

Keeping History Alive: A Sabbatical Case Study

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GIRLS' TOWN 5th ANNUAL VICTORY FESTIVAL

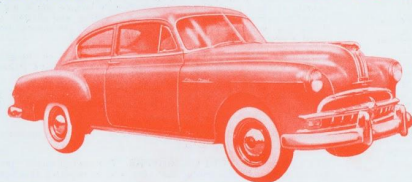
SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1949

11 A.M. UNTIL 11 P.M.

TOP OF NORTH BEND ROAD HILL

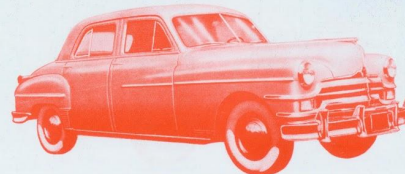
THESE TWO BEAUTIFUL CARS - GIVEN AWAY

1949 PONTIAC SEDAN
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MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE AUTOMOBILE BOOTH!

1949 CHRYSLER ROYAL
SILVER ANNIVERSARY
4 DOOR SEDAN



● FREE EXPENSIVE ATTENDANCE GIFTS GIVEN AWAY EVERY HOUR

● SIXTY COLORFUL BOOTHS

● DELICIOUS CHICKEN DINNERS

● RIDES - GAMES - THRILLS

● AMPLE FREE PARKING ON GROUNDS

● FREE BUSES FROM COLLEGE HILL AND CARTHAGE FROM
11:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M.

FREE EXPENSIVE ATTENDANCE
GIFTS . . . EVERY HOUR BEGINNING
AT 12 NOON TILL 11 P.M., ON THE HOUR—
GET YOUR TICKETS FROM YOUR
CORNER GROCER OR DRUGGIST

HAPPY DAYS AT GIRLS' TOWN . .

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES A WELL-ROUNDED SCHEDULE OF
COUNSELING, EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RECREATION.

