

**SACRED HEART CHURCH  
892 HAMLET STREET  
COLUMBUS, OHIO**

**HISTORY OF SACRED HEART PARISH**

In the year 1852 or 1853 William Phelan of Lancaster, Ohio, willed to the Diocese four acres of land--the present site of the Sacred Heart Church property. Columbus was then part of the Diocese of Cincinnati, and under the spiritual jurisdiction of Bishop Purcell--later Archbishop Purcell when Cincinnati became an Archdiocese. The track of land left by Mr. Phelan to the Church forms a square bounded by Summit Street, First Avenue, Hamlet Street and Second Avenue. The land was given with the stipulation that it was to be used for religious and educational purposes and none other. It came into the city corporation with the Mt. Pleasant Addition and in 1875 was in the midst of a rapidly growing Catholic population who were seeking homes north of the Union Station.

**FATHER EIS APPOINTED PASTOR**

On the 3rd of March, 1868, Pope Pius IX created the new See of Columbus and Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans became the first Bishop. Early in the year 1875 Bishop Rosecrans determined to make use of the land left to the Church and commissioned the Reverend John B. Eis, who had been assisting at Holy Cross Church from 1872 to 1875, to start the new parish and erect a building suitable to its needs. After consulting with some businessmen of the city and with the approval of the Bishop, Father Eis decided to build a school with a large hall to be used as a church and with rooms to accommodate the Sisters who were to teach. The contract for this building was made with John Harding on the 2nd of August, 1875. On September 5th the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Rosecrans in the presence of a large gathering of people. The Catholic societies of the city were present and the sermon was delivered by the Bishop. The structure was completed in the spring of 1876 and on Easter Sunday, April 16th, Mass was celebrated in it for the first time. The Very Reverend John B. Hemsteger, Vicar General, performed the dedication ceremonies in the absence of the Right Reverend Bishop from the city.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

With the dedication of the new church occurred also the opening of the Sacred Heart School. On the 19th of April, 1876, eighty-three pupils were enrolled and these were divided into three rooms. Before the end of the next three months, this number had increased to two hundred and fifty. When school opened the following September there were three hundred and five pupils in the charge of five Sisters. From the beginning the school has been under the direction of the Sisters of St. Francis whose Mother House is at Stella Niagara near Buffalo, N.Y. The enrollment continued to grow steadily until it reached six hundred pupils in attendance.

## **BUILDING ADDITIONS**

The rapid and continued growth of the congregation demanded a corresponding increase in the accommodations. Several additions were made to the building from time to time. In 1877 the pastoral residence was added to the south end of the building, and in 1886 a convent for the Sisters was built on the north end. As it stands today this building is about 175 feet long and 80 feet wide. The cost of the structure was in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

## **ASSISTANT PASTORS**

In supplying the spiritual needs of a congregation growing so rapidly Father Eis had the assistance at different times of several priests. Father Hormisch assisted from 1878 to 1880, then Father Hochmiller of the Josephinum College. It was not until 1889 that a regular assistant was appointed by Bishop Waterson. Rev. Hugh Ewing had been ordained but a short time when he was sent to Sacred Heart Church and remained there until the formation of St. Peter's Parish of which he was made the first pastor. After Father Ewing, the Rev. Augustine Vassal aided Father Eis for eleven years until the spring of 1907. Rev. William Schaeffer served for a few months and was succeeded by Rev. John Curran. The latter--never very strong--fell victim to the flu epidemic and died November 5, 1918. Besides his parish duties, Father Curran was also acting as Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese. He was a native of Bellaire and lies buried in that city.

## **DEATH OF FATHER EIS**

Father Eis was also stricken with influenza in 1918, and he never fully recovered. His condition was complicated with the infirmities of age and he died at St. Francis Hospital, December 9, 1922. Father John B. Eis was pastor of Sacred Heart Parish for over forty years. He was a man of great ability with a talent for leadership. One of his gifts was a knowledge of several languages, which was most helpful to him in his parochial duties. He was also distinguished for his zeal in preaching the Word of God and unflagging devotion to the progress of Sacred Heart School. Father Eis is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, and the parish shortly after his death marked his last resting place with a fine monument.

## **FATHER RYAN APPOINTED PASTOR**

During the first illness of Father Eis, Fathers Hackett, Fischer and Kilgallen looked after the spiritual needs of the parish. In July, 1919, the Reverend James M. Ryan who had been serving as Chaplain of the 133rd Machine Gun Battalion in France, was appointed by Bishop Hartley to be Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish and commissioned to build a new church and parish house. Father Ryan had been ordained in 1908 and served as Assistant Pastor in St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark, Ohio, and St. John Church at Bellaire, Ohio. In June, 1914, he was appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Church in Glouster, Ohio, and remained there until he entered the Army as a chaplain. Upon his arrival at Sacred Heart, Father Ryan began immediately to lay the ground work for the new church. A debt of several thousand dollars was paid off and a drive started to raise a building fund. In January, 1920, the "Sacred Heart Church

Calendar" was inaugurated in its present format to record the various activities and progress of the parish. It was a monthly publication, and since 1920 has never missed an issue.

