

Church Altar Said to Antedate U. S. Government Still in Use

Altar Stone Claimed by Historians to Have Been Brought to this Country by Father Marquette Is Still in Use in St. Francis Xavier Church

St. Louis—An altar held by his-
torians to be older than the United
States Government, the altar stone
of which is claimed by many other
historians to have been brought to
this country by Father Marquette, is
still in use in St. Francis Xavier
Church here.

The full history of the altar is ob-
scure. An inscription on the panel
of the altar identifies it as having
belonged to the mission church of
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
of the Kaskaskias, which church was
founded in Illinois in 1675 by
Father Marquette.

The Rev. J. J. Kenney, S. J., one of
the priests attached to St. Francis
Xavier's Church, remembers when the
altar was installed in the church
33 years ago. In tracing the history
of the altar as he knows it, Father
Kenney said:

"No one knows, or will ever know,
how old the altar is. You can be
very certain that it is beginning to
count its age in centuries. Orders
that there are no nails in its complex
workmanship. It was built when
nails were too great luxury in the
Mississippi Valley even on a costly
altar."

"But we have better evidence of its
age. It is said to be the altar of
the mission church of Our Lady of
the Immaculate Conception of the
Kaskaskias, which church was
founded in Illinois in 1675 by
Father Marquette."

"The pretty tower that rises soli-
tary before you, across the present
day church of Our Lady of the Im-
maculate Conception, its predecessor
that carried the same name
stood a mile to the north. In 1838
Mr. Edmund Flagg, one of the recog-
nized authorities in the west of his
day, visited Kaskaskia. He found
the church almost ready to crumble.
It was so old."

"Mr. Flagg wrote about the
church: 'It was erected more than
a century ago upon the ruins of a
former structure of similar charac-
ter. The altar and lamp suspended
above it are very antique, and were
informed by the priest, having been
used in the former church.'"

"Mr. Flagg's high authority will
not convince all of us that the dilap-
dated church was full a century old.
Still, he places the altar in that
church's predecessor, and he places
no limit to the number of years dur-
ing which the altar stood in the ear-
lier church. Consequently in the
church that Mr. Flagg visited and
partly in the church before that, and
the years that it has stood in St.
Louis, the altar has been in the Mis-
sissippi Valley for centuries."

"The altar stone, which the altar
stands, its perfect workmanship indi-
cates at once that it was not carved
out in any pioneer settlement, such
as that of Kaskaskia two centuries
ago. The first missionaries along the
Mississippi brought their altar stones
from Quebec. It may be stated with
certainty that the first altar stones
brought into the Mississippi Valley
are here still. If there is any older
than this of the College Church it is
unknown."

"This inclines one to believe that
this is the very stone that Father
Marquette received from the saintly
Bishop Laval of France, and which
Marquette used when he said his me-
morable Mass on that Holy Thursday
of 1675, inaugurating the Mission of
the Immaculate Conception of Kas-
kaskia. Possibly this is so, but no
one would ever think of claiming
that it is certain."

"It is quite sufficient to hold what
no one will deny, that this altar is
older than the American nation, anted-
ating 1776."

"We are facing a battlefront, to-
day, which has no precedent in the
history of mankind," Judge Moynihan
stated in his address. "There is, how-
ever, one institution which stands
unshaken, unchangeable and un-
changed, Holy Mother the Church. She
stands vindicated in a world
groaning under trials and tribula-
tions of the day. For 1000 years she
has been teaching men to live ac-
cording to the laws of God and of
our nation. Today, here is the only
voice to be heard against the desper-
ation and chaos of existing condi-
tions."

"When Christ said, 'Love Your
Neighbor as Yourself,' He left no
room for profiteering, usury, re-
bribe, fraud, and materialism. He
taught that men and women should
be good. The Church militant must
never cease to fight against atheism,
bohevianism and materialism in the
materialistic world we stand as a
mighty phalanx behind the principles
of our Church."

Only One Dictatorship
These days, I feel, are divinely
appointed for the work of Catholic
laymen. Today we should carry on
in God's name by giving example to
show the teaching of the Church as
it affects charity, social justice and
other principles for which we stand.
The only one dictatorship we need
today, and having the right to submit
to Christ Jesus and His
teaching, we have a benevolent, a
kindly and attractive dictatorship.
Let us work toward the day when
there shall be no setting of class
against class, creed against creed,
nationalism against nationalism.
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throughout the land, professors and
teachers, who take pleasure in ex-
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their pupils, and who hobbies seek
to promulgate doctrines opposing the
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in daily press, magazines and other
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"Lay leadership is the watchword
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when our Sunday comes, let us pre-
pare a satisfactory account of our
stewardship." John Moynihan con-
cluded.

