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March 8, 1983

Very Rev. Thomas Oddo, C.S.C.
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Dear Father Oddo:

In recent conversation with Father Wilfred Schoenberg, S.J., an author who has specialized in the Catholic history of the Pacific Northwest, on the faculty of Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, we talked about the contribution Mrs. Harriet Duncan Munnick has made to the historical patrimony of the Church of the Pacific Northwest. She has just published her fourth book (in three hardcover volumes) containing records of baptisms, marriages and deaths, and other related data taken from registers carried by the early Catholic missionaries of the then Oregon Territory. Though not a Catholic, she has dedicated much of her life to the collecting, collating and organizing of Church records from all available sources. The monumental task she addressed took the patience of Job, the perseverance of a mountain climber and the accuracy of a CPA.

She has not been financed in her work by any "fairy" Godmother, or Godfather for that matter. She did it principally with her own life savings. She has not only helped to preserve these records for all times, but she has brought them together into one place, and through publishing them in book form has made them available to Church historians and libraries in every part of the world.

Father Schoenberg and I discussed the possibility of some university, specifically Gonzaga, granting Mrs. Munnick an honorary degree, thereby recognizing her for her unique contribution to the history of the Catholic Church of the Pacific Northwest. Thus far her work is known only to a few. I countered, when Gonzaga was mentioned, with a proposal that I would prefer to ask the University of Portland whether it would consider granting a degree to Mrs. Munnick because she lives in West Linn, and because all of the records to date in her four books cover mainly the Willamette Valley.

The awarding of an honorary degree from a university such as yours, which is known for its interest in the history of the Church in the Northwest, would not only honor a valiant woman, but help to give her the wider recognition her work deserves. I would certainly recommend that you consider such a course.

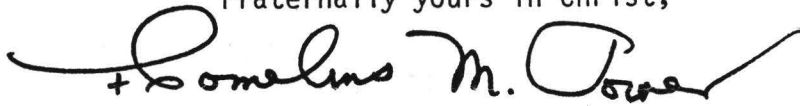
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Mrs. Munnick lives at 420 S. Wilda Rd., West Linn 97068, telephone 636-2713.
I enclose a copy of her resume.

Thank you for receiving this suggestion.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "+ Cornelius M. Power". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

✓cc.: Mrs. Harriet Munnick

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&
Schubert*

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West Slinn, Wadgonhead
April 7, 1979

Most Reverend Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon
The Chancery Office
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Your Grace:

Mr. Joe McKay of St. Paul has told me of your willingness to write a Foreword or Preface to CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, VOL. II, ST. PAUL, now ready for publication. I am deeply grateful for your kindness. Such an addition would be invaluable to the success of the book.

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He ~~suggested~~ that you would like a suggestion as to content. The history of the parish is pretty well covered in my Introduction, but the purpose and significance of the published records could far better be expressed by Your Grace. Something of the following is offered as ~~a~~ *being* ~~suggestion~~ in line with my own thinking:

The significance of such a work lies in its interpretation of an era then in transition. The record is not only that of the Church but of social change as the nomadic way of natives and adventurers gave way to an order of stability and moral perception. The part of the Church in this transition is the tacit, underlying theme of the book. It is hoped that herein genealogists, socialists and historians may each find something of interest in addition to the pure history of a hitherto little documented time and place.

Please feel free to develop the above precis as you like, or to discard it for a better idea of your own.

A request for your Imprimature will follow when the text has been proof read.

Gratefully yours,

420 South Wilda Road
West Linn, Oregon 97068
June 1, 1981

Most Reverend Cornelius M. Power
The Chancery Office
2838 East Burnside Street
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P. O. Box 351

Your Grace:

May I seek your generous attention, for approval or disapproval, to this latest little transcription of Church records? It is badly printed and replete with corrections, but as a trial first run issue, will it do? Only 50 copies were made.

The printer misunderstood instructions about pagination, thus throwing the index off, but the text is correct to the best of my knowledge. When local interest and funds permit, a second run will have the errors corrected and the photos sharper.

My purpose is not to make a large or popular work, but an accurate record of the forlorn little church in Muddy Valley that is all but forgotten, or if remembered at all, disputed. Yet St. Patrick's Church was the genesis of Catholicism in Yamhill County.

There is no record of any removals from the cemetery, notwithstanding vague local claims sometimes met with.

Should I have your gracious approval of this small effort and the future of the St. Louis-Gervais volume now in preparation, my gratitude would be most sincere.

