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Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Bornemann

Reading - - - Pennsylvania



# Souvenir

## Golden Jubilee Celebration

Of the Ordination in the Holy Priesthood

...of the...

Rt. Rev. Mgr. George Bornemann

Rector of St. Paul's R.C. Church

Reading, Pa.

June the Twentieth

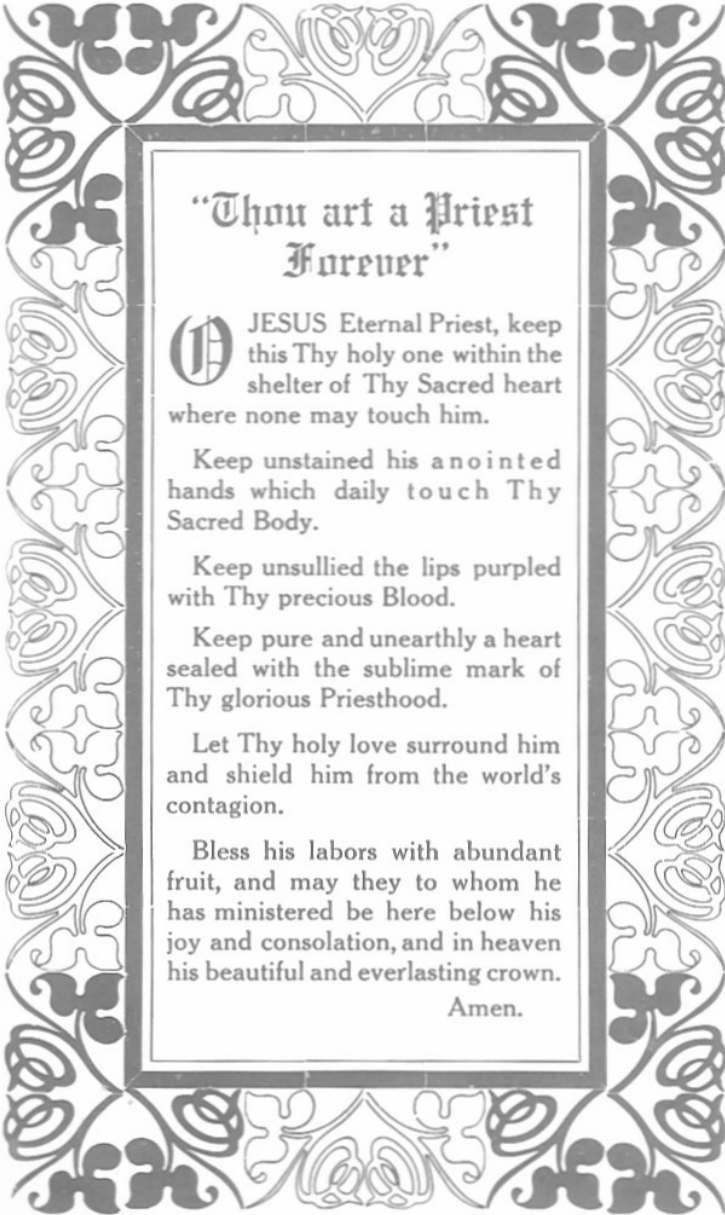
Nineteen hundred and fifteen



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“Thou art a Priest  
Forever”

**O** JESUS Eternal Priest, keep  
this Thy holy one within the  
shelter of Thy Sacred heart  
where none may touch him.

Keep unstained his anointed  
hands which daily touch Thy  
Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied the lips purpled  
with Thy precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly a heart  
sealed with the sublime mark of  
Thy glorious Priesthood.

Let Thy holy love surround him  
and shield him from the world's  
contagion.

Bless his labors with abundant  
fruit, and may they to whom he  
has ministered be here below his  
joy and consolation, and in heaven  
his beautiful and everlasting crown.

Amen.





POPE BENEDICT XV.

## Celebration in St. Paul's Church

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SOLEMN HIGH MASS, 11 A. M.

The Most Rt. Rev. E. F. Prendergast, D. D., Archbishop,  
presiding

Celebrant, The Rt. Rev. Jubilarian

Assistant Priest, Rev. Anthony F. Kaul, P. R.

Deacon, Rev. Bernard Korves

Sub-Deacon, Rev. Henry J. Otterbein, C. S. S. R.

Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Thomas Oestreich, O. S. B.

The Students of the Parish for minor offices

Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, D. D., O. S. B.  
Bishop of North Carolina

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The la Hache Mass with Orchestra accompaniment  
under the direction of Chas. J. Greath  
and Prof. Erasmus Duppuis, organist





MONSIGNOR JOHN BONZANO  
Apostolic Delegate

Programme---Testimonial Reception  
Gippodrome Theater, 4 P.M.

1. ORCHESTRA, "Fest Overture" - - - A. Lortzing
2. OPENING ADDRESS, - - - - -  
By Charles Vogel, Chairman of Committee
3. "Die Himmel Erzaehlen die Ehre Gottes" - Jos. Hayden  
By Chorus
4. A short history of some achievements of the Right  
Reverend Monsignor George Bornemann - - -  
By Geo. A. Impink and John L. O'Brien
5. ORCHESTRA, "Naila" - - - Leo Delibes Ballet
6. ADDRESS, - - - - -  
By Hon. Gustav A. Endlich,  
President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
of Berks County
7. "Dank-Gebet" - - - - - Edward Kremser  
By Male Chorus
8. ADDRESS,  
By Rev. Henry J. Otterbein, C. S. S. R.
9. "Unfold, Ye Portals" - - - - - Chas. Gounod  
By Chorus
10. ADDRESS, - - - - -  
By Rt. Rev. Mgr. George Bornemann
11. "Te Deum" - - - By the Chorus and Audience
12. ORCHESTRA, "Golden Jubilee March" - Aug. J. Krug  
(Dedicated to Rt. Rev. Mgr. George Bornemann)



MOST RT. REV. EDMOND F. PRENDERGAST, D.D.



RT. REV. J. J. McCORT, D.D.





RT. REV. MONSIGNOR  
GEORGE BORNEMANN, P.R.V.F.

## Biographical Sketch of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Bornemann

George Bornemann was born October 5, 1838, at Lingen, Province of Hanover, Germany. His father, William, was a rope-maker; his mother, Louisa. (born, Rolts) died when he was six years old.

The schools of his native town provided his elementary education, and he early manifested a vocation for the priesthood. Inspired, then as now, with missionary zeal, his thoughts turned to America; and he determined to prosecute his theological studies among those for the salvation of whose souls he intended to devote his life. Accordingly, he embarked, unaccompanied, on a sailing-vessel, leaving Bremen, July 4th, 1854, and landed in New York on the Feast of the Assumption.

Upon his arrival he joined an older brother who had preceded him to this country, and was living in New York City. He remained there a short time and then left for St. Vincent College, Beatty, Pennsylvania, in charge of the Benedictine Order, where he completed his classical course.

In 1862, he removed to the diocese of Philadelphia, and entered the theological seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, then situated at 18th and Race Streets, Philadelphia. Here he was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. James F. Wood, Bishop, (later Archbishop) of Philadelphia, on June 22, 1865.

Father Bornemann, after celebrating his first High Mass at St. Alphonsus Church, New York City, was assigned as curate to the Church of the Assumption, Philadelphia, whose rector was Very Rev. C. J. H. Carter, V.G.

After a year of this service he was named pastor of St. Peter's Church, New Castle, Delaware, to which were attached the missions of Delaware City, Newark, Smyrna, Harrington, Frederica, and Fort Delaware, at which last-named place he served as Catholic chaplain.

Fort Delaware was not new ground to him, for as a seminarian he had gone there with Bishops Wood, O'Hara and O'Connor to look after not only the Union soldiers, but the Confederate prisoners who numbered over one hundred thousand, including more than three thousand officers, many of them of highest rank, and had many interesting experiences.

Meanwhile, in 1862, the year during which Father Bornemann (then a theological student) had come into the diocese, St. Paul Parish, Reading, was organized, with Rev. Schrader as its pastor. The latter labored here until 1865, when he was succeeded by Rev. G. Wallmyer who remained until his death, of typhoid fever, in February, 1867. The vacancy thus created was filled by the appointment of Father Bornemann who came to Reading the same month. From that time until the present, the history of St. Paul's Church, and that of its beloved rector, have been as one.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Rectory

Convent Orphanage

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Upon his arrival in Reading the young pastor found little to encourage, and much to daunt him. His people, few in numbers, were not possessed of worldly goods, and the financial situation was a critical one. But they were rich in the priceless gift of Faith; and together, priest and people faced the future with serene courage.

From the first, Father Bornemann manifested that staunch advocacy of parochial schools which has ever been one of his dominant characteristics. He, therefore, set to work at once to organize a school, which was held in the basement of the church, and was conducted by four laymen.

In 1869 he began the erection of a school building, which was completed, and dedicated by Bishop Wood, in the Fall of 1870. Meanwhile the parish had increased greatly, numbering about three thousand souls; and the school was opened with almost four hundred pupils. Father Bornemann was fortunate enough to secure, as teachers, the Sisters of Christian Charity, who had come to America from Germany and established themselves at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; and devoted Sisters of this Order have ever since been in charge of the school.

In 1869 the church was enlarged from 60 x 120 to 60 x 162 ; and a steeple was raised to a height of over two hundred feet. A chime of bells was later installed in 1879. A new rectory next engaged the attention of Father Bornemann, and the present commodious and well-appointed one was built in 1871.

In the last-named year Professor Erasmus Duppuis was engaged as organist and teacher of the higher grades in the school—which position he continues to fill with fidelity.

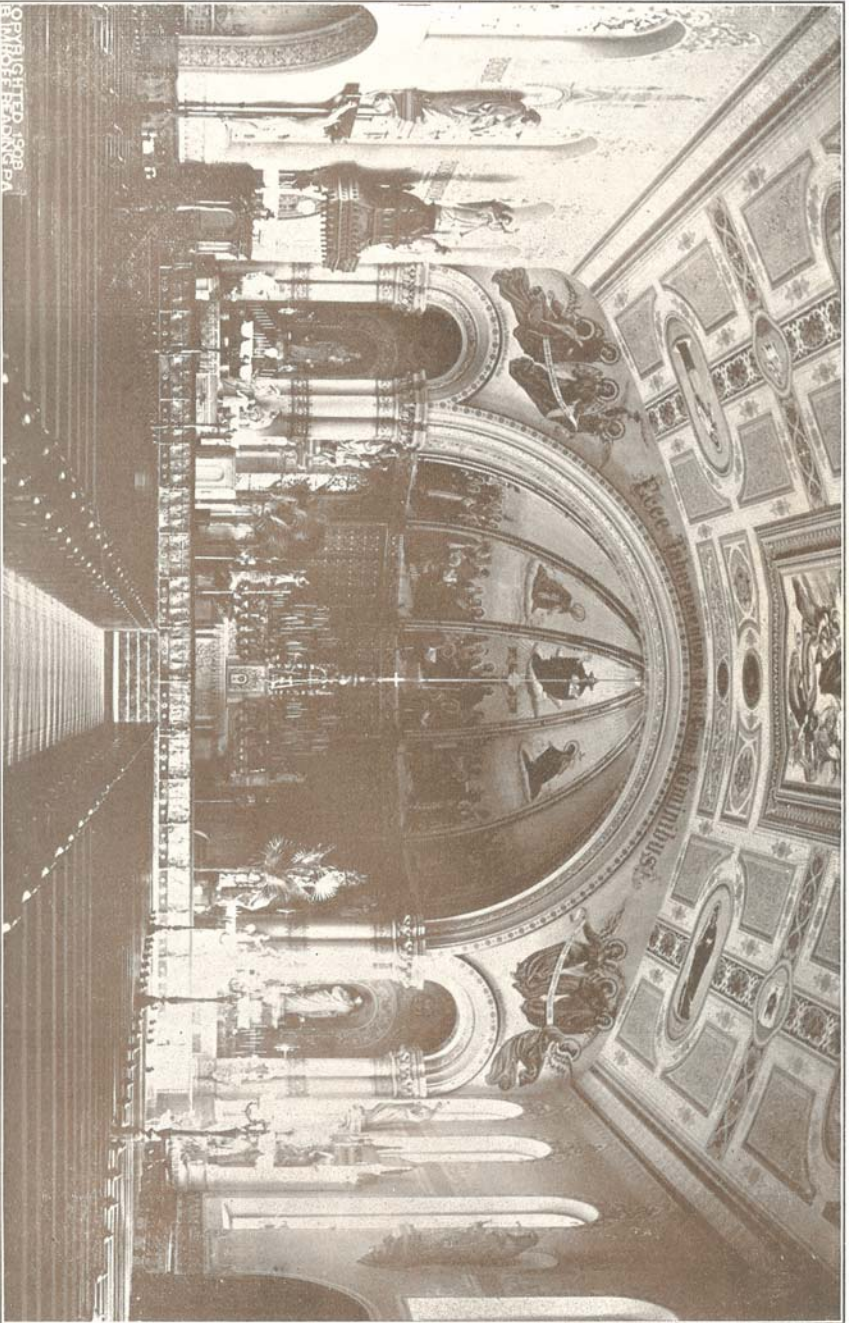
Realizing the city's need of a general hospital, Father Bornemann took the matter under consideration. His resolution was quickened by the severe small-pox epidemic of 1872.

He, therefore, purchased a two-story dwelling at the north-east corner of Walnut and Birch Streets, and started the enterprise under the care of the Sisters of St. Francis. From that grain of mustard-seed has developed the present magnificent group of buildings, one of the finest hospitals in the State. Through all its changing phases Father Bornemann planned and counselled. He gave generously of money. He gave (more valuable still) his time, his judgment, his indomitable spirit. To all details, great and small, he devoted careful consideration and unsparing energy.

During the recurrence of the plague in 1893, Father Bornemann, at the request of the Board of Health, had a large building on the premises turned into a pest-house. Not satisfied with contributing largely to its cost, he assisted with his individual labor in preparing the building for the reception of patients—of whom over six hundred received attention there during the epidemic.

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INTERIOR OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

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Fearing the consequence of maintaining, as a permanency, such a place near the general hospital, he persuaded the county officials to erect a building for the care of contagious diseases, near the County Home. During the continuance of the plague he was a daily visitor at these places, bringing help to those in charge, and bodily and spiritual consolation to the sufferers from the dread disease.

In 1882 Father Bornemann had a convent erected for the Sisters of the parochial school; a large annex to which was built ten years later. In 1907 he rebuilt the parochial school at a cost of nearly \$25,000. At the same time he installed a hot-water system for heating church, school, rectory, convent and orphanage.

During these years the parish had grown beyond the accommodations of the church; and the building was entirely reconstructed, its dedication by Archbishop Ryan taking place in May, 1885.

Actuated by unceasing interest in the welfare of his people, Father Bornemann purchased, in 1889, several properties adjacent to the church, and founded an orphanage for boys. From 1889 to 1900 the first floor of this building was used as a free dispensary which after the last-named year was transferred to St. Joseph Hospital. At present there are about 125 boys in the orphanage, which is maintained entirely by the congregation.

Busy as was Father Bornemann in the myriad affairs of his parish and the institutions he had started therein, his charitable efforts were not circumscribed by parochial limits. In 1889 the property at Fourth and Pine Streets, was purchased by the House of the Good Shepherd. This institution having rapidly outgrown its quarters, was moved to Glenside, where, upon land donated by Father Bornemann, a new building costing \$180,000 was dedicated by him on June 21st, 1900. He still maintains a great interest in this work, and has always been a large contributor to its funds.

On June 22, 1890, Father Bornemann celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination at a Solemn Pontifical Mass, at which several of the hierarchy and large numbers of the clergy were present. In the evening he was escorted by the various Catholic Societies of the city to the Grand Opera House where a reception was held, at which addresses were made by some of the members of the congregation, and by George F. Baer, Esq., a warm personal friend. On this occasion he was presented with a costly set of vestments.

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ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL



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Father Bornemann took but little respite from his labors. However, in 1872, and again in 1900, he visited Germany. Before the last-named trip a farewell reception was tendered him in church; and a handsome sum of money was presented him for the expenses of his trip. His return was made the occasion for an outpouring of his people, who met him at the station, and with great joy escorted him home.

Imbued with profound affection and admiration for his native land, its customs, and its ideals, Father Bornemann had always close to his heart the welfare of his fellow-countrymen who settled in America. He helped actively to found the Leo House, in New York, a place to protect German immigrants and to aid them in finding employment.

He was, also, for many years, a Commissary of the priesters- Verein; and in that capacity was instrumental in organizing, and conducting large German Catholic Congresses in Cleveland,, Pittsburgh, Newark, Buffalo, Louisville, Detroit, Chicago and Milwaukee. These meetings were productive of great good, and were attended by leading Germans of America and abroad, including Dr. Ernst Lieber, who led the Centre Party in Germany after the death of Dr. Windthorst.

But whilst a devoted German, Father Borneman is a true Catholic, in the sense that those of differing nationalities, who are one with him in Faith, are objects of his deep concern.

Since the early years of the arrival of Polish and Slavonic peoples in Reading, Father Bornemann has been their warm friend and helper. He had supervision of them during the critical formative period of their settlement, and their assimilation with American methods and ways of life, both of Church and State. He guided them wisely; and they, in turn, trusted him implicitly.

