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Dedication Program and Mass

THE DEDICATION
Sunday, May 18th, 1919.

His Grace, the Most Reverend George William Mundelein, D. D.,
Dedicating Prelate.

DEACONS OF HONOR TO HIS GRACE:
The Reverend Francis E. Scanlan.
The Reverend Thomas Kearns.

CELEBRANT OF THE MASS:
The Very Reverend Monsignor Edward F. Hoban, D. D.

DEACON OF THE MASS:
The Reverend James P. Cannell.

SUBDEACON OF THE MASS:
The Reverend Martin J. Nealis.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:
The Reverend Dennis J. Dunne, D. D.

THE SERMON:
The Reverend John W. Melody, D. D.

The Knights of Columbus will act as a body guard to His Grace. They will meet
him at Union Depot and form an automobile parade to the Church.

THE MASS

Ecce Sacerdos—Processional
Kyrie
Soloists: Mrs. Henry Odenthal
Dr. J. A. Limacher
Mr. William Odenthal

Gloria
Soloists: Miss Dolores McNally
Mr. Henry Odenthal
Mr. William Odenthal

Credo
Soloist: Mrs. Nate Bagnell

Offertory—“O Salutaris”
Male Chorus

Sanctus
Mr. William Odenthal and Choir

Benedictus
Soloist: Mrs. Joseph Carroll

Agnus Dei
Miss Lillian Hennessey and Choir

Recessional
Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah Choir.

Violin Accompanist
Organist and Director

Singenberger
Gounod
Gounod
McCabe
Gounod
Gounod

Mrs. Thomas F. Donovan
Miss Mary Collins
HIS HOLINESS
HIS GRACE
ITH legitimate pride and joy do the people of Saint Patrick’s Parish look back upon the four score years of history which embraces the activity of the early Catholic settlers in West Juliet, and rightly might be proud of those valiant men and women whose every endeavor was to spread the faith they had received from Catholic ancestors down to the very first dawn of Christianity.

Hardly had the first log been hewn to build the first cabin on the banks of the river when the Catholics began to cut, haul and erect the stone that was used in the construction of the temple of God; so appreciative were they of the honor devolving upon them of setting aside an edifice fitted for the service of their Master and their King.

In the building of Saint Patrick’s Church, nothing was considered too hard to undertake—the settlers thought naught of the fatigue, the labor and service necessary for the procuring of the finest and most substantial of material. They volunteered their time, energy and money; and all this for the simple reason that to them the Faith of our Fathers meant everything. No happiness could be had in their new homes, unless it were that happiness which radiates from the central and most prominent pulsating Heart of the Church, under the fortifying shadows of which they realized that they would fight the burning battles of life.

Valiant men and women of the first days of this city and of this parish, to you we bow our heads in admiration. You were the salt of the earth, which gave savor to the energy of endeavors in the veins of innumerable noble sons and daughters, who have never ceased to be worthy of you—to you, honor, gratitude and peaceful rest in the Lord.

THE REVEREND JOHN FRANCIS PLUNKET.

FIRST PASTOR

Scarcely had Joliet been organized as a village than the Right Reverend Simon Gabriel Brute, first Bishop of Vincennes, sent, as the first pastor of the parish which was to be Saint Patrick’s, one John Francis Plunket, a priest in his later twenties.

Father Plunket was born in Ireland at the beginning of the Nineteenth Century. In his tenderest years, he learned at the feet of a pious mother the first elements of the Heritage of Christ, which Ireland had suffered untold miseries to retain in its pure integrity. Father Plunket had pursued his preparatory studies in his native land and in the budding flower of youth, when the field of glory opened itself to him in his fanciful dreams, he made known to his mother and father the course he decided to run in life. With tears in her fast dimming eyes, his saintly mother implored God’s blessing upon this child who had been inspired to go forth and assist in gathering
RIGHT REVEREND
MAURICE DE SAINT PALAIS
Second Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish

REVEREND
GEORGE HAMILTON
Fourth Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish

REVEREND
PATRICK FARRELLY
Fifth Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish

REVEREND
WALTER POWER
Sixth Pastor of St Patrick's Parish
the harvest of the Lord. Characteristically Irish, he was thrilled to the very soul with the ambition of casting his lot with those holy Rovers in the New World and of planting the Cross of Jesus of Nazareth in the virgin soil of the western portion of America. His was the energy that chafed to encounter the perplexing difficulties of establishing a mission. His soul ached to enlist in the combat after which eventually the crown of victory over the cunning and nefarious intrigues of the eternal enemy of God is placed on the noble brow of the soldier of Christ. And so, Hibernian to the core, he set forth with a light heart and an empty purse to contribute his bit to the cause of civilizing North America. After months of trying hardships and vexing experiences, he arrived in the town of Vincennes, Indiana. This was the headquarters of the Diocese which embraced the whole of the State of Indiana and the eastern half of the State of Illinois. The Bishop, Simon Gabriel Brute', a man who himself had fought strenuously in the army of the High Priest, appreciated adequately the manly qualities of this enthusiastic Irishman. He helped him finish the necessary theological studies; ordained him by degrees to the lower ranks of the priesthood and finally raised him to the powers and dignity which God confers upon his priests. His ordination day, the day of days to Father Plunket, was the 14th of October, 1837.

The oil of gladness had hardly become part of the flesh and blood of his consecrated hands than the newly ordained priest expressed the wish to sally forth into the least attended regions of the Diocese, to found and erect the House of God, wherein to break the Bread of Life and give of It to eat to his countrymen, who, due to the scarcities of priests, were starving for this Heavenly Manna.

But Bishop Brute' understood perfectly the fiery zeal of this impetuous young man—and while he did not underestimate its sincerity and efficacy, he did not allow him to depart on his perilous mission until he had an opportunity of learning from the experiences and wisdom of an older priest.

Accordingly, the Bishop appointed Father Plunket as Assistant to the Reverend Michael Edgar Shawe who, as pastor of the district of Madison, Indiana, had confronted and successfully solved the various problems of building up a parish in a center where Catholics had gathered in large numbers.

