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- 1793 *General Chapter IV* opened in *Pagani*; it lasted until April 23. Its purpose was to reunite the Congregation after the *Regolamento* and to elect a single rector major. Rev. Peter Paul Blasucci was chosen.
- 1894 **REV. MATHIAS RAUS** was elected rector major and superior general in *Rome*, succeeding Most Rev. Nicholas Mauron.
- 1911 **REV. TERENCE CLARKE** died at the age of 64 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, November 21, 1846; professed at Annapolis, MD, September 1, 1873; ordained at Ilchester, MD, September 1, 1877. He taught in the Redemptorist High School, New Orleans, LA before entering the Baltimore minor seminary. He pioneered in Grand Rapids, MI and Detroit, was prefect of students, served on the mission team to the West Coast in early 1886, and later gave many missions and retreats in the northwest. A tendency towards scruples affected his life and the community's. He died repeating, "Benedicite omnia opera Domini Domino". 37 years professed; 33 years ordained. Buried in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1947 **REV. WENCESLAUS STEINBACH** died at the age of 64 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, October 1, 1882; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15 1902; ordained at St. Louis, MO, July 3, 1907. A parish missionary, he built the present rectory at St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL while he was rector. He represented the St. Louis Province at the dedication of Holy Redeemer Church, Portland, OR and the Oakland, CA seminary. A man of ample proportions, he weighed 365 pounds. No one ever heard him utter a mean word about anyone. He long suffered heart disease, from which he died while walking along the street. 44 years professed; 39 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1981 *Bishop De Falco Retreat Center, Amarillo, TX* was begun. The Redemptorists provided spiritual exercises for the Amarillo Diocese. Rev. Charles Schraub was the first superior. The work was returned to the diocese on August 1, 1998.

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- 1857** **ABP. CELESTINE COCLE** fifth superior general (1824-1831), died at the age of 73 in the *Kingdom of Naples*. Born in San Giovanni Rotondo, November 23, 1783; professed, 1800; ordained, 1807. In 1832, while sweeping his room, he was informed of a command by Pope Gregory XVI to accept the episcopacy as Archbishop of Patras. He became Grand Almoner to King Ferdinand II of Naples. During the Revolution of 1848, he was exiled to Malta.
- 1898** **BRO. STEPHEN (JOHN) COSTELLO** died at the age of 68 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Limerick, Ireland, May 13, 1829; professed at Chatawa, MS on June 28, 1878. He fought on the side of the Confederacy during the Civil War. He spent most of his religious life in Chatawa, MS and Kansas City, MO. For him, prayer became a second nature. 19 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

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- 1986** **REV. GEORGE HARRY KEHRWALD** died at age 75 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Nunda, SD, November 22, 1910; professed, August 2, 1934; ordained at Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1939. He spent a great part of his life working in formation programs, helping young men prepare to be future Redemptorists. He was well respected by his confreres and served in the Oakland provincial government, mostly in the treasurer's office. His years of pastoral ministry endeared him to many people. 51 years professed; 46 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward, CA. Close to Oakland, CA.
- 1995** **REV. JAMES BARRETT** died at the age of 84 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Minneapolis, MN, April 16, 1910; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1930; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 28, 1935. He had a desire to serve in Spanish ministry from seminary days, earnestly studying Spanish. Later, he spent time studying in Mexico. He then worked among the Spanish-speaking in San Antonio, TX, Detroit, MI, and Chicago, IL, as a parish priest, and as a missionary working out of Cooperstown, ND with the migrants. A golden jubilee notice states: "The real Fr. Jim Barrett you sense in your first meeting: a man of kindness, quiet sense of humor, and eagerness to help." Increasing deafness caused him

to retire. 64 years professed; 59 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO

1995 **REV. FREDERICK McCLARY** born in LsSalette, Ontario, Canada, Died at the age of 90 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born, November 6, 1904; professed August 2, 1931; ordained June 29, 1936. As a young man, he was trained in the Marines, a training he never forgot. During World War II, he served in the Army Chaplain Corps. He was a distinguished missionary, giving missions at military installations throughout the world. He founded the Casa de Cana in Whittier, CA and served there for many years. His final years were spent with a close friend, Msgr. O'Keefe, in Yuma, AZ. 63 years professed; 58 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO

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1896 **REV. JOHN LEIES** died at age of 24 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Wooster, OH, April 2, 1871; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1891; ordained at New Orleans, LA, February 2, 1896. He contracted consumption in the seminary and lived only long enough to celebrate a dozen Masses. Archbishop Janssens, who ordained him, preached at his funeral. 4 years professed; 1 month ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA

1945 **BRO. GILES (JAMES) GODLOVE** died at age 61 at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in St. Louis, MO, January 21, 1884; professed at Kansas City, MO October 15, 1912. He was very efficient at running the parish office. He is remembered for his prodigious memory and his pleasantness in the community. He was stationed in Portland from 1921 to 1922, but most of his religious life was spent in Grand Rapids, MI. 32 years professed. Buried in the Redemptoirst Cemetery, Liguori, MO

1951 **REV. HAROLD VOLLMAN** died at age of 36 at *St. Alphonsus, Davenport, IA*. Born in Chicago, IL, June 6, 1914; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. Known as "Abie," he was *socius* in novitiate and then parish priest. He always showed a cheerful disposition. 15 years professed; 10 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorst Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

- 1987** **REV. JOSEPH BEHLES** died at age of 96 at *Immaculate Conception, minary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, August 26, 1890; professed at DeSoto, WI, August 15, 1912; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1917. Received a Ph.D. at Sant'Anselmo, Rome (1924). He served as teacher in the major seminary at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, for twenty-nine years, as well as student prefect; he was rector/director in minor seminary at Kirkwood, MO, St. Louis provincial consultor, assistant provincial procurator, and rector in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI Lebanon, IN and DeSoto, MO. In retirement, he served many years as an assistant librarian at Holy Redeemer College, Waterford, WI where he was a delight as a "senior presence." 74 years professed; 69 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO.
- 1989** **REV. RALPH LIEBST** died at age 71 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Kansas City, MO, March 27, 1917; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1938; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1943. He was superior in three communities. His outstanding virtue was his devotion to duty. He followed his two older brothers, Gerard and Robert, into the Congregation. He died as a member of the New Orleans Vice-Province. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO.
- 1990** **REV. GARRETT BARTON** died at age 71 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, April 22, 1918; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1939; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 22, 1944. His common nickname was "Buzz." A top-rank soccer goalie and baseball shortstop, he brought the same dedication to the ministry. He was something of a Pied Piper for small children who were drawn to him. Active in the Chicago area for nineteen years, he taught religion at St. Michael's Girls High School and Regina Dominican in Wilmette, Illinois. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic War Veterans, the Blue Army, and other organizations. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, at Liguori, MO.

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- 1736** *The First Permanent Foundation in the Congregation, Ciorani, Italy* was established.

- 1988** **REV. RAYMOND GRUENKE** died at age 67 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, March 14, 1920; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1941; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1946. He devoted all his active life to the deaf, with thirty-four years spent in the work in St. Louis, MO. He served as archdiocesan chaplain to the deaf in St. Louis, MO (1951-1988) and built the community center for the deaf at “Rock” Church. He was a quiet man who never publicized himself or his work. 46 years professed; 41 years ordained. Buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Rive Grove, IL.
- 1996** **REV. EDWARD COMER** died at the age of 85 at *St. Clement’s Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Sedalia, MO, February 16, 1911; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1932; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1937. His active life was in parishes, except for four years as a military chaplain during the invasion of France and Germany in World War II. After that, he served in the New Orleans Vice-Province for five years as superior in Okmulgee, OK, and in the parishes in Grand Rapids, MI, Omaha, NE, Kirkwood, MO, (superior), St. Alphonsus Parish Chicago, IL, and finally in Grand Rapids, MI, for the last twenty-five years of his life. He was active in the Catholic War Veterans. He was beloved by those he served; a newspaper article about his golden jubilee claimed the event brought the “largest number of people ever to attend a dinner at the parish.” 63 years professed; 58 years ordained. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.

MARCH 6

- 1832** The pioneer American Redemptorists left *Vienna* on their way to the U. S..
- 1858** The founders of the Congregation of St. Paul (*Paulists*), Fathers Hecker, Walworth, Hewitt, Deshon, and Baker were formally dispensed from their Redemptorist vows by Pope Pius IX in *Rome*.
- 1948** *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*: Three members of the St. Louis Province, Clarence Duhart, Roger Godbout, Edward Kane, along with one member from the Oakland Vice-Province, Robert LaRiviere, set sail for the new mission of *Thailand*. Holy Redeemer College served as their temporary home during the preparations for the journey.

1963 **BROTHER HUGH REAUME** died at the age of 73 at *St. Alphonsus, Fresno*. CA. Born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada May 16, 1889; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1931. He studied for the diocesan priesthood but, because of a speech impediment, he left the seminary and worked for Henry Ford. After he entered the Redemptorists, he was stationed at Oakland, CA as a cook and later stationed in many houses throughout the West Coast. He became ill and had his leg amputated. 31 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Fresno, CA.

