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The Conversion of Father John Goldschmidt

by himself
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[The story continues where young Goldschmidt finished his interview with Father Lange at St. Mary's in Lancaster, during which he unburdened his heart and sought advice.]

The Turning Point in His Life

"Thanking him [Father Lange] I accepted these books and on my way home held tight to them. Dark night had now set in and as I was passing over a hill with a deep ravine to its side, a fearful storm came upon my mind. An interior voice, as it were, spoke to me saying, 'What are you foolish boy about to do? By your becoming a Catholic you desert the religion in which you were born. What will your good mother, your brothers and sisters and many others think of you -- and what will all say about such a thing? They will despise your action -- you will bring disgrace upon the whole family and all will be lashed of you. Consider the grief and trouble you will give your dear mother -- she will weep day and night believing you lost and God forsaken. People will laugh at you, call you an apostate, a pervert and renegade. Do you think you know better than your parents, relatives, teachers and friends? Take those books which you are holding in your hand and throw them down into this dark ravine and be a free man. Do

not kneel down to priests, to become their tool and slave obeying their whims and dictations.'

"After the evil spirit had thus spoken to me, then the voice of the good angel whispered to me, 'Do not listen to the temptation of the evil one; you know already that the Catholic religion is the true one -- if you reject it now, you refuse God's grace to you, and He will abandon you, so that you will be eternally lost.'"

Enters the Church

"This was undoubtedly the point in my life deciding my fate for the future. Had I yielded to this temptation and thrown away the books, the devil would have triumphed, I would have lost God's grace and probably never become a Catholic. The good angel prevailed with me -- I kept my books read and studied them -- attended for about two weeks a catechetical instruction which Father Lange was at that time giving in the church to the children of the parish -- and thus prepared myself for my first Holy Communion. This took place on July 10th, 1859. One year later when the cornerstone of the new church at Lancaster was laid, I was Confirmed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Young, of Erie, Pennsylvania, who was then a visitor at Lancaster.

"As might be expected a storm of disapproval and bitter reproaches came to me from my relatives and others on my step of embracing the Catholic faith. Kindly I tried to explain to them my reasons -- that it was every one's business and duty to follow the voice of his conscience -- to act upon his own convictions and to attend to his eternal salvation.

Impact of Reverence before the Eucharist

"Here I may say I can never sufficiently thank God for His grace in having directed my steps to the good family of Mr. Joseph Steck, to learn from its pious example the first lights of the true faith.

"Also here I might mention a few impressions that acted upon my mind whilst I still lived in doubt, and was undecided which church might be right and true -- attending as I did at that time now one Sunday at the Catholic church and the next Sunday at the Lutheran. What on those occasions very greatly impressed me was observing the difference of respect and reverence shown in the one as the House of God -- and in the other as the mere meeting house. But still more was I affected and impressed when I saw people in the Catholic church going to and from the Communion table -- noticing their reverence and devotion -- their minds as it were occupied with something sublime -- whilst in the Lutheran church I would observe the people going and retiring from their Lord's Supper, noticing their indifference and apathy -- for nothing elevating seemed to engage their minds. Now this difference displayed by the Catholics and that of the Lutherans, in the performance of these sacred devotions, very deeply impressed me and urged me on to make further investigations as to their proper significance, as also to learn the real doctrine and belief held by Catholics and Lutherans about the Holy Eucharist or the Lord's Supper.

"I found now that in the Eucharist of Lord's Supper, as Catholics believe and as Christ has instituted, there is contained therein the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Whereas, according to the Lutheran doctrine it is only bread and wine, merely signifying a remembrance of the sufferings and death of Christ, but in reality not His body and Blood. After considering the different belief of the Catholics and Lutherans on the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, I was resolved to be on the side of the Catholics of that which Christ had instituted at the Last Supper when He pronounced upon the bread and wine saying, 'This is My body, this is my blood.' I could not satisfy myself with the Lutheran tenet of the mere figure or representation of Christ's Body in the Last Supper, but felt convinced of the truth of His real Presence in the Sacrament. Moreover my observation of the different behavior of Catholics and Lutherans in their approach to and departure from the Lord's Table confirmed me the more in my belief that Catholics receive in the Lord's Supper the true and real Body and Blood of Christ. Meditating on this and further studying my Catechism and other books I now clearly understood that the Catholic Church was the true Church of God, established by Jesus Christ, having the marks which the true Church of God must have -- One, Holy and Apostolic. I now also understood that any church or religion not having these marks cannot be the Church instituted by Jesus Christ, but is the mere work of man.