It was in November, 1837, that Father Plunket took up his duties in Madison. These were chiefly the care of the many missions connected with the Church of Madison. They lay in the present counties of Jefferson, Switzerland, Jenner, as also in the southern portion of Ripley.

In June of the following year, Bishop Brute' at the request, no doubt, of the early Catholic settlers of Juliet, transferred Father Plunket from Madison to this rising city in Illinois. The new Pastor arrived and took charge in the early fall of 1838.

It is no great stretch of the imagination to picture with what transports of joy and gladness he was met by the Catholic pioneers. As soon as they set eyes upon this young priest they felt that in him lay energy and life and push and aggressiveness adequate to the needs of the situation. He would encourage them, he would help them, he would ever lead in the fore in the building up of the city on the Bluff.
REVEREND
PATRICK W. DUNNE
Seventh Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish

REVEREND
DENNIS J. DUNNE, D. D.

REVEREND
THOMAS O'BRIEN

REVEREND
PETER O'DWYER
Eighth Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish
Earnestly then did they co-operate with his every move to construct a temporary chapel where they might perform the sacred duties imposed upon them when they renounced Satan, his works and his pomps. Day and night they sacrificed of their time and labor of providing for their personal comforts and betterment in procuring and hauling the necessary materials to be used in the erection of the church.

Father Plunket was the visible inspiration which spurred their activities—truly they were but aiding in the cause of the Son of God and they well knew that their reward was not of this world—still who would not give forth his best efforts for this young priest who directed with a smile and a sally of Irish joviality. He fascinated his parishioners with this charming personality, built upon the rock of Christ’s Priesthood and Erin’s Faith.

But God had other designs over the destiny of Father Plunket. After Christmas of 1839, the Pastor decided to tour his missions for a three-fold purpose. The primary reason was, of course, to administer the sacraments to those of his flock who lived so far from the city as to be unable to receive the consolations of their Religion at the joyous season of Christmas. His next reason was to come in personal contact with his people, to give them the encouragement and counsel that only the anointed of Christ can give. Then he needled funds for the enterprise he had undertaken. We have no doubt that he succeeded remarkably well. We all know the sad story of his return home on that dismal afternoon in late January of 1840—blinded by the heavy storm which had risen, he urged his faithful horse on, fearing nothing, for an intrepid Irishman and a holy priest need be afraid of none of the elements of God’s creation. But, alas! he was stricken suddenly by the angel of death, and his soul soared far above the black clouds to appear pure and white in the presence of its Maker to give an account of his stewardship. That the rendering of it was stamped with the approval “Well done, thou good and faithful servant,” we do not in the least hesitate to believe. And we feel joyful at the thought that thus our first Pastor who had been killed “While about his Father’s business,” was led into the “Joy of his Lord.”

His body was interred with the solemn liturgy of the Church in the crypt of the temple which he had planned and not completed in the short years of his pastorate. On the occasion of the lowering of the floor of the church, in 1887, the body was removed to Saint Patrick’s Cemetery, where it lies peacefully awaiting the summons of the trumpet of Gabriel. Would it be uttering too lofty a thought to say that to the people of Saint Patrick’s, one of the joys of heaven will be to find themselves once more in the company of so courageous a martyr?

THE REVEREND MAURICE DE SAINT PALAIS.

During the sorrowful days succeeding the demise of their father, the settlers were attended by Father Maurice de Saint Palais, then a missionary priest of the Diocese of Vincennes, whose field lay in the eastern neighborhood of Joliet.

Father de Saint Palais, a member of the French nobility, had foregone the rights and honors due to his rank and name and had, early in life,
attached himself to the work of Catholicism in America. Owing to his solid piety and vast erudition he rose rapidly in the ranks of the clergy of his adopted Diocese and became successively and successfully the Vicar General and the Bishop of Vincennes. He died at St. Mary’s of the Woods in 1877.

THE REVEREND FATHER HIPPOLYTE DU PONTAVICE.

In February of 1840, Father Hippolyte Du Pontavice arrived in Joliet and became pastor of the new church. This priest was born in Rennes, France in 1810. As a young man, hearing of the wonderful work done among the settlers of America and the opportunity opened for the Catholic Faith to make rapid strides, he turned his heart to the missionary life of North America. He came to Vincennes with the Right Reverend Celestine Rene de la Hailandiere and on the 30th of November, 1839, was ordained.

Again we find a young man sent by his Bishop to assume the responsibilities of a large parish. This Bishop, like his predecessor realized the importance of selecting a young and energetic priest to assist the people in building up the city of their dreams and in completing the church which they craved to offer to God as an acceptable gift of love and devotion.

Day by day, month by month, did Father Du Pontavice attend personally to the building of the church, going about his other priestly duties only in Joliet; for after he had been here a short time, he petitioned the Bishop to send him an associate pastor. The work of construction was deemed so important that the constant presence of Father Du Pontavice was found to be necessary. The Bishop acceded to his wish and on August 30th, 1840 we find another priest at Saint Patrick’s, Father John Gueguen.

For three years Father Du Pontavice labored perseveringly and succeeded in completing the church before he was recalled to Vincennes.

In 1843 the Diocese of Chicago was formed and, Joliet coming under the jurisdiction of the new diocese, Father Du Pontavice went back to his own diocese and was stationed at Madison, Indiana. Here again he showed such high marks of executive ability that in 1846 he was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese, remaining in office until 1852. On May 27, 1847, at the age of 64 he was called to his eternal reward. His memory is still held in benediction in Madison. One of the villages which sprang up near Madison has been called Du Pont in honor of this noble priest.

THE REVEREND FATHER JOHN GUEGUEN.

From August, 1840, Father John Guegen, a native of France, assisted Father Du Pontavice. He was a recently ordained priest having received the sacerdotal character from the hands of Bishop de la Hailandiere, in the Cathedral of Vincennes on the 16th of August of that year. He remained in Joliet only one year and then was given charge over Lake County, Illinois, attending in the meanwhile McHenry, Kane and DeKalb Counties. In 1844, we find him at St. Mary’s, Daviess County, Indiana. In 1848 he was transferred to Indianapolis, where he built the first church.
THE OLD CHURCH
In 1853 he was appointed president of the seminary at Highland, Indiana, and for fourteen years, his was the office of teaching by word and example the many youths who later became the rank and file of the clergy of the Indianapolis Diocese. His last years were spent in the Convent of the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary’s of the Woods, where he acted in the capacity of Chaplain. He departed this life December 17th, 1893.

