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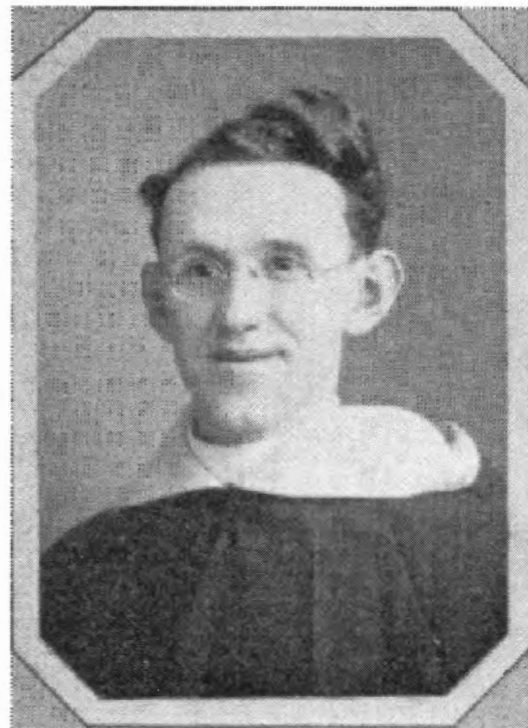
Father Edmond Ceslaus McEniry, O.P.

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The Diocese of Columbus has always been well served by the men and women of a variety of religious orders. The Order of Preachers has provided many individuals who made significant contributions to both the religious and secular life of the Columbus community. One such Dominican was Father Edmond Ceslaus McEniry, O.P. For twenty-six years "Father Mac" served as a professor at Aquinas College High School and as Chaplain at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus. This article will review his life and his accomplishments. It will also help to correct the historical record regarding Father's assignments after leaving Columbus.

Born in Ireland

Edmond Joseph McEniry was born in Ballyvitea Townland, Emly Parish, County Tipperary, Ireland on April 11, 1891. His parents were David and Mary (Burke) McEniry. It is reported that they had 10 children. The siblings that have been documented are a brother, Michael, who lived in New York, and another brother in Ireland, whose name is unknown to us, who apparently inherited the family farm near Emly. Another brother died in France in 1918, fighting with the 132nd Regiment, Chicago Infantry. Father McEniry visited this brother's grave in France in 1931. Mary (Burke) McEniry, the mother, died in Ireland on May 11, 1934 at the age of 86 years.



Father McEniry in 1927

Edmond was educated at the National School at Emly, Ireland. In 1911 he immigrated to the United States, arriving in New York City. In the city he lived with his brother, Michael, at 344 Third Ave. and later at 231 E. 34th Street. In 1911 he enrolled in Xavier High School, a Jesuit military day school in New York City. Being an older student (age 20) placed him in a "special" category at the school. Older students were not uncommon at the Jesuit high school. His brother

Michael is listed on the school records as Edmond's "parent or guardian". Edmond finished the school in 3 years, graduating on June 15, 1914. The Xavier High School Catalogue for 1913-1914 lists him as a graduate among forty-four other students. A superior student, Edmond received honorable mention for the Silver Medal class honors at Xavier.

Following his graduation, Edmond applied for admittance to the Dominican Order. Only three months after graduation, on September 14, 1914, he received the Dominican habit at St. Joseph's Priory, near Somerset, Ohio. One year later on September 16, 1915 he was professed as a member of the Order of Preachers. From 1915 until 1922 Father McEniry studied at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. He also attended the Catholic University of America during that time (1916-1917 and 1921-1922).

Edmond McEniry was ordained in Washington D.C. on June 12, 1921 by Bishop John T. McNicholas, O.P. (then Bishop of Duluth and later Archbishop of Cincinnati). Father McEniry was given the religious name Ceslaus. His first assignment after ordination came in 1922 when he was sent to Columbus. His duties were to serve as professor at Aquinas College High School and as Chaplain to Mt. Carmel Hospital.