The Day of My First Communion

"On the day of my first Holy Communion no mortal could describe the joy and happiness of my soul, how grateful I felt towards God for the grace of being led from error to the true faith -- from darkness to light -- from doubt to the certain conviction of the truth that the Catholic Church was God's Church. My whole soul was overflowing with delight and happiness -- feeling

urged thankfully towards offering myself to God with all my heart -- to be ready of making every sacrifice for the love of Him who had deigned to visit my humble lowliness. The receiving of Holy Communion was henceforth always my delight and as a spiritual feast of love with the Saviour and Spouse of my soul.

Becomes a Priest

"Having completed my twenty-second year I entered upon a course of studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West, Cincinnati, Ohio, and on Saturday, June 10th, 1871, I was ordained a priest of the Holy Catholic Church by Rt. Rev. Bishop Rosecrans at St. Patrick's church, Columbus, O.

"After assisting for a few months at the city churches the Bishop appointed me to the

missions of Sugar Grove and Geneva, Fairfield County, and Good Hope, Pine Hill, Hocking County. About two years later after building the priest's house at the Sugar Grove mission, His Lordship, Bishop Rosecrans, transferred me to Holy Redeemer church, Portsmouth, Ohio. In the spring of 1874 Rev. Father Phillips having died at Delaware, Ohio, the Bishop placed me in charge of St. Mary's church. When on the following year, on the Feast of the Purification B. V. M., February 2nd, 1875, Bishop Rosecrans opened and dedicated the St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum on East Main Street and Rose Avenue, Columbus, His Lordship appointed me Chaplain and Director of the institution."



Father Goldschmidt remained the respected and beloved chaplain of the favorite charity of the diocese until his death on February 27, 1923.



Abstracts from *The Catholic Telegraph*

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Agents: Somerset, John Elder, P.M.
 Zanesville, Rev. G. A. J. Wilson
 Guernsey County, Rev. P. Murphy
 Newark, J. M'Carty
 Rehoboth, Isaac Delong
 Danville, B. Durbin
 Steubenville, Rev. J. Conlan
 Athens, H. Clark
 Frankfort, J. McNally
 Columbus, C. Cross
 Lancaster, R. J. Lilly
 Marietta, Rev. J. McCaffrey

June 20, 1840

The Right Reverent Bishop officiated in Cleveland last Sunday...to attend Chipeway on Thursday. He intended to visit East Liverpool on

the twenty-first of June; St. Dominic's on the 28th; the new station in Gallia county, on the fourth of July; thence by Chillicothe to Fayetteville, where he hopes to officiate on the twelfth of the month. ...

Subscriptions: from Somerset, S. & P. Snider, John Finck, Jacob Finck, Joseph Finck, Michael Cody, Mary Ryan, Robert McDonald, and Miles Cluney.

July 4, 1840

[An account of Bishop Purcell's visits at Strongville, W. Liverpool, Chippeway in Wayne County, and Canton; he is to be in Chillicothe on July 5, then at Willkesville in Gallia County.]

July 18, 1840

[An account of the church in East Liverpool.]

August 1, 1840

Subscriptions: from Somerset, P. Early, L. Doyle, Dr. McGruder, H. McAnnally, J. J. Jackson, Michael Dittoe, Anthony Finck, Charles Kintz, Pat. McDonald, Joseph Hodge, Thomas Spare, John Elder, P.M.; Thomas Connelly; J. Postlewait, Newark; M. Rigney, Chillicothe; D. McNally.

