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July 27: death of Bp. Issenmann

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The Bishops of Columbus: Most Rev. Clarence George Issenmann, S.T.D.

Clarence G. Issenmann was born on May 30, 1907, Hamilton, Ohio, only child of Innocent J. and Amelia L. (Stricker) Issenmann. Innocent was a grocer and Clarence was a delivery boy and later was a meat cutter for his father. Educated at St. Ann's school, Hamilton and Hamilton Catholic High School, Clarence then attended St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, where he was a valuable asset of the baseball team as pitcher, outfielder, and batter. Returning to Ohio, he attended St. Gregory's and Mt. St. Mary's of the West seminaries in Cincinnati. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1932 in the chapel at Mt. St. Mary by Archbishop McNicholas. He continued his studies at University of Fribourg, Switzerland, where he received a licentiate in philosophy; and at the Collegio Angelico, Rome, which granted him a doctorate in Theology.

The young priest became an editor and columnist with the *Register* system in Denver, where he spent two years and was granted a doctorate in journalism by Regis College. In 1938 he became editor of the *Catholic Telegraph Register*, the Cincinnati edition of the national newspaper. From 1940 until 1951 his column, written in Cincinnati, appeared in the national section of the *Register*.

He held many offices in the archdiocese, including secretary to Archbishop McNicholas (1938-1942); archdiocesan treasurer (1942-

1950); professor of Moral Theology at Mt. St. Mary's of the West (1942-1945); chancellor (1945-1948); and vicar general (beginning in 1947). From 1946 to 1954 he was pastor of St. Susanna Parish in Mason and then at St. Louis Parish, Cincinnati. He was appointed rector of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in 1956.

Monsignor and Auxiliary Bishop

Father Issenmann's work was were officially recognized by appointments as papal chamberlain in 1943, domestic prelate in 1945, and prothonotary apostolic in 1949. He was



elected to the titular see of Phytea on March 24, 1954 and was appointed auxiliary bishop of Cincinnati. He was consecrated in Cincinnati on May 25, 1954 by Archbishop Karl Alter, assisted by Archbishop Urban J. Vehr of Denver and Bishop George J. Rehring of Toledo.

Sixth Bishop of Columbus

Bishop Issenmann was appointed Bishop of Columbus on December 5, 1957 and was installed in St. Joseph Cathedral on February 11, 1958. He came to Columbus, "mature in judgment, seasoned by wide experience, and endowed with a full measure of zeal and talent."

In Columbus, he continued the developments begun by Bishop Ready. The *Catholic Times* of October 23, 1964 contains a one-third page listing of the projects completed or begun during Bishop Issenmann's six and one half years here. "'Expansion' and 'charity' were the watchwords" of those years.

Bishop Issenmann established the Diocesan Development Fund (which many had thought would be a one-time event) as an annual drive, now called the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This provided the funds for a remarkable expansion of facilities and in a sense his first years here were a high-water mark for the diocese. He established eight new parishes; completed three high schools (Bishop Hartley, Newark Catholic, and Marion Catholic) and founded three more (Bishop Ready and St. Francis deSales in Columbus and Bishop Flaget in Chillicothe), replacing the old parish and religious order high schools. In 1962 he declared St. Charles high school to be exclusively for potential candidates for the priesthood. Many new churches and schools were built. He established the Catholic Chaplains Training Institute for the chaplains of the institutionalized and the Good Samaritan Inn for indigent, transient men. He began the motherhouse for the diocesan Sisters of St.

Joseph. He bought the old K of C building at 197 E. Gay Street to house diocesan offices and recreational facilities, which now is called the Catholic Center.

He established the televised Mass for shut-ins and the pre-Cana and Cursillo movements in the diocese. He started the St. Thomas More Guild for lawyers, the St. Luke Guild for doctors, the St. Paul Guild for converts, and the DeSales Association for the deaf.

On the national level, served as assistant episcopal chairman of lay organizations for the NCWC.

Bishop Issenmann attended all of the sessions of the second Vatican Council. He had been the first Ohio bishop to order that the dialog Mass be used in all parishes. The first English-language Mass in the Diocese of Columbus was offered on October 15, 1964 for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Bishop of Cleveland

Bishop Issenmann was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Cleveland with right of succession on October 7, 1964. He left Columbus on February 1, 1965 and was installed in St. John Cathedral, Cleveland on February 2. He succeeded to that see on September 22, 1966. In Cleveland, like all bishops of the time, he struggled to implement the changes that followed in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. It also was noted that he fought to keep the parochial schools open in the face of declining enrollment and money woes.

