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The Bishops of Columbus: Right Rev. Henry Moeller, D.D.

The shortest episcopate in the history of the Diocese of Columbus was that of Henry Moeller, who served here for just two years and eight months, from August 27, 1900 until April 27, 1903. During that short time, he injected a ray of hope in the diocese, which the Vatican was considering suppressing because of its great debt.

The people and priests of the diocese found Moeller a rather good preacher and a kind, caring, and loving priest. He was very strict with himself and with others and expected people to do as he said. He was a good manager and had a typically orderly Teutonic mind, the latter reflected in some of his acts.

He is credited with wiping out the diocesan debt by means of apportioning it among the priests and parishes. In fact, some progress had been made in reducing the debt even during the administration of Father Specht, and it was not completely eradicated until 1906; but the means of its eradication was established by Moeller. He also established the first complete set of parish boundaries for Columbus and Franklin County. During his short time here, despite the debt problems, he established three new parishes and four missions. In 1902 Moeller convened the fifth synod of the diocese (the first since 1887 and the last until 1952), to treat of and set regulations

for questions pertaining to the needs of the clergy and people of the diocese. Perhaps one of his happiest acts as Bishop of Columbus was the consecration in 1900 of the new Holy Name Church in Steubenville, which now is the cathedral church of that diocese.

Moeller was born in Cincinnati on December 11, 1849, son of Bernard and Theresa (Witte) Moeller, who were immigrants from Westphalia. Bernard was a cabinet maker, carpenter, brick-



*Rt. Rev. Henry Moeller
Third Bishop of Columbus*

layer, and contractor. They were members of St. Joseph parish. Henry was the eldest of seven children, of whom one became Sister Henry Marie of the Sisters of Charity, Mt. St. Joseph; Ferdinand became a Jesuit priest; and Bernard jr. became a priest and Chancellor of the Archdiocese.

The future bishop was educated at St. Joseph's parochial school and St. Xavier College in Cincinnati and the American College in Rome, where he excelled in Theology. He was ordained to the priesthood in St. John Lateran on June 10, 1876 by Archbishop Giulio Lenti, of Nepi e Sutri. Returning to America, he served a brief time in Bellefontaine, Ohio and then as professor at Mt. St. Mary of the West seminary. In 1879 and 1880 he was secretary to Bishop Chatard in Vincennes. He then returned to Cincinnati as secretary to Archbishop Elder and, beginning in 1886, as Chancellor of the archdiocese, while continuing as secretary. On April 6, 1900 he was appointed Bishop of Columbus. He was consecrated in St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, that August 25 by Archbishop William H. Elder, assisted by Bishops H. J. Richter of Grand Rapids and T. S. Byrne of Nashville. He came to Columbus and was installed in St. Joseph Cathedral on August 27th.

On April 27, 1903 he was appointed Titular Archbishop of Areopolis and coadjutor to Archbishop Elder. He left Columbus and arrived in Cincinnati on June 26. On Elder's death, he succeeded as fourth Ordinary of Cincinnati on October 31, 1904 and was installed in the cathedral there on February 15, 1905.

As Archbishop of Cincinnati he infused new life into parochial development and organization; founded many new parishes; brought in new communities of religious orders; and established the Bureau of Catholic Charities to foster and promote the various diocesan charitable societies and activities. He founded St. Rita

school for the deaf in Lockland in 1924 and he set in motion the project of a system of Catholic high schools for the archdiocese. He had the one-million-dollar Mt. St. Mary's of the West major seminary built in Norwood, completed in 1924, where many priests of the Diocese of Columbus were educated.

He was made an assistant to the pontifical throne, 1923 and several times was prominently mentioned as a candidate for the College of Cardinals.

Archbishop Moeller died suddenly on January 5, 1925. He had suffered from influenza in 1923 and never fully recovered from that; he suffered several heart attacks and finally succumbed to heart problems. After elaborate rites, he was interred in the mausoleum at St. Joseph Cemetery, in the Cincinnati suburb of Pine Hill.