Mt. Carmel Hospital

Mt. Carmel Hospital had been founded in 1885 and the third addition to the hospital had been completed in 1921, just before Father McEniry's arrival. The Sisters of the Holy Cross operated the hospital. It was located on the near west side of Columbus. It is clear from the Dominican records and from Father McEniry's own writings that his original assignment in Columbus included both the teaching position at Aquinas as well as the chaplain position at Mt. Carmel Hospital. Father writes in 1948 of his, "25 years

as chaplain at Mt. Carmel." This would indicate that his appointment as chaplain came in 1923, soon after his assignment in Columbus, although his position at the hospital, at that time, was likely not full-time.

The first mention of Father McEniry in the Mt. Carmel archives, however, does not appear until October 5, 1924 when he served as a Subdeacon at Mass. Subsequent entries relate to Father offering Mass, speaking, and passing out diplomas at the Mt. Carmel Nursing School graduation ceremonies.

On October 6, 1936 Mt. Carmel celebrated its Golden Jubilee. A formal dinner was held at the hospital. Columbus attorney John A. Connor served as toastmaster for the event. The *Columbus Dispatch* reported: "Speakers on this occasion will include Bishop James J. Hartley, Father E. McEniry, Hospital Chaplain; Dr. J. Mitchell Dunn, Dr. Edwin Stedem and Dr. Charles E. Turner. Sister Constantine, Superintendent of the hospital, is in charge of arrangements." The *Aquinas Patrician* reported that Father McEniry was the principal speaker at the banquet. In his speech Father praised the Doctors of Mt. Carmel. He said, "May you raise the standard of this hospital to the highest mountain of success; and by doing so bring imperishable glory to yourselves and well-deserved honor to Mt. Carmel."

On October 1, 1940 Father McEniry was officially relieved of his teaching duties at Aquinas High School and was appointed full-time chaplain at the hospital. However, he was not content with just performing his full-time chaplain duties. Father McEniry enrolled in winter and spring quarters at Ohio State University. He attended 4 quarters at OSU between 1941 and 1942. In 1944 Father McEniry returned to teaching at Aquinas High School, still retaining his full-time status at Mt. Carmel.

Aquinas College High School

Aquinas College High School was an all-boys school in Columbus that was run by the Dominicans. Father McEniry was assigned there as a professor. Father's early teaching assignments must have been English and writing related as his first publishing effort came in 1923. He served as arranger and editor of a small volume of collected stories and essays written by the boys of Aquinas. It was called *A Book for Boys*. The book covered various topics such as sports, reports on field trips and humor. Soon after that in 1924 Father was assigned as moderator of the student Literary Society at Aquinas, which included the publication of the school's student newspaper, *The Patrician*.

An article in *The Patrician* on March 6, 1935 described Father McEniry as being, "Among the best know and well liked teachers at Aquinas." The article went on to state, "Father McEniry is a teacher who is interested in his work and his aid to students is always appreciated. It is only hoped that for many years to come, his smiling face shall be seen around the school." It is recorded that Father taught Modern Languages at the school.

The *Aquinas Archive* indicates that Father McEniry was assigned there from 1922 until 1940 and then again from 1944-1948. This agrees with published accounts that he was relieved of his Aquinas duties in order to become full-time Chaplain at Mt. Carmel Hospital. He returned to Aquinas in 1944, however it appears that he was only teaching one class, that being Public Speaking.

The Ohio Penitentiary Fire

On Easter Monday, April 21, 1930 the Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus caught fire. Soon after the fire began, Father Albert O'Brien, O.P. called upon Father McEniry and four other Dominicans

from Aquinas College to assist the injured and dying inmates. Father O'Brien was Associate Pastor of St. Patrick's Church and Catholic Chaplain at the Penitentiary (see the *Bulletin*, Vol. XXIII, No. 10, October 1998).

The fire was the worst in Columbus history and the worst fire in the history of American prisons. Three hundred twenty-two inmates were killed in the fire and hundreds were injured (85 of the dead were Catholic). Father O'Brien, Father McEniry and their fellow Dominican and diocesan priests provided assistance, comfort and the Last Rites to many dying and injured prisoners. Father McEniry narrowly missed becoming a casualty himself when a collapsing wall piled debris where he had been standing only seconds before. In 1933, Following the untimely death of Father O'Brien, Father McEniry wrote a book describing the heroism and courage displayed by the young Irish prison chaplain.

