

## FEBRUARY 1

**1885** **MOST REV. WILLIAM GROSS, C.Ss.R.** was promoted to Archbishop of Oregon City (later: Portland Archdiocese). He was a member of the Baltimore Province. Born in Baltimore June 12, 1837; professed 1860; ordained 1865. Consecrated Bishop of Savannah, GA. February 14, 1873. Shortly after his arrival in Oregon, he applied to the provincial of the St. Louis Province to establish a foundation in Portland. When the Provincial declined due to lack of personnel, the Archbishop appealed to Father Mauron, the rector major, who directed the Baltimore Provincial, Father Schauer, to provide personnel for a new foundation. This was done in 1890, but the attempt met with little success and the community moved to Seattle, WA, in 1891 to establish the first permanent West Coast foundation, Sacred Heart Parish.

**1953** **REV. JOSEPH HEIDELL** died at the age of 62 while stationed at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Plaquemine, LA, January 1, 1890; professed at Kansas City, MO August 15, 1910; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI July 1, 1915. While a professor and prefect of students at Kirkwood, MO (1924-1927), his voice gave out, so he took up work for the deaf, for which it was not unusual that he travel 30,000 miles a year, visiting as far as Los Angeles, CA and San Francisco, CA. A series of heart attacks made him an invalid in his last years. Died in Mercy Hospital, New Orleans, LA. 42 years professed; 37 years ordained. Buried in Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA

## FEBRUARY 2

**1888** **CLERICAL STUDENT JOHN BOTT** died at the age of 26 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Philadelphia, PA June 29, 1861; professed at Annapolis, MD, December 24, 1886. He volunteered for the St. Louis Province, but died of consumption. Professed a little over one year. Buried in St. Mary's cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

**1960** **REV. EUGENE WITTE** died at the age of 54 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in St. Louis, MO December 8, 1905; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1929; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI June 29, 1934. After serving as teacher in the minor seminary, he became a parish priest for most of his life. He was a quiet, unassuming man. A stroke made him an invalid during his last years. Died in

Alexian Brothers Hospital, Chicago, IL. 30 years professed; 25 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist cemetery, Glenview, IL.

## FEBRUARY 3

- 1787** *First Foundation Outside Italy* was established in *Warsaw*, Poland with the arrival of St. Clement Hofbauer, Rev. Thaddeus Huebl, and Brother Emmanuel Kunzmann. For almost twenty years it ran as a “continuous mission,” until the Redemptorists were expelled on Napoleon’s orders.
- 1924** **BROTHER BENEDICT (JAMES) COAKLEY** died at the age of 72 at *St. Mary’s Assumption, New Orleans LA*. Born in County Galway, Ireland, September 29, 1851; professed in Chatawa, MS, June 28, 1878. He served in the parish office and sacristy, mainly in New Orleans, LA, St. Louis, MO and Detroit, MI. 45 years professed. Buried in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1975** **BROTHER JOHN CORNELL** died at the age of 79 while stationed at *St. Thomas, Coeur d’Alene, ID*. Born at Bay Shore, Long Island, New York, February 2, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1954. He was a convert to the Faith, baptized on June 3, 1933 in St. Agatha’s Church, Chicago, IL. He was a perfectionist, whether at carpentry, machine work, or cooking. Most of his years of service were spent up in the northern houses of the Oakland Province. He died in Billings, MT, while visiting his relatives, and is buried in Coeur d’ Alene, ID. 21 years professed. Buried in St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cemetery, Coeur d’Alene, ID.
- 1983** **REV. JOHN KATHREIN** died at the age of 86 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Fiss, Tyrol, Austria, January 9, 1897; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1918; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1923. Two of his brothers became Redemptorists. He was business manager of the *Liguorian* and *Perpetual Help* magazines. He worked among the Spanish in San Antonio, TX, and, at the age of sixty, began an apostolate among the Spanish at St. Michael’s, Chicago, IL, for twenty-five years. He was a man of strong convictions—right or otherwise. 64 years professed; 59 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL

**2000** **BROTHER FRANCIS (WALTER) CLAUSSEN** died at the age of 68 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Omaha, NE, November 22, 1931; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1952. He first served in several communities caring for the upkeep of the house. In 1959 he began caring for a sick, elderly confrere. Gradually he took on more duties of caring for sick and dying confreres. He trained in practical nursing and took on responsibilities in the province health care center. For over thirty years, he excelled in his dedication to this ministry. In his last years a stroke impaired his speech and movement, causing him great frustration. He was a man of dedication to prayer and to service. He loved Notre Dame: both the college and the Madonna. He once wrote his own epitaph on a ministry planning form: "I do what I can." 48 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO.

