

## SECTION FOUR 1926 – 1956

The mid twenties may be viewed as the end of the rugged pioneering days in North America. Except for sparsely settled areas, motorcars took over where formerly horse and buggy had dominated as means of transportation. Parishes of immigrants became congregations of second and third generation American citizens.

Within the Congregation we find fewer foreign-born Spiritans coming to serve as missionaries in North America; instead, increasingly larger numbers of North Americans and Trinidadians go abroad to work in Africa and the West Indies, while in the USA we also find a greater commitment to service in parishes for black citizens, who were then still not welcome in white churches. These changes, however, are not yet readily visible in this section because it records only those who died or departed during this period.

There was no special reason for choosing 1956 as the end of this section, save the desire to provide a break somewhere in the middle of a long list of about 800 names.

320 Br. Leo (Louis) Schuster 88  
USA Germany  
\* Feb 10 1837 Moerlen, Westerwald + Jan 16 1926 Pittsburgh

A 27 year old farmer, he entered the Congregation in 1864 and was professed at the German Marienstatt Feb 2 1866. He labored there on the community farm until the Kulturkampf closed the house in 1873. In 1874 he accompanied Fr. Joseph Strub to the USA and worked in the Brothers' community at Pontiac, Ohio till the Spiritans left this State in 1876. After 2 years spent at the provisional house of Perrysville PA, he was transferred to the new Marienstatt in the Arkansas colony for immigrants. Around 1885 he obtained a leave of absence which he spent as a sacristan with the Jesuits in St. Louis, MO. On his return, about 3 years later, he served consecutively in Pittsburgh's HG College, Conway, St Stanislaus, Pittsburgh, St. Mary's Detroit, Cornwells, Tarentum, and then at Ferndale, 1905-25. By then he was 87 years old and retire to Cornwells. When fire destroyed the wing to which his infirmities confined him, he was transferred to the infirmary at Duquesne, where he died in his sleep. His numerous appointments did not come about by his own volition – he loved to stay put – but arose from circumstances beyond his control. He was highly regarded by his superiors and by all who came in contact with him.

321 Fr. Paul Connolly  
USA  
May 2 1894 Philadelphia

He graduated from Cornwells in 1912 and was professed August 15 1913 at Ferndale, where he also did his philosophy and theology. He was ordained there Nov. 14, 1917. We find him stationed at St. Mark's in New York's Harlem, but in Jan 1926 he withdrew from the Congregation at the expiration of his vows and in June 1929 joined the diocesan clergy of Brooklyn, NY.

322. Fr. John Otten 73

USA France

\* March 12 1852 Aix-la-Chapelle, Rhineland

+ Feb 8 1926 Pittsburgh

A cousin of Fr. John Willms, he entered the German Marienstatt in 1868 to continue the classical curriculum already started in his hometown. Sent to Langonnet in 1872 for his philosophy and theology, he was ordained in Parish Dec 23 1876 and made his profession Aug 27 1877. Till 1881 he taught philosophy and theology in Paris and Langonnet and was regarded as the most eloquent man on the teaching staff. Transferred to the USA in 1881, he devoted his life to pastoral care at St. Vincent, Atkins AK, 1881-87, St. Mary's Sharpsburg, 1887-89, St. Peter's and Sacred Heart, Tarentum, PA 1889-95 and then again at Sharpsburg for 30 years.

Highly intelligent, full of initiative and competence in all kinds of matters, this zealous pastor build the church and school for German immigrants at Atkins, as well as the complex of Church, schools, etc. at Tarentum for German and Belgian laborers. In Sharpsburg he constructed a basilica-like church, grade schools, a large high school and a rectory; in addition, he acquired 87 acres of land for the local Catholic cemetery. He did all this without leaving any debts to his successor. He was much in demand as a preacher of missions in several states, an electrifying speaker at the annual congresses of German-speaking Catholics, and an appreciated popular writer. A marvelous community man, he assisted the provincial in building up Ferndale materially, spiritually and intellectually. For other he was a friend in need "without regard to race, creed or color."

In 1924 he suffered a severe heart attack and had to reduce his activities to a minimum. He died less than two years later and was buried in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

323. Bp. John T. Murphy 74

Trinidad USA Ireland Great Britain Mauritius

\* June 24 1854 Castleisland Kerry

+ April 16 1926 Port Louis MRT

He entered Blackrock's junior seminary division when he was about 14 and in 4 years brilliantly finished his classical studies by gaining a prize for Greek poetry from Dublin's university. "To test his vocation" he was sent to Trinidad in 1872 as a prefect at CIC. He passed the test so well that the Fathers kept him for 5-1/2 years and only very reluctantly allowed him to return to Europe in 1878. Meanwhile he had privately studied philosophy and theology and received the subdiaconate. Ordained a priest Sept 21 1878 at Chevilly, he made his profession Dec 8 1878. Although he was supposed to return to Trinidad, he was appointed to Rockwell as dean of studies and dean of discipline. He worked there with great success for 7 years.

In 1886 he became dean of studies at HG College in Pittsburgh, where for 13 years he made a large contribution to the development of this school, of which he became president in 1893. Continuing his career as an educator, he then was appointed president of Blackrock in 1899. Five years later, we find him as novice master in the new foundation of Prior Park, England. He was happy there, for he finally had the time to delve deeper into the philosophical and theological problems of the era and to lecture to Catholic students at Oxford University.

In 1906, at the request of his American confreres, he became provincial superior of the USA and began the construction of new buildings at the Cornwells seminary. Unfortunately, he became ill in 1910 and had to return to Ireland. Soon after his arrival, however, he was appointed provincial of Ireland, where he built the novitiate at Kimmage.

In 1916 Pope Benedict XV, in a rare gesture, conferred on this self-taught priest the doctorate of theology and, later in the same year, named him Bishop of Port Louis, Mauritius. He was ordained Aug 13 1916. Thus he could finally devote himself to the pastoral work for which he had longed all his life. For 10 years he gave himself whole-heartedly to this task as a teacher and guide of his multiracial flock, fostered local vocations, and founded Laval seminary and a college. At the same time, the poor and the sick were the object of his personal attention. He often visited them in their humble abodes, while also forcefully persuading the government to provide clean streets and good drinking water in the slums. Cardinal Newman was his guide in his educational work, the “Good Shepherd” his ideal in his pastoral undertakings. He died after a brief illness and was buried in the Congregation’s crypt near the grave of Blessed James Laval.

324. Br. Materne (Emile) Comte 545  
 Canada France Germany Ireland  
 \* August 4 1871

+ April 17 1926 Langonnet  
 “with the reputation of a saint”

After trying the junior seminary at Beauvais, he asked to be admitted to the Brothers’ novitiate and was professed Sept 8 1889. He learned to be a master builder, who was very much in demand throughout the Congregation and spent his life wherever new buildings or restorations were needed: At Chevilly, Orly, Orgeville, Knechtsteden, Mesnieres, Rockwell, etc. In addition, he trained many young Brothers in his trade. In the New World he helped construct St. Alexander College in Canada (1913-20). Highly qualified but very unassuming, he was a model religious. “We have lost a saint,” sighed his superior when he died of tuberculosis and a heart attack.

325. Stanislaus Mielnicki  
 USA  
 \* Dec 6 1900 Vilna Lithuania

Professed at Ferndale Aug 17 1918, he perfected at Duquesne 1921-23, but withdrew from the Congregation at the expiration of his vows in 1926.

326. Br. Fulbert (Gottlieb) Heim 64  
 USA France Martinique Reunion Kenya Ireland Germany Belgium  
 \* July 12 1862 Schrenkenmaglize, Bavaria + Oct 12 1926 Bridgeport CT

After studying painting at Munich’s Academy of Fine Arts, he tried the Cistercians but left at the end of his first vows because he felt attracted to an active life as a missionary. Thus he joined Dom Amrheim’s new Benedictine missionary foundation in 1886. When the foundation failed, two of its former members who had become Spiritans directed the young man, serving as a watchman in the empty novitiate of Reichenbach, to Chevilly. There he learned what it meant to “join the Congregation and see the world.” Before his profession on March 19 1892, he decorated the Orly community chapel so beautifully in the then fashionable style that everyone was in ecstasy about it. Chevilly’s chapel followed while he was teaching design to young Brothers. Soon after, he traveled all over France to Cellule, St. Ilan, Merville, Mesnières, etc., etc. In Bordeaux the local chapel became a ‘real gem.’

Sent to Martinique, he adorned the shrine of Notre Dame de la Délivrande and the college chapel of St. Pierre, but his artwork there perished in the 1902 eruption of Mont Pelé. Next, we find him at Reunion in the Indian Ocean decoration the cathedral and another church. From there he went to the Zanzibar cathedral and the sanctuary of the first church in Nairobi, Kenya. After a visit to the great churches of Rome on the way back to France, he received commissions to paint in Blackrock (1909) and Paris (1910), followed by order for Knechtsteden (1911) in Germany and Gentinnes (1912), Belgium. He was decorating the cathedral of Fort de France, Martinique, when World War One broke out and he had to leave as an enemy alien.

He took refuge in the USA, where this unexpected confrere was very welcome. He painted and decorated chapels and churches at Duquesne, Cornwells, St. Peter Claver's in Philadelphia, Ferndale, Ridgefield, St. Mark's in New York, Sacred Heart, Tarentum, etc. In 1924 he returned to Martinique to finish the cathedral he had been forced to leave ten years before. He had just finished it in 1926 when he barely escaped death in a fire which destroyed all his tools and papers. The experience aggravated his heart condition and he asked permission to return to the USA. He managed to reach Ferndale after three weeks in a New York hospital, but soon after had to enter another hospital in Bridgeport, CT. There he died a few weeks later and was buried in Ferndale.

Not a man to waste any spare time, he used his leisure to collect entomological specimens, which he mounted, sketched and described in minute detail for publication in scientific works.

327. Br. Antonin (Marcel) Picard  
St. Pierre et Miquelon France  
\* April 23 1904 Cilaos, Reunion

Two years after his profession at Chevilly March 19 1923, he sailed for the Miquelon Islands. For a man born in the tropics, life in these cold and fog-shrouded islands must have been very hard. About 1-1/2 years after his arrival he returned to France and withdrew from the Congregation in 1927 with the intention of studying for the priesthood.

328. Fr. Jerome Czecz  
USA  
\* Sept 8 1900 Pittsburgh

After his profession at Ferndale Aug 17 1920, he did his studies there and was ordained Aug 28 1924. The following year he received orders to sail to Poland and help in the foundation of a new province there. In March 1927 he withdrew from the Congregation to join the secular clergy. We find him mentioned as a chaplain in the USA Army during World War Two, but with a new spelling of his name as Czysz.

329. Br. Ludolph (Augustus) Schönrock 60  
USA  
\* August 1 1866 Konitz, West Prussia + March 13 1927 Morrilton AK

A young gardener who had gone to seek a better life in the USA, he met Fr. Schwab in Sharpsburg and became a Catholic. (His younger brother followed his example 5 years later.) At the age of 28, he applied for admission as a Brother in the Pittsburgh college community in

1894. After a long novitiate he was professed there March 19 1898. This pious and exemplary Brother served successively as a cook and/or gardener in Cornwells, Morrilton, Sharpsburg, Ferndale (1905-12), and then again Cornwells (1912-21) and Morrilton (1921-27). He died after a long illness.

330. Joseph A. Ryan  
Trinidad  
\* Nov 13 1904 Drumcondra Dublin

Professed at Kimmage Aug 24 1925, he was sent perfecting at CIC in Trinidad one year later. He withdrew from the Congregation in May 1927 and became a diocesan priest in 1933. He died in the 1960s.

331. Fr. Paul Kwapulinski 52  
USA  
\*Jan 6 1875 Krolowka, Salesia + June 22 1927 Pittsburgh

Brother Didymus Moravietz acquainted him with the Congregation and, at the age of 14, he left his parents to enter the seminary of Cellule. From 1895 on we find him at Chevilly for his studies. He was professed there Jan 2 1898, together with 98 others, and ordained Oct 28 1899. The talented and zealous young priest then came to the USA to work among his fellow Poles. Except for 4 years spent at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Pittsburgh (1903-07), he served his entire life as a priest in the busy parish of St. Stanislaus in the same city. Energetic and conciliatory, he guided the parish through a difficult period. Mourned by his parishioners and confreres, he died of a stroke.

332. Anton Pernek  
USA  
\* 1900 Vienna, Austria

He entered Ferndale as a postulant Brother and worked there for 6 years until his withdrawal from the Congregation in 1927.

333. Fr. Léon Marquette 54  
Canada Gambia Senegal  
\* Feb. 5 1873 Lille + Sept 17 1927 Dakar

He was a bookkeeper to a wholesaler when, at the age of 28, he entered the Congregation's junior seminary of Merville in 1901 to learn some Latin. Two years later we find him at Orly for his novitiate and when Combes' persecution closed this house, he went to Chevilly for his profession on Oct 2 1904. Ordained there Oct 1908, he sailed for Canada the following year to become bursar at St. Alexander's agricultural institute. Discouraged by the unfavorable comments on this enterprise which he heard from many, he asked to be relieved from his function and was assigned to his beloved Africa in 1912. He did excellent work there in Bathurst – now Banjul – Gambia, where he took only 6 months to learn the local Wolof

language. Two years later he was transferred to Rufisque, Senegal, and in 1926 to the off-shore island of Gorée. He died after one year when he was struck by the dreaded yellow fever.

334. Fr. Georges Mahaux  
Canada Zaire Belgium  
\* Sept. 8 1887 Viesville, Belgium

He studied at the junior seminary of Gentinnes and pronounced his vows at Chevilly Oct 2 1910. Because of the war, he finished his theology, begun at Chevilly, in Langonnet, where he was also ordained in late 1914 or early 1915. When he was demobilized by the Belgian army in 1917, he was assigned to the Katanga mission in the Belgian Congo. He served there at Lubunda till 1923 and, after briefly teaching at Gentinnes, came to Canada as a teacher at St. Alexander. In July 1927 he returned to Belgium and withdrew from the Congregation in October of the same year.

335. Fr. Aloysius André Gawlik 32  
Canada Martinique  
\* Nov 30 1894 Janow, Salesia + Oct 11 1927 Lipny, Poland

He did about half of his classical studies in his home country before, in 1910, he went to join his Polish compatriots at the Spiritan seminary of Gentinnes, Belgium. Two years later, the robust young man arrived in Canada to take his place among the first students in the newly opened junior seminary of Sts. Alexander (1911-19). After perfecting and finishing his philosophy there, he did his novitiate at Orly and was professed Nov 1 1920. When he developed tuberculosis during his theology at Chevilly, he was sent to the Congregation's sanatorium in Montana, Switzerland. Ordained in Paris Nov 12 1922 and declared cured, he went back to St. Alexander in 1923 to teach Greek, but began spitting blood again a few weeks later. After another stay at Montana, the doctor suggested light work in the mild climate of Martinique (1925-27). When his illness got worse, he received permission to be treated by a famous doctor in Poland. But it did not help and he died at the local hospital. Interment took place alongside his mother's grave in the cemetery of Swientocklowice.

336. Fr. Joseph Decaillet 62  
USA France Switzerland  
\* March 14 1865 Salvan, Sw. + Oct 23 1927 Fribourg

He studied at the Abbey of St. Moritz till 1890 and then entered the Grande Chartreuse, the famous Carthusian monastery, as a novice. Advised to seek a more active life, he joined the Congregation and was professed as a priest at Orly Aug 15 1893. After 5 years of teaching at Chevilly and Orly, he began ailing and, in order not to be a burden on the Congregation, obtained permission to become a monk at St. Moritz. When the attempt failed, he came to the USA in 1900 and served in St. Ann's, Millvale, and St. Joachim's, Detroit. The climate forced him to return to Europe one year later, where he became chaplain at the orphanage of Orgeville. In 1904 we find him as superior of the house in Fribourg. He held this position for 23 years, during

which he became the heart and soul of this university community and gained widespread respect for his multiple talents.

337. Br. M. Joseph (Christopher) Winters 33

Trinidad Ireland

\* Dec 19 1894 Drogheda, Tyrone

+ Dec 18 1927 Port of Spain

He entered the Congregation at Kimmage in 1919 and made his vows there March 20 1922. A robust farmer and an excellent religious, he rendered great service to the community. At his request, he was sent to “the missions” and assigned to Trinidad. Soon after his arrival at CIC in 1925, he became ill and his condition continued to deteriorate. He died of a severe hemorrhage after 2 years of suffering.

338. Fr. Francis Olfen 63

USA

\* Dec 2 1864 Cologne, Rhineland

+ Dec 19 1927 Pittsburgh

Through Fr. John Willms he became acquainted with the Congregation and in 1884 presented himself in Paris, not knowing whether he would become a Brother or continue to go on for the priesthood. Sent to the junior seminary of Merville, he could begin his philosophy at Langonnet in 1889, and then did his theology at Chevilly. Ordained in 1893, he made his vows Aug 15 1894, and then followed Fr. Willms to the USA. While stationed at St. Mary’s Detroit, he suffered a nervous shock and, at his request, was transferred as an assistant to St. Anthony’s in Millvale and to St. Mary’s Sharpsburg till 1899.

A good preacher, he then received his appointment as a pastor in Millvale, but in 1903 his timidity and nervousness caused a transfer to Morrilton AK. When he could manage neither the St. Vincent mission nor that of Atkins, he became so discouraged that he took steps to leave the Congregation in 1906. Before they became effective, however, he recovered his peace of mind among his confreres in Chippewa Falls. He served there for 7 years as an assistant and then filled a series of appointments in Morrilton, Cornwells, Sharpsburg and St. Ann’s of Millvale. Afflicted by cancer, he died after a long illness.

339. Fr. Eugene Gillespie 29

USA

\* Nov 2 1898 Philadelphia

+ Feb 26 1928 Philadelphia

He finished the classical curriculum at Cornwells in 1918, made his vows at Ferndale Aug 15 1919, studied philosophy and theology there and was ordained March 8 1924. Desirous to work among blacks, he was assigned to St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia. In 1926 he received a teaching appointment to Duquesne, but two years later cancer struck him. Before his death he was transported to Philadelphia to satisfy his mother’s wishes. The untimely death of this intelligent and deeply religious young man was experienced as a great loss by all who knew him.

340. Br. Barnabé Strotz  
Canada France  
\* June 19 1895 Uznach, Sw.

He made his profession at Chevilly Sept 8 1916 and was appointed to St. Alexander in Canada 4 years later. After working there as a shoemaker and refectorian till 1924, he returned to France, served in Orly and withdrew from the Congregation in February 1928. It is reported that later he became a Trappist.

341. Charles Brady  
USA  
\* July 9 1902 Philadelphia

He did his classical curriculum at Cornwells 1916-21, and after pronouncing his first vows at Ferndale Aug 15 1922, he began his clerical studies there. He perfected at Duquesne for one year, 1925-26 and then resumed his studies at Ferndale, but withdrew from the Congregation in February 1928.

342. Fr. Thomas Molloy 59  
Trinidad USA Portugal Ireland  
\* July 19 1868 Kiltegan, Wicklow + March 19 1928 Philadelphia

He was 20 years old when he entered Blackrock in 1888 and graduated in 1892. After 2 years of perfecting at Blackrock and Rockwell, he began his philosophy at Langonnet in 1894. Then fear of tuberculosis caused him to be sent to Trinidad for perfecting and private study, 1895-99. He made his profession in Cornwells Nov 6 1900 and was ordained in Philadelphia Nov 15 1902. In failing health he returned to Trinidad in 1903 for another 4 years of teaching at CIC and was then transferred to Holy Spirit College in Braga, Portugal. When the revolution of 1910 exiled the Spiritans, he returned to Cornwells, where he excelled as a teacher till 1925. Then his lingering illness got the upper hand and caused also a slow degeneration of his mental faculties, so that the hospital could no longer keep him. Arrangements were made for him to go to a mental institution when on the very date set for his transfer he died suddenly after breakfast. Interment took place in Cornwells community cemetery.

343. Marie-Lucien (Robert) Pérard  
Canada  
\* Sept 22 1887 Versailles

He had come to St. Alexander as a student of the agricultural school in 1906, but left it in 1907. The following year he returned and in 1910 became an agrégé with private vows, and wearing the habit of the Congregation from 1912. He worked at St. Alexander till April 1928 in housekeeping duties and then went back to France to live with one of his sisters.

344. Fr. Eugène Brunet 71  
Canada France Algeria Netherlands  
\* Sept 10 1856 Hondschoote, Flanders + April 18 1928 Weert NL

Born in the Flemish-speaking part of France, he did his classical studies at Hazebrouck till 1876 and then entered the Congregation in the senior seminary of Langonnet, where he was "one of our best scholastics." Ordained at Chevilly Nov 21 1880, he was professed Aug 28 1881. After teaching for 8 years at the seminary college of Merville, he became in 1889 director of the new agricultural school for orphans at St. Mauront and 7 years later at Orgeville. In 1898 he began to serve in the procurator's office at the motherhouse until in 1901 he assumed the function of director and superior of the agricultural complex and school of Miserghin, Algeria. When Combes' persecution closed this institute, he went to work again at the motherhouse and then, in 1906, became bursar of the newly founded agricultural school at St. Alexander, Canada. None of the agricultural works had much success under his direction, but the Canadian foundation became a seminary college which flourished. In 1912 his knowledge of Flemish resulted in his appointment to the new junior seminary of Weert, Holland, where he spent 16 years and which, as superior and director, he brought to a flourishing condition (1912-28). Struck by a cerebral embolism while traveling in Belgium, he was transported by his physician brother to Steenbecque, France. About 6 months before his death, he could retire to Weert. He was buried there in the community cemetery and later re-interred in Gemert.

345. Fr. Joseph Halba  
USA Poland  
\* May 21 1895 Pittsburgh

A graduate of Duquesne Prep school and Cornwells, he pronounced his vows at Ferndale Aug 21 1915, did his theology there and was ordained Sept 21 1918. From 1919 on he served successively as an assistant in the Polish parishes of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pittsburgh. In 1924 he went to the newly created vice-province of Poland, but by 1926 he was back in the States and worked at Holy Spirit parish, Opelousas LA. One year later we find him again in St. Stanislaus. He departed from the Congregation in July 1928, and died in May 1949 at the Trappist Gethsemani Abbey, where he had applied for admission as a novice. He was buried in the Spiritan community plot of St. Stanislaus cemetery.

346. Terence J. Smyth  
Trinidad  
\* June 17 1904 Killeevan, Monogham

Professed at Kimmage August 24 1925, he began his studies there, but was sent perfecting in Trinidad in 1926. He withdrew from the Congregation 2 years later at the expiration of his vows.

347. Fr. David FitzGibbon 69  
USA Canada  
\* Feb 12 1859 Forthgeorge, Rathkeale + Oct 1 1928 Philadelphia

He had done some studies at Rockwell and then migrated to the USA. At the age of 21, he asked to be admitted to the junior seminary division of HG College in Pittsburgh and became, in 1882, the first one to receive the religious habit in that community. Sent to Chevilly for his philosophy and theology, he was ordained Nov 1 1887 and made his vows Aug 26 1888. His first appointment was to the Pittsburgh school, but his health was bad and one year later he became director of St. Joseph's House for homeless boys in Philadelphia. In the 14 years of his service there he brought the house to a flourishing condition. At the same time, he organized a mission band and attracted many candidates to the Congregation. In 1903 he developed the missions to the blacks at St. Benedict the Moor in Pittsburgh and St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia.

Two years later we find him teaching English at the new foundation of St. Alexander in Canada. Returning to the States in 1906, he helped to develop the newly opened Ferndale seminary, directed Cornwells for one year, and then around 1909 resumed his function as director of St. Joseph's House in Philadelphia till 1914. For the next 6 years he was pastor at Chippewa Falls and then another 2 years at Charleston NC. Ill health caused him to resign in 1922 and retire first to St. Peter Claver and then to Cornwells. A fervent religious, he remained an inspiration to all. He died after a long illness at St. Mary's hospital.

348. Fr. Nicholas J. Brennan 74  
Trinidad Ireland  
\* June 29 1854 Sart, Kilkenny

+ Oct 4 1928 Blackrock

He graduated from Blackrock in 1874, perfected there for 3 years and then did his clerical studies at Chevilly. Ordained in 1879 and professed Aug 29 1880, he was appointed to Blackrock. During his 14 years to teaching he became a superb Latinist, who authored several books. In 1894 he was assigned to Trinidad as superior and principal of CIC. Unfortunately, his health broke down and in 1895 he had to leave on a year of convalescence. But soon after he became president of Rockwell, which he governed for 10 years. He then returned to Blackrock as a teacher of Latin, as well as its president for 6 years (1910-16). After about 45 years of service devoted to education he retired around 1927 in Blackrock for the remaining few months of his life.

349. Msgr. William F. Stadelman 59  
USA  
\* Feb 12 1869 Allegheny PA

+ Nov 6 1928 Pittsburgh

He had worked for the local telephone company before he entered HG College as a junior seminarian in 1887 and perfected at its Prep School, 1892-93. For his philosophy and theology he went to Langonnet and Chevilly, but was able to finish them in the newly established senior seminary of Cornwells. Ordained in Philadelphia and professed at Cornwells on the same day, Feb 2 1898, he became director of the junior seminary in Pittsburgh until in 1901 he accepted the chaplaincy of the Belmead and St. Francis de Sales' complex of schools for blacks in Powhatan VA. During World War One he was director of the Cornwells junior seminary, then pastor of St. Benedict the Moor, Pittsburgh, 1918-21, and finally national director of the Holy Childhood Association, 1921-28, a function for which he was granted the title of Monsignor.

A captivating preacher and religious instructor, he succeeded very well at Belmead and attracted the first black Catholic converts of that area to the Church. His spare time was put to good use in the writing of religious articles and pamphlets and the gathering of materials for his one major book, Glories of the Holy Ghost. As director of the Holy Childhood, he made this association truly national by extending it to all dioceses of the States. He had almost recovered from a serious operation when a heart attack led to his death at Mercy Hospital. He was buried alongside his mother in St. Philomena cemetery.

350. Jean Bonnel

Canada

\* sept. 17 1905 St. Gervais-sur-Mare (d of Montpellier)

Professed at Orly Sept 17 1923, he interrupted his studies for 2 years of perfecting at St. Alexander in May 1927. Returning to France in Nov 1928, he withdrew from the Congregation. Later he went back to Canada and lived in Montreal.

351. Br. Celsus (Patrick) McCabe 91 (101)

USA Ireland

\* April 10 1837 Latradona, Cavan

+ Dec 12 1928 Philadelphia

His baptismal certificate said that he was born on the above date, but Brother always maintained that the true date was March 17 1827 and he recalled that as a boy of about ten he helped his father barricade the house against the historically verified fierce storm of Jan 6 1837. So he was either 91 or 101 – the only Spiritan so far ever to become a centenarian – depending on which source one wishes to believe.

He graduated as a teacher, first class, in Dublin and taught school till he entered Blackrock in 1868 as a postulant. Professed March 19 1870, he taught at Blackrock for one year and then 18 years at Rockwell, until his departure for the USA in 1889. Assigned to the newly founded school for blacks at St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia, he continued in this function to everyone's satisfaction for nearly 20 years until his advanced age forced him to retire in 1908. An exemplary religious, he looked upon death as "the way to go home" from a world in which he had tried to remain inconspicuous. Crippled by infirmities, he spent the last few weeks of his life in St. Agnes Hospital. Interment took place in the community cemetery of Cornwells.

352. Fr. Thomas Francis O'Brien 56

Trinidad USA Peru Ireland Great Britain

\* Feb 23 1871 Mullinahone, Tipperary

\* Dec 13 1928 Dublin

The eldest of three brothers – Tom, David and John – who entered the Congregation, he studied at Rockwell, transferred to Blackrock in 1888, and graduated with distinction in the university program 2 years later. After 3 years of perfection at Rockwell, he studied philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly; then, he spend 2 more years perfecting at St. Louis College in Lima Peru, and an additional 3 ears at CIC in Trinidad. He made his vows at Orly Sept. 30 1901 and was ordained at Chevilly Oct 28 1902. He became director of the junior seminary at Rockwell in 1903, novice master at Prior Park, England in 1904 and director of the junior seminary at HG College in Pittsburgh in 1905. Next, we find him as a member of the Irish Mission Band at St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia, and then teaching at Rathmines, 1912-14.

Crossing the Irish Sea, he served in the Parish of Peasley Cross, Lancs., till in 1916 he joined the army as a chaplain. As such he saw service in Greece, India, Mauritius and Janap till 1920, earning the O.B.E. and other distinctions. In 1920 he returned to the USA as a member of the Irish Mission Band. Exhausted, he retired to Rockwell in 1923 and devoted his last five years to editing the *Missionary Annals*. After a life of hard work, total dedication and profound religious commitment, he died peacefully in his sleep.

353. Auguste Jacquemond  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Canada

We find him listed as an agrégé at the Miquelon Islands in 1922 and in 1926 and 1928 at St. Alexander in Canada.

354. Br. Maria Pius (Johannes) Orbons 84  
USA Germany France Netherlands  
\* Oct 27 1844 Brunssum NL + March 3 1929 Weert NL

A farmer and wheelwright, he was the first Dutchman to join the Congregation when in 1868 he was admitted to the German Marienstatt. He made his vows Sept 25 1870. When Bismarck expelled the Holy Ghost Fathers in 1873, he was the only Brother to be explicitly included in the expulsion orders. Together with Fr. Joseph Strub and about a dozen Brothers, he arrived in the USA in Jan 1874 and was assigned to the new central foundation in Pontiac, Ohio. Illness, however, made him return to Europe in Aug 1875. Still convalescent, he received an appointment to St. Ilan's industrial and agricultural school and served there for 28 years as a refectorian and chef. When Combes' persecution closed this school in 1904, he went to the junior seminary of Lier, Belgium and then to the newly established Dutch junior seminary of Weert. He lived there for another 25 years, working as a gardener, chef and door-keeper until his advanced age allowed him to contribute only his many hours of prayer to the life of the community. Throughout his life, he did honor to his religious name.

355. Br. Vincent (Remigius) Hodruss 41  
Trinidad  
\* Oct 2 1887 Zell, Württemberg + March 19 1929 Port of Spain

He had been an office employee when he entered Knechtsteden in 1907 and made his vows there March 19 1909. His health was weak; therefore he was appointed to Trinidad. He served there competently and with painstaking accuracy in administrative duties at CIC for closed to 20 years, as much as his feeble strength permitted. He died of blood poisoning.

356. Fr. Theodore Maniecki 52  
USA  
\* May 10 1876 Alt Kostell, East Prussia + March 25 1929 Pittsburgh

As a young boy he migrated with his parents to America and entered Pittsburgh's HG College in 1892. After his profession at Cornwells Aug 28 1898, he perfected for 2 years at his Alma Mater and then did his senior studies at Cornwells. His ordination took place at Overbrook

PA, Nov 4 1903. Desirous of serving his countrymen, he asked to be assigned to a Polish parish although he was not yet proficient in his native language. His wish was granted: with the exception of 4 years spent at the Pittsburgh Polish parishes of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (1907-09) and St. Stanislaus (1923-25), he worked all of his life at Our Lady of Consolation in Mount Carmel PA. He zealously applied himself there to youth work and used his talents to pay off the large debt accumulated by his predecessor in the building of the church, school and convent.

357. Fr. Patrick Butler  
Trinidad USA Ireland  
\* Dec 11 1890 Colmann, Tipperary

Professed at Chevilly Oct 2 1910, he studied theology there and was ordained April 6 1912. After teaching a few years in Ireland, he sailed for Trinidad and taught chemistry at CIC from 1916 to 1925. Coming to the USA, he fulfilled the same function at Duquesne until the end of 1927, at which time he returned to Trinidad. In July 1929 he left the Congregation and became a chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne IN.

358. Thomas Carroll  
USA  
\* Dec 2 1906 Waterbury CT

He was professed at Ridgefield Augus 15 1926, studied philosophy at Ferndale and then went perfecting at Duquesne's Prep School in 1928. He withdrew from the Congregation in August 1929.

359. Joseph Bowmann 26  
Trinidad  
\* Nov 26 1902 McNamara Terrace, Limerick + Sept 8 1929 Blackrock

He made his vows Sept 25 1921 at Kimmage and perfected at CIC, Trinidad from 1923 till 1926. Returning to Ireland for his theological studies, he died before his ordination to the priesthood.

360. Fr. Patrick J. Fullen 51  
USA Great Britain Tanzania  
\* March 17 1878 Coalisland, Tyrone + Dec 4 1929 Dublin

Three times he had tried the Passionists in England, but each time his delicate health forced him to leave. He then entered the order of the Conventual Friars Minor in Immensee, Switzerland, but there also he was ill much of the time. The Friars kept him as a secretary and when his health improved he did 4 years of philosophy and theology with them. Then, in 1902, he suddenly left them for the USA without, however, giving up the idea of becoming a priest and religious. In Pittsburgh a pastor sent him to the Spiritans. After a year of perfecting at HG College, he made his novitiate at Cornwells and pronounced his vows Aug 15 1905. He then perfected for another year in Pittsburgh before being sent to Fribourg and Chevilly to finish his

studies. Ordained April 5 1908 at Chevilly, he returned to Pittsburgh for one year of teaching, then became as assistant in Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, and in 1912 in St. Mark's, New York. During World War One he went back to Notre Dame as pastor.

In 1923 he terminated his ministry in the USA as an assistant in St. Ann's, Millvale PA, and was assigned to the vice-province of England. He taught there at Castlehead and Bebington. Finally, in 1926, he could realize his dream of being assigned to Africa and received an appointment to Kilimanjaro. Unfortunately, 3 years of service at Tanga sufficed to exhaust his strength. He died about a month after his return to Ireland.

361. David White  
Trinidad  
\* March 13 1902 Kilmogher, Tipperary

He pronounced his first vows at Kimmage Oct 21 1923 and perfected at Trindad's CIC 1924-28. Returning to Ireland, he withdrew from the Congregation in 1929.

362. Br. Peter Joseph Shortis 63  
USA  
8 June 29 1866 Clonmel, Tipperary + Feb 17 1930 Philadelphia

He had worked as a store clerk while waiting to enter a Franciscan novitiate when he went to visit Rockwell in 1891 and was so edified that he asked to be admitted to the Congregation. When his family objected that the French climate of the Paris region was too harsh for his delicate constitution, he accompanied Fr. David FitzGibbon to the USA. There he would be able to make his novitiate at St. Joseph's House for homeless boys, which the Spiritans had just opened in Philadelphia. He perfected and taught music to the boys till 1899. Meanwhile he had made his vows in Pittsburgh Feb 26 1893.

From 1899 to 1912 he served as an organist, sacristan and catechist in the black mission of St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia, and then assumed a similar function in Harlem's St. Mark parish. Next, we find him working for 5 years at Ferndale and for the final 10 years of his life in Cornwells. In his manifold functions he was always kind and anxious to be of service, replying with a smile even when people addressed him rudely. His spare time was spent in prayer and pious reading. After a three day illness, he died in St. Agnes Hospital and was buried in Cornwells.

363. Fr. Michael Walsh 60  
Canada Ireland Italy  
\* July 9 1869 Tullaroan, d of Ossory + March 23 1930 Rockwell

A bright Blackrock student, he studied philosophy and theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained in 1891 with a dispensation for being 19months under the required age. After his profession at Orly Aug 15 1892, he taught Greek and other subjects for 23 years at Blackrock, Rathmines, Rockwell and, briefly, at the junior seminary of Susa, Italy (1915). In Blackrock he was also dean of studies. In 1920 he was appointed to St. Alexander and taught there until the English-speaking division of the college was closed in 1924. Returning to Rockwell, he died there suddenly 6 years later. He impressed all as a very good teacher and an excellent religious.

364. Fr. John F. Malloy  
USA  
\*Sept 3 1882 Canton, Ohio

A brother of Fr. Edward Malloy, he studied at HG College in Pittsburgh from 1898 till 1904 and was professed Aug 15 1905 at Cornwells. After 2 years of perfecting at Pittsburgh, he studied theology at Ferndale and Chevilly and was ordained Oct 28 1910. In 1911 he joined the faculty of Duquesne. For 20 years he taught and utilized his considerable artistic talents there; then in May 1930 he joined the Trappists at Valley Falls, RI. He died at Our Lady of Guadeloupe Abbey, Lafayette, Oregon in November 1960.