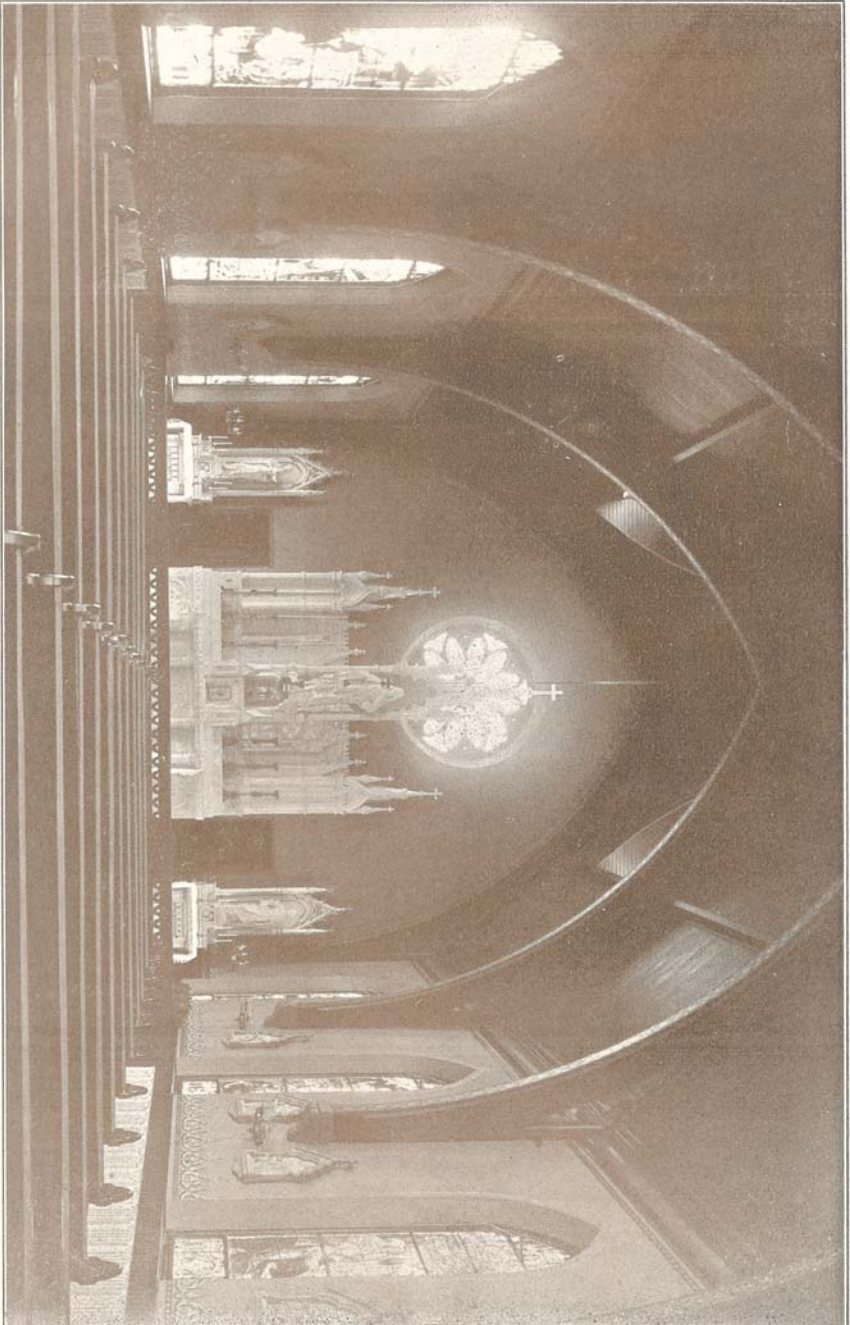
He looked after the building of the Polish Church at Twelfth and Spruce Streets; and of the Slavonic one at Oakbrook. In July, 1914, he dedicated the successor of the latter, —the handsome church of Sts. Cyril and Methodius at Sixth and Laurel Streets.

He also, materially assisted the Bernardine Sisters (Polish), to build the novitiate and orphanage at Oakbrook, which they erected at a cost of over \$100,000.

The Italians, too, claimed his interest. In 1904 he purchased a church building at Schuylkill Avenue and Green Street, and turned it over to them as The Holy Rosary Church.

In 1913, at an individual expense of almost \$20,000 he bought and renovated a former public school building at Third and Franklin Streets, and saw it opened as a parochial school for Italians.

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INTERIOR OF ST. CECELIA CHAPEL - A MISSION OF ST. PAUL'S

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Ever in quick sympathy with all sorts and conditions of the sick and afflicted, Father Bornemann has been specially interested in the fight against tuberculosis.

The large and handsomely furnished Neversink Mountain Hotel, built and equipped at a cost of \$125,000, having proven a failure as a Summer resort, Father Bornemann became its purchaser in 1905, aided by the kind offices of George F. Baer, Esq., who had a large interest therein.

It was his intention to equip it as a sanitarium for the treatment of indigent sufferers from tuberculosis. He had in further prospect the purchase of an adjoining farm from which to provide requisite supplies.

Unfortunately, just on the eve of the completion of these arrangements, the hotel was entirely destroyed by fire; and the plan was necessarily abandoned. Large supplies of bedding and table linens, which were purchased with the hotel, and which were in the process of laundering in the city, were divided into four equal shares, and donated by Father Bornemann to St. Catharine Orphan Asylum, Home for Friendless Children, St. Paul Orphan Asylum, and the Home for Widows and Single Women.

He later donated the 17 acres of land on which the hotel had been erected, to the Berks County Tuberculosis Society, to be used in connection with its work.

St. Michael Seminary, Hyde Park, which was founded in 1894, as a boarding-school for girls, under the provisions of the will of Henry Felix, having some years later been abandoned for that purpose, was taken over by Father Bornemann in the interest of a further fight against the White Plague.

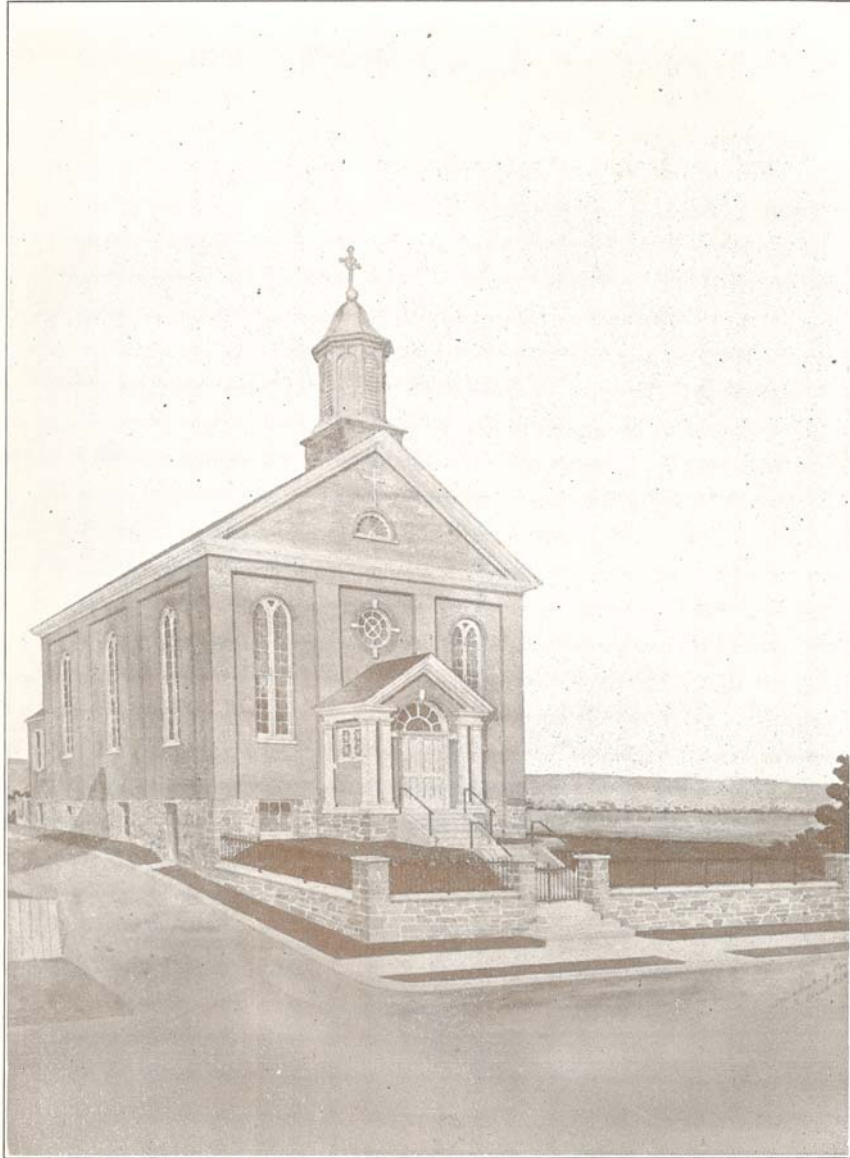
At a cost of over \$30,000 (advanced wholly by himself) he changed it into an admirable sanitarium for such members of the various female Religious Orders of the Church, as might be afflicted with tuberculosis.

Other arrangements having subsequently been perfected to care for such afflicted ones, he turned the building over to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, with headquarters in Germany, and who use this beautiful place as a mother-house in America.

He, also purchased an adjoining farm, which was transferred by him to the Missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart Order, who have established a seminary there.

Kindred zeal has led him to take up the matter of Catholic services in the magnificent State Sanitarium newly opened at Hamburg, this county. He was the first priest to say Mass there; and at present has charge of the spiritual welfare of the Catholics of the institution, who, patients and attendants, number almost one-half of the nearly thousand inmates.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HAMBURG, PA.

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In this connection, he is (at his own expense) rebuilding St. Mary Church, Hamburg, (which had been abandoned upwards of thirty years), and making of it a credit to the diocese.

In 1895 he purchased a farm of fifty-two acres for burial purposes; and has, at great expense, improved it, until Gethsemani cemetery is now the most beautiful burial-ground in this vicinity. His one unfulfilled ambition in this matter, is the erection of a mortuary chapel, which is planned to crown the work.

Notwithstanding that Father Bornemann was at all times modest and unassuming; that he shrank from public recognition; and that he let not his left hand know what his right hand did by way of charity, it was inevitable that the magnitude of his work and the extent of his benefactions should be recognized and rewarded by his ecclesiastical superiors.

In 1884 he was appointed Secretary of the *Commissio de Fide* in the Provincial Council held at Philadelphia. The same year he was named Permanent Rector of St. Paul Church. In 1886 he was placed upon the Diocesan School Board, then first organized. And he has ever been one of the trusted advisors of Archbishops Wood, Ryan and Prendergast, during their respective occupancy of head of the diocese.

Upon the recommendation of Archbishop Ryan, Father Bornemann was, in 1910, elevated by His Holiness Pope Pius X to the rank of Domestic Prelate, with the privilege to wear the purple, and to the title of Monsignor.

The solemn ceremony of investiture took place Monday, March 28th, at High Mass, at which Most Reverend Edmond F. Prendergast pontificated,—his predecessor, Archbishop Ryan, having died after the nomination of Monsignor Bornemann.

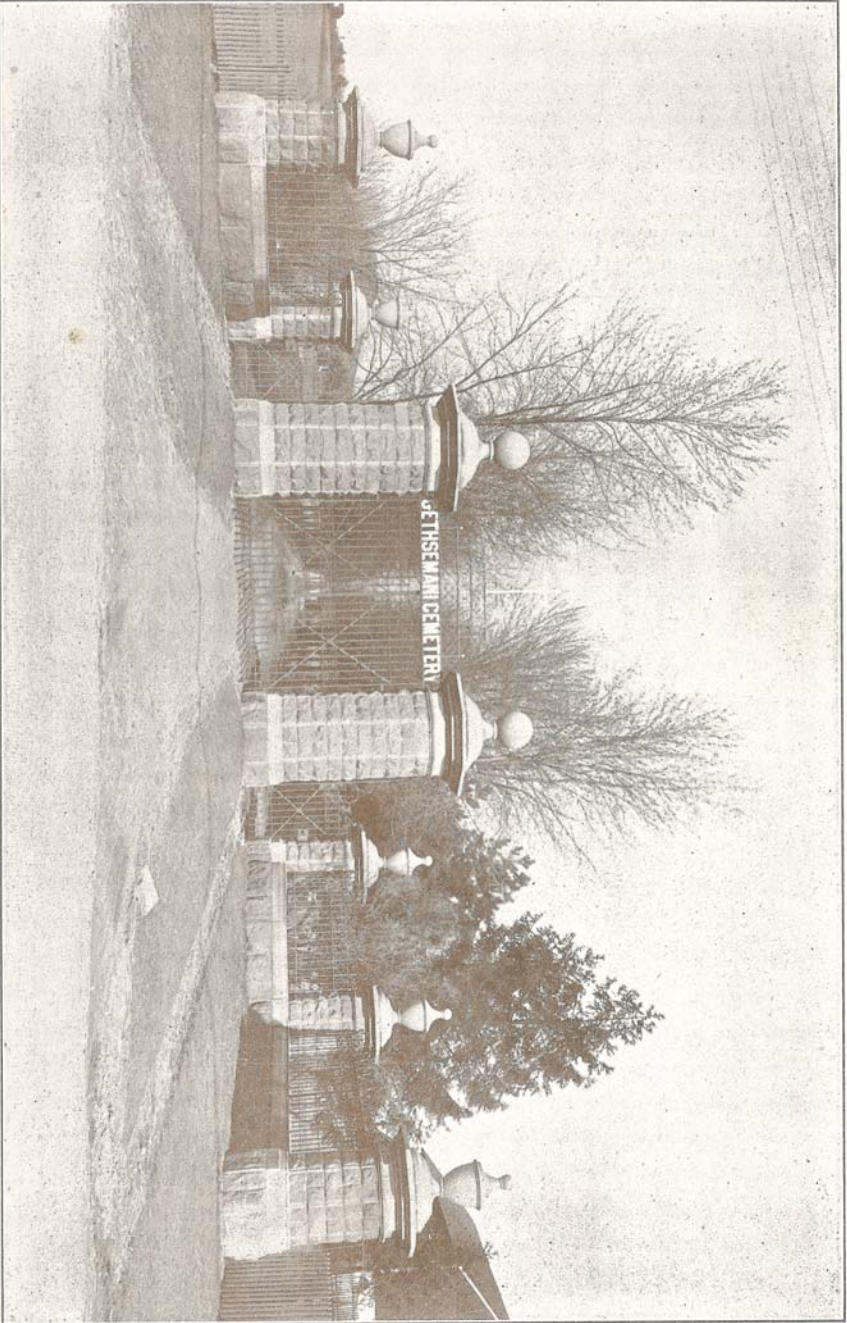
Right Reverend Kodelka, Co-Adjutor Bishop of Cleveland, and an old friend of Monsignor Bornemann, preached the sermon. The Rt. Reverends John W. Shanahan, Bishop of Harrisburg, and Leo A. Haid, of Belmont Abbey, Bishop of North Carolina, were also present; as were large numbers of the clergy, including priests who had been ordained from St. Paul parish. In the evening a reception was given Monsignor Bornemann by his parishioners, at which he was presented with a large sum of money, and a handsome sanctuary-chair.

In 1913 Monsignor Bornemann, now senior priest of the diocese, was named Rural Dean of Berks County.

Monsignor Bornemann, or, as his people know him best, Father Bornemann—has been a true father to his people. Devoted to their welfare, spiritual and temporal, upwards of forty-eight years, he has entered into the lives of successive generations as it is given to but few priests to do.

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ENTRANCE GETHSEMANI CEMETERY

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Fathers, mothers, children, grand-children, have, in turn, known his ministrations, and been objects of his priestly zeal. To them he is, indeed, the representative of God's Church; but he is, also, enshrined in their hearts because for long years he has shared in their joys and sorrows.

Figures give but an inadequate idea of his myriad activities, and yet even they are impressive.

Marriages .....	1668
Baptisms.....	8776
First Communions.....	5000
Prepared for Confirmation.....	5500

Each day there are certain hours during which it is his delight to receive his people, and discuss with them any matters spiritual or temporal, on which they choose to consult him. Truly, he knoweth his people, and his flock know him.

To the general public he stands as an exponent of charity, both of purse and spirit. No worthy cause finds him deaf to its appeal; and never in the course of his long ministry has there been the slightest friction between him and the representatives of any religious denomination.

Jealous of the rights of the Catholic Church, he is willing at all times to accord others every right due them. In civic matters he has frequently joined forces with representative clergymen of other churches to champion the right.

In all things, ecclesiastical and lay, he is a conservative of the type which produces the true progressive. He carefully weighs every contingency; and only when he has a clear concept of the matter, does he move. But, once his plans are in motion, he knows no halting, or shadow of turning.

It would be a work of super-erogation to speak of his worth as a pastor. Benignant, though firm; hating sin, yet loving the sinner; a model for the strong, and a present help in time of trouble to the weak; asking no sacrifice in which he does not lead the way; devoted to the splendor of the ritual of the Church, no less than to her dogmatic teachings; a child among children,—among men a Man.

