

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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OAKLAND Province of

The Oakland province was erected on 30th November 1952 with Father Robert Elliot as first superior. It replaced the vice-province of Oakland, which until 1927 had been known as the vice-province of Portland, erected on 26th April 1924 and dependent on the St. Louis province. The residence of the superior was in Livermore until 1963, when it was transferred to San Francisco. The province has houses in the west of the United States and in Alaska.

Provincials: Robert Elliot: 1952-1959; Thomas Mainwaring: 1959-1964; William Fitzgerald: 1964-1966; Joseph Martucci: 1967-1974; William Lockman: 1974-1978; James Stratton: 1978-

OBERPULLENDORF

The house under the patronage of St. Clement in Oberpullendorf was established by the Austrian province on 5th March 1935 with Father Paul Tomitschek as first superior.

OBLATAS DEL SANTISIMO REDENTOR

The institute of religious Sisters, the Oblates of the Most Holy Redeemer, was founded from a pious work established by Bishop José Benito Serra O.S.B., formerly Bishop of Perth, West Australia, to care for neglected girls. He established a refuge in Madrid on 1st June 1864; and since he could not find religious to take charge of it, he founded the new institute with the help of Antonia Maria de Oviedo Schöntal, who joined him in 1870 and took her religious vows in 1873. Both the founders relied on the advice of Father Nicholas Mauron, Superior General of the Redemptorists. The institute has been aggregated to the Congregation and has drawn inspiration from its rules. Oblates have become quite numerous with foundations in Spain, Central and South America and the United States.

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OBLATES

The practice of admitting clergy and laity to a sharing in the prayers and good works of the Redemptorists was in use from the time of St. Alphonsus. The affiliations he granted admitted also to a participation in the hospitality of Redemptorist communities. This prac-

tice was continued by his successors, the Neapolitan Rectors Major. A different usage was introduced by St. Clement in Warsaw about the year 1800. These new Oblates were erected into a confraternity by a decree of Propaganda Fide on 29th July 1804. The confraternity of Oblates was associated by prayer and active collaboration with the apostolic works of the Congregation. Since the election of a Superior General resident in Rome in 1855 the practice of affiliating Oblates was sometimes communicated to provincials, but mainly reserved to the Superior General. The significance of such affiliation is now somewhat closer to the earlier practice of St. Alphonsus, even though the name, « Oblate », used by St. Clement for the confraternity has been retained.

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OBORISTE

The college under the patronage of St. Joseph in Oboriste had been a Pauline monastery since the seventeenth century, but had been closed by the Josephist decree of 1786. When the province of Prague had been separated from that of Austria in 1901, the provincial, Father Franz Němec, was anxious to establish a studendate and gladly took the opportunity of purchasing the abandoned monastery. It was occupied by a staff of teachers and students on 13th August 1902 with Father Josef Roller as superior.

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OCONOMOWOC

The college of the Immaculate Conception in Oconomowoc in the archdiocese of Milwaukee was acquired originally by the St. Louis province to replace the novitiate in Kansas City. The large house, however, in a fine lakeside setting was thought more suitable for a studendate, and the students moved into the new house on 2nd August 1911, while the novices occupied the former house of studies in De Soto. The first superior in Oconomowoc was Father Francis X. Miller.

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ODENSE

The house under the patronage of St. Canute and St. Alban in Odense, Denmark, was founded at the urgent request of the Vicar Apostolic of Denmark and Iceland. Fathers Gaudenz Schmiderer and Peter Steidl of the Austrian province came to Odense on 9th January 1899. The foundation marked the beginning of the future vice-province of Copenhagen.

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ODENTON

St. Joseph's parish in Odenton, Maryland, was accepted by the Baltimore province on 9th November 1972. The first superior was Father Hugh Corrigan.

ODESSA

The parish of the Most Holy Redeemer in Odessa, Texas, was founded by the vice-province of New Orleans to care for the Spanish-speaking community in the oil producing region of Texas. Father Gerard Joly and a community took up residence on 1st May 1961.

OKMULGEE

Redemptorists of the St. Louis province took over the care of St. Anthony's parish, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on 16th July 1928 with Father Armand Freret as superior. The house is now in the vice-province of New Orleans.

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OLIVEIRA José Carlos de

Was born in Aparecida, Brazil, on 14th March 1931. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Pindamonhangaba on 2nd February 1952 and was ordained priest in Tiete on 25th January 1957. He was consecrated Prelate of Rubiataba on 25th November 1979 and became first Bishop of the diocese of the same name when it was erected on 4th December of the same year.

