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- 1850** **REV. RUDOLPH VON SMETANA** was appointed Transalpine Vicar General for six years. He established his residence in *Coblenz*.
- 1922** *First Lay Closed Retreats in the St. Louis Province* were preached at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*, by Rev. Joseph Gunn, July 1-3 and 7-9. They were discontinued but resumed in 1924, when lay retreats were preached at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. A permanent program of lay retreats was begun at Glenview, IL, in 1941.
- 1950** **REV. EDWARD MATTINGLY** died at the age of 78 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Mount Savage, MD, January 1, 1872; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1900; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1905. He served on the Chapel Car *St. Paul* in Mississippi in 1917. He was rector at Davenport, IA and Whittier, CA. A powerful missionary with a distinguished appearance, he was noted throughout his life for his great love of the poor. 49 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.
- 1955** *San Leandro, CA*: The new parish of *St. Alphonsus* was opened; the parish includes Fairmont (Alameda County) Hospital, which the Redemptorists had served from Holy Redeemer College in Oakland, CA, since 1930. The first superior and pastor was Father Raymond Troik. The parish was returned to the diocese in 1983.
- 1962** *The Foundation of St. Leo, Versailles, KY*, was canonically established. Rev. Joseph Steffes was the first superior. It was given back to the diocese on January 6, 1982.
- 1983** *The Foundation of Our Lady of Peace, Greeley, CO*, was begun. The parish had been established in 1948 as a parish for Hispanics with three mission stations attached: St. Mary's in Ault, Sacred Heart in Gilcrest, and St. Michael's in Eaton. The foundation is located in the Denver Archdiocese; Rev. Gary Lauenstein was the first superior.
- 1984** *St. William's Parish, Ft. Lupton, CO*. The Redemptorists took up residence at the parish with two mission stations attached. Ft. Lupton was a residence attached to the Greeley house. It was returned to the Archdiocese of Denver in July 1997.

1985 *Liguori House, San Antonio, TX*, was begun. It was created as a residence for students of the New Orleans Vice-Province who would attend St. Mary's University and the Oblate School of Theology.

2001 *The Hispanic Mission Project* was begun in *Liberal, KS*. This community was founded as a team for the evangelization primarily of Hispanic migrants in the diocese of Dodge City. The community was composed of four priests, Anthony Judge (superior), John Fahey-Guerra, Michael McAndrew, and Patrick Keyes. The purpose was to develop a form of limited-time service to the diocese that would prepare it for meeting the needs of these people on its own. The community took up residence at St. Anthony Parish with Patrick Keyes as pastor. John Fahey-Guerra was Director of the Hispanic Office for the diocese, and Michael McAndrew led mobile missionary work.

JULY 2

1841 *The Congregation was Divided into the Six Original Provinces at Rome*, by Pope Gregory XVI through his decree *Prebyterorum Saecularium*. Rome, Sicily-Calabria, France-Switzerland, Naples, Austria, and Belgium were the six units. At this time, the American foundations were attached to the Austrian Province. The *Province of Sicily* was merged into the Province of Naples in 1995.

1925 **REV. FRANCIS BERG** died at the age of 39 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Milwaukee, WI, September 4, 1885; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1913; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, May 9, 1918. An attack of typhoid fever contracted in the minor seminary induced a heart condition that eventually claimed his life. Although he was never able to engage in the active ministry, he continued his studies in hopes of doing so. 11 years professed; 7 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO, in 1988.

JULY 3

1905 **REV. JOSEPH NIERMANN** died at the age of 42, while stationed at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, November 4, 1862; professed at Kansas City, MO, September 8, 1881; ordained at Ilchester, MD, March 25, 1886. He was one of the minor seminarians at

Chatawa, MS. He was provincial procurator of the St. Louis Province and a teacher in the minor seminary. A fine missionary, he preached equally well in German and English. He was stationed in Seattle with the first men from the St. Louis Province in 1898. A cold contracted while giving a mission in St. Louis, MO, led to his untimely death. 23 years professed; 19 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.

