

MAY 1

- 1749 **ST. GERARD MAJELLA** entered the Congregation, in the *Kingdom of Naples*.
- 1884 **BROTHER GILES (FRANCIS) LOEWKAMP** died at age 40 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Hunteburg, Hanover, Germany, March 10, 1844; professed at Annapolis, MD, September 1, 1872. He was a kind and gentle man who was much appreciated by his community and the people of the parish. One of six Loewekamps to be Redemptorists, including his brother, William, who was the second St. Louis Provincial. 11 years professed. First buried in the garden at "Rock Church" Saint Louis, MO; then moved in 1914 to the Redemptorist Cemetery in Kirkwood, MO, and finally re-buried a third time in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1909 **MOST REV. PATRICK MURRAY**, the Dublin provincial was elected superior general and rector major in *Rome* at the age of forty-four. He held office for thirty-eight years and then resigned and retired to Ireland where he died at the age of ninety-three.
- 1952 **REV. FRANCIS BIETER** died at age 69 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Fairbault, MN, April 14, 1883; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1908; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1911. He attended Minnesota University before entering. He shied away from the Jesuits because he did not wish to teach; he joined the C.Ss.R.s and taught for twenty-seven years. When Archbishop Stritch of Milwaukee, WI, wrote to Rome asking for a good canon lawyer, the answer came back, "One of the very best is in your own archdiocese, Father Bieter." He became Stritch's canon lawyer. His last years were spent in fulfilling his life-long desire to do missionary preaching. Died while giving a retreat in Sauk Rapids, MO. 43 years professed; 40 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, Mo. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO

MAY 2

- 1855 **MOST REV. NICHOLAS MAURON**, the thirty-seven year old Franco-Swiss provincial was elected in *Rome* as eleventh superior general and rector major. He held the office for thirty-nine years and saw the Redemptorists grow throughout the world. He was the first superior general to live in Rome.

- 1924** **REV. CAMILLUS LAFFINEUR** died at age 77 while stationed at ***St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood***. Born in Macon, Belgium, September 7, 1846; professed at St. Trond, September 20, 1867; ordained at Wittem, January 13, 1872. He came to America in 1874. He was sent to Chatawa, MS because of lung trouble. He taught in the minor seminary there and as well in the major seminaries at Kansas City, MO and DeSoto, MO. He served as a parish priest and gave many French missions in the New Orleans, LA and Detroit, MI areas. He worked for the deaf in Detroit, MI in the 1890s. Died in Alexian Brothers Hospital, St. Louis, MO. 56 years professed; 52 years ordained. Originally buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Kirkwood, MO. At the selling of Kirkwood he was moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1996** **REV. FRANCIS JAMES UDER** died at the age of 74 at ***St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO***. He was born March 14, 1922, at Oshkosh, WI; professed August 2, 1943, at DeSoto, MO; ordained June 29, 1948, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. He served in many communities of the New Orleans Vice Province and the St. Louis Province as a parish priest. In 1975, he went to Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI, and assisted in retreat work. He worked for a time on *Let Us Now Praise Great Men*, a collection of biographies of notable members of the St. Louis Province. In his later years he served as chaplain for St. Joseph's Home, Watertown, WI. He liked to project the image of an "eternal pessimist;" it is said he once remarked, on an especially dreary day during the Cold War, "Will the Russians never come?" He suffered from poor health in his later years. 52 years professed; 47 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1998** **REV. JAMES EDWARD SPRINGER** died at the age of 74 while stationed at ***Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO***. Born in Davenport, IA, June 27, 1923; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1944; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1949. First assigned to Brazil; he served in parishes, directed a school and taught at the Colégio Nazaré in Belem. He was Vice-Provincial Superior (1964-1969). Back in the U.S., he obtained an MA in Communications to teach at Waterford, WI, part of which time he was Dean of Students. Then came roles as superior at St. Michael's Parish, Chicago, IL, and Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI. In his last years he suffered quietly from poor circulation and diabetes. He was a creative, intelligent, and witty man, totally dedicated to his religious life. Died in St. Mary's Hospital, Kansas City, MO. 53 years

professed; 48 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 3

- 1758** **POPE BENEDICT XIV**, a friend of St. Alphonsus and benefactor of the Congregation, died in *Rome*. He approved the Rule and Institute in 1749.
- 1889** **BROTHER GERLACH DEUTZER** died at age 53 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Betzdorf, Prussia, February 8, 1836; professed at Annapolis, MD, February 2, 1875. He came to Chicago, IL, in 1876 and spent the rest of his life there, serving as cook in both Chicago houses. 14 years professed. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1890** **CLERICAL STUDENT ALFRED QUINNEVILLE** died at age 22 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rectory, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Stony Point, Ontario, Canada, November 26, 1867; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 23, 1889. Serious illness forced him to suspend higher studies. Professed less than one year. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.
- 1948** **REV. ANTHONY LIEBL** died at the age of 50 while stationed at *Perpetual Help, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Chicago, IL, April 13, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 3, 1920; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1925. His Redemptorist life was spent mostly in the service of the Spanish-speaking in Wichita, KS, and San Antonio, TX, but he also served in Whittier and Fresno, CA. He died in an automobile accident in Texas. 27 years professed; 22 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1993** **REV. JOHN FULFORD** died at the age of 77 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, February 24, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1936; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1941. He was active all his life in parish work and as a missionary. In later years as a member of AA, he was dedicated to and successful in the apostolate to alcoholics and their families. 56 years professed; 51 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 4

- 1918** *A decree of the congregation of religious* determined the respective limits of the Baltimore and St. Louis Provinces: Baltimore covered the territory under the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, and that part of Cincinnati within Ohio; the rest of the U. S. belonged to the St. Louis Province.
- 1963** **REV. JOHN H. MUELLER** died at the age of 79 while stationed at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Hartford, WI, March 10, 1884; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1907; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1912. He served as rector of St. Joseph's Parish Wichita, KS, but most of his life was spent at St. Michael's, Chicago, IL. An excellent parish priest, he was zealous in promoting parish societies. He was known as the "apostle of the sick." Died unexpectedly in Salt Lake City, UT, while promoting the centennial pilgrimage in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1970** **REV. WILLIAM CULLEN** died at age 66 while stationed at *St. Gerard's, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Detroit, MI, August 21, 1903; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1931. He was a professor in minor seminaries in the U. S. and Coari, Brazil. He spoke Spanish fluently and was very effective among the Spanish-speaking. Died in Santa Rosa Hospital, San Antonio, TX. 43 years professed; 38 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 1988** **REV. RONALD HOLDORF** died at the age of 52 at *St. Mary's, Whittier, CA*. Born in Portland OR, October 23, 1935; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1956; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1961. He was assistant novice master at the Novitiate in Bridal Veil, OR. He served as a parish priest in Alaska, Portland, OR, and Whittier, CA. A very kind gentleman, he had no enemies. He suffered many years from a weight problem and finally died of complications from this sickness. 32 years professed; 27 years ordained. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Portland, OR.