Such is a brief history and minimum estimate of the life, rich in effort and achievement, of the man whom God called, as a neophyte, from a foreign land that he might here labor for the glory of God, and the perpetuation and extension of His Church.

Were the wish of Monsignor Bornemann heeded, nothing would be set down, here or elsewhere, of himself, or of his deeds. He neither seeks nor desires the plaudits of men. His sole concern is to do the will of the Father,—in order that God Who called him in his youth, and Whose Hand guided him to this field of labor, may one day in His mercy say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL – in the Year 1873

## ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

In 1872 Right Rev. Monsignor Bornemann, who in his fatherly sympathy had ever been most eager to relieve the wants of poor suffering humanity, purchased a suitable site for a hospital, a two-story brick building, surrounded by a vineyard and fruit trees known as the Voilmar Estate.

In 1873 he founded St. Joseph's Hospital, the first institution of its kind in Reading. Upon his request and with the consent of Most Rev. A. Wood, D.D., the Sisters of St. Francis assumed charge of this institution. Ere the lapse of many years the home proved inadequate for its purpose.

A new building was then erected on the northwest corner of Birch and Walnut Streets. In 1882 Rt. Rev. Monsignor Bornemann laid the cornerstone of this grand edifice and two years later it was dedicated by his Grace, Most Rev. P. Ryan, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia. It was in this year also on the 19th of March, the feast of St. Joseph, that Rt. Rev. Monsignor Bornemann blessed the statue of St. Joseph and placed it in the nich above the entrance at the Hospital.

In but a few years its constantly increasing demands necessitated an addition. With God's help it was undertaken, completed, and in 1893, dedicated by Most Rev. P. Ryan, D.D.

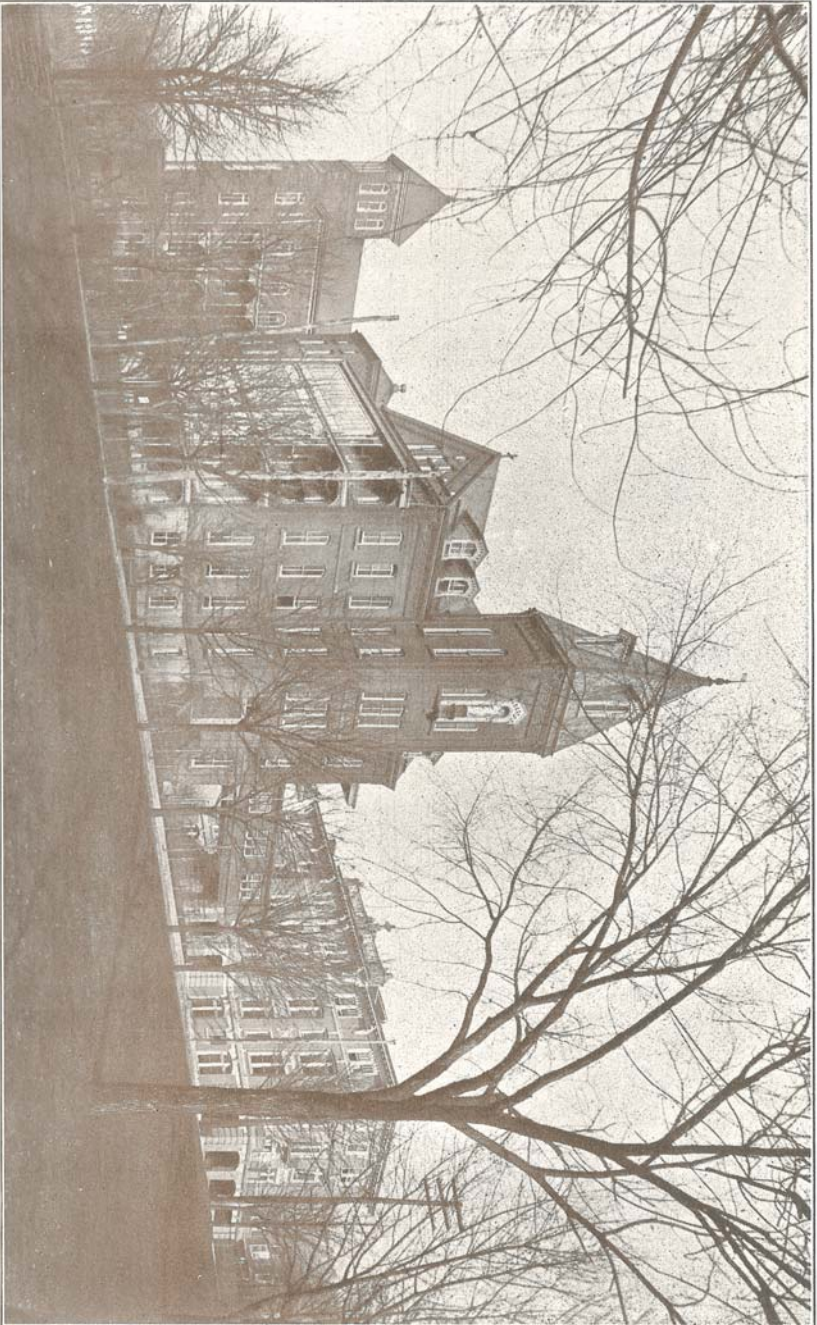
Among the apartments added, is the beautiful chapel, most artistically wrought, which now graces the institution, a lasting memorial of good Father Bornemann, whose works of charity will ever remain written in unperishable characters, not only on the tablets of the institution, but also in the memories of Christ's Brethren, the poor and suffering.

In 1904 the cradle of St. Joseph's Hospital was replaced by the present Nurses' Home, dedicated by his Grace, Archbishop Prendergast, in 1905.

In the prime of St. Joseph's Hospital, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Bornemann toiled untiringly in the vineyard. He assisted in preparing casks, and the making of wine in order to realize funds for the great work now in progress. He supervised the laying of drains and sewers about the place, the erection of a

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ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL - 1915

## ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

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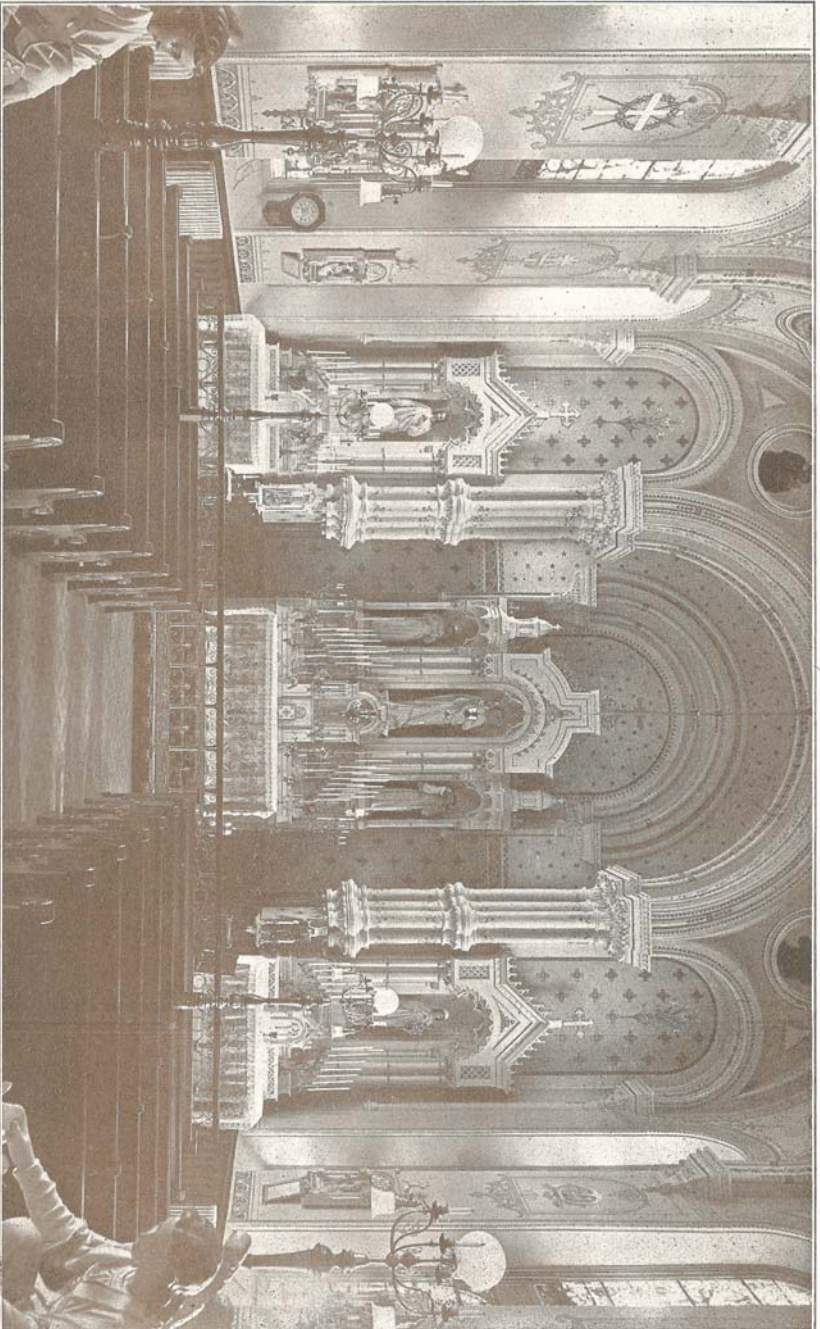
boiler house, laundry and morgue located north of the building.

During the smallpox epidemic in 1893, Monsignor Bornemann, at the request of the City Board of Health, at a weighty expense, converted the stable on the Hospital ground into a place of refuge for the poor sufferers stricken with this loathsome disease. With his own hands he assisted the carpenters and plumbers and in three days the place was ready for occupancy. When the neighbors, fearing the spread of the malady complained, Monsignor Bornemann advised the County officials to build a pest house at the County Home. Here, as at the former place Monsignor Bornemann was a daily visitor administering to the wants of the sufferers, never weary of giving every possible assistance, consolation and comfort not only to the sick but also to the good sisters in attendance upon them. But for good noble-hearted Monsignor Bornemann what would have become of the poor afflicted?

The Sisters of St. Francis extend hearty congratulations to the Rev. Jubilation. Recalling fond memories of the past, his untiring zeal and charity in the promotion of God's glory in their great field of souls they join with the Heavenly Court in chanting this great hymn of thanksgiving.

May God grant him many more years of usefulness in perfect health and happiness is the sincere wish of

THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS.



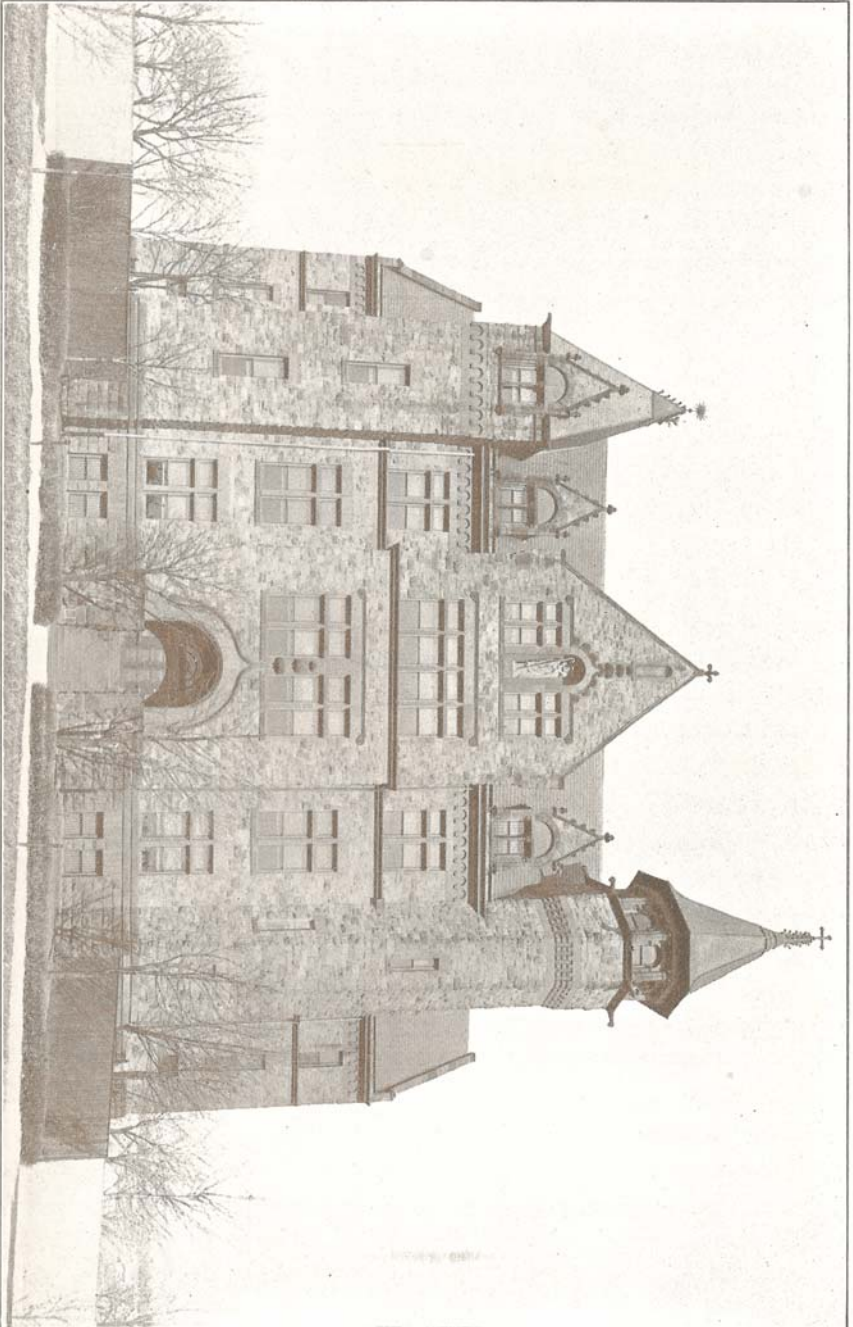
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Boiler House, Laundry and Morgue of St. Joseph's Hospital





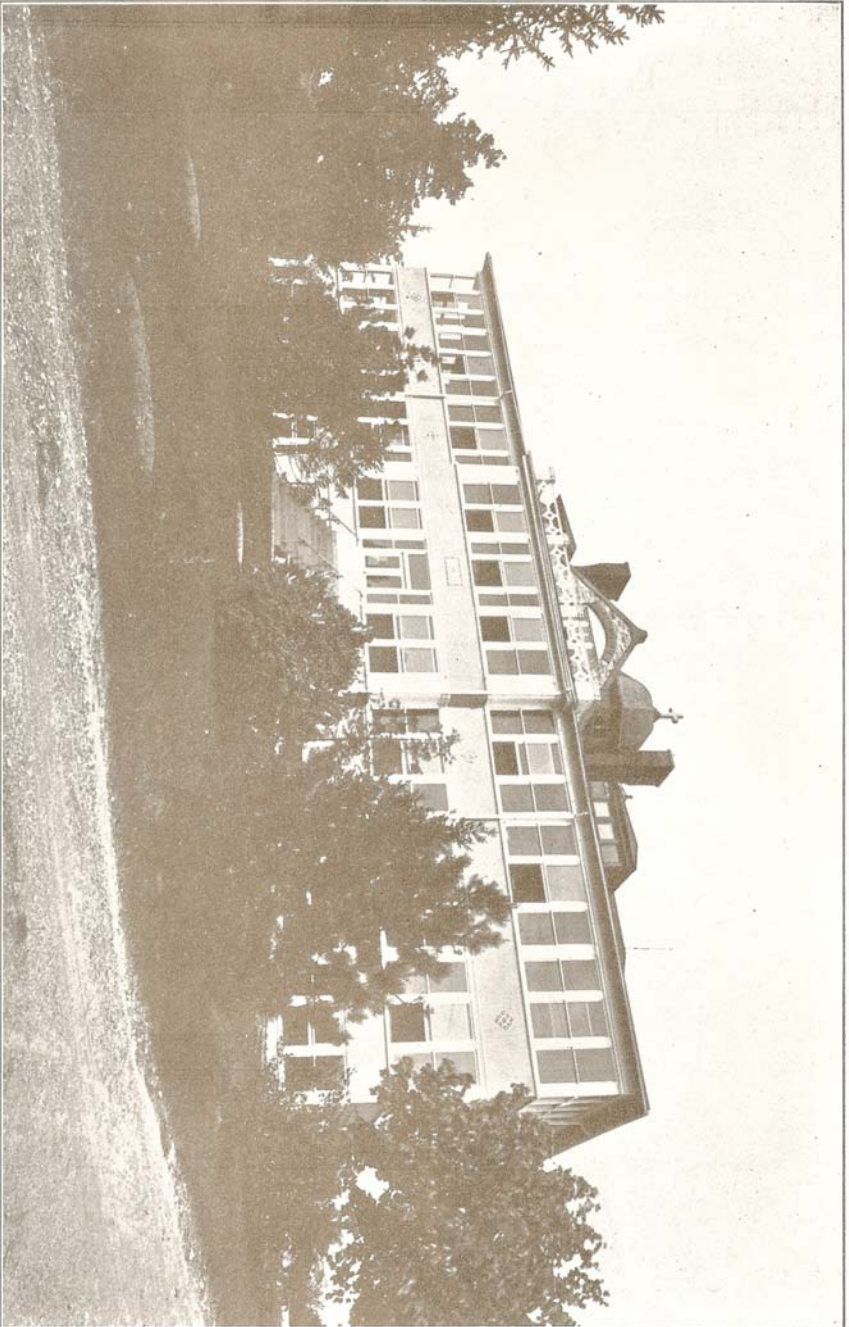
HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## THE HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The House of the Good Shepherd was opened on the old Leippe Mansion at Fourth and Pine Streets, March 5th, 1889, and the first Mass said on March 6th. This building becoming too small, on the advice of Rev. George Bornemann, pastor of St. Paul's Church, various sites were visited, and a piece of ground 330x400 feet, valued at \$3000, situated at Glenside, Bern Township, was considered most suitable. It was donated by Rev. Father Bornemann and the donation most gratefully accepted. A resolution was then passed that the generous benefactor be entitled to the eternal gratitude of the inmates of the institution. Rev. Father Bornemann then authorized suitable plans to be drawn up, and bids taken for the erection of the building. On November 22nd, 1895, the cornerstone was laid by Archbishop Ryan. During the erection of the handsome structure our kind father superintended the laying-out and beautifying of our grounds and finally on June 21st, 1900, dedicated our beautiful and comfortable home. Among the many gifts bestowed upon us is the beautiful statue of the Good Shepherd which adorns the front entrance, and the large bell which sounds forth the praises of our Heavenly Father. Since the opening of the house, we have sheltered and cared for over 2500 girls, of whom 96 have entered the Magdalens. We have at present 127 girls, and 44 devoted Magdalens.