He underwent hip replacement surgery in 1970 and 1971 and was hospitalized several times for exhaustion. Because of a chronic heart condition, he retired on June 5, 1974 but continued to live in Cleveland. Beginning early in 1981 he suffered a series of strokes, which left him severely weakened. His heart finally failed,

bringing about his death on July 27, 1982. After private ceremonies, he was entombed at Resurrection Chapel in St. John Cathedral.

A Kind and Gentle Man

Bishop Issenmann earned a reputation for getting things done. He worked with a vigor and enthusiasm that challenged those who worked with him to give their best. He trusted the competence of others in the Church, guiding their actions with encouragement and support.

Although he was a respected administrator, the bishop also was a procrastinator. He believed that if a problem were left alone it would go away, and often he was proved correct.

Issenmann was down to earth, a kind and gentle man with a ready smile. He was always ready to listen and simply loved to help people. He was a devout religious leader.

SOURCES

Catholic Times, March 3, 1968; July 30, 1982; and October 23, 1964

Cleveland Plain Dealer, July 28, 1982



Abstracts from *The Catholic Telegraph*

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January 7, 1843

The trial of Mr. John Elder, Postmaster at Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, took place before the District Court of the United States in Columbus, on the 23rd of last Month. The result of the trial was the acquittal of the accused; the Prosecuting Attorney interrupted the proceedings to enter a Nolle Prosequi, so satisfied was he of the innocence of the Prisoner, whilst the method taken by the Prosecutor, a Post-master at Zanesville, to entrap the defendant was justly

denounced. We rejoice to hear that the character of Mr. Elder has been thus made brighter by the ordeal to which it has been exposed. But who can make him amends for the months of anguish which he must have endured, whilst with all the consciousness of innocence, he had to suffer from the reflection, that he was an object of suspicion if not of guilt to a large circle of friends and acquaintances!

[advertisement for Catholic Books for sale in Zanesville, Ohio by John McCartney]

January 14, 1843

Rev. William Schonat, from Silesia, who at the request of the Bishop, and with the permission of his ordinary, has generously devoted himself to the Missions, in this diocese, will visit the German Catholics of Portsmouth on Sunday, 22d January. The same clergyman will also attend, God willing, during this and the ensuing month, to the spiritual wants of the German Catholics at Hanging Rock, Ripley, Fayetteville, Georgetown, Brown County and St. Philomena, Clermont County.

January 21, 1843

INFORMATION WANTED

Of John McNamee, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland. When last heard of, he was engaged as a laborer at Portsmouth, Ohio, in January, 1842, since which nothing has been heard of him; also of his brother Peter McNamee, of whom the latest accounts heard is about three years past, when he was engaged as a laborer, at Baltimore, Md., their brother Charles and sister Rose, living near Rehoboth, Perry County, Ohio, are anxious to hear of them.

March 25, 1843

To the Editor of the Catholic Telegraph.

March 23rd., 1843

REV. AND DEAR SIR:

At the request of our Rt. Rev. Bishop, I send these few hasty notices of the Missions entrusted

to my care.

Portsmouth, where I reside, is a very flourishing and I think the prettiest town on the Ohio River. It contains at present about three thousand inhabitants and will, it is expected, soon double that number, as it is well situated both for Commerce and Manufactories. The Episcopalians, Methodists and Presbyterians have each a Church or Meeting-house, and on last Christmas day we had Service for the first time in our yet unfinished, but handsome Church. This little Church, to be dedicated under the name of *Jesu Nascenti*, was commenced in October last. It is 62 feet in length by 38 feet wide, of the Tuscan order, and is not only the finest Church, but will when finished be the handsomest building in the city. We contemplate as soon as our present debts are paid, to erect a high Steeple and Spire so that the Cross may be reflected on the glossy bosom of the Ohio. The Catholics here are not numerous and, with few exceptions, the very poorest, but their united and zealous efforts in the erection of their Church speak very loudly in praise of their fervor for the Glory of God. I cannot conclude this notice without thanking those who have contributed in Cincinnati so liberally towards the Church of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Portsmouth.

About eleven miles from Portsmouth there is a prosperous settlement of Germans on the *Little Scioto*, whom I visit once a month, and who with the other German Catholics in this and the surrounding Counties are visited by the Rev. Mr. Junker every three months, when I attend Chillicothe. During the fine weather many from this settlement attend Church in Portsmouth, and we are not without hopes of being enabled before long of erecting a modest little Church on some elevated and central place in the neighborhood.

