

SECTION THREE 1864 - 1925

35. Michael Cummins
Trinidad
* 1838 Kinnity

His classical studies at Belvedere College were nearly finished when Fr Louis Holley attracted him to the Congregation. He made his first commitment June 30 1862, just before the community transferred from Blanchardtown to Blackrock. His studies in France were interrupted when in Sept 1863 he received an appointment to prefect at the newly opened college in Trinidad as a teacher of English. Two years later he returned to Ireland and joined the Marists. He died in 1911 as a pastor in Kew, London.

36. François Cellier
Trinidad
*May 15 1844 Enval, P d D

He made his first commitment to the Congregation at Cellule Dec 25 1862. Together with Fr. Francis Corbet, he sailed for Trinidad in January 1867. After serving some time as a prefect at CIC, he withdrew from the Congregation. (His name is also recorded as Sellier).

37. William Lahiff 22
Trinidad
*1846 Limerick +Aug 6 1868 Port of Spain

He entered Blackrock's junior seminary c. 1860 and made his first commitment Dec 8 1864. A talented budding poet, he was also tubercular. On medical advice he was sent to Trinidad in Oct 1866 in the hope that its hot climate would benefit him. Too sick to teach the English classes assigned to him, he rendered what little services he could. The physician's prognosis in May 1868 was that he would not live beyond September, but he remained ambulant until two days before his death. After pronouncing his perpetual vows on Aug 5, he passed away peacefully the following day.

38. Prosper J. Duval 28
Trinidad, Ireland
*June 5 1841 St-Germain du Corbis (O.) +June 13 1869 Port of Spain

He joined the Congregation in 1861 in Langonnet's junior seminary as an upper classman and began his philosophy the following year in Paris. Six months later illness forced him to interrupt his studies and become a prefect at Blackrock till 1866. His feeble health then induced his superiors to send him to Trinidad as a prefect at CIC in order to benefit from its "beneficial" climate. Meanwhile he had made his first commitment to the Congregation September 23 1866. Suffering from tuberculosis and other ailments, he died after pronouncing his vows on his deathbed.

39. Br. Patrick (John) O'Reilly 35
Trinidad, Ireland
*May 19 1834 Mullogh, Meath +Aug 19 1869 Port of Spain

He joined the Congregation at Blackrock at the age of 27 and made his vows there Sep 8 1963. Two years later he was transferred to CIC, Trinidad where he taught English and a business course. Struck by yellow fever, he died after an illness of five days.

40. Br. Oswald (Thomas) O'Dwyer 29
Trinidad, Guadeloupe
*Sep 1 1840 Miltown Malbay, Clare +Sep 6 1969 Port of Spain

He was a store clerk in Dublin when he applied for admission at Blackrock in 1864. Professed at Chevilly Sep 8 1867, he was sent to the college of Guadeloupe as a prefect and teacher of English, but his French proved inadequate to the task. Transferred to CIC, Trinidad, in 1869, he died of yellow fever during the epidemic then afflicting the city.

41. Fr. Cornelius O'Hanlon
Trinidad
*July 4 1831 Castlemagnor, Cork

He was 31 years old when he was admitted to the seminary division of Blackrock in Oct 1862 and his classical studies must have been about completed. In April 1865 he received minor orders in Chevilly and sometime later the priesthood during his novitiate. He participated in the retreat before profession, but had to wait before making his vows because he had not yet completed the required time period. In Nov 1866, still a novice, he sailed for Trinidad to replace James Browne – another novice who had been forced to interrupt his novitiate to fill a vacancy on the CIC staff. O'Hanlon taught for about two years at the college and then appears to have withdrawn from the Congregation.

42. Müller
Trinidad
*Alsace

He became a titular scholastic in Langonnet March 9 1864 and did his clerical studies at Chevilly. After an assignment to Langonnet, he profected in Trinidad in 1869 and then withdrew from the Congregation.

43. Br. Mary Kevin O'Toole
Trinidad
*d of Dublin

Professed at Chevilly March 19 1869, he sailed for Trinidad in the same year. He worked there at CIC till in 1871 he received authorization to return and soon after withdrew from the Congregation.

44. Br Arcade (Michael) Connighan
Trinidad, Martinique
*Dec 15 1839 Coghlan, Meath

He was admitted to the novitiate in Blackrock in 1863 and made his vows at Chevilly Oct 2 1864. Assigned to CIC, he arrived in Trinidad, together with Br. Edmond MacSweeney and Fr Charles Pernot, in December of the same year. One year later, when Br. Auguste Butler arrived from Martinique, he transferred there to replace him. He left the Congregation in Jan 1872.

45. Fr. Charles F. Pernot 41
Trinidad, France, Guadeloupe, Martinique
*Oct 11 1829 dom-Germain (d of Nancy) +July 20 1872 Fort-de-France MTQ

He entered at Notre Dame du Gard Oct. 10 1850 as a philosophy student and was professed, after ordination, Aug 27 1854. In 1861 he became superior of Langonnet and, three years later, novice master at Chevilly. Because of his weak lungs, he was sent to Trinidad in 1865 and taught at CIC for one year. Returning to France, he became superior at St Ilan's industrial school and in 1868 superior of the college in Guadeloupe. Transferred to Martinique in 1872, he died soon after and was buried in the community cemetery of St-Pierre.

46. Fr. Alexandre Bonjean 29
Trinidad, Martinique
*March 19 1844 Selle-St-Denis(d of Blois) +Dec 16 1873 port of Spain

He was professed, after ordination, at Chevilly Oct 1 1871 and appointed to the college of Fort-de-France, MTQ. Because of his tuberculosis, he transferred to the "beneficial" climate of Trinidad, where he arrived Nov 24. He died three weeks later of a massive pulmonary hemorrhage in the parlor of St. Joseph's convent. Interment took place at the local community cemetery.

47. Timothy Coonihan
Trinidad
*Castleisland, Co. Kerry

He was sent to Trinidad as a prefect at CIC and arrived there in Dec 1872. At Langonnet he withdrew from the Congregation in 1875.

48. Fr. John Basptist Kayser
United States of America, Sierra Leone
*May 5 1845 Mutzig, Alsace

+Sep 11 1903 Rahway, NJ

Admitted as a titular scholastic at Langonnet in 1863, he was professed, after ordination on Dec 25 1868, at Chevilly, Aug 29 1869. He sailed for Sierra Leone, but illness forced him to return in 1872. In the same year he accompanied Fr John Ott as a member of the vanguard team sent to prepare the foundation of the province in the USA at White Sulphur, Ky. When their arrival proved premature and the offered college not even available, Fr. Kayser accepted temporary ministry near Covington. In 1873 the Whole group transferred to the Cincinnati archdiocese, where Fr. Kayser and Fr. Francis Schwab took over the St. Boniface parish in Piqua, O. He left the Congregation in Sep 1875 at Frenchtown when Archbishop Purcell declined the Generalate's demand that he be removed from office, and became a diocesan priest. He died Sep 11 1903 at Rahway, NJ.

49. Fr. William F. Bigot
United States of America, Germany
*Dec 4 1838 Roppentzwiller, Alsace

He took his vows after ordination at Paris Aug 28 1864 and was at one appointed superior of the Kaiserwerth community in the newly founded German Province. When this house was closed in 1870, he became superior of the Marienthal community. During the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 he was very active as a military chaplain serving both German and French soldiers. The French government decorated him with the Legion of Honor for identifying 14,000 dead soldiers and erecting memorials for them in 131 cemeteries. Bigot himself became a German national, but this did not stop Bismarck's government from expelling the Holy Ghost fathers from Germany. With Fr. Joseph Strub he sailed to the USA in 1874 to found a new province. Bigot became pastor and local superior of Sacred Heart, Berlin, Ohio. When Archbishop Purcell refused the Superior General's demand that he be removed from this office, Bigot left the Congregation in Sep 1875 and continued to serve Berlin as a diocesan priest. Later Berlin became part of the town of Fort Loramy. Bigot built there St Michael's Church and served it with great distinction till his death in 1908. He was buried in the place of honor in the parish cemetery.

50. Fr. Joseph Fenger
United States of America, France
*May 7 1849 Duttlenheim, Alsace

He pronounced his vows after ordination at Chevilly Aug 15 1875 and sailed for the USA soon after. Presumably he served there in the newly accepted parish of St Mary's, Sharpsburg, Pa. Two years later, he returned to France and was assigned to Chevilly. He left the Congregation there in April 1878.

51. Fr. Casimir Marcot 40
Trinidad, France, Ireland
*March 25 1838 Neuve-Eglise, Alsace +May 7 1878 Chevilly

He entered the Congregation in 1857 and, after his ordination, was professed Aug 23 1863 in Paris. His first appointment sent him to the college of Cellule, but two years later he was transferred to Blackrock. In 1869 he went to CIC in Trinidad, of which he became principal and superior in 1874. During his administration the school moved from the old St. George College buildings across the street to its present location. He also introduced the theatrical performance of famous plays which have become a tradition at CIC. His health seriously impaired, he resigned in 1876. He died two years later after a long illness in which he suffered much from the "medical" administration of red-hot needles, new-fangled electricity and prussic acid.

52. Fr. Archibald McLaughlin 29
Trinidad
*Nov 18 1849 Forfan Co., Scotland +Aug 9 1878 Port of Spain

After his studies at Rockwell he returned to Scotland. Soon, however, he asked to be admitted to the Congregation. For his clerical studies he went to France and, after his ordination, made his profession at Chevilly Aug 15 1875. Sent to Trinidad to teach at CIC this "holy religious and ardent teacher" died three years later after a brief illness. He was buried in the community lot of the local cemetery.

53. Fr. John J. Kreutzer
United States of America, France
*Nov 30 1847 Aix-la-Chapelle, Rhineland

He was professed, after his ordination, at Chevilly Aug 15 1875 and sailed at once for the USA. After working for one year at St Remy's, Piqua, Ohio, he returned to Europe. Briefly assigned to the college of Beauvais, he was then transferred to that of Cellule. He left the Congregation in Aug 1878.

54. Fr. Joseph A. Schumacher
Trinidad, Ireland
*1849 Holtzheim, Rhineland

When Bismarck's persecution threatened to close the houses of the Congregation in Germany, he was sent to Ireland to finish his studies at Blackrock, 1869-70. He professed there for one year as a teacher of music and then sailed, together with Mr. John T. Murphy to Trinidad. They arrived after an exhausting trip in Dec 1872. While professed for five years at CIC, he studied theology in private. Returning to France in 1877, he was ordained there, but withdrew from the Congregation before taking his vows.

55. Fr. Robert Richartz
Trinidad, United States of America
*Aug 12 1847 Berlin, Prussia

He made his first commitment to the Congregation in Aug 1868 at Marienstatt and was sent to Chevilly for clerical studies. After his ordination, he took his vows there Aug 23, 1874 and sailed a few weeks later to Trinidad. While teaching at CIC, he also took care of the Diego Martin Parish. In 1878 he returned to Europe and was assigned to the USA, where he became pastor of St. Joseph's, Conway, Ark. He left the Congregation in June 1879 at Pittsburgh.

56. Fr. Anthony Binder
Trinidad, India
*June 12 1845 Markolsheim, Alsace

He did his senior studies at Chevilly from 1867 on and, after his ordination, was admitted to pronounce his vows Aug 30 1871, but because of the Franco-Prussian War actually pronounced them a little later at an unspecified date. Still in the same year, he sailed for Chandernagor, India. From 1874 till 1880 he taught at CIC, Trinidad, then left the Congregation in Feb 1880.

57. Fr. Charles E. Klein 27
Trinidad, France
*April 19 1853 Ammerschwir, Alsace +Sep 25 1880 Port of Spain

Three of his uncles were Spiritans; so he "naturally" entered the Congregation when he considered the priesthood. After his classical studies at Langonnet, he went to Chevilly, where he ordained and made his profession Aug 25 1878. He taught at the colleges of Cellule and Beauvais and then sailed to Trinidad in Feb 1880. In excellent health, he could have rendered many years of service. Six months later, however, a pernicious fever quickly led to his death.

58. Fr. James Brady
Trinidad, Ireland
*Aug 4 1846 Kilcogey, Cavan

He transferred from St Patrick's Seminary to Blackrock in 1864 and professed there from 1867 till 1872, except for one year of studies in France. Ordained in 1874, he took his vows at Chevilly Aug 15 1875 and sailed for Trinidad. After teaching for two years at CIC, he returned to Ireland and was assigned successively to Blackrock and Rockwell. He left the Congregation in Nov 1880 and became a diocesan priest in Middleboro, England. He died in 1911.

59. Fr. Louis Payen 46
St Pierre et Miquelon, France, Martinique
*Feb 28 1834 Cressonsacq, Oise +Dec 11 1880 Paris

A diocesan priest, who had been ordained May 29 1858, he asked to be admitted to the Congregation in 1867 and his bishop let him go reluctantly, saying that it was better to join the Spiritans than to wear a pectoral cross and miter. Professed Aug 29 1869, he taught at the college of Langonnet until in Nov 1872 he sailed for the Miquelon Islands to open there a Spiritan college. Once the new venture appeared securely St Mary's College, Fort-de-France. Soon after this school closed because of the withdrawal of government subsidies in 1880, he became seriously ill at the college of St Pierre, Martinique. Sent to seek a cure in Paris, he died there. He was buried in the family crypt in his hometown. His former students in SPM erected a memorial in his honor.

60. James Concannon
Trinidad, Ireland
*1852 Ballygormill, Queen

He was a teacher when he entered Blackrock as a student in 1871. After graduating in 1876, he professed one year at the same school and then began his clerical studies in France. In 1878 he was sent to Trinidad to profess as a teacher of mathematics. He withdrew from the Congregation around 1880 and became a diocesan priest in the Meath diocese. He died in 1910.

61. Fr. Bernard Joseph Graff
United States of America, France, Germany, Ireland
*Jan 16 1843 +April 1899

After his classical studies at the Spiritan college of Gourin, France, he studied theology at Paris, where he was ordained at St Sulpice Dec 23 1865. Professed at Chevilly Aug 26 1866, he received an appointment to Cellule but was soon transferred to Marienstatt, Germany. In Sep 1869 he went to teach philosophy and music at Rockwell, from there he was transferred to Blackrock in 1877. In July of the following year he sailed for the USA and became the first rector of the newly opened HG College in Pittsburgh, PA. In order to support his poverty-stricken sister and her children, he withdrew from the Congregation in Jan 1881. He worked as a diocesan priest in Baltimore, giving fame to the cathedral choir, and in 1886 joined the Wilmington, Del. Diocese. Later we find him as one of the original faculty members of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and in 1892 he went to the Newark, NJ diocese. His last known appointment was St Agnes', New York, 1894-7.

62. Fr. Joseph A. Lux
Trinidad
*Feb 8 1854 Wissenbourg, Alsace

He was professed, after his ordination, Aug 26 1877 and left for Trinidad in Nov 1877.

He taught at CIC and replaced Fr. Richartz in the Diego Martin Parish. In Dec 1881 he left the Congregation.

63. Br. Wenceslaus (Charles) Senger 45
United States of America, Germany, France
*Feb 2 1837 Nesselrode, Saxony +July 28 1882 Marienstatt, Ark
“with the reputation of a saint”

“An exceptionally kind man, “ he entered the German Marienstatt in 1865 and was professed as a Brother Feb 2 1867. He worked and taught there in the trade school until the house was closed by Bismarck in 1873 and then in the industrial school of St Michel in Brittany. In 1878 he was transferred to the new Marienstatt in Arkansas. He died there four years later of typhoid fever. His death was the first one in the newly established vice-province of the USA, which was then a part of the “Province of America”. “He died as he had lived – a saint”.

64. Br. Clemens (Anthony) Becker 56
United States of America, Germany
*Feb 22 1826 Elspe, Westphalia +Sep 29 1882 Marienstatt, Ark.

Over 40 years old, he entered as a postulant in the German Marienstatt in 1867 and pronounced his vows Aug 14 1869. After working there in the orphanage till the closing of the house of Bismarck’s Kulturkampf, he was appointed to the States in 1873. He became one of the pioneers who helped build the new Marienstatt in Arkansas. He died there nine years later.

65. Fr. Victor Guilloux 59
Trinidad , France, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Reunion, Comoros Islands
*Sep 8 1823 Ploermel, Brittany +Nov 20 1882 St-Suzanne Reunion

He was a Priest who had taught philosophy at the diocesan seminary of Avon, near, Fontainebleau, and had joined the colonial clergy of Guadeloupe in July 1848. After his transfer to Reunion in 1852 he worked there for eight years and then joined the Congregation. Professed Aug 24 1862 in Paris, he was appointed to be the founder of CIC, the new college in Trinidad, May 1 1863. He remained there till 1866, successfully overcoming Protestant antagonism and government opposition to the new school. In 1867 he became superior of Langonnet, in 1875 rector of St Louis College and Provincial Superior of Mauritius, until 1879 the Holy See named him Prefect Apostolic of the Little Malgaches Islands (mainly Comoros islands). He died of “exhaustion” in Reunion.

66. John Brady 24
United States of America
*c 1858, Cootehill, Cavan +Dec 7 1882 Pittsburgh PA
“with a reputation of a saint”

An immigrant who worked in New York, he traveled to Pittsburgh to become a Passionist when he was 22 years old, only to be told that he should first study at HG College. This he did, but then he applied to be admitted to the Congregation. Together with three other candidates, he received the habit on Feb 2 1882 in the Bluff Street residence. "A model seminarian in every respect..., another Louis of Gonzaga," wrote his superior. Struck by virulent tuberculosis, he died 8 months later, after pronouncing his perpetual vows on his deathbed. He was buried in the community lot of the Sharpsburg's cemetery.

67. Fr. Michael Dunne 37
Trinidad, United States of America, Ireland
*July 10 1846 Gurtglass (d of Kerry) +Jan 4 1883 Rockwell

He entered the Congregation at Blackrock in 1866, studied philosophy at Rockwell, and theology at Chevilly after prefecting for two years at Rockwell. Professed as a priest at Chevilly Aug 27 1876, he was appointed the following year to CIC in Trinidad because of his weak lungs, but had to leave almost at once. In 1878 he was transferred from Rockwell to Pittsburgh's HG College. Again, his feeble health made it impossible for him to teach and he soon returned, first to Chevilly and then to Blackrock in Jan 1881. Going back to Rockwell, he died there of tuberculosis.

68. Fr. Martin Kenneally
Trinidad, Ireland
*Dec 17 1850 Ballylanders (d of Cloyne)

A Blackrock student, 1865-69, he prefecting there for two years before studying philosophy at Rockwell. After doing his theology at Chevilly, he was ordained there and professed Aug 27 1876. His first assignment was to Langonnet, but he was soon transferred to Trinidad to replace Fr Brady of CIC. He taught there till the end of 1882. In Feb 1883 we find him in Rockwell, where he withdrew, one month later, in order to become a Trappist. He died in the monastery in 1927.

69. Br. Rodriguez Corbett
United States of America, Ireland, France
*March 14 847

Professed at Blackrock June 9 1867, he worked there for about nine years and was then transferred to the mother house in Paris. In 1879 we find him at HG College in Pittsburgh, from which he returned to France in 1882. He left the Congregation in Aug 1883 at Chevilly.

70. Br. Jean-Climaque (Jean-Georges) Bannwarth
St. Pierre et Miquelon, France
*June 23 1857 Ribeauville, Alsace

Professed at Chevilly Sep 8 1881, he sailed one month later to the Miquelon Islands. After working there for two years, he returned to France and left the Congregation in Nov 1883.

71. Charles Demay 22
Trinidad
* c. 1861

+Jan 23 1884 Port of Spain

Sent as a prefect to CIC, Trinidad, in the hope that its hot climate would be beneficial for his tuberculosis, he arrived there in June 1883. After pronouncing his perpetual vows on his deathbed, he died six months later.

72. Fr. Francis D. Salles 41
United States of America, India, France
*May 21 1843 Maisonnelles-la-Jourdan
(d of Bayeux)

+Aug 13 1884 Lommelet, Nord, F

This gentle but candid priest pronounced his vows at Chevilly Aug 28 1869 and worked in Chanernagor, India, for eight years. In 1878 he was transferred to the United States and, because of his ill health, did only light ministry in the new Marienstatt and Morrilton, Ark. Nervously exhausted, he returned to France in 1882 and went to reside at Bourdeaux. In the spring of the following year he had to be confined to a special care hospital. It is there that he died 17 months later.

73. Fr. Phillip Cosgrove
Trinidad, Ireland, Sierra Leone, Guadeloupe
*Dec 12 1849 Beaghmore, Cavan

A distinguished student of Blackrock, he prefected there for one year before, in 1871, he went to France for his clerical studies. Ordained in 1875, he made his vows at Chevilly Aug 27 1876. A few weeks later he sailed for Sierra Leone and Worked at Freetown, where he became the first official Catholic chaplain of the local garrison. Illness forced him to return in Oct 1879. After six months of rest he sailed for Guadeloupe, but one year later he joined the staff of CIC in Trinidad. In 1884 he left the Congregation there and became a diocesan priest in Hamilton, Ont. He died in 1915.

74. Br. Sabinus (Michael) Healy
United States of America, Ireland, Sierra Leone
*1854 Tomhaney, Kilkenny

He studied at Rockwell as a junior seminarian for one year and then became a postulant Brother. Professed July 14 1873 at Rockwell, he served in Blackrock until the fall of 1874. In September he sailed for Sierra Leone – The white man's grave - where more Spiritans are buried than anywhere else in Africa. He returned in early 1876 but went back in late 1876 or early 1877. A few years later, he went to the USA and obtained permission to leave the Brotherhood in order to study for the priesthood. In the course of his studies he withdrew from the Congregation and was ordained a diocesan priest in 1886.

75. Fr. John Goettner 30
Trinidad
*March 1 1854 Neuwied, Rhineland +July 20 1885 Chevilly

When Bismarck expelled the Holy Ghost Fathers as disguised Jesuits in 1874, John went with the exiles to France and studied at Chevilly. There he was ordained Oct 12 1879 and professed Aug 29 1880. Early in Nov 1880 he sailed to Trinidad as a teacher at CIC. This “fervent and dedicated religious man” returned to France in May 1885 to die of tuberculosis.

76. Fr. Francis Gouriou 33
Trinidad, France, Senegal
*Feb 14 1852 +Sep 12 1885 Ngazobil, SEN

Professed as a priest at Chevilly Aug 28 1881, he departed three weeks later for Trinidad, where he taught at CIC till April 1883. Next, we find him in France at the industrial institute of St-Ilan. In the fall of 1884 he sailed for Senegal. He worked there for one year at Goree and Ngazobil. Then a pernicious fever carried him to his grave in one day.

77. Fr. Patrick Carey 35
Trinidad, United States of America, Ireland
*July 10 1851 +Oct 10 1886 Chevilly

He had two brothers in the Congregation Br. Fr Francis Carey, who died in Chandernagor in 1864, aged 29, and John Carey, who died as a scholastic in Langonnet in 1887, aged 31, as well as a nephew, who also died aged 18 as a scholastic in Pittsburgh (John Paul Carey).

A gifted student, he began his classical studies at Blackrock in 1871 and profected there 1875-77. Sent for more profecting to Trinidad, he stayed there for seven years (1877-83) as a highly appreciated teacher who also wrote theatre plays. Meanwhile he was allowed to study theology in private. He did this so well that he was allowed to enter the novitiate at once on his return. Ordained a priest, he made his vows Aug 24, 1884. Assigned to the USA, he taught at HG College, Pittsburgh, 1884-86. When he was found affected by tuberculosis, he returned to Chevilly in Aug 1886, to die a few months later. “What a beautiful day to die!” he exclaimed two hours before his death when he was told that it was the feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin.

78. Br Emilian Roesch
United States of America
*Jan 17 1864 Eppenhofen, Baden

An immigrant, he entered the novitiate in Marienstatt, Ark. And was admitted to take his first vows March 29, 1883. We find him as a cook in HG College, Pittsburgh, in 1885 and in St Joachim’s, Detroit in 1886. There he left the Congregation.

79. Patrick Fitzpatrick
Trinidad
*1857 Brocade, Cavan

He transferred from St. Patrick's College to Blackrock's junior seminary in 1875 and excelled in mathematics. After graduating in 1880 he was sent to Trinidad as a prefect for five years. He withdrew from the Congregation in 1886 but stayed on at CIC as a mathematics teacher for a few more years. He then returned to Ireland. He died in Nov 1949.

80. James Fieser 23
United States of America
*Oct 8 1863 Pittsburgh PA +March 16, 1887 Chevilly

After spending six years in the junior seminary of HG college, James went to Chevilly in 1885 for his senior studies. At the end of his philosophy, the doctor diagnosed tuberculosis. He made his profession on his deathbed and died after a patiently endured long illness. "I am going home," he sighed shortly before he passed away.

81. Fr. John McCabe
Trinidad, United States of America, France, Botswana, Ireland
*April 19 1853 Dublin

A graduate of Blackrock, he prefected at Rockwell 1870-73 and then did his clerical studies in France. He was professed, after his ordination, Aug 25 1878. Sailing to Trinidad, he taught there at CIC for three years and was then appointed HG College, Pittsburgh. Smallpox almost carried him to his grave, but he recovered and taught at the school till 1885. After a brief assignment to the college of Mesnieres, he accompanied the famous Fr. Charles Duparquet on his travels to Bechuanaland (Botswana) and stayed behind to direct the new Mafeking mission. He withdrew from the Congregation in May 1887 to enter a Carmelite monastery, but later became a diocesan priest in Middleboro, England. He died around 1902.