## FEBRUARY 4

**1963** *General Chapter XVI* was convoked in *Rome*. Although it intended to revise the Rule and Constitutions, its deliberations were so lengthy it was able to revise only the Rule. This Chapter decreed that henceforth the revised rule is to be known as the Constitutions, and the Constitutions will be known as Capitular Statutes. The Chapter closed on April 3. Thomas Manwaring (Provincial), and John Kane represented the Oakland Province; John McCormick (Provincial) and Raymond Schmitt represented the St. Louis Province; Paul Baudry and Alphonsus Abadie represented the New Orleans Vice-Province.

## FEBRUARY 5

**1990** **REV. JAMES RYAN** died at the age of 36 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Omaha, NE, February 22, 1953; professed at Imacualate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI August 5, 1973; ordained at Waterford, WI, May 31, 1979. Wholeheartedly devoted to the preaching apostolate, he belonged to the mission team. He was a simple and captivating preacher whose constant theme was: "Jesus loves you." He thoroughly believed and lived this. He gave of himself completely to the ministry of confessor. Always willing to listen, he involved himself extensively in programs for the divorced and separated. He died in Omaha, NE 16 years professed: 10 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Omaha, NE

## FEBRUARY 6

- 1937** **REV. WILLIAM BOND** died at the age of 78 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Gibson, MS, December 28, 1858; professed at Kansas City, MO, September 8, 1881; ordained at Ilchester, MD. March 25, 1886. A student at Chatawa, MS in 1879, he was in the pioneer minor seminary class when it moved to Kansas City. He was superior in Denver, CO, pioneered in Detroit, MI, and was twice director of the second novitiate. As a Provincial Consultor, he helped found the Portland, OR house. He was an active mission preacher. Crippled with arthritis for the last twenty years of his life, he would offer Mass on crutches. He authored a monthly calendar “Leaves of the Rock” about the founding of the “Rock” Church. Though a rather crusty individual, he was a delightful community man. Died in St. Mary’s Hospital, St. Louis, MO. 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO
- 1954** *General Chapter XV* opened in *Rome*. Most Rev. William Gaudreau was elected rector major. The chapter decided to revise the Rule and Constitutions. Robert Elliot (provincial) and Mark McInerney represented the Oakland Province; James Vance (Provincial) and Donald Miller (I) represented the St. Louis Province. On February 27, Rev. William Grangell of the New Orleans Vice-Province was elected consultor general; Raymond Schmitt (Vice-Provincial) represented New Orleans.

## FEBRUARY 7

- 1885** **REV. JOSEPH COLONEL** died at the age of 50 at *St. Mary’s Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Kloster-Ebrach, Bavaria, March 22, 1834; professed at Annapolis, MD, October 25, 1861; ordained at Annapolis, MD, April 6, 1867. He began his clerical studies in Germany which were interrupted because of family financial problems. He came to America in 1852. He was stationed in New Orleans, LA from 1869 until his death. He compiled a widely-used book of Catholic hymns. He is remembered as a man of deep faith and practical charity in word and deed. 23 years professed; 17 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary’s Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1993** **BROTHER JOHN PROBACIUS** died at the age of 83 at *St. Clement’s Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Westville, IL, August 27, 1909; professed at DeSoto, MO, January 28, 1929. At profession he took the name Alfred, but returned to his baptismal name in the 1960s; he was most often

known as “Brother Speedy” because of the quick way he went about doing things. He was led to Congregation by a talk given in the orphanage in which he was reared. He spent most of his active career at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI and Kansas City, MO, but also served in St. Louis, MO, Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI, and Grand Rapids, MI. He mainly cared for the house and sacristy wherever he was stationed. A highlight of his life was a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land at his golden jubilee. He retired at the Health Care Center at Liguori, MO, in 1984 where he completed his life serving others as before, a gentle and inspiring confrere. 64 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

