a graduate of Holy Rosary High School in Columbus
May 25  Sr. Marie Blanche (born Mary Isabell Finneran, C.S.J. (Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, Pa.), age 95, a native of Columbus
June 2  Sr. Barbara Jean Welker, O.P. in Columbus, age 66, a native of Lancaster
June 26  Sister Mary Augustus, O.P. in Columbus, age 95, a native of Somerset
July 8  Sr. Marilyn Williams, O.P. in Columbus, age 81, a native of Steubenville
July 10  Sr. Mary Stephen De Cesare, O.P. in Columbus, age 92, a native of Steubenville
July 26  Rev. Mr. James Feerick, age 87, retired permanent deacon, at his home in Zanesville
August 21  Sr. Clara Therese Casserly, S.N.D. de N., age 96, a native of Columbus
Sept. 5  Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Healy in Columbus, age 88, retired priest of this diocese
Sept. 18  Rev. Arvids Bernans, retired priest of this diocese, age 68
Oct. 10  Sr. Mary Dorr, O.P. in Columbus, age 92, a native of Batesville
Dec. 22, Sr. Mary Stephen Olds, S.N.D. de N., in Columbus, age 80, a native of Columbus

Abstracts from The Catholic Telegraph
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June 16, 1855 (continued)
On last Sunday, (10th June,) there were one hundred and sixty-four confirmed in the church of the Holy Cross, and forty-two in St. Patrick’s church, Columbus, by the Most Rev. Archbishop Purcell.

June 23, 1855
Confirmation.
On Monday, June 11th, there were confirmed in St. Patrick’s church, Columbus, forty-two persons, by the Most Rev. Archbishop Purcell.
The Confirmation on the day previous, at the church of the Holy Cross, is the subject of our correspondent X’s communication.
On Wednesday following, by the same, twenty-six at St. Joseph’s, Circleville; one hundred and six at St. Mary’s, Lancaster, on Sunday, 17th; and on Monday, twenty-six at St. John’s, Logan.

Episcopal Visitation Schedule
15th July — Portsmouth

For the Catholic Telegraph.
REV. EDITORS:—The Catholics of Columbus have been highly elated by the presence of our beloved chief pastor, Archbishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, on Sunday, June 10th, who administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 165 applicants on that day. ...The church of the Holy Cross was decorated most magnificently: wreaths of the choicest flowers, twined up by fair and skillful hands, were disposed around the altars, pulpit, and gallery. The inscription, “Veni Creator Spiritus,” so appropriate for the occasion, was conspicuously displayed above the high altar in large gilded letters, and encircled by a beautiful wreath; in short, everything in the whole house of God on that day plainly indicated that a highly important ceremony was to be performed therein.
Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the church was crowded. Quite a number of Protestants were present, who listened with undivided attention for a full hour to the eloquent
discourse of the Archbishop on *Christianity compared with the Jewish Religion*, which he delivered in his usually happy and impressive style.

High Mass was celebrated by Father Borgess, whose voice, accompanied by the rich harmonies of a large and beautiful organ, added greatly to the solemnity of the ceremony...

The Mass sang by the choir and orchestra was in full accordance with the sublimity of the ceremony of the day, it being no other than Cherubine’s Grand Mass, composed for, and performed at, the coronation of Charles X., of France. This Mass, a master work of more than ordinary merit...speaks of heavenly peace, of pure, undefiled love, of invincible faith; it portrays innocence, serenity, calmness, and childlike confidence.

After Vespers, the Archbishop took his seat before the high altar, and gave a lucid explanation of the Sacrament of Confirmation.... notwithstanding the church was crowded to its utmost, the most intense attention prevailed; not a word of the entire sermon was lost through the slightest disturbance; a perfect silence reigned from beginning to end, which fact shows for itself what an unusual qualification the worthy Prelate possesses to expound religious truths to his hearers. By the way, I must here also remark, that the Archbishop informed the congregation of the early establishment of a branch of the *Sisters of Notre Dame* in Columbus, which announcement was received with the greatest satisfaction.

After the sermon, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered, wherein the Archbishop was assisted by Father Borgess and Father O’Neil. The service of the day closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Monday, the 11th inst., the Archbishop administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a number of the congregation of St. Patrick’s church, in Columbus, and left on Wednesday following for Circleville, accompanied by Father Borgess, of Columbus.

In conclusion, let me assure your readers that

the Catholics of Columbus at this time are, more than ever, united into a truly Christian brotherhood; that they are warm and zealous in aiding to advance the cause of religion; and that they feel grateful to God and his ministers on earth for all the favor and blessing bestowed upon them during past years.

COLUMBUS, June 16, 1855

June 30, 1855

Notwithstanding, perhaps it is even one of the fruits of, the foolish hue and cry against Catholics, the Church continues to receive converts into her peaceful communion. Thus, on Trinity Sunday the Archbishop baptized Mr. Laurence Ballingall, in Cincinnati; on the Sunday following, Mr. Richard James Winters in Columbus; and on the next Sunday after that confirmed the converts, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beecher, in Lancaster.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY.— The good Catholics of Lancaster have secured three large lots, adjoining those on which the church stands, for school and other purposes.

