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The Bishops of Columbus: Most Rev. James Joseph Hartley, D.D.

James J. Hartley was the only child of the Diocese of Columbus who became its spiritual father. As a small boy he pumped the organ for the Mass offered at St. Patrick's by Bishop Fitzgerald before the latter's departure for Arkansas; he served the first Mass offered in St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Rosecrans; he was ordained in the same cathedral by Bishop Watterson; and he was consecrated by Bishop Moeller to become the fourth Bishop of Columbus.

Early Life

Edward Hartley, father of the bishop, was a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, and Mrs. Hartley, born Catherine McManus, also was a native of Ireland. They were married at St. Patrick Church in Columbus in 1856 but moved almost at once to Davenport, Iowa. Their first child, James, was born there on June 26, 1858 and was baptized at St. Anthony's Church by Rev. Louis DeCailly on June 27th.¹ A financial panic in 1857 caused the recent wave of migration to Iowa to reverse and the Hartleys soon had returned to Columbus. They settled on West Maple Street and again became members of St. Patrick parish. They had five other children, namely Bridget, Edward, John, Thomas, and Catherine. Mr. Hartley kept a saloon at the Maple Street site and the family lived upstairs. The story is told that when young James would come home from school, he would

go in and run up the stairs, not even looking into the saloon. Mr. Hartley also was a Columbus policeman for periods from the late 1860s until the early 1880s. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hartley attended Mass almost daily.

James attended the parish school at St. Patrick's, then entered St. Aloysius Seminary in Columbus; when that institution was shuttered, he was sent to the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels in Niagara, N.Y. In 1881, he received minor orders and the subdiaconate in Niagara from Bishop Ryan of Buffalo. On March 3, 1882 he was



Rev. James J. Hartley, as pastor of Holy Name Church, Steubenville, 1885. For a 1903 photo, see the Bulletin of March, 1990.

ordained a deacon in Our Lady of Angels Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Watterson in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus, on July 10, 1882.

Priesthood

He was sent to Steubenville St. Peter's as assistant pastor, until August of 1885, when he was named pastor of the new Holy Name Parish in that city. While the parish was being organized a school was opened, putting into practice one of Hartley's frequent remarks, "a parish without a school is like a home without a mother." The school was in an old mansion and a temporary frame building was the church. He and the people paid the bills as they came and had no long term debt. In 1889 he added a parish high school. A new church finally was begun in 1899 and was completed, debt-free, and consecrated in 1900. A new school was under way when Hartley, at the age of only 45, was appointed Bishop of Columbus.

Episcopacy

The choice Hartley by Pope St. Pius X was announced on December 10, 1903. Hartley was consecrated by Bishop Moeller (assisted by Bishops Denis O'Donoghue, auxiliary of Indianapolis, and Herman J. Alerding of Ft. Wayne) on February 25, 1904 in his own parish church, Steubenville Holy Name. He was installed in St. Joseph Cathedral on March 1, 1904.

His tireless zeal soon inspired similar hard labor on the part of the priests, religious, and laity of the diocese. His devotion to duty was the natural result of his unswerving loyalty to the Divine Master and to the Holy Father. He became a great civic figure, not of the popular publicity-seeking kind, yet well known and appreciated by the real leaders of the community who were

themselves too busy accomplishing big things to permit the spotlight of publicity to play upon them. These men always prized the Bishop's ability and good judgment in public matters.

Construction Efforts

Hartley's life was characterized by a native urge to construct things, a life remarkable for notable and enduring achievements, for a calm but driving persistence to pursue each day the path of duty quietly and unostentatiously.

His first projects in Columbus were reflective of his roots. Early in 1905 he obtained the Dominican priests to establish St. Patrick's High School in the parish where he had been educated. His first parochial establishments in Columbus, all in 1905, were named Holy Rosary, reflective of his great devotion to Our Lady and the great prayer through which she readily teaches of her Son; St. Aloysius on the Hilltop, named after the seminary that Bishop Rosecrans had founded and Hartley had attended; and Holy Name on the north side, named after his beloved parish in Steubenville.

On January 6, 1906 he announced that the debt on St. Joseph Cathedral had been retired. "He then began to build in earnest. Within five years after he had taken the reins of the diocese, Bishop Hartley had begun or dedicated more than 25 churches, schools and chapels." He made every effort to provide Catholic education for all the children under his care, his policy being that schools be erected in every parish, even before churches. When he became bishop in 1904 there were 37 parishes with schools, and by the time he died they had doubled to 74.

In addition to the churches and parish elementary schools, Hartley established St. Charles Seminary, which he called "the heart of the diocese," and many parish high schools, which by the time of his death numbered 31 in the diocese.