365. Br. Pius (Louis) Bluem 80  
USA St. Pierre et Miquelon France  
\* Feb 22 1850 Hattstatt, Alace + May 19 1930 Pittsburgh

He had entered the Congregation with the intention of becoming a priest, but after a few years of study, switched to the Brotherhood and was professed at Chevilly March 19 1870. Appointed to Cellule, he worked there for 6 years, except for a brief period of military service during the Franco-Prussian War. From 1876 on he served for 16 years as a prefect in the Spiritan college of St. Pierre in the Miquelon Islands. The closing of this school in 1892 caused his transfer to a similar function in Mesnières' Institute of St. Joseph. The tall, ascetic and handsome looking Brother was often taken to be the director of the institute – a situation that embarrassed him very much.

When Combes' persecution closed the institute in 1904, he came to the USA and was assigned to HG College – Duquesne from 1911 – as a prefect and sacristan. World War One took him by surprise during a visit to Alsace, where he had gone to arrange some business matters. Being neither a French, nor a German nor an American citizen, he fled to Switzerland, where, with the assistance of the French Embassy, he managed to travel to Paris and then back to the USA. There he took up again his position as sacristan at Duquesne till 1927. Suffering from severe asthma, he retired and died three years later. He was buried in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

366. Br. Léry (Léon) Puyforcat 65  
Canada France Algeria Italy  
\* Aug 31 1864 Paris + June 18 1930 Langonnet

The son of a well-to-do family, he studied physical science and, in particular, naval chronometric mechanics. From there he turned to agronomy and acquired a diploma as a teacher of agriculture. After farming for 3 years, he returned to Paris. The death of his mother left him alone, while his money attracted many "friends". For several years he stopped practicing his religion. Converted again, he tried to Carthusians and the Trappists and then opted for the Spiritans as a postulant Brother.

He made his vows at Chevilly Sept 8 1900. By then he was 36 years old and already suffering from serious deafness. Assigned to Chevilly, he became an assistant to Fr. Xavier Libermann, spent a year in Miserghin, Algeria, and, in 1905, sailed for Canada as a teacher of agriculture at St. Alexander. He also laid out the plans for the utilization of the large estate. In

1909 he became librarian in the French Seminary at Rome; then in 1914 he went to the mother house to serve in the mission procurator's office. Mobilized in 1917 as an officer, he developed epilepsy after the war. Around 1925, when his attacks made his work in Paris too dangerous, he was transferred to Langonnet and, except for a brief stay at Bordeaux remained there till the end of his life. Afflicted by many ailments, he died of cancer of the throat and was buried in the community cemetery.

367. Fr. François Xavier Scherer  
Canada Haiti  
\* May 23 1891 Gübwiller, Alsace

He made his vows Oct 20 1912 at Chevilly, where he also began his higher studies. World War One sent him to an emergency theologate at Langonnet, where he was ordained Oct 28 1916. The following year he sailed for Canada and taught for 7 years at St. Alexander, until his transfer to St. Martial's in Haiti. In Feb 1930 he returned to France and withdrew from the Congregation to become a diocesan priest in Strasbourg.

368. Fr. Thomas P. Naughton 54  
USA Ireland  
\* Dec 26 1875 Ahaseragh, Galway + July 25 1930 Philadelphia

He entered Blackrock in 1890 and perfected there after graduation for 4 years while earning an M.A. in language and literature at the university of Dublin. Professed at Orly Nov 4 1901, he studied at Chevilly, where he was also ordained Oct 28 1904. After teaching for 6 years at Rockwell and for 13 years at Blackrock, he joined the Mission Band at Clareville. The following year he sailed with the band to the USA and preached all over the eastern States while being stationed at the Blessed Sacrament mission in Philadelphia. He drew full churches, for he was endowed with splendid oratorical talents. He died after a brief illness in St. Joseph's hospital.

369. Fr. Mart Moloney 59  
Trinidad France Ireland  
\* Augu 4 1871 Bodyke, Clare + July 31 1930 Rockwell

He entered Blackrock's junior seminary in 1885 and finished the school's curriculum in 1889. Sent to Langonnet for his clerical studies, he saw himself appointed to teach English for a few years at Mesnières. After his ordination in 1895 he was asked again to teach, this time at Rockwell. He proved to be a tough teacher, but was very popular outside the classroom. Finally, he made his vows at Orly Aug 15 1899. Assigned to Trinidad, he taught at CIC until in 1902 ill health caused his return to Ireland. For the remaining 24 years of his life he taught at Rathmines and Blackrock (1906-30) while doing ministry in spare time. The end came for him a few days after he had collapsed following an early Sunday Mass for some young people on an outing. Interment took place at the Rockwell cemetery.

370. Auguste Rivard  
Canada  
\* March 13 1901 St.Edwig de Clifton, Qu.

He made his first vows at Orly Sept 8 1927 and then returned to Canada for perfecting at St. Alexander. Three years later he withdrew from the Congregation in September 1930. He became a priest in the Gaspé diocese and died in August 1964.

371. Tjebbe Bekema  
Canada  
\* March 13 1906 Amsterdam

He had graduated from the St. Ignatius gymnasium in Holland's capital when he entered the Congregation. After his profession at Orly Sept 8 1926, he was sent to Canada to perfect at St. Alexander while continuing his studies. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1930.

372. Fr. Paul Sztuka 42  
USA  
\* Jan 13 1888 Ratibor, Salesia + Sept 21 1930 Bridgeport CT

He found his vocation in a wastebasket when the pastor of his hometown allowed him to empty it and he found there a copy of Knechtsteden's missionary annals. Admitted to the Spiritan junior seminary of Zabern (Saverne) in 1903, he was sent to its counterpart at Pittsburgh's HG College two years later. After making his vows July 12 1909, he did his senior studies at Ferndale and was ordained Nov 15 1913. The following year he began to teach at Ferndale. He became an expert moralist who was widely consulted by the clergy and very much appreciated for his ability to hear confessions in English, German and Polish with equal facility. The bishop relied on him on several occasions to restore peace in faction-ridden parishes. Very versatile, he also helped build and install the Ferndale seminary.

Having never been ill in his life, he reluctantly went to see a doctor when he did not feel well in Sept 1930. Immediately confined to a Bridgeport hospital, he died there a few days later. His funeral Mass, transferred to the Norwalk parish church, was attended by 150 priests and so many other people that the overflow stood outside. He was buried in the Ferndale community cemetery while two low-flying planes dropped flowers over his grave. The esteem he enjoyed among his confreres expressed itself in the remark: "Now that he is gone Ferndale is no longer Ferndale."

373. Joseph van Lier  
Canada Haiti  
\* June 4 1898 Millingen, NL

A brother of Fr. Henry van Lier, who served in Tanzania, he attended the junior seminary of Weert till 1923 and made his vows at Orly Sept 8 1924. After studying philosophy and theology at Louvain and Gennep, he went perfecting at Haiti's St. Martial's in 1928 and then at St. Alexander, Canada, in 1929. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1930.

374. Br. Engelbert (Theodore) Wisser 90  
USA Germany Ireland  
\* Dec 19 1839 Luckenwald, Hessen-Nassau

+ Nov 25 1930 Pittsburgh  
“with the reputation of a saint”

His uncle was a Trappist abbot and Spiritan Bishop Heinrich Ritter was his nephew, but he learned tailoring. Soon after his arrival at the German Marienstatt as a layman in charge of the tailor shop, he asked to be admitted to the Congregation. He made his vows March 19 1869. When Bismarck ordered the closing of the community in 1873, he transferred to Blackrock. Fr. Joseph Strub, his former superior, however, obtained his assignment to the new Brothers' community at Pontiac OH in 1875, and, with this community, he went to Perrysville PA soon after. When in 1878 the Congregation opened its college in Pittsburgh, he received his appointment to the new venture. Except for 2 years spent at the new Marienstatt in Arkansas, he served as tailor, doorkeeper and infirmarian of the school – later known as Duquesne University – for about half a century.

Fr. Martin Hehir, his superior – who was not given to excessive compliments about his “subjects”- said that Brother practiced charity to a heroic degree and that he was the most perfect Brother he had ever known. He died at Duquesne and was buried in the community cemetery of Sharpsburg.

375. Fr. Henry McDermott 66  
USA Ireland  
\* March 16 or 17 Loughconna, Galway

+ Jan 9 1931 Ferndale

He became a Blackrock student in 1878 and perfected there for one year after his graduation in 1883 while studying at Dublin's Royal University. After three years of studies at Chevilly, he went perfecting again this time at Pittsburgh's HG College 1887-90, where he also completed his theological curriculum. He was ordained at Chevilly Feb 20 1891 and made his vows Aug 10 1891. Appointed to the Pittsburgh school, he taught there for 6 years, spent 2 years at the black mission of St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia, and then returned to his teaching job. In later 1929 his failing health made him accept a less strenuous position as superior of the Ferndale community.

The many years he spent at HG College or Duquesne were filled with talented instruction and a quarter century as vice-president of the school. He had a gift of humor which made him a welcome guest everywhere. On arriving in Ferndale, he said that he had only come to prepare himself for his “impending departure for the home of his Father.” He died of a hemorrhage following a heart attack and was buried in the local community cemetery.

376. William Gaffikin  
Trinidad  
\* June 6 1907 Belfast

He pronounced his first vows at Kimmage Aug 26 1926 and began perfecting at CIC in Trinidad in 1928. He withdrew from the Congregation on his return to Ireland in March 1931.

377. Fr. Michael A. Kelly 50  
USA Ireland Great Britain  
\* Oct 9 1880 Iohenagh, Limerick + May 31 1931 Pittsburgh

A student at Rockwell, he asked to enter the Congregation and was sent to Blackrock to finish his classical studies. After a few years of perfecting there, he made his profession Oct 20 1904 at Chevilly and then went to Rome, where he earned a doctorate in philosophy and a licentiate in theology. Ordained Dec 19 1909, he became a teacher at the junior seminary of Castlehead and soon became very popular among the students. Tears flowed when he left in 1912 to become novice master at Kimmage. Later in the same year, however, his outstanding talent for preaching earned him an appointment to the Irish Mission Band in the USA. In 1928, at his own request, he was relieved of his function as director of the Band and assigned to Duquesne. His passion for perfect English made him a natural choice to teach that language and to head the Department of Journalism. He became suddenly very ill at the end of a lecture and died of pneumonia at Mercy Hospital one week later. Interment took place at the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

378. Fr. Guy Phaneuf  
Canada  
\* April 17 1895 Montreal

He perfected at St. Alexander in 1922 and made his vows there May 20 1923. After following the theology program set up for Canadian candidates at the same place, he was ordained in nearby Ottawa Oct 28 1927. Assigned to teach at St. Alexander, he withdrew from the Congregation in June 1931 to become a diocesan priest.

379. Fr. Charles Chalifoux  
Canada Cameroons  
\* May 16 1897 Granitville VT

After his classical studies at St. Alexander he made his vows at Orly Oct 11 1921 and then did his theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 28 1923. The following year he sailed for Cameroons to help meet the demand for missionaries at a time when only a few priests were available to meet the mass movement toward the Church that was then happening in that country. For 4 years he served in the Yaounde and Nlong missions. In July 1931 he withdrew from the Congregation and joined the diocesan clergy of Edmonton, Alberta.

380. Fr. Joseph Napierkowski  
USA Poland  
\* Nov 6 1897 Pittsburgh

After studying at Cornwells 1914-19, he made his vows at Ferndale Aug 15 1920 and stayed there for the senior curriculum. Ordained Aug 28 1924, he was first assigned to St. Anthony's, Portsmouth, but soon after sent to Poland to serve in the foundation of a new province there. He taught in the junior seminary of Bydgoszcz. In 1929 he was back in the USA. After working for 2 years in the Polish parish of Mt. Carmel PA, Our Lady of Consolation,

he withdrew from the Congregation in July 1931 and joined the clergy of Cleveland. He died in May 1955.

381. Br. Justin Wathlé 68  
Canada France Italy  
\* April 1 1863 Ueberach, Alsace + Aug 31 1931 Langonnet

He was a professional chairmaker when he entered the Congregation as a postulant Brother in 1886. After pronouncing his vows at Chevilly March 19 1889, he was appointed to Epinal and showed himself an expert in all kinds of trades. He worked there till Combes' persecution closed this school in 1904. After one year in Rome, he sailed to Canada. At St. Alexander he had every opportunity to practice his many talents and added to them the art of producing maple syrup. He served there for 14 years and then, in 1919, became head of the carpenter shop at St. Michel in France. As such, he had to teach young apprentices, who all to often tried and succeeded in making life miserable for him. He endured them patiently for a dozen years. Devoutly religious, he sought relaxation in work, thus exemplifying the adage Pray and Work. Suffering from a heart condition and other ailments, he was transported to Langonnet, where he died a few days after his arrival.

382. Br. Liévin (Yves) Cahérec 72  
Trinidad Gabon France Martinique  
\* Dec 10 1858 Meslan, Brittany + Nov 15 1931 Langonnet

He became an orphan when he was ten and grew up as a pious but illiterate farm hand. In 1875 he applied in Langonnet for admission as a postulant. He learned to read and write a little and was trained as a mason. After his profession Sept 28 1879, he embarked with Fr. Georges Bichet and two other Brothers for Gabon on a sailing vessel which took 5 months to reach its destination. Community life aboard followed the regular routine, except for night prayer and the singing of the Ave Maris Stella on the deck of the vessel with participation by the captain. Brother was successively stationed at Libreville, Donguila and St. Joseph, supervising the farm and the workers. He took part in the expedition which founded the new mission at Lambarene. Back again in Libreville, he perfected at the mission school till his return to France in 1893. After serving punctually as a refectorian for 8 years at the college of Mesnières, he went to the West Indies. He spent one year at Martinique and seven in Trinidad, first as sacristan at St. Joseph and then as gardener at CIC. Returning to France in 1909, he worked devotedly for another 22 years in Langonnet to the extent that his diminishing strength allowed. Felled by a stroke just after Mass, he died 3 days later.

383. Br. Christopher (Matthias) Schweizer 63  
USA Germany Ireland  
\* April 11 1868 Bergstein, Eifel + Nov 29 1931 Knechtsteden

HE was a 29 year old textile worker when he heard of Knechtsteden and applied for admission in 1897 as a Brother missionary. He learned masonry there and made his vows Nov 4 1899. In 1902 Fr. Haas took him to the States, where he became a sacristan and housekeeper at Cornwells. Returning to Knechtsteden. The remainder of his life was 20 years of intense pain

caused by arthritis and multiple sclerosis while he was permanently confined to his bed, unable to move and help himself in anything. Throughout, he remained pleasant company to his many visitors and spent his time in prayer.

384. Br. Hieronymus (Joseph) Schneider 79

USA

\* Nov 22 1852 Astert, Nassau

+ Dec. 13 1931 Pittsburgh

A farmer's son, he emigrated to the USA in 1875 after his military service. HE worked at several trades in Arkansas and Pennsylvania until, 10 years later, he met the Spiritans in Sharpsburg and asked to be admitted as a Brother. Making his novitiate at the Pittsburgh college, he worked in the kitchen there and pronounced his vows Dec 8 1887. Meanwhile he had become an expert cook and continued in this function there until about 1895. After a round of kitchen duties at Sharpsburg, Morrilton, AK, and St. Mary's Detroit, he returned to HG College in 1900. His task now became the supervision of housekeeping duties for the community and resident students. For more than 30 years he served in this capacity. Always eager to be of assistance, he was also very faithful to his religious duties. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while attending Mass in the Duquesne chapel and died soon after. Interment took place in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

385. Fr. Joseph Adolphe Dumont 72

Canada St. Pierre et Miquelon France Brazil Martinique Algeria

\* Dec 2 1859 Conde-Folie, Somme

+ Dec 30 1931 Miserghin, ALG

He was a student at a Jesuit school in Amiens when he and six other students heard Fr. Antoine Horner - one of the great pioneers in East Africa - speak. They applied for permission to enter the Congregation. Admitted to Langonnet in 1875, he finished his classical studies and philosophy and then asked to prefect for a few years at Cellule in order to become more mature in his vocation. On his return to Chevilly for theology, he was judged to take too many liberties and told to prefect a few more years at Merville. As a consolation, he was allowed to count these 2 years as satisfying one year of the required theology curriculum. After his ordination in Oct 1885, he made his profession at Chevilly Aug 29 1886 and was re-appointed to Merville. He had done good work there and taught for 17 more years. When Combes' persecution closed this house, he moved with the exiled seminarians to Gentinnes, Belgium, in 1904. The following year he came to Canada as bursar of the new foundation of St. Alexander. His service there was rated excellent, but when the agricultural school began to be changed into a seminary college around 1909, he was "temporarily" retained in France.

In 1912 he returned to the New World to help staff the Miquelon Islands and in 1920 he opened St. Christopher College in St. Pierre. Two years later, he sailed back to France at the end of May during a snowstorm. In October of the same year he departed for Martinique, where he was to pass the rest of his active life, first at the college of Fort de France and later in pastoral ministry. Worn out, he retired to Gentinnes and in late 1931 to the milder climate of Miserghin on condition, he said, that "I may help clean the vegetables in the kitchen." Soon, however, he was too weak even for that and had to stay in his room. He died a few weeks later.

386. Fr. Léon Vauloup 47  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Gabon  
\*Aug 9 1884 St. Ouen le Briscalt, Normandy + Jan 10 1932 Paris

During his military service he met two Spiritan seminarians and decided to join the Congregation. He pronounced his vows Feb 28 1908, studied at Chevilly and was ordained there Oct 28 1912. Sent to French Equatorial Africa in 1913, he was assigned to the Loango vicariate in Gabon. Learning the local Yaka and Varama languages, he worked very hard and with success. By 1918 he was so ill that he had to return to France in two stages, yet the army, desperately short of manpower, mobilized him at once. He recuperated after the armistice.

In 1920 he sailed for the Miquelon Islands. For 11 years he worked as a pastor among the fishermen of Miquelon but, in addition, this farmer's son showed them that it was possible to cultivate the sparse soil on this rocky island. One evening in March 1927 he got caught in a snow storm followed by freezing rain and was discovered only 12 hours later lying half buried under ice. Although the doctor gave no hope, the patient surprised everyone by being up and at the altar ten days later. In 1931 he became ill and had to return to France. The physician diagnosed cancer of the brain. He died the day after its surgical removal and was buried in the community cemetery of Chevilly. A monument in Miquelon bears witness to the great esteem the people had for their beloved pastor.

387. Br. Burchard (Pierre) Thomé 81  
USA  
\* March 8 1850 Altlinster, Luxembourg + Jan 14 1932 Cornwells

His family migrated to the USA and settled in the Pittsburgh area when he was still very young. He became a gardener and, at the age of 29, asked to be admitted to the Congregation. After his profession at Marienstatt, AK, June 29 1882, he stayed there for two decades, although following the destruction of the original "monastery" by a tornado; the address was changed to that of nearby Morrilton. In 1900 he received his second and last appointment when he was transferred to Cornwells to work the garden and farm of this community. He served there for about 30 years, working as long as his strength permitted while he was also gradually losing most of his eyesight. His last 3 years were marked by severe suffering. Burchard was typical of the many prayerful, deeply religious and long-lived Brothers who served God by serving their fellowmen.

388. Br. Francis (Christopher) O'Brien 73  
USA  
\* Dec 28 1858 Dublin \* April 15 1932 Ferndale

He was nearly 46 years old when in 1906 he entered Cornwells as an aspirant Brother. Despite his age, he adapted himself readily to the religious life and pronounced his vows at Ferndale Aug 15 1908. For the rest of his life – nearly 24 years – he remained stationed in that community and by unremitting labor transformed the barren rock-strewn grounds of Snake Hill, as the place was originally known, into fertile fields and gardens. "Every inch of the property sings Brother's praise" wrote his necrologer. At the same time he was a model of religious regularity and devotion. He prepared himself for "the last rites" by three days of reading on their

meaning and then declared himself ready to go home to his heavenly Father. Interment took place at Ferndale.

389. Fr. John J. Rowe  
USA  
\* Nov 22 1889 Philadelphia

He graduated from Cornwells 1908 and was professed at Ferndale Sept 12 1909. After finishing his philosophy there, he perfected for 2 years at Duquesne and then returned to Ferndale for theology. Ordained Dec 15 1915, he became an assistant at St. Mark's in Harlem, was an army chaplain for one year, 1918-19, and then a staff member of Duquesne. In 1920 he received an assignment to St. Paul's black parish, Lafayette LA where he served for 8 years. He withdrew from the Congregation in April 1932 to join the diocesan clergy of Reno NV.

390. Jean Lamour  
St. Pierre et Miquelon  
\* May 25 1905 Elliant, Brittany

Professed at Orly Sept 30 1925, he interrupted his studies in 1929 for preaching at St. Christopher College in the Miquelon Islands. Upon his return to Chevilly he withdrew from the Congregation in May 1932.

391. Br. Sixte (Michel) Ardillon 79  
Canada France  
\* Feb 17 1853 Peschadoires, Auvergne + Sept 3 1932 Langonnet

An orphan, he grew up in the Congregation's house of Cellule and when he came of age asked to be admitted as a Brother. After his profession at Chevilly March 19 1874, he was assigned to the orphanage of St. Ilan and then transferred to the juvenile detention home at St. Michel. Lacking the gift of making his charges obey him, he was soon back at Cellule and from there went to Chevilly in 1877. Two years later, he received permission to sign up for 10 years of service at St. Michel, at this time he succeeded well enough. When his contract expired, he went to Orly's new novitiate, but one year later was back at Cellule. After serving there for 10 years, he returned to Orly, where he added skill in masonry to his knowledge of gardening. When Combes' persecution closed this house in 1903, he was placed in Chevilly and there, 20 years after his first request, was allowed to pronounce his perpetual vows.

In 1913, when he was in his 60<sup>th</sup> year, he crossed the Atlantic to help develop the vast property of St. Alexander. Nine years later, he felt too tired to carry on and asked to return to France. There he was re-assigned to the re-opened house of Cellule, got a new burst of energy and made its vineyards and vegetable garden the envy of many. Worn out by his incessant labors and suffering from many infirmities, the devoted Brother retired to Langonnet. The day before his death he still dragged his semi-paralyzed body around the garden and then, the following day, entered into a coma and died.

392. Fr. Cornelius O'Rorke 71  
Trinidad USA Ireland  
\* March 23 1861 Ferbane, Offaly + Sept 15 1932 New Haven CT

A farmer's son, he had studied for 3 years at a college in Ferbane when he applied for admission to Blackrock's junior seminary in 1878. After graduation, he perfected for 2 years and earned a licentiate at the Dublin university in 1886. For his theological studies he went to Chevilly; then he was ordained at Orly Oct 29 1890 and professed Aug 10 1891. He taught classics for 3 years at Rockwell before becoming dean of studies at Rathmines in 1894. When his health gave reasons for concern he was sent to Portugal for a rest and then appointed to CIC in Trinidad in 1897. He gave 14 years of his life to the college, but declined the offer of becoming its superior and principal, saying that his health was not up to the task.

In reality, he aspired to pastoral work, for which he was very suited, and in 1911 obtained his transfer to the USA. He served for 3 years in Chippewa Falls and then, in 1914 went to help Fr. Christopher Rooney with the new Portuguese parishes in Rhode Island. It is there that he spent the rest of his life – the last 5 years as pastor of St. Christopher's, Tiverton. He died after a cancer operation and was buried in the Ferndale cemetery.

393. Fr. David O'Brien 56  
Trinidad USA Ireland  
\* Sept 3 1876 Mullinahone, Tipperary + Sept 21 1932 Rockwell

A brother of the Spiritans John and Thomas O'Brien, he entered Rockwell in 1889 and transferred 5 years later to Blackrock's junior seminary. After his graduation, he was sent perfecting at Rathmines and did so well that they kept him till 1900. His profession took place after a very fervent novitiate at Orly Nov 4 1902 and was followed by a continuation of his clerical studies at Chevilly, where he became a priest Oct 28 1904. One year later, we find him as director of Blackrock's junior seminary. His lungs were weak, however, so that in 1908 he received an assignment to teach at CIC in Trinidad, where his brother John had gone the preceding year. He taught there for 8 years.

During World War One he became a military chaplain in spite of his delicate health and saw service in Belgium. When hostilities ceased in 1918 he went to Ireland to recover his strength and then, in 1920, joined the Irish Mission Band in the USA. More exhausted than ever, he went home 3 years later and spent some time at Kimmage and Rockwell. An inexorably progressive paralysis slowly limited his activity and during the last 5 years of his life he began to look more and more like a living corpse. He became totally helpless and dependent on the infirmarian for everything, but his eyes retained their good-humored sparkle. Bishop Shanahan was at his side when he finally died.

394. Br. Patrick (Michael) McCarthy 83  
Trinidad Ireland  
\* Jan 2 1849 Kilbonane, Kerry + Nov 6 1932 Dublin

Orphaned early in life, he came to Blackrock as an agrégé when he was 24 years old. AT his request, he was allowed to become a postulant Brother in 1873, but his profession was delayed because he showed but little understanding of the obligations he would assume as a

religious. Professed March 19 1876, he became an exemplary religious man and was very punctual in his duties as linen master. In 1883 Father Browne, principal of CIC in Trinidad obtained him as a secretary and prefect for his school. He served there for 14 years until in 1897 eye trouble caused him to return to Ireland.

Assigned to Rockwell, he was again placed in charge of the linen room and, at the same time, became a man to whom anyone in need could appeal with the expectation of getting prompt assistance. Around 1907 the doctor warned that Brother Pat was suffering from a heart disease and could die suddenly at any moment. But Patrick simply continued his work without any serious trouble for another 18 years. By then he was 76 and had to slow down. In 1932 he was confined to a nursing home, where he died a few months later. He was buried in the Rockwell community cemetery.

395. Fr. Bernard Carey 67

USA Trinidad Ireland Australia Zanzibar

\* May 28 1865 Rathkeale, Limerick

+ Nov 22 1932 Port of Spain

“ I prefer to shoot you rather than let you go to Africa,” his father said when young Barny wanted to transfer from Rockwell to the junior seminary of Blackrock. And he promptly took him out of the school. His wealthy family did everything they could to prevent him from joining the Congregation, but after finishing his schooling at Limerick’s junior seminary, the boy prevailed and went to Blackrock to become a Spiritan in 1881. He studied theology at Chevilly till 1887 and, after ordination, made his vows Aug 26 1888. His first appointment sent him to the new St. Patrick’s College in Ballarat, Australia. Unhappy there- it was a community full of conflicts because of an unwisely selected staff – he left 2 years later and asked to be relieved of his vows. Thinking that the request was inspired by passing motives, the superior general assigned him to Blackrock. But Fr. Carey obtained his exeat in 1891 and returned to Sydney, Australia, where he worked zealously for 7 years.

Then he remembered with longing his days in the Congregation and asked to be re-admitted. After a second probationary period, he renewed his vows Aug 27 1899. He was assigned to Rockwell, from where he engaged in the preaching of missions. In 1906, however, Bp. Allgeyer took him along to Zanzibar, but when his sermons appeared to lack the necessary moderation in the bishop’s eyes, he sent him back to Europe 5 months later. Coming to the USA, Fr. Carey preached many missions from his headquarters in Cornwells and later in Philadelphia’s St. Peter Claver parish.

In 1909 he became pastor at Diego Martin, Trinidad. During World War One he volunteered for chaplain duty with the West Indies regiment of the Allies and saw service in Egypt and East Africa. Struck by dysentery in Dar es Salaam, he had to resign as chaplain and returned in 1917 to his parish in Diego Martin. From there he went to visit his ailing brother in the USA. He received permission to stay till 1923 and was successively assistant in St. Mary’s, Detroit, pastor of St. Ann’s, Millvale, and then again a roving missionary preacher. In 1923 he went back to Trinidad and became pastor of San Juan. Much respected and loved by his parishioners, he resigned because of ill health in 1931 and retired to CIC in Port of Spain. Duquesne published his wartime experiences in 1920 under the title *Leaves from the Diary of a Catholic Chaplain in the Great World War*.

396. Paul Bergeron  
St. Pierre et Miquelon  
\* Dec 31 1904 Montreal

He studied at St. Alexander 1927-28 and went to France for his novitiate. Professed at Chevilly April 7 1930, he began his theology there and then went perfecting at St. Christopher College in the Miquelon Islands. He left the Congregation in Dec. 1932 and became a priest in the Spiritan diocese of Fort de France, Martinique.

397. Fr. Yves Morvan 60  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Angola Congo France Belgium Guadeloupe Mauritius Reunion  
\* March 12 1872 Quimper, Brittany + Jan 12 1933 Langonnet

He was a 15 year old apprentice upholsterer when the sight of a Spiritan in his hometown awakened his desire to join the Congregation. After almost finishing his classical studies at a local junior seminary, he was expelled for some prank, but received a recommendation for entering elsewhere. In 1893 he began his philosophy at Langonnet, continued with theology at Chevilly, but had to interrupt his studies to go perfecting at the college of Epinal. His novitiate began at Chevilly in 1896, but bad health sent him to Portugal, where he was professed at Braga Jan 6 1898. After supplementing his elementary knowledge of theology by a stay in Chevilly, he was ordained at Quimper July 25 1899.

Assigned to Angola, he worked for one year at Malange and then several years at Moussoucou in the lower Congo. In 1908 illness caused his return to Europe, where he spent several years, "feeling out of place," in Gentinnes, Paris and Langonnet. His appointment to Guadeloupe in 1912 was followed by a transfer to Mauritius 2 years later. During World War One he was a medical corps man and in 1919 we find him in Reunion. By 1920 he was back in Langonnet, physically fit, but his memory too far gone to render consistent service. In 1926 he tried the Miquelon Islands, but even there his loss of memory made him unable to serve as a priest. Thus he returned to Langonnet in 1928 and spent the remaining years of his life in outdoor manual labor or the upholstery shop. His great sorrow was that his condition made it impossible for him to give substance to his dreams of apostolic ministry.

398. François Le Floc'h  
Canada  
\* July 30 1909 Ploarec, Brittany

He made his profession at Mortain March 7 1931 and perfected at St. Alexander, 1931-33. Returning to France, he withdrew from the Congregation.

399. Br. Simplicien (Vital) Dubat 69  
Canada Tanzania Kenya Zanzibar France Spain  
\* July 21 1863 Bas de la Motte, near Besançon + Jan 26 1933 Langonnet

He was a blacksmith and farmer by trade and had been a soldier for 5 years when he pronounced his vows at Chevilly Sept 8 1890. One month later, he sailed for East Africa and was assigned to Morogoro, Tanzania where Fr. Alexander Le Roy and another priest were then

stationed. Both priests became gravely ill and barely had enough strength to anoint each other. Soon after, the other priest died and Br. Simplicien used a packing case to conduct the funeral. On his return he found Le Roy apparently lifeless and said to the Africans of Bagamoyo who were with him: "Disgusting! What's worse, we have no packing case left for another funeral." Then the "corpse" which had retained its sense of humor, spoke up: "Why don't you use a sack?" Later, Brother worked at Mombasa in Kenya, Zanzibar and Kibosho in Tanzania until in 1903 he had to return to France.

After an assignment to the short-lived foundation at Cogullada in Spain, he worked in Chevilly until in 1907 he went to serve in Canada's agricultural school at St. Alexander. Three years later, he was back in France and spent the remaining years in Paris and Mortain until old age made him retire to Langonnet shortly before his death.

400. Fr. John J. Ruehl 65

USA

\* Oct 14 1867 Niederbrechen, Nassau

+ April 12 1933 Hochheim, Hesse

Fr. Jean Horné, a Spiritan pioneer in Nigeria, met him in 1888 and took the young man with him to pursue his vocation at the Spiritan college of Merville. He did his higher studies at Langonnet and Chevilly, was ordained Oct 27 1895 and made his profession at Orly Aug 15 1896.

Appointed to the USA, he served as an assistant in the German parishes of Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, and St. Anthony's, Millvale, then, in 1902 became the very popular pastor of Sacred Heart, Tarentum PA for 24 years. As time went on, however, he worried excessively about the free and easy ways of the younger generation, so different from the disciplined life that characterized their parents, and began to suffer from neurasthenia. Going back to Germany in a vain search for a cure, he found it difficult after 30 years to get used again to living in a large community. He obtained an indult of excommunication in 1927 and lived either in a hospital or with his sister, but renewed his temporary vows when they expired in 1929. He died rather suddenly while visiting his sister.

401. Fr. Robert L. Wall

USA

\* April 25 1895 Brooklyn NY

He attended Cornwells 1912-17, and made his vows at Ferndale Aug 17 1918. Sent to Rome for theological studies in 1919, he returned the following year to Ferndale and was ordained there Aug 26 1922. After a three-year appointment to the black parish of Blessed Sacrament in Philadelphia, he served at St. Peter Claver black parish in Oklahoma, where he became pastor. He departed from the Congregation in June 1933. Death came for him in Philadelphia in April 1971. Internment took place in Holy Cross Cemetery.

402. John J. Wood

USA

\* May 31 1907 Philadelphia

A graduate of Cornwells in 1926, he was professed at Ridgefield Aug 15 1927. After 4 years of study at Ferndale, he went perfecting at Duquesne in 1931. He withdrew from the Congregation in August 1933 – an act he regretted very much a few months later.

403. Fr. Peter Leimann 71  
Trinidad Ireland Germany  
\* Feb 9 1862 Burtscheid, Rhineland + Sept 8 1933 Port of Spain

He was one of half a dozen boys whom a German Spiritan of Blackrock took along to Ireland after vacationing in his hometown in 1874. Soon young Peter was at the top of his class, excelling especially in the classics, but at the same time, developing his artistic talents in music and painting. Upon graduation in 1880, he perfected one year at Blackrock, then did 2 years of studies in France, and perfected 4 more years at Blackrock and Rockwell, earning also a reputation as a rugby player. Finishing his theology at Chevilly, he was ordained Oct 28 1889 and made his vows July 25 1890. After teaching at Rockwell for 5 years and contributing greatly to its academic rating, he was, at his own request, transferred to CIC in Trinidad. He taught there from 1905 to 1914 and proved to be “the accomplished teacher.”

World War One took him by surprise in Germany, where he had gone to undergo a serious operation. It was 1923 before he could return to Trinidad to resume the life of an overburdened teacher, priest, painter and counselor of many. Struck by intestinal cancer early in 1933, he continued his work till mid-August. A true community man, he was happy when he was permitted to return home from the hospital to die among his confreres. Let us add that he gained for the Congregation his nephew Leonard Graf, who was destined to become the best of all Spiritan educators at the Trinidad College.

404. Fr. Thomas M. Harris  
USA Tanzania  
\* Aug 31 1898 Philadelphia

He studied at Cornwells 1913-17, made his profession at Ferndale Aug 17 1918, did his higher studies there and was ordained Aug 26 1922. The following year, he belonged to the first group of five USA-born Spiritans who sailed for Africa, where he had been assigned to the Bagamoyo vicariate. We find him listed there as serving at Morogoro and Sandawi. In 1930 he was back in America and staying in Ferndale. After some time spent at Holy Spirit parish in Opelousas LA and Cornwells, he departed from the Congregation in Sept 1933.

405. Sylvester E. Wittig  
USA  
\* Dec. 31 1906 Pittsburgh

He studied at Duquesne Prep School and College 1921-29, and made his vows at Ridgefield Oct 10 1930. Returning to Duquesne, he did his philosophy while perfecting there, but withdrew from the Congregation in October 1933.

406. Fr. Joseph (Neptune) Lynch 53  
Canada Trinidad Ireland  
\* Jan 15 1880 Belclare, Galway

+ Nov 13 1933 Blackrock

He entered Blackrock in 1896 and one year later became a junior seminarian there. After graduating with excellent marks in 1902, he was retained for 4 years of perfecting and then went to Chevilly for his novitiate and higher studies. Professed Oct 15 1907, he became a priest Oct 28 1911 at Chevilly. His health precluded an appointment to Africa but, after one year at Rathmines, he was sent to teach at St. Alexander in 1913. While there, he obtained that his hated given name Neptune by changed to Joseph. A meticulous worker, he proved to be a very good teacher and always ready to help out on weekend ministry. Meanwhile his health deteriorated all the time and incurable insomnia made him pass many a night wandering around the house.

