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AVELLINO

The house of Our Lady of Sorrows in Avellino was the gift of Sig. Carmelo Adinolfi, who donated to the Redemptorists his own family home. The first community under Father Francesco Amabile took up residence on 12th September 1881. The vigorous superior in an extraordinarily short time built the present house as well as the beautiful gothic church served by the community.

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AYLMER

The college of St. Joseph in Aylmer was founded by the province of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré to serve as a studendate. Father Louis Routhier was the superior when it opened on 29th June 1939.

AZEVEDO José

Was born in Cintra, Portugal, on 9th April 1814. (According to Fr. Valle, his contemporary, he was born on 2nd April). With his companion in the novitiate Father Da Silva he was among the first Redemptorists of Portugal. He took his vows in Lisbon on 15th October 1831. Compelled to leave the country when the community was expelled by a hostile government in 1833, he came to Finale in the Duchy of Modena, where he completed his studies under Father Valle. He was ordained in Modena on 22nd July 1838. He died in Montecchio, the third Redemptorist house in the Duchy, on 26th December 1850. There is in the Redemptorist general archives a manuscript life of Father Azevedo written by Father Valle.

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BABENHAUSEN

To the south of the city of Ulm was the residence of Prince Anselm Maria Fugger. At the suggestion of Baron von Beroldingen he gene-

rously requested St. Clement Hofbauer to make a foundation in his principality. The offer was opportune on account of the saint's difficulties in the diocese of Constance. Accordingly, Father Joseph Passerat and the large community expelled from Jestetten took possession of the small college offered by the prince on 1st November 1805. The house at once proved a busy and fruitful source of pastoral work in Suabia, which was unfortunately cut short when Babenhausen was annexed by Bavaria in August 1806. The government, dominated by Montgelas, ordered the community to leave in October, but it was not until the end of January 1807 that the Redemptorists left Babenhausen for Chur in Switzerland.

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BACLARAN

The house under the patronage of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus is on a site made available by the Archbishop of Manila when the Redemptorists relinquished the parish of Malate. A community from the Australasian province occupied the house on 15th February 1932 with Father Edward Gallagher as first superior. It has been the residence of the vice-provincial since 1947. The church of which the community has charge, has been the centre of the perpetual novena devotions since 1948 and has been officially proclaimed by the hierarchy of the Philippines the national shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The community is also engaged in parish missions. Baclaran is in the vice-province of Manila.

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BACOLOD

The mission house of Our Lady Immaculate in Bacolod, Philippines, was founded by the vice-province of Cebu, dependent on the Irish province. The house was established on 29th December 1950 with Father Thomas O'Connor as first superior. In the same city the Scala Retreat House was established in 1968.

BADEN

After World War I the province of Strasbourg found it difficult to continue missions in German outside French territory. For that reason it established houses in Switzerland, one of them in Mariawil, Baden on 15th November 1922 with Father Jerome Marschall as first superior. With the erection of the province of Berne the house of Our Lady's Nativity, Mariawil, became the residence of the provincial.

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BAGHDAD

See Region of Beirut.

BAHIA Region of

The Redemptorists were introduced into the large State of Bahia, Brazil, from the vice-province of Rio de Janeiro, dependent on the Dutch province. The house of Our Lord's Resurrection in Salvador was founded on 18th May 1933. The province of Warsaw agreeing to assume responsibility for the houses in the State, the Mission Region of Bahia was erected on 8th December 1972 with Father Ceslao Stanula as first superior. The Region includes the houses of Bom Jesus da Lapa and Salvador.

BALDO RIVA Luigi (Luis)

Was born in Cagliari on 21st June 1922. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Ciorani on 29th September 1940 and was ordained priest on 22nd March 1947. After a short time teaching in the juvenate of Lettere he was appointed to the Neapolitan mission of Piura in Peru. On 20th April 1969 he was consecrated titular Bishop of Sarda and was appointed Prelate of Chuquibamba in Peru. He died in Arequipa on 27th June 1983.

BALDUCCI Luigi

Was born in Corato in the Kingdom of Naples on 10th January 1804. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Ciorani on 9th May 1824

and was ordained priest in Cava dei Tirreni on 22nd December 1827. Shortly after his ordination he was appointed to teach moral theology in the studenstate, then in Benevento. While there he won the esteem of Cardinal Gioacchino Pecci, the governor, who was to become Leo XIII. From 1855 to 1869 he was consultor to the Rector Major, Father Celestino Berruti, during the time the Congregation was divided. He died in Pagani on 18th February 1883.

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BALLARAT

The house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ballarat was established by Father Thomas O'Farrell and a small community on 9th November 1888. The original site arranged by the bishop proving unsuitable, the community was transferred to its present site in Wendouree in 1893. The novitiate was established in Ballarat in 1902 and a juvenate in 1910. The latter institution was transferred to Galong in 1917 and the novitiate to Pennant Hills in 1933, when Ballarat became the studenstate of the Australasian province. There is a public church, and the community is engaged in parish missions. Ballarat is in the province of Canberra.

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BALTIMORE

The first Redemptorist foundation in Baltimore was the German parish of St. Alphonsus, previously known as St. John's. Father Josef Prost, Visitor to the American houses, took possession on 26th July 1840. From 1852 the house was the residence of the provincial. From 1842 to 1847 it also served as novitiate. From St. Alphonsus' was separated the parish of St. Michael's on 2nd October 1859 and that of St. James on 2nd October 1867, in which church St. John Neumann took his vows on 16th January 1842. From St. Michael's parish developed that of the Sacred Heart on 1st October 1878. A parish for Bohemian Catholics, that of St. Wenceslaus, was accepted on 16th June 1882 with the veteran Father Johann Jentsch as first superior. The parish of Our Lady of Fatima was accepted in August 1953 with Father Paul Stroh as superior.

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BALTIMORE Province of

With the rapid expansion of the foundations in America after 1832 it soon became necessary to provide a more fitting organisation. The regime of Visitors gave place to a province erected on 29th June 1850. The first superior, named some months later, was the great Dutch missionary, Father Bernard Hafkenscheid. With the erection of the province of St. Louis on 10th November 1875 the houses in the eastern states were called the Baltimore province. It has given rise to the province of San Juan and has in its charge the vice-provinces of Campo Grande, Brazil, Richmond in the south-eastern states and Asunción, Paraguay.

Visitors: Simon Saenderl: 1832-1835; Josef Prost: 1835-1841; Alexander Czvitkovicz: 1841-1845; Peter Czackert: 1845-1847; St. John Neumann: 1847-1849; Bernard Hafkenscheid: 1849-1850.

