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INTRODUCTION

As we, as a parish community, note and celebrate this our Jubilee year, it is good for us to reflect upon the years that have gone by. We, the Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish, find ourselves in two classes - those who were born and reared in this locality and those who sometime during their lifetime have come to share with us what is our heritage.

Since we are all "youngsters" in comparison to our Parish we believe its history, its accomplishments and its influence makes all of us proud and happy to be here. We find in its history a flourishing - vibrant and vigorous Catholic Community. A Catholic Community and Parish which many hardships and difficulties tested and threatened - but which survived and rose to greater heights.

Our pride is solely in the good that Our Heavenly God and Holy Patron have wrought here in our midst. May we be ever so thankful for our heritage and that we are so favored to be part of St. Patrick's Parish.

This story of Our Parish is written that all may be as proud of St. Patrick Parish as we are.

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THE FOUNDING OF OUR PARISH

Beginning about 400 years ago the New World was to offer a sanctuary of freedom and refuge for those who had suffered religious persecution or restraint in their home land. The early colonies along the East Coast, or the Atlantic Coast line, were really havens of Religious Liberty. Most colonies were of very definite religious persuasion and many became intolerant towards others. The only Roman Catholic settlement was in Maryland, as established by Lord Baltimore. Eventually the city of Baltimore became the seat of Catholicism and all organized missionary endeavor depended upon it and its FIRST BISHOP, BISHOP CARROLL.

Individual missionaries, especially the French Jesuits, had accompanied many of the explorers to this new continent. Eventually Ohio became a converging point of missionary endeavor. French missionaries came from Canada down through Michigan; others came along the Ohio River. From the east the Dominican Priests came from Baltimore through Bardstown KY. All three groups touched ground here in our locality. A Jesuit Priest by the name of Father Hill was the first one recorded to have Mass in this district as early as 1817,

1.) at what became St. Martin's Church

2.) at what we know today as Chasetown.

The first permanent church in Ohio was founded in 1818 at Somerset, Ohio. This was in answer to a persistent request of Catholics in that district who petitioned Bishop Carroll for a Priest. This request was granted, Bishop Carroll himself visited the district and in 1810, Father Fenwick, a Dominican missionary, was sent to Somerset where eventually the Parish was given full status in 1818. Father Fenwick was appointed Bishop of the whole Ohio territory in 1821, with head quarters in Cincinnati. There were two regular missionary endeavors into our district from Somerset and Lancaster. Dominican Priests came; others came from Cincinnati. Periodically Mass was offered in this locality by either Father Hill S.J., or Father Mullen, an assistant to Bishop Fenwick in Cincinnati. Bishop Fenwick himself, about 1830, assisted at the marriage of Richard Holden and Agnes Bamber, at the Bamber home in Chasetown. This log cabin church which became the seat of worship in this locality, was on what is now Walter Rosselot's farm on St. Rt. 131.

A local resident, John O'Connor, had a one room school house in the vicinity of Glady Rd. which is off of Fayetteville-Blanchester Rd. This was on his property and he himself was the teacher. Priests came from either Lancaster or Chillicothe to offer Mass at the invitation of Mr. O'Connor.

In 1831 Father Martin Kundig settled in St. Martin where a log church was built. So at that time, 1830's, there were 3 places in this locality where Catholics worshiped:

- 1.) The Bamber Church in Chasetown
- 2.) The O'Connor School House
- 3.) St. Martin's

Difficulties were present with all three arrangements. St. Martin's became the Diocesan Seminary in 1832. There was no regularity of services at the O'Connor School. The church on the Bamber property was dependent upon priests coming from Cincinnati.

The story is that Bishop Purcell himself rode through this entire locality and decided on this spot as the central point and that the permanent church should be here. St. Martin's Church would be used exclusively for the Seminary. The O'Connor School Church would close and the Bamber property, the 100 acres which had been given, would revert back to the family. Father Martin Kundig was given the task of organizing this parish. Cornelius McGrority gave the ground for the church and Peter O'Connor gave the ground for a parish cemetery. So on August 24, 1837 Bishop Purcell assisted by Father Kundig laid the cornerstone and officially constituted St. Patrick's Parish. The building program was started under the direction of the priests from the Seminary, as they resided in this parish. It took 4 years to build the church (70x46). It was solemnly dedicated by Bishop Purcell, Oct. 3, 1841. He was assisted by 10 priests and the students of the Diocesan Seminary. This was a great pageant, a lavish celebration.

