A NECROLOGY OF FRIARS

OF THE CUSTODY & PROVINCE OF

ST. JOHN BAPTIST, CINCINNATI, OHIO

AND

OF MISSIONARIES FROM THE MOTHER PROVINCE OF

ST. LEOPOLD, TYROL

WITH A LISTING OF DECEASED FRIARS FROM

THE DAUGHTER PROVINCE OF

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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INTRODUCTION TO THE 1989 EDITION

This book of obituary notices began—though not on paper—in the novitiate, 1939-1940. Our novice master, Fr. Rudolph Bonner, was a man rich in stories about the "old fathers" and "the Tyrolese." Often we novices would press him for details on men whose names had been read at the table; and Father Rudolph was always willing to oblige, for he had a veritable mine of information and stories on "the Tyrolese" and the "old fathers and brothers." Gradually the idea was born that such information ought to be preserved. Or, if not precisely that information, then at least something ought to be done to keep alive the memory of the life and deeds of those gone before.

This idea took definite shape five years later when the compiler was in theology in Oldenburg. As librarian he discovered an almost complete set of Tabula Definitionis in the rare bookcase. Occasionally he would trace a friar he was interested in from his first assignment to his death.

In 1951 Father Forest McGee died—a man full of anecdotes and ambition. His ambition was the compiling of a Necrology that would be more than a mere list of names. In the notice of death sent out by Father Provincial this was noted along with a request for volunteers to carry on the work.

Three years later the job was finished. It was decided not to publish it at once but rather to give it a dry run in some of the houses. So a typed copy was prepared and distributed to St. Francis, the Novitiate, and the Houses of Philosophy and Theology at Detroit and Oldenburg. Two years and many corrections later, the work was judged ready for printing.

The compiler was directed to avoid any editorializing. Assessment of character or work was ruled out. Save for a very few obvious cases no praise is given and certainly never any blame. We have tried to stay as much as possible to a bare recital of "this is where the friar was in this year and this is what he was assigned to do.”

The sources used were:
1) The Tabula Definitionis from 1859 to the present. This was the primary source supplemented by official minute books of the definitorial meetings.
2) Articles and notices in Provincial publications: Provincial Chronicle, St. Anthony Messenger, Sodalist, Franciscan Missions of the Southwest and Padres’ Trail.
3) Finally, living sources: the memories of friars who were kind enough to let us know what they remembered.

There were a number of suggestions, chief among them were: pronunciation of proper names, burial places of friars, a complete list of each assignment for each friar. Pronunciations were ruled out as most of the names were German cities and not too difficult. Furthermore this can be learned in the novitiate and clericate. The friars'
burial places were ruled out as being of little interest. And the complete listing of all assignments, although it was a kind of goal, still is such an exhaustive list that it has been treated in exactly that way: as something desired, as sometimes reached, sometimes not.

Two other items deserve attention. One is the term *cellarer*. This is a good English word which was used in the early *Tabulae*; it has since dropped out of usage. But it has a very specific meaning and, therefore, it has been retained. The other point is that of the "dead" missions. Every religious congregation has charge of certain places at one time, only to relinquish them later. This is true of our own Province. St. Mary and Sacred Heart, Detroit, MI; St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario; St. Edward, Carlsbad, NM and St. Francis de Sales, Lincoln, NE, are a few of once but no longer.

Finally a word of thanks first of all to Kroger for his interest. Next to Fr. Herbert Klosterkemper who read, corrected and reread the original. To Fr. Ermin Schneider, Edgar Casey, Philibert Ramstetter for their help and to all my confreres who so patiently listened while we expounded on the trials, difficulties and burdens of the work, and lastly, to the cleric librarians of both Oldenburg (1951-1952) and Duns Scotus College (1952-1956) who were generous with their patience and hard work.

Fr. George Hellmann, O.F.M.

Fall, 1989
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The reasons for a new edition of the necrology (rather than merely an update) are fourfold. First, we have attempted to correct some errors discovered over nearly ten years as friars have read and used the original edition. Second, we have attempted to move closer to the spirit of George Hellmann’s hope to present more than lists of assignments and significant dates. Some anecdotes have been included--unfortunately not as many as exist in our collective memory. Third, we are using a format that allows for easy (and relatively inexpensive) updating of the text on a regular basis. Finally, we have included a listing of deceased friars from our daughter Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, many of whom were once part of the St. John Baptist Province.

The anecdotes and other recollections were contributed by many friars who used the earlier editions of the necrology as a way of remembering the men on whose shoulders we stand. For these friars who have used the necrology (and, I would hope, for all of us) this document is more than a static list of the deceased. It is a living record of our memories.

Our history is rich with significant events and places. But our richest heritage is the collective life of the custody and province as reflected in the lives of the more than 600 men who strove to live, work, pray and share the gospel life as members of the Custody and Province of St. John Baptist for over 150 years.

As you remember stories and events that can enrich this collection, please write to the Province Archivist.

Dan Anderson, O.F.M.
Archivist

January 1, 1999
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Benvenute Anneken (B) - September 12, 1922 - 39 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Berard Haile (P) - September 30, 1961 - 87 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
BERENS, Juvenal (P) - September 28, 1965 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Bernard Espelage (BP) - February 19, 1971 - 79 - Sacred Heart Cathedral Crypt, Gallup, NM
Bernard Kellner (B) - August 31, 1854 - 46 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Bernard Kuper (B) - March 6, 1931 - 73 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
Bernard Nurre (P) - August 31, 1906 - 44 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Bernard Pircher (B) - March 1, 1876 - 43 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Bernardin Burger (C) - January 31, 1866 - 21 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Bernardin Linesch (P) - January 9, 1966 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Bernardin Wissler (P) - June 9, 1925 - 62 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Berno Butz (P) - March 2, 1978 - 56 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Berthold Harpring (P) - August 28, 1957 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Berthold Staubach (P) - August 3, 1917 - 41 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
Bertin Harrington (P) - November 18, 1959 - 63 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
Bertrand Labinski (P) - January 8, 1953 - 79 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
BERTSCH, Luke (P) - November 7, 1985 - 90 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BETTELS, Clement (B) - July 21, 1915 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BIRKENHEUER, Donald (P) - September 27, 1971 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BISSMEYER, Nicholas (P) - September 16, 1942 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BLAKE, Felix (B) - May 1, 1979 - 50 - Killard, Killard, Ireland
BLANK, Floribert (P) - January 6, 1975 - 87 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Blase Brickweg (P) - July 30, 1968 - 53 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
   Blase Ritter (B) - January 29, 1934 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BLEY, Oswald (B) - August 27, 1947 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BLOCHE, Hyacinth (P) - August 1, 1969 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BLOMSTROM, Thomas (P) - September 14, 1962 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BLUMLEIN, Leander (P) - September 21, 1981 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Bonaventure Hammer (P) - January 19, 1917 - 77 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
   Bonaventure Kilfoyle (P) - August 18, 1965 - 67 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
   Boniface Sack (P) - May 15, 1980 - 56 - Lawn Haven, Clovis, NM
BONNER, Rudolph (P) - December 22, 1945 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BORGMANN, Francis (P) - January 25, 1977 - 68 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BOURDEREAUX, Clair (P) - January 31, 1995 - 60 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
BOYLE, Faran (P) - March 2, 1993 - 65 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
BRADY, Ignatius (P) - August 4, 1990 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BRAUN, Linus (P) - April 5, 1969 - 88 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BRAUN, Osmond (P) - March 24, 1965 - 81 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
BRAUNSTEIN, Barrian (N) - April 19, 1958 - 19 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BREWER, Victor (B) - August 14, 1908 - 41 - South Park, Roswell, NM
   Brian Irving (P) - May 18, 1971 - 50 - Provincial House Crypt, Manila, Philippines
   Brice Mulroy (P) - September 15, 1986 - 64 - Archdiocesan Cemetery, Cebu, Philippines
BRICKWEG, Blase (P) - July 30, 1968 - 53 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
BRIEDE, Florian (P) - July 21, 1940 - 62 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
BRINKMAN, Gerard (P) - June 28, 1964 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BRINKMAN, John Vianney (P) - June 21, 1982 - 54 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
BROCKHUIS, Antonine (P) - September 26, 1941 - 67 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI
BROCKMANN, Herbert (P) - November 13, 1918 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BROCKMANN, Lambert (P) - June 30, 1973 - 54 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
BROCKMANN, Timothy (P) - February 3, 1953 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BREUNING, Felix (B) - October 24, 1931 - 69 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
BRUM, Emil (P) - October 9, 1942 - 43 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BRUNNER, Romedia (B) - August 12, 1936 - 54 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BUERGER, Isidor (C) - December 27, 1875 - 18 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
BUERGER, Juvenal (C) - September 29, 1874 - 21 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
BUERGER, Placidus (B) - February 19, 1906 - 53 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
BUESCHER, Gabriel (P) - March 16, 1995 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Burcard Fisher (P) - April 3, 1978 - 73 - South Park, Roswell, NM
BURGER, Benedict (B) - August 21, 1872 - 31 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
BURGER, Bernardin (C) - January 31, 1866 - 21 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
BURTSCHY, Conradin (P) - March 26, 1962 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BUSCHELE, Francis Xavier (P) - June 2, 1935 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
BUTTERMANN, Eugen (P) - January 19, 1927 - 80 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
BUTZ, Berno (P) - March 2, 1978 - 56 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
BYERS, Farrell (P) - May 6, 1981 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Caesar Kron (P) - April 24, 1957 - 72 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
Cajetan Elshoff (P) - February 15, 1956 - 68 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Callistus Solbach (P) - May 18, 1963 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

CALME, Dominic (P) - June 12, 1990 - 83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Camillus Fangmann (P) - August 2, 1946 - 66 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Camillus Hogan (P) - December 21, 1994 - 68 - Lake View, Calumet, MI

Candelaria, Pancratius (OLG/B) - February 23, 1995 - 85 - Holy Rosary, Santa Fe, NM
Candidus Mertens (P) - July 26, 1908 - 28 - St. Anthony, Streator, IL
Capistran Heitmann (see John Capistran Heitmann)

CARAWAY, Conran (B) - January 15, 1975 - 50 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Carol Meyer (P) - May 19, 1971 - 61 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL

CASANAVE, Didacus (B) - December 30, 1998 - 91 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

CASEY, Edgar (P) - April 27, 1966 - 74 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Casimir Dietrich (P) - January 23, 1948 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Casper Gensler (P) - August 12, 1986 - 45 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Casper Matz (P) - January 7, 1942 - 67 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Cassian Kirchenberger (B) - July 12, 1936 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Cassian Sand (P) - July 19, 1980 - 74 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
Celestine Matz (P) - February 22, 1936 - 56 - Greenlawn, Farmington, NM
Celsius Koenig (P) - May 3, 1934 - 40 - Greenlawn, Farmington, NM

CENTNER, Alexius (P) - March 31, 1908 - 61 - St. Joseph, Olpe, KS
Charles Schoeppner (P) - October 11, 1932 - 79 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
Charles Wagner (B) - July 6, 1968 - 67 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

CHAVEZ, Angelico (OLG/P) - March 18, 1996 - 85 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM

CHENG, Sylvester (P) - January 1, 1980 (commemorated) - ? - ?
Christian Studener (P) - April 23, 1972 - 89 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI

CHRISTMAN, Turibius (P) - January 17, 1956 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Christopher Schoettelkotte (B) - June 21, 1931 - 63 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Chrysostom Theobald (P) - June 30, 1936 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Clair Bourdereaux (P) - January 31, 1995 - 60 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Clarence Meyer (P) - December 18, 1926 - 48 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Clarence Tittel (P) - October 21, 1990 - 85 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Claude Daly (B) - May 2, 1973 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Claude Mindorff (P) - March 17, 1936 - 55 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Clement Bettels (B) - July 21, 1915 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Clement Druhe (P) - June 21, 1976 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Clement Steinkamp (P) - July 13, 1919 - 77 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
Clement Weber (P) - May 21, 1981 - 66 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
Clementine Wottle (OLG/P) - August 3, 1986 - 86 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Cletus Kistner (P) - November 13, 1994 - 84 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Cletus Suttmann (P) - September 3, 1973 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
CLIFFORD, Andrew (T) - April 3, 1882 - 36 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
CLOSE, Raphael (P) - November 26, 1993 - 90 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Columban Kramer (P) - March 27, 1954 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Columban O'Leary (B) - December 15, 1931 - 56 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Conan Taylor (P) - August 25, 1997 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
CONNOLLY, Finnian (P) - July 14, 1975 - 67 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
   Conrad Deimel (T) - March 11, 1908 - 42 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
CONRAD, Simon (OLG/P) - June 17, 1998 - 63 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Conradin Burtschy (P) - March 14, 1918 - 37 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Conradin Hiemer (P) - September 27, 1999 - 92 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Conran Caraway (B) - January 15, 1975 - 50 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
   Constantine Schaaf (P) - October 24, 1945 - 69 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
Corman Mullen (P) - September 20, 1981 - 53 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Cornelius Fennen (P) - October 8, 1924 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Cornelius Grein (P) - January 16, 1977 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Cosmas Angelbeck (T) - February 28, 1923 - 46 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
   Cosmas Renn (B) - March 15, 1920 - 55 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
COYLE, Barry (P) - February 6, 1991 - 63 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
   Cuthbert Kalt (P) - February 22, 1927 - 39 - St. Joseph, Los Ojos, NM
CVIRKA, Daniel (B) - November 1, 1974 - 84 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Cyprian Sauer (P) - April 19, 1940 - 61 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
Cyril Georgel (P) - January 12, 1975 - 82 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
   Cyril Hammond (T) - October 17, 1972 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Cyril Hermann (P) - February 19, 1997 - 85 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Cyril Stein (C) - April 5, 1914 - 56 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
DAEGER, Albert (BP) - December 2, 1932 - 60 - Cathedral Crypt, Santa Fe, NM
DAEGER, Anthony (T) - April 22, 1881 - 68 - Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI
DAEGER, Vigil (P) - July 18, 1936 - 57 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
DALY, Claude (B) - May 2, 1973 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Damian Sander (P) - May 2, 1959 - 68 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
   Damian Zahn (P) - September 1, 1970 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Daniel Cvirka (B) - November 1, 1974 - 84 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Daniel Heile (P) - November 23, 1905 - 63 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
   Daniel Linfert (P) - November 27, 1961 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Daniel Wefer (OLG/P) - May 19, 1992 - 77 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
DARPEL, Francis (T) - October 9, 1950 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
DARPEL, Regis (P) - February 19, 1960 - 62 - South Park, Roswell, NM
   David Fekete (T) - October 22, 1952 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   David Hiller (P) - March 31, 1992 - 92 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   David Kersting (P) - April 8, 1920 - 72 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
   David Widman (P) - December 19, 1871 - 66 - died in Ruette, Tyrol
DATTILO, Theophane (P) - May 6, 1999 - 83 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI

DAVIDSON, Elliot (P) - June 17, 1984 - 51 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

De Paul Kolb (see Francis de Paul Kolb)

DEEM, Alvin (P) - August 15, 1999 - 85 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DEIE, Henry (C) - June 28, 1875 - 24 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH

DEIMEL, Conrad (T) - March 11, 1908 - 42 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Denis Moran (P) - July 27, 1987 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Dennis Abarth (P) - November 20, 1882 - 59 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

Dennis Engelhard (P) - October 13, 1941 - 70 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI

Dennis McAvoy (B) - February 13, 1992 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DePaul Held (T) - April 2, 1967 - 24 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DePaul Lotz (see Francis de Paul Lotz)

DIAZ, Fidelis (B) - July 4, 1957 - 27 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ

Didacus Casanova (B) - December 30, 1998 - 91 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Didacus Eder (B) - October 25, 1903 - 66 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

DIEBOLD, Gregory (P) - August 23, 1977 - 63 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DIETRICH, Casimir (P) - January 23, 1948 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DINGWERTH, Athanasius (P) - August 9, 1918 - 41 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN

Diomede Pohlkamp (P) - August 5, 1953 - 72 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

DOEREN, Frederic (P) - July 30, 1973 - 60 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM

DOERGER, Paul (P) - April 14, 1931 - 31 - Catholic Mission, Wuchang, China

DOLAN, Timothy (C) - October 6, 1895 - 20 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DOLL, Lambert (B) - January 14, 1946 - 78 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM

Dominic Calme (P) - June 12, 1990 - 83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Dominic Meier (P) - December 23, 1924 - 73 - St. Anthony, Streator, IL

Dominic Rielander (B) - July 24, 1932 - 83 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN

Dominic Wachtel (P) - March 19, 1999 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Donald Birkenheuer (P) - September 27, 1971 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Donald Herp (P) - December 26, 1954 - 58 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

Donatus Schlick (T) - January 30, 1934 - 79 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

Donnul Suttmann (P) - May 14, 1998 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DOYLE, Placid H. (P) - October 5, 1918 - 30 - Military Cem., Suresnes, France

DOYLE, Placid M. (P) - May 2, 1968 - 57 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI

DREES, Germain (B) - April 16, 1942 - 82 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DREES, Victor (P) - March 7, 1967 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DRUEHE, Clement (P) - June 21, 1976 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DRUEHE, Francis Borgia (P) - January 22, 1971 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

DUNN, Michael (P) - January 8, 1961 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Dunstan Leary (P) - March 9, 1934 - 48 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Dunstan Schmidlin (P) - May 9, 1989 - 68 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM

Eberhard Huelsmann (P) - December 15, 1928 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