The priests of Indianapolis remember him well as a pious old man, not very communicative, but still full of kindness and profuse with good advice and encouragement for all.

THE REVEREND FATHER JOHN INGOLDSBY.

The fourth pastor of Saint Patrick’s church was ordained priest in Saint Mary’s Cathedral, Chicago, on the 18th of August, 1844, by the Right Reverend William Quarter, D. D., first Bishop of Chicago. Four days later he assumed charge of Saint Patrick’s church. During his administration, the parish flourished, and in 1848 a steeple was added to the church building. Bishop Quarter had received two bells from Felix Ingoldsby, an intimate friend, and one of these he gave to Saint Patrick’s. The bell was in Chicago in 1848 and Thomas Creavy and Ned Conlin went up to the city with a stone truck to bring it down. When they got as far as Romeo with it, their truck became stuck in the mud and the bell had to be abandoned there all winter. In the spring of 1849, the bell was extricated from the swamp and formally installed in Saint Patrick’s. Here, for many years it sounded the Angelus to the people and served as a fire alarm until, owing to the heavy service, it became cracked and was finally recast in 1903. Failing in health, on account of his strenuous life and the severity of the climate, Father Ingoldsby was forced to go to California in 1850 where he remained until 1853.

In the diary of Bishop Quarter we find the interesting note under the date of October 19th, 1849, “Visit Joliet, Stone church not yet consecrated or named.”

After travelling to New York and various parts of the country in search of health, Father Ingoldsby finally died in Wilmington and the remains were brought in solemn procession to be buried in St. Patrick’s Cemetery.

THE REVEREND FATHER GEORGE HAMILTON.

The first record we can find of George Hamilton, the fifth pastor of Saint Patrick’s Church, is a note in Bishop Quarter’s diary that on October 18th, 1845, he arrived in Chicago and entered the seminary. He was ordained successively in the minor orders and eventually raised to the priesthood on September 19th, 1846. Shortly after his ordination, he accompanied the Bishop on his visitation in southern Illinois. On April 29th, 1847, we find him appointed pastor of St. Francisville and Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Three years later on April 3rd, 1850, the Bishop placed him over the parish of Joliet. From various sources we learn that he was a student,
THE OLD SCHOOL
having a deep knowledge of modern languages, especially of the French. He wrote and translated various books among which is a translation from the French of One Hundred Short Sermons by H. J. Thomas.

Due to his avidity for book knowledge, Father Hamilton strained his physical strength and was obliged in the year of 1858 to go to Louisville, Kentucky, and seek a much needed rest. From this date on we possess no further record of this learned priest.

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THE REVEREND FATHER PATRICK FARRELLY.

Father Farrelly was born in 1812. Ordained in 1838, he passed the early years of his life in going from place to place, building up the Missions of the Diocese of Chicago. We have a record of his arrival in Joliet on the 9th day of August, 1858. His first official act was to revert to the old popular name of Saint Patrick’s which Father Hamilton in his devotion to his patron Saint had changed to Saint George, thus striking the chord of sentiment which pervaded his parishioners. There are still a few that remember the zeal and apostolic fervor of this white-haired and saintly ecclesiastic, and when in 1869 he was transferred to Galena, Illinois, his removal was keenly regretted by his admiring parishioners.

He died on June 14th, 1889, at the venerable age of 77. Many were the carts that were seen the night before, traversing the road to Galena where the solemn functions of his funeral were chanted in St. Michael’s Church of that city. He was buried in the East Side Cemetery of Galena.

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THE REVEREND FATHER WALTER POWER.

When Father Farrelly was transferred to Galena in 1858, Father Walter Power the pastor of the Church in Galena was appointed to fill the vacancy at Saint Patrick’s at Joliet. The house that now finds itself vacated by the Christian Brothers and which for many years was the residence of Father Power, Father Dunne, Father O’Dwyer and the Sisters of Saint Dominic, was brought to completion by Father Power. It was considered the finest residence of the West Side and is even now a very substantial building which will long stand to remind many of the present parishioners of the untold pangs of trepidation felt when about to call upon the pastor to procure his priestly services over the activities of the various phases of their lives. How many a modest maid, now a prominent society leader, has knocked at its venerable doors to whisper bashfully into the ear of their pastor the glad tidings that she wished to be married. And while the house was looked upon with awe from the exterior, none who had entered failed to come out with countenance wreathed in smiles caused by his charming jocularity. But such charms as God gave Father Power are not long for this world and soon death claimed him in early 1886. Archbishop Feehan presided personally at the funeral of this wonderful magnetic character and he was interred in Saint Patrick’s Cemetery. Later his devoted friends moved his body to its present resting place in Calvary Cemetery, Chicago.
THE REVEREND FATHER PATRICK W. DUNNE.

In January, 1886, Father Patrick W. Dunne was transferred from St. Mary's of this city, to the charge of St. Patrick's, which had become vacant at the death of Father Power. Father Dunne had the pleasure of celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Parish in 1889. Finding that the church was in a run-down condition, Father Dunne at once set to work to renovate and remodel it; he lowered the floor, thus giving the church an aspect far more practical and beautiful. There was a crying need of a modern parochial school and Father Dunne at once undertook to construct what has been called the Marquette School. At present, the Christian Brothers occupy this building, under the name of "The De LaSalle Institute." A course of commercial and high school work is open to all graduates from grammar school.

Father Dunne put the Ladies of Loretto in charge of his new school and for many years these noble women gave forth their best efforts in the training of the hearts and minds of their numerous pupils.

Father Dunne was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, on March 4th, 1852. He studied in St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and was ordained by Cardinal Gibbons in 1879. The excellent work of his administration in this parish from 1886 to 1911 is well known and appreciated by the people of Joliet. In 1911, Archbishop Quigley appointed Father Dunne Permanent Rector of St. James' Parish in Chicago and also conferred on him the dignity of Diocesan Consultor. Archbishop Mundelein has also made Father Dunne one of his advisors.