Moeller was an ardent lover of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and lost no opportunity to promote veneration of the Holy Eucharist and to urge more frequent attendance at Mass, reception of Holy Communion, and attendance at exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. He devoted many hours to the confessional in his cathedral.

He was a man of deep learning and noble character, who lead a sterling Catholic life full of great work for God and country. He had always busied himself on behalf of the fatherless and the motherless, as well as all unfortunates who came under his jurisdiction.

SOURCES

The most complete sources for Bishop Moeller are John Lamott's *History of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati* pp 92-96 and, locally, the *Catholic Columbian* of January 9 and 16, 1925. The gift to the Society of the accompanying photograph of the bishop by the *Catholic Times* is gratefully acknowledged.

Abstracts from
The Catholic Telegraph
(Continued, from Vol. XXII, No. 1)

October 9, 1841

The Bishop and V. Rev. Mr. Henni will visit the following congregations in the course of this and the next month. Zanesville (St. John's), 2d Sunday of October, 10th of the month. Taylorsville (St. Ann's), 14th do. Deavertown, Morgan county, 17th do. Sunday Creek, 18th do. -- The churches in these two last named places will then be dedicated. Meigs Creek, 20th do., when the new church will be dedicated. Archers Settlement, 26th do. St. Dominicks, 28th do. St. Joseph's (Monroe county), 29 and 30th. St. Mary's, Marietta, 31st Oct. and all Saints' and all Souls' days. Canton, 7th of November, St. Louis, 11th do, Chippewa, 14th do, Fulton, Randolph, Wooster, and Columbus, on days to be subsequently made known...

October 16, 1841

EPISCOPAL VISITATION

The sacrament of confirmation was administered in Chillicothe during the past week by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Purcell to eighteen persons including two converts to our church. The same sacrament had been conferred by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Miles on one hundred and fifty one persons of the Congregation of St. Joseph and Somerset in Perry County, during his recent visit to his Dominican Brethren. On Sunday last Bishop Purcell confirmed, fifty five in Zanesville, of whom several were recently converted. The church was handsomely decorated with evergreens for the occasion. Four discourses were delivered during the Sabbath; two in English by the Bishop and two in German by the Rev. Mr. Henni. The Bishop preached again to a large audience on Monday, and on Tuesday evening Very Rev. Mr. Henni preached in the Court House at the request of the Germans, Catholics and Lutherans. The number of the faithful is increasing in Zanesville and we are glad to hear that they have determined to build two new churches.

October 30, 1841

THE DEATH OF THE JUST

We seldom direct the attention of our readers to the last moments of the dying... For once, however, we must depart from the rule... The young man who expired in such edifying sentiments, had visited Cincinnati during the summer, for the purpose of spending some time in retirement from the world and making preparations for his reception in the Catholic church.... After much study and most pious preparation, he received the Holy Eucharist in Cincinnati and returned to Chillicothe, to preserve until the hour of death the edifying demeanor and saintly devotion which he exhibited when here....

Glenn-Mary, Oct. 19th, 1841.

DEAR SIR:

How "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints." those only can form a proper conception, who have witnessed the departure from this world of a truly pious and devout Christian. On the 5th of this month I beheld a precious death.... On that day the soul of Thomas W. Bourne was summoned to his Creator's presence.-- How anxiously did he expect! how gladly did he obey the voice that called him! "Come let us go" were the last words which he uttered....

...In a short time he became calm, and inquired when I expected Mr. Rappe. I answered on Tuesday. "I hope to God, I may live to see him; I wish to receive the communion once more before I die." Previous to this, Rev. Mr. DeGoesbriand had visited him twice... Mr. DeG. would most gladly have administered to him the last rites of the church, but there was then every reason to believe that he would survive to receive them from those hands that had often broken for him the bread of life. ...It remains for me to say, that his father with great liberality desired me to have him interred according to the ceremonies of the Catholic Church. Fortunately, Mr. Rappe returned on the day of his decease and performed the solemn ceremonies of the dead....