By 1925 he had to give up and returned to Ireland. When the doctor advised him to seek a better climate, he went to Trinidad as a teacher at CIC. High blood pressure made his condition worse, but he valiantly carried on till 1930. A year's rest at Kimmage produced some improvement and he began to teach again at Blackrock. Soon, however, he had to resign himself to inactivity. Through it all he remained the charming, humorous and deeply religious confrere he had always been. He died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage.

407. Fr. Emile Knaebel 62

USA Canada St. Pierre et Miquelon Azores Portugal Haiti France

\* March 14 1871 Bremmelbach, Alsace

+ Dec 9 1933 Fall River MA

He studied at the Spiritan colleges of Rambervillers, Beauvais and Cellule, then did his philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly, 1889-93. Professed, after ordination at Orly Aug 15 1894, he was, because of his delicate health, sent to St. John fisher College at Ponto Delgada in the Azores. One year later, we find him teaching at the junior seminary of Formiga and then, in 1897, at Holy Spirit College of Braga, Portugal. He succeeded very well there in spite of many difficulties and used his musical talents to introduce Gregorian chant, as demanded by Pope Pius X.

The 1910 revolution in Portugal exiled the Spiritans and sent him to the USA, where he was supposed to teach at Duquesne. However, his lack of fluency in English made him and others realize that he could not function there and he obtained a transfer to St. Martial's, Haiti. Suffering from asthma and feeling out of place in a country that had two revolutions in 8 months, he arranged an assignment to Canada's St. Alexander in 1912. He succeeded very well there, both as a teacher and as a musician. Eight years later, he went into pastoral work in the Miquelon Islands, but lasted less than one year. In 1921 he returned to France and taught for 2 years at Allex. But his asthma got so bad that he had to give up teaching and obtained an assignment to the mission among Portuguese immigrants in Rhode Island. For 10 years he devoted his waning strength to them at Portsmouth, Little Compton – where he build the church – and Tiverton. He died of complications following a successful operation for an ulcer. Always anxious to please, “he sometimes seemed to love those who did not like him even more than those who did.”

408. Fr. Charles Wilhelm 64  
Trinidad USA Germany Italy France  
\* Jan 6 1870 Oderen, Alsace + Jan 30 1934 Langonnet

Orphaned at an early age, he studied at the seminary-college of Zillichheim and then, in 1888, entered the Spiritan college of Mesnieres as a senior. For his philosophy and theology he was sent to Langonnet, Rome and Chevilly, 1889-93. "Hypochondriac, restless and not sociable" but "utterly devoted to his studies," said some of the entries on his record. Ordained Jan 27 1893 and professed Aug 15 1894, he sailed for Trinidad and taught there at CIC for 5 years, during which he repeatedly asked to be transferred elsewhere because of various kinds of ailments. Sent to Germany in 1899, he gave satisfaction as a teacher in Knechtsteden. However, in 1903 he suddenly embarked for the USA, taught briefly at HG College in Pittsburgh and then did parish work at Millvale, Detroit and Chippewa Falls till 1913.

World War One caught him in a French-occupied section of Alsace, but he was allowed to go to Switzerland and from there traveled to Susa, Italy, to teach at the Spiritan junior seminary. When this seminary could return from exile to France, he went with it and remained a staff member till 1924. The remainder of his life consisted of a series of hospitalizations, appointments – e.g., to the junior seminaries of Saverne and Blotzheim – and recuperation periods until in 1932 he was retired to Langonnet and confined to his room. Despite his depressions, he was an excellent teacher and his students never suspected his inner torments. They loved him so much that at Saverne they wept when he was forced to give up teaching. Although he caused his confreres moments of trial when his black moods went out of control, he was like by all.

409. Fr. Lawrence Farrell 64  
USA  
\* Aug 31 1868 Philadelphia + March 14 1934 Philadelphia

He graduated from HG College, Pittsburgh in 1896 and made his vows Aug 28 1898 at Cornwells, where he also studied theology. Ordained Dec 22 1900, he was appointed to St. Joseph's House for homeless boys in Philadelphia and became its director in 1903. In 1907 we find him as pastor of Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls and then, in 1912, of St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia. Two years later he reassumed the function of director of St. Joseph's House for 8 years. After a brief period as national director of the Holy Childhood, he became in 1921 pastor of the Blessed Sacrament black parish in his hometown. Despite a nervous breakdown in 1924, from which he never fully recovered, he retained this function till 1932. In that year he suffered a crippling heart attack. Blind and helpless, he was confined to Sharon hall Hospice for the last 6 months of his life, but patiently put up with all his infirmities. Interment took place in Cornwell's community cemetery.

410. Br. Edern (Pierre) Stervennou 60  
Canada France Italy  
\* April 29 1873 Edern, Brittany + March 25 1934 Courbevoie

A nephew of Fr. Michel Stervennou, he followed his uncle into the Congregation at Chevilly in 1887, but was called back by his ailing mother, who wished her only son to be with

her. He returned in 1890, but could not take his vows until he was free of military service. Finally professed Sept 8 1895, he became a gardener at Chevilly, Langonnet and the seminary in exile at Susa, Italy. In 1905 he arrived in Canada, where he served in the same capacity at St. Alexander. His success there was only mediocre and, 3 years later, he returned to Susa. In 1913 he found his proper place at St. Ilan: he taught gardening there to the apprentices entrusted to his care with great success. Except for a period of wartime service in the front lines, he remained there for 30 years. Early in 1934 he developed cancer of the stomach and was operated upon with anesthesia. The operation was successful, but the weakened patient died of an infection.

411. Br. Edouard (Edouard) Engel 70

Canada France

\* Oct 21 1863 Neubreisach, Alsace

+ April 13 1934 St. Alexander

From the age of 9 he grew up in an orphanage in Brittany, but when he came of age he joined the Brothers of St. Francis. Leaving this congregation, he tried the Carthusians at Valbonne, but his health proved too weak to lead their style of life. Knowing the Spiritans from an 18 months' stay in the tailor shop of their orphanage at St. Joseph du Lac, he repeatedly applied for permission to join their congregation. His wish was finally granted and he made his vows at Chevilly March 19 1903. After serving at Langonnet and Chevilly, he became chef and handyman at the Spiritan residence of Marseille in 1908. Five years later, he sailed for Canada. He worked there at first at St. Alexander's farm but later "graduated" to household duties in the school. His good humor and affability made him very popular among the students and visitors. And when as cellar man he dispensed a special bottle of wine on feastdays to the community, it would be accompanied by a little "sermon." As he advanced in age, his heart began to give trouble, but as long as he could he dragged himself to the chapel for community prayers. He died in the school's infirmary and was buried in the local Spiritan cemetery.

412. Fr. Julien Le Léal 51

Trinidad Martinique Haiti Guadeloupe France

\* May 3 1882 Rangogo-en-Treflean, Brittany

+ June 8 1934 Langonnet

Like three of his brothers, he became a priest. He joined the Congregation after his classical studies in 1902 and was professed at Orly Sept 30 1903. Military service and illness caused the interruption of his clerical studies at Chevilly. In 1907 he went perfecting for 3 years at CIC in Trinidad. Finally ordained in Paris April 6 1912 at the age of 30, he was sent to Martinique to teach at the college of Fort de France. He succeeded very well despite his difficult character and it was with regret that his superiors saw him transferred to St. Martial's in Haiti. In this position, as well as in his next assignment to Guadeloupe, he did not do well and became so ill that he had to be recalled to France.

In 1924 he was happy to return to Martinique. When it proved too much for him to combine teaching with being the cathedral's organist, he was allowed to concentrate on music, for which he had a superior talent, while doing light ministry. "He is always ready to lend a helping hand," noted his superiors. A physical wreck, he returned to France in 1931 and spent the last six months of his life in bed. Interment took place in Langonnet's cemetery.

413. Louis Sholer  
Canada  
\* March 25 1909 Itterswiller, Alsace

Professed at Orly Sept 10 1928, he interrupted his higher studies for perfecting at St. Alexander in 1932. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1943.

414. Charles Bengel  
Canada  
\* Oct 15 1909 Zabern, Alsace

Professed at Orly Sept 8 1928, he studied at Mortain and Chevilly, then went perfecting at St. Alexander, 1932-34. Returning to Chevilly, he withdrew from the Congregation in October 1934.

415. Fr. Louis J. Ward 62  
USA Ireland Nigeria  
\* June 29 1872 Donegal Donegal + Feb 7 1935 Portsmouth RI

He became a student at Blackrock in 1886, earned a M.A. at the Royal University of Ireland, and perfected at Blackrock, before doing his theology at Chevilly. After his profession at Orly Oct 1 1902, he was ordained at Chevilly March 28 1903. Soon after, he sailed for Nigeria, where he served for 18 years in the Calabar and Ogoboro missions. Very tired, he had to return to Europe in 1921 and after some rest was assigned to the USA. He became first an assistant and then, in 1928, pastor of St. Anthony's parish in Portsmouth RI. After 13 years of devoted service, during which is "wholesome simplicity and fatherly kindness endeared him to all," he died peacefully in the rectory. He was buried in the Ferndale community cemetery.

416. Bp. John O'Gorman 68  
USA France Sierra Leone  
\* May 8 1866 Hacketstown, Carlow + April 13 1935 Fribourg

He was a brilliant student at Blackrock 1880-83, who completed his classical studies at Langonnet in 1885. After studying theology at Chevilly, he was ordained Oct 28 1889 and made his vows at Orly Aug 15 1890. Appointed to the senior seminaries of Langonnet and Chevilly, he taught philosophy and theology for 7 years. Blessed with a quick mind and an excellent memory, he amazed the Breton priests by a detailed knowledge of this history of their own parishes which went far beyond their own acquaintance with the subject.

In 1897 he came to the USA as novice master for the newly opened novitiate at Cornwells. Six years later, the Holy See named him vicar apostolic of Sierra Leone, and he was ordained a bishop in Philadelphia Oct 28 1903. For 28 years he was the driving force of the Catholic mission there and secured cordial relations with all layers of the population. In 1931 he became seriously ill and had to return to Europe. His recovery was only sufficient to allow him to retire to Fribourg. There he died peacefully 4 years later in the Spiritan university seminary. He was buried in the local cemetery of St. Leonard.

417. Fr. Joseph Oster 89  
St. Pierre et Miquelon USA Canada Ireland France  
\* April 19 1846 Bertsheim, Alsace + May 13 1935 Langonnet

After attending St. Hippolyte College in his home province, he entered the junior seminary of Langonnet in 1862 before doing his clerical studies at Chevilly. Ordained Dec 17 1870, he made his vows Oct 1 1871. During his long life he had many appointments but was “everywhere respected and loved.” Assigned at first to Blackrock, he was transferred to the Miquelon Islands 3 years later and built there the Spiritan College at St. Pierre.

In 1890, after the death of Fr. Joseph Strub, he became provincial superior of the USA – a position in which he had to deal with seven different nationalities and try to maintain unity in diversity. In 1897 he became pastor of St. Joachim’s in Detroit and was happy to be back in pastoral work. His happiness ended 8 years later when a cable informed him that he had been appointed superior of St. Alexander, for he was convinced that this foundation was doomed to extinction as the agricultural institute it then was. He was right in this, and 3 years later returned to Detroit. In 1916 the Holy See named him prefect apostolic of the Miquelon Islands, which the Congregation was now to staff with its own personnel. He held this post till 1922 when, at the age of 75, he “retired” to become superior of the Orly novitiate in France. Twelve years later, he went to prepare himself for death at Langonnet, where he passed away peacefully after a stroke.

418. Fr. Martin A. Hehir 79  
USA Ireland  
\* Nov 10 1855 Inagh, Kilfidane, Clare + June 10 1935 Pittsburgh

A Blackrock student, he became an aspirant of the Congregation in 1872. After his graduation he perfected for 3 years at Blackrock while studying at Dublin’s university. Going to France for his higher studies, he was ordained at Chevilly Oct 23 1883 and made his vows Aug 26 1884. He then received an appointment to Pittsburgh’s HG College, where he began by teaching for 16 years. In 1899 he succeeded Fr. John T. Murphy as its president – a function he retained for 31 years. Instead of closing the college, as some advocated, he expanded its programs, added several new buildings, obtained a university charter, changed the name to Duquesne University, and saw to it that seven schools – faculties in European terms – were set up. He obtained tax exemption for the educational institution, launched the first major fund drive and even managed for a while to obtain state support at a time when such things were not yet done.

He also made the college co-educational. The student body rose from 500 to 3500 under his regime. He enjoyed the highest esteem of religious and civil authorities and was idolized by the students and alumni who affectionately called him “Daddy Hehir.” For many decades after his death they continued to recall his name at their gatherings. He gave an honorary degree to Eamon de Valera for the liberation of Ireland – and received one in return later when de Valera was chancellor of the university of Dublin.

Fr. Hehir resigned in 1933 when he was 77 years old. The provincial named him rector of Cornwells and later of Ferndale’s senior seminary. When Fr. Hehir realized that death was approaching, he asked to be allowed to return to Pittsburgh, so that he could die in the city where he had spent 47 years of his life, and he wished to be buried in the Cornwells community cemetery. While he was very popular among students and other outsiders, he was a very strict

disciplinarian with respect to the members of his community – a trait that did not exactly endear him to everyone who had to live under his regime. However, he himself practiced what he preached.

419. Fr. James Duggan 77  
Trinidad Ireland  
\* Dece 3 1858 Templeberry, d of Killaloe + Sept 6 1935 Port of Spain

He attended Blackrock's junior seminary in 1878-81 and perfected there 1881-1889, except for 3 years of theological studies at Chevilly, 1883-86. Ordained in 1889, he made his profession at Orly Aug 15 1890. In the same year he sailed to Trinidad. He taught for 31 years at CIC and then went into semi-retirement at the college and later at St. Joseph. He is also recorded as manager of the Pembroke intermediate school during part of this time.

420. Fr. John Griffin 79  
USA Ireland  
\* March 5 1856 Askeaton, Limerick + Oct 10 1935 Philadelphia

He did his classical studies at Blackrock 1869-75, and then perfected there for 2 years while also earning an M.A. at the university of Dublin. For his clerical studies he went to Langonnet and Chevilly 1877-81. Ordained Nov 21 1880, he was professed Aug 28 1881 at Chevilly.

His superiors assigned him to the USA and he began to teach at Pittsburgh's HG College. Later he became treasurer of the school and earned the reputation of being "the best fund raiser the College ever had." A gentleman and a scholar who loved crossing sword in an amiable way, he was also a great respecter of authority at the school and in the community. As a priest, he took care of the black parish of St. Benedict the Moor, 1889-95, while living at the College until he became treasurer.

In 1908 he was transferred to Cornwells, where he served for 27 years, of which 9 as local superior, 1908-17. At the same time, he edited *The Paraclete* and continued to do so until 1931. His literary achievements were honored by two doctorates. He was a brother of Fr. Gerald Griffin and of Fr. Charles Griffin, who died in the attempt to establish the Congregation in Australia. A heart attack put Fr. John Griffin into St. Mary's Hospital in Philadelphia. He died there after a few days and was buried in the Cornwells community cemetery.

421. March Theillier  
St. Pierre et Miquelon  
\* Oct 22 1911 Valenciennes, d of Cambrai, Nord

He professed at Orly Oct 25 1930 and sent perfecting at St. Christopher College in the Miquelon Islands in 1933. He withdrew from the Congregation in October 1935.

422. Fr. James Goodman 71  
Trinidad USA Ireland France Belgium  
\* Dec 5 1863 Avoca, Wicklow + Nov 1 1935 Dublin

He attended Blackrock's junior seminary 1877-82 and proved to be a very good student. After one year's perfecting at his Alma Mater, he studied philosophy in France and then perfected for an additional 6 years at CIC in Trinidad. From 1891 on we find him at Chevilly for his theology. After his ordination, he made his profession at Paris Sept 1 1894 and returned to Trinidad, where he had the reputation of being an excellent teacher. His second stay, however, did not last very long, for in 1896 he re-embarked with three confreres from Europe to the USA. He taught at HG College in Pittsburgh for a while, but was back in France in 1897. We find him listed as a teacher of English at Langonnet in 1898 and as "retired" in Mesnières in 1901. After the closing of the colleges in France by Combes' persecution, he taught at Gentinnes, Belgium, till about 1908. In 1910 he was back in Langonnet as "retired", but he resumed teaching again at Newfgrange's junior seminary toward 1923, to be listed for the last time as "retired" there in 1928. He returned to Ireland in 1935 to die there.

423. Fr. John P. Cooney  
USA  
\* March 2 1896 Clonmel, Tipperary

He graduated from Rockwell in 1914 and made his profession at Kimmage March 25 1916, before he sailed to the USA for his clerical studies at Ferndale. Ordained there Oct 10 1921, he received an appointment as assistant in the black parish of Holy Spirit, New Orleans in 1922, but 3 years later he became pastor of the poverty-stricken Holy Spirit black parish of Marksville LA. He served there devotedly for 10 years and then withdrew from the Congregation in order to aid his impoverished family as a diocesan priest of the Lafayette diocese in the same sate.

424. Fr. Joseph A. Schmodry 67  
USA Can France  
\* August 1 1868 Kayersberg, Alsace + Jan 5 1936 Charleston NC

He entered the Spiritan college of Mesnières in 1884 and finished his philosophy at Langonnet in 1890, earning a degree of the university of Paris. He then studied theology at Chevilly, was ordained in Paris Dec 22 1894, and professed at Orly Aug 15 1895. After teaching philosophy for 3 years at Cellule and Chevilly, he sailed for the USA to become director and a teacher of philosophy at Cornwells. In 1902 the Congregation's schools lost an exceptional teacher in him but pastoral service gained an outstanding master, for he embarked on this type of work at St. Mary's multilingual parish in Detroit. From 1903 till 1912 he served in Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, and among the French-speaking Canadians and the Indians around Ottawa.

In 1912 he became the first Spiritan to undertake work among the blacks in Louisiana and is credited with founding the Congregation's parishes in Alexandria, Lafayette and New Orleans under particularly trying circumstances. After 10 years of hard work in Louisiana, he went for a much-needed rest in the black parish of St. Peter Claver, Charleston, NC. Instead of a quick recovery, 13 years of illness awaited him there but he could not stay idle. In this busy port the priest, who spoke six languages, was very much in demand among ailing seamen in the hospital. As time went on, however, he weakened, lost much of his confidence in his ability to go on, and became an invalid, who relied on the loving care of his devoted confrere Fr. William Long. After

overcoming pneumonia and two operations, he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died about ten days later. Interment took place in the local St. Lawrence O'Toole cemetery.

425. Fr. Roma Lavergne 29

Canada

\* Dec 17 1906 Original, Qu.

+ Jan 7 1936 Montana, SW

He was a robust 18 year old when he transferred to St. Alexander and had some difficulty in finishing the curriculum there. That is why he hesitated to undertake the arduous program of further studies and left to become an electrician in Montreal. He returned, however, in 1929 to do his philosophy while perfecting at St. Alexander. Two years later, he made his novitiate at Neufgrange and was professed Sept. 8 1932. During his theology years at Chevilly he began to feel ill and was found to be afflicted by tuberculosis. Ordained at Chevilly Sept 22 1935, he was able to say Mass three times and then went to the Montana sanatorium in a vain search for a cure. Unable to rise again from his sickbed, he edified all by his resignation and piety. He was buried in the St. Moritz cemetery.

426. Fr. Louis Trebern 66

Canada Haiti Portugal Brazil France Algeria

8 Aug 28 1869 Plomeur, Brittany

+ Feb 9 1936 Rennes, Brittany

To test his vocation, he entered the junior seminary of Beauvais, passed with flying colors, continued his classical studies at Langonnet, and finished them at Cellule in 1890. To avoid the military draft, he went to Haiti where, while perfecting at St. Martial's he studied philosophy and theology. Ordained at Port au Prince June 8 1895, he made his novitiate at Cintra in Portugal and was professed March 19 1897. His intellectual capacities led to his appointment to St. Mary's College in Porto, where he taught for 8 years.

In 1905 he became director and local superior of the giant colonization center at Paricatuba, near Manaus, which the Brazilian government had entrusted to the Congregation in an effort to populate the Amazonas State. When this enterprise collapsed by a change in government policy in 1908, he returned to Porto for 2 years of teaching and then sailed for Canada as bursar of St. Alexander.

Meanwhile an amnesty had been declared in France for draft evaders and, after 20 years of absence, he could return home in 1912. He became bursar again, this time at Chevilly, was mobilized in 1916 as a medical corps man, but released in 1917 after he had been wounded twice in the exercise of his duties. His competence doomed him to remain the perpetual bursar: he served in this function at St. Michel, At Bethisy- for the Sisters of the Holy Ghost, then being founded – at St. Bonnet, in Miserghin, Algeria and finally in Pire's new junior seminary. There the shy but very kind man suffered a stroke and died three weeks later at a hospital in Rennes. He was buried in the school's community cemetery.

427. Br. Francis (J. Francis) McGarry

USA

\* April 27 1894 Philadelphia

He was a 34 year old painter and mechanic when he came as a postulant in 1932. For several years he made an excellent impression at Ferndale, where he took his vows Jan 19 1934. Unfortunately, his good dispositions did not last. He was dismissed in February 1936 after setting fire to one of the buildings.

428. Fr. Maximilian Mayer 62

USA

\* Sept 29 1873 Pozan, Prussian Poland

+ May 15 1936 Mt. Carmel PA

Desirous of becoming a priest, he studied at the Spiritan seminaries of Merville and Chevilly, 1892-1903. He made his vows at Orly Oct 1 1899 and was ordained at Chevilly Oct 22 1902. Sailing for the USA, he served in Immaculate Heart of Mary Polish parish of Pittsburgh till in 1912 he became pastor of St. Joseph's in Mount Carmel PA. For nearly 25 years he remained the energetic pastor of a parish in which he could use his fluency in Polish, German, French and English to good advantage. He built a beautiful church and convent there, and the people appreciated especially his many visits to the sick and his attention to the "little guy" during the troublesome years of the great depression. A heart attack killed him in his rectory. Interment took place in the parish cemetery.

429. Br. Nicholas (Peter) McLaughlin

USA

\*March 27 1904 Philadelphia

He had operated an elevator for 4 years and had tried the Augustinian Brothers before he asked to enter the Congregation. Professed at Ferndale May 8 1933, he worked for about 4 years in the same community and then withdrew from the Congregation in July 1936.

430. Fr. Anthony Thomé 64

USA Tanzania Germany

\* Sept 13 1871 Walmerod, Nassau

+ July 12 1936 Chippewa Falls WI

He was a medical freshman at the university of Innsbruck when he gave up his studies to join the Congregation. After doing his philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly, he pronounced his vows Jan 2 1898 and was ordained March 5 of the same year. Assigned to East Africa, he served for 5 years at Ilonga, Tanga, Kibosho and Rombo; then, at Fr. Acker's request, returned to Germany to become editor of the missionary *Echo*. Life under "The Thundering Abbot," however, was not easy and, in 1907, he obtained his transfer to the USA. He served in the German parishes of St. Anthony, Millvale, and St. Mary, Detroit, until in 1914 he became pastor of Holy Spirit, Chippewa Falls. Here he was to serve for 22 years. It was still a rural community when he arrived and, in addition to the parish, he took care of its 3 missions, traveling on horseback in the glacial cold of the winter and the broiling heat of the summer. An excellent preacher, a zealous catechist, a good organizer and a respected pastor, he was also a fine community man.

On the Sunday of his death, with the temperature closed to 110°F, he visited two of his missions, felt ill after the first but nonetheless drove on to say Mass at the second. A heart attack

killed him before his car crashed into a tree. He was buried in the community lot of the parish cemetery.

431. Charles Delisle  
Canada  
\* Feb 11 1913 Montreal

he pronounced his first vows Sept 8 1932 at Orly and studied philosophy at Mortain. In 1934 he returned to Canada for two years of perfecting at St. Alexander. He withdrew from the Congregation in August 1936.

432. Fr. Eugene O'Connell 50  
Trinidad USA Ireland  
\* Sept 27 1886 Balliouskill, Laois + Oct 23 1936 Port of Spain

He became an aspirant in 1904, made his profession at Chevilly Oct 6 1908 and perfected at Blackrock. After attending courses at the Dublin University till 1913, he was sent to the university of Fribourg for the theology curriculum because of his delicate health. The priesthood was conferred upon him at the abbey of St. Moritz Dec 21 1915. On the completion of his studies in 1917 he became a member of the Irish Mission Band in the USA for one year and then was assigned to Trinidad as a teacher at CIC. He served there in this function for 18 years while doing pastoral ministry in his spare time. A stomach ailment led to his death after a few weeks of suffering. Interment took place at the Lapeyrouse cemetery. "There was a seemingly magnetic atmosphere in his approach" to people, suggesting "a soul fully at peace with God and man."

433. Fr. Xavier Frey  
Canada  
\* Dec 1 1908 Ohlungen, Alsace

Professed at Orly Sept 8 1928, he was ordained at Chevilly Oct 7 1934. The following year he came to Canada and taught at St. Alexander for 1-1/2 years. Returning to France in June 1936, he withdrew from the Congregation to join the diocesan clergy of Strasbourg.

434. Paul Nanchen  
Canada  
\* July 2 1913 Lens, Switzerland

He made his first vows Sept 8 1932 at Orly and perfected at St. Alexander 1935-36. He then withdrew from the Congregation.

435. Fr. Edward Allhelig 73  
USA St. Pierre et Miquelon Guadeloupe Belgium France Monaco  
\* Feb 3 1863 Semersheim, Alsace + Jan 13 1937 Bordeaux

In 1877 his pastor sent him to the Spiritan school of Merville and, after earning a bachelor's degree in Paris, he studied theology at Chevilly. Ordained Nov 1 1887, he made his profession Aug 26 1888 and was appointed to Guadeloupe. For 7 years he taught there at the seminary-college of Basse Terre. Returning to France for what he thought of as a brief visit before his mother's death, he saw himself assigned to 8 years of teaching at the colleges of Epinal and Merville until Combes' persecution closed them in 1903.

He then obtained his appointment to pastoral work in the USA and served at St. Joachim's in Detroit, in Pittsburgh and at Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls. He loved this place so much that when Fr. Eugene Phalen, the American provincial, told him to move again – this time to teach at Duquesne – he appealed to the superior general and asked to be left in his location. His request was granted. In 1920 he replaced Fr. Joseph Oster in the Miquelon Islands and then returned to France on leave after an absence of 17 years.

The harsh winters of Wisconsin, however, had undermined his health and he suffered from chronic bronchitis and asthma, so that he could now only render limited service. After working successively at Louvain, Marseille and Alex, he was sent to the milder climates of Bordeaux and Monaco. From 1933 on he devoted his last strength to serving the chapel of the Bordeaux community. Behind his rough manners there swelled a hard worker and a fervent religious, who did not wish to waste one minute of the life he had consecrated to God. He died after a last asthma attack.

436. Fr. Joseph Sabaniec 40  
USA Canada  
\* July 25 1896 Vilna, Lithuania + Jan 17 1937 Tuscaloosa AL

At the age of 3 he immigrated with his parents, who settled in Pittsburgh. After studying at the junior seminary of Cornwells from 1909 on, he made his profession at Ferndale Aug 31 1915. His theology studies there were postponed when he was sent perfecting at Duquesne for 2 years. In 1919 we find him in Rome, where he had gone to earn a doctoral in theology. Unfortunately, while preparing for the final examination, he was found to be suffering from tuberculosis and had to go to the Spiritan sanatorium in Montana, SW. He recovered and was ordained Dec 23 1922 in Fribourg. On his return to the USA in 1923, he was appointed dean of studies at St. Alexander in Canada, but his health caused his recall to the USA in 1924.

He then served in pastoral ministry at St. Joseph's Bay City, MI, St. Stanislaus, Pittsburgh and finally in Holy Spirit parish, North Tiverton, RI, where he worked for 8 years. In 1934 he became pastor of St. Mary Magdalen's Tuscaloosa, a black parish. There he worked to his heart's content and was very popular among his parishioners as well as in the white mission of Reform and among the Catholic students of the University of Alabama. Over-exertion in manual labor led to increasingly more serious chest pains, which he attributed to his ancient illness but which the doctor finally diagnosed as the result of a severe heart attack. He died a few weeks after his release from the hospital. His body was released to his relatives in Pittsburgh and buried in St. Stanislaus parish cemetery.

437. Fr. John O'Donoghue 69  
Trinidad  
\* Jan 4 1868 County Kerry + March 29 1937 Dublin

He followed the classical curriculum at Rockwell and Blackrock and did his higher studies at Chevilly. Together with 98 others, he pronounced his vows there Jan 2 1898, and became a priest Oct 28 1898. The following year he sailed for Trinidad, where for 36 years he taught with much success at CIC. In his spare time he did parish work at Diego Martin, where despite his occasionally rough manners he became so popular that the people named a street after him. To serve the Spanish-speaking part of his congregation, he learned to speak their language fluently. In 1930 he became pastor of San Juan. Ill health forced him to resign in 1934 and he had to return to Ireland the following year for hospital care. He died at midnight on Easter Sunday in a nursing home.

438. Fr. John O'Brien 58  
 Trinidad Ireland  
 \* April 25 1879 Mullinahone, Tipperary + May 15 1937 Port of Spain

A brother of Frs. Thomas and David O'Brien, he studied at Rockwell's junior seminary. After his graduation he was retained for a few years of perfecting. His profession at Orly Oct 1 1902 was followed by philosophy and theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 28 1905. Tuberculosis imposed a rest upon him till 1907 when he went to Trinidad, where his brother David joined him the following year. He taught at CIC for 28 years, his specialty being mathematics, and for a number of years was also dean of discipline with the duty of this function to foster and supervise sports. He used his spare time in ministry, especially at Trinidad's ancient capital of St. Joseph. Malaria caused him to resign his teaching position in 1935. He died 2 years later after an illness of less than one day.

439. Fr. Joseph Patrick Dolan  
 USA  
 \* Sept 1 1899 Ottawa

He followed the classical and philosophy programs at St. Alexander 1915-20, and was professed at Ferndale Aug 15 1921, where he also studied theology. Ordained Aug 28 1924, he was assigned to the mission to the blacks, first at Rock Castle, VA and then at St. Paul's Lafayette, LA. In 1927 he became pastor of Our Lady's Carencro, LA. In 1932 we find him assigned to St. Joachim's Detroit, followed by a brief stay at Cornwells and St. Joseph, Bay City, MI. In 1933 he became a voluntary patient in a psychiatric hospital at Brooklyn. Leaving there, he was in and out of several other similar institutions. In June 1937 he parted from the Congregation. During World War Two he joined the U.S. Army but was discharged in 1943. He died at Sacred Heart Home, Philadelphia, in November 1957.

440. Br. Fortune (Bernard) Kemper 70  
 Canada France Portugal  
 \* Dec 7 1866 Corsfeld, Westphalia + June 13 1937 Langonnet

A blacksmith and locksmith by trade, he traveled all over Germany and Switzerland to perfect his skills and met with Fr. John Haas, who attracted him to the Congregation. At the age of 26 he entered in Chevilly and, still a postulant, was sent to Cellule. His know-how was so much appreciated there that the local superior kept postponing his entrance in the novitiate. The

postulant, however, effectively protested about his total lack of religious formation and obtained his return to Chevilly. He made his profession there March 19 1897, and was appointed to the Brothers' novitiate at Cintra in Portugal. When his health began to fail, he received a transfer to Lisbon in 1906; then in 1908 to Langonnet and later to Chevilly. In 1911 he sailed for Canada, where he worked devotedly and industriously at his trade for 22 years. Suffering from diabetes and arteriosclerosis, he visited his family in Germany in 1934 and then retired to Langonnet. He died there 4 years later.

441. Fr. Omer Bernard 29  
Canada Central Africa  
\* Sept 2 1908 Maria, Gaspé, Q. + Sept 7 1937 St. Alexander

He graduated from St. Alexander and, after reading the life of St. Edouard Epinette, CSSp., joined the Congregation. Professed at Orly Sept 8 1929, he studied theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 2 1932. The following year he was happy to go to Ubanghi-Shari in present day Central Africa. For 2-1/2 years he served there at the Bozoum mission; then a physician diagnosed cancer of the tongue. After treatment at the Pasteur Hospital in Paris and the radium institute of the University of Montreal, he was allowed to give a series of conferences. Before long, however, he was back in a hospital, for the cancer had metastasized to his lungs. Informed of his terminal condition, he calmly and religiously accepted the medical verdict. He died a few months later at St. Alexander's infirmary.

442. Jacques Rappo  
Canada  
\* May 13 1913 Estavayer-le-Lac, SW

Professed at Neufgrange Oct 16 1933, he went perfecting at St. Alexander in 1935. Two years later, he returned to France and withdrew from the Congregation.

443. John Frost  
Trinidad  
\* Oct 28 1910 Limerick

He made his vows Sept 1 1929 at Kimmage and interrupted his studies to go perfecting at CIC in Trinidad 1931. Returning to Ireland in 1933, he was ordained a deacon in May 1937, but withdrew from the Congregation in January 1938.

444. Br. John Michael Richert  
USA  
\* August 27 1908 Etna PA

He pronounced his vows at Ferndale Feb 10 1929 and served for 3 years in the same community. Transferred to Cornwells in 1933, he worked there till his withdrawal from the Congregation in February 1938.

445. Fr. Leon Helin  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Canada France  
\* March 26 1896 Prinquiau, Loire Inf.

He had taught at a Jesuit school in France when he applied for admission to the Congregation. After his profession July 10 1921, he finished his studies at Chevilly and was ordained Oct 28 1923. The following year he sailed for the Miquelon Islands, where he worked as an assistant at St. Pierre. Two years later, he transferred to St. Alexander in Canada and served there as a teacher till 1929. Returning to France, he departed from the Congregation in March 1938.

446. Br. Noël-Chabanel (Oscar) Gravel  
Canada  
\* May 22 1895 Ottawa

He came from the Redemptorists at St. Anne de Breaupre in 1933 and pronounced his first vows at St. Alexander March 19 1935. After working in this community for several years, he withdrew from the Congregation in March 1938.

447. Br. Henri (Juliaan) de Smet 60  
Canada France Brazil Netherlands  
\* Oct 23 1877 St. Nicolaas, B + April 13 1938 St. Alexander

He made his vows at Chevilly Sept 8 1904, and for 8 years worked in the office of the mission procurator in Paris before his transfer to Louvain in 1912. In 1914 he survived the bombardment of this famous university town and even his dangerous status as a hostage guaranteeing the good conduct of the civilian population with his life. Later in the year, he escaped with Fr. Charles Luttenbacher to Holland and found a safe haven in the Dutch part of the Baarle Nassau community, which straddled the border. He worked there till 1926 when he was transferred to Canada and served for 12 years as a tailor at St. Alexander. He died of pneumonia and was buried in the community cemetery.

448. Fr. Joseph E. Schultz 78  
USA Tanzania France  
\* July 17 1859 Brunstatt, Alsace + April 17 1938 Detroit MI

He finished his classical studies at Cellule in 1880, perfected for 3 years and then attended the philosophy and theology courses at Chevilly. Ordained Nov 1 1887, he made his vows there Aug 26 1888 and sailed for East Africa, where he was stationed at Manderu in Tanzania. Fever, however, soon undermined his health, and in 1890 he came to the USA.

