



A TRIBUTE...

The few pages of a yearbook cannot give full recognition to the seventy-five years during which the Sisters of Charity have taught the Catholic youth of Marion, Ohio. That is the attempt of this 1951 volume — to express through its pages the depth of gratitude felt by those who have benefited by the lives and labors of these devoted daughters of Mother Seton. Through these seventy-five years many Sisters have come and gone, their names for the most part unremembered. But the hundreds and hundreds of boys and girls who have sat in the stiff little rows of desks and looked into their faces and heard their words, went out from St. Mary School to live by the truth

of the words and the peace and happiness of their faces. The real tribute to the Sisters of Charity is the living mind and heart of the child, of the young man and woman which, having received the impression of God's truth and beauty and love, mold their lives according to the pattern of Christ. This book would gather up all the heart-felt gratitude of the mothers and fathers and children, of the priests and friends, who down through seventy-five years have known the inspiration and fidelity of the Sisters of Charity. St. Mary School expresses this tribute of devotion in a special way to the Sister-principals charged with the spiritual and temporal welfare of both the Sisters and children since 1875.

Sister - principals . . .

1875	<i>Sister Sylvester</i>	1907	<i>Sister Aurelia</i>
1878	<i>Sister Maria Theresa</i>	1908	<i>Sister Eusebius</i>
1881	<i>Sister Delphina</i>	1912	<i>Sister M. Loyola</i>
1882	<i>Sister Rose Maria</i>	1918	<i>Sister John Baptist</i>
1886	<i>Sister Florence</i>	1919	<i>Sister Mary Zoe</i>
1888	<i>Sister Nolasco</i>	1924	<i>Sister Jane de Chantal</i>
1892	<i>Sister Leona</i>	1927	<i>Sister Eucheria</i>
1893	<i>Sister Cornelia</i>	1933	<i>Sister Laurentine</i>
1896	<i>Sister Callista</i>	1934	<i>Sister Deodata</i>
1897	<i>Sister Constance</i>	1935	<i>Sister Loyola</i>
1902	<i>Sister Rose Vincent</i>	1937	<i>Sister Mary Lorenzo</i>
1904	<i>Sister Marie Antoinette</i>	1942	<i>Sister Jeanne D' Arc</i>
1905	<i>Sister M. Sebastian</i>	1944	<i>Sister Gabrielle</i>
1906	<i>Sister Stanislaus</i>	1950	<i>Sister Francis Regina</i>



HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL J. READY
BISHOP OF COLUMBUS

Michael J. Ready, by the grace of God, Bishop of Columbus, is the fifth shepherd charged with the care of Saint Mary's parish. The parish was organized in the 1820's under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati during the reign of the following archbishops: Edward D. Fenwick, John B. Purcell, William H. Elder, Henry Moeller, John T. McNicholas.

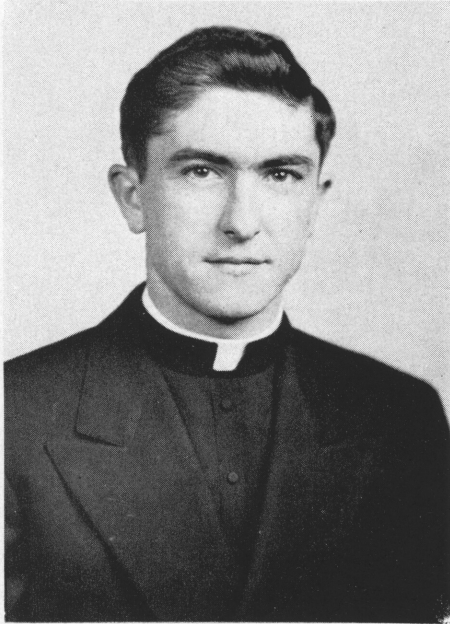
In 1944 when the Ohio diocesan areas were redistributed and Bishop Ready was appointed by Rome to the Diocese of Columbus, St. Mary's parish became a part of the Columbus diocese. Bishop Ready was officially installed on January 4, 1945. Being closer geographically to the episcopal seat, the parishioners of St. Mary's are privileged to have more frequent visits from their beloved shepherd. In 1947 Bishop Ready made his first episcopal visitation.