### **THE NEW CHURCH**

By 1922 over \$50,000 had been collected and plans for the church and rectory drawn by Robert Kraus, architect from Akron, Ohio, were accepted; and actual construction commenced in May, 1922. Despite the usual delays satisfactory progress was made and on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1923, at 10 p.m., the new church was solemnly dedicated to the service of Almighty God by Bishop Hartley. It is of pure Tudor Gothic design and has been pronounced one of the most correct and beautiful churches in the state of Ohio. It is 155 feet long, 80 feet in width and 52 feet high. The main tower is 105 feet high. Including a beautiful little chapel--a complete church in itself-- the edifice has a seating capacity of almost 800.

By the end of 1925, the entire cost of the new church and rectory, together with the remodeling of the school had been paid off. There must be included in these extraordinary expenses also a \$12,000 subscription to the new St. Charles Seminary. At no time was the bank debt more than \$20,000. This splendid record will always stand as a credit to Father Ryan and the people of Sacred Heart Parish.

### **SCHOOL REMODELED**

Upon the completion of the new church, Divine Services were of course transferred from the old church and the room thus vacated was turned into school rooms. The school was remodeled and today the parish has twelve splendid rooms for school purposes. Eight of these are used for the grammar school and four for the commercial school.

### **ST. CHARLES SEMINARY**

St. Charles Seminary had its start at Sacred Heart. Bishop Hartley had announced in 1923 plans for the erection of a Diocesan Seminary for the preparatory education of boys with a view to fostering vocations for the priesthood. And in order to get the school under way even before the new St. Charles building was completed, school room space was made available at Sacred Heart. On September 5th, 1923, twenty-seven boys were enrolled in the first year of the new school. The Reverend John Murphy, Superintendent of Schools, was Prefect of Studies; Father Ryan, Prefect of Discipline; Rev. Robert F. Coburn of the cathedral, taught Latin; Rev. Raymond Bauschard of Holy Name Church, Algebra; and Rev. Mr. John Kerrigan (Father Kerrigan), Religion, English, History and General Science. Father Kerrigan had come to Columbus a few months before and completed his seminary studies here at the same time teaching in the new St. Charles. He was ordained in June, 1924, and offered his first Mass in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, June 15, 1924. On that same day Rev. Albert Fisher, a native of the parish, also sang his first Mass. Father Kerrigan, along with his teaching at St. Charles, continued to assist at Sacred Heart Church until March, 1945.

## MONSIGNOR RYAN

In the fall of 1934 the Holy Father--Pope Pius XI--recognized the splendid priestly work of Father Ryan and named him a Domestic Prelate of the Papal Household with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. Despite the depression and the moving of many families from the district, the old parish continued to hold her own. Then came the war years and the parish gave -- to the service. About this time Monsignor Ryan commenced to fail in health. He was stricken on October 19, 1944, with a heart attack and passed away at Mt. Carmel Hospital, October 20, 1944, after a life of unselfish devotion to his parochial duties. His body lies buried in St. Joseph Cemetery.

After Monsignor Ryan's untimely death, Father Kerrigan was appointed Administrator and served the parish in that capacity until March 15, 1945, when Mt. Rev. Edward Hettinger came as pastor. Father Bernard Jones was appointed assistant pastor at the same time. The latter was transferred to St. Luke's, Danville, August 31, 1947, and his place was taken by Rev. Father Edgar Hoffman.

On August 29, 1947, ground was broken for a community center and recreation hall to be dedicated to the memory of Monsignor Ryan. The new building is to be 103 feet long and 62 feet wide. It will contain an auditorium and gymnasium floor of 80 ft. by 50 ft. There will be a stage, kitchen, cloak-room, dressing rooms, meeting room, toilets, showers, etc. The new building will face Summit Street and set well back from the street, just north of the rectory. This building will be most useful for the school and parish life in general. It will serve also for a community center and be of benefit to the whole district for both Catholics and non-Catholics--particularly the children.

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### AN EXPERT'S OPINION

The following article appeared in the January 15, 1924, issue of the "Ohio State Lantern" written by Professor W. L. Graves of Ohio State University:

"If you want to see a beautiful building, stop in at the Church of the Sacred Heart at the corner of Hamlet Street and First Avenue. All fall I was interested in seeing the fine structure rise, but not until Sunday did I see the completed effect. I stepped inside and found the church was empty except for a black-gowned nun who was directing some subdued small boys in the gathering up of books used in a service. I mentioned my wish to see the church and she walked about with me, pleased at my admiration. She took me back into the lovely little Lady Chapel and told me what she knew about the structure as a whole. The building is of brick, in a soft warm color, light tan, with stone combination. The design is 13th century Gothic, and there are especially attractive details in the separate bell-tower, the small rose window above the main entrance, the dignified round columns of Caen stone along the nave, the carved oak of the confessional booths, and certain of the windows. The church has a perfect unity of effect, a beautiful serenity and dignity of design that makes worship there, one feels, a memorable experience.

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## SACRED HEART COMMERCIAL SCHOOL

In the year 1892 Father John B. Eis, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, opened a two year high school for boys and girls. The Sisters in charge were Sister Callista, Sister Amalia and Sister Augustine. In 1905 when St. Patrick's College (now Aquinas) was started, the boys' part of Sacred Heart High School was discontinued--the boys transferred to the new college. In 1908 the high school became strictly a commercial school for girls. Mother Claver was the founder and first teacher. She remained in charge until 1928. She was assisted by Sister Patrick and Sister Lioba and later by Mother Ida who succeeded her as principal in 1928. Other Sisters who have taught in the school are Sisters Leonard, Innocita, Norbert, Angelice, and Sister Pascal.