OMAHA

Redemptorists of the St. Louis province accepted the parish of the Holy Name in Omaha at the request of the bishop, when the pastor wished to resign in order to serve as a chaplain to the American forces in World War I. Father Louis McKeown and a community came to the parish on 29th June 1918.

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OOMEN Peter

Was born in Den Hout in the diocese of Breda, Holland, on 7th November 1835. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in 's Hertogenbosch on 24th May 1857 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 22nd September 1860. He was superior of the Dutch province from 1874 to 1887, consultor to Father Mauron, Superior General, from 1891 to 1894 and Procurator General under Father Raus from 1894 to 1909. He died in Amsterdam on 20th March 1910.

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OPA LOCKA

The parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Opa Locka, Florida, was accepted by the vice-province of Richmond, dependent on the Baltimore province on 26th March 1957. Father John Waterman was the first superior.

OPON

The parish of Nuestra Señora de la Regla in Opon, Philippines, was entrusted to Redemptorists of the Irish province on 4th July 1906. In the diocese of Cebu, it was the first Redemptorist foundation in the Philippines and indeed in Asia. The first superior was Father Patrick Leo, who had been previously rector in Ballarat, Australia. When it became too difficult to combine the care of the extensive parish with the increasing missionary activity, Opon was relinquished in favour of the present house in Cebu City in 1929.

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ORANGEBURG

Holy Trinity parish in Orangeburg, South Carolina, was one of the first foundations made by the Baltimore province to assist the scattered Catholic population of the southern States. In response to a request of the Bishop of Charleston a community under Father Thomas Cronin was sent to Orangeburg on 11th May 1930.

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ORURO

St. Gerard's parish in Oruro, Bolivia, was accepted by the vice-province of La Paz, dependent on the Strasbourg province. Father Paul Rohmer and a community assumed charge on 1st March 1942.

OSTWALD

St. Alphonsus College in Ostwald was established by the Strasbourg province on 8th October 1967 to serve as a studendate. The first superior was Father Georges Laugel.

OTTAWA

The college of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Ottawa was founded on 26th April 1907 by the vice-province of Canada, subject to the Belgian province, to serve as a studendate. The first superior was Father Edouard Lamontagne. The house was later abandoned. The Toronto province for a time also had a foundation in Ottawa, but it also has been relinquished.

OTTIGNIES

Christ the King College in Ottignies was established on 5th October 1961 by the province of Brussels South to serve as a juvenate. The first superior was Father Robert Dambly.

OTTMANN Leopold

Was born in Nordheim in the diocese of Strasbourg on 3rd August 1805. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Bischenberg on 25th

January 1828 and was ordained priest in Fribourg on 13th June 1829. From 1848 to 1851 he was superior of the Swiss province, called after 1850 that of France and Switzerland. Shortly after his term of office he was transferred to the Belgian province, where his missions, especially in the diocese of Tournai, revealed his extraordinary prowess as a preacher. For a time he was novice master in St. Trond. He died in Luxemburg on 29th January 1881.

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP AND ST. ALPHONSUS

Archconfraternity of

The confraternity, whose aim is to propagate devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, was erected on 25th May 1871 in the church of Sant'Alfonso, Rome, by Cardinal Costantino Patrizi, Vicar General of Rome. The miraculous picture had been exposed for veneration in the same church some five years earlier. Pius IX conferred the dignity of archconfraternity on 31st August 1876. The supreme moderator is the Superior General of the Redemptorists.

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PACIFIC Vice-province of

Was also called for a time the vice-province of South America. The two foundations made in Ecuador in 1870 were placed under the care of Father Jean-Pierre Didier, who was given the title of Visitor. With the erection of the provinces of Lyons and Paris in 1900 the South American foundations were also divided. The Southern vice-province of the Pacific came under the jurisdiction of the Lyons province and the Northern under that of Paris.

Visitors: Jean-Pierre Didier 1870-1882; Jean-Baptiste Aufderregen: 1882-1890; Jérôme Schittly: 1890-1895; Antoine Jenger: 1895-1900.

Visitors of the Southern vice-province of the Pacific: Alphonse Paris: 1900-1907; Auguste Roger: 1907-1909; Joseph Kern: 1909-1918; Marcel Grandmesse: 1918-1921; Aristide Lamard: 1921-1924.

Visitors of the Northern vice-province of the Pacific: Raymond Gossart: 1900-1907; Raymond Coonaert: 1907-1912; Joseph Leiniel: 1912-1921; Er-