Provincials: Bernard Hafkenscheid: 1850-1853; George Ruland: 1854-1859; John De Dycker: 1859-1865; Joseph Helmpraecht: 1865-1877; Elias Schauer: 1877-1890; Ferdinand Litz: 1890-1898; William Licking: 1898-1909; Ferdinand Litz: 1909-1912; Joseph Schneider: 1912-1920; Edward Weigel: 1920-1921; James Barron: 1921-1930; Andrew Kuhn: 1930-1939; William McCarty: 1939-1943; Michael Gearin: 1943-1947; John Frawley: 1947-1950; John Sephton: 1950-1954; James Connolly: 1954-1964; Ronald Connors: 1964-1969; Joseph Kerins: 1969-1978; Joseph Hurley: 1978-1983; Edward Gilbert: 1984-

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BANGALORE

The mission house under the patronage of St. Alphonsus in Bangalore, India, was founded by the Irish province. It was the energetic Father Matthew Hickey, who had recently established the house in Kandy, Sri Lanka, who negotiated for the new foundation. It was established on 1st May 1940 with Father Gerard McDonnell as first superior. With the rapid spread of the Congregation in India the

house became the studenatate and residence of the vice-provincial. A second house, opened on 5th May 1964, now serves as residence of the superior of the Bangalore province.

BANGALORE Province of

Redemptorists of the Irish province first entered the region of the present province of Bangalore in 1939. Father Matthew Hickey founded the house of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kandy, Sri Lanka, on 6th January 1939. The house of St. Alphonsus Bangalore, followed in 1940, and in the succeeding years the Congregation flourished in India. A vice-province was erected on 1st October 1945 with Father Matthew Hickey as superior. It became a fully autonomous province on 7th July 1972 with Father Bernard Pereira as first provincial. The province has responsibility also for the Region of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Vice-provincials: Matthew Hickey: 1945-1959; William Hanly: 1959-1964; James Connolly: 1964-1969; Peter Ward: 1969-1972.

Provincials: Bernard Pereira: 1972-1978; Vargese Vithayathil: 1978-1984; Peter De Sousa: 1984-

BANGKOK

The house and church of the Most Holy Redeemer in Bangkok were founded by Redemptorists of the St. Louis province. Father Roger Godbout began the parish in difficult circumstances on 11th November 1949. Its beautiful parish church and two large schools now provide valuable service to the Catholics of the city. Since 1969 it has been the residence of the vice-provincial.

BANGKOK Vice-province of

Redemptorists of the St. Louis province have been in Thailand since Father Clarence Duhart established a small community in Xang Ming on 26th November 1948. With the development of the mission a vice-province was erected on 6th June 1956 with Father Charles Cotant as first superior. The vice-provincial resided at Nongkhai until 1969, when Bangkok was chosen as the vice-provincial residence.

Vice-provincials: Charles Cotant: 1956-1964; Wilfrid Lowery: 1964-1969; Edward Kane: 1969-1973; Leo Travis: 1973-1981; Thomas Griffith: 1981-

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BARBEL Joseph (not Josef, he himself insisted)

Was born in Luxemburg on 15th March 1907. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in the novitiate house of the Cologne province in Luxembourg on 9th April 1928 and was ordained priest in Geistingen on 19th April 1933. After ordination he went for a short time to Louvain and then to the Faculty of Catholic Theology in Bonn, where he studied Church History and Theology. In 1936, even before finishing the course, he began to teach in the studenatate in Geistingen. He gained his doctorate in theology in 1939. With the brief exception of the years 1941 to 1948, during and after World War II, his life was spent in Geistingen, where he held at different times the offices of rector and prefect of students. His many published works have won for him the esteem of contemporary scholars in Germany and elsewhere. He died in hospital near Geistingen on 28th January 1973.

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BARCELONA

The first Redemptorist foundation in Barcelona was made by the Spanish province at the suggestion of a priest of the city, devoted to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The mission house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was accordingly established on 9th August 1926 with the renowned preacher, Father Ramón Sarabia as first superior. The community was transferred to its present

site in 1929. A further foundation has been made in the same city.

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BARDO

The shrine of Our Lady's Visitation in Wartha, Silesia, said to date from the twelfth century, was entrusted to the Austrian province. A community was established there on 1st May 1900 with Father Gerard Diessel as first superior. With the end of World War I when Silesia passed from Austrian rule, Wartha came under the jurisdiction of the Lower German province. In 1945 after World War II together with the other Silesian houses it passed to the Polish province and has since been known by the Polish form of its name, Bardo.

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BARQUISIMETO

The foundation in Barquisimeto was the first made by the Redemptorists in Venezuela. At the invitation of the bishop Fathers Andrés Alvarez and Esteban Arce came to take charge of the church of St. Joseph. The mission house was established on 14th March 1925. The community also has charge of a parish. Redemptorists have also been responsible since 1977 for the parish of La Divina Pastora in the same city.

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BARRANQUILLA

The mission house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Barranquilla, Colombia, was established on 3rd October 1929 by the energetic vice-province of Caracas. The busy seaport was a long distance from the French foundations in the south of the country, and so the community under Father Andrés Santiago began to work

in this fruitful mission field. There is now a parish attached to the foundation, which now belongs to the province of Bogotá.

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BARROS BLANCOS

See Region of Montevideo.

BASILE Alessandro

Was born in Ischitello in the province of Foggia on 22nd August 1826. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Ciorani on 25th March 1846 and was ordained priest in Nocera Inferiore on 15th March 1851. In 1859 he was named rector of the house in Catanzaro. He was already renowned as a missionary and in time his reputation became known to Pius IX, who named him Bishop of Cassano Ionio. He was consecrated on 22nd December 1871. He died at Rotonda on 25th June 1883.

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BASSETERRE

See Vice-province of Roseau.

BATON ROUGE

Redemptorists of the St. Louis province assumed charge of the large parish of St. Gerard's, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 2nd August 1944. The first superior was Father Paul Baudry. In the course of time four parishes have been formed from the original St. Gerard's.

BEAUPATEAU

The college of St. John the Evangelist, Beauplateau, was founded to serve as the studendate of the rapidly growing Belgian province. It was established on 15th April 1881 with Father Celestin Hoyois as first superior. With the division of the Belgian province Beauplateau

became part of the province of Brussels South and served as a mission house.

BEIRUT Region of

At the request of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church the Belgian province on 21st June 1952 accepted a mission among the Chaldean Rite Christians of Lebanon. Two Fathers reached Beirut in October and they were joined by two more in 1954. Their superior was Father Maurice Demarey. At first the Fathers were given generous hospitality by the Jesuits in Bikfaya, but on 3rd October 1956 they occupied their own house of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Jdeidet-el-Metn. A further mission in Baghdad, Iraq, was added in 1961. The region, which is of the Chaldean Rite, is now under the jurisdiction of the province of Brussels North.

BELÉM

The house of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Belém, Brazil, was established by the vice-province of Manaus to facilitate the movement of supplies coming to the missions along the Amazon. The first superior, Father Norman Muckerman, took up residence there on 2nd August 1947. Within a short time the place developed into a flourishing parish. The juvenate of the vice-province was transferred on 5th December 1962 from Coari to Benevides, a suburb of Belém.

