

APRIL 1

- 1733** **ST. ALPHONSUS** was abandoned at *Scala* by all his first companions except Brother Vito Curzio.
- 1735** During the month of April, *the first regular novitiate* of the Congregation was opened at Villa dei Schiavi with St. Alphonsus as novice master. Among the first novices trained by St. Alphonsus were Giovanni Mazzini, Gennaro Sarnelli, and Saverio Rossi.
- 1783** The *Privileges of the Congregation* were restored to the houses in the *Kingdom of Naples* by Pope Pius VI at the request of St. Alphonsus. This was the first step toward official recognition of the Congregation in the Kingdom after the *Regolamento*.
- 1920** *Foundation of St. Joseph's, Wichita, KS*, was canonically established. It was begun on April 1, 1920. Rev. Peter Maas was the first superior.
- 1926** **REV. NICHOLAS FRANZEN** died at age 59 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, October 2, 1866; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 2, 1884; ordained at Chicago, IL, April 25, 1889. He served as a teacher in the minor and major seminary. Most of the time between 1898 and 1924 he spent either as local superior or provincial consultor. He erected the Perpetual Help Shrine at the "Rock" Church. He was elected twice as delegate to general chapters. He was considered one of the most intelligent men in the St. Louis Province in his day. Died in Detroit, MI, while undergoing cancer treatments. 41 years professed; 36 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1927** **BROTHER RAYMOND (ROBERT) McMULLEN** died at the age of 44 at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in County Antrim, Ireland, April 26, 1882; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1913. He served as a cook in Seattle from 1914-1917. Three of his brothers became Redemptorists. 13 years professed. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1943** **REV. THOMAS STADLER** died at the age of 84 at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*. Born in New Orleans, LA, November 4, 1858; professed at Annapolis, MD, August 2, 1879; ordained at New Orleans, LA, October 31, 1883. He served as a teacher in the minor seminary and as a parish priest. He

was practically blind in his last years. 63 years professed; 59 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1948 *“Liguori, Missouri:* became the first post office in the world named in honor of **ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI**.

1960 *Foundation of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, Chicago,* was canonically established. It was founded to replace the original provincial residence at St. Alphonsus, St. Louis. Rev. Aloysius Pregonzer was first local superior; V. Rev. John McCormick was provincial. The house was suppressed on March 9, 1971, when the provincial residence was transferred to Glenview.

1993 **REV. EDWARD KERN**, died at the age of 67 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, January 30, 1926; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1947; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 26, 1952. His first appointment was to Brazil in 1954 where he served in Coari, Belem, and Manacapuru. He returned to the U.S. for ten years before going back to Brazil in 1970 where he served a short time in Belem before joining Bishop Murphy in Juazerio, Brazil. In 1972, he returned home and worked in several communities as hospital chaplain, mission preacher, and retreat preacher before finishing his active life in St. Joseph’s Parish, Wichita, KS. due to advancing Parkinson’s Disease. Though prone to anger, he did not bear grudges; in later years, he was noted for his prayer and gentleness, and bore his final disease patiently over many years. 45 years professed; 40 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

2002 **NOVICE PETER ABAAGU** died at the age of 28 at *Lagos, Nigeria*. Born in Ukan, Nigeria, July 4, 1973. Peter was born into a military family and so he lived and studied in many parts of Africa before applying to become a Redemptorist. He was invested March 1, 2002. Peter was a popular and friendly student, gifted with a beautiful singing voice. He struggled with the will of God in his life, but met that struggle with courage and determination. He died in a ghastly car accident on his way to Lagos to attend a community Easter picnic. Buried in Ibada - Nigeria.

2002 **PRE-NOVICE MICHAEL UGIOMIOH** died at the age of 23 at *Lagos, Nigeria*. Born in Ivibua-Igbagba, Agenebode, Nigeria, September 29, 1978. Michael was called “MMM” by his classmates. He was born into a family of ten children and so he was a man of hospitality, friendliness, and was well

liked by all. Before he joined the Redemptorists, he was a teacher. He had a special devotion for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He loved to read and teach. He died in a ghastly car accident on his way to Lagos to attend a community Easter picnic. Buried in Ibada - Nigeria.

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- 1900** **REV. AEGIDIUS SMULDERS** died at age 84 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Eindhoven, Holland, November 1, 1815; professed at St. Trond, December 8, 1840; ordained at Liege, Belgium, September 10, 1843. He came to U.S. in 1845. He was stationed in Monroe, MI, in 1847 where he continued the work of Father Gillet with the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He went to New Orleans, LA, MOI, in 1860, and served as a Confederate chaplain for four years. At the end of the war, it is said he walked from Virginia to New Orleans and was up for morning meditation the next day! He pioneered in St. Louis and founded Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI. He was on the mission band to California in 1886 and the Northwest in 1887. He was a sincere, cordial man, without ambition, and is revered as one of the outstanding men of both early American Provinces. 59 years professed; 56 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1911** **GOTTFRIED KNODEL**, an Oblate, died at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*. He served in the minor seminary for twenty-seven years primarily as a tailor. He received the habit before his death which occurred before he could be professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1998** **REV. FRANCIS McMAHON** died at the age of 76 at the *Center for Parish Missions, Oakland, CA*. Born in Portland, OR, June 27, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 24, 1958. A chief engineer in the Merchant Marine and veteran of World War II, he never lost his love for sailing. His plans to become a religious were delayed because of the war. He served as director of Picture Rocks Retreat, Tuscan, AZ, and pastor in Coeur d'Alene, ID as well as a mission preacher out of Whittier, CA and later Oakland, CA, where he was local superior. A gregarious man, he was loved by everyone. Over his last years he suffered from cancer which painfully afflicted his body but never touched his spirit. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, the Sacred Heart Section, Hayward, CA.