The provincial sent him to the Marienstatt community in Arkansas, from where he served the missions in Atkins and St. Vincent. From 1896 to 1904 he had a tour of duty as a teacher at the schools of Beauvais and Seyssinet in France. When Combes' persecution closed these houses in 1904, he returned to the USA and did ministry, first from Cornwells and then from 1910 on at St. Mary's, Detroit. There he remained for the rest of his life – 28 years – serving as pastor till 1929 and then in semi-retirement. His fluency in German, French and English served

him in good stead and he threw himself enthusiastically into his work. An ideal community man and a much-appreciated pastor, he died after a brief illness in the nearby Jefferson Clinic on Easter Sunday. He was buried in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

449. Fr. William F.X. Keane 71  
USA Ireland Gambia Sierra Leone  
\* Aug 4 1866 Ahawilk Fohenagh, Limerick + May 13 1938 Blackrock

He was a store clerk in Dublin for 6 years before he found his vocation and entered Rockwell in 1891. After earning a diploma in education at the university of Dublin, he perfected for one year at Bathurst, Gambia, 1895-96, and then studied philosophy at Chevilly. He made his vows there Jan 2 1898, together with 98 other candidates. While perfecting at Rockwell, 1899-1901, he began his theological studies, which he finished at Chevilly in 1902. He was ordained in Paris Dec 21 1901. Returning to Africa, he worked for 15 years as a missionary in Sierra Leone, especially at Ascension Town. In 1917 we find him back in Ireland, teaching at Blackrock.

Three years later, he came to the USA, where he served successively in the black parishes of St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia, Holy Spirit in Opelousas, and Sacred Heart in Lake Charles, LA. In mid 1927 he asked for an indult of secularization to enter the diocesan clergy of Wichita, Kansas, but ultimately decided against it and returned to Ireland. His remaining years were spent at Blackrock.

450. Fr. Francis A. Retka 61  
USA  
\* Jan 27 1877 Poniatowski WI + June 6 1938 Emsworth PA

In 1891 he joined his brother, Michael as a junior seminarian at Pittsburgh's HG College and graduated 6 years later with two gold medals. Following 2 years of perfecting, he made his vows at Cornwells Aug 26 1900, studied theology there and was ordained Nov 1903. The provincial sent him to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, in late 1904 or early 1905, where he took charge of the faction-ridden mission of Chetek and transformed it into a flourishing parish. He was recalled to teach at Cornwells in 1907, but happy to exchange his position again for active ministry at Pittsburgh's St. Stanislaus parish in 1908 and served there for 7 years. After briefly acting as director of the Holy Childhood toward the end of his pastorate, he became in 1915 director of the Holy Family Institute for orphans at Emsworth PA, a function which he retained till his death 23 years later.

He paid off the debts of the troubled institution and doubled its capacity, while adding a chapel and an auditorium at a cost of about \$400,000. At the same time he saw to it that the orphans received a proper education, sound religious instruction, and preparation for life in their own trade school. He endeavored to make them grow up as much as possible in a homelike atmosphere. Just before his death, he inspected the almost finished new recreational building and made plans for its dedication. His interest in orphans had been born in you youth when he saw their misery in his hometown and resolve: "If I ever get a chance, I'll do everything in my power to bring some sunshine and happiness into the lives of such unfortunate children."

He began ailing in 1936 but continued his work as soon as he felt a little better. His condition, however, grew worse and in the night after Pentecost he died in his beloved

orphanage. His funeral showed the great esteem in which he was held: unable to get into St. Stanislaus church, thousands of people stood around the building, and about 500 cars accompanied his mortal remains to the cemetery.

451. Fr. Theophilus Meyer 81

USA

\* March 5 1857 Blienschwiller, Alsace

+ June 30 1938 Pittsburgh

He did his classical studies at Cellule, his philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly. Ordained at Paris Oct 28 1881, he was professed at Chevilly Aug 27 1882. After one year at Blackrock, he sailed for the USA and was assigned to St. Mary's Sharpsburg PA, as an assistant. The parish then still extended far up the Allegheny Valley and he served his widely scattered charges traveling on horseback. Five years later, he received an appointment to Detroit, where he worked in St. Joachim's and St. Joseph's until 1890.

In 1891 he returned to the Pittsburgh area for the remainder of his long life. First he was stationed at Holy Name in the Troy Hill area, where he rapidly rose from assistant to pastor in 1892. Still in the same year, however, we find him at HG College, from where he also took care of the parishes of Emsworth and Glenfield. In 1895 he went to live at Sacred Heart, Emsworth, permanently. He built the new church in nearby Glenfield in 1907 and completed that of Emsworth. Later he added parochial schools to both.

He was a marvelous preacher and a most eloquent speaker, who could keep his audience spell-bound. "Father, you should have been an actor," exclaimed a famous movie star who saw and heard him one day. A very congenial confrere, he also enjoyed excellent health throughout most of his life, except for chronic diabetes which came to plague him in his later years but could be kept under control by insulin. He died at St. Francis Hospital the day after a car crash in which his driver lost control of his vehicle. Interment took place in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

452. Fr. Francis A. Schwab 54

USA

\* Dec 15 1883 Millvale PA

+ Aug 1 1938 Morrilton AK

In his early teens he was a leader in pitched battles, fought with chunks of coal, between students of St. Anthony's school and the local public school. When he got older, he applied for admission as a student to the Congregation and went to nearby HG College in Pittsburgh. Professed at Cornwells Aug 15 1906, he returned to Pittsburgh for 2 years of perfecting while finishing his bachelor's degree and then sailed to France for his theology. After his ordination at Chevilly Oct 28 1910, he came back to the States and was appointed as an assistant to St. Mary's, Detroit.

Thereafter, he received only four new assignments, for any new appointment caused considerable trouble: the local bishops strenuously objected when the topic was raised by his provincial. He was director of the Holy Cross residence serving the Belmead and St. Francis de Sales complex of schools for blacks in Virginia from 1917 to 1921, then for 5 years assistant at St. Mary's, Sharpsburg, and for 12 years pastor of Sacred Heart in Morrilton, AK. He had just been appointed pastor in his native Millvale when he died after a brief illness. His body was sent home for burial in the local cemetery.

453. Fr. Peter Zell 67  
USA Martinique Germany  
\* Sept 8 1871 Vollerdingen, Alsace + Oct 29 1938 Philadelphia

After his classical curriculum at Cellule 1887-92, he followed the philosophy and theology programs of Langonnet and Chevilly, but was sent perfecting at the college of St. Pierre, Martinique, in 1896, where he finished his studies in private. The bishop ordained him a priest March 18 1899 – other records say Pentecost Sunday – in Martinique, and he made his profession at Orly Sept 23 1900. Sent to teach at Knechtsteden in Germany, he soon obtained a transfer to the USA. After serving as an assistant at Millvale's parish of St. Anthony till 1904, and at St. Mary's Detroit, till 1908, he became pastor of St. Joseph's Conway in Arkansas. He worked there for 16 years; then weakened by malaria and diabetes, he resigned from this parish which he loved so dearly and became an assistant at St. Joachim's, Detroit, 1924-31, and finally at St. Joseph's Bay City. By 1935 he assumed again the burden of being its pastor. But his health was failing rapidly and in June 1938 he retired to Cornwells. A short time after, he entered St. Agnes Hospital, where he died. Interment took place at Cornwells.

His love for the parishes where he worked did not in the least diminish his interest in the Congregation. He attracted several candidates, such as the Frs. Aloysius Roth, Henry Thessing, Alphonse Favre and Anthony Lachowski. He also often extended a helping hand to the Spiritan Missions – a substantial help it was.

454. Fr. Stanislaus J. Kolipinski 54  
USA Germany Poland  
\* Oct 24 1884 Ksiaz, West Prussia + Nov 13 1938 Bydgoszcz, Poland

An immigrant, he entered the junior seminary of Pittsburgh's HG College in 1900 and was professed at Cornwells Aug 15 1906. After perfecting at his Alma Mater while earning a B.A. till 1909, he went for his theology to Chevilly and to the university of Fribourg, where he was ordained Aug 4 1912. When World War One broke out, he sought refuge in Knechtsteden; then, after the war, he returned to Switzerland to finish his doctoral studies in 1921 with a dissertation, *Le Don de l'Esprit Saint* (published in 1924). Immediately after, he became one of the founding fathers of the new province of Poland and did much to make the Congregation known there. Around 1924 he was appointed director of the Bydgoszcz junior seminary. He died there of undisclosed causes.

455. Fr. Patrick Finnegan 36  
Trinidad  
\* May 18 1902 Dunmore, d of Tuam + Dec 28 1938 Fribourg SW

After graduating from Rockwell, he made his vows at Kimmage Aug 26 1922 and did his higher studies there. Ordained at Dublin July 22 1930, he sailed the following year to Trinidad and taught there at CIC for 7 years. He had been a splendid athlete who had never been ill in his life during his student days, but in 1937 he began ailing so seriously that he had to return to Europe. He succumbed while trying to find a cure in Switzerland. The loss of this deeply spiritual man with his wonderful sense of humor was deeply felt by all who knew him.

456. Br. Vincent (Vincent) Pietrucik 73  
USA  
\* Dec 3 1865 Puzynowcy, Lithuania

+ Dec 23 1938 Ferndale

A farmer's son, he served for 5 years as an infantry man in the imperial Russian army, 1885-90. In 1903 he migrated to the USA and found work near Philadelphia. Meeting Fr. Sigismund Rydlewski, he accepted to look after the ailing Fr. Anthony Jaworkski. When the old man died, Vincent asked to be admitted to the Congregation and, at the age of 46, made his profession at Ferndale Feb 23 1912. He proved to be an exceptionally fervent religious man, who spent his entire life in the Congregation in Ferndale, taking care of the farm. He caught a slight cold a week before Christmas and a few days later announced that he was going to celebrate this feast in heaven although the doctor could not find any signs of serious illness. He died just before Christmas Eve and was buried in the community cemetery.

457. Fr. Michael Retka 64  
USA Poland  
\* Sept 2 1874 Milwaukee

+ Dec 29 1938 Bydgoszcz Poland

He did his junior studies at Pittsburgh's HG College from 1889 on and his higher studies at Cornwells. Professed there Aug 28 1898, he was ordained at Philadelphia Dec 23 1899. After a few years of teaching at the Pittsburgh school, he began to serve in the Polish parishes of St. Stanislaus in the same city and at Our Lady of Consolation at Mt. Carmel, PA. These appointments were followed by another stay at the Pittsburgh college and then he joined his brother Francis at the Holy Family Institute for Polish orphans in Emsworth PA. When in 1924 the Congregation founded a province in Poland, he went there and in 1926 became superior of the junior seminary at Bydgoszcz. He died there 12 years later – in time to be spared the unspeakable horrors that accompanied the brutal Nazi invasion of his ancestral homeland.

458. Fr. Edward A. Crehan 77  
Trinidad Ireland France  
\* June 19 1861 Clonmel, Tipperary

+ Jan 2 1939 Blackrock

He graduated from Blackrock in 1879 and perfected there till 1884 while pursuing a university degree in the physical sciences. Sent to Rome, he earned doctoral degrees in philosophy and theology. After his ordination in 1889, he made his novitiate at Orly and was professed Aug 15 1890. In Rockwell he became dean of studies, but in 1891 he was named superior and principal of Rathmines and, 13 years later, of Blackrock. After governing the province of Ireland from 1907 to 1910, he sailed for Trinidad.

For 10 years he was superior and principal of CIC, a position which he filled with great distinction. During his tenure laboratories for chemistry, physics, botany and zoology were added to the college complex. In 1920 he became a member of the Congregation's general council and moved to Paris till 1925. For the next 9 years he served as superior and president of Rockwell and during these years made the school one of Ireland's leading colleges. After a life dedicated to education, he retired to Blackrock. Wherever "he served, his kindness as a priest and his loyalty won him many and lasting friendships."

459. Br. Casimir (Aloys) Ulmer 67  
Canada USA France Brazil Italy  
\* July 4 1871 Rosheim, Alsace

+ Jan 4 1939 Mortain

Professed at Chevilly Sept 8 1889, he worked as a tailor for 10 years at the junior seminary of Seyssinet, the Chevilly community, the Orly novitiate, and the juvenile delinquents home of St. Michel in France. In 1899 he sailed for Brazil's Amazonas mission. He taught his craft there at the Boca de Tefe trade school and after his return to Europe practiced it at Susa, Italy. We find him in Canada's St. Alexander 1907-09 and again 1912-21, while the intervening years had been spent in Ferndale. Always in ill health, he returned to France in 1921, serving in the motherhouse at Paris, in Langonnet and, for the last 8 years of his life, in Mortain's senior seminary.

460. Ralph Guevar  
Ireland  
\* April 9 1911 St. James Trinidad

A graduate of CIC in Port of Spain, he studied at the national university of Dublin, where he earned first class honors in biology and chemistry. He made his profession at Orly Sept 8 1932 and perfected at Blackrock. Sent to the university of Fribourg for his theology, he withdrew from the Congregation in March 1939.

461. Fr. Christopher J. Plunkett 72  
USA Puerto Rico  
\* July 1 1867 Dublin

+ Aug 17 1939 New York

He studied at Blackrock 1882-89, did his philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly 1889-94, was ordained at Orly Oct 28 1893 and made his profession there Aug 15 1894. At first assigned to Nigeria, he was sent instead to the USA. After briefly teaching at the Pittsburgh college, he went into pastoral work at St. Peter Claver's black mission in Philadelphia, where he became pastor in 1904. Eight years later, he became the founding pastor of St. Mark's, the first Catholic church in Harlem. More than 4,000 converts were made there during the 19 years of his leadership, and his success led to the establishment of four additional Catholic churches in Harlem.

In 1931 he went to Arecibo in Puerto Rico to inaugurate the Spiritan missions in this island. Two years later, he became provincial superior of the USA and witnessed the rapid growth of his province. During his administration 35 American Spiritans went out to Africa.

He died of pneumonia after a two-day illness in Manhattan's Lutheran Hospital. His remains were laid to rest in the Ferndale community cemetery. A man without a spark of deviousness, he was greatly esteemed by all who came in contact with him, beloved by his parishioners, and deeply revered by his confreres, who appreciated his utter absence of self-glorification.

462. Fr. Albert David 67  
Canada USA St. Pierre et Miquelon France Belgium Monaco  
\* Dec 26 1872 Chevedouit, Orne + Sept 29 1939 Limoux France

Professed, after his ordination, at Orly Aug 28 1898, he taught philosophy in Rome and dogmatic theology in Chevilly before becoming director of the colonial seminary in Paris. In 1904 he went for one year of biblical studies to Jerusalem. Two years later, we find him in the junior seminary of Lier, Belgium, as the temporary editor of the *Messenger du Saint-Esprit*. After several special assignments in France, he sailed in May 1908 for Canada as superior of St. Alexander. He held this position till Sept 1911 when bad health forced him to resign and he became an assistant at St. Joachim's Detroit. One year later, he was assigned in the same capacity to the Miquelon Islands, which the Congregation had just begun to staff with its own members. Returning to France in 1919, he was first stationed in Monaco and then at various annexes of the mother house in or near Paris while also teaching at the colonial seminary. From 1930 on we find him at Langonnet until he became so ill that he needed special care.

He had earned a degree of *docteur-es-lettres* and his stay in Canada had given him an abiding interest in the 18<sup>th</sup> century history of Spiritan missionaries in that country. Careful research enabled him to write a long series of articles about them and their role in Acadia, which were published by *Nova Francia*, *Bulletin des recherches historiques* and *Revue de l'universite d'Ottawa*.

463. Albert Gasser  
St. Pierre et Miquelon  
\* Nov 14 1914 Gubwiller, Alsace

He was professed at Neufgrange Sept 8 1934 and began his theology at Chevilly in 1937. Sent to the Miquelon Islands to prefect at St. Christopher College in 1938, he withdrew from the Congregation in 1939.

464. Fr. Joseph Iehl 69  
Trinidad Haiti Guadeloupe Algeria  
\* Oct 31 1870 Artolsheim, Alsace + Feb 11 1940 Miserghin

He was professed, after ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1894 and appointed to teach at St. Martial's Haiti. Sixteen years later, he transferred to a similar function at CIC in Trinidad. From 1915 till 1939 we find him in pastoral care ministry in Guadeloupe at Gosier, Les Abyemes and Pointe-a-Pitre. On the eve of World War Two he went home on sick leave and died at the retirement home in Algeria.

465. Fr. Michael J. Martin 57  
USA France Martinique  
\* Nov 18 1882 Ballyroan, Kildare + Feb 19 1940 Bridgeport CT

He was the nephew of Fr. Nicholas Brennan and went to Blackrock in 1899. On completion of his classical curriculum, he perfected 4 years at Rockwell and then traveled to France. Professed Oct 3 1909 at Chevilly, he studied philosophy and theology there and was

ordained Oct 28 1913 at the age of 31. The following year he sailed to Canada and taught at St. Alexander until his transfer to the USA three years later after an official visit by Fr. Martin Hehir. Appointed to St. Joachim's, Detroit, he served as an assistant there and later at St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia.

He withdrew from the Congregation in Dec 1920 and became a diocesan priest in Detroit. In 1939, however, he applied for re-admission and traveled to the novitiate. Stopping over at Philadelphia, he suffered a serious stroke. After pronouncing his vows in the hospital, he recovered unexpectedly and went on to the novitiate in Ridgefield. But his days were numbered, for two more strokes followed and he died in a nearby hospital. His burial took place in the Ferndale community cemetery.

466. Fr. Francis H. Gres 86  
USA France Martinique  
\* Dec 4 1853 Laissac, Aveyron + June 10 1940 Bay City MI

He applied for admission to the Congregation after finishing his classical studies and did his philosophy and theology at Langonnet 1873-77. Ordained Nov 25 1877 at Chevilly, he made his profession there Aug 25 1878. His first appointment sent him to St. Pierre's college in Martinique. In 1884 we find him back in France for 8 years of teaching at Cellule, Merville and Seyssinet.

He came to the USA in 1892 and at last could give himself fully to the pastoral ministry he longed for. After 2 years as an assistant at St. Joachim's, Detroit, he was assigned to St. Joseph's, Bay City. There he remained for the remainder – 46 years – of his life, first as an assistant and from 1900 on as pastor till 1935. His long tenure put the seal of his wisdom and zeal on the parish, both spiritually and materially. He resigned 8 years after celebrating his golden jubilee, but continued to reside in the rectory as pastor emeritus. He died at Mercy Hospital after 62 years as a priest and was buried in Bay City's St. Patrick's cemetery.

467. Fr. Bernard J. Appel  
USA  
\* April 4 1905 Pittsburgh

He graduated from Duquesne's Prep school and college in 1925, was professed at Ridgefield Aug 27 1926 and studied theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Aug 31 1929. Assigned to Duquesne, he taught there till 1937, except for a study leave in 1934, which he spent at Columbia University. In 1938 he became an assistant at Sacred Heart, Emsworth, until his departure from the Congregation in Aug 1940.

468. William Deasy  
Trinidad  
\* Feb 12 1916 Blackrock, Cork

He pronounced his first vows Sept 12 1934 at Kilshane, earned a degree from the university of Dublin, and then perfected at CIC in Trinidad 1937-38 and an additional year at Rockwell. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1940.

469. Br. Matthew (Richard S.) Piotrowski  
USA  
\* Nov. 11 1915 Pittsburgh

He entered the Congregation in 1935, was professed at Ferndale Feb 2 1937, and worked there till 1940. Transferred to Ridgefield, he withdrew from the Congregation in September 1940.

470. Br. Austin (John) Tobin 60  
Canada USA Ireland  
\* March 19 1880 Clonmel, Tipperary + October 28 1940 Rockwell

He pronounced his first vows March 25 1900 in Chevilly and served in Rockwell and Rathmines until in 1906 he sailed for the new foundation in St. Alexander, Canada. Two years later, we find him as a prefect in St. Joseph's House, Philadelphia. He returned to Ireland 9 years later after a brief stay at Cornwells. The remaining 23 years of his life were spent working successively in Rockwell, Kimmage, Rathmines and then, from 1927 on, Rockwell again till his death.

471. Fr. John A. Aikens  
USA Sierra Leone  
\* June 21 1898 Philadelphia

He studied at Cornwells 1913-18, made his profession at Ferndale Aug 15 1919, and after his philosophy there perfected at Duquesne 1921-23. Returning to Ferndale, he studied theology and was ordained Aug 29 1925. The following year he was appointed to Sierra Leone and sailed in Jan 1927 for his destination. After working there for less than two years he became seriously ill and had to be repatriated in 1928. He recuperated at St. Anthony's, Portsmouth RI, and withdrew from the Congregation to enter the nearby Trappist Monastery of Valley Falls in 1929, but returned the following year. After a stay at Ridgefield, he tried a Trappist monastery in Iowa, where he lasted for 2 years. Coming back to the Congregation, he stayed in Ferndale, Tarentum and St. Mary's, Detroit till 1938. Once more, he resolved to try the Trappists and in June 1938 he went to Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky, where he became Fr. Peter, O.C.S.O., by his profession on November 1 1940. He died there in 1987.

472. Fr. Sigismund Rydlewski 72  
USA Poland  
\* May 1 1868 Xions, West Prussia + Jan 2 1941 Poznan, Poland

He was an immigrant to the USA when he met Fr. Anthony Jaworski, who attracted him to the Congregation. After graduation from Pittsburgh's HG College, he did his higher studies at Chevilly, was ordained Oct 28 1892 at Orly and professed there Aug 8 1893. Assigned to St. Stanislaus, Pittsburgh, he became the founder of its daughter, Immaculate Heart parish in 1897; then taught theology at Cornwells. In 1903 he went to Galicia to open an orphanage at Bobrek and a seminary for Slavic aspirants, but was unable to overcome the resistance of the Austrian government and the plan had to be postponed.

Back in the USA, he served as pastor of St. Joseph, Mount Carmel, PA 1906-12, taught at Ferndale and then in 1914 returned to the parish which he had founded. Becoming a much-decorated chaplain to the free Poles fighting on the side of the Allies, he entered Poland at the end of World War One and opened as asylum for war orphans in Bydgoszcz. In 1920 he founded a junior seminary in the same town. In 1925 he became the first vice provincial of Poland, then director of the orphanage and later of the first novitiate in Puszczykowko. Seized by the SS police when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, he was at once arrested. His health broken, he was released toward the end of 1940, but died soon after in his family. "His life was well spent, for he gave all that was in him."

473. Fr. Caesar Tomaszewski 72

USA Poland

\* Feb 4 1869 Renarzewo, West Prussia

+ April 30 1941 Warsaw

After doing his classical studies at home in his native Polish province of Poznan, he migrated to the USA, attended HG College in Pittsburgh and then was sent to Chevilly for his higher studies. Ordained in 1895, he made his profession at Orly Aug 15 1896. Back in America, he became an assistant and then pastor at St. Stanislaus, Pittsburgh 1898-1915. From 1900 on he was the editor of a widely read Polish weekly. He also was one of the founders of the Holy Gamily Institute for Polish orphans in nearby Emsworth. In 1915 he was transferred to Our Lady of Consolation, a Polish parish in Mr. Carmel, where he served for 11 years and built the school and convent. As a pastor he was always available to solve his people's personal problems, and for his confreres he was a constant inspiration.

In 1926 he succeeded Fr. Sigismund Rydlewski as vice-provincial in Poland and did much to develop the budding province. He continued in this function until World War Two. When his country was invaded by the Nazis, the SS police arrested him at once in Bydogoszcz. He underwent severe mistreatment and began to suffer from heart trouble, but had to remain in prison. He was released only on March 7 1941, together with a number of other priests over 60. A niece in Warsaw took him in, but he died 3 weeks later in Holy Spirit Hospital.

474. Fr. Yves Lavolé 79

St. Pierre et Miquelon France Italy Martinique Algeria

\* Oct 26 1861 Meslan, Brittany

+ July 6 1941 Miseghin

He entered the Congregation in the junior seminary of Langonnet, did his higher studies at Chevilly and, after his ordination, was professed at Orly Aug 15 1890. His first appointment sent him to the junior seminary of Seyssinet, where he filled a variety of functions. When Combes' persecution exiled this school in 1903, he went with it to Susa in Italy. After 16 years of service in this seminary, he was assigned successively to Langonnet and Bordeaux till 1916. In that year he went to the Miquelon Islands and became pastor of Ille-aux-Chiens. For 12 years he remained on this lonely 30 acre island, devoting himself to the fishermen and their families, all of them practicing Catholics. In 1928, when he was 67, he became chaplain to the seamen on the less isolated island of St. Pierre. Three years later, he was transferred to Martinique. There he devoted his waning strength, first as a pastor in St. Pierre and then in "active retirement" at Petit Bourg. Finally, he became fully retired at Miserghin in Algeria till his death.

475. Br. Othmar (Jules) Straessle 55  
Canada Switzerland France  
\* June 27 1886 Butschwill, St. Gallen, SW + Aug 27 1941 France

He made his profession Sept 8 1916 at Chevilly and, after working there for 4 years, was appointed to the University seminary of Fribourg in his native Switzerland. He worked there as a gardener till 1921 when he sailed for Canada, where St. Alexander offered him a much greater opportunity to practice his trade. However, he was employed there as a butcher and in house keeping duties. Then years later, he asked to be transferred to a "less vast community." In 1931 we find him in Mortain, from where he soon switched to Newfgrange in Alsace. Although its combination of Brothers' novitiate and junior seminary did not exactly make it a small community, he worked there till shortly before his death.

476. Alfred di Nocenzio  
USA  
\* July 10 1917 Philadelphia

He grew up in St. Joseph's House and asked to be admitted as a postulant, but a serious speech defect prevented this. He was, however, accepted as an *agrege* May 27 1939 and called Brother Alfred Mary. After working at the house in Ferndale and Cornwells, he withdrew in August 1941.

477. Br. Francis Mar (Thomas) Long USA  
\* Sept 8 1898 Point Edward, Ont.

He had been a chauffeur and a sailor in the U.S. Navy before he entered the Congregation. Professed at Ridgefield April 29 1938, he served one year at Ferndale and two at Cornwells. HE withdrew from the Congregation at the expiration of his vows in 1941.

478. Fr. Maurice Grosse 30  
Canada Great Britain  
\* Dec 18 1910 Sept-Forges, d of Seez + Sept 2 1941 Gabon

Professed at Orly Sept 8 1930, he perfected at St. Alexander 1931-32 and then returned to France for his theological studies at Chevilly. He was ordained there Oct 3 1937 and sailed for Gabon the following year. After working there less than 3 years, he died in the full vigor of his manhood.

479. Fr. Joseph P. Danner 68  
USA  
\* May 6 1873 Allegheny PA + Sept 21 1941 Sharpsburg PA

He was a 15 year old cigar maker when he followed the example of his brothers John and Francis and went to study at Pittsburgh's HG College; like them, he entered the junior seminary one year later. After his graduation in 1894, he did 4 years of perfecting at the school and then entered the novitiate. Professed at Cornwells Aug 28 1899, he made his higher studies there and

was ordained in Philadelphia Nov 15 1902. The following year he was assigned to his Alma Mater. For 32 years he remained there, first teaching business administration, or “commercial science,” as it was then called, till 1913 and then as treasurer of Duquesne, putting into practice what he had taught so expertly.

In 1935 he became pastor of St. Mary’s Sharpsburg. A few months after his appointment one of his legs had to be amputated, but he carried on for 5 years with an artificial limb. Early in 1941 he began ailing again and spent 6 months in St. Francis Hospital before he died of pneumonia. He was a “life of untold usefulness and devotedness” which had enriched the Congregation in every respect.

480. Fr. Augustine J. Asmann (Ausman)  
USA Tanzania  
\*May 24 1893 Wurdighausen, Westphalia

He did his humanities in Germany and joined the Congregation in the USA, where his name was modified a little. Professed at Ferndale July 3 1920, he studied philosophy and theology there and became a priest August 28 1924. The following year he sailed for East Africa’s Kilimanjaro vicariate, where he served for 11 years in Kilema, Kondoa-Irangi and Arusha. Returning to the USA in 1935, he was assigned to Holy Spirit parish in Chippewa Falls and, in 1939, to St. Anthony’s, Millvale. He withdrew from the Congregation in December 1941 and joined the La Crosse diocesan clergy in Wisconsin. Death came for him in December 1950.

481. Fr. Cyprien Fortin 33  
Canada Congo  
\* Sept 4 1908 St. Luc, Qu. + Jan 14 1942 Loango, Congo

He did his classical studies at St. Alexander 1921-27, perfected there for 2 years while studying philosophy, and made his profession at Orly Aug 15 1930. His theology program at Chevilly was interrupted by an additional 2 years of perfecting at his Alma Mater. Ordained at Chevilly Oct 16 1935, he sailed the following year for the Loango vicariate in the Middle Congo. He died there less than 6 years later in a hunting accident when he was gored by a wild bull.

482. Fr. Stephen Zarko(wski) 43  
USA  
\* Nov 9 1898 Augustow, Russian Poland + March 9 1942 Bridgeport CT

His family migrated to the USA in 1901 and settled in Mt. Carmel PA. When he was 16 he entered Cornwells’ junior seminary. Professed at Ferndale Sept 27 1920, he did his higher studies there and was ordained Aug 28 1924. The following year he became an assistant chaplain at the Belmead complex of schools for blacks in Virginia. After a brief stay at St. Joseph’s Polish Parish at Mt. Carmel in 1929, he was attached to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Polish Parish in Pittsburgh, where he occupied himself especially with the youth of the congregation – a work for which he was particularly suited. Around this time he also cut his name in half. In 1940 he was re-assigned to Our Lady of Consolation parish in Mt. Carmel. About two years later, he suddenly collapsed after making a retreat at Ferndale and died of a heart ailment in a nearby hospital. His body was interred, at his mother’s request, in the family

plot of St. Joseph's cemetery, Mt. Carmel. The numerous Poles who traveled across Pennsylvania to be present at his funeral testified to the high esteem in which he was held.

483. Jacques Pinus 43  
Canada France  
\* Sept 10 1898 Vernon, d of Evreux + March 11 1942 France

He made his vows Dec 2 1919 at Neufgrange and after finishing his philosophy, perfected at St. Alexander 1921-23, and then resumed his studies. Returning to Canada in 1924, he became ill with encephalitis and spent some time in a sanatorium. In August 1925 he could go back to France and stayed in the Congregation without advancing in orders. He died nearly 16 years later.

484. Fr. William P. Duffy 39  
USA Puerto Rico  
\* Sept 27 1902 Philadelphia + March 21 1942 Philadelphia

After graduating from Cornwells' junior seminary, he made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1923. He followed the usual curriculum of studies at Ferndale, where he was ordained Aug 27 1927. The following year he became an assistant in the black parish of Holy Spirit, New Orleans and then at that of Blessed Sacrament in his hometown. In 1931 he sailed for Puerto Rico, where he served in San Felipe, Arecibo, for 5 years, becoming its pastor in 1934. Returning to the mainland, he was stationed as pastor in Blessed Sacrament parish. In 1941 he volunteered as a chaplain for the US Army, but was soon relieved because of his ill health and returned to his parish. He died the following year after a long illness and was buried in Cornwells.

“ Possessed of real priestly courage,” he never “invited sympathy” and he “scorned pity” with him in his tough assignments. Instead of recounting their hardships, he saw the humor of it all and carried on with youthful energy. He loved being a member of a Congregation that specialized in tough assignments.

485. Fr. John Gorman  
USA Tanzania  
\* Aug 3 1907 Waterbury CT

He graduated from Cornwells in 1925, made his vows at Ridgefield Aug 15 1926, and did his higher studies at Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 19 1931. The following year he sailed for East Africa and served in the Kilimanjaro vicariate at Gre, Nguni and other places. He returned sick to the USA in 1939 and resided at Holy Childhood in Pittsburgh. Ill all the time, he withdrew from the Congregation to become a Trappist, but joined the clergy of the Burlington VT diocese in March 1942.

486. Fr. John F. Dodwell 52  
USA  
\* Sept 10 1890 Philadelphia + April 14 1942 Philadelphia

Orphaned early in life, he went to live at St. Joseph's House, Philadelphia and developed an attraction to the Congregation. After graduating from Cornwells in 1910, he made his profession at Ferndale Aug 15 1911 and did his higher studies there. He was ordained Dec 21 1915. Apart from 6 years spent at Duquesne 1920-26, where he earned an M.A., he taught at Cornwells till 1939. In that year he became pastor of the black Holy Spirit parish, Marksville, LA, until in 1941 he was transferred to that of Blessed Sacrament in his hometown. A heart attack put an end to his life there. Interment took place at Cornwells. Kindness, simplicity and enthusiastic zeal had been the hallmark of this unassuming priest.

487. Fr. Albert B. Mehler 67

USA

\* April 19 1874

+ June 20 1942 Rochester MN

A farmer's son, he entered HG College Prep school in 1889 and the following year became a junior seminarian. From the Prep school he went to the college division and then perfected from 1895 on while doing his philosophy. He was dismissed in April 1897 but, when he returned repentantly, re-admitted in Feb 1900. Professed Aug 25 1901 at Cornwells, he studied theology there and was ordained in Pittsburgh Sept 2 1904. For 19 years he taught at his Alma Mater, where he became the capable chairman of the Commercial Department.

In 1923 his ardent wish to be assigned to pastoral work was fulfilled and he became pastor of Sacred Heart, Tarentum. He served there till 1940. By then he was ailing and in need of rest. His superiors sent him to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, but in his zeal he disregarded the demands of his bodily infirmities in favor of ministering to all who addressed themselves to him. The need for a serious operation finally sent him to the Mayo clinic, where he died of an embolism after a successful surgical intervention. He was buried in the Hope Cemetery of Chippewa Falls. An exemplary religious, an affable confrere and a tireless priest, he was an honor to the Congregation.

488. Fr. Peter Goetz 73

USA Nigeria Kenya Zanzibar Algeria

\* Sept 14 1868 Steinburg Alsace

+ April 5 1942 Mancy

He did his classical studies at a Spiritan college in France, philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly, was ordained in 1896 and professed at Orly Aug 15 1897. His first assignment sent him to Southern Nigeria, but he soon became ill and had to return to France in 1899. There he served at Beauvais college until Combes' persecution closed it. In 1904 he came to the USA and worked at St. Benedict the Moor's in Pittsburgh until he became pastor of St. Joachim's Detroit, in 1906. It was with great reluctance that he was released from this task two years later to become a missionary in East Africa, for "he had done a good job."

From 1908 to 1910 he worked at Holy Family in Nairobi and then in Zanzibar. In May 1917 the Holy See made him apostolic administrator of the Dar es Salaam vicariate to replace the German Benediction Bishop Streiter who, with all his missionaries, had been forced to leave. By 1920 he could return to Nairobi and subsequently became pastor and mission procurator in Mombasa for about 10 years. In 1934 we find him listed as superior of the junior seminary in Ruitz, France, and then in Miserghin, Algeria. He died of a stroke while visiting his brother in Mancy.

489. Fr. Paul Droesch 63  
Canada Germany France Martinique  
\* Oct 14 1878 Strasbourg, Alsace + April 22 1942 St. Pierre MTQ

He made his vows at Orly Sept 30 1901 and was ordained at Chevilly Oct 28 1904. After briefly serving as assistant novice master at Neuscheuern (Newfgrange), he became director of Zabern's (Saverne) junior seminary in Germany's Alsace. In 1919 he arrived, together with Fr. Henri Diemunsch, in Canada and served as bursar of St. Alexander for about 8 years. He quickly adapted himself to the country. In 1928 he became principal superior of Canada and organized the junior seminary of the budding province while also enlarging the college. Uprooted after the general chapter of 1938 and transferred to Martinique as principal superior, he worked there for about one year and suffered for two more from a heart condition which finally carried him to his grave. He was buried in the Spiritan crypt of the local cemetery.

490. Br. Dieudonné (Octave) Chouinard  
Canada  
\* Nov 28 1912 Victoriaville Qu.

He was 38 years old when he made his vows at St. Alexander Sept 26 1940 and worked there for two years before he withdrew from the Congregation in July 1942.

491. Fr. Louis de Waste 76  
Trinidad Guadeloupe Martinique France Monaco Belgium  
\* July 6 1866 Tressin, Nord + Aug 14 1942 France

Professed, after his ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1895, he was assigned to Guadeloupe's college of St. Pierre at Basse-Terre. When this college fell victim to the religious persecution of the era in 1905, he was transferred to Trinidad. He taught there at CIC till 1917, at which time he became superior and rector of the college in Fort-de-France, Martinique, till 1923. Thereafter he had a series of brief appointments such as superior of Chevilly, chaplain at Limours and Monaco, instructor at the colonial seminary in Paris and director of the new Foundation at Bon Secours in Belgium. From around 1930 till his retirement during World War Two he served as spiritual director at the senior seminaries of Mortain and Chevilly.

