

LETTERS OF FATHER NICHOLAS YOUNG, O.P.

(The second in a series of letters written by Father Nicholas Young, O.P., early missionary in the area of the Diocese of Columbus. Courtesy of the Archives, University of Notre Dame.)

St. Joseph's, Jany 1835

Rt. Revd Dr Bishop

Having a little Leisure (which the pressing duties of the season have for some time prevented) to consider with my Brother the proposition we sometime ago wish(?) to give up to you the Church in Canton upon certain conditions I embrace this day to lay them before you & to make the views of all there was to you, beging your concurrence respecting the erection of other churches now greatly needed in different congregations served by us. 1st You are aware that there are only 5 acres of land attached to the church of Canton that were given for the use of that church. All the other property in our name at Canton consisting of 4 or 5 acres with two small lots purchased by our late Provincial your Predecessor in the Episcopacy with the monies(?) he had received in expressly for the Order in this State. That property has cost us \$1000 or thereabouts. We propose giving you the Church and the ground belonging to it requiring nothing for that we have properly all the right and legal title we now hold and immediately calling our subjects from Canton. 2ndly if you wish to have the other property (as it is desirable it should belong to the Church there) we shall let you have all for what it cost us namely 1000\$ as it shall be ascertained to be more or less. If you shall think proper to decline taking this property we shall then dispose of it to any others who may be inclined to purchase it for its just value. F Fahey informs me that the people of Canton are very desirous to build a larger church the present one being much too small. It would be very desirable on that account that the clergyman who shall succeed him and F Allemann could be sent there in order to forward the business or that we come to an understanding as soon as possible on this subject.

2ndly It has now become necessary to build a larger church in Lancaster. As the present one was built by our exertions and by the will of your Predecessor belongs to the Order, we ask your permission to build a new church on the present lot or any other we can procure in Lancaster. If granted, the congregation shall be continued of course under our care, and if not we shall give it up with all our right to the Church and no longer consider it under our care.

3rdly We have a lot in Columbus a church there is wanting perhaps at this time in no place greater than at Columbus in the Diocese. With great exertions of a clergyman one might be erected in the course of this or next year. Mr. Martin who occasionally visits there with your approbation shall undertake it, provided he remains in Lancaster, this authority we also ask. 4thly We also ask permission to build a church at Taylorsville as the Taylors we hear have already commenced a subscription for the purpose. As we shall be at no expense for that

church or labours in its erection, we shall have the lot on which it may be built deeded to you.

4thly I again beg you to send a Clergyman to Mt. Vernon a zealous one there, I am confident would do immense good. The congregation of Sapps Settlement and those of Mt. Vernon would give one a very comfortable support, and both there and Danville good churches would soon be erected.

Be pleased Rt. Rev. Sir to give us a decision answer to the above as soon as it shall be convenient, our missions in future for this Diocese shall be regulated by your answer. It is necessary to have a clear understanding and not any longer grope in the dark. I wish to concentrate our members and that there be no cause of misunderstanding between any and the Bishop whome God has or may hereafter place over us in this or any other Diocese, we may give our labours. I trust that our views will be properly understood, and that the churches built and the congregations manly(?) exclusively served by us in this Diocese are sufficient to convince our respected Bishop that we are actuated in our exertions for the general good of the Diocese and the salvation of those souls committed to our care servantis privilegiis Regularium.

V Revd. Mr. Young
16th Jan
1835

A Roman Catholic is married to an unbaptized nonbeliever by a heretical minister. We have 2 or 3 such cases. Be pleased to say what we can do with the C party wishing to be reconciled, and grant any dispensation in your power. Beging your prayers and blessing

I am with great respect
Yours(?) N. D. Young

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18th March 1835

Rt Rev & Dr Bishop

I have received your favor of the 17 Feby in due time. I could not answer it before this, the importance of the subject requiring some consideration. After thanking you for the expressions of friendship for us & the holy Order of which we are unworthy members, I regret to say that our views on the general subject of your letter are entirely different, and that the sentiments you so candidly avow in the course you shall pursue in erecting of future churches in your Diocese, must inevitably force us to adopt a different mode from that we have hitherto been under in the building of churches since the formation of this Diocese.

