

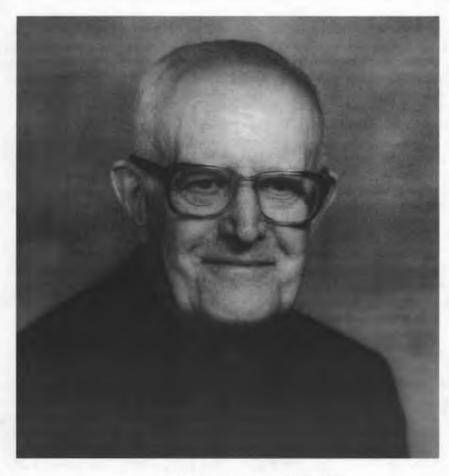
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MONSIGNOR HERMAN E. MATTINGLY DEDICATED, MULTI-FACETED DIOCESAN PRIEST

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Born in the tiny Muskingum County hamlet of Nashport on June 2, 1902, Monsignor Herman E. Mattingly served the Diocese of Columbus as an ordained cleric with distinction and zeal for well over fifty years. His parents were Emmett D. Mattingly and Mary Ellen Finan Mattingly. With roots going back to Maryland's early Catholic families, the Mattinglys were well known in Muskingum County, especially with the village of Mattingly Settlement carrying the family surname. Herman was one of seven children, having one brother and five sisters. Later in June, 1902, he was baptized in St. Mary's Church, Mattingly Settlement.

EDUCATION

Young Herman was educated in the public schools near Mattingly Settlement and in Nashport. However, in 1913, after his family moved to Newark, he was sent to the grammar and high school connected with Blessed Sacrament Parish on East Main Street in Newark. He once told the author that he was one of four graduating seniors in the Class of 1918 from this parish high school. He was only sixteen when he finished his high school career. The recently graduated Mr. Mattingly enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, but he did not complete the academic year because of the virulent flu epidemic then raging through the country. Deciding that he had a vocation to the priesthood, his next academic stop was at St. Vincent College and Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Spending four years there, he received his undergraduate degree in 1923. For the next six years, the young scholar was enrolled in the philosophy program and then the theology course of studies at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. He received three academic degrees from St Vincent College: Ph.B., A.B., and A.M.

Finishing his seminary training, Mattingly was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Columbus in St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop James Hartley on May 9, 1929. The young Father Mattingly continued his education through summer work in 1930 at the University of Notre Dame and then embarked upon graduate studies in science at The Ohio State University from which he received a Masters of Science (M.Sc.) degree in 1937. In addition to these earned degrees, he received two Honorary Degrees. In 1942 Monsignor Mattingly received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from St Thomas Seminary in Denver and the Register System of Newspapers, and in May, 1953 he returned to his alma mater, St. Vincent College, to receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree and to give the commencement address

EARLY WORK IN THE DIOCESE

Following his ordination, Mattingly undertook the duties of a Professor at Bishop Hartley's new diocesan college and seminary, St. Charles, which work he continued for nearly two decades. He once remarked that "I taught at St. Charles for nineteen years; Bishop Hartley asked me a year before I was ordained to start there. I'd never taught and I'll never forget, Oh, what a time I had!" Several generations of future diocesan priests came under his tutelage at St. Charles. It appears that one of his pedagogical duties at St. Charles was as a teacher of science and mathematics. During this time, Mattingly also served as a weekend assistant for six years at Holy Family Parish on the near west side of Columbus and also for all of the 1930's at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at Buckeye Lake. In the 1970's, this Buckeye Lake parish would serve as his last full- time pastorate.

He once described the hectic schedule he kept during his early days at St. Charles. He taught twenty-one hours, worked at Holy Family parish on Saturday and Sunday, and then offered a second Mass on Sunday morning at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. He remarked that on one occasion, he had car trouble on the way to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, so he hitch-hiked from Columbus to Buckeye Lake!

In the late 1930's, Mattingly began his work in journalism for the Diocese of Columbus, which work he would continue over the span of the next twenty years and under the masthead of three different diocesan newspapers. He began work

with The Catholic Columbian during its final days, when this privately owned newspaper was turned over to the diocese. The Columbian folded, however, because of a contract dispute with the printer. Bishop Hartley then named him Managing Editor of the Columbus Register from the time of its founding in the fall of 1939 through its first issue on January 5, 1940 until it ceased publication in 1951. Monsignor Mattingly then became the founding editor of The Catholic Times and continued to be connected with the diocesan newspaper until the summer of 1958 when the future Bishop George Fulcher was named editor. Journalism was a particular love of Monsignor Mattingly and his efforts to provide substantive newspaper coverage for the Diocese of Columbus provided a foundation for the work which continues with distinction today. In 1948, he started a Catholic radio news broadcast in Columbus which has been recognized as one of the first such programs in the country.

