



Historic Christ Church Limestone

THE OLD STONE CHURCH

TO: All Clergy and Faithful of the **Diocese of Quincy**

FROM: *Rev Dom Harold Camacho, OSB*

SUBJECT: *Historic Church's Graveyard & 180th year of Anniversary*

Historic Christ Church Limestone has been in existence in our Diocese as one of its oldest congregations, dating back to 1836. It is believed to be the only known place of worship where a *Graveyard* surrounds its temple/ sanctuary.

It serves as the resting place for a great number of its pioneering members, including the *Benson* and *Clark* families- from which its first Vicar was appointed, the *Rev John Benson*. It is also the resting place for the *Right Rev. William Essex- 4th* bishop of the Diocese of Quincy- who was responsible for reviving this church in the 1960s. This Graveyard has been under the *perpetual care* of the members of this congregation since its first burial in 1834.

It is therefore of our greatest interest to bring this to your attention, as it may offer anyone within our beloved *Diocese* the possibility to allow "any faithful Christian soul", who seeks a place of rest from this earthly sojourn, to be able to acquire a plot at our Graveyard. You may contact our Director/ Registrar- *Don Rager*: (309) 339-1941 or don.rager@comcast.net or myself: (309) 750-4555 or diroblsba@gmail.com.

We also would like to share with all within the Diocese the great joy and blessing we will have in celebrating in the year **2025** our Sanctuary's **180th anniversary** since its consecration on *10 December, 1845*. This is a remarkable milestone, on which we would be able to praise God, "*from whom all blessings flow!*" It would be a great honor for us to welcome you as we make plans for our upcoming celebration.

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