We cannot therefore accept your offer regarding Columbus or Lancaster -- upon condition that you allow us to build churches in both these places in our name, we will give up the church and 5 acres of Canton mentioned in my last, & also the lot last purchased opposite the church, the rest of the property we shall dispose of for its just value. As much as we desire to see Congregations multiplied in the Diocese, we do not conceive that we should be justified in contributing our labours and means in the erection or establishment either by precedent or the regulation of any other Diocese, unless those be held by our body so long as we shall supply them with approved Pastors. The reference you make to N England, N York, as precedents to govern us here, I conceive no ways applicable. In those States there was no Religious body established, consequently it could not be expected that the Churches there should have deeded to a body not existing or having no agency on their action. I doubt, however, whether the

Churches in those States are generally in the name of the respective Bishops. I believe with but few exceptions they are held by Trustees -- would they not be more secure in the hands of a Religious Body? With regard to the other States Pa and Md, you refer me I must beg leave to inform you that two of the churches of Phila are held by a Religious body, & that there are several more throughout Penna & most important ones held by the Jesuits & the most of those not held in their name, are in the name of Trustees. As for Maryland, I am astonished you seem to know so little about the Churches there. I can inform you that there are but few churches in that State not in the name of the Jesuits, and that the remainder (not excepting the Cathedral of Baltimore) are generally in the hands of Trustees. Bp Flaget has stated correctly, that we possessed but one church in his Diocese, this however is no argument, our body there had enough to do in managing that church & the largest congregation in Ky & supplying this Diocese with the Missioners without desiring an extension in that State. The good Bps of Ky & mission(ers) of course will act as they may judge best, but I can tell them that Religion will not be the better provided for in their Dioceses by thus charging the Religious Orders. We are far from requiring of you then, what no where else exists in the U S, we asked your authority as we should do, to employ our labour & our limited means in erecting Churches in your Diocese on the same principles as has been done in other Dioceses as well as hitherto in this when founded by the united zeal &c of Religious. What may be said by your secular clergy, we know not, but I would say to them Ore for your Bishop, employ your labours & means in erecting Churches, you cannot expect the Religious in the Diocese to do so for you, we must all provide for ourselves holding in view the honor & glory of God. As for what Rome would say, we wud not be solicitous, provided Religion flourishes. I presume to say that the Holy See would not be curious to know much more regarding our churches.

I have been under the necessity of recalling F Fahy from Canton. I hope you will find some one to supply his place. I shall also soon recall F Allmann, he is entirely unfit for that place, indeed I would not have him there a day longer were it not for the present necessities. I find he has much injured by his weakness the reputation of F Fahy. The statement he gave you in a letter about his refusing to attend a sick call I assure you is a great misrepresentation and I beg you not to believe it. I hope it will be in your power to send one of the German Gentleman to Canton in a very short time. Mr. Allmann should not remain there a day longer than possible.

I Columbus above, but will now recall the conditions regarding that place, we really wish to have nothing to do with it & shall most willingly give you up the lot there in our name, only give us the liberty of building the Church of Lancaster on the above terms & we shall do as I have stated.

I would be glad of your decision respecting those cases mentioned in my last. Several of us have persons on hand that require immediate action. If you think proper to grant me the power of dispensation for all such cases of infidelity it would be saving us much trouble.

I do not know when it may be in my power to visit Cincinnati. Soon I shall be obliged to go to Kentucky, & if possible shall take Cinti on my way or on my return. I hope you will be able to provide for Sapp's. Our Missions here have become too extensive to place it in our power any longer to attend regularly that section of the Country.

The information you received regarding Mr McGrady is entirely incorrect, he has not been in Columbiana since his visit there with me last year, nor has he as

I know of, any communication with any one there, more than what his private business has called for.

Begging your blessing & praying for us all & that you may derive every benefit from the Retreat we are now engaged in

I am &c
N. D. Young, O.F.

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The Rt Revd Dr Purcell
Bishop of Cincinnati
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EARLY BAPTISM RECORDS OF ST. JOSEPH'S
SOMERSET, OHIO

1823 (cont.)