For many reasons the Seminary did not prosper in St. Martin. In 1845 the Ursuline Sisters came to St. Martin. They established their residence and the small church which had been the Seminary Chapel was to serve as their chapel. The people of the locality were to attend services at St. Patrick, which incidentally most did not, but attended the sister's chapel. This kept St. Martin's Parish alive, so eventually in 1866 their present church was built on ground leased for the Ursuline Sisters.

With the close of the Seminary in 1845 some of the priests remained in this locality. Father Butler, its superior, became the first resident pastor at St. Patrick. Rooms for this purpose had been built at the rear of the church. Two other priests who had come from France stayed at the Convent and took care of the French speaking people for whom Holy Ghost Parish was eventually established in 1858.

Twenty years before in 1837 the Bishop sought to solidify the various places of worship; O'Connor School House, the Bamber Property, and St. Martin's into St. Patrick Parish. Now St. Martin's revived, Holy Ghost Parish was established as was St. Mary in Hillsboro and St. Benignus in Greenfield in 1853.

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 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Roth

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 Mrs. Genevieve Ryan
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 Mr. & Mrs. Louis Salzer
 Mrs. Dorothy Savage
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 Mrs. Blanche Graham
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Griffith
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 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Harig
 Mrs. Mary Hornschemeir
 Mrs. Bessie Houk
 Mr. Elmer Houk
 Mrs. Norma Houk
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 Mrs. Hilda Hick
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 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hutchens
 Mr. & Mrs. James Haley
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 Miss. Rose Januari
 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Johnson
 Mrs. Zita Johnson
 Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson
 Mr. Maurice Johnson
 Mr. & Mrs. Louis Johnson
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Johnson
 Mr. & Mrs. William Jordan
 Mrs. Ida Kable
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 Miss. Marie Luscek
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 Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. McCafferty
 Mr. Frank McCarthy
 Mr. Lawrence McCarthy
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 Mrs. Emmaline McMullen
 Mrs. Viola McMullen
 Mr. & Mrs. James McMullen
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Meyer

Within less than 30 years, 1831 until 1861, the church in our locality really flourished. Growth that we shall speak of in another section.

ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMY

After its auspicious beginning as a well established parish, with its new beautiful and functional church in Oct. 1841, the priests in charge, who lived at the Seminary, were conscious of its growth and needs. In 1843 a suggestion and a request was made to the Bishop to establish a parish school. For whatever reasons, nothing was done and no school was opened. Emigrants came from England, France, Germany and Ireland and the parish continued to grow. Our complete parish records, that is our baptismal registry, records this growth only from the year 1851.

Now let's set the picture, St. Patrick's Parish Church was right on this spot. Technically it included all of Brown, Highland, Clinton, and Clermont Counties. At that time St. Martin's was dormant as a parish, shall we say "in Limbo". So this was the center of Catholicism and worship. During the years 1851, 52, and 53 there were 200 baptisms administered here. In 1853 there were 105 baptisms. It was then that St. Mary's in Hillsboro was established. So from then on the number declined to approximately 60 a year.

At the time the children of this parish were of the families here in the village and in all of the outlying districts. There were no school buses, no automobiles, so most schools were within walking distance of what we might call a neighborhood or cluster of homes. In 1880 there were 14 small local 1-2-or 3 classroom schools in the Fayetteville district. There would be grave difficulties in establishing and maintaining a parish school.

A parishioner, Michael Dillmore, gave to the parish a spot of land on which there was a sizable building. Father Cornelius Daly, the pastor, contacted and invited the Sisters of Charity, in Cincinnati, to come to Fayetteville to establish and to run a parish school. The spot was here on Rt. 50 just opposite our cemetery. The original building would serve as a classroom, an additional building was built to serve as Convent and boarding facilities. So in Sept. 1860, St. Patrick's Academy and Boarding School opened. It was a day school for those who could come each day. It was a boarding school for those who would come on Monday morning and stay until Friday. It was for boys and girls ages 5-14.

A financial arrangement was made. The total property was conveyed and deeded to the Sisters of Charity in exchange for the education of the parish children. The Sisters took charge, advertised it, and had students come even

from Cincinnati. The Brown County History has this report of 1876, "St. Patrick's Academy in Fayetteville, an institution conducted by the Sisters of Charity. The school is in flourishing condition and the terms are exceedingly moderate. Board, tuition, bedding, washing, and mending, per session of ten months - \$125.00."

