

25th August 1737. As secretary to the Abbot General of his order and titular Abbot of Santa Maria in Partirion he was able to give valuable assistance to Father Villani when he was seeking Papal approbation of the Redemptorists. On his application to be received into the Congregation he was professed by special indult in Rome by proxy on 1st June 1749. He took part in the general chapter later in that same year in Ciorani and was elected consultor general to St. Alphonsus. After the chapter he was appointed lector and prefect of students in Pagani. On account of seditious behaviour he was expelled from the Congregation on 13th October 1751. He died in Rome on 3rd July 1793.

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MUTILOA Nicanor

Was born in Pamplona on 10th January 1874. He was a seminarian in his native city until 1897, when he came to the Redemptorists. He took his vows in Nava del Rey on 13th November 1898 and was ordained priest in Astorga on 23rd May 1901. He taught theology in the Spanish studenatate; was novice master; and for nine years he was provincial. On 29th January 1928 he was consecrated titular Bishop of Gerapolis and was appointed Apostolic Administrator of Barbastro. He was transferred to the see of Tarazona on 1st May 1935 and made Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Tudela. He died in Tarazona on 19th November 1946.

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NAESTVED

The parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Naestved Denmark, was accepted by the Austrian province on 3rd January 1922, the first superior being Father Peter Steidl. The house is now in the vice-province of Copenhagen.

NAGASAKI

See Vice-province of Kagoshima.

NAIDOO Stephen

Was born in Durban, South Africa, on 23rd October 1937. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Perth, Scotland, on 25th January 1955 and was ordained priest after studying in Bangalore, India, on 29th June 1961. On 15th September 1974 he was consecrated titular Bishop of Aquae flaviae and appointed auxiliary to the Cardinal Archbishop of Cape Town. On 30th October 1984 he was elevated to the archbishopric of Cape Town.

NAMOUNGOU

See Vice-province of Fada N'Gourma.

NAMUR

The mission house of the Most Holy Redeemer in Namur was founded by the Belgian province on 8th January 1920 with Father Alfred Champion as superior. The house is now in the province of Brussels South.

NAPLES

The church and house of Sant'Antonio a Tarsia in Naples was from the sixteenth century under the care of the Franciscans until it was suppressed by the Napoleonic government in 1809. It was acquired by the Redemptorists, who took up residence there on 16th October 1815. It was the residence of Father Celestino Berruti, Rector Major, from 1855. In 1862 it was confiscated by the Garibaldians and used as a prison. The Redemptorists returned in 1894. In 1901 the title of the church was changed to Sant'Alfonso e Sant'Antonio. It is now the residence of the Neapolitan provincial.

NAPLES Province of

The province of Naples was one of the six canonically established by the decree of Gregory XVI of 2nd July 1841. At the time the decree was not implemented in Naples and Sicily, partly on account of the opposition of the king, Ferdinand II, and partly because of the reluctance of the Neapolitan Fathers to see the Congregation divided.

When the houses of Naples and Sicily were separated from the rest of the Congregation between 1853 and 1869 the southern Italian Redemptorists made considerable progress, especially under the guidance of Father Celestino Berruti, Rector Major. When the Congregation was reunited on 17th September 1869, Father Berruti, while retaining the title of Rector Major, exercised the office of provincial for the two provinces of Naples and Sicily. The first to hold the title of Neapolitan provincial was Father Nicola Salzano.

Provincials: Nicola Salzano: 1872-1877; Vincenzo Mautone: 1877-1880; Alfonso D'Antonio: 1880-1884; Pietro Andreoli: 1884-1890; Emilio Jacovetti: 1890-1894; Domenico De Marco: 1894-1901; Emilio Jacovetti: 1901-1907; Domenico De Marco: 1907-1909; Antonio Losito: 1909-1912; Carmine Cesarno: 1912-1915; Costantino Petrone: 1915-1921; Biagio Parlato: 1921-1930; Michele Mazzei: 1930-1933; Costantino Petrone: 1933-1936; Biagio Parlato: 1936-1942; Alfredo Gravagnuolo: 1942-1947; Giuseppe Tessa: 1947-1952; Ambrogio Freda: 1952-1958; Domenico Farfaglia: 1958-1964; Vincenzo Carioti: 1964-1969; Salvatore Meschino: 1969-1975; Giuseppe Tretola: 1975-1978; Giuseppe Capone: 1978-1984; Antonio Napoletano: 1984-

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NAPOLEON

Father Hofer, the biographer of St. Clement Hofbauer, wrote: « His (St. Clement's) greatest adversary was Napoleon ». French campaigns and victories in Europe repeatedly impeded the expansion of the Redemptorists outside Italy, frustrating the heroic efforts made by St. Clement. This was true of the attempted foundations in Southern Germany. After the French occupation of Warsaw Napoleon was frequently informed by Marshall Davoust about the community in St. Benno's. Eventually, through pressure brought to bear on the King of Saxony, he was responsible for the decrees expelling the Congregation from Poland in 1808.

