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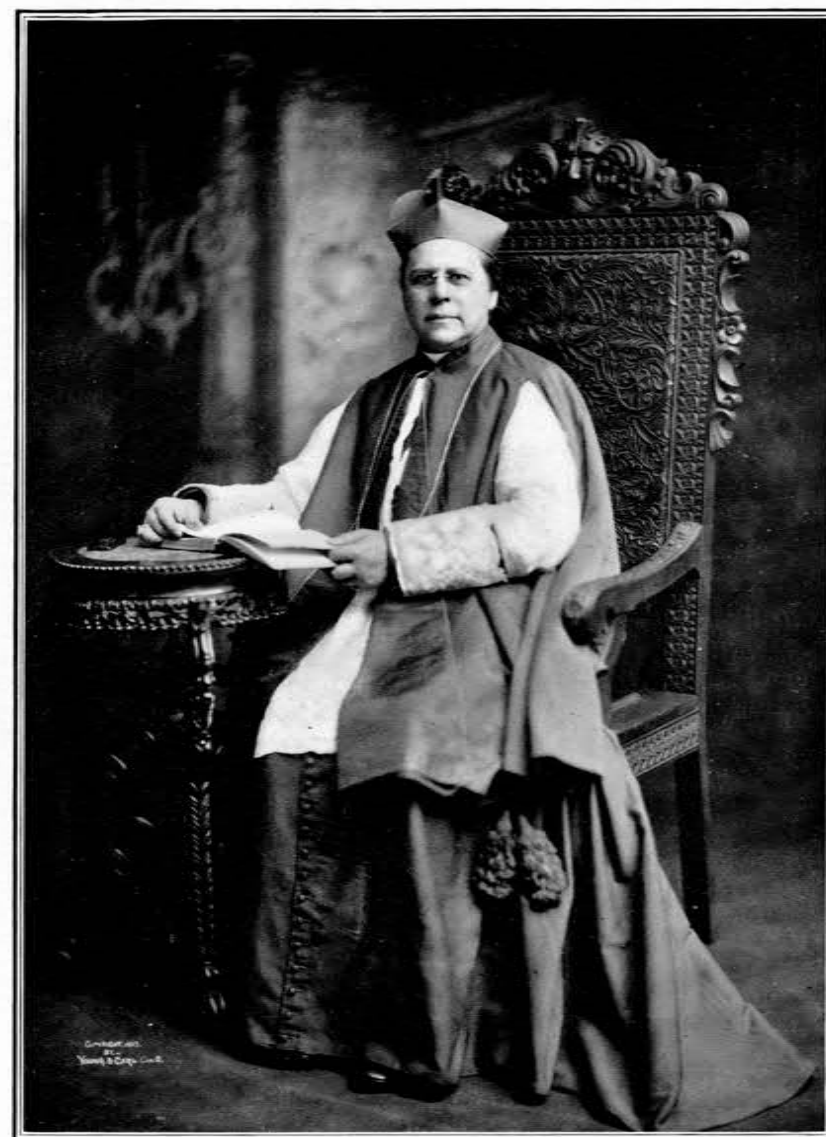




HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
(REMODELED)