Very Reverend William J. Spickerman, V. F.
PASTOR

For almost a quarter of a century, Father Spickerman has carried on his shoulders the responsibility of all the people of Saint Mary's parish, both children and adults. Hundreds of children have been lifted to supernatural living by holy Baptism received from his hands. Their First Holy Communion certificates bear his signature. All through their grade and high school days they have been co-offerers at his daily Sacrifice of the Mass. While having primarily at heart the spiritual interest of his young charges, Father keeps a vigilant eye and a responsive spirit to all their work-a-day activities, sharing their pride of achievement, their worries about a ball game, their excitement in the many drives through the school year. Both parents and children of St. Mary's are sincerely grateful for the inspiring example and priestliness of the pastor of their parish.

ASSISTANT PRIESTS



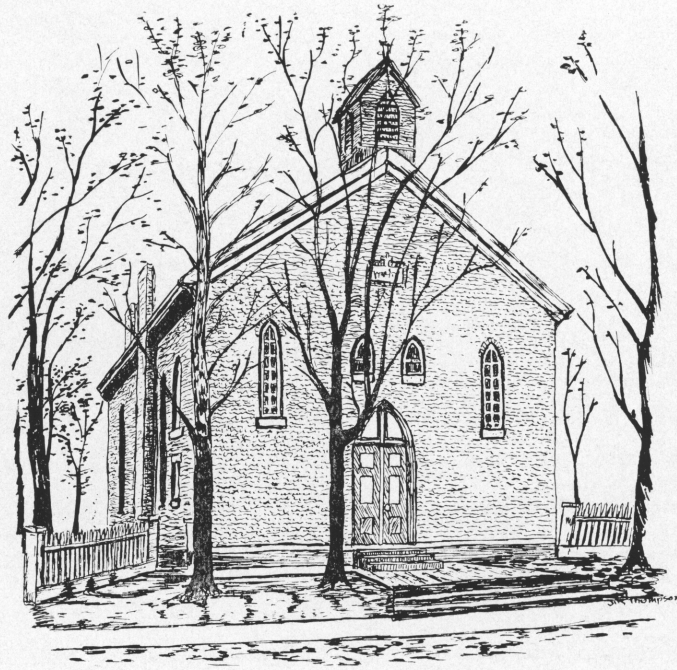
Reverend Hugh Murphy . . .

Father Murphy's kindly smile and friendliness have endeared him to all the students at St. Mary's. He acts as moderator for the Junior Holy Name Society and the Catholic Youth Organization in the parish. Being the athletic director, Father has a special interest in school sports. Curricular activities include religion classes for Sophomore and Freshman students as well as instruction in the grade school.



Reverend Urban Wiggins . . .

The students of St. Mary's have a loyal friend and adviser in the person of Father Wiggins. His sermons and classroom instructions are equally inspirational. Besides teaching Senior and Junior religion classes, Father is frequently in the confessional for the students' convenience. All school activities and particularly basketball and football games are Father's enthusiastic interests.



ST. MARY CHURCH, 1862

Once upon a time . . .

ST. MARY CHURCH, 1937



In the days when wagon trains were filing laboriously across American plains and men turned eager faces toward mountains where buried gold might be hiding, Marion, Ohio, was a quiet little town just pulling out of its adolescent days and growing from 12,000 persons into cityhood. Tradition has it that the Faith was brought to Marion in the heart and soul of Timothy Fahey who, one can imagine, was a restless Irishman until he succeeded with the help of others in making it possible to bow down his head before even a makeshift altar

where bread and wine had become Body and Blood of Christ by the power of a priest of God. The celebration of the first Mass in Marion is attributed to Father Burgess in the year 1849. Once begun, the Holy Sacrifice continued to be offered by the priests from adjoining towns, but only at irregular intervals and under great hardships. Father Grogan's name has come down from those days. Though the faithful had no building in which to house their God, nevertheless, He received a warm welcome in the lowly homes of these first Marion Catholic families.