492. Fr. Francis Obernyer  
USA South Africa Nigeria  
\* May 12 1902 Wuppertal, Rhineland

He did his classical studies at Broich and Knechtsteden, was professed at Heimbach April 11 1924, studied philosophy and theology at Knechtsteden and was ordained at Cologne April 15 1928. The following year he sailed for South Africa and served there for 7 years in the Kroonstad vicariate of Orange Free State. In 1938 he was assigned to the Onitsha-Owerri district in Nigeria. A few months before World War Two he came to the USA, where he worked in Tarentum and Sharpsburg. He departed from the Congregation in August 1942.

493. Fr. Louis Spannagel 81  
USA France  
\* Sept 20 1860 Katzenheim, Alsace + Sept 13 1942 Pittsburgh

He entered the seminary college of Cellule in 1877 and joined the Congregation on the completion of his classical studies. After doing his philosophy and theology at Chevilly, he was ordained in Paris Dec 12 1886 and made his profession at Orly Aug 28 1887. His first assignment sent him to the college of Rambervillers, which soon moved to new and more spacious quarters at Epinal, Lorraine. He taught mathematics there, except for a few years spent at the Beauvais college, until in the fall of 1902 he was transferred to the USA.

For 10 years he served as an assistant in St. Mary's Sharpsburg and then took charge of St. Anthony's in nearby Millvale. For three decades he remained the zealous and highly appreciated pastor of this busy parish. He built its spacious church, its rectory and high school. Three years after celebrating the golden jubilee of his ordination, he resigned worn out and in ill health. He died in St. Francis Hospital. Throughout his life he had heeded St. Paul's words to be "all things to all human beings."

494. Fr. Aloysius J. Roth 50  
USA  
\* June 21 1892 Manayunk (Philadelphia) + May 31 1942 Bay City

He transferred from St. Joseph's College Prep School to Cornwells in 1907 and graduated 3 years later at the top of his class. Professed Aug 15 1911 at Ferndale, he did his higher studies there and was ordained Dec 21 1915. His first appointment sent him to Cornwells as a teacher of mathematics, and he earned there a reputation for exactness and punctuality in daily life. In 1919 we find him in Rock Castle VA, as pastor and chaplain of the complex of schools created by the Drexel and Morrell families and the Blessed Sacrament Sisters.

In 1925 he was re-assigned to Cornwells, where he had succeeded so well as a teacher. He stayed there for the remainder of his active life. In 1942 he was hospitalized with a serious illness in Bay City. He died there in the St. Joseph's rectory. Interment took place in Cornwells. Endowed with a keen mind and vast knowledge, he was above all a priest who came into his own in pastoral work.

495. Henri Bernard Faucher 22  
Canada  
\* April 28 1920 Disraeli, Qu. + Nov 11 1942 St. Alexander

After his classical studies at St. Alexander, he made his novitiate there and was professed Aug 14 1940. He had finished his second year of philosophy at the same location when he became ill and after three days in the infirmary suddenly died. Burial took place in the community cemetery.

496. Br. Daniel (Daniel) Tuerkes 74  
USA  
\* April 14 1868 Schwollbach, Bavaria + Nov 17 1942 Pittsburgh

He arrived in the USA in 1885 as an immigrant who belonged to a distinguished family and almost at once applied for admission to the Congregation, expressing his preference to join as a Brother. After making his novitiate in the Pittsburgh college community, he pronounced his vows there Dec 8 1887. He was one of those faithful Brothers who spent practically all their life – in his case 54 years – at the college, later Duquesne University, in various household duties. Well educated, he wrote articles for the *Paraclete* and *Holy Ghost Almanac* in his spare time. After World War One he became a powerful supporter of the Spiritans in Germany who were in dire need. His last years were spent in promoting mission magazines and in working at the tailor shop in Ridgefield. He died in St. Francis Hospital after a lingering illness and was buried in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

497. Br. Richard (Valentine) Leonardi  
USA  
\* Jan 10 1909 Shamokin PA

Professed at Ridgefield Jan 3 1940, he worked at Ferndale for 3 years and withdrew from the Congregation in January 1943.

498. Bp. John Gerard Neville 84  
Trinidad Ireland France Kenya  
\* Oct 29 1858 Dublin + Feb 27 1943 Blackrock

After graduating from Blackrock in 1878, he perfected there for 3 years before doing his higher studies at Chevilly. Ordained Nov 1 1885, he made his vows Aug 29 1886 and was assigned to Blackrock, where he taught languages and filled the positions of director of the junior seminary and bursar. In 1903 he became superior and principal of CIC in Trinidad, which he governed with much wisdom. Six years later he received an appointment to the Congregation's general council in Paris.

He was ordained a bishop at Blackrock Oct 28 1913 to succeed Bp. Emile Allgeyer as vicar apostolic of Zanzibar. As such, he presided for 17 years – including the difficult period of World War One – over the progress of what has now become the archdiocese of Nairobi and several other dioceses.

He retired to Blackrock in 1930 when he was 72, but continued to exercise his Episcopal function in the administration of confirmation and holy orders and wrote many articles about Africa.

499. Fr. Georges Touquet 76  
St. Pierre et Miquelon France Haiti  
\* Dec. 28 1866 Bailleul, Nord + March 25 1943 France

He studied theology at Chevilly and, together with 98 others, pronounced there his first vows Jan 2 1898. Ordained at the age of 33 in Chevilly Oct 23 1899, he became bursar at Mesnierers. When Combes' persecution closed this house 4 years later, he was transferred to St. Martial's, Haiti, in the same capacity. He went back to France in 1906, where we find him working in the mission procurator's office in Paris, as bursar in Chevilly and then convalescing in Langonnet.

In 1912 he went to the Miquelon Islands and became pastor on Miquelon in a parish with 100% practicing Catholics. Six years later, a sudden fire in mid-December burned down his rectory, the convent and a school. It forced him to live first in an uninsulated summer cottage and then in a humid temporary shelter. Unsurprisingly, he became ill and in 1920 he had to return to France. For the remainder of his active life he occupied a series of other “financial” posts, such as cashier in Paris or bursar at Chevilly, Ruitz and other places. From 1936 on we find him retired in Langonnet.

500. Br. Thomas Doyle  
USA  
\* July 14 1903 Philadelphia

He was a shoemaker before he entered the Congregation and made his profession at Ferndale Dec 18 191. He served there as an assistant cook till 1935, when he was transferred to Cornwells. Five years later, he was back in Ferndale. He withdrew from the Congregation in April 1943.

501. Fr. Thomas J. McCarthy 43  
USA  
\* May 29 1899 Philadelphia + April 25 1943 Pittsburgh

He did his junior studies at Cornwells, was professed Aug 17 1918 at Ferndale, where he also made his higher studies, and was ordained Aug 26 1922, together with his cousin Patrick McCarthy. The following year he became a teacher at Duquesne and enjoyed great popularity among the students outside the classroom. After teaching for 13 years he joined the Mission Band in 1935, becoming as time went on its director. Preaching all over the eastern USA, he solved the difficult problem of pleasing both pastors and their congregations. A man of great humor and no pretenses, he made many friends. His premature death on Easter Sunday at Mercy Hospital came as a shock to his confreres, but he accepted it calmly and personally made all the arrangements for his funeral. Interment took place at the Cornwells cemetery.

502. Fr. Alexander Szwarcrok (Schwartzrock) 83  
USA  
\* Jan 8 1860 Gnesen West Prussia (Poland) + May 25 1943 Pittsburgh

After graduating from the Royal College in his hometown in 1878, he did his military service and then began a rapid rise in a government career. He gave it all up in 1889 to join the Congregation and traveled to Chevilly for his theological studies. Ordained March 12 1892, he made his profession at Orly Aug 15 1892 and received an appointment to the USA, where his ability to speak six languages would be very useful.

In heart and mid a Pole, he began to change the spelling of his name around this time. He served as an assistant in the Polish parish of St. Stanislaus, Pittsburgh, till in 1898 he became the pastor of the Polish parish of the Immaculate Heart in the same city. With the Wholehearted support of his people he built its beautiful church, a school and rectory. After serving this parish for 16 years, he exchanged places with Fr. Sigismund Rydlewski and became provincial bursar – a function which he fulfilled for more than 20 years as “the best bursar the province ever had.”

In 1936 he retired to Ferndale, where he celebrated his golden jubilee although he had been ordained only at the age of 32. During his retirement years he continued to be much in demand as a confessor who “understood his penitents.” His daily life was an inspiration to all those who came into contact with him.”

503. Fr. Léon Müller 60  
Canada Germany France Monaco  
\* Feb 5 1883 Katzenthal Alsace + July 17 1943 Chevilly

He pronounced his vows Oct 20 1904 at Chevilly, studied philosophy and theology there, and was ordained Oct 28 1908. Sent to Rome, he earned a doctorate in theology at the Gregorian University in 1910. From 1911 till 1919 he taught dogmatics and church history at Knechtsteden and then became pastor of the St. Devote parish in Monaco. In 1922 he sailed for Canada and joined the staff of St. Alexander. In 1926 we find him teaching at the junior seminary of Saverne until in 1932 he returned to Chevilly. He taught there church history and moral theology till his death of cancer 11 years later.

504. Grégoire Léon Farrell  
Canada  
\* Jan 9 1919 Quebec

He did his classical studies at St. Alexander and pronounced his vows there Aug 29 1939. From 1940 till 1942 he perfected in the same school, then left the Congregation in August 1943.

505. Br. Titus Hartmann 85  
USA  
\* July 2 1858 Sharpsburg PA + Sept. 9 1943 Norwalk CT

He was 27 years old when he made his profession at Marienstatt, AK March 19 1885. Although he was originally listed as a tailor, he learned to be an expert mechanic and proved to be a Brother who could be relied upon to do a good job in whatever function entrusted to him. His superiors were so reluctant to let him go that in the 58 years after his profession he held only three appointments: to HG College in Pittsburgh in 1885 for 11 years, to St. Joseph's House in Philadelphia for 18 years and in 1914 to Ferndale for the remaining 29 years of his life. Eight years after celebrating the golden jubilee of his profession in 1935, he entered the Norwalk hospital with uremia and died. Interment took place at Ferndale.

506. Br. Guy (Armand) Roy  
Canada  
\*Sept 20 1916 Scott Junction, Quebec

He made his vows at St. Alexander Sept 26 1937 and worked there as a tailor for 6 years, but withdrew from the Congregation in September 1943 to study for the priesthood in the diocese of Amos.

507. Fr. Joseph James (sometimes James Joseph) Clarke 50  
USA

\* April 29 1893 Killincarick, Wicklow

+ Oct 7 1943 Bridgeport CT

In 1908 he entered the Spiritan junior seminary of Castlehead in England, but happily accepted his transfer to the USA in 1912. He made his profession at Ferndale Oct 6 1913. After doing his higher studies at Ferndale, he was ordained there Nov 14 1917. His relatively brief career was spent in the black parishes of St. Mark's Harlem and, from 1926 on, Blessed Sacrament, Philadelphia, where he became pastor in 1934. Afflicted by tuberculosis, he had to enter a sanatorium in Connecticut, but the relief he gained was of short duration. Going to Ridgefield, he suffered a relapse and once again went to a sanatorium. Yet it was of cancer that he died. In his work "he adopted the lowly of the earth and he gave himself without stint to them."

508. Fr. Patrick J. McCarthy 45  
USA Tanzania

\* Nov 13 1897 Philadelphia

+ Oct 29 1943 Philadelphia

Together with his cousin Thomas McCarthy he studied at Cornwells 1912-17; together they pronounced their vows at Ferndale Aug 17 1918 and did their higher studies there; together also they were ordained Aug 26 1922. The following year he received an appointment to the Bagamoyo vicariate in present-day Tanzania. We find him stationed there successively at Bagamoyo, Lugoba and at Morogoro, where he was in charge of the mission and its teacher training school.

After 8 years of service in Africa, he returned to the USA and became, like his cousin, a member of the Mission Band, while stationed in St. Mark's New York. Soon, however, he gave up the life of a roving preacher and served as a regular assistant in that parish. In 1939 he was transferred to the black parish of Blessed Sacrament, Philadelphia, and 3 years later we find him in St. John the Baptist, Fort Smith, AK, but he soon returned ill to Philadelphia. Like his cousin, he died prematurely in his mid 40s and was buried alongside him in the Cornwells community cemetery. Africa had lost a great missionary when he left it, but Africa's loss was a distinct gain for the blacks in Harlem and Philadelphia.

509. Br. Raphael (William J.) Powers  
USA

\* June 1 1905

He had been a member of the disbanding Brothers' Congregation of Holy Infancy when he applied for admission and he was professed Jan 4 1940 at Ridgefield. After working for 3 years at St. Joseph's House, Philadelphia, he withdrew from the Congregation in September 1943.

510. Fr. Joseph A. Baumgartner 66  
USA

\* Aug 3 1877 Zurich SW

+ Oct 12 1943 Shreveport LA

His family migrated to the USA when he was still very young and settled in Prosperity SC. In 1896 he enrolled at Pittsburgh's HG College for a B.A. and, after making his profession at Cornwells July 16, 1902, returned there for two years of perfecting. For his theological studies he went to Chevilly and Fribourg. Ordained in Chevilly Oct 28 1907, he returned to the States the following year and taught at Duquesne till 1914.

His next appointment sent him to St. Augustine's black parish in Isle Brevelle, LA where he served as pastor for 26 years. With a gentle smile he worked there, settling divisions among his people about degrees of blackness, helping the ignorant learn better ways of farming, and struggling against social injustice. In 1937 his health broke down and he spent many months in the hospital. Although he finally could return to his parish, his illness was not cured and in 1940 he resigned and went to live with Fr. John Lundergan in Shreveport. He died there in the local sanatorium and was buried in the Isle Brevelle's parish cemetery. This gentle priest "lived life as the man of God...and earned the respect not only of his parishioners but of all his religious brethren."

511. Br. René-Goupil (Dartois) Besruisseax  
Canada  
\* July 6 1915 Sherbrooke, Qu.

He studied at St. Alexander and at the technical institute of Hull, learning how to be a blacksmith. After his profession at St. Alexander Dec 8 1934, he served in this community as a smith and a gardener for 8 years. He withdrew from the Congregation in December 1943.

512. Fr. Joseph Fleck 73  
USA St. Pierre et Miquelon Sierra Leone Tanzania Kenya Reunion  
\* April 5 1870 + Dec 29 1943 Reunion

He Made his vows, after ordination, at Orly Aug 25 1897 and sailed for Sierra Leone 3 weeks later. After lasting for 8 years in "the white man's grave," working at Freetown and Geruhun, he had to withdraw and was assigned to the USA. He tried to become a Trappist a Gethsemani in KY, but his health was too weak. Instead, we find him teaching at HG College in Pittsburgh till in 1911 he could sail for East Africa. He served there in Bagamoyo and Nairobi, but in 1915 the doctor ordered him home if he wished to survive. When World War One ended, he received an appointment for the Miquelon Islands. Again, however, he had to leave within a few months. In 1921 he finally got a climate that was congenial with his health when he was assigned to Reunion. He served there for more than a score of years in various locations but especially as pastor in Hellbourg until his death.

513. Fr. Francis X. Sundhauser 79  
Canada France Monaco Switzerland  
\* Nov 16 1864 + Jan 19 1944 France

He made his vows after his ordination at Orly Aug 10 1891. After teaching moral theology for two years at Chevilly, he went briefly to the college of Merville and then in 1894 began to teach philosophy at Epinal college. When Combes' persecution closed this school in

1904, he continued his task at Holy ghost Seminary in Paris and at Gentinnes in Belgium, where he became superior in 1909.

In 1912 he sailed for Canada, where he taught philosophy at St. Alexander and drew up a plan to develop a complete senior seminary program, for which, however, he failed to get the generalate's approval. He proved to be a man of superior intelligence and possessed a magnetic personality, so that his influence extended beyond the walls of the college. Having become involved in political questions, he was viewed as too pro-French in some quarters and not sufficiently pro-Canadian; thus it was judged expedient for him to leave the country in 1918.

Back in France, he became director of Holy Ghost Seminary in Paris until around 1925 he served as an assistant at St. Devote parish in Monaco. After being director of the house in Fribourg for a few years from about 1927, he served as a chaplain to the Holy Ghost Sisters in Bethisy and then returned again to the Monaco parish. By then he was in his seventies and only semi-active. In 1936 we find him in the Marseille residence until his complete retirement to Langonnet.

514. Fr. Patrick J. Brennan 46

USA

\* Jan 17 1898 Ballinamore Mayo

+ June 2 1944 Bay City MI

As a youth he migrated to the USA. He didn't find gold there but he found his vocation to the priesthood. He made his profession at Ferndale Aug 15 1921, began his clerical studies there, but had to interrupt them because of tuberculosis. Despite the interruption, he could be ordained at Ferndale Aug 29 1925. His first assignment was to work with the Irish Mission Band centered in Philadelphia, but when this band ceased to exist as an Irish band, he continued to serve at Blessed Sacrament parish in the same city.

Always in frail health, he was in and out of hospitals, forced to take long periods of rest and on the inactive list much of the time. But as soon as he could, he went back to work in the parishes entrusted to the Congregation in Millvale, Tiverton or at Cornwells. Death came for him while he was stationed at St. Joseph, Bay City. He was buried at Cornwells.

Endowed with a keen intellect and a good grasp of the overall picture, he was often able to assist other priests in the problems facing them in their ministry. His interest extended beyond his assignments to the Province, to the whole Congregation and to the Church at large, as well as to each and every member.

515. Jocelyn-Oliver Saint-Arnaud

Canada

\* Nov 10 1917 St. Vincent, Alberta

After finishing his classical studies at a Jesuit college in Edmonton, he did the philosophy curriculum at St. Alexander and was professed there Feb 2 1941. He perfected at the same school 1942-44, then withdrew in June 1944 to become a diocesan priest in western Canada.

516. Fr. James McDonnell 69

Trinidad Ireland

\* March 31 1865 Passage West, Cork

+ July 22 1944 St. Joseph TT

He was a Blackrock student 1879-85, and perfected there for 2 years before going on to Chevilly for philosophy and theology. After his ordination in 1891, he made his vows at Orly Aug 15 1892. Appointed to Trinidad, he taught at CIC with great success for more than 10 years. His heart, however, drew him to pastoral work and in 1903 he took charge of St. Joseph, the ancient capital of the island. For 37 years he remained its pastor and became the popular "Father Mac" who greatly endeared himself to all sections of the parish community. He died 4 years after his official retirement in the rectory where he had lived for so many years and had celebrated his golden jubilee.

517. Br. Camillus (John) Carson  
USA  
\* Jan 9 1919 Newtown Square PA

He made his profession at Ridgefield Feb 5 1941 and worked for 3 years in Ferndale. In August 1944 he withdrew from the Congregation to join the Augustinians.

518. Fr. Edward Malloy  
USA  
\* Jan 12 1895 Canton OH

A brother of Fr. John F. Malloy, he was professed Aug 21 1915 at Ferndale, where he also did his higher studies and was ordained Oct 24 1919. From 1920 till 1926 we find him on the staff of Duquesne; then he became director of the Provost residence in Powhatan VA, the staff of which looked after the pastoral care of the Belmead and St. Francis de Sales schools for blacks and the growing Catholic population in the area. In 1928 he became pastor of St. John the Baptist in Dayton, OH. Six years later, he returned to Duquesne to assume the directorship of its Prep School. In 1941, when the Prep School closed, he was assigned to Notre Dame parish, Chippewa Falls. He withdrew there from the Congregation in August 1944 "to take care of his ailing mother" and become a diocesan priest in the Marquette diocese. He died in December 1980.

519. William Dennehy  
Trinidad  
\* Feb 20 1916 Nursetown, d of Cloyne

Professed at Kilshane Sept 1 1935, he perfected at CIC in Trinidad from 1939 till 1944. On his return to Ireland, he withdrew from the Congregation in August 1944.

520. Msgr. Charles Joseph Heitz 83  
St. Pierre et Miquelon India France Madagascar  
\* March 22 1861 Mulhouse, Alsace + Sept 8 1944 Allex, F

He was ordained May 1 1886 at Pondicherry, India, where he was perfecting, and made his vows at Chevilly Aug 26 1888. For the next 15 years he taught at and/or directed the Spiritan seminaries or colleges of Castelnaudary, Merville, Seyssinet and Beauvais, becoming rector around 1897. When Combes' persecution closed these schools in 1904, he became a missionary

in Madagascar. We find him there mostly at Antiserane, where he was local superior. In 1911 he returned to France and soon became secretary general of the Congregation. One year later, he was elected a member of the general council.

In 1919 he accompanied Msgr. Joseph Oster, the prefect apostolic of the Miquelon Island, to his domain and, 2 years later, succeeded him in his function. On Feb 1 1927 what appeared to be an iceberg floated into the harbor of St. Pierre. Inside the iceberg was Msgr. Heitz - not alone but with a ship and its crew. They had been caught in a fierce winter storm while on the way back from the mainland. Dumping all deck cargo, the crew had spent the trip hacking away ton after ton of ice. They had barely managed to prevent capsizing, but the gallant ship reached the harbor buried under ice from the waterline up to funnels. For 11 years the prefect wisely and devotedly governed his little archipelago – then much in the news because of blockade-running smugglers to prohibition-dry America. The government made him a knight in the Legion of Honor. He resigned in 1933, did some light ministry for a few more years and then retired in his mid-seventies to Chevilly.

521. Br. Thaddeus (Francis) Frangese  
USA  
\* Dec. 8 1914 New Haven CT

He entered in Ridgefield as a postulant Brother in 1937 and made his vows there Sept 28 1938. He worked at Ferndale for several years, but had to be hospitalized twice for various illnesses. Withdrawing from the Congregation in September 1944, he tried several other orders and congregations.

522. Fr. Martin O'Mahoney 65  
USA Ireland  
\* May 28 1879 Bullockfield, Kerry + Oct 15 1944 Rockwell

He made his profession at Prior Park, Bath, in England, Feb 2 1907 and then went to Chevilly to prepare himself for the priesthood. Ordained March 12 1910, he was appointed to Rockwell, but 2 years later sailed for the USA to join the Irish Mission Band, then stationed at Blessed Sacrament, Philadelphia. His stay lasted only one year and, on his return, he taught at Rathmines till 1916. Transferred to Blackrock, he joined the teaching staff of this college and taught for 16 years before being re-assigned to Rockwell in the same capacity. He died there 12 years later.

523. Br. William (Francis) Rutzki 65  
USA  
\* Feb 2 1879 Graudenz, West Prussia (Poland) + Dec 8 1944 Philadelphia

One of the numerous immigrants settling in Pittsburgh in 1884, he studied at St. Stanislaus parochial school and in 1897 asked to join the Congregation as a Brother. He made his profession at Cornwells June 22 1900. He learned to cook there and devotedly served the community, always on time, in this capacity. He was stationed at Duquesne from 1900 till 1942, except for 6 years spent in Ferndale and Rock Castle (1924-30). As an avocation from cooking

he became a collector of gadgets, especially clocks, and his spare time was devoted to fostering religious causes.

In 1942 he was transferred to Cornwells and, as a true “clock man,” remarked that he had arrived on the same day and exactly the same hour as he had done when he first entered there 45 years before. He died 2 years later after an operation in Nazareth Hospital and was buried in the community cemetery.

524. Fr. Emile Muller 75

Canada Portugal Haiti Martinique France

\* May 28 1869 Duppigheim, Alsace

+ Dec 11 1944 Belsen, Saxony

He entered as an aspirant at Beauvais and, after one year, was sent to the college of Mesnieres in 1885 to finish his classical studies. They kept him there for 9 years instead of the usual 4 because he disclosed an unusual gift for teaching and served as a prefect for 5 years before he could continue his higher studies at Chevilly. Ordained Jan 1 1898, he made his profession, together with 98 others, the following day. He was assigned to Portugal and taught there at the college of Porto, becoming its director in 1903 and its superior in 1906. His presence enhanced the reputation for excellence of that important school, for which he put up new buildings.

When the 1910 revolution closed this college, he was transferred to Canada’s St. Alexander, where he taught and was bursar for 12 years. Next, we find him in the West Indies, at St. Martial’s Haiti 1922-26, as rector of the seminary-college of Fort de France in Martinique, 1926-38 and as district superior. In 1938 he returned to St. Alexander as official visitor and temporary superior. Meanwhile he had been elected to the Congregation’s general council in Paris, where in 1940 he also became local superior of the motherhouse.

When it was discovered that a Brother had secretly hidden downed American flyers in an annex of the buildings, the Gestapo arrested Fr. Muller and sent him to the notorious concentration camp of Belsen. While his strength slowly waned, he valiantly continued to assist the sick and the dying until he died of exhaustion and starvation.

525. Br. Isaac Jogues (Antonin) Delisle

Canada

\* Aug 30 1919 Montambau, Qu.

He was professed at St. Alexander Dec. 8 1939 and worked there for 4 years. In 1942 he was transferred to the lac-au-Saumon novitiate. He withdrew from the Congregation in December 1944.

526. Br. Artheme (Louis) Valleix 75

USA France

\* June 12 1869 Olby, d of Clermont

+ March 2 1945 Philadelphia

After his profession at Chevilly Sept 8 1887, he served for 2 years in the orphanage of St. Mauront, near Lake Geneva. In 1889 he sailed for the USA, where he was assigned to St. Joseph in Bay City MI. One year later we find him in HG College, Pittsburgh, as a cook, then in Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, 1893-97, followed by St. Joachim, Detroit, and Duquesne till 1922. He

returned to Duquesne in 1928 after working for 6 years at Ridgefield and served there for another 7 years. In 1935 he retired to Cornwells, where 10 years later he died and was buried in the community cemetery. An unyieldingly rigid observer of regularity, he was at the same time critical in outlook and could be caustic in his comments, but he usually reserved these features for private conversations.

527. Fr. Miletus Strittmayer  
USA  
\* May 3 1907 Hastings PA

After studying at the Benedictine St. Vincent College, Latrobe PA, 1921-27, he did his philosophy and part of his theology at the Third Order Franciscan college of Loretto PA, 1927-32, and then entered the Congregation. Professed at Ridgefield Oct 17 1933, he finished his theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 3 1935. He taught for one year at the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary of Stamford CT was assistant in Sacred Heart Parish, Tarentum for one year and at St. John the Baptist black parish in Dayton OH for 3 years. After another year in the same capacity at St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia, and a brief stay at St. Anthony, Portsmouth RI, he entered Gethsemane Abbey in Kentucky and made his solemn vows there March 19 1945. He died in a car accident in Via Caeli, Italy in 1968.

528. Fr. Joseph J. Boehr 74  
USA Angola  
\* Nov 2 1870 Illhausern Alsace + March 3 1945 Fall River MA

He grew up in an orphanage in his hometown and then studied at Mesnieres from 1884, did his philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly, was ordained at Orly Oct 28 1894, and made his profession there Aug 15 1895. Sailing for Cimbebasia, i.e., Cubango in southern Angola, he worked there for 2 years at Bailunda and Cassinga and then for 12 years at Caconda.

On his return to France in 1909 he was assigned to the Congregation's Rhode Island mission among Portuguese immigrants. After serving for 13 years at St. Anthony's, Portsmouth, he became in 1923 pastor of Holy Spirit parish, North Tiverton. He enlarged the parish plant and gave himself unstintingly to his work, preaching in three languages. A stern taskmaster who was set in his ways, he had difficulty keeping assistants, for he could not delegate any authority.

In 1943 he was forced to resign because of a serious heart condition, but begged to be allowed to return to live among the people he had come to love so much in his own severe but sincere fashion. He died at St. Ann's Hospital after an operation and was buried in the Ferndale cemetery. A rugged individualist with a passion for regularity and a great spirit of poverty, he was hard on himself and strict with those who had to live with him, not out of meanness but from a sincere sense of duty.

529. Fr. Edward L. Duffy  
USA TZA  
\* March 15 1911 Philadelphia

He studied in Cornwells' junior seminary 1925-31 and was professed in Ridgefield July 25 1932. After doing his philosophy at Ferndale, he perfected for 2 years at Duquesne, then

studied theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 15 1938. Sailing for East Africa in 1939 he was assigned to the seminary in Kilimanjaro, but had to return one year later. Brief periods of work and repeated hospitalizations were his fate for the next few years, until in March 1945 he left the Congregation.

530. Br. Phillip (Heinrich) Munckhoff 81  
Canada France Germany  
\* Oct. 18 1863 Herste, Westphalia + April 1 1945 Speyer Germany

A carpenter by trade, he traveled from his home country to the industrial Ruhr in search of a decent job. A priest there told the pious young man about the many “jobs” going begging in the missions and gave him the address of the Congregation’s mother house. (At that time the German province had been suppressed by Bismarck’s *Kulturkampf*.) He arrived in Paris early in 1890 and was professed March 12 1892. For several years he worked at the remodeling of the mother house; then, in 1906, he was transferred to St. Alexander, Canada.

For 21 faithful years he helped build and furnish the new school, but in 1927 the resurrected German province got him back to help in the construction of the seminaries of Donaueschingen, Speyer and Menden. From 1934 on, when he was in his seventies, he did less strenuous work in Knechtsteden. When the Nazis took over the venerable abbey in 1941, he went to Speyer, where he quietly celebrated his golden jubilee. In December 1944 he was seriously wounded when a plane dropped bombs on the town. Too old to recover from his injuries, he slowly got worse and died of heart failure.

531. Br. Collumba (Simon) Leddy 77  
USA  
\* Feb 9 1868 Philadelphia + April 23 1945 Philadelphia

For several years he worked as a machinist at Cornwells before he asked to be admitted to the Congregation as a Brother. He was a mature man of 38 when he made his vows at Cornwells oct 15 1905. Except for a two-year assignment to Duquesne in 1910, he continued serving in Cornwells till 1939 when he was transferred to Ridgefield in his early 70s.

By then his mind was failing and he began to wander all over the countryside. In 1945 he was found ill in Philadelphia and confined to the General Hospital. He died there soon after and was buried at Cornwells. Although he had been psychologically somewhat disturbed for much of his life and live in the Congregation in his own special religious way, he had always been ready to render whatever services were demanded of him.

532. Br. Gabriel-Lalemant (Louis) Couture 42  
Canada  
\* April 16 1903 Sherbrooke, Quebec + June 8 1945 Montreal

A carpenter by trade, he came from the Redemptorists in 1933 and asked to be admitted to the Congregation. Professed at St. Alexander Sept 15 1935, he served at the school for 8 years, during which time he was injured in four accidents. In 1944 he was transferred to the senior seminary of Montreal. He died there of a stroke the following year and was buried in the St. Alexander community cemetery.

533. Br. Boniface (Nicolas)Schoesser 49  
Canada France  
\* Jan 28 1896 Wittring, Alsace-Lorraine + June 11 1945 St. Alexander

He made his vows at Neufgrange Dec 9 1928 and served there till his departure for Canada in 1932. For the remaining 13 years of his life he worked at St. Alexander, mostly as a butcher and bookbinder. Uremia and a stroke prematurely put an end to his life.

534. Fr. Eugene J. Carron 65  
USA  
\* Dec. 13 1879 St. George (Bourbonnais), Ill. + June 18 1945 Pittsburgh

He was a priest of the diocese of Superior WI, who had been ordained June 24 1906 and who had served for 13 years in his diocese when he applied for admission to the Congregation. He was a valuable man, who had built up a solid parish in Bruce WI, and his bishop let him go with much reluctance. Professed at Ferndale March 8 1920, he was assigned to St. Joseph's, Bay City, MI and then to St. Mary, Detroit. There his health broke down and he had to spend a year in a sanatorium in Milwaukee. In 1936 he became pastor of St. Joachim, Detroit, but soon after asked to be again a simple assistant at St. Peter Claver and Sacred Heart in the same city. He became highly respected by all there.

In June 1945 he was appointed pastor of the black parish in Carencro, LA but his health deteriorated so rapidly there that the doctor ordered an immediate return north. On the way back he stopped over at Holy Childhood in Pittsburgh and died there of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was buried in the community plot of Holy Sepulcre Cemetery in Detroit. His delight was "to be with the children of men," which was one of the reasons why he had joined a community, and as a priest he "raised many a despairing agony."

535. Fr. Raymond A. Wilhelm 41  
USA Tanzania Mozambique  
\* Dec. 31 1903 Sharon PA + June 12 1945 Berira, MZQ

He attended Duquesne Prep School 1918-22 and then began its college curriculum, but transferred to St. Bonaventure College with the intention of becoming a diocesan priest. In 1927, however, he applied for admission to the Congregation. Professed at Ridgefield Dec 25 1928, he studied theology at Ferndale - interrupted by perfecting at Duquesne - and was ordained there Sept 17 1932. One year later, he sailed for East Africa's vicariate of Kilimanjaro. He taught there at Kilema's seminary and worked at Huruma.

In 1940 he reluctantly came back to the USA for a much needed rest and was temporarily assigned to St. Anthony's Millvale, and to nearby St. Mary's Sharpsburg. Finally he obtained permission to return to Africa in 1945. During the voyage he became seriously ill and had to be put ashore in Beira, Mozambique. He died there of peritonitis and was buried in the local European cemetery. "Never demonstrative in his ministry, he carried on quietly and effectively" and with a deeply interested and questioning mind. His work *Modern Africa*, published in 1944 was judged to be the best 'record of missionary activity in any part of the world.'

536. Fr. Peter A. Lipinski 55

USA

\* Nov 4 1889 Lazyn, Russian Poland

+ Aug 12 1945 Pittsburgh

He was a one-year old baby when his parents migrated to the USA and settled in Pittsburgh's St. Stanislaus parish. After studying at HG College Prep School from 1904 to 1909, he made his vows at Ferndale Aug 15 1910, perfected for 2 years at Duquesne and then continued his studies at Ferndale. Ordained there Nov 6 1916, he served for one year at St. Stanislaus and then went in 1918 to the Polish parish of Our Lady of Consolation at Mt Carmel, PA. After 5 years of good work there, he briefly served as an instructor at Duquesne and then returned to Mt. Carmel for another 4 years.

In 1928 he became pastor of St. Stanislaus and was able to steer the parish through the trials of the depression. In 1933 he obediently accepted an appointment to Cornwells, but was much relieved when after 3 years he could return to pastoral duties at St. Joseph, Bay City. By 1938 he was back in Pittsburgh as assistant superintendent of Emsworth's Holy Family Institute for orphans. Finally, in April 1945, he went to live as an assistant at the Polish Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Pittsburgh. Never one to worry about his health, he was shocked to see himself reduced to a gravely ill patient in St. Francis Hospital on August 8. The doctor diagnosed multiple diseases, each one of which by itself could kill him, so that there was no hope. He died a few days later and was buried from St. Stanislaus Church. "He saw no reason why the sinners of today should not become the saints of tomorrow and that made him a good priest and a splendid confrere."

537. Fr. James Nolan 88

USA Botswana Ireland

\* Nov 8 1856 Birr, Kings

+ Aug 28 1945 Rockwell

He did his classical studies at Rockwell, philosophy and theology at Chevilly and was professed, after ordination, in Paris Aug 29 1886. His first appointment sent him to the new and difficult mission of Bechuanaland – today's Botswana. When this mission failed, he was assigned to Pittsburgh's HG College in April 1889. Soon after, however, he became superior of the new work for blacks at St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia. Twelve years later, we find him as pastor of St. Ann in Millvale.

He withdrew from the Congregation in 1904, obtaining a dispensation from his vows in 1909. He returned, however, in 1927 to Rockwell and was professed again March 8 1931. After teaching for a few years, he retired in 1934 – he was 78 by then – first at Rockwell and then at the new novitiate at Kilshane.

538. B. Theophane (Rosaire) Lafond

Canada

\* April 27 1918 La Baye du Febre, Quebec

He studied for a while at St. Alexander and then asked to be admitted as a Brother. Professed at St. Alexander Sept 26 1936, he served there for 5 years, after which he was transferred to Lac-au-Saumon. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1945.