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NATAL

See Vice-province of Recife.

NAVA DEL REY

With the assistance of a generous benefactor the Redemptorists were able to establish themselves on 15th May 1879 in a former Augustinian house in Nava del Rey in the archdiocese of Valladolid. The house proved an important centre for missions. On 8th June 1883 the community moved to the house and church under the patronage of St. Teresa. Nava del Rey served the province of Madrid for many years as a novitiate.

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NELSON

The parish of the Most Holy Sacrament in Nelson was accepted by the Toronto province on 18th June 1939 with Father John Martin as superior. The house is now in the Edmonton province.

NEMEC Franz

Was born in Chorelice in Moravia on 24th January 1850. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Eggenburg on 28th July 1870 and was ordained priest in Mautern on 12th August 1873. After ordination he was sent to Prague, which was to be the scene of his labours for many years. An accomplished preacher and much respected as a superior in the Austrian province, he attended the general chapter in Rome in 1894. Father Nėmec had long urged that a separate province be established with Prague as its centre; and when the province of Prague was actually erected on 26th April 1901 he was named first superior. At that time the few houses in Poland were included in the province. Father Nėmec remained provincial until 1912, and during that time he succeeded in strengthening the foundations, especially by establishing a studendate in Oboriste in 1902. He died in Prague on 24th April 1922 during the epidemic of influenza that was raging in Europe.

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NEUBERT Michael

Was born in Bergheim, Alsace, on 15th October 1805. While still young he was received in Valsainte by Father Passerat. He took his

vows in Bischenberg on 9th September 1824 and was ordained priest in Fribourg on 31st May 1828. After ordination he taught philosophy for a time in the studendate in Fribourg. His principal work, however, throughout his life was the missions. He was one of the accomplished preachers who laid the foundations of a long and fruitful Redemptorist apostolate in Europe. He died in Pérouse on 21st March 1882.

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NEUMANN St. John Nepomucene,

Bishop of Philadelphia, was born in Prachatitz in Bohemia on 28th March 1811, son of Philip Neumann and Agnes Lebis. He attended school in Budweis and entered the seminary there in 1831. Two years later he passed to the Charles Ferdinand university in Prague, where he studied theology.

When his preparations for the priesthood were completed in 1835 he could not be ordained for his own diocese of Budweis, which had no opening for further priests. He offered himself, therefore, for work in the United States, and for that purpose left Europe. On his arrival in New York without resources he was accepted into the diocese and was ordained priest on 25th June 1836. Assigned to missions near Buffalo, he laboured zealously there for four years.

At the end of that time he applied to be received among the Redemptorists. The first priest to enter the Congregation in America, he took his vows in Baltimore on 16th January 1842. From the beginning he was highly regarded by his fellow religious for his evident holiness, for his zeal and affability. His knowledge of six modern languages made him particularly acceptable for work in the multilingual American society of the nineteenth century. After working in Baltimore and Pittsburgh, in 1847 he was appointed Visitor or Major Superior of the Redemptorists in the United States. Father Frederick von Held, superior of the Belgian province, to which the American houses belonged, said of him: « He is a great man who combines piety with a strong and prudent personality ». He needed these qualities during the two years he was in office, as the American foundation were passing through a trying period of adjustment. When he handed over his charge to Father Bernard Hafkenscheid the Redemptorists of the United States were better prepared to become an autonomous province, which eventuated in 1850.

Father Neumann was named Bishop of Philadelphia and was consecrated in Baltimore on 28th March 1852. His diocese was a very large one and going through a period of considerable development. He gave particular attention to the parish schools, organising a diocesan education system and bringing into the diocese teaching Sisters and Brothers. He even founded the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis to teach in the schools. Among the more than eighty churches built during his episcopate must be mentioned the cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, which he commenced.

St. John Neumann was of small stature, never robust in health, but in his short lifetime he achieved a great deal. He found time even for a considerable literary activity in addition to his pastoral duties. As well as numerous articles in Catholic papers and periodicals he published two catechisms and in 1849 a Bible History for schools.