THE REVEREND DOCTOR DENNIS J. DUNNE.

The Reverend Doctor Dennis J. Dunne, at present Assistant Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is a well known priest in Joliet and especially in St. Patrick's. At the time of his ordination to the priesthood in 1901, the parishioners felt as proud of the event as they would have rejoiced had Doctor Dunne been one of them all his life. Doctor Dunne was Assistant to his brother for a short time when he was called to fill an important chair in the Cathedral College. Archbishop Mundelein appointed him to his present position in 1916.

THE REVEREND FATHER THOMAS O'BRIEN.

For fifteen years there was one figure in St. Patrick's the sight of which put happiness and pleasure in the heart of both young and old. His approach to the sick-bed brought relief and ease, his advice and priestly counsel in the confessional renewed the courage and faith of the sin-worn penitent, perfected the holiness of the pious. His presence in the school rooms was cause for relaxation of discipline, while the little ones, whom he loved dearly, drank in the sunshine of his ineffable smile and imbibed the truths of religion which he imparted so well.
This was our Father O’Brien, born in County Tipperary. He was educated in Mount Mellary College and All Hallows College, Dublin, where he was ordained in 1902; after which he came to this country and was sent to assist Father Dunne. Father O’Brien remained at St. Patrick’s after Father Dunne’s promotion, and in 1917, was transferred to St. Patrick’s Church in Chicago, where he still goes about his priestly duties in his inimitable way.

THE REVEREND FATHER PETER O’DWYER.

Of Father O'Dwyer what need be said. Well is his smiling face remembered, and his works speak for themselves in showing the disposition and character of this energetic and zealous priest. A native of Ireland, he came to America as a young priest, and offered himself to the Archbishop of Chicago. He was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick’s in 1911. It was during his period of office that the new house on Broadway was built, which is now the residence of the Christian Brothers. Father O'Dwyer is at present pastor of St. Rose of Lima’s Parish in Chicago, where he still continues to fascinate his people with his magnetic personality and fatherly kindness.

THE REVEREND FATHER PHILIP L. KENNEDY.

Our present Pastor, the Reverend Philip L. Kennedy, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland. His parents came to Chicago in 1880. Father Kennedy studied in St. Ignatius College, Chicago, and St. Mary’s Seminary, Baltimore. Ordained October 14th, 1900. Previous to his appointment to St. Patrick’s, he was Assistant for thirteen years to Father Cashman in St. Jarlath’s Parish, Chicago.

REVEREND FATHER WILLIAM D. O’BRIEN.

During the first year of his incumbency in St. Patrick’s, Father Kennedy was assisted on Sundays by the Reverend William D. O’Brien, the Vice-President of the Catholic Church Extension Society and Associate Editor of the well known Extension Magazine.

THE REVEREND FATHER JOSEPH P. MORRISON.

Archbishop Mundelein's First Work in Joliet

Shortly after coming to Chicago, Archbishop Mundelein determined that the religious welfare of Joliet needed an infusion of new interest. Excepting Chicago, it is the most important city in his Archdiocese—and although it had grown wonderfully in a material way, yet spiritually there had been no development for practically two generations. Therefore his Grace decided first to establish a new parish to care for the northwest section of the City, secondly, to transfer St. Patrick's to a new location, and thirdly to invite the Brothers of the Christian schools to open in the old St. Patrick's buildings a high school for the boys of Joliet and the surrounding country.

The Parish of St. Raymond's was founded by Archbishop Mundelein on June 20th, 1917. The Reverend Francis E. Scanlan was appointed its first Pastor.

The Christian Brothers opened their high school in the former St. Patrick's School in September, 1917.

The Reverend Philip L. Kennedy was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick's, taking charge on June 23rd, 1917.

Ground for the new St. Patrick's was purchased on Marion Street, and the new buildings, Church, School and Rectory, were begun. An adjoining building was bought for a home for the Sisters.

The arrival of Father Scanlan and Father Kennedy in Joliet developed a most unique situation. Father Scanlan, Pastor of St. Raymond's, and Father Kennedy, Pastor of St. Patrick's, lived together in the parochial house of old St. Patrick's during the year and a half occupied in planning and erecting the new Parish buildings—and the situation is made even more remarkable by the fact that the Parish house in which they lived was situated in another Priest's Parish. For that part of old St. Patrick's immediately around the church was assigned to St. Mary's Parish. They lived in perfect harmony. Fellow Priests in Chicago made "mind-bets" as to the duration of this modern example of early Christian union of mind and heart. But the brotherly feeling outlasted all bets and the help always springing from friendly companionship worked well for the benefit of both Parishes.

The Dominican Sisters moved into their Convent in the summer of 1918. Classes began in the new St. Patrick's School in the second week of September that same year.

Services were held in the new church for the first time on Sunday, March 2nd, 1919.

Father Kennedy and Father Morrison had moved into the new Parish House a few days previously.
St. Patrick’s Choir and Church Societies

OUR CHOIR.

Sunday after Sunday, Catholics and non-Catholics from all parts of the City, gather in St. Patrick’s to enjoy the splendid music offered by our Choir. It is readily conceded by priests and laymen of Joliet that we have the best Choir in the State of Illinois. Nor is it surprising that this be true, for every member of the Choir is highly talented, loves the art, and is willing to sacrifice time and personal comfort in order to render more perfectly the beautiful music of the Church.

The Sacred Concert which is given every year is the annual event in musical circles of the City.

In our midst, we are glad to say we have three members living who are able to tell us the glories of the original choir in which they took part. They are Mrs. Peter Collins, Mrs. Robert Walsh and Miss Mary Keegan.

MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR.

SOPRANO—Mesdames Ignatius Bagnell, Henry Odenthal, Joseph Carroll, Howard Trainor, Misses Lillian Hennessey, Dolores McNally, Margaret McGarry, Genevieve Haley, Madeline Haley, Isabel Lea, Mercedes Bagnell, Vera Grayhack, Laura Lux.


BASS—Messrs. Henry Odenthal, Dr. J. A. Limacher, Joseph Lux, Oscar Ernst, Frank Friedrich, Anton Schager.