Five miles distant on *Licking Run* and two miles from *Wheelersburg* on the *French Grant* is another smaller settlement of Germans from near Osnabruck, who, like the generality of the Catholics from that place are very attentive to their religious duties. There are I believe a few

eighty acre farms around belonging to Congress to be disposed of, but for some time at least our Congregation there will not be very numerous.

Pine-Grove and the surrounding Furnaces to *Hanging Rock* form stations which I also visit once a month. The Catholics are primarily Germans who work at the Furnaces, and who keep up the spirit of that pure faith which they imbibed in their father-land. About thirty-six families attend a the second Sunday of the month at Pine-grove, and never let slip an opportunity, when visited by a German Clergyman, of going to Confession and Communion. Before my appointment o these Missions they generally visited Cincinnati (150 miles) at least once a year to comply with their Easter duties. Besides contributing very largely towards the Church in Portsmouth, which is twenty-five miles distant, they have during my last visit subscribed funds sufficient to erect a log Chapel for themselves, and only wait to obtain a central lot, which has been refused at Pine-grove, to commence operations.

Ripley...where a handsome little frame Church dedicated in honor of St. John the Baptist has been erected by the exertions of Mr. Michael Waters, an old revolutionary Soldier, and a few others...

Aberdeen...

Straight-Creek is about twenty miles from Ripley...is composed principally of Germans...

West Union and *Sinking Spring*...

As I have not with me any notes of the number of deaths, baptisms, and marriages, I cannot be very accurate in stating as well as I can remember that in the whole of these missions about six persons have died within the last seven months. The marriages were four, and about twenty five were baptized. After Easter I shall be able to give a return of the number who made t heir first Communion (a pious little band are now preparing in Portsmouth) as also of those who have complied with their Paschal duties.

Yours very Sincerely in God,

J. O'MEALY.

April 22, 1843

Extract of a Letter from Rev. Josue M. Young,
Pastor of St. Mary's, Lancaster, Ohio.

I returned late on Saturday from a visit to the 'hill-country' of Guernsey, Belmont, and Monroe, having been absent nearly two weeks, during which time I visited three of Rev. Mr. McCallion's Congregations. I arrived at Archer's, on Duck-Creek, on Sunday evening, 26th ult. Its Pastor had church there, that day, and warned the German Catholics, so that the next day I was kept busy until Tuesday noon. I find there are about forty two families, remarkable for their piety and innocence of life, chiefly from the neighborhood of Fulda. The new church is used, though yet unfinished. It will be a neat, substantial edifice.

We afterwards visited *Mildensburg* [Miltonsburg], for so is the little village called, which is growing up in the vicinity of St. Joseph's Church, Monroe County. The German Congregation is here, I am told, equally numerous, but not having received the notice which was sent them of our coming, they did not muster in their full strength, and I was unable to prolong my visit to another day, to wait on them. The new Church, of which you request of me some account, is beautifully located on a gently swelling knoll, having a fine prospect of the country around. The builders seem to have been suddenly overtaken by the cold weather, for there remained some of the Brick-work of the Chancel yet to be done, while only one slope of the roof of the nave was covered with Shingles. The building will have suffered somewhat from this, I suppose, unavoidable delay. When finished, I doubt not, it will be altogether a beautiful and solid structure.

With the fidelity of my own immediate flock I have much reason to be satisfied. Nearly all are engaged in complying, I trust, piously, with their Easter duties, while a few adults are under instruction for the purpose of being received into the Church.

May 27, 1843

[account of the Fifth Provincial Council at Baltimore]

June 3, 1843

[Bishops Purcell and Hughes are to sail from Boston on June 1, aboard the *Caledonia*.]

June 17, 1843

DIED - at St. Dominic's Church, Guernsey County on the 18th of April, Margaret, wife of Nicholas Gallagher, and daughter of William Douglas, Esq., the Representative of that county. On last Ash Wednesday she was received into our holy Church, after a slow but thorough preparation of nearly three years. She had been raised a Presbyterian and received a correct and moral education, so that the one thing necessary for her was a change of Faith. This was effected in part by the late, and still lamented, Rev. William P. Murphy, and the good priests who visited here after his death, and in part the edifying and Christian lives of the husband and family to whom Almighty God in his mercy deigned to unit her. ...

DIED - on the sixth of May, at his residence near Senecaville, Guernsey County, Edward Ward in the 83rd year of his age. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Mr. Ward came to Ohio about 40 years ago, and settled on the property on which he died. to his house, in the early days of Catholicity in Ohio, the first amiable and pr--- Bishop of this Diocese, and his humble brethren often worked their way through many a tangled swamp and dingle, nor were their motives unappreciated, nor their toils unrewarded... Presbyterianism in which he had been educated could not satisfy his mind when it came to maturity...

