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DISCONTINUED 19TH CENTURY MISSIONS
OF SOUTHEASTERN OHIO
(Continued)

Monroe County

1. St. Joseph's.....1838-1857 (M)
Monroe County was first listed in the 1838 Catholic Almanac as having a mission. The entry read "St. Joseph's, Monroe County, Rev. James Reid." It appeared each year until and including 1844 with the exception of 1842. Rev. Charles McCallion attended St. Joseph's in 1843 and 1844. From 1845 to 1853 St. Joseph's was not listed. However, from 1854 to 1857 it was attended from Miltonsburg.
2. Sts. Peter and Paul.....1843-1857 (M)
Entered first in 1843 as "Sts. Peter and Paul, Monroe County," this mission was first cared for by Rev. Charles McCallion, who also had charge of the above St. Joseph's. From 1848 to 1855 Rev. Charles Kroemer was assigned to this mission. It was listed as vacant in 1856 and 1857.
3. Malaga, St. John's.....1845-1861 (M)
This mission, given as "near Malaga," was under the care of the priests who were assigned to Sts. Peter and Paul (above). This continued until 1856 when it was listed as vacant. In 1858 it was cared for by Father J. W. Brummer from Miltonsburg who continued to care for it in 1859 when he was transferred to Enoch (Fulda). It was not listed after 1861.
4. Immaculate Conception.....1854-1855 (M)
This mission was listed as in Monroe County for two years and in the care of Father Charles Kroemer, who also had charge of Sts. Peter and Paul (above) and St. John's, "near Malaga." In 1856 Immaculate Conception was not listed. However, in 1858 and thereafter it was given as at Enoch in Noble County. This is the present parish at Fulda.
5. Doherty Settlement.....1864-1879 (S)
This mission was attended from Enoch from its beginning in 1864. The listing was changed and given as attended from Fulda from 1877 to 1879.

6. Wills Creek, St. Joseph's.....1864-(**) (P)

This listing first appeared in 1864 as attended from Enoch (Fulda). In 1868 and 1869 it was not listed. There was an entry in 1868 for "St. Joseph's, Monroe County," as attended from Miltonsburg by Father Pilger. In 1870 Father Pilger was given as attending St. Joseph's, Wills Creek, from Miltonsburg. It continued to be cared for from Miltonsburg until 1880. From 1881 to 1883 it was cared for from Woodsfield. In 1884 it was returned to the care of the Miltonsburg priest. Beginning in 1885 it apparently received parish status and was listed for the first time as St. Joseph's, Burkhardt P.O. This is, therefore, the present parish of that designation.

7. Crane's Nest, Sts. Peter and Paul.....1868-1876 (M)

A report of this mission was given as early as 1868 according to the archives of the Diocese of Columbus. Its first listing in the Catholic Directory was in 1871. It was attended from Miltonsburg until 1876. Thereafter the people went to Woodsfield.

Observation: The foregoing notes are based on the annual Catholic Directory. It is likely that the above "St. Joseph's, Monroe County," listed from 1838 to 1844, and again from 1854 to 1857, was the eventual Burkhardt parish. Also, it is likely that the above "Sts. Peter and Paul, Monroe County," listed from 1843 to 1857, was the same Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Crane's Nest, first listed in 1868. There is no accounting for the gap of years during which these missions were not listed, although there was no Catholic Directory in 1862 and 1863 due to the Civil War.

Morgan County

1. St. Barnabas.....1833-1839 (M)

The earliest mission in Morgan County was listed simply as "St. Barnabas, Morgan County" from 1833 to 1839. It is evidently the Deavertown parish (below).

2. Jonathan's Creek, St. Barnabas

The Catholic Telegraph, May 23, 1834, reports that Bishop Purcell visited this parish and gave it as "St. Barnabas, Jonathan Creek." He gave it as 9 miles from Rehoboth. It is another name for the Deavertown parish.