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1976 **REV. BYRON EDWARD DAY** died at age 50 at *Liguori Mission House*. Born in Chicago, IL, February 25, 1926; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1948; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1953. He received a degree in history from Louvain University and served as a professor in Oconomowoc, WI and Esopus, NY for fourteen years. He was involved in the CFM Movement and counseling, and was managing editor and writer for the *Liguorian*. He was a man of integrity who spoke his mind. Died of a massive heart attack a few days before he was to take over as editor of the *Liguorian*. 28 years professed; 23 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO.

2003 **REV. THOMAS PETER O'CONNOR** died at the age of 80 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus Parish, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in Detroit, MI, January 28, 1923; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1945; ordained in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1950. He spent his first years as a priest at Pine City, MN, working in the formation of our future brothers. From that point on Tom ministered in our various parishes throughout the St. Louis Province. He was an example of hard work and determination. He struggled all his life to preach well in spite of a speech defect that caused him to stutter. He died in Grand Rapids surrounded by so many people who loved him. 57 years professed; 52 years ordained. Buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.

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1885 *Fresno*: The first Redemptorist mission in Fresno, CA began as part of the first missionary campaign in California.

1917 **REV. ARTHUR STEHLE** died at the age of 32 while stationed at *St. Joseph's, Denver, CO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, October 4, 1884; professed at Kansas City, MO, September 8, 1906; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1911. He contracted tuberculosis and was sent to Fresno, CA for his health in October 1914. One year later he went to the sanitarium in Colfax in the Sacramento Diocese. After some months, he returned to Fresno and engaged in parish work till April 1916. He was transferred to Kirkwood and later to Denver. 10 years professed; 5 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO.

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1855 **REV. CELESTINE BERRUTI** was elected rector major by the Neapolitan Fathers in *Pagani*, succeeding Most Rev. Lordi in the government of the Congregation in the Two Sicilies.

1897 **REV. MICHAEL ROSENBAUER** died at the age of 63 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Niederstotzingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany, October 18, 1833; professed at Baltimore, MD, September 15, 1852; ordained there, May 29, 1858. He was drafted during the Civil War (1863) and served in military hospitals in Baltimore, MD. A cold, contracted while attending the sick, led to his death. 44 years professed; 38 years ordained.

1915 **REV. BENEDICT NEITHART** died at the age of 74 while stationed at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Flieten, Hesse, Nassau, Germany, March 21, 1840; professed at Annapolis, MD, April 3, 1857; ordained at Baltimore, MD, March 12, 1864. He served as a Provincial Consultor. He was an indefatigable mission preacher, worked till stricken with paralysis. Died in Alexian Brothers Hospital, Chicago, IL. 57 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

1959 *Foundation of St. Alphonsus, Nongkhai, Thailand* was canonically established; it had begun on March 9, 1959. Located in the Udon Thani Diocese, it served for a time as Vice-Provincial residence. Rev. Wilfred Lowery was the first superior.

1989 **REV. JOSEPH FLANAGAN** died at the age of 87 at *Liguori Mission House*. Born in St. Louis, MO, January 17, 1902; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1922; ordained at Oconomowoc, WI, June 12, 1927. He was a man born to teach, an occupation he loved. He was teacher in the minor seminary in

Kirkwood, teaching Latin, Greek, German, and Spanish. He was an apostolic man—willing to serve anywhere, anytime. He was director of the brother candidate school, Pine City, and superior in four communities. He died quietly in his sleep. 66 years professed; 61 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1992 **REV. WILLIAM BROGLEY** died at the age of 77 at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*. Born in Sharon, PA, November 6, 1914; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1934; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI July 2, 1941. He was nicknamed “Silent Night” by a sacristan because of his taciturn ways; the confreres called him “Silent Bill.” He sometimes broke the silence with long technical explanations of obscure matters or pithy remarks; when once he could not be found, someone finally noticed a sign tacked to his door: “Gone Fishin’.” Most of his active life was spent in parish work, especially in Fresno and Whittier, where he dutifully fulfilled the role of minister. 57 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in family plot in Old Mission Cemetery, San Luis Rey, CA.

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1881 **REV. JOSEPH FEY** died at the age of 75 in *Vaals, Holland*. He came to America as a cleric, March 7, 1841; ordained at Baltimore, MD, June 5, 1841. He was the first Redemptorist ordained in the U. S. He returned to Europe in 1848 and became the first general consultor for the U. S. to Vicar General Von Smetana (1850). 44 years professed; 39 years ordained.

