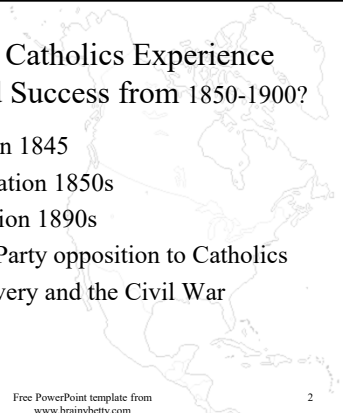


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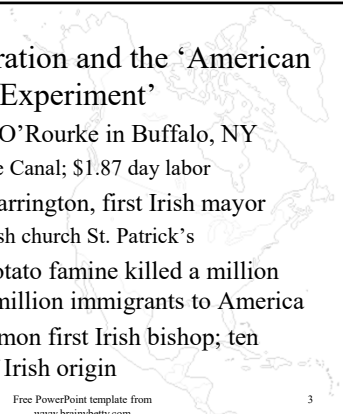
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**How Did Catholics Experience
Tension and Success from 1850-1900?**

- Irish immigration 1845
- German immigration 1850s
- Italian immigration 1890s
- Know-Nothing Party opposition to Catholics
- Issues about slavery and the Civil War

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**Irish Immigration and the ‘American
Experiment’**

- 1815 Patrick O’Rourke in Buffalo, NY
– building Erie Canal; \$1.87 day labor
- 1841 Isaac Harrington, first Irish mayor
– built first Irish church St. Patrick’s
- 1845-1855 potato famine killed a million
and sent 1.5 million immigrants to America
- 1847 John Timon first Irish bishop; ten
successors of Irish origin

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Irish Immigration and the ‘American Experiment’

- Irish Catholics became labor union leaders, Democratic party members and leaders
- voted Democratic from 1830s-1964
- Al Smith (1928) had only one Irish grandparent
- John F. Kennedy, political hero of 1960
- after 1968, diversity in political party allegiance
- 2009 Joe Biden, Vice -President of U.S.

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German Immigration and the ‘American Experiment’

- Jesuits rode mission circuit in PA (17th c.)
- Germans fought in Revolutionary War
- Redemptorists ministered to Germans
- Bishop John Neumann (1811-1860)
 - founder of Catholic school system, Forty Hours Devotion, concerned for the poor
- 1860s immigration
 - language issue
 - national churches

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Italian Immigration and the Catholic Church

- 3.3 million Italians came before WWI
- some settled in CA vineyards
- ‘Little Italy’ settlements in Boston, New York, Philadelphia
- tensions with Irish-American church
 - national churches; liturgical festivals

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Italian Immigration and the Catholic Church

- Frances Cabrini (1850-1917)
 - founded Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart
 - 1889 came to US to aid Italian immigrants
 - 1915 Perry Hotel in Seattle became Cabrini Hospital

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Native Americans and Catholic Church

- Katharine Drexel (1858-1935)
 - 1887 asked Leo XIII for missionaries for Native Americans
 - used inheritance to fund schools
 - 1925 founded Xavier University

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Tensions between Catholics and Protestants

- 1850-1906 number of Catholics increased from 5% of population to 17%
- economic incentives to immigrate
- neighborhood Catholic church provided education, cultural affirmation, protection from hostile environment
- anti-Catholicism spread fear of papal control

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Tensions between Catholics and Protestants

- Catholics concerned about Protestant influence in public schools
- Catholic parochial schools seen as threat to Protestant effort to build a Christian commonwealth through public education

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Tensions between Catholics and Protestants

- Maria Monk
 - 1836 *Awful Disclosures*
- Col. Stone, NYC editor, compared book with actual convent
- 1836 no evidence that Maria “had ever been within the walls of the cloister”

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Tensions between Catholics and Protestants

- Oregon School Bill (1922)
 - compulsory public education
- *Pierce v. Society of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary* (1925)
 - ruled against Oregon
 - insured parents’ rights

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Tensions between Catholics and Catholics

- more established Irish Catholics were unwelcoming towards immigrants from Naples and Sicily
- Pope Leo XIII condemned “Americanism” in *Testem benevolentiae* in 1899
 - adapting faith to non-Catholics and modern civilization

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How did Catholics address labor issues?