EBERHARD, Pirmin (P) - February 3, 1862 - 41 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
EDER, Didacus (B) - October 25, 1903 - 66 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Edgar Casey (P) - April 27, 1966 - 74 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Edmund Etschmann (P) - May 21, 1890 - 79 - died in Schwaz, Tyrol
Edmund Klein (P) - August 18, 1927 - 63 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Edward Fueglein (P) - May 9, 1989 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Edward Leary (P) - August 8, 1965 - 81 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
Edward Oehler (C) - December 24, 1880 - 20 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Edward Overberg (P) - May 14, 1991 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Edwin Auweiler (P) - September 8, 1970 - 89 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Edwin Schick (P) - June 7, 1963 - 54 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
EFFLER, Herbert (OLG/P) - September 27, 1994 - 78 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
EFFLER, Roy (P) - March 24, 1994 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Egbert Fischer (P) - August 3, 1953 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
EIBERGER, Juvenal (P) - July 22, 1873 - 39 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
EILERMANN, Hermenegild (P) - October 28, 1947 - 83 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
EINHAUS, Ronnin (P) - February 23, 1997 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Elgar Mindorff (P) - May 28, 1950 - 41 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Eligiis Fuentes (OLG/P) - December 18, 1993 - 73 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Eligiis Kunkel (P) - May 30, 1927 - 50 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Elliot Davidson (P) - June 17, 1984 - 51 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Elmer Korty (P) - June 19, 1992 - 93 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Elmer VonHagel (P) - January 16, 1968 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ELPERS, Julian (B) - December 27, 1946 - 71 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
ELSBERND, Maximilian (C) - May 30, 1914 - 23 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ELSHOFF, Cajetan (P) - February 15, 1956 - 68 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Elvan Rhomberg (P) - October 16, 1984 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Elwin Harrington (P) - March 19, 1983 - 53 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Elzear Pail (B) - April 8, 1962 - 88 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
Emil Brum (P) - October 9, 1942 - 43 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Emil Luebker (B) - January 27, 1920 - 53 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Emmanuel Trockur (P) - June 8, 1977 - 87 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Emmeran Frank (P) - June 21, 1997 - 75 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
Emmeran Geschwind (B) - October 12, 1955 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Engelbert Homruech (P) - July 12, 1927 - 52 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Engelbert Peter (P) - January 12, 1890 - 35 - Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI
ENGELHARD, Dennis (P) - October 13, 1941 - 70 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
ENGLERT, Peter Baptist (P) - February 2, 1927 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Ephrem Lieftucht (P) - July 30, 1950 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ERBACHER, Sebastian (P) - January 21, 1961 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Eric Geisen (P) - April 29, 1979 - 77 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Ermin Schneider (P) - July 26, 1959 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ermin Werle (P) - November 27, 1994 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ernest Ott (P) - July 26, 1939 - 54 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ERNSTES, Austin (OLG/P) - December 21, 1987 - 70 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM

ESPELAGE, Bernard (BP) - February 19, 1971 - 79 - Sacred Heart Cath. Crypt, Gallup, NM

ESPELAGE, Sylvester (BP) - October 25, 1940 - 63 - Catholic Mission, Wuchang, China
Ethelbert Harrington (P) - November 28, 1956 - 64 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
Ethelbert Morgan (P) - January 21, 1911 - 29 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN

ETSCHMANN, Edmund (P) - May 21, 1890 - 79 - died in Schwaz, Tyrol
Eugene Buttermann (P) - January 19, 1927 - 80 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Eugene Rousseau (P) - March 23, 1970 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Eugene Stendebach (B) - February 7, 1992 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Eusebius Schmid (P) - December 31, 1897 - 74 - died in Bozen, Tyrol
Eusebius Schweitzer (P) - April 29, 1958 - 51 - Calvary, San Angelo, TX
Eusebius Wagner (P) - July 13, 1917 - 43 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Ewald Hierzegger (B) - January 17, 1976 - 70 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM

FABER, William (P) - September 27, 1977 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Fabian Gerstle (P) - August 21, 1998 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Fabian Hoerner (P) - November 11, 1938 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

FANGMANN, Camillus (P) - August 2, 1946 - 66 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
FANGMANN, Gregory (P) - October 21, 1912 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

FANKHAUSER, Giles (B) - June 24, 1926 - 81 - died in Maria-Schmolln, Austria
Faran Boyle (P) - March 2, 1993 - 65 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Farrell Byers (P) - May 6, 1981 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

FEKETE, David (T) - October 22, 1952 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

FELDHUES, Alcuin (P) - April 13, 1987 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

FELHOELTER, Herman (P) - July 16, 1950 - 37 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Felician Sandford (P) - October 26, 1964 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Felix Blake (B) - May 1, 1979 - 50 - Killard, Killard, Ireland
Felix Bruening (B) - October 24, 1931 - 69 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Felix Marsinko (P) - October 16, 1979 - 83 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM

FENNEN, Cornelius (P) - October 8, 1924 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ferdinand Heinzmann (P) - September 7, 1894 - 45 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
Ferdinand Nirmaier (P) - May 13, 1963 - 61 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ferdinand Stemann (B) - January 2, 1947 - 83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

FETTERS, Gilbert (T) - June 4, 1933 - 16 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Fidelis Albrecht (P) - September 21, 1973 - 65 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
Fidelis Diaz (B) - July 4, 1957 - 27 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Fidelis Koper (B) - February 18, 1945 - 84 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI

FIEDLER, Simeon (P) - November 3, 1945 - 53 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Finnian Connolly (P) - July 14, 1975 - 67 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Fintan Zumbahlen (P) - December 30, 1947 - 68 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO

FISCHER, Adolph (T) - April 21, 1913 - 51 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
FISCHER, Agnellus (P) - July 9, 1926 - 78 - died Salzburg, Austria
FISCHER, Egbert (P) - August 3, 1953 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
FISHER, Burcard (P) - April 3, 1978 - 73 - South Park, Roswell, NM
FITZPATRICK, James (P) - April 1, 1992 - 83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
FIX, Methodius (T) - March 15, 1910 - 24 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
FLAHIE, Thomas (B) - March 7, 1975 - 68 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
FLAIG, Paschal (B) - January 30, 1872 - 33 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Flavian Larbes (P) - October 26, 1925 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Flavian Schneider (P) - June 26, 1979 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
FLIR, George (B) - August 1, 1854 - 36 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Florence Hoste (P) - February 5, 1969 - 52 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Florence Mayrand (B) - July 1, 1977 - 63 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Florence Tassin (B) - December 20, 1933 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Florence Weiner (P) - August 24, 1939 - 35 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Florentine Meyers (P) - March 24, 1944 - 68 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Florian Briede (P) - July 21, 1940 - 62 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
Florian Greve (P) - September 5, 1973 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Floribert Blank (P) - January 6, 1975 - 87 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
FOLEY, Leonard (P) - April 3, 1994 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Forest McAllister (OLG/P) - July 26, 1997 - 58 - Mt. Calvary, Albuquerque, NM
  Forest McGee (see John Forest McGee)
FOX, Andrew (P) - November 7, 1992 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis Borgia Druehe (P) - January 22, 1971 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis Borgmann (P) - January 25, 1977 - 68 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis Darpel (T) - October 9, 1950 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis de Paul Holzmeister (P) - January 10, 1982 - 76 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
  Francis de Paul Kolb (P) - January 25, 1885 - 60 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis de Sales Stuernenberg (P) - March 21, 1933 - 67 - South Park, Roswell, NM
  Francis dePaul Lotz (P) - January 28, 1923 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis Grassman (OLG/P) - January 13, 1998 - 78 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
  Francis Jerome Holzer (P) - October 6, 1874 - 51 - died in Innsbruck, Tyrol
  Francis Lings (P) - March 29, 1924 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis Solanus Keehn (P) - January 20, 1983 - 64 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
  Francis Solanus Schaefer (P) - October 10, 1934 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis Solanus Stoehr (C) - January 28, 1879 - 19 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis Xavier Buschle (P) - June 2, 1935 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis Xavier Gaugel (P) - October 7, 1879 - 27 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
  Francis X. Hoffer (P) - May 11, 1999 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
FRANK, Ambrose (C) - March 9, 1916 - 26 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
FRANK, Emmeran (P) - June 21, 1997 - 75 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
  Frank Frey (P) - July 12, 1999 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Frederic Doeren (P) - July 30, 1973 - 60 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
  Frederic Harten (P) - September 1, 1942 - 71 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Frederick Zelger (P) - February 19, 1982 - 64 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
FREUNDT, Urban (P) - April 9, 1955 - 78 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
FREY, Frank (P) - July 12, 1999 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Fridolin Schuster (P) - May 29, 1943 - 59 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
Friedbert Adams (P) - November 30, 1971 - 67 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Friedbert Anthrop (B) - November 19, 1940 - 46 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
FRISCHMANN, Leo (T) - October 29, 1872 - 30 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
FUEGLEIN, Edward (P) - May 9, 1989 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
FUENTES, Eligius (OLG/P) - December 18, 1993 - 73 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Fulgence Meyer
Gabriel Buescher (P) - March 16, 1995 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gabriel Linfert (P) - March 2, 1973 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gabriel Lipps (P) - April 28, 1913 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GAERTNER, Accurs (P) - September 2, 1850 - 44 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
GAST, Ildephonse (P) - December 31, 1929 - 48 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Gaudence Schuster (P) - June 21, 1941 - 69 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
GAUGEL, Francis Xavier (P) - October 7, 1879 - 27 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
GEHRING, Gordon (P) - November 10, 1972 - 61 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
GEHRING, Irvin (P) - December 10, 1983 - 69 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
GEHRING, Owen (P) - June 29, 1993 - 76 - St. Louis, Batesville, IN
GEHRING, Titus (P) - April 28, 1977 - 94 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GEIER, Gerard (P) - September 26, 1984 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GEISEN, Eric (P) - April 29, 1979 - 77 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
GELTING, Samuel (P) - July 25, 1921 - 57 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Generose Stronk (P) - March 29, 1961 - 80 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
GENSLER, Casper (P) - August 12, 1986 - 45 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Gentile Grunert (B) - January 31, 1916 - 67 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
George Flir (B) - August 1, 1854 - 36 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
George Irwin (T) - November 26, 1976 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gerald Beck (P) - July 6, 1962 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gerald Held (P) - August 2, 1993 - 75 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
Gerald Brinkman (P) - June 28, 1964 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gerard Geier (P) - September 26, 1984 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gerard Krupp (B) - November 28, 1924 - 74 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Gerard Nussbaumer (P) - April 11, 1926 - 29 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Germain Drees (B) - April 16, 1942 - 82 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gerold Roell (B) - October 13, 1965 - 81 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
GERSTLE, Fabian (P) - August 21, 1998 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gervase Thuemmel (B) - April 8, 1949 - 69 - South Park, Roswell, NM
GESCHWIND, Emmeran (B) - October 12, 1955 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GIERLICH, Wendelin (B) - April 23, 1932 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gilbert Fetters (T) - June 4, 1933 - 16 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Gilbert Schulte (P) - June 10, 1932 - 54 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
Gilbert Wolf (P) - December 24, 1953 - 41 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Giles Fankhauser (B) - June 24, 1926 - 81 - died in Maria-Schmolln, Austria
Giles Hukenbeck (P) - October 10, 1974 - 71 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Giles Wagner (B) - April 17, 1972 - 59 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Godfrey Schilling (P) - August 4, 1934 - 79 - Holy Sepulcher, Washington, DC
GOLDWATER, Samuel (P) - September 14, 1979 - 61 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Gordon Gehring (P) - November 10, 1972 - 61 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
GOTTBEHOEDE, Luke (P) - March 27, 1914 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gotthard Schmidt (B) - June 12, 1963 - 81 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
GRABHER, Apollinar (P) - November 18, 1956 - 92 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
GRASSMAN, Francis (OLG/P) - January 13, 1998 - 78 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Gratian Meyer (P) - April 25, 1966 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GREENE, Lucian (P) - August 15, 1963 - 68 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gregory Diebold (P) - August 23, 1977 - 63 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gregory Fangmann (P) - October 21, 1912 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gregory O'Donovan (B) - March 9, 1987 - 84 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Gregory Troklus (P) - July 16, 1969 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GREIN, Cornelius (P) - January 16, 1977 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GREVE, Florian (P) - September 5, 1973 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GRIESEAM, Simon (P) - June 29, 1952 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
GRIESENBOECK, Alphonse (B) - March 10, 1904 - 66 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
GRIESENBOECK, Alphonse (P) - March 11, 1915 - 59 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
GRIESENBOECK, Alphonse (P) - March 10, 1904 - 66 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
GRIESENBOECK, Alphonse (P) - March 11, 1915 - 59 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
GREIN, Cornelius (P) - January 16, 1977 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GREVE, Florian (P) - September 5, 1973 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GRIESEAM, Simon (P) - June 29, 1952 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
GRIESENBOECK, Alphonse (B) - March 10, 1904 - 66 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
GRIESENBOECK, Alphonse (P) - March 11, 1915 - 59 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
GRIESENBOECK, Alphonse (P) - March 10, 1904 - 66 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
GRIESENBOECK, Alphonse (P) - March 11, 1915 - 59 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
HAFERTEPE, Angelus (P) - March 11, 1915 - 59 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
HAFERTEPE, Lucius (P) - April 20, 1881 - 24 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
HAILE, Berard (P) - September 30, 1961 - 87 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
HALDORAN, Matthew (OLG/B) - December 12, 1990 - 78 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
HAMILTON, Augustine (C) - June 7, 1865 - 17 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
HALLORAN, Matthew (OLG/B) - December 12, 1990 - 78 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
HAMMER, Bonaventure (P) - January 19, 1917 - 77 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
HAMMOND, Cyril (T) - October 17, 1972 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HANGBERS, Justin (B) - October 6, 1985 - 65 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
HARFF, Hubert (T) - November 26, 1957 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HARKINS, Herman (P) - January 8, 1986 - 61 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
   Harold Stemmler (P) - July 3, 1937 - 41 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
HARPRING, Berthold (P) - August 28, 1957 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HARRINGTON, Bertin (P) - November 18, 1959 - 63 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
HARRINGTON, Elwin (P) - March 19, 1983 - 53 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
HARRINGTON, Ethelbert (P) - November 28, 1956 - 64 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
HARTIG, Julian (P) - October 14, 1987 - 87 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
HARTUNG, Frederic (P) - September 1, 1942 - 71 - South Park, Roswell, NM
HASELWANTER, Adolph (B) - November 23, 1890 - 68 - died in Kaltem, Tyrol
HATTLER, Appollinar (P) - August 14, 1907 - 79 -died in Lienz, Tyrol
HAUENSTEIN, Remigius (P) - September 13, 1916 - 42 - South Park, Roswell, NM
HAUER, Quentin (P) - February 8, 1997 - 89 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Haupt, Benedict (P) - July 2, 1910 - 49 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
HAVERBECK, Louis (P) - October 9, 1934 - 92 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
HEALY, Basil (P) - July 21, 1946 - 35 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HEIDLAGE, Aldric (P) - February 6, 1994 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HEILE, Daniel (P) - November 23, 1905 - 63 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
HEILE, Matthias (P) - July 16, 1960 - 64 - St. Joseph, Bloomington, IL
HEINZMANN, Arnold (P) - April 26, 1941 - 43 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
HEINZMANN, Ferdinand (P) - September 7, 1894 - 45 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
HEITMANN, John Capistran (P) - September 20, 1933 - 73 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
HELD, DePaul (T) - April 2, 1967 - 24 St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HELD, Gerald (P) - August 2, 1993 - 75 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
HELD, Hilarion (C) - June 14, 1944 - 23 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
HELMIG, Romuald (P) - July 15, 1913 - 34 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HENGEHOLD, Roger (P) - July 15, 1962 - 67 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
   Henry Deie (C) - June 28, 1875 - 24 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
HENZE, Andrew (P) - June 23, 1955 - 71 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
HENZE, Basil (P) - July 31, 1938 - 60 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HENZE, Julius (P) - January 20, 1934 - 59 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
   Herbert Brockmann (P) - November 13, 1918 - 43 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Herbert Efler (OLG/P) - September 27, 1994 - 78 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
   Herbert Klosterkemper (P) - July 30, 1969 - 68 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Herculan Kolinski (P) - February 27, 1988 - 85 - St. Louis, Batesville, IN
   Herculan Zeug (P) - April 12, 1917 - 41 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
   Herman Felhoelter (P) - July 16, 1950 - 37 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
   Herman Harkins (P) - January 8, 1986 - 61 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
   Herman Hummeldorf (B) - September 27, 1925 - 78 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI
   Herman Joseph Grote (P) - March 22, 1943 - 48 - St. Anthony, Streator, IL
HERMANN, Alfred (P) - August 23, 1961 - 88 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HERMANN, Cyril (P) - February 19, 1997 - 85 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
   Hermenegild Eilermann (P) - October 28, 1947 - 83 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
HERMES, Samuel (P) - October 19, 1984 - 57 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI
HERP, Donald (P) - December 26, 1954 - 58 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
HESSE, Jerome (P) - December 6, 1966 - 88 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
HESSE, Raphael (P) - November 2, 1907 - 54 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
HESSELBROCK, Theodore (P) - January 27, 1963 - 64 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
HIEMER, Conradin (P) - March 14, 1918 - 37 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HIERZEGGER, Ewald (B) - January 17, 1976 - 70 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Hilarion Held (C) - June 14, 1944 - 23 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
Hilarion Sauer (B) - January 11, 1910 - 83 - died in, Schwaz Tyrol
Hilary Hoelscher (P) - September 6, 1922 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Hilary Schneider (P) - April 6, 1970 - 64 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
HILLER, David (P) - March 31, 1992 - 92 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HIMMEL, Theophil (B) - February 22, 1950 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HOEFT, Martin (P) - February 3, 1954 - 70 - St. Mary, Maydale, KS
HOELSCHER, Hilary (P) - September 6, 1922 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HOERNER, Fabian (P) - November 11, 1938 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HOFFER, Francis X. (P) - May 11, 1999 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HOFFER, Robert (P) - January 23, 1998 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HOFFMANN, Stephen (P) - March 16, 1938 - 79 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
HOGAN, Camillus (P) - December 21, 1994 - 68 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
HOLTLE, Leopold (C) - February 3, 1877 - 20 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
HOLTLE, Nicholas (P) - March 30, 1895 - 41 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HOLTKAMP, Leonard (P) - January 6, 1972 - 72 - South Park, Roswell, NM
HOLTMANN, Anthony (T) - February 26, 1874 - 59 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
HOLTMANN, Arnold (B) - July 19, 1936 - 88 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
HOLZMEISTER, Benignus (T) - October 25, 1942 - 85 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
HOLZMEISTER, Francis de Paul (P) - January 10, 1982 - 76 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
HOMMRICH, Engelbert (P) - July 12, 1927 - 52 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Honorius Lipps (P) - December 27, 1959 - 73 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
HOSTE, Florence (P) - February 5, 1969 - 52 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Howard Meyer (OLG/P) - November 9, 1989 - 67 - Grants Cemetery, Grants, NM
HUBER, Andrew (B) - January 21, 1986 - 67 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
HUBER, Kilian (P) - August 14, 1996 - 63 - Holy Rosary, Houma, LA
Hubert Harff (T) - November 26, 1957 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Hubert Kalt (P) - March 25, 1910 - 37 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Hubert Lorenz (P) - May 5, 1972 - 79 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
HUELEFELD, Adalbert (C) - January 6, 1896 - 20 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HUELSHORST, Vital (B) - January 19, 1964 - 88 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
HUELSMANN, Eberhard (P) - December 15, 1928 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HUELSMANN, Martin (B) - November 29, 1940 - 28 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HUENINGHAKE, Rupert (B) - February 5, 1976 - 80 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
HUEWEL, Arsenius (P) - May 24, 1878 - 29 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Hugh Simpson (P) - January 26, 1959 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Hugh Staud (P) - June 13, 1946 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Hugolin Oehri (B) - May 29, 1942 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HUKENBECK, Giles (P) - October 10, 1974 - 71 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
HUKENBECK, Juniper (P) - May 19, 1972 - 67 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Humbert Wehr (P) - July 8, 1935 - 44 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
HUMBERT, Wilfrid (P) - June 7, 1979 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HUMIG, Silas (T) - January 14, 1893 - 34 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Humilis Reis (B) - August 11, 1916 - 69 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
HUMMELDORF, Herman (B) - September 27, 1925 - 78 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI
HUNN, Joachim (B) - December 13, 1904 - 54 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
HURTIG, Lucian (P) - February 21, 1919 - 29 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
HUSCHART, Arsenius (T) - February 10, 1931 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
HUSER, Roger (P) - July 24, 1980 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Hyacinth Bentler (B) - May 13, 1911 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Hyacinth Blocker (P) - August 1, 1969 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
IDL, Simeon (B) - January 29, 1888 - 60 - died in Lienz, Tyrol
Ignatius Brady (P) - August 4, 1990 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ignatius Wilkens (P) - December 29, 1934 - 78 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Ildephonse Gast (P) - December 31, 1929 - 48 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
IMBACH, Aegid (B) - October 25, 1940 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Innocent Koerffer (B) - June 21, 1878 - 41 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Innocent Mittelstaedt (P) - December 5, 1931 - 37 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
Irvin Gehring (P) - December 10, 1983 - 69 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
IRVING, Brian (P) - May 18, 1971 - 50 - Provincial House Crypt, Manila, Philippines
IRWIN, George (T) - November 26, 1976 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Isidor Buerger (C) - December 27, 1875 - 18 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
ISSLER, Meinrad (P) - August 14, 1978 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ivo Roth (B) - July 29, 1930 - 70 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Ivo Zirkelbach (OLG/P) - December 30, 1989 - 57 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Jacob Menchen (P) - June 20, 1881 - 39 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
JAIR, Otto (P) - May 18, 1885 - 69 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
James Archinger (P) - February 25, 1943 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
James Fitzpatrick (P) - April 1, 1992 - 83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
James Kahn (B) - January 30, 1880 - 62 - died in Salzburg, Austria
JAMES, Antonellus (P) - September 8, 1960 - 54 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
JAQUEZ, Orlando (P) - August 6, 1964 (presumed) - 31 - ?
Jerome Hesse (P) - December 6, 1966 - 88 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Jerome Kilgenstein (P) - June 25, 1900 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Jerome Kircher (P) - June 5, 1985 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
GEROME, Anthony (T) - August 18, 1963 - 85 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Joachim Hunn (B) - December 13, 1904 - 54 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Joachim Markus (P) - September 13, 1953 - 70 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
John Baptist Schroeder (P) - February 14, 1901 - 48 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
John Berchmans Wuest (P) - October 8, 1976 - 77 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
John Capistram Heitmann (P) - September 20, 1933 - 73 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
John de Deo Abts (T) - April 4, 1911 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
John de Deo Oldegeering (P) - August 21, 1984 - 84 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
John Evangelist Uhl (OLG/P) - July 22, 1985 - 72 - St. Joseph church yard, Laguna, NM
John Evangelist Wellighoff (P) - April 14, 1931 - 76 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
John Forest McGee (P) - December 18, 1951 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
John Joseph Meister (P) - October 27, 1974 - 71 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
John Kramer (OLG/P) - January 21, 1995 - 46 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
John Joseph Mahoney (T) - February 19, 1933 - 26 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
John Vianney Brinkman (P) - June 21, 1982 - 54 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
John Waitkunas (B) - November 5, 1973 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
JONES, Thomas (P) - January 15, 1942 - 31 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Jordan Telles (P) - August 26, 1986 - 78 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
Joseph Cupertin Rapp (B) - April 16, 1930 - 68 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Joseph Klein (P) - July 23, 1938 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Joseph Malloy (B) - January 6, 1992 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Joseph Moellman (P) - November 19, 1987 - 83 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Joseph Schwetschenau (C) - April 8, 1926 - 26 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Julian Elpers (B) - December 27, 1946 - 71 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Julian Hartig (P) - October 14, 1987 - 87 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Julian Rousseau (OLG/P) - January 1, 1992 - 82 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
Julius Henze (P) - January 20, 1934 - 59 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Juniper Hukenbeck (P) - May 19, 1972 - 67 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Juniper Popp (B) - March 30, 1942 - 68 - Mt. Zion, Jerusalem, Israel
JUSTICE, Benedict (P) - December 5, 1966 - 36 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
Justin Hangbers (B) - October 6, 1985 - 65 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Justin Nirmaier (P) - April 14, 1974 - 71 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Juvenal Berens (P) - September 28, 1965 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Juvenal Buerger (C) - September 29, 1874 - 21 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Juvenal Eiberger (P) - July 22, 1873 - 39 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Juvenal Schnorbus (P) - September 27, 1912 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KAHN, James (B) - January 30, 1880 - 62 - died in Salzburg, Austria
KALT, Cuthbert (P) - February 22, 1927 - 39 - St. Joseph, Los Ojos, NM
KALT, Hubert (P) - March 25, 1910 - 37 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
KALT, Robert (P) - July 2, 1956 - 78 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
KAMMER, Alcuin (P) - June 1, 1961 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
KEEHN, Francis Solanus (P) - January 20, 1983 - 64 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
KELLNER, Bernard (B) - August 31, 1854 - 46 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
KELLY, Senan (P) - February 11, 1977 - 81 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
KEMPKER, Odo (P) - April 7, 1949 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Kenneth Robertson (OLG/P) - October 20, 1996 - 81 - St. Joseph church yard, Laguna, NM