W. MARSHALL ANDERSON

November 6, 1841

EPISCOPAL VISITATION

The Church of Deaverstown, Morgan County, was visited on the day already announced. It is a substantial Brick building *forty-five* by *thirty* feet, accommodating about forty Catholic families. It is under the patronage of the Arch-Angel Michael. This Church is nearly at an equal distance (from 14 to 16 miles) from Zanesville and Taylorsville on the Muskingum River, and 1 1/2 miles from the old Church and Graveyard of St. Barnabas. It is under the Pastoral care of Rev. Michael Egidius Olivetti. Ten miles South of Deaverstown, on the Athens road, stands the new church of the Sunday Creek Congregation, under the protection of the Seraphic St. Francis of Assisium. It is built of stone, the front of cut stone, Sixty-five by thirty-five feet, a few rods from the site of the log church which fell, soon after its construction, last spring, by the hand of an Incendiary. This Church is attended by ninety families, chiefly from the three Counties of Longford, Leitrim and Cavan, in Ireland. The lot for the Graveyard (and burnt church) was given by Mr. Bryan Murtaugh and that for the new church by Mr. George Thompson, a recent convert from the church of England, to the true faith. In these two churches Eighty-four persons were confirmed, 21 in the former and 63 in the latter. There are in both 450 Easter communicants and 75 have taken the Total Abstinence Pledge. In the course of eleven months, that there has been a resident Pastor there have been 20 marriages, 95 baptisms, and 3 interments (of infants). The climate is exceedingly healthy; Fever and Ague is unknown and there are cases of extreme old age. As an instance we may state that in the numerous family of Mr. Martin Walpole an Irish Catholic who has been residing about five miles from St. Francis, for the last 26 years; yet there has been no occasion [sic] for the services of a Doctor, and his father and his wife's father, who are Octogenarians, or rather Nonogenarians [sic], enjoy extraordinary vigor of mind and body,

notwithstanding so advanced an age.

After church at Mr. Walpole's on the 21st, we left for McConnellsville, distant 7 miles, in an North East direction. In this town three has been at all times a very liberal and even kind spirit evinced towards the Roman Catholic faith, although its professors in the vicinity are few. The Bishop preached in the Academy, to a large and attentive audience and made some rather indefinite arrangements for the building, or purchase, of a church. There is a growing village opposite McConnellsville, on the other side of the Muskingum, called Malta. The river is navigable for Steamboats from Marrietta [sic], on the Ohio, to Roscoe, ten miles above Zanesville and a packet is now running between the two places. Next morning, the Bishop was kindly conveyed, in company with Very Rev. Mr. Henni and Rev. Mr. McCaffrey, by Mr. Arthur Taggart, to his residence on the Muskingum -- opposite Windsor, or Stockport, where there is a new and increasing Catholic settlement, which is already in want of a small church, which it is hoped, measures will be soon taken to construct. We arrived at Mr. Sherlocks on Meig's Creek, on the 24th -- The distance is about twelve miles from Windsor. The church is a very handsome frame building, 50 by 25 feet. It was crowded notwithstanding the severity of the weather, chiefly by persons of different Protestant denominations, who subscribed generously and promptly paid the amount of their subscriptions towards its erection. With the divine blessing we hope to have here a large and pious congregation. Indeed, nothing can be more cheering than thus, to witness the steady and onward progress of our holy religion, the building and the demand of churches for the oblation of its holy sacrifice, the teaching of its divine doctrines and the administration of its Sacraments. Throughout all this range we have been greatly edified by the piety of the faithful, their union and harmony and the cordial, filial affection with which our visit has been welcomed under many a sequestered roof.

INFORMATION WANTED

Of ROBERT LINDSAY, when last heard from he was in New York. Any information will be thankfully received by his brother John Lindsay, care of Rev. J. McCaffrey, Marietta, Ohio.

November 20, 1841

[An account is given of the laying of the cornerstone of the new Catholic church in Sandusky, O. by Rev. Mr. Machebeuf.]