TENOR—Messrs. William Odenthal, Leo Herkert, John Brankin.

ACCOMPANIST—Mrs. T. F. Donovan.

ORGANIST AND DIRECTOR—Miss Mary Collins.

SAINT PATRICK’S SANCTUARY BOYS.

All the boys in the upper grades of the school are eligible to belong to the Sanctuary Society. Not only do we feel that they render us great service, but especially is it considered a means of fostering piety in their young hearts and giving them a more perfect idea of the respect they should have for the holy mysteries. They are divided into two Bands, one of which assists in turn at the last Mass every Sunday. On the more solemn feasts, both Bands attend. They meet every Thursday afternoon for the purpose of instruction in the reading of the Mass prayers and the rehearsing of the sacred ceremonies.
OFFICERS:
Sister M. Gerard.........................Moderator
Richard Greene.........................President
Walter Baskerville....................Secretary
Joseph B. Lux.........................Master of Ceremonies.

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN BAND.
Raymond Nolan, Prefect
Edmund Brankin
David Hennebery
Arthur Reardon
Alenzo Mott
Talbot Mooney
Edward Carpenter
William Malberg
Arthur McDonnell
James Raleigh
Hubert Kelly
Albert Berard
Clement Corcoran
Raymond Reardon
Murray Ruddy
Charles Tierney
Harold Higgins
John Smith
Vincent Ryan
Charles Gallagher

ST. STANISLAUS BAND.
Raymond Carey, Prefect
Francis Dailey
Joseph Collins
Leo Malberg
Robert Burke
John Lynch
Walter Malberg
Thomas McGuire
Walter Baskerville
Robert Madden
Aurelle Berard
Joseph Shepley
Cletus Mooney
Clinton Corcoran
Gregory McGann
Norbert Walsh
John Donovan
Leo Carey
Harold Hamm
Robert Berard

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY.

The oldest people in the Parish, when asked for information about the Altar and Rosary Society, say that they only remember hearing their mothers talk of the times when they themselves were young and active members of it. So it is deduced that the Altar and Rosary Society had its inception with the very first days of the Parish.

The object of this society is to provide for things necessary in the Divine Service, consequently the scope of its activity embraces all that affects the Parish church. The members of the society have been most efficient helpers, and in all church activities, their energy has been unfailing and their faithfulness remarkable.

OFFICERS:
Mrs. Charles N. Hossack..................President
Mrs. John Ingoldsby....................Vice-President
Mrs. Bernard Larkin....................Secretary
Mrs. John Malloy......................Treasurer

MEMBERS.
Mesdames: Mesdames: Mesdames:
F. Payne T. Langdon J. Schussler
M. L. Kaffer A. Creswell K. Jones
Edward Glasgow Hugh Burns P. A. McDonnell
MEMBERS OF ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY—CONTINUED.

Mesdames:  
F. Grein  
Thomas Ruddy  
Anthony Ruddy  
D. Hennebry  
John Noonan  
W. F. Blackburn  
J. B. Blackburn  
J. Dillon  
C. Cronin  
J. Connors  
M. Ryan  
Etta Morrissey  
F. Hennebry  
T. Corcoran  
James Raleigh  
F. Flavin  
M. McFadden  
James J. Smith  
C. Breen  
D. Berard  
H. Boland  
W. Crate  
William Clyne  
James Corcoran  
William Crossen  
F. Donoghue  
J. D. Downing  
J. Fitzgerald  
F. Fitzgerald  
James Faulkner  
William Hennessey  
James Herbert  
J. Kelly  
A. Klepke  
V. Kelly  
J. McFadden  
W. McGrath  
B. Mahan  
C. Powell  
J. E. Riley  
Joseph Sullivan  
Frank Wise  
Joseph Erhard  
Ellen McCarthy  
H. Meinke  
J. J. Ley  
A. Hamm  
R. Sullivan  
Katherine Monahan

Mesdames:  
John Malloy  
Bernard E. Burke  
Michael Tracy  
James Lyons  
Thomas F. Donovan  
Thomas O'Hara  
M. Moore  
Alice Bagnell  
James Wise  
George Quinlan  
S. Maloney  
Peter Collins  
B. Kelly  
P. W. Fitzgerald  
C. E. Dice  
C. Cowan  
Robert Lee  
A. Breen  
Daniel Lynch  
T. P. Brankin  
J. M. Bannon  
E. Belay  
D. Carey  
C. J. Smith  
Anna Meegan  
A. Stahl  
James J. Clark  
M. Tynon  
D. Smith  
M. Burke  
William Shepley  
Thomas Feeney  
N. Johnson  
M. Gallagher  
Frank Kramer  
Ambrose Reardon  
J. Reardon  
M. Kiernan  
P. Rowan  
P. F. Carroll  
M. Feehan  
M. F. Murphy  
B. Freedel  
M. Bowe  
M. Wills  
C. Reedy  
Daniel Feeley

Mesdames:  
Sara Carroll  
Edward O'Brien  
Eliza Green  
J. Ray Lennon  
N. Clyne  
H. Calkins  
J. Foran  
Catherine Langdon  
K. Herndon  
J. Kerwin  
James W. Martin  
Edward J. Scully  
S. K. Filas  
H. T. Menard  
Pius Fahrner  
J. P. Leonard  
M. Langdon  
A. Lea  
J. Connelly  
Albert H. Bruning  
C. Robinson  
J. Nolan  
Veronica Roder  
Mary O'Grady  
Richard Scagnelli  
J. Sullivan  
M. O'Brien  
William Mooney  
Earl St. John  
L. Marron  
M. Bolin  
George Feary  
Charles Eaton  
John Sontag  
W. H. Starr  
John Riordan  
Maurice Hecht  
J. J. Fox  
Fred Liberty  
George Lowery  
John Keeley  
C. Worrell  
E. Bourrie  
Thomas Langdon  
M. Dillon  
Nate Bagnell  
G. C. Erhard  
J. Paul
MEMBERS OF ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY—CONCLUDED.