Singing of the Holy Name Hymn
followed and the sound of the thou-
sands of men's voices raised in pray-
er-ful song was a gripping part of
the evening's program.

In his talk, Father Shea voiced the
purpose of the Holy Name Society,
which he said, was not the childish
end, imagined by so many to consist
in the suppression of profanity, vul-
gar and obscene language. Its pur-
pose is two-fold. First, the protec-
tion and propagation of the Catholic
faith; and secondly, the frequenta-
tion of the churches and sacraments
by men. (The full text of Father
Shea's talk appears on Page One in
this issue of THE CATHOLIC COUR-
IER and JOURNAL.)

As Father Shea was concluding his
address and informative sermon, a
Blessed Sacrament procession was
wending its way slowly from Our
Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Jo-
seph Avenue. The two groups of
knights were in the lead followed by
altar boys carrying votive lights and
candles. The Blessed Sacrament was
borne by the Rev. Arthur E. Moraw.
The Blessed Sacrament Canopy was
borne by four members of the No-
turnal Adoration Society in full eve-
ning dress: James P. B. Duffy,
Louis Schluter, John P. Keating and
William H. Rosenbach. Through an
archway of raised swords the
Blessed Sacrament was carried to the
altar.

At this time darkness had settled
over the vast stadium as the pro-
cession moved towards the altar. The
electric lights in the stands were ex-
tinguished and the 10,000 men, with
a soft crackling of matches lit their
candles and in a few moments the
stands were illumined with the
thousands of brightly burning candle
lights. The effect of this with the
brilliantly illuminated altar was a

most proud and most cherished pos-
session. He added that they had
made a very definite imprint on the
minds and souls of all who had par-
ticipated in and had witnessed the
spectacle and said they were a body
of stalwart, vibrant, upstanding
Catholic American men that are
proud to march in the cause of Christ
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Cardinal Visits Training Ship



On the occasion of a recent visit of the French training ship, Jeanne
d'Arc, to Venice, His Eminence Pietro Cardinal La Fontaine, Patriarch
of Venice, visited the vessel and met the student officers who
are soon to be assigned to the various squadrons of the French Navy.
The training ship accommodates 156 student-officers, who, having
completed two years of study at the Naval College of Brest, take a
10 months cruise before receiving their first assignments. A To-
minican priest is chaplain of the ship and celebrates Mass on board
each morning. Captain Marquet, who commands the ship, spent two
years as naval attaché at Rome. This picture was taken as His
Eminence passed before the student officers drawn up at attention.

St. Bonaventure's Awards Six Degrees To Rochester Men

At the 72nd annual commence-
ment exercises at St. Bonaven-
ture College, Albany, N. Y., six
Rochester men were awarded de-
grees.

One of them, Harold E. Rock, has
been given honorary mention for
ranking second in his class in sci-
ence.

Candidates and the degrees award-
ed were:

Mr. Lester M. Moran, son of
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Moran, 49
Park Street, master of arts. Father
Moran is a teacher at Aquinas In-
stitute.

Peter H. Jacobelli, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Francesco P. Jacobelli, 44 Lyell
Avenue, bachelor of science.
Harold E. Rock, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Harry E. Rock, 400 Durman
Street, bachelor of science.
John E. McMillen, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Charles A. McMillen, 336 Good-
man Street, bachelor of arts.
Edward J. Welch, son of Mrs.
Laura Welch, 121 Lapham Street,
bachelor of arts.
Raymond J. Sommers, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Charles F. Sommers, 28
Pine Street, master of science.

Director of K. of C. Education Work Dies

Toledo, O.—Patrick J. McCarthy,
55, nationally known in Knights of
Columbus circles, died Wednesday
June 8, after a long illness. He was
head of the K. of C. Educational
work ten years.

The fruit and profit of a soul does
not consist so much in thinking as
in loving.

A good Catholic newspaper should
be in every Catholic home. Yours is
no exception.

The best part of religion is lit-
tle shining. Arabian Proverb

sight to be long remembered by those
present.

After the blessing of the candles
by Father Stauder, he led the men in
the recitation of the Holy Name
pledge. Then the singing of the "O
Salutaris" and "Tantum Ergo" pre-
ceded the solemn Benediction.

