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**Father Charles Banet**

*Submitted by Alyce Jane Morow*

**“FOLLOW ME”**

**INTRODUCTION:**

There is a story told about a college professor and a student who were out hiking in the mountains. It was a beautiful autumn day about this time of year. The professor was pointing out many of the trees and animals they had studied in class. Suddenly, as they turned a corner they came upon a large grizzly bear who could be best described as HUNGRY. The professor immediately took charge of the situation. He made a 180 degree turn and ordered the student to in his words “Follow me and stay behind me”

As they were running down the path with the grizzly in hot pursuit, the student, a thinking person even in extraneous circumstances such as these, remembered being taught about grizzly bears by this very same professor.

“But professor,” the student exclaimed as they were puffing down the path, “you taught us in class that a man cannot outrun a grizzly bear!!”

“I don’t have to outrun the grizzly bear” explained the professor with a frightened look on his face, “all I have to do is outrun you!!!”

The moral of this story of course is that it is O.K. to follow someone but be very careful as to whom you follow!

Fifty years ago this month millions of people followed Adolph Hitler who invaded Poland. The result was that Europe was at war again after only 21 years of peace. Hitler was not the sort of man one should follow.

Two hundred years ago last month (July 14) a Paris mob stormed the Bastille deciding to no longer follow Louis XVI. The French feudal system was abolished and a Declaration of the Rights of Man was instigated.

Thirty years ago last January Pope John XXIII announced that he was calling the first Ecumenical Council since 1870. Most followed his leadership to “update”, to open the window and let a little fresh air into the church.

Two months ago 3,000 student hunger strikers gained many followers in Beijings’ Tiananmen Square. Their objective was to do away with corruption and their method was self-sacrifice. *Continued on Page 3. . .*

### ***President's Message ... Barbara Gorney***

I hope everyone made it safely through 2020. My family is well and being very cautious with any socializing. I work in the laboratory at the Lutheran Hospital and we have kept to the guidelines of washing hands often, masks, and staying as far apart as possible. I do not have contact with patients which I am very thankful for. And yes, I have received my first Covid vaccine

The Allen County Public Library has closed again. Books can be ordered on line or called in to put on hold. Drive by pick up has worked very well as it did the last time the library closed. A reservation can be arranged for the computers and the genealogy department. Paulding County has also closed for the second time. The Paulding County Genealogy Society has cancelled all meetings. However, a new historical book has been printed for Paulding County, Ohio. It is a pictorial history commemorative edition 1820-2020. Of course, there is a Pio mentioned. My great grandfather Joseph Pio had a "bus" service from Payne, Ohio to Fort Wayne in the 1920's and 1930's. The bus was a very long car. It had 3 doors on each side. The extra tire was strapped behind the right front tire. No one ever mentioned this service. So it was a surprise and a great addition to our family history.

The Besancon Historical Society has cancelled meetings and has not opened the archives yet. I had one query which was again on the Gremaux line. The young couple was checking the Francis Gremaux (b.1873) and Mary Josephine Urbine family. They had the children listed with birth dates and a possible name. I was able to copy the original baptisms of the children which also had their correct birth names. The records also showed that two of the boys were twins! The grandmother of the couple was delighted to see her mother's birth record. It showed Thayma Gremaux born 1917.

I received a letter from Ralph Violette who was our first editor of the Chronicles. He and his wife moved to Florida twelve years ago to be near their daughter. He also thought the climate change would be better than the Indiana winters. He was pleased that BHS still has a presence at the church.

Barbara  
President Besancon Historical Society

All through history there have been many men and women who have tried to get people to follow them, to bring about change. Of all people in history, one solitary man stands out; “. . . all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.”

While on earth Jesus said many things, did many things. One of his most important directives was two little words: “Follow me”. (MT 4:19-29, MK 8:34-37)

Christ spoke these words to his disciples 2000 years ago. But in a very real way these words are spoken to us this day as we begin a new year of studies.