82. John Paul (or Patrick) Carey 18
United States of America
*c. 1869 Boston +Oct 5 1887 Boston, Mass.

A nephew of Fr. Patrick Carey, this talented and very pious young man was a student in the Pittsburgh seminary of the Congregation when he made his first commitment June 13, 1886. He became seriously ill in the summer of the following year and died of tuberculosis in his family.

83. John Paul Danner 20
United States of America
*c. Dec 1866 +Oct 24 1887 Pittsburgh

He was the brother of three nuns and three priests, including the Spiritans Francis and Joseph, whom he preceded in the Congregation. After finishing his classical studies at HG College in 1885, he prefected there for two years. When he became ill, he was allowed to make his profession Sep 29 1887 at Mercy Hospital and, on the day before his death, pronounce his perpetual vows. He looked forward to his death as his encounter with the God whom he had loved all his young life.

84. George Heilman c. 25
United States of America
*c. 1863
+Jan 11 1888 Pittsburgh
“with the reputation of a saint”

He made his first commitment when he received the religious habit Feb 2 1882 at the HG College community in Pittsburgh. Three years later, he sailed with James Fieser to study in Chevilly. When Fieser died in 1887 and he, too, was found to suffer from tuberculosis, he was allowed to return to the USA. He died peacefully after a visit to his confreres. “He died as he had lived, as a perfect scholastic.”

85. John Barth 23
United States of America
*Aug 5 1864 Sharpsburg, PA.
+June 5 1888 Chevilly

He entered the junior seminary division of HG College in Pittsburgh in 1882 and received the religious habit Apr 6 1883. After prefecting at the school, he sailed in 1886 for France and began his higher studies at Chevilly. He, too, was found to be suffering from tuberculosis. The very promising and pious young man died after pronouncing his vows.

86. Fr. Matthew Power 33
Trinidad, Ireland
*Jan 11 1855 Carrick-on-suir, Tipperary
+July 27 1888 St Vincent, WI

He entered the junior seminary division of Blackrock in 1870 and prefecting there 1876-78; then he went to Langonnet for his senior studies. Professed, after his ordination, Aug 27 1882, he sailed for Trinidad and taught at CIC till 1888. He was a competent classics teacher, but his lungs were very weak and, on medical advice, he was sent to recuperate in St Vincent island. While bathing in the sea he collapsed and died on the beach. An autopsy showed that one of his lungs had been entirely consumed by tuberculosis. He was buried in the church of Kingston, St Vincent.

87. Fr James MacEneaney 31
United States of America, Ireland
*June 7 1857 Annyalla, Monaghan
+Aug 30 1888 Pittsburgh

A brilliant student, he entered Blackrock when he was fifteen and graduated in 1875. After prefecting for three years at Blackrock, he began his clerical studies at Chevilly, but had to interrupt then for three more years of prefecting at Rockwell, 1881-84. Ordained in 1885, he was professed Aug 29 1886. His superiors sent him to the USA, where he taught for two years at HG College in Pittsburgh. Struck by typhus, he died there after a brief illness.

88. Br Gaudens (Philip) Schneider 51
United State of America
*April 11 1837 Atzelgift, Westerwald, Rhineland
+Oct 23 1888 Chevilly

He entered the Congregation at Marienthal, Germany, in 1864 and was professed Feb 2 1867. A farmer's son, he cultivated the extensive garden and farm until the Spiritans' expulsion from Germany in 1873. His kindness and gaiety honored his religious name; thus it was not surprising that Fr. Strub took him along to America on Jan 2 1874. He was assigned to the new Brothers' community and novitiate at Pontiac, Ohio. Later we find him as a cook in HG College, Pittsburgh, and St. Mary's, Sharpsburg, till the end of 1887. Severe asthma forced him to return to Europe, where he died ten months later.

89. Cornelius Ryan
Trinidad

He is recorded as a prefect at CIC in Trinidad 1886-87 and then appears to have withdrawn from the Congregation in 1888.

90. Br. Jacob (Bernard) Immekus 69
United States of America, Germany
*March 22 1819 Olpe, Westphalia +Feb 5 1889 Pittsburgh

In June 1865 Fr Frederick LeVasseur visited the new foundation in Marienstatt, Germany, and looking at its needs for repairs, told its superior: "What you need are two good Brothers, one locksmith and the other a blacksmith." That same evening two men arrived, one a blacksmith and the other a locksmith. They were relatives and came with all the tools of their trades. One of them was 46 year old Jacob. He just came to help as a layman, teaching locksmithing to the orphans in the trade school, but soon asked to be admitted to the Congregation. He was professed June 9 1867. When the Fathers were expelled from Germany as Jesuit-affiliated, he accompanied them to the USA. He worked at Pontiac, O., the new Marienstatt in Arkansas, and helped construct the present Administration Building of DU in Pittsburgh.- now declared a national landmark. " In every respect a model Brother," he greatly feared death, but burst out in a *Te Deum* of happiness after receiving the last sacraments.

91. Br. Gaetan Mackin
Trinidad, Ireland, Mauritius, Tanzania, Comoros Islands
*May 27 1847 Granard, Longford

He entered as a postulant at Blackrock and made his profession there Sep 8 1871. After working at Blackrock till 1874, he sailed for Mauritius and was assigned there to St Louis College. Eight years later, he transferred to CIC, Trinidad, where he remained till 1884. Next, we find him in East Africa at Kondo and Bagamoyo, in present day Tanzania, till 1888. After a leave of absence in Europe, he sailed to Mayotte, Comoros islands, early in 1889. He left the Congregation there in July 1889.

92. Fr Edward Conyngham 47
Trinidad, Gibraltar, Guadeloupe, Ireland, France
*Oct 13 1842 Killorglin (d of Kerry) +Nov 17 1889 Beauvais

Attracted to the Spiritans who were preparing the foundation of college in Ireland, this

talented young man was sent to complete his classical studies at Langonnet in 1859. After finishing his theology, he was ordained in Chevilly Nov 14 1869, and professed Aug 28 1870. A Born Teacher, he spent his entire life in education. In 1870 he was sent to the short-lived St Bernard's College in Gibraltar and then, the following year to CIC in Trinidad. He taught there for five years. He was a very tall man – so that when he gave singing classes, the boys put a mischievous emphasis on the words of the *Gloria*: “Tu solus altissimus.” The need for an English teacher at the college of Guadeloupe caused his transfer to Basse-Terre in 1876. In ill health, he returned to Europe in 1882 and taught successively at Rockwell, Mesnieres and Langonnet till 1888. Then he was assigned to the new college of Epinal, but his failing health soon forced him into semi-retirement at the college of Beauvais. He died there three days after suffering a stroke.

93. Fr. Paul Gross
United States of America
*Feb 9 1858 Aix-la-Chapelle, Rhineland

He made his profession, after ordination, Aug 26 1883 and sailed to the USA a few weeks later to join the staff of HG College, Pittsburgh. He also took care of the Glenfield mission. He withdrew from the Congregation in Nov 1889.

94. Fr. Joseph Strub 56
United States of America, Senegal, Germany
*Nov 1 1833 Roschweg, Alsace +Jan 27 1890 Pittsburgh

As a boy, he lived with his uncle, a priest who was rector of the Alsatian Marienthal shrine; from there he went to study philosophy at the seminary of Strasbourg. In 1854 he brought along thirteen of his friends to enter together the Spiritan seminary of Notre Dame du Gard. When three years later the physician suspected tuberculosis, he was sent to Senegal to finish his studies in the oldest African Seminary at Ngazobil. (A hot climate was then judged to be good for tubercular patients.) Ordained at Dakar on Easter Eve April 13 1858, he was professed Aug 22 1859 and became local superior of Dakar in Nov 1861. While caring for yellow fever victims in 1863, he caught a liver ailment and had to return to Europe.

In 1864 he was appointed to the other Marienthal shrine in the German province, which was then being founded. The following year he became superior of Marienstatt, restored this ancient abbey, opened a junior seminary, a Brothers' novitiate and a training school for disadvantaged youths. During the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 he volunteered his services as chaplain to the typhus-stricken prisoners of war in Germany, for which a grateful French government gave him the Legion of Honor. In 1871 he became provincial superior, but two years later the Holy Ghost Fathers were declared to be Jesuit-affiliated and had to close their houses. Fr Strub went into exile.

With most of the priests and Brothers, he sailed for the USA on Jan 2 1874 to lay there the foundations for a new province. After an attempt in Pontiac and other places in Ohio, Strub turned to Pittsburgh. The local bishop asked him to open a college and offered him German immigrant parish in suburban Sharpsburg. Fr. Strub became its pastor till 1878 and saw to it that the college – now Duquesne University – opened its door in the same year.

When a railroad company granted him a 200,000 acre concession in Arkansas, near Little Rock, he became the “Duke of Arkansas” and opened a colony for German and Polish immigrants who just then were flocking to the USA in huge numbers. The expert craftsmen Brothers built a new Marienstatt as a central community and novitiate there, while the priests fanned out over the area building chapels and schools for the settlers. Unfortunately, a tornado wrecked the main Spiritan house there a few years later.

As time went on, Fr Strub sent fathers and Brothers to Detroit and Bay City, Michigan, to Millvale and Tarentum in Pennsylvania for French, German and Polish as well as Irish Immigrants, and he founded missions for blacks in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. He fostered the introduction of the Pontifical Holy Childhood Association in support of the missions. (Its direction became a permanent assignment of the Spiritans in the USA.)

He died of the severe flu epidemic which raged in Jan 1890 and was buried in the Sharpsburg community cemetery. He was universally regarded as a very zealous and truly holy priest.

95. Fr. Albert Sundhauser 52
Trinidad, Guadeloupe, France
*April 15 1837 Ackenheim, Alsace + Feb 6 1890 Ackenheim

The youngest of ten children, he entered the seminary of Strasbourg and then Oct 1855 transferred to the Spiritan scholasticate of Gourin, Brittany. He was ordained April 5 1862 and made his profession Aug 25 1863. Soon after, he accompanied Fr. Guilloux to found a new college in Trinidad. He was its first bursar and taught French, but at the same time became surprisingly fluent in English and Spanish. In 1872 he was transferred to the seminary-college of St. Louis in Guadeloupe. Bad health caused his return to Europe five years later. He became rector of the new college of Rambervillers in 1880. Through his zeal and energy the school developed greatly and he transferred it to Epinal. A heart patient for many years, he died while on sick leave in his family.

96. Fr. William Quinn 32
Trinidad, Ireland, Portugal
*Jan 21 1858 Enniscorthy, Wexford +Feb. 2 1890 Chevilly

As a youthful graduate of Rockwell, he was sent to France for his clerical studies. His delicate health, however, caused him to be sent back to Ireland, so that he was ordained in his hometown Oct 18 1883. He pronounced his vows three years later at Chevilly, Aug 29 1886. Hoping that Portugal’s mild climate would be beneficial, his superiors sent him to Holy Spirit College, Braga. Still ill, however, he returned to Ireland and was then, at his own request, sent to Trinidad’s tropical climate in 1888. But his tuberculosis got only worse, and the following year he returned to Europe. Confined to Chevilly’s infirmary, he died there peacefully in his sleep.

97. Br. Vincentius (James) Tuohy
Trinidad, United States of America Ireland
*July 29 1861 Glenfullow, Waterford

He made his profession at Blackrock July 16 1882 and worked there till in 1884 he was appointed to Trinidad. Returning to Paris in Oct 1887, he remained there till Dec. 1888 when he as assigned to HG College, Pittsburgh, as a prefect. He left the Congregation there in June 1890.

98. Fr. Aloysius Kienlen
United States of America, Haiti, France
*Jan 15 1852 Housen, Alsace

Professed, after ordination, Aug 26 1876, he sailed at once for Haiti to teach at St Martial's. Eleven years later, he returned to France, where we find him stationed at Langonnet and Cellule. In 1889 he was appointed to St Joseph's Bay City, Mich. He left the Congregation there one year later in Sep 1890.

99. Fr. Frederick W. Kurmann 36
Trinidad, Ireland
*Nov 25 1854 Munster, Westphalia +Dec 16 1890 Port of Spain

When Bismarck's Kulturkampf exiled the Spiritans from Marienstatt, Kurmann went Ireland to finish his classical studies at Blackrock. He profected there 1878-80, while studying philosophy. Sent to France for his theology, he was ordained in Chevilly Nov 30 1883, and made his vows Aug 24 1884, receiving an appointment for Trinidad. After teaching for six years at CIC, he died there of a stomach hemorrhage.

100. Br. Cassien Vincent
Trinidad, France
*Sept 5 1869 Mulhouse, Alsace

He made his first vows at Chevilly Oct 28 1888 and was appointed to Trinidad. After working in CIC as a sacristan and in housekeeping duties, he returned to France, in May 1890. Reassigned to the college of Beauvais, he withdrew from the Congregation soon after.

101. Eugen Garandel 32
Trinidad, France
*c. 1859 +Nov 12 1891 Castelnaudary

Because of his delicate lungs, he was sent to Trinidad as a prefect around 1884, but returned to France in late 1885 or early 1886. He had received minor orders, but his tuberculosis prevented him from advancing further. Placed in Castelnaudary college as a prefect, he died there of his illness.

102. Fr. James O'Connor 29
Trinidad
*May 7 1862 Meenbavian, Kerry +Feb 10 1892 Port of Spain

He did his classical studies at Rockwell, 1879-85, followed y philosophy and theology at

Chevilly and was professed, after ordination, Aug 15 1890 at Orly. His weak chest caused him to be appointed to Trinidad in Oct 1890 but its reputedly favorable climate did not prevent tuberculosis from killing him in a little more than one year.

103. Fr. Martin Kelly
Trinidad, Ireland
*Jan 12 1857 Clonraddan (d of Killaloe)

A graduate of Blackrock, he professed at Rockwell, 1879-82, and then studied philosophy and theology in France. After becoming a priest in 1886 at Chevilly, he made his vows Aug 28 1887. He was assigned to Rockwell, where he taught science and mathematics for four years and then sailed for CIC, Trinidad in Oct 1891. Leaving the Congregation in March 1892, he joined the diocesan clergy of Newark, NJ. He died in Feb 1917.

104. Br. Paulinus Colgan 32
Trinidad, Ireland
*April 20 1860 Clombrin (d of Kildare) +April 22 1892 Port of Spain

He entered as a postulant at Rockwell in 1882 and pronounced his vows Dec 8 1884. After working as a refectorian for five years at Rockwell, he sailed for Trinidad and became a prefect for the youngest boys – a function for which his gentleness made him especially suitable. In 1892 he became a victim of tuberculosis, which in a few weeks' time carried him to his grave.

105. Fr Clement Folie
St. Pierre et Miquelon
*Feb 1 1860 Pont Erepin (d of Seez)

Professed, after ordination, at Chevilly Aug 24 1884, he was appointed to the Miquelon islands to teach at the college of St-Pierre and do pastoral ministry in the same island. When in 1892 all Spiritan priests had been suspended or interdicted by the prefect apostolic, he returned to France and withdrew from the Congregation in Aug 1892.

106. Fr. Peter Breidenbent 29
United States of America
*June 27 1863 Weisenau, Palatinate +Dec 31 1892 Weisenau

As a boy, he accompanied a Spiritan to America and, in 1878, entered HG College, Pittsburgh, becoming a seminarian two years later. In 1884 he went to Chevilly for his clerical studies; he was professed, after ordination, Aug 26 1888. Suffering from tuberculosis, he went to Bordeaux to recover, and could return to the USA in Sep 1889. The quiet and unassuming young priest was assigned to teach German at the Pittsburgh college. When the disease re-asserted itself, he vainly tried to recuperate at St Anthony's Millvale and St. Mary's, Sharpsburg. In search of a better climate, he was sent home to Germany, but died in his family. Interment took place in the local parish cemetery.

107. Richard Hamilton
United States of America
* d of Pittsburgh

+ Feb 2 1887

He had made a first commitment to the congregation, when he was asked to prefect at HG College in Pittsburgh. We find him there in 1891, but he seems to have withdrawn one or two years later.

108. Michael Kaczka
United States of America
*c. 1860

See no. 107. Oblation 6/13/1886 – Withdrew because of illness.

109. Emile Leinweber
United States of America
*c. 1859

See no. 107. Oblation 2/2//1887

110. Br. Fabius Wimmers
United States of America
*June 9 1863 Piqua, O.

He made his profession at Marienstatt, Ark., Aug 28 1881 and worked there as a mechanic till 1885. Transferred to Pittsburgh, he worked at HG College in the same capacity and as a prefect, teaching mathematics and commercial science. He left the Congregation there in May 1893.

111. Jerome Otter
United States of America, Trinidad

After making a first commitment to the Congregation, he prefected at HG College, Pittsburgh, 1890-92 and at CIC, Trinidad, 1892-93. Returning to the States, he left the Congregation in Jan. 1894.

112. Fr. John Bosch 49
United States of America, Senegal, France
*July 4 1844 Steinbourg, Alsace

+ Oct 8 1893 Kinzheim, Alsace

A farmer's son, he entered the junior seminary of Cellule in 1862 and the senior seminary of Langonnet in 1870. He was professed, after his ordination, at Chevilly Aug 22 1874. A few weeks later, he sailed for Senegal, where he worked for five years, mostly at Ngzobil. Then yellow fever sent him back to France. After teaching for four years at the colleges of Mesnieres and Rambervillers, he was transferred to the USA and, in 1833, became superior of the

Marienstatt community, Ark. Those were the pioneering days. One day he went on sick call ten miles away and had to cross a river which was in flood. An excellent swimmer, he tied his clothes in a bundle and, throwing his horse's bridle over his shoulder, swam across on his back, one hand held high holding the bundle. He arrived just in time to administer the sacraments to the dying man.

After 18 months in Arkansas, a liver ailment sent him back to France. He spent five years there in ministry at Bordeaux then became ill again. He suffered agonizing pains for more than a year, but endured it all with the patience of Job and unshaken confidence in God. When his condition improved, he went to convalesce with his brother, a priest at Kinzheim, Alsace. In 1891 he was assigned to Cellule as a preacher and director of the Brothers. When he became ill again in 1893, his superiors sent him back to Alsace for a rest, but he died a few weeks later and as buried in the local parish cemetery.

113. Fr. Achilles Lemire 34
Trinidad, Ireland Australia
*June 10 1860 Vieux-Berquin, Nord +June 30 1894 Port of Spain

He had studied at the local junior seminary of Hazebrouck when, in 1879, he entered the Congregation at Chevilly. Ordained Dec 23 1882, he made his profession Aug 26 1883. After teaching for five years at Blackrock, he was assigned to Australia to help establish the Congregation on that continent. He became pastor at Maryborough, near the new St. Patrick's College of Ballarat, which was to be the crucial foundation of the attempt. When the Spiritans failed in the college, the entire staff withdrew from Australia in 1892. Lemire, who had done excellent work in his parish, then received an appointment as superior and principal of CIC, Trinidad, where he arrived in Nov 1892. He quickly gained universal respect and won a battle for more equitable subsidies from the government. Then a yellow fever epidemic struck and he was one of its victims. He died at St Patrick's rectory and was buried in Lapeyrouse cemetery.

114. Fr. Michael Levadoux 28
Trinidad, Australia
*May 23 1866 Menetrol, Puy-de-Dome +Aug 16 1894 Port of Spain

He began his junior studies at Cellule, continued them at Blackrock, 1879-82, and finished them at Cellule in 1885. After his theology at Chevilly, he was ordained Oct 28 1889 and made his profession Aug 15 1890 at Orly. He sailed for Australia to help found St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, and returned to France when this venture failed in 1892. Appointed bursar of CIC, Trinidad, in 1893, he did not last long. The yellow fever epidemic which killed his superior, Fr. Lemire, also carried him off two weeks later.

115. Fr. Edmund Gustavus Schuster 46
United States of America, Haiti, Sierra Leone, Peru
*Aug 9 1848 St. Croix, VI +Jan 21 1895 Lima, Peru

He was a student at the Spiritan-staffed senior seminary in Martinique when he asked to be admitted to the Congregation and was sent to Langonnet. He professed at St Martial's, Haiti, and was professed, after his ordination, Aug 15, 1875 at Chevilly. After a very brief stay in

Sierra Leone – the white man’s grave – he became a teacher of English at St Martial’s, Haiti, for nearly 16 years. In 1892 he came to the USA and worked at St Joseph’s, Bay City, Mich., for two years. Finally, he was transferred to St Louis’ College, Lima Peru, again, to teach English. The following year he died there of an intestinal disease which the physician had diagnosed as “imaginary” or “the flu.”

He was buried in the local cemetery alongside the Brazilian Spiritan Antonio Mendes Pereira – a prefect who had died there of tuberculosis.

Fr. Schuster was the first Spiritan priest born in what is now USA territory although at the time of his birth it was still Danish. He worked for most of his life in the “Province of America,” which then covered the entire Western hemisphere.

116. Fr. John Quinn 46
United States of America, Ireland
*Aug 11 1848 Dalkey, Dublin +Feb 7 1895 Chippewa Falls, Wisc.

A young teacher, he entered Blackrock’s junior seminary in 1868, finished his classical studies, prefected two years there, and another two years at Rockwell while studying philosophy. After doing his theology at Langonnet, he was ordained in 1877 and made his profession at Chevilly Aug 25 1878. Sailing for the USA, he arrived in time to be appointed to the newly opened HG College in Pittsburgh as a teacher of classics. In 1892 he became pastor of St. Ann’s, Millvale. Illness caused him to resign in 1892 and, after a rest in Pittsburgh, he went two years later to Chippewa Falls because the doctor advised a drier climate. He died about six weeks after his arrival there.

117. Br. Noel (Jean-Pierre) Benoit
United States of America, Haiti
*March 16 1868 St-Etienne, Loire.

After his profession Sep 8 1887 at Chevilly, he received an appointment to Haiti. Seven years later an epidemic in Port-au-Prince forced him to leave and he came to the USA. He worked at HG College in Pittsburgh but left the Congregation in July 1895.

118. Fr. Eugene Schmidt 41
United States of America
*Aug 3 1854 Illhaussern, Alsace +Sept 5 1895 Morrilton, Ark.

A farmer’s son, he entered Langonnet in 1871 to finish his classical studies and his theology. He pronounced his vows, after ordination, at Chevilly Aug 24 1879 and was appointed to the USA. He taught for a few years at HG College in Pittsburgh and then went to the Marinenstatt community in Arkansas. There he could indulge his longing for direct ministry, riding horse-back, in fair weather and foul, to visit his scattered flock. Re-assigned to the Pittsburgh college in 1884, he combined his desire for ministry with that for penance - he longed to be a Trappist – by assisting a difficult pastor at Troy Hill, who one day confessed: “I am an impossible man to live with; yet I can get along with the Holy Ghost Fathers.” (The pastor rashly concluded from the particular to the universal.)

In 1890 Fr. Eugen returned to Arkansas and served the parish of Conway. Soon, however, he was called back to Pittsburgh for more teaching. Then illness struck and he had to resign to seek a cure in Europe. On his return in 1891 he became pastor of St John's, Green Bay, Wisc.; then, in 1893 pastor of Sacred Heart, Morrilton, Ark., which by now had become a solid parish, but was burdened with a heavy mortgage. He paid off \$100,000 – the equivalent of 1 ½ million in 1980 dollars – in two years. Greatly beloved by his parishioners, he died after a brief illness.

119. Fr. Nicholas Weckel
United States of America, France, Martinique
*Jan 4 1861 Mommenheim, Alsace

Professed, after ordination, Aug 28 1887 at Chevilly, he sailed for the USA and was appointed to HG College, Pittsburgh. In Dec 1888 we find him as pastor of St. Joseph's, by City, but six months later he was back in France and assigned to the college of Epinal. In 1890 he went to Mauritius, where he lasted less than two years. Returning to the USA in Oct 1892, he became pastor of Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, WI., where Br Menele Weckel was also stationed. He withdrew from the Congregation in Jan 1896.

120. Br. Menele (Francis) Weckel
United States of America, France, Ireland
*June 26 1859 Mommenheim, Alsace

After his profession at Chevilly Sep 8 1882, he was assigned to Cellule, then to Blackrock and the junior seminary of Seyssinet, before coming to the USA in Nov 1890. Although he had been destined for St Mary's, Detroit, he became first cook in Pittsburgh's HG College. By 1893 we find him at Notre Dame parish, Chippewa Falls, as a gardener, then in 1895 as a cook at St Mary's, Sharpsburg. He withdrew from the Congregation in Oct 1896.

121. Meister
Trinidad

He profected at CIC in Trinidad from 1893 till about 1897 and then withdrew from the Congregation.

122. Frederick Raush 25
United States of America, Ireland
*c. 1872 D of Wurtzburg +April 24 1897 Rockwell

This "scholastic of Pittsburgh" was profecting at Rockwell when he died. He was buried in the local community cemetery.

123. Fr. John Walsh 28
United States of America, Sierra Leone
*July 8 1868 Ballydonohow, Kerry +May 9 1897 Sherbro, SL

With his family he migrated to America; at the age of 19, he became a junior at HG College in 1887. Sent to Chevilly for his clerical studies in 1891, he was ordained Oct 27 1895 and pronounced his vows at Chevilly Aug 15 1896. At his request, he was appointed to Africa and became the first African missionary of the Province. Making a quick trip home to say goodbye to his family, he resisted all efforts to retain him in the USA. Then, in Oct 1896 he sailed for Sierra Leone. In excellent health and full of enthusiasm, he set to work at Bonthe and Sherbro. Half a year later, blackwater fever attacked him and in four days carried him to his grave. He was buried in the Bonthe community cemetery. His family still venerates him as a saint.

