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## A Survey of Catholic Secondary Education in Franklin County

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### SPECIAL SCHOOLS

#### **St. Vincent Orphanage High School, ca 1880-1928?**

Not many years after the 1875 founding of St. Vincent Orphanage on East Main Street at Rose Avenue in Columbus, schools were arranged for the children living there, and day scholars from the neighborhood were admitted during school hours. The schools were taught by the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity (Stella Niagara), who had founded and ran the orphanage. The high school had eleven students in the 1925/26 and seven in 1927/28. No records of high school enrollment are available after that year. In September, 1952 all of the children began to attend several parish schools and when new construction was planned, resulting in the new buildings that were opened in 1958, that arrangement was continued and no classrooms were provided.

#### **St. Joseph Orphanage/Pontifical College Josephinum High School, 1888-1967**

In order to provide training for the resident German orphans, Father Joseph Jessing added a trade school for boys aged 10 through 17 to the orphanage on East Main Street at Nineteenth in 1877. Trades included printing, tailoring, shoemaking, farming, and carpentry. In 1888 the seminary opened, intended to train German priests to serve immigrant communities

throughout the country. With it opened a liberal arts high school program to prepare the younger seminarians. In 1894 it became the Pontifical College Josephinum. In 1931 the school moved with the seminary to the present site on North High Street, north of Worthington. Because of a decline in the number of applicants, the high school program was discontinued in 1967.

#### **St. Euphrasia/Rosemont School, 1946-2000**

This school for girls was at the Good Shepherd Convent at West Broad and Sandusky streets, in the old Sullivant mansion property, under the care of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd. The high school opened in 1946 and consistently had a four-year enrollment of over fifty girls in the 1950s. While at the West Broad location, some resident students attended Holy Family School. The name of the overall facility and the school was changed to Rosemont in 1958 and in 1964 it moved to the present location on Dawnlight Avenue. Services for boys were added to the program in 1978. Rosemont is a treatment facility designed to help young men and women up to age 18 who for whatever reason cannot function in a normal classroom setting. The Sisters gave up ownership of the program in the year 2000 and the school is no longer considered to be a Catholic one.

#### **Our Lady of Bethlehem Preparatory School**

In 1956 the headquarters of the North

American Province of the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus moved to Columbus from Parkersburg, W. Va. In 1959 they completed Our Lady of Bethlehem Convent at 4567 Olentangy River Road. In the 1960s, their educational efforts included a small preparatory school for young ladies who aspired to join their community.

## **DIOCESAN COEDUCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS**

### **Bishop Watterson High School, 1953**

Ground was broken on the 16-acre property on Cooke Road just east of North High Street in October, 1953. The school opened in 1954 in the unfinished building with 166 students in the ninth grade. The staff was primarily Dominican Sisters from St. Mary of the Springs. By 1957/58, the first year in which it had all four classes enrolled, Bishop Watterson was the largest Catholic high school in the county, with 719 students. The majority of the teaching Sisters left the school in the late 1970s, but there still are two on the staff. Over the years there have been some 11,000 graduates. Current enrollment is 1,178.

### **Bishop Hartley High School, 1957**

According to architect Mike McGee, Bishop Ready had promised to build Bishop Hartley High School on land the diocese owned near Corpus Christi Church. However, this land had been a quarry for brick-making materials and its use would require construction of a two-mile sewer costing about \$100,000. Father Spiers proposed the site near Zettler and Livingston which, besides not having the disadvantages of the formerly intended site, had the advantage of being on the Columbus Transit Company bus system. This site had been purchased by Bishop Hartley in 1940. Bishop Ready decided at the last minute to switch the school to this site. Somebody pointed out that a predominately Black subdivision was near the new site, meaning that there would not be many Catholic students

from that neighborhood. Mike retorted, "Since when does the Catholic Church discriminate by not building near Black people?" Bishop Ready turned away and worked his jaw, then turned back and said, "You're right. Build it there." The decision was announced in January, 1956.

Bishop Hartley High School opened for its first freshman class of 177 in 1957 and the building was formally dedicated on May 4, 1958. The school's patron is St. James. The design was intended for an enrollment of 900. The initial faculty consisted of six Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (including the principal), three priests for religion classes, and three lay teachers. The first class was graduated in 1961. There have been 8,034 graduates. Current enrollment is about 650.