3. Sunday Creek, St. Francis.....1840-1868 (P)

This mission was listed under Morgan County beginning in 1840, and attended from Somerset. In 1841 it was cared for from Marietta. In 1842 it was attended by Father Olivetti who also took care of St. Barnabas, Deavertown. From 1843 to 1850 it was listed as St. Francis, Sunday Creek, Morgan County. From 1851 to 1856 it was incorrectly

listed as St. Barnabas, Sunday Creek, Morgan County. This mission was not in Morgan County; it was St. Francis, Chapel Hill, on Sunday Creek, Perry County. Nevertheless, St. Barnabas, Sunday Creek, Morgan County, and Chapel Hill, Perry County, were both listed for three years, 1854 to 1856.

- 4. Deavertown, York Twp., St. Barnabas.....1841-1868 (M)
Attended first from Marietta, this mission was listed merely as Deavertown in 1841 and 1842. From 1843 to 1850 it was designated as St. Michael's, Deavertown. It was incorrectly named St. Francis, Deavertown, from 1851 to 1856, while the Sunday Creek (above) parish was incorrectly called St. Barnabas. From 1857 to 1868 this mission was correctly listed as St. Barnabas, Deavertown.
- 5. Meig's Creek, St. James.....1843-(**) (M)
This mission was cared for by the pastor of St. Mary's, Marietta, from 1843 to 1874; from Union Township (parish) from 1875 to 1879; from the Churchtown parish, 1880 to 1882, and from McConnellsville thereafter.
- 6. Hackney
This is another designation for the above mission on Meig's Creek.
- 7. Windsor.....1843-1849 (M)
Windsor was attended from Marietta. It is the earlier designation for the Stockport mission (below).
- 8. Stockport, Windsor Twp., St. James.....1856-(**) (M)
Neither Windsor (above) or Stockport were listed during the years 1850 to 1855. Stockport was designated St. James first in 1858. Not listed in 1859. It was attended from Union Township, 1875-1879; from Churchtown, 1880-1882; thereafter from McConnellsville. (Bishop Hartley in his history of the Diocese of Columbus refers to this mission as St. Anthony, Stockport.)

Muskingum County

- 1. Norwich.....1834 (S)
This mission is named in the Catholic Telegraph (Cincinnati), June 27, 1834. It was designated as 12 miles from Zanesville, where a Mr. Taggart had given a lot for a church.
- 2. National Road, St. Martin's.....1845 (M)
Listed only one year this mission was attended from Zanesville. (Could this have been Norwich which was on the National Road?)

3. Zanesfield, St. Michael's.....1853-1859 (M)
This mission was designated as a German congregation and in Muskingum County. During the seven years of its listing it was attended from Zanesville. This might be an incorrect listing for a mission at Plainfield in Coshocton County which for many years was attended from Zanesville.
4. Sonora, Perry Twp.....1886-(**) (S)
This station was attended from Zanesville beginning in 1886.

Noble County

1. Archer's Settlement, St. Michael's.....1841-(**) (M)
The presence of a mission on Duck Creek, known as Archer's Settlement, was first recorded in the Catholic Directory of 1841. Although the church was built that year, missionaries visited the Settlement for some years before that date. Rev. William Murphy was the first listed as in charge. He also took care of St. Dominic's, Guernsey County, and St. Joseph's, Monroe County. Archer's Settlement was listed as St. Michael's 1843-1856; 1864-1868, and 1874-1901. It was given as in Monroe County 1851-1869, and in Noble County thereafter. It was attended from Miltonsburg, 1857-1858; from Enoch (Fulda), 1859-1901. In 1903 it was listed as St. Michael's, Carlisle, and attended from Harrietsville.
2. Immaculate Conception, Enoch Twp.....1857 (M)
This was the listing in 1857 for the present parish at Fulda.
3. St. Mary's.....1857-1865 (M)
Along with several others, this mission was attended by Father J. M. Jacquet from 1857 to 1865. It was given in 1861 as at Temperanceville, P.O., which is in nearby Belmont County. It was not listed after 1865. (Temperanceville was first listed in 1893.)
4. Enoch, Immaculate Conception.....1858-1876 (P)
This was the listing for the present parish at Fulda 1858 to 1876. Thereafter it was listed as Fulda.
5. Beaver, St. Mary's.....1870-1879 (P)
First listed in 1870, this mission was most likely the above St. Mary's. It 1880 it was listed as St. Mary's, Batesville (below).
6. Batesville, St. Mary's.....1880-1892 (P)
In 1880 the listing for St. Mary's, Beaver, was changed to St. Mary's, Batesville. It continued thus until 1892.