1955 **REV. JAMES THEIS** died at the age of 72 at *St. Michael, Chicago, IL*. Born in Chicago, IL, April 9, 1883; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1903; ordained at St. Louis, MO, May 20, 1908. He was the first child baptized at St. Alphonsus Church, Chicago, IL, to become a Redemptorist. He was a missionary most of his life, preaching mainly in German. His last mission was given one year before his death. He was rector in DeSoto, IL. 51 years professed; 47 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

1956 **REV. EDWARD POWER** died at the age of 78 at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA*. Born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada on March 18, 1887; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1899; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 24, 1904. He worked most of his Redemptorist life in the Seattle, WA, and Portland, OR, communities as a missionary, parish priest, and superior. 56 years professed, 52 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Sacred Heart Section, Hayward, CA, (Near Oakland, CA)

1992 **REV. GEORGE LIESVELD** died at the age of 69 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, October 18, 1922; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January ;6, 1949. He served as *socius*, counselor, and teacher of English and Latin at the Kirkwood, MO, and Edgerton, WI, minor seminaries. In 1969 was among the first elected to the Ordinary Provincial Council of the St. Louis Province. He was always gentle and generous in his many years as a parish priest. 48 years professed; 43 years ordained. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.

JULY 4

1783 **REV. FRANCIS DE PAOLA** succeeded in obtaining a decree at *Rome* from Pope Pius VI which declared him "president for life" of the Redemptorists in the Papal States.

- 1847 **BROTHER GABRIEL (JOSEPH) BAYER** died at *Baltimore, MD*. He was the first Redemptorist to die in America.
- 1988 *The Second Convocation of the Oakland Province* was held at *Palisades Retreat, Federal Way, WA*. The convocation had the power of a chapter and it dealt with the future of the province and its communities. It concluded on July 15.
- 2002 **REV. CLEMENT MONROE** died at the age of 75 at *Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA*. Born in Oconomowoc, WI, August 4, 1926; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1948; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1953. Father Clem is the older brother of Fr. Ed Monroe. Clem's first assignment was to be a parish priest at OLPH in Kansas City, MO. After that assignment, Clem sought the warmer climates of the south and worked throughout the south in our parishes for the remainder of his life. He was the local superior twice in Crowley, LA, and also local superior in Versailles, KY, and Okmulgee, OK. The last fifteen years of his life, he served as a hospital Chaplain. He died of the west niles virus at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, LA. Clem was a true gentleman. He was always soft spoken, kind, and gentle. He personified Christ the good shepherd. 53 years professed; 49 years ordained. Buried in St. Jerome's Parish Cemetery in the family plot in Oconomowoc, WI.

JULY 5

- 1831 *The Sacred Penitentiary* in *Rome* declared that any moral opinion of St. Alphonsus is safe to follow.
- 1890 *St. Alphonsus Parish, Portland, OR*, was begun. It was the first Redemptorist foundation on the West Coast. Invited by Archbishop Gross, C.Ss.R., the Baltimore Province sent men to staff the new foundation in southwest Portland, OR. Because of the lack of people in the area, the community moved to Sacred Heart in Seattle, WA, the following May.
- 1929 **REV. PETER GEIERMANN** died at the age of 59 at *St. Alphonsus, Davenport, IA*. Born in Stony Creek, MI, January 9, 1870; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1892; ordained at Kansas City, MO, October 28, 1896. While still a minor seminarian, he taught mathematics in the seminary. He was a parish priest, missionary, author, and translator. He was stationed in

Fresno for three years. He published more than twenty works including the three-volume *Annals of the St. Louis Province (1875-1922)*. 36 years professed; 32 years ordained. Buried in Holy Family Cemetery, Davenport, IA.

JULY 6

- 1918** **BROTHER NORBERT (JOHN) BLICKHAM** died at the age of 72 while stationed at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Hesse, Germany, February 8, 1846; professed at Chatawa, MS, June 28, 1878. He came to the U. S. at an early age and learned the tinsmith trade. He had a friendly disposition and a sense of humor which made him a welcome addition to the community. 40 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1967** *Cristo Redentor Parish, San Luis, Brazil*, was canonically established; it was situated in San Luis Diocese in the State of Maranhao. It was begun on August 18, 1966. Rev. Thomas Morrissy was the first superior. The Redemptorists left it on November 18, 1975.
- 1971** **REV. LAWRENCE SKINNER** died at the age of 85 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Canton, MO, May 13, 1886; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1906; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1911. He was a parish priest for most of his Redemptorist life except for seven years as a teacher in the seminaries; he spent a short time in Seattle, WA, and Fresno, CA. He served as rector at Davenport, IA. He was author of *Redemptorists in the West (1932)*. 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.
- 1995** **REV. THOMAS WILLIAM MURPHY**, bishop emeritus of Juazerio, Bahia, Brazil, died at the age of 77 at *St. Mary's Health Center, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Omaha, NE, December 10, 1917; professed in DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1938; ordained priest at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1943; ordained bishop by Archbishop Gerald Bergan of Omaha in Holy Name Church, Omaha, NE, January 2, 1963. He was the first member of the St. Louis Province to be named a bishop. He went to Brazil in 1945 and served in Manaus and Manacapuru. He was Vice-Provincial of the Manaus Vice-Province for two terms. Returning to the states in 1959, he was stationed a Liguori Mission House, Liguori, MO, before being named rector of the minor

