

Catholic Center
121 Cathedral Street

Old German Catholic Parishes of Baltimore

Page 2

by the Germans. From 1840-1845 during the period of its reconstruction some record books of St. James served the old St. John's and the new St. Alphonsus congregation. Oversight of St. James by Fathers of St. Alphonsus meant that certain record books were shared

J. Thomas Scharf, History of the City and County of Baltimore (Balto., 1886)

Works Progress Administration. Survey of State and Local Historical Records
Survey, Church Records Form. Baltimore City. Roman Catholic. MdHR.
Notes taken by J. Ellis Kesterson, 1938

You are quite correct in noting that any records relating to the records in records less than 100 years old is being restricted. In fact a clarification is needed here as well. The records which are being restricted are not those concerning marriages and deaths but only baptismal records. The purpose of this restriction is related to such matters as adoption and illegitimacy.

Permission is readily granted to have a number of your publications examine records of their own making established on a basis of records being before 1877 on an individual request basis. It is understood that these records will not be available to the public. You may sell to the Maryland Historical Society those records which contain restricted as well as unrestricted records only if they are able to guarantee the same understanding.

Hoping that this prevents any clarification needed, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William D. Parker
Archbishop of Baltimore