

**CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY - DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS**  
**SOCIETY NEWS**  
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**Spring Quarterly Meeting -- May 18**

Our Spring meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18 in the new hall at St. Patrick Parish, Grant and Mt. Vernon Avenues in Columbus. Father Jordan Lenaghan, O.P., will tell us of "Antebellum Catholic Education on the Somerset Frontier: A History of St. Joseph's College." His presentation will focus on the college as an expression of the Order of Preachers' educational mission in the United States, its links with other early Dominican educational experiments, and the development of its extraordinary library collection.

Father Jordan Lenaghan, O.P., S.T.L., a priest of St. Joseph Province, currently is undertaking graduate studies in Early Modern British history at the Ohio State University. He was ordained in 1995 after receiving the degree of M.Div. and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology, both summa cum laude, both for the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, in the field of Ancient and Biblical Studies.

In 1997 Father Lenaghan completed a history of St. Joseph's College in booklet form. The college existed from 1850 until 1861 on the property of St. Joseph Parish and Priory near Somerset and drew students from many states.

**Dedication of Historical Markers at Somerset -- April 27**

On Sunday afternoon, April 27, two Ohio Bicentennial historical markers will be dedicated at Somerset, to mark the meeting of the first Lutheran Synod west of the Alleghenies and the dedication of the first Catholic church in Ohio, both of which occurred in 1818. The ceremonies will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Old Lutheran Cemetery on West Gay Street and at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church on State Route 383 south of town. A reception at St. Joseph Parish Hall for the Somerset community and guests will follow. For more information, Society members may call Patrick Mooney at 614-279-6665. (Pat represents the Catholic Church in Ohio on the Religious Experience Advisory Council of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission.)

**Member Publication**

Society member Tony Lisska had a fine piece published in the Fall 2002 issue of *The Historical Times*, the Quarterly of the Granville, Ohio, Historical Society. "A Backward Glance at the Forward Pass: Giving Credit Where Credit is DU!" demonstrates that the Denison University "Big Red" football team of 1912 first established, perfected, and executed the strategy of the forward pass. The Notre Dame team of 1913 is usually given the credit for this innovation. This is due to ND's use of the same strategies in a game against Army, where it caught the attention of the east coast sports writers.

## Gifts to the Society

We are always grateful for gifts to our library. Our collection concentrates on universal and local Catholic history and records, authors from the Diocese of Columbus, Catholic biography and family histories, and other local history.

Postcard, the "New Knights of Columbus Club" in Columbus  
- gift of Donald Schlegel

*The St. Augustine Catholic*, Vol. V., No. 2, Nov./Dec. 1995 (diocesan 125th anniversary issue); and

Gallagher, Charles, Ph. D., *Cross & Crozier: The History of the Diocese of Saint Augustine*; Editions du Signe, 1999  
- gifts of Sister Joan Harper, C.D.P.

VonRanke, Leopold, *History of the Popes, their Church and State*, Revised Edition, N.Y.: P.F. Collier & Son, 1901; Books V-VII (Donated to St. Bernard School, Corning by Rev. William Robben)  
- gift of Msgr. George Schlegel

Goffine's *Devout Instructions on the Epistles and Gospels...* N.Y.: Benzinger Brothers, 1896; and

*Treasury of Catholic Doctrine*; The Treasury Publishing Co., 1915  
- gifts of Sr. Mary Joesetta Mayer, O.P.

## Membership

Society member Sister Mary Donald Thacker, O.S.F., passed on to her eternal reward on Christmas Day at Mt. St. Mary Hospital in Lewiston, N.Y. She had returned to the Stella Niagara motherhouse last year due to health problems. While in Columbus she had been active on our research committee. It was always a delight to work with Sister and she will be sorely missed. The Society had Mass offered for her.

The cost of membership in the Society is \$15 for an individual (or two family members in one household); \$25 for institutional subscriptions. As of March 28, 122 are on the roster for 2003. This will be the last mailing to anyone who has not renewed. Members already enrolled for 2003 (in addition to the 75 listed in the last two newsletters) are:

Patricia Flowers, Darian, Connecticut  
Washington Co. Public Library, Marietta, Ohio  
Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne, Ind.  
Hugh A. & Arlene T. Imlay, Newark  
Karen Marshall, Lancaster  
Albert J. Roll, Edgewood, Ky.  
Steve P. and Josephine A. Simon, Columbus  
Sr. Margaret Hoffman, O.S.F., Columbus  
Miss Evangeline Justice, New Boston, Ohio  
Bob and Kim Cody, Columbus  
Msgr. John K. Cody, Columbus  
Rev. Peter Gideon, Wheelersburt, O.  
Msgr. J. Colby Grimes, New Albany  
Deacon Frank Iannarino, Columbus  
Joan J. Sommer, Portsmouth,

Robert M. Stark, Columbus  
Ellen Gordon Dye, West Palm Beach Fla.  
Rev. William J. Metzger, Dover  
John C. Ruetty, Marysville  
Family History Library, Salt Lake City  
Miss Agnes A. McCabe, Houston, Texas  
Msgr. James B. Nugent, Columbus  
Mary E. Ruetty, Columbus  
Pat Vigue, Junction City  
Bernadine Bauman, Columbus  
Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton Co.  
Joan Eckert, Gibbon, Minnesota  
Mary & Louis V. Fabro, Columbus  
Thomas & Norma Eviston, Columbus  
Sharon Hanger, Columbus  
Martin F. Russell, Columbus  
Raymond and Terry Thomas, Col's  
Rev. Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran, Columbus  
William Herold, Reynoldsburg, O.  
Msgr. Ralph Huntzinger, Belle Center, Ohio  
Marcia McLaughlin, Cincinnati  
Mary Lou Messmer, Columbus  
David M. Smithhisler, Mt. Vernon  
Peter R. Thomas, New Albany  
Rev. Michael B. Watson, Columbus  
Dominic F. and Janet S. Julian, Westerville  
Martin J. Kerscher, Gahanna  
Robert and Ruth Kirwin, Columbus  
Rosemary K. Miller, Columbus  
Joseph Reinhard, Galloway  
John Walsh Portsmouth  
James Gatterdam, Columbus

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**ADDENDA FOR THE ELECTRONIC EDITION**

**Franklin County Bicentennial -- April 30-May 4**

The Bicentennial celebration for Franklin County will begin with a Franklin County 200th Birthday Party at COSI on April 30, 2003 and will continue with Franklin County Homecoming Days on April 30 through May 4 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard. The Catholic Record Society will join other historical societies and organizations in providing historical exhibits and information at the Homecoming Days. Admission at the fairgrounds is free to the public. For detailed schedule of events, open hours of exhibit buildings, and further information, call 614-445-8247 or visit the website: [www.fcb2003.org](http://www.fcb2003.org)

**Society Officers Elected**

At the Winter meeting, the Society's officers were re-elected for another two-year term: Patrick Mooney, Chairman; Don Schlegel, Vice Chairman/Secretary; and Mark Gideon, Treasurer.

**Another Member Publication**

Society member Don Schlegel has an article published in the newly released 2002 edition of the *Clogher Record*, the Journal of the Clogher Historical Society, in Ireland. Titled "Reweaving the Tapestry of Ancient Ulster," it treats of a new theory that attempts to align and re-weave the various strands of Ulster pre-history that have come down to us into a coherent picture beginning in the first century B.C.