Kenneth Rouleau (P) - July 26, 1943 - 34 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI

KERNER, Paschal (P) - July 28, 1977 - 85 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO

KERSTING, David (P) - April 8, 1920 - 72 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN

KERSTING, Sebastian (B) - August 17, 1925 - 62 - died in Kafr El Fayat, Egypt

Kevin Moeddel (P) - May 11, 1965 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KILFOYLE, Bonaventure (P) - August 18, 1965 - 67 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

KILGENSTEIN, Jerome (P) - June 25, 1900 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Kilian Huber (P) - August 14, 1996 - 63 - Holy Rosary, Houma, LA

Kilian Roth (P) - April 16, 1946 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KINNE, Patrick (B) - July 24, 1983 - 47 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KIRCHENBERGER, Cassian (B) - July 12, 1936 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KIRCHER, Jerome (P) - June 5, 1985 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KIRST, Adolph (P) - March 14, 1980 - 84 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KISTNER, Cletus (P) - November 13, 1994 - 84 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

KLEIN, Edmund (P) - August 18, 1927 - 63 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KLEIN, Joseph (P) - July 23, 1938 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KLEIN, Wilfrid (B) - January 2, 1965 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KLOSTER, Richard (B) - June 21, 1980 - 51 - Provincial House Crypt, Manila, Philippines

KLOSTERKEMPER, Herbert (P) - July 30, 1969 - 68 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KNITTLES, Aelred (P) - May 24, 1970 - 59 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM

KOCH, Anselm (P) - July 9, 1881 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KOCH, Sigismund (P) - June 11, 1885 - 61 - died in Salzburg, Austria

KOECK, Amadeus (B) - November 20, 1879 - 65 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH

KOENIG, Celsus (P) - May 3, 1934 - 40 - Greenlawn, Farmington, NM

KOERFFER, Innocent (B) - June 21, 1878 - 41 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH

KOESTERS, Reinhold (B) - January 13, 1964 - 88 - Calvary, Wichita, KS

KOHL, Adrian (P) - November 28, 1960 - 66 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO

KOLB, Francis de Paul (P) - January 25, 1885 - 60 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KOLINSKI, Herculan (P) - February 27, 1988 - 85 - St. Louis, Batesville, IN

KOPER, Fidelis (B) - February 18, 1945 - 84 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI

KOPP, Sixtus (P) - January 1, 1959 - 75 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO

KORCEK, Anthony (P) - April 11, 1959 - 55 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA

KORTY, Elmer (P) - June 19, 1992 - 93 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KORTY, Leon (P) - April 25, 1990 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KOWALSKI, Rembert (BP) - November 27, 1970 - 86 - St. Michael, St. Michael’s, AZ

KRAMER, Columban (P) - March 27, 1954 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KRAMER, John OLG/P) - January 21, 1995 - 46 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KRAMER, Roman (P) - October 28, 1933 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

KRANZ, Paulinus (P) - March 28, 1947 - 78 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN

KRAUS, Rayner (B) - May 24, 1936 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
KRAUSE, Werner (P) - May 1, 1953 - 56 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
KREKE, Marcus (P) - August 3, 1935 - 82 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
KRENZLER, Lucius (C) - October 25, 1889 - 26 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
KREUTZEN, Ulric (P) - March 8, 1945 - 56 - St. Joseph, Bloomington, IL
KROELL, Anthony (P) - October 3, 1989 - 85 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
KROGER, Ambrose (P) - December 28, 1979 - 81 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
KROGER, Anthony (P) - October 3, 1959 - 67 - St. Joseph, Bloomington, IL
KROGER, Paul (B) - December 17, 1984 - 56 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
KROGER, Vincent (P) - May 30, 1993 - 93 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
KRON, Caesar (P) - April 24, 1957 - 72 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
KRSEMINSKI, Oliver (P) - January 24, 1956 - 61 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
KRUELLMANN, Martin (T) - July 2, 1926 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
KRUPP, Gerard (B) - November 28, 1924 - 74 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
KUHN, Ulmer (P) - May 3, 1978 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
KUNKEL, Eligius (P) - May 30, 1927 - 50 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
KUPER, Bernard (B) - March 6, 1931 - 73 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
KURZ, Aloysius (P) - May 13, 1912 - 61 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
KURZ, Stephen (C) - January 30, 1883 - 16 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

LABINSKI, Bertrand (P) - January 8, 1953 - 79 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
LABINSKI, Stanislaus (B) - January 8, 1927 - 60 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
  Laborius Springbob (B) - May 14, 1934 - 67 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
  Lambert Brockmann (P) - June 30, 1973 - 75 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
  Lambert Doll (B) - January 14, 1946 - 78 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
LAMMERT, Agnellus (P) - September 10, 1952 - 52 - St. Joseph church yard, Laguna, NM
LAMPE, Benno (B) - September 17, 1938 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LANNERT, Maxim (P) - April 26, 1981 - 55 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
LARBES, Flavian (P) - October 26, 1925 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Laurian Rausch (P) - October 4, 1984 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Lawrence Long (P) - September 5, 1894 - 33 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
  Lawrence Peter (C) - August 31, 1880 - 20 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
  Lawrence Rossmann (P) - January 2, 1951 - 67 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
  Lawrence Ziebarth (B) - November 3, 1925 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LEAHY, Sean (B) - January 14, 1982 - 57 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
  Leander Blumlein (P) - September 21, 1981 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Leander Schell (P) - December 30, 1935 - 60 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LEARY, Dunstan (P) - March 9, 1934 - 48 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LEARY, Edward (P) - August 8, 1965 - 81 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
LEHMKUHLE, Odoric (P) - February 10, 1938 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LENNÉ, Placid (B) - January 10, 1923 - 69 - Holy Sepulcher, Washington, DC
  Leo Frischmann (T) - October 29, 1872 - 30 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
  Leo Molengraft (P) - May 15, 1938 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Leo Pfeiffer (P) - October 6, 1983 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Leo Riehle (B) - July 27, 1921 - 81 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
Leo Ruffino (B) - March 25, 1989 - 82 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Leo Schwab (B) - January 10, 1939 - 93 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Leon Korty (P) - April 25, 1990 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Leonard Foley (P) - April 3, 1994 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Leonard Holtkamp (P) - January 6, 1972 - 72 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Leonard Nurre (P) - April 5, 1919 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Leopold Holtel (C) - February 3, 1877 - 20 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Leopold Ostermann (P) - April 10, 1930 - 66 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
LESCYNSKI, Novatus (B) - March 16, 1925 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LICHTEFELD, Silas (P) - September 4, 1941 - 65 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
LIEFTUCHTER, Ephrem (P) - July 30, 1950 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LIENERT, Meinrad (T) - August 29, 1932 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LINESCH, Bernardin (P) - January 9, 1966 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LINESCH, Placid (P) - February 21, 1956 - 53 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
LINFERT, Daniel (P) - November 27, 1961 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LINFERT, Gabriel (P) - March 2, 1973 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LINGEMANN, Athanasius (P) - June 23, 1895 - 41 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LINGS, Francis (P) - March 29, 1924 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Linus Braun (P) - April 5, 1969 - 88 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LIPPS, Gabriel (P) - April 28, 1913 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LIPPS, Honorius (P) - December 27, 1959 - 73 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
LONG, Lawrence (P) - September 5, 1894 - 33 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
LONTEEN, Valery (N) - April 19, 1958 - 19 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LORENZ, Hubert (P) - May 5, 1972 - 79 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
LOTZ, Francis dePaul (P) - January 28, 1923 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Louis Haverbeck (P) - October 9, 1934 - 92 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
Louis Rohr (P) - March 30, 1992 - 77 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
LOXTERKAMP, Beatus (B) - April 15, 1925 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Lucian Greene (P) - August 15, 1963 - 68 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Lucian Hurtig (P) - February 21, 1919 - 29 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Lucian Ricke (P) - April 28, 1976 - 61 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Lucius Hafertepe (P) - April 20, 1881 - 24 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Lucius Krenzler (C) - October 25, 1889 - 26 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
Lucius Sans (C) - November 8, 1918 - 47 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ludger Oldegeering (P) - October 16, 1948 - 59 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Ludger Olliges (B) - January 27, 1907 - 38 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LUEBKER, Emil (B) - January 27, 1920 - 53 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Luke Bertsch (P) - November 7, 1985 - 90 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Luke Gottbehoede (P) - March 27, 1914 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
LUTOMSKI, Ammian (P) - July 6, 1975 - 58 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
MacAULEY, Patrick (P) - April 26, 1989 - 76 - Provincial House Crypt, Manila, Philippines

MacGREGOR, Roderick (P) - June 10, 1990 - 65 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Madian Schneider (P) - January 18, 1969 - 57 - Provincial House Crypt, Manila, Philippines

MAHONEY, John Joseph (T) - February 19, 1933 - 26 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
MALLOY, Joseph (B) - January 6, 1992 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

MANNING, Paul (P) - September 16, 1939 - 51 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Marcellin Schroeder (P) - December 31, 1943 - 66 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Marcellus Moorman (P) - May 10, 1998 - 80 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
Marcellus Troester (P) - January 17, 1936 - 57 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Marcus Kreke (P) - August 3, 1935 - 82 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

MARENDT, Richard (P) - April 28, 1982 - 69 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
Marian Battaglia (B) - July 2, 1995 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Marinus Moss (C) - February 8, 1901 - 23 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN

MARKUS, Joachim (P) - September 13, 1953 - 70 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN

MARSCHKE, William (P) - June 2, 1920 - 32 - churchyard, Cuba, NM
MARSINKO, Felix (P) - October 16, 1979 - 83 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Marita Schmidts (P) - March 15, 1964 - 38 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Martin Bauer (P) - October 13, 1891 - 47 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
Martin Hoeft (P) - February 3, 1954 - 70 - St. Mary, Maydale, KS
Martin Huelsmann (B) - November 29, 1940 - 28 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Martin Kruellmann (T) - July 2, 1926 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Martin Wolf (OLG/P) - December 25, 1994 - 44 - South Park, Roswell, NM

MATSCHY, Peregrin (B) - August 1, 1889 - 58 - Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI
Matthew Halloran (OLG/B) - December 12, 1990 - 78 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Matthew Popp (P) - June 8, 1963 - 77 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Matthew Schmidt (P) - May 2, 1903 - 45 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
Matthias Heile (P) - July 16, 1960 - 64 - St. Joseph, Bloomington, IL