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- 1921** *St. Anthony's, Downey, CA:* The Redemptorists accepted this small parish (later re-named Our Lady of Perpetual Help) with an out-mission at Clearwater. Father Marcellus Ryan was the first superior, with Father Andrew Browne and Brother Clement O'Rourke. The frame church sat about 100 persons; the house was scarcely able to accommodate the three men. In May, Bishop Cantwell asked them to care for a Mexican congregation at Simon's Brickyard. Fathers Seymour and Brennan joined the community and began a series of missions in the diocese. In May, 1922, Bishop Cantwell's offer of the parish at Whittier, CA was accepted in place of Downey, CA, which was served until November.
- 1922** **REV. CHRISTIAN RUDOLPH** died at the age of 49 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Lautrach, Bavaria, Germany, August 8, 1872; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1898; ordained at DeSoto, MO, June 19, 1903. Financial reasons kept him from joining the Capuchins in Germany; so he came to the U. S. in 1889. He served as a teacher in the minor seminary and as a parish priest. He was zealous in promoting burses for the major seminary. 23 years professed; 18 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1925** *Holy Redeemer College, Oakland, CA:* Forty-three acres were bought for a future minor seminary by Father Cantwell, the St. Louis Provincial, at a cost of \$86,000. In May, Brother Frederick and Edward Power arrived from Portland, OR. Father Francis Romer became the first superior.
- 1955** **REV. JOSEPH HAHN** died at the age of 65 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, LA, October 11, 1889; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1910; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1915. A parish priest most of his active life, he served three years in Seattle, WA, (1930-1933). He was rector at St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL and St. Alphonsus, New Orleans, LA. He died while conferring baptism. 44 years professed; 39 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1989** **REV. GEORGE KATHREIN** died at the age of 90 at *The Center for Parish Missions, Oakland, CA* Born in Fiss, Tyrol, Austria, April 23, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August , 1919; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary,

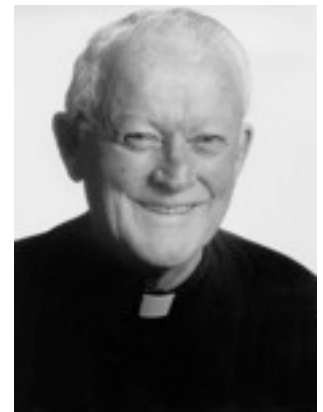
Oconomowoc, WI, May 27, 1924. He had two brothers, Father John and Brother Dominic (Joseph), who were Redemptorists. He served as a professor at Kirkwood, MO, and as a parish priest in Fresno, CA, Whittier, CA, and Coeur d'Alene, ID. A passionate searcher for details, he was never known to throw a book away. He was a quiet, kindly man, faithful and persevering, but he was never able to accept the changes brought about by Vatican II. 69 years professed; 64 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in the Sacred Heart Section, Hayward, CA.

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- 1893** **BROTHER TIMOTHY (SEBASTIAN) SCHILLING** died at the age of 66 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Somborn, Hesse, Germany, August 31, 1826; professed at Annapolis, MD, August 15, 1862. He was in St. Louis, MO, when the province was erected in 1875. His unobtrusive devotion and fraternal charity endeared him to any community he served. 30 years professed. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1946** **BROTHER CLEMENT (MICHAEL) O'ROURKE** died at the age of 81 at *St. Mary's, Whittier, CA*. Born July 22, 1864; professed at Kirkwood, MO, 1896. He was assigned to Seattle, WA when the first community of the St. Louis Province took it over from the Baltimore Province. He was stationed in Portland, OR in 1909 and in Fresno, CA in 1917. He was in the first community in Downey, CA (1921) and Whittier, CA (1922) where he remained as community bookkeeper until his death. He was a model Redemptorist in piety, obedience, and industry. 50 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Fresno, CA.
- 1967** **REV. FRANCIS LORENZ** died at the age of 75 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, December 9, 1890; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1916; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, May 29, 1921. He was a parish priest most of his life, and served as superior in Lebanon, IN. He devoted much of his energy to convert instruction. Known as "Cuz" to the confreres (to distinguish him from the other "Lorenz's:" John and Martin). 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas, MO.
- 1988** **REV. FRANCIS LEE** died at the age of 73 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in St. Louis, MO, February 16, 1915; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate

Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. He was an effective missionary in both the St. Louis and Oakland Provinces, also serving for a time as a professor at Holy Redeemer College, Oakland, CA. He was a noted and **imaginative** writer **and** speaker, serving for a time as co-editor of the *Sunday Bulletin* and a promoter of the *Liguorian* Magazine. Died in St. Louis, MO, after a protracted illness. 52 years professed; 47 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

2010 **REV. ANTHONY SLANE** died at the age of 94 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in San Francisco, CA on June 5, 1915. Professed on August 2, 1937 at Mt. St. Clements College, DeSoto, MO,. Ordained July 1, 1942 at Immaculate Conception Seminary Oconomowoc, WI. His first assignment was in his home state of California as Student Prefect at Holy Redeemer College in Oakland, CA. He spent much of his Redemptorist life serving in parishes throughout California, in (Livermore, Fresno and San Leandro) as well as in Great Falls, MT, Portland, OR, Hoquiam, WA; and Seattle, WA. He was very involved with the deaf communities throughout the west and particularly in Montana. He was a fixture at St. Anne's of Sunset parish in San Francisco, CA. The Redemptorists have been conducting the St. Anne's novena there for the past 90-plus years. He and Fr. Jim Farrell were two of the great novena preachers. He was also a great promoter of the *Liguorian* magazine. Ill health forced him in October 2002 to retire to St. Clements Health Care Center at Liguori, MO. 72 years professed; 67 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO.