seminary at Edgerton, WI, where he received news of his nomination to lead the Diocese of Juazeiro. In 1973, he resigned the See due to ill health, and was appointed an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of São Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, where he continued to serve actively until he was forced to return to the U. S. in 1994 because of deteriorating health. He is remembered for his sanctity, dedication to the poor, and leadership qualities. His wry sense of humor never left him. 56 years professed; 52 years ordained; 32 years ordained as bishop. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JULY 7

- 1926** **REV. JOHN HENRY SCHAGEMANN** died at the age of 81 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in Baltimore, MD, June 25, 1845; professed at Cumberland, MD, October 26, 1862; ordained at Ilchester, MD, March 30, 1872. He was a noted missionary, novice master of the second novitiate, and local superior. He was the author of several small works. He preferred to be known as "Father Henry." 63 years professed, 54 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at Mount St. Clement's College in DeSoto, MO. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery in Liguori, MO when the Redemptorists left DeSoto.
- 2001** **REV. JAMES HIGGINS**, died at the age of 89 at *St. Clement Heath Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Kansas City, MO, March 27, 1912; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1932; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1937. After graduate work in history at The Catholic University of America, he taught for a total of ten years at Kirkwood, MO, and Oconomowoc, WI. He was a Chaplain during World War II. He served as a parish priest in several cities, and was pastor at St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church, St. Louis, MO, in 1945 when he ended segregation in the parish, leading a procession of the African American Catholics from St. Clement's Chapel into Rock Church itself. In 1968 he joined the staff of *The Liguorian*, and soon began his monthly column, "Sounding Off," which usually dealt with social justice issues. He retired in 2000 because of failing health. A true Christian gentleman with a quiet wit, he knew how to blend respect for persons with a solid defense of human rights. He was a greatly admired confrere. 68 years professed; 64 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JULY 8

- 1977** **REV. RAYMOND KALTER** died at the age of 78 at *St. Joseph's, Wichita, KS*. Born in Chicago, IL, April 18, 1899; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1925; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1930. He attended the Guardian Angel Orphanage for seven years. He devoted himself to the apostolate of the deaf in Detroit, MI, and St. Louis, MO. When ill health forced him to give up this work, he devoted himself to parish ministry. 51 years professed; 47 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1985** **REV. DONALD CONNOR** died at the age of 68 while stationed at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Omaha, NE, February 1, 1917; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1938; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1943. He was rector, Vice-Provincial Consultor, and an effective parish priest most of his active life. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in 1964 which disabled him but never robbed him of his pleasant smile. He died at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. 46 years professed; 42 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 2004** **REV. PASCHAL DRIECI** died at the age of 86 Fresno, CA. Born in Chicago Heights, IL, February 8, 1918; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1939; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 22, 1944. Father Paschal Drieci was affectionately known as "Pat" by his confreres. He served as a parish priest in Fresno, CA, Portland, OR, and Great Falls, MT. He was known for his honesty, fairness, and down-to-earth answers to the problems that came his way. He served one term on the EPC. Pat struggled with health issues for most of his priesthood and this required him to be close to his doctors in Fresno. He died in Fresno, CA, on July 8, 2004 and is 65 years professed; 60 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist plot at Holy Cross Cemetery in Fresno, CA.

JULY 9

- 1848** **VEN. JOSEPH PASSERAT** resigned as Transalpine Vicar General because of his advanced age and the effects of the Austrian revolution.

JULY 10

- 1987** **REV. THEODORE (TIM) HERRON** died at the age of 67 while stationed at *Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Beardstown, IL, February 28, 1920; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1941; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1946. His active ministry was devoted exclusively to the preaching apostolate. He gave over five hundred missions besides numerous retreats, novenas, and other works. Each summer for sixteen years he assisted in the Cheyenne Diocese and endeared himself to the clergy at Wyoming. An automobile accident in 1986 contributed to health problems that led to his death in Cheyenne, WY. 45 years professed; 41 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori MO.