Thereafter the little parish was moved a few miles to Temperanceville, in Belmont County, retaining the title of St. Mary's.

- 7. Colorado.....1889 (S)
The Columbus Diocese archives give this mission as having 40 children under instruction in 1889, and attended from Fulda.

- 8. Duck Creek
This designation was occasionally used for Archer's Settlement.

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THE PROPOSED 1899 SUPPRESSION OF
THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

The financial burdens of the Diocese of Columbus during its early years were very heavy. When Rt. Rev. Sylvester H. Rosecrans became the first Bishop of Columbus in 1868, he faced the great task of building the Cathedral with the accompanying expenses, enormous for that day and age. He died ten years later on the day after the dedication of the Cathedral.

Bishop Watterson consecrated in 1880, inherited the financial problems of the young diocese. The times were difficult and not much progress could be made in reducing the debt while the Diocese was growing. Consequently, after his death in April, 1899, thought was given to the situation before a successor was appointed by the Holy See.

Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati wrote to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith explaining the situation. It was proposed that due to the great debt and the fewness of Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus, that its territory be increased by annexations from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and from the Diocese of Cleveland, or that it be suppressed and its territory be returned to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Congregation, replied to this proposal in a letter dated June 12, 1899, now in the archives of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (1).

The Most Rev. Henry Moeller was consecrated Bishop of Columbus Aug. 25, 1900. After conferring with the Diocesan Consultors, he apportioned the diocesan debt among the parishes of the Diocese, and asked each of the priests to personally pledge themselves to make a gift of one hundred dollars or more. The financial burden was eased, and the Diocese continued to prosper. Its financial strength of today is a far cry from the proposed suppression of 1899.

Cardinal Ledochowski's letter follows (2):

Rome, June 12, 1899

Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith
Protocol No. 34053

Object: Concerning the Diocese of Columbus

Most Illustrious and Reverend Lord:

This Sacred Congregation has been informed that the vacant Diocese of Columbus has an immense debt and that means are lacking not only to pay but also to diminish the debt. The reason for this impossibility is the very small number of Catholics in comparison to the neighboring Dioceses of Cincinnati and Cleveland. The small number of the faithful, considering all the other combined difficulties with which they are burdened, makes them unequal to help with the needs of the Diocese. To provide some remedy, a two-fold proposal is made to the Sacred Congregation, namely, a suitable enlargement of the Diocese of Columbus by new boundaries for the Dioceses of Cincinnati and Cleveland, or the suppression of the aforementioned Diocese with the annexation of its territory to that of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Before the Sacred Congregation examines this very serious matter and some decision is made in the case, I ask Your Grace to consult the Bishop of Cleveland and give me some opportune information in this matter and at the same time to give me your own wise opinion concerning a way of helping the Diocese of Columbus.

Meanwhile may God grant you a long life and good health.

Your Grace's Most devoted servant,
MIECZYSLAW CARDINAL LEDOCHOWSKI,
Prefect

A. ARCHBISHOP LARISSEN,
Secretary

To His Grace William H. Elder
Archbishop of Cincinnati

Some Notes on Cardinal Ledochowski (3)