Near Bremen, an aged German Catholic named Blasius Schmelzer, after reserving for himself and his good wife an ample resource for their coming years, which we pray may be long and happy, and giving a farm to every one of his six sons, presented the Archbishop an eighty acre lot for a church and the support of a priest, and has begun the erection of a church to be completed at his own expense. It is to be dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On the 18th of June a procession, chiefly composed of this worthy man’s numerous descendants, was formed at his residence, after Mass, celebrated by Rev. Mr. Lange, and it was truly a pleasing scene to behold the young and old moving through a beautiful vale and up a green and shady hill side to the spot selected for the church, where the workmen had already made considerable progress, and where, after an appropriate discourse, the Archbishop blessed and placed the corner stone.

On returning to the house the venerable old man
read an address to the Archbishop, interrupted by abundance of tears of joy that God had enabled him to make Him an offering and deigned to accept it from his hands.

Second Quarter Subscriptions (name, post office, date of issue):
Miss M. A. Bish, Lancaster, May 12
William Brophy, Mt. Vernon, Apr. 7
Peter Dages, Gallipolis, Apr. 7
James Devine, Frankfort, May 12
Michael Doyle, Mt. Vernon, June 2
John Garaghty, Lancaster, May 12
Philip Haffey, Zanesville, May 12
John Highland, Franklin Furnace, Apr. 14
C. McCarthy, Newark, May 12
B. Mathews, Kenton, June 2
Martin Miller, Delaware, June 2
Zacharias Norris, Frankfort, May 26
Phelix Pofiffer, Bolivar, May 12
William Poland, Chillicothe, Apr. 21
Rev. Mr. Thisse, Circleville, Apr. 28
James Tracey, Pomeroy, May 19
Enoch Yoerger, Thornville, May 12

July 7, 1855
Episcopal Visitation Schedule:
Portsmouth - German church, morning;
English church, afternoon, 15th July
Ironton - 17th July
Furnaces - 18th
Wilkesville - 20th
Pomeroy - 22d
St. Patrick’s, Washington county - 12th August
Mount Pleasant - Sunday, 15th August
St. Mary’s, Belmont or Guernsey county - 15th
St. John’s, Malaga - 16th
SS. Peter and Paul - 18th
St. Michael’s - 19th

Recipients of a B.A. degree on the 27th at Mt. St. Mary’s College included James McGinnis of Steubenville, O., who also delivered an oration.

July 14, 1855
An account is given, from the Chillicothe Metropolis, of the celebration of the Fourth of July at St. Peter’s College. It mentions the beautiful grove just back of the college and the supper in the college hall. In addition, the oration on the Life and Services of George Washington by Thomas D’Arcy McGee, delivered on this occasion, is printed.

**Somerset.**

We had the pleasure last week of witnessing the exercises that closed the academic year at St. Mary’s Academy, and St. Joseph’s College, Somerset. The Premiums were distributed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Miles, of Nashville.

The young ladies of St. Mary’s did credit to themselves and their teachers by the execution of vocal and instrumental music, and by their excellent compositions.

The style of Writing and of Elocution at St. Joseph’s quite surprised us by its excellence; the fact that the Institution, now in its infancy, is able to do so much, argues well for its future usefulness and success.

Among those who received premiums, we noticed John Kelly, Joseph Maddox, Thomas Owens, John Duer, Patrick O’Halloran, of this city; and Master Charles Ewing was distinguished by a special prize for Elocution.

The closing address to the students will, we understand, be published in the next number of the Collegian.

The Rev. Dominick Noon has been appointed President of the College, and under his able and energetic direction it will no doubt continue to flourish and increase.

July 21, 1855
Church Collections for the Seminary, 1855:
St. Nicholas’ Church, Zanesville........$27 00
St. Mary’s, Lancaster....................... 70 00
Omitted from the Seminary Report for 1854:
St. Mary’s, Chillicothe....................... 80 00

(To be continued)


Zanesville St. Nicholas Parish Deaths, 1844-1867
(Continued, from Vol. XXXII, No. 1)