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1999 **REV. FRANCIS FLANAGAN** died at the age of 82 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Oconomowoc, WI, August 1, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1936; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. He renamed himself "Christy" in seminary days, probably in honor of a baseball player. He served in parishes in the Oakland Province most of his life Seattle, WA, St. Alphonsus Fresno, CA and Whittier, CA. He was constantly troubled with depression over many years, which severely limited his ministry. He was assigned to the health care facility in Liguori, MO in 1989. 62 yrs. professed; 56 yrs. ordained. Buried in

the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

APRIL 6

- 1726 **ST. ALPHONSUS** ordained a deacon.
- 1726 **ST. GERARD MAJELLA** born in Muro, Italy.
- 1755 *Foundation of San Angelo a Cupulo* in the *Papal States* was begun. This was the first foundation outside the Kingdom of Naples.
- 1848 *The Houses of the Congregation* in *Vienna* were suppressed due to a revolution. The Transalpine vicegerent (Passerat) and his confreres were driven penniless out of the city.
- 1851 *The First Formal English Mission in America* was given at St. Joseph's Church, New York City by Fathers Hafkenscheid (provincial), Hecker, Walworth, Hewitt, and Duffy. The crowds were so great the confreres could hardly get in the church; over 6,000 confessions were heard during the two week mission.
- 1875 **BROTHER LOUIS KENNING** died at the age of 67 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Alfhausen, Hannover, Germany, December 25, 1807; professed at Pittsburgh, PA, December 14, 1843. He was the first brother professed in America. He served in New Orleans, LA, from 1847 until his death. His diaries are the earliest and, in part, the only source of our early history in New Orleans. 31 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Church in New Orleans, LA.
- 1919 **BROTHER JOSEPH WORTHINGTON** died at the age of 63 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in St. Paul, MO, September 18, 1856; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 23, 1889. He was the descendant of an old Virginia family, which dated back to Revolutionary days. He pioneered in a few early foundations. 29 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1964 *Foundation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Odessa, TX* was canonically established; it had begun on May 1, 1961, and was situated in the San Angelo Diocese. Rev. Gerard Joly was the first superior. The foundation was suppressed August 1, 1996.

- 1977** **REV. ALPHONSE O’HAGAN** died at age 72 at *Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Trout Creek, Ontario, Canada, February 5, 1905; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1934; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1937. He began his seminary studies in the Detroit diocesan seminary and therefore never attended a Redemptorist minor seminary. This is ironic because, due to his talent for languages, he taught at the minor seminaries in Oakland, CA, Kirkwood, MO and Edgerton, WI. He also served as a parish priest in both the Midwest and West Coast. 42 years professed; 39 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Seminary, Detroit, MI.
- 1994** **REV. ROBERT KREUTZER** died at the age of 89 at *St. Alphonsus, Minneapolis MN*. Born in Peru, IN, July 17, 1904; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1931. He spent his active life as a parish priest and missionary. He was stationed twice at both St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL and Lebanon, IN, and three times at St. Alphonsus, Minneapolis, MN. He was a conscientious man with a special devotion to the sick and to shut-ins, as well as to those who ceased the practice of their Faith. Died suddenly; buried at Liguori. 67 years professed; 62 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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- 1886** **BROTHER ALPHONSUS (JAMES) KLEMM** died at the age of 65 at *St. Mary’s Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Deckenhard, Oldenburg, September 2, 1820; professed in America, May 8, 1849. A model of punctuality and cleanliness, he served as sacristan for twenty-seven years in New Orleans, LA. 36 years professed. Buried in St. Mary’s Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1941** **REV. JOHN P. MILLER** died at the age of 66 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, August 25, 1874; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1893; ordained at Kansas City, MO, October 28, 1898. He changed his surname from “Mueller” to “Miller.” He served as a parish priest in Fresno, CA, and Portland, OR, as a professor in Kirkwood, MO, and as a local superior. He was considered an able administrator and founded St. Mary’s Commercial School in New Orleans, LA. 47 years professed; 42 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

- 1942** **REV. MARCELLUS RYAN** died at the age of 64 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Kansas City, MO, January 16, 1878; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1898; ordained there, June 19, 1903. He was a professor in Kirkwood, MO, a parish priest, and gave missions in Montana in 1908. He pioneered in Coeur d'Alene, ID, and was the first superior of the Downey/Whittier, CA foundation where he built the old school. A man of his word, he was revered and respected by all who knew him. 42 years professed; 37 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.
- 1946** **REV. LOUIS McKEON** died at the age of 70 at *Holy Redeemer College, Oakland, CA*. Born in St. Louis, MO, January 26, 1876; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1905; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 30, 1910. For a short time, he sang in the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera. He served in Livermore, CA, Seattle, WA and Whittier, CA as a missionary. He was superior in Omaha, NE and Lebanon, IN. He had a great devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Theresa. In his last years at Oakland, CA, he spent many hours before the Blessed Sacrament. He is revered as a favorite confessor to priests and as a person always willing to give of himself. 40 years professed; 35 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in the Sacred Heart Section, Hayward, CA.
- 2004** **REV. JOHN MORTON** died at the age of 77 while giving a mission in Mamou, LA. Born in Omaha, NE, June 2, 1926; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1948; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1953. Fr. John Morton was a man who could see the beautiful possibilities in the most chaotic situations. He was always bubbling with a new idea and a creative way of looking at any project. His first years of ministry were in youth work. He was the province vocation director and later ministered in the "Teens Encounter Christ" program. In his middle years, Fr. John was a pastoral man and worked in many of our parishes. A true Irishman, he was always humming a tune or singing a song. He loved people and was often late for a planned event because he had met someone along the way. In his later years Fr. John worked as a missionary, especially preaching missions to those in the rural poor areas. 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Omaha, NE.