HIS HOLINESS
POPE PIUS X



HIS GRACE
The Most Reverend Henry Moeller, D. D., Archbishop of Cincinnati



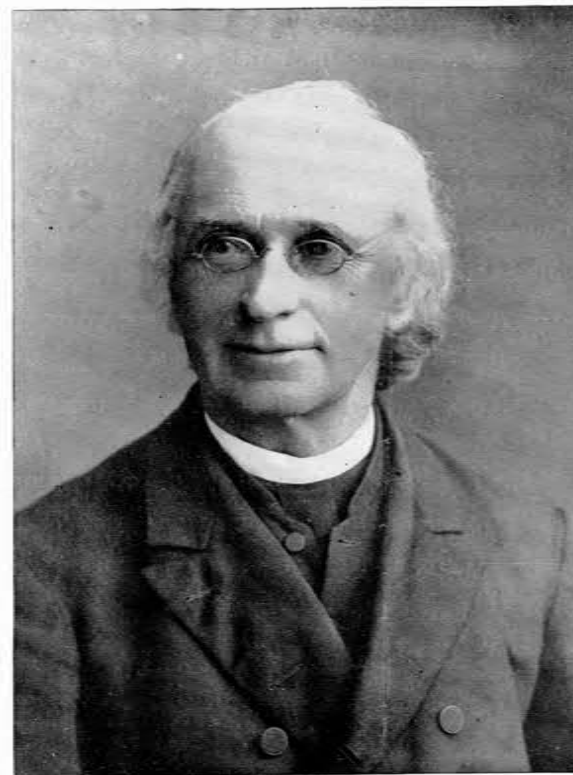
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ON August 15th of the year 1911, the Holy Trinity Congregation of Dayton, Ohio, celebrates the fiftieth year of the existence of its House of God, the Holy Trinity Church.

The trying conditions and circumstances connected with the establishment and growth of this congregation, and the fact that, despite those trials it is now in such a flourishing state, naturally fills its members with satisfaction and a laudable pride.

Holy Trinity Church now exists fifty years, and has become, as it were, a stately tree in whose shade the weary and troubled soul finds shelter, and the older members may with gratitude towards God recall to their children and grandchildren the strong faith and religious generosity of their forefathers. Be it said to the credit of our German forefathers that it is primarily to them we owe this beautiful church. Their genuine Catholic faith, their spirit of sacrifice, their energetic efforts, their indefatigable zeal and perseverance were the forces brought to bear upon a thousand obstacles and difficulties ere the congregation was formed.



REV. FRANCIS JOSEPH GOETZ

Died August 25, 1900

History—Continued

This Jubilee not merely marks the existence of a Catholic house of worship for a period of fifty years, but it also forms an interesting chapter in the history of Dayton, and portrays the remarkable growth of the "Gem City" itself.

The speedy growth of the German population of Dayton necessitated the establishment, in 1860, of another parish, which was dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity.

This congregation came into existence during a trying national period, and presumably the unsettled condition of affairs brought about by the war interfered with the progress of the work, for it was not until the following year—August 15th, 1861—that the dedicatory services took place. These were performed by the late Right Rev. Damian Juncker, Bishop of Alton, Illinois, who had formerly been pastor of Emmanuel Church of this city.

Already in October of that year "The Catholic Telegraph" thus notes the progress being made by the infant church: "Holy Trinity Church, Dayton, is one of the best churches outside of Cincinnati in the Diocese. Its pastor, the Rev. Francis Joseph Goetz, speaks with delight of the piety and generosity of its people."

The church is of Romanesque style of architecture, 130 feet by 60 feet. It was built by the Rev. Francis Joseph Goetz, whose name is held in tender reverence by the older inhabitants of Dayton, and whose memory is immortally entwined in the history of Holy Trinity Congregation. Even to this day we hear people calling the church "Father Goetz's church."

Father Goetz was born December 14th, 1828, in Sufflenheim, Strassburg, in Alsace. Ordained priest August 15th, 1855, in the Seminary Chapel of St. Sulpice, where he said his first Holy Mass.



REV. CHARLES H. HAHNE

Died November 5, 1910

History—Continued

He was one of the saintly pioneer priests of the Archdiocese, and after having served in Marges, Lodi, Canal Dover, and Reading, Ohio, he came to Dayton in 1860 to take charge of the new parish, of which he was the beloved and devoted pastor for a period of thirty-nine years. During that time it grew from a small parish to one of magnitude and importance.

Good Father Goetz fully realized the necessity of a good Christian education for the furtherance of genuine Catholicity, and in consequence he was solicitous in establishing a good school for the juvenile members of the flock entrusted to his care by the Good Shepherd.

Though his means were limited, he succeeded in getting his people to believe with him that religion and learning should go hand in hand; they were ready to make any sacrifice necessary to secure for their children the benefits of a truly Catholic education.