1977 **REV. HOWARD MORIN** died at the age of 57 at *Villa Redeemer, Glenview, IL*. Born in Platteville, CO, March 28, 1919; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1940; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 14, 1945. He devoted much time to the study of Scripture and St. Thomas, spending as much as two or three hours a day at it. He made a daily holy hour. He was noted for giving priests’ retreats. 36 years professed; 31 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

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1920 **REV. CHARLES KERN** died at age 75 at *St. Michael’s, Chicago, IL*. Born in Neuses, Hesse, Germany, December 31, 1844; professed at Annapolis, MD, February 15, 1863; ordained in Ilchester, MD, March 30, 1872. He came to the St. Louis Province in August, 1875. He was one of the first mission band to

the Pacific Northwest in 1887 Besides retreats and other apostolic works, it is said that he conducted or participated in more than two hundred missions. He served as rector in several communities. 57 years professed 47 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

1953 **REV. ALOYSIUS KIPPELS** died at age 60 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, MN, March 22, 1892; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1913; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, May 8, 1918. He was a fine missionary—equally effective in English and German. He was a good community man with a ready smile and kind word, and very devoted to the sick. Although he had a lifelong fear of death, he faced it serenely and with faith. 39 years professed; 34 years ordained. Buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

1985 **REV. BERNARD TOBIN** died at the age of 69 at *St. Alphonsus, Fresno, CA*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, July 26, 1915; professed August 2, 1938; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 29, 1943. His brothers, Frank and Gerard, were also Redemptorists. He served as superior and pastor at St. Alphonsus, San Leandro, CA; St. Alphonsus, Fresno, CA; and St. Jude's, Fresno, CA. He died as the result of a beating during an armed robbery at St. Alphonsus' rectory in Fresno, CA. 46 years professed; 42 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Fresno, CA.

2003 **REV. RAYMOND WALTER** died at the age of 87 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, July 28, 1915; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1936; ordained July 2, 1941. He spent the early years of his priesthood in formation at the novitiate in DeSoto MO, and at the high school seminary in Kirkwood, MO. The majority of his life was spent as a missionary and Parish Priest. In his later years he was asked to go to the newly built St. Clement Health Care Center where he ministered to those who were sick and dying. He was known in his life for his outstanding dedication to street kids and gang work. He was also an expert in handwriting analysis and Adlerian Psychology. 66 years professed; 61 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MARCH 12

1793 *General Chapter VI at Paganì* elected Rev. Peter Paul Blasucci as rector major of the entire Congregation, thereby healing the division brought about by the

Regolamento. In this chapter, St. Clement was confirmed in office as Transalpine Vicar General.

- 1808** **REV. ANTHONY TANNIOIA** died at the age of 80 in *Iliceto, Italy*. Born in Caratoa, October 27, 1727; professed in 1748; ordained in 1749. He was the first biographer of St. Alphonsus, collecting material from the time he entered.. He served as consultor general and procurator general. He was novice master for twenty-four years. 60 years professed; 59 years ordained.
- 1934** **REV. GEORGE HILD** died at age 77 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Detroit, MI, December 19, 1856; professed at Annapolis, MD, August 2, 1877; ordained at Baltimore, MD, June 11, 1881. He was the only vocation from St. Mary's Parish, Detroit, MI while it was under the care of the Redemptorists. He was a teacher in the minor and major seminary, rector in five communities, and provincial chronicler for seventeen years. He went to Seattle, WA. in 1898 to take over Sacred Heart Parish, Seattle, WA, from the Baltimore Redemptorists, and later served as superior (1901-1904). He preached over two hundred retreats to religious. 56 years professed; 52 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1990** **REV. JOHN FLYNN** died at age 67 at *Villa Redeemer, Glenview, IL*, Born in St. Louis, Missouri, June 27, 1922; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1944; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1949. Often said he had served Mass for all the "Greats" of the St. Louis Province while an altar server at the "Rock". Although mainly a parish priest, he gave fifty missions. He was rector of St Louis provincial house; he was provincial archivist for thirty years. Though large and gruff, he had a compassionate, gentle heart and was much loved by children. 45 years professed; 40 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Glenview, IL>
- 1995** **REV. GORDON LESTER** died at the age of 74 in *Tucson, AZ*. Born, August 21, 1920; professed August 2, 1940; ordained, June 14, 1945. He was the son of a secretary at Holy Redeemer parish, Portland, OR. He spent many of his years as teacher and *socius* at Holy Redeemer College, Oakland, CA. He obtained a license in Canon Law in Rome. After a few years as a mission preacher, he became pastor in Great Falls, MT. For several years, he worked in the Spokane diocese as Director of the Family Life Program and wrote several booklets on family life and morality. He was instrumental in founding the Center for Parish Missions in Oakland, CA. In his final years, he suffered

much from poor health. 54 years professed; 49 years ordained, Buried in the Priest Section at Holy Hope Cemetery, Tucson, AZ

