

AUGUST 1

- 1787** *Our Holy Founder, ST. ALPHONSUS*, died at the age of 91 at *Pagani*. Born in Marianella near Naples, Italy, September 27, 1696; ordained in Naples, December 21, 1726. He founded the Congregation in Scala, November 9, 1732; elected superior general and rector major, May 6, 1743; consecrated bishop, June 20, 1762; resigned his bishopric, July 17, 1775. He was beatified on September 15, 1816; canonized, May 26, 1839; declared “Doctor of the Church,” March 23, 1871; and made patron of confessors and moralists, April 26, 1950. His body is enshrined at Pagani.
- 1961** *Bridal Veil, Oakland Province*: The first investiture of novices in the Oakland Province was held in the Bridal Veil foundation. The first class had twelve novices, ten of whom were professed on August 2, 1962.
- 1964** **REV. FREDERICK URBANUS** died at the age of 75 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, October 21, 1888; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1910; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1915. He was a member of the first class to arrive at the new major seminary in Oconomowoc, WI, in 1911. He pioneered in Omaha, NE, in 1918, and served as parish priest all of his active life. 53 years professed; 49 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.
- 1975** *The Alphonsus House of Studies at Sampran, Thailand*, for the Bangkok Vice-Province was begun. Rev. Lawrence Chai Khanthahom was the first superior.
- 1987** *Saints Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel Parish, Satellite Town, Lagos, Nigeria*: The Oakland Province established its first foreign mission at Lagos, Nigeria. The first community consisted of Fathers William Cleary (superior) and William Peterson, and Brothers Dan Hall and Richard Fischer. They arrived in Lagos during the month of October to begin their ministries.
- 1987** *The Desert House of Prayer, Tucson, AZ*, was established as a separate residence from Picture Rocks Retreat. Father John Kane was the first superior.
- 1990** **REV. CHARLES NICHOLS** died at the age of 75 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Detroit, MI, December 9, 1914; professed

at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1939; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 22, 1944. During his early years on the West Coast, he taught at the minor seminary at Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA, and was a missionary out of Coeur d'Alene, ID, and Seattle, WA. He was the first superior at Rapid City, SD. After his golden jubilee of profession, he acquired a word processor and became fascinated with it as an instrument—both for the study of Scripture and the preparation of homilies. He was a quiet, smiling man with a quick wit. 51 years professed; 46 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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- 1879** **REV. WILLIAM O'SHEA** made his profession at *St. Alphonsus, (Rock), St. Louis, MO*. He was the first clerical novice professed in the St. Louis Province.
- 1883** **REV. ALEXANDER CZVITKOVICZ** died at the age of 76 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Guenz, Hungary, December 21, 1806; professed at Vienna, November 13, 1826; ordained at Graz, Austria, January 17, 1830. He was rector in Vienna when he argued that it was easier to find rectors than to find volunteers for the American Mission. He was appointed superior of the American Mission, arriving in New York, March 7, 1841. He spoke seven languages, four fluently. He admitted St. John Neumann to profession. He was assigned to either Chatawa, MS, or New Orleans, LA, from 1854 until his death. 56 years professed; 53 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1950** *The Apostolic School of the Most Holy Redeemer* was formally inaugurated at *Coari, Amazonas, Brazil*. This was the first minor seminary of the Manaus Vice-Province and opened with twenty students. Rev. Robert Hirsch was the first superior.
- 1960** *The Academia Alfonsiana, Rome*, was made a canonical affiliate of the Lateran University through a decree issued by the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities. The *Academia* became the University's Institute of Moral Theology for the training of future teachers in moral theology and was given the power of granting degrees. The rector of the Lateran University, Monsignor Antonio Piolanti, said, "It is a true and proper Institute of Moral Theology, the first of its kind in the whole history of the Church."

1996 **FRATER VINCENT JOHNNY (IKECHUKWU) OKUEDEI** died at the age of 25 at *Redeemer House, Ibadan, Nigeria*. Born in Kwale, Delta, Nigeria, February 10, 1971; professed at Ibadan, July 16, 1994. A clerical student, he was noted for kindness and interest in the poor. He suffered from a kidney ailment which resulted in a seizure causing his sudden death. 2 years professed. Buried in Ibada, Nigeria.

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1787 *Kingdom of Naples*: Father Andrew Villani, 81 years old, succeeded St. Alphonsus as superior general and rector major. He had managed the approval of the Rule in Rome in 1749. He was consultor to St. Alphonsus from 1749-1787 and coadjutor with the right of succession from 1783.

1880 **BROTHER CHRISTIAN KALTENECKER** died at the age of 34 at *St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO*. Born in Waldturn, Bavaria, February 3, 1846; professed at Annapolis, MD, September 1, 1871. He was a carpenter by trade and assisted in the construction of the church and convent in St. Louis. His last job was the building of the fine walnut vestment case still in use in the sacristy of the “Rock” Church, St. Louis MO. 8 years professed. Originally buried in the garden at the Rock Church, St. Louis, MO. Moved to the cemetery at St. Joseph’s College, Kirkwood, MO. Final resting place the Redemptorists Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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1783 *An Assembly of the Neapolitan Fathers* opened at *Ciorani* and continued until August 16, 1783. After many ballots, Rev. Andrew Villani was chosen coadjutor with right of succession to St. Alphonsus.