- Sept. 26: Austin Tearnan, of Richard Tearnan and Letia King. --Thos. Martin.
- Sept. 26: William McGahy and Patrick McGahy and Christiana Ruddy.
- Sept. 26: Thomas McGahy, of Patrick McGahy and Christiana Ruddy; sponsor, Edward Blackborne.
- Sept. 26: James McGahy, of Patrick McGahy and Christiana Ruddy; sponsor, Charles Lyons.
- Sept. 26: Margaret McGahy, of Patrick McGahy and Christiana Ruddy.
- Sept. 26: Lena(?) Guy, of William Guy and Mary Gates; sponsor, Philip Keenan.
- Sept. 28: Cecilia Lich, of Samuel and Mary; sponsors, Philip Flower and Ann Burgoons.
- Oct. 2: James Gates, of Allen Gates and Lilly Gates; sponsors, John Grey and Lillian Gates.
- Oct. 2: George Gates, of Allen Gates and Lilly Gates; sponsor, Sally Barker.
- Oct. 2: William Guy, of John Guy and Eiliana Gates; sponsor, William Gates.
- Oct. 2: Nancy Connor, of Peter Connor and Elizabeth Rubuck; sponsor, Lillian Gates.
- Oct. 2: William Connor, of Peter Connor and Elizabeth Rubuck.
- Oct. 2: Martha Connor, of Peter Connor and Elizabeth Rubuck.
- Oct. 2: Eliza Lantern, of George Lantern and Mary Shipton; sponsor, Anna Mullin.
- Oct. 8: James Blacker(s), of Luke Blacker(s) and Rebecca Aulban; sponsor, Joseph Myres.
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- Oct. 11: Richard Burke, of Paul Burke and Margaret Dognerty.
- Oct. 11: George Burke, of Paul Burke and Margaret Dognerty.
- Oct. 20: Rose Cull, of James and Catherine; sponsors, Patrick Nugent and Mary Nugent.
- Oct. 20: Leander Edward Hodges, of Joseph and Rachel; sponsors, Henry and Sarah Dittoe.

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- Jan. 13: Henry Scribner.
- Jan. 14: Floria Ann Shipton, wife of James Shipton.
- Jan. 22: James, of George Doherty (Rush Creek) and Rosa Hardy; sponsors, John Redmond and Frances McGahan.

1824 (cont.)