JULY 11

- 1762** *Kingdom of Naples: ST. ALPHONSUS* entered his diocese and formally took possession of the Cathedral of St. Agatha of the Goths.
- 1922** *The Tuesday Devotions in Honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help at St. Alphonsus Church, St. Louis* were inaugurated.
- 1943** *Departure Ceremony for the Pioneers of the Brazilian Mission* was held at *St. Alphonsus (Rock) Church, St. Louis, MO*. Codajaz and Coari were the first foundations accepted. Father Andrew Joerger, a member of the Vice-Province of Oakland, was the first superior, and was accompanied by Fathers John McCormick, Joseph Elworthy, James Martin, Joseph Buhler, and Brother Cornelius Ryan
- 1958** **REV. RAYMOND SCHEUERMANN** died at the age of 31 at *Nossa Senhora das Graças, Codajaz, Brazil*. Born in New Orleans, LA, February 21, 1927; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1948; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1953. He was the first Redemptorist from the St. Louis Province to die in the foreign missions. He drowned in the Amazon River. He was a quiet, unassuming man, fulfilling his service to the people up and down the river as priest, teacher, and doctor. 9 years professed; 5 years ordained. Originally buried at Currallinho in 1958 close to where he died in the Amazon River. Moved to the Seminary at Belem in 1963. Final resting place in the Sanctuary Wall/Church of Codajas, 11/02/73.

1968 **CLERICAL STUDENT JOSEPH ANDRE** died at the age of 23 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, March 10, 1945; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1966. He was killed in an automobile accident near Oconomowoc, WI, while returning from catechetical work among the Spanish-speaking migrant workers. Almost two years professed. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.

JULY 12

1881 **REV. BENEDICT ROTHENHAEUSLER** died at the age of 43 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Egesheim, Wuerttemberg, March 21, 1838; professed in Europe, July 15, 1865; ordained in Europe, August 10, 1861. He came to America as a result of an invitation of the St. Louis provincial, Father Jaeckel, in October, 1880, where he worked for only nine months. 16 years professed; 19 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

1978 **REV. JOHN GRABOWSKI** died at the age of 61 at *Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA*. Born in Chicago, IL, October 11, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1948. He earned a Master's Degree in Education and Biology and taught biology and physics at Oakland, CA, from 1950 until the seminary closed in 1966. He worked in the retreat movement in Tucson, AZ, and Tacoma, WA, and was head of the Cursillo movement in the Seattle Archdiocese. He was superior of Tucson, AZ, but resigned for health reasons. 34 years professed; 30 years ordained. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, WA.

JULY 13

1893 **REV. NICHOLAS MAURON** died at the age of 75 in *Rome*. Born in Sylvester, Freiburg, Switzerland, in January 7, 1818; professed in 1837; ordained in 1841. He was elected superior general and rector major during the General Chapter IX at the age of thirty-seven. His term in office lasted thirty-eight years. He erected the St. Louis Province on November 9, 1875. Pope Leo XIII said of him: "Those whom I consult usually ask for time to consider; Father Mauron always asks for time to pray." 56 years professed; 52 years ordained.

1977 **THE REDEMPTORIST MISSION TEAM II** which was established at the Provincial Chapter Meeting in April 1977 for the "revitalization of the

preaching apostolate” began its work at St. Alphonsus Parish in Chicago, IL. The original Mission Team II was made up of Frs. Tom Danielson, William Bolin and Ed Monroe.

1978 **REV. GERARD BREITENBECK** died at the age of 68 at *Liguori Mission House*, Liguori, MO. Born in Detroit, MI, July 12, 1910; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1932; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1937. During his priestly life, he served as parish priest, rector, parish missionary, and business manager of *The Liguorian* magazine. He was very interested in work for handicapped and retarded children, writing many articles and books for their guidance. He was a truly dedicated man, a tremendously hard worker noted for his deep spirituality. 45 years professed; 41 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JULY 14

1982 **REV. JOHN BUTTIMER** died at the age of 79 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, August 26, 1902; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1925; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1930. He divided his active life between the parish and the missions. He worked for a time for the African American community in St. Louis, MO. He was superior in Denver, CO, and New Orleans, LA. He was a kind and generous man. 56 years professed; 52 years ordained. Originally buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO, in 1988.

2002 **BROTHER OLIVER KOEHLER** died at the age of 86 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Manchester, OK, May 23, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, May 18, 1933. Brother Oliver spent a majority of his life working in the parishes and retreat houses of the Oakland Province. He was especially fond of his work in Fresno, CA, Palisades Retreat House, Federal Way, WA; Coeur d’Alene, ID, Portland, OR, and Whittier, CA. When Saint Clement’s Health Care Center first opened, Oliver volunteered to come and be a part of the staff. In 1995, Oliver returned to Portland and spent the remainder of his days there. He was a man of prayer and hard work. He was generous, always seeking the good of others over his own good. 69 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JULY 15