### **St. Francis de Sales High School, 1960**

This second north-side school opened in 1960 in classrooms of St. James the Less and St. Augustine elementary schools, under Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. In the 1961/1962 school year it was housed at Bishop Ready High School and was taught by Sisters of St. Dominic. In the fall of 1962 it finally moved into its permanent home at 4212 Karl Road and Franciscan Sisters of Penance and Christian Charity (Stella Niagara) took over. The cornerstone of this building was laid in September, 1961 and, although the third diocesan inter-parochial high school in the city to be organized, it had the fourth building to be completed. About 9,000 have been graduated from deSales. Current enrollment is about 950.

### **Bishop Ready High School, 1961**

The school building at 707 Salisbury Road on the West Side of Columbus was dedicated and blessed in September, 1961. The staff was Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate (Joliet). The parishes served are Holy Family, St. Aloysius, St. Agnes, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Stephen the Martyr, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Christopher, and Our Lady of Victory. Since the closing of Wehrle

Memorial in 1991, students also attend from St. Mary Parish. The sisters moved out of the Bishop Ready convent in 1969. There have been some 6,500 graduates of Bishop Ready. Current enrollment is 435, smallest of the five Catholic high schools in the county.

### **Father Wehrle Memorial High School, 1965-1991**

The school at Parsons and Williams Roads was built for 1,500 students, but enrollment never approached that figure. It was opened for classes in 1965 with transfers from St. Mary and Holy Rosary forming the first sophomore class, which was graduated in 1968. The parishes served were St. Mary, St. Ladislas, St. Leo, Holy Rosary, Corpus Christi, St. John the Evangelist, Groveport St. Mary, Our Mother of Sorrows, and Lockbourne Air Force Base. The first principal was Rev. Clement Durbin, formerly principal Bishop Rosecrans High School in Zanesville. Sisters of St. Francis from Rochester, Minnesota comprised the staff. Enrollment was over 500 in the early 1970s.

In the late 1980s the school suffered from declining enrollment and related financial

difficulties. Enrollment fell by 48% from 1985 to 1990. Its closing was announced in February, 1991, effective that June. There were 2,336 graduates of Wehrle Memorial. The building now is the fire academy of the City of Columbus.

### **APPRECIATION**

Many people contributed statistics and other information for this article. At the risk of forgetting somebody, for which the author apologizes, these were: Sister Rose Henry Kern, R.G.S., Rosemont School; William Lenkey, St. Mary's Alumni; Lucia McQuaide, Diocesan Department of Education; Sister Rosalie Graham, O.P., Archivist, St. Mary of the Springs; Theresa Thurn, Wehrle High alumna; St. Joseph Academy Alumni Board; Betty Thurn, St. Joseph Academy alumna; Linda Hamilton, Jubilee Museum; J. Michael Finn; Beverly at the Pontifical College Josephinum library; and the staffs and development offices of the five extant schools.

**Note:** The statistics given for the extant high schools were gathered during the 2006/07 academic year, so the numbers of graduates do not include the class of 2007.



*Students in the inner courtyard at Wehrle Memorial High School, 1967  
(Photo courtesy of The Catholic Times)*

## Abstracts from *The Catholic Telegraph*

(Continued, from Vol. XXXII, No. 4)

July 21, 1855, continued

THE EXHIBITION AT THE NOTRE DAME ACADEMY.—This morning we spent an hour in examining the plain and fancy work by the young ladies connected with the convent, and we only regret that our knowledge of such matters is so limited that we are unable to give fitting praise to the taste and skill displayed. Some of the most beautiful specimens of needle-work, worsted embroidery, Crayon drawings and painting in water colors we have ever seen, are to be found on the well filled tables of two rooms of the building. We noticed the names of Misses V. Coulchan, Sallie Pine, Hannah McGinnis, Hattie Stewart, and Ellen Blaire, attached to a number of the finest articles.—*Chillicothe Daily Metropolis*.

For the Catholic Telegraph.

SOMERSET, 7th July, 1855.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Having had the pleasure of witnessing a solemn reception of Confirmation by a number of our youth, I have presumed to give a short account of it to the readers...because it is a living proof that the Catholics of Perry County are worthy of those, their heroic ancestors, who were the first to raise the banner of Christ in the wilderness of Ohio.

The Right Rev. Bishop Miles administered the Sacrament to about forty persons, several of whom were converts, after which he gave them a most delightful exhortation. He told them how happy it made him to see them offering themselves to God as His soldiers. He exhorted them to remain firm to the step they had taken, and to mind not the sneers or meanaces of that contemptible organization which foolishly is seeking to destroy that holy institution against which even the gates of hell cannot prevail.