124. Fr. Basil Kuhn 43
United States of America, France
*Feb 20 1854 Hilsenheim, Alsace +July 11 1897 Detroit

Together with his brother Alphons, he entered the junior seminary of Langonnet in 1871 and was professed, after ordination, at Chevilly Aug 29 1881. After fifteen years as bursar of the colleges of Rambervillers, Epinal and Beauvais he came to the USA in 1896. Assigned to St. Joachim's, Detroit, as an assistant pastor, he was very happy to be involved in pastoral ministry and to utilize his talent for liturgical music and chant. After a very busy day on which a solemn First Communion and Confirmation were held in the blazing heat of July, he was found dead of a stroke the following morning. Interment took place in the local cemetery.

125. Fr. Michael Boyce
United States of America, Sierra Leone
*July 4 1862 Araheera, d of Raphoe

He made his profession, after ordination, at Chevilly Aug 26 1888 and sailed for Sierra Leone in November of the same year. After several attacks by dangerous fevers, he had to return in March 1891 and received an appointment to the States. While stationed at HG College, Pittsburgh, he took care of the Emsworth parish till 1895. Transferred to Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, Wisc., he "inspired new fervor in the parish," but withdrew from the Congregation in Oct 1897.

126. Fr. William Power
Trinidad, United States of America, India, Martinique, France
*Aug 3 1843 Waterford, Waterford

An alumnus of Blackrock, he did his clerical studies at Paris, 1862-65, and was professed, after ordination, Aug 26, 1866 at Chevilly. His first appointment sent him to Chandernagor's college in India, and from there he went in 1869 to the college of Mauritis. Fr. Xavier Corbet brought him to Trinidad when he returned there in 1873. The new arrival taught mathematics at CIC till 1878 when he was appointed rector of the new college in Pittsburgh. He remained in that position till 1885, and then returned to Trinidad as dean of discipline and teacher of mathematics. Ill health sent him back to Europe in May 1892. Appointed superior of St Peter Claver's, Philadelphia, sickness made him leave a few months later toward the end of August 1892. In November we find him assigned to the college of Mesnieres in France and in

1895 to Langonnet as a teacher of English. He withdrew from the Congregation in December 1897 and became a diocesan priest in Kansas. His death in Memphis was reported in 1899, after 3 weeks in hospitals on 11/27.

127. Fr. Daniel Kirby
United States of America
*July 1 1869 Emly, Tipperary

Professed, after his ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1894, he sailed for the USA one month later, with an appointment to HG College, Pittsburgh. He withdrew from the Congregation in December 1897.

128. Br. Valerian Spielmann
United States of America, Ireland

He made his first vows at Chevilly April 4 1894, and was sent to Ireland, where he served as an assistant chef in Rockwell. In October 1896 he sailed for the USA and worked at St. Stanislaus', Pittsburgh. He left the Congregation in August 1897.

129. Br. Omer O'Connell
United States of America, Ireland
*Sept 12 1855 Ballingarry, Tipperary

Professed at Rockwell Aug 24 1883, he worked there till in 1889 he sailed, together with Fr. Kienlen, to America. He worked there at the St. Peter Claver mission for the blacks in Philadelphia as a sacristan and janitor. By 1893 he was back in Rockwell. He withdrew from the Congregation in July 1898.

130. Fr. Joseph Sand
United States of America, Congo
*Oct 12 1854 Raeser, Luxembourg

Professed, after his ordination, at Chevilly Aug 24 1884, he sailed, together with Fr. Prosper Augouard, from Hamburg to the Congo. We find him in the Linzolo mission in 1885 during the time of the great expeditions into the interior. In July 1891 he marched in only two weeks to the coast – “no one had ever done it so fast” – and went to Europe on sick leave. He returned in the spring of 1892, but his liver ailment forced him to abandon Africa in 1894 for the USA. After working at St Anthony's, Millvale, and St Mary's, Sharpsburg, Pa., he withdrew from the Congregation in July 1898.

131. Matthias Buchleit
United States of America, Ireland
*May 11 1869 Limbach, Rhineland

His family had settled in Fr. Joseph Strub's “Duchy” of the new Marienstatt, Ark., and in

1884 he entered HG College, Pittsburgh, as an aspirant. After his graduation, he professed for four years at his Alma Mater and Rathmines, and then became a novice in 1896. Withdrawing from the Congregation in May 1898, he went to Wheeling, W.VA.

132. Br. Andrew Dreyer
United States of America
*May 13 1866 Allegheny, Pa.

He came to HG College, Pittsburgh, in 1892 as a candidate for the Brotherhood and made his vows there May 13 1894. Assigned to St. Mary's, Detroit, he worked there as a mechanic and sacristan and later went back to the College. He withdrew from the Congregation in August 1898.

133. Fr. Hubert J. Putz
Trinidad, Ireland
*April 28 1858 Burtscheid, Rhineland

He studied at Blackrock 1874-79, and did his theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Nov 1 1885 and professed Aug 29 1886. One month later he sailed for Trinidad, where he taught for 11 years at CIC. Toward the end of 1897 he went on a leave of absence to Germany and withdrew from the Congregation in September 1898.

134. Br. Conrad (Henry) Pritzer 64
United States of America, Germany, France
*Aug 4 1834 Muschenheim, Lahn +Nov 27 1898 Langonnet

A farmer's son, he was 30 years old when he entered the German Marienstatt in 1864. He made his vows there Feb 2 1867. In 1874 when the Holy Ghost Fathers were exiled from Germany, he accompanied Fr. Strub and a dozen other Brothers to the USA. He worked there in the newly acquired novitiate and training school at Pontiac, Ohio, and in other places. Then, desiring "to lead a stricter life," he returned to Europe in April 1890 to become a Cistercian monk at Fontfroide, near Narbonne, in southern France. Unable to stay, he returned in June to the Congregation and worked in various houses in France. Although he was still listed as a Brother in the 1895 general directory, his death in Langonnet was recorded as that of an *agregé* who renewed his vows on his deathbed.

135. Br. Congal (Timothy) Gleeson 57
United States of America, Ireland, France
*Feb 2 1842 Mickerkey, Tipperary +April 19 1899 Paris

He entered the Congregation at Rockwell in 1867 and was professed at Chevilly Sept 7 1870. He worked for ten years in Ireland and later in Chevilly, until his transfer to the USA in 1880. Four years later, he returned to Paris by way of Rockwell. Except for about two years in Blackrock, 1895-97, and some time in Langonnet, he spent his remaining years in Paris and Chevilly in housekeeping duties and as a book-binder. He died suddenly of a heart attack.

136. Br. Philomene (Felix) Fevrier
Trinidad, Guinea
*Nov 20 1875 Mevouillon, Drome

He had gone as a novice to Guinea in 1894 and returned for his profession three years later. After pronouncing his vows at Chevilly Sep 12 1897, he was appointed to Trinidad. He worked there as a prefect at CIC till, in September 1899, he left the Congregation.

137. Fr. Charles Laengst 41
United States of America, Sierra Leone
*April 5 1858 Meckelbeuren, Wurttemberg + Sept 5 1899 Conway, Ark.

He studied in Cistercian seminary at Mehrerau, then at Rockwell, 1876-79, before doing his theology at Chevilly. Ordained in 1884, he was professed Aug 24 of the same year. Soon after, he sailed for Sierra Leone, but illness quickly forced him to return. Too weak to go back to Africa, he came to the USA. He worked there with “great piety, zeal and devotion” among immigrants in Sharpsburg, Detroit, and as pastor of St. Joseph’s at Conway, Ark. Prematurely worn out, he died there and was buried in the Spiritan plot of the local cemetery.

138. Fr. Edward Galway
United States of America
*Nov 25 1861 Riverhead, Newfoundland

Probably he was one of the “Newfoundlanders” who studied at the small Spiritan college of Saint Pierre, SPM, when he felt attracted to the Congregation and the Fathers sent him to Blackrock to complete his classical studies. He made his profession, after ordination, Aug 15 1889 at Orly. In the same year he was appointed to HG College, Pittsburgh. After teaching there till around 1893, he went to St. Ann’s, Millvale. In 1899 he withdrew from the Congregation to become a diocesan priest.

139. Fr. Gerald Griffin
United States of America, Namibia, Ireland, France
*July 16 1854 Ballyclough, Limerick

He was the brother of two other Spiritans, Charles, who died in the Congregation’s attempt to make a foundation in Australia in 1889, and John. Gerald graduated from Blackrock in 1873, studied theology in France and was professed, after ordination, at Chevilly Aug 14 1879. Three weeks later, he sailed for Cimbebasia – an area of about one million square miles in south-west Africa – to help in the new mission that were just then being opened there by Fr. Charles Duparquet and a tea of Irish, Portuguese and French Spiritans. He arrived at Omaruru via Walvis Bay just after Christmas, but escaped the wrecking of the mission by the Herrero people because by then he had already been replaced by Fr. Joseph Lynch from Mauritius. He was appointed to Rockwell in April 1881, but went from there to the college of Beauvais, where one of his students was the future Bishop Joseph Shanahan of Nogeria. In 1889, he sailed for the USA. We find him there at HG College, Pittsburgh, “capably assisting” his brother John in his

work, and he continued to be listed as stationed there till 1897. The following year he was recorded as “retired” – at the age of 44 – in Langonnet. He withdrew from the described as a poet, “linguist, theologian globe-trotter and missionary, who at present is chaplain of the convent of Mercy at West Gilford, West Australia.” By then he was 81 years old, the last survivors of the three Griffins. He died in 1936 in Limerick.

140. Fr. Robert Tobin 44

141. United States of America, Ireland

*Sept 1 1855 Ballingarry, Tipperary

+March 28 1900 Tucson, Ariz.

He entered Rockwell as a junior seminarian in 1877 at the age of 22, transferred to Blackrock in 1879, and prefectured at Rockwell 1880-82. For his clerical studies he went to France, where he was ordained at Chevilly in 1886 and professed at Orly Aug 15 1887. Appointed to the USA, he taught at HG College for two years, then was struck by tuberculosis. After convalescing in Pittsburgh and in Chippewa Falls, he entered a sanatorium at Las Vegas, N.M., and at Tucson. There he died of his illness.

142. Fr. Thomas Brennan 32

Trinidad, Ireland

*Aug 10 1868 Sart, Kilkenny

+June 11 1900 Port of Spain

He went to Blackrock as a junior seminarian in 1884 and, after completing his studies, prefectured there for 3 years. Sent to France for his clerical formation, he was ordained there in late 1896 or early 1897, the very day on which, according to the records, he departed for Trinidad. The hot climate was supposed to be good for his tuberculosis. Less than three years later, however, he succumbed to his illness.

142. Fr. Henry O’Halloran 39

Trinidad

*July 9 1861 Limerick

+Sep 21 1900 Port of Spain

He came to Blackrock as a transfer student from the diocesan seminary of Dublin in 1879 and stayed five years to complete his classical studies and earn a university degree. Then he went to France for his theology and, after his ordination made his vows at Orly Aug 15 1889. Appointed to Trinidad because of his weak lungs, he taught at CIC as much as his condition permitted. He died there eleven years later of tuberculosis.

143. John Kuhl 62

United States of America, Germany

*c. 1838

+Oct 14 1900 Norwalk, Conn.

He had entered the German Marinestatt and followed the community into exile during Bismarck’s Kulturkampf. With Fr. Strub he came to the USA as an *agregé* and served the Congregation and its works for twenty years. We find him stationed at Pittsburgh’s HG College from 1885 till his death. Without vows, he followed community life with perfect regularity.

144. Fr. Louis Fortemps
United States of America, Ireland, Portugal, France, Gambia
*Feb 8 1865 Aix-la-Chapelle, Rhineland

During the Spiritan' exile from Germany he went to Blackrock for his classical studies, 1880-85, and was ordained after his theological studies in 1889 at Rockwell. Professed Aug 15 1890 at Orly, he taught for one year at Holy Spirit College, Braga, Portuga. He then spent one year in the USA, another in Portugal, a third in France ant the college of Mesnieres and a fourth in Ireland at Rockwell. In 1875 he was appointed to Bathurst – no Banjul – in Gambia, where he was in charge of a school Toward 1900 he withdrew from the Congregation to become a diocesan priest.

145. Martin Patick Hehir
United States of America
* Ireland +Nov 7 1900 Ireland

He studied at HG College, Pittsburgh and made his first commitment to the Congregation Feb 2 1900. Like so many others, he had tuberculosis and returned to Ireland to find a cure. He died there in his family. Permission to pronounce his vows did not reach him in time.

146. Fr. John Edward Schmitz 48
Trinidad, United States of America, Ireland
*Jan 5 1853 Aix-la-Chapelle +Dec 16 1901, Tarentum, PA

An apprentice carpenter in his father's trade, he entered the German Marienstatt junior seminary in 1869. When Bismarck wrecked the community, he was sent to Rockwell to finish his studies. After doing his philosophy at Langonnet, he prefected for three years at Rockwell and then began his theology at Chevilly. Ordained Nov 21 1880, he was professed Aug 28 1881. During his years of study, he persuaded numerous young men to join the Congregation. He taught at CIC, Trinidad, where he was greatly beloved and respected, till in 1890 recurrent illness forced him to leave the island. Coming to the USA, he taught briefly at HG College in Pittsburgh and then worked as an assistant in Chippewa Falls WI, and St Mary's Sharpsburg. In 1895 he became pastor of Sacred Heart, Tarentum, Pa. Greatly weakened by a stroke, he continued to work a full schedule and died suddenly of a second stroke. He was buried in the community cemetery of Sharpsburg, Pa.

147. Fr. Joseph Barth
United States of America
*March 6 1861 Pittsburgh

He was professed as a priest Aug 26 1888 in Paris and appointed to The USA. He served successively at St. Mary's Sharpsburg, St. Peter's Tarentum, Notre dame, Chippewa Falls, Sharpsburg again, and St. Joachim's, Detroit. After 12 years of service, he appears to have withdrawn when his vows expired in 1901.

148. Fr. John Ott
United State of America, France, Ireland
*July 20 1838 Ostheim, Alsace +Feb 28 1902 Epinal, France

After studying at the Marianist college of St Hippolyte, he transferred in 1856 to the Spiritan school of Gourin because he desired to become a missionary. He did his clerical studies in Paris and was ordained June 14 1862; he made his novitiate at Monsivry and was professed at the mother house Aug 23 1863. After 9 years as a bursar at the seminary-college of Cellule, he sailed, together with fathers Steurer, Schwab and Kayser, Nov 7 1872 to the USA to open the first house of the Congregation, the college of White Sulphur, KY. But when they arrived in Covington, Ky., on Nov 23, nothing was ready for the new venture.

While the other three took temporary positions, Ott traveled to Nazareth College, near Dayton, O., and found a promising situation in the Cincinnati diocese: The French parish of St Remy in a place called Russia, a German one in Piqua, and another in Berlin; in addition, an estate in Pontiac that could be used as a Brothers' novitiate. Ott himself became pastor of St. Remy.

After Fr. Strub's appointment as provincial in the USA, Ott returned to France and filled a variety of functions. In 1881-82 he was back in Pittsburgh as rector of the Congregation's junior seminary; then bursar for one year at Rockwell. The remainder of his life was filled with assignments in France. His health was bad, but his know-how as bursar excellent; that's why his superiors often changed his appointments. He also was the Congregation's archivist, 1892-95; in this capacity he compiled and published the first necrology of the Congregation. His last position was that of accountant at the Epinal college. He had amassed a large amounts of letters, papers and notes, but unfortunately destroyed all of them before he died of stomach cancer. He was buried in the community crypt of Epinal's cemetery.

149. Br Phebus (or Joseph-Auguste) Bouvier 39
St. Pierre et Miquelon, France, Martinique
*Jan 18 1863 Plumaugat, Brittany +May 8 1902 Saint-Pierre, MTQ

He entered the junior seminary of Beauvais in 1881 as a 19 year old, but was soon advised to switch to the Brotherhood. After his profession Dec 8 1883, he sailed for the Miquelon Islands as a prefect at the Spiritan college of St Pierre. He worked there till 1892 when the school had to be closed because all priests had been suspended or interdicted by the prefect apostolic whom the government had imposed on the islands. For 5 years he served in the mother house at Paris and as prefect in Cellule, until, in 1897, he could sail to Martinique as a prefect in the college of St Pierre, Martinique. He perished with 13 other Spiritans in the 1902 eruption of Mount Pele, which killed the entire population of 30,000, except one prisoner deep in a dungeon.

150. Fr. John N. Wietrzynski 27
United States of America
*May 8 1875 Brozostkow, Poznan +May 20 1902 Pierroton, F
Prussian Poland

An immigrant, he was admitted to the junior seminary of HG College, Pittsburgh, in 1891

and then went to Cornwells for his novitiate and clerical studies in 1897. Professed Aug 28 1898, he was ordained at Overbrook, PA. Dec. 22 1900. Then tuberculosis struck him. His superiors sent him to the sanatorium of Pierroton, but it was too late to save him. He had made his perpetual vows before his departure from Cornwells.

151. Br. Rudolph (Joseph) Gockler 74
United States of America, Germany
*Jan 26 1828 Olpe, Westphalia +July 5 1902 Conway, Ark.

He was a 37 year old male nurse when he entered the German Marienstatt. With the exiled members of the community and Fr. Strub he sailed in 1874 for America and, with him, he went to Pontiac, O., and, in 1877 to the new Marienstatt, Arkansas. From 1881 he was in an immigrant parish of Conway as sacristan, chef and nurse to the sick of the parish. An exemplary Brother, he rendered great service to all. He died of a stroke and was buried in the local cemetery

152. Fr. Boleslaus F. Strzelczok
United States of America
*May 30 1869 Babimost, Poznan, Prussian Poland

He had attended a teacher's training school before he migrated to the USA and entered HG College in Pittsburgh. After studying philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly, he was ordained and then professed at Orly Aug 15 1897. Returning to the States, he worked at St. Stanislaus', Pittsburgh, under Fathers Jaworski and Tomaszewski till in Sep 1902 he withdrew from the Congregation.

153. Fr. Fridolin Frommherz 28
United States of America
*Feb 17 1874 Pittsburgh +Oct 18 1902 Cornwells

He entered HG College in Pittsburgh as a junior seminarian in 1887 and made his profession at Chevilly Nov 1 1897. An excellent student, he was sent to Rome for his studies. He became a priest at San Valentino – the summer house of the community – Sep 23 1899 and earned a doctorate in theology in 1900. Appointed to the senior seminary of Cornwells in the same year, he taught there for two years. Then the physician diagnosed advanced tuberculosis. He died less than three weeks later.

154. Fr. Frederick Griffin 41
Trinidad, Ireland, Grenada
*Nov 18 1861 Limerick +Nov 26 1902 Port of Spain

The youngest of four brothers who entered the Congregation, he studied at Blackrock, 1871-79, and then profected there for one year. Predisposed to tuberculosis, he was sent to Trinidad, the climate of which was judged to be favorable by physicians in those days. He profected there for 5 years at CIC and, at the same time, privately studied philosophy and theology. After finishing his theology at Chevilly, he was ordained Nov 6 1887 and professed

Aug 26 1888. He then returned to Trinidad, eager to teach and later to do pastoral work at St. Andrew's Grenada, St. Patrick's Newtown and St. Joseph. He died of tuberculosis.

155. Fr. James Browne 64
Trinidad, Sierra Leone
*Dec 4 1836 Dublin

+April 22 1903 Freetown, SL

A late vocation, he entered the Congregation at Blanchardstown – the original location of what was to become Blackrock College – in 1859 and became the first Irishman to be vested in the religious habit of the Congregation in Ireland itself. His senior studies at Chevilly were interrupted by an assignment to prefect at CIC, Trinidad, in 1864, but he could finish his studies in private and receive the subdiaconate and diaconate from the hands of the local bishop. Back in France, he made a brief novitiate, during which he was ordained a priest April 6 and professed Aug 25 1867. Sent back to Trinidad, he resumed out of obedience the “life of a teacher,” which “is for me the most distressing task,” while doing the pastoral work he loved in his spare time. In 1876 he became vice-provincial of Trinidad and principal of CIC, which under his direction began to flourish in every respect. He had spent 28 years in Trinidad when in 1892 he took part in the general chapter at Chevilly and was named Pro-Vicar Apostolic of Sierra Leone at the age of 57.

Despite frequent illnesses, he developed his mission by creating new stations in the interior and fostered good relations with other denominations. Ten years after his arrival he died of black water fever. All flags flew at halfmast and all shops closed for the funeral of this talented and beloved priest.

156. Fr. Francis W. Schwab 58
United States of America, Germany
*Oct 1 1844 Whyle, Baden

+ May 23 1903 Pittsburgh

Attracted by the example of a Spiritan junior seminarian, he went to the Congregation's school at Gourin, France, in 1858 and from there to Langonnet. “A young man endowed with remarkable talents, energy, great courage, firm commitment and all the qualities required in a missionary,” was the recommendation his pastor had given him. He studied at Chevilly from 1863, was ordained in Paris June 6 1868 and made his vows Aug 23 1868. Assigned to Marienstatt, he taught there and became director of the junior seminary till 1872. When Bismarck closed the school, nearly all upper classmen followed him into exile and went to Rockwell or Langonnet.

He himself sailed with Fr. Ott and three others to New York in Nov 1872. Unable to start the opening of a college at White Sulphur, KY, Schwab went to the French parish of St Remy, Russia, O., and then became pastor of the German parish St. Boniface, Piqua, O. When difficulties developed with Archbishop Purcell of Cincinnati, Fr. Strub in 1878 withdrew all personnel from Ohio, and Fr. Schwab officially became pastor of St Mary's, Sharpsburg till 1893. Very successful as a pastor, he then received an appointment to the new Spiritan parish of St. Mary's, Detroit. It was in bad shape and split by dissension. Schwab soon remedied the situation and remained there till 1901 as a much beloved pastor. Then the doctor prescribed a rest in his native Germany for the sick man. Fr. Acker, the superior of the newly restored

German Province, appointed him novice master for the Brothers at Knechtsteden. But life under Acker was difficult and in 1902 he returned to the USA.

He became pastor of the German parish of St. Anthony, Millvale, Pa. Less than a year later, he died of a heart attack in St. Francis Hospital. He was buried in the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

157. Fr. William Maher
Trinidad, United States of America, France, Ireland
*Sep 12 1859 Thurles, d of Cashel

He studied at Blackrock 1877-81 and did his clerical studies in France. Professed, after his ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1889, he was appointed to CIC, Trinidad, but illness caused him to return to France in May 1890. He taught there at Beauvais and Mesnieres, but by 1892 he was at Rockwell. In 1894 he became a staff member of HG College, Pittsburgh, but he left the school two years later. In 1903 he withdrew from the Congregation to become a secular priest. We find him stationed in Green Castle, Ill. in 1915.

158. Fr. Joseph Spielmann 59
Trinidad, Ireland, Martinique, France
*Feb 13 1844 Bergheim, Alsace +Aug 11 1903 Langonnet

He entered the Congregation at Cellule in 1860, studied at Langonnet till 1868, was ordained in Paris Sep 19 1868 and pronounced his vows Aug 29 1869. For 11 years he taught at Blackrock; then was assigned to the college of Port Louis, Mauritius. When this school closed in 1882, he became pastor of St. Jacques, Savana, till 1886. He then withdrew from the Congregation, but soon regretted it and was re-admitted in 1887. Two years later we find him teaching at the Epinal college, and in 1890 he became superior of the Cellule school. Re-assigned to Trinidad in 1897, he became pastor of the island's former capital, St Joseph. Illness forced him to return to Europe in 1901. He died of a stroke in the Congregation's French retirement home.

159. Fr. John H. Muller 70
Trinidad, United States of America, France, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Gambia
*Sep 20 1833 Liebentzwiller, Alsace +Sept 26 1903 Bathurst (Banjul), GMB

An excellent student at the Benedictine colleges of Mariastein and Einsiedeln, Switzerland, he entered the Congregation in 1857 at the seminary-college of Gourin (transferred to Langonnet in 1858) when he was 24 years old. He finished his theology in Paris, was ordained at the novitiate of Monsivry April 5 1862 and made his profession Aug 24 1862. After being bursar for one year at Langonnet, he became one of the founding fathers of CIC, Trinidad, where he worked for 11 years. While bursar at the college, he also taught there till in 1871 he took over the parish of Diego Martin – a place whose pastor had just been assassinated. With his usual energy and devotion, he restored the church, built schools and revived the parish in a short time.

In 1874 he was assigned to the Sierra Leone mission in Africa, where he labored for 6 years and single handedly built a new mission at Rio Pongo. Forced to leave by illness, he came

to the USA in 1881, which gave him a chance to visit three of his brothers in St Louis, who had not seen him in several decades. After preaching missions in Morrilton and Atkins, Ark., he taught at HG College, Pittsburgh, till Aug 1884.

Next, he became bursar at the Mesnieres college for 3 years, then bursar at Langonnet till 1889 when health reasons made him ask for a warm climate and he was appointed to Senegal. As the vicariate's procurator, he transformed a large deficit into a small surplus. While on leave of absence in 1899, he was retained in France to be bursar at Mesnieres and then at Paris.. But when in 1901 yellow fever killed 8 missionaries in Senegal, the 68 year old priest resumed his function there. adding to it those of local pastor and chaplain in the busy hospital.

Sent to Bathurst, Gambia, to disentangle the embroiled financial situation of that mission, he succeeded, but died soon after of an acute gall bladder fever in the local hospital. Many of the numerous appointments of this unassuming priest were prompted by his exceptional talents as a bursar or procurator.