MATUSKA, Philip (P) - January 21, 1950 - 54 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MATZ, Casper (P) - January 7, 1942 - 67 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MATZ, Celestine (P) - February 22, 1936 - 56 - Greenlawn, Farmington, NM
Maurice Ripperger (P) - June 3, 1958 - 87 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Maurus Reibenspies (T) - March 8, 1953 - 66 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Maxim Lannert (P) - April 26, 1981 - 55 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
Maximilian Elsbernd (C) - May 30, 1914 - 23 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Maximilian Gartner (P) - June 5, 1951 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Maximilian Schaefer (P) - December 18, 1907 - 56 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

MAYRAND, Florence (B) - July 1, 1977 - 63 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
McALARNEY, Barnabas (P) - February 16, 1973 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
McALLISTER, Forest (OLG/P) - July 26, 1997 - 58 - Mt. Calvary, Albuquerque, NM
McARRON, Patrick (P) - February 16, 1951 - 62 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI
McAVOY, Dennis (B) - February 13, 1992 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
McGEE, John Forest (P) - December 18, 1951 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
McHALE, Guadalupe (T) - June 11, 1906 - 27 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
MEHN, Regis (P) - September 14, 1968 - 51 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
MEIER, Dominic (P) - December 23, 1924 - 73 - St. Anthony, Streator, IL
Meinrad Issler (P) - August 14, 1978 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Meinrad Lienert (T) - August 29, 1932 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MEISTER, John Joseph (P) - October 27, 1974 - 71 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Mel O'Connell (B) - February 1, 1988 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MENCHEN, Jacob (P) - June 20, 1881 - 39 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MENZER, Peter Baptist (P) - June 7, 1867 - 23 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
MERTENS, Candidus (P) - July 26, 1908 - 28 - St. Anthony, Streator, IL
Methodius Fix (T) - March 15, 1910 - 24 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
MEYER, Barnabas (P) - October 20, 1965 - 90 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
MEYER, Carol (P) - May 19, 1971 - 61 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
MEYER, Clarence (P) - December 18, 1926 - 48 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MEYER, Fulgence (P) - November 14, 1938 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MEYER, Gratian (P) - April 25, 1966 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MEYER, Howard (OLG/P) - November 9, 1989 - 67 - Grants Cemetery, Grants, NM
MEYER, Silber (P) - February 23, 1983 - 76 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
MEYER, Theodosius (P) - April 1, 1958 - 75 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
MEYER, Theophil (OLG/P) - May 19, 1991 - 85 - Grants Cemetery, Grants, NM
MEYERS, Florentine (P) - March 24, 1944 - 68 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Michael Baca (P) - September 8, 1997 - 70 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Michael Dunn (P) - January 8, 1961 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Michael Ziegler (P) - July 10, 1960 - 48 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MINDORFF, Claude (P) - March 17, 1936 - 55 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
MINDORFF, Edgar (P) - May 28, 1950 - 41 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MITTELSTAEDT, Innocent (P) - December 5, 1931 - 37 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
Modestus Wehling (B) - January 8, 1928 - 88 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MOEDDEL, Kevin (P) - May 11, 1965 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MOELLERS, Benedict (P) - May 10, 1947 - 45 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MOEMLAN, Joseph (P) - November 19, 1987 - 83 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
MOEWS, Guy (P) - December 22, 1971 - 67 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
MOLENGRAFT, Leo (P) - May 15, 1938 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MOLITOR, Roger (B) - July 12, 1914 - 76 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
MOLLAUN, Romuald (P) - August 16, 1984 - 90 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MOORMAN, Marcellus (P) - May 10, 1998 - 80 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
MORAN, Aloysius (P) - November 16, 1993 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MORAN, Denis (P) - July 27, 1987 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MORATH, Amadeus (B) - September 26, 1929 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
MORATH, Roch (B) - March 15, 1943 - 88 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
MORGAN, Ethelbert (P) - January 21, 1911 - 29 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
MOSS, Marinus (C) - February 8, 1901 - 23 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN

MULLEN, Corman (P) - September 20, 1981 - 53 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL

MULLIGAN, Raymond (P) - November 12, 1938 - 46 - South Park, Roswell, NM

MULROY, Brice (P) - September 15, 1986 - 64 - Archdiocesan Cemetery, Cebu City, Philippines

MUNCH, Aurelian (P) - November 11, 1976 - 69 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL

Myron Uhl (OLG/P) - October 17, 1990 - 70 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM

NEUNER, Samuel (P) - June 23, 1885 - 67 - died in Innichen, Tyrol

Nicholas Angerer (B) - July 16, 1859 - 39 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH

Nicholas Bissmeyer (P) - September 16, 1942 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Nicholas Holtel (P) - March 30, 1895 - 41 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Nicholas Wachter (P) - February 20, 1869 - 57 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH

NIEHAUS, Pius (P) - May 5, 1908 - 54 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

NIRMAIER, Ferdinand (P) - May 13, 1963 - 61 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

NIRMAIER, Justin (P) - April 14, 1974 - 71 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

Norbert Oldegeering (P) - July 15, 1983 - 75 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN

Norman Perry (P) - March 1, 1999 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Novatus Leszynski (B) - March 16, 1925 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

NUNLIST, Ronald (P) - December 6, 1995 - 83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

NURRE, Bernard (P) - August 31, 1906 - 44 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

NURRE, Leonard (P) - April 5, 1919 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

NUSSBAUMER, Gerard (P) - April 11, 1926 - 29 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

O'CONNELL, Mel (B) - February 1, 1988 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

O'DONOVAN, Gregory (B) - March 9, 1987 - 84 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

O'LEARY, Columban (B) - December 15, 1931 - 56 - South Park, Roswell, NM

Odo Kempker (P) - April 7, 1949 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Odoric Lehmkuhle (P) - February 10, 1938 - 67 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

OEHLER, Edward (C) - December 24, 1880 - 20 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH

OEHRI, Hugolin (B) - May 29, 1942 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

OHLMANN, Ralph (P) - June 25, 1961 - 56 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

OHR, Bartholomew (P) - December 17, 1954 - 67 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL

OLDEGEERING, Bede (P) - November 16, 1927 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

OLDEGEERING, Firmin (P) - July 10, 1972 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

OLDEGEERING, John de Deo (P) - August 21, 1984 - 84 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

OLDEGEERING, Ludger (P) - October 16, 1948 - 59 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL

OLDEGEERING, Norbert (P) - July 15, 1983 - 75 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN

OLEKSINSKI, Silas (P) - September 28, 1995 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Oliver Krseminski (P) - January 24, 1956 - 61 - Calvary, Wichita, KS

OLLIGES, Ludger (B) - January 27, 1907 - 38 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Orlando Jaquez (P) - August 6, 1964 (presumed) - 31 - ?

ORTH, Alexius (B) - February 16, 1919 - 24 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ORTNER, Benedict (B) - July 10, 1968 - 52 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Osmond Braun (P) - March 24, 1965 - 81 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
OSTERMANN, Leopold (P) - April 10, 1930 - 66 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
OSTMEYER, Athanasius (P) - May 8, 1970 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
OSTMEYER, Victorian (P) - September 11, 1970 - 63 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Oswald Bley (B) - August 27, 1947 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
OTT, Ernest (P) - July 26, 1939 - 54 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Otto Jair (P) - May 18, 1885 - 69 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Otto Staebule (P) - December 3, 1927 - 33 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Otto Ziegler (P) - April 5, 1913 - 44 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
OVERBERG, Edward (P) - May 14, 1991 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Owen Gehring (P) - June 29, 1993 - 76 - St. Louis, Batesville, IN

PAIL, Elzear (B) - April 8, 1962 - 88 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
Pancratius Candelaria (OLG/B) - February 23, 1995 - 85 - Holy Rosary, Santa Fe, NM
Pancratius Woermann (B) - April 14, 1928 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

PARTL, Austin (P) - June 13, 1964 - 74 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Paschal Flaig (B) - January 30, 1872 - 33 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Paschal Kern (P) - July 28, 1977 - 85 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
Paschal Rathweg (B) - December 1, 1939 - 42 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Paschal Stockmaier (T) - May 15, 1986 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Patrick Kinne (B) - July 24, 1983 - 47 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Patrick MacAuley (P) - April 26, 1989 - 76 - Provincial House Crypt, Manila, Philippines
Patrick McArron (P) - February 16, 1951 - 62 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI
Patrick Sullivan (B) - October 25, 1944 - 76 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN

Paul Alf (P) - July 18, 1907 - 55 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Paul Doerger (P) - April 14, 1931 - 31 - Catholic Mission, Wuchang, China
Paul Kroger (B) - December 17, 1984 - 84 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Paul Manning (P) - September 16, 1939 - 51 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Paul Scales (P) - August 6, 1974 - 56 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Paul Schneider (OLG/P) - January 30, 1999 - 83 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
Paulinus Kranz (P) - March 28, 1947 - 78 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
Pax Schicker (P) - October 3, 1965 - 57 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Pax Winterheld (P) - July 26, 1926 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Peregrin Matschy (B) - August 1, 1889 - 58 - Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI

PERRY, Norman (P) - March 1, 1999 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