Faithfully yours,

Harriet D. Munnick



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April 18, 1975

Mrs. Harriet Duncan Munnick
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West Linn, Oregon 97068

Dear Mrs. Munnick:

This will assure you that I am very much in favor of your publishing another volume in the series "Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest." I have examined your earlier work as contained in "Vancouver, Volumes I and II, and Stellamaris Mission" in which you collaborated with Mikell de Lores Wormell Warner, and I not only congratulate you and Mrs. Warner for such an outstanding and unique publication, but in the name of the Church in the Pacific Northwest I express profound thanks for the scholarly, accurate and detailed contribution the two of you have made toward the preservation of the invaluable records of the early missionaries of this Northwest Country. The printed material you have already made available stands as a monument to your conscientious and painstaking efforts to bring the glorious record of the past to the full and clear view of this and future generations.

I believe your next volume should bear an "Imprimatur" on the back of its title page. The "Imprimatur" will indicate to all readers that the volume has been authorized and approved by the Catholic Church for publication. I will personally be glad to give the "Imprimatur" upon request when all of the proofs have been corrected and the book has been readied for printing.

Again congratulations and sincere thanks.

Gratefully yours,

(Most Rev.) Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon

your share, my third volume in the French
Prairie series, consisting of St. Louis, Missouri
and Brooke records, in ~~it~~ for which you
wrote so gracious a preface, is now at the
publisher. ^{Brooke}, as you know, was a short
lived parish of only 26 years, having been
formerly a part of Missouri. In my ^{wish} ~~goal~~ to
present its limited history, I overlooked the
fact that ~~this~~ ^{its} history extended twelve years
beyond the accepted cut-off line of 1900. ^{now} ~~might~~
Might an exception be granted in the ^{view} ~~case~~ of this
brief span? In researching the Brooke area,
I found ^a 93-year old woman, who remembered
having attended church there. ^{"as a child"} One aged man said,
"Of course it was before my time, but they used to
say the church was stood where ^{you see} that hazel brush
in thicket. There is no road in there now." The
cemetery, ^{on a little known} about a mile ^{to the} east, ~~is~~ is overgrown
and neglected, with not more than a
dozen stones remaining. ~~No~~ ^{now} one remembered
seeing a picture of the church, though I
did find ~~see~~ later in the Oregon & Kentucky
Society Library.

No one she recalled the church at all.

B 27
Louise
Eugenie
Vandale

On the 26th of October, 1870, we, the undersigned, parish priest of St. Louis have administered private Baptism to Louise Eugenie, born on the 21st inst. of the lawful marriage of John Baptist Vandale and Marcelline Senecal of this parish. The ceremonies of Baptism having been supplied on the 28 inst. - Sponsors: Peter Luyssier and Thais Senecal.
G.C. Thibau, pr.

B 28
Mary
Agnes
Raymond

On the 30th/?/ of October, 1870, we the undersigned, parish priest of St. Louis, have baptized Mary Agnes, born on the 9th inst. of the marriage of Marcelle Raymond and Odille Raymond. - Sponsors: Mr. Francis Raymond, Mrs. Bonin.
G.C. Thibau, pr.

B 29
Mary
Jane
Mathes

On the 30th/ "6th" crossed out/ of October, 1870, we, the undersigned parish priest of St. Louis, have baptized Mary Jane, born on the 26th inst. of the lawful marriage of Dru Matthes and Mary Martel, of this parish. Sponsors: Mrs. Christine Lachapelle and Gedeon Laderoute (Seguin).
G.C. Thibau, pr.

S 6
Joseph
Bruneel

On the 11th of November, 1870, we, the undersigned, parish priest of St. Louis, have buried in the grave yard of foresaid parish, the corpse of Joseph Bruneel, deceased on the 10th inst., aged about 77 years. Witnesses: Mr. Lachapelle and Mr. J. Lemery.
G.C. Thibau, pr.

M 5
Joseph
Chamberlan
&
Margueret
Dumont

On the 26th of November, 1870, after the publication of one ban of marriage, dispensation having been obtained for the two other bans by Rev. Father Fierens Vic. gen. and administrator of this Arch-diocese, we the undersigned, parish priest of St. Louis, have received the mutual consent of and administered the Sacrament of Matrimony to Joseph Chamberlan son of age of Adolf Chamberlan of St. Pauls parish on the one part, and Margueret Dumont, widow of George Rondeau, on the other part, of Wacunda. Witnesses: Edouard Laflamme and Adolf Chamberlan.
G.C. Thibau, pr.