He continued to be active right to the end. On 5th January 1860 he collapsed in the street in his episcopal city and died before the last Sacraments could be administered. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI on 13th October 1963 and canonised by the same Pope on 17th June 1977.

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NEUMANN Wenceslaus

Was a younger brother of St. John Neumann. He was born in Prachatitz on 4th September 1817. In 1839 he came to America in order to assist his brother in his priestly work, joining him in North Bush. When John became a Redemptorist Wenceslaus followed him, taking his vows in Baltimore on 5th September 1845. From 1865 he was attached to the house in New Orleans, where he was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. Worthy of his saintly brother to the end, he died in New Orleans on 11th April 1896.

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NEWARK

The house of St. John the Baptist in Newark, New Jersey, was founded on 21st February 1946 by the vice-province of Yorkton, dependent on the Belgian province. Its purpose was to provide service for Catholics of the Ukrainian rite in that part of the United States. The first superior was Father Stefan Bachtalowsky.

NEW ORLEANS

Father Peter Czackert was the first Redemptorist to work in New Orleans. On the occasion of a fund-raising visit in 1843 he was able to assist the bishop in the rapidly growing city. It was not possible, however, to accept the foundation offered until a few years later. The house and church of Our Lady's Assumption were accepted on 23rd October 1847. Father Czackert, the first superior, succumbed to yellow fever in the following year. With the division of the American province in 1875 New Orleans passed to the jurisdiction of the St. Louis province. After the erection of the vice-province of New Orleans in 1952 the house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was established on 19th October 1953 as the residence of the vice-provincial.

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NEW ORLEANS Vice-province of

After a paternal visit of the St. Louis province by Father Buijs, Superior General, the vice-province of New Orleans was erected on 30th November 1952. Father Raymond Schmitt was the first superior.

Vice-provincials: Raymond Schmitt: 1952-1955; William Reintjes: 1955-1959; Paul Baudry: 1959-1967; Alphonse Abadie: 1967-1975; Albert Babin: 1975-1981; Matthew Kerschen: 1981-

NEW SMYRNA BEACH

Sacred Heart parish in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, was the first Redemptorist foundation in what was to become the vice-province of Richmond. A community with Father Joseph Downey as superior accepted the charge of the parish on 12th December 1926. A house

under the patronage of St. Alphonsus was established in the same city in 1963 and a residence for the vice-provincial in 1978.

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NEW YORK

The first Redemptorist foundation in New York was made at the earnest request of Archbishop John Hughes. It was the house and church of the Most Holy Redeemer, occupied on 21st August 1842 by a community under Father Gabriel Rumpler. The smaller church originally in use had been under the patronage of St. Nicholas. A second house, that of St. Alphonsus, was founded on 9th November 1866 with Father Nicholas Jaeckel as superior. The house and church of Our Lady Immaculate was founded on 26th September 1886 with Father James Geitz as superior. On 7th August 1887 the church under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was established for the advantage of the Czech Catholics with a community under Father Frederick Henn. Redemptorists led by Father Clement Wlasák had already begun working among the Czechs of the city. Finally, the residence of the provincial under the patronage of Our Lady of Good Counsel was established on 15th November 1950.

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NEW ZEALAND

Redemptorist missions were known in all parts of the country since 1883. The preachers came from Australia until a house under the patronage of St. Gerard was established by Father Patrick Clune in Wellington on 24th February 1905. With further development a vice-province was erected on 18th December 1956 and the province of Wellington on 21st April 1970.

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NGOMBE-MATADI

See Region of Nkolo.

NHA TRANG

The house under the patronage of St. Clement in Nha Trang, Vietnam, was founded to serve as a novitiate for the vice-province of Hué, dependent on the province of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. The community was established there on 10th April 1959 with Father Gerard Boissonnault as superior.

NIAMEY

The mission of the Niger was a joint venture of the provinces of Lyons and Paris, which commenced in October 1946. The station under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Niamey was established on 15th October 1946 with Father Henri Lecomte of the Paris province as superior. Niamey was the residence of the Prefect Apostolic from 1942 and since 1961 has been an episcopal see.

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NIAMEY Vice-province of

The mission to the region of the Niger was undertaken by the two provinces of Lyons and Paris. After the division of the Prefecture Apostolic on 5th October 1950 the mission of Niamey came under the care of the Lyons province. It was erected into a vice-province on 29th May 1960 with Father Hippolyte Berlier as superior. The vice-province now includes eleven mission stations.