Mesdames: Mesdames: The Misses:
Frank J. Carroll John Limacher Katherine O'Leary
John Kaffer Daniel Fitzpatrick Mary O'Leary
Joseph B. Wallace John W. D'Arcy R. McCarthy
John Calais William Werner Anna Gunn
L. A. Kennedy James A. Powers M. O'Callahan

THE YOUNG LADIES' SODALITY.

At an early date in the history of St. Patrick's, the Young Ladies formed this Sodality as a means of promoting the many interests that concern the spiritual growth of piety and religious fervor of each of its members. The Sodality also aims to further social life among the Sodalists.

OFFICERS:

Miss Mary Ley......................President
Miss Frances Regan..............Treasurer
Miss May Scully....................Secretary

THE DOMINICANS IN SAINT PATRICK'S.

In the fall of 1914, the Dominican Sisters began their work in Joliet, and the school in which their initial endeavors were expended was Saint Patrick's. The Sisters of Loretto, who for years had had charge of several schools in the city were recalled to their motherhouse in Canada and in consequence, the late Archbishop Quigley, having become familiar with the excellent work done by these Dominicans in the many schools under their charge in the Chicago Archdiocese, referred the vacancies of Saint Patrick's and the Sacred Heart Schools to the Reverend Mother Camilla, Provincial of the house at Adrian, Michigan, requesting that Sisters from that house be sent to Joliet to continue the work so well done in both these schools. In consequence eight Sisters of the order of St. Dominic, accompanied by the Reverend Mother arrived in Joliet, August 16th, 1914, to begin their work in Saint Patrick's School.

The first community consisted of the following: Sister M. Ambrose, Sister M. Loretta, Sister M. Rosena, Sister M. Winifred (died July 15th, 1915), Sister M. Kevin, Sister M. Gerard, Sister Marie Therese and Sister Francis Xavier. The work in the Parish school was undertaken with great earnestness and zeal, the Reverend Mother herself remaining two weeks and directing and assisting in the new work. Under their charge, Saint Patrick's School, which had always borne a high reputation, made rapid advancement in scholarship and soon took its rank among the leading educational institutions of Joliet.

In connection with the work of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Dominic in the parochial school, a sketch of the establishment and growth of the Adrian Community is of timely interest. This house has enjoyed the
blessing of progress to an unusual degree. Unlike most religious houses in this section of the country it is a comparatively young institution founded about twenty-five years ago. A humble little band of four Sisters who came from New York to brave the hardships and privations of pioneer mission work in the wilds of the west, settled in northern Michigan, where for a number of years they performed their work of charity and self-sacrifice among the poor and the Indians inhabiting that section. A little later they extended their labors to the southern part of the state, where in the little town of Adrian, about sixty miles from the city of Detroit, they opened a small home for the aged and a hospital for the sick poor. In the true spirit of poverty which they professed, they conducted this work of love for their fellowmen, their only sustenance being the alms donated them in charity.

A few years later the Reverend Mother Camilla was placed in charge of the mission and the influence of her holy zeal and undaunted courage and energy was pronounced from the beginning. The Order of Saint Dominic is primarily a teaching order, and the Reverend Mother, following the spirit and traditions of the order, added to the work of these pioneer Sisters, the education of the young. This proved to be the step which in less than seven years' time laid the foundation of the community, and proved to be the nucleus not only of a thriving religious community, but also of an institution of learning, which is now attended by more than four hundred young ladies from all parts of the United States. The Reverend Foundress of this house of the Dominicans in the west has been blessed with the privilege of witnessing this unusual progress, and at the present time is still the guiding spirit in all that pertains to the institution not only as an educational center, where a high standard of scholarship is maintained,—a fact to which the long list of successful alumnae scattered far and wide bears witness,—but more especially to all that pertains to the Order of Saint Dominic and the numerous parochial schools in charge of the Sisters who comprise this community.

THE SAINT ALOYSIUS SODALITY.

This sodality for the boys of the Parish was organized in April, 1919. At the first business meeting an election of officers was held with the following results:

OFFICERS:
Raymond Carey ...................... Prefect
Joseph Collins ...................... First Assistant
Francis Dailey ...................... Second Assistant
Arthur Reardon ...................... Secretary
Albert Berard ...................... Treasurer

GUILD OFFICERS:
Murray Ruddy Robert Hennessy
Walter Baskerville Robert Burke
Thomas McGuire John Turney

MARSCHALS:
Richard Greene Alonzo Mott
CHILDREN OF MARY.

This sodality for the girls of the Parish was organized in April, 1919, and has a membership of sixty-five. The officers elected at the first meeting are the following:

Dorothy Burke.......................Prefect
Catherine Bowe......................First Assistant
Alma Menard.........................Second Assistant
Anna McAndrew......................Secretary
Myrtle Cahill.......................Treasurer
Anna Mae Trudeau...................Organist

GUILD OFFICERS:
Angela Donovan....................Eleanor Ruddy
Genevieve Riordan..................Loretta Lee
Geraldine Ryan.....................Margaret O'Brien

ASSISTANTS:
Elizabeth Morgan...................Cecil Morrissey

The members receive Holy Communion in a body on the fourth Sunday of the month.

CLASS OF 1919.

The Class of 1919, at its first business meeting in October, elected the following officers:

Helen Singleton......................President
Hubert Kelly.........................Vice-President
Arthur McDonnell...................Secretary
Anna McAndrew.....................Treasurer

They chose as their patron, Our Lady of Victory, whose colors, blue and white, were selected as class colors; the sweet pea is their choice as a class flower, and the class motto is “No Step Backward.”

THE SAINT CECILIA MUSIC CIRCLE.

The design of this circle is to make those taking a musical course familiar with the lives, characters and works of the great composers, in order to instill a greater love of the arts.

The organization of the two Divisions, the Senior and the Junior Divisions, was effected in October, and the officers elected are:

SENIOR CIRCLE.
Alma Menard.........................President
Walter Baskerville..................Vice-President
Richard Greene......................Secretary
Raymond Nolan......................Treasurer

JUNIOR CIRCLE.
Mary Bagnell.........................President
Maryrose Lynch......................Vice-President
Thomas McGuire.....................Secretary
Eulalie Trudeau.....................Treasurer
The societies hold their meetings Friday afternoons at two o'clock, when they intersperse music with social hour after the consideration of the composer selected for special study on that day. At stated intervals the afternoon is devoted to studio recitals for the parents of those taking part and the members of the class.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY DEBATING SOCIETY.

