

of Munich-Freising. Coming to the Redemptorists, he took his vows in Altötting on 19th March 1846. He was superior of the German province in 1854 and 1855 and again of the Upper German province from 1883 to 1890. Most of his time was occupied as a teacher in the studenatate. He died in Gars on 23rd January 1890.

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**VOHEMAR**

After working in the diocese of Diego Suarez, Madagascar, since 1967 the Redemptorists of the Neapolitan province were at length given exclusive charge of missions. The first was that of Vohemar, dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Father Luigi Pentangelo had been working there since 1971.

**VUNDA**

See Vice-Province of Matadi.

**WAGNER Jakob**

Was born in Hülzweiler in the diocese of Trier on 14th November 1884. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Luxemburg on 14th September 1904 and was ordained priest in Geistingen on 1st August 1909. In 1911 he was sent to the vice-province of the Lower German province in Argentina and he remained there for the rest of his life. He was at first engaged in missions in Argentina and Uruguay, preaching in both Spanish and German. In 1927 he was appointed rector in Montevideo and in 1932 vice-provincial. When the province of Buenos Aires was erected on 8th September 1943 Father Wagner became the first provincial, remaining in office until 1951. On 16th June 1955 rioters burst into the Redemptorist house in Buenos Aires, and Father Wagner was seriously injured before he could escape. In spite of charitable care shown him by neighbours he died of his wounds on 7th August 1955.

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**WAIKABUBAK**

See Vice-province of Weetebula.

**WAIMANGURA**

See Vice-province of Weetebula.

**WAIMARAMA**

See Vice-province of Weetebula.

**WAINGAPU**

See Vice-province of Weetebula.

**WALDORF**

The house under the patronage of St. Arnulf in Waldorf in the diocese of Trier was established on 1st August 1976. The superior was Father Anton Brüser. The community coordinated the pastoral activity of the region.

**WALTER Aloysius**

Was born in Amsterdam on 5th November 1859. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in 's Hertogenbosch on 15th October 1876 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 9th October 1882. A gifted linguist, he taught in Redemptorist studendates in Italy and England as well as in his own Dutch province. He produced a Latin translation of the dogmatic writings of St. Alphonsus, published in two volumes in Rome in 1903. He died in Hawkstone Hall, the English studendate, on 27th December 1932.

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**WALWORTH Clarence**

Was born on 30th May 1820. Attracted to the Redemptorists, he took his vows in St. Trond on 15th October 1846 and was ordained in Roermond on 27th August 1847. He was one of those associated with Father Isaac Hecker in commencing English missions in America, and was one of the four who were dispensed from their vows with him on 6th March 1858. He became one of the founding members of the Congregation of St. Paul.

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**WARSAW**

Is a venerable city for Redemptorists on account of the activity of St. Clement and his companions. Established in the seventeenth century church of St. Benno's, in February 1787, St. Clement really founded the Congregation outside Italy. The intense and successful pastoral activity he initiated attracted the first new members from northern Europe. When the foundation was suppressed by the Napoleonic government in 1808 the house and church were turned to profane uses. In 1855 they came into private hands and in 1938 were purchased by Maria Biernacka, a generous benefactress of the Polish Redemptorists. She donated the site to the archdiocese of Warsaw, but World War II prevented any further development. In 1944 the house and church were completely destroyed. After the war the property was given to the Redemptorists, who with some assistance from the government succeeded in having a new St. Benno's erected by 1958 in time for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the expulsion of the Redemptorists from the city. In the following year on 21st June 1959 a community under Father Edmund Kowalkowski as superior took up residence in a new house under the patronage of St. Clement and St. Benno. This new house now became the residence of the superior of the province of Warsaw.

Another house, also under the patronage of St. Clement had already been established on 24th January 1918 in a working class suburb of the city. This house was the scene of a massacre perpetrated by Nazi troops on 6th August 1944, when thirty Redemptorists were murdered.