Already, in 1862, he built a school for boys and girls. This building, after undergoing some alterations, is now the parsonage. Mr. Nicholas Metz, with two assistants, was the teacher, and kindly do his pupils speak of him. He was also the first organist of the church. The school soon grew to such dimensions that Father Goetz, who was no advocate of co-education, gave charge of the Boys' Department to the Brothers of Mary, who took charge of the same July 16th, 1869. A little later the Sisters of Notre Dame took charge of the girls. The school occupied at present by the boys was erected in 1883.

Be it said to the credit and praise of Father Goetz that he was ever a constant and warm friend of the children. Whenever a number of children were congregated in the neighborhood of the church or school it was safe to surmise that good Father Goetz formed the center of attraction.



INTERIOR OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

History—Continued

It is also worthy of particular mention that the organization now known throughout the United States as the Knights of St. John, was born in Holy Trinity parish, and under the wise guidance of Father Goetz prospered, becoming as it did during his lifetime, and as it certainly now is, a national organization. Such staunch men of the Catholic Church in the city of Dayton, who formed the nucleus of these loyal knights, as Messrs. A. Hasenstab, Nich. Thomas, Leo Goetz, W. H. Gondert, Lawrence Butz, and Wm. Legler and their present younger though no less faithful comrades, are an honor and a credit to the Church of God. These six highly respectable gentlemen, by the way, are the only ones of the original chartered members of the Knighthood that are still living.

The citizens of Dayton still remember the eighteenth annual convention and second annual encampment of the Catholic Knights of St. John, June 24, 1896, when some two thousand uniformed Knights were encamped at the Fair Grounds, which had been converted into a veritable camp and named after the Supreme President at the time, Henry J. Werst.

The city was in gala attire, the decorations were profuse and handsome. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Venerable Father Goetz, being assisted by Rev. B. Luebbberman and Rev. J. George Franz, then of Hamilton. Right Rev. Bishop Watterson, of Columbus, occupied the throne and was attended by Rev. J. A. Feldman, of Cincinnati, and Rev. M. Byrne, of Whiting, Indiana.

In 1899, owing to infirmities of age, the venerable pastor resigned from the parish and became Pastor Emeritus.

Seventy-two golden years, filled by him with amplest store of good deeds and noble works, were his; and of these, thirty-nine were spent as organizer and pastor of Holy Trinity Church.



REV. J. HENRY SCHENGBER

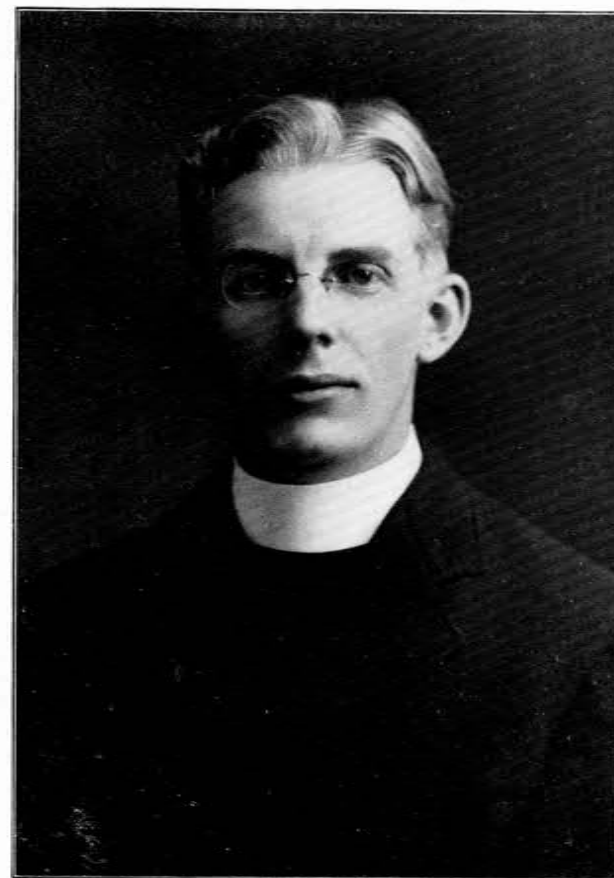
Rector

History—Continued

When on the evening of August 25th, 1900, the bells of Holy Trinity tolled to announce the death of good Father Goetz, the grief was not only felt throughout Dayton, but by the many who had the happiness of knowing him or hearing of his noble deeds.