REVEREND JOHN MACKEY

REVEREND PETER McMAHON



Within four years, on September 22, 1853, to be exact, Timothy Fahey donated a plot of ground, purchased from Eber Baker, to be used for a permanent church. In the meantime early Catholic settlers gathered regularly in the "Old Huber Shop" on Mill Street near Main in an attempt to give God decent worship. Into this factory room came Anthony Flaherty, John Lawrence, Nicholas Lawrence, Conrad Connors, Jeremiah Darmody, John Kelleher, Edmond



REVEREND PHILIP DONOGHUE

Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, Timothy Quinlan, Pierce Keating, Patrick Kelly, James Loudrigan, David Hogan, Patrick Hogan, Thomas Hogan, William Lawrence — men who prayed and whose prayer was shot through with zeal and determination to build up a parish that would maintain a resident pastor. Dreams became reality with the appointment of Father McSweeney, though his time had to be divided between Marion and Beliefontaine.

A concern more immediate to these early parishioners than a church building was the possession of consecrated ground where Catholics could be buried. Father McSweeney, on June 8, 1858, bought property worth \$337.50 from the Marion Cemetery Association. This was used until 1891. Father's pastorate came to an end in 1859 when he was replaced by Father Coppinger. The ill health of the latter forced his stay with the Marion flock to be brief. In 1860 Father Coveney was named to succeed him.

Within a year he had broken ground on Prospect Street for the long-hoped-for church. In 1862, a proud congregation knelt within its walls and, grateful of heart, thanked God as the prayers of dedication were read. In the post Civil War year of 1866 Father John A. Mackey was appointed to live in Marion as the first full-time resident pastor. To call his flock to church, Father bought and installed a bell. Its peals brought well-wishers to pray for young brides and their tall manly husbands. It tolled in sorrow after each visit of the angel

REVEREND JOSEPH QUATMAN





REVEREND WILLIAM M. CAREY

of death. And daily it sent out a sharp reminder for Catholics to begin the day with the offering of a morning Sacrifice. But Father Mackey's improvements went far beyond the purchase of a bell. On September 26, 1868, he bought from Enoch Hock property fronting Main Street and worth \$2,700.

Father Peter McMahon and Father Philip Donoghue followed as pastors in 1870 and 1871 and completed the history of the foundation of St. Mary Parish. A new era was to

open in 1875.

Father Joseph Quatman (1875-1880) looked out over his congregation and was concerned about the welfare of the little children whose big eyes stared seriously into his own. He responded to their silent accusation and directed his energies to establishing a Catholic school to protect their Faith and at the same time to make good Americans of them. Begun in 1875, the school was completed the following year. Four Sisters of Charity, Mother Seton's Sisters, came from Cincinnati to staff the little school. They enrolled in that first year about a hundred boys and girls in the first five grades.

After five years of untiring service to Marion Catholics, Father Quatman was followed by Father William M. Carey, whose ill health, however, caused his replacement on February 24, 1881, by Father Burns. The Catholic population by now had outgrown its little church. Again men dreamed dreams. Their little square church had been useful, but now they would build for beauty and inspiration in Gothic architecture. On October 14, 1894, the cornerstone was laid. But the kind-faced Irish priest left for an assignment in Glendale, Ohio — he was to see no more than the beginning, but a good beginning, for in 1883 a priest's rectory was built, and a new cemetery purchased for \$3,500.