We have no record of the number in attendance but from the reports in the Cincinnati paper it must have been popular and it out grew its capacity.

In 1877 Father John Bove succeeded Father Daly as Pastor, he immediately made some changes. It was to remain a day school for both boys and girls but only boys were to be boarders. The girls who had been boarders, even weekly boarders, were told to enroll at St. Ursuline Academy in St. Martins.

The school was bursting its seams and needed expansion. In 1880 the parish bought property on the Fayetteville-Georgetown Pike, 10 acres with a large house there on, which had been the home of John Boyle (who incidentally had been the contractor for the locks of Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan). Again, suitable financial arrangements were made with the Sisters of Charity. This total property was deeded over to the Sisters for the guaranteeing of schooling for the parish children. The Sisters moved their residence house from the original property on Route 50 and then sold that property. The provisions remained the same, boys and girls day students, boys boarders.

Each year a Christmas Festival or "Fair" was held here in town, from Christmas to New Years Day with dinners, dances, and card parties. Each year this Fair cleared over \$1,000.00 (not much today but it was a great amount in 1880).

This school known as St. Patrick's Academy continue to prosper and to grow, this became its downfall. In 1891 a split came between the parish and the Sisters of Charity. At that time the Sisters of Charity had opened a boarding school for girls in Cincinnati "St. Vincent Academy".

They wished to transfer all boarders to that school and maintain St. Patrick's merely as a day school for boys and girls. This caused a great rift between the parties concerned, a rift which was never healed. The final solution was, all boarder girls went to Cincinnati, the younger boys ages 3-10 also went to Cincinnati into what was a new boarding school "St. Aloysius Academy". All day students remained here with boys ages 10-14 who were the only boarders of the school. From then on things were never the same as far as the parish was concerned.

Additional buildings were built (this is the site of the present High School) and with a revamped program the school was reopened in 1906 as St. Aloysius Academy. It was a boarding school for boys and a day school for

OUR PARISHIONERS

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 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Attinger
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Attinger
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 Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Aubry
 Mr. & Mrs. Lester Bangs
 Mr. Clarence Barber
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Barber
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Barber
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Barber
 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Barber
 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Barber
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Barber
 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Barber
 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Barker
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Barry
 Mr. & Mrs. Louis Becker
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 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Burwinkel
 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Burwinkel
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 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Call
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Campbell
 Mrs. Dorothy Carlier
 Miss. Jean Carlier
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 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Carlier
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 Mrs. Virginia Dietrich
 Mrs. Roy Dieninger
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 Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Erwin
 Mrs. Henry Evans
 Mr. & Mrs. John Evans
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Evans
 Miss. Louise Evans
 Mr. Paul Evans

Priests Ordained From Our Parish

Rev. Nicholas Kelly	- ordained - 12/18/1886
	- died - 7/23/1910
Rev. Adolph Sourd	- ordained - 12/24/1882
	- died - 10/7/1916
Rev. Raphael Sourd	- ordained - 5/7/1922
	- died - 7/15/1981
Monsignor Ferdiand Evans	- ordained 5/26/1934
Rev. George Berwanger	- ordained 5/26/1934
Rev. Eugene Gallagher	- ordained 6/7/1941
Rev. Francis Fritz	- ordained 2/24/1945
Rev. James O'Connor	- ordained 8/22/1954
<u>Brother</u> - Brother Francis Evans	- professed - /1935

We are proud of those who so answered the call of the Lord and committed themselves to the service of the church.

In the past our parish has given of itself as "Laborers of the Vineyard", pray now that the Harvest Master may send more laborers into his Vineyard.

CUR PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the Savior of the world.
Please manifest in Your Church
the Spirit whom You so abundantly
bestowed on Your apostles.
Call very many to Your priesthood
and your religious life.

May zeal for Your glory
and for the salvation of the world
in flame those You have chosen.

May they be saints in Your likeness.
May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them
May they be priests and religious
according to Your own heart!

local boys and girls. When the parish was told in 1913 to operate its own school for day school students, Father James Fogarty rented the upper floor of "The Town Building" (now Kiley's Market) and set up four class rooms. For many reasons this arrangement was not satisfactory. So a more permanent solution was sought. Some local boys stayed as boarders at the Academy which now had become a Military School for boys, no girls and no day students. In 1914 the parish bought another building "Jackie Moore's Tavern & Hotel" and converted it into a daily grade school for both boys and girls. Sisters came from the Academy each day to teach in the parish school. The great depression and financial problems forced the parish to give up their educational program in 1931. St. Aloysius Academy continued to prosper but closed in 1953.