Father McEniry and Father O'Brien were from the same area in County Tipperary, Ireland and they attended the same National School. Both priests are reported to have traveled to Ireland in 1931. There is a strong possibility, although not confirmed, that since they were from the same area and given Father O'Brien's delicate health that was made worse by his exertions during the fire, that they may have taken this trip together.

Fr. McEniry's Silver Jubilee

In June 1946 Father McEniry celebrated his 25th year in the priesthood. The communities of Aquinas and Mt. Carmel helped him celebrate. On Sunday, June 9, 1946 at St. Patrick's Church in Columbus, Father McEniry sang a solemn High Mass of thanksgiving. Assisting at Mass were Fr. J. J. Costello, O.P., Pastor of St. Patrick's and Fr. J. F. Monroe, O.P., President of Aquinas College. Delivering the sermon was Fr. Justine McManus, O.P., Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Zanesville, Ohio and former

President of Aquinas College from 1927 until 1931.

Later that day, at 12:30 p.m. the Aquinas Alumni Association hosted a testimonial dinner for Father McEniry at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus. Father spoke at this testimonial dinner. At 7:30 p.m. that night a musical reception was held in his honor.

On Tuesday morning, June 11, 1946, Father McEniry offered a solemn High Mass in the Mt. Carmel Hospital chapel. Fr. James J. McLarney, O.P., professor at St. Joseph's Priory and former President of Aquinas College from 1938 until 1941, delivered the sermon. Columbus Bishop Michael J. Ready presided and gave a brief address after the Mass. The Sisters of the Holy Cross and student nurses sang the Mass under the direction of Mr. P. J. Riley. Following the Mass, Bishop Ready and the visiting clergy were guests of the Holy Cross Sisters at a testimonial luncheon for Father McEniry.

On June 15, 1946 Father McEniry wrote a note of appreciation to the Sisters. He stated that Tuesday, June 11, 1946 was the third greatest day of his life (the first being his ordination, the second being his first Holy Communion). He referred to his testimonial by the Sisters as, "A day of jubilation and thanksgiving to God." He said that as a token of his grateful appreciation he would say nine Masses for the Sisters and for the welfare of Mt. Carmel Hospital.

A Trip to Ireland

An article in the Columbus Register reported of Fr. McEniry; "There was none of this soft living for Father Mac in the discharge of his duties. Daily he would tread the two miles from the hospital to the school, scoffing at public transportation." Because of these daily walks through downtown Columbus, Father soon became a regular feature of downtown life. His

former students or former hospital patients would stop and greet him on the street. Father also became well known to local and state politicians and reporters. One of his good friends was *Columbus Dispatch* reporter Johnny Jones. Jones was known for his regular newspaper column "Now Let Me Tell You" that featured stories about Father McEniry on at least two occasions.

The first of these articles appeared August 14, 1946 and concerned a letter Father McEniry had written Jones from Ireland. Shortly after celebrating his 25th anniversary, Father McEniry took a trip back to his home in Ballyvitea, Ireland. The article reported that this was his first trip home in 36 years (this conflicts, however, with an article in *The Patrician* that indicated that Father visited Ireland in 1928 and again in 1931). Jones had asked that Father write him about the trip. Father sent Jones a letter and Jones published most of it in his column. It began with Father's description of the flight to Ireland.

"I arrived by plane at the Shannon Airport, County Limerick, July 16 [1946]. Our plane took only 16 hours to fly from LaGuardia Field, New York, to Ireland. It was a Douglas Skymaster of the TWA and nicknamed The Shamrock. The plane traveled at an average speed of 225 miles per hour and at an altitude of 9,000 feet. It was more comfortable in the plane than riding in a train from Columbus to New York. The vibration of the four motors of our plane was not disturbing, nor nearly as noisy as it appeared to one on land."

Father's description of the flight may indicate that this was may have been his first trip by airplane. Father went on to describe conditions in Ireland. He noted that many improvements had been made to the Irish countryside in the 36 years since his departure from Ireland, "Better roads, better means of transportation have been developed and electricity and radio have been

introduced into cities, towns and villages. Ireland, despite the European war, has vastly improved. I have observed great progress since I last visited here." Father also commented that despite the continued wartime rationing of sugar, butter and gasoline, "There is no rationing of friendship and faith and hope and good jokes among the Irish people. These notable qualities are generously dispensed in Ireland without coupons."