Here is the text of his broadcast over the "Voice of Freedom" radio, as reported by the Office of War Information:

"This is the Voice of Freedom, General MacArthur speaking:

"People of the Philippines: I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God our forces stand again on Philippine soil—soil consecrated in the blood of our two peoples. We have come, dedicated and committed, to the task of destroying every vestige of enemy control over your daily lives, and of restoring, upon a foundation of indestructible strength, the liberties of your people.

"At my side is your president Sergio Osmena, worthy successor of that great patriot, Manuel Quezon, with mem-

bered on the pages of human history. I now call upon your supreme effort that the enemy may know from the temper of an aroused and outraged people within that he has a force there to contend with no less violent than is the force committed from without.

"Rally to me. Let the indomitable spirit of Bataan and Corregidor lead on. As the lines of battle roll forward to bring you within the zone of operations, rise and strike! Strike at every favorable opportunity. For your homes, and hearths, strike! For future generations of your sons and daughters, strike! In the name of your sacred dead, strike! Let no heart be faint. Let every arm be steered. The guidance of Divine God points the way. Follow in His name to the Holy Grail of righteous victory!"

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, OCT. 20.—(AP)—A powerful invasion force of American troops landed in the archipelago today, 70 days after they were driven from the islands.

The invasion force, which includes a large contingent of American troops, landed at Leyte Gulf from a bombardment of 11 miles of coast.

The landing was recorded by NBC and "our troops are expected to be an easy operation."

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters are located in the hills of Morotai.

MacArthur's forces were every able-bodied men, including the Philippine Commonwealth forces, who were poured in to meet an estimated 10,000 Japanese troops.

The American navy, in unchallenged strength, ruled the invasion scene and the seas about it. Allied air forces virtually annihilated the Japanese fleet.

"In a major amphibious operation, we have reached the eastern coast of Leyte Island in the Philippines today.

### Bricker Suggests Three-Point Plan To Insure Jobs

By F. E. EASTERLY  
RENO, NEV., OCT. 20.—(AP)—Governor John W. Bricker today offered this three-point formula for guaranteeing jobs in peacetime:

1. Provide stability in government.
2. Maintain "our system of private enterprise."
3. "Repudiate those alien forces which, if given a chance, would make our workers economic slaves, the servants of the state."

The Republican nominee for vice president in a prepared speech released in advance by his campaign staff asserted that the New Deal "cannot return to the American government to the fundamental traditions of freedom for the individual under the Constitution."

"It is too tired and too confused within itself," he declared.

"Besides, it is a prisoner of forces and men who hold allegiance to alien philosophies of government," he said.

Hillman, Browder, the Communist Party candidate, was not present.

### Sacred Heart Pastor Dead



Rev. Msgr. J. M. Ryan, 61, since 1919 pastor of Sacred Heart Church, 1st Av. and Harriet St., died at 4 a. m. Friday, in Mt. Carmel Hospital of a heart ailment. Ill since early Thursday morning, he was taken to the hospital about 9 p. m.

Born Oct. 3, 1883, in Springfield, Ohio, Msgr. Ryan attended five years of Dayton, and after three years' study at St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, was ordained to the priesthood, June 13, 1908, in Columbus, by the late Bishop Hartley. He was named a monsignor by the late Pope Pius XI on Aug. 19, 1934.

Ryan's first pastorate was at Holy Cross Church, Gloucester, to which he was assigned in 1914 after serving as assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark, N. J., from 1908 to 1913, and of St. John's Church, Bellair, for nine months of 1913. During four years in Gloucester, he superintended the erection of the present church.

In 1918, Msgr. Ryan entered the Army as a first lieutenant in the Chaplain Corps and served in France with the 133rd Infantry Central Postal Directory. His battalion had been ordered into front-line action on Nov. 17, just one day before signing of the Armistice.

In 1919, Msgr. Ryan was assigned to the pastorate of Sacred Heart Church. He built the new church, one of the finest Gothic structures in the city, and the adjoining rectory. The church was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1923.

When St. Charles College Seminary was started by Bishop Hartley in September of 1923, the seminary courses were set up and the first classes held at Sacred Heart School with Msgr. Ryan and Msgr. John J. Murphy, now pastor of Holy Rosary Church, as regents.

Msgr. Ryan is survived by a sister, Miss Margaret Ryan, 2609 Brentwood Rd. and two brothers, Leo J. Ryan of the Brentwood Rd. address, and Joseph F. Ryan, 65 Governor Pl.

Funeral services are being completed by the McNamara Funeral Home.

### 11 Hurt As Bus Hits Gas Truck

Eleven persons were injured when an Upper Arlington bus crashed into a gasoline truck and struck an underpass abutment at Dennison Av. and Maple St. about 1 p. m. Friday. There were 23 persons on the bus at the time.

Injured were:

Mrs. Ray Blowers, 974 Copeland Rd., head and back injuries, at St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Nina Brown, 1231 Broadway Av., mouth and head injuries, at St. Francis Hospital.

William Fots, 1823 E. Main St., driver for the bus company, skull fracture and possible broken legs, in White Cross Hospital.

Mrs. Harold K. Armstrong, 1190 Ashland Av., cut head, treated at White Cross Hospital and released.

Mrs. Blanche Berleiman, 1117 Broadway Av., bruised wrist and leg, in White Cross Hospital.

Louis E. Halley, 1835 Edgemoor Rd., cut head, treated and released from White Cross.