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**WARSAW Province of**

The Redemptorists returned to Poland in 1883 after having been expelled in the days of St. Clement in 1808. Father Bernard Lubienski and his family were responsible for the foundation in Mościska on 31st May 1883. The houses in Poland were separated from the province of Prague as an autonomous province on 8th December 1909. The first superior was Father Theophilus Pasur. The province now has a vice-province in Argentina, that of Resistencia, and is responsible for the region of Bahia in Brazil.

*Vice-provincials*: Engelbert Janeček: 1894-1901; Theophilus Pasur: 1901-1909.

*Provincials*: Theophilus Pasur: 1909-1918; Emmanuel Trzemski: 1918-1933; Franciszek Marcinek: 1933-1948; Ludwik Fraś: 1948-1953; Kazimierz Holda: 1953-1964; Jan Piekarski: 1964-1969; Stanislaw Stanczyk: 1969-1972; Stanislaw Podgórski: 1972-1981; Andrzej Rebacz: 1981-

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**WARTHA**

See Bardo.

**WASHINGTON**

A residence for Redemptorist students of Catholic University, Washington, had long been desired by the Baltimore province. Father James Barron, provincial, began negotiations and decided to rent a temporary residence until a suitable site could be found for a permanent college. When his term of office was completed he became first superior of Holy Redeemer College, established on 1st July 1930. The present permanent site was acquired two years later. In 1967 the province of Yorkton established a residence in Washington to care for the Ukrainian Catholics.

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**WATERFORD**

Most Holy Redeemer College in Waterford was established by the St. Louis province on 21st June 1968. The first superior was Father Daniel Lowery. The college served the province as philosophate.

**WEETEBULA Vice-province of**

The mission region established in Indonesia by the Cologne province in 1957 made rapid progress. The first foundation was made in Weetebula on 29th January 1956 with other stations following quickly. Father Josef Luckas was made superior of the region in 1957. The vice-province was erected on 28th November 1960 with Father Josef Gross-Bölting as superior. The vice-province has mission stations for the most part on the islands of Sumba and Sumbawa.

*Vice-provincials*: Josef Gross-Bölting: 1960-1963; Alois Pohl: 1963-1967; Wilhelm Wagener: 1967-1973; Karl Seitz: 1973-1978; Gerhard Baggeler: 1978-1981; Moses Beding: 1981-1984; Franz Pfister: 1984-

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**WEIDLICH Franz**

Was born in Vienna on 29th June 1796. He was a student of law when he came under the influence of St. Clement Hofbauer. On St. Clement's advice he began to prepare for the priesthood. When the Redemptorists were admitted into the Austrian empire in 1820 he joined them, being ordained priest in 1821 while still a novice. He took his vows in Vienna in 1822. He was a member of the community established in Lisbon in 1826. When the superior, Father Springer, became ill in 1827, Father Weidlich was appointed in his place, remaining in office until the foundation was suppressed by revolutionaries in 1833. He died in Vienna on 22nd September 1848, his death having been hastened by the hardships suffered during the revolution of that year.

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**WEIMANN José**

Was born in Hinojo in the diocese of Azul, Argentina, on 6th April 1892. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 3rd February 1912 and was ordained priest on 10th August 1917. He was consecrated Bishop of Santiago del Estero in Argentina on 8th September 1940 and died in his episcopal city on 30th March 1961.

**WEITMANN Joseph**

Was born in Kerkrade in the diocese of Roermond on 3rd October 1899. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in 's Hertogenbosch on 29th September 1922 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 8th October 1925. Appointed to the mission in Surinam in 1927, he interested himself in the social issues of the region. He worked to improve the conditions of the workers and the political status of women. He died in Paramaribo on 15th September 1962.