Count Mieczyslaw Ledochowski 1822-1902. Born in Gorki, Poland, Oct. 29, 1822. Studied in Rome at the Academy of Noble Ecclesiastics and was ordained in 1845. Appointed a Domestic Prelate in 1846! And an auditor of the Lisbon Papal Nunciature in 1847. Served as Apostolic Delegate to Columbia and Chile in 1861. Appointed Archbishop of Gnesen-Posen in 1865. Was Pope Pius IX's ambassador to Prussia in the hope of securing the king's help in re-establishing the Papal States. He was mediator between France and Poland. In 1873 he was imprisoned for his opposition to the May Laws during the Kulturkampf under Bismarck. He had refused to order the use of German in teaching religion in Posen which was almost totally Polish. In Prison 1873-1876. He was created a cardinal in 1874 while in prison, and was released in 1876 and expelled from Prussia. He ruled his diocese from Rome until 1885 when he resigned and was appointed Secretary of Papal Briefs. He was appointed Prefect of the Propaganda in 1892 and held that office until his death in Rome on July 22, 1902.

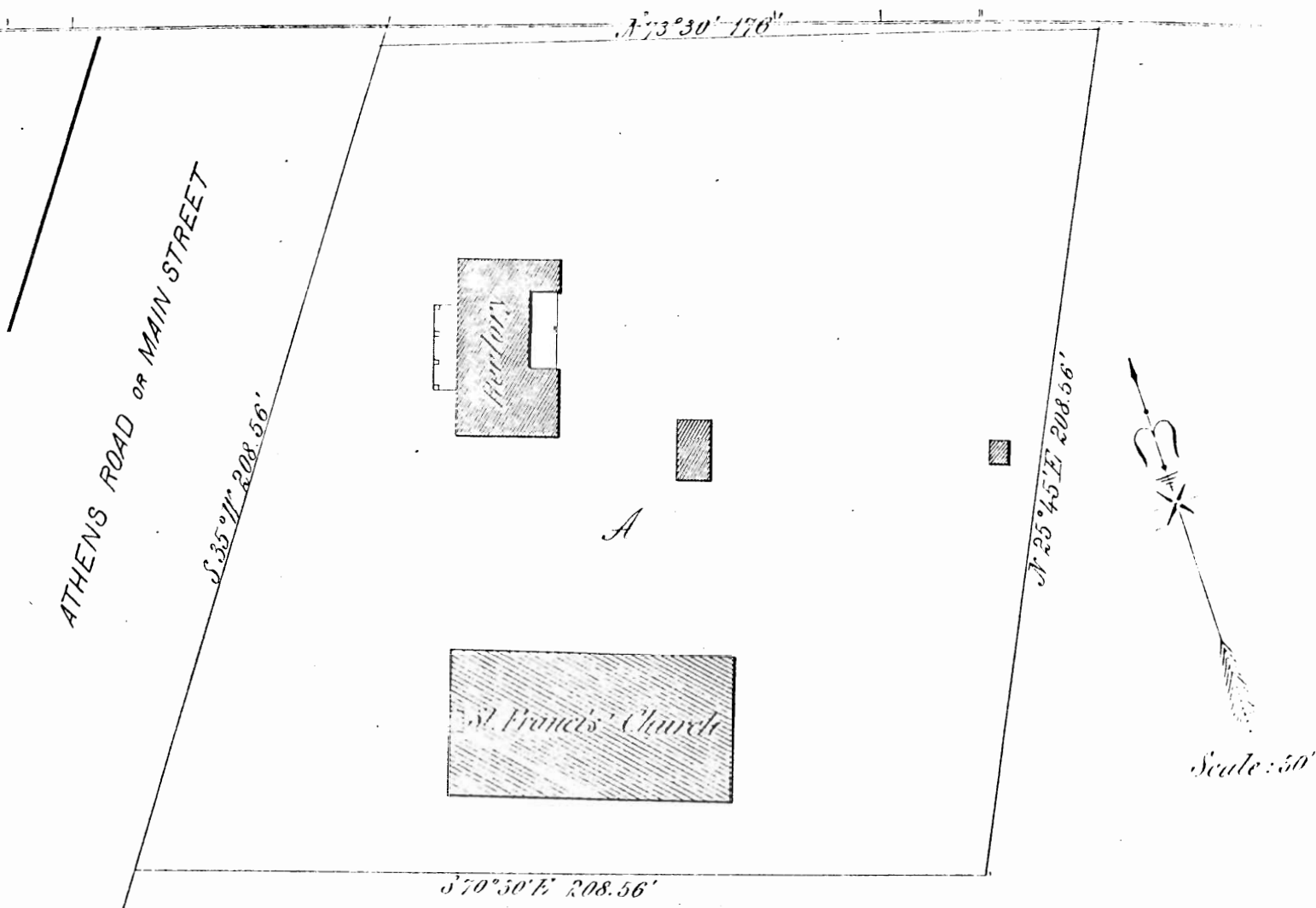
Cardinal Ledochowski's nephew, Wladimir Ledochowski (1866-1942), became General of the Jesuits in 1915. During his term the Society reached its greatest expansion. He died in Rome Dec. 13, 1942.