Other institutions established during his forty years were: St. Joseph Cemetery for Columbus, St. Ann Hospital and infant asylum, Mercy Hospital in Portsmouth, Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville, Mercy Hospital in Mt. Vernon; Camp St. Joseph, Camp St. Rita, Good Samaritan Inn for transient men, and St. Therese Shrine. He brought the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor to Columbus. When the *Catholic Columbian* folded, he founded *The Columbus Register*. The College at St. Mary of the Springs also was started, during his episcopacy. He remodeled the Cathedral and gave it its present, medieval appearance, with the stone appearance of the pillars, walls, and ceiling. In doing all of this, it is said, he ran the finances of the dioceses from the bank book in his inner coat pocket.

Character

Honors came to the Bishop. In 1911 at its first meeting, held in Columbus, Bishop Hartley was named permanent honorary president of the Catholic Press Association. In 1929, on the silver jubilee of his consecration, he was named Assistant to the Papal Throne. Because of his innate reserve and humility, when he learned that a public recognition of this jubilee was being planned, he forbade its celebration. Only on orders from His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, did it proceed. "No priest or Bishop has been more consistent and resolute in effacing self. One might truly say that Bishop Hartley, during his long priestly and Episcopal life, has been able to consider himself personally apart from the dignity and responsibilities of his exalted office."

He was called, "gentle, firm, possessing a wealth of humor, ...strong in the strength of Christ by never betraying, neglecting, or subordinating the spiritual interests of souls." Archbishop McNicholas said of him, "If the lips of the bishop now sealed in death could speak, I am certain they would protest firmly against any eulogy and against any recital of accomplishments. Bishop

Hartley consistently led a hidden and interior, rather than a public life; he sought neither the notice nor the applause of men. He never strove to fill the public eye or ear, but he never recoiled from speaking simply, firmly and strongly when he felt that this duty was laid upon him by his office as a public moral teacher. ...His personal reverence for his own spiritual office and moral powers gave him a dignity, a reserve, and an influence that compelled the respect of others. ...He loved the church with all the power of his soul; he loved the person of the Vicar of Christ; he loved the Lord Christ as his God and his Saviour."

Conclusion

Bishop Hartley died on January 12, 1944 at the age of 85 years. After ceremonies at the Cathedral, he was interred in St. Joseph Cemetery. His passing constituted a break in the traditions which bound the diocese to the early pioneer period in the history of the church in this state. Said Archbishop McNicholas, "The memory of his life and zealous work will be cherished while there is a Diocese of Columbus."

NOTES

Sketches of Bishop Hartley's life appeared in the 1943 diocesan jubilee edition of the *Columbus Register*; the 1968 diocesan centennial edition of the *Catholic Times*; and in the *Columbus Register* at the time of his death. The latter carried the full text of the eulogy by Archbishop McNicholas.

For a more intimate view of Hartley, see the sketch written by his long-time housekeeper, Minnie Patrick, which appeared in the *Bulletin* of January, 1992.

1) See the *Bulletin*, Vol. XV, No. 3 (March, 1990), where the story of the discovery of his birthplace is told.

Abstracts from
The Catholic Telegraph
(Continued, from Vol. XXII, No. 3)

December 11, 1841

[A piece by W. Marshall Anderson is reprinted from the Chillicothe Advertiser, in which are refuted charges that the Catholics in New York City, headed by Bishop Hughes, had formed a politico-religious party that would tend to bring about a union of church and state.]

January 15, 1842

Total Abstinence Society in Zanesville, Ohio
During my short visit to this beautiful town, I was gratified to find improvements in every direction; and being formerly a resident of this place, I cannot but admire and appreciate the moral and physical condition of the people of Zanesville at the present time. But the Total Abstinence Society under the superintendance of the Rev. G. A. J. Wilson is increasing beyond calculation, and the whole number at present, amounts to FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO! When the Rev. Mr. Wilson commenced the Society, the prospect of success was not very cheering to him, but by the assistance of Divine Providence, all opposition was subdued, and the parishioners of St. John's Church rallied under the Total Abstinence standard. He provided 40 pledges on the first Sunday of the organization of the society, but such was the enthusiasm on the part of the English congregation to embrace the glorious -----, that the number of pledges was not sufficient to meet the wants of the applicants; and since that period, the society has been increasing rapidly, and it is difficult to find one member of the congregation that has not received the pledge. There are about thirty, of the German part of the congregation who have taken the pledge, and entered the society with a determined spirit to carry on the good work.