This organization consisting of the students in eighth grade was effected in January, 1919. In training practical thinkers and observers of conditions, and producing readiness in discussion, as well as promoting good judgment, this organization has accomplished much. In addition, it has developed unusual interest in general affairs, making toward practical manhood and womanhood. Three debates were held this season.

OFFICERS:

Sister Magdalen Marie..................Moderator
Arthur Reardon..........................President
Angela Donovan........................Vice-President
James Raleigh..........................Secretary
Anna McAndrew.........................Treasurer

ST. PATRICK’S LIBRARY.

A feature in connection with the parochial school, which bids fair for future development and utility is St. Patrick’s library. A spacious and attractive room in the northeast corner of the building has been selected for this purpose, and, though only in its infant stage, it is already a favorite spot in which the pupils of the school love to spend their spare moments.

It is expected that within the next few years the number of volumes will be materially increased and that the school library will have good reason for being included among the many things of which St. Patrick’s Parish is justly proud.

THE LIBRARIANS:

John Donovan                                     Geraldine Ryan

SAINT PATRICK’S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

In athletics, our boys have always enjoyed an enviable reputation. The season of 1918-1919 proved no deviation from their general prestige. Much interesting comment was passed during the Basket-Ball season, when our lads acquitted themselves well and came forth victorious from some stubbornly contested games. Individual members of the teams provoked much well deserved praise by their brilliant feats which have served to give St. Patrick’s athletes a city-wide reputation.
EIGHTH GRADE BASKET-BALL TEAM.
Raymond Nolan ......................... Guard
Arthur McDonnell ....................... Guard
Hubert Kelly ......................... Center
Murray Ruddy ......................... Left Forward
John Donovan ....................... Right Forward

SEVENTH GRADE BASKET-BALL TEAM.
Bernard Ruddy ......................... Guard
Walter Baskerville ..................... Guard
Talbot Mooney ......................... Center
Clement Corcoran ..................... Left Forward
Edmund Brankin ..................... Right Forward

THE BASE-BALL TEAM—"THE MICKS."
Raymond Nolan ......................... Pitcher
Arthur McDonnell ....................... Catcher
Murray Ruddy ......................... First Base
Talbot Mooney ......................... Second Base
Albert Berard ......................... Third Base
Bernard Ruddy ......................... Right Field
Walter Baskerville ................... Left Field
Hubert Kelly ......................... Center Field
Edmund Brankin ..................... Short Stop

SAINT PATRICK'S FIFE AND DRUM CORPS.
The Saint Patrick's Fife and Drum Corps was organized March 6th, 1918, under the direction of Mr. Cleary and Mr. Washburn. It was composed of the following:

Edward Scabill, Captain
Hubert Kelly
John Feeley
Francis Larkin
Frank Renwick
Henry Schoettes
Raymond Nolan
Raymond Greene
Willard Grayhack

Arnold Bender
Leo Smith
Richard Barden
Francis McFadden
Joseph Morrissey
Claude Sweitzer
Richard Greene
Joseph Collins
Richard Dillon

James Hennessy

From the time of their organization, the Corps became very popular in Joliet and took a leading part in many public demonstrations. They figured prominently in the laying of the corner stone on May 30th, 1918, when, accompanied by a band of fifty scouts from Saint Patrick's, they formed a line of escort for the Right Reverend Monsignor M. J. Fitzsimmons, Vicar General of the Chicago Archdiocese, and marched from the Union Station to the site of the present Saint Patrick's, to witness the ceremony.

At present, there is under way a movement to organize in our School a troop of Boy Scouts, which will be affiliated with the National Organization. All the boys who have reached the age of twelve have expressed their desire to take part in this excellent work.
The Brothers of the Christian Schools

Saint John Baptist De La Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, was born at Rheims, in France, on the 30th of April, 1651. Although the eldest of a family distinguished in the magistracy, he desired from early youth to consecrate himself to the service of the altar. He was ordained priest in 1678, and devoted himself entirely to the practice of good works.

Being animated with an ardent zeal for the salvation of souls, he applied himself especially to the instruction of youth, and founded an Institute chiefly intended for the education of the children of the people.

He himself taught school at Rheims, Marseilles, Paris and Grenoble. Finally, after having given, during forty years, an example of the most heroic virtue, he died in the odour of sanctity, on Good Friday, April 7th, 1719.

The holy Founder left after him twenty-two houses; very soon this number was increased; and in 1900, they numbered fifteen hundred and fifty-one.

Seventy-five years ago four Brothers came to the city of Baltimore to open a school in one of its Parishes. Two years later, another small group arrived in New York from France. The next year a community was opened in St. Louis. Just after our Civil War, a colony of Brothers from the New York District opened the now flourishing California District.

Thus began the work of the Brothers in the United States. It means very little until we give our attention to the results of these four establishments. That little colony of four Brothers has grown to be a mighty congregation spread over our land, and numbering in its ranks 1200 Brothers, teaching in 15 colleges, 25 high schools, 70 parish schools and 10 orphanages and industrial schools. The mere handful of boys attending the first school has increased to an army of over 30,000 boys and young men.

At the urgent solicitation of his Grace, Archbishop Mundelein, the Brothers came to Joliet in September, 1918, and established a Catholic High School for boys in the old St. Patrick's School building, which they have remodeled and furnished with the most modern equipment for high school and commercial classes.

The first year's enrollment is most encouraging, all the city Parishes and many of the surrounding towns being well represented, and we have no doubt, but that in a few years, it will be one of the principal educational institutions conducted by the Brothers in the Mississippi Valley.
ST. PATRICK’S CEMETERY.

As early as 1842, the people buried their deceased relatives and friends in what became St. Patrick’s Cemetery. Only in 1849, did the Cemetery become an official institution. The Trustees of the Illinois and Michigan Canal deeded in 1849 the plot of land to John Belz, Edward Conlan and Michael Shields. These latter on September 13th, 1849, deeded the same to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago.