BELFAST

The house of the Most Holy Redeemer, Belfast, was founded by the English province on 1st November 1896 with Father Patrick Griffith as first superior. When Ireland became an independent province in 1898 Belfast became for a few years the student house. In 1951 the retreat house under the patronage of St. Clement was founded in Newtownabbey, and to it was added in 1962 St. Gerard's mission house.

BELGIUM

The Redemptorists were introduced into Belgium through admiration for the writings of St. Alphonsus. Dominic Villain, Director of the seminary of Tournai, and his friend, M. Hannecart, parish priest of

Rumillies, took the initiative about the foundation with the cooperation of Baron René de Gazier, whose generous support made possible the settlement of a community in Rumillies on 1st November 1831. Under the leadership of Father Frederick von Held, first as Visitor and then as provincial, the Belgian foundations multiplied, extending to Holland and even to England. The Redemptorists of Belgium are now divided into two provinces, one for those of Flemish language and the other for the French-speaking Walloons.

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BELLA VISTA

The growing vice-province of Buenos Aires needing a suitable house for its juvenate, the vice-provincial, Father Josef Johannemann, founded the college of the Sacred Heart in Bella Vista on 12th October 1918. The first superior was Father Eustace Maninger.

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BELLA VISTA (Paraguay)

See Vice-province of Asunción.

BELO HORIZONTE

The house under the patronage of St. Joseph in Belo Horizonte was the second founded by the Dutch province in Brazil. It was established on 26th January 1900 with Father Peter Beks as first superior. A second foundation made in 1957 also under the patronage of St. Joseph serves as a retreat house and residence of the superior of the province of Rio de Janeiro.

BENEDETTI Claudio

Was born in Falvaterra in the diocese of Veroli on 30th August 1841. He was ordained priest on 2nd April 1865, and after

studying in the Sapienza, Rome, gained the doctorate *in utroque jure*. He taught moral theology in the seminary of Veroli until he joined the Redemptorists. He made his profession in the house of Sant'Alfonso, Rome, on 27th July 1878. He taught dogmatic theology to the students of the Roman province and was for a time novice master. From 1890 until 1922 he was postulator general of the Congregation. He was much respected by authorities of the Holy See and served as consultor to more than one Sacred Congregation. Among the Pontifical Commissions to which he was appointed the most important was that for the preparation of the Code of Canon Law. Father Benedetti died in Rome on 29th February 1926.

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BENEDICT XIV

Pope from 1740 to 1758, Benedict XIV was claimed by Redemptorist constitutions to be « the outstanding and special benefactor » of the Congregation. He was for that reason given the first place in the Masses and prayers for benefactors. His principal benefactions, explicitly mentioned in the constitutions, were his approbation of the institute and its rule and his granting communication in the privileges of other institutes. In addition Redemptorists recall with gratitude his promoting the work of the popular missions and his appreciation of the writings of St. Alphonsus, especially in the field of moral theology.

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BENEVENTO

The house of Our Lady's Assumption in Sant'Angelo a Cupolo near Benevento was established on 6th April 1755. When a foundation in the Duchy of Benevento was offered to St. Alphonsus in 1753, he was most anxious to accept it in order to have in the Papal States a refuge from the Neapolitan regime. It was two years before the negotiations were completed and the new community under Father Andrea Villani was able to take up residence. Until their house was

completed in 1760 the community lived in the archbishop's summer palace. The house of Sant'Angelo a Cupolo is in the Neapolitan province.

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BENGER Michael

Was born in Berger in the diocese of Cologne on 17th August 1822. Ordained priest on 13th April 1845, he was appointed to teach theology in the seminary of Cologne, and continued in that occupation until he joined the Redemptorists. He took his vows in Altötting on 7th December 1854 and was appointed to teach Canon Law and pastoral theology in Vilsbiburg. The university of Vienna conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Theology *honoris causa* after the publication of his most important work, *Pastoraltheologie* in three volumes, 1861-1863. Father Benger died in Vilsbiburg on 27th February 1870.

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BERGER John

Was born in Prachatitz, Czechoslovakia, on 12th May 1839. His mother was Catherine Neumann, sister of St. John Neumann. He joined the Redemptorists in America, taking his vows in Annapolis on 15th October 1859 and being ordained priest after studying in Cumberland on 1st April 1865. He was the first biographer of his uncle, the future St. John Neumann. His *Leben und Wirken des hochseligen Johannes Nep. Neumann* was published in New York in 1883. An English translation by Father Eugene Grimm was published, also in New York, in the following year. Father Berger died in Baltimore on 13th January 1884.

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BERGVLIET

See Vice-province of Pretoria.

BERLIER Hippolyte

Was born in Pélussin in the archdiocese of Lyons on 10th March 1919. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Gannat on 21st November 1938 and was ordained priest in Sousceyrac on 4th March 1946. He was assigned to the vice-province of Niamey and on 21st March 1961 was consecrated first Bishop of Niamey.

BERLIN

A foundation in Berlin had long been desired by the Lower German province. For that reason the offer of the parish church of St. Elizabeth's was readily accepted. Father Adolf Brors was appointed superior of the foundation agreed on 26th September 1929. Discovering a more suitable position in another part of the city, where the community would not be burdened with parish duties, he asked the bishop to approve the change. With the bishop's consent Father Brors was able to establish his community in the house of St. Alphon-sus, Marienfelde on 21st October 1931.

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BERMO

See Vice-province of Niamey.

BERNAL SUPELANO Rafael Arcadio

Was born in Zipaquirá, Colombia, on 28th November 1934. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Servitá, the novitiate of the vice-province of Caracas on 22nd October 1952 and was ordained after the completion of his studies in Spain on 11th January 1959. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Amudarsa and Vicar Apostolic of Subandoy, Colombia on 15th April 1978.

BERNARDO DA IRIGOYEN

See Vice-province of Residencia.

BERNARDS Peter

Was born in Buisdorf in the diocese of Cologne on 30th January 1901. He took his vows as Redemptorist in Luxemburg on 16th March 1921 and was ordained priest in Geistingen on 10th August 1926. Having gained the degree of Doctor of History and of Philology, he taught in the juvenate of the Cologne province for most of the remainder of his life. Until his death he was a frequent contributor to the *Spicilegium historicum C.S.S.R.* He died in Bonn on 25th October 1966.

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BERNE

A hospice was established in Berne by the province of that name on 1st May 1977. In 1978 Father Joseph Gander was appointed superior.

BERNE Province of

The province of Berne developed from the vice-province of Bernrain and was canonically erected on 19th March 1951. The first superior was Father Pierre Comtesse, who had been vice-provincial. In addition to the houses in Switzerland the province is responsible for the Region of Reyes in Bolivia.