B 30
John
Lavigneur

On the 27th of November, 1870, we the undersigned, parish priest of St. Louis, have baptized John, born on the 23rd/?/ of the lawful marriage of Joseph Lavigneur and Adelaide Lachapelle of this parish. Sponsors: Joseph Mate and Clementine Lachapelle.
G.C. Thibau, pr.

The Register entries ~~are~~ could in no way
cause offense to anyone; ^{some are even} ~~for they are~~ tender.

I know of no other record of burials in
this foulom spot that might be available
to genealogists ~~and pioneer~~ ^{their} ~~desires~~ trying to
know the end of the story for pioneer ancestors.

If ~~should~~ you feel that ~~the~~ 1900 ^{cut-off data} should
be strictly adhered to, I will ~~cancel~~ ^{cancel} the
Brook part with the publisher at once.
yet I hope my plea to preserve it will
~~not~~ ^{not} be in vain. Time is of the essence, since
the book is being processed at the moment.

Perhaps ~~and~~ your secretary might phone
a prompt "^{yes} ~~yes~~" or "^{no} ~~no~~" in order that I
can "stop the press", if necessary?

Cordially yours,

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S 4
John
Baptist
Genet

On the 22nd of October, 1870, we, the undersigned, parish /priest/ of St. Louis, have buried in the grave yard of foresaid parish, the corpse of John Baptist Genet, deceased on the 21st inst. aged 2 months and 5 days. Witnesses: Gedeon Laderoute, Joseph Gobin.

G.C. Thibau, pr.

B 25
Mary
Magdalen
Zollner

On the 23rd of October, 1870, we, the undersigned, parish priest of St. Louis, have baptized Mary Magdalen, born on the 23rd of September of this year, of the lawful marriage of Robert Zölner /?/ and Catherine Lankes /?/ of this parish. - Sponsors: Mr. George Michels and Mrs. Mary Michels (~~Rewark~~)

(Rewark)
/Ruark?/

G.C. Thibau, pr.

B 26
Anne
Martineau

On the 23rd of October, 1870, we, the undersigned, parish priest of St. Louis, have Baptized Anna, born on the 8 of October, inst. of the lawful marriage of Xavier Martineau and Sophie Chalifaux of this parish. Sponsors: Joseph ~~Lxxx~~ Luyssier and Louise Martineau.

G.C. Thibau, pr.

First
Communion

On the 23rd of October, 1870, have made their first Communion in the Church of St. Louis:

Gedeon Laderoute (Seguin)
B Bartholomew Cacy
Joseph Gobin
Moise Lacourse
John Cacy
Henri Fitzgerald

Louise Gagnon
Marie Laflamme
Clarisse Vandale
Marguerite Eldridge
Virginia Eldridge

at Easter-time 1870:

Mary Hunt

Margueret Hunt

Adelina Eliza Tureman

G.C. Thibau, pr.

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S 5
Marcelline
Senecal

On the 30th of October, 1870, we, the undersigned, parish priest of St. Louis, have buried in the grave yard of foresaid parish, the corpse of Marcelline Senecal, wife of John Baptist Vandale, deceased on the 28th inst. aged 19 years about. Witnesses: Mr. Hunt and Mr. Louis Lemery.

G.C. Thibau, pr.

my deep gratitude to you for your
approval of the ~~old~~ work ^{with} the
the ~~fragile~~ old Church Registers.
They contain so much vital history that
they should be preserved in ~~some~~ way
~~that~~ ^{to} make their contents available to
historians and genealogists without ~~subject~~
~~does not~~ ^{without} physical handling of
fragile registers themselves. This
was the purpose of Mrs. Warner
and myself in undertaking the
work, and ~~since~~ ^{since} her untimely death,
mine alone.

I have no plans for publication
because of the cost, yet your permission
has ~~smoothed~~ smoothed the path toward
that goal. ^{But} Be assured that if means
for publication can be found, the
material will be presented to you
for ~~thwart~~ ^{an} "Imprimatur".

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Vernier, Marguerite

1821 - 1858

Marguerite was the daughter of Madame Dorion and her second husband, Louis Joseph Vernier. She bore several children to Jean Baptiste Gobin, and reared at least one of her deceased brother's sons. She died in May, 1858. The new cemetery at St. Louis was blessed four days later "in the presence of all the inhabitants of the Parish". Marguerite Vernier Gobin may possibly have been interred there.