The letter was not without Father's usual touch of humor. He concluded by telling Jones that he had enclosed four pressed roses with his letter. Father's postscript joked that the four roses were not for drinking, but to admire (Four Roses being a popular alcoholic beverage of the time). "I wish you could have seen them growing in my brother's flower garden," wrote Father McEniry of the roses.

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St. John the Evangelist Church, Zanesville: Baptisms, 1828-1842

(Continued, from Vol. XXVI, No. 2)

1841, continued

Dec. 12 John, born Dec. 8, son of John Cause and Elizabeth Clinemetz; sons. John Keller and Catherine his wife. Fr. A. J. Wilson, O.S.D.

same day James, born Dec. 2, son of Thomas Bloomer and Jane Dunn; spon. John Wallace and Bridget his wife. AJW

December 14 Catherine, born March 29, 1840, daughter of Heiltz and Fran... Rich; spon. William Koos and Catherine Capple. Fr. Franciscus Cubero, O.S.D.

December 25 Ann Elizabeth, born Dec. 22, daughter of William Bradly and Sarah Ratler; spon. Charles Malone and Ann Barr. AJW

same day Mary Elziabeth, born Nov. 18, daughter of Jerome Mealy and Elizabeth

From the Catholic Columbian, May 16, 1878:

City Divided into Parishes: After consultation together, the pastors of the city, English-speaking, defined the following parish limits:

The Cathedral parish is bounded on the north side by Long Street from Seventh Street east to city limits, from Seventh Street west to High by Spring Street, from High west to the Penitentiary by Chestnut, west of the Penitentiary to the city limits by the Dublin Pike. This boundary in its whole extent forms the southern limit of St. Patrick's parish.

The boundary between St. Patrick's parish and Sacred Heart parish (including Fly-Town), is the Cleveland Railroad, from Union Depot to Fifth Avenue and on a right line with Fifth Avenue, east to city limits. The line west of the depot is the Piqua Railroad to the city limits.

The line between the other parishes and Holy Family parish is the Scioto River.

Heanang; spon. Joseph Beacham and Bridget Martin. AJW

December 26 Barbara, born Dec. 12, daughter of Mathias Hurm and Regina Kesler; spon. Fidelis Kesler and Eve Kesler. FC

same day Magdalen, born Dec. 1, daughter of Michael Till and Barbara Simons; spon. Nicholas Till and Magdalen Stehly. FC

1842

January 11 Ann Rebcca, born Nov. 15, 1841, daughter of Charles Mattingly and Ann Mary Mattingly; spon. William Mattingly and Rachel Moole[?]. FC

February 2 John Augustine, born Dec. 17, son of Peter Cassilly and wife Catherine; spon. James Heart and Mary Cassilly. FC

same day John, born Jan. 31, son of George Muren and wife Elizabeth; spon. Thomas Muldoon and Mary Clinen. FC

January 31 Bridget, born today, daughter of John Moretson [marginal Moreson] and Elizabeth Moretson; spon. Michael O'Hara and Bridget Kinsly. FC

February 2 Andrew, born Jan. 22, son of Geoge Waggoner and Ann Agatha Leake; spon. Joseph and Emily Reneir. AJW

February 2 Elizabeth, age 15 days, daughter of James Sharer and Elizabeth Herscher; spon. John Auhbacker and Mary Petit Jaane[?]. AJW

same day James, born Jan. 14, son of Patrick Buther and Jane Murphy; spon. James Hallacey and Mary his wife. AJW

February 11 Mary Ann, born Jan. 8, daughter of John Lindsey and Rachael Ward; spon. James Victor and Sarah English. AJW

same day Sarah C., born Feb. 1, daughter of Michael Mattingly and Honora Mattingly; spon. Perpetua Durbin. AJW

February 6 John Alois , born Dec. 27, son of Peter Searman [marginal and interlineal, Schran] and Walberta Krass [interlineal, Grassel]; spon. John Golsteine. FC

February 18 Christina, born Feb. 10, daughter of Christopher Kussman and Catherine Keck; spon. George Henly and Barbara Keck. FC