Vice-provincials: Hippolyte Berlier: 1960-1962; Pierre Rion: 1962-1968; Pierre Prévot: 1968-1975; Guy Romano: 1975-1981; Roger Desbos: 1981-

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NICARAGUA

The Redemptorists were introduced into the republic of Nicaragua by the vice-province of Mexico, dependent on the Spanish province. Father José Morán Pan came to Managua in 1954 to care for the church of St. Anne. A regular house dedicated to the Most Holy Redeemer was established on 19th February 1955 as a centre for missions.

NIGER

See Niamey Vice-province of.

NIJMEGEN

The College of St. Alphonsus, Nijmegen, was established on 29th September 1928 by the Dutch province to serve as a juvenate. The first superior was Father Martin Stoks. For a time Nijmegen was the residence of the provincial.

NISTAL GARCÍA Agustín

Was born in Astorga, Spain, on 10th September 1879. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Nava del Rey on 22nd July 1898 and was ordained priest in Astorga on 22nd December 1903. He was an active parish missionary in both Spain and Portugal before being sent to the missions of the Spanish province in Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia. In 1921 he founded in Mexico City the institute of religious Sisters, the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Returning to Spain towards the end of his life, he died in Pamplona on 3rd January 1951.

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NKOLO Region of

The mission region of Nkolo in Zaire was formed by giving the province of Madrid responsibility for some of the mission stations previously belonging to the vice-province of Matadi, dependent on the province of Brussels North. The region was erected on 9th April 1979 with Father Miguel Combarros as first superior.

NOCERA

See Pagani.

NOËL Philippe

Was born in a small village in the diocese of Tournai on 29th September 1815. He was ordained priest for his native diocese on 11th August 1839, and coming to the Redemptorists, took his vows in St. Trond on 24th May 1845. He was superior of the Belgian province from 1856 to 1859. In 1860 with Father Louis Dold he attempted to make a foundation in Rengo, Chile. After it was abandoned in the

following year he was transferred to St. Thomas in the West Indies, where he died on 18th February 1868.

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NOLKER Bernard

Was born in Baltimore on 25th September 1912. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Ilchester on 2nd August 1934 and was ordained priest in Esopus on 18th June 1939. Attached to the vice-province of Campo Grande, Brazil, he was consecrated Bishop of Paranaguá on 25th April 1963.

NONGKAI

The parish of St. Alphonsus in Nongkhai, Thailand, was established on 1st January 1957 by Father Wilfrid Lowery with the help of Brother Cornelius Ryan. Brother Cornelius directed the building of the fine church. The parish serves Catholics spread over a wide area and provides important social services for the people. From 1956 to 1969 Nongkhai was the residence of the superior of the province of Bangkok.

NORTH EAST

The house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in North East, Pennsylvania, had been previously known as the Lake Shore Seminary, a co-educational institute of the Methodist Episcopal Church. When it could no longer be maintained, it was purchased by the Redemptorists of the Baltimore province to serve as a juvenate in place of the unsuitable quarters in Ilchester. It was occupied on 2nd February 1881, and the juvenate was transferred there in August of the same year. The director was Father Joseph Schwarz. The parish of St. Gregory's, also in North East, was accepted by the Redemptorists on 5th December 1972.

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NORWAY

Redemptorists worked briefly in Christiania, Norway, at the time of the civil disturbances which had closed the Austrian foundations af-

ter the revolution of 1848. In 1849 at the request of the Nuncio Fathers Johann Jentsch and Sigismund Schroth went to minister to the small Catholic community. They acquired a house, of which one room was converted into a public chapel and another into a school. The two Fathers continued their work until 1854, when with the return of peace they were summoned back to the province.

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NOSSA SENHORA DA GLORIA

See Region of Propriá.

NOVA CRIXAS

See Vice-province of Brasilia.

NOVAK Alfred

Was born in Dwight, Nebraska, on 2nd June 1930. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in De Soto on 2nd August 1951 and was ordained priest in Oconomowoc on 2nd July 1956. After ordination he was attached to the vice-province of Manaus. On 27th May 1979 he was consecrated titular Bishop of Vardimissa and auxiliary to the Archbishop of São Paulo. He has been named consultor to the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications.

NUEVA BRAUNAU

The parish of St. Rose of Lima in Nueva Braunau was accepted by the province of Santiago on 16th July 1966 with Father Rafael Moreno as first superior.

OAKLAND

The college of the Most Holy Redeemer in Oakland, California, was established by the vice-province of Portland, dependent on the province of St. Louis, to serve as a juvenate for Redemptorist candidates in the west of the United States. The first superior, Father Francis Romer, and his community took up residence on 3rd April 1925. In 1927 the house became the residence of the superior of the vice-province, which then became renamed that of Oakland.

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