**WELLINGTON**

Redemptorists from Australia had been conducting campaigns of missions in New Zealand since 1883, when it was thought better to have a house in the country itself. The Irish provincial, Father Andrew Boylan, making a visitation, instructed Father Patrick Clune to make the necessary arrangements. In a short time he was able to establish a small community in the house under the patronage of St. Gerard on 21st February 1905. It has become the residence of the superior of the Wellington province.

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**WELLINGTON Province of**

Redemptorists made their first foundation in New Zealand with the establishment of a community in St. Gerard's, Wellington, on 21st February 1905. A vice-province was erected on 18th December 1956, dependent on the province of Australasia. Father Reginald O'Connell was the first superior. On 21st April 1970 a fully autonomous province was created with Father Patrick Hurley as superior. The province has made a foundation in Western Samoa.

*Vice-provincials:* Reginald O'Connell: 1956-1959; Patrick Hurley: 1959-1970.

*Provincials:* Patrick Hurley: 1970-1972; Patrick Kearney: 1972-1981; Edmund Langton: 1981-

**WELSERSHEIMB Antonia Victoria, Countess von**

Was born in Graz, daughter of Count Suardi, on 22nd January 1772. After the death of her husband, Josef von Welsersheimb, in 1811 she devoted herself to good works. With her friend, Eugénie Dijon, she came under the influence of Father Passerat in Vienna. The two friends became members of the devout group of women who cared for a refuge for penitents and in time formed the first Redemptoristine community outside Italy. With Eugénie Dijon Madame Welsersheimb went to Sant'Agata dei Goti in 1830 to be trained in the life of the Order of the Most Holy Redeemer. On account of the troubled state of the times the two had to leave Sant'Agata after only four months. They received the habit from Cardinal Odescalchi in his private oratory in Rome on 2nd April 1831, Madame Welsersheimb receiving

the religious name of Marianna Josepha of the Resurrection. Sister Marianna had the happiness of seeing her daughter, Victoria, join her in the monastery before her death in Vienna on 25th February 1841.

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**WELYCHKOWSKYJ Wasyl**

Was born in Stanislaviv in the Ukraine on 1st June 1903. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Holosko-Wielkie on 29th August 1925 and was ordained priest on 9th October of the same year. On 4th February 1963 he was consecrated Bishop of Lutsk-Zytomir. The consecration was done in secret in Moscow by Cardinal Slipyi. When rumours held that the consecration was doubtful, it was repeated conditionally in Krizeuci in 1966. Bishop Welychkowskyj later made his way to Canada, where he died in Winnipeg on 30th June 1973.

**WERNER Friedrich Zacharias**

Was born in Königsberg in Germany on 18th November 1768. He was already a famous poet and orator when he became a Catholic in 1810 and began to prepare for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1814 and in the same year came under the influence of St. Clement Hofbauer. He remained one of St. Clement's closest disciples and a collaborator in the periodical, *Ölzweig*, published at the saint's suggestion. When the Congregation was admitted into the Austrian empire, in spite of his age he repeatedly asked to be admitted. He was at length received into the novitiate in 1821, but was unable to complete the year of probation. He died in Vienna on 17th January 1823, making the Redemptorists the sole beneficiaries in his will.

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**WESSENBERG Ignaz Heinrich von**

Was born in Dresden on 4th November 1774. In the course of his studies he imbibed much of the current teachings of Josephism and the Enlightenment. His friendship with Karl Theodor von Dalberg,

Archbishop of Constance, led to his being appointed Vicar General when Dalberg became also Archbishop of Mainz and Worms. A forceful character, Wessenberg imposed his views of Church life on the diocese, which led to his excluding the Redemptorists from Jestetten and Triberg. In the Congress of Vienna in 1815 he was one of the chief spokesmen of the movement for a national German Church under the Prince Primate, Dalberg. He was vigorously resisted by St. Clement's friends among the Catholic delegates and by the secular authorities, who were suspicious of Dalberg's increasing power. After his defeat in the congress Wessenberg's influence declined, and he devoted himself to literary work until his death in Constance on 9th August 1860.