Many of the Protestants of Zanesville have

considered the Catholic Pledge more binding than the pledges of other denominations, on account of the solemn and reverential manner of kneeling before the sacred altar if the most ancient Christian Church; and according to their own language the writer proves the fact: -- "*If we take the pledge let us go to the Catholic Church, for there is the most solid foundation to build our hopes upon.*" On the Sunday before Christmas day eight or nine respectable Protestants came to the church in order to take the pledge, but the zealous pastor only had two pledged on hand. -- At this moment there was considerable emulation and rivalry among the determined band to be foremost in taking the two remaining pledges -- and they seemed more disposed to become the victorious champions of the total abstinence pledge, than the celebrated Alexander of old when he desired to achieve a victory over his adversaries and conquer his enemies. But the Hon. Mayor of Zanesville, and John Dare Esq., were the two successful applicants, and accordingly took the total abstinence pledge on their bended knees before the altar of God, whilst their associates appeared [sic] to sympathize with them, and almost envied their holy position. The indefatigable pastor gave notice that he would have a large supply of pledges in a few days, and the disappointed applicants promised to return to the sanctuary of the church on New year's day, in order to accomplish their meritorious resolutions. Accordingly they assembled, and amongst these noble champions I noticed Mr. Henry Orndorff Proprietor of the "National Hotel," who, in despite of all personal advantages arising in a pecuniary manner from his public patronage, at the head of this determined band, ten in number, walking up to the altar and humbly prostrating themselves before the tabernacle of the Most High, and there solemnly took the total abstinence pledge, -- surrounded by a great number of protestants who desired to witness the impressive scene, and many of whom deferred taking the pledge until a more convenient time.

It was really edifying to hear the worthy pastor of the church, addressing the crowded audience for a considerable time on the advantages and results of the bright and glorious example which was displayed around the hallowed precincts of the Sanctuary on New-year's day. He said that he was pleased to see before him a magnanimous band of the most respectable citizens of Zanesville uniting themselves together for the high and exalted purpose of submitting their passions to reason -- bowing down their heads in submissive veneration to the dictates of conscience -- and presenting themselves in an humble manner before the altar of God -- as men possessing the most public spirit, and read to sacrifice even personal gratification in order to benefit society in general and advance the prosperity and welfare of the state. In conclusion, it is to be hoped that all travellers who are desirous of promoting the total abstinence society, will not unmindful of the gallant landlord of the "National Hotel," whilst sojourning in this flourishing town which is destined to be ranked a second, (if not first,) in morals as well as internal improvements to Cincinnati, the "Queen city of the West." J.D.S.

Zanesville, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1842

March 5, 1842

We regret to hear that Johanna McCune, sister of Mr. Patrick Rogers...died recently in Beverly, Washington County, Ohio in the 30th year of her age...

April 16, 1842

Agents for the Telegraph:

Zanesville, Rev. G. A. Wilson

Newark, [blank]

Rehoboth, Perry Co., Isaac Delong

Danville, Knox Co., B. Durbin

Steubenville, Rev. J. Conlon

Athens, P. Martin

Frankfort, Ross Co., J. M'Nally

Lancaster, R. J. Lilly

Marietta, Rev. J. M'Caffrey

May 18, 1842

Ordinations on May 5, at St. Martin's, Brown County, Seminary Chapel: Cornelius Daly, tonsure and minor orders; Charles Killeen, minor orders; Timothy Farrell, Philip Foley, and Daniel Hallinan, subdeacons. Philip Foley and Daniel Hallinan were ordained deacons on May 6. On Corpus Christi, Hallinan was ordained to the priesthood, in St. Peter's, Cincinnati.

June 18, 1842

PASTORAL APPOINTMENT. -- Rev. Charles McCallion has been appointed by the Bishop, pastor of the congregations of St. Dominick, Guernsey county, St. Joseph's, Monroe county, and the other stations formerly served by Rev. Mr. Murphy deceased.

[A piece by Father Machebeuf on the progress of the Church in Sandusky.]

July 9, 1842

The new and beautiful Church of St. James the Apostle, near Meig's Creek, will be dedicated to Almighty God on the 24th inst.

NEWARK. -- Rev. Mr. Lamy writes from Newark, Licking Co., "The Catholics of this place appear to be in good spirits with respect to the prospect of their new Church. All the hewed timber is ready and, next week, we are going to get the sawed timber. We have the windows glazed, the door and shingles ready, so that I hope the building will be under roof in the course of two months. The Congregation here is increasing. I attend it every fourth Sunday of the month and every time there are some new comers. Rev. Mr. Juncker has lately visited the German Catholics who eagerly availed themselves of this good opportunity to make their Easter Communion."