1996 **REV. GERALD BASS** died at the age of 70 at *New Orleans Vice-Provincial Residence, New Orleans, LA*. Born in San Antonio, TX, March 5, 1926; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1946; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, July 2, 1951. First serving in parishes, he specially attended to liturgical music. In 1961 he joined the faculty of the new seminary at Lacombe, LA, teaching science and biology until 1973, also acting as prefect of students and principal. A snake bite caused permanent pernicious anemia. He spent his final years at the Vice-Provincial residence, working on special projects, including a history of the unit, *Working for Plentiful Redemption*, and serving twelve years as Vice-Provincial vicar. He was greatly loved and respected, especially by the many men he educated. 49 years professed; 44 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Lacombe, LA.

MARCH 13

1884 **REV. WILLIAM MEREDITH** died at the age of 52 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Lancaster, VA, January 15, 1832; professed at Annapolis, MD, August 22, 1853; ordained at Baltimore, MD, September 24, 1859. He was the son of a prominent Protestant family whose friends led him to Catholicism. He worked almost entirely in St. Louis, MO and New Orleans, LA and was provincial consultor when the St. Louis Province began (1875). 30 years professed; 24 years ordained. Buried in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, LA.

1945 **REV. CLARENCE VINCENT** died at the age of 29 while stationed at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*. Born at Seattle, WA, January 3, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. He was one of the first Redemptorists ordained from Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA. He taught in the Oakland, CA minor seminary (1942-1944) before joining the army as a chaplain. He made a vow in the novitiate to say the Seven Dolor Rosary all his life in thanksgiving for his vocation and for the grace of perseverance. He was killed during a bombing raid in the Battle of the Bulge, the only chaplain of the Vice-Province of Oakland to lose his life in World War II. 9 years professed; 4 years ordained. Buried in the U. S. Cemetery at Mehlem, Germany.

1959 *The Foundation of St. Gerard, Khon Kaen, Thailand* was canonically established. Located in Udon Thani Diocese, it had begun in August, 1958. Rev. Thomas Griffith was the first superior.

1966 *Holy Rosary Parish, Houma, LA* was canonically established; it had begun on August 13, 1963. Rev. Joseph Armshaw was the first superior. The foundation was suppressed on June 30, 1986.

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MARCH 15

1820 **ST. CLEMENT HOFBAUER** died at the age of 69 in *Vienna*. Born in Tasswitz, Moravia, December 26, 1751; professed in Rome, March 19, 1785; ordained in Rome, March 29, 1785. He and Taddeus Huebl were the first non-Italians to join the Congregation. He established the Congregation north of the Alps in 1787 and is known as the second founder of the Redemptorists. Beatified by Pope Leo XIII (1888); canonized by Pope St. Pius X (1909).

1857 **MOST REV. VICTOR DESCHAMPS, C.SS.R.**, Archbishop of Malines and Primate of Belgium, was created a cardinal by Pope Pius IX. He had great influence at Vatican Council I.

1929 *Four Sisters of Charity* from Zams, Austria arrived at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*, to take over the kitchen and laundry. Soon after the minor seminary moved to Edgerton, WI, they were replaced by Passionist Sisters from Mexico in August 1959.

1935 **REV. MATHIAS MEYER** died at the age of 58 in *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Chicago, IL, February 23, 1877; professed at Kirkwood, MO August 22, 1894; ordained at Kansas City, MO, December 23, 1899. He was active as a parish priest and missionary. He pioneered in Portland, OR and in St. Alphonsus, Fresno, CA. He was the first superior of Coeur d'Alene, ID (1914-1918). He was a professor in the minor seminary, a rector, and a St. Louis provincial consultor. He was a man of common sense, popular among his confreres. 40 years professed; 35 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

- 1981** ***The Southeast Asian Vicariate*** was begun in ***Portland, OR***. Father Vincent Minh was named the Episcopal vicar. The operation took over the old Holy Child Academy, St. Rose Parish; this was the first Catholic structure of its kind on the West Coast.
- 1994** **REV. MAURICE ZELLER** died at the age of 68 at ***Perpetual Help Retreat, Oconomowoc, WI***. Born in Chicago, IL September 13, 1925; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1946; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1951. With a degree in moral theology from the Alphonsian Academy in Rome, he spent twenty-five years teaching it in the major seminaries at Oconomowoc, WI and Esopus NY, (as dean of studies and Vice-President) and at Waterford, WI, (where he served one term as superior). He spent a sabbatical studying and lecturing on biomedical ethics at St. Mary's Health Center and St. Louis University Divinity School. Upon retiring from teaching, he served as parish priest and did retreat work. He was the nephew of the famous Zellers of the St. Louis Province, and this placed heavy expectations on him. He provided the moral education for a generation of confreres. He had a great sense of humor, and liked to tease those who put him on the spot with moral questions by saying "I can argue that both ways." Died suddenly of a stroke in the retreat house parking lot. 47 years professed; 42 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

