

sacerdotal virtue, distinguished for simplicity of manners, zeal, and purity of life, devoted to the service of the poor, especially the orphan, and esteemed and beloved by all classes. He died Jan. 12, 1870. During his long pastorate Father Dolan labored unceasingly for the welfare of those confided to his care. He enlarged the church at an expense of fifteen thousand dollars, and imported from Ireland a magnificent altar of green marble, which still stands in the spacious sanctuary. His principal work was the erection of an orphan asylum to shelter the children of some Irish emigrants who died of ship fever in Baltimore in 1847. He also built the churches of St. Bridget, Canton, and St. Mary's, Govanstown, out of his own private means. The Cemetery of the Holy Cross, on the Harford road, adjoining Darley Park, was purchased and founded by him in 1865. Immediately after the death of Father Dolan, the present incumbent, the zealous, pious, and learned Father John Gaitley, was intrusted with the care of St. Patrick's flock, and most nobly has he honored the trust. A few years after the commencement of his pastorate the church was extensively remodeled, under his personal superintendence, at a cost of several thousand dollars, and St. Patrick's will now compare favorably with any church edifice in the city. The assistant priests at St. Patrick's are N. W. Caughey and M. J. Brennan. Attached to the church are the following valuable institutions: Xaverian Brothers' school, of three hundred pupils, conducted in St. Patrick's Hall, a handsome building, erected in 1872; the Orphans' Home; Dolan Institute, on Gough Street, under charge of the Sisters of the Holy Cross; and the female school, under the same management. The female school numbers about three hundred pupils, and has been under the charge of the Sisters of the Holy Cross for more than a quarter of a century. The Xaverian Brothers were introduced in the parish by the present pastor. The church was consecrated on the 5th of May, 1844, by Archbishop Eccleston, assisted by Fathers Delouel, S.S., Ryder, S.J., and other eminent divines.

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