August 8, 1840

Subscriptions: John Hughes, Birmingham, O.; J. D. Slevin, Somerset; Pat Kenny, Scipio, O.

September 12, 1840

CATHOLIC SETTLEMENT

There is a first rate opportunity now offered by Mr. Patrick Quin, of the neighborhood of Wilkesville, Gallia county, Ohio, for the securing of small and valuable farms, or larger tracts to suit purchasers, at the distance of only 18 miles from the city of Gallipolis, on the Ohio river. Mr. Quin is owner of several thousands of acres in that vicinity and he has already proposed such inducements to the bishop as will lead to the building of a Catholic church, an institution of learning and the residence of a Pastor on, or near, the premises which he now occupies. The hills and vallies all around abound in Coal, and Iron ore, and there is abundance of salt at no great depth from the surface. This region of the country must, in course of a little time, become immensely valuable and we would therefore turn towards it, the attention of settlers. Mr. Quin proposes to sell two hundred and twenty acres, one mile from the town of Wilkesville, having sixty acres cleared, well improved with fruit trees of different kinds, with abundance of meadow and a neverfailing spring of most pure and wholesome water, which could be conveyed to almost any desired height, in a dwelling house.

This property, to encourage an industrious and a

respectable settler to make a beginning, Mr. Quin would sell for the very low sum of two thousand dollars, cash, or for two thousand three hundred dollars, whereof one thousand in hand and the balance (1300) in two years.

Any persons anxious to purchase on such eligible terms can obtain further information by applying at the Catholic bookstore, Sycamore street, Cincinnati.

Subscriptions: I. Poole, Chillicothe, Ohio; W. Walpole, Wolf Creek, Ohio; W. M'Laughlin, Athens, O.

September 19, 1840

Information wanted: of Catherine McCarthy and her husband Daniel Sullivan, both from Ireland; when last heard from they were in Chicago, Illinois. Any information respecting them will be gratefully received by Patrick Donohoe, directed to the care of Father Wilson, Zanesville, Ohio.

October 3, 1840

Subscriptions: W. P. Marshall, Harrison, O.; F. Moran, LaPorte, O.

October 10, 1840

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OHIO

It must be grateful to the friends of our holy faith, to witness the success with which the foundations of the great Church are laid, throughout this extensive diocese. In a few years more, the eye of the traveller will scarcely meet a landscape, in which it will not rest on the sign of our redemption. North and south, east and west, along the shores of lake Erie or by the banks of the Ohio, the faithful are every where gathered, sometimes in numerous congregations and often in scattered hamlets. If you enter the forest, you will find the hardy pioneer consoling his labors with the hymns of his Church and looking forward with joy to the time, when he may share in the holy work of erecting a chapel in which he

and his family may worship. The Providence of God in the establishment of his church, is also manifested in calling to the truth, in places where the flock are poor and destitute, influential men, whose character and integrity encourage the hope of those, who would otherwise almost despair of being ever cheered with the blessings of their religion. It would be well if the emigrant, when choosing a home, would select some neighborhood, where he may be thus comforted. In the north he will find such in Cuyahoga, Loraine and Seneca counties; also in Wayne and Stark, in Sandusky and stretching along the waters of the Maumee down to Toledo. He may also find numbers of his brethren in many towns, such as Cleveland, Tiffin, M'Cutchensville, Lower-Sandusky, Canton, Norwalk, Danville in Knox county, Columbus, Zanesville and its vicinity. They are numerous also in Somerset and in the beautiful town of Lancaster, where our church may well rejoice for the excellent and respectable congregation under the charge of the Rev. Joshua M. Young. In Chillicothe also there will be a numerous congregation before long, and we hope that God will there bless the faith, even for the sake of the pious hearts who have been lately called to its profession, as well as those who have loved and practiced it from infancy. In Gallia county we hope to see it soon prospering. In Columbiana county the Catholic will find many of his brethren; there is a neat church in Marietta and there ought to be one in Portsmouth. In West Union and Hillsborough, in Brown and Clermont counties and in the town of Newark and its neighborhood, in Delaware and Logan, Dayton and Hamilton, as well as the extensive settlements along the western frontier of the state, in all these places the Church has her children, the faith its steadfast professors. It is an admirable testimony to the inherent power with which the Lord fulfils his promise to be with the Church forever, no matter how widely scattered be her children, to find so many of different climes, merging their national predilections and prejudices that they may offer one and the same