February 20 William, born Feb. 16, son of Thomas Condon and Mary Haden; spon. James Fitzgeral [sic] and Catherine Hartigan. AJW

February 21 Elizabeth, born yesterday, daughter of William Koos and Ann Shegler;

spon. John Gersburgh and Elizabeth Oshe. AJW

same day Louisa Cornelia, born yesterday, daughter of William Koos and Anna Shlegle; spon. John Huff and Adelaide Brown. AJW

February 23 Thomas, born Feb. 9, son of Thomas Prossor and Ann Muligam; spon. Thomas O'Hara and Margaret Fullerton. AJW

February 27 John, son of Joshua Johnson and Elizabeth Winphess [?]; spon. John and Ann Cassilly. AJW

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March 13 Albert, born Feb. 27, son of Joseph Benter and Anastasia his wife; spon. Adolph Benter and Gertrude Fisher. FC

March 20 Jane, born Feb. 27, daughter of George W. Larmen and Mary Spicer; spon. James Victor and Ann Cassilly.

same day William, age two years 4 and months, son of William Conklin and Bridget McCernan; spon. James Curren and Ann McCernan.

same day Lucy Ann, age 16 months, daughter of James Pirces and Eleanor Rogan; spon. John Masterson and Elizabeth J. McGrow.

same day Joseph, born March 13, son of John Keller and Barbara Rochin; spon. John Cane and Elizabeth Cane. AJW

March 22 Ellen, born Feb. 6, daughter of Ignatius Groff and Ellen Freel; spon. Peter and Ellen Freel. FC

March 27 Mary Ann, born Feb. 28, daughter of Louis Kainer and Elizabeth Carr; spon. Rodolph Rudy and wife Elizabeth. AJW

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Episcopal Lineages of the Bishops of Columbus

Part 3: Bishops Issenmann and Rosecrans

B-11 Della Torre Rezzonico (Clement XIII)

Titular Archbishop of Heraclea and was named a cardinal in 1887 and served as Pope Leo XIII's Secretary of State.

E-14 **Bernardino Cardinal Giraud** (died 1782) was consecrated by Clement XIII on April 26, 1768 as Archbishop of Damascus. He was promoted to the See of Ferrara and was made a cardinal in 1773

E-21 **Raffaele Cardinal Merry del Val** (1865 London - 1930 Rome) was a papal diplomat on mission to European capitals and to Canada. He collaborated in the preparation of the apostolic letter *Apostolicae curae*, which affirmed the invalidity of Anglican ordinations. He was consecrated by Cardinal Rampolla on May 6, 1900 as Titular Bishop of Nicaea. Created a cardinal in 1903, he served as Secretary of State for Pope Pius X, at whose feet he lies buried.

E-15 **Allesandro Cardinal Mattei** (died 1820) was consecrated by Cardinal Giraud on Feb. 23, 1777 as Archbishop of Ferrara. He was Secretary of State for the Interior under Pope Gregory XVI.

E-16 **Pietro Francesco Cardinal Galleffi** (died 1837) was consecrated by Mattei on Sept. 12, 1819 as Archbishop of Damascus

E-22 **Tommaso Pio Cardinal Boggiani, O.P.** (born 1863 in Boscomarengo) was consecrated by Cardinal Merry del Val on November 22, 1908 as Bishop of Adria. He transferred to the curia in 1912 and was created a cardinal in 1910.

E-17 **Giacomo Filippo Cardinal Fransoni** (died 1856) was consecrated by Archbishop Galleffi on December 8, 1822 as Archbishop of Nazianzus. He was named cardinal in 1826 and later was prefect of the Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith.

E-23 **John Timothy McNicholas, O.P.** (1877 Kiltmaugh, Co. Mayo, Ire. - 1950 Cincinnati) was consecrated by Boggiani on September 8, 1918 in Rome as Bishop of Duluth. Became Archbishop of Cincinnati in 1925.

E-18 **Carlo Cardinal Sacconi** (born in Montalto in 1808) was consecrated by Cardinal Fransoni on June 8, 1851 as Titular Bishop of Nicaea. He was named cardinal in 1861.