1975 **MSGR. G. EDGAR GALLANT** of *Anchorage, Alaska*, died on Prince Edward Island, Canada. He was the first priest to be ordained in and for Alaska. He was a Redemptorist Oblate and quite instrumental in encouraging and promoting the Redemptorists to establish a foundation in Alaska. He was a great devotee of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions. He was retired at the time of his death.

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- 1791 *The Reunion of Three Branches of the Congregation* (Naples, Sicily, and the Papal States) was authorized by **Pope Pius VI**.
- 1892 **REV. THEODORE LAMY** died at the age of 55 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in Gondelin, France, November 21, 1836; professed at Annapolis, MD, December 25, 1871; ordained in France, December 20, 1862. Shortly after ordination, he came to America and joined the New Orleans Diocese. He volunteered his assistance in the Natchez Diocese during the yellow fever epidemic in 1878. He was reputed to be one of the best singers of church music in the country. While accompanying Father George Grimm, who was in ill health, to New Orleans, he died of a heart attack on the train as it neared the city. He was the founder and first superior of St. Alphonsus Parish in Grand Rapids, MI. 20 years professed; 29 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.

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- 1833 **REV. SIMON SAENDERL** began his work among the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians at *Arbe Croche, Michigan*. He also compiled a lexicon of Indian dialects (which has been lost); four hundred pages of his sermons in these tongues remain unedited. Arbe Croche was abandoned about the middle of 1835.
- 1914 **REV. STEPHEN EISLER** died at the age of 38 at *St. Gerard's, San Antonio, TX*. Born in New Orleans, LA, May 1, 1876; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 22, 1895; ordained at Kansas City, MO, December 23, 1899. He was sent to Denver, CO, for health reasons while still a student; there he continued his studies and received minor orders, subdiaconate, and diaconate. He spent nearly all of his active life in Denver, CO, where he was rector and built a parochial school. He was sent to San Antonio, TX, shortly before his death. 18 years professed; 14 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.
- 1999 **REV. BERNARD KRAMER** died at the age of 88 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Independence, MO, December 22, 1910; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1931; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1936. An outstanding pitcher, he was always known as "Lefty." He served in the parishes in Okmulgee, OK, New

Orleans, LA, Denver, CA, and Okmulgee, OK, again. When that parish returned to the diocese in 1986, he moved as a retired confrere to Kansas City, MO, where he remained until shortly before his death. He was always active in youth work in the parish schools, especially in promoting athletic programs. Many, many people remember him for his guidance and counseling in their youth. In retirement he gave special attention to the elderly. 68 yrs. professed; 63 yrs. ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

2004 **REV. RICHARD STRASS** died at the age of 70 at a hospital in Lombard, IL, surrounded by his family. He was stationed in Nonghai, Thailand. Born in Chicago, IL, August, 14, 1933; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1955; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1960.. Fr. Richard George Strass followed his Uncle Fr. George Strass into the Redemptorist priesthood. Fr. Strass was gifted with a strong intelligence and practicality. He spent his early years of priesthood as a missionary in Thailand. In 1973 Fr. Strass was assigned “on loan” to the Oakland Province. The transfer was made official and permanent in 1975. Fr. Strass became famous for his work on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska in the Parish of Soldovia, which included the missions of Homer, Ninilchik, and Deldovia. In his last years he returned to Thailand to work with Fr. Mike Shea and the AIDS children. He was a true Redemptorist missionary living and working among the most abandoned. 49 years professed; 44 years ordained. Buried in St. Nicholas of Flue Church Cemetery, Pattya, Thailand. Also a small urn with some of his ashes are in the “Sarnelli Prayer Room”, which is in the Don Wai village, Nonghai, Thailand.

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1931 **BROTHER ADAM THEIN** died at the age of 76 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Treves, Rhenish Prussia, December 2, 1854; professed at Kirkwood, MO, August 15, 1899. He was a stone-mason by trade and served as baker in the German Army during the Franco-Prussian War. He was the first cook in the major seminary in DeSoto. 31 years professed. Buried in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, LA

1959 **REV. MARTIN BERRY** died at the age of 56 at *St. Joseph's, Wichita, KS*. Born in Tampa, KS, November 15, 1902; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1930; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 8, 1935. He was professor and rector in the minor seminary, and rector in St. Louis, MO, Glenview, IL, and San Antonio, TX. He suffered from

Parkinson's Disease and heart trouble. His physical problems did not deter him from working as well as he could in the parish, where he was especially devoted to the sick. 29 years professed; 24 years ordained. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Wichita, KS.