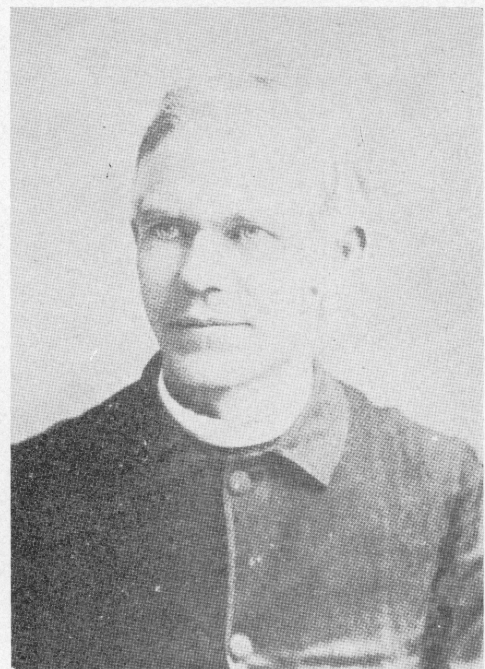
Father Michael Mulvihill had the joy of standing at the high altar and praying with his congregation under the Gothic arches, themselves like silent hands folded in prayer. Lovely art glass windows inspired devotion and softened the daylight. Solid oak pews and kneelers could accommodate seven hundred fifty worshipers. It had been erected at a cost of \$45,000, raising the total value of the church property to about \$75,000. The local newspaper lavished ornate praise on its beauty, while a souvenir booklet published on the occasion declared it was an attractive addition to a thriving county seat. The dedication took place on October 23, 1898. Father Mulvihill enjoyed the fruits of his labor for another six years.

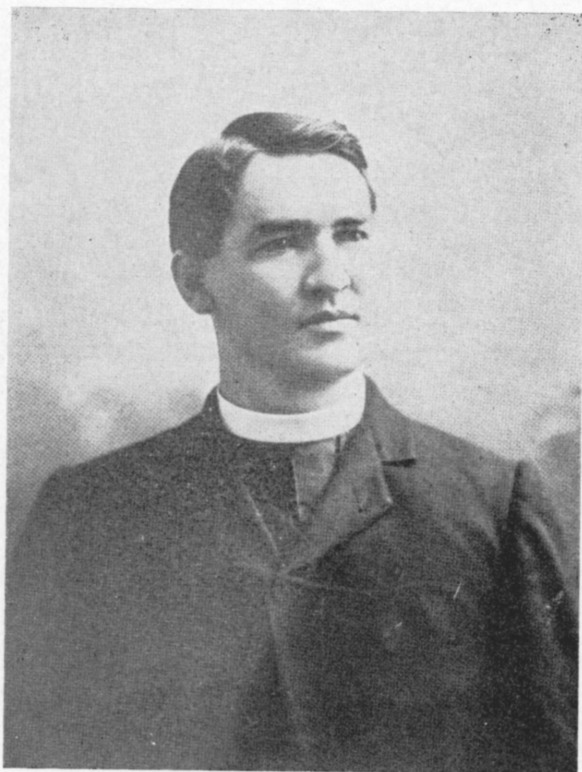
Father Joseph Denning was named pastor in 1904. Under his direction a new and larger school was built; its cornerstone is dated 1905.

With the turn of the century, Marion shook off its Gay Nineties' atmosphere and sought to keep stride with modernism. The horseless carriage appeared on its streets. America's machine age began to unfold. Then came World War I and its tragedy and grief were felt in the ranks of this Mid-western parish. Father Francis X. Cotter succeeded Father Denning from 1922 to 1928, during which time an addition of a science laboratory and commercial rooms was built.

Father William J. Spickerman received his appointment to St. Mary parish in 1928. He guided his charges safely through Depression years. His watchful eyes have always fallen

REVEREND JAMES A. BURNS





REVEREND MICHAEL MULVIHILL

REVEREND JOSEPH DENNING



on needed improvements and these have included the creation of Moira Hall from unused space under the church, the remodeling of the school lavatories, the surfacing of the school playground, the purchase of an athletic practice field on Ballentine Avenue, and most recently the renovation of the Sisters' convent. In 1945 St. Mary parish was transferred from the Diocese of Cincinnati to the Diocese of Columbus, under the care of Michael J. Ready, newly consecrated Bishop of Columbus. In

1948 Father Spickerman celebrated his fortieth anniversary as a priest. His pastorate has been striking for the breaking down of prejudice toward Catholics.