- (1) Courtesy of the Archives of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- (2) Translation by Monsignor Joseph Hakel.
- (3) Prepared by Monsignor Joseph Hakel.

PLAT OF THE CHAPEL HILL PROPERTY

Completing the history of the now defunct St. Francis Parish, Chpel Hill, Perry County, Ohio, as appeared in our former issues, is the Plat of the property taken from the Columbus Diocese Archives.

Chapel Hill history began as early as 1825. It was discontinued in 1889. The accompanying Plat drawing made in the 1880's.



Acquisitions and Gifts

Theodicy by Msgr. Paul J. Glenn, Ph.D., S.T.D., B. Herder Book Co., St. Louis, 1938. Gift of Monsignor Applegate.

Lancaster and Fairfield County, Ohio. George A. Kraemer, Publisher, 1901.

Centennial History of Lancaster, Ohio, and Lancaster People, 1898, by C.M.L. Wiseman, publisher. 1898.

Memorial booklet of the Catholic Church in Portsmouth, Ohio. Gift of George H. Walters.

The McDonalds of Somerset, Ohio, by Donald M. Schlegel. Privately published, Columbus, Ohio. 1977. Gift of the author.

Diamond Jubilee of the Diocese of Columbus, Supplement of the Columbus Register, Vol. 4, No. 18, April 30, 1943. Gift of Bishop Herrmann.

The Amalgamation, a History of the Union of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the United States of America, by Justine Sabourin, R.S.M. Abbey Press, St. Meinrad, Indiana, 1976. Gift of Bishop Herrmann.

A Reporter at the Papal Court, a Narrative of the Reign of Pope Pius XI by Thomas B. Morgan. Longmans, Green & CO., New York. 1938. Gift of Rev. Thomas E. Reynolds.

Y Bridge City, a Story of Zanesville and Muskingum County, Ohio, by Norris F. Schneider. The World Publishing Co., Cleveland. 1951. Gift of Father Robert Noon.

Timothy S. Hogan, Ohio's Crusading Attorney-General, 1911-1914, by Charles M. Hogan. Privately published, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1972. Gift of Dr. Thomas T. Vogel.

Atlas of Muskingum County, Ohio (Reprint), by F. W. Beers. Beer Soule & Co., New York, 1866. Gift of Norris Schneider.

History of Marion County, Ohio, and Representative Citizens, edited and compiled by J. Wilbur Jacoby, A.M., Marion, Ohio, 1907. The 1976 Bicentennial Edition. Reproduced under the sponsorship of the Marion County Historical Society. Anonymous gift.

Atlas of Marion County, Ohio (Reprint). Published by Harrison, Sutton & Hare, Philadelphia, 1878. Anonymous gift.

A History of Catholicity in Northern Ohio and in the Diocese of Cleveland. Biographical, Vol. II. By Michael W. Carr. Cleveland Press of J. B. Savage, 1903. Gift of Monsignor John Kleinschmidt.

Memorial of the Life of Maurice H. Donahue, assembled by William J. Faller. Columbus, Ohio, 1977. Gift of William J. Faller.

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark, Ohio, 1844-1977, by Msgr. William E. Kappes. Privately published, Newark, Ohio, 1977. Gift of the author.