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- 1926** **REV. LOUIS BRAND** died at the age of 43 at *St. Gerard's, San Antonio, TX*. Born in Chicago, IL, August 28, 1882; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1903; ordained at St. Louis, MO, May 20, 1908. He was parish priest and missionary. His last mission was given only nine weeks before his death. 22 years professed; 18 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1938** **REV. JOSEPH MURPHY** died at the age of 48 at *St. Alphonsus, Fresno, CA*. Born in Arena, WI, January 24, 1890; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1912; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1917. He was a parish priest all of his life and rector in Fresno, CA and San Antonio, TX. 25 years professed; 21 years ordained. Buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1968** **BROTHER ALEXIUS (HENRY) DE GUIRE** died at the age of 72 at *Liguori Mission House, Liguori, MO*. Born in Fredericktown, MO, January 27, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1921. He was a very competent individual in whatever area he was called upon to serve. He was a postmaster in Liguori. He had a deep commitment to the Congregation. Arthritis and heart trouble plagued him in his last years. 47 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1993** **REV. LAWRENCE TRAFFAS** died at the age of 77 at *St. Joseph's Wichita, KS*. Born in Sharon, KS, February 24, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1942; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. He left the family farm at the age of twenty to enter the minor seminary at Kirkwood, MO. He spent sixteen years working in formation communities at Kirkwood and DeSoto, MO. He served as a parish priest, promoter of the *Liguorian* magazine, and preacher of missions. He was rector of DeSoto, MO. 51 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Wichita, KS.

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- 1921** **REV. FRANCIS STRAUBINGER** died at the age of 61 at *St. Alphonsus, Davenport, IA*. Born in St. Louis, MO, January 10, 1860; professed at Kirkwood, MO, September 8, 1892; ordained at St. Louis, MO, May 30, 1885. He made his classical and philosophical studies at the Franciscan College, Teutopolis, IL, and his theological studies at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, WI. He was ordained for the St. Louis Diocese, serving as pastor in Moberly, MO, before entering the Redemptorist novitiate in 1891. He was considered one of the foremost missionaries of his time. 28 years professed; 36 years ordained. Buried in Holy Family Cemetery, Davenport, IA.
- 2006** **REV. GERARD RESCH** died at the age of 87 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Chicago, IL, August 21, 1918; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1939; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 22, 1944. During his forty-three years as a priest, Fr. Resch worked primarily as a parish priest and was known for his work with parish youth. He was a lifelong Cubs fan and a true Redemptorist devoted to community life and ministry. Fr. Resch suffered from a rare form of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease. He was admitted to the Health Care Center in 1988 due to this illness and bore his remaining years of suffering with great patience, prayer, and a smile. 67 years professed; 62 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

AUGUST 10

- 1744** *Kingdom Of Naples:* St. Alphonsus published his first work, *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament*.
- 1922** *The Foundation of St. Mary's Assumption, St. Mary's, Whittier, CO*, was canonically established. The community had established themselves at Downey in April of 1921. There they changed the name of the Church, with the Bishop's permission, from St. Anthony's to Perpetual Help. The foundation was moved from Downey to Whittier.
- 1972** **REV. CHARLES WINTER** died at the age of 53 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, (Rock) St. Louis, MO*. Born in Sharon, KS, September 8, 1918; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1946; ordained at Immaculate Conception

Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1951. He was chaplain for fourteen years at the Veterans' Hospital, St. Louis, MO. The hospital director noted, "his exemplary priestliness was apparent to all the staff and patients during his years of service. This was never more apparent than during the many months of his own illness. In his painful illness, he continued to give joy and consolation to others." He died of cancer in St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis MO. 26 years professed; 21 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

1992 **REV. PETER LENG KOTHISEN** died at the age of 50 at *Khon Kaen, Thailand*. Born in Viengkhu, Nongkhai, Thailand, October 18, 1941; professed at Galong, Australia, February 11, 1963; ordained at Oconomowoc, June 27, 1968. He was the first Redemptorist born in Thailand to die in the Congregation. He was always called on to start things. Almost everyone in the Diocese of Udon Thani called on him to find water for them to have a well and he usually succeeded. He was a nephew of Blessed Sister Lucia Khambang, one of the seven martyrs of Thailand. 29 years professed; 24 years ordained. Buried in the Cathedral Cemetery (Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Udon Thani, Thailand

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1901 *Pope Leo XIII*, in *Rome*, declared Sister Marie Celeste Crostarosa "Venerable."

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1947 *The Vice-Province of Manaus, Brazil* was canonically established. At the time, the Vice-Province comprised of four foundations: Manaus (the Vice-Provincial residence), Manacapuru, Codajaz, and Coari. Rev. John McCormick was the first Vice-Provincial.

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1753 **VEN. PAUL CAFARO** died at the age of 46 at *Caposele*. Born in Casale, Italy, July 5, 1707; professed and ordained in 1741. He was St. Alphonsus' spiritual director and one of the great missionaries in the early history of the Congregation. 12 years professed; 12 years ordained.