**1995** **REV. ELMER TOUPS** died at the age of 80 at *Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo, TX*. Born, July 7, 1914 at Lafourche, LA; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1937; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. After his second novitiate, he was appointed to the teaching staff at St. Joseph Preparatory College, Kirkwood, MO, where he served for ten years. Then he began a long in the Vice Province of New Orleans as a teacher, parish priest, preacher of retreats, and often minister of the community. He was the founding pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Crowley, LA, and later, as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Corpus Christi, TX, he built the permanent church there. 57 years professed; 52 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorists Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.

## FEBRUARY 8

**1950** **REV. DANIEL WETTA** died at the age of 63 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, September 11, 1886; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1905; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1911. Most of his active life was spent in St. Louis, MO, Grand Rapids, MI, and Kansas City, MO, but he also labored for a short time in Portland, OR. An obliging confrere, even when sick in his last years, he would aid confreres to lessen their workload. 44 years professed; 38 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.

## FEBRUARY 9

**1787** **ST. CLEMENT HOFBAUER** took possession of St. Benno's Church in *Warsaw*. Redemptorists were expelled from there in 1808.

- 1949 *The Alphonsian Academy* was begun in *Rome* by Superior General Leonard Buys.
- 1995 **REV. GERARD KULLECK** died at the age of 83 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, October 18, 1911; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1931; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1936. He followed his elder brother Leo, into the Congregation. He touched most bases in his apostolic career: parish priest (Grand Rapids, MI, St. Louis, MO, and Davenport, IA), retreat work (Glenview, IL), and mission preaching. He was superior for one term in Davenport, IA. In 1962, he spent several months giving missions at armed forces bases in Spain and Africa. 63 years professed; 58 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1996 **REV. HENRY HEIM** died at the age of 82 while stationed at *St. John Neumann Residence, Biloxi, MS*. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, July 13, 1913; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1948. He spent twenty-two years as a mission preacher in the Vice-Province of New Orleans. He was rector in Greenwell Springs, LA, Houston, TX, and later of the community of the Vice- Provincial residence. He had a strong sense of responsibility and was a skillful handyman. He loved both sports and music. A serious foot infection forced him to enter Biloxi, MS Hospital where he died. 52 years professed; 47 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 1997 **REV. ALBERT FUYTINCK** died at the age of 80 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Graniteville, MO, August 2, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1937; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. He was first stationed at St. Alphonsus (New Orleans, LA) and then, except for short terms at St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO and Carlisle, KY, he spent his active life in the New Orleans Vice-Province. He was founding pastor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Corpus Christi, TX. He learned Spanish on his own so he could preach missions in that language. He was an engaging confrere, always ready for a conversation. 59 years professed; 54 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 2005 **REV. EUGENE JOHN STAUB** died peacefully at the age of 78 at Summit Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA. Born in New Orleans, LA, March 3, 1927;

professed at DeSoto, LA, August 2, 1947; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 26 1952. He would say of himself that he never wanted anything but to be a Redemptorist. Father “Gene” served in the Vice-Province of New Orleans, in San Antonio, TX, Baton Rouge, LA, New Orleans, LA, Greenwell Springs, LA, Crowley and Lacombe, LA, as an associate pastor, pastor, missionary and minister. A bit of a contemplative; his “morning routine” included an hour of private meditation following morning prayer and meditation in common. This served him well in his last years when he struggled with cancer and suffered a series of strokes. As pastor, he considered the Sunday homily as his principal work for the week and worked for hours to craft his message. A man of no pretense; accepted himself and all others lovingly and uncritically. 57 years professed; 52 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