It would be impossible for us to enumerate all that this devoted father and friend has done, and still does for us. It can only be seen in the glorious sunshine of the world beyond where we trust we may greet our father and the faithful Shepherd of our souls.

—BY THE MOTHER SUPERIOR.



CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, Mount St. Michael, Hyde Park

## ST. MICHAEL'S CONVENT

To Monsignor Bornemann whose name is so closely allied with all that tends to the spread of religion and the uplift of society in Reading and elsewhere, no small encomium is due for having installed, in St. Michael's Convent at Hyde Park, the Mission Workers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The building itself, ideally situated on an eminence, was originally opened up as an Academy by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Later, however, the Academy being discontinued, his Grace, the Archbishop, transferred the management of the convent to the able and experienced Monsignor to convert same into some other suitable purpose. He had already had his heart set upon the place for a charitable purpose and for the realization of same, summoned the Mission Workers.

Not only did the Monsignor have the necessary alterations made and the whole enlarged by means of enclosed porches, but also extended the limits of the property.

After a reasonable trial of the place as a sanitarium for invalid religious, it took its present definitive designation as the central house (mother house; noviciate) here in America of the aforementioned sisters. Through the Monsignor's kind instrumentality it was possible for the sisters to obtain the necessary pecuniary means for the purpose of paying for the previously mentioned improvements.

Monsignor Bornemann may, therefore, be considered as the founder of this convent in Reading. Since its establishment he has allowed no opportunity to slip by of proving himself the paternal friend, advisor and benefactor of the convent.

Through the same well directed benevolence and energetic assistance the Missionary Fathers of the Sacred Heart also will soon be enabled to occupy a convent on another of Monsignor Bornemann's acquired farms on St. Michael's Hill. The priests have already had the building erected—a building worthy of their endeavors and an ornament to Hyde Park.

So the name of Monsignor Bornemann is inseparably connected with the foundation of the convents at Mount St. Michael, and so will it always remain; moreover the utterance of that name will ever call forth the deepest respect and gratitude.

—BY THE GRATEFUL SISTERS.



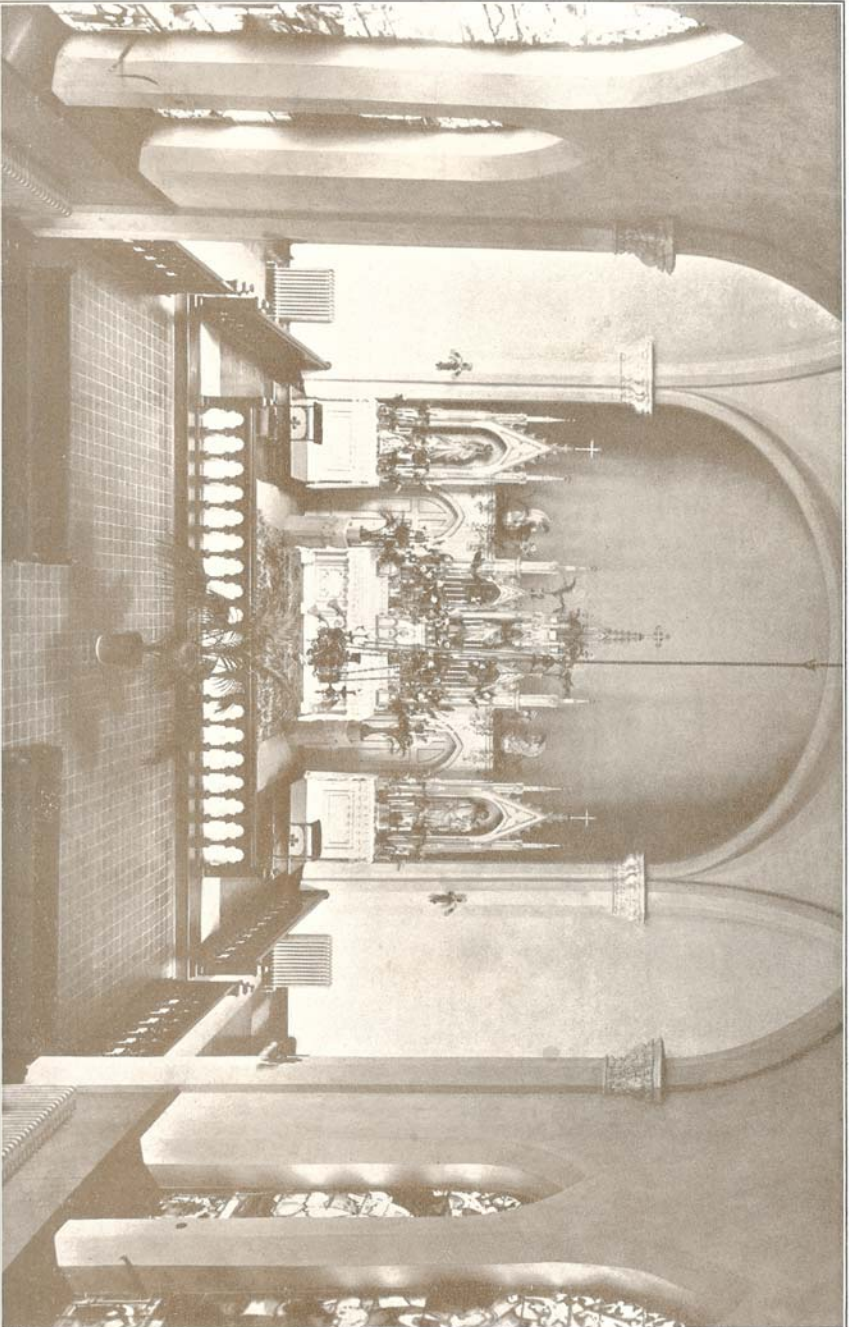


ST. BERNARDINE CONVENT AND ORPHANAGE, MILLMONT

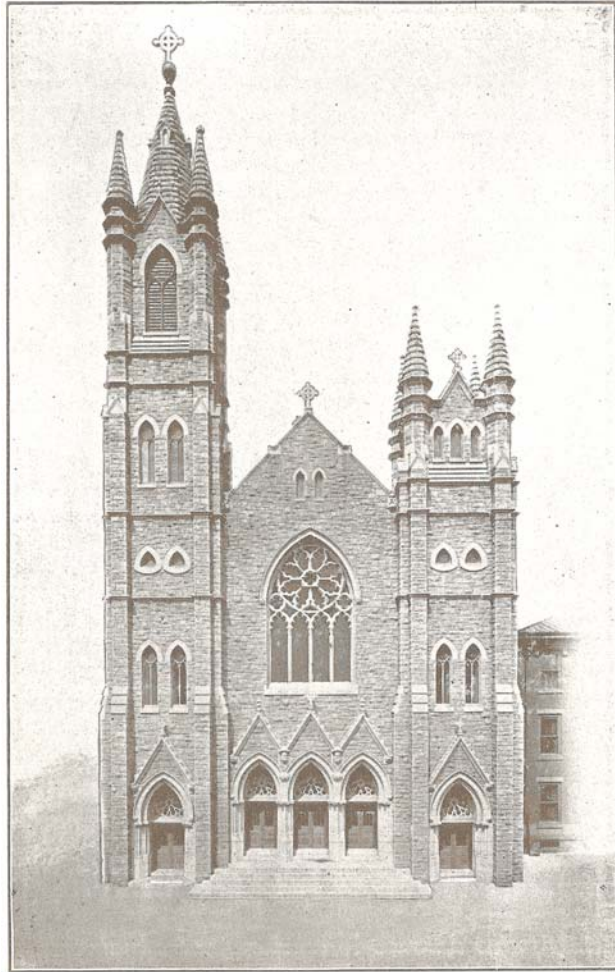
CONVENT AND ORPHANAGE OF THE  
ST. BERNARDINE SISTERS, at MILLMONT

With the development of immigration the growth of Poles rapidly increased in America. The Polish clergy turned their attention to Catholic education, but a complete want of good religious teachers was shown. They sent petitions to different communities in Europe to send teaching Orders to take charge of Parochial Schools. Complying with this request four Bernadine Sisters arrived in America in 1894. They were directed to establish a convent. As every beginning is hard ours has been the same but in 1898 Mother Veronica purchased a home and a few acres of land at Ridgewood, three miles from Reading. Difficulties and obstacles were growing every day, and Mother Veronica started to doubt about the successful results of her work. She decided to sell the property and return to Europe, but here Father Bornemann, always ready to do good, came to the assistance of the Sisters, strengthening Mother Veronica's hope for a successful outcome of her work, giving advice and financial support. At Ridgewood the growth of the institution was very slow. Father Bornemann, seeing this, offered 10 acres at Millmont, where in 1906, the beginning of a new convent and orphanage was made. Here the zeal of a Catholic priest was shown, looking after the welfare of the people and watching the spread of the Catholic faith. He made the plans for the building. Three and four times a week he came to investigate the progress of the work. In 1907 the institution was entirely completed, and the sisters and others, numbering 15 professed sisters, 10 novices, 6 candidates and 24 orphans, moved from Ridgewood. The dedication was held on August 12th, 1907, by Father Bornemann. It proved that Monsignor's calculations did not deceive him, for the institution increased so rapidly that in 1912 the Convent, Chapel and orphanage had to be enlarged. This time also, Monsignor Bornemann gave his services. Owing to the wise counsel given by Monsignor Bornemann the institution rapidly increased. There are at present in the institution, 84 professed sisters, 37 novices, 34 candidates, belonging to the community and 95 orphans in the Orphanage. The Sisters and orphans highly appreciate the goodness and devoutness of Monsignor Bornemann, loving him as a Father and their Protector.

THE BERNARDINE SISTERS



CHAPEL OF ST. BERNARDINE CONVENT



ST. PETER'S CHURCH





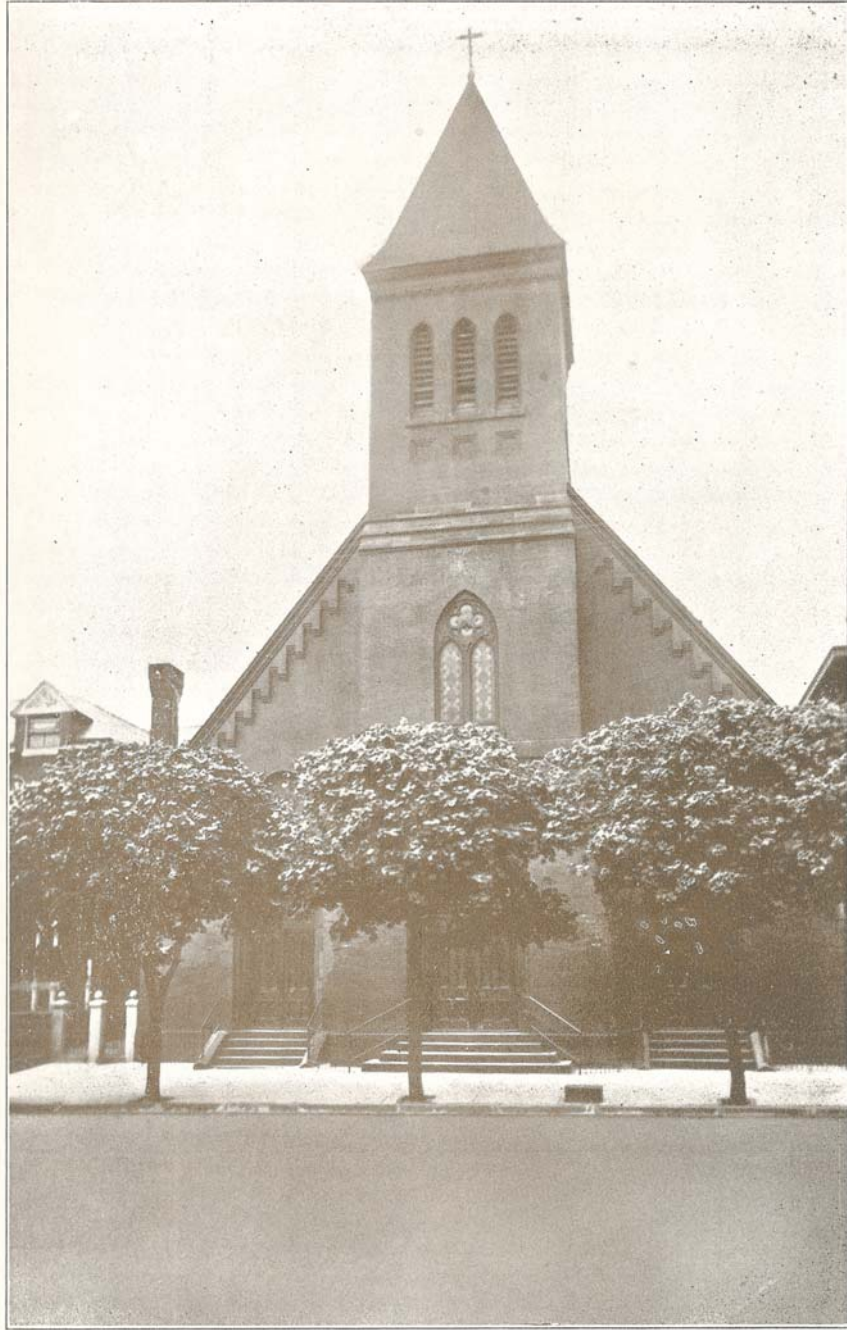
ST. MARY'S CHURCH

## ST. MARY'S POLISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

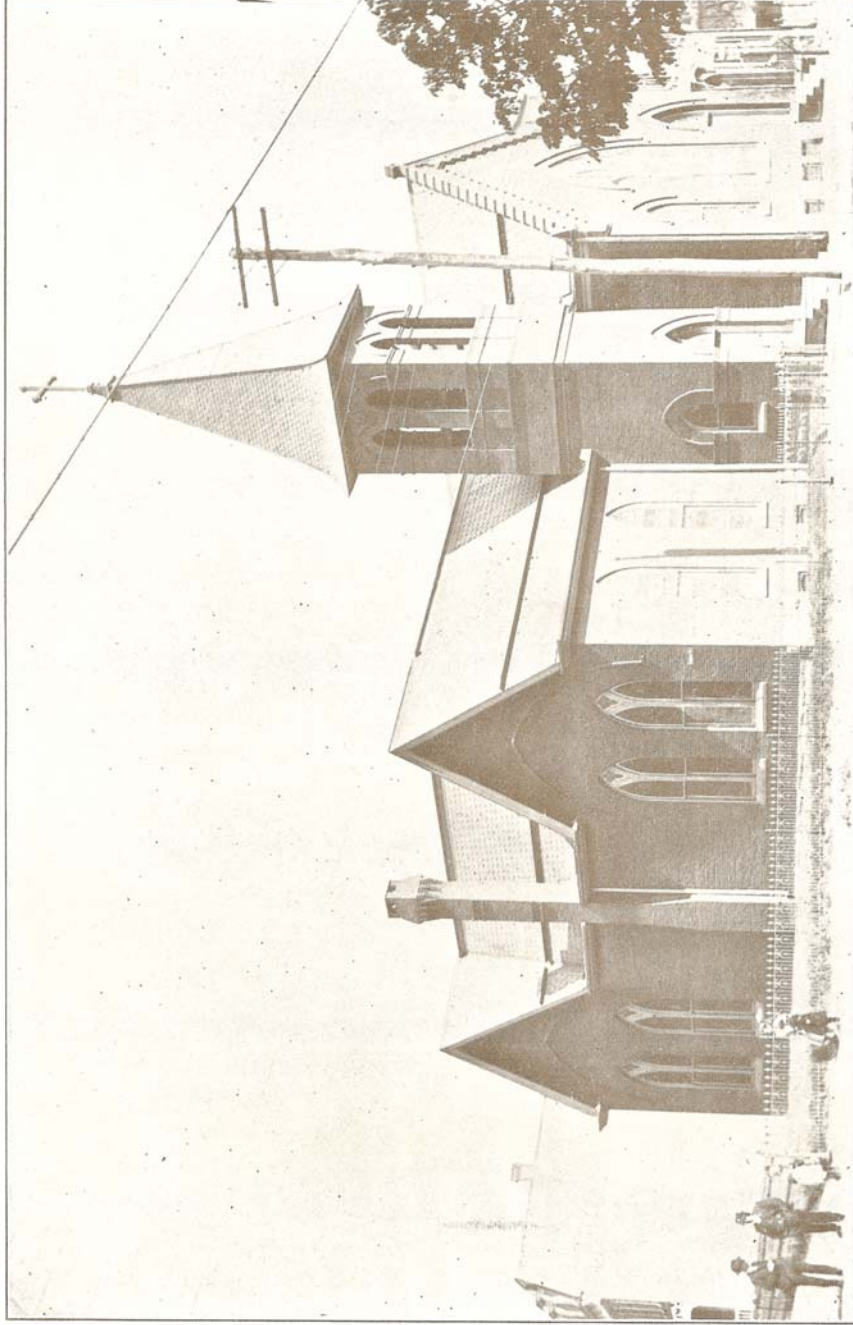
The history of St. Mary's Church of Reading, is closely connected with the efforts of Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Bornemann. The Poles held their first services in St. Paul's Catholic Church and on the advice of Father Bornemann began collecting money for their own place of worship in 1885. Father Kattein, Assistant at St. Paul's Church, looked after their spiritual welfare. During this time Father Kattein kept in close touch with a Polish student at Overbrook, whom he instructed in the affairs regarding the Poles.