MARCH 16

- 1998** **BISHOP JACSON DAMACENO RODRIGUES** died at the age of 49 at ***Manaus, Brazil***. Born in Manaus, Amazonas, September 1, 1948; professed at Ponta Grossa, Paraná, February 2, 1972; ordained a priest in Manaus, August 6, 1978; ordained Auxiliary Bishop in Manaus, March 9, 1997. He was elected Vice-Provincial superior (1989-1995) and led the Vice-Province with vigor, balance, and deep faith. His effective leadership was attested to by the witness of over 5,000 people who attended his ordination as auxiliary bishop of Manaus. Six months later he was discovered to have a brain tumor which caused him great suffering for the last six months of his life, all of which he bore with great patience. 25 years professed; 20 years ordained; 1 year a bishop. Buried in the Cathedral in Manaus

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1914 **BRO. PATRICK (JOSEPH) McMAHON** died at age 51 at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*. Born in Tottenham, Ontario, Canada, September 26, 1862; professed at Kirkwood, MO, April 26, 1896. He was a carpenter by trade and became an excellent sacristan in several communities. He ministered as sacristan, cook, and porter in Fresno, CA and Seattle, WA. (1908-1913). 17 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MARCH 19

1785 **ST. CLEMENT HOFBAUER and THADDEUS HUEBL** made their profession before Venerable Francis de Paola in *Rome*.

1885 **REV. JOSEPH PROST** died at the age of 81 in *Puchheim, Austria*. Born in Freinberg, Austria, January 11, 1804; professed in 1831; ordained in 1832. He was superior of the American Redemptorists (1835-41). He established many foundations on the East Coast. He was expelled by Father Alexander and worked as a diocesan priest in Utica, NY, for a year. 53 years ordained.

1899 The church at *Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA*, was destroyed by fire, a \$25,000 loss. Rebuilding began immediately and the new church was blessed August 18 of the same year.

1915 **REV. NICHOLAS HECKER** died at the age of 34 at *St. Joseph's, Denver, CO*. Born in Chicago, IL, November 8, 1880; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1900; ordained at St. Louis, MO, November 23, 1905. He was stationed in Fresno, CA, (1910-1911) where he acted as minister and had charge of Selma, seventeen miles away. He organized the Selma parish and saw the church dedicated (1911). He received the last sacraments from his brother, John. 14 years professed; 9 years ordained. Buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Denver, CO.

1976 **REV. CHARLES QUINN** died at the age of 65 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Kansas City, MO, September 21, 1910; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1930; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 28, 1935. He studied history and music at Catholic University and then taught in the Kirkwood, MO, minor seminary. He served as a chaplain in World War II (1943-1947); then he ministered as a parish priest. An avid reader, he kept up on theology though he did not always agree.

He was devoted to the German apostolate at St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL. He died of a heart condition he had suffered for many years. 45 years professed; 40 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

1888 **BRO. ATHANASIUS (FRANCIS) MUESER** died at the age of 65 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Hutzzenmerth, Westphalia, December 22, 1822; professed at Annapolis, MD, April 22, 1867. He was a man of profound faith, devoted to prayer and recollection. He assisted in rebuilding St. Michael's after the Great Chicago Fire. 20 years professed. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

MARCH 20

1891 **REV. EUGENE GRIMM** died at the age of 55 at *St. Alphonsus, Baltimore*. Born in Rollbach, Bavaria, July 13, 1835; professed in 1853; ordained in 1859. He edited the first complete English version of the writings of St. Alphonsus the Centenary Edition (1886-1897). He also authored several other works. He served as rector in St. Louis, Toronto, and Ilchester. 38 years professed; 32 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.

MARCH 21

1879 **REV. CHRISTOPHER BURKE** died at the age of 27 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Macon, GA, November 9, 1851; professed at Annapolis, MD, September 1, 1873; ordained at New Orleans, LA, December 22, 1877. His health failed while he was in the major seminary; he was sent to Chatawa, MS, to continue his studies privately. As he was dying, he said: "The best that I can do is to offer my life for the souls that I had hoped to help." 6 years professed; 1 year ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.