539. Fr. John J. FitzPatrick 61  
USA Trinidad  
\* June 15 1884 Aughagower, Mayo

+ Sept 2 1945 Tulsa OK

He did his classical studies in Westport and London, his philosophy and some theology at All Hallows Seminary in Dublin, 1904-08, and then came to the USA. Joining the Congregation, he made his vows at Ferndale Nov 6 1910, perfected for one year at Duquesne, and then continued his studies at Ferndale. Ordained there Nov 15 1913, he received an appointment the following year to teach in Trinidad at CIC. In 1918 he returned ill to the USA. WE find him there assigned to Duquesne till 1921, chaplain at Belmead, VA till 1925, at Ferndale till 1931, and at Cornwells till 1940. Bad health drove him to the dry air of Tuscon, AZ; then back to work at St. Joachim in Detroit till 1943 and finally at Ugandan Martyrs black parish in Okmulgee OK.

Always in poor health and finding no relief in doctor's prescriptions, he used to try any remedy recommended by others. In Ikmulgee he took the advice of indulging in vigorously pushing a lawn mower under a broiling sun until he would be profusely perspiring and then take a hot bath. In late August he ended up in St. John Hospital, Tulsa, where he died soon after. His former students recalled "how thorough he was and how strict," his audiences "his Irish eloquence and learning," and those to whom he ministered "his gentleness and his priestly goodness."

540. Fr. Joseph B. Kelly 62  
USA Ireland Gambia  
\* Feb 15 1883 Ballystrue, Down

+ Jan 3 1946 Dublin

As a child, he became blind but was cured on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. After graduating from Blackrock in 1906, he perfected there for 2 years and then entered the novitiate. He made his profession Oct 3 1909 at Chevilly, studied philosophy and theology there, and was ordained Oct 28 1913 at the age of 30. Sailing for Africa, he worked as a missionary in Gambia at Bathurst (today Banjul), but a sunstroke cut short his service there and in 1917 he was transferred to the USA.

The provincial appointed him as an assistant to the black parish of St. Augustine in Isle Brevelle LA. For 17 years he worked in this busy parish with its many missions. In 1935 we find him as pastor of St. Anthony's Natchitoches LA., but his days of labor were over and he had to retire to Ridgefield. Returning to Ireland, he resided with his sister until he became a patient in Dublin's hospital of St. John of God. He died there and was buried in Kimmage, the first one to be interred in the new community cemetery.

Shy to the point of bashfulness, he could hold his own in a battle of wits. He was a total stranger to world affairs and seemed to be a failure, but he was highly appreciated by the simple people among whom he worked and whom he aided in their needs.

541. Br. Leandre (Paul) Doyon  
Canada France Congo Guadeloupe  
\* Jan 31 1911 Compton Quebec

After pronouncing his vows Sept 9 1932 at Chevilly, he worked there till his return to Canada before sailing for French Equatorial Africa in 1935. For 7 years he labored hard in the

present day Congo at Brazzaville and Voka. In 1944 he was reassigned to Guadeloupe, but in February 1946 he went back to Canada and withdrew from the Congregation.

542. Br. Cornelis de Boer 52  
Canada Netherlands France  
\* April 4 1887 Volendam, NL + Feb 14 1946 St. Ilan F

He entered the Congregation at Donck, Belgium, and was professed at the Baarle-Nassau novitiate in Holland March 19 1914. A few weeks later, he sailed for Canada. For nearly 25 devoted years he served as a gardener and farmer at St. Alexander. Returning to Europe just before World War Two, he worked during the war years at Chevilly. In 1945 he spent a few months in Baarle-Nassau and was then placed at St. Ilan. He died there after a brief illness and was buried in the local community cemetery.

543. Fr. William H. Pixley  
USA  
\* Jan 15 1912 Pittsburgh

After studying at Duquesne Prep School and Cornwells, he made his profession at Ridgefield Feb 9 1934, studied philosophy and theology at Ferndale, and was ordained there Sept 15 1939. He served in the Louisiana black parishes of St. Augustine, Isle Brevelle, and St. Anthony, Natchitoshes; then, in 1941, he became a chaplain in the U.S. Army, and saw service in the States and Europe. After his tour of duty as a military chaplain, he departed from the Congregation in February 1946.

544. Fr. Marcel Gerard 57  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Central Africa  
\* March 24 1889 Paris + March 20 1946 St. Pierre SPM

He pronounced his vows at Chevilly Oct 3 1909, did his higher studies there – interrupted by military service around 1912 – and was ordained March 28 1914. Mobilized during World War One, he could depart for Africa only in 1919. For more than 15 years he labored at Bangui in Ubanghi in present-day Central Africa. Returning to France, he was reassigned to the Miquelon Islands, where we find him in 1936 as pastor of St. Pierre among the fishermen and their families. He died there about 10 years later.

545. Fr. Francis J. Vondran 38  
USA  
\* July 10 1907 Bridgeport CT + March 25 1946 New Orleans

He studied at Cornwells 1922-27, was professed at Ridgefield Aug 15 1928 and made his higher studies at Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 14 1933. He held only two appointments in his short life: to the black Louisiana parishes of St. James, Alexandria, 1934-41, as an assistant, and of St. Monica, New Orleans, 1941-46, as a pastor. Struck by cancer, he died at the Hotel Dieu of New Orleans, and was buried in the Ferndale community cemetery. As an assistant, he “endeared himself to his pastor and people by his gentleness, his faithfulness, his

quiet, steady attendance” to his work. He showed the same devotion to his function as a pastor in St. Monica’s, where he also managed to pay off the heavy debts of the parish and supervised the construction of a new school and convent. “He had no ambitions further than the advancement of the love of God.”

546. Fr. Francis A. Danner 77

USA

\* Nov 8 1868 Allegheny PA

+ April 4 1946 Ridgefield

His family gave to the service of the Church 3 priests, 3 sisters, one seminarian who died in his youth, and one Brother – the latter being the children’s father who, after the death of his wife, became a lay Brother in the Divine Word Society. Three of the children joined the Congregation: John, Joseph and Francis.

In 1885 Francis enrolled in Pittsburgh’s HG College with the intention of becoming a priest and 4 years later he sailed for France to study philosophy at Langonnet and theology at Chevilly. Returning to the USA in 1894 he perfected for 2 years at his Alma Mater and then was ordained at St. Vincent Abbey, Latrobe PA June 26, 1896. After pronouncing his vows at Cornwells Aug 28 1898, he joined the staff of HG College until in 1903 he was assigned to St. Anthony’s Millvale. Four years later, however, he was teaching again – this time at Ferndale, where he stayed for 9 years. His health, however, was not too good and his superiors thought that he would benefit from a milder climate in the South, but the transition proved to be a cataclysmic change in his life.

In 1916 he was assigned to the black parish of St. Paul, Lafayette, LA. He became seriously ill in 1920 and recuperated at Sacred Heart, Tarentum PA. In 1921 he returned to Louisiana and served at St. Edward’s, New Iberia for 7 years. Ill again, he went back to Duquesne. In 1935 he retired to Ridgefield, where he died of a heart attack in his room. Interment took place at the Ferndale cemetery. A very humble and unassuming ascetic-looking man, he lived by faith. “In him the regularity, the piety and the assiduity of a religious and priest shone forth.”

547. Ovila Dieudonne St. Jean

Canada

\* Sept 2 1919 Blind River, Ontario

He followed the classical and philosophy programs of St. Alexander till 1940 and was professed there Aug 15 1941. After perfecting at St. Alexander 1943-45, he withdrew from the Congregation in May 1946 to become a diocesan priest.

548. Fr. Kenneth F. Dolan

USA

\* Jan 8 1910 New Britain CT

After his classical studies at Cornwells 1924-30, he made his profession at Ridgefield July 25 1931. His higher studies at Ferndale were interrupted by one year of perfecting at Duquesne in 1934, but he was ordained Sept 8 1937. The following year he began serving in the black parish of St. John, Tuscaloosa, AL and 2 years later briefly joined the Mission Band. After

a stay at Our Lady of Lourdes, Sanford, NC, he joined the U.S. Army as a wartime chaplain. When the war was over and his tour of duty expired, he did not return to the Congregation. He died in June 1955 in Milwaukee.

549. Fr. Pierre-Jean Patenaude 55  
Canada Cameroons  
\* July 7 1897 Embrun, Ontario

+ June 4 1946 St. Alexander

He studied the humanities and philosophy at St. Alexander 1912-20, made his profession at Neufgrange Sept 7 1921, and did his theology at Chevilly. Ordained at Paris Oct 28 1925, he sailed the following year to Cameroons. He worked very hard there during the period of massive conversion, especially at Efoke and the Nanga-Eboko mission of the Yaunde vicariate, which he had founded in 1934. After 18 years of these missionary labors, he returned on sick leave in 1944 in an adventurous wartime trip. The doctor's diagnosis of cancer left no hope. He died of his affliction about 2 years later.

550. Real-Jean Menard  
Canada Haiti  
\* July 10 1922 Senneterre, Quebec

He finished his classical studies at St. Alexander in 1940 and made his vows there Aug 15 1941. After perfecting for 2 years in Haiti, he did his philosophy at Montreal, 1943-45. Struck by a serious illness, he withdrew from the Congregation in July 1946.

551. Br. Ammon (Adam) Peitz 88  
USA  
\* Sept 1 1858 Sharpsburg PA

+ Sept 27 1946 Pittsburgh

A giant of a man who was by profession a steel mill mechanic, he took his vows at Marienstatt, AK, Aug 28 1881 and continued to work in this community as a mechanic and gardener until his transfer to Pittsburgh's HG College in 1890. He remained there for the remainder of his life, working as a mechanic and physical plant superintendent and later in retirement.

Half a century of tenure identified him in the eyes of the students as Mr. Duquesne – the man who ruled the place with a monkey wrench instead of a mortarboard. On one occasion when a building contractor put up a faulty wall and refused to make the necessary corrections, Brother Ammon simply took his sledgehammer and tore it down. The contractor was so impressed by Brother's expertise that he made him a gift of \$1,000 at the golden jubilee of his profession.

Brother lived to celebrate his diamond jubilee and 5 years beyond it. Despite the endless interruptions by emergencies, he hardly ever missed a community exercise unless it was altogether unavoidable. He died in Mercy Hospital after a long illness and was buried in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

552. Fr. Thomas Park 78

USA

\* Feb 26 1868 Preston, Lancs.

+ Nov 16 1946 Philadelphia

He had studied at Stonyhurst College in England when in 1883 he went to join the Congregation and study philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly. After his ordination at Orly Oct 28 1891, he was professed there Aug 15 1892 and received his appointment to the USA.

A brief function at HG College in Pittsburgh was followed by his assignment to St. Joachim's Detroit, in 1892 and 3 years later to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, where he became pastor in 1903. From 1908 till 1920 we find him in the black parish of Blessed Sacrament, Philadelphia. He greatly loved his pastoral work especially among the blacks, but his greatest love went to St. Joseph's House for abandoned youths in Philadelphia. He became its director in 1920, gave the work a splendid physical plant with a great variety of trade shops and its own high school.

Twenty years of directing the work, however, took their toll and he began to find it increasingly more difficult to control the place. Yet he could not hide his dismay when his superiors asked him to resign at the age of 72 and stated his mind in unmistakable terms. Obediently, however, he went into semi-retirement to Ferndale as spiritual director and celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest. In June 1946 he was sent to Cornwells to be closer to the house he so dearly loved. He died a few months later in St. Mary's Hospital of Philadelphia. He was buried in the Cornwells community cemetery.

553. Fr. Philippe Nadon

Canada Martinique

\* April 29 1904 Angers, Quebec

He did his classical studies and philosophy at St. Alexander, 1911-23, perfected there for one year and then made his profession at Orly Sept 8 1925. He studied theology at Chevilly and was ordained there Oct 28 1927. The following year he sailed Mauritius, where he served in the parish of Marebourg and later became pastor in Pamplémousse. He departed from the Congregation in Mauritius in 1946 and went to South Africa.

554. Fr. Louis Stohr 65

Canada Portugal Germany Martinique

\* Aug 7 1881 Ribeauviller, Alsace

+ Dec 20 1946 Roseau, Dominica, WI

Professed at Orly Sept 30 1901, he began his higher studies, interrupted by one year of perfecting at Cellule, in Chevilly, was ordained there Oct 28 1905, and finished his studies at the university of Fribourg in 1906. Assigned to teach at Holy Spirit College in Braga, Portugal, he later transferred to the junior seminary of Formiga. When the 1910 revolution closed these houses, he went to Germany and taught there in Knechtsteden and Zabern (Saverne).

Two years later he sailed to Canada and competently taught science there for 14 years at St. Alexander. In 1926 he received an appointment to the seminary college of Fort de France in Martinique. By 1932, however, he was in pastoral work, first at the cathedral and then as pastor

in various parishes. An attack of paralysis put an end to his life while he was in the island of Dominica.

555. Fr. Joseph Rutsche 62  
Canada Belgium Switzerland  
\* April 14 1884 Kirchberg, SW + Jan 8 1947 Marsens SW

He made his vows Oct 20 1904 at Chevilly, where he also did his higher studies, and was ordained Sept 24 1910 at the abbey of St. Moritz, Switzerland. The following year he went to teach at the junior seminary of Gentinnes, Belgium, but in 1912 he sailed for Canada to fulfill a similar function at St. Alexander. For 10 years he worked there and then returned for an additional 8 years of teaching classics at Gentinnes. He returned for an additional 8 years of teaching classics at Gentinnes. He was a dynamic teacher, an eloquent preacher, the co-author of a history of Canada, and, in addition, the editor of the *Messenger du St-Esprit*. In 1922 his editorial talents caused him to be called to Switzerland to collaborate on publications while at the same time acting as chaplain at various colleges. In his Swiss period he published a series of articles and small books about the teaching of classics as well as on a variety of social and religious issues. He died of a nervous disorder.

556. Fr. Jean Cardinal 55  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Gabon France Martinique  
\* Oct 6 1891 Guipavas, Brittany + Feb 9 1947 Chevilly

He pronounced his vows Oct 28 1911 at Chevilly, where he also began his higher studies. Because of the war, he finished them at Langonnet and was ordained there April 19 1918. The following year he sailed for Gabon, but was obliged to return in 1920. Crossing the Atlantic, he went to the Miquelon Islands in 1921, where he served in pastoral ministry, first at St. Pierre and, toward the end of his stay in the archipelago, on the lonely tiny island Ille-aux-Chiens. By 1936 he was back in France, where he served for a few years in Bordeaux. He sailed for Martinique in time to escape the miseries of World War Two, but died about 2 years after Hitler's fall in France.

557. Fr. John C. Kischitzki  
USA South Africa Germany  
\* April 30 1896 Bangschin, near Danzig (Gdansk)

After World War One, he opted for Germany and, at the age of 26, entered Knechtsteden's junior seminary in 1922. He made his profession at Heimbach April 14 1929. During his senior studies at Knechtsteden, he was ordained April 8 1934. The following year he sailed for South Africa's Kroonstad vicariate and served in the Harrismith mission till 1938. He then came to the USA, but returned to Germany just before World War Two. We find him as an assistant pastor in Danzig in 1940. In May 1947 he withdrew from the Congregation to become a diocesan priest in the Kulm diocese.

558. Fr. Raymond V. Kirk 46

USA

\* May 3 1901 Mt. Pleasant PA

+ May 27 1947 Ferndale

He graduated from Cornwells in 1920 and made his profession Aug 15 1921 at Ferndale. In the last year of his theological studies there he was ordained Aug 19 1925. After one year as an assistant in Harlem's every busy St. Mark, he was appointed to Duquesne in 1927. A few years later, he enrolled in the University of New York and earned there his Ph.D. in education in 1933. Returning to Duquesne, he became dean of its School of Education and devoted his untiring energy to this school as well as to the finances of the university during those depression years.

In 1938 he had to take a year's leave of absence to regain his strength in Cornwells. Two years later he became president of the university, but the tensions of the time and the war put so much strain on him that he collapsed from overwork in 1942. Despite his physician's warning, he resumed most of his duties until in 1946 he was forced to retire to Ferndale. His health, however was too far gone and he died some months later. His funeral was held from the Duquesne chapel and his interment took place in Calvary cemetery. He was a youthful man of vision and energy and utterly devoted to the institution entrusted to his care.

559. Fr. John M. Haines 43

USA

\* Aug 9 1903 Gibbsboro NJ

+ June 27 1947 Hot Springs AK

A convert at the age of 19, he entered Cornwells in 1923 and made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1928. Studying philosophy and theology at Ferndale, he was ordained there Sept 14 1933. After serving 2 years at St. Joseph House in Philadelphia, he worked briefly as an assistant at Blessed Sacrament black parish in the same city and then 2 years at the Louisiana black parish of St. Edward, New Iberia. In 1940 he became the founding pastor of St. Gabriel, Hot Springs National Park, AK where he built the church, school and convent and made many converts. A simple appendectomy in the local hospital led to a heart attack which suddenly put an end to his life. He was buried in Cornwells. "He surmounted difficulties and trials with an enduring calm that was rooted in the deep faith by which he lived."

560. R. Thomas A. Wrenn 69

USA

\* June 1 1878 Tregedar, England

+ Aug 19 1947 Bay City MI

With his parents he migrated to the USA in 1886 and settled in Youngstown OH. Coming to Pittsburgh to attend HG College Prep School, he did also 2 years of college before entering the novitiate at Cornwells. Professed Aug 26 1900, he finished his philosophy there and then perfected for 3 years at the Pittsburgh college before going to Chevilly for his theology. He was ordained there Oct 28 1906. Returning to the USA, he was at first assigned to his Alma Mater, but happily exchanged teaching for pastoral work when in 1910 he could join the many Spiritans serving the blacks. He went to St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia, where in 1914 he became pastor. Seven years later, we find him in the Louisiana black parish of St. Paul, Lafayette. He was delighted when his parish gave birth to a daughter parish staffed by black clergy. In 1935, after

14 years at St. Paul's, his health began to fail and he assumed a lighter burden at Holy Spirit in Marksville till 1939, and then at another Spiritan parish for blacks in New Orleans.

By 1942 he was in need of constant medical supervision; so he became chaplain of Mercy Hospital in Bay City, where he could still be useful. He died there 5 years later and was buried in the local St. Patrick's Cemetery. He loved people and "it was this quality perhaps that made him so successful as a teacher and a disciplinarian, so popular as a priest and a pastor, so welcome as a confrere and a brother."

561. Fr. Patrick McAllister 58

USA Ireland Nigeria

\* Aug 23 1889 Glenravel, d of Down and Connor

+ Sept 3 1947 Glenravel

He made his vows at Kimmage Sept 28 1913 and, because of the wartime conditions, did all his priestly studies at Langanet, where he was ordained Oct 28 1917. The following year he began to teach at Rockwell. It was the period of the Irish War of independence and the civil war following in its wake. He frequently exposed himself to personal danger in his efforts to assist the wounded and administer the dying in those trying days. After 7 years at Rockwell, he came to the USA as a member of the Irish Mission Band and was stationed in Philadelphia. Around 193 he received an appointment to Nigeria, where he worked at Onitsha-Waterside. His health, however, was not good enough for Africa and by 1936 he was back in Ireland. He taught there for another 10 years at Rockwell, using his spare time to preach and visit the sick, even when he had already become a semi-invalid. Overexertion in such duties hastened his death.

562. Fr. Edward J. Quinn 52

USA

\* Aug 8 1895 Marietta OH

+ Sept 13 1947 New York

He graduated from Duquesne in 1919 and loved the school and its staff so much that he applied for admission to the Congregation. After his profession at Ferndale Aug 17 1920, he began his theological studies there, but they were interrupted by 2 years of perfecting at Duquesne. Ordained at Ferndale Aug 29 1925, he was to his delight appointed to Duquesne. His heart, however, broke when in 1928 he was transferred to St. Ann, Millvale, and one year later to Sacred Heart, Tarentum. In 1934 he began to serve in St. Benedict the Moor in Pittsburgh; then 2 years later, he was back in his beloved Duquesne.

For the second time his heart was broken in 1942 when he was reassigned to St Peter Claver, Philadelphia. He was not happy there and obtained a transfer to St. Anthony, Portsmouth. His health and nerves broke down there and he was in and out of special care hospitals till 1946. After a stay in Ridgefield, he was hospitalized again in St. Vincent's, New York, where he died a few weeks later. Interment took place at Ferndale.

It was not heartlessness that made his superiors move him away from Duquesne, the only place he was happy and for which he kept pining. Despite all his many good qualities, he was no teacher. But he could not see this and his mind slowly went to pieces when his formidable sense of discipline alone proved insufficient to retain him as a member of the teaching staff.

563. Fr. Maxim J. Therou  
USA  
\*Sept 9 1913 Chippewa Falls WI

A graduate of Notre Dame High School in Chippewa Falls, he attended Cornwells for 2 years before entering the novitiate and making his profession at Ridgefield June 16 1933. He did his priestly studies at Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 15 1938. The following year he became an assistant at the black parish of the Ugandan Martyrs in Okmulgee, OK and later its pastor. In 1946 he was transferred to Holy Spirit parish in Riverside CA. He left the Congregation there in November 1947.

564. Br. Gaudentius (Bernhard) Duffner 90  
USA  
\* Feb 18 1857 Stolberg, Rhineland + Jan 6 1948 Pittsburgh

He was an immigrant glass blower in Tarentum and entered a bar for a beer when someone asked him if he knew the “German Fathers” in the town. Going to see them, he liked them so much that he applied for permission to enter the Congregation. He made his novitiate at HG College in Pittsburgh and was professed there Aug 28 1892 at the age of 35. Because there was not much need for a glass blower, he learned to cook and do domestic chores and practiced his skills for 7 years at St. Stanislaus in Pittsburgh, St. Mary, Detroit, and Sacred Heart, Morrilton, AK. In 1899 he began to serve at the Pittsburgh school and, apart from a two year interruption, 1912-14, at Cornwells, where he became more proficient as a chef, he spent the remaining half century of his life in the university community. Br. Gaudens, as everyone called him, retired from active service in 1936 when he was 79, celebrated the golden jubilee of his profession in 1942 and died 6 years later. He was buried in the Sharpsburg community cemetery. “He was the ideal religious Brother” who “did not work to be seen by men” but loved to do “the hard things for the family of God.”

565. Fr. Joseph H. Cronenberger 70  
USA Ireland Nigeria Sierra Leone  
\* May 11 1877 Rickeschwir, Alsace + Feb 20 1948 Alexandria LA

He followed the classical program of Cellule and in 1896 began his priestly studies at Chevilly. After his profession there Jan 2 1898, together with 98 other candidates, he was sent to the newly opened senior seminary of Rockwell to prefect while continuing his theology. Ordained at Chevilly Dec 22 1900, he sailed for Nigeria in 1901 and served at Onitsha. Illness, however, forced him to withdraw to Sierra Leone and from there to Europe in September of the following year.

In 1903 he came to the USA and for a decade devoted himself – except for a brief stint as novice master – to works among the blacks in Belmead, VA, St. Peter Claver and Blessed Sacrament in Philadelphia and St. Mark, New York. In 1914 he took over the St. James parish in Alexandria, LA. Overcoming the opposition of powerful white elements in the town – they later became good friends – he built a beautiful church, school, convent and rectory for his black parishioners.

For 34 years he remained the energetic and idolized pastor of this parish. With the Holy See's approval, Bishop Cornelius van de Ven entrusted his parish, as well as that of St. Augustine in Isle Brevelle, to the Congregation in perpetuity. He also appointed this learned and prudent priest to high diocesan offices, and the town named him its honorary sheriff. He worked till the day of his death. Interment took place in the Ferndale cemetery.

566. Fr. John J. Todorowski 51  
USA Tanzania  
\* Sept 16 1896 Mt. Carmel PA + March 23 1948 Mt. Carmel PA

He entered Cornwells in 1912 and pronounced his vows Aug 17 1918 at Ferndale, where he also did his priestly studies and was ordained Aug 26 1922. The following year he belonged to the first group of American born and raised Spiritans appointed to Africa. Sailing for the Kilimanjaro vicariate, he served at Kiswani, Kilema's St. James Seminary, and especially Uru.

Ten years later he returned to the States and was named pastor of St. Catherine in Little Compton, RI where he learned Portuguese to deal more easily with his immigrant parishioners. In 1945 he was transferred to St. Joseph in his hometown. He died suddenly on Tuesday during Holy Week and was buried on Good Friday in the local cemetery. Wherever he worked he "tried to be all things to all men in order to gain all for Christ," always showing "the same interest that he had exercised upon everyone during the whole course of his life.

567. Fr. Joseph M. Lang  
USA  
\* Sept 26 1914 Millvale PA

He did his junior studies at Cornwells 1928-34, made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1935, followed the philosophy and theology programs at Ferndale 1935-41, and was ordained there June 23 1940. After one year at the Washington Provincialate, he became an assistant at St. Mary's Sharpsburg; then in 1944 he joined the U.S. Air Force as a chaplain. Leaving the service, he also departed from the Congregation in April 1948.

568. Br. Antoine Daniel Daze  
Canada  
\* Jan 25 1922 Embrun, Ontario

He pronounced his vows at St. Alexander March 19 1940 and worked in the same community for 8 years. In April 1948 he withdrew from the Congregation.

569. Fr. Francois Morin 77  
Canada Madagascar Guadeloupe Haiti  
\* Aug 28 1870 Treverien Brittany + July 28 1948 Montreal

Ordained at Rennes May 19 1894 he belonged to the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception of St. Meen, which was disbanded during Combes persecution in 1904. His request to join the Spiritans was granted and he made his profession at Chevilly Oct 6 1904. Receiving an appointment to Madagascar, he worked there for 9 years until illness made him return to

France. In 1914 he sailed for the West Indies and tried successively Guadeloupe and Haiti, but in 1917 he left the tropics and arrived at St. Alexander in Canada.

A man of encyclopedic learning, he spent the remaining 31 years of his life in Canada, teaching science and mathematics at the college – he held two Bachelors and one Masters degree – till 1941. He then retired to the Lac-au-Saumon novitiate, where he celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination 3 years later. In March 1948 he had to be confined to a nursing home at Gamelin and died a few months later. Interment took place at St. Alexander.

570. Fr. John L. Hasson 52

USA Trinidad Nigeria Tanzania

\* Aug 19 1896 Philadelphia

+ Aug 24 1948 Pittsburgh

He studied at Cornwells 1913-17 and made his profession at Ferndale, where he also did his priestly studies and was ordained Aug 26 1922. The following year he sailed for Southern Nigeria as one of the first group of USA-born and raised Spiritans to be assigned to Africa. He worked 5 years at Igbariam and Anwa. Returning to America in 1928, he was appointed to Trinidad and taught there at CIC till 1933.

In 1934 we find him in Pittsburgh at Holy Childhood headquarters while awaiting a new assignment. It sent him to East Africa's vicariate of Kilimanjaro, which had been entrusted to USA Spiritans. For 12 years he served there to his heart's content at Arusha and Kilema; then, in 1947 he had to go home on sick leave. He moved around from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh in one year of restlessness. While in Pittsburgh, he suffered a series of strokes and died in Mercy Hospital. His remains were interred in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

571. Fr. Eugene Phelan 90

USA

\* March 9 1858 Kilcollen, Kilkenny

+ Oct 16 1948 Pittsburgh

He attended Blackrock and Rockwell, 1870-75, studied philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly, made his profession at Chevilly Aug 29 1880 and was ordained there Sept 26 1880. A few weeks later he sailed for the USA and became a teacher at Pittsburgh's HG College. In 1883 the function of director of the junior seminarians attending the college was added to his task. Despite his small stature and frail appearance he maintained a strict discipline by a mere glance of his piercing eyes.

After 11 years at the school he was transferred to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, 1891-1903. He was not a popular pastor in the socializing sense of the term, but he was very effective in his pastoral duties, especially as a preacher. He improved the parish physical plant, paid off its debts and secured the future erection of the spacious McDonnell High School.

In 1903 he became superior, novice master and director of seminarians at Cornwells and retained these functions when in 1906 the novitiate and senior seminary were transferred to the newly acquired property then known as Snake hill, near Norwalk CT, but renamed Ferndale. While capably pursuing his duties as leader of future priests and religious, he prepared for the erection of permanent buildings and the layout of a farm and gardens on the spacious but rock-strewn grounds.

In 1910 he was appointed provincial superior of the USA, but retained his position as superior and director of Ferndale till in 1914 he underwent a serious operation and had to curtail

his activities. For 23 years he devoted his considerable energies to his duties as provincial. Under his administration Cornwells and Ferndale were built or expanded, HG College became Duquesne University, a separate novitiate at Ridgefield took care of the growing number of novices, 23 new missions to the blacks were opened, works began in Puerto Rico, and the province assumed responsibility for supplying personnel to East Africa's Kilimanjaro vicariate – all this in addition to numerous other works.

In 1933, at the age of 75, he retired to the Holy Childhood residence, but this name was not symbolic of entering his second childhood. During the 15 remaining years of his life he gathered more than 160 large volumes of archival materials pertaining to the history of the Congregation in the USA. Although of uneven value and also containing trivial matters, the collection remains a rich source of information for the interested historian.

Worn out, he entered St. Francis Hospital in August 1948 and died there in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of his priesthood. Interment took place at Ferndale.

As elsewhere in the Congregation, he was a man whose vision, daring and energy brought the province entrusted to him to a flourishing condition. Like his counterparts, he stepped on some sensitive toes in the process. Those who had known him personally recalled his sardonic humor, his harsh regularity, his sternness. A few even manifested a deeply hidden affection, but none questioned his sincere intentions to be a holy priest and religious. He loved the beauty of God's house, the mystical silence of the cloister and the unquestioning submission to authority as God's will.

572. Thearon L. Brisson 22

USA

\* Nov 21 1925 Chippewa Falls WI

+ Oct 21 1948 Chippewa Falls

After studying at Notre Dame High School in his Spiritan home parish, where he was captain of its football team, he entered Cornwells in 1943 and went on to the Ridgefield novitiate in 1947. Struck by a rheumatic heart condition, he was hospitalized for four months in Bridgeport and then sent home to recuperate. A few days after his arrival, however, his promising young life was cut short by death. He was buried in the Spiritan community plot of Hope Cemetery.

573. Fr. Michae J. Sonnefield 72

USA

\* Sept 10 1876 West Prussia Poland

+ Nov 4 1947 Bridgeport CT

His family migrated to the States when he was two years old and settled in Pittsburgh's St. Stanislaus Parish. He attended HG Prep School and College, graduated in 1896 and perfected there for 3 years, teaching Polish. For his priestly studies he went to Cornwells, where he was professed Aug 26 1900. Ordained at Philadelphia Nov 15 1902, he was appointed to HG College the following year. He taught classics and Polish for 10 years and then this eloquent preacher went into pastoral work. From 1913 till 1934 he served in the Polish parishes of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Stanislaus in Pittsburgh and Our Lady of Consolation in Mt. Carmel.

When his health broke down, he went to Sacred Heart Tarentum PA and from there to Holy Spirit, Chippewa Falls WI. In 1939 we find him at Holy Family Institute for orphans in Emsworth, the next year at St. Joachim's Detroit and then in 1941 in semi-retirement at

Cornwells. But he was restless there and obtained an assignment to St. Catherine's in Little Compton RI. He remained there till mid 1947 when he retired to Ridgefield and died 17 months later at St. Vincent Hospital. His Spiritan brother, Joseph, sang the funeral Mass at St. Stanislaus, after which he was buried in its cemetery at Millvale. He always "gave himself unstintingly to the work at Hand," "no mean word ever came from his lips and no mean deed ever soiled his spirit."

574. Fr. Andrew A. Sheridan 66  
USA Ireland  
\* Nov 21 1882 Woodtown Meath

+ Dec 23 1948 Lake Charles LA

He did his classical studies at Blackrock from 1896 on, perfected after graduation and was professed at Chevilly Oct 15 1909; he also studied philosophy and theology there, and was ordained Oct 28 1913. The following year he joined the Irish Mission Band in the USA and was stationed in Philadelphia.

In 1917 he became an assistant at Blessed Sacrament parish in the same city. Four years later, he was appointed pastor of St. Joachim, Detroit. For 15 years he governed this parish, where his knowledge of French stood him in good stead, for the congregation was still predominantly French speaking. Crippled by arthritis, he had to resign in 1936 and went to Holy Spirit, North Tiverton RI. By 1937 he had sufficiently recovered to become active again at Holy Spirit, Opelousas LA and then at St. Gabriel's Hot Springs AK. He benefited from its baths and assumed duties at St. John the Baptist, Fort Smith AK and in 1945 at Assumption parish in Carencro LA. In Nov 1948 he had to enter St. Patrick Hospital in Lake Charles. There he died a few weeks later. He was buried in the community cemetery to Assumption Church, Carencro.

A man who worked 'with enthusiasm and good will,' he loved to teach catechism to children and delighted in the company of his confreres. Despite his great sufferings, "few complaints came from his lips."

575. Fr. Alphonse D. Gavin 76  
USA  
\* Aug 2 1871 Limerick

+ Feb 2 1949 Ferndale

An immigrant, he began to attend Pittsburgh's HG College Prep in 1886 and became a titular scholastic two years later. After graduating from the College of Arts, he perfected for two years and did his philosophy there till 1895. During his theological studies at Cornwells, he was professed Aug 28 1898 and then ordained at Philadelphia Dec 23 1899. Assigned to teach at the Pittsburgh school, he was happy to switch to pastoral work in 1903 when he began to serve at St. Peter Claver in Philadelphia. From there he transferred in 1904 to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, but two years later he received a new teaching assignment in Cornwells. His tour of duty there lasted 6 years and was followed by an appointment to St. Mark in Harlem.

After an additional year as assistant at Notre Dame, he became in 1920 pastor of St. Ann, Millvale. He built the new church there and then suffered a nervous breakdown, which resulted in a 3 year period of sick leave. In 1929 he had recovered sufficiently to return to his parish, but was no longer its pastor. Despite his lighter duties, his health continued to decline. He was still able to perform some work, notably at St. John the Baptist in Dayton around 1935 but had to be hospitalized again in 1938. Retiring to Ferndale, he rendered whatever service he could in

neighboring parishes until, on Christmas Day 1948, he was confined to the infirmary. He died of coronary thrombosis and was buried in the local community cemetery.

While he was in his vigor, he was a successful instructor, a much sought after preacher and an energetic and zealous pastor. His confreres appreciated his thoughtfulness, his good humor and his intense interest in everyone and anything pertaining to the Congregation. A keen judge of mice and men, he aroused interest each year in outguessing all who loved to predict the changes of personnel which the provincial would make during the summer months.

576. Br. Marie-Isidore (Richard) Scheemaeker 54

Canada

\* July 21 1894 Lauwe Belgium

+ Feb 8 1949 Alexander

With his immigrant family he arrived in the USA in 1907 and settled in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He worked there for some time as a weaver. Wandering out to Western Canada, he met a priest who knew the Spiritans and directed the young man to St. Alexander in 1917. After several years as a postulant, he made his profession at Ferndale April 24 1924 when he was nearly 30 years old. The remaining 25 years of his life were spent in the service of the St. Alexander community and college.

He passed through religious life with a perpetual smile and a gracious thank you on his lips. Like another St. Francis, he loved to talk to the birds and would invite them to sing God's praise when he worked in the fields. He died of a liver cancer after an illness of two months. While his body was being lowered into the grave, a little bird landed on an overhanging branch of a tree and warbled a full-breasted carol of joy.

577. Fr. James F. Carroll 62

USA

\* April 6 1887 Nantenan, Limerick

+ July 18 1949 Pittsburgh

An immigrant, he studied at Pittsburgh's HG Prep School and College, graduating in 1907. After his profession at Ferndale Aug 15 1909, he finished his philosophy there and then in 1910 went to the university of Fribourg. Ordained in Knechtsteden Sept 28 1913, he earned a doctorate at Fribourg in 1915 and then returned to the USA.