COMMITTED PASTOR AND ENERGETIC EDUCATOR

On June 24, 1948, Mattingly, now in middle age, was named to his first fulltime pastorate, with his assignment to the parish of St. Edward the Confessor in Granville. The 1954 dedicatory program for St. Edward's Church notes that Mattingly, as the second Granville pastor, '...began renovations in the west side of the rectory which made it suitable for a chapel. Eventually, this chapel was completely furnished and could take care of seventy persons. Today the west parking lot of the Granville Inn, which is located at the corner of Pearl and Broadway in Granville, occupies the spot where stood the house that originally served as the chapel and rectory for St. Edwards. (1) Residing in Granville for two years, his next pastorate was the large and then very influential parish of The Holy Rosary on Main Street in what is now the near East side of Columbus. He served as pastor of the parish, complete with both elementary and secondary schools, until 1958. On May 9, 1954, while assigned to Holy Rosary, Monsignor Mattingly celebrated a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee of ordination with Bishop Michael J. Ready presiding.

On April 24, 1955, Mattingly returned to his original Newark parish of Blessed Sacrament to serve as the homilist at the Pontifical Mass offered by Bishop Ready to celebrate the golden jubilee anniversary of the church. The program for this parish anniversary notes that Mattingly "was the second of our youth to enter the priesthood." On May 13, 1979, Monsignor Mattingly would return again to Blessed Sacrament Parish to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination.

From the eastern part of Columbus, Mattingly returned to Licking County. On August 28, 1958, he was named the pastor of one of the largest parishes then in the diocese, St. Francis de Sales in Newark. Here he served throughout the next ten year period. During his last two years in Newark, he served as Dean (or Vicar) of what was then called the Western Deanery of the diocese. In 1968, he left Newark and was named pastor of the large parish on the west side of Columbus, St. Mary Magdalene. After being there less than a year, Mattingly finished his series of pastorates by serving at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Buckeye Lake from June, 1969 until his retirement on April 1, 1974. It is noteworthy that Monsignor Mattingly served all but eleven years of his pastoral duties in Licking County parishes.

For nearly thirty years, from 1947 until 1975, Monsignor Mattingly served the Diocese of Columbus and its bishops as a Diocesan Consultor.

Interested in education and the promotion of religious training, Mattingly worked tirelessly to foster these goals. While editor of The Columbus Register, he spoke at the graduation exercises for the Holy Rosary High School Class of 1943. Speaking to this class of seventy-eight graduates during the dark years of the Second World War, Mattingly helped them understand the reasons for the armed conflict then being undertaken with vigor. The parish leaflet with the masthead, Good Counsel, for July, 1943, notes the following about the commencement address given by the person who seven years later would become their pastor:

The High School graduates and an assemblage that not only filled the seating capacity of our church but likewise occupied much space in the aisles listened to a stirring address delivered by Father Herman Mattingly, Editor of our diocesan newspaper, the Columbus Register. Father Mattingly took as his subject "Democracy" and after outlining the philosophy and history of this type of political government and life showed what a wonderful opportunity is offered us here in our country in this hour of world crisis. With so many petty complaints reaching our ears, and with so many sinister events happening from day to day, it was good to hear an intelligent exposition of the cause for which so many of our young men are fighting. It was encouraging indeed, and we are grateful to Father Mattingly for his informing and confirming address. (2)

On Sunday, May 31, 1953, Mattingly gave the commencement address at his alma mater, St. Vincent College, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. The theme of his talk and the charge he gave to the 158 graduates that Sunday afternoon in the college stadium, less than a decade away from the holocaust and the terrors of the Second World War, was a call for sound moral concepts so that "the 20th century, which has been an era of human despair, can still be molded into one of hope, happiness and peace." Mattingly went on to note that while there had been tremendous technological progress in the first half of the 20th century, "we must fuse into our technological atmosphere sound moral concepts." He argued that "there must be a rebirth, a rekindling of moral stability and strength in order to temper the materialistic selfishness which threatens the existence of a Christian-Judaic culture." (3) Mattingly also suggested that a sound liberal arts education like that of St. Vincent College will eventually give human persons their liberty.

A builder who could accomplish his goals, Mattingly, while at Holy Rosary parish in Columbus, built a convent for the sisters teaching in the grammar and the secondary schools of the parish. At St. Francis de Sales in Newark, he added two classrooms to the gymnasium building and also began a cafeteria for the children enrolled in this large parish grammar school. During his early time in Newark, the plans for Newark Catholic High School were developed and the formal dedication of the new secondary school for Licking County took place on February 1, 1959.

The September, 1949 issue of <u>The Catholic Educator</u> carried Mattingly's article entitled "The Public Relations of Catholic Education." His awareness of both the need for and the intricacies of the public relations business is evident in this article. Some of his suggestions seem relevant even today nearly a half century later. Mattingly served on the Board of Trustees for St.