MAY 5

MAY 6

- 1743 *The First General Chapter*—really a non-canonical assembly—began. It elected St. Alphonsus rector major. The three vows of religion and vow of perseverance were made for the first time in the Congregation on May 9. Vows were made to renounce ecclesiastical dignities, except in obedience to the Holy See, and to go on foreign missions at the order of the Pope.
- 1854 **REV. JOSEPH LORDI** was elected rector major of the Neapolitan houses in *Pagani* in the first chapter held by the Neapolitans after the second division in the Congregation. He died in office on December 15, 1854.
- 1959 **REV. HENRY MEISSEN** died at the age of 69 at *St. Mary's, Whittier, CA*. Born in Loup City, NE, October 19, 1889. His younger brother, Nicholas, was ordained a priest before him. Professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1922; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 12, 1927. He served in San Antonio, TX, Coeur d'Alene, ID, Whittier, CA, Portland, OR, and Seattle, WA. He endured long periods of illness which he bore patiently. 36 years professed; 31 years ordained. Buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Montbello, CA, (near Wittier)
- 1963 **REV. ANDREW BROWNE** died at the age of 76 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, July 4, 1886; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1907; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1912. He was a member of the founding community at Downey, CA, in 1921. Because of his efforts, the Tuesday Perpetual Help Devotions gained great popularity throughout St. Louis MO. He was an effective missionary and composed the *Handbook of Notes of Theology*, which went through twenty-one editions. He was sickly for many years. 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Detroit, MI.
- 1988 **REV. GEORGE FORD** died at age 62 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Denver, CO, May 27, 1925; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1945; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1950. He was a parish priest and missionary, and served for a short time in Brazil. He also worked on publications for ten years. Although a private person, he had a gentleness that endeared him to many. He was afflicted with diabetes for twenty years. 42 years professed; 37 years ordained. Buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Denver, CO.

MAY 7

1949 **BROTHER VITUS (JOHN) BURGESS** died at age 83 at *Villa Redeemer, Glenview, IL*. Born in Nebraska, June 15, 1865; professed at Kirkwood, MO, April 15, 1906. He was a convert to Catholicism in 1899. He pioneered at Glenview, IL, and was in the first group who went to Coeur d'Alene, ID, in 1914, to take over St. Thomas Parish. A model of humble service and regular observance, he asked nothing for himself. When advised his death was imminent, he said: "Whatever the Lord wants is okay with me;" this was the theme of his life. In Glenview, IL, he was accustomed to digging a couple of graves in the fall before the ground froze at the Redemptorist Cemetery. As a result, he dug his own grave. 42 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

1977 **BROTHER EDWARD DOMBROWSKI** died at age 76 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, April 6, 1901; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1950. He entered the Congregation when he was forty-eight and served in various capacities in many communities. 27 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1983 **REV. EDWARD NUGENT** died at age 60 at *Villa Christi Retreat House, Wichita, KS*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, November 17, 1922; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1949. He was rector at Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI, and first superior at Mary, Mother of the Church, Mattese, MO. He devoted most of his life to missions and retreats. His heart was open to everyone; he was "a good listener" to all who needed attention. Died suddenly. 39 years professed; 34 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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1909 **BROTHER ALPHONSUS (JOSEPH) DAHMEN** died at the age of 68 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Colsar, Prussia, June 11, 1840; professed at Kirkwood, MO, April 25, 1894. He qualified as a teacher in German schools and was principal in three of them. He came to the U. S. in 1877. He served as sacristan at St. Michael's, Chicago, IL, for fifteen years. Died of a stroke at the foot of a statue of Mary. 15 years professed. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

MAY 9

- 1743** **ST. ALPHONSUS** was elected the first superior general and rector major at *Ciorani* on the fourth ballot at the “First Chapter.”
- 1775** **POPE PIUS VI** accepted the resignation of **BISHOP ALPHONSUS LIGUORI** from the diocese of *St. Agathe of Goths* for reasons of health.
- 1917** **MOST REV. MATTHIAS RAUS**, former superior general and rector major, died at the age of 88 in *Bertigney, Switzerland*. Born in Aspelt, Luxemburg, August 9, 1829; professed in 1853; ordained in 1858. He was vicar general after the death of Father Mauron and elected ninth superior general and rector major on March 1, 1894. He resigned on April 9, 1909. 63 years professed; 58 years ordained.
- 1986** **REV. JOHN PALMER** died at the age of 73 at *Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA*. Born in San Francisco, CA, April 29, 1913; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. He was a popular confessor and counselor, spending most of his active ministry in Seattle and the Northwest. He suffered from physical ailments most of his life. 51 years professed; 46 years ordained. Buried in the Sacred Heart Section at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, CA. Near Oakland, CA.
- 1990** **REV. PETER SATTLER** died at the age of 81 while stationed at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, March 28, 1909; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1930; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 28, 1935. He was a teacher of English and biology at Kirkwood, MO. He was pastor of St. Joseph’s, Wichita, KS, and minister in many communities, where he tried to be “the servant of the servants,” accommodating the physical needs of confreres. He took preaching assignments very seriously and worked hard in their preparation. 59 years professed; 54 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1994** **REV. JOSEPH POWERS** died at the age of 78 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, October 10, 1915; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. He followed his brother, Anthony, into the

