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## SHORT SKETCH

**Of the Life and Work of the Right Reverend Bishop McCloskey.**

**Has Always Been a Student and a Promoter of Education.**

**Men Educated Under Him Have Become Bishops and Archbishops.**

**HIS FIRST CLASS IN LOUISVILLE**

The Right Rev. William George McCloskey, fourth Bishop of Louisville and Senior Bishop of the Province, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., November 23, 1823. His father and mother were both natives of Ireland, and from them he received his first religious training. When only thirteen years old he was sent to Mount St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md., "the cradle of Bishops." There he spent many happy but studious years, and when he had completed his preparatory course he removed to New York City, where he devoted himself to the study of law. Although he was a good student and made rapid progress, he found the law not altogether to his liking. Something higher called him. He returned to St. Mary's, and entering the theological seminary, spent six years in studying theology and philosophy. At the end of his course he was ordained on October 6, 1852. This solemn event took place in the cathedral in New York City, Archbishop Hughes officiating.

And now, fifty years later, his people in the diocese of Louisville, the clergy of his diocese and the Bishops and priests of other dioceses are about to celebrate the anniversary of that happy event, the highest honor that can come to man, his elevation to the priesthood.

Immediately after his ordination he was made assistant to his brother, Father George McCloskey, rector of the Church of the Nativity, New York. In less than a year he was called back to St. Mary's, his alma mater, where he was installed as Professor of Latin and Sacred Scripture. He held this position until 1857, when he was chosen Director of St. Mary's Theological Seminary, to succeed Rev. Dr. Elder, who had been chosen Bishop of Natchez, and who is at present the Archbishop of Cincinnati. About this time Georgetown College conferred upon Father McCloskey the honorary degree of Doctor of Theology.

Then came the establishment of the American College at Rome. Its success depended on its first rector. A man of profound learning and of executive ability was absolutely necessary. The choice of the American hierarchy fell upon Rev. Dr. William George McCloskey. The recommendation was sent to Rome and was approved by His Holiness, Pope Pius IX. And so in 1859 the American College was opened and Dr. McCloskey was installed as its rector. From the beginning the success of the college was assured under his able management.

Our Right Rev. Bishop has good cause to feel proud of his record as an educator. The young men, who were the original students in the American College at Rome, would alone make him famous. Two of them became Archbishops, Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco and the late Archbishop Corrigan of New York. Another one of these students, who became celebrated, was Dr. McGlynn now dead. Still others are Rev. Reuben Parsons, D. D., of Yonkers, N. Y., Fathers Cassidy and Gibney, of San Francisco, both now dead; Father Northrop, of Charleston, N. C., dead; Father Clifford, of Chicago, dead; Father Zingsheim, of Alton, dead; Father O'Neil, of Albany, dead; Father Meriwether, of Charleston, who has since become a Jesuit, and Right Rev. Monsignor Seton, of Newark, N. J., who has recently retired to Rome. All of these students became learned doctors of the faith. Dr. McGlynn, was the first Vice Rector of the College, as Dr. McCloskey was the first rector. Nearly all of these have passed into eternity, but their preceptor still lives.

The American College at Rome was established by the late Holy Father Pius IX. It was his own idea. The college was opened in a convent in the via dell'Umiltà, which had been bought for that purpose from an order of sisters which had moved to other quarters. Pope Pius IX., at the head of the students of all nations as well as Americans, marched from the Propaganda to the new college on a tour of inspection. This was before the liberty of the Pope had been taken away. Afterwards the new American College was formally opened by Cardinal Barnabo, Prefect of the Propaganda. Dr. William George McCloskey was installed as the first rector. Under his care were the young theologians mentioned above. At the completion of his course Dr. McGlynn became the first vice rector of the college. Nearly all of the members of the first class afterwards became rectors of colleges themselves.