- 1755 *The Moral Theology* was published by St. Alphonsus in the *Kingdom of Naples*.
- 1899 **REV. WILLIAM LOEWKAMP** died at the age of 61 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Hunteburg, Hanover, Germany, October 15, 1837; came to the U. S. in 1851; professed at Annapolis, MD, October 15, 1856; ordained there, March 21, 1863. He was provincial of the St. Louis Province from 1884-1893; he established the minor seminary at Kirkwood, MO. He died as superior of the “Rock” Church. 42 years professed; 36 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at St. Joseph’s College, Kirkwood, MO. Moved to the Redemptorists Cemetery, Liguori, MO. One of 12 Provincials buried at Liguori, MO. His brother, Br. Francis (Giles) Loewekamp is buried at Liguori. Brother Francis Loewekamp was originally buried in the Rock Church Garden, than move the the cemetery at St. Joseph’s College, Kirkwood, MO, and finally at Liguori, MO.
- 1954 **REV. ALPHONSE HOCHARD** died at the age of 82 while stationed at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Velring, Metz, France; professed at Stratum, Holland, September 8, 1893; ordained at Meaux, France, June 29, 1899. During persecution in France, he was forced into exile in 1903, came to the St. Louis Province, and was appointed to St. Michael’s, Chicago, IL. Fluent in French and German, he became a respected mission preacher, moving to St. Mary’s, New Orleans, LA, in 1906. He also served as a parish priest in Couer d’Alene, ID, Perpetual Help (San Antonio, TX), and Detroit, MI. He was a talented wood carver and ardent stamp collector. A loved community member, he was always referred to as “Père Houchard.” It is said that, in a homily for Trinity Sunday, his less than perfect command of English led him to say, “St. Augustine and St. Thomas could not explain the Trinity. But today I will explain it for you.” Memory loss prevented his offering Mass in his last years which were spent in DeSoto, MO. 60 years professed; 55 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.
- 1955 **REV. EDWARD DOCKERY** died at the age 72 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, December 2, 1882; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1902; ordained at St. Louis, MO, July 3, 1907. He served in Coeur d’Alene, ID, from 1930-1933. He was a parish associate all his priestly life. A sincere and childlike man, he was once described as an “Israelite without guile. 52 years professed; 48 years

ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

- 1963** **REV. RALPH MICHAELS** died at the age of 61 at *St. Joseph's, Wichita, KS*. Born in Kansas City, MO, December 20, 1901; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1922; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 12, 1927. He worked among the Portuguese in Fresno, CA. Parish Priest at St. Alphonsus Parish, Grand Rapids, MI. He was especially devoted to the sick in the parishes to which he was assigned. He died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. 40 years professed; 36 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.
- 1975** **REV. JOHN SCHNEIDER** died at the age of 81 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, October 31, 1893; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1915; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 4, 1920. He was a parish priest all his life and was greatly devoted to the sick and shut-ins. 59 years professed; 55 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO. in 1988
- 1980** *The Redemptorist Community* was formally established at *St. Henry's Seminary, Belleville, IL*, as part of the minor seminary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Rev. Gilbert Enderle was the first superior. On May 25, 1984, the Redemptorist seminarians were transferred to Holy Name Diocesan Seminary in Madison, WI.

JULY 16

- 1752** **ST. GERARD MAJELLA** professed his vows as a Redemptorist in *Iliceto*.
- 1951** **REV. FRANCIS FITZGERALD** died at the age of 72 at *Holy Redeemer, Portland, OR*. Born in St. Louis, MO, November 28, 1878; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1915; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 4, 1920. He served as paymaster on B&O Railroad before entering the Congregation. He had a great devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and was in charge of devotions in Portland, OR. He died suddenly during a meal. 35 years professed; 31 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JULY 17

- 1775 *Kingdom of Naples:* **ST. ALPHONSUS'** resignation of his bishopric was accepted.
- 1894 **BROTHER SEBASTIAN BLEYER** died at the age of 65 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in Tiefmatten, Alasce-Lorraine, November 18, 1826; professed at Annapolis, MD, April 3, 1857. He was cook at Chatawa, MS, when the St. Louis Province was erected and also served in that capacity in many communities of the province. He was a man of profound faith and love for the Congregation. 37 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.
- 1915 **REV. JOSEPH ESSING** died at the age of 77 at *St. Alphonsus, Chicago, IL*. He was born in Coesfield, Westphalia, Germany, November 26, 1837; professed at Maria-Hamicolt, Germany, October 4, 1861; ordained at Muenster, Germany, August 15, 1865. Bismarck's *Kulturkamp* forced him to leave Germany in 1873 for the U. S. He was St. Louis Provincial Consultor, parish missionary, retreat master, and director of second novitiate. He was considered a founder of St. Alphonsus Parish, Chicago, IL. 53 years professed; 49 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