On the resignation of Father Goetz, in 1899, the Rev. Dr. Kemper was named as his successor; but the officials of the National Military Home, of which institution Dr. Kemper was the Chaplain, begged His Grace, Archbishop Elder, not to remove him. His Grace kindly acquiescing, another concursus was necessitated, in which the Rev. Charles H. Hahne was the successful candidate, becoming thus the youngest irremovable rector in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Rev. Charles H. Hahne was a native of Dayton, and was born July 2, 1858. After completing the course of study at the Emmanuel's Parochial School, he entered Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. After completing his preparatory studies at that institution he went to St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wis., where he finished his studies in philosophy; from thence he went to Niagara University for his theological course. Ordination to the priesthood was conferred upon him by Archbishop Elder, at the Cathedral of Cincinnati, May 23, 1883, and he celebrated his first Mass at Emmanuel's Church, the church of his youth. He was appointed assistant pastor of St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati, and then of Holy Trinity Church, Cincinnati, where he acted as assistant to the late Very Rev. Father Albrinck, V. G., which post he held for a period of five years. St. Anthony's Church, Madisonville, Ohio, was his next field of labor in the vineyard of the Lord. A year after his appointment his church was destroyed by fire. Undaunted by reverses, he set to work resolutely and rebuilt it, and in addition erected a substantial school-house and



REV. JOSEPH KOCK
Curate

History—Continued

parsonage. Father Hahne, as is well known, was a good financier; so enthusiastically did he labor that during his incumbency the debt of St. Anthony Church steadily decreased, and its affairs were in a splendid condition when he was called to Dayton to take charge of Holy Trinity Church.

Father Hahne's greatest solicitude was to embellish the House of God. He was wont to say: "Nothing is too good for the House of the Lord." Thanks to his untiring energy and the generosity of his parishioners, Holy Trinity Church, the oldest church in the city of Dayton, now figures as a real gem among the many structures erected to the worship of God in later years. Holy Trinity Church, though being the fourth in point of age, has nevertheless the distinction of being the oldest Catholic Church in the city, in that it is the original structure, the other first three having been replaced by new buildings.

The members of Holy Trinity Church are justly proud of the distinction that their church is the only one of the Archdiocese that has an electric cross. This very large cross, standing as it does, over two hundred feet above the ground, is a splendid object when its brilliant illuminations define the symbol of Redemption against the night sky.

Father Hahne was one of the very first pastors to comply with the desire of His Holiness the Pope to have male choirs only; and this church has the enviable distinction of having a Male Choir, twenty-four members strong, under the able leadership of Prof. Wm. A. Metzner.

The last great improvement made on the church was the erection of a magnificent stone vestibule and massive bronze doors. This improvement Father Hahne was wont to call "The Golden Jubilee Memorial," but which he had not the happiness of seeing completed.

Curates of Holy Trinity Church



REV. JOHN D. KRESS



REV. J. B. FROHMILLER



REV. J. GEO. FRANZ

History—Continued

Rev. Charles H. Hahne died November 5, 1910, mourned and lamented by his parishioners and all who knew him.

Rev. J. Henry Schengber, the present pastor, was appointed to succeed the Rev. Charles H. Hahne, December 23, 1910.

To have had but three pastors in half a century is a record not held by many churches; and besides this, Holy Trinity has further been granted to have had and to have in these, three earnest, faithful, and zealous priests, whose motive was and is God's honor and glory and the salvation of the souls entrusted to their priestly solicitude and care.

The approximate number of families forming this Congregation is about four hundred.