Provincials: Pierre Comtesse: 1951-1955; Alfons Bausch: 1955-1964; Roger Aubry: 1964-1972; Josef Heinzmann: 1972-1981; Louis Crausaz: 1981-

BERNRAIN

The house of St. Conrad's, Bernrain in the diocese of Basel was founded by the province of Strasbourg, which found insufficient scope for its German missions after World War I. With Father Jerome Marschall as superior the first community took up residence on 19th April 1920. With the establishment of a vice-province for the Swiss houses Bernrain became the residence of the vice-provincial. Bernrain, now known as Kreuzlingen, is in the province of Berne.

BERNRAIN Vice-province of

The vice-province of Bernrain, embracing the houses of Switzerland, was established from the province of Strasbourg on 12th

January 1948. At that time the vice-province counted only three houses. The first superior was Father Pierre Comtesse, who was to retain that office until the province of Berne was erected on 19th March 1951, when he became the first provincial.

BERRUTI Celestino Maria

Was born in Cinaglio (Asti) on 24th August 1804. He took his vows as a Redemptorist at Scifelli on 6th January 1821 and was ordained priest at Narni on 10th May 1827. After his ordination he was engaged in preaching missions until in 1855 he was elected Rector Major of the Congregation in the Kingdom of the Sicilies, a position he held until the reunion of the institute in 1869. Until his death he retained the title of Rector Major of the provinces of Naples and Sicily. He died in Resina on 18th May 1872. Father Berruti, devoted to St. Alphonsus, published in 1857 *Lo spirito di S. Alfonso*, a study which complements the biography of Tannoia.

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BERSET Joseph

Was born in Orsonnens in the canton of Fribourg on 19th November 1794. Drawn to follow Father Passerat, to whom he remained attached all his life, he made his novitiate in Valsainte, taking his vows there on 18th May 1818. He was ordained priest in Fribourg on 27th March 1819. Coming to Belgium in 1831, he was associated with the rapid development of that province. He was a vigorous missionary and a writer of books of popular devotion. He died in Liège on 24th April 1868.

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BERTHE Augustin

Was born in Merville in the diocese of Lille on 15th August 1830. Ordained in Cambrai as a priest of that archdiocese on 7th October

1854, he was sent to teach in the seminary. Released by the archbishop in order to become a Redemptorist, he took his vows in St. Trond on 8th September 1859. In 1860 he was transferred from the Belgian province to that of France and Switzerland, in which he was to give long service as a zealous missionary and superior. He was consultor to the Superior General, Father Matthias Raus, from 1894 to 1907. Father Berthe was an assiduous writer, best known for his life of St. Alphonsus. He died in Rome on 22nd November 1907.

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BICKESHEIM

The pilgrimage church and residence of Our Lady's Visitation in Bickesheim were acquired for the Redemptorists of the Upper German province by Father Robert Kiefer. A native of Baden, he had joined the Alsatian province and after World War I had been repatriated to Germany. He negotiated with the Archbishop of Freiburg im Breisgau and was finally able to finalise the foundation on 17th February 1920.

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BIG COVE

The parish of St. Anne in Big Cove, Canada, for the pastoral care of the Indians was accepted by the province of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. Care of the parish was assumed in 1969 and in 1977 Father George Coutlée was appointed superior.

BIMA RABA

See Vice-province of Weetebula.

BIRMINGHAM

The church and monastery in Birmingham under the patronage of St. Thomas Becket and St. Edmund of Canterbury were accepted by the English province. On 20th February 1922 a community occupied Erdington Abbey, which had previously belonged to the Benedictines. The first superior was Father John Charlton.

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BISCHENBERG

The house under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows in Bischenberg, diocese of Strasbourg, was established on 2nd August 1820, the first superior being Father Martin Schoelhorn. This, the first foundation of the Redemptorists in France, served as novitiate from 1821 to 1824 and from 1825 to 1846. In November 1850 Father Rudolf von Smetana, Vicar General beyond the Alps, held a meeting in Bischenberg of his consultors and the superiors of the Transalpine provinces in order to decide on means of meeting the problems that had arisen with the Neapolitan houses. Bischenberg was suppressed in 1873 but reopened in 1894 and is now in the province of Strasbourg.

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BISHOP ETON

The house dedicated to Our Lady's Annunciation in Bishop Eton, diocese of Liverpool, was established on 10th June 1851. The English houses were then still under the jurisdiction of the Belgian province, which decided to transfer the communities of Hanley Castle and Great Marlow, both of which had parish duties, to a single missionary house to serve the north of England. The purchase of the former school of Bishop Eton made the transfer possible. The first superior was Father Josef Prost. Bishop Eton has served the province of London as novitiate, studendate and juvenate.

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD

The house and church under the patronage of St. Joseph and the English Martyrs in Bishop's Stortford was established on 6th May 1900 at the earnest request of Cardinal Herbert Vaughan of Westminster. The first superior was Father Oliver Vassall Phillips, whose name was long remembered in Bishop's Stortford. Situated in Hertfordshire, the house has been a busy centre for missions in the east of England.

BIVONA Giuseppe

Was born in Menfi in the diocese of Agrigento on 30th April 1836. He took his vows as a Redemptorist on 7th October 1856. and was

ordained priest 21st September 1861. He decided to join the Roman province at the time when the Congregation was divided, but was not able to work much in Italy owing to the political disturbances. He was in Spain from 1864 to 1868 and then in England for a time. He accompanied Father Jean-Pierre Didier to make the foundation in Riobamba, Ecuador, in 1870 and remained in South America for the rest of his life. He died in Lima on 8th March 1902.

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BLASUCCI Ven. Domenico

Was born in Ruvo del Monte in the diocese of Muro Lucano on 5th March 1732. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Iliceto on 2nd February 1751. While still a clerical student he died in Caposele on 2nd November 1752. He had always been esteemed for his innocence of life and the cause of his beatification has reached the stage of the apostolic process.

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BLASUCCI Pietro Paolo

Was born in Ruvo del Monte in the diocese of Muro Lucano on 22nd February 1729. Moved by the example of his younger brother, venerable Domenico, he entered the Congregation, taking his vows in Iliceto on 14th August 1753 and being ordained priest in Bovino on 21st April 1754. He won the esteem of St. Alphonsus, who appointed him superior of the foundation to be made in Agrigento, Sicily, in 1762. Elected Consultor General to St. Alphonsus by the assembly of 1780, he returned to Sicily, joining the observance of the houses in the Papal States in 1786, but secretly until after the death of Alphonsus in 1787. In 1790 he gained royal approval for the rule of Benedict XIV, thereby showing the way to solve the problems raised by the *regolamento* of 1780. In the chapter of reunion in 1793 he was elected Rector Major. In 1798 he was imprisoned in the Camaldolese monastery of Vico Equense by the king,

who had been led to suspect him of seditious speech. He died in Pagani on 13th June 1817.

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BOCHUM

The house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bochum, archdiocese of Paderborn, was established on 19th March 1868. The foundation was made after repeated requests by the bishop, Konrad Martin. The first superior from 1868 to 1873 was the renowned missionary, Father Johann Ambrosius Zobel. Bochum has long been an active centre for missions.