JULY 18

- 1983 **REV. FRANKLIN N. KARP** died at the age of 79 at *St. Gerard's, Great Falls, MT*. Born in Sauk Centre, MN, June 1, 1904; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1927; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1932. He was a parish priest, missionary in the Midwest and West Coast, and served as Army Chaplain in World War II. He organized the Gerardian and Liguorian Youth Clubs in Portland, OR, in the forties. He served in Great Fall, MT, as pastor and oversaw the building of the school. He was pastor in Whittier, CA, until he had to resign due to poor health. He was talented in music and photography. He was a popular confessor. 56 years professed; 51 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO, in 1988
- 1996 **REV. PAUL TONG** died at the age of 74 while stationed at the Retirement Center, *Biloxi, MS*. Born in Arcadia, MO, October 1, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1942; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary,

Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. Died at St. Clement Health Care Center in Liguori, MO. His first assignment was to Brazil where he served for many years. He returned to the States for several years, after which he was called back to the Vice-Province of Manaus and elected Vice-Provincial of the Vice-Province of Manaus, Brazil. After two terms he returned to the States and served as rector/director at the Retreat House in Clinton, IA, and superior/director of Villa Christi Retreat Center, Wichita, KS and Prefect of students in Esopus, NY and Superior at the Health Care Center in Oconomowoc, WI. He served as the first rector of St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO. 53 years professed; 48 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JULY 19

1953 **REV. HENRY ASCHOFF** died at the age of 75 while stationed at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, December 5, 1877; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1897; ordained at St. Louis, MO, June 28, 1902. He was rector in Portland, OR, and Livermore, CA. Much of his later years were spent assisting in various parishes throughout the Midwest. 55 years professed; 51 years ordained. Originally buried at the cemetery at Mt. St. Clement College, DeSoto, MO. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1985 **REV. ROBERT ELLIOTT** died at the age of 75 at *Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA*. Born April 13, 1910; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1931; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1936. He taught in the minor seminary in Oakland, CA, after his ordination until 1950, the last five years of which he was superior and director. In 1952, he was appointed the first Provincial of the Oakland Province and held office for six years. He was Consultor General in Rome (1963-1967). His ministry extended to Coeur d'Alene, ID, Portland, OR, and Seattle, WA. He was known to be a perfect gentleman, a very kind but firm person. 54 years professed; 47 years ordained. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, WA.

JULY 20

1937 **BROTHER ALOYSIUS (JOSEPH) JACKSA** died at the age of 62 at *St. Alphonsus, Fresno, CA*. Born in Semec, Austria, March 20, 1865; professed at Kirkwood, MO, February 19, 1899. He served for twenty-five years as sacristan, porter, and cook in several communities of the Midwest. He then

was assigned to the Oakland Vice-Province and stationed in Coeur d'Alene, ID, and Fresno, CA. 38 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Fresno, CA.

1939 **REV. JOHN COLL** died at the age of 39 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis*. Born in Altman, Colorado, April 23, 1900; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1922; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 12, 1927. He was a teacher in the minor seminary, missionary, and parish priest. He was an example to his confreres of a totally dedicated priest for the few years of his active ministry. 16 years professed; 12 years ordained. Originally buried in the cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JULY 21

1740 **ST. ALPHONSUS** and eight of his companions *made their vows* at *Ciorani* before Monsignor Thomas Falcoia to persevere in the Congregation until death. Before that time, the only bond of union was that of charity and the common life. St. Alphonsus was acknowledged as superior. Monsignor Falcoia, in accepting the vows, signed himself as "Director" of the Congregation.

1966 **REV. DONALD CORRIGAN** died at the age of 61 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in Tawas City, MI, April 8, 1905; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1925; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1930. He was a teacher in the minor seminary for twenty-six years. He was also dedicated in the service of the African Americans in the St. Louis, MO, area. 40 years professed; 36 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

1980 *Majella House*, the college house for the Oakland Province, was officially begun in *San Francisco, CA*. Father James Garcia and student Ron Seidl were the first occupants on June 8. The house needed extensive repair which was completed during the fall of the year. The first community consisted of Fathers James Garcia (superior), Harry Kehrwald, Ray Maiser, and eight students.