1950 **REV. JAMES BREITENBECK** died at the age of 31 while stationed at *Perpetual Help, San Antonio, LA*. Born in Detroit, MI, December 19, 1918; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1939; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 22, 1944. In his short life, he endeared himself to the Spanish-speaking people he served. He died in an automobile accident in Texas. 10 years professed; 5 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

MARCH 22

- 1731 **ST. ALPHONSUS** had an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in *Foggia* as he preached.
- 1783 The church and hospice of *San Giuliano ai Monti* was purchased from the Carmelites by Very Rev. Francis De Paola. This was the first foundation of the Congregation in *Rome*. It was suppressed in 1798.

MARCH 23

- 1871 **ST. ALPHONSUS** declared Doctor of the Universal Church in *Rome* by Pope Pius IX, who solemnly ratified that decision in his Apostolic letter, *Qui Ecclesias Suae*, on July 7.

MARCH 24

- 1933 **REV. PETER NEUSES** died at the age of 49 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, August 20, 1883; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1906; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1911. He served as a parish priest and missionary, as a teacher in the major seminary, and as business manager of the *Liguorian*. 26 years professed; 21 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1976 **REV. MARTIN BRINGAZI** died at the age of 78 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in St. Louis, WI, December 2, 1897; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 3, 1920; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1925. He worked among the Spanish-speaking in San Antonio, TX for seven years. He prepared the *Ordo* for the St. Louis Province and served as provincial chronicler for many years. He was a distinctive individual. 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorists Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MARCH 25

- 1855 *Foundation of Sant'Alfonso (Villa Caserta)* was established in *Rome*. This foundation, the official residence of the superior general, was ordered by a decree of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars approved by Pope Pius IX on October 8, 1853.

1952 **REV. JOSEPH BRUNNER** died at the age of 39 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto*. Born in Chicago, September 18, 1912; professed at DeSoto, August 2, 1933; ordained at Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc, WI June 29, 1938. He was a teacher in the major seminary. He served as business manager of the *Liguorian*, and began the St. Gerard League and the pamphlet office. After volunteering for the Brazilian mission (1945-1948), he served as Foreign Mission Office procurator. He was a tireless worker in any assignment given him. He died suddenly. 18 years professed; 13 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

1957 *The Academia Alfonsiana* was canonically established in *Rome* by a decree of the Sacred Congregation for Religious as a special Institute for Moral and Pastoral Theology. Originally inaugurated by Rector Major Buys (1955), the *Academia* was reorganized for the Fall term of 1956 by Rector Major Gaudreau, who then obtained its canonical recognition.

MARCH 26

1969 **REV. ENOS BABIN** died at the age of 59 while stationed at the *Vice-Provincial Residence, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Theriot,, LA, October 13, 1909; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1933; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI June 29, 1938. Most of his active life was spent in giving missions in French and English along the bayous of Louisiana. He was known among these people as "Le Bon Pere," since he gave of himself unstintingly until he died suddenly while helping another. 35 years professed; 30 years ordained. Died in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.

1978 **REV. BYRON KRIEGER** died at the age of 95 while stationed at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA December 11, 1882; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1904; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 23, 1909. He worked on the Chapel Car *St. Paul* and served as a parish priest and missionary. He was stationed in Seattle, WA (1910-1911) and in Portland, OR (1920-1921). He was the first superior at Lacombe, LA. He zealously promoted the St. Joseph Mass League. He wrote two books about the Redemptorists in New Orleans: *Seventy-Five Years of Service* and *The Cornerstone*. He died at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. 73 years professed; 68 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Seminary, Lacombe, LA.

MARCH 27

- 1499** Icon of *Our Mother of Perpetual Help* was first publicly honored in *Rome* in St. Matthew's church which was destroyed in 1799 and the picture disappeared until 1866.
- 1910** **REV. BERNARD KLAPHAKE** died at the age of 75 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Ankum, Hanover, Germany, January 27, 1835; professed at Annapolis, MD, April 25, 1854; ordained at Rochester, NY, August 28, 1861. He was superior in Chatawa, MS when the St. Louis Province was established. A parish priest most of his active life, he served in New Orleans, LA from 1881 until 1910. 55 years professed; 48 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church in New Orleans, LA
- 1955** **REV. FRANCIS X. DARMADY** died at the age of 50 at *Liguori Mission House*. Born in St. Louis, MO, February 10, 1905; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1931. He spent the major part of his Redemptorist life on the West Coast. He was a missionary out of Oakland, CA for many years. Called the "Salesman of Our Lady," he spread the Perpetual Help Devotions throughout the country, preaching in over 200 parishes on the Tuesday Devotions. He pioneered in Great Falls, MT and Liguori, MO. 28 years professed; 23 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MARCH 28