For nearly nine years Dr. McCloskey conducted the affairs of the American College with wisdom and ability. On the death of Bishop Laville, which oc-

curred May 11, 1867, Louisville was without a Bishop until the Rev. Dr. McCloskey was chosen by Pius IX. to succeed him. He was consecrated Bishop of Louisville in the chapel of the American College at Rome by Cardinal Reischach, on May 24, 1868. In October of the same year he arrived in Louisville and took possession of his See.

Catholic education was his life work above all others. The first efforts of Bishop McCloskey were directed toward founding a theological seminary in his diocese. He found only two theological students for the diocese, but established a temporary seminary at St. Joseph's College, near Bardonia, in September, 1869. In May, 1870, the seminary was removed to Preston Park, near Louisville. Among his first class were Father James Ryan, now Bishop of Alton, Ill., Father Edwin Drury, Father J. J. Crowley, Father M. Dillon, Father William Hogarty, Father Michael Meleady, Father Hugh Daly, Father James O'Connor and our own Father P. M. J. Rock. Another one of his early pupils at St. Joseph was Father Donoghue, now Bishop of Indianapolis.

As soon as these young men were fitted for their great work they were ordained and given parishes and other students took their places. Catholic seminaries and schools have ever since received the care and encouragement of the Right Rev. Bishop. He is still engaged in the work of educating young men for the priesthood.

Bishop McCloskey came of a religious family. His elder brother, Father John McCloskey, long since dead, was at one time President of St. Mary's College, Maryland. Another brother, Father George McCloskey, resigned as pastor of one of the largest churches in New York to become President of the Theological Seminary at Preston Park under his brother. He was also Vicar General of the diocese until his death a few years ago.

Bishop McCloskey found about fifty priests in his parish when he took charge. Of these there are still living, Right Rev. Monsignor Bouchet, Father Dominic Crane, Father Eugene Crane and Father Hugh Brady.

## BUSY WEEK.

**Three Divisions of the A. O. H. Will Hold Important Meetings.**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will have a busy time during the coming week. Divisions 2, 3 and 4 will all hold important meetings. No meetings were held during the present week save the meeting at which Father Sullivan, O. P., lectured. Division 3 will meet at Nelligan's Hall, Nineteenth and Portland avenue, on Monday night. Division 4 will meet at Hibernian Hall on Wednesday night, and Division 2 will meet at the same hall on Thursday night. A good attendance is desired as each division has matters of importance to come up. In the first place the County Board has sanctioned the proposed Irish fair, and each and every Hibernian ought to strive to make that undertaking a success. Besides the suggestions of National President Dolan relative to literary entertainments are to be taken up and pushed by each division. Again each division ought to strive to add to its membership. There is work for the Hibernians to do during the present autumn and there is nothing like beginning early.

Division 1 is reported making extensive arrangements for the initiation ceremonies on Tuesday, October 14.

## FRANKFORT BUDGET.

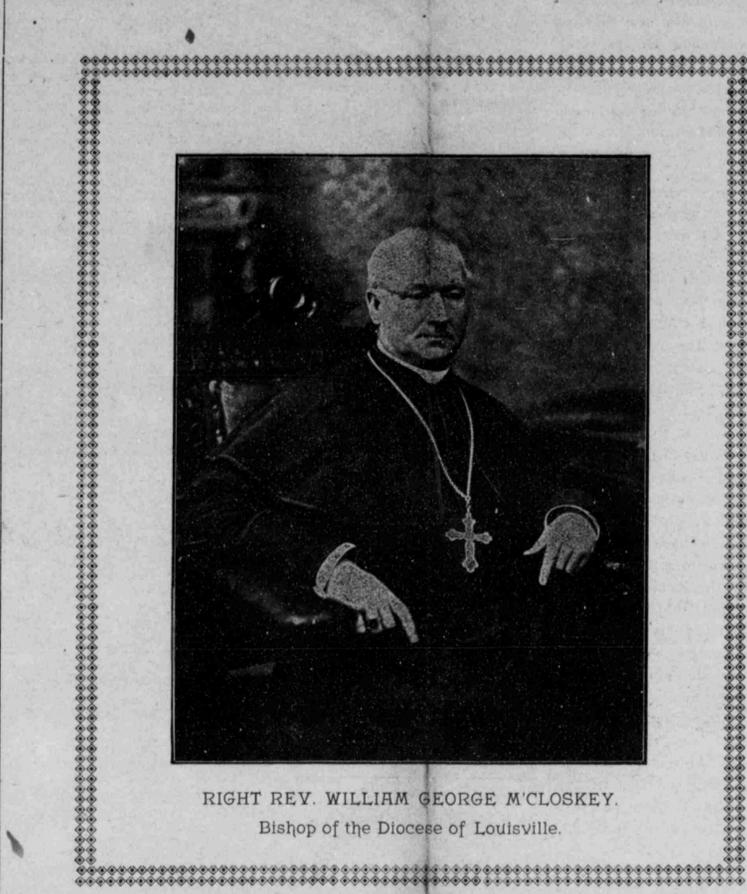
**Happy Souls Have Winged Their Way to an Eternal Reward.**