Going into educational work, he taught dogmatic theology at Ferndale till 1920 when he was appointed to Duquesne. For 12 years he served there as a teacher of philosophy and later also as dean of the College of Arts. After a 3 year stint as director of the Ferndale seminary, he returned to Duquesne in 1935 and was named dean of the Graduate School and vice-president. When his health began to fail in 1945, he resigned and became pastor of St. Ann, Millvale, where he served till his death.

As a teacher, he was at a disadvantage, not for lack of knowledge or preparation, but because his temperament easily got the better of him when he met opinions which diverged from his own. Yet he remained popular among his students. He published several short manuals of philosophy, many articles and a few strictly devotional titles. As a director of seminarians, he was unhappy because he expected too much of his charges. So it was with a sense of relief that he returned to Duquesne as an Administrator. Throughout his life "he remained the faithful religious, the pious priest and the thoughtful confrere he had always been."

578. Jacques Filiatreault 24  
Canada  
\* Aug 27 1925

+ July 20 1949 Matapedia Lake, Qu.

He entered the junior seminary in 1941, but ill health imposed a year of rest before the novitiate. His happiness at Lac-au-Saumon ended tragically when during a summer excursion he drowned in a nearby lake.

579. Br. Gottfrey (Gottfried) Huber 84  
USA Great Britain  
\* Jan 13 1865 Landshut, Bavaria

+ Nov 8 1949 Cornwells

A gardener by trade, he migrated to America in 1883 and settled in Latrobe PA. After meeting Fr. Paul Gross, he joined the Congregation in 1886 and made his profession at Pittsburgh's HG College May 10 1888. Meanwhile he had learned to cook and practiced this trade at St. Mary, Sharpsburg for 2 years before doing the same at St. Joseph House, Philadelphia till 1906, and at Cornwells till 1912. Next we find him "on loan" as chef in Castlehead, Lancs., for one year after which he returned to Cornwells till 1920. He then tried his art for a while at Duquesne, but soon went back to Cornwells for another 10 years of devoted service. Ferndale enjoyed his labors for 2 years from 1931 on. By then he was 68 years old and assigned to lighter duties at Cornwells as refectorian, until his gradual retirement in the same community.

Tall and straight like a Prussian officer, he was not merely a good chef but above all a very good religious.

580. Fr. Paul Lemoine  
St. Pierre et Miquelon France Senegal  
\* Oct 21 1897 Paris

He made his profession at Louvain Sept 22 1916 and, after World War One, studied at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 25 1922. Assigned to Cellule, he taught there for a few years and then sailed for the Miquelon Islands to become director of St. Christopher College at St. Pierre in 1925 or 26. He began remodeling the buildings, but resigned in 1928. In 1934 we find him in the sanatorium of Bligny in France, after his return from the Senegambia mission in 193. He continued to serve as director of the junior seminary in Ruitz and in various ministries till 1949, but withdrew from the Congregation in January 1950 to join the diocesan clergy of Montpellier.

581. Fr. Joseph V. Otto 31  
USA Tanzania  
\* Sept 18 1921 Philadelphia

+ April 10 1953 Moshi TZA

He and his twin brother, Stanley, entered Cornwells in 1935 and were professed at Ridgefield Aug 15 1942. After finishing philosophy at Ferndale, they went together to St. Joseph's House in Philadelphia for one year of perfecting and then returned to Ferndale for their theological studies. Together they were ordained there June 10 1948 and together they departed for East Africa in 1949 to work in the vicariate of Kilimanjaro. There they separated, with

Stanley going to Kibosho and Joseph to Kilema. In late March 1953 Joseph caught the flu, but nonetheless attempted to say Mass on Easter Sunday. Becoming dizzy, he fell backward and struck his head. He died a few days later in the hospital while his brother was standing at his side. He was buried in Kilema. A quiet young priest, Joseph was esteemed by his confreres for his religious spirit and by the Africans for his devotion to their welfare.

582. Fr. Raymond F. Shanahan  
USA  
\* May 15 1910 West Lynn MA

After attending Boston College and Business School 1929-36, he worked as a bookkeeper and salesman and then applied for membership in the Congregation. Professed at Ridgefield Sept 22 1939, he studied at Ferndale, where he was ordained June 16 1944. The following year he began to serve in St. Joseph's House, Philadelphia, until his transfer to St. Christopher, Tiverton RI in 1947. Two years later we find him at Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls. He departed from the Congregation in July 1950.

583. Fr. Eugene Kittler 38  
Canada  
\* Feb 8 1912 Mulhouse, Alsace + Aug 11 1950 Lac-Petit-Poisson-Blanc, Qu

In a childhood accident a bullet got lodged so closed to his heart that the doctors did not dare to remove it. Thus he was judged unfit for military service and could continue his studies uninterrupted at Mortain and Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 4 1936. Previously he had made his vows at Neufgrange Sept 8 1931. Sailing to Canada in 1937, he joined the staff of St. Alexander. For 10 years he was an accomplished teacher whose history classes became legendary and whose personal contact with his charges exercised a profound influence on their lives. In addition, he served as assistant novice master 1938-41 and as novice master for Brothers 1943-47.

He had become subject to occasional epileptic attacks and died in an accident during a summer outing.

584. Emilio April 21  
Canada  
\* March 29 1929 St. Cyprien Qu. + Aug 15 1950 Lac-au-Saumon, Qu.

He became an orphan at an early age and grew up with relatives. After graduating from St. Alexander, this very promising young man was making his novitiate when his life was brutally cut short by an accident. While swimming in a nearby lake, where precautions had been taken to prevent accidents, he suddenly appeared to be in difficulties. Two other novices went to his rescue, but did not succeed. His spine broken, his body was recovered some time later. Interment took place from his hometown parish.

585. Fr. Andrew M. Bednarczyk 51  
USA  
\* Oct 6 1898 Shomokin PA

+ Aug 2 1950 Lake Charles LA

From Mt. Carmel PA he went to Cornwells and was promptly nicknamed ‘speedy’ because of his unruffled and placid way of ding things. He made his vows at Ferndale Aug 17 1918, did his priestly studies there and was ordained Aug 26 1922. His active ministry began at Our Lady of Consolation at Mt. Carmel in 1923, continued at Pittsburgh’s Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in 1924 and at the Holy Family Institute for orphans at Emsworth in 1925. The following year we find him recuperating from illness at St. Stanislaus, Pittsburgh, but in 1927 he could again become active at Sacred Heart parish in Tarentum PA. Ailing again in 1929, he went to St. Peter Claver, Charleston SC and then had to spend 3 years in a sanatorium at Gabriels NY because of his weak lungs.

By 1934 he could resume some work at St. Stanislaus and, 2 years later, at St. Joseph, Tarentum. From there he was reassigned to St. Mary, Detroit in 1939 where he served for 5 years. In 1944 he assumed the light position of local bursar at Ridgefield, followed by ministry and rest at St. Gabriel’s, Hot Springs, AK in 1947, St. Anthony at Millvale in 1949, and Sacred Heart, Lake Charles LA in 1950. He collapsed in his room there and was taken to St. Patrick’s hospital where kidney failure led to his death a few days later. Interment took place at Mt. Carmel.

The dread of ill health hung over him for most of his active life and resulted in the many appointments he obtained in a search for a suitable climate and for work that would not be too taxing for his feeble condition. To each new appointment he carried “the same serene, happy spirit with which he had been blessed from birth.”

586. Br. Gerard (Jean-Marie) Gagnon  
Canada  
\* March 18 1926 Mont-Joli, Qu.

He was professed at St. Alexander Sept 26 1944 and worked there in the tailor shop for 6 years. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1950.

587. Fr. Leonard Trompeter 79  
USA Haiti  
\* Nov 5 1870 Huttendorf, Alsace

+ Sept 27 1950 Ridgefield

He began his classical studies at Beauvais in 1884 and continued them at Langonnet and Cellule, 1887-91. After doing his philosophy and theology at Langonnet, he made his novitiate at Orly, where he was ordained Oct 27 1895 and professed Aug 15 1896. Assigned to Haiti, he taught botany at St. Martial’s till 1900. In the same year he came to the USA and served in Detroit and Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls. There he withdrew from the Congregation in August 1901 to join the secular clergy of the La Crosse diocese. He remained, however, interested in the Congregation.

At the age of 75 he applied for re-admission and was accepted. After celebrating the golden jubilee of his priesthood as a novice, he renewed his vows at Ridgefield Aug 15 1946 – exactly 50 years to the date after his original commitment. He pronounced his perpetual vows 3

years later at Ferndale. Living in retirement at the Ridgefield novitiate until his death, he followed all community exercises with perfect regularity. A heart attack put an end to his life after breakfast. Interment took place at the Ferndale community cemetery.

588. Fr. Peter J. Maciejewski 56  
\* March 13 1894 Newark NJ

+ Oct 30 1950 Mt. Carmel PA

He grew up in Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Pittsburgh attended Cornwells 1907-12, was professed at Ferndale Aug 15 1913, studied philosophy and theology there and was ordained Nov 14 1917. Most of his active life was spent in Polish parishes: St. Stanislaus, Pittsburgh till 1920, St. Joseph, Mt Carmel till 1921, his home parish till 1923, Our Lady of Consolation, Mt Carmel 1923-30; then again his home parish for 10 years and pastor of St. Joseph in Mt Carmel 1940-43. After serving 4 years in Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, he became pastor of the black parish of St Martin de Porres in Delcambre LA.

A zealous and cheerful priest, he was well liked by the parishioners in his various appointments. While attending the diamond jubilee of St. Joseph in Mt Carmel, he suffered a fatal heart attack. His funeral took place from his home parish, where many of his relatives still lived.

589. Fr. John M. Heelan 71  
USA Ireland Great Britain Kenya  
\* July 12 1879 Emly, Tipperary

+ Jan 5 1951 Opelousas LA

After his classical studies at Rockwell and Blackrock 1895-1900, he perfected for 4 years at Rockwell and then made his profession at Prior Park, England, Oct 10 1905. He did his philosophy and theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 28 1909. Assigned to Great Britain, he became director of the Castlehead, Lancs., Junior Seminary and served for 9 years. In 1921 he was transferred to Blackrock, where he taught and filled the position of dean of studies. Eight years later, he had to take an extended sick leave, which he spent in Switzerland at Fribourg. At the end of it in 1931, he sailed for the Zanzibar vicariate and served there mostly at Mangu in Kenya. His health remained weak, however, and by 1936 he was back in Europe for another two years of recuperation.

In 1939 he came to the USA and after a brief stay at St. Paul, Lafayette, LA, received his last appointment to the black parish of Holy Spirit, Opelousas in the same state. He arrived there as a sick and semi-retired priest but was busier than ever. His devotion to the sick and the poor became almost legendary in Louisiana. He learned to speak their Creole French and was known to them as "the old priest." The poor did not know that he was a learned priest who had educated 10 bishops, the prime minister and the president of his country – he never told a soul – but for them he was the only priest they wished to see and to talk with. Ailing as he was, he took care of the various missions attached to his parish for 8 years until his superiors restricted his activity to the town. In addition to his poverty-stricken congregation, he served many priests as counselor, spiritual director and confessor.

He had a mild attack of influenza a week before his death and, on doctor's orders, stayed in bed, but otherwise there appeared to be no reason for alarm. Yet, he was found dead on the floor of his room two hours after receiving Holy Communion. For his funeral Mass the police

had to close the street near the church to all traffic because it was jammed with people who could not get in. Interment took place in the Carencro community cemetery.

590. Fr. Xavier Lichtenberger 63  
Canada Mauritius Senegal France  
\* Feb 19 1887 Locuenole, Brittany + Jan 12 1951 Langonnet

He made his profession at Chevilly Oct 28 1910 and was a student at the university of Fribourg when the war of 1914 broke out. Mobilized, he was wounded and withdrew from the Congregation. However, he continued his studies for the priesthood and after his ordination asked to be re-admitted. He was professed for the second time at Orly Sept 8 1924. His appointment to Belgium in the same year was changed to Mauritius, where he served at the cathedral parish of Port Louis till 1929. Advised to seek a colder climate, he crossed the Atlantic and became bursar at St. Alexander in Canada, but lasted only one year there and had to stay under constant medical care. Senegal became his next appointment and we find him there at Dakar. By 1934 he was back in France, where he served to the extent of his abilities at St. Michel, Neufgrange, and the Brothers' novitiate at Pire-sur-Seiche in Brittany. He died in the Congregation's retirement home at Langonnet.

591. Fr. Henry J. Thessing 54  
USA Sierra Leone  
\* Oct 23 1896 Conway AK +Feb 8 1951 Little Rock AK

From one of the Congregation's oldest parishes in the USA (18) he traveled more than 1,000 miles to enter the junior seminary of Cornwells in 1911. Professed at Ferndale Sept 9 1917, he studied philosophy and theology there and was ordained Aug 26 1922. The following year he formed part of the first group of 5 USA Spiritans to be appointed to Africa. He served there in Sierra Leone's Moyamba mission for a few years until an attack of black water fever forced him to flee for his life and spend some time in the Norfolk Naval Hospital.

After his release, he served briefly at Holy Spirit in Rhode Island's North Tiverton, and Pennsylvania's Sacred Heart, Tarentum. In 1928 he was sent to Dayton's St. John the Baptist parish, where he had to deal with the many problems then arising from a mixed black and white congregation, but his kindness and sympathetic approach managed to smooth over many conflicts. He served there for 6 years before being assigned to St Benedict the Moor's black parish in Pittsburgh. Two years later, however, he returned to Dayton because he appeared to be the right man to solve again the recurrent conflicts of this parish. He stayed for 9 years as its pastor until in 1945 a heart condition obliged him to seek a less demanding position and he became pastor of Sacred Heart, Emsworth PA. Three years later, however, he was called back to Dayton and its perennial problems. Unable to spare himself, he suffered frequent heart attacks. In 1950 he went for a rest to St. Joseph's in his Arkansas hometown. A final heart attack put an end to his life in St. Vincent hospital of nearby Little Rock. Interment took place in St. Joseph's cemetery. In his own way he accomplished wonders quietly and efficiently without fanfare or noise.

592. Joseph (Sean) Burke  
Trinidad  
\* Sept 29 1924 Lacken, Tipperary

Professed at Kilshane Sept 24 1945, he worked as a prefect at Trinidad's CIC from 1948 till 1950. Returning to Kimmage, he withdrew from the Congregation in March 1951 and migrated to Australia. He died there in an explosion two years later.

593. Br. Andrien Le Drogo  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Canada  
\* Nov 20 1906 Neuillac, Brittany

He made his vows at Chevilly Sept 9 1925 and worked for a year at Cellule before sailing for the Miquelon Islands in 1926. He served there at St. Christopher College and as a sacristan in St. Pierre. In 1930 he was transferred to St. Alexander. For two decades he worked for this Canadian college and community as a mechanic and shoemaker. Returning to France, he withdrew from the Congregation in March 1951.

594. Br. Marie-Gilles (Aristide) Briand 67  
Canada France Belgium  
\* Aug 25 1883 Plumaugat, Brittany + May 28 1951 Hull Qu.

He entered the Congregation as a seminarian but later switched to the Brotherhood and pronounced his vows at Chevilly May 14 1905. After working there as a tailor for about 6 years, he was transferred to Langonnet. Before World War One broke out, he went tailoring in the junior seminary of Gentinnes, Belgium, but after the war we find him again at Langonnet. In 1921 he crossed the Atlantic to go to Canada's St. Alexander. Although his health was frail and he had to be hospitalized frequently, he devotedly served the college community for more than 30 years. Then a pulmonary congestion carried him to his grave in nearby Sacred Heart Hospital.

- 595, Sean Gorman  
Trinidad  
\* Feb 18 1928 Greags, d of Raphoe

He made his profession at Kilshane Sept 8 1947 and perfected at CIC, Trinidad, till in May 1951 he withdrew from the Congregation

596. Fr. Joachim Alves Correia 65  
USA Nigeria Portugal  
\* May 5 1886 S. Romao d' Aguiar de Souza, PTG + June 1, 1951 Pittsburgh

He studied at the Spiritan college of Porto, 1898-1905, and pronounced his vows at Cintra Oct 16 1906. After studying philosophy and theology at Carnide and Chevilly, he was ordained there Oct 28 1910. Meanwhile a revolution had exiled the Congregation from Portugal.

In 1911 he sailed for Nigeria and worked there in the missions of Ozubulu, Nteje and Eke in the Onitsha region. While on Home leave in 1920, he received an appointment to assist in the reestablishment of the Portuguese province by opening a house in Covilha.

Around 1923 he became the Lisbon-based mission procurator for Angola and Congo – a function which he continued to occupy till 1946, except for a three-year term as superior of the junior seminary in Viana do Castelo in northern Portugal. He became a widely known figure in his country and his well-versed pen produced a dozen books about religious, social and political issues. In addition, he contributed many scholarly articles to *Anthropos* and other periodicals as well as to the new Portuguese-Brazilian Encyclopedia. His fearless critique of Salazar's increasingly oppressive regime in dailies and weeklies caused him to be exiled in 1946.

Taking refuge in the USA, he served briefly among Portuguese immigrants in Hemet, CA and then joined the teaching staff of the sociology department at Duquesne. He continued to write about social issues and gained the support of many Americans of Portuguese descent – including self-styled atheists – for his social action on behalf of victims of injustice. Even in exile, he continued to criticize Salazar's regime. In reply, the Portuguese government put so much pressure on the Congregation that the superior general prevailed on him to stop writing about political issues. He died of cancer at Mercy Hospital and was buried in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

A special fund named in his honor perpetuated his work for homeless orphans in the States, and in his home country a bust erected in 1978 keeps his memory alive. He was so highly regarded by Portuguese Americans that their secular newspaper devoted four pages in five consecutive issues to his life and works.

597. Fr. James A. Riley 73

USA

\* April 17 1878 Philadelphia

+ Aug 9 1951 Ferndale

He graduated from St. Joseph's College High School and worked in a stockbroker's office before attending Pittsburgh' HG College, 1898-1901, to prepare himself for the novitiate. Professed at Cornwells July 16 1902, he perfected 2 years in Pittsburgh and then sailed to France for his theological studies at Chevilly. Ordained Oct 28 1907, he returned to the USA the following year and began to teach at Cornwells. In 1914 he became master of novices at Ferndale and in 1921 director of scholastics in the same location.

After two decades in formation work he was finally assigned to a pastoral function in 1928 and served as pastor of the black parish of St. Peter Claver in his hometown. Four years later, however, he was back in Cornwells – this time as its superior for a period of 7 years. In 1940 his health began to fail and he became an assistant at St. Joseph, Conway, AK until his retirement to Ferndale in 1946.

He was an excellent teacher, as well as an understanding director and superior who knew how to guide in his own special way. Kindness characterized his dealings in the responsible positions he occupied and it remained unshaken by the internal and external crises of two world wars and the great depression. He was buried in Ferndale.

598. Fr. William L. Lavin 52

USA

\* Feb 23 1899 Philadelphia

+ Aug 31 1951 New Orleans

He worked for a construction company before he decided to go on for the priesthood and enter Cornwells junior seminary in 1918. After making his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1924, he studied philosophy and theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Aug 25 1928. The following year he began his pastoral ministry to the blacks in Okmulgee's Ugandan Martyrs parish in Oklahoma. Six years later, he was transferred to Louisiana at St Edward, New Iberia, in 1938 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Abbeville, and in 1940 as pastor of Holy Spirit, Marksville.

Going north in 1942, he served in Detroit's St. Joachim and Sacred Heart as an assistant for 5 years, except for a year spent at Alabama's St. Mary Magdalene, Tuscaloosa, as pastor. In 1947 we find him at Oklahoma's St. Monica as an assistant and in 1949 at St. Gabriel in Arkansas Hot Springs National Park. He began ailing there and 3 months before his death entered a hospital in New Orleans. An intense and earnest priest with a quick sense of humor, he was also known for his great hospitality. Interment took place at the Cornwells community cemetery.

599. Fr. Pierre Etcheverry 54

Canada Senegal Algeria Monaco

\* Nov 24 1896 Bastide Clairence, d of Bayonne + Sept 16 1951 Cartierville Qu.

While doing his military service in Senegal, he saw Spiritans at work there and decided to follow their example. After pronouncing his vows at Orly Oct 3 1922, he studied theology at Chevilly and was ordained at Paris Oct 28 1924. The following year he sailed for Senegal, where we find him serving at Fadiout and Dioine. Tuberculosis sent him to the Congregation's sanatorium in Montana in 1929. After his release he served in the mild climate of Miserghin, Algeria and at Monaco.

In 1937 he came to North America and was attached to St. Alexander in Canada, where he became novice master and director of the senior scholastics. When these students moved to Montreal's new seminary in 1941, he went with them. Unfortunately, his tuberculosis flared up again in 1944, and he spent the remaining 7 years of his life in and out of various sanatoria. He died in Sacred Heart Hospital and was buried in the St. Alexander community cemetery.

600. Fr. Francis X. Walsh 48

USA

\* Sept 26 1903 Forestville CT + Sept 17 1951 St. Louis MO

After 5 years at Cornwells, he made his vows at Ridgefield Aug 15 1925 and did his senior studies at Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 6 1930. The following year he received an assignment to St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia. He soon joined the Mission Band there and used his eloquence to preach in many parishes. A peptic ulcer forced him to give up this kind of work. For the next few years we find him in Louisiana's Assumption parish in Carencro, in St. Peter Claver, Charleston, SC and Holy Spirit, Marksville, where he became pastor. In 1945 he began to serve as pastor at St. Magdalene, Tuscaloosa, AL. Always in poor health, he did a good job in these poverty stricken black parishes, where "he made as many friends as he met people."

In 1949 he assumed a less strenuous task as an assistant in St. Catherine, Little Compton RI but the following year he opened a new mission in Berea, KY. In later August 1951 he traveled to Tucson, AZ to visit his aging sister. En route, he was struck by coronary thrombosis

on the train and was taken to a hospital in St. Louis. Anointed at once, he died there a few weeks later. His burial took place at Ferndale.

601. Martin Craughwell  
Trinidad  
\* July 181924 Menlough d of Tuam

Professed at Kilshane Sept 8 1945, he worked as a prefect at CIC, Trinidad, 1948-50. Returning to Ireland, he withdrew from the Congregation in September 1951.

602. Fr. Chester T. Malik (or Ceslaus Malek)  
\* July 5 1912 Pittsburgh

He attended Duquesne Prep School and two years of its College before making his vows at Ridgefield Aug 31 1933. Going to Ferndale for his philosophy and theology, he was ordained there June 15 1939. During the war years he held a series of appointments at Our Lady of Consolation, Mt. Carmel, St. Peter Claver, Charleston, SC, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pittsburgh, St. Augustine, Isle Brevelle, LA, the Ridgefield novitiate, and Holy Spirit, Chippewa Falls. In 1946 we find him at St. Mary, Sharpsburg and the following year at St. Casimir, Kulpmont PA. In 1949 he was allowed to go "ad experimentum" to the Cleveland diocese. He departed the Congregation in October 1951 and joined the Polish National Church in Cleveland.

603. Br. Benedict Joseph (Thomas) Tobin  
Trinidad Ireland  
\* Dec 21 1910 Buttevant, Cloyne

Professed at Kimmage March 25 1930, he sailed for Trinidad in the same year and worked there at CIC till 1935, at which time he was transferred to Rathmines. He withdrew from the Congregation during World War Two, but was re-admitted at Kilshane Oct 1 1949 and assigned to Rockwell. Again, however, he withdrew in November 1951.

604. Fr. Yves Le Roy 61  
Canada Martinique Guyana France  
\* April 2 1886 Lauvillon, Brittany + Dec 11 1951 Langonnet

He made his profession at Chevilly Oct 8 1906, did his higher studies there and was ordained Oct 28 1912. The following year he sailed for Martinique, where he taught at the seminary college of Fort de France. Mobilized for World War One, he spent most of the war years in a Swiss interment camp. Returning to Martinique, he resumed his teaching post and later became pastor at Macuba. In 1926 he was transferred to St. Alexander, Canada. Like others, he had difficulties with the switch from the tropics to the fierce northern winters and in 1928 he went to Guiana. There he served as pastor at Sinnemary. The outbreak of World War Two surprised him when he was on leave in France. We find him prematurely retired after the war at Langonnet, where he died a few years later.

605. Fr. John P. Stanton 55

USA

\* Oct 25 1896 Philadelphia

+ Jan 23 1952 Philadelphia

He entered Cornwells junior seminary in 1911 and made his profession at Ferndale Sept 9 1917. After finishing his philosophy there, he perfected at Duquesne Prep School while earning a bachelor's degree. Returning to Ferndale, he did his theology and was ordained March 8 1924. The following year he received his appointment to Cornwells. For 24 years he devoted his time to the education of the students there as a teacher and assistant director, while also serving as chaplain to the Blessed Sacrament Sisters' nearby motherhouse and later at the Torresdale Retreat House. In 1948 we find him at St. Joseph House in Philadelphia. Cancer put an end to his life in Misericordia Hospital. Burial took place at Cornwells.

The common characteristic running through his dealings with people was charitableness, and his community life was an inspiration to his confreres.

606. Fr. Julien Peghaire 53

Canada Belgium France

\* Aug 4 1898 Aiguilhe, Haute Loire

+ March 3 1952 Montreal

He entered the Congregation as a junior seminarian at Gentinnes, Belgium and, under enemy-occupation conditions studies, starved and perfected there. Professed at Louvain Sept 22 1917, he did his military service in Paris as "a 2<sup>nd</sup> class private because he had special connections," as he used to say. In 1921 he went to Rome, where he earned doctoral degrees in philosophy and theology at the Gregorian University. Ordained in Rome Aug 5 1923, he was appointed to teach at Mortain in 1925 and began his long teaching career as a philosopher.

In 1930 He was transferred to St. Alexander, where he found full scope for his talents in this domain. He demanded personal reflection and expression on the part of his students instead of the traditional regurgitation of memorized phrases. From St. Alexander he also went to lecture at the Institute for Medieval Studies at Ottawa. When in 1943 the senior seminarians moved to Montreal, he went with them and taught there also at the University of Montreal and Stanislaus College. A strict Thomist, he was nonetheless widely read in other trends of thought and lectured with equal facility on Blondel, Kant, Husserl, etc. His contributions to philosophical literature gave him an international reputation, for which his book *Intellectus et Ratio Dans Saint Thomas* had laid the groundwork. An exemplary religious, he died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Hotel-Dieu.

607. Br. Emmanuel (Fernand) Lafrance

Canada

\* May 2 1930 Isle Verte, Qu.

After some studies at St. Alexander, he made his first vows there as a Brother March 19 1949. He worked at St. Alexander as a painter and briefly at the Provincialate, but withdrew from the Congregation in March 1952.

608. Fr. Joseph P. Lonergan 48  
USA  
\* June 10 1903 Brooklyn NY

+ April 1 1952 New Orleans

When his father became a widower soon after the birth of his son, he took the child to his naïve Tipperary. In due time Joseph entered Rockwell as a junior seminarian. After his profession at Kimmage Sept 8 1923, he studied philosophy at Rockwell and then went for theology to Ferndale. There he was ordained Aug 27 1927. The following year he was appointed to teach at Cornwells, but happily exchanged this task in 1929 for joining his confreres working among blacks. He served as an assistant at St. Mary Magdalene, Tuscaloosa, AL and Blessed Sacrament, Philadelphia till 1936. In 1938 we find him in Louisiana as pastor at St. Edward, New Iberia, and from 1945 at St. Paul, Lafayette.

He was in his element in this kind of pastoral ministry among the impoverished blacks in the deep South. As a pastor, "he had that knack of accomplishing big things in such a way as to make them appear simple." In 1946 the doctor diagnosed a circulatory disorder which left him, at most, six years to live. Calmly accepting the verdict, he carried on with his work until in late March 1952 he had to enter the hospital. He died a few days later and was buried in the community cemetery of Carencro LA.

609. Fr. Ward Francis Cleary 58  
USA  
\* March 15 1894 Oconto WI

+ May 2 1952 Okmulgee OK

After being a teacher, he entered the business world and at an early age became the manager of an electrical company. During World War One he served in the Navy in the submarine infested Atlantic. Then, opting for the priesthood, he entered Cornwells and in 1923 the novitiate. After his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1924, he studied philosophy and theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Aug 25 1928 at the age of 34. He taught at Cornwells 1929-31 and then served as bursar and novice master for Brothers at Ferndale for 4 years.

Finally in 1935 he could go into pastoral ministry as pastor of St. Peter Claver in Charleston SC. During the 16 years of service he gave himself unstintingly to the black people of his parish and did not hesitate to speak his mind at interracial meetings. In 1951 he was transferred to Ugandan Martyrs in Okmulgee OK, where he died the following year.

He was one of the best priests I have ever known," said the bishop of Charleston, where he had spent most of his years as a priest. In accordance with his wishes, he was buried in St. Peter Claver cemetery in Charleston, so that even in death he could continue to speak to his parishioners whenever they visited the cemetery.

601. Br. Robert (Henri) De Carufel  
Canada Nigeria  
\* July 16 1922 St. Elie de Caxton, QU

He studied for one year at St. Alexander till 1938 and then became a postulant Brother. After his profession at St. Alexander Sept 26 1940, he worked there as a carpenter till his

departure for Nigeria in 1947. He served there in the Kabba mission till 1952 and withdrew from the Congregation in September of the same year.

611. Michael Noel Foyle  
Trinidad  
\* Dec 21 1928 Clifden, d of Tuam

Professed at Kilshane Sept 24 1947, he perfected in Trinidad 1949-52. After returning to Ireland, he withdrew from the Congregation in September 1952.

612. Denis M. Mooney  
Trinidad  
\* Sept 8 1926 Dublin

Professed at Kilshane Sept 24 1915, he sailed to Trinidad and perfected at CIC, 1946-49. Returning to Ireland to continue his studies at Kimmage, he withdrew from the Congregation in January 1953.

613. Fr. Joseph J. Lynders 51  
USA  
\* Sept 15 1901 Bridgeport CT + Feb 10 1953 New Orleans

He graduated from Cornwells in 4 years and made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1925. For his senior studies he went to Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 6 1930. The following year he received an assignment to the black mission in Blessed Sacrament, Philadelphia, and 3 years later as pastor in St. Cyprian, Helena AK, where he served for 5 years. After a year's assistantship in St Benedict, Detroit, he fulfilled the same function at St. Monica's in Tulsa OK. In 1950 we find him as pastor of St. Monica in New Orleans. He suffered a heart attack there during evening devotions and died a few hours later. Burial took place at Ferndale.

A shy and aloof man, he was fiercely attached to the people entrusted to his care and practically never left the parish beyond the call of duty. When he was a pastor, his assistant almost had to force him to take off two hours a week for a dip in Lake Ponchartrain during the summer months. For his confreres he was "kindness personified."

614. Fr. Pierre Clivaz 45  
Canada Madagascar Switzerland  
\* July 11 1907 Chermignon SW + Feb 14 1953 Bouveret SW

Professed at Orly Oct 24 1930, he perfected at St. Alexander 1931-33. The year after his ordination at Chevilly Oct 3 1937 he was appointed to Madagascar, where he worked in the vicariate of Majunga and later became director of the junior seminary. About a dozen years later, he returned to Switzerland and went to reside in Fribourg, but died prematurely at the Congregation's junior seminary near Lake Geneva.

615. Fr. Henry J. Goebel 81  
USA  
\* July 20 1872 Detroit

+ March 14 1953 Morrilton AK

He graduated from Pittsburgh's HG College in 1895 and did his senior studies at Cornwells, where he was professed Aug 28 1898. Ordained at Philadelphia Dec 23 1899, he served one year at St. Joseph's House before returning to the Pittsburgh school as a teacher and later its treasurer. After 11 years there he went into pastoral ministry at St. Mary, Sharpsburg and in 1914 to Sacred Heart, Morrilton, AK where he served the missions of St. Vincent and Center Ridge in those horse and buggy days. He left behind a well-organized parish with its own high school, as well as a new church in Center Ridge, and a local hospital when 12 years later he became pastor of Sharpsburg.

Returning to Duquesne in 1936, he served as university treasurer till 1939; then when his health began to fail, as community bursar for another 7 years. In 1946 he retired to St. Joseph, Conway, but served as chaplain at St. Anthony's Hospital as long as he could. He died there and was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery in Conway. "His life was always edifying, his interest priestly, his loyalty to the Congregation unflinching."

616. Fr. James J. Campbell 50  
\* Sept 27 1902 Philadelphia

+ April 5 1953 Tulsa OK

He entered Cornwells in 1915 and made his profession at Ferndale Aug 15 1921. His senior studies there were interrupted by perfecting at Duquesne Prep School, 1925-27, and he was ordained at Ferndale Aug 25, 1928. After the completion of his studies he returned to Duquesne and taught there till 1937, with the interruption of one year of sick leave.

In 1937 he was assigned to pastoral work at St. James, Alexandria, LA where he became pastor in 1948. His health, however, failed so that he was sent to recuperate and to light ministry at St. Catherine in Little Compton RI. At his own insistence, he was given more work and in 1952 appointed as an assistant at St. Monica, Tulsa OK. Again, however, his health broke down. Soon his condition became hopeless. After spending 2 months in St. John's Hospital, he died there on Easter Sunday. Interment took place at Cornwells.

He was a keen-minded man who loved teaching and did so for almost 20 years of his life on the high school and college levels. As a pastoral minister he was untiring in his zeal in the parishes to which he was assigned.

617. Br Jean-Marie (Louis-Ange) Santerre  
Canada  
\* Nov 9 1924 Baie des Sables, Qu.

After two years of studies at St. Alexander, he became a postulant Brother and made his profession at St. Alexander Sept 2 1942. For 9 years he worked as a baker in the school. He withdrew from the Congregation in June 1953 to study for the diocesan priesthood.

618. Fr. John James Manning 48  
\* Aug 14 1905 Philadelphia

+ Aug 17 1953 Chippewa Falls WI

He entered Cornwells junior seminary in 1918, made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1924, studied philosophy and theology at Ferndale, and was ordained there Aug 25 1928. The following year he became assistant novice master at Ridgefield until in 1931 he was transferred to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, as an assistant. In 1935 he received an appointment to Duquesne, where he taught aesthetics and became dean of the school of music. In 1938 he obtained a leave of absence to study at the university of Rome, where he earned an M.A. by a comparative study of Dante and St. Thomas. He then returned to Duquesne and taught there till 1944.

In that year he joined the Mission Band and preached for 3 years all over the eastern United States until in 1948 he became pastor of Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls. He died there of a severe heart ailment in St. Joseph Hospital. Interment took place at Cornwells. He was known as "Gentleman Jim" and well deserved this title in his varied career, in which he used his many talents as teacher, scholar, administrator and pastor.

619. Fr. William J. Holt 49

USA

\* Aug 12 1904 Philadelphia

+ Aug 31 1953 Pittsburgh

He entered the junior seminary at Cornwells in 1918 and made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1924. His senior seminary studies were interrupted by two years of perfecting at Duquesne Prep School. Ordained in Ferndale Sept 6 1930, he returned the following year to Duquesne Prep and taught there till in 1935 he became director of Cornwells. Four years later we find him as principal of the Duquesne Prep School until its closing in 1941.

After pursuing graduate studies in psychology at New York University, he returned again at Duquesne and taught this subject there and in other schools in the area for the remainder of his life. He suffered a stroke while preparing for a swim after making a private retreat with another priest and died the following day at Mercy Hospital. Interment took place at Cornwells. An unassuming man, he was very popular among the clergy. Many of them looked upon him as their "pappy" and wept unashamedly at his funeral.

620. James V. Gallagher

Trinidad

\* Feb 19 1929 Aghadoey, d of Raphoe

Professed at Kilshane Sept 8 1949, he perfected at CIC and Fatima, Trinidad, 1949-51. Returning to Kimmage, he withdrew from the Congregation in September 1953.

621. Fr. Henri Legris 43

Canada Gabon Angola

\* Aug 5 1910 Ottawa

+ Sept 5 1953 Balombo ANG

After doing his classical studies and philosophy at St. Alexander, 1924-31, he began his novitiate at Orly. Incipient tuberculosis sent him to Montana, where he pronounced his vows Feb 2 1933. He studied theology at Chevilly and was ordained there Oct 6 1935. The following year he sailed for Gabon, working as a missionary at St. Martin and St. Anne. After 10 years in Africa he returned to Canada for a rest and served as bursar in various places till 1949.