Miss Mary Jones, 380 N. 20th St.; Mrs. G. L. Hults, 814 Oakley St.; Miss Lucille Lave, 1021 Cedar Rd.; Mrs. W. H. Dike, 1284 W. First Av.; Mrs. Herbert Jones, 830 Oakley Rd., all treated at Grant Hospital for cuts and bruises.

Harry Perkins, 93 S. Terrace Av., student driver, being investigated by Motorists, said he needed brakes on bus. The gasoline truck, he told police, had stopped in Dennison Av. at the south end of the Pennsylvania Railroad underpass, to make a left hand turn into Maple St., when the bus crashed into its rear bumper and careened into the abutment. Both truck and bus were traveling south in Dennison Av.

The gasoline truck was driven by Charles Shannon, 1997 Ferris Rd.

### 70,000 to Watch Ohio Clash With Brown's Sai

"Football hysteria" to unapproached since Notre Dame game played Friday with the long-haired "Br of Lt. (ig) Paul" of the Great Lakes.

A wild scramble created a crowd of 2 p. m. kick-off by jackets and Ohio Stadium. From papers east three major their ace newsweek in to occur between In coach-in-Widow's previous man F on In ended head for T. S.

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### \$237,899 Raised For War Chest; 16 Pct. of Goal

The neon in the thermometer on Chesty's pedestal at Broad and High Sts rose to \$237,899 Friday as workers in the Community War Chest campaign for the first time since the drive for \$1,487,000 opened Wednesday. This represents 16 per cent of the goal.

Speaker at Friday's opening report luncheon at the Southern Hotel was Charles D. Hurst, representing the YCA, one of the 88 agencies participating in the Community War Chest.

Seated at the speakers' table were nine wives and mothers of Franklin County men now prisoners of war, representing more than 100 local men now in Germany, Prussia, the Philippines, Formosa and Japan. They included Mrs. Allen Stowell, Mrs. Charles S. Todd, Mrs. Nellie Campbell, Mrs. Augustus J. Cullen, Mrs. James W. Connor, Mrs. Isaac Topolky, Mrs. May Taylor, Mrs. James L. Cleary and Mrs. J. D. Cleary.

War Prisoners Aid is the National War Fund agency which furnishes books, musical instruments and athletic equipment to men in prison camps. Representatives are permitted to visit the camps at intervals, thus ascertaining the men's needs.

### Late War Bulletins

**Rail Yards Blasted**  
ROME, OCT. 20.—American heavy bomb in Italy struck heavily the Rosenheim rail yard southeast of the Brenner Pass. The blast destroyed the main station and many other buildings. The city is reported to be in flames.

**Report Buh**  
LONDON, radio broadcast from Sofia signed an United States Br.

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### Ohio Village Hit By \$50,000 Fire

HILLSBORO, OHIO, OCT. 20.—Fire, starting in a restaurant, swept five streets and a residence in the nearby village of Sardinia today, causing loss estimated by the owners at \$50,000.

Destroyed or seriously damaged were the Cottage Inn and Silvers Restaurants; the Lester Yechem Grocery, the Luther Yockey Hardware Store, the wallpaper store of Frank Tracy and the residence of Alva Strong.

### Knox County School Suffers \$35,000 Fire

MT. VERNON, OHIO, OCT. 20.—A grade school building Danville, 12 miles east of F was partly destroyed by fire today with a loss estimated by officials at \$35,000. The fire was discovered shortly before 8 p. m. and firefighters began to arrive in classes.

Mt. Vernon firemen Danville Department is the blaze.

**FIRE EXTINGUI**  
Fire resulting fire crews extinguished at Holton's N. High St at 10:30 p. m. No damage flames.

### Ohioan Is Decorated By Gen. Mark Clark

ON THE FIFTH ARMY FRONT, ITALY, OCT. 20.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Mark Clark in a ceremony near the front lines, presented the Legion of Merit today to Tech. Sgt. Glen L. Wilson, Gibsonville, Ohio.

### and Burglary Preceded Fire

City Detectives William Donner and Ezra Mathias Friday were investigating circumstances of the Levy Mendel Tobacco Co. blaze last Tuesday after fire officials asked their aid when possible evidence of arson was uncovered in the case.

The detectives said a preliminary probe convinced them that a large scale burglary of cigars preceded the fire and that it was possible the \$70,000 blaze was incidental to this burglary at the tobacco firm at 220 N. High St.

### Africa Commissioner Dies

LONDON, OCT. 20.—(AP)—Col. Denis Reitz, high commissioner for South Africa in London, is dead.

