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Spring Meeting

The Spring Quarterly Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 19, 2002 at the Borrelli Center behind St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 1600 N. Hague Avenue. Father M. Edmund Hussey will speak about "Purcell of Cincinnati."

Archbishop Purcell, a native of Ireland, became the second Bishop of Cincinnati in 1833. For fifty years he helped his small diocese develop into a large and distinguished archdiocese. His see city was largely German, but he functioned so capably that the Church in Cincinnati was virtually free of ethnic tensions. On the border between North and South, he struggled to move beyond the merely political and economic aspects of slavery and finally was able to defend the Emancipation Proclamation. The last chapter of his life, which was dominated by a disastrous financial failure, undermined his legacy. After his death, his memory was allowed to pass quickly into oblivion.

Purcell's episcopacy was crucial for our diocese, for it was he who visited the area often, established many churches here, accepted Sylvester Rosecrans as a candidate for the priesthood and eventually consecrated him as auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, and installed him as first Bishop of Columbus.

Father Hussey is a retired seminary professor and pastor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, now living in Hilliard. He earned a Ph.D. in historical theology from Fordham University and also served as archivist for the Archdiocese. Among his publications are several studies of Ohio Catholic history, including articles on the life of Archbishop Purcell.

History of the Diocese of Columbus

Delivery of the new Illustrated History of the Diocese of Columbus began on February 15. It is available at parishes and at the Cathedral Book Shop.

Index to the Illustrated History Available

The author of the new diocesan history, Society member Donald Schlegel, has prepared a separate, 16-page index. For information on obtaining the index, contact him at 614-771-9090 or at dmschlegel@juno.com. Copies of the index will be available at the Spring Meeting.

Membership

The cost of membership in the Society is \$15 for an individual (or two family members in one household). Institutional subscriptions to the Bulletin are \$25 per calendar year. Dues are now payable for calendar year 2002. One hundred nine are now on the roster for 2002. As of March 16, (in addition to those listed in November and January), these include:

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Washington Co. Public Library, Marietta
Rev. Michael B. Watson, Columbus
Rev. Kenneth Wise, Cleveland

Acquisitions for the Library

Two copies of the new Illustrated History of the Diocese of Columbus and two copies of the index

- gifts of the author

Photograph of Father Henry Kellerman in front of St. Augustine Church, New Straitsville

- gift of Sr. Margaret Hoffman, O.S.F.

Bound Volume 7 Still Available

Copies of the seventh bound volume of the Bulletin are still available. This covers the 36 issues for the years 1997 through 1999. The price of the volume is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Major items in this bound volume include biographical sketches of the bishops of Columbus; abstracts from the Catholic Telegraph (1841-1849); the Chaplains and the St. Dymphna Guild at Columbus State School; Our Lady of Mercy School, Granville; the Columbus Catholic Cemetery; Father John Zahm; St. Mary's at the Furnaces, Pine Grove, Lawrence County; Rev. Albert J. O'Brien, O.P.; John Fink of Somerset; James T. Carroll; the Magevney Cousins; Rome and Rob Greene; the DCCW; The Church in Hardin County to 1883 and the Mathews and Flannagan family; and the Church of the Assumption near Bolivar. Record series include Danville St. Luke baptisms and marriages to 1842 and tombstones to 1880; St. John the Evangelist, Zanesville, marriages, confirmations, and baptisms to 1842; Irish nativities recorded in London St. Patrick cemetery and burial register; Pine Grove records; and baptisms at Forest, Hardin County, 1865-1881.