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BOGHAERT Arnold

Was born in Landegem in the diocese of Ghent on 21st October 1920. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St. Trond on 15th September 1939 and was ordained priest at the conclusion of his studies in Louvain on 18th June 1944. After ordination he was appointed to the vice-province of Roseau. On 23rd February 1957 he was consecrated titular Bishop of Sufetula and coadjutor Bishop of Roseau, succeeding to the see on 4th June of the same year.

BOGOTA

The house of St. Alphonsus, Bogotá, previously under the title of St. Agnes, was established by the vice-province of Caracas, dependent on Spain, on 7th October 1930. The first superior was Father Braulio Larraya. From 1945 the house was the residence of the superior of the vice-province of Bogotá, which in 1960 was erected into a province. On 8th December 1962 the parish of St. Gerard's was accepted also in Bogotá.

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BOGOTÁ Province of

Redemptorists have been in the republic of Colombia since 1884, when the house of Buga was founded by the province of France and Switzerland. A previous attempt by the Neapolitans in Casanare had ended in tragedy. Further foundations were made both by the province of Paris and by that of Spain. On 27th May 1945 the Spanish foundations in Colombia were formed into the vice-province of Bogotá, replacing the former vice-province of Caracas, and the French foundations were included in the new province of Buga-Quito, erected on 16th December 1947. A further adjustment on 2nd April 1960 grouped all the houses of Colombia in the province of Bogotá. The first superior was Father Fermín Aranguren.

Vice-provincials: Eduardo Perea: 1945-1950; Andrés Alvarez: 1950-1953; Nicolás Estévez: 1953-1959; Fermín Aranguren. 1959-1960.

Provincials: Fermín Aranguren: 1960-1969; Hernán Arboleda: 1969-1975; Arcadio Bernal Supelano: 1975-1978; José Bautista Fernández: 1978-1980; Fabio de Jesús Morales Grisaldes 1980-

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BOLARUM

The mission house under the patronage of St. Clement in Bolaram, India, was founded by the vice-province of Bangalore, dependent on the province of Dublin. It was established on 6th August 1965 with Father William O'Connell as first superior. The community has charge of a parish.

BOLIVIA

Redemptorists came to the republic of Bolivia when the house of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was established on 16th July 1910 in Tupiza in the archdiocese of Sucre. The superior was Father Louis Lorber of the vice-province of Alsace-Lorraine. With the increase of foundations there is now a vice-province of La Paz, dependent on the province of Strasbourg and a Region of Reyes, dependent on the province of Berne.

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BOMA

See Vice-province of Kagoshima.

BOMBAY

The mission house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bombay was founded by the vice-province of Bangalore, dependent on the Irish province. The house was established on 2nd August 1953 with Father John Mangan as first superior. The community has charge of a parish.

BOM JESUS DA LAPA

This foundation in the State of Bahia, Brazil, was made by the vice-province of Recife, dependent on the Dutch province. A community assumed charge of the shrine and parish of the Transfiguration on 4th May 1956 with Father Paschal Stallaert as first superior. Together with the house of Salvador it passed to the care of the province of Warsaw on 8th December 1972 to form the Region of Bahia.

BONN

The college under the patronage of St. Joseph in Bonn was founded on 7th October 1920 to receive the juvenists of the Lower German province. They had previously been housed in Vaals, Holland, and the increase in numbers made it necessary to find more suitable accommodation. The provincial, Father Franz Schneider, arranged the transfer from Vaals; and in the following year the provincial residence was also moved to Bonn from Aachen. In January 1940 the building was appropriated by the German government to serve as a military hospital, and when it was restored in 1945 it was in a badly damaged condition. Bonn has continued to serve as a public school.

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BONTE Brother Anselm (Karel)

Was born in Leiden on 19th October 1881. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in 's Hertogenbosch on 2nd April 1911. From 1913

to 1933 he worked in Surinam. His skill in music, which he had studied with distinction in Tilburg, was invaluable to the mission. His compositions helped to enhance liturgical celebrations and were of advantage in the instruction of the people. Brother Anselm died in Wittem on 25th May 1946.

BOON Joseph

Was born in Halle in the archdiocese of Malines on 5th September 1900. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St. Trond on 20th September 1922 and was ordained priest after completing his studies in Louvain on 21st September 1927. After gaining his licentiate in letters in the university of Louvain he taught literature in the juvenate of the Belgian province. His plays and other writings on religious themes were highly regarded in Belgium, and some have been translated into other languages. Father Boon died in Ghent on 5th April 1957.

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BORDEAUX

The house and church under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bordeaux owed their origin to the generosity of the abbé Lamarque. Wishing to introduce a Congregation of missionaries, he offered a house in Coutras. It was gratefully accepted by the superior of the province of France and Switzerland, but after a few months it was found more convenient to transfer the community to the city of Bordeaux. It was established there on 6th January 1900 with Father Emile Nicolas as superior. Bordeaux is now in the province of Paris.

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BOSSCHEHOOFD

The retreat house under the patronage of St. Gerard was founded by the Dutch province on 22nd April 1912. In the beginning it was dependent on the house of Roosendaal.

BOSSERS Adriaan

Was born in Raamsdunk in the diocese of 's Hertogenbosch on 23rd

September 1825. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St. Trond, Belgium, on 17th July 1848 and was ordained priest in Rolduc, Holland, on 28th October 1849. From 1867 until his death he worked on the missions in Surinam. A studious character, Father Bossers devoted himself to writing as well as to his labours on the missions. Among his works are a history of the mission of Surinam and a life of St. Alphonsus, the latter published in Amsterdam in 1855. He died in Paramaribo on 9th December 1898.

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BOSTON

The house dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Boston was established on 1st January 1871 as a base for a missionary community without parish duties. For that reason the fine church erected through the efforts of the first superior, Father Leopold Petsch, is still popularly called « the Mission Church », even though the community for long has had charge of a parish.

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BOUCHAGE François

Was born in Chambéry, Savoy, on 9th March 1855. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St.-Nicolas-du-Port on 24th September 1876 and was ordained priest at the completion of his studies in Avon on 16th March 1879. Father Bouchage was the author of many published works principally on themes of pastoral and spiritual theology. He died in Gannat on 20th September 1943.

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BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

From as early as 1844 some of the local clergy had been trying to persuade Father von Held, Belgian provincial, to make a Redemp-

torist foundation in Boulogne. It was not, however, until ten years later that the superior of the province of France and Switzerland accepted a generous offer made by the clergy and some wealthy lay people. A community took possession of the house of St. Alphonsus on 25th April 1856, the first superior being Father Edouard Huchant. The church suffered severe damage during World War II. After 1900 Boulogne passed to the jurisdiction of the province of Paris.

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BOUMANS Johan

Was born in Vortum in the diocese of 's Hertogenbosch on 5th January 1833. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St. Trond, Belgium, on 24th May 1854 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 15th September 1857. For some years he was director of the juvenile of the Dutch province. Father Boumans was the author of a number of spiritual writings for the use especially of Redemptorists. He died in 's Hertogenbosch on 3rd July 1907.