Peter A. Ricke (OLG/P) - March 12, 1997 - 77 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Peter Alcantara Welling (P) - April 12, 1936 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Peter Baptist Englert (P) - February 2, 1927 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Peter Baptist Menzer (P) - June 7, 1867 - 23 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Peter Paul Gundermann (P) - January 31, 1928 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Peter Scherer (T) - September 11, 1957 - 85 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Peter Wiethe (P) - July 16, 1991 - 82 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
PETER, Engelbert (P) - January 12, 1890 - 35 - Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI
PETER, Lawrence (C) - August 31, 1880 - 20 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
PFEIFFER, Leo (P) - October 6, 1983 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Philibert Allstetter (P) - July 8, 1912 - 54 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Philibert Ramstetter (P) - July 1, 1981 - 87 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
  Philip Matuska (P) - January 21, 1950 - 54 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Philip Rothmann (P) - February 14, 1914 - 57 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
PIMPLE, Alfred (P) - October 27, 1983 - 72 - St. Joseph, Olpe, KS
PIRCHER, Bernard (B) - March 1, 1876 - 43 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
  Pirmin Eberhard (P) - February 3, 1862 - 41 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
  Pirmin Sickinger (C) - March 26, 1907 - 20 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
PIRNON, Sigismund (P) - July 24, 1954 - 82 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
  Pius Bachler (P) - March 18, 1939 - 53 - St. Joseph, Olpe, KS
  Pius Niehaus (P) - May 5, 1908 - 54 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
  Pius Winter (OLG/P) - September 27, 1997 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Placid H. Doyle (P) - October 5, 1918 - 30 - Military Cem., Suresnes, France
Placid Lenné (B) - January 10, 1923 - 69 - Holy Sepulcher, Washington, DC
Placid Linesch (P) - February 21, 1956 - 53 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Placid M. Doyle (P) - May 2, 1968 - 57 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Placidus Buergner (B) - February 19, 1906 - 53 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
POGGEL, Anthony (B) - December 27, 1928 - 61 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
POHLKAMP, Diomede (P) - August 5, 1953 - 72 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
  Polycarp VanMourik (P) - September 3, 1942 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
POPP, Juniper (B) - March 30, 1942 - 78 - Mt. Zion, Jerusalem, Israel
POPP, Matthew (P) - June 8, 1963 - 77 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
  Prosper Stemmann (P) - December 30, 1966 - 92 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Quentin Hauer (P) - February 8, 1997 - 89 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Ralph Ohlmann (P) - June 25, 1961 - 56 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Ralph Zinser (OLG/P) - November 7, 1989 - 72 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
RAMSTETTER, Philibert (P) - July 1, 1981 - 87 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
  Randolph Thompson (P) - December 3, 1991 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Raphael Clouse (P) - November 26, 1993 - 90 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Raphael Hesse (P) - November 2, 1907 - 54 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
  Raphael Schulte (P) - November 8, 1921 - 32 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Raphael Weisenbach (P) - October 20, 1974 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
RAPP, Joseph Cupertin (B) - April 16, 1930 - 68 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
RATHWEG, Paschal (B) - December 1, 1939 - 42 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
RAUSCH, Laurian (P) - October 4, 1984 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Raymond Mulligan (P) - November 12, 1938 - 46 - South Park, Roswell, NM
  Raymond Soper (P) - January 5, 1983 - 71 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Rayner Kraus (B) - May 24, 1936 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Regis Darpel (P) - February 19, 1960 - 62 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Regis Mehn (P) - September 14, 1968 - 51 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
REIBENSPIES, Maurus (T) - March 8, 1953 - 66 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Reinhold Koesters (B) - January 13, 1964 - 88 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
REIS, Humilis (B) - August 11, 1916 - 69 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
REISSLER, Arbogast (P) - January 31, 1919 - 44 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Rembert Kowalski (BP) - November 27, 1970 - 86 - St. Michael, St. Michael’s, AZ
Remegius Austing (P) - December 26, 1964 - 66 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Remigius Hauenstein (P) - September 13, 1916 - 42 - South Park, Roswell, NM
Remigius Schmidt (B) - January 10, 1961 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
RENIER, Valerian (P) - November 17, 1965 - 81 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
RENN, Cosmas (B) - March 15, 1920 - 55 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Reynaldo Rivera (P) - August 5, 1982 - 57 - Cathedral crypt, Santa Fe, NM
RHOMBERG, Elvan (P) - October 16, 1984 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Richard Kloster (B) - June 21, 1980 - 51 - Provincial House Crypt, Manila, Philippines
Richard Marendt (P) - April 28, 1982 - 69 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
Richard Wurth (P) - September 14, 1945 - 75 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
RICKE, Lucian (P) - April 28, 1976 - 61 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
RICKE, Peter A. (OLG/P) - March 12, 1997 - 77 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
RIEHL, Leo (B) - July 27, 1921 - 81 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
RIELANDER, Dominic (B) - July 24, 1932 - 83 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
RIPPERGER, Alexis (OLG/P) - December 25, 1990 - 56 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
RIPPERGER, Maurice (P) - June 3, 1958 - 87 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
RITTER, Blase (B) - January 29, 1934 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
RIVERA, Reynaldo (P) - August 5, 1982 - 57 - Cathedral crypt, Santa Fe, NM
Robert Hoffer (P) - January 23, 1998- 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Robert Kalt (P) - July 2, 1956 - 78 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Robert Stuedle (T) - May 2, 1895 - 28 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROBERTSON, Kenneth (OLG/P) - October 20, 1996 - 81 - St. Joseph church yard, Laguna, NM
Roch Morath (B) - March 15, 1943 - 88 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Roderick MacGregor (P) - June 10, 1990 - 65 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
RODRIGUEZ, Arnold (P) - June 26, 1991 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROELL, Gerold (B) - October 13, 1965 - 81 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Roger Hengehold (P) - July 15, 1962 - 67 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
Roger Huser (P) - July 24, 1980 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Roger Molitor (B) - July 12, 1914 - 76 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
ROHR, Louis (P) - March 30, 1992 - 77 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
Roland Ulmer (P) - April 4, 1976 - 77 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
ROLFES, Adalbert (P) - January 3, 1955 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROM, Agnellus Joseph (P) - October 12, 1918 - 48 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROM, Agnellus Leo (P) - November 16, 1941 - 31 - St. Michael, St. Michael’s, AZ
Roman Kramer (P) - October 28, 1933 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Romedia Brunner (B) - August 12, 1936 - 84 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Romuald Helmig (P) - July 15, 1913 - 34 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Romuald Mollaun (P) - August 16, 1984 - 90 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ronald Nunlist (P) - December 6, 1995 - 83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Ronnin Einhaus (P) - February 23, 1997 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROSSMANN, Lawrence (P) - January 2, 1951 - 67 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
ROTH, Ivo (B) - July 29, 1930 - 70 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
ROTH, Kilian (P) - April 16, 1946 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROTHAN, Bennet (P) - September 29, 1993 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROTHMANN, Philip (P) - February 14, 1914 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROULEAU, Kenneth (P) - July 26, 1943 - 34 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI
ROUSSEAU, Eugene (P) - March 23, 1970 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ROUSSEAU, Julian (OLG/P) - January 1, 1922 - 82 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
Roy Effler (P) - March 24, 1994 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Rudolph Bonner (P) - December 22, 1945 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
RUFFINO, Leo (B) - March 25, 1989 - 82 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Rupert Hueninghake (B) - February 5, 1976 - 80 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
SACK, Boniface (P) - May 15, 1980 - 56 - Lawn Haven, Clovis, NM
SAILER, Stephen (P) - December 19, 1899 - 71 - died in Salzburg, Austria
Samuel Gelting (P) - July 25, 1921 - 57 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Samuel Goldwater (P) - September 14, 1979 - 61 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Samuel Hermes (P) - October 19, 1984 - 57 - St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI
Samuel Neuner (P) - June 23, 1885 - 67 - died in Innichen, Tyrol
SAND, Cassian (P) - July 19, 1980 - 74 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
SANDER, Damian (P) - May 2, 1959 - 68 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
SANDFORD, Felician (P) - October 26, 1964 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SANNING, Ambrose (P) - November 6, 1908 - 61 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SANS, Lucius (C) - November 8, 1918 - 47 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SAUER, Cyprian (P) - April 19, 1940 - 61 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
SAUER, Hilarion (B) - January 11, 1910 - 83 - died in Schwaz, Tyrol
SCALE, Paul (P) - August 6, 1974 - 56 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHAFF, Constantine (P) - October 24, 1945 - 69 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
SCHAFF, Valentine (P) - December 1, 1946 - 63 - Crypt Ara Coeli, Rome, Italy
SCHAFF, Adam (P) - June 30, 1938 - 64 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
SCHAFF, Aidan (P) - April 1, 1986 - 67 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
SCHAFF, Angelus (P) - February 18, 1973 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
SCHAFF, Francis Solanus (P) - October 10, 1934 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHAFF, Maximilian (P) - December 18, 1907 - 56 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHETZ, Antonine (P) - October 24, 1990 - 64 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
SCHILL, Leopold (P) - December 30, 1935 - 60 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHERER, Peter (T) - September 11, 1957 - 85 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHICK, Edwin (P) - June 7, 1963 - 54 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHICKER, Pax (P) - October 3, 1965 - 57 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
SCHILLING, Godfrey (P) - August 4, 1934 - 79 - Holy Sepulcher, Washington, DC
SCHLICK, Donatus (T) - January 30, 1934 - 79 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
SCHMID, Eusebius (P) - December 31, 1897 - 74 - died in Bozen, Tyrol
SCHMIDLIN, Dunstan (P) - May 9, 1989 - 68 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
SCHMIDT, Gotthard (B) - June 12, 1963 - 81 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
SCHMIDT, Matthew (P) - May 2, 1903 - 45 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
SCHMIDT, Remigius (B) - January 10, 1961 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHMIDTS, Martial (P) - March 15, 1964 - 38 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
SCHNEIDER, Alban (P) - January 14, 1955 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHNEIDER, Ermin (P) - July 26, 1959 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHNEIDER, Flavian (P) - June 26, 1979 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHNEIDER, Hilary (P) - April 6, 1970 - 64 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
SCHNEIDER, Madian (P) - January 18, 1969 - 57 - Provincial House Crypt, Manila, Philippines
SCHNEIDER, Paul (OLG/P) - January 30, 1999 - 83 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
SCHNEIDER, Sigfrid (P) - March 24, 1987 - 82 - Fuch Cem., Tokyo, Japan
SCHNEIDER, Thomas (B) - December 25, 1899 - 57 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHNORBUS, Juvenal (P) - September 27, 1912 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHOEPPNER, Charles (P) - October 11, 1932 - 79 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
SCHOETTLEKOTTE, Christopher (B) - June 21, 1931 - 63 - South Park, Roswell, NM
SCHRADER, Adrian (B) - July 23, 1961 - 51 - Guadalupe, Peña Blanca, NM
SCHROEDER, John Baptist (P) - February 14, 1901 - 48 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
SCHROEDER, Marcellin (P) - December 31, 1943 - 66 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
SCHULTE, Baldwin (P) - May 1, 1963 - 68 - St. Joseph, Bloomington, IL
SCHULTE, Gilbert (P) - June 10, 1932 - 54 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
SCHULTE, Raphael (P) - November 8, 1921 - 32 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHUSTER, Fridolin (P) - May 29, 1943 - 59 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
SCHUSTER, Gaudence (P) - June 21, 1941 - 69 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
SCHWAB, Leo (B) - January 10, 1939 - 93 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
SCHWEITZER, Aloys (P) - September 23, 1974 - 62 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHWEITZER, Eusebius (P) - April 29, 1958 - 51 - Calvary, San Angelo, TX
SCHWETSCHENAU, Joseph (C) - April 8, 1926 - 26 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SCHWETSCHENAU, Ubald (P) - July 26, 1941 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Sean Leahy (B) - January 14, 1982 - 57 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
  Sebastian Erbacher (P) - January 21, 1961 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Sebastian Kersting (B) - August 17, 1925 - 62 -died in Kafr El Fayat, Egypt
  Sebastian Wintering (B) - July 28, 1961 - 73 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
SEIDL, Alexander (C) - July 18, 1897 - 22 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
  Senan Kelly (P) - February 11, 1977 - 81 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
SENN, Albert (P) - March 26, 1989 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Seraph Zeitz (P) - November 16, 1985 - 76 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
Seraphin Stoehr (B) - July 20, 1898 - 51 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Seraphin Vonier (B) - November 2, 1935 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SHEA, Albert (B) - September 7, 1953 - 73 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
SICKINGER, Pirmin (C) - March 26, 1907 - 20 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
SIEBERT, Aloys (T) - October 6, 1886 - 25 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Sigbert Vietor (T) - December 29, 1965 - 89 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Sigfrid Schneider (P) - March 24, 1987 - 82 - Fuch Cem., Tokyo, Japan
Sigismund Koch (P) - June 11, 1885 - 61 - died in Salzburg, Austria
Sigismund Pirron (P) - July 24, 1954 - 82 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Silas Humig (T) - January 14, 1893 - 34 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Silas Lichtefeld (P) - September 4, 1941 - 65 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Silas Oleksinski (P) - September 28, 1995 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Silver Meyer (P) - February 23, 1983 - 76 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Simeon Fiedler (P) - November 3, 1945 - 53 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Simeon Idl (B) - January 29, 1888 - 60 - died in Lienz, Tyrol
Simon Conrad (OLG/P) - June 17, 1998 - 63 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
Simon Griesam (P) - June 29, 1952 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
SIMPSON, Hugh (P) - January 26, 1959 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SIPPEL, Anselm (P) - March 15, 1985 - 83 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Sixtus Kopp (P) - January 1, 1959 - 75 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
Sixtus Staub (C) - April 17, 1903 - 23 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
SOLBACH, Callistus (P) - May 18, 1963 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SOPER, Raymond (P) - January 5, 1983 - 71 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
SPECHT, Bentivol (B) - October 19, 1931 - 52 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
SPRINGBOB, Laborius (B) - May 14, 1934 - 67 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
STAEBLE, Otto (P) - December 3, 1927 - 33 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
STALLO, Guido (P) - December 20, 1918 - 62 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Stanislaus Labinski (B) - January 8, 1927 - 60 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Stanislaus Stephan (C) - December 4, 1887 - 21 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Stanislaus Tomczak (P) - August 4, 1977 - 88 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
STARK, Conradin (P) - September 27, 1999 - 92 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STAUBACH, Berthold (P) - August 3, 1917 - 41 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
STAUBLE, Winfrid (P) - July 10, 1967 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STAUD, Hugh (P) - June 13, 1946 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STAUD, Sixtus (C) - April 17, 1903 - 23 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
STEELE, Augustine (B) - August 23, 1971 - 32 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
STEIGERWALD, Albert (P) - November 4, 1888 - 29 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STEIN, Cyril (C) - April 5, 1914 - 56 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STEINKAMP, Clement (P) - July 13, 1919 - 77 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
STEMANN, Ferdinand (B) - January 2, 1947 -83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STEMANN, Prosper (P) - December 30, 1966 - 92 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STEMMER, Adjute (B) - November 17, 1937 - 76 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STEMMLE, Harold (P) - July 3, 1937 - 41 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
STENDEBACH, Eugene (B) - February 7, 1992 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STEPHAN, Stanislaus (C) - December 4, 1887 - 21 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STEPHAN, Theodore (P) - October 30, 1918 - 56 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Stephen Hoffmann (P) - March 16, 1938 - 79 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
Stephen Kurz (C) - January 30, 1883 - 16 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Stephen Sailer (P) - December 19, 1899 - 71 - died in Salzburg, Austria
Stephen Sukup (C) - July 28, 1881 - 20 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STEPHEN, Venantius (P) - January 9, 1935 - 63 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
Stephen Uecker (B) - March 20, 1971 - 22 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
STOCKMAIER, Paschal (T) - May 15, 1986 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STOEHR, Francis Solanus (C) - January 28, 1879 - 19 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
STOEHR, Seraphin (B) - July 20, 1898 - 51 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STRONK, Generose (P) - March 29, 1961 - 80 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
STUDENER, Christian (P) - April 23, 1972 - 89 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
STUDELLE, Robert (T) - May 2, 1895 - 28 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
STUERENBERG, Francis de Sales (P) - March 21, 1933 - 67 - South Park, Roswell, NM
SUKUP, Stephen (C) - July 28, 1881 - 20 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SULLIVAN, Patrick (B) - October 25, 1944 - 76 - Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN
SULLIVAN, Walter (B) - November 10, 1932 - 44 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SUTTMANN, Cletus (P) - September 3, 1973 - 59 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
SUTTMANN, Donnul (P) - May 14, 1998 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Sylvan Becker (P) - August 27, 1991 - 83 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Sylvester Cheng (P) - January 1, 1980 (commemorated) - ? - ?
Sylvester Espelage (BP) - October 25, 1940 - 63 - Catholic Mission, Wuchang, China
Sylvester Troesch (P) - January 26, 1890 - 26 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
Symphorian Weiner (P) - November 16, 1958 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
TASSIN, Florence (B) - December 20, 1933 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
TAYLOR, Conan (P) - August 25, 1997 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
TELLES, Jordan (P) - August 26, 1986 - 78 - Lake View, Calumet, MI
THEOBALD, Chrysostom (P) - June 30, 1936 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Theodore Hesselbrock (P) - January 27, 1963 - 64 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
Theodore Stephan (P) - October 30, 1918 - 56 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
Theodosius Meyer (P) - April 1, 1958 - 75 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
Theophane Battilo (P) - May 6, 1999 - 83 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
Theophil Himmel (B) - February 22, 1950 - 70 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Theophil Meyer (OLG/P) - May 19, 1991 - 85 - Grants Cemetery, Grants, NM
Thomas Ameringer (P) - June 2, 1966 - 80 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Thomas Blomstrom (P) - September 14, 1962 - 50 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Thomas Flahie (B) - March 7, 1975 - 68 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Thomas Jones (P) - January 15, 1942 - 31 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
Thomas Schneider (B) - December 25, 1899 - 57 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
THOMPSON, Randolph (P) - December 3, 1991 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
THORNTON, Vincent (T) - July 29, 1966 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
THUEMMEL, Gervase (B) - April 8, 1949 - 69 - South Park, Roswell, NM
  Timothy Brockmann (P) - February 3, 1953 - 69 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Timothy Dolan (C) - October 6, 1895 - 20 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
TITTEL, Clarence (P) - October 21, 1990 - 85 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
  Titus Gehring (P) - April 28, 1977 - 94 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
TOMCZAK, Stanislaus (P) - August 4, 1977 - 88 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
TONNES, Accurs (P) - January 31, 1942 - 79 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
TROCKUR, Emmanuel (P) - June 8, 1977 - 87 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
TROESCH, Sylvester (P) - January 26, 1890 - 26 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
TROESTER, Marcellus (P) - January 17, 1936 - 57 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
TROKLUS, Gregory (P) - July 16, 1969 - 73 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
TROST, Vincent (P) - March 21, 1919 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
TRUMMER, William (P) - May 4, 1987 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Turibius Christman (P) - January 17, 1956 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Ubald Schwetschenau (P) - July 26, 1941 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Ubald Webersinke (P) - October 4, 1909 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
UECKER, Steven (B) - March 20, 1971 - 22 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
UHL, John Evangelist (OLG/P) - July 22, 1985 - 72 - St. Joseph church yard, Laguna, NM
UHL, Myron (OLG/P) - October 17, 1990 - 70 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
  Ulmer Kuhn (P) - May 3, 1978 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ULMER, Roland (P) - April 4, 1976 - 77 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
  Ulric Axmann (B) - March 3, 1906 - 36 - Calvary, Kansas City, KS
  Ulric Kreutzen (P) - March 8, 1945 - 56 - St. Joseph, Bloomington, IL
UNTERTHINER, William (P) - January 17, 1857 - 47 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
  Urban Freundt (P) - April 9, 1955 - 78 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
  Urban Wiethe (P) - April 7, 1964 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
VALDEZ, Antonio (OLG/P) - December 5, 1997 - 64 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
  Valentine Schaaf (P) - December 1, 1946 - 63 - Crypt Ara Coeli, Rome, Italy
  Valerian Renier (P) - November 17, 1965 - 81 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
  Valery Lonteen (N) - April 19, 1958 - 19 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
VanMOURIK, Polycarp (P) - September 3, 1942 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
VELTEN, Andrew (B) - December 31, 1939 - 89 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Venance Arnold (P) - May 27, 1895 - 62 - died in Salzburg, Austria
  Venantius Stephen (P) - January 9, 1935 - 63 - St. Mary, Metamora, IL
  Victor Brewer (B) - August 14, 1908 - 41 - South Park, Roswell, NM
  Victor Drees (P) - March 7, 1967 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Victorian Ostmeyer (P) - September 11, 1970 - 63 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
VIETOR, Sigbert (T) - December 29, 1965 - 89 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
  Vigil Daeger (P) - July 18, 1936 - 57 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
  Vincent Kroger (P) - May 30, 1993 - 93 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Vincent Thornton (T) - July 29, 1966 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Vincent Trost (P) - March 21, 1919 - 55 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Vital Huelshorst (B) - January 19, 1964 - 88 - Calvary, Wichita, KS
VonHAGEL, Elmer (P) - January 16, 1968 - 65 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
VONIER, Seraphin (B) - November 2, 1935 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH

WACHTEL, Dominic (P) - March 19, 1999 - 53 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WACHTER, Nicholas (P) - February 20, 1869 - 57 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
WAGNER, Charles (B) - July 6, 1968 - 67 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
WAGNER, Eusebius (P) - July 13, 1917 - 43 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
WAGNER, Giles (B) - April 17, 1972 - 59 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
WAITKUNAS, John (B) - November 5, 1973 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Walter Sullivan (B) - November 10, 1932 - 44 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WEBER, Anselm (P) - March 7, 1921 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WEBER, Clement (P) - May 21, 1981 - 66 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
WEBERSINKE, Ubald (P) - October 4, 1909 - 72 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WECKER, Alexis (P) - January 14, 1965 - 63 - St. Roch, New Orleans, LA
WEFER, Daniel (OLG/P) - May 19, 1992 - 77 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
WEHLING, Modestus (B) - January 8, 1928 - 88 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WEHR, Humbert (P) - July 8, 1935 - 44 - Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS
WEINER, Florence (P) - August 24, 1939 - 35 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WEINER, Symphorian (P) - November 16, 1958 - 76 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
WEISENBACH, Raphael (P) - October 20, 1974 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WEISS, Bartholomew (P) - October 9, 1906 - 52 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
WELLING, Peter Alcantara (P) - April 12, 1936 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WELLINGHOFF, John Evangelist (P) - April 14, 1931 - 76 - St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH
Wendelin Gierlich (B) - April 23, 1932 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WERLE, Ermin (P) - November 27, 1994 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Werner Krause (P) - May 1, 1953 - 56 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
WESTENDICK, Basil (P) - November 4, 1991 - 61 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WIDMAN, David (P) - December 19, 1871 - 66 - died in Ruette, Tyrol
WIETHE, Peter (P) - July 16, 1991 - 82 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WIETHE, Urban (P) - April 7, 1964 - 49 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WILBERDING, Alexander (P) - October 9, 1958 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WILBERDING, Alphonse (P) - August 31, 1966 - 81 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Wilfrid Humbert (P) - June 7, 1979 - 74 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Wilfrid Klein (B) - January 2, 1965 - 79 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WILKENS, Ignatius (P) - December 29, 1934 - 78 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
William Faber (P) - September 27, 1977 - 75 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
William Marschke (P) - June 2, 1920 - 32 - church yard, Cuba, NM
William Trummer (P) - May 4, 1987 - 78 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
William Unterthiner (P) - January 17, 1857 - 47 - St. John, Cincinnati, OH
Willibrord Zieverink (P) - February 3, 1921 - 44 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
Winfrid Stauble (P) - July 10, 1967 - 66 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WINTER, Pius (OLG/P) - September 27, 1997 - 77 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WINTERHELD, Pax (P) - July 26, 1926 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WINTERING, Sebastian (B) - July 28, 1961 - 73 - Holy Sepulcher, Detroit, MI
WISSLER, Bernardin (P) - June 9, 1925 - 62 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
WOERMANN, Pancratius (B) - April 14, 1928 - 64 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
WOLF, Gilbert (P) - December 24, 1953 - 41 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
WOLF, Martin (OLG/P) - December 25, 1994 - 44 - South Park, Roswell, NM
WOTTLE, Clementine (OLG/P) - August 3, 1986 - 86 - St. Michael, St. Michaels, AZ
WUEST, John Berchmans (P) - October 8, 1976 - 77 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY
WURTH, Richard (P) - September 14, 1945 - 75 - St. Michael, Louisville, KY

ZAHN, Damian (P) - September 1, 1970 - 58 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ZEITZ, Seraph (P) - November 16, 1985 - 76 - St. Joseph, Peoria, IL
ZELGER, Frederick (P) - February 19, 1982 - 64 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
ZEUG, Herculan (P) - April 12, 1917 - 41 - St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN
ZIEBARTH, Lawrence (B) - November 3, 1925 - 71 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ZIEGLER, Michael (P) - July 10, 1960 - 48 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ZIEGLER, Otto (P) - April 5, 1913 - 44 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ZIEVERINK, Basil (P) - November 8, 1894 - 31 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ZIEVERINK, Willibrord (P) - February 3, 1921 - 44 - St. Mary, Cincinnati, OH
ZINSER, Ralph (OLG/P) - November 7, 1989 - 72 - Rosario, Santa Fe, NM
ZIRKELBACH, Ivo (OLG/P) - December 30, 1989 - 57 - Hillcrest, Gallup, NM
ZUMBAHLEN, Fintan (P) - December 30, 1947 - 68 - St. Mary, Kansas City, MO
Sixtus Peter Kopp

Born: May 27, 1883 - Leavenworth, KS
Died: January 1, 1959 - Kansas City, KS

Father Sixtus was invested in 1904 and ordained in 1912. His first assignments were to various missions in the Southwest—missions covered on horseback for the most part. He was stationed in Clovis, NM, with missions at Portales, Melore, Hagerman and Elida, then at Jemez with missions at Zia Pueblo, Santa Anna, and the Mexican missions (now Cuba, San Luis, Cabezon, Guadalupe, and Casa Salazar). In 1919 he went to Lumberton, in charge of the mission at Parkview (now Los Ojos) and then to Jemez in 1920.