In 1887, Rev. Adelbert Malusecki was ordained to the Priesthood and appointed to Philadelphia, filling the place of Father Kattein who had gone there in the meantime and died in August, 1887. Father Malusecki came to Reading at stated intervals to attend to the Polish people of the city. In 1888 Father Bornemann made the acquaintance of a Father Sebrieski, who looked after the Poles for a few months, residing in the meantime at St. Paul's. Father Mark Januskiewicz, his successor, also resided at St. Paul's until St. Mary's Parish was opened at Twelfth and Spruce Streets, April 1st, 1889, which property was purchased by Father Bornemann for that purpose. He remained as pastor for five years being succeeded by the Rev. Matthias Tarnowski in 1894. After eight months from this date Rev. Adelbert Malusecki was sent to St. Mary's and has been pastor there ever since. During this time the church and school was completed, all under the advice and kind co-operation of Monsignor Bornemann, who also dedicated the school. Today St. Mary's is one of the most flourishing in Reading.

—BY THE PASTOR, REV. ADELBERT MALUSECKI.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH (Italian)





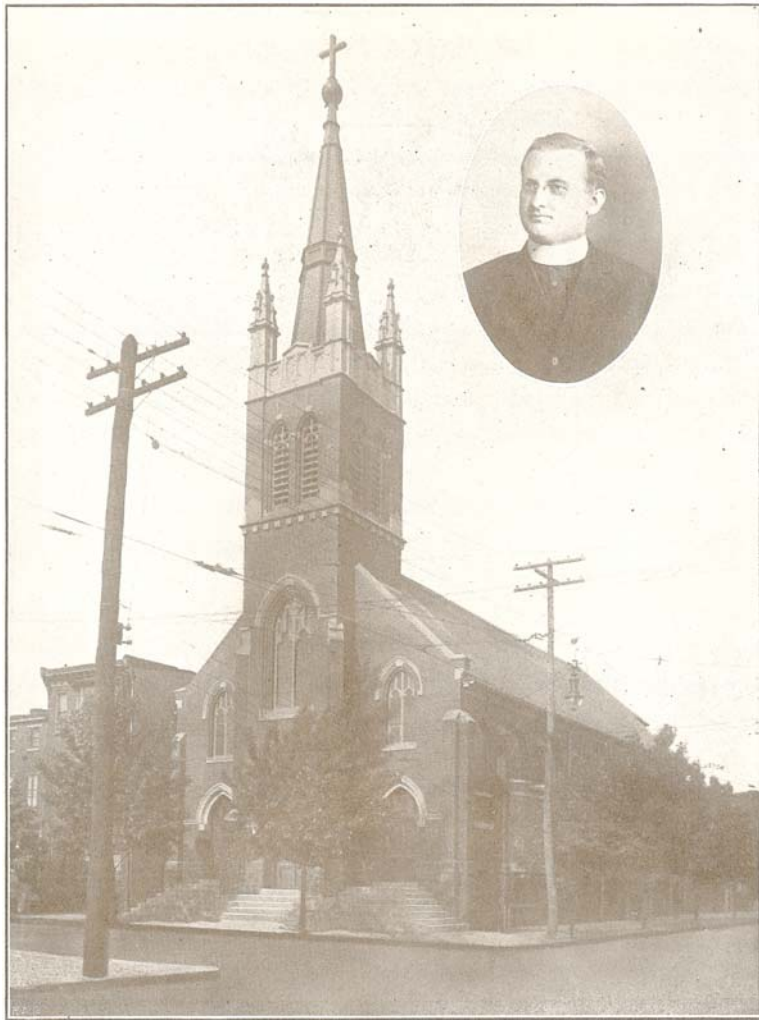
ITALIAN SCHOOL

## THE ITALIAN CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Bornemann has always been a warm friend of the Italians of Reading. Twenty years ago only a few families were to be found scattered throughout the city. But their number increased so rapidly that it soon became necessary to look after their spiritual needs and organize them into a congregation. Monsignor Bornemann was the one who suggested to the Archbishop to send an Italian priest to Reading for this purpose. He himself bought a Church, that once belonged to a Reformed congregation, at Schuylkill Avenue and Green Street, and fitted it out properly for Catholic worship. The Church of the Holy Rosary was solemnly dedicated in October, 1904, by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Archbishop Diomede Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. The interest of Monsignor Bornemann did not end with providing for a church. The Italian population increased and in few years the immense number of Italian children called the attention of their pastor to the necessity of a parochial school. Here again the appeal to the generosity of Monsignor Bornemann was not made in vain. The old public school at Third and Franklin Streets, being for sale, Father Bornemann bought it and after having furnished and remodeled it, presented the school to the Italians of Reading. His Excellency, Most Rev. John Banzano, present Apostolic Delegate to the United States, blessed the new building with impressive ceremonies November 2nd, 1914.

—BY THE PASTOR, REV. EUGENE MARCHETTI.





ST. CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. CYRIL AND METHODIUS  
CHURCH (Slavish), SIXTH AND LAUREL STREETS

The name of Monsignor Bornemann is closely connected with the Slavish Parish in Reading. Thirty-five years ago the first Slavs came to Reading. There were only a few families, but the number soon increased until in 1894, there were forty families, but they did not have their own Church and found a friendly reception in St. Paul's Parish, Monsignor Bornemann proving to be a good counsellor to them. He was the one who built the new Church. The Slavs were in debt but Monsignor Bornemann paid the debt. The Church was located in Oakbrook, but the income of the parish was not large enough to support a priest and again Monsignor Bornemann helped. The Slavish priest was stationed at St. Paul's as assistant and provided for the spiritual needs of the Slavs. In 1906 the basement of the present church at Sixth and Laurel Streets was built under the direction of Rev. Francis Howath and Father Bornemann dedicated same. This basement was used as a church until 1914 when Father Ravnakar being appointed as pastor, and the financial circumstances of the parish being more favorable, the church was completed and to the great satisfaction of the Slavs, their benefactor, Monsignor Bornemann dedicated same on the 5th of July, 1914.

—BY THE PASTOR.

..PRIESTS..  
EMANATING FROM  
ST. PAUL'S PARISH  
READING, PA.  
DURING THE RECTORSHIP  
OF  
RT, REV. MGR. GEORGE BORNEMANN  
1867---1916



**REV. ANTHONY F. KAUL, S. R.**

Born in Sisheim, Baden, Germany; son of Pirmin and Magdalen Kaul. Studied at St. Charles Seminary at Glen Riddle, Pa., and St. Charles Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. Ordained at Harrisburg by Rt. Rev. Jeremiah Shanahan, D.D., August 22nd, 1869. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., August 29th, 1869. At present Rector of St. Anthony's Church, Lancaster, Pa.



**REV. BERNARD KORVES.**

Born in Allingen, Hanover, Germany, Nov. 25th, 1852; son of Albert and Agnes Korves. Studied at Lingen and St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook. Ordained at Philadelphia, Pa., by the Most Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, D.D., December 21st, 1878. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., December 25th, 1878. At present Rector of St. Ludwig's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.





**REV. CHRYSTOM NUERNBERG, C. P.**

Born in Goennersdorf, Rhein Province, Germany, Sept. 25th, 1859; son of Peter and Gertrude Nuernberg. Studied at St. Vincent's College, Beatty, Pa. Ordained at Rancho de la Virgen, Talaco, Mexico, April 10th, 1886. Celebrated first High Mass at Rancho de la Virgen, Talaco, Mexico, April 15th, 1886. At present stationed at St. Paul's Monastery, Carson Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.



**REV. HENRY J. OTTERBEIN, C. S. S. R.**

Born in Reading, Pa., Nov. 12th, 1860; son of Anthony and Mary Otterbein. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at the Redemptorist College, Ilchester, Md., and Annapolis, Md. Ordained at Ilchester by the Rt. Rev. Albert Curtis, D.D., Jan. 28th, 1887. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., Jan. 30th, 1887. At present Rector of St. James' Church, Baltimore, Md.



**REV. JOHN A. SEIMETZ.**

Born in Reading, Pa., November 13th, 1862; son of Mathias and Mary Seimetz. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at St. Vincent's College, Beatty, Pa., and St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook. Ordained at Overbrook by the Most Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, D.D., May 29th, 1887. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., June 5th, 1887. At present Rector of the Church of the Annunciation of the B. V. M., Cata-sauqua, Pa.



**REV. HENRY GANTERT.**

Born in Reading, Pa., 1866; son of Mathias and Mary Gantert. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook. Ordained at Philadelphia by Most Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, D.D., March 15th, 1890. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., March 16th, 1890. At present Rector of St. Mary's Church, Manayunk, Pa.



**REV. JOSEPH J. SCHOLLY, C. S. S. R.**

Born in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pa.; son of John and Margaret Scholly. Received early education at St. Boniface school, St. Clair, and St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at St. Vincent's College, Beatty, Pa., the College of the Redemptorists at Northeast, Pa., Annapolis, Md., and Ilchester College, Ilchester, Md. Ordained at Ilchester by His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, D.D., June 14th, 1894. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., June 17th, 1894. At present stationed at Ilchester College, Ilchester, Md.





**REV. S. CLEMENT BURGER.**

Born in Reading, Pa., June 17th, 1872; son of Christian and Antoinette Burger. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at the St. Mary's College, Belmont, N. C., and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. Ordained at Harrisburg, Pa., by the Rt. Rev. Thomas McGovern, D.D., May 10th, 1895. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Lancaster, Pa. Died at York, Pa., Oct. 29th, 1907.



**REV. THOMAS WILLIAM OESTREICH, O. S. B.**

Born in Reading, Pa., Oct. -13th, 1872, son of George Joseph and Katherine Frances Oestreich. Received early education at St. Paul's school and Steward Academy, Reading, Pa. Studied at St. Mary's College, Belmont, N. C., and Episcopal Seminary, Belmont, N. C., and later at The International Benedictine University of San Anselmo, at Rome, Italy. Ordained at Belmont, N. C., at the Cathedral Abbey Church by Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, D.D., O. S. B., on June 13th, 1897. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., June 27th, 1897. At present Vice-President and Rector of Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C.



**REV. JOSEPH A. SCHAEFER.**

Born in Reading, Pa., October 16th, 1874. son of John George and Frederica Schaefer. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at St. Vincent's College, Beatty, Pa., and St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook. Ordained at Overbrook by the Most Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, D.D., June 1st, 1901. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., June 2nd, 1901. At present Rector of St. Boniface Church, St. Clair, Pa.



**REV. P. ALPHONSE BUSS, O. S. R.**

Born in Reading, Pa., March 20th, 1877; son of Francis X. and Anna M. Buss. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at the Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C. Ordained at Belmont, N. C., at the Cathedral Abbey Church by Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, D.D., O. S. B., May 24th, 1902. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., June 1st, 1902, At present located at Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N. C.



**REV. AUGUSTUS D. LEITHAM.**

Born in Reading Pa., Jan. 10th, 1876; son of Adam and Annie Leitham. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y., and at the Catholic University, Louvain, Belgium. Ordained at Louvain, Belgium, by Rt. Rev. Camillus Mars, D.D., July 13th, 1902. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., July 27th, 1902. At present Rector of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Bozeman, Montana.





**REV. AUGUSTUS L. GANSTER.**

Born in Reading, Pa., July 24th, 1878; son of Joseph and Margaret Ganster. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., and at the Catholic University at Innsbruck, Tyrol, Austria. Ordained at Innsbruck by the Rt. Rev. Balthasar Kaltner, D.D., July 26th, 1904. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., Aug. 21st, 1904. At present Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Chester, Pa.



**REV. JOSEPH I. SHADE.**

Born in Reading, Pa., Jan. 3, 1881; son of Ignatius and Sabina Shade. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at St. Vincent's College, Beatty, Pa., St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, and later at the American College, Rome, Italy. Received the degree of Licentiate of Sacred Theology. Ordained in Church of St. John Lateran, Rome, by His Eminence Cardinal Respighi, D.D., June 9th, 1906. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., July 1st, 1906. At present Rector of St. Stanislaus Church, Lansdale, Pa.



**REV. SCOTT ANTHONY FASIG.**

Born in Reading, Pa., Sept. 26th, 1880, son of Albert and Lillian Rasig. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at the Apostolic Seminary, Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio. Ordained at Columbus, Ohio, by the Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley, D.D., June 13th, 1908. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., June 21st, 1908. At present assistant Rector of St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa.



**REV. JOSEPH I. FINK, S. J.**

Born in Reading, Pa., May 7th, 1877; son of Charles F. and Mary F. Fink. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa. Studied at Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y. Ordained at Woodstock, Md., by His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, D.D., July 30th, 1909. Celebrated first High Mass at Woodstock, Md., July 31st, 1909. At present Rector of the Holy Rosary Church, Sacred Heart Mission, Seaford Town, Jamaica, British West Indies.



**REV. PHILIP GEORGE FINK, O. S. B.**

Born in Reading, Pa., June 26th, 1882; son of Cornelius H. and Teresa M. Fink. Received early education at St. Paul's school, Reading, Pa., and Aloysius school, Philadelphia, Pa. Studied at St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa., and St. Mary's College, Belmont, N. C. Ordained at Belmont, N. C., by Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, D.D., O. S. B., June 11th, 1911. Celebrated first High Mass at St. Ignatius' Church, Philadelphia, Pa., June 18th, 1911. At present located at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C.





**REV. LAWRENCE HOYT, O. S. B.**

Pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Clarksville, Arkansas.



**PROF. ERASMUS DUPPUS.**

Born in Pfauhausen: Wuertenberg, Germany, June 2nd, 1844. came to Reading, Pa., July 26th, 1871. Served as teacher of St. Paul's school for 30 years, and as organist of St. Paul's Church from 1871 to the present time.

THE FOLLOWING PRIESTS WERE STATIONED AS ASSISTANT'S AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH :

Rev, Bernard Krebs.....	1867 (Died) 1868
“ E.O,Hiltermann.....	1868—1869
“ Hubert Schick.....	1869—1871
“ Wm. Heinen.....	1871—1871
“ John Fechtcl.....	1871—1874
“ Fr. Scheler.....	1872—1875
“ Fr. Schlebbe.....	1874—1878
“ “ “.....	1883—1884
“ Jac. Regenery.....	1878—1879
“ E. Kattein.....	1878—1883
“ Jos. Nerz.....	1880—1884
“ Aeg. Mersch.....	1884—1885
“ A. Fretz.....	1885—1886
“ Jac. Kemmerling.....	1885 (Died) 1889
“ C. A. Rudolph.....	1886—1887
“ V. Libecki.....	—1888
“ M. Januskiewicz.....	1888—1889
“ H. Bove, C. S. S. R.....	—1889
“ Wm. Wachter.....	1889—1894
“ Geo. F. Michel.....	1891—1901
“ C. F. Marshall.....	1894—1904
“ Chas. A. Abt.....	1894—1896
“ F. Regnery.....	1896—1898
“ Albert Korves.....	—1898
“ Edw. G. Werner.....	—1899
“ Thos. Oestreich.....	—1900
“ Fr. Regnery.....	—1900
“ A. Koos.....	—1901
“ F. Holtgreve.....	1902—1905
“ Aug. Wachter.....	1902—1904
“ Aug. L. Ganster.....	1904—1906
“ P. Fuengerling.....	1905—1908
“ Joseph I. Shade.....	1906—1908
“ Charles J. Bornemann.....	1908—1915
“ Scott A. Fasig.....	1908—1910
“ John C. Daniels.....	1910
“ Scott A Fasig.....	1914
“ C. Kerfs.....	1915

THE FOLLOWING ENTERED RELIGIOUS ORDERS FROM St. PAUL'S PARISH.