Probably no one now knows the causes of the rifts between the parish Priests and the Sisters of Charity, but whatever it was, it eventually totally destroyed St. Patrick's Academy. It was really regrettable, for it could have continued to be a glorious page in the history of a parish and a great advantage to our local community.

OUR DAUGHTER PARISHES

Father Martin Kundig, a traveling missionary, had settled in St. Martins in 1831. Six years later he was given the charge of establishing the new parish in Fayetteville, St. Patrick. As a resident pastor, his missionary spirit and zeal was stifled. Cif he went to Northern Ohio and Michigan where he gained renown as the Apostle of Michigan. After 40 more years as a missionary he died in 1879. With his departure the care and administration of St. Patrick's parish was under the direction of the priests faculty of our Diocesan Seminary at St. Martin, Ohio. (Mt. St. Mary's of the West.) When the Seminary closed in 1845, Father Thomas Butler, the Rector became the first resident pastor of St. Patrick's, which at that time served the Catholics in Brown, Clinton, Highland, and Clermont Counties.

St. Patrick's parish flourished during the Pastorate of Father Corneleus Daly (1850-1875). In 1853 a newly ordained priest came to St. Patrick's as an assistant to Father Daly - Father John B. O'Donohue. While stationed at St. Patrick's, Father O'Donohue gave a great deal of his zeal, energy, and time to those who reside far from the village.

There were three O'Donohue brothers, Michael, James, and John. They came from Ireland and were ordained priests here in Cincinnati: John in 1853, James in 1855, and Michael in 1860. After his ordination in 1853, John while stationed here at St. Patrick's engaged in great missionary work. His brothers

followed him and eventually they took over, served and died in the parishes he founded.

Not only was Father O'Donahue Irish by birth, but his roots were here in St. Patrick's. Not only did he have great love for the Lord himself, but the catalogue of Irish Saints must have captivated his heart. This we shall shortly see, when we speak of the names he gave to the Parishes he founded.

Father John B. O'Donohue was born in Ireland in 1823. He was ordained here in Cincinnati in 1853 and assigned as his first appointment to the St. Patrick Parish here in Fayetteville, which at that time was a "Getto of Irish". After a very active, zealous, and apostolic priestly life he died at the age of 59 on November 10, 1882 in Wilmington, Ohio.

To appreciate and to possibly understand the extent, the scope and the hardship of his activity, we must remember the dates - 1853-1882. In those days transportation was itself a hardship. It was by saddle or by carriage and 20 miles at most was the distance covered a day. Through what is now Clermont and Brown counties, there were two main roads, one here at Route 50, the other through Wilmington, Route 22, from Cincinnati. The daily overnight stops were Milford, Fayetteville, Hillsboro, then Chillicothe out in our direction. The other way, Route 22, was Twenty-Mile Stand (which is now approximately Landen), Wilmington, then Washington Court House.

From here Father O'Donohue started out. He lived here at St. Patrick's from 1853 to 1857. First he went to Hillsboro, where he established St. Mary Parish in 1853. Then the other direction to Milford. From Hillsboro he went to Greenfield, to Wilmington and to Washington Court House and in each town established a permanent parish, and gave to most of them an Irish Saint as their Patron:

- 1853 - St. Mary Parish..... Hillsboro
- 1856 - St. Benignus.....Greenfield
- 1866 - St. Coleman..... Washington Court House
- 1869 - St. Columbkille..... Wilmington

Then--

- 1853 - St. Andrew.....Milford
- 1859 - St. Columban.....Loveland
- 1859 - St. Malachy..... Morrow

As he slowed down in his travels and missionary work he settled down as the pastor of St. Malachy in Morrow and St. Columbkille in Wilmington where he died in 1882. His brother Michael succeeded him in Wilmington where he was Pastor from 1882-1906, he came from Hillsboro where he had been from 1861-1882.

Novices the "Vocation Crisis" took its toll. Their ranks were depleted. The Novitiate closed. The lack of adequate medical care, the distance from town, and the lack of teaching opportunities forced the decision to forsake this location. While here they made their presence felt as they were active in all parish affairs, parish choir, CCD Teachers, and Senior Citizen groups. Their departure put an end to the occupancy of property and building which had housed Religious communities for almost a century (the present High School property.)