In 1925 Sixtus was named pastor of the Mexican missions out of Emporia, KS, before moving to Higginsville, MO, in 1927 as the last Franciscan pastor. From there he went to China until 1931. Then for 10 years he served "in poor health" (to use his own words) at several parishes: Wichita, KS; Buras, LA; Peoria, IL; Batesville, Metamora and Bloomington, IN. In 1941 he became chaplain to the German prisoner of war camp in Roswell, NM, and auxiliary base chaplain. In 1946 Sixtus moved to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, as assistant "in very poor health." However poor his health might have been, it did not stop him from being an inveterate practical joker. Sixtus died at 75 years of age after 55 years as a friar.

Sylvester Joseph Cheng

Born: January 20, 1902 - Yin San Shien, China
Commemoration of Death: January 1, 1980

Father Sylvester was invested in 1928 and ordained in 1936. Because of the difficulties of seminary education in the second and third decade of the 20th century, Bishop Sylvester Esplage of Wuchang decided to send Joseph Cheng to his own home province for education. Immediately after ordination Sylvester returned to China, where he worked in the Wuchang Vicariate. After the expulsion of the American missionaries, he carried on with seven of his Chinese confreres who belonged to the vicariate.

In January, 1980, Mel Brady, Secretary of the Missions, wrote from Rome to the SJB Provincial that 2 of the 8 friars had been killed: Father Sylvester and Brother Jacobus. Of the others, Fathers Ludovicus and Franciscus were members of the patriotic church of Hankow, Father Bonaventure was listed as in prison, and
Fathers Antonius and Thomas had married (apparently to escape political harassment). Sylvester's death is commemorated on January 1, 1980, the date of the letter from Rome.

JANUARY 1

**Julian Victor Rousseau - OLG**

*Born: June 23, 1909 - Escanaba, MI  
Died: January 1, 1992 - Albuquerque, NM*

**Philip Anthony Johnson**

*Born: October 23, 1907 - Batesville, IN  
Died: January 1, 1993 - Cincinnati, OH*

Father Philip was invested in 1927 and was ordained in 1935. The 3 years following his ordination were devoted to the care of Navajo and Spanish-speaking people of New Mexico and Arizona. A skillful administrator and eloquent preacher, Phil endeared himself to many people with his jovial spirit and friendliness toward all. While at St. Michaels, AZ, he was loved and admired by the boys at the boarding school for his prowess as a baseball player and teacher of the sport.

He spent his life from 1939 to 1992 in parochial ministry—as pastor or associate of Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO; St. Anthony, Streator, IL; St. Anthony, Wichita, KS; St. Joseph, Louisville; St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. Phil died at Franciscan Terrace after a number of years’ of throat cancer which he suffered cheerfully, even helping others so afflicted deal with their pain and suffering. He was 85 years old and had been a friar for 65 years. As he constantly reminded people, “There are two L’s in hell, but not in Philip.”

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**Ferdinand John Stemmann**

*Born: September 12, 1863 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: January 2, 1947 - Cincinnati, OH*

Brother Ferdinand entered religious life in 1879 as a member of the German School Brothers. In 1888 he was invested as a member of our province. He taught at St. Mary, Detroit; St. Boniface, Louisville; and at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, where he lived from 1901 until his death in 1947. Ferdinand was editor of the *Sodalist*, a periodical devoted to the interest of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, from 1916 to 1935, a year before it went out of existence.
(Sodalist had been started by a diocesan priest in Covington, KY, in 1884.) He also trained the servers at St. Francis Seraph. Ferdinand served the Order for 68 years and died at age 83 in St. Francis Hospital.

Lawrence Joseph Rossmann
Born: March 27, 1883 - Pleinstein, Germany (Bavaria)
Died: January 2, 1951 - St. Michaels, AZ

Father Lawrence was invested in 1902 and ordained in 1910. His first appointment was to St. Edward, Carlsbad, NM; next he moved to Roswell, NM, Chinle, AZ, and Streator and Bloomington, IL, as chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital. In 1921 Lawrence began working among the Indians of Jemez, NM. From 1930 to 1932 he was guardian of St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. Then moving from the Mexican parish in Emporia, KS, in 1936 Lawrence began an 8-year term as pastor at Lourdes and Washburn, IL. His last appointment was at St. Michaels, AZ, where he died at age 67 after 48 years as a friar.

Wilfrid Conrad Klein
Born: October 21, 1885 - Ironton, OH
Died: January 2, 1965 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Wilfrid was invested as a tertiary in 1905, entered the novitiate in 1910, and made his final profession in 1917. From 1917 to 1935 Wilfrid was cook at St. John and at the novitiate and porter at St. Francis Seminary--all in Cincinnati. In 1935 he went to San Diego Mission at Jemez, NM, as postmaster. In 1938 he returned to Cincinnati, this time to St. Francis Seraph as sacristan. In 1947 he moved up the hill to Corryville, where he was porter at St. George until his death 18 years later at age 79 after 59 years as a friar.

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Adalbert Francis Rolfes
Born: June 28, 1879 - Covington, KY
Died: January 3, 1955 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Adalbert became a friar in 1898 and a priest in 1906. His first assignments were as assistant pastor in Kansas City, MO, and Emporia and Kansas City, KS. His career as pastor began in 1910 at St. Peter, Roswell, NM, continuing in Batesville, IN, and St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. In 1934 Adalbert was called to Cincinnati to be treasurer of the province during the very depths of the Depression when the debts of the newly built Duns Scotus College, Roger
Bacon High School, St. George Friary and Friars Club were the very heavy, nearly leading the province to bankruptcy. He served simultaneously as guardian of St. Francis Seraph and as definitor. Adalbert was so successful in the stock market that he was able to nearly retire the province’s debts and was, it is said, offered a chair on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

His 2 terms as provincial began in 1939. While in office, he introduced a more modern system of bookkeeping to all the houses of the province and placed all insurance (especially automobile) with one company. Adalbert served as one of the 2 consultants to Mathias Faust of Holy Name Province, during the latter's term as delegate general to the North American provinces during World War II. In 1945 he was elected custos and again made pastor of St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. His last years were spent at the novitiate as confessor to the novices. He died at age 75 after 56 years as a friar.

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Raymond Walter Soper

Born: August 31, 1911 - Escanaba, MI
Died: January 5, 1983 - Peoria, IL

Father Raymond was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1938. His first assignment was to Sacred Heart, Clovis, NM, as assistant pastor. In 1942, he went to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kansas City, MO, and that same year he entered the Mayo Clinic for a spinal fusion. His next assignment was to San Angelo, TX, as administrator of St. Mary. Later he served at St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans. The next 10 years were spent at St. Clement and St. Bonaventure in Cincinnati. He also served as assistant pastor at St. Boniface parishes in Louisville, KY, and Lafayette, IN. In 1969 he became pastor for 9 years at St. Catharine, Emporia, KS, before his final assignment at Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, where he died after 52 years as a friar. A hopeless punster, Raymond won a slogan contest for a local dairy with "You can't beat our milk, but you can whip our cream."

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Adalbert Louis Hulefeld

Born: June 3, 1875 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: January 6, 1896 - Cincinnati, OH
Friar Adalbert was the son of one of our first Apostolic Syndics (the layman treasurers of the Order). He was born in Cincinnati in 1875 and entered the Order in 1891. Adalbert died at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, just 5 months after his solemn profession. Those who were with him say that he bore his long illness of consumption with patience.

**Leonard Herman Holtkamp**

Born: April 23, 1899 - Enochsburg, IN  
Died: January 6, 1972 - Roswell, NM

Father Leonard was invested in 1919 and ordained in 1927. His first assignment was to the Southwest, where he remained almost his entire life—first at Cuba, NM, as pastor, then at Santa Fe as assistant pastor at the Cathedral. From 1934 to 1949, he was pastor and often also superior at Cuba. Leonard had begun giving retreats in Spanish in 1944, and in 1949 he was transferred to Jemez with retreat work as his primary ministry. After spending a year in Wichita, KS, he moved to Portales for a year and then to Roswell, NM, as chaplain for the Poor Clares. He died there 10 years later after 52 years as a friar.

Leonard was big, tall and well-built. Once, when two men in the back of church were creating a disturbance during his sermon, he simply stepped over the communion rail, strode to the rear of church, picked them up and "escorted" them out.

**Floribert Matthew Blank**

Born: December 23, 1887 - Batesville, IN  
Died: January 6, 1975 - Dayton, OH

Father Floribert was invested in 1906 and ordained in 1914. His first appointments were to St. Anthony, Streator, IL, and to St. Boniface and St. Joseph, Louisville. In 1918, he was sent to the seminary in downtown Cincinnati as disciplinarian and, in 1925, moved to the new seminary in Mt. Healthy in various roles including rector. In 1932 he was accepted for the China missions where he taught at the high school in Wuchang and was chaplain to the Sisters of Charity and Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

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In 1943 Floribert returned to the United States and was appointed to the minor seminary as spiritual director and teacher for the “special class” of older seminarians. He spent 1944 at Metamora, IL, as vocation director for the province. In 1945 he returned to China for 2 years as a teacher in the seminary.
After his return to the U.S., he was pastor of Home Place, LA (now known as Port Sulphur) from 1949 to 1957. He was assigned again to the minor seminary and later to Oldenburg, IN, and to St. Anthony as confessor and spiritual director. In 1974 Floribert moved to St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, where he died less than a month later. He was 87 years old and had been a friar for 68 years.

Joseph Clifford Malloy

Born: February 5, 1918 - Indianapolis, IN
Died: January 6, 1992 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Joseph joined the province as a tertiary in 1938 and was received into the First Order in 1942. As a tertiary Joe served as refectorian at Duns Scotus in Southfield, MI. In 1940 he began what was to be his principal work—porter—in addition to other needed household responsibilities. He served for a year at St. George Friary, Cincinnati; St. Clement Friary, Cincinnati, from 1942 to 1947; St. Boniface Friary, Louisville, from 1947 to 1955; St. Bonaventure Friary, Cincinnati, from 1955 to 1976. In 1976 he transferred to St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati where he was noted for his knowledge of the friars’ personal oddities, his love for crossword puzzles and his unique way of distributing sandwiches, advice and courtesy to the hungry of the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. Joe died at the age of 73 after 49 years as a friar.

Casper John Matz

Born: October 12, 1874 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: January 7, 1942 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Casper, brother of Celestine Matz, was invested in 1893. After his 1900 ordination, he served in Calumet, MI; Emporia, KS; Cincinnati; Wichita, KS; Lafayette, IN, and the Kansas City, MO, area as assistant pastor. He was superior and pastor for 5 years at St. Francis de Sales, Lincoln, NE, and later at Sacred Heart in Peoria, IL. In the summer of 1940 Casper entered St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati, where he remained as a patient until his death after 48 years in the Order at age 67. It would seem that his final months were very painful and he had to remain in a stationary position, but he did not lose his cheerful manner.
Stanislaus Peter Labinski

Born: June 24, 1866 - Sczytniki, Poland  
Died: January 8, 1927 - Louisville, KY

Brother Stanislaus, brother of Bertrand Labinski and uncle of Hubert Lorenz, was invested in 1882 as a School Brother teaching at St. Mary in Detroit, at St. John in Cincinnati, and in Louisville where he was the last of the School Brothers (though he had been invested in the First Order in 1890). After 44 years as a religious, Stanislaus died in Louisville at age 60. At the time of his death he was principal of St. Boniface School where he had introduced the study of music and radio to the curriculum for the young students.

Modestus Arnold Wehling

Born: August 28, 1839 - Gescher, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: January 8, 1928 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Modestus was invested at Oldenburg in 1876. He served the province as cook, sacristan, gardener, and porter (mainly in Escanaba, MI) from 1883 to 1892, and in Wichita, KS, from 1892 to 1914. He was also stationed in Batesville, IN; Emporia, KS; and Metamora, IL. His last assignment was to St. Clement Friary in Cincinnati where he died at 88 years old after 52 years as a friar. Ermin Schneider wrote the play *Brother Modestus* based largely on his life though incorporating events from lives of other brothers. Modestus was also known fondly as "Modestus the Modest."

Bertrand Anthony Labinski

Born: January 10, 1873 - Nagradowice, Poland  
Died: January 8, 1953 - Southfield, MI

Father Bertrand, who died exactly 26 years after his brother Stanislaus Labinski, was invested in 1891 as a member of the first class received at St. Anthony novitiate. He was ordained in 1898. His early priesthood was spent in Illinois parishes. In 1922 he became pastor of St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI, for 9 years. He was appointed to Duns Scotus College as subsyndic for the college and pastor of the newly founded St. Michael Parish which used the Duns Scotus Chapel. Later he went to St. Mary, Metamora, IL; St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN; the Commissariat, Washington, DC; St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans; St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville; St. John, Cincinnati; and St. Francis Seminary. Bertrand usually wore a gruff exterior which intimidated many, but not all. While at Duns Scotus during his last years, Bertrand

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liked to “piddle around” in the carpenter shop. Coming upon a cleric working in the shop, he growled, “What the hell are you doing here?” The cleric answered, “What the hell are you doing here?” beginning a friendship that lasted until Bertrand died after 61 years as a friar at age 79.

Michael Daniel Dunn

Born: October 14, 1896 - Chatham, Ontario, Canada
Died: January 8, 1961 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Michael was invested in 1915 and ordained in 1923. His first assignment was to help at the St. Anthony Messenger and at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home in Cincinnati. From 1925 to 1929 he served at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor and then as chaplain for the Bartonville Mental Hospital and County Home. From 1929 to 1935 he was chaplain and instructor at the Academy of the Holy Angels in New Orleans. From 1935 to 1942 he was assistant pastor at Emporia, KS, and at St. Clement and St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati. In 1944 Michael returned to Illinois in charge of the parishes at Metamora and Washburn. He spent 1 year as hospital chaplain at St. Mary in Cincinnati, and was last stationed at St. John, Cincinnati, where he died just before celebrating Sunday morning Mass. He was 64 years old and had been a friar for 45 years.

Herman John Joseph Harkins

Born: December 12, 1924 - Newton Square, PA
Died: January 8, 1986 - Wichita, KS

Before entering the Order, Father Herman served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He often told the story that while in the service he helped highjack supply trucks to get cigarettes and other sundries. Herman was invested in 1950 and ordained in 1958. After a year as pastor in San Fidel, NM, he moved to the Philippines, working in several parishes. In 1964 he returned to the U.S. and was named assistant pastor at St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe. In 1968 he became assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Farmington, NM, for 6 years. Herman spent 3 years at the House of Prayer, went to St. Patrick, Port Sulphur, LA, and then moved to his last assignment as pastor of St. Anthony, Wichita, where he lived less than 6 months before his death from cancer of the digestive system--after 35 years as a friar at 61 years of age.

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Venance Henry Stephen

Born: September 11, 1871 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: January 9, 1935 - Peoria, IL

Father Venance was invested in 1889 and ordained in 1896. After ordination he was stationed as assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph and St. Clement in Cincinnati. He began his ministry as a hospital chaplain in Bloomington, IL, later moving to Louisville. Next he was chaplain of St. Joseph Orphanage, Louisville. The story goes that Venance was so short that when fully vested he looked like a statue of the Infant of Prague. He died at Peoria, IL, at age 63 after 45 years in the Order.

Bernardin Leo Linesch

Born: November 7, 1906 - St. Bernard, OH
Died: January 9, 1966 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Bernardin, younger brother of Placid Linesch, was invested in 1925 and ordained in 1932. He had volunteered for the China missions while yet a student and was sent to China almost immediately after ordination. He had a brief period of sick leave in the U.S. in 1938 but was soon back in China to build the orphanage at San-Kiang-Kow. By 1943 the war caught up with him, and he spent 2 years in a concentration camp. Released in late 1945, he remained in China, returning to his first mission, Ocheng, where he did remodeling and repair work. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1949, Bernardin was assigned as chaplain at Mt. Alverno School for Boys for a year. A chaplaincy at the Hamilton County Home with residence at St. Clement followed in 1950. The 1952 chapter made him guardian of St. Francis Seraph and archivist of the province. He served 2 terms and was then appointed as chaplain at Longview State Hospital. He died in 1966, 59 years old and 40 years a friar.

Placid Anthony Lenné

Born: September 22, 1853 - Cologne, Germany
Died: January 10, 1923 - Washington, DC

Brother Placid was invested in 1878 as a School Brother and admitted to the First Order in 1885. He taught in Louisville where he was principal of St. Boniface School; in Detroit, at St. Mary School; and Hamilton, OH, at St. Stephen School. In 1893, 8 years after his profession in the province, he went to the Holy Land and was closely associated with Father Godfrey Schilling in the work of the
Commissariat both in New York and Washington. Placid died in the latter city at age 69 after 44 years in religious life.

**Leo Lawrence Schwab**

Born: February 13, 1845 - Bamberg, Bavaria, Germany  
Died: January 10, 1939 - Louisville, KY

In 1878 Brother Leo was invested as a tertiary, in which state he elected to stay all his life. He served only 3 appointments during his 61 years in the Order. He served at Our Lady of the Angels motherhouse of the School Brothers in St. Bernard, OH, where he was cook and cellarer. Twelve years later in 1890, by then a member of our province, he was stationed at St. John in Cincinnati and then at St. Boniface, Louisville. There he remained until his death in 1939, serving all the while as porter, sacristan and sub-syndic of the friary. Leo was 94 years old and had been in religious life for 50 years.