set of faith to their heavenly Father. "When I saw your Church dedicated in Cleveland, said an intelligent protestant, (who we trust will soon profess what he admired so much) I could not help feeling extreme astonishment at the power of a religion, which could combine so many as I saw there assembled in one religious sentiment, tho' they differed in nation and in language and had no common principle or even feeling of union but their faith. I said to myself that it would be vain to look for such a manifestation of Catholicity elsewhere."

The labor of the clergy in a field so vast, must be necessarily burdensome indeed. As their numbers are at present inadequate to the charge, they are obliged to attend the calls of the sick over an immense extent of country. Every year, however, will diminish the inconvenience, and we hope, before long, that the chief Pastor of the flock will be aided by many zealous laborers who will drive away the wolf and chase him to his den, or enter the teeming harvest and gather it for God. Wh is there who calls himself a Catholic, who will not unit heart and soul in such a cause as this? There is no worldly interest to be gained, no worldly hope to be gratified, but better than this, treasures shall be collected, which the moth shall not consume and the robber shall not steal. It is not enough to make profession of faith; we should practice it steadily to secure the friendship of God, and then in hand and heart combine to develop its resources and faithfully apply them.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION

The new Church of Lancaster, Fairfield county, will be dedicated, God willing, on the second Sunday of November, and the Sacrament of Confirmation, administered therein by the bishop of the diocese. On the following Sunday, the new Church of St. Luke, near Danville, Knos county will be solemnly opened for divine service, and the same Holy Rite conferred.

(To be continued)

Additional Origins of Columbus German Catholics

In the Bulletins issued from October, 1991 until December, 1993 we presented the origins of German Catholics of Columbus Holy Cross Parish, as given in the parish census or *Familienbuch*, which was compiled from about 1878 until 1920. A cursory inspection of the contents of the three existing census books, along with the physical condition of the volumes, led to the preliminary conclusion that the book from which the published entries were abstracted was the oldest. Closer examination of the entries, however, has shown that the largest volume, measuring 10 by 15 inches and containing 613 numbered pages, is the oldest book. For example, the data on children in the large volume is updated beyond 1878 in some cases, but more often stops with children born about 1875 to 1878, whereas the small book usually continues with later children. The small book also contains later data, such as death dates, that do not appear in the large book. The data now presented are taken from the oldest book and generally represent families that had moved away from Holy Cross parish by the time the second book was begun. In some cases, additional information is provided that was not present in the small book.

Aust, Joseph, born April 18, 1855 in Langenbruck, Kr. Neustadt, Ober Silesia, son of Anton Aust and Anna Rosina Langer. Wife Renata Hampel, born June 4, 1854, daughter of Anton Hampel (born June 4, 1813) and Theresia Göbel (born December 8, 1813). Married February 24, 1878 in Neusadt. (two children) Moved to Cleveland.

Bangert, Peter, born April 13, 1858, son of Adam Bangert and Margaret Dörsam, from Fahrenbach, Kr. Heppenheim, Hessen Darmstadt. Wife Catherine Lang, daughter of

Joseph Lang and Anna Maria Daudt, from Port Washington, Wis. Married at Holy Cross, April 1, 1884. (two children) Ex St. Leo's. (A second entry lists nine children)

Bensheimer, Philip (non-Catholic), born September 25, 1842, son of Philip and Appollonia Bensheimer, from Bosenheim, Hessen Darmstadt. Wife Anna Maria Frohnhoefer, daughter of Michael and Christina, from Rheinpfalz. Married August 27, 1867 in New York. (six children)