...Well to I remember his thanks to heaven for the light that led him, and the grave that attached him to it [the Catholic Church]; ...May his soul rest in peace. [The two obituaries make up a full column.]

(To be continued)

St. Luke Parish, Danville, Ohio
Baptisms and Marriages, 1829-1842
(Continued, from Vol. XXII, No. 6)

1840, continued

29 March, Maria Frances Cricheville
[Critchfield] d/o Hiram [Critchfield] & Harriet
Porter Sps: Nathan Magers & wife. JL

same day, Jane Cricheville [Critchfield] d/o
Jesse [Critchfield] & Maria Horton Sps:
George Sapp & Honoura Trullinger. JL

18 April, Frances Brent (adult) d/o Samuel
Brent & Anna Virtue Sps: Levi Sapp & Anna
Brent. JL

same day, Maria Brent (adult), sister of the
preceding, same sponsors. JL

19 April, Elizabeth Magers d/o William
[Magers] & Margaret Sapp Sps: Simon H
Sapp & Maria McKenzie. JL

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19 April, Mary Isabella Davidson d/o George
[Davidson] & Rachel Payne Sps: Raphael
Payne & wife. JL

same day, Richard Durbin d/o Samuel [Durbin]
& Helen McKenzie Sps: Benjamin Durbin &
[blank]. JL

same day, Joseph Dial s/o Isaac [Dial & Nancy
Durbin] Sps: Elias Durbin and [blank]. JL

20 April, Christina Gardner d/o Anthony
[Gardner] & [Barbara Lazarus] Sps: Stephen
Blubaugh & wife. JL

21 April, Magdalena Earnst d/o Jacob [Earnst]
& Eva Rich [perhaps Couch - ed.] Sps: Adam
Schab & Magdalena Schab. JL

same day, Mary Fassler [Fesler]d/o Joseph &
Salome [Stark] Fassler Sps: Laurence Fassler
& Mary Bauny. JL

same day, Sophia Aifert [Eilfert]d/o Michael &
Maria Aifert Sps: Joseph Larsh & Finnerande
Larsh. JL

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same day, Maria Beisang d/o Joseph & Anna
Beisang Sps: Ignatius Shonenberger & Mary
Baer [Baum?]. JL

same day, Joseph Bersang s/o Michael
[Bersang] & Regina Shoneberger Sps:
Michael Schonenberger & Regina
Schonenberger. JL

same day, Tramerle s/o Adam & Anna
Tramerle Sps: Paul Polein & Agatha
Reschner. JL

16 May Durbin ?/o Benjamin &
Susan Durbin

24 May, Henry Hekenrod [Ekeanerod on
Fragment 7] s/o Henry [Eckenrode] & [Mary
Case] Sps: Nathan Magers & wife. JL

28 May, Frances Welker d/o Solomon
[Welker] & [blank] Dial Sps: Benjamin Durbin
& wife. JL

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31 May, Pauline Leoto d/o John Baptist
[Leoto] & Josephine Inslow [Coslon?] Sps:
Michael Ulm [Uhl] & Coestina Leota. JL

same day, Margaret Joanna McGlaune d/o
James McGlaune & Sabina Warby Sps: David
Roeles & Nancy Agentil. JL

7 June, [blank] Buckingham ?/o Absalom
[Buckingham] and [blank] Sps: Ben Durbin &
his wife Lybarger.

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8 June, Michael Trullinger s/o George [Trullinger] & Honora Durbin Sps: Ben Durbin & wife.

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11 June, [blank]Dial Sps: Ben Durbin & wife. JL

same day, [blank]Bricker d/o Christopher [Bricker] & Anna Buckingham Sps: Ben Durbin & wife. JL

same day, Rebecca Rachel Dial d/o William [Dial] & Rebecca Arnold. Sps: Ben Durbin & wife. JL

27 June, Nancy Jane Buckingham d/o Daniel [Buckingham] & Rebecca Bricker Sps: Basil Durbin & wife Buckingham. JL

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4 July, Jacob Earnest born 2 May, s/o Jacob Earnest & Eve Rich Sps: Joseph Earnest & Christina Moser. JL