In the evening, at Somerset, he also confirmed fifty, all of whom seemed to be filled with that holy enthusiasm which the Sacraments alone can

inspire. ...

July 28, 1855

### **Dedication and Confirmation.**

The new church in Ironton, of brick, 76 by 44 feet, was dedicated on the 17th July, under the invocation of St. Lawrence, by the Most Rev. Archbishop Purcell. It is another monument to the zeal of Rev. Mr. Gilmour and the liberality of the Catholics of that town, and the workmen and others at the furnaces. It is in debt for no more than between eight and nine hundred dollars. The number of Catholics has very much increased in this place and the vicinity. After the dedication, in which the Archbishop was assisted by the pastor and Rev. Messrs. Karge and Rauch, there were fifty-five confirmed.

At St. Mary's, Lawrence county, seven miles from Ironton, there were fifty-one confirmed on the 18th July. This congregation has also much increased under the devoted care of Rev. Mr. Rauch. Since our last visit, a commodious and substantial school-house has been erected near the church, and the school is well attended.

### **Wilksville and Pomeroy.**

There were thirty-four persons confirmed in the church near Wilksville, on Friday of the last week. A new residence has been erected for the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kelly. Everything would be flourishing in this mission if a good school could be established, as we hope it soon will, for the youth of the congregation. The place is healthy, and offers good inducements to industrious emigrants to settle there.

There were twenty-nine confirmed in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Pomeroy, on Sunday, 22d inst. Of these, a convert American lady, born Milford, married to a Mr. Tracy, and her three sons and daughters made their First Communion together, and also another convert from Anglicanism, born Bery, married to a Mr. Hennessy. Some little dissension existed in this

really good congregation, which found its way into the newspapers. The Archbishop left all in peace under the care of the worthy pastor, Rev. Mr. Albrinck.

For the Telegraph.

**School of the Sisters of Notre Dame,  
Chillicothe.**

...I had the exquisite pleasure of attending the exercises of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Chillicothe on the 12th inst., and though but a few years in existence and having to contend with discouragements and difficulties of no ordinary magnitude, it has now deservedly attained a high position as a female literary institution.... All the pieces spoken at the Distribution were the compositions of the pupils. The "Blind Child," a play of three acts, composed by Miss Ellen Blaire of Lancaster, would have been worthy [of] the pen of an old and accomplished writer. The fair authoress, if health and length of days be given her, promises well to hold a high place amongst the literary ladies of America. The audience, including some ten or twelve clergymen, had but one opinion on its merits—that for correctness of plan, pathos of sentiment, beauty of imagery, polish of style, and elegance of diction it could not be surpassed.... I was delighted to see the great proficiency of the pupils in Elocution. The literary Exercises were agreeably interspersed with fine singing and music on pianos and melodeon. A piece from the Opera of Norma, performed on four pianos and melodeon by sixteen hands, was remarkable for command of execution and delicate accuracy of time.... The public testimony of the teachers in favor of the three young ladies (Miss Anna Gilmore, of Chillicothe, Miss Virginia Coulehan, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and Miss Ellen Blaire, of Lancaster,) who graduated with such eclat and success, must have been a source of the purest gratification to their fond parents. The school is now in a most flourishing condition, numbering some thirty boarders and seventy or eighty day scholars, mostly Protestants, with a large free

school of over two hundred children. Thus has success crowned the indefatigable labors of the good and zealous Sisters of Notre Dame of Chillicothe, and wherever through America they have established their excellent schools. Glory and honor to the Church which inspires so much self-sacrifice and disinterestedness, and to the noble women who so well fulfil the arduous duties of their high and holy calling.

VIATOR

Fourth Annual Commencement, St. Joseph's College, Perry Co., Ohio

Names of students mentioned:

Michael Ahern	Owen Gallagher
T. B. Alexander	E. Hinde
O. S. Baker	Michael Joyce
H. M. Biglow	Joseph A. Kelley
G. H. Boone	John Laherty
William Brady	J. Laherty
A. Brown	Theodore Linde
Alexander Brown	C. T. Lynch
S. O. K. Cameron	T. C. Lynch
Patrick Carroll	Patrick McCabe
John Colgan	T. McCabe
J. D. Collins	Philip McMahan
Peter F. Collins	James Maddock
John Cornfield	C. E. Magruder
A. Coulter	Whitfield Mullen
Vespasian Cranford	Charles Murray
Charles Darr	Dominic Noon
John Darr	P. O'Halleran
William J. Dittoe	J. Owens
Julius Doherty	Patrick Owens
George Drake	George Padgett
P. Drake	Francis Prenalt
Henry Druer	E. Quinn
Henry Druier	A. H. Rohan
John A. Duier	John A. Rohan
J. Duer	James A. Rudd
John H. H. Duffy	W. Scally
P. B. Duffy	Charles Schmidt
Charles B. Ewing	Frederick A. Schmidt
Thomas P. Fenlon	Wm. R. Smith
Michael J. Fink	Lucius Tong