Born, Johann Georg, born in Columbus on August 30, 1862. Wife Maria Matt, born January 26, 1860, daughter of Carl Lorenz Matt from Shlirstadt, Adelsheim, Baden, and Josepha Catharina [blank] from Osterburken, Adelsheim, Baden. Married at Holy Cross in November, 1887. "Ex St. Mary's"

Dietrich, Johannes, died February 11, 1880. Married at Mainz to Maria Fladung, born 1848. (Three children)

Ebenhoch, Mathaeus Gebhard, son of Joseph Mathias Ebenhoch and Maria Catharina Lins, born Sept. 20, 1838, from Claus, Feldkirch, Voralberg, Tirol. Wife Catharina Güfel, daughter of Joseph Güfel and Maria A. Meier, from Meiningen, Feldkirch, died December 28, 1876 at Kent, Ohio. (two children) Second wife, Theresia Henn, born June 27, 1854 at Alfeld, Mussbach, Baden, daughter of Anton Henn and Walburga Werner. Married Aug. 20, 1877 at Kent, Ohio. (Four children)

Ehret, Bernard, born August 24, 1824 in Strobach, Oberamt Gegenbach, Baden, son of Lorenz Ehret and Barbara Schremb. Wife Catharina Boersig, born April 2, 1830 in

Oppenau, Oberamt Opperkirch, Baden, daughter of Georg Börsig and Theresia Roneker. Married August 2, 1854 at Holy Cross. (eight children)

Eichenlaub, Francis, born October 1, 1845, son of Johann Jac. Eichenlaub and Carolina, from Chillicothe. Wife Magdalena Regett, born March 20, 1851 in Elsass, daughter of Michael Regett and Maria Eva. Married at Holy Cross, November 9, 1872. (four children)

Esterle, Joseph, born January 3, 1852 in Elsass, son of Francis Esterle and Margaret. Wife Maria Futterer, born December 29, 1850, daughter of John George Futterer of Columbus. Married at Holy Cross, January 15, 1878. (two children)

Etzkorn, Rudolph, from Weiher. Wife Christina Lieb, from Flehingen. Married Dec. 6, 1867 in Flehingen.

Falkenbach, Johannes, born August 29, 1838, from Nassau, son of Heinrich Falkenbach and Elisabetha. Wife Elizabeth, daughter of Martin Hinterschitt of Columbus, born March 28, 1842. Married Oct. 28, 1868 at Holy Cross.

Gatterdam, Caspar, born July 16, 1839 in Morles, Kr. Hünfeld, Hessen Kassel, son of Valentin Joseph Gatterdam and Elisabetha. Wife Catharina Koehler, born 1847, Doylstown, Ohio. (four children)

Gerlach, Joseph, born 1858, from Marsberg, Westphalia. Wife Margareta Lang, born 1860 in Port Washington, Wis. (two children)

Graber, Joseph, born March 2, 1859, died 1903. Wife Anna Franz from Pomeroy, born September 8, 1872. (three children)

Hall, Otto (no data). Wife Catharina Haffner, born August 13, 1851, daughter of Jacob

Haffner and Elisabeth Müller, non-Catholic, from Gemmingen, Eppingen, Baden. She became a Catholic in 1888. (seven children)

Hannauer. This book makes obvious a mistake that was made in reading the data published in the *Bulletin* of June, 1992. The husband of Catharina Woelfel was not Georg Wilhelm Hannauer senior, but was Nicholas Hannauer who died in 1849. The Georg Wilhelm Hannauer noted as "junior" in the former listing was the only man of the name.