160. Fr. Charles Grunenwald
United States of America
*Oct 26 1868 Thanwiller, Alsace

His family had migrated to the USA and settled in the Spiritan parish of Sharpsburg; so young Charles naturally went to HG College. He profected there around 1887 and then sailed for Chevilly for his clerical studies. Professed, after his ordination, Aug 15 1893, he returned to the college as a teacher. In 1897 we find him at St. Mary's, Detroit, first as an assistant and then as pastor. He published the first English translation of some of Libermann's letters in 1901, his commentary on the prayer *O Jesus vivens* and a short Biography. In Sep 1903 he left the Congregation. He died in Little Falls, Minnesota 8/13/1937

161. Fr. Michael A. Keegan
United States of America, Ireland
*Sep 17 1859 Birr, d of Killaloe

He was professed, after ordination, Nov 15 1901 at Orly when he was 32 years old. His appointment to the Clareville Mission Band in Ireland was followed by his departure for the USA in 1902. He withdrew from the Congregation in November 1903 and died in Ireland in May 1906.

162. Br Philippus Lafferty 54
United States of America, Sierra Leone
*Sep 8 1850 Philadelphia +Dec 6 1904 Freetown SL

He had been all over the world as a sailor and river boatman when his family moved to Iowa. There he met a former Spiritan, Fr Theodore Schiffmacher, who had been expelled from the Congregation in 1863, but held no grudges. He steered the pious sailor to the Congregation. It was tough for the tar to get used to the novitiate at the age of 40 plus, but he was professed April 23 1893 in Pittsburgh. For seven years he worked at HG College, St Peter Claver, Philadelphia, Green Bay, Wisc., and Cornwells; then at his own urgent request, he was sent to Africa. He labored there with his usual energy and devotion in several stations of the Sierra

Leone mission. Struck by Bright's disease, he died four years later after a brief illness in the local hospital. He appears to have been the first United States borne Spiritan brother who was appointed to Africa.

163. Br. Adelphus (Frederick) Rogge 64
United States of America, Germany, France
*Feb 23 1840 Kleinbarthof, Saxony +Feb 21 1905 Knechtsteden

An engraver, he entered the German Marienstatt in 1867 and was professed Dec 8 1870. He taught at the Spiritan trade school there till its closure by Bismarck's persecution. With Fr Strub and many other Brothers, he sailed for the USA in 1874, where he was assigned to the new community of Pontiac, O., and later to St Mary's, Sharpsburg. In 1878 he returned to France and worked there at Mesnieres till this college was closed by Combes' persecution in 1903. A severe heart patient, this excellent Brother then went home to die in the restored Province of Germany.

164. Br Placidus (Peter) Nohr 34
United States of America, Germany
*July 9 1871 Monchen-Gladbach +July 22 1905 Belmead, VA

A gardener by profession, he entered Knechtsteden in 1897 and took his vows Nov 1 1899. In 1901 he received an appointment to the USA and was stationed at Cornwells. When the physician diagnosed tuberculosis, he was sent to the milder climate of Virginia to help Fr. William Stadelmann at the Agricultural and Industrial Institute of Belmead in 1903. He died there and was buried in the cemetery of nearby St. Francis de Sales convent of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters, Powhatan, VA.

165. Br. Ronan Brelivet 40
Trinidad, St Pierre et Miquelon, France
*Dec. 11 1864 Locronan, Brittany +Sep 21 1905 Port of Spain

He entered the Brother's novitiate at Langonnet in 1881 and was professed there March 19 1884. For 3 years he continued working there, and then received his appointment for the Miquelon Islands as a prefect in the local Spiritan college. When this school closed in 1892, following the suspension of all priests by the local ordinary, Br Ronan sailed for Trinidad. He prefected there at CIC for another dozen years, paying special attention to the youngest of his charges. Struck by tuberculosis he was confined to the infirmary for about 3 months before his death.

166. Fr. Peter Acton 33
Trinidad, Ireland
*June 2 1872 Ballure, Galway +Oct 31 1905 Port of Spain

He studied at Blackrock and received the religious habit there in 1891. After prefecting there for several years, he made his profession at Orly Oct 1 1899, studied theology at Chevilly till 1903 and was ordained Oct 28 1902. Appointed at first to Blackrock, he was transferred to CIC, Trinidad, the following year, but came only to die of tuberculosis some months later.

167. Br. Leopold (Jules) Courtial
St Pierre et Miquelon, Haiti, Madagascar, France
*Feb 23 1861 Clermont-Ferrand, Auvergne

He made his profession at Chevilly Sept 8 1879 and worked as a prefect at the college of St Pierre in the Miquelon Islands till about 1883. He then did the same kind of work at Cellule till 1887 when he made his perpetual vows and was sent to prefect at St Martial's, Haiti. Transferred from there to Madagascar in 1905, he withdrew from the Congregation in Feb 1906.

168. Fr. Nicolas Stoll 64
Gambia, Sierra Leone, Reunion, India, France, Liberia, Portugal
*May 31 1842 +Sept 24 1906 Kaysersberg

He entered the Congregation at the junior seminary of Gourin in 1856, continued his studies at Langonnet, Paris and Chevilly, where he was professed, after ordination, Aug 26 1866. Appointed to Africa, he worked in Gambia and Sierra Leone till in 1870 illness forced his departure. Next, we find him at St Bernard's College, Gibraltar, and when this school closed, he went to the Miquelon Islands. To bolster the enrollment of the new college there, he made a recruiting trip to Newfoundland and found there the first Newfoundlander to enter the Congregation. Four years later, he was in Reunion, then in Rondicherry and Chandernagor, India, till 1881.

Back in France, he directed the orphanage of Cellule for two years and then returned to Sierra Leone to take up again the mission of Liberia, where Libermann's sons had originally started their African labors. When the attempt failed in 1887, he returned to Sierra Leone, but once more had to be repatriated in a hurry if he wished to survive. Re-assigned to Cellule at first, he transferred to Portugal in 1891 and became superior of Campo Major and then provincial bursar in Lisbon. On a visit to his hometown in Alsace he died of erysipelas after an illness of three days. He was buried in the local cemetery. Meticulous in everything he was the born bursar and that was the function which he exercised nearly everywhere he went for 40 years.

169. Fr. Henry Lucien Galette
United States of America
*June 23 1873 St.- Leger, Yonne

He had almost finished his theology in France when he came to HG College, Pittsburgh in 1896. The following year he asked to enter the Congregation. Professed Aug 28 1898 at Cornwells, he was ordained March 7 1899 in Baltimore, and appointed to the Pittsburgh college. In 1902 we find him in St. Joachim's, Detroit, where he "worked very zealously." Around 1905 tuberculosis forced him to seek a cure in a sanatorium. In his illness he withdrew from the Congregation in Oct 1906 and died Jan 1909 at Santa Fe, N.M.

170. Br. Angelo M. Gebel
United States of America, France
*Dec 24 1877 Philadelphia

He made his profession at Chevilly Jan 2 1898 and worked there and in Cellule till his return to the USA in Jan 1904. Assigned to HG College, Pittsburgh, he withdrew from the Congregation around 1906.

171. Br. Arnold (Ludwig) Prinz 64
United States of America, Germany
*Feb 6 1842 Scheuerbusch, Rhineland +Jan 12, 1907 Ferndale

A farmhand and a former soldier of Nassau, he went to work at Marienthal's community in 1865 and then applied for admission to the Congregation. He made his vows March 18 1869. Throughout his life, he was the chef in various communities, first in Marienstatt, then, after the expulsion of the Holy Ghost Fathers by Bismarck, in the USA, at Piqua, O., Sharpsburg, HG College, Pittsburgh, and most of all, at Millvale. A "discrete and devoted man of exemplary regularity," he retired to Ferndale in 1906 and died there of intestinal cancer. He was the first man buried in the local Spiritan cemetery.

171. Br. Matthew (Francis) Lingg 74
St. Pierre et Miquelon, France, Senegal, Germany
*May 2 1832 Beuren, Wurtemberg +March 2 1907 Langonnet

He entered Notre Dame du Gard in 1854, made his novitiate at St Ilan and was professed Sep 14 1856. His influence on the disadvantaged boys at that industrial school was so good that he was asked to stay there. He learned to be a professional chef, familiar with the secrets of French cuisine, in a nearby castle and then became the teacher of the French province in Monsivry, near Paris, 1866-69, he was, at his request, sent to Africa. Soon after his arrival in Senegal, however, he caught yellow fever and had to be repatriated. Stationed at the congregation's social works in Toulon during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, he was arrested and deported to Switzerland. When peace came, he went to Paris and, in June 1873, he arrived in the Miquelon Islands. Three years later, he was back in France and gave another 19 years of service as chef in various houses. In 1895 Fr Acker took him to the newly founded community of Knechtsteden to teach culinary arts to young Brothers. He retired to Langonnet 1900 and died there of asthma a few years later.

- 172.Fr. Alphonse Murphy 38
Trinidad, Ireland
*Aug 2 1868 Rattgar, Duglin +April 21 1907 Tobago

Handsome, pious and very intelligent, he entered Blackrock's junior seminary in 1883 and, after graduation in 1888, was retained as a prefect for 4 years. His many occupations, however, affected his health, so that he had to take a leave of absence. Sent to Langonnet for his clerical studies, he was forced to leave because the humid climate affected his health. Returning to Blackrock in 1893, he went from there to Trinidad as a prefect at CIC. Yellow fever raged in the city when he arrived and when his two companions – Fr Lemire and Fr Levadoux – died of it, he was sent to Grenada until the epidemic subsided.

While doing an additional 4 years of prefecting in CIC, he completed his theological studies in private and received the diaconate in Port of Spain. In 1897 he obtained his return to

Europe for the novitiate at Orly, but, again, had to leave because of ill health. Three months later, he resumed teaching as a prefect for another 3 years at Blackrock. During this time he was ordained a priest Nov 20 1898 by the Bishop of Cashel. Re-admitted to the novitiate in 1901, he made his vows Aug 15 1902 and was re-appointed to Trinidad.

He had an enormous influence on the students there and was greatly loved, despite the fact that he was dean of discipline. An excellent preacher, he drew churches filled to overflowing when he preached a mission in the island's parishes. On Easter Monday 1907 he traveled to Tobago to help the local pastor during his Easter recess. Caught in a tropical downpour, he developed a fever. His condition became hopeless when the doctor diagnosed typhoid fever. He died a few days later.

174. Br. Natalis (Jean) Quinto (or Quinio)
Canada, France

*Sep 27 1880 Meslan, Brittany

He pronounced his first vows at Chevilly Sep 8 1899 and was appointed to Cellule. In March 1906 he sailed for Canada's new agricultural school of St Alexander, new Ottawa. He practiced his trade as a tailor there for one year and then withdrew from the Congregation in June 1907.

175. Br. Geran (George) Rauscher 46
United States of America, France
*March 1 1861 Scheibenhart, Alsace

+Sep 18 1907 Philadelphia

He entered as a postulant at Chevilly in 1884. Still a novice, he was sent to the agricultural school attached to the Congregation's social works of Merville. After his profession Sep 8 1886, he returned there until in 1890 he received an appointment to the complex of industrial and agricultural works for wayward youths at St Ilan. He did not do too well with them and the boys frankly said that he was "too kind" for them. But he was "too kind" for them. But he was again in his element when he was transferred to the orphans' division of the same institute. Its suppression by Combes' persecution brought him to the USA in 1904. He worked there devotedly in Cornwell's farm, following his motto "never to waste a minute, an inch of soil, or anything else, no matter how small." About 3 years after his arrival, he began to complain of intestinal troubles. He was rushed to St. Agnes' Hospital, but it was already too late. He died two days later and was buried in Cornwells' community cemetery.

176. Patrick Kett
Trinidad
*D of Killaloe

He made his first commitment as an oblate at Rockwell March 17 1902 and sailed with Fr Richard Dooley to Trinidad in October of the same year to prefect at CIC for a few years. He withdrew from the Congregation in or before 1906.

177. Fr. Emile Reiberl 45
United States of America, France, Martinique
*Feb 1 1862 Thannweiler, Alsace

+Oct 27 1907 Pittsburgh

A cousin of Fr. Michael Dangelzer, he did his classical studies at Cellule, 1876-83, philosophy and theology at Chevilly, 1883-87, was ordained in November 1887 and made his vows Aug 26 1888. After teaching for 7 years at the college of Mesnieres, he sailed for Mauritius, but became seriously ill and had to return the following year. Following a one year teaching assignment at Knechtsteden, he came to the USA in 1897. He spent several years at Chippewa Falls as an assistant pastor, and then went successively to Cornwells, HG College, Pittsburgh, Cornwells again, and finally Millvale. In Oct 1907 he contracted typhoid fever and underwent a major operation for a perforated intestine without anesthetics at Mercy Hospital. He died a few days later and was buried in the parish cemetery of Millvale, PA. His many appointments were not caused by an inability to stay put, but either by ill health or a call for his exceptional talents.

178. Fr. Thomas Giblin
United States of America
*Jan 24 1872 Manchester, GB

His family migrated to Lorain, O., and young Tom did his classical studies at HG College. Sent to France, he learned philosophy at Langonnet and theology at Chevilly. Professed, after ordination, Aug 15 1896 at Orly, he returned to the USA. He taught at HG College and at Cornwells until, in 1908, he withdrew from the Congregation. He died in March 1934 in Memphis.

179. Br. Rupert (Henry) Pollonais 43
United States of America, Trinidad,
*Dec 17 1864 Port of Spain TT +Jan 7 1908 Pittsburgh

He studied at CIC in his hometown and wished to become a priest, but was advised not to. He then asked to be admitted to the Congregation as a Brother. No one expected this son of a high government official with his polished manners to last but, despite moments of discouragement, he did. Professed at Pittsburgh May 13 1894, he was appointed to the college community and worked there for 17 years as a refectorian and chef and later as charged with housekeeping duties. While washing windows of the "Old Main" building, he lost his balance and fell to his death on the pavement.

He was the first Trinidad-born member of the Congregation.

180. Fr. Michael Ward 42
United States of America, Sierra Leone
* Dec 9 1865 English, Mayo +March 7 1908 Pittsburgh

A farmer's son, he showed his superior abilities by graduating in 3 years from Blackrock and was admitted to the congregation in 1886. When asked if he was willing to do a few years of prefecting, he declined saying that he did not wish to delay his ordination. It was the only "no" he is said to have pronounced in his religious life. After his clerical studies at Chevilly, he was ordained and made his vows Aug 15 1893. His first appointment sent him to Sierra Leone, but he had to withdraw 17 months later if he wished to live any longer. In Sep 1895 he came to Millvale and later at St. Benedict the Moor in Pittsburgh. In 1904 he became pastor of St.

Anthony's, Millvale, where he devoted himself wholeheartedly to his parish. Struck by pneumonia, he died 4 years later at St. Francis Hospital. The copious tears shed by his parishioners testified to the affection he had gained among his people.

181. Fr. Michael Lane 30
Trinidad

*June 7 1878 Carrigahorig, d of Killalow

+Sep 29 1908 Port of Spain

He joined the Congregation in 1899 and was professed at Orly Oct 1 1902. For his clerical studies he went to Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 28 1905. Appointed to Trinidad, he taught there at CIC with much success in seemingly good health. Then suddenly he developed a high fever and within an hour drew his last breath.

182. Br. Marcus (Marcus) Fuchsloch 74
United States of America, Germany

*April 14 1834 Bremelau, Wurttemberg

+Oct 6 1908 Pittsburgh
"with the reputation of a saint"

A well-to-do farmer of 32, he asked to be admitted to the Congregation in 1868 at the German Marienstatt and gave its superior all his money for the new foundation. Professed Dec 12 1870, without a single dissenting vote, he taught and practiced farming and gardening there till the Spiritans were expelled from Germany because of their "Jesuit affiliation." In 1874 he accompanied Fr Strub to the USA, worked at Pontiac, O., and from 1879 on in the new Marienstatt in Arkansas. Five years of hard work later, recurrent fevers obliged him to transfer to Pittsburgh, where he worked at HG College in outdoor occupations. In 1889 he became gardener at St Mary's, Sharpsburg – a position he held for almost 20 years. He died of peritonitis in St Francis Hospital and was buried in the local community cemetery. "No one throughout his life could ever reproach him anything, except that he was too kind."

183. Fr. Theophilus Eisele
United States of America

*Jan 10 1868 Allmansweiler, Alsace

Professed, after ordination, June 18 1901 at Orly, he was assigned to Knechtsteden, but in 1903 he came to the USA and received an appointment to St. Mary's, Detroit. In 1906 we find him teaching at HG College, Pittsburgh. He withdrew from the Congregation around 1908 and joined the clergy of the archdiocese of Portland, Oregon. He died in Bogota, Colombia, in December 1945.

184. Fr. Richard Dooley 39
Trinidad, Tobago, Ireland

*Feb 15 1869 Freshford, Kilkenny

+Jan 25 1909 Port of Spain

He entered Blackrock's junior seminary in 1883 and, after graduating, spent a few year prefecting there before doing his clerical studies in Chevilly. Professed, after ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1895, he taught for 7 years at Rockwell and Rathmines. In 1902 he sailed for Trinidad,

where he taught at CIC and used his talent for preaching in his spare time. In 1908 he was happy to become pastor at Diego Martin, a few miles from the capital. One year later, while taking a group of choir boys on an outing to Macqueripe, he slipped off a cliff and fell to his death.

185. Br. Eugene Devena 72

St. Pierre et Miquelon, France, Italy, Ireland

*April 21 1839 Clairvaux, Jura

+Feb 28 1909 Langonnet

Fourteen years old, he came to Notre Dame du Gard in 1850, seeking admission as a Brother. Placed in the shoemaker's shop, he soon revealed a different talent by his artistic ornamentation of a pair of shoes for Fr. Libermann. After his profession Oct 9 1853, He was called to Paris to get professional training in the fine arts of sculpture, casting, drawing and painting. Four years later he began the life of a roving religious artist throughout the Spiritan world, adorning chapels and church: at Langonnet, St Michel, Blackrock and Cellule. In 1871 he was teaching design at Langonnet and then received an appointment to the Miquelon Islands in 1872. After teaching in the local school and adorning St Pierre' church, he returned to France 4 years later. He taught his art at the college of Merville till 1878 and then decorated the chapel of the motherhouse in Paris. In 1880 he did the same at the new college of Rambervillers, where he also taught drawing. When the school transferred to Epinal in 1888, he went with it, teaching and decorating. Transferred to Cellule in 1896, he celebrated his golden jubilee on the eve of the seminary' closing by Combes' persecution. In 1904 we find him in Susa, Italy, embellishing the ancient Franciscan friary in which the seminary of Seyssienet had found a refuge. Unlike some artists, Br Eugene was a very fervent religious. He retired to Langonnet in 1905 and died there 4 years later.

186. Fr. Anthony Jaworski 64

United States of America, Portugal

*Jan 5 1845 Oberglougau, Salesia

+March 24 1909 Ferndale

During a pilgrimage to Czestochowa, toward the end of his classical studies, he heard the call to become a religious and a missionary. A Redemptorist advised him to enter the Spiritans and he went to the German Marienstatt community in Jan 1869. Still in the same year, he began his clerical studies at Chevilly. Ordained in 1873, he made his profession Aug 23 1874 and received an appointment to the Spiritan college at Braga, Portugal. However, in 1875 he came to the USA. When in October 1778 the Congregation opened its colony for immigrants in Arkansas, Fr. Jaworski was one of the "founding fathers" who went on the first expedition. He took care of the German settlers in Atkins and the Polish immigrants in Warren.

By 1884 he had become aware of the problems facing the Poles throughout America.

About 700,000 strong, they were without enough priests who spoke their language. He asked and obtained permission to Join Fr. Dombrowski, a secular priest who had started a Polish seminary in Detroit. When the work was in danger of foundering for lack of funds, Jaworski crossed and recrossed the USA for two years visiting scattered Polish groups and obtaining their support. Internal dissensions, however, developed in the Detroit Polish community. They culminated on Dec 3 1885 with public disorders when, after the suspension of the Polish pastor Kolasinski, the bishop appointed Fr. Jaworski to serve the parish, but Kolasinski refused to

leave the rectory. With the church under an interdict, Jaworski took care of the Poles from the neighboring seminary. A disagreement with Fr. Dombrowski caused him to return to Pittsburgh.

In 1886 the bishop of Pittsburgh appointed him pastor of St. Stanislaus' parish, which after the suspension of its pastor was already temporarily being served by a non-Polish speaking Spiritan. With the generous assistance of his enthusiastic congregation, he built a beautiful church, convent and rectory. By 1891 he had his first Polish confrere, Fr. Szwarcrok. Others followed.

Meanwhile his health had been undermined by overwork. Although two other Polish parishes had been split off from St. Stanislaus, he still had 5,000 parishioners, and people flocked to him for confessions from as far away as West Virginia and Ohio. During the long Easter duty season sixteen hours a day in the confessional were routine. Struck by a paralysis, he resigned in 1898 while internal dissensions were raging in his parish. Retiring to Cornwells and later to Ferndale, he spent most of his time in prayer. Death found him ready and waiting.

187. Fr. John Desnier 51

United States of America, Martinique, Brazil, Ireland

*Sept 29 1857

+May 19 1909 Philadelphia

After entering the Congregation in Cellule in 1872, he was sent to Blackrock to finish his classical studies and then prefectured there for one year. On his return to France in 1879, he began his clerical studies, but had to interrupt them in 1882 for a few more years of prefecting at St Louis of Gonzaga College, Martinique. Professed, after being ordained, at Chevilly Aug 23 1885, he sailed for Brazil to teach at the new college of Para. He spent 11 busy years at this school till its closing in 1896. The following year we find him teaching at Beauvais, then at Blackrock and at Rockwell, when an attempt was made to start there a senior seminary. When this attempt was temporarily abandoned in 1900, he returned to the college of St Pierre in Martinique. There he escaped the disastrous 1902 eruption of the Mont Pele volcano, which killed his confreres and the entire population of the town, by being absent on ministry.

Transferred to the USA, he taught at the senior seminary of Cornwells and later became director of the junior seminary at HG College. When this junior seminary transferred to Cornwells in 1906, he went with it. His health, however, deteriorated rapidly, and the physician diagnosed tuberculosis of the kidney. When the other kidney became blocked, he piously prepared himself for death. He was buried in the local community cemetery.

188. Br. Girard (Joseph) Jouffroy 36

Trinidad, France, Guinea

*Dec 18 1872 Romange, Jura

+May 31 1909 Port of Spain

He had done his classical studies and philosophy when he entered a Trappist monastery. Eighteen months later, the physician advised him that his constitution was too weak to live the austere life of the Cistercians. About 30 years old he asked to be admitted to the Congregation as a Brother because he preferred their humble life. After his profession march 17 1905, he worked in Chevilly and then as a teacher at Grand Guinea, where he worked as a carpenter and supervisor of other workers. Malaria necessitated his return to France in 1908. Once he had recovered, he sailed for Trinidad, where he arrived in late April 1909. A few weeks later, fever struck again this time accompanied by severe hemorrhages. He died after an illness of one week.

189. Br. Adolph (Adolph) Wolf 45
United States of America
*Aug 27 1863 Luckenbach, Rhineland

+July 22 1909 Pittsburgh

His cousin, Br Englebert Wisser, invited this young mechanic in 1884 to emigrate and enter the Congregation, in the USA since it was outlawed in Germany. Professed Feb 2 1887 at Pittsburgh, he worked 2 years at HG College. From 1889 he was in Marienstatt, Ark., and the nearby parishes of Conway and Morrilton, building churches and chapels and helping the farmers with their machinery. At the same time he was the community cook, for this devoted Brother was always ready to extend a helping hand. In 1898 he went to Cornwells as chef and around 1903 to HG College, Pittsburgh. While fixing a chapel window there, he fell to the pavement and died of a skull fracture.

190. Br. Beatus (Wiliam) Thomann
United States of America
*Dec 15 1877 Lagiewnik, Salesia

A late vocation, he made his vows at Knechsteden, June 21, 1906. In 1908 we find him at Cornwells, and from there he went to HG College, Pittsburgh. He withdrew from the Congregation in July 1909.

191. Fr. Martin Croagh 52
Trinidad, United States of America, Canada, Ireland France Australia, Great Britain
*Nov 13 1856 Clnoulty, Tipperary

+Aug 17 1909 Castlehead, Lancs.

In 1872 he applied at Rockwell for admission as a postulant Brother, but was soon advised to transfer to the junior seminary section. Very intelligent and industrious, he was equally good in ancient Greek and modern mathematics. When exiled German aspirants arrived at Rockwell, he became their guardian angel and quickly learned their language. After prefecting at Rockwell for 3 years, he went to Chevilly for philosophy and theology in 1879 but was sent to Rome 2 years later. Ill health forced him to withdraw before earning a doctorate, and he was professed, after ordination, Aug 24 1884.

He taught philosophy at Holy Ghost Seminary in Paris and then theology at Chevilly. In 1889, when difficulties developed in St Patrick's College of Ballarat, Australia, he was sent there as superior and saw himself forced to preside over the Congregation's withdrawal in failure – an experience that haunted him for the rest of his life.

In 1902 he was transferred to Trinidad, where at CIC he proved to be an excellent mathematics teacher as well as a wise bursar. His health, however, could not stand the climate and in 1903 he transferred to the USA. He worked there till 1905 when he went to the new school of St Alexander in Canada. After a brief stay he was assigned to the new novitiate in Prior Park, England. When this rented property was given up in 1908, he went to Castlehead, the junior seminary of the nascent English province. His health, however, was broken and he died of tuberculosis the following year.