- Jan. 23: John Chrysostom of John Good and Elizabeth -----; sponsors, Jacob Smith and Mary Eliza Cartegan. -- Th. Martin.
- Feb. -- Mary McDonnell, of Patrick and Frances; sponsors, James Johnson and wife.
- Feb. 8: Mary Joel Dean, of James and Anne; sponsors, Jac. Dean and Elizabeth Fincke. Oct. 31, 1823.
- Mar. 17: John Patton, of Thomas Patton and Mary McGrady; sponsor, Cornelius William McCaferty.
- Mar. 17: Patrick Nugent, of Patrick and Mary.
- Mar. 22: Elenor Ann Garathy, of Michael Garathy and Sarah Balder(?); sponsor, Mary Boyle. -- Thomas Martin.
- Apr. 19: Catherine Largy, of Patrick Largy and Jane Saccidy; sponsors, William Hamilton and Catherine Martin.
- Apr. 19: William E. Henry Cody, of Thomas and Anne; sponsors, Thomas McGuire and Mary Cassidy (Casley?).
- Apr. 26: Mary Anne Dean, of James and Elizabeth; sponsors, Matth. Dean and Catherine Dean. b. 5 April 1821.
- June -- Elizabeth Rumbord, of George and Elizabeth; sponsors, Henry Dittoe and Mary Shipton. b. Feb.
- June -- Mary Ann Armstrong, of John and Prudentia; sponsors, Joseph and Elizabeth Flowers. b. 11 Dec.
- Aug. 1: John Dempsey, of William and Mary; sponsors, Levi Burgoon and Ann Lilly.
- Aug. 3: John Hynes, of Thomas and Joanne(Anne); sponsor, Felix McDonnel. Adult, 7 May 1800.
- Aug. 15: Mary Ann Newcomer, of Jacob Newcomer and Mary Black(?); sponsors, Edward Keenan and Sarah McKenne(?).
- Aug. 15: Sarah Clark, of Alexander Clark and Mary -----; sponsors, Rex(?) McDonald and Rose McDonald.
- Aug. 29: John Metsinger, of Michael and Apolonia; sponsors, Joseph Fincke and wife. b. 30 July 1824.
- Sept. 4: Rachael Kean, of John and Nancy; sponsor, Diametri. b. L Aug. 1823.
- Sept. 5: Sarah, of John Murphy, -----; sponsors, Edward Blackburn and Polly Mullin. (Near West Union at Mable farm)
- Sept. 5: William, of John Murphy, -----; sponsors, John Ryan and Peggy McGlahy. ----- William Bloombough. Sponsors(?) James Barry and Mary Golden.
- Sept. 12: Mary and Ann Gates, at West Union.
- Sept. 2-: Daniel McChrystall, of ----- McChrystall and Mary Martin; sponsors, James Grace and Elizabeth Bringarner.
- Oct. 8: Caroline Bardeen.
- Oct. -- Anthony Bardeen.
- Oct. 10: Rosanna Cahoe, of James Cahoe and Susanna Burgoon; sponsors, Mathias ----- and Mary E. Myres.
- Oct. 10: Bart Longstreet, York township, Morgan County.
- Oct. 10: Francis, of Charles Borgoin and Mary Guisen; sponsors, Morgan O'Leary and Jane Graham.
- Oct. 10: Mary Helena, of Michael Bradoc and Sarah Graham; sponsors, Morgan O'Leary and Jane Graham.
- Oct. 24: Joseph I. Dittoe, of John Dittoe and Lucretia Wilson; sponsors, Joseph Dittoe and Eleanor Grimm. -- F. T. Martin.
- Oct. 24: Catherine Smith, of Joseph Smith and Catherine -----; sponsors, Thomas McKanan and Sarah Small. -- F. T. Martin.
- Oct. 24: Wulliam, of Pat--- and Mary Ward; sponsors, Denis McGonagle and Grace Collins. At Rush Creek, Jackson township, Perry County.

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- Nov. 4: James Horahan, of Thomas Horahan and Mary Garvey; sponsors, James McChristal and Margaret Griffith.
- Nov. 7: George E. Pagett, of Gabriel and Elizabeth.
- Nov. 17: Gabriel Pagett, adult.
- Nov. 22: Mary McGravy, of James McGravy and Elizabeth Carroll; sponsors, John McMahon and Mrs. McDermott.
- Nov. 28: James Kelly, of Daniel and -----.
- Nov. 28: Elizabeth Kearney, of John and Rosa; sponsors, Felix Cull and Wife.
- Nov. 29: Edward Crossins, of Samuel and Margaret; sponsors, Cornelius Griffin and Brigitta Redmond. -- Thos. Martin.
- Dec. 12: John Bradley, of Patrick and Mary; sponsors, William McCarthy and Mary Daugherthey. -- Tho Martin Sacerdos.

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- Jan. 1: John, of Bernard Grimes and Mary Grimes; sponsors, William Patridge and Susanna Cassily.