The Red Men's street fair and carnival will open at Frankfort at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and will continue four days. The Frankfort Military Band, the First Regiment Band of Louisville and a Cincinnati band will furnish music on this gala occasion. The Red Men and their pale-face friends throughout Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana will be given a cordial welcome. The entertainments will be numerous and varied.

Citizens of Frankfort are mourning the death of John Corbett, which took place in that city on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Corbett was an exemplary Catholic and a brother of the late Jerry and Pat Corbett, both deceased. He had resided in Frankfort during the past twelve years and during that time held a responsible position with the Frankfort Water Company. He was a native of Ireland. His funeral occurred Friday morning. A large concourse of friends followed his remains to the cemetery.

Mrs. Mary O'Reagan died at her home in Frankfort last Thursday morning. The deceased lady was born in Ireland, but came to America with her parents when a child, and sixty-five years ago settled in Frankfort, where she continued to live until her death. She was a devout member of the Catholic church and died fortified by the Holy Sacraments. She left three daughters and two sons. They are Mrs. Tim Sullivan and Mrs. Kate B. McNamara, of Frankfort, Miss Annie O'Reagan, of Pittsburg, Pa., Bert O'Reagan, of Lexington, and David O'Reagan, of Tyrone, Ky. The funeral took place from the Church of the Good Shepherd last Saturday.

Miss Margaret McAuliffe, of Jeffersonville, Ind., who was the guest of Miss Nellie Lellis, of Frankfort, during the past three months, has returned home.



RIGHT REV. WILLIAM GEORGE McCLOSKEY,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Louisville.

## HALF A CENTURY

**Spent as a Priest of God by the Right Reverend Bishop McCloskey, Head of the Catholic See of Louisville.**

**Laymen, Children and Clergy Have United to Make the Celebration a Comfort to Him and a Credit to Themselves.**

**A Time of Rejoicing and Thanksgiving in Which People of Every Race Unite in Honor of Their Beloved Prelate.**

More than 100,000 Catholics in the diocese of Louisville, which includes more than half the State, both in territory and population, will raise their voices in prayer tomorrow in behalf of the Right Rev. Bishop William George McCloskey. Why? Because on that day he begins the celebration of his golden jubilee or fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest of God. As a man, as a priest, as a Bishop, his people honor him and will unite in a prayer to Almighty God to prolong his days.

Bishop McCloskey was ordained a priest on October 6, 1852. But as October 6, this year falls on Monday, it was deemed wise to transfer the opening celebration to the Sunday previous. In every church in the diocese, in every Catholic home, prayers will be offered up in thanksgiving that the Lord has spared our Bishop.

At the Cathedral of the Assumption, the Bishop himself will officiate, celebrating Pontifical mass at 10:30 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock he will review the parade of Catholic laymen.

On Monday, the real anniversary, Bishop McCloskey will celebrate mass for the children of the city and of the diocese. These little ones have always been dear to his heart.