Redemptorists. He served as a parish priest, as a mission preacher, and on the St. Louis provincial staff. But he spent most of his early active life in formation: teaching at Kirkwood, MO (where he was also rector and director of the minor seminary), serving twice as novice master at DeSoto, MO, and directing the pastoral year in St. Louis, Rock Church, MO. His gentleness and deep spirituality recommended him to formation work, but a tendency to scrupulosity made these tasks difficult and wore down his health. His last thirty years were spent in Liguori filling several posts in the publications work and community until poor health no longer allowed him to work. 58 years professed; 53 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 10

- 1858** **BROTHER VINCENT (JOSEPH OLIVER) SOLEAU** died at the age of 30. Born in Stony Creek, MI, December 27, 1827; professed in America, March 19, 1850. First person born in the U. S. to become a Redemptorist. Died at sea while on his way to the mission about to be established in the Virgin Islands. 8 years professed. Buried at sea.
- 1877** **REV. FRANCIS TSCHENHENS** died at the age of 75 at *St. Alphonsus, Baltimore*, MD. Born in Nonnenbach, Wurttemberg, Germany, July 24, 1801; professed at Bischenberg, Switzerland, May 6, 1827; ordained there on August 15, 1827. He was one of the original band of Redemptorists to come to America in 1832. 50 years professed and 49 years ordained.
- 1973** **REV. FREDERICK VICKSTROM**, died at the age of 58 at *Our Mother of Perpetual Help, San Francisco*, CA. Born in Seattle, WA, April 12, 1915; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. He was a writer for the *Ligorian* magazine in his early days. He was pastor of Coeur d'Alene, ID, and most of his Redemptorist life was spent as a missionary on the West Coast. He had a reputation for quietly appearing at a house and, just as quietly, disappearing. 37 years professed; 32 years ordained. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, WA.
- 1990** **REV. MARK McINERNEY** died at age 84 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Emmett, MI, March 6, 1906; professed August 2, 1927, at DeSoto, MO, ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1932. He was a professor at the major seminary in

Oconomowoc until he was transferred to the West Coast. He served both as a missionary and parish priest, as well as Oakland Provincial Consultor. He was Rector in Fresno, CA, San Leandro, CA and Great Falls, MT. In his later years at Holy Redeemer, Portland, OR, he was a highly respected promoter of justice for the Portland Tribunal. He loved a celebration and responded in a heartfelt way to the marks of appreciation he received. 62 years professed; 57 years ordained. Formally buried at Mt. St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO, now buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 11

- 1960** **REV. THEODORE KOHNEN** died at the age of 65 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL. July 1, 1894; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1914; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1919. Stationed in Denver, CO, in 1922, he began a missionary tour through the smaller towns of Montana. He was appointed rector in Coeur d'Alene, ID, and in Portland, OR. It is said that he gave 210 missions during his mission career. He was an efficient, capable, dependable, and courteous confrere. Died suddenly. 45 years professed; 40 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1970** **REV. JOSEPH MEUNIER** died at the age 57 while stationed at *St. Joseph's, Denver, CO*. Born in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, March 16, 1913; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. A brain tumor and very poor eyesight plagued him throughout his life; operations helped but did not cure his problem. These physical ailments did not affect his apostolic zeal for the deaf and Spanish-speaking. He was their apostle—greatly loved and appreciated. His faith and zeal was an example to all. Died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver, CO. 34 years professed; 29 years ordained. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Denver, CO.
- 2005** **REV. WALTER (WALLIS) HERBERT GEORGE** died at the age of 80 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, Missouri, MO*. Born in Wyandotte, MI, June 4, 1924; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1945; ordained in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1950. Known affectionately as “Wally” by his confreres, he had the heart of Saint Paul, the Apostle and the mind of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Wally spent the first 23 years of his priesthood (1952-1975) in Brazil working with the Brazilian Bishops overseeing various governmental and private groups in the area of education

and cultural development. He was named the Executive Secretary and President of the Conference of Brazilian Bishops. When Wally returned to the United States he continued his work in education, development, and history research with the General Government and the North American Provinces. His mind, like our universe, was always expanding. He died peacefully at St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. 60 years professed; 54 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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BROTHER FLORIAN (FRANCIS) BOSHOLD died at the age of 62 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc*, WI. Born in Schoeneck, West Prussia, May 14, 1864; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1918. An interior decorator by trade, he had worked on the state capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin. Following the death of his wife and child, he entered the Congregation. 8 years professed. Originally buried in the Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO. in 1988.

1943 REV. JOHN PRECHTL died at the age of 62, while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Munich, Bavaria, June 6, 1880; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1902; ordained at St. Louis, MO, July 3, 1907. He pioneered in Davenport, IA. A talented wood-carver, he supervised construction of the new wing and chapel at Oconomowoc, WI. His last years were spent in retirement. Died suddenly while on a visit to New Orleans; LA. 40 years professed; 35 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.

1996 GERNARO SARNELLI was beatified by **POPE JOHN PAUL II**.

MAY 13

1731 *The First Convent of Redemptoristines* was organized in *Scala*.

1945 REV. MATTHIAS BREGENZER died at the age of 64 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Mensdorf, Luxembourg, September 13, 1880; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1899; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 24, 1904. He came to the U. S. when he was thirteen. He spent most of his active life as a parish priest at St. Michael's, Chicago, IL. He was an ideal parish priest—a

man of service and duty, with special devotion to the sick. It is said that he never missed an assignment. 45 years professed; 40 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

MAY 14

- 1733** **SISTER MARIE CELESTE CROSTAROSA** was expelled from the Redemptoristine convent in *Scala*.
- 1922** *St. Mary's, Whittier, CA.* At the suggestion of Bishop Cantwell, the Redemptorists traded Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish at Downey for St. Mary's in the small Quaker town of Whittier, CA.
- 1972** **REV. ROBERT SWEENEY** died at the age of 71, while stationed at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA.* Born in St. Louis, MO, June 25, 1900; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1921; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1926. A parish priest most his life, he was especially devoted to the poor and was easily accessible to anyone in trouble. He served for a time in Fresno, CA. Sickly for a good portion of his life, he died of cancer in a nursing home in San Antonio, TX. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorists Cemetery, Lacombe, LA
- 1996** **REV. WILLIAM JOSEPH LOCKMAN** died at the age of 75 at *St. Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO.* Born in Oakland, CA, September 8, 1920; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1941; ordained at Immaculate Conception Semianry, Oconomowoc, WI, January 12, 1947. After one year of teaching at Oakland, CA, he was a parish priest for the first ten years of his ministry, including a term as rector in Seattle, WA, and then became a parish missionary. He was elected provincial vicar of the Oakland Province in 1972 and became provincial upon the resignation of Father Martucci; then he was elected provincial for another term. He continued mission preaching until ill health forced his retirement. He was a dedicated apostle, especially to parishes in isolated California towns, and noted for speaking his mind. 54 years professed; 48 years ordained. Buried with a family member in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward, CA.