APRIL 8

- 1839** *St. Philomena, Pittsburgh, PA*, the first Redemptorist parish in America, was established.
- 1959** **REV. LUKE CARRABINE** died at the age of 62 at *St. Gerard's, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Village of Culduff, County Mayo, Ireland, April 7, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1929; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1934. He served with the British Navy and Merchant Marine before coming to the U. S. He was effective in working for youth; and was named CYO Priest of the Year (1958) in San Antonio, TX. He directed excellent educational programs in the schools of New Orleans, LA, and San Antonio, TX. He is remembered as a good organizer, impartial, kind, pleasant, with a fine understanding of human nature. 29 years professed; 24 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1996** **REV. JOSEPH BUHLER** died at the age of 82 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in New Orleans, LA, July 20, 1913; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1934; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1939. Prevented from going to Thailand by World War II, he became a founding member of the mission to Brazil in 1943. He served in Coari, and Codajaz until 1949. He was secretary to the superior general in Rome (1964-1969) before returning to parish work and then becoming Vice-Provincial bursar, secretary and archivist. An even-tempered man, his robust health sustained him in his work abroad. He was a proficient bookkeeper and ardent promoter of the Seelos cause. 61 years professed; 56 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 2003** *Foundation of Hofbauer House, Ibadan, Nigeria*, was canonically established. The purpose of the house is for the Regional Government and for graduate students. Rev. William Cleary was the first superior.

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- 2000** **FRANICS X. SEELOS** was beatified by **POPE JOHN PAUL II**.

APRIL 10

- 1896** **BROTHER WENCESLAUS NEUMANN** died at the age of 78 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Prachatitz, Bohemia, September 4, 1817; professed in America, September 8, 1845. He followed his brother, St. John Neumann, to America and into the Congregation. He helped establish St. Michael's in Chicago, IL. He was sacristan for over forty years at Notre Dame de Bon Secours and St. Mary's in New Orleans, LA. He was so humble that the community forgot to celebrate his golden jubilee of profession. 50 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1994** **REV. JOSEPH BILSLEY** died at the age of 72 at *Villa Redeemer, Glenview, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, September 6, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1948. He served twenty years in parishes, serving as pastor at St. Alphonsus, Davenport, IO, and at both Chicago, IL parishes. As prefect of students, he accompanied the students from Oconomowoc, WI, to the merged theology program with the Baltimore Province at Esopus, NY, (1967). He was rector and director of the minor seminary at Edgerton, WI, when he also served on the Extraordinary Provincial Council (1975-1978). His final years were spent in the retreat apostolate. He became archivist for the St. Louis Province in 1990. He was known for his wisdom embodied in pithy sayings and for his love of things Redemptorist. Died suddenly; buried in Glenview. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

APRIL 11

- 1792** **REV. ANDREW VILLANI** died at the age of 86 in *Italy*. Born in San Severino, February 7, 1706; professed in 1743; ordained 1750. He was Alphonsus' spiritual director and vicar general (1762-80), as well as his immediate successor as superior general and rector major in Naples. St. Alphonsus sent him to Rome to obtain papal approval of the Rule. 49 years professed, 42 years ordained.
- 1970** **REV. ANDREW OEHM** died at the age of 73 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, January 31, 1897; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1920; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1925. He worked for twenty-one years

among the Italians in Fresno, CA, and served as rector in Whittier, CA, for two terms. He preached missions in the West and Midwest for many years. A very amiable person, he was fondly remembered by the people he served. 49 years professed; 44 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

1994 **REV. RAYMOND SCHMITT** died at the age of 87 at *Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Milwaukee, WI, October 1, 1905; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1931. A parish priest at St. Alphonsus (Rock) St. Louis, MO, and Grand Rapids, MI, he then became rector in Omaha, NE and St. Gerard Parish, San Antonio, TX, before being named the first Vice-provincial of New Orleans Vice-Province in 1952. He became consultor to the St. Louis Provincial in 1955 and served in that capacity until he became Provincial Superior (1964-1969). He then completed his life at Perpetual Help Retreat, Oconomowoc, WI, serving one term as rector. He was a great developer, responsible for the construction of Edgerton and Waterford, WI. A forceful leader in turbulent times, he was also compassionate and humble in his own way. He attended three general chapters. His health failed but he tried not to slow down; died suddenly. 66 years professed; 61 years ordained. Buried in his family's plot in Calvary Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI.

APRIL 12

1886 *The First German Mission Preached in the West* began in *Sacramento*.

1976 **REV. CHARLES McKITRICK** died at the age of 62 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born July 21, 1913; professed at DeSoto, August 2, 1933; ordained at Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1938. From the age of fourteen, "Father Mac" underwent so many surgeries that it was said he had every operation except a Cesarean section. Exceptionally talented musically, he composed a Mass and several motets that were popular among Redemptorists. He served many years at the California Youth Authority as a psychiatric religious counselor. Because of poor health, he went to Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, the year before his death. 42 years professed; 37 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1981 **REV. VINCENT ZEIPALT** died at the age of 47 at *Manaus, Brazil*. Born in Kansas City, MO, June 27, 1933; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1954;

ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1959. He was appointed to the Brazilian mission in 1961 and served there until he was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Manaus, Brazil. 26 years professed; 21 years ordained. Buried in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Manaus, Brazil.

APRIL 13

- 1922** **REV. GEORGE MAHONY** died at the age of 49 at *St. Alphonsus, Fresno, CA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, August 5, 1872; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1891; ordained at Kansas City, MO, October 28, 1896. He was a born missionary, whose extensive work included the mission band in Montana (1902). He was a teacher in the major seminary and rector in four communities, including Seattle, WA (1909-1915), where he determined to retain Sacred Heart and relinquish St. Anne's (1910). He was St. Louis provincial procurator (1901-1907), delegate to the 1921 General Chapter, and founder of Liguori High School in New Orleans, LA. He was named rector of Fresno, CA, in 1921, but due to bad health, he never took charge and resigned in 1922, shortly before he died on Good Friday. Buried in New Orleans, LA. 30 years professed; 25 years ordained. Buried in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1945** *The Foundation of St. Gerard Majella, Pine City, MN* was canonically established; it was founded as a mission house on October 24, 1944, and also served as a second novitiate for the chorists and a school for candidate brothers. Rev. John O'Connell was the first superior. It was suppressed on February 17, 1969.
- 1973** **BISHOP ROBERT E. ANGLIM, C.S.S.R.** died at the age of 51 at *Coari, Amazonas, Brazil*. Born in Lombard, IL, March 4, 1922; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1942; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. His Redemptorist life was spent in Brazil serving as teacher in the minor seminary, rector in Manaus and Coari, and Vice-Provincial (1962-1964). He was made Prelate Nullius of Coari in 1964 and consecrated bishop on June 2, 1966 in Chicago by John Cardinal Cody. He became a naturalized citizen of Brazil a few years before his sudden death from a heart attack. 30 years professed; 25 years ordained. Buried in the Cathedral, Coari, AM, Brazil.