Monsignor Mattingly in uniform, with Lieutenant's bars, Air Force wings, and Roman collar. Photo courtesy of the <u>Cathlic Times</u>.

Charles Seminary and also on the Advisory Board of the College of St. Mary of the Springs. He was elected a member of Sigma Delta Chi, which is the Society of Professional Journalists and was a life member of the Catholic Press Association.

Interested in travel, he organized and led a group of people from the diocese on a European pilgrimage.

Little known today was his extensive work in labor relations. He once remarked that "Bishop Ready was always pushing me and one time told me to join

Americans for Democratic Action." On one occasion he served as an official host for John L. Lewis when the famous union leader visited Columbus. Another little known fact was his service with the armed forces in the Second World War. The archives contains a photograph of Mattingly in an officer's uniform visibly indicating the bar of a lieutenant and the insignia of the Army Air Corps. Little in the documents now available speak to this wartime service, other than a reference that as editor of the Columbus Register, he was involved in promoting War Bonds and programs directed towards members of the military services.

(To be concluded)

NOTES

- Several items about Monsignor Mattingly's days as pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Granville are taken from materials kindly furnished by Paula McDonald, Parish Secretary at St. Edward. Ms. McDonald also provided a copy of the Golden Jubilee program for Blessed Sacrament Parish in Newark.
- 2) Good Counsel (a leaflet chronicling the interests of Holy Rosary Parish), Vol. XXXIX, No. 11 (July, 1943); copy in the Record Society files.
- Newspaper account of Monsignor Mattingly's commencement address, found in the Catholic Record Society files.

ST. PATRICK MISSION, OLD WASHINGTON AND LEATHERWOOD MARRIAGE RECORDS IN EAST-CENTRAL GUERNSEY COUNTY 1833-1856

Many of the sacramental records kept at the early parishes indicate neither where the families lived nor where the sacrament was administered. The following have been culled from the record books by searching for those families that were at the Washington and Leatherwood missions, as indicated by either the later registers that list a location or by the federal census.

Recorded at Zanesville St. Thomas:

1833, April 25 James Carr to Sara Donoghoe, by James V. Bullock, O.S.D.

Recorded at Beaver St. Dominic (courtesy of Rev. Charles Mascolino, former pastor of Barnesville and Temperanceville):

- 1837, June 15 Charles McCluskey to Mary Temple; witnesses Stephan Dellghy and Margaret Rinehart. J. Reid
- 1841, June 8 John Timony to Anna Lowe, widow. Wm. Murphy
- 1843, August 30 John McCoy to Eleonor Coyle. James McCaffrey
- 1855, April 8 Charles McGloghlin to Ann McCluskey; witnesses John Erly and Bridget Browne; J. W. Brummer
- 1855, Sept. 23 at St. Patrick's (Washington), Rev. J. W. Brummer joined in matrimony James Donlavy and Bridget Maloy. J. M. Jacquet
- 1855, Dec. 30 in the church of St. Patrick, Washington, Timothy Donohoe and Mary Cook; wit. Patrick Wilby and Mary Cunningham. JMJ
- 1856, May 13 in Guernsey County, John Quinn to Elizabeth Ellen LaRue (dispensation for disparity of cult); wit. John Gallagher and George Gildea. JMJ

BAPTISMS IN EAST-CENTRAL GUERNSEY COUNTY 1829-1872

Recorded at Zanesville St. Thomas:

1829

- Jan. 15 Susan and Mary Anne Coyle, daughters of John Coyle and Margaret Timmony; spons. for Susan was Margaret Slaven, and for Mary Anne was Patrick Slaven. R. P. Miles, O.S.D.
- Dec. 12 Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Peter Ward and Elizabeth Timony; spons. Bridget Ann Gallagher. R. P. Miles, O.S.D. [Father Miles switched the surnames of the parents, who were Peter and Elizabeth (Ward) Timmony. This was probably at Beaver, since a child of Christopher Gallagher and wife, who lived near Beaver, was baptized on the same day.]

1831

- May 12 Benjamin, son of Thomas Dillehay and Susan Martin; spons. Anna Low (Leatherwood).
- same day Lucinda, daughter of Henry Low and Anna Dillehey; spons. Harriet Dillehay (Leatherwood).
- same day Margaret, daughter of Peter Timony and Elizabeth Ward; spons. James and Ann Gallagher (Leatherwood). R. P. Miles, O.S.D.

1833

Apr. 24 Joseph Timony, son of Peter Timony and Elizabeth Ward; spons. James Carr and Sarah Donaghoe. James V. Bullock, O.S.D.