JULY 22

1949 *The Foundation of Nossa Senhora de Perpetuo Socorro, Belem* was canonically established; it had begun on August 2, 1947. It was situated in the

Belem Archdiocese in the State of Para. Rev. Norman Muckerman was the first superior. The community withdrew on September 25, 1975. It was taken over by the Porto Alegre Province on June 24, 1984.

1988 **BROTHER BONAVENTURE (CLEMENT) KLOSER** died at the age of 93 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Guttenberg, IA, February 25, 1895; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1919. He quietly served in many communities of the St. Louis Province. Fearful of illness, he was seldom, if ever, seen without his skull cap. He is remembered as a man of prayer. 69 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL. His brother, Brother Adolph (Bonaventure) Kloser is buried there too.

1992 **REV. WILLIAM NORTON** died at the age of 70 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, March 22, 1922; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1944; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1949. Most of his life was spent as a parish priest both in the St. Louis Province and the New Orleans Vice-Province. He also served as a full-time chaplain at the Glenview, IL, Naval Base. 47 years professed; 43 years ordained. Buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

JULY 23

1911 *The Foundation of the Immaculate Conception, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin* was begun. It was designated as the major seminary of the St. Louis Province. Previously known as the Eckels Estate, it was purchased on May 23, 1910 and dedicated on August 2, 1911. Although it was called Our Lady of the Lake, the official title was always Immaculate Conception. The first ordination there took place on July 2, 1912. The first superior was Rev. Francis X. Miller. It ceased as a major seminary in 1968, and became the provincial novitiate on September 1, 1968, with Rev. Albert Babin as novice master. The Baltimore Province joined this novitiate in 1973 and the Oakland Province was also part of the novitiate program. The novitiate was transferred to Ferguson, MO, in 1987. The foundation also served as the provincial health care center from 1968 until the fall of 1988. The foundation was closed on October 8, 1988.

JULY 24

JULY 25

- 1888** *The Foundation of St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO*, was begun. It was originally called "Windsor Springs." Rev. Nicholas Jaeckel was the first superior. It served as a novitiate from 1890-1896 and as a minor seminary from 1888-1959. The foundation was suppressed on October 1, 1959.
- 1950** **REV. HENRY SCHUTTEN** died at the age of 74 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, July 25, 1876; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1898; ordained there on June 19, 1903. He was a teacher in the minor seminary and a pioneer superior at San Antonio, TX. He was superior in Coeur d'Alene, ID, and Seattle, WA, and named the second Vice-Provincial of the Portland Vice-Province, 1926-1933. He moved the Vice-Provincial residence from Portland, OR, to Oakland, CA, and changed the province name to Oakland. He was known among the older confreres as one of the three wise men because of his yearly visit to New Orleans around January 6. He was much loved and respected as a superior. About twenty years after his ordination he lost his preaching voice but not his good humor. 51 years professed; 47 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 1973** **BISHOP ALOYSIUS J. WILLINGER, C.Ss.R.**, died at the age of 87 at *Fresno, CA*. Ordained July 2, 1911, in the Baltimore Province, he was consecrated Bishop of Ponce, Puerto Rico on October 28, 1929, and transferred to Fresno, CA, in 1946 as coadjutor. He became Bishop of Monterey-Fresno on January 3, 1953; he resigned on October 25, 1967.
- 1987** **REV. MARK VAN GORP** died at the age of 80 at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, May 15, 1907; professed at DeSoto, MO, ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1934. He was a parish priest and missionary and, in his later years, he assisted in diocesan parishes. During World War II, he served as chaplain in the Army from 1942-1946. At the time of his death, he was serving as chaplain at St. Anne's Retirement Home, Grand Rapids, MI. 57 years professed; 53 years ordained. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1987** *The Novitiate of the St. Louis Province* was transferred from Oconomowoc to *Ferguson, Missouri* and canonically established. The program began on August 1 with Rev. Gilbert Enderle as the novice master and first superior.

JULY 26

- 1840** *St. John's Church, Baltimore* was confided by Archbishop Samuel Eccleston to Rev. Joseph Prost and his Redemptorist confreres who took possession on August 1, 1840. Along with the church came the care of the German-speaking people in the archdiocese. The congregation was moved to St. James' Church in 1841. The news that we had this foundation was enough motivation for Ven. Joseph Passerat not to recall the Redemptorists from America which he was on the verge of doing.
- 1936** **REV. JOHN MUEHLSIEPEN** died at the age of 70 while stationed at *Perpetual Help, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Saan, Prussia, September 3, 1865; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1891; ordained at Kansas City, MO, October 28, 1896. He fostered many vocations to the priesthood and religious life. He organized the Spanish-speaking parish of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in San Antonio, TX, in 1913, and later built the church and school there. He was an active missionary for twenty-two years. He was confined to Santa Rosa Hospital, San Antonio, TX, for the last fifteen years of his life, a victim of paralysis. 44 years professed; 39 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, San Antonio, TX
- 1993** **BRO. RICHARD MARAZITI** died at the age of 41 at *St. Alphonsus, (Rock) St. Louis, MO*. Born in Salem, March 26, 1952; professed at St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church, St. Louis, MO, August 4, 1990. In October of 1990 he was diagnosed as being HIV-positive, which later developed into AIDS. He ministered to people living with AIDS up to the time of his death. Almost three years professed. (Cremated, his ashes thrown into the Atlantic Ocean just off Rhode Island)