APRIL 14

- 1980** *The first Oakland Province Convocation* was held at *Palisades Retreat, Federal Way*. The superior general, Father Joseph Pfab, and his consultor, Father James McGrath, attended. It lasted until April 18, working to prioritize the apostolates of the province.
- 2000** **REV. JOSEPH THOMAS CAMPBELL** died at the age of 85 while stationed at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Detroit, MI, March 24, 1915; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1936; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1941. He served in several parishes, was a mission preacher, and promoted Liguori Publications. He was director of the tyrocinium for six years as well as pastor of St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church, St. Louis, MO, where he warmly welcomed African Americans. After three terms as rector of the Health Care Center in Oconomowoc, WI he worked with the deaf and Legion of Mary of the Denver Archdiocese, a work he continued in retirement at the Health Care Center in Liguori, MO. His inimitable laugh always brightened his community and his holiness was a sure guide to countless lay people. 63 years professed, 58 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

APRIL 15

- 1942** **REV. ARMAND FRERET** died at the age of 63 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, November 16, 1878; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1898; ordained there, June 19, 1903. He spent most of his active life in Detroit, MI, and New Orleans, LA,; he was also the first superior at Okmulgee, OK. He died suddenly after returning home from the funeral of a classmate, Rev. Marcellus Ryan. 43 years professed; 38 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 1980** **REV. CHARLES BUCKLEY** died at the age of 65 at *St. Anthony's, Okmulgee, OK*. Born in Omaha, NE, February 27, 1915; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1938; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1943. He spent his active ministry as a parish priest; he also served as rector in Denver, CA. He was well appreciated by the people to whom he devoted his life. A confrere who attended him on his deathbed remarked that his death "was the most beautiful 'going-forth' I ever

witnessed in the fifty-five years of my priesthood.” 41 years professed; 36 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Omaha, NE.

APRIL 16

1894 **REV. GEORGE GRIMM** died at age 43 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, January 17, 1851; professed at Annapolis, MD, April 15, 1869; ordained at New Orleans, LA, December 23, 1876. He was a teacher in the minor seminary at Chatawa, MS. He served as director of the Good Samaritan Society and St. Joseph's School (both of which served African Americans) in New Orleans, LA, from 1878 until his death. 24 years professed; 17 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.

1986 **REV. GERALD RIETCHECK** died at the age of 51 while stationed at *Villa Redeemer Glenview, IL*. Born in Angelus, KS, October 15, 1934; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1955; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1960. He served for twelve years in Brazil and then worked for the rest of his life in Wichita., KS. Died suddenly. 30 years professed; 25 years ordained. Buried in St. Paul's Parish Cemetery, Angelus, KS.

APRIL 17

1843 **FRANCIS X. SEELOS** arrived in the *United States*.

1903 **REV. JOSEPH BRANDT** died at the age of 43 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in New Orleans, LA, June 4, 1859; professed at Annapolis, MD, August 2, 1879; ordained at New Orleans, October 31, 1883. He attended the minor seminary at Chatawa, MS, and later served as a professor there; he also worked as a parish priest and missionary. A cold, contracted while attending the funeral of a parishioner, led to his death. 23 years professed; 19 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

1936 **BROTHER NICHOLAS (JOHN) ZILLIKENS** died at the age of 72 at *Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc*. Born in Burgheim, Rhenish Prussia, December 4, 1863; professed at Kirkwood, February 27, 1900. He held a master of arts degree and was an accomplished poet, musician, and composer. Every week for twenty-five years, he contributed a poem or article to *Das Katholische Wochenblatt* (a German newspaper in Chicago) under the

pseudonym “Hans Rheinlander.” He served in the parish office in the two Chicago, IL, houses (St. Michaels and St. Alphonsus) for a total of 30 years. 19 years professed; 36 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1987 **REV. ADONIAS SAMPAIO** died at age 66 while stationed at **Nossa Senhora Aparecida, Manaus**. Born in Novo Oriente, Ceara, Brazil, September 3, 1920; professed at Tiete, Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 25, 1967; ordained at Holy Redeemer College, Waterford, WI, 1969. He joined the Redemptorist when he was forty-seven years old; he had previously been a Marist Brother for twenty-nine, teaching in their seminaries and universities. He studied at Mount St. Alphonsus College in Esopus, NY before ordination. He served in several communities in the Manaus Vice-Province. He died of a heart attack at Recife, Brazil and is buried there. 19 years professed; 17 years ordained.

1994 **BROTHER SYLVESTER (JOSEPH) SMOLA** died at the age of 84 at **St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO**. Born in Edwardsville, IL, on November 12, 1909; professed at DeSoto, MO, March 25, 1937. He was led to join the Congregation by a Forty Hours preached in his parish. He served quietly and well as a sacristan and office manager in Grand Rapids, MI, St. Louis, MO, and St. Michael’s, Chicago, IL. His last two and a half years were spent at St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO. 57 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

APRIL 18

1741 **BROTHER JOACHIM GAUDIELLO** died at the age of 22 at **Ciorani**. Born in Egli, Kingdom of Naples, 1719; received into the Congregation in 1738. He was the first member of the Congregation to die.