The Catholics of Chillicothe will be glad to hear that their Pastor, after bidding a final Farewell to his home and native land, was to sail from Havre for New Orleans on the 26th of October, in company with a number of "Brothers of the Christian Schools" who intend to establish their Society in the Diocese of Missouri.

November 27, 1841

The Catholic Papers suffer much from the bigotry of Post Masters. For the last two months we have received complaints from the interior of Ohio of the failure of the Telegraph, and in many instances the paper has been discontinued by Subscribers, because, as they stated, they did not receive on an average more than one number out of five. We know that the publication of one of our Periodicals had to be relinquished, owing altogether to the enmity of a few *pious* Post Masters. The editor stated to us, that the packages placed in the office in the evening, he found floating down the stream the next morning, and in one instance he entered into the interior of a country Post Office, whose deputy denied having ever received the papers forwarded to the subscribers in his neighborhood, and yet he found an old flour barrel filled with the packages which he had sent from week to week!!

December 11, 1841

EPISCOPAL VISITATION

Mount Eaton, Ohio, Nov. 17, 1841.
Our next station, after leaving the church at

Meig's Creek, was at Archer's settlement, which we reached in one day, by a very rough road. Here it would have been improper to assemble, the faithful, in consequence of the dangerous illness of Mrs. Archer, from Fever; and therefore after celebrating Mass in the sick Chamber at an early hour, we walked to see the new and beautiful little church which Mr. Michael Archer is erecting at his own expense. It is of brick, 44 by 30 feet with one of the handsomest and best stone foundations we have ever seen, built by a Mr. Kavanaugh and his sons, whose name tells a too oft told tale of Catholic ancestors living and dying far from the consolations of their Church and bequeathing not their faith to their children. Thank God a brighter Era is not far distant when we shall have a Catholic house to stoop at every ten miles and a Catholic Church every twenty miles, even in Ohio.

Leaving Mr. Archer's at 10 o'clock, A.M. we reached St. Dominick's in Guernsey early in the evening. Our first visit was to the graveyard to offer the humble but heartfelt tribute of our prayers at the last earthly resting place of the remains of Rev. Peter W. Murphy. It is impossible to express the grief, the desolation of his numerous flock for the death of their beloved pastor. At almost every step, from the moment we had come within his range of missions, we had some new edifying trait to hear of his patience, his disinterestedness, his zeal, his fidelity to discharge duties requiring the most robust health, while sinking under an overwhelming malady. One told of a sectarian violently opposed to our church who was only waiting for his next visit to become a Catholic, being overcome by the sole consideration of his self-denial and piety. -- Another would inform us how after a weary day's ride to keep an appointment he would be compelled, on alighting from his horse, to throw himself on the floor, unable to reach a bed for momentary repose. Again another would remark to us with tears that when apparently incapable, from extreme debility, of the least effort of mind, or body, he would preach

one of the longest and most impressive sermons which it was impossible for the unfeeling, or obdurate heart to resist. In the midst of such labors he died! He is buried at the door of the Sacristy, where the grass upon his grave shall be often moistened by the tears of an affectionate congregation by whom his instructions and examples cannot soon be forgotten.

Very Rev. Mr. Henni, Rev. Mr. McCaffrey and myself offered the holy Sacrifice for the repose of his soul, and after attending to the spiritual interests of his bereaved flock for two days, we left the good Mr. Gallagher's where he had been so tenderly nursed in his last illness, and proceeded to St. Joseph's, Monroe County. The Church at this place is already too small, owing to the great increase of German Catholic emigrants, and measures have accordingly been taken by the members to build another, of brick, on a more convenient and eligible site. The chief burden of this station devolved on Very Rev. Mr. Henni.