JULY 27

- 1955** **BROTHER ALPHONSUS (CHARLES) VOGL** died at the age of 73 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO*. Born in Ruth, MI, September 20, 1881; professed at DeSoto, MO, April 15, 1918. He was affectionately known among his confreres as "Brother Red." He was a fine cook, known especially for his apple pies! 37 years professed. Originally buried in the cemetery at St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1986** **REV. BERNARD HOPKINS** died at the age of 71 while stationed at the *Oakland Province*. Born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada, March 2,

1915; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1933; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 26, 1938. He was a Canadian citizen all his life, but raised in California. He taught Spanish at Holy Redeemer Seminary, Oakland, CA, until 1944. His whole life, he was a strong advocate of the Hispanic ministry. He was very talented in music and gained national honors in the American Recorder Society. Most of his missionary ministry was out of Coeur d'Alene, ID, and Stockton, CA. He died in Spokane, WA, while visiting his family. 52 years professed; 48 years ordained. Buried in St. Thomas Apostle Parish Cemetery, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

1988 **REV. RICHARD HOFFMANN** died at the age of 62 at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit MI*. Born in West Allis, WI, November 27, 1925; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1946; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1951. He received a doctorate in philosophy from the *Angelicum* in Rome. He was a teacher in Oconomowoc and Waterford, WI, for seventeen years, novice master in Oconomowoc, WI, and superior at Wichita, KS, and Detroit, MI. He was an open and giving person. Involved in hospital work, counseling, spiritual direction, he was available and approachable to all. 41 years professed; 37 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

JULY 28

1969 **BROTHER STEPHEN (FREDERICK) O'GRADY** died at the age of 78 at *Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto MO*. Born in Yale, MI, August 14, 1890; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1918. A man of dignified bearing, he served in many communities of the St. Louis Province. He suffered periods of mental instability at the end of his life. 50 years professed. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

JULY 29

1919 **BROTHER WALTER (STEPHEN) ROACH** died at the age of 25 while stationed at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood MO*. Born in London, WI, March 26, 1894; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1918. He died in St. Vincent's Sanitarium in St. Louis, MO. Professed less than one year. Buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Waterloo, WI.

JULY 30

JULY 31

- 1910** **REV. DOUGAL McDONALD** died at the age of 39 while stationed at *Sacred Heart, Seattle, WA*. Born in Harrison's Corners, Ontario, Canada, May 5, 1871; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 22, 1895; ordained at Kansas City, MO, July 25, 1900. He served on the Extension Society Chapel Car in the Northwest. He died in Hotel Dieu, Montreal, Canada, while engaged in a series of missions in that country. 14 years professed; 10 years ordained. Buried in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 1930** **REV. FERREOL GIRARDEY** died at the age of 91 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis MO*. Born in Rouge-Goutte, Territoire Belfort, France, April 21, 1839; professed at Annapolis, MD, May 27, 1856; ordained at Baltimore, MD, June 11, 1862. He received minor orders from St. John Neumann. He held many positions in the Congregation: teacher in the major seminary, prefect of students, local superior, and St. Louis Provincial from 1894 to 1898. He became St. Louis Provincial Procurator at the age of seventy-one and served for eleven years. He pioneered the St. Alphonsus Parish (Rock) St. Louis, MO. He published more than thirty works, most of which were translations from the French. 74 years professed; 68 years ordained. One of 12 Provincials buried at the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1965** **REV. HERBERT SEIFERT** died at the age of 75 at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in Chicago, IL, September 3, 1889; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1911; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1916. He was a teacher in the minor seminary at Portland, OR, and Kirkwood, MO. Rector in Davenport, IA, and parish missionary for twenty years. He was a very effective and interesting missionary who spoke German fluently. He had a great interest in the Oriental Church and had permission to celebrate biritually. He suffered the last fifteen years of his life from severe headaches and died of a stroke. 53 years professed; 49 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.