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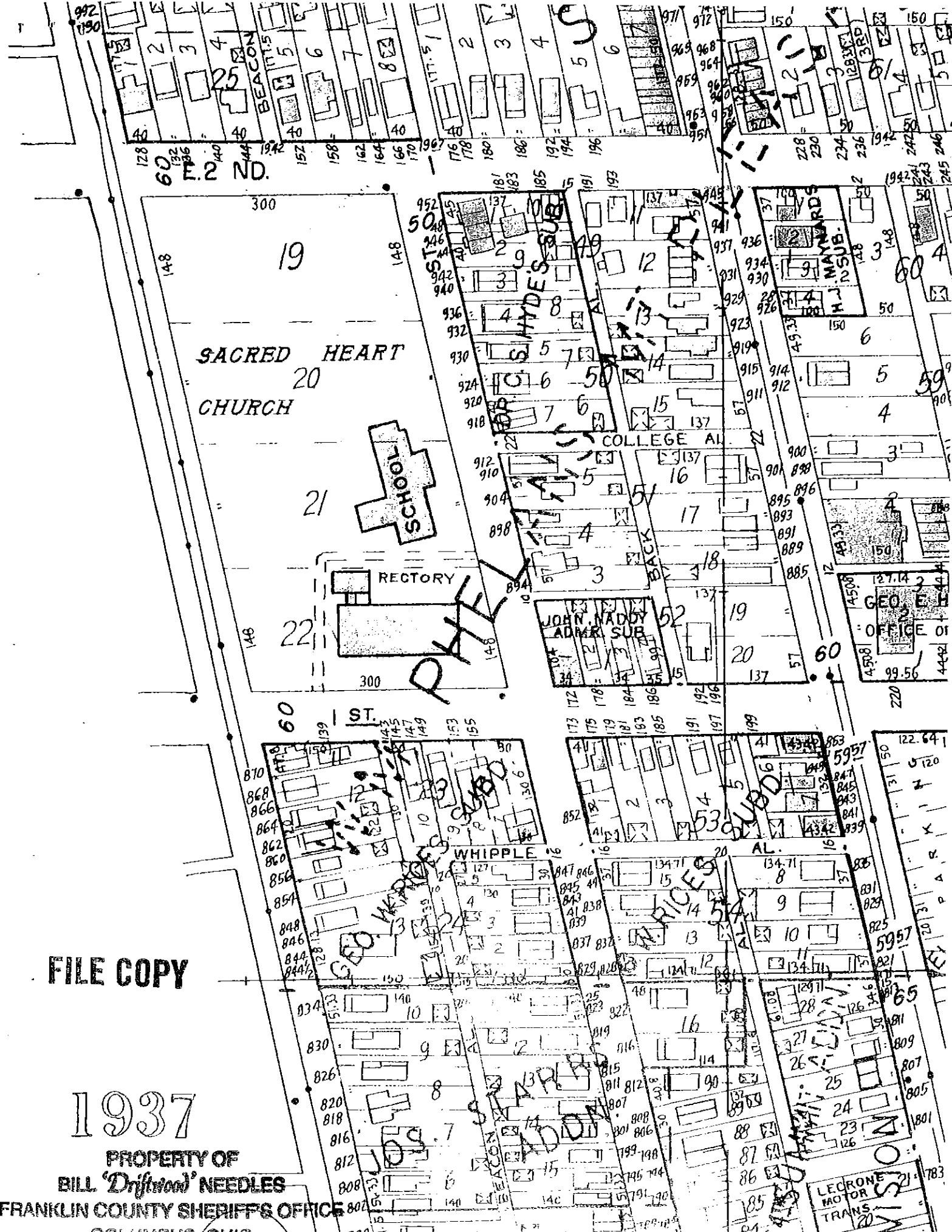
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Arrows show the course of the American offensive in the Western Pacific which has been climaxed by an invasion of the Central Philippines under command of Gen. MacArthur whose forces south of the Philippines have an advanced base at Morotai.