- 1906** *The Foundation of Holy Redeemer, Portland, OR*, was begun. Father Edward Cantwell was the first superior. The first service was held on September 6, 1906, on the first floor of an old sanitarium and the living quarters for the community were on the second floor. An early attempt to have a foundation in Portland failed when the Baltimore Province staffed the Northwest area in 1890.
- 1968** *Our Lady of Lourdes, San Francisco, CA*: A mission of All Hallows Parish in San Francisco, CA, was taken over by the Redemptorists. It was the center for the Black Catholic Apostolate for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, CA. Father Don MacKinnon (superior) and Brother Gary Pometta were the founding team of this new apostolate. Gary Pometta would later be ordained a priest and would be the first pastor.
- 1972** **REV. WILLIAM MILLER** died at the age of 76 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in New Orleans, LA, August 2, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1917; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 10, 1922. He served one year in Seattle, WA. He was very effective in fostering vocations. He was interested in social problems and wrote many articles concerning them. He was unique, noted as being "his own man." 55 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 1976** **REV. FRANCIS O'NEILL** died at the age of 63 at *Oconomowoc WI*. Born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, September 14, 1912; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1933; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1939. He attended Catholic University and became professor of Canon Law in the major seminary and later its rector; he was also rector in the minor seminary at Kirkwood, MO and Edgerton, WI. He was a Provincial Consultor and parish priest. A warm human being, he loved life and everyone loved him. 43 years professed; 37 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery in 1988.
- 2005** **REV. DAVID WALSH** died at the age of 85 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, July 27, 1920; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1941; ordained at Oconomowoc, MO, January 12, 1947. Beginning with his second novitiate in New Orleans, LA, in 1947, Dave began a life long ministry to the Deaf and handicapped. He served in communities in New Orleans, LA, Detroit, MI, Chicago, IL, Baton Rouge,

LA, and finally, Corpus Christi, TX. For several years, he served as an itinerant missionary to the Deaf, giving missions to deaf communities all over North America and several other countries. In 1971, Dave established the National Catholic Office for the Deaf and served as its director until 1980. He served on the first board of directors of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities and was involved in writing the 1981 document, “*Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on People with Disabilities.*” Once accused of having ‘grandiose dreams’, he succeeded in making his dreams a reality. 64 years professed, 58 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

AUGUST 14

1948 *REV. VICTOR SCALFORD* died at age 32 while stationed at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc WI*. Born in Chicago, IL, April 8, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1937; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. He established devotions to the Sacred Heart in many homes in Holy Redeemer Parish, Detroit, MI. He developed mental problems in 1946. Died in Rogers Memorial Hospital near Oconomowoc, WI. 11 years professed; 6 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO, in 1988.

1968 *REV. STEPHEN LIVERNOIS* died at the age of 62 at *Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Detroit, MI, October 9, 1905; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1927; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1932. He was a parish priest and a missionary gifted with a kindness and thoughtfulness that made a lasting impression on all who had the good fortune of knowing him. Parish Priest at St. Alphonsus Parish, in Grand Rapids, MI. 41 years professed; 36 years ordained. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

AUGUST 15

1960 *The Foundation of St. Joseph the Worker, Teresina, Piani, Brazil*, was canonically established; it had begun on July 9, 1960 and was situated in the Diocese of Teresina. Rev. James Springer was the first superior. It was transferred to the Irish Redemptorist Province, December 8, 1964.

- 1962** *The Foundation of the Immaculate Conception, Rapid City, SD*, was begun. Rev. Charles Nichols was the first superior. The parish was returned to the diocese on January 1, 1970.
- 1991** *General Chapter XXI* began at *Itaici, São Paulo, Brazil*. The chapter reviewed the state of the Congregation and set a theme for the new sexennium: “to deepen our apostolic community life as a prophetic force . . . to emphasize the coherence between our inculturated evangelization, our community life, and our spirituality.” On September 3, Juan Manuel Lasso de la Vega y Miranda was re-elected superior general on the first ballot. On September 4, Joseph W. Tobin of the St. Louis Province was elected one of the consultor generals. James Shea (provincial) and Gary Heinecke represented the St. Louis Province; Patrick O’Brien (provincial) represented the Oakland Province; Robert Fenili of the St. Louis Province attended as a Consultor General. The chapter closed on September 14.

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- 2003** **REV. RAYMOND ALAN BRENNAN** died at the age of 70 while stationed at the *Redemptorist Center in Pattaya, Thailand*. Born in Chicago, IL, December 7, 1932; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1954; ordained in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1959. He spent most of his life as a missionary priest in Thailand. In the early part of his ministry, Fr. Ray was already using his genius for organization. He set up a rice bank to help the Thai farmers save their money and developed a program to raise Thai silk. Later, when he was assigned to Pattaya, Fr. Ray established an orphanage to care for abandoned children. The Orphanage at Pattaya was later joined by schools for the blind, deaf, and disabled. Father Ray’s work was supported by a world wide network of donors. He was a true son of St. Alphonsus who spent his life among the most poor and abandoned. 49 years professed; 44 years ordained. Buried in St. Nicholas of Flue Church Cemetery, Pattaya, Thailand.

