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This is a pamphlet written by Father Sidney P. Stocking and committee members of St. Patrick Catholic Church at Rolla, Missouri. It contains photographs and brief historical sketches of the parish, early pastors, nearby churches established as missions, and lists of baptisms and marriages.

St. Patrick Church was established in 1862 to serve Irish railroad workers and their families who had come to Phelps County in the course of construction of the South West Branch of the Pacific Railroad. Father Francis Patrick Gallagher was the first pastor. Gallagher and his successors were also active in the mission field and established Catholic churches at St. James, Rosati, and Beulah in Phelps County, and at Cuba, Dixon, Pomona, and Salem in Missouri.

Seventy-Five Years in Rolla, 1862-1937 was compiled on the occasion of the church’s diamond jubilee. In addition to photographs and historical sketches on the Rolla church and its missions, the sixty-page pamphlet contains paragraphs on Catholic education and the contingent of Dominican Sisters at Rolla, the Altar Club, Mothers’ Club, Knights of Columbus, and Theta Kappa Phi. Rosters of baptisms and marriages conclude the pamphlet.

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