1834

March 18 James, son of James Carr and Sara Donohough; spons. William Monahan and Susan Gallagher. C. P. Montgomery, O.S.D.

From the first baptismal register of Beaver St. Dominic, now Temperanceville St. Mary, courtesy of Rev. Charles Mascolino, former pastor:

1836

- Jan. 9 Peter Charles, son of John McCune and Roseanne Rogers; spons. Charles and Bridget McCune. J. Reid
- Apr. 25 Susanna, daughter of James Carr and Sara Donoghoe his wife; spons. Patrick O'Connor and Susanna Gallagher. J. Reid

1837

- March 15 Mary Jane, daughter of Peter Tymmony and Elizabeth Ward; sponsor Roseanna Gallagher. J. Reid
- April 3 Margaret, daughter of Terence Smith and Mary Bennett. J. Reid
- same day Thomas Benton [Bennett?], son of Michael Benton and wife (married outside the church); spons. Terence Smith and Mary Smith. J. Reid
- same day Michael Ignatius, son of same parents and same sponsors. J. Reid

1838

- July 9 [blank], daughter of James Kerr and Sara Donaghoe; spons. George Gildea and Susanna Gallagher. J. Reid
- July 10 Terence, son of Terence Smith and Mary Bennett; spons. Edward Lawn Jr. and Margaret Gallagher. J. Reid
- same day Mary Caroline, wife of Michael Bennett (convert); spons. Terence Smith and wife. J. Reid

1839

- Feb. 17 William, age two months, son of Peter Timony and Elizabeth Ward; spons. William Wind--- and Effye DeLong. James Quinlan
- April 28 Mary, age 8 months, daughter of Charles McCloskey and Mary Temple; spons. James Gallagher and Margaret Temple. JQ

1840

- May 5 Mary Ann, daughter of Samuel Doyl and Emily McCloskey; spons. Patrick Connor and Anna McCloskey. William Murphy
- June 6 Samuel Doyle, convert, aged about 30 years; spons. Patrick Connor. William Murphy
- June 10 William, son of Charles McCloskey and Mary Temple; spons. Anna Low. WM
- July 22 Bridget, daughter of Barnard Harkins and Sara McCray; spons. Edward and his mother Margaret Lawn. WM
- Sept. 10 Manasses, son of James Kerr and Sara Donaghey; spons. John and Mary Jane Gallagher. William Murphy

(To be continued)

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

We are always grateful for gifts of books, photographs, and other memorabilia that expand our knowledge of the Church. These items were received recently:

Original photographs of St. Pius V church, Moxahala, and St. Dominic church, McLuney; and

<u>In Memoriam</u> booklet published at the death of Bishop Rosecrans
- gifts of the people of Crooksville, via Monsignor Noon

Hayes, W. F., Columbiads, Pearl Drops from the Fountain of Wisdom; Columbus: August Ruetty, Bookseller, 1889. This is a collection of sayings that appeared in the Catholic Columbian, written by Fr. Hayes, a priest of this diocese.

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Gaffney, Rev. Francis, O.P., <u>Eulogy of Miss Mary MacDonald</u>, <u>presented</u>...

<u>December 11, 1916 at Holy Name Church</u>, <u>Columbus</u>, <u>Ohio</u>. (signed by the author)

- purchased

St. Meinrad Essays, Vol. 11, No. 1 (December, 1954), "Essays on the Priesthood". A copy of this volume was given by Bishop Ready to each priest of the diocese as a Christmas gift.

- gift of The Catholic Times

Carmel Bride (pseud.), <u>As Milk is Poured</u>, a <u>Collection of Marian Verse</u>; Columbus: Discalced Carmelite Monastery, 1957. - gift of The Catholic Times

Bonniwell, V. Rev. William R., O.P., <u>Blessed Margaret of Costello, O.P.</u>, Novena and Triduum Prayers; published by the Dominican Fathers of St. Patrick's Church, Columbus (copyright 1960) - gift of The Catholic Times

<u>Eucharistic Vigil Prayer Book</u>; Columbus: Eucharistic Vigil Association, 1975 (two editions) – gift of The Catholic Times

Marrapese, Rev. Casto, P.I.M.E., <u>Water from the Old Fountain</u>, messages and exhortations written for a parish bulletin. nd, np. Father Marrapese was pastor of Columbus St. John the Baptist Parish. - gift of The Catholic Times

Siemer, Thomas K., <u>War for Peace</u>; np: Abbeyhills O. C., Inc., 1986 (Mr. Siemer is a member of the diocese) - gift of The Catholic Times

Waldman, Marilyn Robinson, ed., <u>Muslims and Christians</u>, <u>Muslims and Jews: A Common Past</u>, <u>A Hopeful Future</u>; Columbus: The Islamic Foundation of Central Ohio in association with The Catholic Diocese of Columbus and Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1992.

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