Archbishop O'Connell
His Excellency, Most Rev. Arch-
bishop Healy, gave the Benediction
amidst a hush of silence with the
men bowing their heads in respectful
adoration. Archbishop Healy was
assisted by Monsignor Brophy, as
deacon; and the Rev. Dr. J. Francis
Goggin, rector of St. Bernard's Sem-
inary, as master of ceremonies. Dur-
ing the Benediction, the knights
formed a cross and presented swords.

Led by the Knights of Columbus
Choral Society, the affair was
brought to a close with the singing of
"Holy God We Praise Thy Name."
Quietly and orderly the men left the
auditorium and came. During
the entire exercises there was not a
man seen smoking.

The entire program was easily
heard by the vast throng by means
of a system of amplifiers. Part of
the ceremonies was broadcast by Sta-
tion WHAM.

Parties were grouped together
and signs were posted in conspicuous
places so that men had no trouble
finding their respective parish res-
taurants. The pains taken in prepa-
ration for this event were rewarded
with the smoothness and precision
with which the whole affair was con-
ducted, and much commendation is
due the Reverend Spiritual Director
and his committee of laymen re-
sponsible for the success of the af-
fair.

One group of men who attended
the rally were from St. Francis
de Sales Catholic Parish of the
city. The Rev. Charles Burger,
C. S. R., is pastor. Father Burger
by sign language, communicated to
his group what was being said by
the left-field bleachers were filled
to capacity with women and a big
crowd was on the field. Despite
the great numbers attending there
was no confusion nor delays.

Comments heard everywhere fol-
lowing the rally are enthusiastic and
indicate that the rally has accom-
plished even more than its sponsors
hoped for in impressing Catholic men
with the importance of their Holy
Name Society, and the effectiveness
of Catholic Lay Action.

Notre Dame Men Plan Conesus Party

The Rochester Club of Notre Dame
will hold its first summer dance Fri-
day night June 17 at Long Point on
Conesus Lake. Dancing will be from
9 until 12:30.

Jack Kinella has been appointed
chairman of the dance. Raymond
Margrett, Paul Travers, Charles
Brady and Walter Ryan are in charge
of arrangements. Plans are being
made to have as guest of honor Nick
Lukats, stellar backback of the last
national championship team.

Large Sum Is Left To St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph's Church eventually will
receive \$2,500 of the \$12,000 estate
of John N. Weiss of Henrietta, ac-
cording to terms of his will, ad-
mitted to probate in Surrogate's
Court Monday. Weiss left life use of
his estate to a sister, Mary C. Weiss
of Henrietta, the legacy to the church
becoming effective at her death.

Irish Born Priest Says First Mass

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the faithful and by the three great
steps of Major Orders he stands at
the altar and offers the Holy Sacri-
fice."

"Speaking of the sacrifices made by
those who enter the religious life,
Father Cotter said:

"They leave all things to follow
the Master. Some leave their boats
and their life by the sea shore. Some
leave the busy mill. Some leave the
plough in the furrow and the sickle
in the corn. Others leave wealth and
position and social distinction. All
leave parents and friends; they leave
their father's house, their golden dreams
of life and happiness, all that they
held dear in this world, their aspira-
tions and hopes. They gladly leave
behind all these things to follow the
voice of the Master for love of Him
and an unseen reward."

Julius Sacrifice
"They all make their sacrifice and
this sacrifice is acceptable for their
redemption begins even in this life.
There shall be joy in Heaven when
one sinner does penance. There is
joy in the heart of the priest with
every soul he is instrumental in
reconciling to God. The vocation to
the priesthood and to the religious
life will forever remain a mystery
and secret between the individual
and the Almighty. But God makes
use of His creatures to assist Him
in His work and it is the duty of all
the faithful to assist in every way
and to forward vocations to the utmost
of their ability. It is likewise a duty
incumbent upon all to pray for the
young priests that they may be pre-
served from the dangers of life and
the many pitfalls, walking always in
the way of the Lord and being an
example to others."

Father Cotter, the newly ordained
priest, was born in Lisaree Church
County, Sligo, Ireland. He at-
tended the Lishen National School. F
made his preliminary studies for the
priesthood in Mt. Mellory, Ireland, and
finished at St. Bernard's Semina-
ry.