AUGUST 17

- 1924** **BROTHER AUGUSTINE (JODOCUS) MENKE** died at the age of 63 at *St. Joseph’s College, Kirkwood, MO*. Born in Silbach, Westphalia, Germany, December 25, 1860; professed at Kirkwood, MO, March 8, 1891. He was a tailor by trade. As a result of the missions preached in San Francisco, CA, in 1886, he decided to become a Redemptorist. He spent most of his religious life

at Kirkwood, MO, as a tailor. His life could be summed up in the words *ora et labora*. 33 years professed. Originally buried in the Cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

AUGUST 18

1878 **BROTHER SYLVANUS EGLOFF** died at the age of 36 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Weddingen, Switzerland, January 22, 1842; professed at Annapolis, MD, September 1, 1869. He served the community as a cook, taking pains to do his job as well as he could. 8 years professed. Buried in St. Mary's Church, New Orleans, LA.

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1878 **REV. FRANCIS MURPHY** died at the age of 32 at *St. Mary's Assumption, New Orleans, LA*. Born in Cora Clare, Ireland, July 4, 1846; professed at Annapolis, MD, April 22, 1867; ordained at Ilchester, MD, May 20, 1875. He served in the Civil War on the Confederate side. His studies in the seminary were hampered by stomach trouble, which also affected his work in the active ministry. He was the first confrere to die in the St. Louis Province. 11 years professed; 3 years ordained. Buried in St. Alphonsus Church, New Orleans, LA.

1969 **REV. ANTHONY POWERS** died at the age 59 while stationed at *St. Alphonsus, (Rock) St. Louis, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, August 26, 1909; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1930; ordained at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Oconomowoc, WI, June 28, 1935. He attended The Catholic University and taught for twelve years in the minor seminary. He was rector in Davenport, IA, and Omaha, NE, and delegate to General Chapter XVI, 1963. A kind and compassionate man, his kindness was especially evident towards the sick. Stationed at St. Alphonsus Parish in Grand Rapids, MI. Died of a heart attack in St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, MO. 39 years professed; 34 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery along with his brother Fr. Joseph, Liguori, MO.

AUGUST 21

1887 **REV. JOSEPH PREGEL** died at the age of 30 while stationed at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City MO*. Born in Ulma, Wuerttemberg, Germany,

May 8, 1857; professed at Kansas City, MO, September 8, 1880; ordained at Ilchester, MD, March 7, 1885. He first joined the Brothers of Mary in Dayton, OH, and he taught for a while in St. Alphonsus' School in New Orleans, LA. He served as a teacher in the minor seminary at Kansas City MO. Died in St. Margaret's Hospital there. 6 years professed; 2 years ordained. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

1973 **BROTHER HUBERT (MAXIMILLIAN) HAUNERT** died at the age of 79 at *Our Mother of Perpetual Help, San Francisco, CA*. Born on February 27, 1894; professed on January 1, 1916. Most of his time was spent in the Oakland Province at the Vice-Provincial residence in Livermore, CA. He was also cook at Bridal Veil, OR, and at the provincial residence in San Francisco, CA. 57 years professed. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (Sacred Heart Section) Hayward, CA. (Near Oakland, CA.)

1984 *The Theology Residence, Chicago*, for the students of the St. Louis Province was begun with fourteen students who attend the Catholic Theological Union. They had previously attended the theologate at Esopus, NY, (1967-1984). Rev. Thomas Brooks and Rev. Paul Coury were in charge of the students. It was nicknamed, "the Behles House" in honor of Father Joseph Behles. The residence was later moved to Blessed Sacrament Parish, Chicago, IL; it was made a separate residence again in 1995.

2001 **BROTHER DONALD O'MARA** died at the age of 75 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Baltimore, MD, April 14, 1926; professed in Windsor, Ontario, August 31, 1983. He grew up in Groton, CT, and served as a Navy cook during World War II. He and his brother began O'Mara's candies in Groton before he moved to Phoenix, AZ, and worked in construction. As a Redemptorist he served a short time in Seattle, WA and Oakland, CA, but the rest of his life was lived in Whittier, CA. He was dedicated to his sacristan duties and developed a servers' program for boys and girls that included fundraisers, races, and religious education. At his funeral, the homilist summed up his apostolic life by saying: "I have never known a Redemptorist as revered by young people as Brother Don." 17 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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1988 **REV. VICTOR ZABELLE** died at the age of 68 while stationed at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland CA*. Born September 19, 1919; professed at DeSoto,

MO, August 2, 1941; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1946. His mother taught dancing; Vic and his sister were a dance team until he entered the Redemptorists. He served as teacher and *socius* in Holy Redeemer College, Oakland, CA, and as hospital chaplain and parish priest in Great Falls, MI, Sacred Heart Seattle, WA, Tucson, AZ, Whittier, CA, and finally Oakland, CA, where he specialized in Serenity Retreats for alcoholics. Diffident about his abilities, he grew in a simple and total trust in God. He had a sly sense of humor. He died of complications from radiation treatment for cancer at St. Anne's Home. 47 years professed; 42 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (Sacred Heart Section), Hayward, CA. (Near Oakland, CA.)

