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Fall Quarterly Meeting -- Nov. 23

We will meet on Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Grant Ave. and Naghten St. in Columbus. (Park in any lot regardless of signage, on Sunday, and take the elevator upstairs.)

David Snider of Somerset will speak on Early Catholic Migration into Somerset and Environs. "We will discuss the early 19th Century migration of our Germanic and Irish ancestors from Europe, through the mid-Atlantic states and into Ohio. We'll explore the economic, social, political and religious reasons for this unprecedented movement. We'll also discuss the successes and failures at each stop along the way, and finally why the elders recognized that Somerset was indeed their promised land, and the migrants evolved into residents."

An engaging speaker, Mr. Snider is a Somerset native, active in the Perry County Historical Society, a Civil War re-enactor, and the director of Somerset's Civil War Days in the late 1990s. He will admit to being an Ohio University graduate, a surveyor, and the original proponent of the ever-swelling campaign that "Somerset is the hub of the universe."

Dr. Lorle Porter, professor emerita at Muskingum College, who spoke at our annual meeting in February, will bring for sale and signing copies of her book, St. Patrick's People: Irish and English Catholics in Early Ohio History.

During the business meeting we will vote on the changes to the Society's by-laws that were discussed at the Summer meeting. The substantive changes include naming St. Bede as our patron (as voted at a meeting a few years ago), clarifying "household membership," and splitting the offices of Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Raising Society Visibility

As a result of discussions at the Summer meeting, early in November we will send a letter to all parishes to raise our visibility and, we hope, increase membership. The letter will include copies of a tri-fold brochure about the society, designed and produced by Mark Gideon.

Acquisitions for our Collections

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.

Gifts from Patrick J. Mooney:

- An original photo of Father Suitbert Mollinger of Pittsburgh (more on this in a future *Bulletin*)
- Gaffney, Rev. Francis A., O.P., *Sonnets and Other Verses*; New York: P. J. Kenedy & Sons, 1916
- *Pilgrim of Peace: The Homilies and Addresses of His Holiness Pope John Paul II on the Occasion of his Visit to the United States of America*, October, 1979. U.S. Catholic Conference Publications Office

Membership

Society member Sister Camilla Mullay, O.P., who was a historian for the St. Mary of the Springs community and was always helpful to us, passed to her eternal reward on July 14 at the age of 76. We are having a Mass offered for her.

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