**Remigius Charles Schmidt**

Born: October 8, 1880 - Toutmoos, Germany  
Died: January 10, 1961 - Cincinnati, OH

After coming to the United States, Brother Remy worked as a chef in some prestigious New York hotels. He had been engaged but broke the engagement and joined the Order. Remy was invested in the First Order in 1929, and solemnly professed in 1933. His religious life was spent in the kitchens of Holy Family Friary, Oldenburg, IN, and of various Cincinnati friaries—especially at St. John, St. Anthony and St. Bonaventure. Even in his later years, when he had terrible difficulty standing, Remy still managed to cook and turn out wonderful meals. He was 80 years old when he died at St. Francis Hospital after 32 years in the Order.

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**Francis de Paul Lawrence Holzmeister**

Born: February 18, 1905 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: January 10, 1982 - Kansas City, MO

Father de Paul was invested in 1923 and ordained in 1931. During nearly 50 years as a priest, he held very few assignments: 14 years as assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS; then 8 years more as pastor. He had a brief interlude
of 3 years as pastor of St. Joseph, Louisville, and then 14 years as pastor of St. Peter, Guymon, OK. From 1964 to 1977, he was chaplain of St. Margaret Hospital, Kansas City, KS. He retired first to St. Anthony in Kansas City, KS, and then to Our Lady of Sorrows in Kansas City, MO. He died at 76 years of age after 58 years as a friar.

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Hilarion Anthony Sauer

Born: October 16, 1826 - Telis, Tyrol  
Died: January 11, 1910 - Schwaz, Tyrol

Brother Hilarion came to the United States in 1855, 3 years after his investiture. While here he served at St. Francis Seraph and St. Clement, both in Cincinnati, as cook, gardener and sacristan. He returned to the Tyrol in 1862, after 7 years of service in the U.S. missions. Hilarion died at age 83.

JANUARY 12

Engelbert Adolph Peter

Born: December 17, 1854 - Louisville, KY  
Died: January 12, 1890 - Detroit, MI

Father Engelbert was invested in 1871. Engelbert was one of the first music teachers of the province. While still a cleric he taught in the seminary, continuing in this position after his ordination in 1877. From 1885 to 1887 he was rector of the Collegium Seraphicum. The last 2 years of his short life were spent at St. Mary in Detroit as assistant pastor. He died in at age 35, after 18 years in the Order.

Cyril Joseph Georgel

Born: July 10, 1892 - Louisville, KY  
Died: January 12, 1975 - Louisville, KY
Father Cyril became a friar in 1911 and a priest in 1918. His first assignment was as teacher at St. Francis Seminary and chaplain of St. Theresa Home. Two years later he lived at St. Bonaventure in Cincinnati as popular missionary, particularly for older people. In 1930 he went to the newly opened Duns Scotus College as a popular missioner, and later to St. Boniface in Louisville. For a brief while the headquarters of the Mission Band moved to Metamora, IL; but Cyril soon returned to St. Joseph, Louisville, where he lived the rest of his life from 1941 to 1975. He had been a friar for 63 years and spent all but a few years of active ministry as a preacher and retreat master. Cyril was a renowned tobacco chewer, seldom without his quid, even while preaching! He was also an entertaining storyteller and yarn-spinner as well as an avid collector of pistols.

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Reinhold William Koesters

Born: March 19, 1875 - Vrees, Germany
Died: January 13, 1964 - Oklahoma City, OK

After coming to the United States, Brother Reinhold was invested in 1913 and solemnly professed in 1921. His first assignments were as cook in Bloomington and Metamora, IL. Following his year of novitiate in 1918, he was sent to the Southwest missions. His assignments took him to Gallup, Roswell, Zuni, Peña Blanca, and Jemez, NM, spending 30 years of his religious life in the Southwest. The other 21 years were spent in Kansas City, KS; Cincinnati; Bloomington and Metamora, IL. Two years before his death he went to St. Vincent Home in Oklahoma City, OK, where he died at the age of 88 after 50 years as a friar.

Francis (Bertus) Grassman - OLG

Born: March 20, 1919 - St. Louis, MO
Died: January 13, 1998 - Las Vegas, NM

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Silas John Humig

Born: August 5, 1858 - St. Peter, IN
Died: January 14, 1893 - Louisville, KY
Brother Silas was born in St. Peters, IN, in 1858. He became a member of the School Brothers in 1888 and was sent to Louisville to teach the second-grade boys at St. Boniface School. He died at St. Boniface Friary at the age of 34 after 5 years as a religious.

**Lambert John Doll**

*Born: October 4, 1867 - Morris, IN  
Died: January 14, 1946 - Gallup, NM*

As a tertiary and again after his novitiate in 1897 Brother Lambert was stationed in Kansas City, KS, and Cincinnati (mainly at St. Anthony). In 1905 he went to New Mexico. The first assignment was to Jemez where he built the Jemez Indian Mission School and the mission residence. Later, Lambert worked on Sacred Heart Friary, Gallup. The last 20 years of his life were spent at San Fidel as carpenter, handyman and assistant. He died at San Fidel after nearly 50 years as a friar, 35 years having been spent in the missions of the Southwest. Lambert was 78 years old.

**Alban James Schneider**

*Born: January 16, 1878 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: January 14, 1955 - Cincinnati, OH*

Father Alban was born in Cincinnati in 1878. He was invested in 1895 and ordained in 1903. After 2 years as assistant pastor at St. Patrick, Minonk, IL, he began a 39 year period as *excurrens* with 14 years serving the missions of Eagle Harbor, Gay, Phoenix, and Mohawk—all out of Calumet, MI. Then he spent 5 years at Washburn, IL, working from Metamora. After 3 years as regular assistant in Bloomington, IL, he lived at Olpe, KS, as *excurrens* to Maydale, and later to Garden Plain from St. Anthony, Wichita, KS. His last regular assignment was 8 years as chaplain at Mt. Alverno, serving from St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. Alban’s last 6 years were lived in retirement at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. He died at age 76 after 59 years as a friar.

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**Alexis Aloys Wecker**

*Born: December 5, 1901 - Olpe, KS  
Died: January 14, 1965 - Houma, LA*
Invested in 1923 and ordained in 1931, Father Alexis was sent to the Chinese missions for which he had volunteered while a cleric. He built the rectory and orphanage at San Kiang Ko. Due to the war he returned to the United States in 1939 and was appointed chaplain at St. Mary Hospital, Emporia, KS. From 1942 to 1943 he was in charge of the missions out of St. Francis, Gallup, NM, as well as assistant pastor and teacher at the local high school. From 1945 to 1960 he was pastor, superior and teacher in the missions connected with Sacred Heart, Waterflow, NM. His last active assignment was as chaplain at Terrebonne General Hospital, Houma, LA, until 1965 when he was sent on sick leave to St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, where he died just a few days later. Alexis was 63 years old and had been a friar for 41 years.

Sean Mark Leahy

Born: November 2, 1924 - Green Bay, WI
Died: January 14, 1982 - Gallup, NM

Brother Sean entered the novitiate in 1963 and was solemnly professed in 1967. He first taught carpentry at St. Joseph Brothers' School, Oldenburg, IN, and after solemn profession was sent to New Orleans, LA, as domestic and parochial assistant. He spent 2 years at the Cincinnati House of Prayer and, from 1973 to 1975, was part of the formation and vocation teams. In June 1975 he moved to Laguna, NM, again in parochial ministry; and 4 years later he went to San Fidel, NM, in the same capacity. Sean was a musician of some quality and fashioned musical instruments of wood—dulcimers and the like. He had a beautiful singing voice and had spent some time working in the theatre in Los Angeles before joining the Order. Sean died at 57 years of age after 18 years as a friar.

January 15

Thomas Raymond Jones

Born: February 6, 1910 - Chicago, IL
Died: January 15, 1942 - Albuquerque, NM

Father Thomas was invested in the Fulda Province in Germany in 1936 and made solemn profession in 1938. In 1939 he came to Oldenburg, IN, from the Fulda Province—sent by Father Valentine Schaaf to finish his studies, not possible in Europe because of World War II. However, after 4 months a tuberculosis infection lead to his being sent to Roswell, NM, for his health. He was ordained on his death bed but was never able to celebrate Mass except the one concelebrated with Bishop Bernard Espelage. Because of his weakened condition he was confined to his bed immediately after the ordination Mass and never rallied thereafter. Thomas was 31 years old.
Conran Richard Caraway  
Born:  March 7, 1926 - Vancouver, WA  
Died:  January 15, 1975 - Gallup, NM  

Brother Conran became a tertiary at the Brothers' Training School in Oldenburg, IN, and 2 years later continued his education at Duns Scotus College. Conran was admitted to the novitiate in 1964 after which he was porter at St. Leonard College in Centerville, OH, and then at St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati. His last assignment was at Sacred Heart, Gallup, NM, from 1968 until his death at age 50 after 10 years in the First Order.

Elmer Raymond VonHagel  
Born:  November 8, 1913 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died:  January 16, 1968 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Elmer was invested in 1931. His first assignment after ordination in 1940 was at St. Michaels, AZ. Three years later he went to Chinle, AZ, and from 1948 to 1954 he returned to St. Michaels as superior of the Navajo Mission. From 1954 to 1959, he was vicar for the missions. Elmer loved to argue and would often visit tribal headquarters in Window Rock, AZ, where the tribal officials learned to listen to and respect his opinions. One of his dreams was the creation of a Brothers’ Work Crew which became a reality at St. Michaels within a year of his death. In January, 1959, he was sent to Baybay, Leyte, in the Philippines, as supervisor of construction for the Franciscan College.  

Two years later he was back in New Mexico but spent a good deal of time in the Gallup hospital because of malaria he had contracted in the Philippines. He was then sent to the Brothers' School in Oldenburg, IN; and when the school moved to St. Anthony, OH, in 1967, Elmer went along as director. Using his talent for construction in the interest of the province, he also taught crafts to candidates for the Order. About a year later he died quite suddenly at age 55 after 36 years as a friar.

Cornelius Philip Grein  
Born:  December 2, 1907 - Reading, OH  
Died:  January 16, 1977 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Cornelius was an uncle to Bruce and Bryant Hausfeld, Blain Grein and Brice Mulroy and great-uncle to Tim Sucher. He was invested in 1926 and ordained in 1933. His first assignment was to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as a student priest and later as assistant pastor. In 1935 he went to China as a missionary in the Wuchang Vicariate. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1943, he went first to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and then transferred to St. Anthony in 1944 as Master of Novices. Ten years later he was made guardian of St. George and chaplain of the Veterans’ Administration hospital in Cincinnati. In 1966 the military moved him to Montrose, NY, as hospital chaplain. By 1970 he returned to Cincinnati on sick leave. His final assignment (1975-1977) was in residence at St. Francis Seminary, Mt. Healthy, where he died after 50 years in the Order. Cornelius was 70 years old.

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William Nicholas Unterthiner

Born: October 2, 1809 - Feldthurns, Tyrol
Died: January 17, 1857 - Cincinnati, OH

Father William was the first of the Tyrolese friars to come to the Cincinnati mission from Tyrol. He was invested in 1827 and ordained in 1830, and immediately appointed lector of Sacred Scripture. In 1843 he volunteered for the American mission in response to the plea of Bishop Purcell, and in the summer of 1844 he arrived in Cincinnati. His first appointment was to Holy Trinity Church where he worked with the Bavarian Friar Francis Louis Huber. However the working relationship was strained.

In February 1846 William became the second pastor and first Franciscan pastor of the newly founded St. John Church, a post he kept until shortly before his death. During this time he accepted responsibility for several German parishes near Cincinnati—St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH; St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, IN; St. Peter (which later became St. Bonaventure), Cincinnati; St. John, Harrison, OH. In addition, he founded St. Joseph Parish, Cincinnati, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Aurora, IN.

William established the Third Order in the United States. He was a learned and prolific writer, combating the bigotry of the Know-Nothings with long polemics in the Wahrheitsfreund, Catholic Telegraph and other periodicals. In recognition of these merits, Bishop Purcell chose him as one of his theologians at the Seventh Provincial Council of Baltimore in 1856 and then at the First Plenary Council of Baltimore. When the first provincial council of Cincinnati was held, William was secretary and promoter concilii.
When he first came to the United States, William assumed it would be for a short time; but he soon saw that the church in America was a permanent thing and, therefore, the friars should prepare to have a permanent establishment leading to a province. Accordingly, he became an American citizen. Meanwhile, his requests for men and help from the mother province were answered; and in 1850 he was appointed the first regular superior of the Franciscans in Cincinnati. In July, 1856, sensing failing health, he resigned his pastorate and superiorship to Father Otto Jair. Six months later he died of tuberculosis. William had lived 13 of his 29 years as a friar in Cincinnati and established the Franciscan presence so well that in 1859, 2 years after his death, Rome made the mission into a Custody.

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Marcellus Joseph Troester

Born: September 19, 1878 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: January 17, 1936 - Gallup, NM

Father Marcellus was invested in 1898 and ordained in 1906, after which he was sent to St. Michaels, AZ. His first major project was building the chapel at Lukachukai. He also built the church at Tohatchi, living in a tent during the construction. Marcellus is credited with the opening of the mission territory to the north of St. Michaels, centering around Shiprock, NM. He also began working with the Ute Indians in Colorado. Beginning in 1913, he helped edit and publish the annual *Franciscan Missions of the Southwest*. In his later years, Marcellus undertook a census of the Navajo Tribe; as he and other friars met people around the reservation, they filled out cards recording information about the families. These census cards are on microfilm at the University of Arizona and are invaluable because of their accuracy and age. At the time of his death he was engaged in preparing a new edition of the Navajo catechism. He died in 1936 while chaplain at St. Michaels, after 38 years as a friar and 30 years in the mission field. He was 57 years old. With a flair for languages and a lively curiosity, Marcellus can be regarded as the first to recognize the Navajos' special place in U.S. history and world ethnology.

Turibius George Christman

Born: April 9, 1881 - Kleinstaugen, Germany  
Died: January 17, 1956 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Turibius came to the U.S. from, Germany. He was invested in 1900 and ordained in 1908. He was first stationed at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas
City, MO, and the next year was sent to St. Peter, Roswell NM, where he began his long career as missionary to the Mexican-Americans. He later served at Lumberton, Parkview, the Santa Fe cathedral, and Clovis, NM; and at San Angelo and Beeville, TX. In 1929 Turibius returned to Our Lady of Sorrows as excurrens to the Mexican missions. In 1937 he began an 11-year stay as hospital chaplain in Kansas City, KS. In 1948 Turbius was assigned to Batesville, IN, as a hospital chaplain and confessor to the clerics at Oldenburg. He moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1953 where he died at the age of 74 after 56 years in the Order. He served as definitor for 1 term.

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Ewald Anthony Hierzegger

Born: February 15, 1905 - Speyer, Germany
Died: January 17, 1976 - Jemez Pueblo, NM

Brother Ewald came to this country just before World War I. After serving in the U.S. military, he was invested in 1923 at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, where he also worked in the kitchen. He next served at Calumet and Escanaba, MI, and Cuba, NM, where he became head beekeeper. He served at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and Duns Scotus College, Detroit, as a fireman and general maintenance man. From 1946 to 1951 he worked with the National Catholic Welfare Council on War Relief Service, mostly in Austria. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1951, he went to Hamilton, OH, where he was sacristan and porter at St. Stephen. In 1955, Ewald was at Gallup, NM, and then at Sonora and San Angelo, TX, as sacristan, porter, cook and—when possible—beekeeper. He never used a mask or gloves when working with his bees. Whether this reflected his skill or recklessness is unsure, but his reckless driving was surely enough known that many called him the “Flying Dutchman.” Ewald died in his room at Jemez Pueblo after 52 years as a Franciscan at age 70.

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Madian Joseph Schneider

Born: January 27, 1912 - Louisville, KY
Died: January 18, 1969 - Manila, Philippines
Father Madian (brother of Sigfrid and Hilary and uncle of Bernardin, Chris, Aquinas and Ric) was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1939. He volunteered for and was sent to the China missions—just in time to be jailed as a "foreign devil." Still, he remained until 1951. Upon returning to the United States, he spent some time in Bloomington, IL, and Cincinnati. But by 1959 he was back in the missions, this time in the Philippine Islands. His first assignment was as pastor at Kaibiran, Biliran Island. In 1965 he was chaplain for the sisters at the Franciscan College of the Immaculate Conception, Baybay, Leyte. In 1966 he opened the first brothers' training school in the islands, San Pascual House at Baybay. Three years later the program was transferred to Our Lady of the Angels Seminary, Quezon City. Madian died there a year later at age 57 after 38 years as a friar.

Bonaventure John Hammer

Born: June 24, 1842 - Durmersheim, Baden, Germany
Died: January 19, 1917 - Lafayette, IN

Father Bonaventure was one of the custody’s second investiture class in 1860 (along with Accursius Beine and Luke Gottbehoede) and was ordained just 5 years later. He was assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph and St. John in Cincinnati; at St. Boniface in Louisville; and St. Stephen in Hamilton, OH. In 1878, he was again at St. Francis Seraph as chronicler and secretary of the custody. Five years later he moved to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IL, where he lived for the last 35 years of his life.

Bonaventure was a prolific writer, authoring, editing or translating some 40 books, ranging from jubilee books for parishes, to prayer books, to studies in Church history. His great work was the German translation of Lew Wallace's *Ben Hur*. He died at age 77 after 56 years as a friar.

Eugene Frederic Buttermann

Born: March 8, 1846 - Ahlen, Westphalia, Germany
Died: January 19, 1927 - Peoria, IL

Father Eugene was invested in 1871 and ordained 2 years later. His first years as a priest were spent in parishes in Louisville, Cincinnati and Detroit. After teaching a year in the seminary, he was sent to Louisville as master of clerics and lector of both philosophy and theology. In 1890, he went to the Holy Land. Later he was superior and pastor at St. Mary in Metamora, IL, and at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL. For a year he edited *Der Sendbote*, the German edition of the
Messenger of the Sacred Heart. From 1909 to 1915 Eugene served as Provincial Minister and, immediately after, custos until 1918. His last appointment was to St. Mary, Metamora, where he died at age 80, rounding out 56 years in the Order.