192. Br. Anselm (Jean-Baptiste) Staubli
Canada
*Dec 9 1876 Oberwill, SW

Professed March 19 1904, he sailed for Canada in Nov 1905. He worked for 3 years on the farm of St. Alexander. Returning to France, he withdrew from the Congregation in August 1909, but returned to the New World. He was living in the USA around 1930.

193. Br. Marcellin (Ambroise) Garin 32
Canada, France
*March 14 1877 Sainte-Marie, Brittany +Sep 21 1909 Gatineau Rive

He made his vows May 14 1905 at Chevilly and worked there for 4 years till his departure, together with Fr. Albert David, for St Alexander, Canada. He was not always easy to get along with but, once he recognized his fault, he readily apologized and did his work. He drowned while swimming in the Gatineau river and his body could be recovered only six days later. He was the first one buried in the local community cemetery.

194. Br. John Casimir Szerszen
United States of America
*Dec 26 1869 Strazecin, Galicia (Austrian Poland)

An immigrant, he applied for membership as a Brother and made his first vows in Cornwells March 25 1900. He worked at various jobs in the same community till 1908 and then withdrew from the Congregation.

195. Br. Omer (Victor) Malfugeon
Canada, France
* Oct 11 1865 Merville, Flanders

He was professed March 19 1901 at Chevilly and assigned to the same community. In 1909 he sailed for St. Alexander, worked there as a gardener, and withdrew from the Congregation in March 1910. He died 3 years later at Lebret, Saskatchewan.

196. Fr. Joseph Eigenmann 69
United States of America, France, Portugal, Great Britain, Switzerland
*June 2 1841 d of St Gallen, SW +June 27 1910 Fribourg

Admitted to the Congregation's senior house of studies in Paris, Feb 1 1861, he was sent to the Collegio Romano – the old Gregorian University – in Rome 3 years later. After a brilliant defense of Three theses in a public disputation on Aug 31 1865, he earned a doctorate in theology in 1866. Professed, after his ordination, Nov 21 1866, he taught philosophy at Chevilly until he succeeded Fr. Charles Duparquet as superior of the new foundation at Santarem, Portugal in 1868 and became also the confessor of Russia's ambassador. When in 1870 this school was transferred to Gibraltar, he remained its rector till its closing in 1872. In that year he became the founding father of the new Spiritan community and famous college at Braga and, at

the same time, for 25 years, provincial superior 1872-96. He brought the first Portuguese province to its flourishing pre-revolutionary condition.

In 1896 he became a member of the general council; at the same time he was also temporarily visitor and provincial superior of the USA (1897-98) and of Portugal (1901-04). In the USA he presided over the foundation of Cornwells as the national Spiritan formation center comprising the novitiate and senior house of studies. After 1907 he retired to Braga. In 1910 he was stationed in the seminary of Fribourg. He died there of a heart attack in the parlor and escaped having to witness the destruction of his life work in Portugal a few months later.

197. Dammers
Trinidad

A German clerical novice of Neuscheuern (Neufgrange), who had finished his classical studies at Knechtsteden in 1907, he sailed for Trinidad as a prefect in CIC in 1908, but withdrew from the Congregation around 1910.

198. Fr. Henri Van Haecke 62
Canada, France Martinique, Senegal, Haiti, Guadeloupe, Belgium
*April 17 1852 Bissazeele, Flanders +July 7 1910 Monteran GLP

The second of ten children in a prosperous farm family, he studied at the college of Hazebrouck and gained the prize for excellence each time after his first two years. After graduating with bachelor's degrees in both science and literature, he did his clerical studies at the diocesan seminary of Cambrai, interrupted by 3 years of prefecting at Hazebrouck. There he met Fr Antoine Horner, the famous missionary of East Africa, and decided to join the Congregation. Ordained Dec 23 1876, he pronounced his vows Aug 26 1877 and was appointed to the college of Merville. In 5 years he brought this school to an excellent and then, in 1883, at his request, was sent to the missions. His new assignment was to the college of St Pierre Martinique, where he succeeded in spite of great difficulties.

In 1892 he became superior and director of Chevilly, where he proved a strict but inspiring master. Five years later, he became a general assistant of the newly elected superior general, Bishop Alexander Le Roy, and at the same time, provincial superior of France – till 1898 – and director of the colonial seminary. Overworked by the care and tensions of this troubled period of French church history, he received a one year's leave of absence in Miserghin, Algeria, but stayed for most of it in Senegal, where his oratorical talent was greatly appreciated.

He then spent 5 years in Martinique, Haiti and Guadeloupe, restoring confidence and trust in the midst of the disaster of Mont Pele's eruption, the separation of Church and State, and the convocation of a national council of Haiti's bishops. In 1907 he returned to Europe and became superior of the new Brothers' novitiate in Donck, Belgium. Virtually all candidates spoke Dutch, but this did not faze him, for he was fluent in Flemish.

One year later, he went to Canada, where the St Alexander community was having difficult time because the original agricultural school had proved to be of questionable viability. He remained its superior for one year to restore confidence and then returned to France. Instead of taking a needed rest, he went off preaching retreats and missions and then, in late 1909, sailed again for Guadeloupe. His health, however, was too far gone to be sustained by sheer will power. By May 1910, he was seriously ill and realized that the end could not be far away. The

good Sisters of Cluny took care of him, and his wish to be buried in their local community cemetery at Versailles was granted.

199. Br. Norbertus (John) Muller
Candada, Germany
*Sep 26 1872 Klein, Rhineland

He was almost 33 years old when he made his profession at Knechtsteden June 21 1905 and worked there till his departure for Canada in 1909. The victim of a nervous disorder, he withdrew at St. Alexander from the Congregation in 1910.

200. Fr. William Carroll 56
Trinidad, Ireland, Gabon
*Feb 10 1854 Fohenagh, Galway +Aug 5 1910 Blackrock

After graduating from Blackrock in 1881, he profected there for 2 years, then went to Chevilly for clerical studies. Ordained in 1886 and professed at Orly Aug 28 1887, he taught English at Blackrock while also being dean of discipline. His students nicknamed him Pluto because of his black beard. In 1896 he became superior and principal of CIC, Trinidad, a function in which he led the school with much success and expanded its buildings. His health undermined, he resigned in 1903, became bursar at Blackrock and, in 1907 superior of the new junior seminary of Castlehead, England. Two years later illness forced him to retire. He spent his last year in Blackrock, where he died of a liver ailment.

201. Fr. Joseph Hizman
United States of America
*March 9 1879 Stenkienen, East Prussia (now either USSR or POL)

He made his profession at Chevilly Oct 20 1904, studied theology there and was ordained July 14 1907. The following year he sailed for the USA and worked in the Polish parishes of Our Lady of Consolation, Mt. Carmel, Pa. And later in that of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pittsburgh. He withdrew from the Congregation in February 1911.

202. Fr. Henry Coquet 71
Trinidad, Gaudeloupe, Guyana
*May 13 1839 St -Pere-en Retz (d of Nantes) +March 19 1911 Langonnet

He was a diocesan priest of Nantes, ordained in 1864, who met the Spiritan Fr Jean Lefevre and felt attracted to the Congregation. Professed in Chevilly Oct 1 1871, he sailed for Guadeloupe, where he taught for 2 years at the college of St. Pierre. Transferred to Guiana, he became a chaplain in France's most notorious penitentiaries, and later pastor of Maroni. Illness forced his return to France in 1877. The following year he became pastor of Diege Martin, Trinidad, a function which he fulfilled zealously for 29 years, while also taking care of Carenage and Teteron Bay.

His happiness in his work there was clouded only by the fact that a new archbishop imposed the use of English in religious instruction and refused to confirm children

whocould answer only in the then still current Creole French spoken by most people in the area.

In 1908 he resigned and retired to Langonnet with a very painful facial cancer. He was buried in the local community cemetery.

203. Br. Clemens Schutt
United States of America
*Jan 27 1876 Kleinliebenthal, Moldavia, USSR

An immigrant, he made his profession at Ferndale Aug 15 1908 and worked there for 3 years. He then withdrew from the Congregation.

204. Br. Liberato Rena 24
United States of America, Switzerland, France, Great Britain
*Aug 17 1888 Alpignano, It +Aug 25 1911 Cornwells

He probably became acquainted with the Congregation when in 1903 it opened a junior seminary for exiled French students at nearby Susa. Professed at Chevilly Sept 8 1907, he was appointed to Fribourg and later to Chevilly. In 1910 we find him in Castlehead, England. In late June 1911 he sailed for the USA and was assigned to Cornwells. He had hardly had the time to impress people with his industriousness and openheartedness when, two months after his arrival, he drowned.

205. Br. Osee (Yves) Goualch
United States of America, France, Haiti
*Jan 1 1870 Pleyben, Brittany

Professed at Langonnet March 19 1887, he was appointed to the college of Beauvais and then in 1890 to Haiti. Undermined by the climate, he was transferred to the USA in 1894 and stationed at Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, Wisc. In 1898 we find him St. Mary's, Detroit, where he worked till he left the Congregation in October 1911 going to California, he worked in Los Angeles.

206. Fr. Thomas Carroll 52
United States of America, Sierra Leone, Portugal, France
*July 17 1859 Rathdowney (d of Ossory) +May 12 1912 Langonnet

He studied at Blackrock 1878-81 and profected there 1881-83 and 1886-87. The intervening years were spent doing studies in France, and were a few more after. Professed, after ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1890, he sailed for Sierra Leone and worked there in the Bonthe mission. In 1893 he returned to Europe, to be appointed to the USA. He taught at HG College, Pittsburgh, and served the St Benedict the Moor mission for blacks in the same city. Five years later, he taught at the Spiritan colleges of Braga and Porto, Portugal, and then, from 1902, at Langonnet. He made a second attempt to serve in Sierra Leone's deathly climate in 1906 and worked there in the Moyamba mission. Tuberculosis sent him back to France, where he died of this disease.

207. Fr. John Kelly 37
United States of America
*June 16 1875 Youngstown, O. +Aug 24 1912 White Haven, Pa.

He entered HG College, Pittsburgh, around 1891, profected there 1896-98, and was professed at Cornwells Aug 28 1899, where he also did his theological studies. He was ordained at Philadelphia Nov 15 1902. On the day he offered his first Mass, he became seriously ill and the doctor diagnosed tuberculosis. Soon after, he was sent to the sanatorium of White Haven. There he spent 9 years of patiently endured suffering. His interment took place in the Cornwells' cemetery.

208. Br Isaac (Benoni) Herve 61
Canada, France, Malawi, Senegal
*Oct 27 1861 Plouharnel, Brittany +Dec 28 1912 St Alexander

At the age of 25 he made his vows at Langonnet Oct 3 1886 and was assigned to the same community. Three years later, he sailed for Africa and became a member of a team which went deep into the continent to Kita, in the present Republic of Mali. As a skilled carpenter, he helped build a mission there and later worked in the Dinguira mission of the same country. When these missions were handed over to the White fathers, he withdrew to the Senegal residence of Thies. After 15 years of hard work in Africa, his health necessitated a return to France, where we find him listed at Langonnet among the sick and retired in 1906. Three years later he sailed for St Alexander, near Ottawa. By then he was 58 years old and must have found it difficult to get used to the cold. He died there of Pneumonia a few years later.

209. Fr. John Michael Dangelzer 61
United States of America, France, Ireland
*April 11 1851 Bernardsweiller, Alsace +Nov 3 1912 Pittsburgh

His cousin Fr. James Richert inspired him to enter the junior seminary of Langonnet in Being on vacation in Alsace when the Franco-Prussian war broke out in 1870, he had great trouble returning to Brittany – He was arrested and released three times by the Prussian troops – but made it to Chevilly. He arrived just in time to help with the evacuation of the community for the ensuing Battle of Chevilly. Studying theology at Langonnet, he was ordained Oct 28 1874. After his profession Aug 26 1875, he taught at the new college of Langogne. From there he went to Cellule and, in 1878, to Blackrock.

Five years later he arrived in the USA, but after one more year of teaching obtained his assignment as pastor to the French Canadian parish of St. Joachim, Detroit. A small unwelcoming committee tried to make him leave and backed up its demand with a gun, but his departure lasted only one day. Then he returned and stayed for six years of hard work, rewarded by great esteem and affection. In 1891 he became treasurer of HG college, a function he retained till his transfer as pastor to St Joseph's Bay City, Mich. In 1895. Exhausted by his ceaseless labors, he had to take a rest in 1901 and spent most of it at St Peter's Claver's Philadelphia. For the final 9 years of his life he was the busy pastor of St Anthony's Millvale, Pa. He died of pneumonia in St Francis Hospital and was buried in the parish cemetery.

210. Fr. George J. Schalz 31
United States of America, Sierra Leone
*March 29 1881 Port Crescent, Mich. +Dec 17 1912 Gerihun SL

He entered HG College as an aspirant in 1895 and was professed at Cornwells Aug 24 1902. Having started his clerical studies there, he went to Chevilly and the university of Fribourg to finish them. After his ordination at Chevilly Oct 28 1907, he sailed, together with Fr. Ladislaus Alachniewicz, to Sierra Leone in the fall of the following year. He worked there mostly in the Gerihun mission. But his life in “the white man’s grave” was short – four years. On a visit to Blama for the blessing of a new church, he was struck by black water fever and died less than 48 hours later.

211. John Joseph Cuddihy 30
Trinidad, Ireland
*July 8 1882 Mullinahone, Tipperary +Jan 10 1913 Langonnet

He had been in the Congregation since 1904 and was in his 27th year when he made his vows at Chevilly Oct 6 1908. Sent prefecting at Blackrock, he showed a weak chest and was soon transferred to Trinidad in the hope that its “beneficial” climate would cure him. It was not to be. Returning in Sep 1912, he went to Langonnet and died there of tuberculosis a few months later.

212. Fr. Joachim Lestrohan
United States of America, Haiti, France
*May 14 1867 Camors, Brittany

Professed, after ordination, at Orly Dec 8 1889, he sailed a few weeks later to Haiti and taught there at St. Martial’s. After 3 years, he had to return to France, where he taught at St Ilan and Beauvais. When in 1904 Combes’ persecution closed these schools, he came to the USA and was assigned to Holy Spirit, Chippewa Falls, WI and later to St Joachim’s, Detroit, as an assistant. He left the Congregation in January 1913.

213. Fr. Eugene Berbach 44
Canada, Ireland
*Jan 22 1869 Morschwiller, Alsace +Feb 7 1913 St. Alexander

From the junior seminary at Cellule he went to Blackrock in 1883. As soon as he was competent in English, he was at the head of his class and gained so many prizes that he received very flattering job offers. At the Gregorian University in Rome, 1892-96, he earned his doctorate in theology. Professed, after ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1897, he was appointed to Blackrock, where for 15 years he taught the preparatory courses for the royal university. His students idolized him. Then pleurisy and tuberculosis struck. When the disease seemed arrested, he sailed in Dec 1911 to St Alexander, Canada. He had had barely time to show his superior talents when his illness re-appeared and carried him to his grave.

214. Br. Louis of Gonzaga (Jean) Qerou 69
Trinidad, France, Guyana, Guadeloupe
*march 30 21844 Plougonver, Brittany +April 2 1913 Langonnet

He became a novice at langonnet in 1860 and was admitted to take his vows Aug 29 1861. After working at Cellule and the mother house, he sailed in 1864 for Guiana. Four years later, he was transferred to CIC, Trinidad, where he stayed till 1870. Following 15 years of work in Guadeloupe, he returned to France in 1885 and taught at the orphanage of Douvaine. Ten years later we find him at the industrial school of St Ilan in 1898 at Grand Quevilly, and in 1901 at St Michel. When Combes' persecution closed these houses in 1904, the faithful Brother went Langonnet. He died there of a stroke 9 years later.

215. Edward J. Dunphy 23
Trinidad
*1890 Kilkenny +Oct 5 1913 Port of Spain

He made his first commitment to the Congregation Feb 2 1908 at Blackrock and, 3 years later, went to Trinidad as a prefect at CIC. The topical climate did not benefit his weakened lungs and he died there of tuberculosis after pronouncing his vows.

216. Ernest Brugger
Canada
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He had made his first commitment to the Congregation and was studying at the seminary of Gentinnes, Belgium, when Fr. Joseph Burgsthler took him along to Canada in July 1911. He prefected at St. Alexander for 2 years and withdrew from the Congregation in October 1913.

217. Fr. John Willms 64
United States of America, Ireland, Germany
*March 22 1849 Nideggen, Eifel +Jan 3 1914 Pittsburgh

His two elder brothers preceded him into the Congregation in the German Marienstatt: Br Damasus (Peter), who died in Bagamoyo, 29 years old, and Br M. Anthony (Jacob), who passed away at Cornwells in 1922. John came in 1867 for his classical studies, did his philosophy and theology at Chevilly 1872-76, and was professed Aug 26 1877, after his ordination. He came to the USA in 1878 and taught at HG College, Pittsburgh, till 1895, except, for 2 years at Blackrock for reasons of health (1884-86).

In 1895 he was assigned to help Fr. Acker rebuild the restored German province, but soon returned to Pittsburgh. The following year he became director of the Holy Childhood Association – a work which Fr Strub had introduced and to which Fr Willms had devoted much energy even while still teaching at the college. Travelling all over the States, he promoted the work, published its annals in German and English and distributing also its Polish, Bohemian and French editions. Despite the lack of interest on the part of many bishops, he succeeded especially among German-speaking Catholics: they constituted about 75% of the association's

membership list. Later, the opposition would disappear and the American branch would reach the first place, but the work—which till the present has always remained under Spiritan direction in the USA – owes its first success to Fr Willms. He died after a brief illness in Mercy Hospital.

218. Fr. Francis Joseph Roth 72
United States of America, Reunion, Senegal
*Oct 12 1841 Colmar, Alsace +Jan 6 1914 Chippewa Falls

Professed, after ordination on 12/21/1867, at Chevilly Aug 23 1868, he went to reunion, but in 1870 we find him at St Louis, Senegal. Toward 1876 he came to the USA and left the Congregation to become pastor of St. Remy, Piqua, Ohio. After Schwindenhammer's death, he was re-admitted in 1887 in Pittsburgh. We find him listed as at St Joseph's Bay City, Mich., in 1890 at St. Joachim, Detroit and at St. Joseph's, Conway, Ark., in 1897; as pastor of Holy Spirit, Chippewa Falls, 1902; and superior of Ferndale in 1908. From 1910 he lived as semi-retired in the same community. He died while substituting for an absent pastor at Chippewa Falls. "He greatly edified the Ferndale community by his perfect regularity and his great charity."

While in Ferndale, he was once called to the sickbed of a dying prostitute who had tried to commit suicide and who was no longer able to speak. Offering his own life to enable her to repent, he succeeded in preparing her for death. To the doctor's and patient's surprise, the poor woman recovered almost at once; two weeks later she entered the ranks of the Good Shepherd sister's Magdalenes. He was usually referred to as Fr. Joseph Roth.

219. Fr. John Haas 58
United States of America, Germany
*July 11 1855 Meudt, Rhineland +April 27 1914 Morrilton

Together with his older brother, the future Fr. Jacob Haas, who became a missionary in Gambia, he entered Marienstatt. When Bismarck closed this house in 1873, he finished his studies at a German school and in 1874 followed his brother to Chevilly. Ordained Oct 28 1878, he made his vows Aug 8 1879. Sailing to the USA, he taught for 2 years at the college in Pittsburgh, then served some time at St Mary's Sharpsburg. Around 1883 the talented young priest went to the new Marienstatt in Arkansas and worked among the immigrants at Conway and Morrilton.

In 1888 illness imposed a home leave, during which he attempted to obtain permission for the Congregation to re-enter Germany. When the effort failed, he arranged the opening of a seminary in Watersley, near Sittard, Netherlands, but when everything was ready in 1892, the Archbishop of Cologne promised to get the Spiritans re-admitted to Germany. The prelate failed, but in 1893 Fr. Haas accepted an invitation of Cardinal Schonborn of Prague to open a house at Eger, for which Emperor Franz-Joseph also gave his approval. The emperor's minister of Religious affairs, however, prevented the execution of this plan. When Fr. Acker succeeded where everyone else had failed in 1895 and acquired the old abbey of Knechtsteden, Haas was appointed to the new foundation. He attracted many candidates, including the future Bishop Henry Ritter and the Provincial Fr John Hoffman. However, like many others, he could not live under Fr. Acker's autocratic rule and, in 1903, he returned to the USA. He became pastor at Morrilton, Ark., made it "the best parish in the diocese," and was the bishop's trusted adviser. He died of a wrongly diagnosed appendicitis.

220. Fr. James Iehlen
United States of America, Sierra Leone, France
*Jan 18 1883 Gubwiller, Alsace

He was professed at Orly Oct 10 1903, studied at Chevilly and the university of Fribourg, and was ordained at Chevilly Oct 13 1907. Sailing for Sierra Leone the following year, he worked there at Bonthe and Freetown. The dangerous climate forced him to leave in April 1910 and he then came to the USA, where he was appointed to Duquesne. In 1913, we find him at Holy Spirit parish, Chippewa Falls. Returning to France a few months later, he left the Congregation in May 1914.

221. Bp Francis Xavier Corbet 78
Trinidad, France Reunion, Martinique, India, Madagascar
*July 6 1836 Hochfelden, Alsace +July 25 1914 Diego Suarez MDG

Ordained June 2 1860 and professed Aug 28 1860, he taught at Cellule for 6 years and then became superior and principal of CIC, Trinidad, 1867-74. During his administration the college made the transition from a French school to an English college and became government-subsidized. In 1874 he was called upon to found St. Charles College in Reunion, and when this school was closed 4 years later, he became the head of St Louis' College in Mauritius, as well as vice-provincial.

In 1879 he went to India, where the Congregation had opened a new college, and the following year he was named Prefect apostolic of Pondicherry (1880-86). When he had succeeded in having this prefecture abolished, he returned to France to become rector of the college at Castelnaudary. By 1892 he was a member of the Congregation's general council and director of Holy Ghost Seminary in Paris. Six years later, the Holy See made him vicar apostolic of Diego Suarez, Madagascar, and he was ordained a bishop in Paris, Oct 2, 1898. Having spent the remaining 16 years of his life developing the mission entrusted to his care, he died amid general mourning. Interment took place in the local cemetery.

222. Fr. Donat Schloesser 54
United States of America
*Dec 16 1859 Linthal, Alsace +Oct 31 1914 Alexandria, La.

Having opted for France after the Prussian conquest of Alsace in 1870, he finished his classical studies at Cellule in 1881 and did his theology at Chevilly. He was also ordained there Nov 1 1885; then made his profession at Orly Aug 29 1886. Sailing to the USA, he received an appointment to the Morrilton, Ark., Community. His health, however, was precarious and necessitated frequent sick leaves. He recuperated in Pittsburgh in 1893 after trying to do the same in Dearborn, Mich. But shortage of personnel sent him to Millvale and then back to Detroit. In 1896 we find him again in Morrilton, still subject to nervous attacks and on the verge of a breakdown. Ten years later, he was back in Detroit, more or less resting, then successively in the Pittsburgh college and Holy Spirit parish, Chippewa Falls, Wisc. In 1913 he was in the black parish of St Augustine, Melrose, La. He died the following year in the rectory soon after He had been released from the hospital.

223. Fr. Posper Goepfert 72
United States of America, Ireland, France
*April 3 1842 Obermorschwir, Alsace +Oct 11 1914 Pittsburgh

He entered Langonnet in 1859 to finish his classical studies and did his theology at Chevilly. Ordained Sept 22 1866, he made his profession Aug 25 1867. For 22 years he taught classics and French at Rockwell, where he also was local superior for 5 years and completed his Libermann biography. After a brief stay at the college of Mesnieres, he sailed for the USA and was assigned to St Joachim's, Detroit, in 1891. From there he served as pastor of Sacred Heart, Dearborn, Mich. Later we find him as pastor in Green Bay and Eagle River, WI and then from around 1900 as an assistant in St. Mary's, Sharpsburg. Worn out and suffering from paralysis, he retired to Duquesne in 1912; there he died 2 years later. He was deeply attached to the Congregation, but the one great disappointment of his life was that his wish to be assigned to Africa had never been granted.

224. Fr. Amos Johns 33
United States of America
*Feb 15 1881 Longford, Kansas +Dec. 10 1914 Chippewa Falls

He studied at HG College, Pittsburgh, till 1907 and then made his novitiate at Ferndale. After his profession Aug 3 1908, he did his theology at Chevilly and was ordained in 1912. A brief teaching assignment at Ferndale was followed by a transfer to Chippewa Falls, but soon after he died of diabetes.

225. Br. Jean-Marie (Pierre-Marie) Lincy 24
Canada, France
*March 2 1891 Plouray, Brittany +Feb 25 1915 Perthes, F

Professed at Chevilly June 5 1910, he sailed for Canada and worked for one year at St Alexander. World War One caused his mobilization by the French Army. While returning from a bayonet charge near Paerthes, on the Marne front he was killed instantly by a bullet. On the eve of the assault he had gone to confession to a fellow Spiritan Fr. Emile Herbiniere; they promised each other to write the motherhouse if one of them did fall in battle.

226. Fr. Alphons Coignard
United States of America
*Aug 2 1874 St Hilaire du Harcouet, Manche

He did his secondary studies at Mortain, his philosophy at Langonnet and most of his theology in Chevilly. Together with William Stadelmann and Ladislaus Alachniewicz, he sailed for the USA in 1897 to make his novitiate at Cornwells and finish his theology there. They were ordained in Philadelphia's cathedral Feb 2 1898 and made their profession the same day in Cornwells. The following year Fr. Coignard went to Notre Dame parish, Chippewa Falls, where he took charge of the Flambeau mission. From around 1901 he was in St. Joseph's, Bay City, Mich., till 1915. He withdrew from the Congregation in May of the same year.

