

Another Major Restoration Project at Cardinal Ritter Birthplace

Restoration of the front parlor Cardinal Ritter's home is underway. Returning the room to the year of the cardinal's birth (1892) will reflect the time of Elmer Joseph Ritter's childhood.

When the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace was saved from eminent demolition 20 years ago, eight offices were created to provide affordable accommodations for 501(c)(3) organizations. However, three spaces were preserved to reflect the time when Cardinal Ritter spent his youth here; the front parlor of the house,



the spacious stairway to the second floor, and the very room young Elmer Joseph Ritter was born in 1892.

In Spring 2023, the *Ritter Birth Room* was restored (See story on homepage). We are now restoring the front parlor of his home. An exquisite 1890s era Eastlake Style display cabinet from the New Albany Floyd County Library (at left) sparked the current effort. An equally authentic settee (upper right) and two matching chairs have



been donated and will be reupholstered. We are also grateful for the gifts of a Tiffany-style table lamp, an antique fern stand, and a turn-of-the-century secretary (at right). Period wallpaper (at left) with picture molding is now installed, and an original oil portrait of the Cardinal will hang above the mantle to complete the project.



The *Cardinal Ritter Birthplace*

Foundation, Inc. offers office space at bare-minimum pricing to cover utilities and house maintenance. Therefore, donations are needed for all other programs and projects. If you appreciate the way the *Cardinal Ritter Birthplace* has become a beacon for change in the New Albany mid-town area and/or if you are willing to support our efforts to promote the legacy Cardinal Ritter, we invite you to contribute to our Ritter Parlor Project.



Send your check to Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation, Inc. P. O. box 831, New Albany, IN 47151. Alternatively, go to <http://www.cardinalritterhouse.org/support/> to contribute online via credit card or PayPal. *All online donations received through April 15 will go toward the Parlor Project.*

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