As students you chose to follow Jesus by coming to Saint Joseph’s College. You could have attended other colleges that pay no attention to the words of Christ “Follow me”. But you chose Saint Joseph’s and Saint Joseph’s chose you.

You have left behind family and friends and have begun to shape a new direction for your lives.

It is my hope that the words of Christ, “Follow me” will guide you throughout the entire year---throughout your lives.

The faculty, staff and administration are here to help you forge this new direction your life is taking.

Our lives could have gone in many directions but we have chosen the path of helping to guide and shape the future of you, our students.

We answer the call of Christ “Follow me” in this our way.

Throughout the coming year we will have good times together, stimulating times as we explore new knowledge, grow and become more mature. But together we will also have difficult times. Not all of your classes will be interesting and stimulating. Not all of your professors will be easy to understand.

Reminds me of the story of three students who were on vacation and decided to try something new so they rented one of those hot air balloons. No sooner did they get up in the air than a wind came up and blew them off course. To complicate matters it became very cloudy and foggy. Finally after several hours of floating around, not sure what direction they were moving the sky cleared and they found themselves just above what looked like a college campus. They saw a man sitting outside reading a book so they yelled “Where are we?”

The man looked up from his book and yelled back at the students, “You are up in a balloon.”

The students thought for a moment, discussed what the man had said and then had another question for him. Are you a professor? They asked. *Continued on Page 4. .*

“Why, yes I am” answered the professor somewhat astonished, “How did you know?”

“We know” replied the students, “because your information is 100% accurate and 100% useless to us right now”.

Some times when we answer the command of Christ, “Follow me”, we experience difficulty. We wonder if we are moving in the right direction. We feel somewhat like Simon Peter who heard Christ say “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me”. It is very difficult to trust someone, to follow someone when you feel like you are drifting away from solid ground.

During this coming year many of you will continue the maturing process of letting go of a childhood view of God and continue to take hold of a more mature adult vision of God. The change is not easy. As followers of Christ the administration, faculty, and staff are here to assist you in your search.

Like Thomas (John 14:5-6) many of you might ask “—how can we know the way?” And the answer is the same as the one given by Jesus to Thomas.

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too.” (14:6-7)

We find the WAY by following in the footsteps of Jesus, by living the Christian life fully and seeking the values that Jesus taught which last forever.

Together as educators and students we seek the TRUTH by which we can make some sense out of this world and our place in it.

We follow Jesus as the LIFE in our community here at Saint Joseph’s College and it is through the experiences of sharing life and love as a community that we come to know the many faces of Jesus.

This is difficult work. Throughout the year there will be hardships, differences and struggles for all of us, but this commitment to follow Jesus means to “take up the cross”. Like the students in Tiananmen Square, the people involved in the French Revolution, the people involved in making Vatican II a reality in everyday life of the 90’s, this is challenging work. And probably it would be impossible except for one important fact. Jesus said “---the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

So we are not alone in our search. We have the promise of the Holy Spirit to help us move mountains of ignorance, drill through mountains of prejudice, and conquer mountains of fear. If we are faithful in our struggle Jesus tells us what will happen.

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“Peace I bequeath to you,  
 My own peace I give you,  
 A peace the world cannot give,  
 This is my gift to you.  
 Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14: 27)

How consoling it is to know that throughout this coming year all of us—students, faculty, administration and staff—will be guided if we will only open our full humanity to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Let us do this right now:

Come Holy Spirit  
 Fill the hearts of the faithful  
 And enkindle in us  
 The fire of your divine love.  
 Send forth your spirit  
 And we shall be created  
 And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

GOD,  
 Who taught the hearts of the faithful  
 By the light of the Holy Spirit  
 Grant us  
 In the same spirit to be truly wise  
 And ever to rejoice in that consolation. AMEN

**Notes:** Father Charles H. Banet was President of St. Joseph College for 28 years.  
 Born in Ft. Wayne, IN Dec. 8, 1922. He died June 22, 2003.

A serious genealogical scholar and translator of the foundational documents concerning the Saint Louis Besancon community.