227. Fr. Charles A. Leroux 59
United States of America, Ireland, France
*March 1 1856 Toule, Brittany *May 1 1915 Philadelphia

He studied at the diocesan seminary of Quimper, where he was ordained Aug 10 1880. After teaching at the college of Lesneven, his Alma Mater, he entered the Congregation and made his vows at Chevilly Aug 29 1886. His first appointment sent him to Blackrock, where he taught French in the university program. By 1897 we find him at the college of Merville and then at then of Beauvais, taching English, until Combes' persecution forced the Congregation to leave these schools in 1904. Crossing the Atlantic, he came to the Spiritan College of Pittsburgh, but 2 years later went to Belmead, Va, as chaplain of the schools and convent of rock Castle. He reminded there till 1911 when illness forced him to seek a cure in Philadelphia. He died there of heart failure a few years later.

228. Fr. Charles Demaison 47
Canada, France Italy
*May 12 1868 Foverges, Savoy +Aug 1 1915 Giez, Savoy

Professed, after ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1893, he sailed for the French Congo, but illness obliged him to return after two years. Back in France, he became bursar of the junior seminary of Seyssinet. When Combes' edict forced this school into exile at Susa, Italy, he went with it. Later we find him as bursar at Chevilly until in 1908, he sailed for Canada as a staff member of St Alexander's agricultural institute. At the end of 1910 he returned to Europe and was assigned again to Susa. Five years later while on summer vacation, he died in an accident at the family farm in his native province.

229. Fr. Amet Limbour 74
Canada, Reunion, Martinique, Ireland, Haiti, France, Senegal
*Jan 10 1841 Port -Ave, Brittany +Aug 12 1915 St. Louis, SEN

He pronounced his vows, after ordination, Aug 27 1865 and then sailed for Reunion as a staff member of the Providence Institute of social works. When this complex had to close its doors as a result of local riots, he went to the college of St Louis, Mauritius in 1870. Three years later, we find him as the founder of the new seminary college at Beauvais in France. He remained its superior and rector until 1888 when he was transferred to Blackrock and soon after became its superior. In 1894 he sailed for Haiti to organize the large trade and agricultural complex of schools which the government had entrusted to the Congregation. He returned to France in 1897, taught at Holy Ghost Seminary in Paris and edited the Annales of the Congregation. Four years later we find him in Senegal preaching the jubilee at the bishop's invitation.

On his return he again became a founder, for he took over Bishop Le Roy's search for a suitable work in Canada. In 1905 he bought the Wright estate, a 1600 acre property near Ottawa, which was to become the starting point of the Canadian Province. When the foundation was made, he returned to France, edited the Bulletin General and taught again at Holy Ghost Seminary. In 1912, at the age of 71, he obtained a new appointment to Senegal and was stationed at St Louis. He died there four years later. Throughout his life, he had been a man of

vision to whom his superiors entrusted many important undertakings. He fully justified their confidence.

230. Br. Methodius (Francis) Lobos 37
United States of America
*Dec 2 1877 Sambor, Galicia (now USSR,
then Austrian Empire) +Aug 15 1915 Ferndale

An immigrant, he entered Ferndale as a postulant Brother in 1908 and pronounced his vows Aug 15 1909. He worked in the same community for 6 years until, on the anniversary of his profession, an attack of bronchitis put an end to his life.

231. Henry Gardiser
United States of America
*Jan 22 1893 Philadelphia

He entered the Congregation as a novice in Ferndale and made his vows Aug 25 1912. After his philosophy he was sent prefecting at Duquesne, but left the Congregation in September 1915.

232. Br Fredrick (Frederick) Schmidt 62
United State of America
*March 26 1854 Morschbach, Eifel +Jan 16 1916 Pittsburgh

At the invitation of Friends, this master shoemaker migrated to the USA in 1885 and joined the Congregation in Pittsburgh. After his profession Feb 2 1887, he trained there to become also an infirmarian. He spent his entire religious life in devoted service at the college, which became Duquesne University in 1911. Death took him suddenly while he was at work.

233. Br. Odric (Mathurin) Kerhello
Canada, France Spain
*April 30 1873 Inzinac, Brittany

Professed at Chevilly March 19 1902, he received an appointment to the industrial school of St Michel. When Combes' persecution closed this house in 1903, he was sent to the short-lived new junior seminary at Coggulada, Spain, and then in 1905 to St. Alexander's agricultural school near Ottawa. He left this post in 1910 and departed from the Congregation in February 1916.

234. Br. Genesisius (Johann) Ebert 86
United States of America, France, Martinique, Germany
*Feb 24 1830 Unterdeufstatten, Wurttemberg +June 12 1916 Langonnet

He was 26 years old when he presented himself at Notre Dame du Gard and made his profession 2 years later at the new house of Langonnet Dec 8 1858. The following year he went to Martinique, but dysentery forced him to return in 1862. Thus he was just in time to participate

in the founding of the first German province, and it is there that he spent the next ten years of his life at Marienstatt. When the Kulturkampf expelled the Holy Ghost fathers as Jesuit-affiliated, Brother went back to Langonnet until his former provincial, Fr. Joseph Strub, called the quiet but capable man to his new domain – the USA – in 1878. We find him there as a carpenter at the new Marienstatt in Arkansas and later at HG College in Pittsburgh till 1888. Transferred back to France, Br Genes, as French records call him, served in various houses until 1898 when he officially retired to Langonnet. He celebrated his golden jubilee there in 1908 and died 8 years later.

235. Michael Kenny 24
United States of America, Ireland
*Sept 27 1891 Ballygarry (d of Elphin) +June 25 1916 Port of Spain

He spent 8 years in the Congregation before pronouncing his first vows at Kimmage Aug 21 1915, and then came to the USA for his clerical studies. Unfortunately, he became a victim of typhoid fever and died less than one year after his profession.

236. Br Auguste (John) Butler 73
Trinidad, Ireland
*April 6 1843 Callan, Kilkenny +Sept 12 1916 Port of Spain

He entered the Congregation as a postulant at Blackrock and was admitted to profession Sept 2 1864 when he was 30 years old. First assigned to Blackrock, he was transferred the following year to CIC, Trinidad, where his brother Regis Butler would soon follow him. He worked there as a prefect, teaching, directing the college brass band, and using his many technical skills in a variety of ways. Legends grew up around this remarkable man of amazing strength, inexhaustible humor and an irresistible gift of mimicry. Yet his portrait presents the face of a saint and an ascetic. His life in Trinidad covered 51 years, with only one leave of absence. He and the unforgettable Fr Leonard Graf, who died in 1970, together cover more than a century of the school's history.

237. Fr. Patrick O'Connor 38
United States of America
*Dec 25 1878 Meenbanivan, Kerry +Jan 20 1917 Philadelphia

He entered HG College in Pittsburgh as a transfer student in 1896, prefected there one year before his novitiate and was professed Aug 14 1904 at Cornwells. After another year of prefectoring in Pittsburgh, he went for his theology to Chevilly and then to the university of Fribourg. Ordained at Chevilly Oct 28 1908, he returned to the USA one year later at the end of his studies. After a brief appointment to Cornwells, he became an assistant to Fr Thomas Park in the newly opened Blessed Sacrament Parish for blacks in Philadelphia. He died about six years later of a pulmonary congestion.

238. Fr. Matthew Heizman 79
United States of America, Germany, Ireland, Sierra Leone
*Feb 20 1838 Heidenhofen, Baden +March 3 1917 Ferndale

He studied at Langonnet and Chevilly from 1861, was ordained in Paris Dec 25 1865, and professed Aug 19, 1866. Assigned to Germany, he taught at Marienstatt till the community's suppression by Bismarck in 1873 and then at Rockwell. In November 1874 he sailed for the USA and went to St Mary's, Sharpsburg. Four years later we find him at HG College in the year of its founding. He helped to draw up the plans of what is now "Old Main" building on the Duquesne campus. Around 1883 he returned to Sharpsburg until 1887 he became superior of the new Marienstatt, Ark. In 1895 he obtained his assignment to unhealthy Sierra Leone, but escaped death by an immediate return to Europe. In Feb 1896 he sailed back to the States. After an assignment to St Mary's, Detroit, he became pastor of Morrilton, Ark, around 1898. After 1900 he briefly tried the Trappist (1902) but his age and infirmities made him accept the role of assistant at Sharpsburg and then at St Mary's, Detroit, until his active retirement to Ferndale about four years before his death. He celebrated his golden jubilee in 1915. His life "edified us by his great piety and austere regularity."

239. James Ryan 33
 Trinidad, Ireland
 *Sep 24 1884 Farnane, Tipperary +March 20 1917 Port of Spain

He studied at Rockwell and Blackrock's university college, entered the Congregation in 1902, and professed at Blackrock. Professed at Chevilly Oct 3 1909, he was found to be suffering of tuberculosis and sent to Trinidad as a prefect at CIC. He showed himself a real glutton for work and a fine athlete, but the hope that the climate would benefit him proved to be vain. He died there about 5 years later.

240. Fr Emile Joseph Julien 68
 United states of America, Trinidad, Ireland
 *Sep 27 1848 St James, LA. +April 13 1917 Blackrock

Of French and Spanish parentage, he was one of the first students to enter the new Spiritan college in Trinidad in 1863; he found his vocation there and entered the Congregation at Langonnet in 1867. Ordained in 1874, he made his vows Aug 15 1875. After teaching for 11 years at Blackrock, he came back to the USA and worked in St Joachim's Detroit, 1887-88. His next assignment sent him to CIC, Trinidad, for 16 years. When he left because of ill health in 1904 he had "gained many friends... and his name will not soon be forgotten." Returning to Blackrock, he taught Greek there till his semi-retirement in 1914. He died of "paralysis" 3 years later and was buried in Deansgrange.

He was the first member of the Congregation born in territory that was actually part of the USA at his birth.

241. Fr Michael S. Branigan 50
 Trinidad, Ireland
 *March 26 1866 Ballyouskill, Laois +May 28 1917 Port of Spain

He studied at Blackrock and the Royal University 1879-85, and then went to Chevilly for his clerical studies. In 1888 he went prefecting for 5 years at CIC, Trinidad, followed by another year at Rathmines. Ordained in April 1894, he made his vows at Chevilly Aug 15 1895.

Two months later, he was on his way back to Trinidad to spend another 20 years of devoted service, mostly teaching mathematics and commercial science. A gentle man with a quick wit and a keen intelligence, he was greatly loved.

242. Fr. Henry Semery
St. Pierre et Miquelon, France
*Aug 25 1862 St Pierre SPM

Professed, after ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1891, he taught successively at the Congregation's colleges and seminaries of Mesnieres, Epinal, Paris, Seyssinet, Langonnet and Mesnieres, again, till 1903 he went to the Miquelon Islands. In 1906 we find him in Canada, where he withdrew from the Congregation in July 1917. He died in June 1945.

243. Br. Romuald Limeul 70
Canada, France, Spain
*Dec 2 1846 Megeve, Brittany +Sep 13 1917 St Alexander

Other sources say that he was born at Cesseon, Ile et Vilaine. After a probationary period of 3 years, he pronounced his first vows Sep 17 1865 at Chevilly and was appointed to Cellule. He worked there, in the St Joseph du Lac orphanage and in St Illan's agricultural and industrial schools for wayward youths, as a gardener, for nearly 40 years, that is, until Combes's persecution forced these schools to close in 1903. After a brief stay at the shore-lived junior seminary of Coggulada, Spain, he came to Canada's new agricultural institute of St-Alexander. In keeping with his training, he took care of the farm. After celebrating his golden jubilee in 1915, he still did what he could, but died of a stroke two years later.

244. Fr. Anthony Zielenbach 62
United States of America, France, Germany
*Jan 28 1855 Morschbach, Rhineland +Oct 3 1917 Knechtsteden

A farmer's son who had received private tutoring from his pastor, he entered the German Marienstatt in 1871. When Bismarck ordered this house closed, he went to Rockwell to finish his studies. He did his philosophy and theology at Langonnet and Chevilly, was ordained Oct 28 1878 and professed Aug 15 1879.

Sailing to the USA, this very talented and energetic but modest man was first appointed to HG College in Pittsburgh. Soon after, however, he went to the new Marienstatt in Arkansas as bursar and then became its superior. He vainly tried to get a mission started there among the blacks. By 1890 he was back at the Pittsburgh college, and, again left it for pastoral ministry in nearby Millvale, 1891-98. At the same time, he was also national director of the Holy Childhood. In 1898 he became provincial superior in the USA and in this capacity he established for the province its own novitiate and senior seminary at Cornwells.

Elected to the general council in 1906 to represent both Germany and the USA, he went to reside in Paris. While there, he sent his nephew, the future Fr. Joseph Rossenbach, to America and devoted his spare time to the pastoral care of German immigrants in the city. When World War One broke out, he had to leave France and went to Knechtsteden. He taught there at the

senior seminary until his death of a heart infarction. Interment took place in the local community cemetery.

245. Fr. John Baptist Descours 58
United States of America, France
*Sep 25 1859 Cluny (S et L) +Oct 9 1917 Shreveport, LA

He had spent 11 years in the Congregation and was already a priest when he made his profession at Orly Aug 15 1889. For 15 years he taught English at the college of Castelnaudary and the seminary of Cellule. When Combes' persecution closed these schools, he came to the USA in 1904. We find him teaching at Cornwells and later at HG College, Pittsburgh. In 1908 he was in the St Peter Claver mission to the blacks at Philadelphia, and from 1912 on at the Blessed Sacrament mission in the same place. Assigned to the Belvelle, LA, he died there less than a year later.

246. Edwin Woll 22
United States of America
*Feb 6 1865 Cincinnati +Jan 16 1918 Ferndale

After studying at Cornwells' junior seminary from 1910, he went to Ferndale for one year of philosophy since there was no novitiate in 1915. He made his vows there September 9 1917, but died of a heart ailment four years later.

247. Fr. Henry Nouais 42
Trinidad, United States of America, Azores, Portugal, France
*April 22 1875 Rouge, Loire I. +Feb 4 1918 Laventie, F.

He began his classical studies at Mesnieres in 1893. At their completion he was sent to the USA in 1898, made his vows at Cornwells Oct 28 1899 and began his clerical studies there. He was ordained in Philadelphia Nov 15 1902. Two years later we find him teaching at John Fisher College in the Azores, from which he was transferred to Holy spirit College in Braga, Portugal. When the 1910 revolution closed this school, he went to CIC, Trinidad. At the outbreak of World War One, he volunteered for chaplain duties. However, because of his linguistic skills, he was attached to the Portuguese forces operating in France. During a bombardment of Laventie, near Mesnieres, he left his shelter to guide some civilians to safety. His mission accomplished, he returned to shelter, but was struck by a shell and died instantly. Interment took place at the cemetery of Estiaires.

248. Br. Edmond MacSweeney 72
Trinidad, Reunion, Kenya, France, Haiti, Zanzibar, Ireland
*July 19 1845 d of Tuam +March 6 1918 Rockwell

He entered at Rockwell when he was 17 and took his first vows at Chevilly Oct 2 1864. Sent at once to the newly opened college in Trinidad, he worked there for 10 years; then was transferred to the college in Reunion. When it closed in 1878, he went to the Zanzibar vicariate, but soon returned to France. He served there successively for 15 years in the colleges or

seminaries of Langonnet, Langogne, Rambervillers, Cellule, Chevilly and Epinal till about 1893, at which time he was assigned to St. Martial's, Haiti, as a teacher of English. By 1897 we find him at the "English School" in Zanzibar, and a few years later at the college of Mesnieres till its closing by Combes' persecution in 1904. Returning to Ireland, the tired traveler devoted his waning strength for 14 years to Rockwell. He was buried in the local community cemetery.

249. Br. Regis Butler 71
Trinidad, Sierra Leone
*July 30 1845 Callan, Kilkenny +March 6 1918 Freetown SL

He entered Blackrock as a postulant in 1865 and made his novitiate at Chevilly, where he took his vows March 19 1867. Appointed to join his brother Auguste Butler in Trinidad, he spent 26 years there, taking care of maintenance and supervising the hired staff. While he was on leave of absence, his former superior, Fr James Browne, asked and obtained that he be assigned to his mission of Sierra Leone. The capable and devoted Brother spent another quarter of a century exercising the same functions and cultivating the vegetable garden Freetown.

250. Br Tobias (James) Hogan 56
Trinidad, United States of America, Gabon, Ireland
*June 19 1861 Ballylooby, Tipperary +March 8 1918 Rockwell

At the age of 21, he entered as a postulant and took his first vows at Rockwell Aug 24, 1884. Three years later, he obtained permission to sail for Gambia, where he taught grade school to everyone's satisfaction for 6 years. Illness forced him to leave and in 1894 he came to the USA. He taught there at St. Peter Claver's school for blacks. Six years later, he could return to the tropics – this time to Trinidad, where he served at CIC, in charge of maintenance. After sixteen years of devoted service he was found to be suffering of tuberculosis and went back to Ireland in 1916. He died there of his illness.

251. Fr. Charles Steurer 82
United States of America, Zanzibar, Germany
*Oct 21 1835 Glottertal, Baden +May 14 1918 Tarentum, PA.

After finishing his classical studies at Freiburg i. Br., he entered the Congregation around 1857 and studied theology at Langonnet. He was ordained Dec 20 1862 and made his profession at Paris Aug 23 1863. Two months later, he sailed for the new mission of Zanzibar, where he was placed in charge of ransomed slave children. When illness forced him to leave three years later, he went to the Germany community of Marienthal to teach Greek and history.

Bismarck's persecution sent him, together with the Fathers Ott, Schwab and Kayser, to open the first USA community, the college in White Sulphur, Ky. When this venture proved premature, he followed Fr Ott to the Cincinnati archdiocese and worked in the parish of Berlin, Ohio. In 1877 he was sent to Arkansas, where he became pastor of St. Joseph's, Conway – a function he fulfilled for 15 years except for one year of sick leave. By 1896 we find him as pastor in Tarentum, PA. Much beloved by his congregation, he celebrated his golden jubilee

there in 1912, then resigned as pastor and served as assistant till the end of his life. He died of heart failure.

252. Fr. Patrick McDermott 59
United States of America, Ireland, France, Nigeria, Gabon
*April 14 1859 Mullinahone, Tipperary +July 3 1918 Pittsburgh

He became a junior seminarian at Rockwell in 1871, did his clerical studies in Langonnet and Chevilly, and was professed, after ordination Aug 28 1881. After teaching philosophy at Rockwell and Chevilly for a few years, he sailed for the USA and, in 1885, was appointed to HG College, Pittsburgh. Five years later, we find him as superior of the blacks' St. Peter Claver's mission in Philadelphia, and then for 2 years. Working in the Congregation's parish at Green Bay, WI. By 1893 he returned to the Pittsburgh college in a teaching capacity.

In 1902 he obtained his assignment to the Nigeria mission, where his zeal did much good until illness forced his departure 5 years later. He then played a role in the founding of the English province at Castlehead, Lancs. Returning to the USA in 1908, he spent his remaining years at HG College – renamed Duquesne University in 1911 – and became a prominent and highly respected priest and scholar there. He died suddenly of a heart attack after answering Deo gratias to the morning call for prayer. Interment took place at the community cemetery of Sharpsburg.

253. Br. Terence (Theophilus) Schnell 60
United States of America
*May 10 1858 Rosahenz, SW +July 5 1918 Philadelphia

A priest in Michigan who was a former Spiritan novice – was it Fr George Laugel? – sent this immigrant to the Congregation when he was 23 years old. He made his vows at the new Marienstatt Sep 9 1883. After functioning there as a sacristan and prefect, he was transferred to St Joachim's Detroit, around 1888. Suffering from asthma, he vainly sought a cure in France in 1890. Back in the USA, he functioned as a chef at St. Mary's, Sharpsburg, Ferndale, Duquesne and Cornwells till his final illness. He died of his life-long affliction at St Agnes Hospital.

254. Fr. Meinrad Kienstler 71
United States of America, France Reunion, India
*March 26 1847 Ribeauville, Alsace +July 15 1918 Antony, Seine

He completed his classical studies at Langonnet, finished his theology at Chevilly and was ordained and professed there on the same day Oct 1 1871. After teaching at Cellule, he was transferred to St Charles College, Reunion, in 1874. Four years later, he returned with a liver ailment and a nervous breakdown which he never overcame completely. However, when he had sufficiently recovered, he sailed for Pondicherry as an assistant pastor. On his return he became a teacher at Merville and Mesnieres. In 1891 we find him as pastor of St Joachim's Detroit, where he put his fluency in three languages to good use.

From 1896 on he was superior of the Bordeaux community until his infirmities caused him to retire, first to Fribourg and then to Anthony, near Paris, in a convalescent home. Naturally a pessimist, timid and reserved, yet endowed with great eloquence and a broad culture,

he was a very religious man and kept working till 4 days before his death of uremia. Interment took place in the Chevilly community cemetery.

255. Br. Clarence (Francis) Pearson
United States of America
*Nov 28 1893 Philadelphia

He became a postulant in Jan 1912 at Ferndale and a novice in Aug 1913, but I've found no record of his profession. Anyhow, he stayed on in Ferndale for six years. Unable to learn to read or write, he was good at tailoring and devotedly worked there at his job. He withdrew in August 1918.

256. Fr. Patrick Dooley 33
United states of America, Trinidad, Tobago
*Feb 13 1885 Clonmell, Tipperary +Sep 29 1918 White Haven, PA

A nephew of Fr. Patrick MacDermott, he began his studies at Rockwell, but in 1899 went to join his uncle at HG College in Pittsburgh. He left to go to work for 2 years, then became a boarder at the college, and again a seminarian in 1904. Professed Aug 15 1908 at Ferndale, he professed at the Pittsburgh college in 1909 and then did his theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Nov 15 1913. Two years later he sailed to Trinidad as a teacher at CIC, but tuberculosis forced him to return to the States the following year. Confined to a sanatorium, he died there after 2 years of suffering. He was buried in Cornwells.

257. Fr. James Richert (Reichert) 74
United States of America, Ireland, Sierra Leone, France
*Feb 24 1843 Boersch, Alsace +Oct 11 1918 Pittsburgh
"with a reputation of a saint"

He transferred as a junior seminarian from St Hippolyte to Langonnet, studied philosophy and theology at Paris and Chevilly, was ordained Sep 23 1866, and made his profession Aug 25 1867 at Paris. After teaching for 5 years at Rockwell, he obtained an appointment for Sierra Leone, but had to return a few months later because of illness. In 1874 he sailed for the USA to become, with Frs. Joseph Strub and William Bigot, one of the founding fathers of the American province, first at Piqua and Berlin, Ohio, and then in Pittsburgh. In 1882 he returned to France and taught for 15 years at Beauvais. Re-assigned to the USA in 1897, he briefly was pastor of St. Joachim's, Detroit, and then became novice master of the newly founded house of Cornwells. In 1904 we find him in pastoral work at St Ann's, Millvale. He was back again in Cornwells 2 years later, and in St Anthony's, Millvale, in 1910. He retired to Duquesne when he was 71, and celebrated his golden jubilee there. When he died toward the end of World War One, his provincial Fr Eugene Phelen – who was not given to excessive compliments – wrote: "He was the saint of the Province."

258. Br Ewald Ober
United States of America
*Oct 4 1896 Pittsburgh

He made his first vows Aug 15 1914 in Ferndale. After working there for four years, he left the Congregation in November 1918.

259. Br John Baptist Dec
United States of America
*June 23 1893 Mazury Raniszow, d of Przemysl, Austrian Empire
(now Poland, Russia or Czekoslowskia)

He was professed at Ferndale Aug 21 1915 and worked there for 3 years. He left the Congregation in November 1918.

260. Fr. Aloysius Schmitt 48
United States of America, Portugal, Nigeria, Guadeloupe
*June 7 1870 Lautenbach, Alsace +Jan 21 1919 Sharpsburg

He studied at the college of Beauvais and three of the Congregation's junior seminaries before he started his theology at Chevilly. In 1894 these studies were interrupted by a period of prefecting at Holy Spirit College, Braga, Portugal. Professed, after his ordination, Aug 15 1896, he sailed for southern Nigeria, but illness forced him to return after only two years. He then taught mathematics at the college of Guadeloupe for 17 years. In 1915 he was transferred to Cornwells and 3 years later to Duquesne, again as a mathematics teacher. He died a few months later after an operation.

261. Fr Francis J. Roehrig 34
United States of America
*March 9 1885 Detroit +Jan 21 1919 Sharpsburg

He became a junior seminarian at HG College, Pittsburgh, in 1902 and pronounced his vows at Ferndale Aug 15 1908. Sailing to France, he studied theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 28 1911. The following year he began teaching mathematics at Duquesne, but was transferred to pastoral duties at St. Mary's Sharpsburg, in 1914. After 4 ½ years of devoted service, especially to the sick and the young, he died of pneumonia.

262. Fr. Christopher Rooney 71
United States of America, Ireland, Gibraltar, Portugal, Gabon
*June 3 1847 Rathmines, Dublin +May 31 1919 Blackrock

The son of a well-to-do-family, he attended Blackrock College and became a junior seminarian when he was 17. After finishing his classical studies, he prefected for 3 years in Ireland and an additional half year at St Bernard's College, Gibraltar. He studied philosophy and theology at Langonnet and was professed, after ordination, at Chevilly Aug 27 1876. Appointed to teach English at holy spirit College of Braga, Portugal, he became also involved in the construction of its buildings and administration and saw it rise to greatness.

