

all Saints Church

1845

In the fall of 1844, the Catholics - ~~now~~ ^{of} the East End - after many misgivings + much talk, came to the conclusion that a Church of their own would not be out of place. Accordingly, they called a meeting for this purpose. It was unanimously agreed to petition Archbishop Purcell to allow them to build one and to send them a priest. The Archbishop cheerfully consented to their request + sent them Father Olivette. In place of building, they bought a Methodist Church on Goodlow Street opposite Kemper Lane + named it Christ Church. A kindness by joining the church was likewise purchased. The church was remodeled; an altar erected; vestments purchased + everything necessary for Catholic worship was procured. A school in the basement of the church was opened - a Capuan - Geo. Burns - was engaged as teacher. The Church

was gradually ~~the~~ freed from Debt & the Congregation
 increasing in numbers, when Dr. Olive was
 succeeded by an Italian - name unknown. Dr.
 Byrnes was his successor. The Cholera was
 raging at this time in the City & Dr. Byrnes
 was a victim thereof - dying at the age of 27 yrs
 after one year's pastorate. In 1848 the Church
 was dedicated, when the Sisters of Charity
 took charge of the school. They remained
 however but one year - boarding during this
 period with a private family. Dr. O'Farrell
 took charge in September 1850. He remained
 but a year - In 1851 Dr. Mc'Matton became
 Pastor. The old Church was apparently too
 small for the growing Congregation &
 he resolved to build a new one. A lot was
 purchased on the Cor. of 3rd + Collard Ave.
 Stone building erected thereon. He also built
 the residence adjoining. He never, however, occ-
 upied the house. The old Church & residence
 was bought by the Pennsylvania Rail Road

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To pay for the new Church, he canvassed the city, as was the custom in those days & for many years afterwards. He had the satisfaction before leaving in June 1861, of clearing the Church of Debt. He was known as the Priest-Physician. People came from all over the city in wagons & buggies of all kinds to be relieved of their ailments. The Doctors of the city complained to ^{the} Archbishop & this caused his dismissal. After 10 yrs of hard labor. Dr. Walker succeeded & remained until June 1863, when Dr. Callaghan became his successor. A school again was opened in the basement of the new Residence, & Miss Callaghan. Dr. Callaghan's sister became teacher. Dr. Callaghan frescoed the Church; put in the organ; the marble altar; built the Stiple - besides building the school house. The school opened in September 1868 - with 275 children. The Sisters of Charity once more took charge.

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These children were at this time going to the Public School a block away. The Residence was given over to the Rectory & Dr Callaghan ^{lived} in the Sacristy. The Room downstairs the Office upstairs the Bed Room. When he left in 1869 he owed a Debt of \$6000⁰⁰ which was paid off by Dr. Bonner who succeeded him. Dr. Bonner also lived in the Sacristy. The Archbishop was dissatisfied the way the Priests were living & ordered the people to erect a house for the Rectory. Dr. Bonner erected the present Residence - leaving a Debt of about \$4000⁰⁰ when he left. This Debt was paid off by Dr. Daly his successor. Dr. Daly remained Pastor for 20 yrs. Dr. Burns succeeded & remain until his Death 5 yrs later.

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