On Tuesday the priests of the diocese will tender the Bishop, the visiting Bishops and priests, a reception and banquet. So that the laymen have one day, the children another and the clergy another. Committees of priests and laymen have worked for months to make this celebration a success and it is to be hoped their efforts will not be in vain.

Sodalities, fraternities, congregations, men, women, children, Catholic Knights of America, Knights of Columbus, Knights of St. John, St. Vincent de Paul's society, Germans, Irish, Italians, French, English, Americans, all will unite in this celebration in honor of our Right Reverend Bishop. It is a privilege not accorded to many and it will be taken advantage of.

Thirty-four years of Bishop McCloskey's life have been spent among us. The best, the most mature years, have been devoted to the spiritual welfare of the people of this diocese and now in his old age the people desire to show some slight appreciation of his work.

The street parade will be the great feature of the celebration. It will show our dissenting brethren that we are



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Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

united people. It is this feature of unity that has such a strange fascination for those of our faith. It leads them to investigate, to seek after the truth and eventually leads them into the true fold.

The street parade of the laymen is intended to be a tremendous outpouring of the Catholic men and boys of this city, and it is estimated that not less than 10,000 will be in line. It is expected that boys nine years old and upward will take part in this procession in honor of the prelate, who is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a mark of respect to him, who has so ably presided over this diocese during the past thirty-four years.

The arrangements for the parade were made by the Committee on General Arrangements, of which Edward J. O'Brien is the head. This committee was ably assisted by the Music Committee, of which John Silberg is Chairman.

The parade will be in two grand divisions, an eastern and a western division. Each of these divisions will be in turn divided into two divisions by the eastern

and western congregations lying north and south of Broadway. Spalding Coleman will be the Grand Marshal, with Martin Kolb as his chief aide for the eastern division, and John H. Coleman, of St. Charles Borromeo's church, as chief aide for the western division. Besides each congregation will have its own individual Marshal.

The rendezvous of the eastern division will be at St. Joseph's church on Washington street. The congregations of St. Joseph, St. Francis of Rome, Church of the Blessed Sacrament and one battalion of the Knights of St. John, will assemble at St. Joseph's at 1 o'clock. Headed by a band and Chief Aide Martin Kolb, these congregations will proceed to Jackson and Green, where they will be met by St. Boniface's and St. Michael's congregations. This division will then proceed to Clay and Walnut streets and meet St. John's congregation and to Shelby and Gray streets, where St. Martin's congregation will fall in line.

The division will then march to Broadway, where the congregations of St. Francis of Assisi and Holy Trinity church, all mounted will join in. The route will be down Broadway to Fifth. At Brook street the men of St. Philip Neri, St. Paul's, St. Mary Magdalen and Holy Name church will meet the division and proceed to the general meeting place.

The chief rendezvous for the western division will be at St. Anthony's church at Twenty-third and Market streets. St. Anthony's men will be joined by St. Cecilia's and the Church of Our Lady and a battalion of the Knights of St. John. Headed by a band and under the leadership of Chief Aide John H. Coleman, these congregations will proceed up Market to Thirteenth street, where St. Patrick's congregation will fall in line. The route will then be out Thirteenth street to Broadway, where the congregations of the Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo, Holy Cross, St. Peter's, St. Augustine's, St. Helen's and St. George's will join in, the two latter congregations being mounted. The route will then be up Broadway to Fifth. The men of the Church of the Immaculate Conception will fall in at Eighth street and of St. Louis Bertrand at Sixth street. At Fifth street the two divisions will unite into one grand parade.

When the two grand divisions unite at

Fifth and Broadway Grand Marshal Coleman will take charge and will be escorted by his chief aides, Martin Kolb and John H. Coleman. Col. Sebastian Gunther, Chief of Police, and a platoon of mounted men will head the parade. Then will follow the grand marshal and aides, who will in turn be followed by a band. Then will come the Knights of St. John, the only uniformed Catholic society that will appear in the parade. Following these will come the men and boys of the Cathedral parish. They are given the post of honor as representing the oldest parish and as representatives of the main congregation of the diocese. After this the other congregations will fall in according to arrangements made by the grand marshal.