In 1887 he became superior and novice master at the new foundation for Brothers at Cintra on a property donated by the countess Camerido. Five years later, he was mission

procurator for Angola and Congo and as such had many dealings with the Portuguese government, in which he displayed his talents for diplomacy. Meanwhile the countess announced that she had given much of her property to the Congregation's mission in Angola. The news caused a furious campaign against him in certain Portuguese newspapers. The affair reached Rome when the papal nuncio demanded his resignation and exile from Portugal. While the Spiritan generalate readily agreed to give up the property, it successfully objected to Fr Rooney's exile from Portugal and his removal from the position of being the countess's confessor. On her death in 1905 she left part of her possessions to 3 surprised Spiritans, and the remainder directly to the Holy See.

In 1907 Fr Rooney left Portugal and became one of the founding fathers of the junior seminary at Castlehead, Lancs., England. His stay did not last very long, for in March 1908 he appointed to found missions for Portuguese immigrants in Rhode Island. Within 2 years he established St Anthony's, Portsmouth, St Christopher's, Tiverton, and St. Catherine's, Little Compton. Always an enthusiastic and generous worker, he held on to his task until deafness and a heart condition forced him to resign in 1919. Returning to Dublin for a rest, he died of a heart attack soon after his arrival at Blackrock.

263. Nicholas Koch
United States of America
*Dec 12 1892 Marienstatt, Ark.

Professed at Ferndale Aug 25 1912, he began his clerical studies there, then profected at Duquesne 1915-17. Returning to Ferndale, he continued his theology for 2 more years and then left the Congregation in the spring of 1919.

264. Leo Blenner
Canada
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He was a student at Gentinnes, Belgium, in 1911 when Fr Burgsthaler took him and some others along to Canada to form the nucleus of the junior seminary at St Alexander. He studied and profected there till June 1919, but withdrew before pronouncing his vows.

265. Nicholas Popow
United States of America
*Oct 2 1894 Mt. Carmel, PA

After graduating from Cornwells in 1911, he was professed at Ferndale Aug 25 1912. He studied philosophy and one year of theology at Ferndale, and then profected 2 years at Duquesne. After 2 more years of theology, he withdrew from the Congregation at Ferndale in June 1919.

266. Fr Dominic Schlewick 69
United States of America, Haiti, France, Ireland, Germany
*July 26 1850 Emmembach, Wurttemberg +Aug 22 1919 Knechtsteden

By way of the Kaiserwerth – now Dusseldorf – community he entered the Congregation

as an aspirant and in 1864 was sent to Langonnet for his classical and clerical studies. Ordained June 2 1873 and professed at Chevilly Aug 24 1873, he went to St Martial's, Haiti. He taught there for 8 years until in 1881 bad health caused his transfer to the USA, where he worked at St Mary's, Sharpsburg. When his condition did not improve, he returned to Europe and was assigned successively to Cellule and Rockwell, then to the orphanages of Douvaine and St Joseph du lac, near Lake Geneva, where he stayed from 1885 till 1897.

In 1897 he was supposed to become the right hand man of Fr Amand Acker ("the Thundering Abbot"), who did not want a right hand, and led a shadowy existence at Knechtsteden. In 1905 he became the superior of the new junior seminary at Broich, near Aix-la-Chapelle, and built a physical plant capable of accommodating 120 students. Always in bad health, he retired to Knechtsteden in 1911, but still did ministry. Toward the end of World War One he went to replace a mobilized priest in Westphalia, but found himself on the wrong side of the Rhine when the armistice came and was forbidden to return to Knechtsteden. Going to the lake of Constance to live with his family, he made the grip under famine conditions and arrived in a state of complete exhaustion. Realizing that the end was near, he returned to Knechtsteden to die there soon after his arrival.

267. Fr. Jacques Henri Cotonea 72
United States of America, France, Martinique, Mauritius
*March 18 1847 Beuzec Cap-Sizun Brittany +Sept 14 1919 Port Louis, MRT

Of poor peasant stock, he was 20 years old when he went to Langonnet to finish the classical curriculum. Bad health forced him to interrupt his clerical studies as soon as he had started them and he was sent to St Ilan for a rest. From there he went prefecting for 3 years at Cellule because of "doubts about his vocation." Finally, in 1874 he returned to Chevilly, feeling sorry for himself and all these delays. Professed, after ordination, Aug 26 1877, he proved his restlessness by a string of 7 appointments in 13 years: to Martinique, the USA – where he worked at St Joachim's, Detroit 1885-87 – and various houses in France. Everything changed, however, when he was sent to Mauritius in 1891. There he spent the remaining 28 years of his life to the complete satisfaction of the bishop and his superiors. He was finally at peace with god, with himself and other people, filling various positions throughout the island and in Rodriguez. He died after two amputations because of gangrene in his left leg. He was buried in the priests' crypt of St Jean's parish – the place where he had worked for 20 years.

268. Br. Solomon (James) Maguire 76
Trinidad, Tobago, France, Ireland
*May 16 1843 Portaferry, Down +Jan 11 1920 Langonnet

He entered Blackrock as a postulant in 1866 and made his profession at Chevilly March 19 1869. Sent to Trinidad, he worked at CIC for 12 years as a prefect and then returned to Langonnet as a teacher in 1882. The following year, while on leave in Ireland, he received permission to leave the Congregation and become a Passionist; instead, he joined the Little Brothers of Mary, made a novitiate with them and was assigned to the college of St Joseph at Dumfries. In 1889 he went to France for a 30 day retreat prior to making his definitive commitment in that congregation, but decided to ask permission to become a Spiritan again. His request was granted on condition that he make a new novitiate, which he was allowed to do in

Trinidad. From 1889 till 1901 he professed again a CID and then 8 more years at Blackrock. He retired to Langonnet in 1909, affected by cerebral anemia. As the disease progressed, he became more and more demented while other bodily infirmities afflicted him. Death came as a merciful release.

269. Fr. Henry Muespach 72
St Pierre et Miquelon, United States of America, India, Portugal, France
*Oct 15 1847 Leymen , Alsace *Apr 23 1920 Chippewa Falls

A late vocation, he was 19 when he began his classical curriculum at Langonnet in 1866. He was professed, after ordination, Aug 27 1876. To his despair, his superiors appointed him to teach at St Pierre in the Miquelon Islands. Five years later, his health made him seek a milder climate. When he had recovered, he went to Chandernagor in 1882 and then to the college of Pondicherry, India, but became ill again. Assigned to Portugal, he stayed at Cintra and then at holy spirit College, Braga. From there he went to Cellule and Epinal, a second time to the Miquelon Islands and, finally, to the USA in 1892. His health continued to be very weak, so that he could only fill assistant positions in Spiritan parishes at Bay City, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Detroit. Finally, in 1901 he became a pastor of Sacred Heart, Morrilton, Ark., and in 1904 of St Mary's, Detroit: then assistant again at St Joachim's, Detroit and Sacred Heart, Tarentum. In 1919 we find him in the hospital at Chippewa Falls with liver and stomach ailments. He died there the day after Easter

270. Joseph Michael Shanley
Trinidad, Tobago
*Jan 12 1897 Galway

Professed at Kimmage Sept 8 1916, he sailed the following year to Trinidad as a prefect at CIC. In ill health, he returned to Ireland in 1919 and withdrew from the Congregation in June 1920.

271. Br. Aloysius Kapp 34
United States of America
*Jan 27 1886 Philadelphia +Aug 5 1920 Philadelphia

A brother of Fr Charles Kapp – still alive in 1982 – he became an *agregé* of the Congregation. He spent his life in the service of the Cornwells community, where we find him mentioned for the first time in 1908. He made his profession as a Brother on his deathbed.

272. Fr. John C. Simon 35
United States of America, Sierra Leone
*Jan 10 1885 Philadelphia +Aug 12 1920 Freetown, SL

He entered the junior seminary of HG College, Pittsburgh, in 1900 and did his novitiate at Cornwells, where he was professed Aug 15 1906. After profecting in his Alma mater for one year, he became ill and went to Ferndale for his clerical studies. Ill again, he had to take a long

rest. When he had recovered he continued his theology at Chevilly and finished it at the Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained there Sep 24 1910 and appointed to Sierra Leone the following year. An excellent missionary, he was held in high regard by his bishop for his resourcefulness and greatly beloved by his people. While at Leicester for the opening of a school in August 1920, he became ill with the dreaded blackwater fever. Three days later he died at the Freetown hospital.

273. Br. Virgilius Ryan 52
Trinidad, Tobago, Ireland
*Sep 10 1867 Anacarty, Tipperary +Aug 17 1920 Rockwell

He was a 27 year old teacher when he became a postulant Brother at Rockwell in 1894 and professed there for 4 years before being sent to the novitiate in Chevilly. He made his profession Aug 24 1899, although his record noted: "He is so slow and so tall that he seems to have been born tired" – too tired to be useful. Appointed to Trinidad to prefect there at CIC in 1899, he did not seem able to render much service because of similar experiences, he was asked to leave the Congregation. Without vows, however, he stayed on and tried to do better. His good will found its reward when in 1912 he was allowed to renew his vows. Still sincerely trying to do well slowly, he worked at Rockwell till his death.

274. Br. Rumold O'Brien 72
United States of America, France, Ireland
*Feb 22 1848 Kilmaney, Clare +Sep 15 1920 Blackrock

As a master tailor and cutter, he had earned a phenomenal 80 lbs a year for 6 hours of work a day in Manchester, London, etc. in the 1860's. After trying the Christian Brothers, he applied at Blackrock as a postulant in 1875. Professed Sep 8 1879, he was sent to Pittsburgh's HG College. There he was asked to do all kinds of other jobs that left little time for his beloved tailoring. Unhappy, he asked for a transfer in 1881 and worked successively at Cellule, Merville, Epinal and, finally, at the college of Beauvais, where he could devote himself wholeheartedly to his trade. When the Spiritans had to leave the college during Combes's persecution in 1904, he went to Blackrock. He died there after an additional 15 years of service, during which he entertained everyone with stories about the various places where he had lived.

275. Fr. Joseph Pietrowicz
United States of America
*March 9 1888 Philadelphia

After graduating from Cornwells in 1910, he made his vows at Ferndale Oct 8 1911 and began his clerical studies there. They were interrupted by one year of prefecting at Duquesne.

Ordained Nov 6 1916 at Ferndale, he became the following year an assistant in the Polish parish of Our Lady of Consolation, Mt. Carmel, PA. Toward 1920 he transferred to the second Polish parish, St Joseph's, in the same locality; then he withdrew from the Congregation in July 1920 and jointed the clergy of the Scranton, NJ, diocese. He died there in October 1946.

276. Fr. Anthony Rachwalski 55
United States of America, Germany
*June 1 1865 Nabyscyce, Polish Prussia +Oct 21 1920 Pittsburgh

He had finished his classical studies with the Salesians in Turin and had done several years of philosophy and theology, probably in Breslau, Salesia, before he entered the novitiate at Chevilly, Professed Jan 2 1898, he completed his theology and was ordained. His first appointment sent him to Kenechtsteden to teach and, in addition, to find vocations for work among emigrant Poles going to the USA. Not feeling at home in Knechtsteden, he obtained a transfer to the USA in 1902. He worked there for 18 years among Poles in St. Stanislaus', Pittsburgh, and became much beloved. He died of a stroke two days after making a general confession.

277. Fr. John Dekowski
United States of America, Poland
*June 17 1882 Wygoda, d of Plock, Russian Poland

He was about 7 years old when his family migrated to the USA and settled in or near Detroit. After 2 years in a local seminary, he entered HG College in Pittsburgh as a seminarian in 1900. Professed at Ferndale Aug 15 1907, he studied there and at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 28 1910. The following year he returned to the USA and began pastoral work in the Polish Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Pittsburgh. In 1914 we find him listed as a staff member of Cornwells, but in 1917 he – as well as Fathers Rydlewski and Jaworski – became chaplains of the Polish army fighting for the liberation of their country. When this goal was attained, he spent some time in Poland and then, in 1920, returned to Cornwells. He withdrew from the Congregation in October of the same year.

278. Timothy O'Rourke
Trinidad, Tobago
*Dec 6 1896 Abbey Feale, Limerick

Professed at Kimmage Sep 8 1916, he sailed for Trinidad one year later. After prefecting for 3 years at CIC, he withdrew from the Congregation in October 1920.

279. Hugh O'Donnell
Trinidad, Tobago
*April 28 1895 Clonmel, Tipperary

Professed at Kimmage Sep 8 1916, he sailed for Trinidad in 1917. After prefecting for 3 years at CIC, he returned to Ireland and withdrew from the Congregation 1920.

280. Fr. William Healy 75
United States of America, Ireland
*May 24 1845 Cappoquin, Ireland +Nov 2 1920 Philadelphia

He entered Blackrock in 1861 when he was 16, prefecting at Rockwell 1866-68, and then

went to Chevilly for his clerical studies. Afraid to commit himself without further testing, he returned to Blackrock for 6 more years of prefecting, earned a doctorate in letters, and then went back to Chevilly. Ordained in 1877, he made his vows Aug 26 1877, and was appointed to Blackrock. For 11 years he taught Latin and Greek, while also being at various times dean of studies and dean of discipline. In 1888 ill health caused his transfer to the USA, but he obtained permission to go first to Zanzibar to gather materials for a lecture tour designed to foster vocations and collect funds for the African missions. On his return he lectured for several years throughout America and Europe. His record indicates that he was stationed At Chippewa Fall, HG College and St Benedict the Moor, Pittsburgh, Cornwells, but most of all at St Peter Claver's, Philadelphia, where he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the service of the blacks in the city. He died at St Agnes' Hospital and was buried at the Spiritan cemetery of Cornwells

281. Fr. William Le Padillec 54

Trinidad, Tobago, Martinique, Belgium, Mauritius, Reunion

*March 31 1868 Inguiniet, Brittany +Nov 4 1920 Plaine-Samedi, Reunion

He did his classical studies at Langonnet 1878-85, and then began his theology at Chevilly. One year later he was sent prefecting at Epinal for 3 years. He had difficulty there in reconciling his professional duties with community life – a problem that remained with him throughout his life. Professed, after ordination, at Orly Aug 15 1893, he taught at the Congregation's colleges and junior seminaries of Epinal, Langonnet, CIC in Trinidad, 1903-04, St Pierre in Martinique, and Gentinnes, Belgium, 1906-08. Thereafter, the pastoral period of his life began in Mauritius, where he served for about 9 years as an assistant for various mission chapels and the St. Croix parish. In 1917 he became pastor of Plaine Samedi, Reunion. By now his difficult character had considerable mellowed, and he was affable and patient. Toward the end of October 1920 he became ill. The physician diagnosed bronchial pneumonia but neglected to impose bed rest; so the priest went on with his busy ministry on All Souls day. Returning to his room, he collapsed and died two days later. Mourned by his parishioners, he was buried in the local cemetery.

282. Fr. George Lee 68

United States of America, Ireland, Australia

*March 18 1852 Castle Connell, Limerick +Jan 23 1921 Pittsburgh

He pursued the classical curriculum at Blackrock, prefecting for 3 years while doing his philosophy and then studied theology at Chevilly. Ordained Nov 30 1883 and professed Aug 24 1884, he became a teacher at Blackrock and director of the junior seminary. In 1890 he went to Ballarat, Australia, for the unsuccessful attempt to establish the Congregation there. Family circumstances twice forced him to withdraw from the Congregation and go to the USA, but each time he returned. In 1895 he was appointed to HG College, Pittsburgh, where he showed his talents as a teacher. In 1908 he became pastor of St Ann's Millvale and used his spare time to write a Libermann biography, as well as a life of Fr. Laval and the story of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. He resigned in 1919 after a slight stroke and retired to Duquesne. He died about 2 years later at Mercy Hospital.

283. Fr. Leo Zindler
United States of America
*Nov 30 1882 Detroit

He entered HG College, Pittsburgh, as a junior seminarian in 1901, made his profession at Ferndale Aug 15 1908 and was sent to France for his theology. Ordained at Chevilly Oct 28 1911, he returned to the States and was appointed to Duquesne. We find him listed at St Mary's, Sharpsburg in 1920, prior to his withdrawal from the Congregation in June 1921.

284. Fr. Joseph Freceon 70
St Pierre et Miquelon, United States of America, France
*July 31 1851 Lamentin, MTQ +Aug 31 1921 Chevilly

The death by poisoning of his two brothers drove him and his mother from Martinique to France when he was 11 years old. After his classical studies at Ploemel, he returned to Martinique in 1871 to enter the senior seminary. But its director thought that the young man needed the support of a religious congregation and advised him to enter the Spiritan seminary of Langonnet in 1872. After doing his philosophy and theology there, he went to Chevilly, where he was ordained and made his profession Aug 15 1875. He served as a teacher at Cellule for one year and then went to the Miquelon Islands. There he spent 16 fruitful years, teaching at the college, doing pastoral work and organizing the Seamen's society to serve the 50,000 fishermen who converged each year on the teeming waters of the surrounding seas. He also established the St Joseph society to assist sick laborers, and published his conferences to the apostolate of Prayer Society in a book that saw several reprints.

In 1890, when Fr Oster became provincial superior in the USA, Freceon succeeded him as rector of the local college. Two years later, the new prefect apostolic Fr Tiberi, who had been imposed by the government, suspended or interdicted all Spiritans, including Fr. Freceon, who was not afraid of answering back. The college was closed. Returning to France, he spent 3 years at the college of Beauvais as a chaplain, but had trouble adapting himself to the regimented situation there. In 1895 he came to the USA, worked in St Joachim's, Detroit, and in 1904 became pastor of Holy Spirit, Chippewa Falls. He served there as a highly appreciated pastor till 1917, except for a brief stay in Martinique and 3 months in Cornwells. Worn out, he resigned, revisited his beloved Miquelon Islands, and then retired to Paris and Chevilly. He was on the verge of departing for Langonnet when a heart attack caused his death.

285. Br Theodore Fritsch 80
Trinidad, Tobago, France, Ireland, Haiti, Martinique
*Feb 15 1841 Lampertheim, Alsace +Nov 30 1921 Norne Rouge, MTQ

He entered as a postulant Brother in 1857 at St Ilan – the novitiate had been transferred there for one year in connection with the entrance of nearly all Leonist Brothers into the Congregation – and made his vows at Langonnet Sep 8 1860. Assigned to the new foundation of Blackrock he worked there till 1862 and then at the orphanage of Glasnevin, Ireland, till the Spiritans' withdrawal from it in 1863. Sailing to Trinidad, he served at the newly opened CIC, acting as bursar and prefect at the same time. He proved to be a man of many talents, skilled in calligraphy, music, drawing, painting, plastering, casting etc. After spending 34 years in the

service of the community and the college, he was transferred to St Martial's, Haiti, in 1897. There he taught English to beginners and again, acted as assistant bursar. Around 1905 he went to the junior seminary of Fort de France, Martinique. As a good and faithful servant of the Lord, he continued to render service there until his retirement to Morne Rouge toward the end of his life.

286. Fr Francis X. Lichtenberger 51
United States of America, Nigeria
*Dec 2 1869 Guberschwir, Alsace +Oct 14 1921 Detroit

He belonged to a group of Alsatian boys who grew up in Chevilly's orphanage and transferred with it in 1879 to Mesnieres. Two years later he went to Blackrock for his classical studies, at the end of which he returned to Chevilly for his philosophy and theology. Professed, after ordination, Aug 15, 1893, he sailed for Nigeria and began to work in Onitsha, and in 1895 he headed the mission at Aguleri. After seven years in Africa, his health was undermined by a liver ailment and he had to go back to Europe.

Unable to return to Africa, he came to the USA, first to collect funds for his beloved mission and then to take charge of the t Benedict the Moor's black parish in Pittsburgh. When his brother, who also worked in Nigeria, appealed to him to save the mission from bankruptcy, he went collecting again. Then in 1908 he himself went back to Nigeria. Three years later he had to flee again in order to stay alive. Returning to the USA, he served again in the missions to the blacks and, in 1917, founded St Edward's, New Iberia, La. At the same time he continued to give lectures in favor of the Nigerian mission. His last assignment sent him to St Joachim's, Detroit. He died there in the local rectory less than two hours after complaining of not feeling well.

287. Fr. John J. Laux
United States of America, Germany
*Aug 28, 1878 Wahlen, Palatinate

He made his profession Aug 28 1898 at Cornwells, prefectured at HG College in Pittsburgh in 1900 and finished his theology at Cornwells in 1903. Meanwhile he had been ordained at Philadelphia Nov 15 1902. Appointed to HG College, he taught there till 1907 when he was transferred to Knechtsteden, Germany, in a teaching capacity. He retained this position till 1921 and during this time the famous Herder publishing house produced his biographies of St Boniface and St Columban. In 1921 he received an appointment to found the new junior seminary of Speyer in his native province. He withdrew there from the Congregation in December 1921.

288. Fr. Maurice Antonelli 68
Canada, France, Italy
*Sep 15 1853 Porcigatoni, Italy +Dec 22 1921 St Alexander

As a starving and homeless juvenile who was 17 but looked as if he were only 13, he was picked up by the police during the Franco-Prussian War and sent to the Congregation's colony for delinquent youths at St Michel. There he showed his true mettle and in 1876 was

admitted as a postulant Brother. Professed March 19 1878 at Langonnet, he was placed at St Michael as a master mason and divisional chief and succeeded marvellously among the teenagers entrusted to his care. When Combes' persecution closed this school in 1903, he went to the junior seminary in Susa, Italy, and then in 1906 to St Alexander. He worked there first in construction and later as a cellar master who revealed an unsuspected talent for making a very good kind of wine. In addition, he took care of the poultry and, legend has it, knew every chicken by its name. Mourned by all, this simple and very religious Brother died of a pulmonary congestion after a brief illness.

289. Fr. Ferdinand Marcas
United States of America, Haiti
*Jan 1 1886 Ciney, Belgium

He was a young diocesan priest working under Bishop Cornelius Van de Ven in Alexandria, La., and opened there the Sacred Heart (later St. James) mission for blacks in 1910. When he became ill, Fr Joseph Schmodry took over his parish-in -the-making. As soon as he had recovered, Fr Marcas made his novitiate at Chevilly and was professed Dec 29 1913. One month later, he came back to the USA. After a brief stay at Cornwells, he became pastor of the first Catholic Church for blacks – St Peter Claver – in Detroit. In 1916 he was stationed at St Joseph's, Bay city, Mich., and then in Sep 1921 transferred to Haiti. He withdrew from the Congregation in February 1922.

290. Br. M. Anthony (Jacob) Willms 76
United States of America, Canada, France, Germany
*Aug 24 1845 Nideggen, Rhineland +April 26 1922 Cornwells

At the age of 25 he entered the Congregation at Marienstatt, Germany, and pronounced his vows March 19 1872. An expert leather worker, he taught and practiced his trade there in the school for disadvantaged youths till Bismarck closed it in 1873; then, after a few months spent in Langonnet, he was transferred to St Ilan's industrial school in the same capacity. He spent 29 years there, "the happiest time of his life." When Combes' persecution closed this school in 1903, he found a haven in the restored province of Germany at Knechtsteden.

Four years later, he was assigned to the newly founded community of St Alexander, near Ottawa. In 1909 he came to the USA where his younger brother Fr John Willms worked as director of the Holy Childhood. (After brother, Damasus, had died as a missionary in East Africa in 876.) For 13 years Brother worked in Cornwells. In 1919 he asked permission to visit his sister, who had been teaching in Haiti as a member of the St Joseph of Cluny Sisters since 1902, but nothing came of the request. His life, filled with hard work and devoted service, came to an end a few weeks after he had celebrated the golden jubilee of his profession.

291. William Gallagher
Trinidad

This "scholastic of Ireland" sailed with Fr John English to Trinidad in 1919 and professed at CIC till 1922. He then withdrew from the Congregation.

292. Br Bertin (Benedict) Bernhard 57
United States of America, Canada, Britain, Sierra Leone
*April 16 1865 Isny, Wurttemberg +Aug 18 1922 Freetown SL

Attracted by a Spiritan Brother, he entered the Congregation in 1883 and was sent to the college of Rambervillers in France: Then to Chevilly, where he made his vows Sep 8 1885. A “resourceful Person,” he passed from household duties to mechanics and became an expert at it. Assigned to the college at Para, Brazil, in 1886, he worked there till it was closed, 11 years later, by Bishop Le Roy. He was then transferred to the new Amazonian community of Tefe. When the humid climate and the isolation proved to be too much, he obtained his reassignment to the USA and worked at HG College in Pittsburgh, 1901-06, and then 2 more years at St Alexander. As his rheumatism got worse, he went to Cornwells. In 1912 he obtained a leave of absence in Europe, during Shiite he was appointed to Sierra Leone. There he found plenty of scope for his many abilities. Nine years later, black water fever carried him to his grave. We have lost “an excellent and deeply religious confrere; it will not be easy to replace him,” his bishop wrote in announcing his death.

293. Br Tertullian (Willam) Moll 60
United States of America
*Nov 10 1862 Herdorf, Rhineland +Nov 16 1922 Cornwells

A capable farmer who migrated to the USA and settled on the Congregation’s Arkansas concession, he entered the novitiate of the American Maienstatt in 1881. Professed March 19 1884, he was appointed to the same community. The following year he began to have nervous attacks and was transferred to Pittsburgh’s Spiritan college in the hope that a change of climate would be beneficial. He worked there as an organist and cook, but as his condition got worse was successively reassigned to other Pennsylvanian communities at Sharpsburg, Tarentum, St Stanislaus’ in Pittsburgh, St Peter Claver’s, Philadelphia Cornwells, HG College again, and then from 1905 on at Cornwells. He died there 17 years later.