1892 **REV. MAXIMUS LEIMGRUBER** died at the age of 72 at **St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL**. Born in Ochsenhausen, Wuerttemberg, April 9, 1820; professed in Bischemberg, November 16, 1840; ordained in Freiburg, August 24, 1844. He came to the U.S. in 1847. He was the first superior of St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL, Superior General Mauron said of him: “he was a good religious who loved the Congregation without reservation. He was my pupil as a young man and, I trust, is praying for us now in heaven.” 51 years professed; 47 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

- 1898** *Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA:* The St. Louis Province assumed authority over the Seattle foundation from the Baltimore Province. Father Thomas Brown was the first superior of the community formed by Fathers Hild and Niermann, and Brothers Michael O'Rourke and Justin Rosenbranz. The parish consisted of about 275 families and had 225 children in the parochial school.
- 1977** **BROTHER PAUL (LOUIS) FLACK** died at the age of 73 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in New Orleans, LA, August 27, 1903; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1931. He served a short time in the Oakland Vice-Province but is best remembered for his twenty-eight years of service at the "Rock" Church, St. Louis, MO. It was his habit to rise much earlier than the rest of the community to have time for prayer before the day began. 45 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

APRIL 19

- 1750** **VENERABLE CAESAR SPORTELLI** died at the age of 49 at *Pagani*. Born in Mola di Bri, Italy; professed in 1743; ordained in 1737. He was secretary to Bishop Falcoia for some years, as well as a trusted advisor to St. Alphonsus, especially in formulating our early rule.
- 1820** *The Congregation was Established in the Austrian Kingdom* at Maria Am Gestade in Vienna by an official decree of Emperor Franz Josef. Shortly afterwards, thirty two men, attracted by St. Clement, joined the congregation.
- 1917** **CLERICAL STUDENT JOSEPH BROST** died at the age of 25 at *St. Joseph's Parish, Denver, CO*. Born in Portland, OR, February 11, 1892; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1915. He was the first Redemptorist vocation from Portland, OR. An attack of pneumonia before his profession led to tuberculosis. In 1916 he returned to Portland, OR, and in 1917 went to Denver, CO, where it was hoped the climate would help him. 1 year professed. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Portland, OR.

APRIL 20

- 1743** **MOST REV. THOMAS FALCOIA**, Bishop of Castellamare, died at the age 79 at *Castellamare*. Born in Naples May 16, 1663. He was Superior General of the Pious Workers, 1714-1717. He met St. Alphonsus at the Chinese Residence in 1729. He was Alphonsus' spiritual director and the first director of our Congregation.

- 1876** **BROTHER JACQUES (JAMES) LEJEUNE** died at the age of 73 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis*, MO. Born in Chassepierre, Luxemburg, February 23, 1803; professed in America, March 19, 1850. He joined the Congregation due to a mission preached by Father Gillet. While stationed in St. Louis, MO, 1868, he fell victim to depression and was confined to a hospital in Baltimore; he was later moved to a sanitarium in Detroit where he died. 25 years professed.
- 1992** **REV. ROBERT WELLS** died at the age of 68 at *Picture Rock Retreat, Tucson AZ*. Born in Louisville, KY, May 22, 1923; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1954; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 24, 1958. He came to the Redemptorists from Detroit, MI, as a World War II veteran. Though small in stature, he was large intellectually, a *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of Detroit, MI. He volunteered for Thailand where, in addition to Thai, he mastered various languages of the hill people. He left Thailand because he thought he was becoming an “Ugly American,” and then volunteered for Alaska. A talented man, he learned how to fly and he could play many musical instruments. Still, he was a very humble man. Afflicted with heart disease, he received a transplant, but his body rejected it. 37 years professed; 33 years ordained. Buried on the grounds of Our Lady of Angels Parish, Kenai, AK.

APRIL 21

- 1881** **REV. FREDERICK DE HELD** died at the age of 81 at *Vaals*: Born in Brunn am Gebirge, Austria, July 17, 1799; professed in 1821; ordained in 1823. He founded the Belgian Province and, as provincial, was responsible for the American houses which he visited in 1845.
- 1897** *Foundation of St. Clement, DeSoto, MO*, was begun. It served as the novitiate with the first investiture and profession held on August 15, 1897. It became the major seminary from 1900 to 1911, then again served as novitiate. Rev. Joseph Beil was first superior. Its patron was Pope Clement because Clement Hofbauer was not yet canonized. It ceased as chorist novitiate on July 28, 1966 because of a fire; the remaining wing served as brothers' novitiate until February 15, 1967. It was suppressed December 8, 1969.
- 1920** **REV. AUGUSTINE GUENDLING** died at age 57 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Peru, IN, December 16, 1862; professed at Kansas