12 July, John Carter b 12 Jun [1840] s/o John [Carter] & Sarah Logue Sps: John Logue & Rachel Logue. JL

same day, Emily Crickban [Kreakbaum] born 26 May, 1838 d/o Conrad [Kreakbaum] & Priscilla Briar [Blair] Sps: Ben Durbin & [blank] Crickbaun. JL

same day, "his" sister, born 7 Feb 1842, sponsors same. JL

23 July, Benjamin Jaunes [Jones] s/o John [Jones] & Catherine Devise Sps: George Sapp & Maria Breachy. JL

same day, Joseph Jaunes [Jones] brother of the preceding; sponsors same. JL

same day, James Jaunes [Jones] s/o Michael [Jones] & Elizabeth Gaye Sps: Christopher Beachy & wife Mary. JL

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sameday, 23 July, Joseph Jaunes, brother of the preceding, sponsors same. JL

same day, Mary Anna Jones, sister of the preceding, sponsors same. JL

same day, Nancy Jones sister of the preceding; sponsors same. JL

7 August, Anna White d/o [blank] White. JL

16 August, Isidore Smith b 13 Jun 1840 s/o Isaac [Smith] & [Mary] Crickbon [Kreakbaum] Sps: [blank] Brosnaham & Honora Trullinger. JL

same day, Maria Frances Wag[g]oner born 24 April, 1840 d/o Henry [Waggoner] & Anne Durbin Sps: Ben Durbin & wife. JL

22 August, John Haas born 22 Apr 1838 s/o Francis [Haas] & Julia Cooper Sps: Daniel Boyle & wife. JL

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22 August, Elizabeth Haas, sister of the above, born 10 March, 1840; sponsors same. JL

same day, Martin Hommen [Homan] born 4 August 1840 s/o Paul [Homan] & Elizabeth Smith Sps: Martin Menebard [Sheneberger] & Margarey Heurich. JL

same day, Gaspar Bolger [or Balzer?] s/o David [Bolger] & Mariann Cammer. Sps: Gasper Keler & Susanna Cammen. JL

25 August, Anna Caroline Sholts [Shults] born 7 February, 1840 d/o Jacob [Shults] & Mary Breachler [Breckler] Sps: Christopher

Breachler [Breckler] & Margaret Breachler [Breckle]. JL

25 August, Anthony Alardin born 21 July, 1840 s/o Michael [Alardin] & Hyacintha Anthony Sps: Anthony Visler [Whisler] & Barbara Fairasen. JL

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25 August, Catherine Visler [Whisler] born 17 July, 1840 d/o Anthony [Whisler] & Maria Fits[patrick] Sps: Michael Alardin & Catherine Alardin. JL

same day, Anthony Visler [Whisler] born 10 August, 1840 s/o Theodore [Whisler] & Barbara Fairasen Sps: Anthony Visler & Theodora Anthony.

30 August, Thomas Henry McMullen born 20 August, 1840 s/o Thomas [McMullen] and Margaret Pistpatrick [Fitzpatrick] Sps: Henry Linhart & Bergitta Boret. JL

20 September, Honora Mowmot [Mumaw] born 16 May, 1840 d/o Frederick [Mumaw] & Honora Log[ue] Sps: John Log[ue] & Rachel Log[ue]. JL

20 September, Emily Baug[h]er born 24 May 1838 d/o Michael [Baugher] & Catherine Wilson Sps: George Sapp & Catherine Arnold. JL

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17 October, Leander Durbin born 5 September 1840 s/o Samuel [Durbin] & Anna Blubaugh Sps Benjamin Blubaugh & Rosa Durbin. JL

31 October, Elizabeth Possshots [Boeshart] born 20 August, 1840 d/o Joseph [Boeshart] & Barbara Morgan Sps: Peter Kener & Rachel Shenebard. JL

same day, Joseph Gliane [Gillane] born 25 October, 1840 s/o Paul [Gillane] & Rachel Huotts Sps: Joseph Payson [Paulson] & Susanna Caumer. JL

1 November, Catherine Durbin born 17 September, 1840 d/o Basil [Durbin] & Margaret [Aparilla] Buckingham Sps: Nathan Magers & wife. JL

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1 January, Catherine Sapp born 1 October, 1840 d/o Simon Hartley [Sapp] & Lady [Rachel] Sapp Sps: Benjamin Draper & Anna Sapp. JL

same day, Elizabeth Porter born 18 November, 1840 d/o John [Porter] & [blank] [Rachel] Arnold Sps: George Trullinger & Honora Durbin. JL

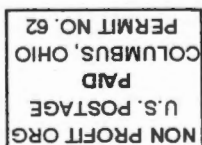
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