## FEBRUARY 10

- 1839** *The Forty Hours Devotion* was held for the first time by Redemptorists in America at St. Alphonsus Church in Peru, Ohio. It was conducted by Fathers Joseph Prost and Francis Tschenhens.
- 1926** Nine houses of the Congregation were suppressed in *Mexico* during the Calles persecution.
- 1930** **BROTHER OWEN O’CONNOR** died at the age of 60 at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*. Born in Janesville, PA, April 5, 1869; professed at Kansas City, MO, February 15, 1907. In his youth, he went to Butte, Montana and worked in the mines. A mission there in 1902 persuaded him to join the Redemptorists. He spent all of his religious life as a cook, first in the Midwest until he went to Fresno in 1921. 22 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery , Liguori, MO.
- 1962** **REV. ALOYSIUS BOOS** died at age 75 at *St. Michael’s, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, June 19, 1886; professed at Kansas City, MO, September 8, 1906; ordained at DeSoto, MO, June 28, 1911. He was a professor in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, worked as a missionary out of Oakland, CA, in 1934-1935, and spent twenty-seven years at St. Michael’s, Chicago, IL. He had a reputation as an electrical and mechanical expert—even in his seventies he could occasionally be seen climbing the church tower at St. Michael’s to keep the clock functioning. He is remembered as a zealous parish priest, as well as a wise and gentle confessor. 55 years



professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Glenview, IL.

**1971** **REV. WILLIAM MORGAN** died at the age of 49 at *Travis Air Force Base, CA*. Born in Fort Collins, CO, May 25, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1942; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. He grew up in St. Joseph's, Denver, CO. He served as a missionary in Montana (1949-1955) and then joined the air force in 1955. He gave missions with Father Steve O'Connor of the Baltimore Province while in the service. He covered the globe in his mission work and was highly respected. 27 years professed; 23 years ordained. Buried in San Mateo Military Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA.

**2001** **REV. ROBERT GAYDOS** died at the age of 81 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, January 24, 1920; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1939; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 22, 1944. His brother Raymond was also a Redemptorist. His first assignment was a year at St. Wenceslaus Bohemian Parish in Baltimore, because he spoke Czech. After this he spent almost his entire life as a parish mission preacher, first in the St. Louis Province and then in the New Orleans Vice-Province. In 1973 he became a parish priest in Crowley, LA, where he remained until his health forced his retirement in 1984. A quiet man, his last years of prayers were no less apostolic than his earlier life. Rev. Tom Picton was the celebrant. 61 years professed; 56 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

## FEBRUARY 11

**1978** **REV. JOHN ZIMMER** died at age of 84 at *Holy Ghost, Houston, TX* Born in Chicago, IL, August 6, 1893; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1914; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1919. He served as parish priest and missionary, spending the last twenty-five years of life in Houston. He was affectionately known as "Zim" and "Jacques." 63 years professed; 58 years ordained.

**1982** **BROTHER WALTER (VALERIAN) ROBEL** died at age of 70 at *Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in St. Louis, MO, January 28, 1912; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1934. Before joining the Congregation, he attended Kenrich Seminary (St. Louis) and Columban



Seminary. Served in many, many communities. 48 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

## FEBRUARY 12

- 1887** **REV. STEPHEN SCHNEIDER** died at age of 62 while stationed at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, December 6 1824; ordained as a diocesan priest, August 10, 1849; professed as a Redemptorist in Europe, September 29, 1851. He came to U.S. from the Lower German Province, April 10, 1874, and worked in the Baltimore Province for eleven years before coming to St. Michael's, Chicago, IL in 1885. He died in Alexian Brothers Hospital. 35 years professed; 37 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1946** **REV. JOHN. ZELLER** died at age of 65 in *Immaculate Conception September, Oconomowoc*, WI. Born in Chicago, IL. May 23, 1880; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1897; ordained at St. Louis, MO, March 28, 1903. Having studied in Rome, he was a teacher in both the minor and the major seminary in DeSoto, MO and Oconomowoc, WI, where he taught mainly Scripture and church history. He also served as prefect of students. He was novice master (1933-1945) and Provincial Consultor (1933-1939). "Father John" was truly a spiritual and intellectual giant, inspiring novices and students with a love for God, Church, and Congregation. His life-long prayer was that he would die in his habit in a Redemptorist house amid his confreres; his prayer was granted. 48 years professed; 42 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1987** **REV. GREGORY LAHAY** died at age of 74 at *Immaculate Heart of Mary, Crowley*. Born in Dielstadt, MO, January 27, 1913; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1936; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI July 2, 1941. He pioneered in the African-American parish in McAlester, OK, was superior in four other communities, and student prefect for nine years. In parishes, he exercised a "shoe-leather" apostolate, walking the streets visiting homes; his homilies were meticulously prepared. He had a special devotion to the rosary; when someone once pointed out that his rosary was hanging halfway out of his pocket, he said "That's for a quick draw!" Died suddenly. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