Reappointed to Africa, he went to the Portuguese Congo enclave, now part of Angola. After 4 years of exhausting labor he died there, in the full vigor of his life, of injuries received in a car accident near Balombo.

622. Fr. Edward J. Jepson  
USA Puerto Rico  
\* May 6 1917 Bridgeport CT

He had worked as a clerk for 5 years before he entered Cornwells junior seminary in 1941 and made his vows at Ridgefield July 16 1944 when he was 27 years old. After studying philosophy and theology at Ferndale, he was ordained there June 3 1949. The following year he received an appointment to Puerto Rico, where he served for 3 years at Barceloneta. He departed from the Congregation in September 1953.

623. Br Novatus (Friedrich) Ebbers 83  
USA France  
\* June 20 1870 Wewelsberg, Westphalia + Oct 27 1953 Ridgefield  
“with the reputation of a saint”

His parents were reportedly neighbors and good friends of the Janssens family whose son Arnold founded the Society of the Divine Word in Holland, but after learning the tailor’s trade, Friedrich joined the Congregation in 1891. He was offered a chance to go on for the priesthood but preferred to remain a Brother and made his profession Sept 8 1893. Originally assigned to Chevilly, he was transferred to the college of Mesnieres in 1894 as chief tailor. When Combes’ persecution closed this house in 1903, he sailed for the USA and practiced his trade there at Cornwells. In 1912 he went to Ferndale, where he served for 24 years and ten spent the remaining 17 years of his life at the Ridgefield novitiate.

A man of many talents, he was well read in French, German and English, contributed numerous articles about the missions to Spiritan publications and a German newspaper in Philadelphia. He also wrote a short history of the Congregation and its work in the USA, in addition to an unpublished history of its African missions, which he had carefully researched and bibliographically annotated. Most of his papers were destroyed by a fire in Cornwells. He died of a heart attack shortly after celebrating the diamond jubilee of his profession and was buried at Ferndale. Among his confreres he was universally regarded as a saint.

624. Fr. Cornelius Hogan 42  
USA Tanzania  
\* June 23 1911 Philadelphia + Nov 7 1953 Harrisburg PA

He entered Cornwells in 1926 and made his vows at Ridgefield July 16 1933. Ordained during his theological studies at Ferndale Sept 15 1938, he sailed one year later to Tanzania, where he worked in the Kilimanjaro vicariate. He returned to the USA in 1945, already marked by a stubborn affliction that would not yield to treatment. In 1946 we find him in Ferndale. He reied an Air Force chaplaincy, but had to give it up. After some time spent n the Duquesne community form 1948 on, he was in and out of special care hospitals. While he was traveling in a taxicab during an early snowstorm, the care got stuck, and both he and the driver were killed by

carbon monoxide poisoning when the exhaust pipe became blocked by snow. Interment took place at the Cornwells community cemetery.

625. Fr. Robert J. Brooks 44

USA

\* Sept 15 1909 Philadelphia

+ Dec 9 1953 Philadelphia

He did his junior studies at Cornwells 1925-31 and made his profession at Ridgefield July 25 1932. For his higher studies he went to Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 8 1937. Assigned to ministry among American blacks, he went to St. Monica, New Orleans in 1938 and 8 years later became pastor there. Severe headaches caused him to resign and accept a less strenuous task as assistant at Ugandan Martyrs, Okmulgee OK and then at Sacred Heart, New Orleans. In September 1953 he went to St. Emma Academy for blacks in Powhatan, VA but was found to be suffering from leukemia. Transported to Misericordia Hospital in Philadelphia, he died there prematurely. Interment took place at Cornwells.

A quiet and unassuming man with a perpetual smile on his face, he was charitable almost to the point of naiveté. "In what he was permitted to do, he was good" – "a good scholastic, a good community man, a good friend," and above all "a good priest."

626. Fr. Valentine Fluck

St. Pierre et Miquelon Cameroons

\* Jan 2 1910 Natzwiller, Alsace

Professed at Orly Aug 15 1930, he perfected at St. Christopher College, St. Pierre in the Miquelon Islands, 1934-37, and then continued his theology at Chevilly. He was ordained there Oct 28 1938 and the following year sailed for the Duala mission in Cameroons. After about a dozen years of work there he returned to France and withdrew from the Congregation to join the diocesan clergy of Strasbourg in December 1953.

627. Fr. James Hyland 67

USA Ireland

\* Jan 13 1886 Ballacolla, Leix

+ Dec 6 1953 San Bernardino CA

A graduate of Blackrock, 1904-08, he made his profession at Chevilly Oct 3 1909, did his philosophy there and perfected at Blackrock, 1911-13. He then sailed for the USA to study theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Dec 21 1915. The following year he received an assignment to the southern black missions, first as an assistant at Holy Spirit, New Orleans, and then in 1917 as the founding pastor of St. Peter Claver, Charleston SC. Three years later he became a founding pastor again, this time at Holy Sprit, Opelousas LA, where he served for 15 years.

In 1935 he joined the mission band and for 11 years preached many popular missions while being stationed at New Orleans and later at Chippewa Falls. Once more, however, he was called upon to be a founding father when in 1947 he went to California and became pastor of Our Lady of the Valley at Hemet. Three weeks before his death he entered San Bernardino's hospital for a routine gall bladder operation. The surgery disclosed a terminal cancer. He was buried in the Hemet community cemetery.

During the bigotry filled years of Alfred E. Smith's failed campaign for the Presidency he published *Rome and the White House*. His many years of service to the blacks had given him a keen understanding of the discrimination inflicted on his people and inspired him to write the novel *The Dove Flies South*. Both works became bestsellers and earned him an honorary doctorate. "His heartiness won many souls for Christ, his friendliness many friends for the Church, and his industry many lasting memorials to his honor."

628. Fr. Herve Le Lay  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Canada France  
\* Oct 25 1913 Concarneau, Brittany

He was professed at Orly Sept 8 1934 and ordained at Chevilly July 7 1946. The following year he sailed for the Miquelon Islands, from where he transferred in 1948 to St. Alexander, Canada. One year later he returned to France, where we find him listed in the Chevilly community. He withdrew from the Congregation in 1953 and joined the Salta diocese in Argentina.

629. Fr. Martin J. Hayden 47  
USA Tanzania  
\* March 31 1906 Philadelphia + Jan 8 1954 Philadelphia

He attended Cornwells junior seminary, 1923-28, and made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1929. After studying philosophy and theology at Ferndale, he was ordained there Sept 21 1934. Appointed to East Africa in 1935, he worked for 10 years in the Kilimanjaro vicariate, where we find him stationed at Kibosho and Kilomeni before the war. The Africans loved this giant of a man who, like themselves, nearly always came on foot in the mountainous region and could outlast even their own performance. Illness forced him to return to the USA in 1945.

The next 8 years of his life were marked by long bouts of illness and frequent stays in hospitals. But when he could he worked, generally in black parishes: at Sacred Heart in Lake Charles, Ugandan Martyrs in Okmulgee, OK and St. Peter Claver, Philadelphia; also at St. Ann in Millvale.

"Chappie" was his universal nickname and he truly was a friend to all. He suffered from a liver ailment, but it did not change his friendly disposition. Struck by a heart attack, he died when he was on the verge of another confinement to the hospital. Interment took place in Cornwells.

630. Fr. Alfred Braun 63  
Canada Germany Cameroons France Belgium  
\* March 30 1890 Rossfeld, Alsace + Feb 1 1954 Saverne, Alsace

He did his junior studies at Zabern (Saverne) and Knechtsteden till 1910 and was professed at Neuscheuern (Neufgrange) Sept 23 1911. For his senior studies he returned to Knechtsteden, where he was ordained June 29 1915 and did ministry till the end of the war. Having opted for French nationality, he received an appointment to Cameroons in 1920 and served there in the Yaunde vicariate at a time when the mission was desperately short of priests.

In 1926 we find him in Saverne and soon after in Gentinnes, Belgium, until in 1928 he became bursar at St. Alexander, Canada.

His stay there did not last long; in 1929 he was back in France and soon returned to Cameroons. We find him there serving at Nlong, at Omvan with its 12,1000 Christians, and Etoudi with 10,000. After World War Two we encounter him in Saverne, devoting his waning strength to light ministry. He died there suddenly.

631. Fr. Paul Helterlin 65  
Canada France  
\* Feb 21 1889 Niedersept, Alsace + Feb 20 1954 Neufgrange, Alsace

He pronounced his vows Oct 28 1911 at Chevilly, where he also began his senior studies. Because of World War One, he continued them at Langonnet, where he was ordained Oct 28 1915. Even before the war ended, he sailed for Canada in October 1918 and taught there at St. Alexander till September 1921. Returning to France, he continued in a teaching capacity, alternating between Saverne and Neufgrange, until his retirement at Neufgrange about two years before his death.

632. Fr. Lionel Joseph Grondin 33  
Canada Nigeria  
\* Feb 23 1921 Landrienne, Qu. + May 16 1954 Ankpa NGA

He did his classical studies at St. Alexander, 1934-40, was professed Aug 15 1941 and studied philosophy there. Going to Montreal for theology in 1943, he was ordained there Feb 2 1947 and earned an S.T.L. His happiness was complete when in 1948 he was assigned to Nigeria. He gave himself heart and soul to the people entrusted to his care in the Kabba Prefecture serving at Korynia in the bush country and at Ankpa. He died of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident.

633. Fr. Frederick T. Hoeger 66  
USA  
\* May 16 1888 Philadelphia + July 17 1954 Ann Arbor MI

The son of a mixed marriage – his mother was not Catholic – he did his classical studies at Philadelphia and at Cornwells, 1905-09, and was professed at Ferndale Sept 12 1909. After doing philosophy and theology at Ferndale, he was ordained there Nov 15 1913. Until 1921 he remained at Ferndale as a teacher of philosophy and dogmatic theology and then went to Cornwells and later to Ridgefield as novice master. In 1928 he became director of Ferndale's senior seminary, but illness caused him to resign the following year.

In 1930 he moved to St. Mary's Detroit, as its pastor. IT was then a dying parish because people had moved out of the area. Fr. Hoeger, however, changed it into a flourishing downtown church for all people. Ten years later he became superior of the Cornwells community. During the 9 years he spent there he was also much in demand as a preacher and retreat master. In 1949 the provincial named him the founding father of the new Ann Arbor junior seminary.

Of his writings we may name the very popular *Holy Ghost Prayer Book*, *A Tryst with the Holy Trinity* and *Convent Mirror*. He suffered a severe heart attack while saying Mass at

Ypsilanti State Hospital and was immediately put into intensive care. A final attack killed him 3 weeks later. Interment took place at Cornwells. He was fiercely attached to the Congregation. The “very talents that made him outstanding also lifted him in solitary eminence,” while his “driving zeal hurled him too swiftly past to permit knowledge and understanding” to those who stood by watching.

634. Fr. Alfred A. Juliano  
USA  
\* Dec 19 1919 Philadelphia

He graduated from Cornwells in 1941, made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1941, and did his senior studies at Ferndale, where he was ordained June 4 1946. The following year he went to St. Emma Military Academy in Powhatan, VA as a teacher. Three years later we find him at Duquesne to develop his considerable artistic talents. After one year spent as chaplain of the Newman Club in Natchitoches LA, 1953-54, he went to study art at Yale University and departed from the Congregation in November 1954.

635. Fr. John Edward Knaebel 70  
USA Nigeria  
\* Jan 8 1884 Philadelphia + Nov 4 1954 Shreveport LA

A student of Pittsburgh’s Holy Ghost College, he earned his B.A. in 1904 and made his profession at Cornwells Aug 15 1905. After perfecting there in the junior seminary, he began his higher studies at Ferndale but was sent to Fribourg to earn an S.T.L. at its university. Ordained there Dec 8 1909, he returned to the USA in 1910 and received an appointment to Duquesne. After teaching for 5 years, he became in 1915 the national director of the Holy Childhood Association and went to reside at St. Benedict the Moor’s rectory.

He brought the Association to a flourishing condition, but resigned in 1921 in order to devote himself to missionary work in Southern Nigeria. He served in Calabar and Anwa, but became ill in 1928 and had to return to the USA. Appointed to Philadelphia’s St. Peter Claver’s black parish, he was from 1933 on at the same time mission procurator of the Province. In 1940 we find him at St. Mary, Detroit, as pastor and from 1947 on at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Shreveport LA. He died there of a heart attack in his bedroom. Interment took place at Cornwells. Endowed with many talents, he was a man who never forgot that he was a priest, first and foremost.

636. Fr. Valentine J. Fandrey (Fandraj) 71  
USA  
\* Feb 14 1883 Pittsburgh + Nov 28 1954 Philadelphia

He studied at Pittsburgh’s HG College Prep School and College 1897-1903, where he earned a B.A. After being professed at Cornwells Aug 14 1904 – when his name was still spelled Fandraj – he did one year of perfecting in Pittsburgh before going to Chevilly for philosophy and to Fribourg’s university for theology. Ordained in Fribourg Dec 8 1909, he returned to the USA in 1910 with an S.T.L. degree. Having acquired some practical experience, he taught theology at Ferndale until 1923.

He then became pastor of Holy Sprit in Chippewa Falls. During his 10 years of tenure he built a new church, paid off the debts and revitalized the parish. From 1933 on we find him successively in Ferndale as member of the Mission Band and bursar, as assistant novice master at Ridgefield, pastor of Assumption parish in Carencro LA 1940-44, in Cornwells 1944-48, as a retreat master in New Canaan CT 1948-50, and finally again at Cornwells. He collapsed there suddenly and died a few hours later in Nazareth Hospital. Burial took place at Cornwells. Simplicity and sincerity characterized this hard-working priest and religious.

637. Fr. James McGurk 81

USA Ireland

\* Nov 7 1873 Lavey Derry

+ Dec 2 1954 Philadelphia

He studied at Blackrock, 1891-93, and perfected till 1898 at Rathmines and Rockwell. After his profession at Orly Oct 1 1899, he pursued theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 28 1902. The following year he taught at Rockwell, where he gained an aspirant for the Congregation who later became its superior general – Francis Griffin. When the Irish Province established a mission band at Clareville, his oratorical talents secured him a place on it, 1904-12, and together with the band he moved to the USA in 1912.

In 1917 we find him as an assistant at St. Peter Claver, in Charleston, SC and 3 years later he became pastor of St. Augustine, Isle Brevelle LA, only to be transferred in the same year to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls. After a fruitful pastorate of 19 years he resigned and taught at Cornwells till 1948. When the Congregation took charge of St. Emma Academy, Powhatan VA, he retired there and celebrated his golden jubilee in 1952. His bodily infirmities increased, it became necessary to be closer to competent medical help and he spent the last few months of his life in the infirmary of St. Joseph House in Philadelphia.

Wholly unpretentious, he served “in high places with fortitude, in lowly places with generosity and in all with humility.”

638. Fr. Ambrose M. Leech 43

USA

\* Aug 20 1911 Philadelphia

+ Dec 21 1954 Lancaster CA

He studied at Cornwells, 1928-34 and made his profession at Ridgefield July 31 1934. For his philosophy and theology he went to Ferndale, where he was ordained June 15 1939. The following year he became an assistant at St. Augustine, Isle Brevelle LA, and then at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament parish in Shreveport. Becoming ill, he stayed at St. Joseph House, Philadelphia, then in 1942 resumed ministry at St. John the Baptist in Dayton OH. In 1944 he became pastor of Ugandan Martyrs, Okmulgee OK. Two years later we find him recuperating at Ridgefield, then from 1949 to 1952 at Duquesne, rendering service in the microfilming laboratory. Thereafter he was on sick leave at Sacred Heart, Lancaster, CA where his parents lived.

Throughout much of his life he endured a long series of illnesses and misfortunes that began with trichinosis in Shreveport. He was in and out of clinics and hospitals throughout the States without finding a cure for his afflictions. He became seriously ill again on December 18 1954 while visiting his parents and died of acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis. One pathetic element

of his life was that few people believed in the seriousness of his condition. As one of his relatives wrote when he died: "This time he was really sick but no one believed him – not even I." His first cousin, Fr. George Collins, snag the solemn funeral Mass. Interment took place at the community cemetery in Hemet CA.

639. Fr. Brendan McCourt  
Trinidad Kenya  
\* March 6 1913 Tralee, Kerry

After his profession at Kimmage Sept 5 1931, he studied philosophy and did a few years of perfecting before going to Fribourg to earn an S.T.L. at the local university. Ordained in Fribourg July 23 1939, he sailed for Trinidad in 1940 and taught at CIC till 1948. Transferred to East Africa, he worked in Kenya at Pemba and Mangu. He departed from the Congregation in 1954.

640. Fr. Robert M. McGrath 54  
USA  
\* Dec 31 1899 Collingwood OH + Dec 16 1954 Philadelphia

A late vocation, he had graduated from St. Charles Seminary, Baltimore, and was 32 years old when he entered the Ridgefield novitiate in 1932. A few months later in a horseshoe pitching game an iron bounced off the frozen ground and hit one of his ankles. It caused a bone infection and led to an operation. For the next half year he suffered on accident after another, but managed to make his profession June 12 1933, while wracked by a painful rose-fever rash. His condition improved somewhat at first in Ferndale, but then the rash affected his bronchial tubes. Early in 1934, while rehearsing a play, he hit the edge of a radiator and suffered a paralyzing spinal injury. For 3 years he was in and out of hospitals and infirmaries, but refused to give up. Making himself useful by performing administrative duties at Duquesne, Cornwells and St. Joseph House in Philadelphia for 13 years, he continued to be treated by specialists. Finally, a neurologist succeeded in making it possible for him to walk again.

In 1949 he resumed his studies at Ferndale. After his ordination there June 14 1952, he was reassigned to St. Joseph House in an administrative position. He died suddenly of a heart attack about 30 months later. He was a man of suffering but no complaints came over his lips. Only his hearty humor became a bit quicker.

641. Francis A. Blennis 19  
USA  
\* May 7 1935 Mt Vernon NY + Jan 5 1955 North Pelham NY

He entered Cornwells as a highly recommended student in 1950. Struck by leukemia, he made his profession on his deathbed Oct 19 1954 and died about 4 months later. Interment took place in Ferndale.

642. Fr. Daniel Killeen 59  
\* Sept 28 1895 New Haven CT + May 8 1955 Boston MA

After attending Cornwells, 1909-14, he made his novitiate at Ferndale and was professed Aug 21 1915. He studied philosophy and theology at the same place and was ordained there Oct 24 1919. From 1920 on we find him teaching at Cornwells and later at Duquesne. In 1927 he went into pastoral ministry at St. Mark, Harlem. Five years later he was back teaching at Duquesne and then at Ferndale, but in 1936 he resumed pastoral duties in Rhode Island and served at St. Catherine in Little Compton till 1942 and at St. Anthony, Portsmouth till 1955. At the same time, he taught theology and canon law at the local Benedictine priory.

In May 1955 he entered Boston Memorial Hospital for exploratory surgery. A few days later an aneurism put an end to his life. Burial took place in Ferndale's community cemetery. "He was a good man to be with. His outlook was adult, realistic and substantially sunny." Tall, handsome and majestic in bearing, he looked imposing, but he was known for his gentleness and kindness.

643. Fr. Charles Meyer 73  
 Trinidad Germany Kenya Zanzibar Martinique Ireland  
 \* Aug 20 1881 Wolxheim, Alsace + May 11 1955 Blackrock

After doing his classical studies in France, he was professed at Orly Oct 1 1902. In his last year of theology at Chevilly he became a priest Oct 28 1906. Although originally assigned to Ireland, he went to Knechtsteden in 1907. Life there under Fr. Amand Acker – "The Thundering Abbot" – was not easy and the following year he sailed for East Africa. He served there at Nairobi, Mombasa and Zanzibar until illness forced him to return in 1912. His next assignment sent him to Rockwell, but in 1921 he sailed for Trinidad to teach at CIC. From April 1925 we find him in Martinique, doing pastoral ministry at the cathedral of Fort-de-France and in Grant-Riviere. In 1930 he went back to Europe and was appointed to teach at Blackrock. He spent the remaining 25 years of his life there until his death in the same community.

644. Fr. Thomas R. Jones 52  
 USA  
 \* Nov 15 1903 Haverhill MA + June 3 1955 Melrose MA

He graduated from Boston College, where he was nominated for several All America football teams and earned an M.A. in 1925. After spending 2 years in Virginia, he went to the Ridgefield novitiate. Professed Aug 15 1928, he studied theology at Ferndale and was ordained there Sept 19 1931. The following year he received an appointment to the Mission Band, but in 1933 he became an instructor in English at Duquesne. From 1937 on we find him serving as an assistant at Holy Spirit in North Tiverton RI until in 1943 he resumed teaching at Cornwells. Five years later he went back to pastoral service at Sacred Heart, Detroit and in 1952 at Queen of Peace in Arlington VA.

An exceptionally sturdy man, he seemed destined for a long life, but it was not to be. In 1954 he was hospitalized with heart trouble, but seemed as good as new when the doctor told him to take a vacation before resuming his duties in Arlington. While at home with his mother, he suddenly dropped from his chair with any sign of pain. He had died instantly. Interment took place at Ferndale. He was an excellent teacher and even the exacting Fr. Frederick Hoeger admired his talent and zeal as a preacher. In the poverty stricken black parish of Arlington he cooked his own meals and lived on \$18 a week.

645. Br. Paul (Humphrey J.) Smith  
USA  
\* March 7 1918 Fall River MA

On his release from the Army he entered the Congregation as a postulant Brother in 1947, but had to leave several times because of his mother's illness and death. After making private vows in April 1950, he finally could be professed at Ridgefield April 5 1953, and was assigned to St. Emma Academy in Virginia. He withdrew from the Congregation in June 1955.

646. Clyve B. Patin  
Trinidad  
\* Feb 28 1933 Port of Spain

A graduate of CIC and a brother of Abp Anthony Pantin and Fr. Gerard Pantin, he made his profession at Lac-au-Saumon Sept 8 1951. After studying in Ireland he returned to Trinidad in 1954 for his tour of duty as a prefect. He withdrew from the Congregation in July 1955.

647. Fr. Anthony F. Lechner 57  
USA  
\* April 17 1898 Danville PA + Aug 17 1955 Conway AK

A cousin of Fr. Vincent Kmiecinski and Fr. Julius Zehler, he entered Cornwells in 1913. He made his vows Aug 15 1919 at Ferndale, where he also did his priestly studies and was ordained March 8 1924. After serving for 6 years as an assistant at St. Mark, Harlem and St. Mary Detroit, he was assigned to Duquesne in 1931 and became dean of the college of arts and sciences.

In 1939 he received his appointment to Ferndale as its superior – till 1947 – and director. He was eminently suited to guide senior seminarians through their formative years. A practical no-nonsense man, he did not indulge in an excess of words but aimed straight and true and clean for the highest ideals of the priesthood and religious life while, at the same time fostering a love of learning in his youthful charges.

In 1951 he became pastor of St. Joseph in Conway AK. In his brief pastorate he completed the parish High School and built a convent as the Good Shepherd mission. He always loved simplicity and when he observed how one old priest was almost lying in state for several months before his death, he quietly remarked: "When my times comes, I hope to crawl under a bush and do it simply." This is exactly what happened in 1955. He was cutting brush around the new convent under construction when he suffered a heart attack and died a few minutes later.

He was fiercely attached to the Congregation and its works and founded *Mission News* as a successor to the defunct *Paraclete* magazine which had ceased publication when a disastrous office fire destroyed its mailing list. Interment took place at Cornwells.

648. Fr. Joseph J. Sonnefeld 65  
USA  
\* Aug 18 1890 Pittsburgh + Aug 18 1955 Pittsburgh

He entered Duquesne Prep School in 1904 and went to Cornwells in 1905. "Big Joe," as he was called not only because of his size but also because he was big-hearted, made his vows at Ferndale Oct 1 1911. His studies there were interrupted by perfecting at Duquesne Prep in 1915. After his ordination in Ferndale Nov 14 1917, he served as an assistant at St. Stanislaus in Pittsburgh, St. Joachim in Detroit, Notre Dame in Chippewa Falls and St. Joseph, Mt. Carmel PA.

In 1929 he became pastor of Our Lady of Consolation, Mt. Carmel, and soon after he assumed the same function in his home parish of St. Stanislaus. For 25 years he served his people faithfully in this capacity. In 1954 he was found to have cancer in one leg. Although the limb was amputated, the cancer spread. Throughout the ordeal of intense pain in Mercy Hospital, he never complained and his radiant peace brought tears to the eyes of the staff and visitors to his room. Interment took place at the St. Stanislaus cemetery.

649. Fr. Honore Salles 82  
St. Pierre et Miquelon Mali Guinea Maruitius Guadeloupe  
\* March 24 1873 Brecey, Manche + Dec 9 1955 Pointe-a-Pitre, GLP

He made his priestly studies at Chevilly, was professed at Orly Aug 21 1898 and ordained at Chevilly Oct 9 1898. Assigned to the Senegambia mission, he worked in the inland station of Dinguira in present day Mali and in 1902, when this post was handed over to the White Fathers, went to serve in Guinea. Bad health forced him to return to France 2 years later, and he then received an appointment to Mauritius. He worked there in a variety of positions for 7 years.

When in 1912 the Spiritans had to staff the Miquelon Islands with their own men, he crossed the Atlantic and became pastor on lonely Ile-aux-chiens. However, in 1917 mobilization caught up with him and he had to return to France. Two years later we find him in Guadeloupe. The remainder of his long life – more than 36 years – was devoted to pastoral care in various places of this West Indian island and its dependencies.

650. Fr. George Joseph Butler 73  
Trinidad Ireland  
\* Oct 18 1882 Monegay, Limerick + Feb 1 1956 Blackrock

A graduate of Rockwell, 1895-1900, he was professed at Chevilly Oct 17 1901. Ill health sent him to prefect at CIC, Trinidad, in 1904. On his return 4 years later he perfected an additional year at Blackrock and then went to Chevilly for the continuation of his studies. Ordained there April 6 1912, he received an appointment to teach at Rathmines. When this school closed in 1916, he was transferred to Blackrock, where he spent the remaining 40 years of his life. He taught French very successfully and served also at different times as director of aspirants and dean of studies.

He was a man who had legions of friends and was much sought after as a confessor. His temper flared easily, but apologies followed with equal speed. Struck by Parkinson's disease in 1952, he slowly became a cripple and died 4 years later.

651. Jean-Louis Deschamps 19  
Canada

\* Dec 9 1936 Squatteck Qu.

+ Feb 10 1956 Rivere du Loup, Qu.

A titular scholastic, he made his profession on his deathbed Sept 5 1955. He died after a long illness and was buried in his native village.

652. Fr. William J. Long 65  
USA

\* April 12 1890 Cloncrippa, Limerick

+ March 25 1956 Riverside CA

He studied at Blackrock from 1904 and at the Royal University of Dublin before he was professed at Kimmage Feb 2 1913. Sailing for the USA, he did his philosophy and theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Nov 14 1917. We find him assigned to the southern missions to the blacks as an assistant at Holy Spirit, New Orleans, in 1920 and as pastor of St. Peter Claver, Charleston SC 1922-35. He built a new grade school there. In 1935 he became pastor of Holy Spirit, Opelousas LA, where he constructed a convent and transferred the high school to a new building. Five years later he began to serve as pastor of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles LA and built a new church. When illness struck, he obtained a leave of absence, which he spent at St. Joachim, Detroit, and then returned to his parish.

In 1947 he was transferred to St. Gabriel, Hot Springs AK and became its pastor in 1949. Here also he built a new church and school. Illness forced him to retire in 1954, but he continued to serve as an assistant who did his full share of the work in the Spiritan parishes at Hemet and Riverside CA.

In March 1955, he was confined to Riverside's Community Hospital with heart and liver ailments. He died there on Palm Sunday. Interment took place in the Hemet community cemetery. A hard working priest in health and sickness, he died as he had lived, cheerfully and full of gratitude to God.

653. Fr. Charles L. Diamond 55  
USA Tanzania

\* July 12, 1900 Philadelphia

+ May 23 1956 Oakland CA

A brother of Fr. James P. Diamond, he had worked as a pipe fitter and a copy boy before he entered Cornwells in 1923. After his profession at Ridgefield Aug 15 1927, he studied at Ferndale, where he was ordained Sept 17 1932. The following year he sailed for the Kilimanjaro vicariate in Tanzania and worked there at the mission of Rombo and Kilema till 1937.

Returning to the USA, he served at St. Christopher in Tiverton RI till 1939, at Cornwells till 1941, and at Philadelphia's two black Spiritan parishes till 1942. He then joined the Army as a chaplain and saw service throughout the USA, in Europe after the armistice, and in the Caribbean. Remaining in the Army till his death, he reached the rank of colonel. He died of a heart infarction in Letterman Army Hospital and was buried in Ferndale.

"Charlie," as everyone knew him, was not an assembly line product, but, it was said, must have come into the world shot out of a cannon. "He was tough, hearty, determined and zealous – all in his own way."

654. Fr. John J. Friel  
USA Puerto Rico  
\* Jan 8 1915 Philadelphia

He did his junior studies at Cornwells, 1929-35, was professed at Ridgefield Aug. 15 1936, applied himself to philosophy and theology at Ferndale, and was ordained there June 20 1941. From 1942 to 1947 he served in Holy Spirit, Opelousas LA. Transferred to Puerto Rico, he worked at Toa Alta and in 1951 became pastor at Barceloneta. IN 1955 we find him in St. Monica's Tulsa OK. He departed from the Congregation in June 1956.

655. Br. Thaddeus (Stephen O.) Lewis  
USA  
\* Sept 11 1917 Colon, Panama

A war veteran, 1942-45, who became a convert and was baptized in 1946, he entered in May 1949 and was professed at Ferndale Aug 22 1950. He worked there till August 1956 when he withdrew from the Congregation.

656. Br. Dorothee (Alphonse) Clement 79  
USA Canada Senegal France  
\* March 15 1877 Dreffeac, Loire Inf. + Aug 12 1956 Langonnet

During his novitiate he was sent to Senegal to substitute his professional work as a carpenter for 2 years of military service and he pronounced his vows at Ngasobil Aug 26 1900. Illness caused him to leave Africa in 1903 and when he had recovered 2 years later, he received an appointment to the USA. He worked there at Pittsburgh HG College till his transfer to St. Alexander, Canada in 1907, but returned to Europe in August 1908. The remainder of his life was spent in various French communities, such as Paris, Mortain and Pire. In 1936 we find him prematurely retired at Langonnet, where he died 20 years later.

657. Fr. Charles Wolffer 65  
USA Haiti  
\* Nov 26 1889 Ernstein, Alsace + Aug 12 1956 Cornwells

He studied at the junior seminaries of Zabern and Knechtsteden till 1910 and was professed at Neuscheuern (Newfgrange) Sept 23 1911. After his philosophy at Knechtsteden, 1911-13, he perfected for one year at St. Martial's Haiti. Coming to the USA, he did his theology at Ferndale, interrupted by another year of perfecting at Cornwells, and then was ordained Dec 24 1919.

At first he was appointed to Duquesne, but he soon went into pastoral ministry at St. Anthony, Millvale. In 1923, however, he received another call to teach at Cornwells and spent 10 years there. Next, we find him as pastor of Holy Spirit in Chippewa Falls, in 1936 as bursar in Ferndale, in 1937 at St. Ann, Millvale, and then from 1938 to 1947 as pastor of Sacred Heart, Morrilton, AK. Plagued by arthritis, he moved to St. Joseph, Conway, and from there to Sacred Heart in Tarentum, to St. Peter Claver in Charleston and in 1949 to Cornwells, in a vain search

of a climate that would diminish his affliction. Then cancer added to his woes and one of his legs had to be amputated. Death followed soon after. He was buried in Cornwells.

He was a competent teacher, an artist, musician, scholar, preacher and an exemplary religious. While he was pastor in Charleston, he did much to blot out anti-Catholic feelings and many Protestants came to listen to his powerful sermons and hear his beautiful voice. His wit could be incisive, but people discovered that it was good to know him and even better to learn from him.

658. Br. Benedict (John E.) McGorry  
USA  
\* Dec 5 1927 Allentown PA

He made his profession at Ridgefield Aug 22 1950 and worked there till his transfer to St. Emma Academy, Powhatan VA six years later. He withdrew from the Congregation in August 1956.

659. Joseph Ignatius O'Connell  
Trinidad  
\* Oct 16 1930 Crossgar, do of Down and Connor

Professed at Kilshane Sept 13 1950, he began his studies at Kimmage, but in 1953 they were interrupted by 3 years of perfecting at CIC Trinidad. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1956.

660. Alfred J. Williams  
Trinidad  
\* Jan 29 1930 Port of Spain

A graduate of CIC, he made his profession at Lac-au-Saumon, Canada Sept 8 1949. He perfected at his Alma Mater, 1951-53, and then went to Kimmage for his theology. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1956 and later moved to Ontario, Canada.

661. Fr. Richard G. Ober 62  
USA  
\* Sept 2 1894 Allegheny PA + Sept 24 1956 Newark NJ

A graduate of Cornwells 1907-12, he was professed at Ferndale Aug 15 1913, studied philosophy and theology there, and was ordained Nov 14 1917. He served at St. Anthony, Millvale, from 1918 and in Detroit at St. Joachim and St. Mary from 1920. In 1929 he went to Cornwells and from there in 1933 to Ferndale. After a year spent in Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, he was back in Ferndale till in 1937 he withdrew from the Congregation to enter the diocese of Lincoln NE. Returning from there in 1944, he was readmitted and resumed active service at St. Monica, Tulsa OK, in 1951 and at its namesake in New Orleans in 1952. On sick leave, he died of a heart disease in a Newark hospital. Interment took place in Cornwells.

662. Br. Clement (Wilfrid) Thibault  
Canada  
\* July 17 1926 Armagh Station, Qu.

A brother of Frs. Adrien and Herve Thibault, he took his vows at St. Alexander Sept 26 1944, learned carpentry and worked at the college for 12 years after his profession. On the expiration of his vows he withdrew from the Congregation in September 1956.

663. John Joseph O'Brien  
Trinidad  
\* Oct 1 1929 Dublin

He was professed at Kilshane Oct 16 1949. Sent to Trinidad, he perfected at Fatima, 1952-55. After his return to Kimmage to study theology, he withdrew from the Congregation in October 1956.

664. Thomas J. McGovern  
Trinidad  
\* Aug 19 1931 Slane, Meath

Professed at Kilshane Sept 8 1951, he perfected at CIC, Trinidad 1953-56. Returning to Ireland, he withdrew from the Congregation in September 1956 and went to live in Canada.

665. Gerard Austin  
Trinidad  
\* June 21 1928 Dublin

He made his vows at Kilshane Sept 8 1948. Sent to Trinidad, he perfected at Fatima, 1951-54. About 2 years after his return to Kimmage to study theology, he withdrew from the Congregation in November 1956.

#### ADDENDUM

- 665a Raymond Schenkel  
USA  
\* June 27 1921 Philadelphia

Professed at Ferndale Aug 15 1942, he made his perpetual vows Aug 15 1945 at Philadelphia and received minor orders May 2 and 3 1946. After perfecting at Cornwells 1945-46, he withdrew from the Congregation in 1947.

- 665b Br Mary James Smelter  
USA  
\* Sept 3 1913 Mt Carmel PA

After his profession at Ferndale Aug 23 1942, he was assigned to Ridgefield, where he worked on the farm till 1945. He withdrew from the Congregation in the same year.

665c Br. Pascal del Mese  
USA  
\* April 22 1926 Rochester NY

He pronounced his vows April 5 1953 at Ridgefield and was assigned to St. Emma Academy, Powhatan VA. He withdrew from the Congregation three years later.

665d Br. Edward Joseph Walsh  
USA  
\* April 8 1921 Philadelphia

He made his profession at Ridgefield on Feb 5 1941 and then received an assignment to Duquesne as an assistant to the cook. After being transferred to Ferndale in 1942, he worked at Ridgefield, where he withdrew from the Congregation that same year.