Back in the early 1990's when my late brother, Michael R. Morow was researching the Reuille Family history, he met and had extensive interviews with Fr. Banet in his study at St. Joseph College.

The fruits of these personal interviews are seen in The Chronicles Issue 47, Vol.2 and Issue 48, Vol. 3, along with the Bibliography of writings of Fr. Charles Banet pertaining to the Saint Louis Besancon Community.

Issue 66, Vol. 1 contains the “Precious Blood” Miracle story of Fr. Banet.

*Editor's note—After such a year as 2020, I thought we could all use a good Homily!!*

*Yester year. . . . . copied and submitted by Alyce J. Morow*

### **Delagrang**

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette March 12, 1907

**Margaret**, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Delagrang, died at 12:15 o'clock, Monday forenoon at the family residence. 53 Randolph street. She was one year and fifteen days of age and had been ill of pneumonia for several weeks.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the residence and at 10 o'clock from St. Vincent's Catholic church.

### **Didier**

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette Sept. 23 1905

**Mrs. Emeline Didier**, widow of the late Frank Didier, and for half a century a resident of Fort Wayne, died at noon Friday at her residence. 1306 East Wayne street, from a complication of diseases from which she had been a sufferer for many months. Mrs. Didier was born in Columbiana county, O., and was sixty years of age. She was a member of the Rosary society and the St. Vincent De Paul society of the Cathedral, and was a woman of a most lovable personal character and a sincere and devoted Christian.

Surviving her are one son, James E. Duffy, the well known East Columbia street grocer, and the following stepchildren: Frank, Stephen and Joseph Didier, Mrs. William McDonald, of Chicago, and Mrs. Fred Wiechman, of this city. There are also four sisters, Mrs. Robert Gavin and Mrs. Geo. D. Patton, of this city: Mrs. P.E. Carey, of St. Thomas, Canada, and Mrs. F.D. Parsons, of Los Angeles, Cal.

The funeral services will be held from the Cathedral and the time will be announced later. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

### **Savieo MONROEVILLE, Ind. Nov. 9**

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette Nov. 10, 1911

**Mrs. Mary Savieo**, 76 years of age, was found dead in her bed this morning at her home on the north side. She had been in failing health for about two years. Her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Davis, went to her home this morning about 8 o'clock, and was shocked to find that she had passed away. Mrs. Savieo was a faithful member of the Saint Rose Catholic church. She is survived by three sons, Louis, Frank and James, and two daughters, Mrs. H.C. Davis and Mrs. D.C. Purman, all of Monroeville.

### **Roy**

Ft. Wayne News Feb. 2, 1911

**Mrs. Mary B. Roy**, wife of James Roy, 618 Wagner street, died Friday morning following an operation for gall stones, which was performed two months ago. She was sixty-three years, four months and three days of age.

Mrs. Roy was born of French parents at Buffalo, N.Y., in 1817. At the age of ten years she came to Indiana with the family and settled near Monroeville. In 1865 she was married at the Cathedral here to James Roy, shortly after his return from the war. She was a devout Catholic, a member of the Cathedral congregation, the Sacred Heart league and the Ladies' sodality.

Surviving, besides the husband, are six children—Charles Roy, of Monroeville; Joseph S., Saul O. and Miss Sadie Roy, Mrs. M.K. Kanaga and Mrs. Frank Bennett, of Fort Wayne. Three children preceded the mother in death.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at the Cathedral after which Schone and Onkenbruck will take the remains to Monroeville on a special car.

## CLAUDE JOSEPH VINOT/PEQUIGNOT GENEALOGY

Researched & submitted by Gene Yoquelet

CLAUDE JOSEPH VINOT born, 11 Dec. 1807, pl Villafans, Fr. Dept. Haute Saone died 4 Dec. 1862, pl Allen Co., Ind. Besancon. Son of JEAN BAPTISTE and GABRIELLE (CABUS) VINOT, natives of Villafans.

