St. Mary's Academy.

This Academy, under the direction of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and incorporated by the Legislature of Michigan, is situated on the banks of the River Raisin, in one of the most pleasant localities of Monroe. The buildings are large and commodious, and are provided with all the modern improvements. The grounds are extensive and well shaded, and afford ample advantages for out-door amusements and healthful exercises. The Institution offers every facility to aid young ladies in acquiring a solid, polite and Christian education; for, while every attention is given to their advancement in the different sciences, no care is spared to train them to habits of virtue and to the refinements of good society. As moral training forms an essential element in education, the Sisters spare no efforts to secure the development of mind and heart, considering themselves bound to act the part of parents toward the children entrusted to their care. Non-Catholics are admitted into the institution, provided they conform to the general rules and regulations.

Monsignor Edward Joos, V. G.

Monseigneur Edward Joos, V. G. Fr. Joos is Director of St. Mary's Academy, and a man of profound learning and great ability. He was born in Belgium in 1835, and was ordained in 1848. Coming to America in 1856, and the following year to Monroe, he was put in charge of the French and English Congregation at St. Mary's church. Here his labors were crowned with signal success, and in 1877 he was appointed Administrator of the diocese, with the title of Vicar General. This appointment was by Bishop Foley upon his accession to the See of Detroit. In 1889 he was made one of the Pope's family by being raised to the dignity of domestic prelate to his Holiness. Fr. Joos has a keen interest in the good of his charge, and is greatly respected both by his congregation, and those outside the pale of the church.

Rev. Fr. Bernard Soffers.

Fr. Soffers has been pastor of St. Mary's Parish for twenty-three years. Previous to this he was for nineteen years in charge of St. Anne's Church at Detroit, which was, by the way, his first charge in this country. He was born in Holland in 1836, and was educated in his native country. Ordained in 1850, he came to this country in 1853, and was sent to Detroit. He has shown, by his work both at Detroit and in this city, an unceasing devotion to his flock and their spiritual welfare.