MAY 15

- 1912** **REV. JOSEPH VAN LUYTELAAR** died at the age of 89 at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*. Born in Woensel, Holland, October 30, 1822; professed at Annapolis, MD, December 8, 1867; ordained in Holland, June 17, 1848. He came to the U. S. with Bishop Spaulding in 1853. He founded a German colony at Leopold, MO, and later a Dutch colony near Green Bay, WI. He was a theology professor at Ilchester, MD, and then the first provincial procurator and chronicler of the St. Louis Province. He was also novice master at Kirkwood, MO. 44 years professed; 63 years ordained. Originally buried at St. Joseph's Seminary in Kirkwood, MO, and later moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1947** **REV. LEO HAGEMANN** died at the age of 39 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Chicago, IL, July 3, 1907; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1927; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1932. He was a teacher and *socius* at Kirkwood, MO. A truly humble and unaffected man, he was kindness personified. Died suddenly of heart attack while rector. 19 years professed; 14 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1963** **REV. ROBERT ELLIOTT** was named, at *Rome*, the American consultor general to Father William Gaudreau . This appointment lasted until December 15, 1967.
- 1983** **REV. JOSEPH POHL** died at the age of 75 at *Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in St. Louis, MO, December 24, 1907; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1929; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1934. He was a professor in the minor seminary, a parish priest, and a missionary. He served two hitches as a chaplain in the armed forces during World War II and also in the "police action" in Korea. He was an obliging man; one confrere said of him: "he was one of the finest community members you could ever live with." 53 years professed; 48 years ordained. Originally buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, moved in 1988 to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1988** **REV. FRANCIS HURT** died at the age of 89 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, June 29, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1921; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary,

Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1926. A man of quiet service in many communities of the province, he was a simple, straight-forward person. 66 years professed; 61 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

MAY 16

- 1844** **FRANCIS X. SEELOS** made his profession of vows as a Redemptorist in *Baltimore, MD*.
- 1936** **CLERICAL STUDENT FRANCIS VAN LEUVENHAGE** died at the age of 20 while a novice at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in Detroit, MI, June 3, 1915; professed on his deathbed at St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, MO, May 15, 1936. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.
- 1986** **REV. JAMES O'CONNELL** died at the age of 71 at *Holy Ghost, Houston, TX*. Born in St. Louis, MO, July 6, 1914; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. Utterly devoted to the Spanish apostolate all his life, he was known as "the Migrant Priest"—ministering to them wherever they were. A confrere noted, "he had a childlike quality about him that allowed him to see the good in all people and share with them his faith, his love for life. Everyone was his friend even if he just shook hands with them." Died after a lengthy illness. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1991** **REV. RAIMUNDO FACUNDO LEITE** died at the age of 78 at *Fortaleza, Brazil*. Born in Jucas, Ceara, Brazil, October 21, 1912; professed at Tiete, Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 25, 1967; ordained at Waterford, WI, June 27, 1969. He was professed a Marist Brother in 1929 and served as Marist Provincial Consultor, province bursar, teacher and director of Our Lady of Nazare High School, Belem. He was influenced to enter the Congregation by the example of the Redemptorists in the Amazon Valley. He was well known and loved for his intelligence, generosity, compassion, and zeal. 23 years professed; 21 years ordained. Buried in Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil.

MAY 17

- 1908** *The Foundation of St. Alphonsus, Davenport* was begun by Rev. Joseph Beil and Brother Robert Maas. Construction of the temporary church began in

June; it became the permanent church. Rev. Augustine Guendling was the first superior (July 1, 1908).

- 1966** **REV. GEORGE THOMMES** died at the age of 66 at *St. Gerard's Kirkwood, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, February 4, 1900; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1919; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, May 7, 1924. He taught at Kirkwood, MO, and Oakland, CA, and was a parish priest and missionary at Whittier, CA, Portland, OR, Oakland, CA, Great Falls, MT and Fresno, CA. He was rector of Fresno, CA, and Portland, OR. 47 years professed; 42 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 2000** **REV. DWAIN MARSH** died at the age of 77 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Coeur d'Alene, ID, September 2, 1923; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1949. He spent his whole active life on the West Coast, where he was always known as "Spike." He was both a mission preacher and a parish priest until health problems and bouts of depression forced him to give up much of his mission work. He served in many roles related to formation, from assistant director in formation communities to director of the transition to ministry program. He was pastor and superior of St. Alphonsus parish, Fresno, CA, and also provincial archivist. A man of incisive wit, he liked to play up the negative side of life, but he was always an unswervingly faithful Redemptorist. 56 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in St. Thomas Apostle Church Cemetery, Coeur d'Alene, ID.
- 2000** **REV. HENRY (Gabe) PORTEN** died at the age of 86 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, November 8, 1913; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1936; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1941. He spent 36 years as a mission preacher in the Vice-Province of New Orleans. He was local superior and pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Corpus Christi, TX, from 1958-1961. Before retiring to St. Clement's, Fr. Gabe spent ten years as a special chaplain to the aging at Villa Feliciana near Clinton, LA. He is especially remembered for his love of music and singing. 63 years professed; 58 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 18

- 1872** **MOST REV. CELESTINE BERRUTI** died at the age 68 at *Resina, Italy*. Born in Cinaglio, Italy, August 24, 1804; professed in 1821; ordained in 1827. He was author of *The Spirit of St. Alphonsus*. He was superior general and rector major at the Neapolitan Houses. When he resigned his office, September 17, 1869, Father Nicholas Mauron was acknowledged sole superior general and rector major of the entire Congregation. This healed the second division in our history. 51 years professed; 45 years ordained.
- 1995** **REV. FREDERICK STRATMAN** died at the age of 82 at *Holy Name, Omaha, NE*. Born in Omaha, NE, July 15, 1912; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1937; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. His first assignment was to Brazil where he served in Manaus as parish priest, rector, and Vice-Provincial procurator; he cared for the clinic operated there; because of his understanding of electrical and radio work, he directed much of the construction of facilities. On returning to the U. S in 1959, he served as minister in the minor seminary at Edgerton, WI, until 1962 when he was transferred to Omaha, NE, as a parish priest. He is remembered as a minister *par excellence*, able to effectively care for the temporal needs of the parish and community with concern and generosity, while still conducting parochial ministry. 57 years professed; 52 years ordained. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Omaha, NE.