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**WEST END**

The house of San Alfonso in West End, New Jersey, had been established on 9th July 1922 as a holiday house for the Baltimore province. In 1925 with the approval of the Bishop of Trenton the house was made available for enclosed retreats. This work, which began under Father Charles S. Hoff, has continued to the present.

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**WEST INDIES**

See Virgin Islands.

**WETZLAR**

The mission house under the patronage of St. John Neumann in Wetzlar was established on 1st October 1970 by the Cologne province. The first superior was Father Michael Kratz.

**WHITTIER**

Redemptorists of the St. Louis province made a foundation in the Los Angeles district at the earnest request of the bishop. A community with Father Marcellus Ryan as superior took possession of the house and church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Downey on 3rd

April 1921. When the Vincentians vacated the house and church of St. Mary's in Whittier the bishop recommended that the community transfer there. The change to Whittier was made on 14th May 1922.

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**WICHITA**

The parish of St. Joseph's in Wichita was accepted by the St. Louis province on 14th April 1920 after repeated requests made by the bishop. The first superior was Father Peter Maas. On 1st January 1970 Villa Christi retreat house was also established in Wichita.

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**WIGGERMANN Gerhard**

Was born in Tettngang in Württemberg on 25th December 1843. He was ordained priest for the diocese of Rottenburg on 10th August 1868. Coming to the Redemptorists, he took his vows in Altötting on 16th January 1873. He taught theology in the studentate of the Upper German province before being appointed first superior of the community in Aparecida in Brazil. He laid the foundations of the later province of São Paulo. He died in Aparecida on 15th October 1921.

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**WILKES-BARRE**

Redemptorists of the province of Yorkton established a residence in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in December 1973. The community works for the Ukrainian Catholics.

**WILLIAMS LAKE**

Sacred Heart parish in Williams Lake, British Columbia, was accepted on 1st May 1938 by the Toronto province. The first superior was Father Gerald Redmond. The house is now in the Edmonton province.

**WILLINGER Aloysius Joseph**

Was born in Baltimore on 19th April 1886. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Annapolis on 2nd August 1906 and was ordained priest in Esopus on 2nd July 1911. After twelve years in the vice-province of San Juan he was consecrated Bishop of Ponce on 28th October 1929. In 1946 he was transferred to the titular see of Bida as coadjutor to the Bishop of Monterey - Fresno. He succeeded to the see in 1953, resigning in 1967. He died in Fresno on 25th July 1973.

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**WINDSOR**

Most Holy Redeemer College in Windsor, Ontario, was established on 17th September 1957 by the Toronto province to serve as studentate for the vice-provinces of Edmonton and Yorkton as well as for the province itself. The first superior was Father Gerard Owens. The parish of St. Alphonsus in the same city had been established earlier on 9th November 1952.

**WINNIPEG**

The parish of St. Alphonsus in the suburb of East Kildonan, Winnipeg, was accepted by the vice-province of Toronto, dependent on the Baltimore province on 17th April 1914. The first superior was Father Augustine Duke. The house is now in the province of Edmonton. On 27th March 1952 the vice-province of Yorkton established the house under the patronage of St. Joseph in Winnipeg. It now serves as the residence of the superior of the province of Yorkton.

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**WISSEL Joseph**

Was born in Rabach, Würzburg on 4th February 1830. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Philadelphia on 26th March 1853 and was ordained priest in St. Peter's church on the same day by St. John Neumann. Later Father Wissel was to be vice-postulator in the cause of St. John Neumann's beatification. He was devoted to the missions

and was the author of the much used guide for future preachers, *The Redemptorist on the American Missions* in three volumes, which first appeared in New York in 1875. Father Wissel died in Philadelphia on 7th September 1912.