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BOUS

The college of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bous was founded by the Lower German province to serve as a juvenile. It was established on 13th September 1949 with Father Alfons Reinstadler as first superior. The community is also occupied in missions.

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BOYLAN Andrew

Was born in Kilmore on 1st August 1842 and was ordained priest for that diocese on 31st March 1867. For some years he served as bursar to the seminary of Maynooth. Coming to the Redemptorists, he took his vows in Dundalk on 15th October 1888. In 1898 he was appointed first superior of the Irish province, holding that office until he was named Bishop of Kilmore on 18th April 1907. He travelled to the Philippines to arrange the foundation of the house in Opon, the first in that country, remaining for several months of 1906

in order to assist in the difficult beginnings. He died in Cavan in the episcopal residence on 25th March 1910.

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BRADFORD

The house and church under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bradford, Vermont, was established on 25th August 1945 with Father Joseph Scannell as first superior. The foundation had been intended to serve principally as a mission house, but the parish duties have proved increasingly demanding.

BRANDÃO DE CASTRO José

Was born in Rio Espera in the diocese of Mariana, Brazil, on 24th May 1919. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Juiz de Fora on 2nd February 1939 and was ordained after his studies in Tiete on 6th January 1944. He was consecrated Bishop of Propriá on 21st September 1960.

BRANDON

The house and church of St. Augustine of Canterbury in Brandon, Manitoba, were founded by Redemptorists of Ste.-Anne-de-Beaupré on 15th August 1898. Since the parish was serving a people for the most part of the English language, the Belgian province, then responsible for the vice-province of Canada, asked the vice-province of Toronto to assume the charge. The transfer was made on 20th July 1913. Brandon was relinquished by the province of Toronto in 1924.

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BRANIEWO (Braunsberg)

The mission house under the patronage of St. Clement in Braunsberg, Silesia, was founded by the Lower German province. The community was established with Father Adolf Brors as superior on 11th September 1923. After World War II together with the other houses in Silesia, forming the vice-province of Breslau, it passed to the Polish province. With the public church dedicated to the Holy Cross the

community has charge of a parish. The house has served as a novitiate for the province of Warsaw.

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BRASILIA Vice-province of

The first Redemptorist foundation in the province Goiás, Brazil, was the house of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Goiânia in 1894. With the increase in the number of houses in the region it was thought best to erect the vice-province of Brasília, dependent on the province of São Paulo. The date of erection was 7th January 1964, and the first superior was Father Juvenal Roriz. The vice-provincial resides in Goiânia.

BRATISLAVA (Pressburg)

The foundation in Pressburg, Slovakia, was made by the province of Prague. The mission house under the patronage of Saints Cyril and Methodius was established on 28th September 1935 with Father Franz Schroeller as first superior. With the erection of the vice-province of Bratislava in 1940 it became the residence of the vice-provincial. Since 1948 it has come under the present oppressive regime of Czechoslovakia.

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BRATISLAVA (Pressburg) Vice-province of

As long as the region of Slovakia had remained under Hungary Redemptorist activity there was very limited. After it was incorporated into the Republic of Czechoslovakia in 1918, there were frequent missions by members of the province of Prague and some foundations followed. These new houses were grouped into the vice-province of Bratislava on 29th March 1940, dependent on the province of Prague. The first superior was Father Joseph Chochula. Since 1948 together with the other houses of Czechoslovakia there has been no more than sporadic information about the condition of the vice-province. In 1967 it was learned that Father Stephen Michalovic was acting as vice-provincial.

BRAZIL

Invitations to the Redemptorists to establish themselves in Brazil were made as early as 1843 and again in 1857. It was not, however, until the end of the century that it was possible. In response to appeals of Brazilian bishops the Dutch Redemptorists established a community in Juiz de Fora on 26th April 1894, and shortly afterwards a party from the Upper German province assumed charge of the shrine of Aparecida on 29th October 1894. Since that date the Redemptorist presence has increased to the extent that in the country there are now three provinces, five vice-provinces and a mission region.

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BRESCIANI Ernesto

Was born in Finale in the Duchy of Modena on 29th January 1838. He made his novitiate in the house of Finale, then of the Austrian province, and took his vows on 24th December 1856. He was ordained priest in Linz on 2nd April 1861. He was consultor to Father Matthias Raus, Superior General, from 1894 to 1909 and was then appointed Visitor, in effect vice-provincial, to the Sicilian houses from 1909 to 1912. He died in Rome on 7th September 1919.

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BRESLAU

See Wroclaw.

BRESLAU Vice-province of

The first houses in Silesia were founded from the Austrian province. After World War I they passed to the jurisdiction of the Lower German (Cologne) province. During the years that followed progress in the region was so extensive that a vice-province was erected in 1933 with Father Heinrich Husshoff as superior. He was succeeded in 1939 by Father Rudolf Winkelmann. When Silesia was conceded to Poland after World War II the houses passed to the province of Warsaw.

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BRIDGETT Thomas Edward

Was born in Derby, England, of wealthy Baptist parents on 20th January 1829. He was a student of St. John's College, Cambridge, from 1847 to 1850. His reading of St. John Fisher's treatise against Luther influenced him to refuse the oath of Royal Supremacy, a necessary prerequisite of taking his degree. Shortly afterwards he became a Catholic, and after a retreat in Hanley Castle under Father John Baptist Lans he joined the Redemptorists. He took his vows in St. Trond, Belgium, on 15th October 1851 and was ordained priest in Liège on 4th August 1856. He was rector in Limerick from 1865 to 1871, during which time the archconfraternity of the Holy Family, destined to become renowned for its extraordinary growth, was established in 1868. He is best remembered for his scholarly writings on the history of the Church in Great Britain. He died in Clapham on 17th February 1899.

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BRISBANE

The mission house under the patronage of St. Joseph was established in Brisbane, Australia, with the ready cooperation of Archbishop James Duhig. The first community under Father Michael Collins as superior took up residence on 12th September 1920. From the beginning Brisbane has been a busy mission house. It was relinquished in 1985.

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BRNO

When the church of St. Michael in Brno, Moravia, was offered to the newly established province of Prague it was readily accepted. A community was established in the house, previously occupied by Dominicans, on 24th March 1905 with Father Charles Plesek as superior. St. Michael's was a busy mission house until the present regime drastically curtailed the Church's activities in Czechoslovakia.

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BRONCHAIN Louis

Was born in Frameries in the diocese of Namur on 4th September 1829. He made his profession as a Redemptorist in St. Trond on 16th October 1851 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 6th June 1857. After serving on the missions he was appointed novice master for the Belgian province. He won considerable esteem as a spiritual director and for the works of popular devotion that he published. He died in Tournai on 2nd June 1892.