- 294 Fr. Cornelius O’Shea 67
Trinidad, Tobago, United States of America, Ireland
*Sep 13 1855 Skibbereen, Cork +Sep 28 1922 Cork

He did his classical studies Blackrock till 1876, prefectured there for 2 years and then went to France for his priestly studies. Ordained Oct 28(?) 1881, he made his vows Aug 27 1882, and sailed for Trinidad. After teaching there at CIC for 11 years, he returned to Ireland in 1893 and became a staff member at Blackrock and Rathmines. In 1896 when the Mission Band was created, he was one of its first members. He continued with this work, which he loved, till 1912 in Ireland. Then, when the preachers crossed the Atlantic for the USA, he went with them as their superior and soon was very much in demand.

Four years later, He was recalled to become provincial superior in Ireland(1961-21). He “did a marvelous job,” providing the province with facilities for the complete education and formation of its members at home. At the same time he laid the foundation for the impending enormous growth and missionary impetus of the province. Ill health caused him to resign in 1921 and to seek a cure in his home county. Meanwhile civil war raged in Ireland between

Republicans and Free State troops and there was heavy fighting around Cork, which was cut off from communication with Dublin. A few months after suffering a stroke, Fr Shea died in the local hospital. He was buried in the Rockwell community cemetery.

295. Fr. Manoel Joaquim Barros
United States of America, Portugal
*Jan 27 1881 Villas Boas, Portugal

He pronounced his first vows at Orly Oct 1 1899 and studied theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Oct 14 1904. The following year he returned to Portugal, became assistant novice master at Cintra and later taught at the new senior seminary of Carnide. When the 1910 revolution wrecked the Spiritan province in his home country, he was assigned to the USA. He served there in the Portuguese parish of St Anthony, Portsmouth, R.I., which also comprised the missions of Tiverton, North Tiverton and Little Compton. Twelve years later, having failed to obtain permission for organizing a Portuguese branch of the Congregation in the USA, he withdrew from the Congregation in Dec 1922. He became a diocesan priest and died in June 1939 at Bristol, R.I.

296. Fr. Henry Blanchot
United States of America, France, Ireland, Martinique
*Jan 22 1872 Dijon, Cote D'Or

He did his theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained Jan 1 1898 and pronounced his vows the following day. After teaching for a few years at the Epinal college, he became a staff member of Rockwell. In 1905 he came to the USA. Here he worked as an assistant at St. Joachim's, Detroit, for 8 years and acquired a reputation as an excellent speaker. In 1913 he was reassigned to Rockwell. Four years later, when Fr John T. Murphy became Bishop of Port Louis, Mauritius, he obtained Fr Blanchot as his secretary because of his command of both English and French. He also named him pastor of the cathedral parish. But Fr Blanchot withdrew from the Congregation in 1922.

297. Br. Quirinus (Charles) Bohnen 68
United States of America, France
*March 23 1854 Burtscheid, Rhineland +Jan 19 1923 Limoux, F

Ill health had forced him to give up the idea of becoming a priest when he entered the German Marienstatt in 1868. Suffering from nervous attacks – which would gradually become epileptic – but very talented and kind, he made his vows at Chevilly Sept 8 1872. Fr Strub took him along when he sailed to the USA, Jan 2 1874, and assigned him to the Brother's community in Pontiac, Ohio. Recalled to France 2 years later, he taught and worked for war orphans at Chevilly and then at Mesnieres until Combes' persecution closed this institute in 1903. Because his illness had become worse, he retired to Langonnet, still working in the garden there, until his condition made it necessary to send him to a psychiatric institution in Limoux. He died there of a stroke.

298. Fr. Charles Rudolf
United States of America, Sierra Leone
*July 23 1873 Soarau, Salesia

He was professed at Cornwells Aug 26 1900 and ordained Feb 27 1904 at St. Vincent Abbey, Latrobe, Pa. Sent to Sierra Leone, he worked there for about 10 years in the missions of Moyamba and Gerihun. In 1914 we find him back in the USA and stationed at Holy Spirit parish, Chippewa Falls, and St Peter Claver's Detroit. He withdrew from the Congregation in May 1923.

299. Br. Aubin (Leon) Hattemer
Canada, France
*March 2 1882 Bischofheim, Alsace

He pronounced his vows March 25 1900 at Chevilly and was appointed as a gardener in Seyssinet. When Combes' persecution closed this seminary in 1903, he went back to Chevilly. Meanwhile the foundation of the agricultural school at St Alexander, near Ottawa, had been decided, and he was sent to Fribourg for a few years to earn a degree in agriculture before sailing to Canada. He arrived in St Alexander together with Fr Albert David in 1908 and for about 11 years worked in the school's extensive agricultural undertakings. In late 1919 he returned to France and withdrew from the Congregation in June 1923.

300. Fr. Michael Kelly 57
Trinidad, Tobago, Ireland
*July 11 1866 Feakle, Clare +Aug 3 1923 Blackrock

he was 18 when he entered Blackrock's junior seminary, but did his classical studies in 4 years. Sent to Chevilly for his philosophy and theology, he was ordained and made his profession at Orly Aug 15 1893. His first assignment sent him to Rathmines, but the following year he sailed to Trinidad and taught at CIC till 1899. Insistent medical advice made him return to Europe, where he was appointed to Rathmines, but the following year he sailed to Trinidad and taught at CIC till 1899. Insistent medical advice made him return to Europe, where he was appointed to Rathmines and in 1904 to Blackrock. There he remained for the rest of his life teaching mathematics and following community routine with mathematical precision. He died after a long illness of a tubercular nature.

301. Fr. Andrew Feger 61
United States of America, Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, France, Haiti
*June 6 1862 Stotzheim, Alsace +Aug 18 1923 Langonnet

He was an orphan when he entered the junior seminary of Cellule in 1877. For years later he began his clerical studies at Chevilly, and was professed, after ordination, at Parish Aug 29 1886. His first appointment sent him to Liberia, where a new attempt was begun to evangelize the country. For 2 years he worked in Monrovia; then, when the mission failed, continued his labors in French Guinea and Sierra Leone. By 1895 he had survived half a dozen diseases that usually killed, but had to leave Africa. After spending 2 years at the colleges of

Mesnieres and Castelnaudary in France, he tried St Martial's in Haiti. However, his health could no longer stand the tropics and in 1898 he came to the USA. Appointed pastor of St. Joseph's, Conway, Ark., he wisely and tirelessly governed this parish for 10 years and then devoted his waning strength to St Mary's, Detroit, as an assistant. Too weak even to visit his relatives in Alsace, he retired to Langonnet and died there 8 months later.

302. Fr. Francis Schabel
United States of America
*May 24 1879 Ulm, Wurttemberg

Professed at Orly Oct 1 1900, he studied at Chevilly till 1907, but was ordained Oct 28 1904. Appointed at first assistant novice master at Neuscheuern (Neufgrange) in Alsace, he transferred to the USA around 1911 and became an assistant first at St Mary's, Sharpsburg, and then at Holy Spirit, Chippewa Falls. He withdrew from the Congregation in September 1923.

303. Rene Vreven
Canada
*Nov 6 1891 Waelhem, Belgium

Professed at Louvain Sept 28 1913, he was mobilized during World War One as a medical corps man and served with great courage. When peace came he returned to his studies at Louvain, but was sent prefecting at St Alexander in 1921. In November 1923 he left the Congregation.

304. Br. Julien (Joseph) Kerbouch
Canada, Germany, France
*May 16 1885 Landrevarsec, Brittany

He made his first vows at Chevilly March 19 1910 and, one year later, went to St Alexander as a farmer. Illness caused him to return to Europe in 1913. We find him convalescing there at Neuscheuern (Neufgrange) in Alsace on the eve of World War One. After serving some additional years at St Michel, he withdrew from the Congregation in 1923.

305. Fr. Joseph A. Burgess 43
United States of America, Haiti
*Jan 22 1880 Washington, D.C. +Nov 4 1923 Detroit

An only child, he was destined to become the first black priest born in Washington D.C. Barred from attending the nearby Catholic school, he attended a public school until in 1892 he could enter St. Ann's Academy. In 1892 he enrolled in the Josephite seminary of Baltimore, but in 1902 he transferred from the Josephite junior seminary to Cornwells as a philosophy student. Professed at Cornwells Aug 15 1904, he studied theology at Chevilly, where he was ordained July 14 1907. His first appointment sent him to Cornwells, teaching at 6th junior seminary for 12 years. In 1919 he went to St Martial's, Haiti during the American occupation of the island, in the hope that his ethnic origin and American citizenship could foster harmony and peace among the various competing factions. He did not succeed in that well-nigh impossible task; besides,

illness soon forced him back to the USA. Appointed to St Joachim's, Detroit, he died there of a heart attack six weeks after entering St Mary's Hospital.

306. Fr. Joseph Cadoret 70
St. Pierre et Miquelon, Reunion, Comoros Islands, Mauritius
*June 8 1853 d of Vannes +Jan 20 1924 Port Louis, MRT

He had spent 11 years in the Congregation as a student before he made his vows as a priest in Chevilly Aug 27 1882. Appointed to the Miquelon Islands, he served in pastoral ministry at St Pierre, Miquelon and Ile-aux chiens until 1892 the prefect apostolic, Fr Tiberi, forced all Spiritans to leave by suspending or interdicting them. We then find him in Reunion for one year, and in Mayotte and Nossi-Be for 4 years. In 1897 he was appointed to Mauritius. There he spent the remainder of his life – 26 years – as a hard-working missionary, the last two in semi-retirement.

307. Br. John Baptist (William)Hourigan 84
United States of America, France, Sierra Leone, Ireland
*Aug 7 1839 Shronell, Tipperary +Feb 17 1924 Rockwell

He had planned to join the army but changed his mind and entered the Congregation and, at the age of 32, made his profession at Chevilly Oct 1 1871. After serving 2 years at St Michael and Paris, he arrived in the USA in May 1873 and was appointed to the Piqua community that was then being formed in Ohio. His stay did not last very long, for in 1875 he was back in France and assigned to Sierra Leone. Six years later, he returned from Africa and became refectorian at the motherhouse in Paris and then, around 1898 went to Ireland. He served there as chef at St Patrick's House – the residence of the Mission Band at Clareville and later at Booterstown. From 1903 on we find him as sacristan in Rockwell, where he could indulge, to his heart's content, his love to serve as many Masses as possible. A typical example of the devoted Spiritan Brother of that era, he died in Rockwell of old age infirmities.

308. Fr. Emile J. Staab
United States of America
*June 10 1890 Philadelphia

He entered the Congregation at Ferndale in 1911 and pronounced his first vows there Aug 25 1912. He was also ordained there in the last year of his theological studies, Nov 6 1916. In 1920 we find him serving in St Mary's, Detroit, and 3 years later as pastor of the black parish of St. Peter Claver in the same city. He withdrew from the Congregation in March 1924 to become a diocesan priest.

309. Bp. Emile Allgeyer 68
Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada, Tanzania
*April 14 1856 Rixheim, Alsace +April 9 1924 Chevilly

He was an office clerk when in 1874 Fr John Ebenrecht took him along to Blackrock as a

junior seminarian. Four years later, he began his philosophy and theology curriculum at Langonnet and Chevilly. Ordained Nov 9 1884, he pronounced his vows Aug 23 1885. In the same year he sailed for Trinidad and began to teach at CIC. He had to give up teaching in 1891 because his voice proved too weak and became a very effective pastor at St Patrick's, Newton. In 1896 he served for about a year at St Andrew's, Grenada, before being appointed vicar apostolic of the Zanguebar mission in East Africa. Ordained a bishop at Knechtsteden, April 15 1897, he did excellent work in his territory. When World War One broke out while he was on leave in Alsace, he resigned. After the war he returned and, with great difficulty, obtained the government's permission to stay in the Kilimanjaro vicariate as a simple missionary. In 1922 he retired to Paris and died 2 years later. Interment took place in Chevilly.

310. Fr. Joseph Burgsthaler 53

Candada, France Martinique, Portugal, Mauritius

*Dec 22 1870 Rhinau, Alsace

+July 12 1924 Port Louis, MRT

A very gifted student, he entered the junior seminary at the college of Beauvais, transferred to that of Mesnieres and graduated in 1890 with bachelor's degrees in both science and literature. This success caused him to be appointed at once for 3 years of prefecting at Mesnieres, but he was allowed to study philosophy and theology in private. Too busy to use this permission, he started philosophy in 1894 at Chevilly but, once again, was asked to go prefecting, this time at Castelnaudary. His predicament ended when in 1896 the Holy See's decree *Aucitis* ended the abuses of the system and, on Jan 2 1898, he pronounced his vows together with 98 others. He had been ordained on the preceding day.

In August of the same year he became a teacher of science and philosophy at Beauvais. When ex-seminarian Combes closed this Spiritan institution in 1903, he became rector of the college of Fort de France, Martinique, and at the same time district superior of the island. His task was delicate because of the Church and State conflict, and urgent because a large part of the clergy had perished in the 1902 eruption of mount Pele. In 1909 he was transferred to the Spiritan college at Porto in Portugal.

311. Fr. August Rumbach 72

United States of America, St Pierre et Miquelon, France, India, Peru

*Feb 8 1852 Mertzwiller, Alsace

+Aug 9 1924 Philadelphia

When, at 14, he entered the junior seminary of Langonnet he was more proficient in Greek than in French, but by hard work he succeeded. After finishing his philosophy there, he did 3 years of prefecting at Cellule and then resumed his studies at Chevilly. Aug 24 1879. A brief teaching appointment at Langonnet was followed by a similar function at St Pierre in the Miquelon Islands. When he returned from there in Oct 1881, he went to the schools of Chandernagor and Pondicherry, India, then became bursar at St Michel's industrial schools and, again, a teacher at Cellule. In 1890 he returned for 2 years to the college in the Miquelon Islands, which closed after all Spiritan priests had been interdicted or suspended by the local prefect apostolic, Fr. Tiberi, shortly before his own departure.

Fr. Rumbach then received an appointment for St Louis College in Lima, Peru, but his health broke down and he departed in 1898. Coming to the USA, he taught for about 10 years at

HG College in Pittsburgh and then at Cornwells. There he spent the remaining 18 years of his life “edifying his confreres by his faithfulness to the rule, his love for work and the careful preparation of his classes.” He died of a liver ailment in Philadelphia’s St Mary’s Hospital.

312. Fr. William Teehan
United States of America
*April 8 1881 Negaune, Mich.

Professed at Ferndale Aug 24 1909 when he was 28 years old, he did his priestly studies at Ferndale and was ordained Nov 15 1913. We find him listed as a staff member of Cornwells in 1920. He was a man above reproach, who withdrew from the Congregation in August 1924 to help his ailing mother. Soon after, however, the doctors diagnosed advanced tuberculosis and sent him to a sanatorium in Las Vegas, N.M.

313. Jean-Marie Arbic
Canada
*July 7 1897 Embrun, Ont.
Other sources say that he was born June 6 1900

He did his classical studies at St. Alexander and was professed at Orly Oct 3 1921. His theological studies were postponed by an assignment to prefect at his Alma Mater in 1923. He withdrew from the Congregation in October 1924.

314. Fr. Martin O’Donoghue 54
United States of America
*April 15 1870 Washington, D.C. +Nov 22 1924 Brooklyn, N.Y.

His brother studied law and became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, but Martin opted for the priesthood and entered St Mary’s seminary in the Baltimore archdiocese. Ordained by Cardinal Gibbons July 19 1896, he served for 27 years as a diocesan priest. About 6 months after a preliminary visit to the Ridgefield novitiate, he entered as a novice Dec 6 1923. Prior to making his profession, he went home to settle his family affairs. On the return trip to the novitiate he became ill on the train and was transported to St. Peter’s Hospital, Brooklyn. He died there of pneumonia after pronouncing his vows on his deathbed. Interment took place in Washington, D.C.

315. Fr. John M. Rimmer 48
Trinidad, Tobago, Gabon
*June 30 1876 Ditton, d of Liverpool +Jan 8 1925 Castlehead, Lancs.

After studying with the Jesuits in France, he asked to be admitted to the Congregation at Mesnieres’ junior seminary and, when this school closed, transferred to that of Merville in 1895. Although he was tubercular, he was professed Sep 22 1898 at Orly. Beginning his priestly studies at Chevilly, he had to continue them at the Congregation’s sanatorium in Pierroton. In 1900 he went to Trinidad, as had so many other tubercular Spiritans because of the island’s supposedly beneficial influence on his disease. He spent 4 years there prefecting and far too

busy to complete his studies in private, as others had done. Ordained in Chevilly Oct 28 1905, he reviewed theology there and then went to the shore-lived new novitiate in Prior Park, England. Soon after, he transferred to the foundation of Castelhead, Lancs., and in 1909 became its superior. As vice-provincial of England during World War One he spent himself in securing the survival of the seminary and the growth of the young province. Without him, it would probably have foundered. Exhausted by his demanding task, he died prematurely after a painful illness.

316. Fr. James Lacy 50

Trinidad, Tobago, Ireland

*Nov 25 1874 Ballyragget, Kilkenny

+Jan 14 1925 San Fernando, TT

At the age of 16, he entered Blackrock's junior seminary in 1890 and, after finishing the classical studies, profected there for 4 years. He was professed at Orly Oct 1 1900, studied at Chevilly till 1904 and was ordained there Oct 28 1903. Having volunteered to teach mathematics – his favored subject – at a college, he received an appointment to Trinidad and in 1920 became superior and principal of CIC. He proved to be a capable administrator and added a new wing to the building. His health, however, had always been delicate and in Dec 1924 he had to go to San Fernando for a rest. The doctors diagnosed typhoid fever. Suddenly his condition got worse and Fr. John English, who rushed over, arrived just in time to see him breathe his last. He was buried in the community cemetery in Port of Spain.

317. Fr. Alphonse Zindt 51

Trinidad, Tobago

*Dec 22 1873 Soultzbach, Alsace

+April 19 1925 Langonnet

An encounter with some Spiritans gave him the desire to become a missionary and in 1890 he began his classical studies at Cellule. Professed at Orly, together with 98 other novices, Jan 2 1898, he studied philosophy and theology at Chevilly and then at the newly opened senior seminary division of Rockwell. After his ordination there April 22 1900, he was appointed to Trinidad's college. He disliked teaching – “it bores me to death” – but obediently taught French and the classics for the rest of his life, while also being the school's choirmaster. After 24 years of this heroic obedience he was worn out and had to retire to Langonnet. His heart gave out while he attended a Sunday high Mass and he died in a room close to the chapel.

318. Fr. John Schroeffel 48

United States of America

*Sept 3 1876 Allegheny, PA.

+June 8 1925 Cornwells

A bright student, he entered HG College in Pittsburgh as a junior seminarian in 1889 and graduated in 1896. After 2 years of profecting he went to Cornwells for his novitiate and senior studies. He pronounced his vows there Aug 28 1899 and was ordained in Philadelphia Nov 15 1902. The following year brought him an appointment to HG College in Pittsburgh, where he taught philosophy for 2 years and worked so hard at it that he became ill. When he had convalesced sufficiently at Ferndale, he became dean of studies at Cornwells and director of the junior seminary. Although he gave up this directorship in 1914, he stayed on in Cornwells as a

dedicated teach for the rest of his life. He died there after a long illness, which he endured with characteristic good humor and courage.

319. Fr. George Laugel 82

United States of States of America, France, Ireland

*May 27 1843 Hochfelden, Alsace

+Dec 7 1925 Paris

He had worked in a rent collector's office and a bank, leading a free and easy life, before he began to take his being-a-Christian seriously. When he desired to become a religious priest, Fr J.I. Simonis – a relative of Fr. Schwindenhammer – directed the young man to the Congregation. He entered in Langonnet in 1868 and, after being demobilized following the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, prefectured for 3 years at Blackrock. Then he continued his studies in Chevilly. He proved to be an excellent student. Throughout his life, he read the Church Fathers in Greek and for many years he would be an official examiner of the clergy. During his novitiate he was judged to be too independent. Once again, he was sent prefecting at the college of Merville. Discouraged when 7 months later he was still kept waiting, he withdrew from the Congregation and decided to work in the USA.

After his arrival he went to see the Spiritan provincial in America, Fr. Joseph Strub. When his cousin, who was provincial of the Marianists, proposed that he go to the Cincinnati archdiocese, Fr Laugel declined saying that its “bishop had acted improperly toward our Congregation” and went instead to the Detroit archdiocese.

For nearly 50 years he worked there with the greatest zeal, first at St Joseph's and other parishes in the city and later in Huron County, then a missionary area without any Catholic church. Travelling all over the county, he built a large church and a beautiful school at Ruth, and chapels in other locations. For himself he constructed a tiny rectory where he cooked his own frugal meals. He spent many a night wrapped in a bear skin and sleeping on the ground while serving his missions. A great admirer of the Russian prince Demetrius Gallitzin (1770-1840), who had become a Catholic missionary in Pennsylvania, he imitated this priest's austere life style and boundless zeal.

After two decades of arduous labor, his territory could be divided into 5 parishes each with its own resident pastor, and he became the chaplain of the Little sisters of the Poor and later of the hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Throughout his life he had remained on very good terms with the congregation and liberally supported its works. In 1925, at the age of 81, he asked permission to resume his interrupted novitiate of 1875 in order to pronounce at last his vows after half a century of delay. His wish was granted and he made his profession – by special indult – in Paris, March 25 1925. Less than 9 months later, he died peacefully in his sleep on the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

ADDENDUM

- 319a. Fr. Louis Cremmel
United States of America, France, Belgium, Haiti
*Sept 19 1874 Otterswiller, Alsace

He made his vows at Orly Sep 23 1898, studied theology at Chevilly and was ordained there Oct 27 1901. He taught at the seminary college of Merville till it closed under Combes' persecution and then went to teach at its place of exile in Gentinnes, Belgium. Soon after, however, he received a transfer to St Martial" in Haiti. Four years later, in 1908 he was sent, at his own request, to HG College in Pittsburgh. He withdrew from the Congregation in March 1910 to do pastoral work in Oklahoma, taught music for a while at Little Rock College, Ark. And then became rector of St. Anthony's, Longview, Texas in 1912. His name disappeared from the records during World War One.

- 319b. Fr. James O'Brien
United States of America, Ireland
*Nov 8 1860, Tipperary

He did his junior studies at Rockwell from 1875, was ordained Nov 1 1887 in Chevilly and pronounced his vows there Aug 26 1887. After serving as a staff member of Blackrock, he sailed for the USA in the fall of 1892. Assigned to HG College in Pittsburgh at first, he went the following year to St. John's parish in Green Bay, WI, as an assistant to Fr. Goepfert. In March 1894, he joined the diocesan clergy of Indianapolis. His death was reported in 1898.

- 319c. Fr. Ferdinand Kreutzkamp
United States of America, Tanzania, Germany
*Feb 28 1879, Aachen, Rhineland

He entered the junior seminary of Knechtsteden in 1896, pronounced his vows Sep 23 1905 at Neuscheuern, and did his senior studies at Knechtsteden, where he was ordained April 12, 1908. He worked as a missionary in Bagamoyo till illness caused his return in 1912. Assigned to the USA in 1913, he served successively at St Anthony's, Millvale—one year—and St Mary's Sharpsburg. In October 1915 we find him as pastor at St. Peter Claver's in Detroit, where he worked zealously. By 1923 he was back in Germany, where he left the Congregation in 1927.

- 319d. Br. Aidan (Patrick) Ryan
United States of America, Ireland
*c. Dec 1845, Tipperary +Feb 10 1908 Rockwell

He entered as a postulant in Aug 1868 at Rockwell, where he made his profession Sep 26 1871. His entire life was spent at Dear old Rockwell, which he loved with all his heart, except for a period of either two or 5 1/2 years, spent in the USA in New Bedford, Mass., to collect funds for building a chapel at the college.

319e. Conrad Sprengel
United States of America

+May 7 1909 Langonnet

After his junior studies at Holy Ghost College in Pittsburgh, he entered the clerical novitiate of Neufgrange (Neuscheurn). Found to be suffering from a deadly disease, he was transported to Langonnet. he died there three weeks later, but had the consolation of pronouncing his perpetual vows on May 2 1909. A few days later, he died the death of the elect with a smile on his lips.

319f. Br. Aloysius (Peter) Kohl
United States of America, Germany
*d. of Cologne

Together with Fr. Strub he sailed to the USA on January 2 1874 and entered the novitiate of Pontiac, Ohio, on January 18. He accompanied him to St Mary's, Sharpsburg and made his profession there on Pentecost Sunday 1875. In October of the year 1878 he was assigned to Holy ghost College. After the expiration of his vows he withdrew from the Congregation and returned to Germany.

319g. John Patrick Murphy
United States of America
*Sep 1879 Meenbavinan, Co.Kerry

He studied at HG College in Pittsburgh in the second half of the 1890s and made his first commitment there on May 21, 1899. After prefecting at the college, he entered the Cornwells novitiate in august 1903, but withdrew on Feb. 29, 1904.

319h. Br. Julien Simon
United States of America
*May 26 1870 d. of Cologne

He made his profession on Dec. 9, 1888 at HG College in Pittsburgh and worked there as an assistant to the cook. His name disappears from the records in 1890.

319i. Charles McCambridge
United States of Ameica
*Aug 22 1882 Hubbard, O.

He pronounced his vows at Ferndale Aug. 15 1909. Sent prefecting at HG College in Pittsburgh in the following year, he withdrew from the Congregation in 1911 or 1912.