OUR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

The seed of a Religious Vocation is implanted by Almighty God, it is fostered, nourished, and cultivated by many natural circumstances: a fervent and vibrant faith of the community, a local religious atmosphere, the encouragement and good example from home life and parents, and the influence of the local parish and religion.

Here in our parish, "The Lord, the sower of the seed, went out into the field." Many of our young people responded and accepted the invitation of Christ "Come, follow me". We are proud of and so thankful to all those who made that life commitment as Sisters, Brothers, and Priests.

SISTERS FROM OUR PARISH

- Sister Dolorita - Mary Evans
- Sister Redempta - Ellen Coogan
- Sister Germanus - Nellie Cushing
- Sister Honora - Nora Maher
- Sister Clarita - Clara Seymour
- Sister Francella - Clara Mezger
- Sister Ephriam - Mary Love
- Sister Rosanna - Mary Barker
- Sister Margaret Mary - Mae Johnson
- Sister Jerome - Grace Johnson
- Sister Lucinda - Rita Johnson
- Sister Mary David - Carmen Johnson
- Sister Mary Mark - Jeanette Johnson
- Sister Ellen - Margaret Newkirk
- Sister Emanuella - Florence Ferry
- Sister Jeane D'Arc - Josephine Evans

THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY

The Sisters of Charity came to Fayetteville in 1860. Since that time, here in our midst, they were the teachers and administrators of St. Patrick's Academy 1860 to 1906, St. Aloysius Academy 1906 to 1954, and St. Patrick's Parish School 1913 to 1931. Their influence was matched only by their presence. For over 70 years they dedicated themselves and their work to the children of this parish. We happily admit and credit them with planting and cultivating the seed of Faith in what was to become an outstanding Catholic community. Their presence in sums of years of service, is second only to that of the Parish Priest.

THE URSULINE SISTERS

The Ursuline Sisters came to our locality in June 1845, and within a few months (October 1845) they opened a boarding school for girls, which for over 125 years was to be known as "St. Ursula Academy".

Their immediate influence upon our parish was due to their personal contact as teachers in the Fayetteville Public School. Their presence there as Religious Teachers, Counselors, greatly influenced generations of our youth. From 1960 on they gave themselves, their time, and talents to our parish CCD Programs.

Our parish has been and is now so grateful for all they have done for our Faith, our parish, and our children.

GLENMARY SISTERS

In 1960 the Glenmary Sisters acquired the "St. Aloysius Academy Property" from the Sisters of Charity. Our town immediately and whole heartedly took them to its heart, and hours and days of volunteer work, renovated, and readied their building. A Convent and Novitiate School opened and the Sisters took great interest in our parish and its programs. The total property was too much for the Sisters to handle, so after a few years the property was sold to the "Poor Brothers of St. Francis".

FRANCISCAN BROTHERS

The Franciscan Brothers (The Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis) had come to the Cincinnati Archdiocese in 1868. For almost 100 years they operated a home for boys in Western Cincinnati. They came to Fayetteville and bought the property from the Glenmary Sisters and converted it to a Novitiate and a home for the retired Brothers. After an auspicious beginning with about 45

Today we are surrounded by other parishes--which had their roots from St. Martin and from the Seminary at St. Martins which are at Arnheim and Blanchester. Eventually Father John Bowe, the pastor of St. Patrick's was the organizer of the parish in Georgetown--but these are other stories. Today we hold sacred and in fond memory, Father John B. O'Donohue.

We pray that God had rewarded him for his apostolic work in spreading the Gospel and cultivating our Faith in our neighboring towns and cities.

OUR CHURCH BUILDING

St. Patrick's Parish in Fayetteville had been formally established by the action of Bishop Edward Purcell in April 1837. This spot or location was selected because it was central to the three places where Mass was being regularly celebrated, St. Martin's, the Bamber property in Chasetown, and the O'Connor School on Glady Rd. It was the will of the Bishop that St. Patrick's was to be the parish church for the entire locality.

After this decision had been made provisions were made for the building of a church. This was being done and the parish administered by the priests from the Seminary now at St. Martin's.

In its issue of August 31, 1837, the Catholic Telegraph recounts the beginnings of St. Patrick's Church in these words: "The cornerstone of the new church was placed in Fayetteville on the 24th inst. by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Purcell assisted by the Rev. Francis Masquelet. This church will be of brick and will occupy a beautiful elevated acre lot, generously presented to the Bishop for the benefit of the congregation by Mr. Neal McGroarty".