MAY 19

- 1948** *The first province members to work in Thailand*, Revs. Clarence Duhart (Superior), Roger Godbout, Robert Lariviere, and Edward Kane arrived in *Bangkok*. They had left San Francisco by boat on March 8, and landed in Bangkok two and a half months later! Their first home was Xang Ming, begun on November 26, 1948.
- 1989** **REV. ARTHUR PATTON** died at the age of 82 while stationed at *Our Mother of Perpetual Help, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Bloomington, IN, May 10, 1907; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1928; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1933. He served as a parish priest, a superior, and a missionary. He pioneered at Houston. He was involved in the Spanish apostolate in San Antonio, TX, and also served as chaplain in World War II. He dubbed himself the “Tough Texan”—and that he was. He died at St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO. 60 years

professed; 55 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

2001 **REV. HENRY KORTE** died at the age of 81 at ***St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO.*** Born in St Louis, MO, March 3, 1920; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1941; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1946. He met the CSSR through his parents' attendance at OMPH devotions. First stationed in Perpetual Help Parish, San Antonio, TX, he spent six months in Mexico City, Mexico preparing to preach in Spanish. In San Antonio, TX, he was made pastor of St. Anthony's parish in Elmendorf, TX for three years. He then entered his lifelong career as a parish mission preacher, being stationed in several communities. He and Fr. Tim Herron were a long-time team, and the latter's death affected him greatly. Over five hundred missions marked his career before he retired to Liguori Mission House and finally the Health Care Center. 59 years professed; 64 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

REV. NORMAN MUCKERMAN died at the age of 92 at ***St. Clement Health care Center, Liguori, MO.*** Born in Webster Groves, MO, February 1, 1917; professed at Mount St. Clement College, DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1937; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. Fr. Norm's years of ministry were long and far-reaching, spanning seven decades and two continents. He spent ten years as a missionary in the Amazon Valley. But most remember Norm from his association with the Liguorian Magazine. When he returned from Brazil in 1953, he joined the community at Liguori Publications and began traveling to parishes throughout the county to speak about the value of good Catholic reading material. For five years, and again from 1971 to April 1977 Norm served as the magazines's circulation manager. In between he served as Provincial Consulter and Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Chicago, IL and St. Gerard Majella Parish in Kirkwood, MO. In 1977 he was appointed as editor-in-chief of Lguorian, which, in his own words "led to the finest, most enjoyable job of my entire life". During Fr. Norm's tenure, Liguorian circulation grew to 590,000 subscribers. His approach as editor was pastoral, describing how the grace of God enters the ordinary circumstances of human life. He sought to understand and respond to reader's real needs and he wrote with clarity, warmth, and a wisdom born of experience and empathy. Fr. Norm's colleagues in the Catholic Press Association recognized his journalistic and administrative abilities and twice elected him as President of the Association. In 1985 he received the St. Francis de Sales Award, the most prestigious honor given to a member of the Catholic

Press. Fr. Norm stepped down as editor in 1977, but was fondly remembered by members of the Catholic Press long after his official retirement. Norm was outgoing and engaging, a gifted speaker, and blessed with remarkable memory. He enjoyed social gatherings and his storytelling ability often made him the life of the party. 71 years professed; 66 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 20

- 1909** **ST. CLEMENT HOFBAUER** was solemnly canonized by Pope (Saint) Pius X at *Rome*.
- 1925** **REV. PATRICK BYRNE** died at the age of 73 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Bovis, Ireland on July 12, 1851, professed at DeSoto, MO, October 15, 1897; ordained at Kansas City, MO, July 25, 1900. He studied for the priesthood for a time in Ireland, but then married and became a successful lawyer in Chicago. After his wife's death, he joined the Redemptorists. He was a zealous parish priest for nearly twenty-five years. He was superior in Seattle, but resigned because of ill health and went back to the St. Louis Province. It is said that between fifteen and twenty thousand people attended his funeral! 27 years professed, 24 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.
- 1945** **REV. ALEXANDER CHAPOTON** died at the age of 65 at *St. Joseph's, Kirkwood, MO*. Born in Detroit, MI, April 13, 1880; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1900; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1905. He was the brother of Joseph Chapoton, the first Vice- Provincial of Portland (later Oakland Vice- Province). He was appointed rector of Whittier, CA, in 1927 and made extensive alterations in the church as well as sought to intensify the Perpetual Help Devotions. He was also superior in Kansas City, MO. 44 years professed; 39 years ordained. Originally buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery in Kirkwood, MO and moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO.
- 1963** *The Foundation of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, San Francisco, CA*, was canonically established; it was begun May 15, 1963, in the former DiGiorgio mansion, which replaced Villa San Clemente in Livermore, CA, as Provincial residence for the Oakland Province. The foundation was discontinued January 28, 1997, after the erection of the Denver Province.

1968 **REV. JOHN GUMLER** died at the age of 57 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Topeka, KS, January 2, 1911; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1933; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June, 29, 1938. Though he did not have a strong constitution, he gave himself completely to his work as a parish priest. Died of cancer. 34 years professed; 29 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

2005 **REV. JOHN McPHEE** died at the age of 85 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born at Grace Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada, September 14, 1918; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1941; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1946. John began his life-long vocation as a mission preacher preaching missions in the Deep South to African-American communities. He later learned Spanish so he could labor in the Hispanic missions. John always prided himself on “pushing the envelope”. When Vatican II was in process John became one of its first and chief disciples. He updated his missions and began to evangelize through developing small faith-based communities and parish renewal programs. In the early 1980’s John was sent to Liguori Publications and developed their first line of Hispanic books in partnership with a religious sister and Hispanic deacon. In his retirement years John lived with a close priest friend in Michigan. 63 years professed; 58 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 21

1962 **REV. CHRISTOPHER McENNIRY** died at the age of 84 while stationed at *Mount St. Clement’s College, DeSoto*. Born in Hickory, KS, March 23, 1878; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1902; ordained at St. Louis, MO, July 3, 1907. He was one of the first St. Louis Province members to be sent to the *Schola Major* in Rome. He served as rector, prefect of students, and professor in the major seminary. He wrote many articles in *The Liguorian* under the pen name, “Father Tim Casey.” He was Provincial of St. Louis Province (1918-1924) and during this time, the minor seminary in Portland, OR, was begun. He worked among the Italians in Fresno, CA. He served as Consulter General for nearly twenty years (1927-1947) and then became Provincial Consulter. He spent some years in Detroit, MI, directing information classes for converts. His last years were spent in DeSoto, MO. Died in St. Mary’s Hospital, St. Louis. 59 years professed; 54 years ordained. Formerly buried at Mt. Saint Clement's College, DeSoto, MO.

Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO. after the Redemptorists moved from DeSoto, MO.

- 1963** **REV. GERALD FARRELL** died at the age of 67 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Detroit, MI, January 3, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1916; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, May 29, 1921. After acting as a professor in the minor seminary, he became a missionary for the greater portion of his life—giving an estimated 283 missions and other apostolic works. His outstanding virtues were his concern for others and his devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. On learning of his fatal illness, he remarked that he was perfectly resigned to God's Will. Died of cancer in St. Joseph's Hospital, Dubuque, IA. 46 years professed; 41 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.
- 1997** **REV. EDGAR GASTALDI** died at the age of 62 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Kenosha, WI, March 25, 1935, professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1957, ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1962. He was influenced to join the Congregation by a retreat preached at St. Catherine's High School in Kenosha, WI. He first served in parishes at St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL, Denver, CO, Detroit, MI, and St. Michael's, Chicago, IL. He then worked at the retreat centers in Glenview, IL, and Rolling Meadows, IL, before serving as a promoter for the *Liguorian* magazine, and finally as a member of the mission preaching team. A dynamic and passionate preacher, he was very effective in the pulpit. His infectious laugh and salty vocabulary enlivened the common room. 39 years professed; 34 years ordained. Buried in family plot in St. George Cemetery, Kenosh, WI

MAY 22

- 1887** *The First Redemptorist Mission Crusade* in the Northwest began today with missions in *Spokane* and *Sprague, Washington*. These were the first of a series that continued in Washington and Oregon until November.
- 1995** **REV. VINCENT F. MOLTHEN** died at the age of 69 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Compton, CA, August 6, 1925; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1946; ordained at Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1951. A talented musician, he composed hymns and taught music in the minor seminary for eight years. After that, he served mainly as a parish priest in several parishes, acting as rector at Whittier, CA, Fresno, CA, and Seattle, WA.

A rapidly developing cancer caused his death. 48 years professed; 43 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

2003 **REV. JOSEPH EMMETT TOBIN** died at the age of 68 while stationed at *St. Mary's Parish, Whittier, CA*. Born in Fort Fairfield, ME, May 7, 1935; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1957; ordained in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1962. He was a man who hungered for social justice. He worked with Caesar Chavez and the migrant rights movement throughout Arizona and California and always seemed to be on a picket line supporting the poor against the unjust practices of local government or the Church. He served in the parishes in the west as a priest and missionary preacher. The last years of his life he spent at Saint Mary's in Whittier, California where he died quietly while resting in his chair. The Church was overflowing both at the wake and the Funeral Mass. He had touched so many hearts in his quest for peace and justice. 45 years professed; 40 years ordained. Buried in the Resurrection Cemetery in Montbello, CA (Near Whittier)

MAY 23

1982 **BLESSED PETER DONDEERS** was beatified by Pope John Paul II in *Rome*.

1995 **REV. ROBERT JOHN REBHOLZ** died at the age of 79 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born March 7, 1916, in Milwaukee, WI; professed August 2, 1938, at DeSoto, MO, ordained in Immaculate Conception Seminary, June 29, 1943, at Oconomowoc, WI. He served both as parish priest and as mission preacher. In the New Orleans Vice-Province and the St. Louis Province he dedicated the majority of his ministry to the care of the Spanish-speaking, showing his love for them in his affable, approachable style as well as his pastoral fluency in their language and culture. He had a deep devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. He served one term as superior at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, San Antonio, TX. In his later years, he suffered from prostate cancer. 56 years professed; 51 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1996 **REV. GARY LEWIS POMETTA** died at the age of 51 while stationed at *Our Mother of Perpetual Help, San Francisco, CA*. Born on August 7, 1944, at Petaluma, CA; professed on August 2, 1962, at St. Alphonsus College, Bridal Veil, OR; ordained July 26, 1980, at St. Vincent de Paul, Petaluma, CA. He was first professed as Brother Leo. He served in Federal Way, OR, and Oakland, CA, before becoming one of the founding members of Our Lady of

Lourdes Parish, (Hunters Point) San Francisco, CA in 1968. He was dedicated to the care of the poor and marginalized and received special training in this work. After ordination, he became pastor and superior of Our Lady of Lourdes, San Francisco, CA, and then at Portland, OR. In his later life, he struggled with problems of chemical dependency and worked as a counselor at an inner city drug rehabilitation center in Los Angeles, CA. 33 years professed; 15 years ordained. Buried in the Sacred Heart Section, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward, CA, .

MAY 24

- 1832** *General Chapter VIII* opened at *Pagani*. Most Rev. John Camillus Ripoli was elected rector major and superior general, May 29. This was the first general chapter at which non-Italians were admitted.
- 1923** **REV. PETER BREGENZER** died at the age of 48 while stationed at *Holy Redeemer, Portland, OR*. Born in Chicago, IL, March 17, 1875; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 22, 1894; ordained at Kansas City, MO, July 14, 1899. He was a teacher at Kirkwood, MO. He also served as a parish missionary for fifteen years. He was superior and pastor in Portland, OR, when he was stricken with cancer. He died at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. 28 years professed; 23 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 2001** **REV. CLARENCE BODDEN** died at the age of 87 at *St Clement's Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Milwaukee, WI, March 23, 1914; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1949. As a student at Marquette High School and University he wanted to be a Jesuit, but family problems prevented this. He learned of the CSSR when his brother entered Kirkwood, MO, and he began praying to OMPH. His life long assignment was to Liguori Publications, as a preacher for Liguorian Magazine. He did this for more than forty years. He was first part of the Liguori Mission House and then "on loan" to the Oakland Province for the same work, where he remained until ill health caused him to move to the Health Care Center. He was a dedicated and successful ambassador of the apostolate of the pen. 57 years professed; 51 years ordained. Buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 25

- 1891** **BROTHER CHARLES (MATHIAS) STABEL** died at the age of 67 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Ruescheid, Rhenish Prussia, September 17, 1824; professed at Annapolis, MD, July 22, 1861. He was a carpenter by trade and he had such a sense of service to the community that, even though he was dying of cancer, he would leave his sick bed to do little things that required his skill. 29 years professed. Originally buried at Saint Joseph's College Cemetery, Kirkwood, MO, and then moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1961** *The Foundation of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc* was canonically established; begun on May 19, 1961. It was established to provide lay and priests' retreats for the Madison and Milwaukee Dioceses. Rev. Paul Schwarz was the first superior.
- 1971** At *Our Lady of the Angels, Kenai, Alaska* the new church was blessed by Archbishop Ryan of Anchorage. Father Edward O'Neill was pastor. The Redemptorists withdrew from the parish, July 1, 1988.
- 1975** **REV. HARRY WADE** died at the age of 65 while stationed at *St. Gerard's, San Antonio, TX*. Born in New Orleans, LA, August 5, 1909; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1931; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1936. He served as chaplain in the Army Air Force and retired with the rank of colonel. He wrote a booklet "*Five Miles Closer to Heaven*," an exposition of his exploits. Both a parish priest and missionary, he worked effectively among the Spanish-speaking. He wrote many articles and pamphlets, initiated a radio apostolate in several cities. He was a man who could speak for hours, non-stop, of his feats. Died in a rectory fire at Gulfport, Mississippi. 43 years professed; 38 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 1984** *The St. Louis Province Minor Seminarians* were transferred from the Belleville diocesan seminary to the *Holy Name Seminary, Madison, Wisconsin*. Rev. Peter Connolly was the first superior. The minor seminary program was ended July 1, 1992.

MAY 26

- 1839** **ST. ALPHONSUS** was solemnly canonized by Pope Gregory XVI in *Rome*, together with St. Francis Geronimo, who is supposed to have visited the Liguoris at Alphonsus' birth and predicted his long life and calling to be a bishop. The canonization was decreed in 1830, but political difficulties postponed it.
- 1853** **ST. JOHN NEUMANN** of *Philadelphia* was the first American bishop to make the Forty Hours Devotion a regular diocesan institution. The first exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place in St. Phillip's Church in Philadelphia.
- 1959** **REV. JOHN DIEDERICH** died at the age of 79 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, August 13, 1879; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1899; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 24, 1904. In 1917, he served as a missionary in the Chapel Car, *St. Paul*, in the South. He was rector and superior at St. Alphonsus, Chicago IL. Appointed St. Louis Provincial Procurator in 1924, he held that position for thirty-five years under five provincials. He set up burses for the minor seminaries, novitiate, Brazil, and Thailand. He was a man who put prayer before work. Hidden though his life was, he was most effective in promoting the stability and expansion of the St. Louis Province. 59 years professed; 54 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 2007** **REV. GEORGE DAWSON** died at the age of 84 at *St. Clements Health Care Center, Liguori, Missouri, MO*. Born in Coeur D'Alene, ID, September 29, 1923; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1945; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1950. During his ministry he spent nearly all of time in the territory of the former Oakland Province. He loved the West! He served at parishes in Seattle, WA, Whittier, CA, Fresno, CA, Great Falls, MT, Tucson, AZ and Coeur D'Alene, ID. George worked for many years in Hispanic ministry and was known and respected by bishops on both sides of the Mexican boarder. He was a friendly man, alive with smiles and laughter, a joy to live and work with. 61 years professed, 56 years ordained. Buried in St. Thomas Apostle Church Cemetery, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

MAY 27

- 1891** *The Foundation of Sacred Heart, Seattle* was begun by the Baltimore Redemptorists, who had just given up the unsuccessful Portland foundation. The parish already existed, but due to financial problems, Bishop Junger of Seattle (then Nisqually) appealed to Father Seigl, superior of Portland, OR, to come to his assistance. Archbishop Gross of Portland agreed, and after the approval of the superior general, the Redemptorists moved to Seattle, WA, arriving on the feast of the Sacred Heart. They managed the parish and its outlying missions until May 8, 1898, when the St. Louis Province took over.
- 1960** **REV. VERNON McTIGUE** died at the age of 51 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Lanark, WI, May 28, 1908; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1948. He joined the Redemptorists at the age forty and spent his active years in Detroit, MI. Suffered from a brain tumor in his last years. 16 years professed; 11 years ordained. Buried first in the cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to St. Patrick's Church Cemetery, Lenark, WI. in 1988.
- 1971** **REV. FRANCIS BOCKWINKEL** died at age 56 at *Villa Redeemer, Glenview, IL*. Born in St. Louis, MO, December 17, 1914; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1938; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1943. He served as a teacher and prefect of students in the major seminary, pioneered in Liguori, MO, was rector in Houston, TX, and Detroit, MI, and was Provincial Consultor of the St. Louis Province. He was a man for all people, filled with kindness. 32 years professed; 27 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1973** **REV. WILLIAM RYAN** died at the age of 55 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Kansas City, MO, September 23, 1917; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 21, 1937; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. He was a teacher in the minor seminary, parish priest, and missionary, effective in promoting the *Liguorian* magazine, and spreading devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He had a special wit that could pinpoint odds and ends—mostly 'odds.' He was dedicated to the poor and troubled, and involved in the Marriage Encounter apostolate in his last years. Died from cancer. 35 years professed; 30 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

1992 **REV. DONALD HERDENER** died at the age of 71 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Portland, OR, January 13, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1940; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 14, 1945. He was known affectionately as “Dutch,” a man of some contradictions. On the one hand, a big, happy man who liked to laugh and create laughter. Yet he was not always traveling the expected path, which, for some, was a cause for concern. An apostle of the underdog, he had a way with those in broken marriages, alcoholics, and gamblers. At one time or another, he served as parish priest in all of the parishes of the Oakland Province. He was a good speaker, a kindly confessor, a friendly face for those who felt most abandoned by the religiously correct. The last fifteen years of his life he was faithful to Alcoholics Anonymous. Died of cancer. 51 years professed; 46 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 28

1750 **ST. ALPHONSUS** published his two volume work, *The Glories of Mary*, in *Naples*.

1949 **REV. JOHN KENNY** died at the age of 50 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in Montreal, Canada, March 24, 1899; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1922; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 12, 1927. He was a teacher at Kirkwood, MO, and prefect of students in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. He also served as chaplain in World War II, and later directed brother postulants. A quiet, unassuming man, he was always willing to lend a helping hand. Died while assisting in Shepherd, Michigan. 26 years professed; 21 years ordained. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.

1954 **REV. DANIEL McCARTHY** died at the age of 55 at *Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Kewanee, IL, May 4, 1899; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1931. He was a rector in DeSoto, MO and Lebanon, IN. He had a beautiful singing voice. Being an active man most of his life, illness in his later days was a special cross for him to bear. 27 years professed; 22 years ordained. Originally buried at cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved in 1988 to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1993 **REV. JOSEPH FISTER** died at the age of 81 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Kirkwood, MO, January 28, 1912; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1937; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. He worked many years in the South as a missionary and preacher for the *Liguorian* magazine. He was a man with a light heart who enjoyed learning and telling corny jokes. In 1978 he was seriously injured in an automobile accident which left him crippled. 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

MAY 29

1832 **MOST REV. CAMILLUS RIPOLI** was elected the sixth superior general and rector major at *Pagani*.

1974 **REV. BERNARD CONNELLY** died at the age of 77 at *Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Penfield, PA, September 18, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1918; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1923. He served as a parish priest, rector, and missionary. A very capable teacher in the major seminary, his students bemoaned his toughness but had to admit he taught them to think. In fact, he was tough all his life and made difficult decisions without too much strain. He said, “he called ’em as he saw ’em.” He was plagued with poor eyesight in his last years. 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Originally buried at the cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Move in 1988 to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1997 **BROTHER FRANCIS BURNS** died at the age of 83 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Bowne, MI, May 5, 1914; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1938. He was first professed as Brother Killian, but returned to his baptismal name. He spent his active life in many communities of the St. Louis Province as well as in Fresno, CA, Oakland, CA, and Esopus, NY. A rough cut individual, he had a good sense of humor. Once when asked why he wanted to be a religious, he wrote “I love to pray.” “Brother Frank” never lost that love, becoming an example to others especially after his retirement. He tried to be of service in any task given him and accepted many changes of job gracefully. He loved watching sports and playing cards, neither of which he did quietly. 58 years professed. Donated his body to science. Tombstone in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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- 1820** **VEN. JOSEPH PASSERAT** was named Transalpine vicar general, succeeding St. Clement Hofbauer.
- 1857** **REV. ISAAC HECKER** was expelled from the Congregation by Father Nicholas Mauron. The pope later reversed this decision by granting Hecker a dispensation from his vows.
- 1914** *The Foundation of St. Thomas, Coeur d'Alene*, was begun. It was given to the Redemptorist because it was in financial difficulties. Father Mathias Meyer was the first superior. The parish was returned to the Diocese of Boise on July 1, 1999
- 1937** **BROTHER MARK KNOEDELSEDER** died at the age of 56 at *St. Joseph's, Wichita, KS*. Born in Mauth, Bavaria, November 7, 1880; professed at DeSoto, August 15, 1912. His entire religious life was spent in St. Louis, MO, and Wichita, KS. 24 years professed. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Wichita, KS.
- 2003** **BROTHER JOHN (DAMIEN) BRONSON** died at the age of 78 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Watsonville, CA, April 16, 1925; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1953. He spent most of his life in the west shuttling between Parish ministry, formation ministry, and the Provincial House. Damian was a practical man who used his skills to help in the financial offices of the Oakland Province in the initial days of computers. He was a man of duty and diligence. 50 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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- 1788** The *Transalpine General Vicariate* was established and St. Clement Hofbauer became vicar general in *Warsaw, Poland*, by appointment of Superior General Francis De Paola.
- 1908** **REV. GEORGE THOMAS**, rector of *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*, opened a "mission" in the Chicago Loop among the "down and outers" late in May or early in June. Assisted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and approved by Archbishop Quigley, conferences were given and sacraments administered,

although Mass was not permitted. Weekly meetings were held in rented quarters on DesPlaines street. The confessional was an old door, fastened upright with a panel knocked out. This work lasted until some time in 1912.

- 1962** **BROTHER CAMILLUS (LOUIS) KOLINSKI** died at the age of 73 at *Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Lodz, Poland, July 18, 1888; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1918. A jovial, little man—a la Friar Tuck—who exuded good cheer. He worked in the seminary laundry in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, for twenty-four years; in 1957, his hand was seriously mangled in a laundry accident. 44 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.
- 1967** **REV. ALOYSIUS LIEBL** died at the age of 78 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, August 21, 1888; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1908; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 6, 1913. Throughout his life, he served quietly, zealously, and effectively as a parish priest, being especially active in Boy and Girl Scout work. He was stationed at St. Michael's Parish, Chicago, IL, for twenty-eight years. He was incapacitated from a stroke in 1963. 58 years professed; 53 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1970** **REV. GERALD BOLGER** died at the age of 74 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, June 9, 1895; professed at DeSoto, MO, 1924; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 24, 1929. He was a seminary professor at Oakland, CA, a missionary, and finally Vice-Provincial from 1942-1952. He built Sacred Heart Church and monastery while he was pastor and superior of Seattle, WA. He suffered a severe stroke in 1964 and in 1969 was transferred to Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, for medical care. 46 years professed; 41 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved in 1988 to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.