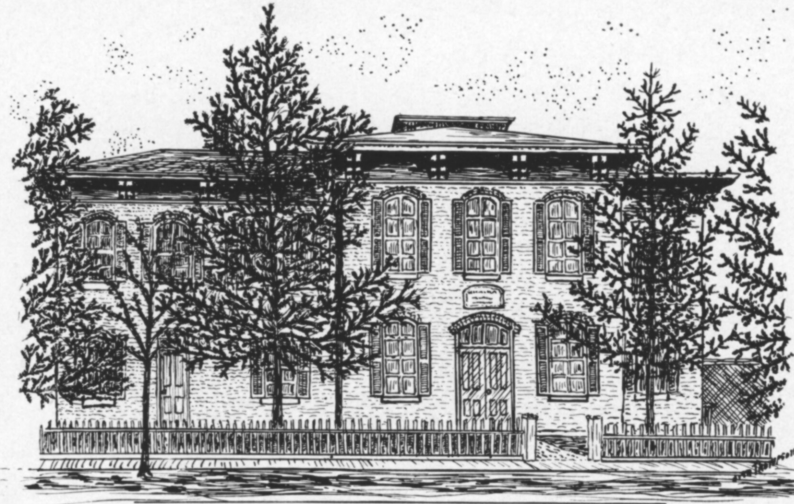
Redecorated Church, 1944
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ADULT CHOIR—1898



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The Sister



In September, 1875, three Sisters of Charity from Mother Seton's foundation opened the doors of the first St. Mary School to register about a hundred pupils and to organize them into a five-grade elementary school. Since the time of Sister Sylvester, Sister Ann Alexius, and Sister Bertha, hundreds of black-robed Sisters have made their temporary homes in Marion to answer their high calling of training children in the love of God through imparting useful knowledge in the fields of the arts and sciences. Mother Seton, under the spiritual guidance of Bishop Carroll, had founded the Sisters of Charity in the United States not only for the sanctification of its members but also with the special object of the Christian education of youth. On February 22, 1810, at St. Joseph's, Emmitsburg, Maryland, she opened a school which was the embryo of the American Catholic School System of Education in America.

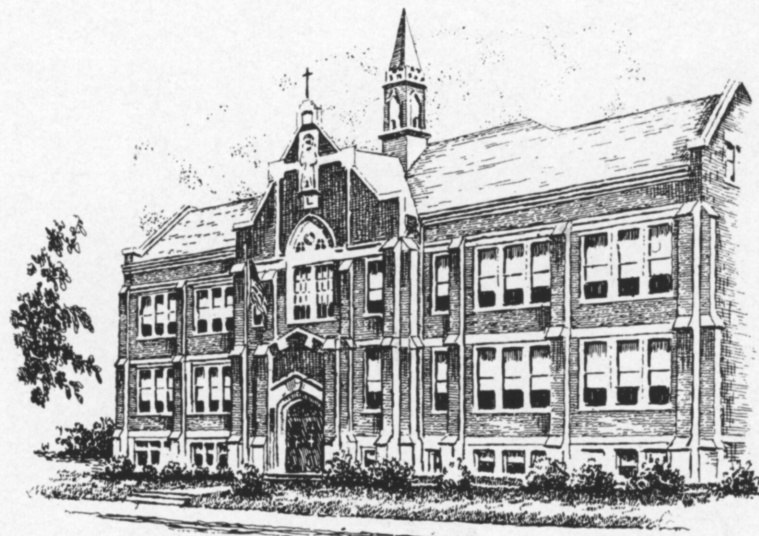
In 1829 four Sisters were sent to Cincinnati to open a school adjoining the old St. Peter's Cathedral. The Sisters of Charity at Cincinnati were established in 1852 as an independent community. As the number of members increased, they undertook to staff more schools throughout Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and in the western states of Colorado and New Mexico. In 1875 Rev. Joseph Quat-

f Charity and St. Mary School

man, pastor of St. Mary parish in Marion, petitioned the Motherhouse at Mount St. Joseph for Sisters to teach in the school he had built.

The educational principles of the Sisters of Charity whom he had chosen are rooted in the realization of the individual dignity of each child of God. Their program, conforming in external standards to the requirements of the Ohio State Department of Education, educates the child of two worlds for Christian living in his modern world, with a definite aim to prepare him for eternal living in a heavenly home. Their schools, wherever they may be, bear the distinctive marks Mother Seton emphasized in the structure of her Maryland school. These include allotting definite time to the study of the truths of Faith, molding the will to the acquisition of Christian virtue, creating a school atmosphere conducive to achieving these ends, and insisting on respect on obedience for authority. This philosophy of education the school at Marion has shared with all others conducted by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati.