John McCarthy, Esq., whose lamented death was noticed some time in the Telegraph, was a principal benefactor of the Congregation who are mainly indebted to his efforts for this church.

An excellent German Catholic, Mr. Koos, unites with the respected family of the deceased, in prosecuting the work which he had begun.

ZANESVILLE. -- We hear with much pleasure that the splendid church which Rev. Mr. Wilson, O.P. commenced in Zanesville, last spring, will be under roof this Fall.

The beautiful German Catholic Church, the corner stone of which was laid only a few weeks ago by Rev. Mr. Juncker, on a superb site, is also advancing rapidly. It will be seventy two by forty feet and, like the former, of cut stone. The material for this purpose, white free stone, abounds in the quarries near Zanesville. From our hearts do we wish these good works "God Speed"!

MOUNT VERNON. -- The well situated and handsome Church of Mount Vernon, Knox County, will be enclosed this Summer. The main burden of its erection falls on three zealous families, Messrs. Colopy, Morton and Brophy's, who have for many years been the support of religion in this neighborhood and weary not of well-doing.

DIED. -- In this City on Monday the 4th inst., Miss Rose Ray, a native of Chillicothe, in the nineteenth year of her age. From her childhood to the hour of her death, she had been always a pious Catholic; and her life corresponded with the religious education which she received from the Sisters of Charity, to whose care she had been entrusted when she had lost her parents. ...

July 16, 1842

...Rev. Joseph O'Mealy, lately Superior of the Diocesan Seminary, has been appointed by the Bishop Pastor of the Congregations of Portsmouth, Aberdeen, Ripley and other stations on the Ohio River. We trust that under the care of this pious and devoted clergyman religion will flourish in these missions which the want of priests has left destitute of spiritual succor. Rev. Mr. Juncker will continue to visit the German Catholics of Portsmouth at stated intervals.

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

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1835, continued

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same day [October 4], Mary [Magers] d/o William & Drusilla Majors [Magers] Sps: John & Maria Durbin.

same day, Timothy [Sapp] s/o Levi & Maria [Colopy] Sap[p] Sps: Jacob & Delila Colopy.

same day, Joseph [Colopy] s/o Jacob & Delila Colopy Sps: Levi Sap[p] & Maria Sap[p]

same day, William [Magers] s/o Nathan & Winifred Majors [Magers] Sps: Benjamin & Rosanna Durbin [Durbin].

same day, Sylvester [Waggoner] s/o Henry & Hanna Waggoner Sps: Daniel & Honor Durbin [Durbin]. AF

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5 October, Henry [Stoffer] s/o John & Harriett [Durbin] Stofert [Stoffer] Sps: Dan Durbin & Hanna Dial.

same day, Louisa [Logue] d/o Richard & Catherine Louge [Logue] Sps: Aaron & Polly McKenzie. AF

1836

10 January, Margarite [Durbin] d/o Elias & Maria [Gorsage] Durbin Sps: John Durbin and Anna Durbin alias Hayden. Alleman

same day, Martha Eleanor [Blubaugh] d/o John Blubaugh & Elizabeth Bluebach alias Sap[p] Sps George Sap[p] & Martha Sap[p]. Alleman

26 March, John [Durbin] s/o Henry Durbin &

Nancy Durbin or Stoffer Sps: Peter Kfigbaum [Kreakbaum] & Flora Durbin. Alleman

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26 March, Jacob [Durbin] s/o Benjamin Durbin & Elizabeth Durbin or Riems [Reams] Sps: Samuel Durbin & Helena Durbin. Alleman

28 March, Caroline Elizabeth [Durbin] d/o Martin Durbin & Sarah Durbin or Sap[p] Sps: John Durbin & Anna Durbin or Hayden. Alleman

same day, Henrietta Eleanor [Kreakbaum] d/o Conrad Krigbaum [Kreakbaum] & Priscilla Krigbaum or Blair Sps: Catherine Sap[p] or Arnold. Alleman

30 March, William Francis [Sapp] s/o Jonathan Sapp & Maria Sapp or Durbin Sps: Anna Sapp. Alleman

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3 April, Dan Basil [Durbin], age 20 months, s/o Basil Durbin & Maria Durbin or Rowland Sps: Dan Durbin & Catharine Margaret Durbin. Alleman

3 April, John Baptist [McKenzie] born 8 March, [1836] s/o Aaron McKenzie & Maria McKenzie or Logue Sps: Jacob McKenzie & Maria McKenzie. Alleman

4 April, Richard [Carter] s/o John Carter & Sara Carter or Log[ue]. Sps: William Carter & Rachel Log[ue]. Alleman

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10 June, in Millersburg, Holmes County, Anna Elizabeth [Hardt] d/o Ephraim Hardt & Eliza Hardt or Jordan Sps: Edward Gallagher & Maria Jordan. Alleman