BROTHERS :

FRANK BUSS, a lay brother in the Benedictine Order and made his religious profession on January 23rd, 1896, as Brother Frank.

PETER KLUSEWITZ became a lay brother in the Congregation of Holy Cross and made his vows on December 8th, 1914, as Brother Bruno, C. S. C.

EDWARD SIEGFRIED became a lay brother in the Benedictine Order and made his vows January 6, 1915, as Brother Anthony.

SISTERS :

THE SISTER-SERVANTS of the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

West Chester, Penna.

Secular Name	Religious Name	Received The Habit
Elizabeth Greth	Sister M. Eulalia	1864
Carrie I. Greth	Sister M. Dolores	1888
Margaret Henke	Sister M. Ildephonsus	1889
Agnes Fasig	Sister M. St. Eulalia	1913
Gertrude Zipf	Sister Louise Marie	1913

BENEDICTINE ORDER

Matilda Heist	Sister M. Francis O. S. B.	1889
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MONASTERY OF THE VISITATION

Mamie St. Clair O'Reilly	Sister Teresa DeSales	1906
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SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Margaret Amrhein	Sister M. Speciosa	1873
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CONVENT OF OUR LADY OF ANGELS

Glen Riddle, Penna.

Name	Name in Religion	Received The Habit
Magdalena Hirt	Sister Mary Johanna	1870
Elizabeth Nurnberg	Sister Mary Sebastian	1873
Clara Schaefer	Sister Mary Markus	1885
Martina Gerstner	Sister Mary Elzeara	1888
Sarah Steigerwald	Sister Mary Bona	1893
Catharine M. Beatzel	Sister Mary Florentia	1898
Elizabeth Burke	Sister Mary Cyria	1898
Anna Schuler	Sister Mary Augustine	1903
Ottilia L. Vogel	Sister Mary Madonna	1904
Rosalia Spencer	Sister Mary Louis	1906

SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY  
Malinkrot Convent, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Name	Name in Religion	Received The Habit
Mary Yetzer—Sister Annunciata.....		1876
Mary Reiner—Sister Hiltrudis.....		1882
Catherine Scholly—Sister Leocadia.....		1882
Gertrude Nuernberg—Sister Potamiana (dec'd).....		1883
Amelia Impink—Sister Symphoriana.....		1883
Anna Popp—Sister Tharcisia.....		1883
Mathilda Dollwig—Sister Edelberta (dec'd).....		1883
Melinda Arnold—Sister Elisabeth.....		1884
Mary Wagner—Sister Emerita.....		1884
Caroline Otterbein—Sister Alphonsina.....		1885
Caroline Weber—Sister Nepomucena.....		1885
Catherine Brugger—Sister Photina.....		1885
Catherine Hunter—Sister Arsenia.....		1886
Rose Lauther—Sister Immaculata.....		1886
Clara Weis—Sister Sylvestra.....		1887
Mary Scholly—Sister Ursuline (dec'd).....		1888
Margaret Pfeifer—Sister Reginalda.....		1889
Philippine Rebholz—Sister Cajetana.....		1889
Catherine Steigerwald—Sister Hildeberta.....		1889
Margaret Steigerwald—Sister Georgia.....		1889
Mary Brisse—Sister Emilie.....		1889
Anna Wrade—Sister Pancratia (dec'd).....		1889
Charlotte Twisty—Sister Sara.....		1890
Mary Pfeifer—Sister Annetta.....		1892
Regina Weis—Sister Epiphania.....		1893
Elizabeth Martin—Sister Everildis.....		1893
Catherine Otterbein—Sister Richardis (dec'd).....		1893
Cecilia Otterbein—Sister Gerardine (dec'd).....		1897
Clara Martin—Sister Vincenza (deed).....		1897
Cunigunde Weber—Sister Turibia.....		1897
Mary Braun—Sister Evasia.....		1897
Walburga Reisch—Sister Heribalda.....		1897
Emily Brisse—Sister Zoilita.....		1898
Julia Weber—Sister Salesiana (dec'd).....		1898
Ida Klemmer—Sister Pionia.....		1902
Mary Eisenhauer—Sister Cassiana.....		1903
Mary Bueffel—Sister Zelota.....		1901
Agnes Vogel—Sister Mara.....		1904
Margaret Dietz—Sister Nothburga.....		1908
Clara Thren—Sister Mechtild.....		1909
Gertrude Sandmann—Sister Richard.....		1911





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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION  
IN HONOR OF  
RT. REV. MGR. GEORGE BORNEMANN  
JUNE 13-20-22-24  
...1915...

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th-3 P. M.

The Golden Jubilee in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination to the holy priesthood of Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Bornemann, pastor of St. Paul's Church, was celebrated by the parish commencing Sunday, June 13th, 1915, when the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality rendered the following programme in St. Paul's School Hall:

1. Hymn, by the Sodality.
2. Address, by Miss Mary Grossman, as follows:

“In the cheerful circle of the members of our Sodality, who have such deep reason to be grateful for your guidance and instructions, I take the pleasure of offering you, dearest Father, our sincerest wishes, at the solemn occasion of your golden jubilee. May our simple but fervent endeavors give you pleasure and afford you unmistakable proof of our love and affection. It is not in our power to give you the reward which you deserve for your extreme kindness toward us, but we hope and pray that Almighty God will preserve your health for many years, and that the society which He has entrusted to your care will continue to prosper and enjoy in the future, as in the past, the blessing of Heaven. Kindly accept these flowers as a token of gratitude and filial affection from the members of the blessed Virgin Sodality.”

3. Address, by Miss Minnie Blessing (in German) as follows:

“Ilochwuerdiger Herr Pfarrer !—Willkommen ist mir der heutige hohe Jubeltag, welcher mir Gelegenheit bietet Ihnen Hochwuerdiger Herr Pfarrer im Namen aller Sodalinnen den innigsten Dank auszudruecken flier alle Liebe and Muehe, die Sie fortwaehrend auf uns verwenden. Doch nicht in Worten allein soll unser Dank sich bekunden, nein, durch die That, durch treue Befolgung der weisen Lehren and Ermahnungen wollen wir uns jederzeit dankbar bezeigen. Unsere Dankgebete schicken wir taeglich, besonders an Ihrem hohen Juhelfeste, zum Himmel empor, and hoffen mit Zuversicht: Gott, der Belohner alles Guten, werde unsere Bitte nicht unerhoert lassen, sondern Sie ueberreichlich fuer Ihre Muehen segnen. Moege Er Ihnen noch lange Gesundheit und Kraft verleihen, damit Sie sich der Fruechte Ihres segensreichen Wirkens erfreuen und uns noch viele Jahre ein guetiger Vater and Beraiher sein koennen. Nehmen Sic nun huldvoll den geistlichen Blumenstrauss entgegen, den wir in dankbarer Liebe and Verehrung Ihnen warden, and unser aller Versicherung stets and allezeit Ihre ergehene Toechter zu sein and zu bleiben.”

4. Golden Jubilee Song, by the Sodality (Words and music written by Anna M. Otterhein, a member of the Sodality).

O let us sing a song of praise,  
On this most happy of all days:  
This day of Golden Jubilee, of Golden Jubilee!—  
The Sacred Heart most praised shall be,  
Beloved be our good Monsignor !  
Beloved be our good Monsignor !—

With one great aim in mind he strove,  
Our hearts to win for Jesus' love!  
He prayed and labored for us all,—For fifty years so true !  
Our hearts each day will pray anew:  
God bless our gentle Monsignor !  
God bless our gentle Monsignor !

Today our grateful hearts recall,  
As Mary's Children, one and all :  
Our kind Director's love and zeal,—  
his ceaseless love and zeal !  
To Thee, our Mother, we appeal :  
Protect and guide him, pray for him,  
Help us to meet in Heaven with him !—

Then let today our voices ring,  
In gladness, joy and love we'll sing !  
For 'tis a glorious feast today, — this Golden Jubilee !  
Today our fervent prayer shall be :  
Long life to our loved Monsignor,  
Grant thou, sweet Heart of our dear Lord !

5. Address and Presentation, by Miss Mary Klusewitz, President of the Sodality, as follows:

“Most Reverend Father !—Since it is my privilege on this solemn occasion to represent the members of the Blessed Virgin Sodality, I desire to express in their name our heartiest congratulations to you, Reverend Father, for the celebration of this your golden jubilee. Fifty years a priest ! A long, long time! You have been an active and most faithful worker among people all these years. Most particularly amongst the people of Reading and the Catholics of St. Paul’s Parish. Father, is the title you have preferred to all others, which you already have received. In the truest sense of the word you have been a Father to us these many, many years; with a Father’s affection you have continually guarded us from childhood to this present day. Among all the members of your parish the members of the Blessed Virgin Sodality have received your utmost attention. Your precious time has been sacrificed in instructing us in the laws and their fulfillment of Mother Church. From your teachings we have learned the beauties of virtue, and to shun everything that is evil or offensive. Through your guidance you have taught us the life of Mary and Martha. Quite a number of our members have chosen a better life through consecrating themselves to the service of God by entering the religious life, while others have become perfect models in homelife. Through your kind words and examples you have perfected the good, strengthened the weak and brought back the erring to the path of virtue, from which they had strayed. All these facts and many more have been written into the Book of Life by your Guardian Angel, to your credit, for endless eternity. The good you have done for each and every member of the Blessed Virgin Sodality is known to God alone. To Him we raise our hearts in daily prayer for you, asking Him to grant all your desires and bless you with His choicest Graces.

Besides asking for all these favors we will ask our Heavenly Mother to intercede for you at the Throne of the Most High, that God in His mercy and goodness, may preserve you in the best of health for many more years to come and when your labors on this earth shall cease, give you that glorious crown of eternal happiness which you have so well deserved by your long and faithful work among us. Accept, Reverend Father, the heartiest congratulations from the members of the Blessed Virgin Sodality, these Cruets and this Offering, for a Missal, as a token, of our gratitude.”

6. Hymn, by the Sodality. Organist, Anna M. Otterbein.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th

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On Sunday, June 20th, 1915, the festivities at St. Paul's Church opened with selections on the chimes, at 11 o'clock A. M., when a solemn procession emerged from the Rectory, consisting of about five hundred school children; the boys wearing sashes and the girls being adorned with golden wreaths, followed by fifty altar boys, twelve seminarians, thirty-four priests, three Monsignori, including the Right Reverend Jubilarian, two Bishops, and the Most Reverend Archbishop Prendergast, D.D.; the festive cortege proceeded through a vast throng of well-wishing admirers lining the vicinity to its utmost capacity, wending its way to the church entrance, thence up the main aisle to the altar, while the beautiful strains of "Ecce Sacerdos" (by Emil Reyls) rose and fell, jubilantly and solemnly, into the ears and hearts of the participants, touchingly whispering and emphatically 'proclaiming in a musical way the trials and tribulations of a fifty years' journey through the uncertain waves of life in the sacred garb of priesthood, gradually heralding, in the tones of angelic notes the glad tidings of the achievements of perseverance throughout this journey, and finally giving way to musical rapture, denoting in happy rhythm the successful path of the honored pilgrim-jubilarian. This exquisite musical rendition was given by a male choir of thirty voices, under the direction of Charles J. Greath, accompanied by Prof. Erasmus Duppuis at the organ, and an orchestra of ten instrumental musicians.

A solemn High Mass was then celebrated, the Most Rev. E. F. Prendergast, D.D., presiding, and the celebrant being the Rt. Rev. Jubilarian, assisted by Rev. Anthony F. Kaul, P.R. ; Rev. Bernard Korves, Deacon; Rev. Anthony J. Otterbein, C.S.S.R., sub-Deacon; Rev. Thomas Oestreich, O.S.B., Master of Ceremonies. The following officiated as Chaplains to Archbishop Prendergast, D.D.; Rt.Rev. James Sinnett and Rt. Rev. Peter Masson, V.F. Chaplains to Bishop McCort, D.D.: Rev. J. F. McQuade and Rev. Gerald Cochlan. Chaplains to Bishop Haid, D.D., O.S.B.: Rev. Ferd. Longinius and Rev. Luke McCabe, D.D.

The La Bache Mass with the "Suscipiat" at Offertory (by F. J. Dietrich) was sung for the occasion.

The Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, DD., O.S.B., Bishop of North Carolina, a life-long friend of the Rt. Rev. Jubilarian, preached the sermon, as follows:



“Let us now praise men of renown, . . . ruling over the present people and by the strength of wisdom instructing the people in most holy words.”—Ecclesiasticus 44 :1-4.

The Catholic Church is in perfect sympathy with every noble aspiration of the human heart. The Creator of mankind intended His religion to cherish and perfect every natural virtue, thus paving the way to the supernatural. Sincere appreciation of the good we see in others should lead us to a faithful imitation of their virtues. The child who sees and admires the goodness or greatness of his parents is moved not only to love them more dearly, but also to copy the very qualities which command his love, admiration and reverence. As the child advances in age and knowledge, as his vision is broadened and history places before his admiring gaze the lives of great men, men who did noble service for their country, men who sacrificed themselves on the altar of devotion to their kind—their very names become dear and sacred to him, and he longs to imitate their actions. Where is the true American boy to whom the name of George Washington is not dear? He recognizes in this venerated name the father of his country, the fearless soldier, the wise statesman, a great benefactor. This feeling is natural, but natural only not going beyond the things of this world. To sanctify these natural sentiments, to apply them to the higher life of the soul, to religion—to God—this is what the Church does when she encourages us to study the lives of God’s Saints, teaching us to love and reverence them as friends of God, to imitate their way of living, and thus please God in our own lives.

If we justly admire the work and lives of the great and good who have gone before us, why should we not love and reverence those who are still in our midst ? We are called upon “To praise the men of renown,” who have fought the good fight, but also those “Ruling over the present people and by the strength of wisdom, instructing the people in most holy words.”

This then is the reason why we are assembled here today, to do honor to Mgr. Bornemann, “Ruling over his people instructing them in most holy words.” First and above all we thank God, the Giver of all good gifts for preserving him to witness the golden jubilee of his Priesthood, and for so bounteously blessing his long sacerdotal life.

I fear he may be displeased with me for what I may say. I know he has worked quietly, forgetful of self, looking only to the glory of God, the honor of the Church, his own salvation and the welfare of his people. Anything I may say can add

nothing to his real worth. It call only be a slight testimony to the love and veneration we all entertain for hire.

The vocation to the priesthood may well be called *divine*. Christ emphatically impressed this on His apostles. "I have chosen you; you have not chosen Me. I separated you from the world that you may bring forth fruit and that your fruit may remain." The fruit the priest must bring forth is the glory of God, his own sanctification and the sanctification of souls entrusted to his spiritual care.

He is God's advocate to manhind, authoratively preaching the truths revealed by God, dispensing His Sacraments, manfully insisting on the rights of God, heralding justice between the Creator and creature, between man and his fellow man.

Externally the faithful priest guides and directs the efforts of his people in all that pertains to the glory and service of God, in every work which Christian charity demands or suggests. His heart is a-fire with zeal for the beauty of God's house. His thoughts hover about the tabernacle of the Living God. He feels most profoundly that the very church-building is the home of the Catholic Soul. It is the scene of his own most directly priestly functions.

He regenerates his spiritual children and makes heirs of heaven. Within these sacred walls the most mysterious reconciliations are made between an offended God and penitent sinner. The altar is the Priest's sacrificial throne, the pulpit his chair of truth, the confessional his judgment seat, the communion railing the table from which he dispenses the Bread of Life. To the God-loving priest nothing is too precious, nothing too beautiful for the dwelling place of his Master, the Great High-Priest Jesus Christ.

Yet he cannot confine his thoughts, his labors to the church only. His heart teaches him that God's honor must be furthered by other means also. The great works of Christian education, charity, caring for the sick and helpless, reclaiming the wayward and fallen—all call upon the Priest for aid and support. The priest cannot do all himself, but he must be the safe guide to those who are called upon to aid him, especially of Religious who heroically dedicate their lives to God. Truly these priestly activities, cares and burdens are wide, as all-embracing as Christianity itself.

We may now pause for a moment to dwell on the life of Father Bornemann, and his fidelity to the sacred obligations of the priest just outlined. He must pardon me if I cannot avoid being very personal.

Born in historic Hanover in 1838, he came to America in 1834, determined to devote his life to God in the priesthood. I first met him at St. Vincent Abbey in 1861, where he shared the early hardships, but also enjoyed the solid training for which St. Vincent's is justly renowned. Ordained in 1865, after two years in Philadelphia and New Castle, Del., he was made pastor of St. Paul's Church in 1867. Here he has lived and labored for 48 years.