The little black cap and the neat black habit became a sight familiar to Marion residents who passed the first school on North Main Street. At recess time, the playground, until then a voiceless empty plot, burst with the shouts and





movement of young life — and moving through the little crowds were the Sisters, happy-eyed, yet watchful that fair play and clean fun always carried first place in young hearts. In the little church on Prospect Street the Sisters gathered their charges together to instill reverent conduct and a prayerful spirit at the Holy Sacrifice.

By the turn of the century the St. Mary enrollment had reached two hundred fifty, with seven Sister-teachers. A convent adjacent to the school at 274 North Prospect Street was built for the Sisters' needs. A high school had been organized, offering both an academic and commercial program. Pupils of the school volunteered their time and talent for a choir to make possible the celebration of the Missa Cantata; while generous-hearted boys assisted the priest in the role of acolytes.



BELLES OF ST. MARY'S

When the present church on Main Street was completed in 1898, the old church on Prospect Street was used for a time for an overflow of classes from the Main Street school. Under the pastorate of Father Denning the main section of the present school on Prospect Street was built, containing eleven comfortable rooms equipped with a teacher's dream of blackboard space, comfortable desks, and large main hall. This building was completed in 1905, and the property from the church to George Street was purchased and cleared for a school playground.

In keeping with the educational trends of the 1920's an east wing was added to the school for the purpose of setting up a laboratory for the study of science and of enlarging the commercial department. This project was begun and completed in 1927 in the pastorate of Father Cotter. Father Spickerman, his successor, realizing the advantages to youth of organized sports, built up a worthwhile athletic program in the school. Football and basketball teams were formed, coaches contracted, and games scheduled through the Ohio Athletic Association with other schools of comparable enrollment. The day of the "Fighting Irish" had dawned.

Since the faculty had increased to fifteen members, an addition to the rear of the original convent was built; it included a chapel dedicated to St. Mary

REVEREND FRANCIS X. COTTER



Goretti, a refectory, kitchen, bedrooms, and baths. In the school basement in 1949, a modern home economics kitchen was installed, as well as new lavatories and shower rooms. Although intended for the use of the whole parish, the school children benefited in their own way by the construction of Moira Hall in the basement of the church.

From its foundation in 1875 until 1944, St. Mary School was part of the educational system of the Archdiocese of Cincin-

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



nati and subject to its Superintendent of Schools. When St. Mary's parish was transferred to the Columbus diocese following the death of Bishop Hartley in 1944, the school automatically came under the jurisdiction of the Columbus diocese with Bishop Ready as the newly consecrated chief shepherd.

Today St. Mary School functions with its standards, program, and equipment approved by the Department of Education of the State of Ohio and the Superintendent of Schools of the Columbus diocese. Its school population is 160 on the secondary level and 425 on the elementary. A school bus purchased in 1950 is the outcome of the zeal of Catholics to give their children in the rural district an opportunity for a Catholic education. Instruction classes conducted by the Sisters on Sunday mornings provide for many whom the bus service has not yet reached.

ACOLYTES — 1898



St. Mary Sons and Daughters in Religious Life

PRIESTS

Reverend John L. Kelly
Reverend Theodore Stuber, D.D.
Reverend Joseph D. McFarland, S.T.D.
Reverend Robert T. Von Koemel
Reverend Benedict Rubeck, O.M.C.
Reverend Hugh Simpson, O.F.M.