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### **WITTEM**

The house under the patronage of St. Alphonsus in Wittem was established on 12th January 1836. At the time it was in Belgian territory and the site of a former Capuchin monastery which had been closed in 1790 by the French Revolution. On the occasion of a mission in Wittem and Gulpen in 1833 it was seen that the old Capuchin monastery would make a suitable studendate to relieve the crowding in St. Trond. Father Alexander Czvitkovicz was the first superior. Even though Wittem became Dutch territory in 1839, it continued to serve the Belgian candidates as well as those of the province of Holland and England after 1855.

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### **WOUTERS Louis**

Was born in Vessem in the diocese of 's Hertogenbosch on 19th November 1864. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in 's Hertogenbosch on 15th October 1882 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 6th June 1888. He taught moral theology in the studendate of the Dutch province and in the *Schola Major* in Rome. He was provincial in Holland from 1924. In spite of his demanding occupations he was an assiduous writer on various moral questions. His *Manuale Theologiae Moralis* was published in Bruges in 1933, the year of his death. He died in Nijmegen on 15th May 1933.

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### **WROCLAW (Breslau)**

A foundation of Redemptorists in Breslau, Silesia, had long been desired by the bishop. When it was finally arranged it happened to be towards the end of World War I. The Austrian provincial, there-

fore, thought it best to entrust the final arrangements to Father Augustin Rösler, a native of Silesia, who had for some years been a teacher in the studendate in Mautern. He settled his community in the house and chapel of Our Lady, Comfortress of the Afflicted, on 2nd April 1918. In November of the same year with the transfer of Silesia to Germany, together with the house in Wartha, it passed to the jurisdiction of the Lower German province. After World War II it came under the Polish province together with the other houses of Silesia.

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**WUEST Joseph**

Was born in Coblenz on 22nd February 1834. He joined the Redemptorists in America, taking his vows in Annapolis on 8th December 1854 and being ordained priest after his studies in Cumberland on 24th September 1859. A diligent student all his life, especially of matters concerning the Congregation, Father Wuest is remembered particularly as the compiler of the *Annals of the American province*, published in Ilchester and Boston from 1888 to 1924. He died in Ilchester on 14th November 1924.

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**WÜLFING Willem**

Was born in 's Hertogenbosch on 30th May 1839. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in St. Trond, Belgium, on 15th October 1862 and was ordained priest in Wittem on 1st October 1867. After ordination he was assigned to the mission of the Dutch province in Surinam. On 15th December 1889 he was consecrated titular Bishop of Camby-sopolis and Vicar Apostolic of Surinam. He died at sea on 5th April 1906, his remains being brought back to Paramaribo for burial.

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**WÜRZBURG**

The mission house under the patronage of St. Alphonsus in Würzburg was established on 15th November 1953 by the Munich prov-

ince. The first superior was Father Anton Hollmann of the vice-province of Karlsbad.

### WYNARD

The mission of the Sacred Heart in Wynard, Saskatchewan, was established on 11th July 1965 by the province of Yorkton. On 1st August 1969 Father Stephen Olynyk was appointed superior.

### XANG MING

The house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Xang Ming was the first Redemptorist foundation in Thailand. With Father Clarence Duhart as superior the pioneer community occupied the house on 26th November 1948. Xang Ming, a small village, was relinquished in 1957 for the more convenient situation of Nongkhai.

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### YOGYAKARTA

See Vice-province of Weetebula.

### YORKTON

The house under the patronage of St. Gerard in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, was established on 13th January 1904 by the Belgian province, its first superior being Father Pierre Girard. It was the base from which Father Achille Delaere commenced his work among the Ukrainians of Canada. In 1913 the house was surrendered by the new province of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré to the vice-province of Toronto. It has now passed to the province of Edmonton. When the house was entrusted to the English-speaking Redemptorists, Father Delaere strongly urged that a house be established to serve the large Ukrainian community. In this way the house under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was established on 2nd August 1913 with Father Noël Decamps as superior. From this beginning has developed the province of Yorkton.

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