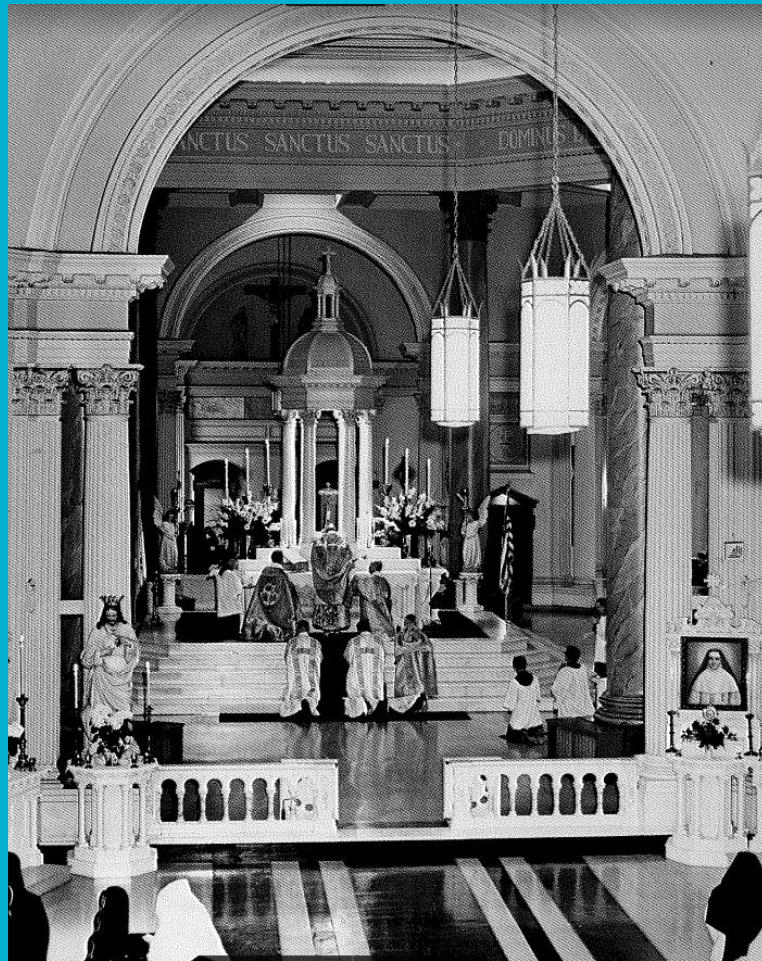
RESIDENCE AT GIRLS' TOWN HELPS
BUILD HEALTHY NORMAL MINDS AND BODIES FOR

TOMORROW'S CITIZENS . .

90 FRATERNAL, PATRIOTIC, RELIGIOUS,
CIVIC, CHARITABLE, AND VETERAN ORGAN-
IZATIONS, REPRESENTING 1200
ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEER WORKERS OF
GREATER CINCINNATI . . . WELCOME YOU !

PRINTED BY THE GIRLS AT GIRLS' TOWN

VISIT THE HONORARY CITIZENS BOOTH & REGISTER FOR GIRLS' TOWN CITIZENSHIP



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NORTH BEND ROAD LANDMARK, Girl's Town, is to be sold. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have made the decision to sell the buildings and the 80-acre plot of ground and seek a smaller unit of operation which will be geared to current child-care programs. Sister Mary Clare, provincial superior, noted that the century-old buildings at 525 North Bend Rd. are old and costly to maintain. A trend toward group homes and a shortage of personnel were also factors in the decision, she noted.



source: Cincinnati Enquirer, March 2001

**the complicated world of
twenty-first century historical
research**

**the need to be creative and
resourceful in ferreting out sources
where none seem to exist**

**mind mapping to generate access
points and keywords**

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Do You Remember Girls' Town?



If you lived in Finneytown before 2001, you knew the landmark building with the green dome on North Bend Road across from St. Xavier High School. Until 1972 it was the site of a home and educational program for girls and convent of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Starting in 1945, an annual summer festival held there was well-known to local residents. The buildings stood from 1887 to 2001, when most were razed. The site is now used for St. X playing fields and parking lots.

My name is Joan Plungis and I'm an associate professor at the University of Dayton, researching the history of Girls' Town as a sabbatical project. I would like to speak with individuals who have memories, photographs, festival memorabilia, or other objects from Girls' Town. I hope to use such materials for an online exhibit and articles I plan to write.

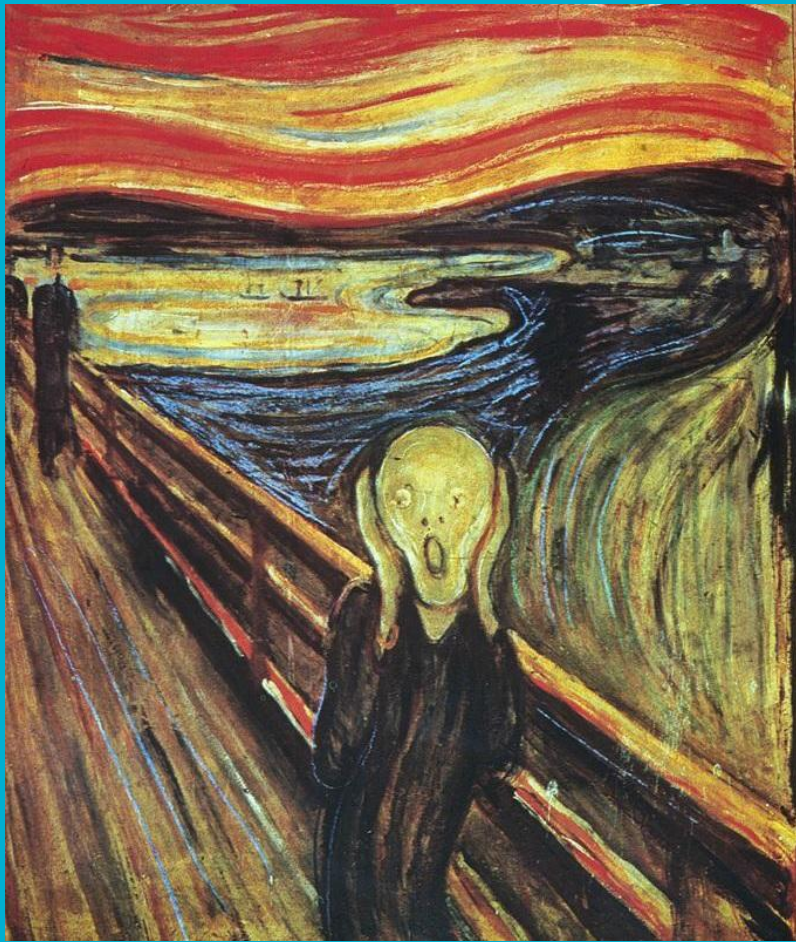
Please e-mail me directly at jplungis1@udayton.edu, or phone 937-229-4245 if you can help.
Thank you!