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BROOKLYN

The parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn was entrusted to the Redemptorists of the Baltimore province after negotiations with the bishop. The first Mass in the parish was celebrated by Father John B. Daily on 2nd April 1893 before the first superior, Father Augustine McInerney, had arrived. On 13th December 1950 the Baltimore province established in Brooklyn the residence of the provincial, and on 18th August 1976 took charge of the Matt Talbot residence and hostel.

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BROWN Thomas P.

Was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on 10th March 1857. He took his vows as a member of the St. Louis province in Kansas City on 8th September 1880 and was ordained priest in Ilchester, Maryland on 7th March 1885. He was superior of the St. Louis province from 1907 to 1918, and during his long term of office saw the province make remarkable progress both in personnel and in the number of foundations. He died in St. Louis on 27th February 1919.

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T. L. Skinner, *The Redemptorists in the West*, St. Louis, 1933, 270-272.

BRUCHMANN Franz Von

Was born in Vienna on 5th April 1798. After gaining the doctorate in Law in the university of Vienna he worked in the imperial govern-

ment service until the death of his wife, when he applied to be admitted among the Redemptorists. He took his vows in Mautern on 14th July 1832 and was ordained priest on 28th July 1833. From 1835 until 1841 he was superior and novice master in Eggenburg and then first superior in Altötting from 1841 to 1847. He was the Austrian provincial from 1847 to 1849. After the dispersal of the province he was superior of the houses in Germany until he became provincial of the newly erected German province in 1853. He retained that office until 1865. Father Bruchmann died in Gars on 23rd May 1867.

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BRUSSELS

From the time he was appointed visitor to the houses in Belgium Father Frederick von Held was anxious to see the Redemptorists established in the principal city. When he was offered the church of St. Mary Magdalene in 1837 he warmly recommended its acceptance, but Father Joseph Passerat, Vicar General, could not spare the personnel. A few years later it was possible, and Father Johann Pilat and a community took up residence on 8th September 1841. Known also as Jette, St. Mary Magdalene's serves as residence for the superior of the Brussels North province. A second foundation was made after a few years when the newly completed church of St. Joseph's was offered to the Redemptorists. A community under Father Gerard van der Wielen made the foundation on 24th June 1849. The superior suffered some inconvenience owing to confusion over the relation of the new foundation to St. Mary Magdalene's superior, Father Pilat. St. Joseph's serves as residence for the superior of the province of Brussels South.

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BRUSSELS NORTH Province of

The province of Brussels North developed from the original Belgian province and was given responsibility for the Flemish speak-

ing Redemptorists when the division was made on 29th July 1961. The Belgian province, established on 2nd July 1841 with Father Frederick von Held as superior, expanded rapidly, giving rise to new provinces in Holland and England. The province of Brussels North is now responsible for vice-provinces in the West Indies, that of Roseau, and in Zaire, that of Matadi, and the Region of Beirut in Lebanon. Its vice-province of Lviv among the Ukrainians has been unable to communicate with superiors outside Russia since World War II. The Canadian provinces of Ste.-Anne-de-Beaupré and Yorkton have also developed from Belgium.

Provincials of Belgium: Frederick von Held: 1841-1847; Michael Heilig: 1848-1851; Victor Dechamps: 1851-1855; Philippe Noël: 1855-1859; Jean Kockerols: 1859-1874; Alexandre Baudry: 1874-1880; Jean Kockerols: 1880-1894; René van Aertselaer: 1894-1901; Joseph Strybol: 1901-1907; Camille van de Steene: 1907-1912; Honoré De Nijs: 1912-1915; Camille van de Steene: 1915-1927; Emile Desmyter: 1927-1930; Cyrille Meersdom: 1930-1933; Joseph Schrijvers: 1933-1936; Camille van de Steene: 1936-1939; Ali-dore Vercouter: 1939-1946; Gustave De Ceuninck: 1946-1952; Henri Braet: 1952-1955; Gustave De Ceuninck: 1955-1961.

Provincials of Brussels North: Maurice Demarey: 1961-1964; Frans Huysmans: 1964-1972; Albert van den Broeck: 1972-1975; Hubert Proesmans: 1975-1979; Paul De Smyter: 1979-

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BRUSSELS SOUTH Province of

The province of Brussels South of French speaking Walloon Redemptorists was created by the division of the previous Belgian province on 29th July 1961. The first superior was Father Paul Dubois. In addition to the houses in Belgium the province is responsible for the Mission in Propriá, Brazil.

Provincials: Paul Dubois: 1961-1969; Noël Charlier: 1969-1981; Lucien Cal-lewaert: 1981 -

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BUCAMARANGA

The mission house of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bucamaranga, Colombia, was founded on 1st March 1942 by the vice-province of Caracas, dependent on the Spanish province. The first superior was Father Esteban Cordero. With the erection of the province of Bogotá the house with charge of a parish came under its jurisdiction.

BUCHAREST

Towards the end of 1815 St. Clement Hofbauer, then living in Vienna, yielded to the pleading of the newly appointed Bishop Fortunato Ercolani to send missionaries to Bucharest. With Father Josef Forthuber he sent the clerics Josef Libotzki and Franz Haetscher, to be ordained after arrival and Brother Matthias Widhalm. From the time of arrival the little community had to contend with great difficulties from wretched living conditions and misunderstanding with the bishop. In addition to their preaching they conducted a school with some success. Unfortunately, mainly because of government opposition, the mission had to be relinquished in 1821.

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BUDWEIS (Budejovice)

One of the largest cities of Bohemia, Budweis suffered in the suppression of religious houses by Joseph II towards the end of the eighteenth century. The large Dominican monastery dedicated to Our Lady's Presentation was put to various uses before eventually being offered to the Redemptorists by the bishop. A community led by Father Johann Aschbacher occupied the house on 2nd October 1885. Budweis is now in the province of Prague.

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BUENOS AIRES

Owing to the restrictions imposed by the *Kulturkampf* the Redemptorists of the Lower German province turned to overseas missions to provide apostolic work. At the suggestion of Father Jean-Pierre Didier, the veteran South American missionary, Father Michael Heilig, the provincial, decided to undertake the care of the church of

Our Lady of Victories in Buenos Aires. The foundation was made on 26th November 1883 with Father Otto Jörissen as first superior. This first house is now the residence of the superior of the province of Buenos Aires. A second house, that of St. Alphonsus, was established in the city on 21st November 1940.

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BUENOS AIRES Province of

Redemptorists of the Lower German province came to Argentina in 1883. The new mission field, undertaken to compensate for the the restrictions imposed at home by the *Kulturkampf*, flourished to the extent that an autonomous province was erected on 8th September 1943 to replace the provisional regime of vice-provincials which had sufficed from the beginning. The first provincial was Father Jaime Wagner.

Vice-provincials: Jean-Pierre Didier: 1886-1896; Friedrich Grote: 1896-1904; Andreas Hellbach: 1904-1912; Josef Johannemann: 1912-1919; Matthias Meier: 1919-1924; Peter Wiener: 1924-1933; Jaime Wagner: 1933-1943.