The priests, resident at St. Martin's, supervised construction and attended the new church until the appointment of the Rev. Thomas R. Butler in 1845. Since that time St. Patrick's has had resident pastors.

Finally the church at Fayetteville was completed. The Catholic Telegraph of October 9, 1841, carries this account. "The Catholics of Fayetteville and its vicinity enjoy the long wishes for consolation of a church in that village. It is one of the handsomest churches in the diocese, site elevated; style Gothic, stone foundations, brick superstructure, dimensions 70 by 40 feet, lofty ceiling, ornamented with a beautiful centerpiece, end gallery, organ loft, and neat Sacristy.

The ceremony of dedication was performed on Sunday, 3rd of October by the bishop of the diocese, accompanied by ten priests and the students of the Diocesan Seminary which is situated only three miles from the village. The dedication sermon was preached from the 25th. Psalm by the Rev. Peter McLaughlin. A full orchestra from Cincinnati greatly added to the solemnities of the

occasion, executing Peter's Mass in superior style, by which we mean not merely professional skill but likewise edifying piety and order. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Gacon (pastor of the congregation) with his zealous associate, Rev. Mr. Cheymol, presided at Vespers and gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Rev. Mr. McGarahan of Mobile, preached a truly apostolic sermon on the Apostolic Commission recorded in St. Matth. Chapter 28, Verses 18, 19, and 20. The Very Rev. Mr. Henni addressed the German portion of the congregation in their own language and the spirit and piety with which they sang a few verses of the Te Deum at the close of the sacred services, evinced at once their gratitude to Almighty God, their joy for the completion of the church and the impression made on all present for the blessed scenes which they had witnessed throughout the day. We were happy to perceive the Rev. Joseph O'Mealy, superior of the seminary, who had efficiently assisted the Rev. Pastors in finishing the church, and had also added considerably to the seminary buildings within the present year, marks a great improvement being visible all around. It is superfluous perhaps to add that the spiritual amelioration which has taken place in the condition of the flock reflects the greatest credit on themselves and their pastors.

For the information of Catholics desirous of settling in this part of the country, where, with the blessing of God, the wants of their souls and the proper instruction of their children shall continue to be faithfully attended to, we would remark, that there are several eligible farms for sale in the neighborhood, ranging from 5 to 12 per acre and that the turnpike road from Chillicothe to Cincinnati will be completed with as little delay as possible. This road passes within a few rods of the church, over the East Fork of the little Miami River, where the building of a new bridge is to be let out next Saturday."

As noted in the preceding History of the parish and the development of the neighboring parishes the Catholic community at Fayetteville continued to grow. The church building was inadequate for the numbers attending services, so further developments were imperative.

On June 15, 1851 some of the leading men of the parish met with the pastor, Father Daly, in the hall at the parish house. This purpose was "to form a Church Building Society". The members of the Society (which was to include all the men of the parish) were to pay monthly dues, of 10 to 25 cents. Fate would have it that this money thus raised was soon used for church repairs and no permanent building fund was formed. The last noted meeting of the Society was in 1854.

The establishment of St. Mary's Parish in Hillsboro helped a mere trifle. Crowded Masses continued. Not only was more room needed but language

Father Alexander Koenig

Father Koenig was born in Botkins, Ohio, on October 2, 1897. He was ordained a priest June 14, 1924. After teaching at St. Gregory Seminary, Mt. Washington for almost 20 years he was appointed pastor of St. Susanna Parish, Mason, Ohio, in 1942. In June 1954 he succeeded Father Stoll both as pastor of St. Patrick and as Dean. Due to ill health he resigned his office and took up residence at St. Charles Seminary, Carthegena, Ohio, in 1972.

Father Timothy McNicholas

Father McNicholas was born in 1917 and ordained a priest in 1943. After graduate studies he taught Canon Law and Sacramental Theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, until appointed pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cincinnati in 1963. He came to St. Patrick's as pastor November 1972 upon the resignation of Monsignor Koenig.