Hegelheimer, Georg Wilhelm, born April 25, 1848, in Buchschwabach, Fürth, Mittelfranken, son of Georg Hegelheimer and Dorothea Beigler. Wife Catharina, born December 13, 1855 in Columbus, daughter of Valentine Merk. (two sons from first and four sons from second marriage)

Helferich, Adam, born 1830 in Fürth, Darmstadt, son of Nicholas Helferich and Eva; died? April 15, 1875. Wife Catharina Doersam, born November, 1841 in Laertzenbach, Darmstadt, daughter of Georg Doersam and Maria Eva Luckhaupt. Married in 1860 at Holy Cross. (two children)

Hermann, Karl, born November 1, 1829, son of Arbogast Hermann and Maria Anna. Wife Maria A., born January 13, 1834 in Hegenheim. Married January 18, 1834 in Basel, Schweiz. (three children)

Herold, Franz, born November 14, 1848, son of Franz Herold and Margaretha Mueller, from Neunkirchen, Kreis Ottweiler, Regl. Trier, Preussen. Wife Catharina Threm, born March 24, 1848, daughter of Joseph Threm and Katharine Müller, from Höchen, Rhein-Baiern. Married at Höchen, Rhein-Baiern, December 28, 1872. (three children, all born in Neunkirchen)

Herper, Peter, non-Catholic, born September 14, 1846 in Prussia. Wife Anna Maria Gramling, born August 29, 1846 in Louisville, Kentucky, daughter of Carl Gramling and Catharina, from Bavaria. Married at Pomeroy. (two daughters)

Hess, Daniel, born in Baden, died November 8, 1876. Wife Catharina Klager, born March 18, 1848 in Tridalphy, Morgan County, daughter of Cornelius Klager and Agatha Yung. Married at St. Mary's, Columbus. (three daughters)

Hörmann, Michael, born September 20, 1820 in Illertissen, Baiern, son of Dominic Hörmann and Walburga Esperle. Wife Victoria Pfister, born March 24, 1825 in Buch, Baiern, daughter of Sebastian Pfister and Anna Maria Ochs, from Litzesried. Married February 6, 1853. (eight children)

Hörmle, Julius Aug., born August 6, 1838, from Rottweil, Würtemberg, son of Franz Carl Hörmle and Elisabetha Haering. Wife Maria Christina Stein, born in 1845 in Nassau, daughter of Franz Stein. Married at St. Mary's, 1870. (two children)

Hunzicker, John, born February 11, 1832 in Kulm, Argau, Schweiz, son of Rudolph Hunzicker and Rosa Hüsy. Wife Anna Maria, born June 5, 1835 at Leou(?), Argau, Schweiz. Married August 14, 1857, Kulm, Argau. (four children, the second through fourth born at Piqua, O.)

Janitta, Stephan, born December 9, 1856, son of Marcus Janitta and Maria Perozyock?, from Vizdu. Wife Maria Hrobanik, born January, 1865, from Vízoka, Hungary. (two sons)

Kaiser, Simon, born November 1, 1862, son of Blasius Kaiser and Elisabetha Kessler, from Baden. Wife Katharina Ölgötz, born June 11, 1861 at London, O., daughter of Franz Ölgötz and Barbara Veit. Married at Holy Cross on May 22, 1889. (five children)

Karch, Franz, born March 1, 1853 in Lambrecht, Neustadt, Hart, Rheinpfalz, son of Michael Karch and Elisabetha Kruppenbacher. Wife Eva Frank, born August 28, 1855, of Andreas and Eva Frank. (five children)

Kate (Käth), Lorenz, born October 31, 1826, from Alsheim, Kreis Worms, Hessen-Darmstadt, son of John Käth and Catharina Keller. Wife Katharina Gärtner, born January 1, 1836, daughter of Nicholas Gärtner and Margaretha Müller. Married at Holy Cross, January 15, 1854.

Kaufmann, Johann, born November 13, 1833, from Flockenbach, Hessen Darmstadt, son of Peter Kaufmann and Eva Elisabetha Boch. Wife Maria A. Sitzmann, born March 11, 1842, daughter of Georg Franz Sitzmann and Sybilla Trott, sister of Benedict Trott. (eleven children) [Unlike the book formerly quoted, the names Moeller and Joseph Moeller have been crossed out and changed to Sitzman.]

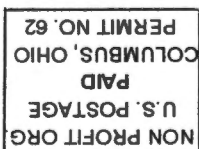
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