**2001**     ***The second Provincial Chapter of the Denver Province*** began at the Hilton Hotel, ***Whittier, CA***. The focus of the Chapter was to review the Province Ministerial Plan approved at the first chapter. No legislation was enacted at this chapter. It closed on February 15.

## FEBRUARY 13

**1900**     **REV. LOUIS BRANDER** died at age of 35 at ***St. Joseph's, Denver, CO***. Born in Chicago, IL, September 27, 1864; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 2, 1884; ordained at St. Michael's Church, Chicago, IL, April 25, 1889. He served as teacher in the minor seminary and as a parish priest. Suffering from consumption, he was transferred to Denver, CO in 1897 in the vain hope of regaining his health. He was appointed rector there (1898); and died in office. 15 years professed, 10 years ordained. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Denver, CO.

**1988**     **REV. RICHARD JOHNSON** died at age of 40 at ***Holy Ghost, Houston, TX***. Born in San Antonio, TX, June 26, 1947; professed at Clinton, IA, August 2, 1968; ordained at San Antonio, TX, June 23, 1973. He served as a professor and director of retreats at Lacombe, LA. "Loved - Cared - Shared": these words characterized his short ministry. The lung cancer which eventually claimed his life was detected shortly after his thirty-eighth birthday. 19 years professed; 14 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.

**1990**     **BROTHER ALOYSIUS (STEPHEN) LEMANSKI** died at age 73 at ***St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO***. Born in St. Paul, MN, November 2, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1948. An excellent photographer, he joined the Redemptorists through a novena preached in his home parish. His buoyant temperament made him seem to zip from one activity to another. He was patient in his suffering; as cancer brought his death closer, he frequently mentioned that his "bags were packed." Professed 42 years. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

**2000**     **REV. JOHN WILLIAM KANE** died at the age of 81 while stationed at ***The Desert House of Prayer, Tucson***. Born in Portland, OR, May 20, 1918; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1939; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 22, 1944. He began as a teacher at the minor seminary in Oakland, CA and then spent several years as a mission preacher and respected retreat master. He gradually developed his expertise in

spirituality as he returned to Oakland, CA in the early 1960's as superior and director. He then joined the retreat team at Picture Rocks Retreat, also serving as vicar for religious of the diocese of Tucson, AZ. Here he began to develop a house of contemplative prayer with lay members. This project grew into a separate facility, The Desert House of Prayer, that drew people from around the world. He directed Desert House for over twenty years. An outstanding man appreciated for wisdom, learning, and prayerfulness. 60 years professed; 55 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

## FEBRUARY 14

1867 *The Cause of St. Clement Hofbauer* was introduced in *Rome* by Pope Pius IX.

## FEBRUARY 15

1906 **BROTHER HERMAN GRAUTE** died at the age of 81 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Hanhausen, Westphalia, June 21, 1824; professed in America, March 26, 1852. He spent nearly fifty-three years in New Orleans, LA. He was singularly revered by his confreres for his piety, gentleness, and obliging manners. 53 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.

## FEBRUARY 16

1891 **REV. LOUIS COOK** (originally: **KOCH**) died at the age of 47 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Philadelphia, PA, September 23, 1843; professed at Annapolis, October 15, 1860; ordained at Ilchester, MD, April 8, 1870. He was in St. Louis, MO, when the province was established in 1875. He was an eloquent preacher and capable leader. He was superior of the first missionary expedition to California in 1885. He preached the first solemn novena in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Detroit, MI, 1888. He became rector in Detroit, MI, in 1887 and died in office. 30 years professed; 20 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

1903 *Archconfraternity of the Eucharistic Heart* was established by Pope Leo XIII in the pontifical church of *St. Joachim, Rome*, under Redemptorist care.