A breakfast following the Mass
was held in the Auditorium of the
St. Joseph's Home. Among those pre-
sent besides the priest were James
Cotter, Bakersfield, Cal., an uncle,
Mrs. J. Cogan, Boston, John C. Cot-
ter, New York, a brother, Sister
Mary Inez, Sisters of Charity, Eliza-
beth, N. J., a cousin, Mrs. M. Per-
rick, Cambridge, Mass., the Misses
Sarah, Anna and Mary Flaherty, Miss
Ellie Finn, and Francis Sullivan of
Dorchester, Mass.; Misses Catherine
and Josephine Driscoll, Somerville,
Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Con-
nelly, Shelter Street; J. Fogarty,
Timothy Hozarty, a schoolmate of
Father Cotter's in Ireland and James
O'Connell, all of this city.

In the afternoon a reception at-
tended by 300 guests was held at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Con-
nelly, 139 Shelter Street.

Mother Of Irish Leader Is Buried

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priests were present.

Bishop O'Hern was represented by
the Rev. Charles F. Bruton, pastor
of St. Margaret Mary Church and
Monroe County chaplain of the An-
cient Order of Hibernians.

Free State Envoy

Representing the Irish Free State
of which he is president, was
Michael MacWhite, a very extra-
ordinary and minister plenipotentiary
at Washington. Mrs. Michael J.
O'Connor of New York City was pre-
sent as the representative of the Flan-
na Fall de Valera's party and Den-
nis Maloy represented the Irish soci-
eties of Chicago.

Active members for Mrs. Wheel-
wright were: John Sullivan, Deputy
United States Marshal Michael Ryan,
Welfare Commissioner Leo A. Mac-
Sweeney, Howard Johnson, Harry E.
Miller and John Curtin.

The funeral services for Mrs.
Wheelwright were in keeping with
the simplicity of her life. Born in
Brusce, County Limerick, in 1853,
Catherine Coll studied in the Irish
schools for the teaching profession.
In 1876, she came to America where
in 1880 she married Vivian De Val-
era, Spanish sculptor and musician.
Their only son Eamon, was born Oct.
24, 1882. Mr. de Valera died in
1883, and the young widow who was
forced to earn her living in a strange
land, sent her baby boy to the family
in County Limerick where he was
reared and educated.

Mrs. de Valera married Charles E.
Wheelwright in 1887 in New York
and eight years later they moved to
this city. Two children were born
of this marriage, Annie who died in
1897 at Lenox, Mass., and Father
Wheelwright.

Sends Son Message
Mrs. Wheelwright who had visited
Ireland on several occasions, had
taken a keen interest in the political
life of her native land. She had
hoped to be able to go with the Roch-
ester pilgrimage, and instead she
 penned a message to her son shortly

Nazareth College Graduates Get Degrees in Colorful Ceremony

A perfect June day was provided
for the annual commencement exer-
cises held on the campus of Nazareth
College, Aqueduct St., on Wednesday
day at which Bishop John Francis
O'Hern conferred Bachelor of Arts
degrees upon twenty-nine seniors.

The Rev. Dr. George Johnson of
Washington, director of the school
of education, Catholic University,
was the principal speaker. He dis-
cussed the moral facts that are not
being faced in America today.

The Rev. Dr. Louis W. Edelmann,
member of the faculty announced
academic honors conferred in six de-
partments.

Those who were graduated are:
Jeanette Margaret Ballou, Mildred
Josephine Burke, Catherine Gertrude
Conner, Josephine Antoinette Fancee,
Mary Agnes Feeney, Anna Marie
Flaherty, Mary Margaret Fraher,
Margaret Helen Gardner, Mary Eva
Henner, Agnes Helen Hosenfeld, Rita
Mary Kler, Mary Ruth Leary, Mary
Joey Lynch, Madeline Gertrude Mc-
Guire, Helen Teresa Morrissey.

People In The News

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Woerner
of Meridian, Md., left by motor
Sunday for an extended Western trip.
They will stop over in Chicago en-
route to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. Bassey,
formerly of Rochester.

Louis A. Whelan, Jr., 233 West-
minster Road, has been awarded a
civil engineering degree at the Ren-
selaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

Sister Louise Veronica, Sister
Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. K.
estachy and family of Jersey City,
N. J. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carlin and
James Carlin of Hoboken, N. J., and
J. J. McHugh of Bayonne, N. J.,
were the guests recently of Mr. and
Mrs. William L. Morris of Backus
Street, and attended the first solemn
high Mass of Rev. William Morris,
their nephew, of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Stickle
of Bronson Avenue are leaving next
week for their summer home, West-
minster Park, Alexandria Bay, Thou-
sand Islands.

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before she died, which is being de-
livered to President de Valera by
Monsignor Charles F. Shay now on
his way to Ireland.

It was hoped before she died that
she might meet her son here in July
when he is on his way to Canada.

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