E-24 **Karl Joseph Alter** (1885 Toledo, O. - 1977 Cincinnati) was consecrated in Toledo on June 17, 1931 by Archbishop McNicholas as Bishop of Toledo. He became Archbishop of Cincinnati in 1950.

E-19 **Edward Henry Cardinal Howard** (born 1829) was consecrated by Cardinal Sacconi on June 30, 1872. He was Archbishop of Neocaesarea, was named cardinal in 1877, and later was Bishop of Frascati.

E-25 **CLARENCE GEORGE ISSENMANN** (1907 Hamilton, O. - 1982 Cleveland) was consecrated by Archbishop Alter in Cincinnati on May 25, 1954 as Titular Bishop of Phytea and Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati. He was appointed sixth Bishop of Columbus in 1957. He became Apostolic Administrator of Cleveland in 1964 and Bishop of Cleveland in 1966.

E-20 **Mariano Cardinal Rampolla del Tindaro** (1843 Polizzi, Sicily - 1913 Rome) served in the papal secretariate of state and diplomatid corps. He was consecrated by Cardinal Howard on December 8, 1882 as

A-8 Cardinal Paluzzi degli Albertoni Altieri

F-9 **Gaspar Cardinal Carpegna** (died 1714) was consecrated by Cardinal Altieri on June 22, 1670 as Archbishop of Nicaea in Bithynia and was created a cardinal on December 22, 1670. He was Vicar of Rome to Pope Innocent XI.

F-10 **Fabrizio Cardinal Paolucci** (died 1726) was consecrated by Cardinal Carpegna in San Filippo, Rome, May of 1685 and named Bishop of Macerata and Tolentino. He was named cardinal in 1697

F-11 **Francesco Cardinal Barberini** (died 1738) was created a cardinal in 1690 and was consecrated by Cardinal Paolucci on March 16, 1721. He was a great-grand nephew of Pope Urban VIII and was among those who advocated leniency for Gallileo.

F-12 **Hannibal Cardinal Albani** (born 1682 Urbino, Italy), a nephew of Pope Clement XI, was named a cardinal in 1711 and was a papal diplomat at Vienna, Dresden, and Frankfort. He was consecrated by Cardinal Barberini in the Vatican Basilica on August 15, 1730 and was appointed Bishop of Sabina

F-13 **Frederico Marcello Cardinal Lante** was consecrated in Urbino as Titular Archbishop of Petra by Cardinal Albani on October 19, 1732

F-14 **Charles Walmesley, O.S.B.** (1722 Bath, England -1797) was consecrated in Rome by Lante on December 21, 1756 as Titular Bishop of Rama and Vicar of the Western District of England. He became Bishop of York in 1770.

F-15 **John Carroll** (1735 Prince George Co., Md. - 1815 Baltimore) was a member of the Society of Jesus until its suppression. He was named Vicar Apostolic for the United States in 1784. He was consecrated by Walmesley at Lulworth Castle in Dover, England on August 15, 1790, as the first Bishop of Baltimore. He was named Archbishop of Baltimore in 1808

F-16 **Benedict Joseph Flaget, S.S.** (1763 Contournat, Auvergne, France -1850 Louisville) was consecrated first Bishop of Bardstown (now Louisville) on November 4, 1810 at Fells Point, Md. by Archbishop Carroll.

F-17 **James Whitfield** (1770 Liverpool, England - 1834 Baltimore) was consecrated in Baltimore on May 25, 1828 by Bishop Flaget, as Archbishop of Baltimore.

F-18 **John Baptist Purcell** (1800 Mallow, Co. Cork, Ireland - 1883 St. Martin, O.), President of Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, was consecrated on Oct. 13, 1833 by Archbishop Whitfield in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Baltimore as Bishop of Cincinnati. He became Archbishop in 1850.

F-19 **SYLVESTER HORTON ROSECRANS** (born 1827 in Homer, O., died 1878 in Columbus) was consecrated in Cincinnati by Archbishop Purcell on March 25, 1862 as Titular Bishop of Pompeiopolis and was assigned as Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati. He was appointed the first Bishop of Columbus in 1868.

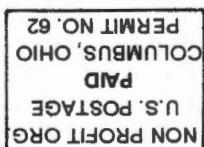
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