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Archbishop John B. Purcell Records Find

Record Group
Record Group 1.2: Archbishop John B. Purcell

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Archdiocese of Cincinnati Archives, 25 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati

Extent

Name of Creator

Purcell, John Baptist, 1800-1883
Title: Archbishop John B. Purcell Records

Administrative/Biographical History

John Baptist Purcell served as bishop of Cincinnati from 1833 to 1883, archbishop of Cincinnati from 1850 until his death in 1883. The tremendous growth for the Church in Ohio. When Purcell came in 1833, there were only 16 churches and about 7,000 Catholics in Ohio. When he died fifty years later, there were 500 churches and ab in the state. The dioceses of Cleveland and Columbus were esta era. Under Archbishop Purcell a large number of religious orde archdiocese and numerous schools and church institutions we was a prominent leader in the American Catholic Church and t times between 1839 and 1870. After the financial failure of the Archbishop Purcell's health failed and a coadjutor, William H. E the archdiocese from 1880-1883.

Scope and Content

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- 70 Reutter, Rev. Paul to Abp. Purcell New Corydon, IN 1871
- 71 Rielen, Rev. J.H. to Abp. Purcell New Richmond, OH 1871
- 72 Schach, Rev. J. to Rev. & Dear Friend Owensboro, KY 1871
- 73 Schiff, Rev. to Abp. Purcell Carrohon, OH 1871
- 74 Schweninger, Rev. A.B. statement about 1871
- 75 Seton, V. Rev. Robert to Abp. Purcell Madison, NJ 1871
- 76 Sr. M. Gertrude to Abp. Purcell Convent of Good Shepherd 1871
- 77 Sr. Julia Chaffell to Abp. Purcell Ursuline Convent, St. Martins
- 78 Sr. Marie of St. Peter to Abp. Purcell Angers Monastery of Good Shepherd (in French) 1871
- 79 Sr. Mary Stanislaus to Abp. Purcell School of Reform 1871

- 80 Sr. (Mother) St. Joseph to Abp. Purcell Convent of Good Shepherd S Letters 1871
- 81 Spiess, Rev. J.L. to Abp. Purcell Bala, France (in French) 1871
- 82 Steiner, Rev. George to Abp. Purcell IN RE V Rev. Julian Benoit
- 83 Thein, Rev. Heribert to Abp. Purcell Delhi 1871
- 84 Thiese, Rev. J.N. to Abp. Purcell New Orleans & OH G Letters 1871
- 85 Vandenberg, Rev. C. to Abp. Purcell St. Henry 1871
- 86 Voet, Rev. to Abp. Purcell Piqua, OH 1871
- 87 Walker, Rev. D.B. to Abp. Purcell Mt. Airy, RE: begging tour of NY
- 88 Windthorst, Rev. E.M. to Abp. Purcell New Richmond, OH 1871