George S. Walsh  
John A. Williams

August 18, 1855  
Episcopal Visitation Schedule  
[Noble Co.] St. Michael's - 19 August  
Sunday, 26th August - St. Joseph's, Canal  
Dover

The other missions attended by Rev. Mr.  
Winands to be visited on the three preceding or  
three following days.

Distribution of Premiums at St. Mary's  
Academy, Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, July 5,  
1855

*Names of Boarders  
Mentioned:*

Senior Class:

Harriet Brice

Agnes Elder

Anna Elder

Emily Elder

Sarah Garaghty

Ellen Lilly

Catharine Lynch

Isabella Millay

Sarah Musselman

Mary Padgett

Junior Class:

Lucy Borgess

Julia Collins

Catharine or Kate

Daugherty

Mary Daugherty

Mary Denman

Caroline Dugan

Teresa Elder

Cecilia Impey

Isabella McCabe

Teresa McDonough

Philomena Morath

Maria Workman

Class not specified:

Euphemia Beates

Mary Cush

Teresa Elder

Mary Fishenger

Catharine Johnson

Altha Krigbaum

Louisa Krigbaum

Jane McAllister

Catharine Mootter

Mary Moriarty

Hannah Parcels

Susannah Parcels

Margaret Phillips

Josephine Rosenberry

Mary Scally

Rebecca Tong

Sarah Ward

Mary Zimmer

*Day Scholars:*

Senior Class:

Regina Costigan

Catharine Lambing

Elizabeth McDonald

Junior Class:

Eugenia Dittoe

Isabella Johnson

Class not specified:

Alice Bergan

Mary Connor

Caroline Costigan

Augusta Delong

Cecilia Dittoe

Mary Dittoe  
Anna Elder  
Caroline Elder  
Catharine Grogan

Laura Johnson  
Mary Kureth  
Emilie Leslie  
Margaret O'Lone

August 25, 1855

[Communicated.]

*St. Joseph's [Peter's] College, Chillicothe,  
Ohio.*

This establishment will be ready on the first  
Monday of September, for the reception of  
students. Already its prospects are very flattering.  
A full corps of able and devoted teachers are in  
readiness, and the energetic President promises  
that in every respect this College will not be  
inferior to any in the country. Its situation,  
combining the advantages of country and city,  
and unsurpassed for healthiness, will be another  
guarantee for parents and guardians. It is already  
prepared to receive one hundred students, and  
before the end of the session, or at least at the  
beginning of the next, nearly double that number  
can be accommodated.

### **Episcopal Visitation.**

ST. MARY'S, NOBLE CO., OHIO.

Rev. Mr. Brummer has finished the church of  
Washington in beautiful style and built a noble  
edifice near old St. Dominick's, all complete, with  
fine bell and organ. The money collected by him  
for both reached six thousand dollars, and as he  
appropriated to them all he could get, they are  
out of debt. His missions have been very well  
attended and his people regret his departure for  
Zanesville. There were thirty-four confirmed in  
St. Patrick's, Washington, Guernsey Co., and  
twenty-nine in the new church of the "Mother of  
God," Beaver, Noble Co., near old St.  
Dominick's, Guernsey Co. On Thursday, 16th  
of August, there were fifty persons confirmed in  
St. John's near Miltonsburg. Rev. Mr. Dieters  
preached, as he always does, a most instructive  
and impressive discourse in German.

On Friday, the 17th of August, a new and very  
handsome frame church was blessed by Rev. Mr.

Dieters in presence of the Archbishop, at Wills Creek, in Monroe Co. It was dedicated to Almighty God in honor of St. Joseph. The three acres of the church lot were donated by Messrs. Michael Spangler, Michael Weisan, and Valentine Ulrich.

On Saturday, 18th, twelve persons were confirmed at SS. Peter and Paul, Monroe Co. The good Catholics of this place are most anxious for a priest to attend them, at least twice a month, and they deserve this and a greater blessing, which it is hoped may soon be granted to them.