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- Jan. 23: James E. Fink, of John and Elizabeth Ward; sponsors, James Johnson and Mrs. Johnson. -- T. Martin.
- Feb. 6: Mary Ann Elder, of Charles Elder and Elizabeth Lynch; sponsors, James Elder and Jane Lynch. -- R. Tho Martin.
- Feb. 7: Bridget Galagher, of Patrick Galagher and Roseanna McEnteri; sponsors, John Jordan and Bridget Jordan.
- Feb. 13: Ignatius, of Levi Burgoon and Ann Lilly; sponsors, Joseph Fincke and Lucy Hughes.
- Feb. 24: Philip Forker, of William Forker and Roseanna Dugan; sponsors, Michael Forker and Catherine McGeehan. -- Tho Martin.
- Feb. 24: Mary E. Major, of Peter Major and Catherine McGow; sponsors, John McGow and Anastasia Grace. -- Thos Martin.
- Feb. 24: Ann, of Barnabas Donoly and Elizabeth Haslet; sponsors, ----- Keating and -----.
- Feb. 27: Francis Stephen McKeanny, of Michael and Mary; sponsors, John Ward and Catherine Ward.
- Mar. 13: Elizabeth Agnes Fincke, of Anthony and Mary; sponsors, Adam Fincke and Hanna Fincke.
- Mar. 13: John Christostom Keagen, of John and Mary; sponsors, John Fincke and Barbara Dittoe.
- Mar. 20: Mathias Buchanan, of John and Mary Dampton; sponsors, Joseph Hedge and Richard Dittoe.
- Apr. 3: Thomas Dean, of Samuel and Mary Marchusler(?); sponsor, Covey Dean.
- Apr. 3: Easter Sunday. Thomas Carr, of John and Eleanor Beard; sponsors, James Carr and Mary Tully(?). -- Thos Martin.
- Apr. 3: Anna McGager, of James and Frances; sponsors, James McKentzer and Anna Connely.
- Apr. 6: Mary Flowers, 6 years, of Thomas and Mary; sponsors, Thomas Marcentire and Bridget Marcentire.
- Apr. 6: Martin Shits, 4 years, of -----; sponsor, John Stines.
- Apr. 6: John Flowers, 5 years, of Thomas and Mary; sponsors, John Stines, son, and Anastasia Marcentire.
- Apr. 6: Sarah Ann Flowers, infant, of Thomas and Mary; sponsors, John Stines, son, and Elizabeth Stines.

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- Apr. 6: Mary Jane Smith, of Patrick and Mary; sponsors, Patrick Nugent and Mary Martin.
- Apr. 24: (See also Feb. 24) Anna Donoly, of Barnabas and Elizabeth; sponsors, Patrick Nugent and Mary Martin.
- May 15: James McGarger, infant, of William and Ann; sponsors, James McDonnell and Sarah McFagen.
- May 21: John McGown, infant, of Jesse and Mary; sponsors, John Finck and Elizabeth Fink.
- May 21: Isabella Franc. Johnsons, infant, of James and Frances; sponsors, Patrick McDonnell and Franc. Finck.
- May 29: Samuel John Danhoer, infant, of Stephen and Mary; sponsors, John Erholster and Helen Erh.
- June 12: George Hunter, of -----; sponsors, Anthony Finck and Mary Finck.
- June 12: Catherine Hunter, of -----; sponsors, Francis McCristal and Mary Griffins.
- June 12: Mary Hunter, of -----; sponsors, Old Mr. Finck and Old Mrs. Finck.
- June 12: Joseph Augustine Hunter, of -----; sponsors, Adam Finck and ---- McKew(?).
- June 12: Cyril McKensey, of Caleb and Margaret Magis; sponsors, Raphel Logen and Catherine McKensey.
- June 12: Elenora Porter, of Thomas and Mary; sponsors, Caleb McKensey and Margaret Magis. - T. M.
- June 13: Richard S. Derbin, of Daniel and Ann Hardin; sponsors, Benjamin and Mary Wadke(?). -- T. Martin.
- June 13: Aron McKinsey, of Samuel and Henrietta McKinsey; sponsors, Aron McKinsey and Ann Logan.
- Rachel Logen(?), of John and Elizabeth McKinset; sponsors, Gabriel McKinsey and Ann Logen(?).
- Margaret A. McCaw (or McCue?), of Patrick and Mary Carrigan; sponsors, John McCaw and Mary Boyle.
- John Bowes, of Peter and Sarah Wheeler; sponsors, Paul Bowes and Sarah Clandler.
- Elenora Woolfe, of Samuel and Mary Downey; sponsors, William Downey and Margaret Downey.
- Anastasia McClinchey, of John and Margaret Downey; sponsors, Joseph Carr and Ann Downey.
- June 15: Ruth A. Lynch, of Patrick and Patience Thrux(?): sponsor, Catheindre Long.
- Lucy A. Thrux, of Michael and Catherine Concklin; sponsors, Patrick Lynch and Anna Thurx.
- Michael Downey, of James and Mary Beall; sponsors, Michael Downey and Mary Reed.
- Sarah Kelly, of James and Mary Gordon; sponsors, Daniel Dougherty and Sarah McKenny.
- Anthony Daugherty, of Daniel and Mary McKenny; sponsors, Andrew Ryan and Sarah Cald-----.
- Margaret Maguire, of James and Margaret Starrs; sponsors, Hugh Byrne and Sarah.
- June 19: Felix Andrew McDonnell, of Philip and Bridgit; sponsors, Felix McDonnell and Elizabeth McDonnell.
- June 27: Hugh Gallagher, of Edward and Mary Beall; sponsors, Michael Gallagher and Margaret Beall.
- Samuel Jones, of Samuel and Catherine Coomoe(?); sponsor, James Jones.

