

KOSMACEK Franz

Was born in Pilgram in the diocese of Budweis, Bohemia on 27th October 1799. As a student of medicine he learned that his fellow countryman, Dr. Johann Madlener, had become a disciple of St. Clement Hofbauer, and he came to Vienna to follow his example. He was one of the first group to enter the novitiate after the emperor had authorised the Congregation in 1820. He took his vows on 2nd August 1821 and was ordained priest in Vienna on 18th October 1822. He was consultor to the Rector Major, Father Ripoli, from 1832 to 1836 and to Father Passerat, Vicar General, from 1830 to

1832 and from 1839 to 1848. He acted as vicar provincial for Belgium and Holland from 1840 to 1841 and was the first Austrian provincial from 1841 to 1844. To the Vicar General Father Rudolf von Smetana he was consultor and admonitor, in which capacity he attended the general chapter of 1855. He died in Vienna on 5th May 1860 so highly esteemed that there were hopes that the cause of his beatification might be introduced.

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