- Leo XIII’s *Rerum Novarum*
- James Cardinal Gibbons
- Dorothy Day
- Father John Ryan
- United States Catholic Conference of Bishops

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Effects of *Rerum Novarum*

- Pope Leo XIII (1891)
- cooperation between classes
- dignity of work
- just wage, unionize
- role of state
- private ownership
- defense of the poor

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James Cardinal Gibbons (1834-1921)

- Irish Catholic in Baltimore; school in Ireland
- presided over Third Plenary Council of Baltimore; affirmed progress
- championed Knights of Labor 1887
- during WWI organized *National Catholic War Council* and *National Catholic Welfare Council (Conference)*

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Dorothy Day (1897-1980)

- May 1, 1933 Great Depression march in New York City
 - “Read the *Catholic Worker!*”
- 1939 Peter Maurin spoke to HNA students, Jan. 4
 - encouraged ‘Christ Room’ to welcome poor
 - ‘Christian Agitator’ spreading Sermon on the Mount

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How did Catholic contributions build the nation from 1789-1960?

- Archbishop John Ireland (1838-1921)
 - political activism in MN, civil rights for blacks, ecumenism
- Archbishop Michael Corrigan (1839-1902)
 - independence of church from civil authority

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How did black Catholics contribute to the nation from 1789-1960?

- 1829 Oblate Sisters of Providence
- 1864 St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
- 1875 James A. Healy, bishop of African American descent
- 1920 Society of the Divine Word
- 1958 U.S. bishops call racism in the U.S. “immoral”

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Vatican II (1962-1965)

- convened by John XXIII and Paul VI
- three sessions
- *Lumen gentium* (1964) *Dogmatic Constitution of the Church*
- *Sacrosanctum concilium* (1963) *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*
- *Perfectae caritatis* (1965) *Decree on the Renewal of Religious Life*

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Vatican II (1962-1965)

- *Unitatis redintegratio* (1964) *Decree on Ecumenism*
- *Nostra aetate* (1965) *In Our Times*
- *Gaudium et spes* (1965) *Pastoral Constitution on the Church*

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Which Key Elements of Vatican II Influenced USA Church?

- participation of laity
- collegiality
- liturgy
- social justice
- multi-ethnic church
- individual conscience



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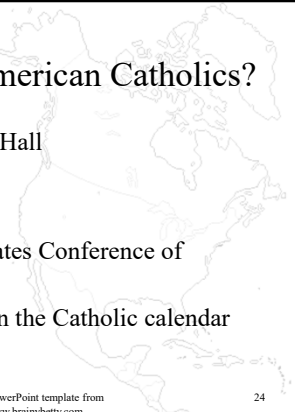
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Where Are American Catholics?

- National Statuary Hall
- Supreme Court
- Congress
- Role of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- American Saints in the Catholic calendar



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Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship
*A Call to Political Responsibility from
 the Catholic Bishops of the United States (2011)*

- What Does the Church Say about Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?—Seven Key Themes
- *The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person*
- *Call to Family, Community, and Participation*
- *Rights and Responsibilities*
- *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*
- *Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*
- *Solidarity*
- *Caring for God’s Creation*

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Where are the Catholics?

“A sower went out to sow his seed; And as he sowed, some [seeds] fell along the path.”

“Other [seeds] fell on fine soil and brought forth grain, increasing and yielding, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

Parable of the Sower Mt 13:1-32

“The Archdiocese encompasses all of Western Washington, stretching from the Canadian to the Oregon border and from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There are 170 parishes and missions in the Archdiocese, serving 577,400 Catholics.” (2007)

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