1854

John son of Maria Hoff, 27 days old, died 2 Jan. buried 3 Jan. Deiters
Margaretha Paul, 66 years old, died 2 Jan. buried 4 Jan. Deiters
Maria Hoff, 17 years 8 months 16 days old, died 6 Jan., buried 7 Jan. Deiters
John Hoff, 7 years old, died 28 Jan., buried 29 Jan. Deiters
Juliana Sicrist, 4 years 2 months old, died 30 Jan, buried 1 Feb. Deiters
Francis Hoff, 2 years 10 months 8 days old, died 2 Feb., buried 3 Feb. Deiters
Elisabetha Hoff, 7 months 3 weeks 5 days old, died 3 Feb., buried 4 Feb. Deiters
Francis Sebastian Albert, 15 days old, died 6 Feb., buried 7 Feb. Deiters
Maria Mähling, 4 years 4 months 5 days old, died 22 Feb., buried 23 Feb. Deiters
Valentin Paul, died 4 Mar., buried 5 Mar. Deiters
Wendelin Kelz, 7 months old, died 10 May, buried 11 May. Deiters
Wilhelm Heilmann, 11 months old, died 15 May, buried 17 May. Deiters
Caspar Hiebel, 7 months old, died 16 June, buried 17 June. Herzog
Regina Hegel, 7 months old, died 19 July, buried 20 July. Deiters
Jacob Beiter, 1/4 hour old, died 22 July, buried 23 July. Deiters
Joseph Duran, 4 weeks old, died 29 July, buried 30 July. Deiters
John Kräther, 63 years 3 months old, died 5 Aug., buried 7 Aug. Deiters
John Nesslein, 8 months old, died 12 Aug., buried 13 Aug. Deiters
John Weber, 2 years old, died 18 Aug., buried 19 Aug. Deiters
Susanna Kümmel, died 18 Aug., buried 20 Aug. Deiters
Valentin Kien, 12 years old, died 25 Aug., buried 26 Aug. Deiters

Peter Krebs, 1 year 4 months old, died 3 Sept., buried 4 Sept. Deiters
Martin Karkenbrock, 13 months 6 days old, died 16 Sept., buried 18 Sept. Deiters
Caspar Hegel, 65 years old, died 1 Oct. Deiters
Margaretha Eigentaut?, 35 years old, died 11 Nov., buried 12 Nov. Deiters
Maria Anna Hoff, 68 years old, died 19 Nov., buried 21 Nov. Deiters
John Jos. Gunther, 2 years 6 months old, died 4 Dec., buried 5 Dec. Deiters
Sophia Durant, 22 years old, died 19 Dec., buried 20 Dec. Deiters

1855

Anna Maria Trott (or perhaps Bott?), 33 years old, died 3 Jan. buried 4 Jan. Deiters
Daughter of Mrs. Friderick baptized by a layman because of necessity, born 29 Jan., 1855, died 3 Feb., buried 4 Feb. Deiters
John Mallmeister, 16 years old, died 15 Feb., buried 16 Feb. Deiters
Magdalena Catharina, 6 months old, died 16 Mar., buried 18 Mar. Deiters
Veronica Phlige, 5 months old, died 29 Mar., buried 30 Mar. Deiters
John Duran, 10 months old, died 2 April, buried 4 April. Deiters
Jacob Paul, died 1 April, buried 2 April. Deiters

Anna Maria Fix, 65 years old, died 18 April, buried 19 April. Deiters
Clara Kessler, 10 months old, died 24 May, buried 25 May. Deiters
daughter of Ferdinand Fechter, three days old, died May 24, buried May 25. Deiters
Vendelin Christ, 68 years old, died 28 May, buried 30 May. Deiters
Peter Goelz, 8 years 3 months old, died 2 July, buried 4 July. Cubero
John Hoff, 11 weeks old, died 18 July, buried 19 July. Deiters
Michael Anton Mohr, 12 1/2 years old, died 25 Aug., buried 26 Aug. Deiters
Peter Kunckel, 1 year 10 months old, died 31 Aug., buried 1 Sept. Deiters
John Krebs, 7 months old, died 1 Sept., buried 2 Sept.
George Marsolf, 24 years old, died 24 Sept. in the town of Dresden
Magdalena Matern, 17 years old, died 15 Oct. in the town of Dresden, buried on 16 Oct.
26 December, Magdalen Abatis, 34 years old, died 25 December, 1855. J. W. Brümmer
30 December I buried Peter Wolbert, 52 years old, died 29 Dec. J. W. Brümmer

[1856]
20 February I buried Catharina [no surname given], about 49 years old, died 18 February. J. W. Brümmer
[23 April, 1856 — see 1857]
3 June, I buried Caspar Paul, about 71 years old, died 2 June having received the sacraments. JWB
17 July I buried Barbara Theresa, about 5 months old, daughter of Anton Hoff and his wife. JWB
28 July I buried John, age 9 months, son of John and Anna Maria Kunckel. JWB
4 Nov. I buried Paul, born 15 Sept. this year, son of Paul and Catharine Beck. JWB

[1857]
20 March I buried Maria Amalia [no surname given], died Mar. 18, age about 16. JWB
October 8, I buried Maria Jo— Haibel, infant, died on the 7th of this month. Berger
N.B. In the year 1856, 23 April, I buried Mathew Harn?, infant, died the 22nd. J. W. Brümmer [in Father Berger’s style and handwriting]
4 November died in the Lord, Elisabeth daughter of Joseph and Maria Krebs. A. Berger
11 Nov. died Michael Freimann, aged 19 years. Fr. J. A. Bokel
21 Nov. died in the Lord Catharine, daughter of Joseph and Franziska Soller, age 7 years 4 months. Fr. J. A. Bokel

(To be continued)