## FEBRUARY 17

*Foundation of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Sriracha, Thailand*, was

canonically established. Begun on May 7, 1959, it is located in the Chantaburi Diocese. Rev. Robert Martin was the first superior.

**1999** **BROTHER DENIS (CLEMENCE) SCHROEDER** died at the age of 89 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, MO*, Liguori. Born in Freeburg, MO, July 27, 1909; professed at Glenview, IL, October 16, 1942. His family moved to Wasco, CA. As a man in his 30s he was considered too old to apply for the priesthood, but heard of the idea of being a religious brother during a mission in his parish. Although he served at Portland, OR and Palisades, WA he spent the last twenty years in California, at Whittier, Fresno, and Oakland. A polite, quiet, prayerful and considerate man, he was appreciated as a good community member. 56 yrs. professed. Buried in the Redemptorists Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

## FEBRUARY 18

**1850** **RECTOR MAJOR JOHN CAMILLUS RIPOLI** died in *Pagani*. He served as rector major from 1832 until he died. Born on October 9, 1780 in Carato, Naples; professed in 1799; ordained in 1804. During his leadership the Congregation made rapid strides in Europe and America, and the six original provinces were established (1841).

**1937** **BROTHER MICHAEL REINIG** died at the age of 61 at *St. Gerard's, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Weiten, Germany, March 13, 1875; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1899. He was one of the pioneers at San Antonio, TX in 1912. He was dearly loved and appreciated by confreres and parishioners alike. 37 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

**1953** **REV. EDWARD MOLLOY** died at age 71 at *St. Alphonsus, Davenport, IA*. Born in Gusset's Cove, Newfoundland, Canada, November 13, 1881; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1903; ordained at St. Louis, MO May 20, 1908. He was stationed in Fresno, CA (1909-1921) as pastor of Clovis and then rector of St. Alphonsus Parish, Fresno, CA 1915-1921. As a young missionary, he preached in Idaho, going into the mines to speak to the workers. He was the first pastor and superior of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, San Antonio, TX. He was also superior at St. Alphonsus, New Orleans, LA and Detroit, MI as well as rector and prefect of students in Oconomowoc, WI. A "determined man," he had few doubts. He used to spend an hour before the

Blessed Sacrament each afternoon. 49 years professed; 44 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorists Cemetery , Glenview, IL.

**1966** **BROTHER MICHAEL (JOHN) HASSEY** died at the age of 42 at **St. Alphonsus, Fresno**, CA. Born September 29, 1923; professed at DeSoto,, MO, August 2, 1948. He came to the Redemptorists from Hawaii. He was known as a quiet man with simple faith. He was a tailor at Oakland, CA from after his profession until 1964, when he was transferred to Fresno, CA where he died while working in the sacristy. 17 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Fresno, CA.

**2009** **Rev. Gary Heinecke** died at the age of 61 at **St. Luke Hospital in Milwaukee**, WI. Born in Watertown, WI, June 10, 1947; professed at Blessed John Neumann Novitiate and Retreat House, Clinton, IA, August 2, 1968; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 21, 1973. After formation, Gary served in the Brazil Missions as Co-Director and professor at the pastoral institute. On his return to the U.S. in 1980 he served at St. Joseph Parish, Wichita, KS, before becoming Retreat Director at Villa Redeemer in Glenview, IL, and serving on the Mission Team in Chicago. He was elected to two terms on the Extraordinary Provincial Council. In 1997 he became Director of St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori, MO where he showed his calling for caring for the sick and elderly. A man of unique abilities, he could often be found pruning flowers, mowing the grass or working on equipment in the shop. His last assignment at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, WI, brought him back to his home and near his family. A true son of St. Alphonsus, he was easy going and kind with a very sharp intellect. He died from an aortic aneurysm. 40 years professed; 35 years ordained. Buried in the family plot in St. Jerome's Parish Cemetery, Oconomowoc, WI.