- 1811** *Saint John Neumann* was born in Prachatitz.
- 1852** *Saint John Neumann* was ordained fourth bishop of Philadelphia by Archbishop Kenrick in St. Alphonsus Church, Baltimore.
- 1951** **REV. FRANCIS SARBINOWSKI** died at the age of 42 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Detroit, MI August 22, 1908; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1931; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI June 29, 1936. New Orleans, LA was his only appointment. He was a quiet individual, well liked by laity and confreres. Died suddenly from a heart attack. 19 years professed; 14 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

- 1973** **BRO. EDMUND BELCORE** died at the age of 86 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc*, WI. Born in the Township of LaSalle, MI, April 4, 1886; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1928. He was affectionately known as “Brother Jeff” because of his small stature—a nickname not always appreciated. He spent most of his religious life in Kirkwood, MO and St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL. His last years were spent in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. 44 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1975** **REV. RAYMOND TROIK (I)** died at the age of 63 at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*. Born in Chicago, IL, December 30, 1911; professed August 2, 1931; ordained June 29, 1936. As a young priest, he was very popular with young people. He was both a missionary and parish priest, being stationed at Coeur d’Alene, ID, Whittier, CA and Portland, OR. He was the founding pastor and superior in San Leandro, CA. He was also the first superior of Picture Rocks Retreat in Tucson, AZ. His last years were spent in charge of the *Redemptorist Family of the West*. 44 years professed; 39 years ordained.

MARCH 29

- 1785** **ST. CLEMENT HOFBAUER AND THADDEUS HUEBL** were ordained at *Alatri*, near Frosinone, Italy.
- 1900** **BRO. AMBROSE (WILLIAM) KERBER** died at the age of 58 at *St. Joseph’s College, Kirkwood*, MO. Born in Walthuern, Baden, Germany, August 13, 1841; professed at Annapolis, MD, April 15, 1868. He was a gardener by trade. He became an invalid with rheumatism and carefully prepared for his death. 31 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1999** **REV. ROBERT HIRSCH** died at the age of 79 while stationed at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Eire, PA, March 10, 1920; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1941; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1946. He went to Coari, Brazil in 1948, where he labored for fourteen years and began his lifelong art of recruiting young men for the Congregation. He began the “Apostolic School of the Most Holy Redeemer,” the seminary of the Vice-Province of Manaus. When the seminary moved to Belem he continued as director until 1967 when he returned to the US. He served as pastor of St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL and as assistant in

Midland, MI and Davenport, IA. He was stationed three times at Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI where he finally retired. Affable and prayerful, he was still a mischievous prankster at times. His saintly friendliness made him one of the magnets of Redemptorist vocations in the Province. Died in Providence Hospital. 57 yrs. professed, 52 yrs. ordained. Buried in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery next to his parents. South Gate, MI.

MARCH 30

1959 *Foundation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Bangkok* was canonically established. Located in the Bangkok Archdiocese, it had begun November 11, 1949. Rev. Roger Godbout was first superior.

MARCH 31

1876 *The Confraternity of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Alphonsus* was raised by Pope Pius IX in *Rome* to an Arch-Confraternity with the right of aggregation.

1891 **REV. FREDERICK FAIVRE** died at the age of 51 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in St. Briec, Brittany, France, June 19, 1839; professed at Annapolis, MD, May 30, 1868; ordained at New Orleans, LA, November 4, 1863. Archbishop Odin of New Orleans brought him to America and ordained him for his diocese. Four years later, he joined the Redemptorists. For years he gave French missions in Canada and the South. Stricken with paralysis on Holy Thursday while preaching in Notre Dame Church, he made the monumental understatement, "Don't be alarmed, it's only a stroke of paralysis!" 22 years professed; 27 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.

1912 What was probably the *First Redemptorist Mission Signed to the Deaf* was conducted by Rev. Daniel Higgins in *Notre Dame Church, New Orleans*. (Earlier Redemptorist works for the deaf were: Rev. Camillus Laffineur instructed a brother and sister in Detroit in the 1880s. Rev. Henry Meurer, with a limited knowledge of sign, did much to help the Ephpheta School for the Deaf in Chicago.)

1936 **REV. PHILIP SCOTT** died at the age of 60 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, September 18, 1875; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 2, 1894; ordained at Kansas City, MO, July 25, 1900.

His first and last appointments were at Kansas City, MO, where he spent the last fifteen years of his life. He was always willing to serve the needs of the community. 41 years professed; 35 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1952 **REV. TIMOTHY KENNY** died at the age of 70 at *Holy Name, Omaha, NE*. Born in Montreal, Canada, March 9, 1882; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1903; ordained at St. Louis, MO, May 20, 1908. He was a teacher in the major seminary, as well as an excellent retreat master and spiritual director. He was known as an imperturbable, quiet man who was an example of patience. 48 years professed; 43 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.