- City, MO, August 2, 1887; ordained there, August 24, 1892. He was a professor in Kirkwood, MO, and rector in several communities on the West Coast and Midwest, pioneering in both Portland, OR and Davenport, IO. Died while rector of St. Alphonsus, New Orleans, LA. 32 years professed; 27 years ordained. Buried in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1941** *World War II:* Emmet Crane was the first Redemptorist commissioned chaplain in World War II; approximately forty-four Redemptorist priests from the St. Louis Province and Oakland Vice-Province served as chaplains in the armed forces in World War II.
- 1947** **REV. HARRY BECKER** died at age 59 while stationed at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, April 25, 1887; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1907; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1912. He labored mainly in the Midwest but spent a short time in Portland, OR, Coeur d'Alene, ID, and Fresno, CA. He was an active missionary until stopped by ill health. His last years were spent in a Denver sanitarium where he died. 39 years professed; 34 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1966** **BISHOP CLARENCE DUHART C.S.S.R.** was *consecrated* as first Bishop of the new diocese of Udonthani, Thailand, formerly a prefecture. Nominated as bishop on December 18, 1965, he resigned on October 18, 1975. He was one of the original group of Redemptorists that went to Thailand in 1948 and was the second Bishop from the St. Louis Province.
- 1970** The Province of *Wellington*, New Zealand, was founded from the Canberra Province. Rev. Edmund Langton of the St. Louis Province served as provincial of the Wellington Province (1984-1990). In 1995 the province became a region of the Canberra Province. Irish Redemptorists first went there in 1905.
- 1975** **REV. LEO KULLECK** died at the age of 78 at *Picture Rocks Retreat, Tucson, AZ*. Born April 8, 1897; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1917; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 10, 1922. He worked mainly with Mexican migrants who knew him as "Padre Leon." He spent most of his Redemptorist life in the Oakland Province, traveling from Seattle, WA to Tucson, AZ, but his greatest work was operating the Chapel Car *Sta. Teresita* for the migrants in the San Joaquin Valley. He was noted for his powerful voice and resounding laugh. 57 years professed. 52 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

St. John Neumann House, St. Louis, MO, was canonically established as a residence for college level students of the St. Louis Province. The community had begun on June 26, 1985 with Rev. Terrence McCloskey as the first superior.

2003 **REV. BERNARD JOSEPH GUENTHER** died at the age of 96 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, July 2, 1906; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1931. At the time of his death Father Guenther was the oldest man in our province and very proud of it. He was a very practical man with many skills and even more opinions. He was the founding Director of Villa Majella Brothers School 1957 - 1958, Glenview, IL and at Pine City teaching and mentoring future Redemptorist Brothers, but the majority of his life was spent as a missionary and Parish Priest. He was a man of robust health and determination which was present until his death at Saint Clement Health Care Center. 76 years professed; 71 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

APRIL 22

1984 **REV. JOHN DALY** died at the age of 78 at *Liguori Mission House*, Liguori, MO. Born in Kirkwood, MO, May 1, 1905; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1931. He was a parish priest and missionary, outstanding as a traveling promoter of the *Liguorian*. Though afflicted with cancer, his determination kept him going. He possessed a strong confidence in his own judgment. Rector/Pastor in Grand Rapids, MI. 57 years professed; 52 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

APRIL 23

1923 **REV. JOHN McGEOUGH** died at age 77 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City*, MO. Born in Cooshil, Kilmore, Ireland, January 21, 1842; professed at Annapolis, MD, April 17, 1877; ordained at Troy, NY, for Alton (Springfield), IL, Diocese, December 23, 1871. He was the first diocesan priest to join the St. Louis Province. He preached missions for nearly forty years in the Midwest and West Coast. He twice tried to join the Trappists, but returned to the Congregation after a few months. 46 years professed; 51 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

- 1954** **REV. JOHN BANCROFT** died at age 43 at *St. Joseph's, Lebanon, IN*. Born in Denver, CO, August 12, 1910; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1933; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1938. He took graduate studies at the Catholic University and served as professor of moral theology and prefect of students in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Parish priest in Grand Rapids, MI. He was not one to spare himself in efforts to serve others. He died as superior in Lebanon, IN. 20 years professed; 15 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1977** **REV. JOHN McALLISTER** died at age 78 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Olga, ND, May 31, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 3, 1920; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1925. During his active ministry in both the Midwest and West Coast he was deeply loved and appreciated, especially in Detroit where he worked for twenty years. In his last years, he battled with alcoholism. 56 years professed; 51 years ordained. Buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1998** **REV. GEORGE CORBETT** died at the age of 79 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, November 8, 1918; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1938; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1943. A talented, versatile man, he was a founding member of Liguori in 1947. There he edited the *Perpetual Help Magazine* and served as superior. He was later named rector of the major seminary at Oconomowoc, served as director of the pastoral year (Tirocinium) at the Rock Church in St. Louis, MO, and twice at St. Michael's in Chicago, IL, as pastor and parish priest. He served in the Vice Province of New Orleans as local superior in Lacombe, LA, and parish priest twice in New Orleans, LA. Upon his return to the St. Louis Province he worked in the Office of Provincial Finances in Glenview, IL, and was local superior (not pastor) at the Rock Church in St. Louis, MO. A deteriorating mental condition made it necessary to place him in constant health care for the last ten years of his life, in Oconomowoc, WI, and at St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori, MO. His prominent jaw signaled the determination marking his life, which was tempered by kindness, humor, and good sense, all harmonized by a deep faith. 59 years professed, 54 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

APRIL 24

- 1898** *The Detroit and Grand Rapids Foundations* were transferred to the Toronto Vice-Province of the Baltimore Province. They were returned to the St. Louis Province on May 13, 1901.
- 1944** **REV. WALTER POLK** died at age 71 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis*, MO. Born in New Orleans, LA, November 9, 1872; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1893; ordained at Kansas City, MO, October 28, 1898. He was a descendant of President Polk. He was the first member of the St. Louis Province to take charge of a Chapel Car *St. Anthony*, working in the South and West Coast. He gave many missions, and was rector in various communities. His favorite saying was “save a dollah here, save a dollah there.” He was known as one of the “Three Wise Men,” confreres who appeared annually in New Orleans, LA, in January. Easy going, he enjoyed a joke even at his own expense. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1958** **REV. EDWARD BERMINGHAM** died at the age of 66 at *St. Alphonsus, Fresno*, CA. Born in Fresno, CA, June 14, 1891; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1927; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1932. He served in Whittier, CA, twice, as well as in Portland, OR, Coeur d’Alene, ID, and Fresno, CA. In Fresno, CA, he had care of the County Hospital, and worked with the Chinese, building St. Genevieve’s Church for their use. He was chaplain at Fairmont Hospital in Oakland, CA. He is remembered as very talented in music and art. He stopped in Fresno, CA, to visit relatives while moving from Whittier, CA to Coeur d’Alene, ID and died there. 30 years professed; 25 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Fresno, CA.
- 1988** **GASPER STANGGASSINGER** was beatified by **POPE JOHN PAUL II**.