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- 1888** ***The Foundation of St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids, MI***, was begun. When the Provincial, Father William Loewekamp, declined his offer, Bishop Richter appealed directly to the rector major, Father Mauron. Following Mauron's directions, a newly formed parish in the northern section of the city was accepted. Two townships outside the city limits were included in the parish. Rev. Theodore Lamy was the first superior.
- 1943** **REV. GEORGE EBERTS** died at the age of 61 while stationed at ***Mount St. Clement's College, DeSoto, MO***. Born in New Orleans, LA, January 17, 1882; professed at Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1902; ordained at St. Louis, July 3, 1907. He was a missionary on the West Coast as well as in the Midwest. While in Seattle, WA, he worked among the Native Americans on the reservation on Puget Sound, AK. Died at St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, MO. 41 years professed; 36 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 1958** ***A Brothers' Candidate School, Villa Majella, Pine City, MN***, was begun with twenty-five boys. Rev. Bernard Guenther was the director, assisted by Father Bruno Lischwe and Brother Liguori Gengler. The school, which provided many high school courses, had previously been located at Glenview, IL, from July 15, 1957 to June 1958. It was moved to Edgerton in 1967.
- 1988** **BROTHER AMBROSE (WALTER) PHILLIPS** died at the age of 91 at ***Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI***. Born in Chicago, IL, September 15, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 15, 1918. A capable man who gave himself in devoted service throughout his life. From 1935 to

1937, he was involved in soliciting subscriptions for the *Liguorian* magazine by going door to door. 70 years professed. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL, along with his brother Fr. John,

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- 1994** **REV. FRANCIS X. SHERIDAN** died at the age of 82 at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, December 5, 1911; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1933; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 29, 1938. He spent most of his active life in parish work in several communities in the Midwest, but he also served as *socius* in the novitiate for a year and spent a year preaching retreats to both Glenview, IL, and Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI. He was gifted with a beautiful tenor voice and his eloquent sermons were long remembered by the people he served. A stroke in 1982 limited his activity after forty-four years of parish work; he continued on a retired basis until close to his death. 61 years professed; 56 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1997** *General Chapter XXII* began at *San Alfonso Retreat Center, West End, New Jersey, USA*. The chapter elected Most Rev. Joseph W. Tobin, of the Denver Province, as superior general on September 8. Representing the Denver Province, in addition to Father Tobin, were Richard Thibodeau (Provincial), Robert Fenili (elected representative), Daniel Hall (designated representative of brothers), and William Cleary (non-voting representative of Region of Nigeria.) The Chapter chose the theme of Redemptorist Spirituality to guide the new sexennium; it concluded on September 24.
- 2008** **REV. BERNARD G. ROONEY** died at the age of 75 at *St. Alphonsus Parish, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, July 8, 1933; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1954; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1959. “Turk,” as he was known to his confreres, worked for many years as a parish priest, seminary teacher, and as the director of the Co-Redemptorist Association. He received his Doctorate in Theology from the Angelicum in Rome, and he used his knowledge as professor at the major seminaries in Oconomowoc, WI, and Esopus, NY. Besides coordinating the Co-Redemptorist Association, he served as a parish priest at St. Michael's Parish in Chicago, IL, and Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit, MI. He lived the

last twenty-three years of his life at St. Alphonsus Parish in Grand Rapids , MI, serving as parish priest, missionary preacher and parish administrator. He gave himself wholeheartedly to whatever he was called to do. 54 years professed: 49 years professed. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in the family plot, Grand Rapids, MI.

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1992 **REV. JOSEPH PALMER** died at the age of 70 at *Holy Redeemer, Oakland, CA* Born in Alameda, CA, September 29, 1921; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1943; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. He began his active life as a teacher at Holy Redeemer College, Oakland, CA. Later he spent many years as a missionary out of St. Gerard's Parish, Great Falls, MT, and was part of the mission team that was sent to Hawaii (1957-1958). He was a hard worker with rare skills, a gardener, an excellent carpenter, and his leisure labor of love was framing pictures of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. He was a man whose actions spoke louder than his words. 49 years professed; 44 years ordained. Buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (Sacred Heart Section), Hayward, CA. (Near Oakland, CA.)

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1866 *The Foundation of St. Alphonsus, St. Louis, MO,* was established. A pioneer community had charge of the Old Cathedral in St. Louis , MO, until it moved into the unfinished rectory attached to the new St. Alphonsus Church, December 1, 1868. Archbishop Peter Kenrick's earlier offer of a foundation had not been accepted. St. Alphonsus was known as the "Rock" Church because it was the first church to be built entirely of stone. It was probably the first Redemptorist non-parochial or mission church in the U. S. It became a parish in 1881, and served as provincial residence from 1875 until 1960. Rev. Louis Dold was the first superior.