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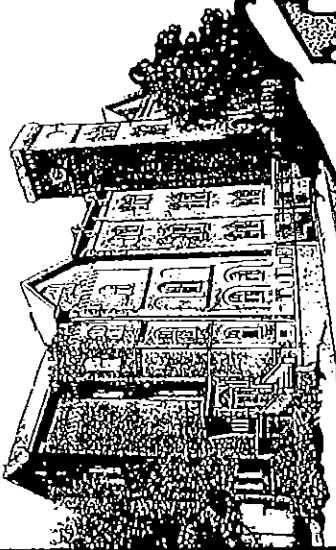
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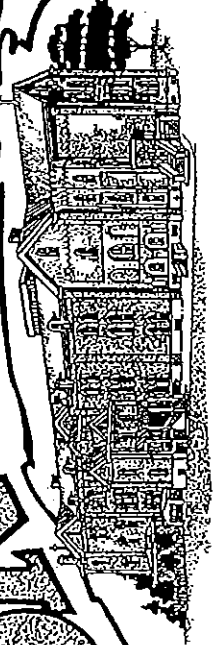
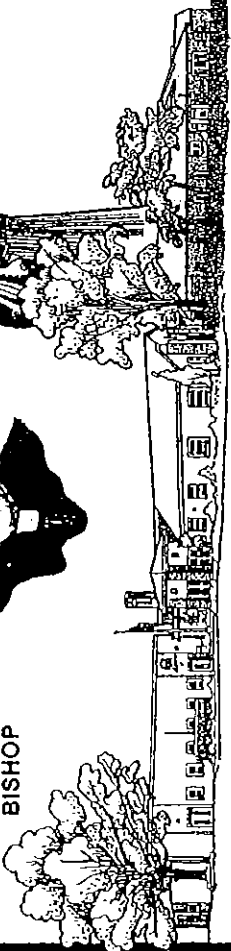
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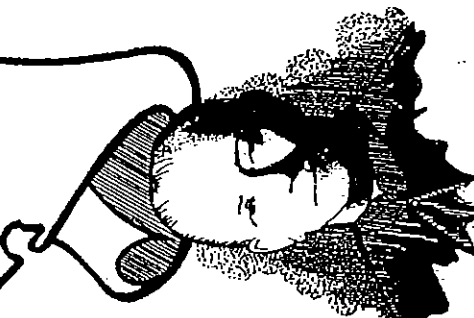
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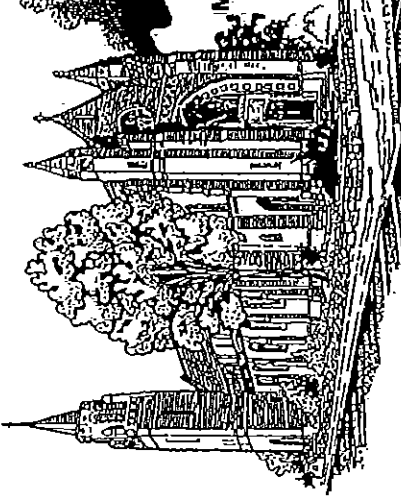
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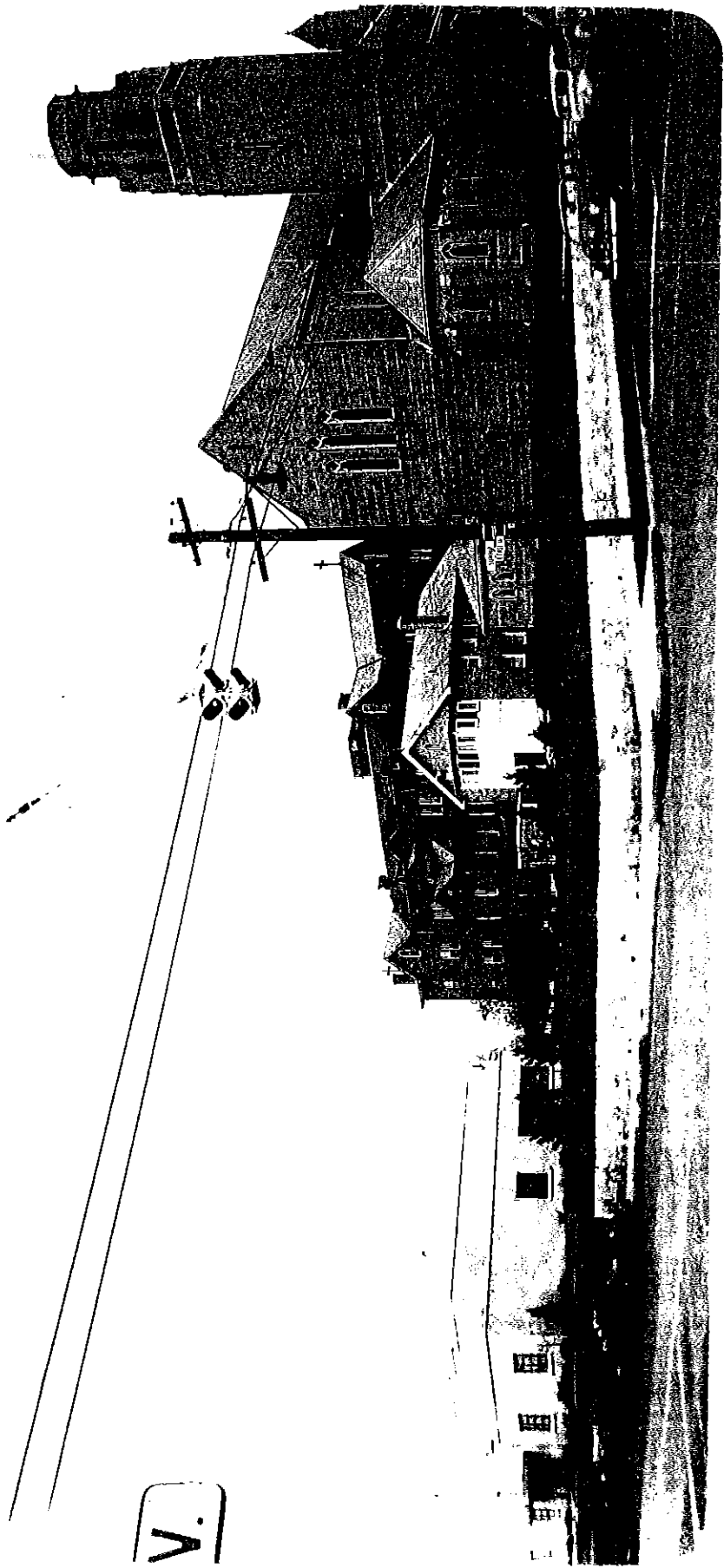