APRIL 25

- 1897** **BROTHER STANISLAUS (GEORGE) GROSSMANN** died at age 59 at *St. Joseph’s, Denver*, CO. Born in Germany, August 13, 1837; professed at

Chatawa, MS, June 28, 1878. He was a novice at Chatawa, MS, when the St. Louis Province was erected. He was called “an ideal Brother, an example of faith and service.” He spent most of his active life at the novitiate in Chatawa, MS. 18 years professed. Buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Denver, CO.

1975 **REV. ANDREW JOERGER** died at age 82 at *St. Mary's, Whittier, CA*. Born in Fort Huachuca, AZ, May 28, 1892; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1916; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, May 21, 1921. He worked in the Spanish apostolate in San Antonio, TX and southern California. He once spent three months ministering to a group of Mexican farm workers traveling from the Mexican border to Yakima, WA. He was superior of the first mission band to go to Brazil in 1943. On his return to the States in 1945, he was stationed in Whittier, CA and spent the rest of his active life as a missionary in southern California. He was well known for his unfailing and unobtrusive charity. 58 years professed; 53 years ordained. Buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Montbello, CA. (Near Whittier, CA.)

APRIL 26

1855 *General Chapter IX* opened in *Rome* under Rev. Rudolph von Smetana, Vicar General. It was the first chapter held in Rome with participation by provinces. The Neapolitan houses did not participate. Rev. Nicholas Mauron was elected first superior general for the houses outside Naples on May 2. The chapter closed on July 20.

1866 *Miraculous Picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help* was solemnly restored to public veneration in the church of San Alfonso, *Rome*.

1909 *General Chapter XI* opened in *Rome*. Most Rev. Matthias Raus resigned and Rev. Patrick Murray was elected superior general on May 1. The chapter closed June 4.

1921 *General Chapter XII* opened in *Rome*. It harmonized the Rule and Constitutions with the new Code of Canon Law. The chapter closed on June 15.

1924 *The Vice-Province Of Oakland* first called “Portland,” was established. Rev. Joseph Chapoton was the first Vice-Provincial.

- 1936** *General Chapter XIII* opened in **Rome**. It added a seventh general consultor for the German provinces until the next general chapter. Rev. Peter Foerster, Vice-Provincial, represented Oakland; Thomas Palmer, Provincial, represented St. Louis. The chapter closed on May 25.
- 1942** *The Vice-Province of Richmond* was established.
- 1947** *General Chapter XIV* opened in **Rome**. During the chapter, Most Rev. Patrick Murray resigned and Rev. Leonard Buys from Holland was elected rector major. Father Gerald Bolger, Vice-Provincial, represented the Oakland Vice-Province. Francis Fagen, Provincial, and Augustine T. Zeller represented the St. Louis Province.
- 1950** **ST. ALPHONSUS** declared *Patron of Confessors and Moralists* in **Rome** by Pope Pius XII in the brief *Consueverunt Omni Tempore*.
- 1956** *Redemptorists Given Charge of the Basilica of St. Mary Major* in **Rome**. This work of the Roman Province was discontinued in 1992.
- 1969** **REV. CHARLES SCHNEIDER** died at the age of 81 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc*, WI. Born in Chicago, IL, December 19, 1887; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1907; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1912. He was a parish priest most of his active life after serving as a professor in Kirkwood, MO, teaching Spanish and German for five years. In his advanced years, he kept his mind active by reading theological periodicals as long as his failing eyesight would permit. 61 years professed; 56 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

APRIL 27

- 1937** **REV. FREDERICK WINDERLIN** died at the age of 51 at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids*, MI. Born in Peck, KS, February 2, 1886; professed at DeSoto, MO. August 15, 1912; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1917. Born of a pioneer Kansas family, he was twenty-six years old when he made his profession. He passed his active life as a parish priest and spent four years in Seattle, WA. He was rector in St. Gerard's, San Antonio, TX. He was stricken with fatal heart attack while in the pulpit. 24 years professed; 19 years ordained. Buried Calvery Cemetery, Wichita, KS.

1990 **BROTHER JAMES (MELBOURNE) BOHR** died at age 70 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, June 3, 1919; professed at DeSoto, MO, October 16, 1943. He spent thirty-four years in the parish offices and sacristies of Wichita, KS, Kansas City, MO and both Chicago houses, as well as thirteen years with the Co-Redemptorist Office. He wrote “I find Redemptorist life more agreeable than I first expected. I can truly say I am happier now than ever before.” A gentle, considerate man, he was active in prayer groups and Bible studies; he was very devoted to the Mother of God. 46 years professed. Buried in Mt. Calvery Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.

APRIL 28

1960 *The Redemptoristine Nuns* began a permanent foundation in *Liguori, Missouri*.

APRIL 29

1946 *The Foundation of the Assumption in McAlester, OK* was begun. The parish was founded to work principally among African Americans. Rev. Gregory Lahay was the first superior. The foundation was discontinued on July 22, 1961.

1947 *Four foundations in Amazonas, Brazil* were canonically established as houses: *Nossa Senhora de Aparecida, Manaus; Nossa Senhora das Graças, Codajaz; Nossa Senhora de Nazare, Manucapuru; and Sts. Anne and Sabastian, Coari*. These parishes had been given to the care of the St. Louis Province on April 25, 1943. Shortly after their arrival in July 1943, the confreres from the U. S., with Andrew Joeger of the Oakland Vice-Province as superior of the mission, began to serve these parishes. Communities were gradually begun at each of them: Manaus in September 1943, Coari and Manucapuru in March 1944, and Codajaz in May 1945.

APRIL 30