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- Samuel Jones, of John Jones and Hanna Hyott; sponsor, James Jones.
- Elizabeth Porter, of James and Elizabeth Kail; sponsors, Daniel Arnold and Christian Plum.
- Christina Arnold, of Daniel and Christina Plum; sponsors, William Jones and Margaret Plum.
- Mary S. Conway, of John and Rachel Jones; sponsor, Richard Jones.
- Mary A. Gepple, of Thomas and Margaret McCleary; sponsors, John Patton and Phoebe Patton.
- John McCue, of Philip and Mary Carr; sponsors, Peter Gallagher and Catherine Gallagher.
- July 5: Ann Prout, of Joseph and Mary A. Hufler; sponsors, Anthony Saunders and Mary (?) Ouster.
- July 7: Ambrose Whepple, of John and Catherine Carroll; sponsors, Adam Shorb and Elizabeth Shorb.
- July 8: Catherine Cculter, of Joseph and Catherine Peri; sponsors, Martin Zimmerm and Catherine Crammer.
- July 9: Lucinda DeLong, of Joseph and Elizabeth, sponsor, M. Anna Freil.
- July 10: Elizabeth Birchfield, of Frederick and Sarah Ruffington, sponsors, Michael Null and E. Shors.
- July 10: Sarah J. Gillon, of William and Mary Margaret; sponsors, Adam Shorb and Mary Shorb.
- July 10: Mark Byrne, of Patrick and Sarah Creswell; sponsors, Richard Moffett and Margaret Glasser.
- July 10: Jeremiah Adams, of John and Elizabeth Fink; sponsors, John Baker and Apolonia Adams.
- July 10: John Hensler, of John and Catherine Adams; sponsor, Apolonia Adams.
- July 10: Eliza Hensler, of John and Catherine Adams; sponsors, John Adams and Elizabeth Fink.
- Edward Fogarty, of James and Julia Conuglin; sponsors, Patrick Coffee and Margaret Kelly.
- Hanna McCarthy, of Eugene and Mary Loney; sponsors, William Warrer and Honora Daley.
- Mary McMullin, of Archibald and Bridget Fitzpatrick; sponsors, John McGraw and Elizabeth Fink.
- Thomas Piffin, of Thomas and Sarah Vaughen; sponsors, Hugh Divinni and Mary Deviani.
- Julia O'Hara, of Patrick and Susanna Dempsey; sponsors, Charles Daugherty and Susanna Daugherty.
- July 11: Martin E. Loomis, of E---- and Cecilia Thompson; sponsors, William Vespyt and -----.
- July 31: David Brocknort, of Henry and Nancy; sponsors, John Kinka and Elizabeth Kinka.
- Aug. 1: John Grogg(?), of Peter and Bridget McGovern; sponsor, Peter Casick.
- Aug. 1: Margaret McCue, of Peter and Catherine To--kild.
- Joseph Creton, of James Creton and Bridget Hughes; sponsors, James Sherlock and Frances Collin.
- Nicora Temple, of William and Bridget Egan; sponsors, James Creton and Bridget Hughes.
- Aug. 4: Levi Dean, of Massomi and Mary Brooker; sponsors, Levi Burgoon and Catherine Higgins.
- David Dean, of Massomi and Mary Brooker; sponsors, William Grider and Domina Grider.

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