The following list of curates of Holy Trinity Church presents a line of zealous and devoted co-laborers of the three Reverend Pastors:

REV. JOHN D. KRESS.....1873—May, 1874.
REV. J. B. FROHMILLER.....July 16, 1875—Dec. 25, 1888.
REV. B. LUEBBERMAN.....Oct., 1889—Sept. 13, 1890.
REV. J. GEO. FRANZ.....Oct. 3, 1890—Dec. 10, 1890.
REV. H. ELLERBROCK.....Nov. 3, 1890—Aug. 11, 1891.
REV. SIGISBERT ZARN.....Apr. 2, 1892—Mar. 28, 1894.
REV. HENRY G. KUES.Oct. 14, 1894—Oct. 26, 1899.
REV. A. TABKE.....Dec. 1, 1899—Apr. 5, 1900.
REV. JOSEPH SIEBER.....Sept. 14, 1900—July 15, 1902.
REV. JNO. H. SCHWARTZ.....July 25, 1903—July 1, 1905.
REV. B. H. FRANZER.....July 1, 1905—Oct. 20, 1910.
REV. JOSEPH KOCK.....Oct. 22, 1910.

Curates of Holy Trinity Church



REV. B. LUEBBERMAN



REV. H. ELLERBROCK



REV. SIGISBERT ZARN



REV. HENRY G. KUES

Jubilee Services

Sunday, September 3, 1911

Jubilee High Mass

Coram Archiepiscopo

10:30 A. M.

His Grace

MOST REV. HENRY MOELLER, D. D.

Deacons of Honor to the Most Rev. Archbishop

REV. WM. D. HICKEY

REV. CHAS. S. KEMPER

Celebrant of the Mass

REV. JOHN B. FROHMILLER

Deacon of the Mass

REV. HENRY KUES

Sub Deacon of the Mass

REV. B. H. FRANZER

Masters of Ceremonies

REV. JOS. N. KOCK

REV. FRANCIS GRUSENMEYER

Cross Bearer

FRANCIS KELLEY

Censer Bearers

JOSEPH KEBER

JOSEPH RICHTIG

Acolytes

MATHIAS LAUSE

URBAN BERGMAN

Curates of Holy Trinity Church



REV. A. TABKE



REV. JOS. SIEBER



REV. JNO. H. SCHWARTZ



REV. B. H. FRANZER



PROGRAM FOR THE
.....Jubilee High Mass.....
 Coram Archiepiscopo



"ENTRE DE PROCESSIONE" IN C.....*T. Edwin Solly*
 Organ, W. A. Metzner.
 "ECCE SACERDOS".....*P. Rampis*
 "KYRIE".....*Charles Gounod*
 "GLORIA".....*Charles Gounod*
 "VENI CREATOR".....*W. A. Metzner*
 "CREDO".....*H. J. Stewart*
 "AVE MARIA".....*D. Buck*
 Tenor Solo, Mr. Theo. Schneble.
 "SANCTUS".....*L. De Merlier*
 "BENEDICTUS".....*Fr. Arnfelder*
 "AGNUS DEI".....*L. De Merlier*
 "FESTIVAL MARCH" IN B.....*Wm. Faulkes*
 Organ, W. A. Metzner.



Members of the Holy Trinity Church Chorus

I. TENOR.

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 Clar. J. Lang.
 Chas. E. Seubert.
 Wm. H. Hinders.
 Carl Thade.
 Carl J. Wehner.
 Walter Becker.
 Erwin Remke.

II. TENOR.

Jos. Westendorf.
 Fred Vehorn.
 J. B. Westendorf.
 F. A. DeCurtines.
 Geo. Claude.

I. BASS.

Jos. Wimmers.
 Leo. J. Loges.
 Jos. McGrath.
 Chas. W. Lang.

II. BASS.

Clar. Westendorf.
 Henry Gayer.
 Leo. Will.
 Fred. Schrenk.
 Law. Jaeckle.

PROF. W. A. METZNER,
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