## FEBRUARY 19

**1942** **REV. PATRICK DUNNE** died at the age of 59 at **Holy Name, Omaha**, NE. Born in St. Louis, MO, January 1, 1883; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1903; ordained at St. Louis, MO May 20, 1908. He served as prefect of students (1915-1921) and as rector in several communities. He ministered a short time in the Oakland Vice-Province. He was considered a model religious. 38 years professed; 33 years ordained. Buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

## FEBRUARY 20

- 1971** **BROTHER DOMINIC (JOSEPH) KATHREIN** died at the age of 83 at *Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc*. Born in Fiss, Tyrol, Austria, April 1, 1887; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1910. His family came to the U. S. in 1903, settling in St. Michael's Parish, Chicago, IL. In his prime, he was a powerful man, a prodigious worker. When he gradually became physically unable to work, he emphasized his prayer life all the more, saying many rosaries each day. He was a simple and humble man. 60 years professed. Buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1973** **REV. EMMET CRANE** died at age 70 while stationed at *Liguori Mission House*. Born in St. Louis, January 18, 1903; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1924; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 24, 1929. He had a full life: parish priest, missionary, professor in minor seminary, and superior in Carlisle, KY, St. Louis, MO, Baton Rouge, LA and Detroit, MI. He served as a chaplain in World War II for five years and was discharged with the rank of colonel. He was a happy and zealous priest, always a gentleman. Died from a heart attack in St. John's Medical Center, Creve Coeur, MO. 48 years professed; 43 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1909** *St. Vincent's Haven Chapel, New Orleans, LA*, was dedicated by Archbishop Blenk. This "Seaman's Haven" was opened by the St. Vincent de Paul Society about 1903. Father John Matthews was in charge until 1907; he was succeeded by Father James Moye (1907-1918). The Chapel was discontinued in 1918; the Haven was closed later. It was revived in 1944 as a "Maritime Center" and again placed in Redemptorist charge under Rev. Thomas McDonough until he resigned in 1969 and it came under a diocesan priest.
- 1994** **REV. TIMOTHY KINNALLY** died at the age of 67 at *Liguori House, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Chicago, IL; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1947; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 26, 1952. He spent most of his active life in parish work in the New Orleans Vice-Province. His early career was affected by alcoholism which he battled all his life. He was granted a leave of absence from the Redemptorists in 1969 and lived as a layman until 1990 when he returned and worked in hospital ministry. He died of a lung condition. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, San Antonio, TX. 46 years professed; 41 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, San Antonio, TX



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**1929**     ***The Chapel Car, Santa Teresita***, was blessed by Bishop John McGinley of **Fresno**. For seven years, Father Leo Kulleck used this modified van to travel to all parts of the diocese where Spanish-speaking people were located, preaching and administering the sacraments. He was once quarantined in the chapel car with smallpox.

**1983**     **REV. CLAIR COLLINS** died at age 79 at ***Immaculate Conception, Seminary Oconomowoc, WI***. Born in Detroit, MI, November 15, 1903; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1928; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1933. He worked with the Italians for ten years in Fresno, CA. He served three terms as superior in Coeur d'Alene, ID and built St. Thomas School. He was also superior in Detroit, MI. He dedicated himself wholeheartedly to whatever he was assigned. His motto was the Lord's directive, "Learn from me, for I am gentle of heart." His last years were ones of physical and mental suffering. He was a distant cousin of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; his dream was to attend her canonization, but due to illness, he could not attend. 54 years professed; 49 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