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12 June, Maria Magdalena [Beam] d/o Jacob

Biem [Beam] & Maria Biem or Kroughs Sps: Jacob Holler & Magdalena Holler nee Linebert. Alleman

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12 June, Catherine Margaret [Bowser] d/o John Bauser [Bowser] & Elizabeth Bauser or Ewing Sps: David Logsdon & Sara McKenzie. Alleman

12 June, Thomas Major [McCarty] s/o Henry McCarty [McCarty] & Martha McCarter or Curry Sps: Jonathan McKenzie & Sarah McKenzie. Alleman

13 June, Phillip [Dial] s/o William "Dial" & Rebecca Dial or Arnold Sps: Jacob Logue & Rachel "Payne". Alleman

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14 June, at Mt. Vernon, Benjamin [Zimmerman] s/o Frederick Zim[m]erman [Jr] & Sarah Zim[m]erman or Colopy Sps: Timothy Colopy & Sarah Colopy Alleman

9 August, Martha Joanna [Jane] [Trullinger] d/o George Strollinger [Trullinger] & Honora Strolinger or Durbin Sps: Levi Sap[p] & Maria Sap[p]. Alleman

10 August, Theresa Honora [Durbin] d/o John Baptist Durbin & Catherine Durbin or Kinn [King] Sps: John Durbin & Theresa Durbin. Alleman

11 August, Michael [McNamara] s/o William McNamara & Bridget McNamara or McNamara Sps: Elijah Durbin & Catherine McNamara. Alleman

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12 August, Maria [Durbin] d/o John Baptist Durbin & Catherine Durbin or Kinn [King] Sps: Moses McKenzie & Martha Sap[p]. [Alleman]

[Here Father Alleman wrote, in Latin, "This girl was baptized by the Most Reverend Bishop in 1834." However, he wrote the year incorrectly. Purcell was at Sapp's Settlement at Pentecost, or May 4, 1834, and next on August 14 and 15, 1836. See the *Telegraph* articles concerning those visitations, in the *Bulletin*, July, 1995, page 154 and January, 1996, page 204.]

15 August, Anna Penelope [Pratt] d/o Henry Pratt & Penelope Buckingham Sps: Daniel Durbin & Rachel Sapp. +J. B. Ep. Cth.

same day, Eliza [Jane Bricker] d/o Lewis [Christopher] Bricker & wife Anna [Nancy] Sps: Basil Durbin & Abigail Durbin. +Joann. B. Ep. Cinth.

14 August, James [Daniels] s/o David Daniels & Rebecca Daniels or McKenzie Sps: Jacob McKenzie & Maria McKenzie. Alleman

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same day, Solomon James [Shafer] s/o Peter Shaeffer [Shafer] & Maria [Nancy] Shaeffer or White Sps: Benjamin Blubaugh & Eliza. Alleman

same day, Benjamin [Sapp] s/o Samuel Sap[p] & Susanna Sap[p] or Majors [Magers] Sps: William Majors [Magers] & Margaret Sap[p]. Alleman

same day, Lydia [Magers] d/o William Majors [Magers] & Margaret Majors nee Sap[p] Sps: Samuel Durbin & Helen Durbin. Alleman

same day, George [Dial] s/o Isaac Dial & Nancy Dial or Durbin Sps: Samuel Durbin & Margaret Majors [Magers]. Alleman

same day, Howard Raphael [Loney] s/o Wallis Loney & Sara Loney or Howard Sps: Raphael Logsdon & Agnes Durbin. Alleman

same day, Joseph Anthony [Ferenbaugh] s/o Fidelis Ferenbach [Ferenbaugh] & Eliza Ferenbach or Draper Sps: Raphael Payne & Mary Draper. Alleman

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15 August, "1835" Sara Margaret [Buckingham] d/o Absalom Buckingham & Nancy [Murphy] Buckingham Sps: David Morton

same day, John Baptist [Uhm] s/o Michael Ulm [Uhm] & Catherine Ulm [Uhm] nee Weyerbach Sps: John Hartman & Magdalena Schmidthousler [Smithhisler]. Alleman

same day, Phillip [Smithhisler] s/o Philip Schmidthousler [Smithhisler] & Maria Schmidthousler or Ulm Sps: John Hartman & Maria Hartman or Grace. Alleman

[1837]

26 February, Rachel [Durbin] d/o Joseph Derbin [Durbin] & Elizabeth Lybarger Sps: Benjamin Durbin and wife Rosanna Durbin. T. Martin

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