But very few are here today who saw the humble beginnings and aided in bearing the heavy burdens which faced Father Bornemann when he began his great work as pastor of St. Paul's. Nor can I picture the past. I can only direct my thoughts and yours to the glorious present, and exclaim: This beautiful church and all that makes it so worthy of God is Father Bornemann's work. The zeal for the beauty of God's House consumed his priestly soul, and he today rejoices on the blessings bestowed on his labors and the loyal co-operation of his devoted flock. Nor did he confine his labors to St. Paul's; many other churches in Reading owe him a great debt of gratitude. I mention only St. Mary's Polish Church; Holy Rosary, for the Italians; S. S. Cyril and Methodius, for the Lithuanians; St. Cecilia's, and St. Mary's in Hamburg. All these rejoice with us today and bless their big-hearted benefactor, Mgr. Bornemann. "He who in the strength of wisdom instructed his people in most holy words" was himself wise. He knew full well that the fathers and mothers who listened to his voice would pass away. Their places must be filled by their children. But to be worthy Catholic fathers and mothers, proper religious instruction is simply a necessity. Ignorance, next to sin and vice, is our most dangerous foe. Father Bornemann felt the absolute necessity of giving his children a thorough Christian education. His new school was dedicated as early as 1870. The great congregation assembled here today is the fruit of the parochial school. The numerous priests and sisters who have gone forth from St. Paul's owe a singular debt of gratitude to their Catholic school! May God richly reward the care and solicitude bestowed upon the school by the faithful pastor and devoted religious teachers.

Other work also claimed the time and care and sacrifices of Father Bornemann. I might take you up the hill and show you the splendid hospital which has been such a stupendous blessing to Reading. A thousand times, no doubt, Mgr. Bornemann ascended that same steep hill as he watched over and labored in the beginnings and rejoiced in the magnitude of St. Joseph Hospital. How forcibly this beneficent monument to Catholic charity

impresses the true spirit of Christ on our admiring souls!

From the summit of St. Joseph's we behold Glenside in the distance. Consecrated Sisters of the Good Shepherd are laboring there, protecting children from danger, redeeming the wayward, generously, lovingly imitating the example of Christ to poor, fallen Magdalen. This institution of Christian mercy is also a bright jewel in Mgr. Bornemann's crown.

Standing on the same lofty heights, surrounded by the Nurses' Home, the Free Dispensary, the Boys' Orphanage and various religious houses prove how indefatigable the labors, how all-embracing the charity of the noble priest whose Golden Jubilee we justly celebrate today.

I might stop here, and all would exclaim : Truly this priestly life abounds in good works for God's glory and the welfare of mankind. And yet what we see, admire and praise is only a part, a little part; far greater things are treasured in the book of life! Fifty years a priest! What prayers have ascended to the great white throne of God! What acts of self denial and devotion have drawn the dews of God's Graces on that priestly soul and on his people. Fifty years at the altar of God, shoulder to shoulder with the Great High Priest, offering the tremendous Sacrifice of the New Law. Fifty years in the confessional, at the dying bed of his departing children. Fifty years of toil and sacrifice for Christ and the things of God! Oh, the inner life of the good Priest, the hidden work known only to his Master! God alone knows its worth. He alone can reward it adequately.

Accept then, Rt. Rev. Mgr., the blessing of Holy Mother the Church which you have served so faithfully and represented so worthily before the world. Receive joyfully the Apostolic Benediction of our Holy Father Benedict XV. graciously granted to you on your Golden Jubilee. Receive with joy the heartfelt approbation and sincerest congratulations of your venerable Archbishop, of the Rt. Rev. and Rev. Friends who honor themselves by honoring you by their presence today.

May the good wishes and gratitude of the many priests whose early footsteps you directed to the sanctuary be a source of great joy and consolation to you.

Nor can you overlook the earnest prayers and profound thankfulness of the great number of pious Sisters whom your fatherly care prepared for a life of perfection in the various convents where they dedicated their whole lives to the service of God and welfare of their fellow beings. You share in all their

prayers in all the works of mercy which ascend to the throne of Almighty God.

And last, not least, the joyous participation of your devoted, grateful people must touch your priestly heart and repay in a slight degree the labors and sacrifices you so generously made for them.

A Priest's Golden Jubilee is bright indeed, but with the gorgeous glow of the setting sun. May this glorious brightness continue for many, many years to the honor of God, your own greater reward and the welfare of those who joyfully call you Father!

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At the conclusion of the Solemn High Mass The Most Rev. Archbishop Prendergast, D. D., spoke as follows:

"I congratulate you, Monsignor Bornemann, on your Golden Jubilee, and this the close of 48 glorious years of hard work in St. Paul's Church, this city. I have seen your varied undertakings through these many years. There are a great many gathered here who know more about your work than I do, because they have been closer to it, but I have heard of your doings in this city and of your influences from one end of this diocese to the other. Not only of your piety and devotion in your congregation and the spiritual administration of the sacraments, but of your interest in charity, and I have heard of you as a public-spirited citizen through all of these 48 years of your great work. I do not know this as intimate as some of the people in this congregation, and there are a great many other people outside of this congregation who are acquainted with it, but I do know something they do not know. I know the esteem in which you have been held by Archbishop Wood and his successor, Archbishop Ryan, and you have had through all these years the admiration and respect of all the priests of the diocese, both young and old. They do not know that as well as I do. I know it to be a fact. I know your work in this city has been the cause of great edification to all the people of the diocese, particularly those who have been benefitted by it. They are under obligations to you. Moreover, it is not because of my official position that I offer my congratulations, it is because of our friendship antedating it. We were friends and intimate friends in the seminary and that friendship has never been interrupted; and so I repeat there is no one here who has a better right to offer you congratulations and felicitations than I, and I offer you congratulations in the name of your people, and pray that you may be spared many more years to edify the priesthood, and show your good example to all. A blameless, zealous holy life, such as yours, is inestimable



in its value and its true worth is known to Almighty God alone. Your name is a household word in Reading. You are respected not only because you are a priest of God, but because you have been a public-spirited citizen. With the gratitude of all the citizens of Reading, your congregation, and also the priests, I thank you and congratulate you.”

Then, at the close of his remarks, The Most Reverend Archbishop imparted the Episcopal Blessing to the parish.

Upon the conclusion of the Church Celebration the Clergy, Monsignor Bornemann’s relatives, the Committee, the Choir and Orchestra, were conveyed in automobiles to the Berkshire Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served. After the banquet the guests were shown about the city in autos, terminating at the Hippodrome Theatre, Penn St., near Eighth, where a Testimonial Reception was tendered the Rt. Rev. Jubilarian.

The following programme was rendered:

1. Orchestra, “Fest Overture” (bv A. Lortzing).
2. Opening Address, by Charles Vogel, Chairman of Committee, as follows:

The Rt. Rev. Bishops and Rt. Rev, Monsignori, Reverend Clergy, Honorable Judges of the Courts, County and Cite Officials, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Five years ago the members of St. Paul’s Parish assembled in their Church to honor their Pastor, who on that day was elevated to the dignity of a Monsignor, a House Prelate of the Pope. Today, together with their friends, they have assembled again, on this occasion in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of the same priest. We are assembled here today in honor of his Golden jubilee, and to show our gratitude for all he has done for his parish as well as for the entire ommunity.

Who is this priest—by a mandate of The Holy See, a Monsignor? We cannot express our love more forcibly that by persistently addressing him, Father Bornemann. Father ! Yes, he has truly been a Father to us. Where is the father who has done more for his family than Father Bornemann has done for us? In obedience to the orders from his Bishop he came to Reading more than 48 years ago, a stranger among strangers, to take charge of a small struggling parish of poor Germans, who at that time were laboring under great financial difficulties; and he a poor man, the future surely did not look very bright, but he was not dismayed and today, looking back over a period of 48 years we are amazed at the enormity of the work he has accom-

plished. There was nothing here when he came to Reading but a small Church and that loaded down with debt. Being filled with the proper spirit, he was ready to overcome any obstacle. I would like very much to speak about the great things he has done, but the time allotted to me this afternoon is too short to enumerate all, and do justice to him, besides, we have other speakers here today, to whom the task has been assigned, but I cannot refrain from saying, that whenever there is anything to be done in the way of charity, you can hear the people say, "I wonder if Father Bornemann hasn't a hand in it." It seems that Father Bornemann and Charity are very closely related and I claim it is our duty to show our love and gratitude, as we have tried to do today. Every nation has its heroes and every city has its great men whose works have immortalized their names, and I am positive that I voice the sentiment of all present here today when I say that among Reading's great men, one of the greatest is Father Bornemann.

Beloved Father—In behalf of all present here today, and in behalf of all who have in any way contributed to the success of these festivities, I congratulate you on this your Golden Jubilee, and hope that God may grant you many more years of health and happiness, that he may keep alive that spirit of Charity and zeal to do good to others, that unselfish, self-sacrificing spirit that has been the predominating virtue of your life; that He may give you strength to execute the plans you have laid for the future, and when you are called upon to give an account of your stewardship, may you be prepared to do so and receive from your Maker the reward that has been promised those that love him. To more fully show our love and gratitude, we beg of you to accept from us this check, to be used in payment of a beautiful set of vestments; may they serve to remind you of the love and gratitude of a grateful people.

3. "Die Himmel Erzählen die Ehre Gottes" ( Jos. Hayden).  
By the Chorus.

4. Reading of short history of some of the achievements of Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Bornemann: St. Joseph's Hospital, House of the Good Shepherd and St. Michael's Convent (pages 26, 32, 34), by George A. Impink. St. Mary's Church; Bernardine Convent and Orphanage, Holy Rosary Church, and St. Cyril and Methodius Church (pages 36, 40, 44, 46), by John L. O'Brien.

5. Orchestra, "Gila" (by Leo Delibes Ballet).

6. Address, by Hon. Gustav A. Endlich; President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, as follows:

“I am here today to say a few, and but a few words expressive of the high regard in which the gentleman you are honoring is held by this entire community because of what he has been to the whole of it. It is always a pleasing task to address an audience gathered for a purpose such as this. It is all the more pleasing when, as in the present instance, the speaker’s personal feeling so thoroughly coincides with the sentiment of his hearers and the judgment of his fellow-citizens at large.

To be permitted for so long a period to pursue a life of activity and accomplishment is in itself a privilege which comes but rarely to men. To have been able to turn that privilege to practical account in so many ways, all tending to the advancement of the general good, is proof of signal wisdom, energy, breadth of mind and conscientious devotion to duty. You do well to honor such a man. It is of course true that the consciousness of duty performed is its own most perfect reward. But let me tell you that the approval of intelligent people, fittingly expressed upon a fitting occasion, holds up the hands of those who merit it, lights the path they tread, stimulates others to follow them, and builds bridges reaching over to future good things.

I am not going to rehearse what this man has done for the town in which we live. His life has been spent amongst us. There has been nothing showy or sensational about it. Its course has run evenly like a stream without falls or rapids. His deeds are known to all of us. His achievements speak for themselves. His monuments of brick and stone and mortar stand out boldly against the skies. Refuge for the needy and forsaken, care for the sick and the maimed, hope and rescue for the fallen—these are the noble inscriptions written upon them. Permanency and ever increasing efficiency are their reasonable expectation—the good of generations yet unborn is their sacred promise. Such as they are and still shall be, they are the fruit of his toil, the work of his hands. Some day, we trust far distant, he will leave them, a priceless legacy, to the people with whom he has dwelt. It is to men like him and for their heartening that it is spoken—

“ ‘Not a sound has ever ceased to vibrate through space; not a ripple has ever been lost upon the ocean. Much more is it true that not a true thought, nor a pure resolve, nor a loving act has ever gone forth in vain.’

“Thinking of ourselves and thinking of him, we congratulate him upon what lies behind him and upon this day memorable in

his career, and we wish him many more years of health and happiness and usefulness in our midst; assuring him that, as the days go on and the good he has done and shall still do broadens and deepens, the blessings of the fatherless, the sick and the reclaimed, and the praise of the whole body of his fellow-citizens, will weave for him a garment more precious than cloth of gold.”

7. “Dank-Gebet” (by Eduard Kremser). Rendered by Male Chorus.

8. Address, by Rev. Henry J. Otterbein, C. S. S. R., as follows:

Hochwuerdigste Monsignori, hochwuerdige Geistlichkeit, meine Herren and Dames :

Diese zahlreiche und volksthuemliche Versammlung der Buerger von Reading ist eine geeignete Anerkennung der Werke und des Werthes des hochwuerdigen Jubilars in seinem zweifachen Charakter als Priester und Buerger.

Die erste Absicht bei einem Priesterjubilaeum ist Christum, den grossen Hohenpriester, von dem jeder rechtmässig geweihter Priester seine Wuerde erhaelt, zu ehren. Es ist ja eben diese heilige Wuerde, die den Priester zum Gesandten Christi macht. Eben durch seine heilige Wuerde hat er Antheil an der Macht and Gewalt Christi, so dass seine amtlichen Verrichtungen als Priester die Handlungen Christi selbst sind, weil sie in seinem Namen, in seinem Auftrage and in seiner Gewalt verrichtet werden. Desshalb ist es eher auch Christus selbst der durch den Priester spricht und handelt in der Ausuebung seiner priesterlichen Functionen.

Auf diesem heiligen Siegel seiner Wuerde beruht das Geheimniss des grossen Ansehens and des weitreichenden Einflusses, welche das katholische Priesterthum zu allen Zeiten und an allen Orten ausuebt. Das Priesterthum ist eben keine rein menschliche Erfindung. Es ist eine goettliche Einsetzung und es ist heilig, eben weil Christus der wahre Weinstock, von dem es herruehrt selbst goettlich and heilig ist, and weil er den Lebenssaft der Heiligkeit in alle Zweige, in die Priester und in das Volk vertheilt. Die wesentliche Ausfuehrung dieser erhabenen Gesandtschaft and Ausuebung dieser heiligen Gewalt ist die Darbringung des Opfers, einerseits des sakramentalischen Opfers auf dem Altare Gottes, das eigentliche Heim des Priesters, and andererseits auch der vielen persoentlichen Opfer auf dem Altare der Herzen des Volkes, wo der Priester rich verzehrt in liebevollen Dienstleistungen zum Wohle der Seele and des Leibes seiner Mitmenschen.

Wir haben nun unter uns einen ausgezeichneten wuerdigen und treuen Vertreter des Priesterthums, den hochwuerdigen Monsignor George Bornemann. Ihm wurde das ausserordentliche und seltene Vorrecht von Gott bescheert, den Tag des Goldenen Jubilaeums zu erleben. An diesem Tage, moechte ich sagen, werden die priesterlichen Gnaden neu belebt, und das Band der gegenseitigen Liebe und Hochschätzung zwischen ihm und dem Volke, nicht bloss zwischen ihm und seiner geliebten Herde, sondern des ganzen Gemeinwesens von Reading, unbeachtet der Abstammung oder Religion, von neuem befestigt. Um in ihm das Priesterthum zu ehren, um uns mit ihm zu erfreuen und mit ihm uns zu vereinigen in Danksagung fuer das Priesterthum, und fuer seine Erwählung zu demselben, das ist der erhabene geistliche Zweck dieses Priesterjubilaeums.

Auf ehuehrende Weise wurde dies heute Morgen gefeiert innerhalb den Schranken des Sanctuariums in der Kirche, wo in Gegenwart des Hochwuerdigsten Erzhischofs, vieler priesterlicher Mitbrueder, vieler Ordensleute und Angesichts seiner geliebten Gemeinde, der Hochwuerdige Jubilar, bekleidet mit den priesterlichen Gewaendern und unter dem Aufsteigen des Weihrauchs und den feierlichen Klaengen des Kirchengesanges zum Altare hinaufstieg um das Opfer darzubringen, das er vor funfzig Jahren zum erstenmale zum Lobe, zum Preise und zur Danksagung gegen Gott, den Geber aller guten Gaben, darbrachte.

Diese buergerliche, volksthuemliche Versammlung nun aber heute Nachmittag, diese zahlreiche buergerliche Zuhuerschaft, die keine pfarr-oder kirchlichen Grenzen beruecksichtigt, ist ein wohlverdientes Ehrengeschenk fuer den persoelichen und wuerdigen Charakter des Hochw. Monsignors als eines wahren, edlen, christlichen Mannes. Dieser Charakter, den er waehrend den, vielen Jahren seiner treuen und muehevollen Wirksamkeit ausgebildet und vervollstaendigt hat, ist ein wuerdiger Gefaehrte seines priesterlichen Charakters. Je besser, edler und christlicher der Mann ist, desto besser, maechtiger und einflussreicher ist auch der Priester.

Zudem ist diese zahlreiche Versammlung auch eine oeffentliche Anerkennung seines Werthes als eines haervorragenden Buergers dieser Stadt, in welcher die sich oft aendernden Zustaeude waelirend den letzten funfzig Jahren und die vielen neuen Probleme die auftauchten, wahre Maenner und tapfere Maenner erforderten. Unser beliebter Monsignor gehoert zu jener Klasse der oeffentlichen Maenner, die maechtig sind zum Guten in jedem Gemeindewesen, eben weil sie Maenner von grossen moralischem Werthe und grosser moralischer Thatkraft sind.