Provincials: Jaime Wagner: 1943-1950; Ricardo Baztán: 1950-1956; George Gottau: 1956-1961; Pablo del Rio: 1961-1969; Raul Campos: 1969-1973; Silvio Bisi: 1973-1981; Carlos Wiszniowski: 1981-1984; Héctor Luis Covello: 1984 -

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BUFFALO

Since 1841, at the request of the Bishop of New York, Redemptorists had been trying to assist in a delicate situation that had arisen in Buffalo. A serious division had been created by the trustees in the parish of St. Louis, which resulted in the bishop's placing the parish under interdict in 1843. In those circumstances the Redemptorists were asked to care for the German Catholics. Father Benedict Bayer began in the church of St. Patrick's, and he was succeeded by Father Matthias Alig, who began building a new church dedicated to Our Lady Immaculate. Finally, a community was established on 28th October 1845. The foundation was relinquished in 1981.

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BUGA

The church and house of Christ Crucified, called *de los Milagros*, in Buga, Colombia were entrusted to the Redemptorists on 20th August 1884. It was largely due to the efforts of Gabriela Sarmiento and the good will of Mgr. Carlos Bermudez, Bishop of Popayan, that the invitation was given. Father Alphonse Paris was the first superior of this first Redemptorist house in Colombia. The shrine continues to be the centre of important and popular pilgrimages for the republic of Colombia.

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BUGA - QUITO Province of

The province of Buga - Quito embraced the Redemptorist houses in Ecuador and those of French origin in Colombia. It developed from the Northern Vice-province of the Pacific, which since 1900 had been dependent on the province of Paris. The new province was erected on 16th December 1947 with Father Paul Charton as first superior. It was divided into the provinces of Quito and Bogotá on 2nd April 1960.

Provincials: Paul Charton: 1947-1950; René Dutoit: 1950-1952; Eduardo Echeverri: 1952-1960.

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BUGGENOMS Louis de

was born in Liège on 2nd March 1816. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St. Trond on 8th September 1837 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 24th May 1843. He was sent at once as a member of the community to be established in Falmouth, England. He also served as a foundation member of the house in Clapham and was superior of the first house in Ireland, that of Limerick. In 1859 he was sent to St. Thomas in the West Indies, where he was to remain for fourteen years, much of the time as superior. In 1866 he was appointed by the Holy See Visitor and Vicar Apostolic of the Arch-

diocese of Santo Domingo in the present Dominican Republic. Difficulties with the governments of the republic prevented his episcopal consecration and greatly hampered him in the exercise of his duties. He did, however, succeed to a notable extent before he was released from his extremely difficult charge in 1870. He continued to work in the West Indies until 1874, when ill health necessitated his return to Europe, where for some years he served as personal secretary to Cardinal Dechamps. While still a student he translated some of the writings of Father Tannoia into French and in the course of his busy life he published works in both English and French. Father de Buggenoms died in Brussels on 23rd May 1882.

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BUIJS Leonard

Was born in Sommelsdijk in the diocese of Haarlem, Holland, on 8th December 1896. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in 's Hertogenbosch on 29th September 1916 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 11th January 1922. After studying in the *Angelicum* in Rome he gained the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and of Theology on 27th June 1925. Until 1928 he assisted Father Cornelius Damen in preparing a new edition of the moral theology of Father Joseph Aertnys. Returning to Holland, he taught in Wittem and frequently contributed articles to *Nederlandsche Katholieke Stemmen*. His work for Catholic Action led to his being appointed a consultor to the Dutch hierarchy in its promotion of Catholic Action in Holland. He was elected Superior General by the general chapter on 30th April 1947. As supreme moderator of the Redemptorists he promoted especially the missionary apostolate of the Congrégation and the more thorough cultivation of the Sacred Sciences. Among the works he established are the Alphonsian Academy, the Redemptorist Historical Institute and the *Spicilegium historicum*. While on his way to make the canonical visitation in the Upper German province in May 1953 he became ill and had to be admitted to the public hospital in Innsbruck, where after a little more than a month he died on 27th June 1953.

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BULGARIA

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BUSSOLENGO

The house and church dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi in Bussolengo, diocese of Verona, were offered to the Redemptorists by the generosity of the priest, Don Giuseppe Turri. He made his offer to the Fathers in the Duchy of Modena, but owing to the troubled times in the middle of the century the arrival of the community was delayed for some years. At length the Redemptorists came to Bussolengo on 12th June 1854 with Father Ferdinand Schranz as superior. For many years Bussolengo served the Roman province as a juvenile.

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BUTUAN

The mission house of the Most Holy Redeemer in Butuan, Philippines, was founded by the vice-province of Cebu, dependent on the province of Dublin. It was established on 10th June 1968 with Father John Goode as first superior. The community has charge of a parish.

BYRNE John F.

Was born in Brooklyn on 23rd May 1879. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Annapolis on 2nd August 1900 and was ordained priest in Ilchester on 22nd June 1905. He was an industrious student of the history of the Congregation in the United States, publishing a number of works on the subject. He died in Saratoga Springs on 2nd June 1949.

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BYRNE William

Was born in Dockers Plains in the diocese of Sandhurst, Australia, on 2nd February 1878. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Mayfield on 26th April 1904 and was ordained priest in Esker, Ireland on 19th September 1909. Sent to the new foundation in Opon, Philippines, in 1911, he continued to work there until 1930. He was

vice-provincial there from 1927 to 1930, during which time he transferred the community from Opon to Cebu. From 1930 to 1939 he was superior of the Australasian province, and was responsible for the beginnings of the Australian foundations in the Philippines and in Malaysia - Singapore. He died in Pennant Hills on 3rd December 1952.

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CACCIATORE Giuseppe

Was born in Ravanusa in the diocese of Agrigenti on 23rd January 1907. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Ciorani on 8th September 1926 and was ordained priest after studies in Cortona on 25th October 1931. Shortly after ordination he was appointed to teach dogmatic theology to the students in Cortona. The most important fruit of his assiduous scholarship was his *S. Alfonso de' Liguori e il Giansenismo*, Florence, 1942. Father Cacciatore was appointed to the commission for the critical edition of the ascetical writings of St. Alphonsus. He died in Rome on 20th November 1977.

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CACHOEIRA DO SUL

The Redemptorists of the Upper German province, established in Brazil, for a long time had wished to make a foundation in the south of the country. In 1920 at the invitation of the Bishop of Pelotas they temporarily took charge of a parish in the episcopal city. The offer of a permanent foundation in the diocese of Santa Maria without parish duties proving more acceptable, the mission house of St. Clement's in Cachoeira do Sul was established on 29th October 1921 with Father Martin Forner as first superior. The house is now in the province of Porto Alegre.

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CAFARO Venerable Paolo

Was born in Cava dei Tirreni on 5th June 1707, and was a parish priest in his native diocese of Salerno, having been ordained on 22nd