On Sunday, 19th of August, the visitation of St. Michael, on Duck Creek, Noble county, was held. This congregation is suffering much for the want of a regular attendance of a priest, and, scarcely less, of a schoolmaster. It is a vineyard that would yield abundant fruit if duly cultivated. On Monday, the 20th of August, there were forty-one confirmed in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Noble County. Rev. Mr. Dieters

preached after Mass. The procession that went to receive the Archbishop was a truly beautiful spectacle in the midst of the deep woods, but its most interesting feature was the sight of some one hundred children in their best holiday attire, and many of the little girls dressed in white, with chaplets of roses in their hands, reflecting the highest credit on the care taken of them by their worthy parents, their good pastor, Rev. Mr. Kraemer, and their teacher, Mr. Kebler. This congregation is from Fulda, in Hesse Cassel, Germany—at least the elder folks, for most of the children are good native Americans.

Nearly all the converts brought into the church ere three years ago by Rev. Mr. Hengehold happily persevere. And to these were added several on this occasion; baptized by the Most Rev. Archbishop, Rev. Mr. Brummer, and Rev. Mr. Kraemer. Among these we may mention Mr. Burton Clift, Mrs. Susannah Jeffers, Mrs. Amanda Brown, and Mrs. Barbara Dougherty.

(To be continued)

## **Additional Notes on the Fagan and Chauncey Catholic Cemeteries in Athens County**

In the *Bulletin* of May, 2006, we presented readings of tombstones that had been moved from the Fagan or McCole cemetery on Angel Ridge in southern Athens County and from the Catholic cemetery of Chauncey to Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Athens. At that time we were depending upon readings of the tombstones made by William E. Peters about 1940. In June, 2006 Kate Schlegel and Donald Schlegel visited Athens and located most of these stones in Mt. Calvary. Some were the original stones while others appeared to be more recent, with the old information transcribed onto new family monuments. As might be expected, differences from the Peters readings were found; they are presented here.

In memory of John Fagan, born 1789 in Westmeath, Ireland, died February 24, 1875, aged 86 years.

Patrick Mulligan, a native of Ireland, Co. of Longford, Parish of Granard, died Feb. 10, 1886, aged 75 y'rs.

[on same stone as Ann]

Lizzie C. Mullen April 28, 1866 May 20, 1887

[on a monument with her parents and siblings]

Martin Burns 18 -1888

Hugh McCormack 1844-1862

additional inscriptions on the same stone:

Annie McCormack 1819-1891

John McCormack 18 -1908

In loving remembrance of Margaret Shay, wife of Conrad Josten Died May 26, 1921 aged 66 years.

additonal inscriptios on the same stone:

Conrad Josten 1850-1928

Children of C. & M.L. Josten:

Willie H. Apr. 20, 1886, 2 M. & 3 D.

Ella E. Oct. 27, 1888, 1 Y. 6 M.

Maggie wife of T. Shay 1825-1857

Ella Shay 1856-1895

Elizabeth wife of Mathias Josten...

on same stone:

Mathias Josten died July 13, 1888 aged 62 Y. 8 M. & 19 Dys.

James Casey...

on same stone:

Ellen O'Connor 1835-1921 his wife, Limerick, Ireland

Children: Charles W. Casey 1865-1889

James A. Casey 1870-1889

Margaret Flanagan...

Mary A. Flanagan Ferrell 1861-1888

on same lot:

John Flanagan 1857-1891

Patrick Flanagan 18 -1890

Edmund son of J. & E. A. Kirley...

Mary Kirley, wife of Jas. Walsh, died July 29, 1886, aged 24 Y. 2 M. 4 D.

On a stone matching that of Nora Quinlan: Patrick D. Quinlan died Dec. [single digit], 1894

Martin Silvers 1828-1888

on same stone:

Catherine Fahy his wife [no dates]

The three stones that, according to Peters, were moved from the Catholic cemetery at Chauncey also were located. Among these:

Robert H. Edwards, died Nov. 4, 1860, aged 25 y'rs

on the same little obelisk are:

Walter J., son of Dr. R. H. & L. H. Edwards [no dates]

Wm. Edwards died Sep 8, 1885, aged 71 y'rs

One additional reading that antedates the 1883 founding of the cemetery was noticed:

James Walsh died Sep. 29, 1858 aged 56 years

Catharine wife of James Walsh died Apr. 15, 1890 aged 78 years