	<u>Ordained</u>	<u>Pastor at</u> <u>St. Patrick</u>	<u>Died</u>
Rev. Martin Kundig	1829	1837-	Mar. 6, 1879
Rev. Thomas Butler	?	1845-1850	Feb. 9, 1869
Rev. Cornelius Daly	1844	1850-1876	Jan. 24, 1876
Rev. Francis Mallon	1866	1876-1877	Oct. 23, 1883
Rev. John Bowe	1868	1877-1907	Dec. 7, 1908
Rev. John Cogan	1901	1907-1912	Dec. 7, 1948
Rev. James Fogarty	1902	1913-1918	Jan. 13, 1947
Rev. James Falls	1906	1918-1929	Jun. 9, 1952
Rev. Francis Biendl	1915	1929-1945	Jan. 6, 1945
Rev. Raymond Stoll	1919	1945-1954	Oct. 21, 1973
Rev. Alexander Koenig	1924	1954-1972	Retired

LET US PRAY

"O Lord, may the souls of your priests and our pastors whom you have honored on earth with Holy Orders, be joyful forever in the glories of Heaven."

"O God, who among your apostolic priests did adorn your servants, our deceased pastors, with the priestly dignity, grant, we beseech you, that they may also be associated with them in everlasting fellowship."

"Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Father John Cogan

Father Cogan was born in Glynwood, Ohio in 1867 and was ordained a priest in 1901. He came to St. Patrick's as an assistant to Father Bowe in 1904 and succeeded him as pastor in 1907. He served St. Patrick's Parish as pastor until 1913 when he was transferred to St. Mary's Parish, Piqua, Ohio where he remained until transferred to St. Joseph, Hamilton, Ohio in 1929. He died as pastor of St. Joseph's in 1948.

Father James Fogarty

Father Fogarty was born in Yellow Springs, Ohio on June 25, 1870. He was ordained a priest by Archbishop Purcell January 4, 1902. He succeeded Father Cogan as Pastor in 1913 and remained here until he was named pastor of Corpous Christi Parish, Dayton, Ohio. He died in Dearborn, Michigan on January 14, 1947.

Father James Falls

Father Falls was born in Cincinnati in 1880 and ordained a priest in 1906. He came to St. Patrick's as pastor in 1918 from Guardian Angel Parish, Cincinnati, Ohio where he had been assistant pastor. He served St. Patrick's until 1929, then he succeeded Father Cogan at St. Mary's Parish, Piqua, Ohio until poor health forced him to resign in 1944 and take up residence at St. Mary's Hospital, Cincinnati, where he died in 1952.

Father Francis Biendl

Father Biendl was born in 1890 and ordained a priest in 1915. After serving in the Army as Chaplain he served as assistant pastor in Chillicothe until appointed to St. Patrick's in 1929. After being installed as Dean of St. Martin's Deanery he was given the title of Monsignor. He died here at St. Patrick's on January 6, 1945.

Father Raymond Stoll

Father Stoll was born in Cincinnati in 1893 and ordained a priest March 15, 1919. After graduate studies in Europe he returned to teach Sacred Scripture at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Norwood, Ohio until appointed pastor of St. Patrick's in January 1945. Appointed local Dean he was named a Monsignor at that time. In 1954 he was transferred to Sacred Heart Church, Cincinnati, where he remained until he retired to the Maria Joseph Home in Dayton in 1965. He died in 1973.

barriers arose with the emigrants from France and Germany. A move was a foot to provide for the French speaking people with an additional parish church. Over the constant objections of Father Daly, Archbishop Purcell gave permission for the establishment of Holy Ghost Church at Vera Cruz in 1858.

Despite the opening of Holy Ghost Church crowded conditions here continued. With the death of Father Daly in 1876 the plans for a church addition were delayed. The congregation now numbered 1500, so more room was totally necessary. Father Bowe completed the work begun in 1875 and in 1877 a new tower, balcony and entrance were completed.

With the turn of the present century Fayetteville had become a delightful community. The locality was inviting and healthy, Catholicism flourished and the St. Patrick's Academy and School was excellent. Growth continued and expansion was again necessary. By providing a new parish house it was possible to raise the existing priest quarters and to enlarge the church, with a new Sanctuary and Sacristies. The seating capacity was now increased to 400 in the body of the church, with an additional capacity in the balcony for 100. This addition begun by Father Bowe was completed by Father Cogan in 1906-07 for a total cost of \$5,000.00.

Since that time structurally the church has remained the same. Interiorly it was enhanced with a new ceiling and additional windows and exteriorly the red brick was covered with stucco.

OUR RECTORY

The new St. Patrick Church at Fayetteville was attended by the priests from St. Martin's until 1845 when Father Thomas R. Butler (1803-1869) former Rector of Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., was appointed pastor. He was the first resident pastor at St. Patrick's. Since no living quarters had been provided, he built rooms as a pastor's residence to the rear, adjoining the church.