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James Wynn Kirby, Society of Jesus
Friar Terence Tobin, Order of Friars Minor Conv.
Friar Christopher Granger, Order of Friars Minor Conv.
Brother Richard Huber, Congregation of Holy Cross
Brother Paul Francis Bray, Congregation of Holy Cross

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SISTERS OF CHARITY

Sister Eveline Dee
Sister Juliana Butler
Mother Irenaea Fahey
Sister Donata Wall
Sister Mary Felicita Dwyer
Sister Angela Marie Burgess
Sister Marie Jeanette Schuler
Sister Marie Corona Molloy
Sister Mary Apolline Hagerty
Sister Cecilia Marie Dwyer
Sister Mary John Coffey
Sister Vincent Molloy
Sister Cornelius O'Keefe
Sister Jane Schuler
Sister Mary Virginia Rafferty
Sister Romuald Hanley

Sister Frances Miriam Kirchner
Sister Helen Joseph Kirchner
Sister Marie Faustine Cahill
Sister Austin Murphy
Sister Isidore Hensley
Sister Joseph Loretto Young
Sister Felicia Voll
Sister Mary de Lourdes Ryan
Sister Marguerite Schuler
Sister Emma Josephine Sherrer
Sister Moira Tobin
Sister Patricia Neyhart
Sister Mary Shiela O'Brien
Sister Elizabeth Brown
Sister Rose Marita Arnold
Sister Ruth Vonderhoff

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Mother Frances Theresa Irvin, Ursuline Sisters
Sister Regina Kavanaugh, Sisters of the Holy Cross
Sister Mariana Klaus, Maryknoll Sisters
Sister Clarence Lawler, Dominican Sisters
Sister Presentation Lawrence, Sisters of Holy Cross
Sister Vincent Lawrence, Sisters of Holy Cross
Sister Estevan Major, Sisters of Holy Cross
Sister Mary Clarence Matthews, Ursuline Sisters
Sister Mary Minadora McNally, Sisters of the Precious Blood
Sister Dominica Schnautz, Sisters of St. Joseph
Sister Mechtildes Schnautz, Sisters of St. Joseph
Sister Mildred Uhl, Dominican Sisters

1951 FACULTY AT ST. MARY SCHOOL



His Excellency, Bishop Ready, with the priests and Sisters of St. Mary on the occasion of the dedication of the St. Mary Goretti chapel in the new wing of the convent. Rev. Hugh Murphy, Sister Charles Regina, Sister Mary Gemma, Sister Eileen Marie, Sister Mary Francis, Very Rev. William J. Spickerman, Sister Louis Maria, Sister Vincent, His Excellency, Bishop Ready, Sister Grace, Sister Francis Regina, Sister Robert Ann, Sister Maria Michael, Sister Marie Carmela, Sister Mary Eugene, Sister Mary Patrick, Sister Francis Angela, Rev. Urban Wiggins.

Reverend Hugh Murphy — Freshman and Sophomore Religion.

Reverend Urban Wiggins — Junior and Senior Religion.

Sister Francis Regina, principal — Latin II and Algebra I.

Sister Charles Regina — Religion IV, Spanish I and II, Latin I, III, and IV, American History

Sister Edward Mary — Religion I and III, English III and IV, Geometry, General Math, General Business.

Sister Marie Carmela — Home Economics I and II, Religion II, English II.

Sister Maria Michael — Shorthand I and II, Typing I and II, Bookkeeping, Modern History, English I.

Sister Francis Angela — Physics, Biology, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Solid Geometry.

Sister Vincent — Girls' choir, instrumental music, class singing.

Sister Mary Gemma	Grade 8	Sister Eileen Marie	Grade 4
Sister Louis Maria	Grade 7	Sister Mary Patrick	Grade 3
Sister Mary Francis	Grade 6	Sister Robert Ann	Grade 2
Sister Grace	Grade 5	Sister Mary Eugene	Grade 1

IDENTIFICATIONS FOR PICTURES

ADULT CHOIR — (Seated) Agnes Dwyer, Julia Fahey, Dr. Ramroth, Nora O'Hara, Mary Werley;
(Standing) Josephine Walsh, Tim Cleary, Ella Cleary, Patrick Monahan, Sara Monnette, George Andres, Gus Ramroth, Mary Tallon.