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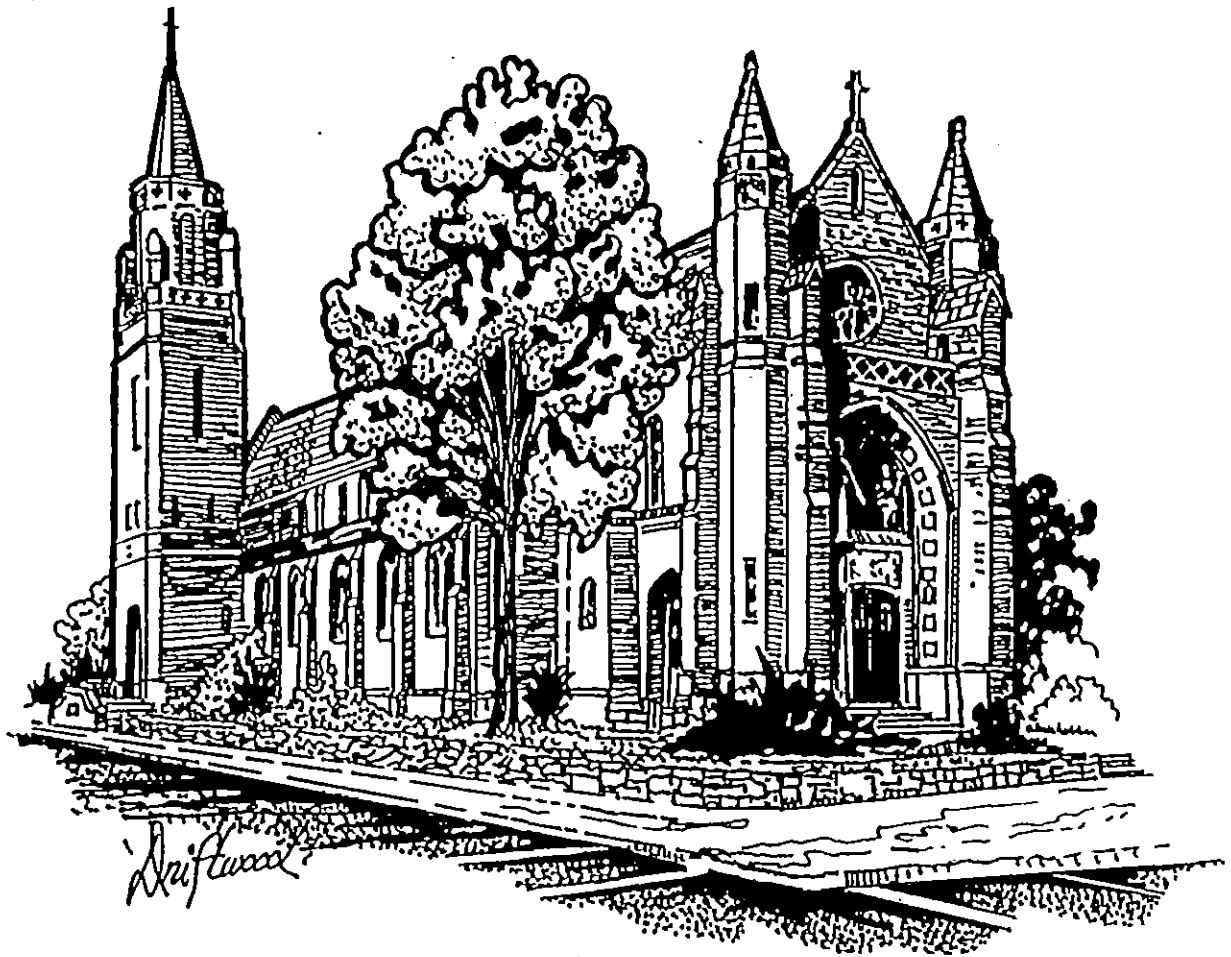
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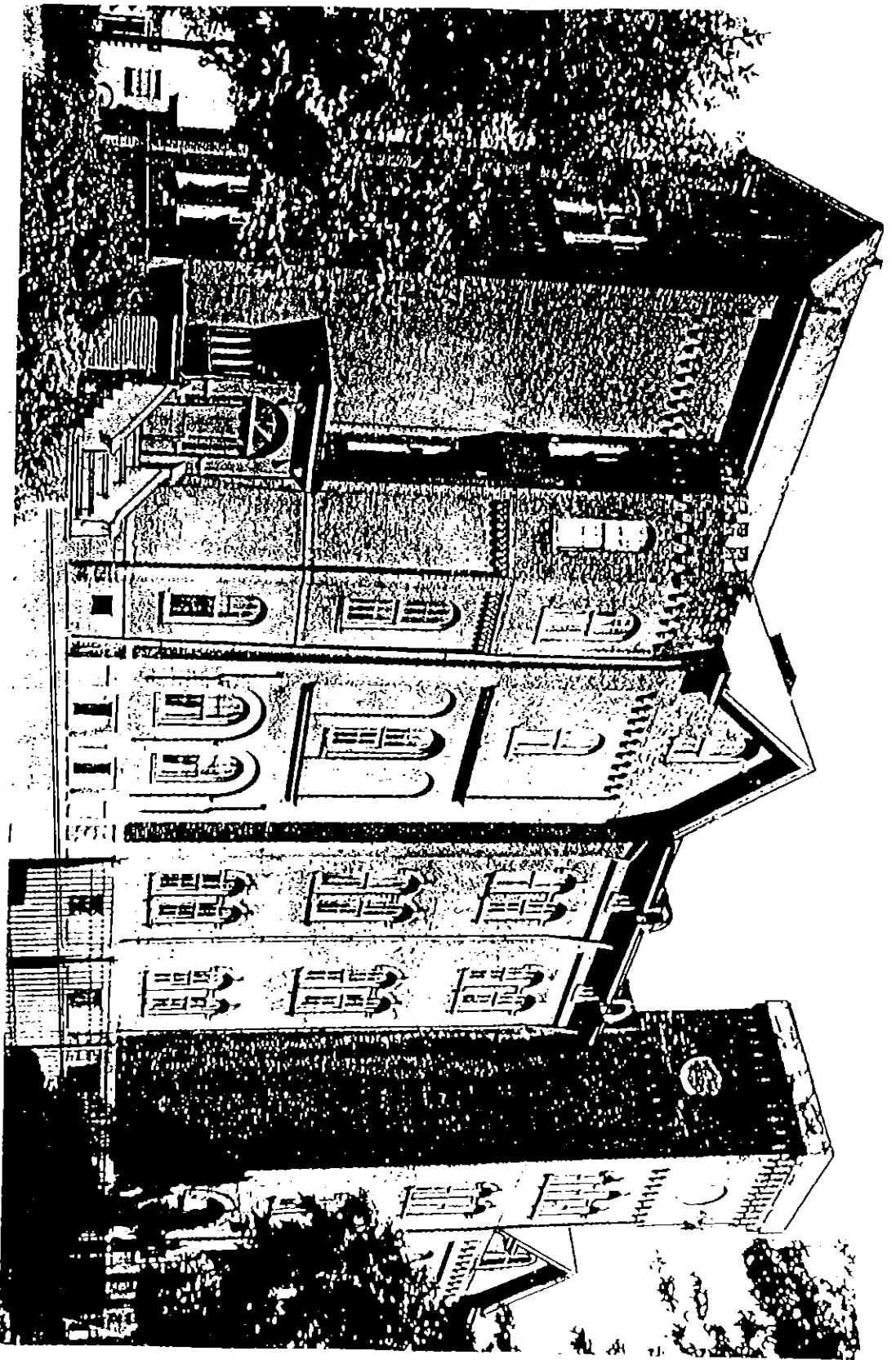
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Hamlet Street and First Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 1931 on -