1935 **BROTHER DANIEL (BERNARD) HUESERS** died at the age of 68 at *St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood MO.* Born in Nieuw, Holland, July 11, 1867; professed at DeSoto, MO, February 2, 1917. He was a farm hand before entering the Congregation. He was influenced to join the Redemptorists by a mission preached by Rev. Henry Meurer in Glencoe, MN. He was sent to Fresno CA, where he labored as cook and porter for a year. He was then transferred to Immaculate Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI. 18 years professed. Originally buried in the Cemetery at St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, MO.

Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori MO when St. Joseph's College was moved to Edgerton, WI, in 1959

- 1946 *The Foundation of St. John the Evangelist, Carlisle, KY*, was canonically established; it had begun on March 1, 1946. Rev. Emmet Crane was the first superior. The parish was returned to the diocese on May 29, 1962.

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- 1899 **REV. MICHAEL MUELLER** died at the age of 74 at *Annapolis, MD*. He was born in 1825, professed in 1848, and ordained in 1853. He was consultor to the first St. Louis Provincial, Father Jaekel, in 1875. He was a prolific author, being credited with thirty-six works. His book, *Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the Work of Our Redemption and Sanctification* (1873), is probably the first English book by a Redemptorist about Our Mother of Perpetual Help. 51 years professed; 46 years ordained.
- 1957 **REV. EDWARD TROWER** died at the age of 48 at *Perpetual Help, San Antonio, TX*. Born in New Orleans, LA, December 27, 1908; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1930; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 28, 1935. He was a chaplain in the armed forces during World War II. As rector, he devoted himself completely to the Spanish apostolate. Whatever he did, he did it with all he had. Died suddenly from heart attack. 27 years professed; 22 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Lacombe, LA.
- 1968 **REV. FRANCIS DALTON** died at age 72 while stationed at *Holy Redeemer, Detroit, MI*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, June 4, 1896; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1918; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 2, 1923. A missionary most of his life, he was said to have a voice that could be heard on the moon and beyond. He was stationed for a time in Portland, OR, and Whittier, CA. He had a remarkable memory—seeming to be able to remember a page of print with one look. Despite poor eyesight, he remained as active as he could in his latter years. His genuine piety was an example to his confreres. Died suddenly while visiting his sister in Grand Rapids, MI. 50 years professed; 45 years ordained. Buried along with his brother Fr. Richard in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1971 **REV. ROBERT BOUCHER** died at the age of 61 at *St. Alphonsus, Grand Rapids, MI*. Born in Grand Rapids, MI, July 3, 1910; professed at DeSoto,

MO, August 2, 1930; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, June 28, 1935. He attended the *Schola Major*, Rome (1936-1939), obtaining a S.T.D. at the Gregorianum University and a licentiate at the Biblical Institute *summa cum laude*. He taught Scripture for twenty-seven years in the major seminary before he became parish priest in 1966. Died suddenly. Buried along with his two brothers; Frs, John and Gerard in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Glenview, IL.

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1979 *General Chapter XIX, Rome*, was convened with a concelebrated Mass in San Alphonso Church. James Stratton (Provincial) and James Garcia represented the Oakland Province. Edmund Langton (Provincial), Daniel Lowery, and Robert Fenili represented the St. Louis Province. Daniel Korn (St. Louis) attended as a representative of the brothers appointed by the General Council. The chapter reviewed and accepted the Constitutions and Statutes revised by the General Chapter XVII and submitted the Constitutions to the Holy See for definitive approval, which was received on February 2, 1982. It elected Father Joseph Pfab superior general and rector major for a second six-year term. The chapter closed on October 5, 1979.

2008 **REV. ROBERT C. SIMON** died at the age of 84 at *St. Clements Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Portland, OR, November 6, 1923; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1942; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, January 6, 1948. He taught languages and music for seventeen years at Holy Redeemer College in Oakland, CA. There he wrote his own Latin textbook for class use and developed a language laboratory for students. He was a gifted missionary who could preach in English, Spanish and Czech. He served as director and retreat master at both the Palisades and Picture Rocks retreat centers and was elected as the provincial vicar for the Oakland Province. In his later years at St. Clement's, he would lead his confreres in song playing the organ at Mass. His quick wit and easy manner made him a pleasure to live and work with. 66 years professed; 60 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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1932 **WILLIAM CARDINAL VAN ROSSUM, C.Ss.R.** died at the age of 77 at *Maastricht, Holland*. Born in Zwolle, Holland; professed in 1874; ordained in 1879. He was prefect of the Propaganda of the Faith and a member of the

Papal Commission for the Codification of Canon Law. He had been a Consultor to Superior General and Rector Major Patrick Murray. 58 years professed; 53 years ordained.