FOURTH GRADE (1908) — Mary Lardner, Elizabeth Curren, Marguerite Stark, Alice Woodcock, Margaret Morris, Mary McGreevey, Regina Rafferty; Marie Navin, Mary Burke, Helen Maloney, Marie Scanlon, Marguerite Minshall, Lucille Passen, Marguerite Healy, Mary Dwyer; Walter Prendergast, Beatrice Murphy, Margaret Plunkett, Catherine Lucas, Margaret Bingham, Margaret Masterson, Mildred Schroeter, Gertrude Lucas; George Norris, Clarence Ryan, Paul Moran, John Abe, Daniel Lawrence, Dennis Malloy, Delmar Cramer, Francis Rafferty, Harry Cramer, James DuRoss, Earl Tobin, Otto Orrians; James Lawler, Eugene Ryan, Vincent Malloy, Paul Stuber, John Haubert, Francis Murphy, Herman Roller, Paul Bingham, John Sullivan, Louis Martin, Michael Hactor.

FIFTH GRADE (1908) — Elizabeth Tuitt, Mary Haubert, Mary Lundergan, Mary O'Donnell, Mary Elizabeth Lundergan, Mary Mulrow, Marie Roller, Mary Schuler; Lewis Thompson, Clara Voll, Mary Norris, Anna Nardini, Anna Lawrence, Mary Mahaffey, Theresa Pruzzo; Charles O'Donnell, Thomas Plunkett, Edward Kelly, James Lawler, Joseph Kruskamp, Francis McAndrew, Marcellus Dwyer, Joseph Boler, Francis Minshall, Carl Zink, Lawrence Warren; John Dwyer, Thomas McDonald, Bernard Healy, Robert Schroeter, George Von Kaenel, Edmond Ryan, Lawrence Fabian, Francis Miller, Leo Artz, Stephen Murphy, Martin Duffy.

SEVENTH GRADE (1908) — Eleanore Donovan, Faye Huber, Marguerite Kalkbrenner, Kathleen Breen, Evelyn Ryan; Marie Burke, Agnes Malloy, Mary Murphy, Helen Maloney, Victorine Curren, Margaret Lawler; John Lucas, Edmund Dee, Robert Miller, William Fabian, John Mahaffey, William Mahaffey, Oliver Heldman, Francis Moran, Henry Lawler; Fred Artz, Walter Metzger, Margaret Murphy, Loretto Stuber, Mabel Rafferty, Rose Hoy, Helen Passen, Gertrude McDonald, Gertrude Dwyer, Harold O'Connell; Paul Monahan, John McAndrew, John Hanley, Edward Schuler, William Ochs, Oswald Schnauz, Nicholas Lawrence, Raymund St. Germain, Carl Metzger.

COMMERCIAL CLASSES (1908) — Nora Ponn, Rose Martin, Faustine Cahill, Winifred Murphy, Margaret Coffey, Julia O'Keefe, Bertha Schuler, Mary Lawrence, Francis Metzger, Gerald O'Donnell, James McAndrew, Walter Schuler, Edward Filliatrault, Herbert Hoy and Earl Hill.

BELLES OF ST. MARY'S — Genevieve Darmody, Marguerite Kelly, Ann Molloy, Margaret Molloy, Edith Ochs, Margaret O'Connell, Agnes Murphy, Margaret Hanley, Margaret Werley, Frances Kirchner.

CLASS OF 1925 — Ruby Kraft, Bernard Moloney, Ruth Burke, Harold Blocksom, Regina Uhl, Emelyn Von Kaenel, Charles Ackerman, Charles Irvin, William McAndrew, John Snyder, Georgia Kelly, Florence Ruffing, William Shea, Pauline Schroeter, Raymond Navin, Mary Feidner, Frank Eiseman, Hildred Mangett, Audrey Sammons.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — (Seated) Josephine Werley, Ernie Lawrence, Nell Lawrence, Margaret Lawrence, Nell Ballinger, Anna Keeran, Leona Gurley, Mame Snyder; **(Standing)** Grace Keeran, Mary O'Keefe, Mary Gurley, Irene Major, Anastasia Lawrence, Emma Murphy, Kitty Kirchner, Mary Sweeney, Clara Myer, Bess Leahy, None Kelly, Josephine Welsh, Mary Moloney.

ACOLYTES — Leo Stuber, Fred Murphy, Frank Murphy, Jacob Bauer, Carl Werley, Pat English, Al St. Germain, John Ryan, Michael O'Brien, John Minaughan, John Lawrence.