After Church we were escorted by a number of Irish Catholics through Woodfield, the County seat of Monroe, to the head waters of the little Muskingum, where after night, we discovered by the light of the moon the Cross upon a little church in one of the wildest and most out of the way places selected for such a purpose since blessed Bruno built an oratory on the [the film here is blurred. It is called the Church of Saints Peter and Paul. a piece of ground given by a Mr. Dougherty ... two brothers, have made converts... The little flock was also inconsolable in consequence of the death of Father Murphy.. Proceeded to Beverly, Taylorsville, through Zanesville, to Canton, to Wooster.]

...It is confidently hoped that with the generously promised aid of a few Catholics, we shall soon have a Church in Wooster, where nearly all the prevailing sects have anticipated us in the erection of "Meeting-Houses." After arrangements to this effect, the bishop left in a little carriage, placed for a week at his disposal by its proprietor for the time being, Mr. John

Carroll, a sound-hearted Irish Catholic, and arrived same day at Mount Eaton, five miles from the French Church of St. Genevieve, in Holmes County, where Rev. Mr. De Goesbriand is piously engaged in preaching a retreat to prepare a numerous band for the reception of the holy Sacraments.

The French settlers of this neighborhood are nearly all from the diocese of Besancon. They have built a log Church and Sacristy and appropriated four acres hard by for a graveyard &c. The weather was unpropitious, but the church was numerously attended and thirty-two persons were confirmed. The state of the roads did not admit of our going farther than good Mr. McFaddon's that day, whence, after early Mass, next morning we reached the church near Fulton before the congregation was assembled. [to Mr. Jesse Patton's; to Canton; to Mr. Finnigan's; Church of St. Clement at Bethlehem] ...and thence we rode, same day, to Bolivar, whence we reached, in time, next morning, the little church of St. John of the Cross built on a breezy hill, commanding an extensive and somewhat romantic prospect. A procession was here formed, by all the congregations, who wound up the hill in good order to the sound of some edifying and well sung hymns. On the way, the Bishop was met by young girls of the congregation, who presented to him, on a Salver, the deed and key of the church. From this place, we lost no time in passing through Dover, New-Philadelphia, Gnadenhutten, where the Indians of the Moravian Missions were cruelly butchered by the whites in 1700 [correct date??], New Comerstown, Coshocton, Roscoe, Dresden and Zanesville to the church of St. Remy, Columbus, where we had promised to hold confirmation on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Here we found Rev. Joshua M. Young zealously occupied in the instruction of some first communicants and candidated for confirmation, twenty-seven persons received the latter Sacrament. The Rev. Pastor has set an example worthy of the imitation, of all the Clergy

of Ohio, in mastering the difficulties of the German language and thus extending those facilities with which God has otherwise blessed him for the instruction and sanctification of the flock committed to his care. Very Rev. Mr. Henni preached in German in the Court-House, on Monday Evening, and the Bishop, on Tuesday Evening, in English. The church is small, though very neat -- but it is not possible to dispense with another, far larger and more beautiful, to meet the wants of the Capital of the State.

We shall not exhaust the patience of our readers, already, perhaps, too heavily taxed by this lengthy communication, by giving utterance here to the numerous reflections on the rapid growth, the present urgent necessities and future prospects of the church in this diocese, which the present Visitation has suggested. One thing is very certain. -- It would require the constant attention of more than two bishops and an hundred priests, as humble, disinterested, patient, healthy, prudent, pains-taking, pious and learned as men can be in this world of trial, to preserve the faithful, convert the erring, reclaim the sinful, found schools and build the churches necessary over such an extensive spiritual Territory. From the depths of our own sense of our insufficiency for the arduous task, we can only implore the Almighty God *to send laborers into his vinyard!*

IN FIDE VIVO.