## FEBRUARY 23

**2008**     **REV. JOSEPH X. STEFFES** died at the age of 93 at a Health Care Facility in Baton Rouge, LA. Born in Detroit, MI, October 24, 1914; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. He was a Military Chaplain during WWII and Korea and served as Local Superior in the communities of Carlisle, KY, Versailles, Ky and San Antonio, TX. Known for his tireless work ethic, he remained busy with parish work well into his later years. He was appointed Local Superior of Crowley at the age of 76 and held the post until his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday! The last eight weeks of his life were spent in a Baton Rouge, LA, nursing home where he continued an active ministry by hearing confessions, saying Mass and anointing the sick. He died from complications brought on by pneumonia. 72 years professed; 67 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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- 1749 *The Rule and Institute* founded by St. Alphonsus was approved by the brief of Pope Benedict XIV, *Ad Pastoralis Dignitatis Fastigium*.
- 1882 *The Foundation of St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*, was canonically established. This parish, previously a mission of St. Michael's, was begun in 1882 for the convenience of the German-speaking people in the Lakeview district. At the beginning, the confreres who cared for it resided at St. Michael's. Rev. Maximus Leimgruber was the first superior. The parish was returned to the Archdiocese of Chicago on January 1, 2000.
- 1894 *General Chapter X* opened in *Rome*. It was convoked by the rector major, Nicholas Mauron, on July 2, 1893, but he died shortly afterwards; so it was reconvoked by the vicar general, Matthias Raus, on July 16, 1893. The principal reason given for the chapter was the need to provide for the circumstances of a changing world. Most Rev. Matthias Raus was elected rector major and superior general on March 1, 1894.
- 1955 *Foundation of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, New Orleans*, was canonically established; it was begun on October 19, 1953. It served as Vice-Provincial residence for the New Orleans Vice-Province. Rev. Julian Grehan was the first local superior; Rev. Raymond Schmitt was the first Vice-Provincial. The house was suppressed on October 15, 1996, and the Vice-Provincial residence moved to Baton Rouge, LA.
- 1960 **REV. JOHN MAERKE** died at age 78 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, February 26, 1881; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1901; ordained at St. Louis, MO, July 4, 1906. Most of his active life was devoted to mission preaching. Stationed in Portland, OR (1908-1909), he was a parish priest and missionary in Astoria and Coeur d'Alene, ID. 58 years professed; 53 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

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- 1791 **FATHERS JESTERSHEIM AND RUDOLPH**, disciples of St. Clement, were ordained in *Warsaw*. These were the first Redemptorist ordinations outside of Italy.

- 1897** **BROTHER ALEXANDER O'NEAL** died at the age of 55 in *Toronto, Ontario, Canada*. Born in Fort Quebec, Canada, January 4, 1842; professed as a member of the Baltimore Province, 1883. He was the first brother vocation in Canada. He was one of the early pioneers in the Portland community when it was staffed by the Baltimore Province. 14 years professed.
- 1998** **REV. MATTHEW KERSCHEN** died at the age of 76 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Goddard, KS, November 10, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1942; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. After eleven years as teacher, *socius* and minister at Kirkwood, MO, he served in St. Alphonsus (Chicago, IL) and Minneapolis, MN. In 1967 he was assigned to the New Orleans Vice-province and served as superior in Bellair, and Corpus Christi, TX. He was elected Vice-Provincial Superior (1981-1990) after which he was superior in Biloxi, MS. A man of deep faith, quiet humor, and open honesty, he was a solid and revered leader wherever he served. Died of a brain tumor that developed quickly. 56 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the family Plot at Calvary Cemetery, Wichita, KS.

## FEBRUARY 28

- 1919** **REV. THOMAS BROWN** died at the age of 61 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis., MO* Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, March 10, 1857; professed at Kansas City, MO, September 8, 1880; ordained in Ilchester, March 7, 1885. One of the first class making novitiate and profession in the St. Louis Province, he became superior of Seattle, WA when the St. Louis Province took it over from Baltimore in 1898, and rebuilt the church when it was destroyed by fire in 1899. He attended two general chapters (1894, 1909). As provincial of the St. Louis Province (1907-1918), he began burses for the support of professed students, approved the start of the *Liguorian*, and transferred the major seminary from DeSoto, MO, to Oconomowoc, WI. He died of a stroke while reading a circular letter of the rector major to the community. 38 years professed; 33 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1955** **REV. JOHN O'CONNELL** died at the age of 50 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Detroit, MI, November 23, 1904; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1928; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1933. He was a teacher in the minor seminary for

eight years and rector and pioneer at Pine City, MN. One of his superiors said of him: "I don't ever recall him turning down a request; he was always willing to give a hand." 26 years professed; 21 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI