

JUNE 1

- 1802** *General Chapter V* opened in *Pagani*, convoked by Superior General Peter Paul Blasucci. It mitigated the vow of poverty by permitting a meager peculium, subject to restrictions. The chapter closed on June 16.
- 1941** **BROTHER LAWRENCE (JAMES) WALLISCH** died at the age of 55 at *Perpetual Help, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Freiburg, Bavaria, June 8, 1885; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1908. He and his parents settled in Chicago, IL, from where he entered the Redemptorists. He was stationed in Oakland, CA, before being transferred to San Antonio, TX, due to asthma in 1932. He devoted himself to many services in the community, and he became an excellent cook, learning the art from professional chefs. 32 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1947** **REV. EDWARD CANTWELL** died at the age of 76 at *Villa Redeemer, Glenview, IL*. Born in Madison, WI, May 2, 1871; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1891; ordained at DeSoto, MO, October 28, 1896. He first served as a parish missionary, being dubbed “the Orator of Michigan.” But most of his life (forty-three years) was spent as a superior: in Denver, CO, Portland, OR (as first superior), Grand Rapids, MI, (twice), Glenview, IL, and Detroit, MI. He was provincial of the St. Louis Province for three terms (1924-1936), during which the province experienced much growth. He was also the extraordinary visitor to the Baltimore Province in 1934. He was the soul of hospitality to any visiting confrere. 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1954** *The Foundation of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Corpus Christi*, was canonically established; it had begun on March 4, 1954. Rev. Albert Fuytinck was the first superior. The Redemptorists left it on July 1, 1986.
- 1957** **BROTHER GERARD (LEO) CARBOY** died at the age of 67 while stationed at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*. Born in Detroit, MI, August 3, 1889; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1918. After several appointments in the St. Louis Province, he was stationed at Oakland, CA, Seattle, WA, Portland, OR, and Fresno, CA. He spent his last years in Agnew Hospital near Santa Clara, CA, where he acted as an assistant chaplain. 34 years professed. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in the Sacred Heart Section, Hayward, CA, (Near Oakland)

1967 *St. Mary's, Fresno:* The mission church in Highway City was established as a separate parish from St. Alphonsus. It was canonically established September 23, 1967; the Redemptorists returned it to the diocese on August 1 1983.

1977 **REV. GERALD GIBBONS** died at the age of 46 while stationed at *Liguori Mission House, Liguori, MO*. Born in Detroit, MI, April 12, 1931; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1952; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1957. A missionary for eighteen years in Thailand, he returned to the U. S. in 1976. While on a visit to Glenview, IL, shortly after he had been appointed editor of the *Liguorian* magazine, he suffered a massive heart attack and died there. He was an organized individual who always knew exactly what he wanted to do and did it. 24 years professed; 19 years ordained. Buried in Holy Supulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI.

JUNE 2

1872 *St. Theresa's, Chatawa, Mississippi:* the Provincial, Joseph Helmpraecht, declared the foundation "sui juris" and appointed Rev. Thaddeus Anwander the first superior. Originally purchased as a summer home for the New Orleans, LA, community in 1868, it became a mission house in 1872, and a minor seminary and novitiate in 1873. Four coadjutor brothers were professed there in 1878. Two of the first four students, Thomas Stadler and Joseph Brandt, were later professed and ordained. All six of them persevered. A small church was built to serve the neighborhood. The foundation was closed in 1879 and sold to the Notre Dame Sisters the following year. As of this posting (2010) it is still very much in their hands and used mainly as their orders retirement center.

JUNE 3

1969 **REV. CHARLES BARTOSCHECK** died at the age of 85 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Krojanken, West Prussia, Germany, January 22, 1884; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1905; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 30, 1910. He served as a parish priest all his life. His biggest wish in later life was to be the oldest living member of the Province; but he never quite made it. Although plagued by defective hearing and eyesight in his last years, he still managed to remain active, 63 years professed; 58 years ordained. Originally buried at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved in 1988 to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1992 **REV. FRANCIS TOBIN** died at the age of 79 at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, August 11, 1912; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1933; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1938. With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as chaplain and served in two theaters of war: the invasions of Salerno and the beach-head of Anzio. These were shattering emotional experiences for him, memories which never left him. He found himself more suited to taking the place of pastors than to a sustained assignment at one place, working from St. Alphonsus, San Leandro, CA; the Center for Parish Missions, Oakland, CA; and Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA. He was deeply devoted to his large family and found relaxation in gardening. 58 years professed; 53 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in the Sacred Heart Section, Hayward, CA, (Near Oakland)

JUNE 4

1824 *General Chapter VII* opened at *Pagani* under the presidency of Rev. Francis De Paola, Vicar General of the Congregation, to elect a successor to the late Rector Major Mansione. Rev. Celestine Cocle was elected on June 11.

1871 *The Confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Alphonsus* was established *in Rome*.

1959 **MOST REV. PATRICK MURRAY**, rector major and superior general emeritus, died at the age of 94 at *Limerick, Ireland*. Born November 24, 1865, in Termon, County Donegal, Ireland; professed in 1889; ordained in 1890. He was prefect of students and provincial before becoming superior general. His term saw great progress in the Congregation despite two world wars. 70 years professed; 69 years ordained.

1998 **REV. PAUL E. SCHWARZ** died at the age of 84 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Halstead, KS, on November 14, 1913; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1934; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1939. Though not of Irish ancestry, his ebullient spirit gained him the nickname “Paddy,” expressing the simple, beaming humor of his personality. He served as pastor at St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL and St. Joseph’s, Denver CO. For a time he was a promoter for the *Liguorian Magazine*. He was the founder and first director/superior of Perpetual Help Retreat (Oconomowoc). Returned a second time as Director/Superior. His brother Carl followed him into the Congregation. In his last years as a parish priest at St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL, he began to fail mentally and entered St. Clement Health

Care Center. 63 years professed; 58 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO. along with his brother Carl.

JUNE 5

- 1841** **BLESSED PETER DONDEERS** was ordained to the priesthood in *Surinam*.
- 1841** **REV. JOSEPH FEY** was ordained by Archbishop Samuel Eccleston of *Baltimore, MD*, in St. John the Evangelist Church. This was the first Redemptorist ordination in America.
- 1911** **BROTHER STANISLAUS (HENRY) HUELS** died at the age of 29 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Carlyle, IL, December 25, 1881; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1910. He was a baker before entering. He drowned in Lac la Belle, Oconomowoc, WI, while visiting the newly founded Immaculate Conception Seminary. Professed less than a year. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1942** **REV. JOSEPH GUNN** died at the age of 60 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Ossian, IA, August 10, 1881; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1903; ordained at St. Louis, MO, May 20, 1908. He served as a parish priest and a missionary. He was twice rector in Kansas City, MO, and once in Denver, CO; he also served as a Provincial Consultor. He is remembered as a zealous and powerful missionary. 38 years professed; 33 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at St. Joseph College College, Kirkwood, MO. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO, when the Redemptorists moved to Edgerton, WI.
- 1961** *Alaska*: The Oakland Province began its work in the Kenai peninsula. The founding Redemptorists were Joseph Palmer (superior), James Van Hoomissen, and Robert Woodruff. Seward was the parish center with mission stations at Kenai, Soldotna, Ninilchick, Homer, and Soldovia. Father Palmer soon resigned because of poor health and Edward O'Neill took his place, while Father Van Hoomissen was appointed the new superior.
- 1990** **REV. WILLIAM A. NUGENT** died as Provincial of the St. Louis Province at the age of 63 while stationed at *Villa Redeemer, Glenview, IL*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, September 2, 1926; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1946; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1951. He was the only St. Louis Provincial to die in office. He followed his uncle Rev. Liguori

Nugent and brothers Edward and James into the Congregation and served over thirty years in Brazil, where he was Vice-Provincial vicar, administrator of the Prelacy of Coari, superior and pastor at Manaus, Belem, and Coari. A man of strong faith and deep love of the Church and Congregation, his Irish wit endeared him to all. He courageously endured cancer. 43 years professed; 38 years ordained. He is buried next to his brother Edward in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JUNE 6

1956 *The Mission of Thailand* was canonically established as the *Vice-Province of Bangkok* belonging to the St. Louis Province. The first superior was Rev. Charles Cotant.

1991 **REV. ROBERT EARL** died at the age of 53 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, September 14, 1937; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1958; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1963. He was a professor at Holy Redeemer, Waterford, WI, for sixteen years. He served as superior at Sacred Heart Retreat House, Rolling Meadows, IL. He was known as an activist for the underprivileged, homeless, and those living in substandard conditions. He was diagnosed with cancer while stationed at St. Alphonsus, "Rock" Church, St. Louis, MO. 32 years professed; 27 years ordained. Buried in the family plot in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Parnell, MI.

JUNE 7

1964 **REV. BERNARD LANGTON** died at the age of 49 at *Liguori Mission House, Liguori, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, September 7, 1914; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1940. He served as superior in Cooperstown, ND. He was said to have a character that matched his posture: straight up and down. He had a sharp mind and was an indefatigable worker. He died suddenly while conversing with a confrere. 29 years professed; 24 years ordained. Buried next to his brother, Rev. Edmund Langton in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1974 **BROTHER LIGUORI (LAWRENCE) GENGLER** died at the age of 72 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Tipton, KS, January 22, 1902; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1936. He was skilled in farming and carpentry. He pioneered in the Cooperstown, ND community and

served in several other Midwest communities. He was a quiet, steady man. He died suddenly of a heart attack. 38 years professed. Originally buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO. in 1988.

2007 **REV. DAVID SHANNON** died at the age of 85 at *St. Clements Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Oconomowoc, WI, August 31, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO on August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI on June 29, 1948. Shortly after his ordination Fr. Shannon was sent to the Brazilian missions where he was a missionary priest in Belém and Coari and the superior of the community in Manacapuru. In 1961 he returned to the St. Louis Province as a missionary preacher based out of Redemptorist parishes in Chicago, IL, Wichita, KS, Davenport, IA, Detroit, MI, and Minneapolis, MN. He preached retreats at Redemptorist retreat houses in Fargo, ND, Glenview, IL, and in Oconomowoc, WI, where he also served as local superior/director for one term. A colorful man both in his dress and outlook in life, he made lasting impacts on all he met. 63 years professed. 58 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JUNE 8

1750 *Order of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptoristines)* was established by Pope Benedict XIV by his brief *In Supremo* which approved the Institute and its Rule.

1899 **REV. NICHOLAS JAECKEL** died at the age of 64 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Utrichshausen, Hesse, Germany, July 29, 1834; professed at Annapolis, MD, October 15, 1854; ordained at Baltimore, MD, June 2, 1860. He was the first provincial of the St. Louis Province (1875-1884). 44 years professed; 39 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO. One of 12 Provincials buried there.

1916 **REV. JULIUS DERENSKI** died at the age of 31 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Toronto, Canada, February 4, 1885; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1910; ordained in Kansas City, MO, June 6, 1916. After a year in the major seminary, his health began to decline; he was sent to various communities in hope of recovery while he continued his studies privately. Due to his weak condition, he had to sit in a chair during his ordination and he was never able to offer another Mass. 5 years professed; 2 days ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

- 1936** **REV. PETER ETZIG** died at the age of 37 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, October 11, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1919; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, May 7, 1924. After teaching in the minor seminary he studied theology at the *Angelicum* in Rome and then taught dogmatic theology in the major seminary. He served as National Secretary and President of the Catholic Library Association. He was a popular confessor for the students. Ardently devoted to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, he worked untiringly to spread devotion to her. He drowned in an accident in Lac la Belle, Oconomowoc, WI, on the Feast of Our Lady, Mediatrix. 17 years professed; 12 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1951** **REV. PETER SCHNEIDER** died at the age of 60 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Chicago, IL, December 10, 1890; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1911; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1916. A parish priest all his life, he was especially concerned for the sick of the parish, never sparing himself to serve them. He served in Portland, OR, during the 1920's. 39 years professed; 34 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1955** **REV. AUGUSTINE ZELLER** died at the age of 68 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, September 13, 1886; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1905; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 30, 1910. He studied in Rome for two years and then taught moral and dogmatic theology for thirty-nine years. He was twice rector in the major seminary at Oconomowoc, WI, and also served as rector at St. Joseph's, Wichita, KS. He edited *The Liguorian* and *Perpetual Help* magazines and founded the *Alphonsian Digest*. He was elected twice to the general chapter. His kindness, humility and charity reflected his sanctity. He was considered one of the "greats" of the St. Louis Province. 49 years professed; 44 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

JUNE 9

- 1939 **REV. CHARLES HARRISON** died at the age of 56 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in St. Louis, March 25, 1883; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1901; ordained at St. Louis, MO, July 4, 1906. He was a teacher in the minor seminary, parish priest, missionary, and rector in several communities. While stationed in Seattle, WA, as a parish priest, he gave missions and retreats up and down the West Coast. A man of principle, he was an exemplary religious and outstanding missionary. He was a delegate to general chapter in 1936. 37 years professed; 32 years ordained. Originally buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO, Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery in Liguori after the Redemptorists left for the new St. Joseph's College in Edgerton, WI.
- 1967 **REV. THOMAS MOORE** died at the age of 72 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, October 25, 1894; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1915; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 4, 1920. He served for a time in Portland, OR and Coeur d'Alene, ID. 52 years professed; 46 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.

JUNE 10

- 1824 **REV. CELESTINE COCLE** was elected superior general and rector major at *Pagani*.
- 1971 *The Foundation of Mary, Mother of the Church* was begun at *Mattese, MO*. The first Mass was offered in Washington Public School on July 31, 1971. The first superior was Rev. Edward Nugent. The parish was returned to the St. Louis Archdiocese on July 1, 1990.

JUNE 11

- 1973 **REV. JOHN BRITZ** died at the age of 85 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, November 6, 1887; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1908; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 6, 1913. He was an army chaplain in World War II, rector in Grand Rapids twice, 1924-1927 & 1955-1961. Parish priest, and missionary. A man of strong convictions who would not easily move against them despite the

cost to himself. 64 years professed; 59 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

JUNE 12

1961 **BROTHER GREGORY (THOMAS) STORM** died at the age of 84 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in Kacizkaia, Russia, September 9, 1876; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1917. He came to the U.S. as a child. He was a fine tailor, making habits for many novices and students. Shortly before his death, he would not consent to go to the hospital until he had finished the habits for the next profession class. Few suspected that he suffered intensely from cancer in his last years. When a visitor in the hospital, said: "I'll see you soon again, Brother," he replied "I'll see you in heaven;" he died soon after. 43 years professed. Originally buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery at Mt. St. Clement College, DeSoto, MO and was moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO. when the Redemptorists moved.

JUNE 13

1817 **MOST REV. PETER PAUL BLASUCCI** died at the age of 88 at *Pagani*. Born in Ruvì de Monte, February 22, 1729, professed in 1753, ordained in 1756. He was rector major and superior general from 1793-1817. His brother was Venerable Dominic Blasucci. He obtained permission for the confreres in Sicily to live according to the original Rule; this eventually led to the abolition of the *Regolamento* and to the reunion of the Congregation after its first division. 64 years professed; 61 years ordained

1886 **BROTHER DENIS HALPEN** died at the age of 69 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Drumcondra, Ireland, May 15, 1817; professed at Cumberland, MD. July 14, 1863. When he came to America, he joined the gold rush to California. He was a carpenter by trade and pioneered in Chatawa, MS; he helped build the first frame church, school, and rectory in Detroit, MI. 22 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

1915 **REV. HENRY MEURER** died at the age of 78 while stationed at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Montbaur, Nassau, Germany, November 28, 1836; professed at Annapolis, MD, May 27, 1856; ordained there, March 21, 1863. For forty years, he gave missions and retreats in many states. He was part of the mission band that went to California in 1886. Around that time, he organized a German parish in Butte, MT. He devoted himself to work among the deaf and was

a special benefactor of the Catholic Institute for the Deaf in Chicago, IL. He died in Alexian Brothers Hospital, Oshkosh, WI. 58 years professed; 51 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

1940 **REV. JOHN FITZGERALD** died at the age of 65 at *St. Alphonsus, Davenport, IA*. Born in Western Bay, Newfoundland, Canada, November 26, 1874; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1902; ordained at St. Louis, MO, July 3, 1907. He was very effective as novice master of second novitiate. He was in the founding community of Fresno, CA, in 1909 and was very active in missionary work on the West Coast. He served in Seattle, WA, as superior where he built the school and church. He also was a Consultor to the Oakland Vice-Provincial. 37 years professed; 32 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery at Liguori, MO when the Redemptorists left.

1988 **BROTHER EDGAR WALL** died at the age of 89 while stationed at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*. Born in Cardiff, Wales, March 7, 1899; professed at DeSoto, MO, November 2, 1922. Memories of Brother Edgar center around Fresno, CA, though he also served at Great Falls, MT, and Oakland, CA. In Fresno, CA, he was noted for his dedication to his duties as porter—for example, for serving the needy who came to the door. An avid cyclist, on his day off he often peddled thirty miles and frequently rode on errands. A nephew to whom he was close became Archbishop of Winnepeg. Died at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI; 65 years professed. Buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery, Fresno, CA.

1999 *Provincial Electoral Convocation II* began at Harley Hotel, Earth City, MO. The principal task of the meeting was to elect the provincial superior and his councils. Rev. Richard Thibodeau was reelected provincial superior and Rev. James Keena was named Provincial Vicar. The convocation ended June 16.

JUNE 14

1945 **BROTHER FRANCIS MULDER** died at the age of 67 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Workum, Holland, May 4, 1878; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1899. He came to America in 1894. He was influenced to join Congregation after attending a Redemptorist mission given in Holland. He was a “jack-of-all-trades”—performing great service to any community he was assigned to. He was a member of the founding community in

Portland as cook and porter. 45 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.

JUNE 15

1947 **REV. GEORGE THOMAS** died at the age of 78 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in New Orleans, LA, December 3, 1868; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 2, 1887; ordained there, August 24, 1892. He was a member of the first class completely formed and educated in the St. Louis Province. He built the Athenaeum at St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL, while rector there. He was a much sought after retreat director. Always a gentleman, his gentle way influenced many to join the Church. He always sought to make the parish a center of activity for the people. He had a strong devotion to "my dear Mother Mary." 59 years professed; 54 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

1996 **REV. ROBERT KIRKPATRICK** died at the age of 88 at St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO. Born in St. Louis, MO, October 16, 1907; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1928; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1933. He spent his entire career on the West Coast, beginning as a teacher at Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA, where he also served as a hospital chaplain. He then served in the parishes in Whittier, CA, and Portland, OR. From 1948 to the end of his active life, he was a mission preacher. Noted for his deep spirituality, he was constantly on demand for retreats to priests and religious. He is remembered for his constant spirit of prayer, his lively wit, and his devotion to the Eucharist. He was the last confrere to die as a member of the Oakland Province before the formation of the Denver Province. 67 years professed; 62 years ordained. Buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JUNE 16

1844 **REV. LOUIS GILLET**, took formal possession of St. Anthony's Church, in *Monroe, Michigan*, (later called Immaculate Conception). This was the first Redemptorist church consecrated in the U. S. He founded the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He later left the Congregation and entered the Cistercians in France. Originally buried at the Cistercians Abbey at Hautecombe, France. In 1930 the IHM Sisters at Monroe, MI, had his remains brought back from France to Monroe, MI.

1895 **BLESSED GASPAR STANGASSINGER** was ordained to the priesthood in *Gars, Germany*.

1996 **REV. RICHARD DALTON** died at the age of 97 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori*, MO. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, September 25, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1921; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1926. He followed his brother, Francis, into the Redemptorists. He was a parish priest and missionary in many communities of the Midwest, and served as the director of the second novitiate for two years. A simple, unassuming man, he suffered from Addison's disease for many years, although he continued to be active until his ill health forced him into retirement in 1969. He was the last confrere to die as a member of the St. Louis Province before the formation of the Denver Province. 74 years. professed; 69 years ordained. Buried along with his brother Frank in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.

1998 **REV. EVAN GAUTREAU (GAUTREAUX)** died at the age of 87 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born near Houma, LA, August 3, 1910; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1932; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1938. Decided to become a Redemptorist after a mission preached by Father William Miller whom he revered ever afterward. He spent his first years a parish priest in the South, and then in 1946 began a forty-five year work as mission preacher in Denver. In 1951 he moved to the New Orleans Vice-Province where he worked until retirement in 1991 in Crowley, LA. He was successful as a preacher and faithful to long hours in the confessional. His brother, Francis, also joined the Congregation. 65 yrs. professed, 59 yrs. ordained. Buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JUNE 17

1888 **REV. LOUIS COOK** at *Detroit, Michigan*, began the first solemn novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the St. Louis Province.

1950 **BROTHER CAJETAN (JOHN) GRAEBE** died at the age of 83 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto*, MO. Born in Steinheim, Westphalia, Prussia, January 16, 1867; professed at St. Louis, MO, April 15, 1897. When he was fourteen, his parents planned to emigrate to Brazil; but on the docks of Antwerp, they decided to come to the U.S. instead, thinking, "it was too hot in South America." He served as sacristan at the "Rock" Church, St. Louis, MO, for fifty-two years, where he trained hundreds of servers, many of whom became Redemptorists. His spirit of prayer and his reverence to the Blessed Sacrament was an inspiration to all. 53 years professed. Originally buried in the Cemetery at St. Joseph's College,

Kirkwood, MO. When the Redemptorists sold the property he was moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1963 **REV. MARTIN LORENZ** died at the age of 64 while stationed at *St. Joseph's Parish, Wichita, KS*. Born in Chicago, IL, July 1, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1918; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1923. He was a teacher and *socius* in the minor seminary at Kirkwood, MO, and later, superior at Lebanon, IN and St. Michael's, Chicago, IL. He was prominent in the Catholic War Veterans Organization. His faith was manifest as he faced cancer at the end of his life. Died in St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, MO. 45 years professed; 40 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL

1977 **REV. ERNEST MILLER** died at the age of 72 at *Liguori Mission House*. Born in Grand Rapids, MO, January 25, 1905; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1931. He was one of four brothers who became Redemptorist priests in the St. Louis Province. He was a teacher in the minor seminary, parish missionary, military chaplain, and missionary in Thailand. He wrote many articles in the *Liguorian*. He directed more than two hundred priests' retreats throughout the country. He was a pioneer at Liguori, MO. Died of a heart attack. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery with his three brothers and sister.

1996 *The Denver Province was erected* by a decree of the general government. The decision to request the formation of a new province out of the former St. Louis and Oakland Provinces was reached at simultaneous chapters of the two units held at Redemptorist Palisades Retreat in November 1995. A solemn inaugural Mass was celebrated on June 21 with the superior general, Rev. Juan Manuel de la Vega as principal celebrant; this was part of a province assembly which was held at Regis University in Denver to celebrate the province's foundation; during this assembly, Richard Thibodeau was elected the first Provincial Superior.

JUNE 18

1977 **REV. VINCENT SCHNAAR** died at the age of 48 at *Juazeiro, Brazil*. Born in St. Louis, MO, May 22, 1929; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1950; ordained at Juazeiro, Brazil, November 23, 1975. He served as a brother for twenty-five years before becoming a priest. He joined Bishop William Murphy in the newly established Diocese of Juazeiro, Brazil, in 1963, and did administrative

and pastoral work. He became Vicar General of the diocese in 1976. He was a truly dedicated and apostolic man. Died suddenly while attending a youth meeting. 27 years professed; 1 year ordained. Buried in Juazeiro, Brazil.

1985 **REV. HERMAN HEIDKER** died at the age of 83 at *St. Mary's, Whittier, CA*. Born in St. Louis, MO, July 27, 1901; professed at DeSoto, MO August 2, 1922; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 12, 1927. His first appointment was to Whittier, CA, as a parish priest and missionary. He served in Fresno, CA, Seattle, WA, Coeur d' Alene, ID, Oakland, CA, and three times at Whittier, CA. He was the founding pastor of St. Gerard's, Great Falls, MT. He was an outstanding parish priest. 62 years professed; 57 years ordained. Buried in Resurrection Cemetery in Montbello, CA, (Near Whittier, CA)

1993 **REV. REX McLAUHLIN** died at the age of 71 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Oklahoma, January 17, 1922; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1942; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. His first assignment was to Brazil. After returning to the U.S. he spent many years preaching missions. He taught in Pine City, MN and Edgerton, WI. He was noted as loyal, devoted to the truth, and filled with great love and affection for the Lord and people. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JUNE 19

1921 *The Foundation of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, San Antonio, TX*, began. The church and school were built by "Padre Juan" Muehlsiepen. Archbishop Arthur Drossaerts of San Antonio, TX, referred to this foundation as "the most important event in the history of the diocese during his tenure." Suppressed as a community on August 1, 1972, it was revived as a parish by Archbishop Patrick Flores of San Antonio, TX, on December 3, 1981, with Rev. Robert Gonzalez as pastor.

1977 **ST. JOHN NEUMANN**, fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, PA, was canonized at *Rome* by Pope Paul VI. He was the first male citizen of the U. S. to be canonized.

2000 **REV. ALVIN BILLIMEK** died at the age of 89 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Poth, TX, January 8, 1911; professed in DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1933; ordained in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1938. He was the first native Texan to become a Redemptorist. He spent most of his life as a mission preacher primarily in Texas

and Louisiana. He was local superior and pastor of St. Gerard's, San Antonio, TX, (1952-55) and St. Alphonsus, New Orleans, LA, (1964-1967). He was especially proud of an operetta entitled "Evangeline" which he wrote and composed with Frank Lee. When Archbishop Philip Hannan wanted to demolish St. Mary's Assumption Church, New Orleans, LA, he was the sole dissenter in favor of securing funds to repair the church. After a visit by First Lady Patricia Nixon, St. Mary's became a national historic landmark on Oct. 13, 1970. 66 years professed; 61 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JUNE 20

- 1762** **ST. ALPHONSUS**, at the age of 66, was consecrated Bishop of St. Agatha of the Goths in *Rome*.
- 1832** *New York: The first Redemptorists* arrived in the *United States* at the request of Bishop Fenwick of Cincinnati, OH. They were Fathers Simon Saenderl, Francis Haetscher, Francis Tschenhens, and Brothers James Kohler, Aloysius Schuh, and Wenceslaus Wittopil. They worked separately at first: in Northern Ohio, in Detroit, MI, and in Green Bay, WI.
- 1850** **REV. VINCENT TRAPANESE** was appointed rector major by Pope Pius IX until a general chapter could be held; he had been vicar general to Most Rev. Camillus Ripoli.
- 1873** *Bismarck banished the Redemptorists* from their seventeen foundations in *Germany*, accusing them of being unpatriotic despite the fact that they served as chaplains in the Franco-Prussian War and had turned their monasteries into hospitals. Confreres could remain in the country only on the condition that they leave the Congregation; the majority chose exile instead.
- 1950** **BROTHER NICHOLAS (HENRY) SOEBBING** died at the age of 69 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in Quincy, IL, June 1, 1881; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1937. He had a strong sense of duty and was a very conscientious worker. 12 years professed. Formerly buried at Mt. Saint Clement's College DeSoto, MO, moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO, when the Redemptorist moved.
- 1979** **REV. ANTHONY HUBER** died at the age of 82 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, October 29, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1918; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary,

Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1923. He taught in both the minor seminary and major seminary. He was the pioneer superior in Cooperstown, ND. 60 years professed; 55 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, move to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO, in 1988.

1980 **REV. JOSEPH EXPEDITE FLYNN**, died at the age of 87 while stationed at *Holy Rosary, Houma, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, September 21, 1892; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1915; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 4, 1920. He spent about a year in Fresno, CA, for health reasons and then taught for a short time at the Portland, OR, minor seminary in 1925. He claimed he helped win World War II as military chaplain; he was popular with soldiers and after the war, he became National Chaplain of the Catholic War Veterans. He served as both parish priest and missionary. Died at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. 64 years professed; 59 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.

1999 **REV. JAMES VANCE** died at the age of 88 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Green Bay, WI, October 18, 1910; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1930; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 28, 1935. He was first sent to study mathematics, but was recalled after six months to begin teaching biology and Latin at Kirkwood, MO. After three years, he was assigned to begin a postulancy and novitiate program for brothers at Glenview. He then became novice master for six years after which he was named Provincial Superior of the St. Louis Province (1950-55). He served as superior in Kansas City, MO and Omaha, NE. In 1972 he began an apostolate to the deaf that was to last for over twenty-five years. His firm jaw mirrored his single-minded approach to life. He had a droll humor that offset an interior scrupulosity. He passionately pursued his vocation and was totally dedicated to prayer and ministry. 68 years professed, 63 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JUNE 21

1861 *Foundation of St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*, was canonically established. The foundation had begun February 25. The need for German-speaking priests in Chicago, IL, led Bishop Duggan to offer the parish to the Redemptorists. Rev. Joseph Mueller was appointed to take charge. Previous offers of foundations in Illinois in 1849 and 1850 had been declined.

- 1955** **BROTHER FERDINAND HEING** died at the age of 69 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, February 26, 1886; professed at Kansas City, MO, February 10, 1909. He traveled the province for five years soliciting subscriptions to *The Liguorian*. 46 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1961** *The Novitiate for the Oakland Province at Bridal Veil, Oregon* began when the first postulants arrived in this new house on the scenic Columbia River Gorge Highway, east of Portland. The first class numbered eight clerical and four lay postulants. This foundation was closed in 1965.
- 1982** *A Convocation of the St. Louis Province* took place at *Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri*. Approximately three hundred fifteen Redemptorist priests, brothers, and associates gathered to give thanks for two hundred fifty years of Redemptorist life, one hundred fifty years in the U. S. It proved to be a true celebration of the C.Ss.R. family in the St. Louis Province.
- 1999** **BROTHER CHARLES (PAUL) BERGEVIN** died at the age of 86 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in St. Paul, MN, August 12, 1912; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1935. His family moved to Omaha, NE, when he was three and there he met the Redemptorists. He spent his life assisting in parishes, particularly in the sacristy and office. He went to Holy Name Parish, Omaha, NE, in 1967 and served there for thirty years before his health demanded he go to St. Clement's. A quiet, prayerful, "behind-the-scenes" confrere, he influenced many youngsters who were altar servers to consider Redemptorist life. He was a wry wit and a mean pinochle player. 63 years. professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 2002** **REV. FRANCIS J. RYAN** died at the age of 87 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Merrill, MI, May 13, 1915; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1939; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 22, 1944. Fr. Ryan began his priesthood teaching in the high school seminary at Kirkwood, MO, and being Novice Master for the Brothers at Glenview, IL. He was a parish priest in Omaha, NE, and superior in both McAlester, OK, and Lebanon, IN. In his later years, he went to study Spanish in Mexico. He used that knowledge well as the hospital Chaplain in Denver, CO. He was a man of deep spirituality and very strong opinions, which he was never afraid to speak. 62 years professed; 57 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JUNE 22

- 1925** *Holy Redeemer College, Oakland, CA:* Fathers Romer (superior), Father Edward Power, and Brother Frederick Ehinger moved onto the Heron estate in Oakland, CA, to begin the *first nonparochial establishment* of the Oakland Province, Holy Redeemer College. Minor seminary training had already begun in September, 1922, in the Holy Redeemer Rectory in Portland, OR. The school was a minor seminary for forty years, until this work was transferred to Santa Barbara, CA, in 1966, and was finally discontinued in 1978.
- 1966** **REV. MORRISON HISKEY** died at the age of 51 while stationed at *St. Joseph's, Denver, CO*. Born in Chicago, IL, April 12, 1917; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1949; ordained at Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1954. He worked as an undertaker before joining the Congregation. He was a kind, good-hearted individual with an ever-ready smile. Died of a heart attack in Idaho, 17 years professed; 12 years ordained. Buried in Moscow, ID, in the City Cemetery, (Catholic Section)

JUNE 23

- 1848** **VEN. JOSEPH PASSERAT** tendered his resignation as Vicar General of the Transalpine Congregation (1820-1848) to the Holy See and Rector Major Camillus Ripoli. His resignation was accepted by Father Ripoli on July 9, and by the Holy See on October 20.
- 1867** *The Miraculous Picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Rome*, was solemnly crowned by the dean of the Vatican Chapter. The coronation was preceded by a solemn public triduum and followed by another in thanksgiving.
- 1959** *The Novitiate for Brothers at Nongkhai, Thailand* was begun. Rev. Charles Cotant was the first novice master. For a while it remained inactive due to lack of candidates, but was reactivated on June 30, 1976—this time for clerical novices.

JUNE 24

- 1943** **REV. JOSEPH KLOFT** died at the age of 46 while stationed at *Coeur d'Alene, ID*. Born in St. Paul, OR, February 4, 1897; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 21, 1918; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1923. He worked mainly among the Spanish in Texas and California. He was rector in Coeur d'Alene, ID, where, while giving missions, he caught a severe

cold, which developed into tuberculosis. He was taken to Maryknoll Sanitarium in Monrovia, CA, and died there. 24 years professed; 19 years ordained. Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Mount Angel, OR.

1963 **BROTHER GEORGE McKEON** died at the age of 66 at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids*, MI. Born near Fenton, MI, September 28, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1926. He served in the U. S. Navy. He was influenced to join the Redemptorists from a mission he attended in Detroit, MI, in 1923. He was a humble and very capable religious, a perfect gentleman at all times. 36 years professed. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.

JUNE 25

1836 **ST. JOHN NEUMANN** was ordained to the priesthood in *New York*.

1933 **BROTHER CHARLES (LOUIS) SNIDER** died at the age of 81 at *St. Alphonsus, Fresno, CA*. Born in Chiavenna, Como, Italy, October 12, 1851; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1901. He studied to become a Salesian priest, but ill health canceled those plans. Because of his previous theological training, he was given permission to preach to the Italians in Fresno. 31 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Fresno, CA.

1940 **REV. ANTHONY THOMMES** died at the age of 49 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, March 2, 1891; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1915; ordained at Oconomowoc, WI, July 4, 1920. His hearing had been seriously impaired as a result of the influenza epidemic in the major seminary in 1918. Nevertheless, he served effectively as parish priest and missionary. He gave more than forty novenas and triduums in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. 24 years professed; 19 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

JUNE 26

1775 *Kingdom of Naples: St. Alphonsus resigns as Bishop* of St. Agatha of the Goths.

1930 **REV. HENRY WEBER** died at the age of 69 at *St. Michael's, Chicago IL*. Born in New Orleans, LA, May 11, 1861; professed at Kansas City, MO, September 8, 1881; ordained at Ilchester, MD, March 25, 1886. He was a minor seminarian at Chatawa, MS. He served as a parish priest, missionary, superior at Chicago, IL, and New Orleans, LA, and pioneer superior at Fresno, CA. He began

the Tuesday Perpetual Help Devotions at “Rock” Church, St. Louis, MO. He completed the upper church of St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL. He took part in the California missions of 1895-1900 and in the Northwest in 1905. 48 years professed; 44 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

1930 **REV. PETER MAAS** died at the age of 57 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Orsholz, Rhenish Prussia, Germany, December 19, 1872; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1900; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1905. He was a parish missionary and pioneer superior at Wichita, KS, 1920. Five of his sisters became Franciscans, one brother a diocesan priest, and another brother, Robert, became a Redemptorist coadjutor brother. 29 years professed; 25 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO. in 1988.

JUNE 27

1953 **MOST REV. LEONARD BUYS** died at *Innsbruck, Austria*, at the age of 56. Born in Sommelsdijk Holland, December 8, 1896; professed in 1916; ordained in 1922. During World War II, he worked with the underground in Holland. In 1947, he was elected superior general after having taught theology in Wittem. He established the Alphonsian Academy, the Redemptorist Historical Institute, and the *Spicilegium Historicum*. 37 years professed; 31 years ordained.

1989 **BROTHER RAYMOND (PHILIP) NEUBERT** died at the age of 80 at *Sacred Heart Parish, Seattle, WA*. Born in Mankato, MN, February 10, 1909; professed at DeSoto, MO, May 5, 1928. He became interested in the Redemptorists because of a mission. He was a saintly, steady man who filled in whatever duties came his way. On one appointment, the provincial gave his reason for the move: “the community is in desperate need of a brother—a specially mature and understanding brother, and that is why you were chosen.” He worked in seminaries in the Midwest and for nine years in the Davenport, IA, parish. From 1944 on, he served in parishes on the West Coast as sacristan and office manager. 61 years professed. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, WA.

2001 *Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky, C.Ss.R. and Companions* were beatified by Pope John Paul II. Along with Bishop Charnetsky (1884-1959) were beatified *Bishop Basil Velechkovsky, C.Ss.R. (1903-1973), Rev. Ivan Ziatyk, C.Ss.R. 1899-1952), and Rev. Zenon Kowalyk, C.Ss.R (1903-1941)*. These confreres of the Lviv Byzantine Vice-Province suffered under Nazi and Communist regimes in the

Ukraine. Their memorial is celebrated today on the anniversary of their beatification.

JUNE 28

- 1878** *The First Professions in the St. Louis Province* took place at *Chatawa, MS*. These professed were Brother Stanislaus (George) Grossmann, Brother Stephen (John) Costello, Brother Benedict (James) Coakley, and Brother Norbert (John) Blickham. They all persevered.
- 1931** **BROTHER LORENZO PICCOLO** died at the age of 47 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Frosinone, Veroli, Italy, June 24, 1884; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1911. He applied for admission into the Congregation at Rome in 1909. When he was advised of the need for brothers in America, he met the St. Louis Provincial, Thomas Brown, in Rome for the 1909 General Chapter, and was accepted into the Province. 19 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.
- 1939** **REV. JOHN HECKER** died at the age of 64 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, February 9, 1874; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1891; ordained there, December 18, 1896. He was a teacher in both the minor and major seminaries, novice master, parish priest, missionary, and local superior in Coeur d'Alene, ID. He donated one of the stained glass windows in Coeur d'Alene church in memory of his mother. He pioneered in the Mexican community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in San Antonio, TX, where he organized catechistical centers at the mission stations and outlying districts of the parish. 47 years professed; 42 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO in 1988.
- 1946** **BROTHER THOMAS (JOHN) WILLIAMS** died at the age of 63 at *St. Alphonsus, Livermore, CA*. Born in Bay Bulls, Newfoundland, Canada, February 10, 1883; professed at Kansas City, MO, February 15, 1914. He spent all of his active life on the West Coast. He served as a cook for sixteen years in Seattle, WA. He was very quiet and retiring, but faithful to his duties. 32 years professed. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (Sacred Heart Section), Hayward, CA, (Near Oakland, CA)
- 1971** **REV. THOMAS BYRNE** died at the age of 86 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in St. Louis, MO, December 20, 1884;

professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1906; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1911. He was parish priest before serving as a chaplain in World War I, where he saw action in France in 1918. He had a rather strong personality. He suffered a stroke in his last years that greatly disabled him. 64 years professed; 60 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO, in 1988.

1985 **BROTHER RICHARD (LEO) CHARBONEAU** died at the age of 59 while stationed at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Detroit, MO, May 26, 1926; professed at Glenview, IL, October 16, 1943. He served in several parishes in the Midwest, especially in office work for which he had a special talent. His balanced approach to life made him beloved in parish and community. He gave of himself completely to whatever was asked of him. He loved prayer, people, cards, and the Detroit Tigers. He spent his last years in a wheel chair because of a severe muscular disorder from which he had suffered over thirty years. Died in Oconomowoc, WI, Memorial Hospital. 41 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

JUNE 29

1850 *The American Province* was established. Rev. Bernard Hafkenscheid was appointed first superior.

1927 **REV. JOHN GIMBEL** died at the age of 27 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Davenport, IA, February 25, 1900; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1921; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1926. He accidentally drowned in Lac la Belle, Oconomowoc, WI. Funeral services were held in his home parish, St. Anthony's, Davenport, IA, almost one year to the day that he celebrated his first Mass. 5 years professed; ordained less than a year. Buried in Holy Family Cemetery, Davenport, IA.

1931 **REV. AUGUSTINE AHLERT** died at the age of 78 while stationed at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*. Born in Wittlich, Germany, July 28, 1852; professed at Tavigny, Belgium, October 23, 1873; ordained at Luxemburg, August 3, 1879. He volunteered for America in 1885; his first assignment was to St. Michael, Chicago, IL. In the following years, he served as a teacher in the minor and major seminaries, rector, and novice master for about fifteen years. During his time as novice master, there were eighty-three clerics and twenty-seven brothers professed. 57 years professed; 51 years ordained. Originally buried in the

Cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1944 **REV. FRANCIS X. KUHN** died at the age of 65 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Grunau, West Prussia, Germany, December 3, 1878; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1897; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1902. He came to America as a child. He was rector, a teacher at the Kirkwood, MO, minor seminary, and pioneer in the minor seminary at Oakland, CA. He worked in the Chapel Car *St. Paul* in the South from 1916-1919. He served as a parish priest and missionary in Seattle where he was appointed rector. He was chaplain of Fairmont Hospital, Oakland, CA, and also served in Livermore, CA. He was a fine missionary. Cancer plagued him in his last years, causing him to bear his cross with remarkable courage and resignation. 46 years professed; 42 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

JUNE 30

1744 **BLESSED GENNARO SARNELLI** died at the age of 41 in *Naples*. Born in Naples, September 12, 1702; ordained July 18, 1732 for the Diocese of Naples. He joined St. Alphonsus in 1733 and made profession at the first general gathering in May 1743. He was an apostle among the outcast and prostitutes in Naples. He also published a number of works aimed at the spiritual renewal of society. St. Alphonsus wrote his biography in 1752. He was declared Venerable on December 2, 1906, by Pope St. Pius X. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 12, 1996.

1884 **REV. ANTHONY KONINGS** died at **Ilchester, MD**. He published a well-known text on moral theology that was prepared for the clergy in America. It was first published in Boston, MA, in 1874 and went through seven editions (two posthumous).

1901 **BROTHER LEONARD KRAFT** died at the age of 43 at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*. Born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, October 8, 1857; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1899. After he came to America, he worked for a time for the Alexian Brothers. He was a man of strong faith. He spent all his free time in spiritual exercises. In his humility, he never spoke of himself, satisfied just to be of service to his confreres. 1 year professed. Originally buried in the Cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO., when the Redemptorists moved to Edgerton, WI.

- 1958** ***The Pastoral Year Program (Tirocinium Pastorale)*** was begun at ***St. Alphonsus, (Rock Church) St. Louis*** for the St. Louis Province. Its purpose was to complete the priestly, religious, and apostolic formation of young priests, and to serve as a preparation for the preaching apostolate. Some members of the Oakland Province also participated in various years. Rev. John Treinen was the first director. The program was discontinued in 1971.
- 2005** ***The Seelos House*** in A. Hangdong, Chiang Mai, Thailand was erected. The first rector was Fr. Joseph Suksawat, C.Ss.R. It was established as a mission community for the Redemptorists to use as a base for their work in the several surrounding mountain communities.