- 1978** **REV. WILLIAM REINTJES** died at the age of 84 at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Kansas City, MO, December 9, 1893; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1915; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 4, 1920. He was professor of Canon Law in the major seminary, after post-graduate work in Rome, where he received a J.C.D. *summa cum laude*. He also taught moral theology for a time. He was a parish priest, rector, provincial consultor, and Vice-provincial of the New Orleans Vice-province. He was very interested in the labor movement and headed the diocesan labor school in New Orleans, LA. He was a financial genius, a fine administrator, and a tough superior, though he was a compassionate parish priest. He was known as “Riley” among the confreres. A stroke in 1958 made him an invalid for the last twenty years of his life. 63 years professed; 58 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Oconomowoc, WI. Moved to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO in 1988.
- 1995** **REV. EDWARD JENNINGS** died at the age of 96 at *St. Clement Health Care Center, Liguori, MO*. Born in Grand Rapids, MO, December 16, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 3, 1920; ordained at Oconomowoc, MO, July 2, 1925. His long career began teaching natural sciences in minor seminaries at Kirkwood, MO, and Oakland, CA, after attending St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO. While most of his life was spent on the West Coast as a missionary, he spent a few years working out of Glenview. He was the first retreat master at Palisades, and served as novice master and as director of the pastoral year program for young priests in the Oakland Province. He translated Bouchage’s *Pratique des vertus* which was used for morning meditation in many communities. He loved mission preaching and work with converts. He is always mentioned with loving respect by his confreres. 75 years professed; 70 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.
- 1996** **REV. JOHN SCHAEFER** died at the age of 80 while stationed at *Liguori Mission House, MO*. Born in St. Louis, MO, June 15, 1916; professed at DeSoto, MO, June 2, 1937; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, July 1, 1942. He taught dogmatic theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, for three years before going to

Liguori, MO, as one of the pioneers of Liguori Publications in which he served in many capacities, notably as editor of *Perpetual Help* magazine, for all but nine years of his active life. During this break, he served in St. Gerard's parish in Kirkwood, MO, acting as pastor for five of those years. He was an amateur photographer whose collection of photographs found a place in the art department of St. Pius High School, Festus, MO. In his later life, he battled the disease of alcoholism by faithfulness to the AA program. His health was poor the last several years of his life. He was noted for his organizational skills, gentleness, and dedication to work. 59 years professed; 54 years ordained. Buried in the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguori, MO.

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- 1832** **REV. SIMON SAENDERL**, at *Green Bay, Wisconsin* began the first Redemptorist foundation in the territory of the Denver Province. It was abandoned in 1837.
- 1911** *The Foundation of St. Gerard, San Antonio, TX* was begun. Bishop John Shaw offered this foundation located at east end of the city. Rev. Henry Schutten was the first superior.
- 1913** **REV. CHARLES HAHN** died at the age of 74 at *St. Michael's, Chicago, IL*. Born in Kirchhassel, Hesse, Germany, August 15, 1839; professed at Annapolis, MD, December 9, 1856; ordained there, March 21, 1863. He came to Chicago, IL, in 1864 and for more than twenty-five years worked extensively within a radius of one hundred miles of Chicago, IL, developing mission stations, many of which are flourishing parishes today. 57 years professed; 50 years ordained. Buried in St. Boniface Cemetery, Chicago, IL.
- 1933** *Formal foundation of the community at Livermore, CA*, with Father Thomas Condon as the first superior. The property had been bought by Father Henry Shutten, Vice-Provincial, in 1931, as a site for the future junior seminary. Comprised of one hundred acres in a vineyard, the cost was \$20,000. It was formerly owned by Mr. Chris Buckley of San Francisco.
- 1955** **REV. EDWARD MANGAN** died at the age of 57 while stationed at *Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI*. Born in Kansas City, MO, August 15, 1898; professed at DeSoto, MO, August 2, 1919; ordained at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Oconomowoc, WI, May 7, 1924. He received a licentiate in Scripture from the Biblical Institute in Rome and served

as professor in the major seminary for eighteen years and at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, WI, for seven years. He studied at the Rabbinical Institute in Cincinnati, OH, receiving a diploma, thereby becoming the first Redemptorist rabbi. He translated the book of Genesis for the CCD edition of the Bible. He gave missions for ten years and also served as business manager of the *Liguorian*. Died on his way to what was to be the second appointment in his life, Kansas City, MO. 36 years professed; 31 years ordained. Originally buried in the Cemetery at St. Joseph's College in Kirkwood, MO. Move to the Redemptorist Cemetery, Liguorio, MO.

1956 *St. Alphonsus Declared Co-Patron of the Nocera Diocese, Italy.* St. Priscus is the principal patron.

1973 *General Chapter XVIII* opened in *Rome*. Most Rev. Joseph Pfab was elected superior general on the eighth ballot, on September 17, 1973 to succeed Most Rev. Tarsicius A. Amaral. Joseph Martucci (Provincial), and Robert Simon represented the Oakland Province. Daniel Lowery (Provincial) and Edmund Langton represented the St. Louis Province. The chapter closed on October 5, 1973.