The "Vinot" family arrived at Port of N.Y., 9 Apr. 1851, on the ship, "New York" sailing from Le Havre, Fr. (see: ship Manifest)

Immigration Record – Vinot, Claude Joseph Dec., 4 Oct. 1852, native of France b. 18 Dec. 1807 emb. Le Havre, 29 Feb. 1851, arr. N.Y., 9 Apr. 1851. Bk 1 Pg 465 Allen Co.

FRANCOISE PEQUIGNOT born, 16 Apr. 1811, pl Villafans, Fr. Dept. Haute Saone d., 15 Aug. 1896, pl Denver, Colo. Daug. of JEAN BAPTISTE and JEANNE BAPTISTE (DEVEAUX) PEQUIGNOT, natives of Villafans.

Marriage date, 8 Jan. 1833, pl Villafans.

Burial, St. Louis Cemetery Besancon, Allen Co. (Claude Joseph Vinot)  
Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, Colo. (Francoise Vinot nee Pequignot)

Children:

### JOSEPHINE ADELAIDE

Born, 18 Oct. 1833, pl Villafans d., 5 May 1911, pl Denver, Colo. Married JOHN VOGHT, m/d 17 Jul. 1859, pl Allen Co., Ind.

2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage to CARL FLORENCE, m/d 6 Feb. 1883, pl \_\_\_\_\_

Burial, Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, Colo.

STEPHEN Born, 26 Nov. 1836, pl Villafans d., 18 Aug. 1920, pl Denver, Colo.  
Married MARIE MELANIE RESSOUCHES, m/d 3 Sept. 1867 Denver, CO.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage to MARY KEEFE, m/d 31 Aug. 1881, pl Denver, Colo  
3<sup>rd</sup> Marriage to LOUISE BIERI, m/d 1892, pl Colo.  
Burial, Fairmont Cemetery, Denver.

AUGUSTINE Born, 12 Apr. 1838, pl Villafans d., 17 Sept. 1923, pl Denver Married  
ADOLPH SCHINNER, m/d 20 Mar. 1862 pl Lawrence, Ka.  
Burial, Fairmont Cemetery, Denver.

PHILOMENE Born, 29 Mar. 1843, pl Villafans d., 26 Jan. 1927, pl Denver Married  
FRANCOIS GIRARDOT, m/d 13 Feb. 1866, pl Allen Co., Ind.  
Burial, Fairmont Cemetery, Denver.  
(See: FRANCIS GIRARDOT and VINOT Genealogy)

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## CLAUDE VINOT/PEQUIGNOT GENEALOGY CONT.

### STEPHANIE FRANCOISE

(Fanny) Born, ca 1846, pl Fr. D., \_\_\_\_\_, pl Denver. Married JACOB SCHEULER, m/d 11 Feb. 1867, pl \_\_\_\_\_ Burial, Riverside Cemetery, Denver.

JOSEPH Born, ca. 1848, pl Fr. Burial, St. Louis Cemetery, Allen Co.

JUSTINE FRANCES Born, ca. 1850, pl Fr. Burial, St. Louis Cemetery, Allen , Co.

#### Notes:

Immigration - Arrived at New York, 9 Apr. 1851

Naturalization - 4 Oct. 1852, Allen Co., IN.

Former Mayor of Villersexel, Fr. (Villafans is a small commune next to Villersexel)

Joseph Vinot died and buried in the old cemetery of St. Louis Church Besancon, Allen Co. "Vinot" is the only headstone in the cemetery. His wife and children left Allen Co. and migrated to Kansas and finally settled in Denver, Colo.

The two youngest children, Joseph and Justine Frances both died at a young age and buried in the St. Louis cemetery. (No grave markers).

First listed in the 1860 census Allen Co. Jefferson twp. pg 632, ln 33.