Es sind dies die patriotischen Maenner einer Stadt, die das regste Interesse nehmen an jeder Massregel zur Bildung und Erziehung des Volkes, an jeder Werkthaetigkeit der Naechstenliebe und der Reform, welche den allgemeinen Wohlstand der Buerger heben koennten, abgesehen davon welcher Klasse oder Religion sie angehoren. Es sind dies die ehrenhaften Maenner einer Stadt, welche den Glanz der Wahrheit, besonders jener Wahrheit die den Menschen frei macht, lieben, und die Haesslichkeit des Lasters, welches den Menschen in der Sklaverei haelt, verabscheuen. Es sind dies die philanthropischen, menschenfreundlichen Maenner einer Stadt, welche nicht blos grossmuethig von ihren Mitteln hergeben, sondern auch ihre beste Thatkraft darauf verwenden Unternehmungen der Menschenfreundlichkeit zu befoerdern, als da sind die Herstellung von Hospitaelern fuer die Kranken und Leidenden, Heime und Wohnungen fuer die Armen und Bejahrten, Besserungs Anstalten fuer die Schwachen und Irrenden, Asylen und Zufluchtsorte fuer die Verlassenen und Waisen. Es sind dies die Wahrhaft ehrlichen und aufrichtigen Maenner einer Stadt, welche die Nothwendigkeit eines Gewissens, nicht blos im privaten Leben sondern auch im oeffentlichen Leben anerkennen und befuerworten. Sie wollen nichts wissen von einer vollstaendigen Scheidung zwischen Religion und Politik. Im Gegentheil, sie wuerden in die Herzen solcher Maenner, die sich mit der Politik abgeben religioese Grnndsaeetze einfuehren, welche sie frei und rein erhalten wuerden von jeder Bestechung, von alien Betrugereien und jeder politischen Verderbtheit. Es sind dies die gerechte Maenner einer Stadt, die einstehen fuer gerechte Gesetze, welche einem jeden das naehmliche Recht gewahren, die einstehen fuer ein ehrliches Wahlrecht, fuer gerechte Taxen und fuer einen gerechten Arbeiterlohn.

Zu den wahrhaft patriotischen, ehrenhaften, menschenfreundlichen, ehrlichen, aufrichtigen und gerechten Maennern dieser Stack gehoert vor allen unser beliebter Monsignor, da er sich in all diesen Beziehungen waehrend den achtundvierzig Jahren seiner Wirkramkeit in dieser Stadt auf das ruehmlichste ausgezeichnet hat.

Es sind dies die reinen, unhescholtenen Maenner einer Stadt, welche die Reinheit und Festigkeit unserer Familien, die das Bollwerkanserer Nation bilden, beschuetzen moechten gegen jede Gefahr. Sie moechten gerne jene Hoehlen des Lasters und der Verderbniss ausrotten, in deren Tiefen ein bedeutender Theil unserer heranwachsenden Jugend moralischen und finanziellen Schiffbruch leidet, um sich vielleicht niqemals mehr recht zu erheben. Sie erheben i hre Stimme gegen das Gottlose und

Lasterhafte wo immer es sich zeigt, ob in den Schauspielen oder Vorstellungen auf der Buehne, in den Anzeigen an den oeffentlichen Strassen oder in den Buechern unserer Bibliotheken, weil alles dies nur zu leicht den Samen der Lasterhaftigkeit in die Herzen der Jugend ausstreut. Auch in dieser Beziehung hat unser beliebten Monsignor Seinen Einfluss geltend gemacht.

Solche Maenner wuerden fuer uns, wenn es moeglich waere eine Stadt von gebildeten, tugendhaften Buergern schaffen. Solche Maenner sind durch ihren einerseits emporhebenden und andererseits zurueckdraengenden Einfluss die Retter der Kirche und der Gesellschaft. Die sociale Stellung und der Fortschritt einer Stadt, ihr Friede und ihr Wohlstand sind bedingt von der Art der Erziehung und den Grundsuetzen, nach denen die Jugend herangebildet wird, da diese die zukuenftige Buergerschaft der Stadt sein wird. Gebildete, verstaendige und kluge Maenner sind nothwendig um die Schicksale einer Stadt mit einer gemischten Bevoelkerung zu leiten und zu lenken.

Bildung und Tugend, beide sind nothwendig, aber das nothwendigste Fundament ist die Tugend. Sie ist eine dauerhafte Neigung Tugendwerke zu verrichten. Bildung macht einen Mann nicht nothwendiger Weise zu einem guten und tugendhaften Buerger, sondern oft zu einem grossen Verbrecher. Heutzutage haben wir nicht das Verderbniss unter den Armen und Ungebildeten am meisten zu befuerchten, sondern mehr das Verderbniss das sich an hohen Plaetzen zeigt, unter Maennern die gebildet, gelehrt und einflussreich sind, die aber das Vertrauen, das man in sie setzt schaendlich missbrauchen. Als das Roemische Reich zu einer Weltmacht geworden war und den Hohepunkt seiner geistigen Kultur erreicht hatte, waren seine Buerger in die tiefsten Tiefen des Lasters gesunken. Ihre Grundsuetze der Bildung waren hoch, aber ihre Grundsuetze der Sittlichkeit waren niedrig und verworfen.

Wo finden wir nun die Grundsuetze, welche dem Menschen den Unterschied zwischen Recht und Unrecht genau angeben, und ihn zwingen das Rechte zu thun und das Unrechte zu meiden? Diese Grundsuetze muessen maechtig genug sein den Leidenschaften, den Vorurtheilen, der Vergnuegungssucht und der unedelen Selbstsucht zu widerstehen. Ehre und Anstand, die Achtung der Mitmenschen, natuerliches Gerechtigkeits-Gefuehl, die buergerliche Gewalt zu raechen und zu strafen, alle diese sind in sich selbst unzuhaenglich den Menschen anzuhalten die sittlichen und socialen Tugenden zu ueben, weil sie auf der Liebe oder der Furcht des Menschen beruhen, und deshalb eben so wechselfaellig sind wie diese.

Die Grundsätze des Evangeliums, welche Gott anerkennen als die Quelle aller Gesetze und aller Gewalt, dem Herrscher und Unterthanen Herren und Diener, Arbeitgeber und Arbeiter gleichfalls verantwortlich sind für alle ihre Handlungen; jene Grundsätze, welche dem Menschen ein ewiges Fortbestehen in dem Zustande des Lohnes oder der Strafe verkünden; jene Grundsätze, welche die Vaterschaft Gottes und die Brüderlichkeit der Menschen verteidigen; diese bilden die ewigen und unveränderlichen Grundsätze, auf welche eine wohlgeordnete menschliche Gesellschaft und gesunde Sittlichkeit aufgebaut werden können.

Je mehr nun diese Grundsätze überhand nehmen, desto mehr werden Gerechtigkeit und Nächstenliebe in der Welt herrschen. Einerseits wird die Gerechtigkeit das Ungeheuer der Geldgier und der Härte ordnen, und andererseits wird die Nächstenliebe das Feuer der Eifersucht, des Neides und des Hasses dämpfen. Die Nächstenliebe ist die schönste aller moralischen und sozialen Tugenden. Sie ist ein helfender Engel in den dunkeln Gemäthern des Sündenlendes, der Trauer und des Leidens, um einer kranken Welt, die sich auf sie stützt, zu helfen sie zu heilen, zu lindern und zu trösten.

Der Priester nun ist der Apostel des Evangeliums und der Verkünder der Grundsätze der Sittlichkeit, auf der alle Tugenden beruhen. Besonders ist er ein Apostel der Nächstenliebe. Er ist deshalb aller Ehre würdig, Ehre vor Gott weil er die Menschen zu Bürgern des Himmels macht, und Ehre vor den Menschen, weil er ihnen hilft tugendhafte Bürger des Staates zu sein.

Diese Grundsätze des Evangeliums, auf welchen Gerechtigkeit und Nächstenliebe beruhen, hat unser beliebter Monsignor während achtundvierzig Jahren in dieser Stadt unermüdet verkündet, und deshalb unermesslich viel beigetragen zur Hebung und Verbesserung der Bevölkerung dieser Stadt. Besonders hat er sich immer ausgezeichnet als ein Apostel der Nächstenliebe. Möge seine segensreiche Wirksamkeit zum Wohle seiner geliebten Gemeinde, und zum Wohle der ganzen Stadt Reading noch viele Jahre fortauern. Das ist das innige Gebet seiner Gemeinde, und gewiss auch der Bürger von Reading.

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9. "Unfold, Ye Portals" (by Chas. Gounod). Rendered by Chorus.

10. Address, by Rt. Rev. Mgr. George Bornemann, as follows:

”My friends:

“The tendency upon occasions of this sort is to overpraise him in whose honor the celebration is held. And Wisdom bids me beware of accepting at their face-value all the kind words your goodness has prompted.

“But I wish to thank one and all, clergy and laity, who cooperated to make so successful the ceremony of this morning, and this grand reception. I would be less than human were I not both touched and pleased by these tokens of affection.

“This has been a happy day for me. Happy in the realization that my people think well of what I have been able to do for them; and, to some extent, for the community at large.

“You have spoken much of the charities I have aided. Not to me the praise for this. To God alone be the glory. For He used me as an instrument of His purposes. Time and again He placed upon my shoulders burdens which seemed beyond my strength; but to accomplish which I did the best that was in me. I am sure that many another, had he been given the same opportunities, would have done far better than I achieved.

“And let me hear testimony to the fact that true charity takes no heed of color, condition, or creed. The impulse to charitable deeds comes not alone from the heart of a good Catholic, or of a devout Protestant, or indeed, from that of a member of any religious denomination. It is universal in the hearts alike of believers and non-believers, and seeks only the welfare of fellow-beings.

“Many years ago a little girl was sent to me by a man who was a member of no church. By her hands he presented me with a bond for \$10,000, with no other instructions or limitations than to dispense it as I thought proper. This I did. Not once or twice, but again and again. For like the mustard-seed of the parable it grew mightily, and accomplished, under God, great good.

“As a matter of course, I hold that the Church of God is the foundation-stone upon which should rest every good done for the relief of man, as well as for the glory of God. But, if we wish to accomplish any good for ourselves, or for our neighbors, we should not think of charity in the terms of church.

“Appeals for those in need should be made to the generous hearts of all people. And my experience has convinced me that nowhere in the whole world is there any such real charity as in America.

“Money thus received, should be dispensed in like manner. If our brother be sick, or in need, let us help him, without first inquiring concerning his church affiliations. That is his own concern, not ours.

“Again I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your abounding kindness. And I sincerely hope that some day—be it fifty years hence, or whensoever it may please God—we shall all be united in Heaven.”

11. Te Deum, by Chorus and Audience.

12. Orchestra, “Golden Jubilee March” (by Aug. J. Krug). Dedicatad to Rt. Rev. Mgr. George Bornemann.

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#### CHILDREN’S CELEBRATION — Tuesday, June 22.

On the morning of June 22d, the school children held their celebration in honor of the Rt. Rev. Jubilarian.

Father Bornemann was Celebrant of a solemn High Mass, assisted by Rev. Henry Otterbein, C. S. S. R., as Deacon, and Rev. Lawrence Hoyt, O. S. B., as Sub-Deacon.

At 9:30 a. m. the children assembled in church, where they awaited the coming of the Pastor. Fifty little girls dressed in white and gold, and fifty little boys with golden laurels and sashes, met him at the door of the rectory and escorted him to the church and up the centre aisle to the Sanctuary. In the procession were several priests of the parish and former assistants. After the Jubilarian had taken his seat in the Sanctuary, the following programme was rendered:

1. “Frohester Tag,” by Chorus.
2. Golden Jubilee Greeting, by Second Grade Girls,
3. Jubilee Congratulations by fifty little boys and girls.
4. Dialogue and Song, by Fourth Grade Girls.
5. Jubilee Recitation, by Third Grade Boys.
6. “Let Us Sing and Rejoice.” by Chorus.
7. Address, by Fourth Grade Boys.
8. Jubilee. Recitation, by Third Grade Girls.
9. Jubilee Congratulations and Song, by Altar Boys and Senior Boys.
10. “Cornucopia,” Song by Senior Girls.
11. “Dich Theurer Pfarrer,” by Chorus.
12. “Te Deum,” by Children and Audience.

Upon the conclusion of this programme Father Bornemann addressed the children and the parents, who were present in large numbers.

CELEBRATION AT THE HOUSE OF GOOD SHEPHERD  
JUNE 24th

A sincere testimonial of high esteem was enacted in honor of the revered Jubilarian at the House of the Good Shepherd, on Thursday, June 24th, 1915.

At the opening of this festal event, Father Bornemann was addressed as follows:

Right Reverend Monsignor George Bornemann:

Right Reverend and Dear Monsignor:

The completion of a half-century in the priesthood of Jesus Christ causes anthems of thanksgiving to be sung by heavenly choirs. It is, also, an occasion of great rejoicing in the Universal Church.

What, then, must be the feelings of the good people of St. Paul's Parish, among whom you have labored for forty-eight of those fifty years, on such an auspicious occasion ?

They have manifested their joy and congratulations by their religious and civic demonstrations of thanksgiving and gratitude to God for giving them a priest of the noblest qualities of head and heart, whose sole ambition, whose life's work, whose every effort and untiring and unremitting zeal, were continually directed for no selfish purpose, but for the greater honor and glory of God; for the spiritual and physical welfare of His beloved people, and of all the citizens of this great city which has been blessed by your presence and your edifying life, for nigh on to fifty years.

Nor is our joy any the less. We, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, find abundant cause to rejoice on this happy occasion, because in you we have a kind friend, a loving father, a wise counsellor.

To repeat here the many acts of kindness and benevolence shown us by you, is but to repeat the history of our House in Reading.



We know your characteristic modesty protests against anything like praise, or public recital of your good deeds. But simply to return thanks, as well as to express our joy and congratulations on the completion of these fifty years well spent in the service of God by helping His friends, the poor and the out-cast, we wish to say we will petition God to continue His blessings upon you and your work, that you may be spared in His service still "ad multos annos."

It has been well said by the great poet: "The good that men do is oft interred with their bones." But in your case, the monuments you have erected, and the good you have done, will proclaim the piety, the nobility of character, and your Christ-like charity, to ages yet unborn.

Your humble children,  
The Sisters of the Good Shepherd,  
Reading, Penna.

The entertainment comprised the rendition of appropriate selections by the Festal Chorus, and also the able production of an excellent six-act drama, entitled, "Lucius Flavius." The pleasant occasion was highly appreciated by the Rt. Reverend Jubilarian.



ACROSTIC POEM

Dedicated to the Right Reverend Jubilarian

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Rise, bright sun ! show thy glorious splendor all.  
In rays of golden light on this scene shine;  
Greeting faithful hearts today in clear St. Paul!  
Hail, all hail ! granted through God's love divine,  
Thou great day, bringing joy to hearts of all!

Rare is this grace, vouchsafed to but a few;  
Ever and anon, death ripe plans doth thwar  
Very near completed, the clay in view!—  
Eager, devoted is each grateful heart  
Raised aloft to God, in words of holy praise;  
Ever giving thanks that we see this day,  
Noting well, that to us 'tis a great grace;  
Day of all joy, Golden jubilee Day!

Many memories, recalled from time's flight  
On this heyday of golden splendor bright,  
Now fill the heart with joy, true peace and light!  
Such memories may their consolation pour  
Into thy heart, Right Reverend Monsignor;  
God destined thee in an especial way.  
Not easy was thy task in life's great day;  
O'er many souls to watch, to pray and work.  
Rejoice! for this thy duty ne'er didst shirk!

Great were thy efforts to spread God's honor;  
Endless love of Him made thee the donor  
Of noble gifts, in charity to men.  
Revered always may thy mem'ry be then!  
Grandly least thou honored Sacred Priesthood,  
Endeared it to all who in thy care stood.

Brave and firm, sincere, with a strong goodwill,  
Oh! love of God and souls his heart cloth fill;  
Reserved and humble. a student dwells there  
'Neath the Seminary's roof in God's care!  
E'en now, his time of preparation o'er,  
Mighty waves of joy over his heart pour—  
At last its great desire is attained:  
Next day he shall be Priest, by God ordained;  
Now he will give to Him his heart entire,  
Serve His holy Altar with zeal afire!

Great day! hast thou arrived for the young Priest?  
Of his first holy Mass, O glorious feast!  
Lord and God, with what peace and joy divine  
Dost Thou fill the heart of this servant Thine!  
Ever lie is Thine, through hardships and pain,  
Nothing can sever him from Thee again.

Just striving for God, midst labor and prayers,  
Untiring and true, for souls he now cares.  
Behold! his Silver Jubilee is here!  
In twenty-five years did he persevere,  
Lacking ne'er in holy love and God's fear!  
Ever on, in increasing years and pains,  
Ever firm his humble patience remains.

Day of Golden Jubilee, O grand day!  
And now 'tis fifty years thus passed away.  
Yet there remains for the faithful Priest—the bliss of the  
Endles Day !

All hail! then, Day of Golden Jubilee;  
Let joyous, heartfelt wishes ring out free;  
Long may our good Shepherd yet with us be!

Heaven grant this our sincere wish and prayer!  
And when at last, in God we all meet there  
In our true Home above, forevermore  
Let us sing hymns of joy, with our good Monsignor!

(By ANNA M. OTTERBETN)