Warfield, James

1811 - 1840 c

James Warfield, from Tennessee, was a convert to Catholicism at the time of his marriage to Lizette Oyer in 1840. He seems to have died soon, for Lizette married Henry Black on August 7, 1842, "by J.S. Griffin, at the house of Robert Newell before the congregation assembled for Divine Service". Lizette died on the claim in 1846, "leaving four children". (By Warfield, these were Marie and Betsy; Warfield had been also the guardian of Lizette's seven-year-old daughter Isabelle Lumbers. /Lambert?/

My work is not in vain.
I shall be happy, and receive my just share
and approbation make no way
Your genuine friend I promise

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Religious retreat due for women

A church retreat for "the emerging woman who seeks new vistas" will be offered to Portland-area women next week on a windy overlook of the Columbia Gorge.

The conference will run at Menucha Center near Corbett from 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, through noon Sunday, Feb. 23.

"Women in Transition" will be the theme of Alice Armstrong, a consultant for women's programs with the State System of Higher Education, who will lead seminar sessions. Sponsor is the First Presbyterian Church of Portland.

"The program is more for the woman who seeks opportunity and identity, and not a return to the 19th Century mystique of fascinating womanhood," a seminar spokesman said.

Sessions will be divided and tailored to specific age groups. A fee is charged. Registration is required.

Cardinal plans to visit GIs

Timothy Cardinal Manning, Catholic archbishop of Los Angeles, will celebrate a Jubilee Mass and attend a reception and dinner at Ft. Lewis, Wash., army post Sunday.

It will be the first official visit by a cardinal to Ft. Lewis and the fifth to the Pacific Northwest.

The Jubilee Mass is set for 3:30 p.m. at the post's Jensen Gymnasium. Dinner and reception will be at 6:30 p.m. at the fort's Noncommissioned Officers' Club. Born in Ireland, the 65-year-old archbishop came to the United States in 1928, and became a cardinal in March 1973.

Rabbi to speak

"The Problem of Inter-marriage" will be the topic when Rabbi Henry Fisher, New York, director of the university institute of the University of Judaism, speaks to Congregation Neveh Shalom at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Church value 'erosion' noted

Portland's Catholic archbishop, in a Lenten pastoral letter, has struck hard at the solar plexus of Christians, blaming them for "the waves of immorality and godlessness which have deluged our country."

The letter — which also attacks "death-with-dignity bills" and the 1973 abortion decision of the United States Supreme Court — was received last Sunday by all clergy and the 125 parishes within the Portland Archdiocese.

Archbishop Cornelius Power said that much of the erosion of Christian values has come during the nine years since "the Holy Father put fasting (only one full meal a day) and abstaining (no meat) on a voluntary basis, hoping that Catholics would continue at least a penitential life style during Lent.

"It didn't work," he said, urging Catholics to fast and pray with renewed vigor.

"We have not been giving the devil his due," the Archbishop said. "Too many of us have thought him dead since we ceased being reminded at the end of Mass that 'Satan and the other evil spirits roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls.'"

Values attacked

Archbishop Power said eternal values of the church openly are being attacked and eroded: "Faith in God and reverence for His laws, the right to life, marriage, the family, brotherly love, respect for authority, religious education, purity, honesty, and self-discipline.

"Our first line of defense is the same as ever: Prayer and penance," he said.

The archbishop attacked the January 1973 Supreme Court decision which granted women the right to have medical abortions during the first six months of pregnancy.

However, he made no mention of the Supreme Court's refusal last month to hear an appeal by Hale Hospital of Haverhill, Mass., of a ruling by the same court last summer. The Supreme Court ruled that public hospitals cannot forbid physicians on



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their staffs to perform abortions, even if they were "elective," and not to preserve the life of the mother.

Many states, Archbishop Power said, already have authorized abortion on demand, and now are considering death-with-dignity bills, whereby "the government, because it will be making and supervising the rules, will become the 'lord high executioner,' deciding who shall live and who shall die."

The archbishop said death-with-dignity bills first will apply only to the incurably ill, but predicted it will not be long before promoters will extend the law to the aged who won't have to be sick.

Suicide clinics next?

"Suicide clinics will be provided to make it easy," he said. "The next step will be to make the law involuntary. Ready or not you'll have to go. After that it will be easy. The list will grow to include the mentally ill."

Archbishop Power also took issue with school required reading lists, and the incidence of drug use by school children.

He attacked forces in Washington state, which during the last few legislative sessions, have advocated bills that would: Legalize death with dignity, extend contraceptive services to minors without parental knowledge or consent; make a marriage ceremony unnecessary and superfluous; and institute no-fault divorce.