St. Patrick’s Cemetery Association was organized May 14th, 1916, by permission from the Reverend P. O’Dwyer, then Pastor of St. Patrick’s Church. The object of the Association was the general improvement of the Cemetery—cleaning up all refuse, straightening stones and markers and beautifying shrubbery and trees.

The officers elected at the time of the organizing of the Association were—President, Thomas P. Lennon; First Vice-President, M. J. Cunningham; Second Vice-President, Harry DeMiller; Treasurer, Miss Julia Talbot; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Moriarty. A Board of Trustees was also elected—Joseph A. Kelly, Jeremiah Kinsella, William McManus and Michael O’Boyle. The present Chairman of the Board of Trustees is Mr. Thomas Langdon, 217 Hunter Avenue, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. O’Boyle in October, 1918.

### Interesting Facts About St. Patrick’s

The following is the construction of the first Saint Patrick’s Church in Joliet:

“Joliet, May 1st, 1839.
We, the undersigned, do hereby contract for and promise to do all the stone masonry of the Catholic Church of Joliet, cut the sill caps and watertable, arch stones, four spires and draw water, and do the whole building according to the specifications for two dollars and fifty cents a perch.

Reserving to ourselves, however, the right of being paid fifty dollars for dressing and lettering a frontis stone in the memory of the liberality of the men on the Illinois Canal and that of the citizens of Joliet in general.

TIMOTHY KELLY.
DENNIS KELLY.
MICHAEL CASSIN.”

We find the following among old deeds:

“January 14th, 1839.
Martin H. DeMond and wife

to
Simon Gabriel Brute and his successors forever:

Lot 1, Block 20, in West Joliet, $1000.00 to him in hand paid by the Right Reverend Simon Gabriel Brute, Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Vincennes.
This deed is nevertheless made upon the express condition that the said Bishop shall within two years of date hereof erect a church upon the said lot, or cause a church to be erected upon the said lot, not less than 50 feet in length by 40 feet in width.

September 14th, 1842, we find the following:

"Martin H. Demmond and wife

to

Right Reverend Celestine R. de la Hailandiere, Catholic Bishop of Vincennes:

Lot 1, Block 20, West Juliet. The consideration being $1.00 and no conditions expressed."

The Most Reverend James J. Keane, D. D., the present Archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa, was baptized in St. Patrick’s Church.

The Right Reverend John McMullen, for many years the chancellor of the Diocese of Chicago and later Bishop of Davenport, Iowa, received his First Holy Communion in St. Patrick’s Church, December 25th, 1843.

Father Bernard Feeley, who died at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Chicago, in 1913, attended St. Patrick’s School, whence he went to Niagara University for his classical and theological education. He was ordained August 29th, 1889.

The Reverend Francis Jones, at present Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, St. Louis, Missouri, and official for many years on the Seminary Board, was before his ordination in 1887, a member of this Parish.

Father Martin McAvoy, for many years a faithful altar-boy under Father Dunne, was ordained to the priesthood in 1905.

Father Thomas Walsh, also one of Father Dunne’s boys was ordained priest in 1903. He had made a brilliant course at St. Mary’s Seminary, Baltimore, and when Archbishop Quigley was selecting a corps of professors for his new Cathedral College, he sent Father Walsh to Rome to take a post-graduate course. On his return, Father Walsh took up his duties in the College. He died in 1908.

Among the young ladies of the Parish who entered the religious life we find the following:

Anna Jones, who became Sister Columba in the Ursuline Order at Arcadia, Missouri. She died May 14th, 1889.

Rose Mary Shearen, in religion Sister M. Olivia, was for many years Organist of the Children’s Choir in St. Patrick’s School; also at one time teaching third grade, which became the class of 1918. At present she has charge of the Musical course in St. Edmund’s School, Oak Park, Illinois. Sister M. Olivia is a Dominican of the same Mother-house, as the Sisters of our school.

Viola Kelley, now Sister Mary Theresa, of the Ladies of Loretta, is in Sault Sainte Marie, teaching. She has been in the Order six years. Previous to her entrance into the Order she was Vice-President of St. Patrick’s Young Ladies Sodality.
Mary Bannon has arisen to distinction and a place of honor in the Order of the Ladies of Loretta. She teaches in their school in Englewood, Illinois. Mother Bernadine was also Vice-President of our Young Ladies Sodality before she joined the Loretta Sisters.

Olive McGuire is now Sister Callista, in the Ladies of Loretta, and teaches Music in their large school in Toronto, Canada.

Genevieve Wall entered the Order of the Ladies of Loretta in 1910, and as Sister Imelda is at present teaching in St. Bride's School, Chicago.

In 1907, Mary Clark joined the Ladies of Loretta. Her new name is Sister Saint Vincent. She is attached to the teaching staff in Guelth, Canada.

Bessie McNaughton joined the Holy Cross Order. She is now Sister M. Inecetta, and a teacher in Saint Theresa's School, Boise, Idaho.

Cecilia Conroy at present Sister Thomasina is to be seen in the Mercy Hospital, going about tending the sick and feeble.

It is interesting to note that from November 23rd, 1838, up to May 4th, 1919, the Sacrament of Baptism has been administrated to 5866 children.

RING, OH RING!

Ring, oh, ring! Ye beautiful festive bells!
Tell the gladsome story!
Tell the gladsome story!
Sadness, too, your melody softly tells,
For you break the ties which Old St. Patrick’s held.
Ring! ring! ring!
With dear memories fond and treasured;
Ring! ring!
Deep our sighs as we part from you forever,
Filled with cherished thoughts and hallowed dreams
of past bright years.

Sing, oh, sing! This morning of joy appears;
Welcome in its dawning!
Welcome in its dawning!
When to our King we offer with hopes and tears,
Shrine so beautiful and pure and hearts sincere.
Sing! sing! sing!
For the soul is steeped in gladness,
Sing! sing!
Future years with their toll of joy and sadness,
All shall center here 'tween sacred walls, St. Patrick’s dear.

Anon.

Written on the occasion of the removal from old St. Patrick’s Church to the new.