From what we can judge and know from its basic structure, on the ground level the residence built by Father Butler was indeed fitting and most adequate. This ground level or basement apparently had six separate rooms, such divisions are apparent under our Sanctuary and Sacristy. There were then two floors above the ground level. From the only picture we have there was a delightful porch overlooking the main road. This served as the living quarters for two priests, a parish office and a parish meeting room or hall, from 1845 to 1906-07.

When plans were a foot to enlarge the church and increase its seating capacity, a new and more adequate parish house was decided upon. The failing

health (threatened blindness) of Father Bowe had necessitated an additional priest together with the Academy Chaplain. So the new house would be to accomodate three priests. The work begun by Father Bowe in 1906 and completed by Father John Cogan who succeeded him as pastor. When finished the priest's residence had cost \$7,000.00

FINAL BUILDING PROGRAM

The financial disaster of the 1930's and World War II effected our locality and our parish community. Many servicemen went to distant towns and cities for greater opportunities. Many looked elsewhere for livelihood and our populace was depleted, our church attendance plummeted. There was no local or church development for the next 25 years.

OUR PARISH HALL

The need for a parish hall and catechetical center had been of long standing. Initial "provisional" permission had been given to Father Biendl in the mid 30's. Financial problems tabled the project. Shortly after his arrival Father Koenig saw and fully realized the urgency of this need. Parish meetings discussed the feasibility of financing. So in 1957 the project was launched with a drive to raise \$75,000.00. Our present hall together with two classrooms and a fully equipped kitchen was built for the total cost of \$90,000.00. This became and remains a valuable asset not only to our parish but to the entire community.

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS

When difficulties arose regarding the Ursuline Sister's teaching in our local school and when religious instruction after school hours was to a degree objected to, Monsignor Koenig explored the possibility of re-activating a parish school. Through a canvass of the parish, whole-hearted support was not forthcoming and continued financing would be impossible. Its operation with Sisters teaching would be at least \$800.00 a week to operate 8 classrooms. So it was decided to concentrate on a grade and high school CCD program. Temporary dividing curtains were used on the hall but this proved very distracting. The solution was the building of classrooms to the rear of the hall. This addition in 1963 gave the parish a possibility of 10 classrooms which have very adequately served the parish. This addition, the past 20 to 25 years proved to be \$49,000.00 well spent. This final addition gave the parish not only a serviceable unit but it completed a total Parish Plant which is the pride of our community.

OUR PASTORS (1837-1987)

Father Martin Kundig

Father Kundig was the pioneer priest of this locality. Born in Switzerland in 1805 he came to Cincinnati as a student for the priesthood and was ordained by Bishop Fenwick in 1829. With several other priests, he lived with the Bishop in Cincinnati and "foraged out" as a missionary. After repeated stops in this locality he persuaded the Bishop to allow him to stay and establish a permanent church and parish at St. Martin (1831). It was with his help and service that our parish was initially organized, so he is well remembered as the founding pastor of St. Patrick's.

Father William Cheymol and Father Francis Masquelet

Father William Cheymol and Father Francis Masquelet had both been ordained in their native France and came here (to Cincinnati and eventually Brown County) to minister to the French speaking people of this locality. With the departure of Father Kundig to the Mission territory of Michigan they assumed charge of St. Patrick's and supervised the building of the original church.

Father Thomas Butler

Father Thomas Butler was an educator, he had been brought to St. Martin's by Bishop Purcell to be the Rector of the Seminary. With the close of that Seminary in 1845, Father Butler remained and became the first resident pastor of St. Patrick's (1845). In 1850 he was transferred to Kentucky to administer what was to become the diocese of Covington.

Father Cornelius Daly

Father Daly was born in Ireland, 1820, came as a Seminarian to St. Martin and was ordained to the priesthood in 1844. He was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's parish in 1850 and so served until 1876. His accomplishments are fully recounted in the history of St. Patrick's Academy and in the establishment of the filial parishes. He died here and is buried in our cemetery.

Father Francis Mallon

Father Mallon had been resident pastor of Holy Ghost Church, Vera Cruz (1869-1876) before he succeeded Father Daly. Ill health kept his stay at St. Patrick's less than a year and forced him from the active Ministry, he died 1883.

Father John Bowe

Father Bowe was born in Ireland in 1836 and came to Cincinnati as a Seminarian and was ordained by Archbishop Purcell in 1868. He became pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in 1877 and was eventually forced to resign that office in 1907 due to blindness. He died here at the parish in retirement in 1908 and is buried in our cemetery.