From a very small child, it's beauty has always been an attraction to me. So massive inside, something like out of a story book. Even as it ages and the tell-tale of time shows on it, it still remains the magnificent structure it was meant to be; and above all, inside of it, one still has that feeling that they are truly in the "House of God" and not an assembly hall for so many outside activities, as so many other dwellings have turned out to be.

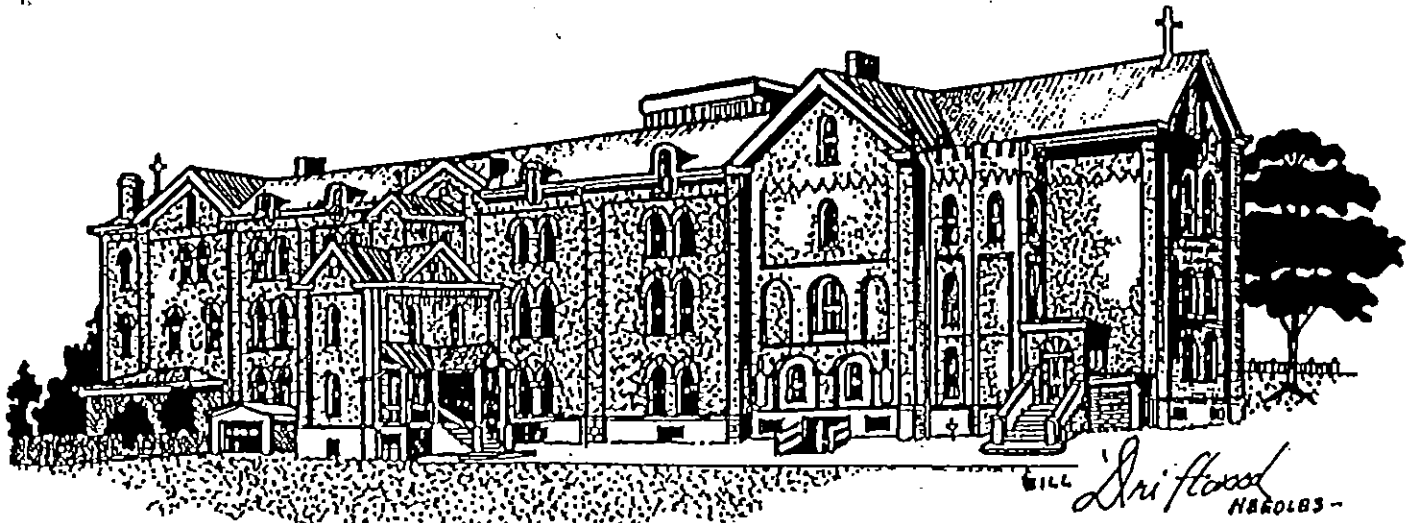


**OLD SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

*Columbus, Ohio*

1875 - 1957

This photo made Spring 1957  
shortly before building razed



## OLD SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Columbus, Ohio

1875 - 1957

This old building no longer stands, at least not physically; but in memory as long as an alumnus still lives, she will always bring back those great days of yesteryear.

No, she was not the bright-lighted, clean, cheerful classrooms of today; but rather just the complete opposite. Pine floors, oil soaked to keep the dust down, high metal clad ceilings, single pane tall windows that let more air in than they kept out. They were only to let light in and high enough that when at a desk you could not see out.

As for a playground, the girls was gravel and the boys was mud and cinders (rough debris from the old coal furnace). I still have scars from playing football on them. As for playground equipment, only six large billboards that had a lot of support beams to hold against the wind. These furnished great challenges when climbing to the top which was 30 feet up.

We did have something in those days that has been lost today. Strict, very strict discipline. Not only did it make a lasting impression on the "receiving area," but on the brain as well. It's very hard to remember the teacher who was easy, but the forceful one, ah, yes. However, it soon became a feeling of love not hate that remains with you all your life.

Sacred Heart School was like a tall, thin shadow against the surrounding area which was a fortress of knowledge that sent forth a great army of students equipped to conquer any task they wanted to. Not all became leaders, but they had the ability instilled in them to do so, if they so desired.