Box 23, Correspondence, 1872

- 1 Albrink, Rev. J.C. et al. to Abp. Purcell RE: Minutes of meeting 0 German Pastors RE Salaries & Stipends 1872
- 2 Anderson, Rev. Henry to Abp. Purcell Milford, OH 1872
- 3 Bennett, V. Rev. I. to Abp. Purcell Ft. Wayne (in French) 1872
- 4 Blake, Rev. Thomas to Abp. Purcell Xenia, OH 1872
- 5 Bars, (Boers) Rev. Henry to Abp. Purcell Harrison, OH 1872
- 6 Bouchet, Very Rev. M. to Abp. Purcell Louisville, KY 1872

source: Archdiocese of Cincinnati Archives

Carriage: Residential Program

Box 02

1. Corporation Records	
File 17: Special Board Meeting Minutes: re: Amalgamation	1959
2. Communication Records	
File 19: Correspondence: re: Residential Programs	1925
File 20: Publication: The Olivian	1930
File 21: Ecclesiastical Correspondence: re: Annual - Festival	1945-1949
File 22: Christmas Letter	1950
File 23: Correspondence: Testimonials for Ruth Baker's Article	1952
File 24: Correspondence	1952-1972
File 25: Correspondence with Dept. of Public Welfare	1955
File 26: Flyers: Girls Town	1950's
File 27: Christmas Cards	1950's-1960's
File 28: Flyers: Girls Town	1950's-1960's
File 29: Speech on Girls Town	1950's-1960's
File 30: Girls Town Program Press Release	1962
File 31: Proclamation of Girls' Town Week	1963
File 32: Yearbooks	1971-1972
File 33: Historical Information	[no dates]

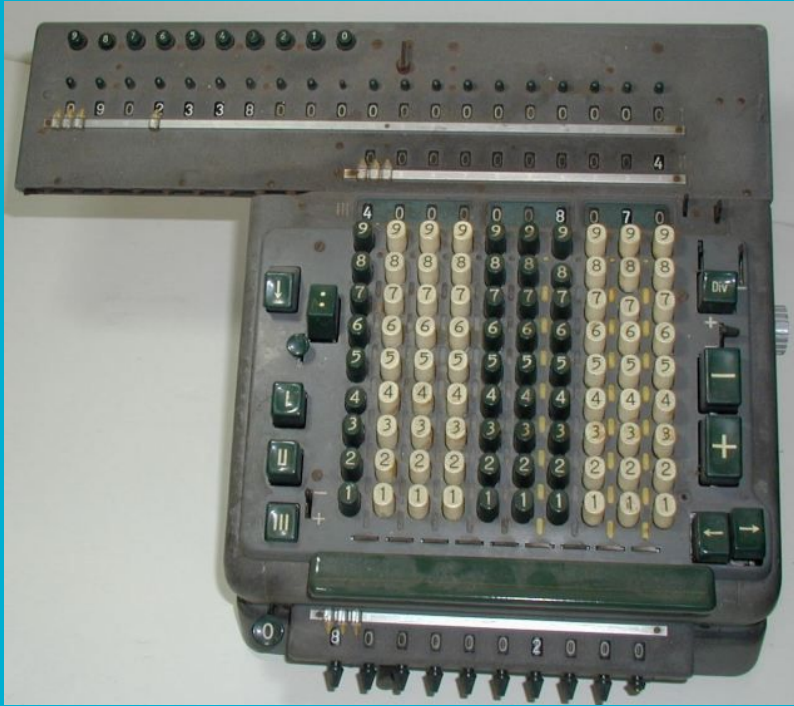
Box 03

File 01: Newspaper Articles	1911-2001
File 02: St. Anthony Messenger Magazine	1950

3. Organizational Records	
File 03: Certificates of Approval	1926-1928
File 04: Self-Appraisal of Girls Town	1950
File 05: Rules and Standards for Certification	1954
File 06: Girls Town Advisory Board	1971
5. Legal Records	
File 07: Girls Town Trade Name Registration	1945-1973
6. Visual Records	
File 08: Photos	

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