The route of the parade will be in Fifth street to Jefferson, east to First, north to Market, west to Eighth, south to Jefferson street and thence to the Court House, where the parade will disband.

The parade will be reviewed by Bishop McCloskey, his priests and the visiting Bishops and priests from a reviewing stand erected in front of the Cathedral. As the parade passes the reviewing stand the men will take off their hats as a mark of respect.

Too much can not be said in praise of the gentlemen who arranged this parade and who have worked night and day to make it a pageant worthy of the Catholic church. Michael J. Duffy as Chairman of the General Committee and John Doyle have given a great deal of time and attention to this work. Edward J. O'Brien, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and his colleagues have worked unceasingly. So has John Silberg, Chairman of the Music Committee. Others who have shared the burdens are Frank A. Geher, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Edward G. Hill, Chairman of the Committee on Badges and Printing, J. J. Caffrey, Chairman of the Press Committee. In addition Charles Rademaker, Anthony Montedonico, Michael Sheehan, Joseph Hubbuch, John Riley, Andrew Cavanaugh, Michael J. Walsh, George Schumpp, Owen McCann, Charles J. O'Connor, John Coleman, Thomas Feeley, Thomas K. Hines, Walter Hensley and many others, who while not chairmen of committees, have been prominent in making the arrangements for the celebration.

Special praise must be accorded Tony Montedonico, Sr., and Martin Kolb, who have made arrangements to have the orphans from St. Joseph's and St. Vincent's orphan asylums in the parade in omnibuses.

## SAFE AT HOME.

**Prof. James Perry Had a Delightful Visit in the East.**

Prof. James Perry, organist at St. Patrick's church and father of William Perry, Grand President of the Young Men's Institute, Kentucky Jurisdiction, returned last Saturday from the East after an agreeable trip of two weeks. Prof. Perry greatly enjoyed a visit to his sister, Mother Mary Theresa Perry, in Meriden, Conn. In the spring of 1872, at the request of Bishop McFarland, of Hartford, Conn., ten Sisters of Mercy, of whom Mother Mary Theresa was one, left their convent in Ennis, Ireland, and came to America. They have since established many convents and schools in the Hartford diocese. In Meriden they have a flourishing school of 800 pupils. The record of these Sisters is so well known that their pupils are admitted to the High School without examination. Bishop McFarland is the successor of the second Bishop of Hartford, the late Right Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, who was drowned at sea while a passenger on the steamer Pacific, in January, 1856. Bishop O'Reilly was on his way from Liverpool to Boston. There were 300 passengers aboard the vessel and all were lost at sea. Prof. Perry is highly delighted with the East and has been greatly benefited by his trip.

## NEW ORGAN.

**Installed at St. Anthony's Church With a Grand Concert.**

The magnificent new organ was formally installed in St. Anthony's church last Sunday night. A large crowd filled the church and all are loud in praise of the new instrument. Preceding the recital and concert the new organ was blessed by the Very Rev. Dr. Louis Miller. During the evening an appropriate address was delivered by Very Rev. Dr. Louis Miller, Provincial of the Order of Minor Conventuals.

The musical programme was under the direction of Professors Constantine and Leo Kollros, organist and choir director respectively. They were assisted by the following well known organists: George Selby, Ernest Zoeller, Oscar Kleinmeyer, P. M. Witte, E. J. Scheerer and George Roemele. In addition to these, nearly every choir in the city was represented. The vocal soloists were Miss Bee Mulharkey, Mrs. J. Becker, Mrs. Joseph Noske, Miss M. Perseval, Miss P. Rosen, Messrs. Phil Hubbuch, Joseph Pluckebaum, Louis Hodapp, John Hodapp and C. Solomon.

The principal vocal number was the "Credo" from Cimarosa's "Military Mass." It was rendered with grand effect. All of the organ numbers were selected with a view to display the remarkable qualities of the solo stops. It is safe to say that no finer sacred concert was ever given in the city, and the musicians are all delighted with the splendid new instrument.