**Steven Vinot, 84,  
Denver Pioneer, to  
Be Buried Today**

The funeral of Steven Vinot, a resident of Denver for fifty-four years who died at St. Joseph's hospital early Wednesday morning will be held at 8:30 o'clock this morning at the McGovern undertaking parlors. Requiem Mass will be sung at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Vinot who was 84 years old was born in France and came to the United States in 1851, locating first at Fort Wayne, Ind., and then at Lawrence, Kan. He came to Denver in 1866 and was associated with the Crystal Ice company, the first ice plant in Denver. Owing to poor health he sold his business and retired in 1880. Six years ago he fractured his hip in an accident, and had been at St. Joseph's hospital since that time.

Mr. Vinot is survived by three daughters, Mrs. George McGlatie, Mrs. Harry Seckler and Mrs. Adolph Schlner of Denver, and two sons, Albert Vinot of Lost Cabin, Wyo. And Joseph Vinot of Joplin, Mo. One sister, Mrs. Fannie Schueler, lives in Manitou, Colo., and another, Mrs. Frank Girardot, lives at 1135 Fillmore street, Denver. Interment will be made in the family lot at Fairmount cemetery.

**Denver, Colorado, Aug.  
1920 (Oldest son of Claude  
Vinot.)**

### ***Friends of Besancon.....***

*We extend our deepest Sympathies to the Pequignot and Galligher families.*

**MICHAEL J. PEQUIGNOT**, 82 of Hoagland, IN passed away Aug. 18, 2020. Born April 4, 1938 in Ft. Wayne, IN, son of the late Franklin M. Pequignot and Stella A. (Momper) Pequignot.

**BETTY L. PEQUIGNOT** (Barclay), 82 of Hoagland, IN passed away on Dec. 16, 2020. Born April 28, 1938 in Allen Co., the daughter of the late Amuel D. Barclay and Lillian M. (Gerardot) Barclay.

**Michael & Betty Pequignot** were married on Sept. 27, 1958 at St. Louis Besancon church, and have been members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel. They were the owners and operators of The Hayloft in Hoagland for 25 yrs. Betty was a superb decorator of wedding cakes and excellent cook. Michael was also a farmer and had also worked at International Harvester for 15 yrs., in addition to being a school bus driver for many yrs. Both Michael and Betty had Masses of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic church -Hessen Cassel, and Burial at St. Louis Besancon Cemetery. They are survived by: 4 daughters, 1 son, 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. Their oldest daughter, **Julie Nolan** has been an active member of BHS and St. Louis Besancon Parish.

**DIANA L. GALLIGHER** (Kever), 78 of Monroeville, IN passed away Nov. 20, 2020. She was born Aug. 5, 1942 in Monroeville, IN, daughter of the late Norbert Kever and Miriam (Gremaux) Kever. Diana loved genealogy and was a member of BHS.

**GREGORY A. GALLIGHER**, 79, of Monroeville, passed away Dec. 31, 2020, born July 20, 1941 in Monroeville. Son of the late Greg & Marie (Fox) Galligher.

**Diana & Gregory Galligher** were married Nov. 20, 1964 at St. Louis Besancon and have been parishioners of St. Rose Catholic church in Monroeville. They celebrated 56 yrs. of marriage this yr. They are survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter and 7 grandchildren. A **Joint Mass of Christian Burial** was held Jan. 5, 2021, at St. Rose Monroeville, followed by burial at St. Rose Catholic Cemetery in Monroeville.

#### MISSION OF THE BESANCON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### ARTICLE 11 - SECTION 2

The mission of the Besancon Historical Society of East Allen County, IN is to preserve, interpret and foster a deeper understanding of the history, heritage, and other culture of the rural community known as Besancon, Indiana, generally located in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and which has as its central focus Saint Louis Catholic Church.

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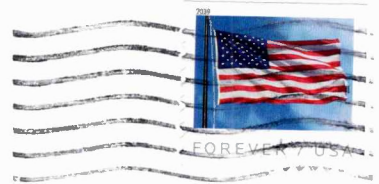
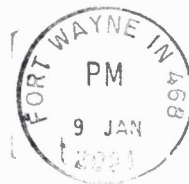
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