

GILLET Louis Florent

Was born in Antwerp on 12th January 1813. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St. Trond on 20th October 1835 and was ordained priest in Liège on 10th March 1838. Volunteering for the missions in America, he arrived in that country in 1843. In the following year he was sent to Monroe, Michigan, in the diocese of Detroit, where in November 1845 he established an institute of religious women to whom he gave the name Sisters of Providence. Two years later the name was changed to Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and they were given a rule adapted from that of the Redemptorists. Father Gillet was transferred to Baltimore and began to show a certain restlessness which ended in his being dispensed from his vows on 8th January 1850. Returning to Europe, he eventually was admitted among the Cistercians, taking his vows in Sénanque in the diocese of Avignon on 8th September 1859. He held positions of prior and novice master before his death in Hautecombe on 14th November 1892. In 1929 his remains were reinterred in the cemetery of the Sisters in Monroe.

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