## BRIEF RESUME

**Of the Work Performed Under the Direction of Our Bishop.**

**Built Churches and Schools and Provided For the Orphans.**

**Number of Priests in the Diocese Has Increased Three Fold.**

**A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES**

When the Right Rev. Bishop McCloskey came to Louisville in 1868 he found twelve Catholic churches. Some of them were completed, dedicated and consecrated, but others were in course of erection while the members of the congregations worshiped in temporary quarters. The churches established when Bishop McCloskey arrived were in order of seniority: The Cathedral, as it had replaced the old Cathedral; St. Boniface, Church of Our Lady, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Patrick's, St. Martin's, St. John's, St. Peter's, St. Joseph's, St. Louis Bertrand's, St. Michael's and St. Anthony's. These churches were scattered over a great tract of territory, and the worshippers in many instances were miles from the house of God. The new prelate at once sought to remedy this, and people who wondered why he had started a seminary for the education of young priests ceased to marvel. As soon as a young theologian was ready for ordination a parish was found for him, and the work of church building went on rapidly. It will be remembered that this was only a few years after the civil war. The South was stricken and Kentucky and Kentucky Catholics felt the stress of it. There were hundreds of colored people, recently emancipated slaves, living in Louisville. They had no particular place of worship. The first church built in Louisville after the advent of Bishop McCloskey was St. Augustine's. It was built for the colored people, and Rev. Father J. Lancaster Spalding, now the Right Rev. Bishop of Peoria, Ill., was its first pastor. Then followed in quick succession the erection of the Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Brigid's, St. Cecilia's, St. Agnes', St. Vincent de Paul's, St. Columba's, Holy Trinity, St. Francis of Rome, St. Charles, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary Magdalen's, St. Paul's, St. Aloysius', Church of the Holy Name, Holy Cross, St. Philip Neri, St. Helen's and St. William's. In some cases two and even three new congregations were established each year, and in no case did more than four years elapse without the founding of a new congregation or the building of a new church. Several of the old churches were torn down and built in more modern style. For instance, St. Columba's, a frame structure, gave way to a handsome brick edifice and the name was changed to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, and again the old St. Brigid's church, on Baxter avenue, was torn down and a new modern edifice was erected on Von Borries avenue in honor of St. Brigid, while the congregation was divided in half, part of it becoming St. Aloysius' congregation.

But Bishop McCloskey did more than this. He was interested in the education of the Catholic youth. He insisted on a parochial school for each church, and he encouraged academies founded by the Sisters of Nazareth, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Loretto, Dominican Sisters and by the Xaverian Brothers. Infirmarys were being enlarged and new ones built. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd enlarged their home and built a new one for unfortunate young women. In fact every manner of good work was looked after and encouraged. Particularly was this so in the case of the orphans. Bishop McCloskey has ever had a warm spot in his heart for the motherless waifs, and has left no stone unturned to make them happy, to educate them and to make them good men and women.

In brief, when Bishop McCloskey took charge of the diocese of Louisville he found about fifty priests in the whole diocese and a score of churches, of which more than half were in the city of Louisville. During his thirty-four years he has built up the diocese to 110 secular priests, about sixty priests of the various orders; he has ninety-two churches with resident pastors and forty-three without resident pastors. Of these churches with resident pastors thirty-one are in Louisville and Jefferson county. In this diocese are fifty religious institutions, presided over by priests or Sisters of various orders; two colleges, twenty-one academies, four orphan asylums and eighty-seven parish schools. The total number of children attending the Catholic schools in the city of Louisville alone is more than 9,000, and it is estimated that the total number of Catholics in the diocese is a little more than 110,000.

## POSTULANTS FOR GALVESTON.

The steamer Oceanic, which arrived in New York last week, had among her passengers thirty Irish postulants, who are to enter a convent in Galveston. This city has a rapidly growing and prosperous Catholic community.