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**St. Luke Parish, Danville, Ohio
Baptisms and Marriages, 1829-1842**

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9 February, William Krigbaum [Kreakbaum] s/o Conrad & Priscilla [Blair] Krigbaum Sps: Benjamin Durbin & Susan Durbin. N. D. Young

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9 February, Ellen Miller d/o Jacob & Hanna Miller Sps: George Sapp. NDY

10 February, John Durbin s/o Martin Durbin & Sarah Durbin [nee Sapp] Sps: Stephen Blubaugh & Elizabeth Blubaugh. NDY

11 February, Mary Ellen Rolman d/o Ichabod & Barbara Rolman Sps: Daniel Durbin & Anna McDermott. NDY

12 February, Susan Elizabeth Sapp d/o Jonathan & Maria [Durbin] Sapp Sps: Levi Sapp & Priscilla Krigbond [Kreakbaum]. NDY

24 March, in Utica, Henry William Harsperger s/o Thomas Harsperger & Catherine Mitchell Sps: Walter Mitche[ll] & Maria Deciver. D. J. O'Leary

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28 March, John Trullinger s/o George Trullinger & Honora Durbin Sps: Benjamin & Rosanna Durbin. DJO

29 March, Sylvester Stoffer s/o John Stoffer & Harriet Durbin Sps: Elizabeth & Daniel Durbin.

same day, Matilda Anna Dial d/o Isaac Dial & Anna [Nancy] Durbin Sps: Elizabeth & Daniel Durbin. DJO

29 March, Raphael Carter s/o John Carter & Sarah [Logue] Carter Sps: Daniel & Elizabeth Durbin. DJO

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1 February, Thomas [Shafer] s/o Peter Shafer & Anna [Nancy] White Sps: Benjamin & Elizabeth Blubaugh. E. T. Collins

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5 April, Benjamin [Bowser] s/o Michael Bowser & Catherine Bowser or Wilson Sps: John McDermott & Elizabeth McDermott. Alleman

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5 July, at Mt. Vernon, Maria [Hunt] d/o Richard [Hunt] & Nancy Hunt Sps: Tim & Sara Colopy. Antonius Fahy

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5 July, Catherine [Magers] d/o William & Margaret Majors [Magers] Sps: Alexander and Ann O'Brien.

same day, William [Durbin] s/o Elijah and Margaret [Logsdon] Durbin Sps: Stephen & Honor Blubaugh.

same day, Elizabeth [Porter] d/o David & Liddey [Lydia] Porter Sps: Stephen & Honor Blubaugh.

same day, Edward [Blubaugh] s/o Benjamin & Elizabeth [Durbin] Blubaugh Sps: Martin & Sara Durbin.

same day, Henry [Durbin] s/o Bazil & "Arabella or Abbarella" [Aparilla Buckingham] Durbin Sps: Benjamin & Betsy Derbin [Durbin].

same day, Maria [McGough] d/o Patrick & Ellen [Durbin] McKeogh [McGough] Sps: Benjamin & Elizabeth Blubaugh.

same day, Ann [Smith] d/o Isaac & Maria Smyth [Smith] Sps: John Derbin [Durbin] & Honor Hetinger. Antonius Fahy, O.P.

6 July, Mary Ann [Sapp] d/o Simon Hartley and Rachel Sap[p] Sps: George & Anna Sap[p].

same day, Rachel [Blubaugh] d/o Jacob & Honor [Logsdon] Blubaugh Sps: Stephen & Honor Blubaugh.

same day, Sera [Sara McGough] d/o Henry & Margaret [Arnold] McGough Sps: Patrick McGough and Becky Dial. AF

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6 July, Isaac [Dial] s/o George & Margaret [Logue] Dial Sps: George Pain [Payne] & Sara Carter. AF

4 October, Caleb [McKenzie] s/o Samuel and Henrietta McKenzie Sps: Jacob & Margaret McKenzie.

same day, Maria [Porter] d/o John & Rachel [Arnold] Porter Sps: Benjamin & Elizabeth Blubaugh.

same day, John [Irvin] s/o Joseph & Sara Irvin Sps: Ambrose Hayden & Honor Blubaugh.

same day, Sara [Arnold] d/o John & Christina [Sapp] Arnold Sps: Nathan Magers & Rachel Pain [Payne].

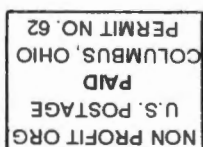
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