**Vital John Huelshorst**

Born: December 20, 1875 - Verl, Germany  
Died: January 19, 1964 - Oklahoma City, OK

Brother Vital was invested in 1897 and solemnly professed in 1904. His first assignment was to Peña Blanca, NM, until 1910, followed by 2 years at St. Francis in Kansas City, MO. He returned to the Southwest (Gallup and San Fidel, NM) for 15 years. In 1925 he went to the newly-opened seminary in Mt. Healthy, Cincinnati, where he remained as fireman and gardener until January 19, 1943 when he returned to the Southwest. He died in St. Vincent Home, Oklahoma City, after 66 years as a friar at age 88. Vital visited Germany during the Depression and was able to bring back many of the finer vestments long used in the province.

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**Julius John Henze**

Born: August 27, 1874 - Greenfield, MI  
Died: January 20, 1934 - Peoria, IL

Father Julius was elder brother to Basil and Andrew Henze. Julius was invested in 1892 and ordained in 1900. He spent 11 years in Escanaba, MI, as superior and pastor of St. Joseph, holding the same offices at St. Mary, Bloomington, IL, and Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI. The last 7 years of his life were spent as superior and assistant pastor of St. Boniface, Peoria, IL. Julius was definitor for 1 term (1921-1924). He was a friar for 41 years when he died at age 59.

**Francis Solanus Albert Keehn**

Born: July 26, 1918 - Topeka, KS  
Died: January 20, 1983 - Wichita, KS
Father Francis Solanus was invested in 1937 and ordained in 1946. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Rose, Blanco, NM. In 1951 he was transferred to St. Francis, Gallup, and then to St. Joseph, Parkview (Los Ojos), NM, as assistant pastor. After 4 years as pastor of Immaculate Conception, Dexter, NM, he became pastor of St. Joseph, Olpe, KS. From 1963 to 1975 he was at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, as pastor and superior. After a year at St. Patrick, Minonk, IL, he transferred to Garden Plain, KS, again as pastor. In 1978 he received his last assignment, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wichita, where he died suddenly 5 years later. Francis was devoted to his family in their advanced years, loyal to friends and fraternal with friars. He took perverse pride in having visited our motherhouse only once even though he had been a friar for 45 years.

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Ethelbert Frederic Morgan

Born: June 10, 1881 - Derby, England  
Died: January 21, 1911 - Lafayette, IN

Father Ethelbert was invested in 1898. Ordained in 1906, he lived only 5 years as a priest. He spent 3 years as an assistant at St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI. For 1 year he taught at the seminary and served a year as chaplain of the Hamilton County Workhouse, Cincinnati. He died at age 29 in Lafayette, IN, after 13 years as a friar.

Philip John Matuska

Born: February 19, 1895 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: January 21, 1950 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Philip became a friar in 1913 and was ordained in 1920. He first served in Lincoln, NE, as an assistant pastor and excurrens. After various assistancies in Higginsville, MO; Gallup, NM; Olpe, KS; and other parishes, he became pastor of St. Mary’s of Lourdes in Metamora, IL, in 1928. Two years later he moved to Kansas City, MO, as excurrens to Leeds. In 1936 he became superior of the Buras, LA, missions and in 1940, pastor at Oldenburg. In 1942 he became pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Kansas City, MO. His last appointment was as missionary in Lake Village, AK, where he died 5 years later at 54 years of age. Philip was a friar for 36 years.
**Sebastian Anthony Erbacher**

**Born:** March 7, 1887 - Cincinnati, OH  
**Died:** January 21, 1961 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Sebastian was invested in 1905 and ordained in 1913. He was well known in the province because so many confreres came under his guidance as novice master or lector. After teaching for 1 year at St. Francis Seminary, he was appointed master of clerics and lector at Metamora, IL (the clericate for 1 year while St. Clement Friary was rebuilt). He served as cleric master for 12 years. He spent 1 year as guardian and lector at St. Francis Seraph Friary, Cincinnati, and was then sent to the Catholic University where he earned a Doctorate in Philosophy. Thus prepared, he was named president of Duns Scotus College (he served several short terms), Prefect of Studies, and lector of psychology, sociology, economics and education. He served 1 year as guardian at St. George Friary, Cincinnati, and 6 years as chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington, IL. He was then

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assigned as chaplain of St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati. He was elected definitor twice and custos once.

Sebastian was very active in the labor movement in Detroit and was the personal delegate of Cardinal Mooney in some delicate maneuvers. It is often said that he and Mr. Phil Murray were responsible for keeping the labor (i.e., auto) unions from going Communist during the Depression. He was an ardent supporter and interpreter of the papal labor encyclicals. Sebastian died at age 73 having lived 55 years as a friar.

**Andrew Francis Huber**

**Born:** January 10, 1919 - Fort Thomas, KY  
**Died:** January 21, 1986 - Louisville, KY

Brother Andrew was invested as a tertiary in 1941 after having studied at both Sacred Heart and St. Anthony Commercial Schools. His main assignment, 35 years long, was at St. Francis Seminary, Mt. Healthy, OH. Andrew had congenital cerebral palsy which never really interfered with his outlook on life, though it did make housekeeping as well as speech and walking difficult. But his work always got done on time. Andrew was probably the most ardent fan the Cincinnati Reds baseball team ever had. He returned to Louisville, where he had been briefly assigned after investiture, when the seminary closed in 1980. He died there 6 years later after 44 years as a Franciscan. Andy was 67 years old.
John Kramer - OLG

Born: September 8, 1948 - Lorain, OH
Died: January 21, 1995 - Cincinnati, OH

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Francis Borgia Bernard Druehe

Born: July 9, 1896 - Reading, OH
Died: January 22, 1971 - Lafayette, IN

Father Francis ("Franz" because of his obvious Teutonism) was invested during World War I (1918) and ordained in 1926. His first assignment was 8 years as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. And after brief stays in Escanaba, MI, and Peoria, IL, he became pastor of St. Mary, Metamora, IL, from 1935 to 1952. His next appointment took him to Louisville where he was guardian of St. Boniface from 1952 to 1960 and then chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital. In 1963 he changed hospital chaplaincies, this time moving to St. Elizabeth, Lafayette, IN, from 1963 until his death. Francis has been described as somewhat of a worrier, of a practical bent and handy with tools. While living in Illinois he was responsible for building the cabin at Bloomington Lake which the friars used for recreation and vacation for several years. He died at Lafayette in 1971 after spending 52 of his 74 years as a friar.

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Casimir Joseph Dietrich

Born: March 9, 1871 - Mt. Healthy, OH
Died: January 23, 1948 - Lafayette, IN

Father Casimir was invested in 1894 after having transferred from a Capuchin seminary. (The story is that he could not grow a respectable beard!) After his 1901 ordination, his years were spent chiefly at Lincoln, NE, and Hamilton, OH. He was at St. Francis de Sales, Lincoln, for 18 years (6 as assistant and 12 as superior and pastor). Other appointments were as pastor in Calumet, MI; Streator, IL; Higginsville, MO; and Bloomington, IL. Casimir then went to Hamilton, OH, as chaplain of Mercy Hospital from 1933 to 1946 when he retired to St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati. He died after 53 years in the Order. He was 76 years old.
Robert (Ronan) Hoffer
Born: January 1, 1920 - Covington, KY
Died: January 23, 1998 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Robert followed his older brother Francis Hoffer to the Franciscans. He was invested in 1937 and was ordained in 1946. While his first assignment was to Roger Bacon High School, during more than 50 years as a priest, the focus of Robert’s ministry was in the parishes staffed by the province in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In addition, he served as province treasurer for 10 years and was a teacher and guardian at St. Francis Seminary for 6 years. What Robert lacked in patience, he more than made up for in “tolerance.” Many friars and others heard his oft-repeated: “People are good.” Robert died of cancer at age 78 after 60 years as a friar.

Oliver Leo Krseminski
Born: August 8, 1894 - Michigan City, IN
Died: January 24, 1956 - Wichita, KS

Father Oliver was invested in 1914 and ordained in 1922. With brief detours to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, and St. Boniface, Louisville, his priestly career was spent almost exclusively in the Southwest. His first assignment was 12 years at Peña Blanca, NM, at Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1934 he became pastor and superior at Lumberton, NM; and, in 1939, he was named pastor and superior of St. Joseph, Parkview, NM. He returned to Lumberton for 2 years in 1945. In 1947 Oliver was assigned to St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, as excurrens to Newton, where he was pastor until his death in 1956 at age 61. Oliver was a friar for 40 years.

Francis de Paul Joseph Kolb
Born: November 15, 1824 - Hall, Tyrol
Died: January 25, 1885 - Cincinnati, OH

Father de Paul was invested in 1842 and ordained in 1847. He came to the United States in 1859 succeeding Archangelus Gístir as the second rector of the seminary. Later he was appointed superior and pastor of St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, returning to Cincinnati to teach in the seminary and to be lector of theology.
and canon law. He served as a discreet of the custody from 1862 to 1865. De Paul died in 1885, as assistant pastor of St. John, Cincinnati, after 26 years in the custody. He was 60 years old.

**Francis Bernard Borgmann**

Born: August 26, 1908 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: January 25, 1977 - St. Louis, MO

Father Francis was invested in 1926 and ordained in 1933. His first assignment was to St. Michaels and then to Chinle, AZ, followed by a few years each at St. Michaels and Shiprock, NM, and Keams Canon and Klagetoh, AZ. He was a devoted missionary whom the Navajos loved, rebuilding the mission at Klagetoh mostly by his own labor. He spent a year on sick leave at St. Joseph, Kansas City, MO, returning to St. Michaels in 1953. Nine years later he came to St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH, as chaplain and instructor at Our Lady of the Angels High School. But shortly thereafter he asked to be relieved of both appointments and be granted sick leave. After brief stays at St. Clement and St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, he went first to St. Joseph Sanitarium in Dubuque, Iowa, and then to St. Joseph in Eureka, MO, where he lived from 1966 until his death at age 68 in 1977. Francis was fondly known as “Spence” because of his resemblance to the popular actor Spencer Tracy. He had been a friar for 50 years.

**Sylvester Francis Troesch**

Born: January 4, 1864 - Louisville, KY  
Died: January 26, 1890 - Louisville, KY

Father Sylvester was invested in 1880 and ordained December 28, 1889. Sickly for much of his short life, Sylvester wanted very much to be ordained a priest. It would seem that this hope kept him going—he died less than a month after ordination at his only appointment, St. Joseph, Louisville. He was 26 years old and had been a friar for only 9 years.

**Hugh Frank Simpson**

Born: September 26, 1908 - Marion, OH  
Died: January 26, 1959 - St. Bernard, OH

Father Hugh transferred from the Columbus, OH, diocesan seminary to our province’s seminary and was invested in 1932 and ordained in 1937. His first
assignment was at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. In 1939 he went to Catholic University of America for studies in psychology; but the war brought him back to Roger Bacon. He taught for a year at St. Francis College, Lafayette, IN, and then returned for one semester at Catholic University. In 1946 Hugh was sent to Detroit as lector at Duns Scotus College and professor at Marygrove College. In 1954 he went to Metamora, IL, as assistant pastor, and then to St. Mary Hospital, Cincinnati, as chaplain for a year. He returned to teach at both Roger Bacon and Our Lady of the Angels high schools in 1957. Plagued with failing eyesight, Hugh insisted on driving--once driving a car that looked similar to his own from Columbus to Cincinnati. His key fit the ignition, and Hugh couldn’t see that he had entered the wrong automobile. Hugh and died at St. Clement, Cincinnati, after 26 years as a friar. He was 50 years old.

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Ludger Arminius Olliges

Born: February 10, 1868 - Boerger, Westphalia, Germany
Died: January 27, 1907 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Ludger was invested as a Franciscan in 1889 and was assigned to St. George in Cincinnati. Later he was porter and general handyman in Calumet, MI; Peoria, IL; and Oldenburg, Batesville and Lafayette, IN. His last appointment was to St. Anthony Friary, Cincinnati, where he died at only 38 years of age after 18 years as a Franciscan.

Emil Henry Luebker

Born: September 19, 1866 - Covington, KY
Died: January 27, 1920 - Gallup, NM

Brother Emil was raised at St. Aloysius Orphanage, Cincinnati. He was accepted for the novitiate in 1891. He spent his years in the Order as cook, gardener, porter and sacristan. Emil served at St. Clement and St. John in Cincinnati; St. Boniface, Peoria, IL; Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN; and St. Joseph, Olpe, KS. His final assignment was to Gallup, NM, where he died after 28 years in the First Order. Emil was 53 at the time of his death.

Theodore Herman Hesselbrock

Born: December 31, 1902 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: January 27, 1963 - Hamilton, OH
Father Theodore was invested in 1920 and ordained 8 years later. He was first assigned to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as teacher and assistant principal. He served 1 year (1936) as director of Friars Club, after which he became provincial procurator for 11 years. In 1948 he moved to Friarhurst in Cincinnati as retreat master. While there he built the present retreat house. In 1955 Theodore went to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as pastor and, in 1961, to St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. He died at age 64 on a return visit to St. Stephen after 42 years in the Order.

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**Francis Solanus Joseph Stoehr**

Born: February 2, 1857 - Irslingen, Germany  
Died: January 28, 1879 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Francis Solanus was invested at St. Clement, Cincinnati, in 1876 and died 3 years later as a cleric. Francis Solanus was 19 years old.

**Francis de Paul Theodore Lotz**

Born: June 6, 1867 - Hamilton, OH  
Died: January 28, 1923 - Kansas City, KS

Father de Paul was received as a novice in 1885. After his 1892 ordination he was assigned to Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, as assistant and then pastor. In 1895 he went to Bloomington, IL, where he took charge of the mission at Colfax. His next long assignment began in 1912 when Francis went to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, as superior and pastor. After a 3-year stay at Metamora, IL, as superior, he was given charge of St. Anthony Parish, Kansas City, KS, where he died a year later, in 1923, after 37 years in the Order.

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**Simeon Andrew Idl**

Born: November 22, 1828 - Grafendorf, Tyrol  
Died: January 30, 1888 - Lienz, Tyrol

Brother Simeon was invested in 1857. He came to Cincinnati in 1860. Simeon labored here for 21 years as cook and gardener at St. John, St. Francis Seraph and St. George, Cincinnati, and at St. Mary, Detroit. Simeon spent 22
years working in the St. John Baptist Custody before returning to Tyrol in 1882. He died there at age 59 after 30 years as a friar.

**Blase Joseph Ritter**

Born: November 2, 1869 - Steinau, Prussia  
Died: January 29, 1934 - St. Bernard, OH

Brother Blase came to the U.S. from Prussia. He was invested as a Teaching Brother in 1887 and in the First Order in 1892. He taught at St. Francis Seraph and St. John schools in Cincinnati and St. Boniface School in Louisville. Later he traveled as a highly successful subscription agent for the *St. Anthony Messenger*. He was the first porter at St. Francis Seminary, Mt. Healthy, in 1925. Blase died as the sacristan at St. Clement, Cincinnati, at age 64 after 47 years as a religious.

**Paschal John Flaig**

Born: May 17, 1838 - Muehlenbach, Baden, Germany  
Died: January 30, 1872 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Paschal was received as a novice at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1862 and served there as tailor and sacristan. He retired, because of ill health, to St. Clement, but returned to St. Francis Seraph where he died after nearly 10 years in the Order. He was 33 years old.

**James John Kahn**

Born: May 19, 1817 - Toblach, Tyrol  
Died: January 30, 1880 - Salzburg, Austria

Brother James and George Flir were the first 2 lay brothers to come to the mission in Cincinnati. James worked at St. John as gardener, sacristan and cook. After 6 years in the U.S., he returned to St. Leopold Province in 1856. The story is told that the steeple of St. John Church was built over the sacristy because James "didn't want to walk too far to ring the Angelus." Ironically, when the church was demolished in 1973, the only thing left standing was James’ conveniently placed steeple which continues to dominate Cincinnati’s Over-the-Rhine skyline.

**Stephen Henry Kurz**
Born:  December 26, 1866 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died:  January 30, 1883 - Cincinnati, OH  

While still a student at the seminary Friar Stephen contracted a fatal illness and was invested in his parents' home on December 26, 1882. He was professed on the day of his death at age 16.

**Donatus Francis Schlick**  
Born:  August 8, 1854 - Dahn, Bavaria  
Died:  January 30, 1934 - Louisville, KY  

Invested in 1885, Brother Donatus spent most of his career as a cook, gardener and sacristan. He served first at St. Boniface, Louisville, for 15 years and then at Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, for 3 years. In 1918 (following missions in Hamilton, OH; Kansas City, MO; and Metamora, IL) he returned to St. Boniface, Louisville, where he died in 1934. Donatus was 79 years old and a friar for 49 years.

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**Paul Marcian Schneider - OLG**  
Born:  November 24, 1915 - Bloomington, IN  
Died:  January 30, 1999 - Rio Rancho, NM  

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**Bernardin John Burger**  
Born:  January 20, 1845 - Oberhessenbach, Bavaria  
Died:  January 31, 1866 - Cincinnati, OH  

Friar Bernardin emigrated from Bavaria and was invested in 1864 and professed in 1865. Bernardin died at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He was 21 years old.

**Gentile Ignatius Grunert**  
Born:  January 27, 1849 - Saubernitz, Bohemia (Czechoslovakia)  
Died:  January 31, 1916 - Oldenburg, IN  

Brother Gentile was invested in 1874 at St. Mary, Detroit, and served there for the next 2 years. From Detroit he went to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, where he was cook and porter. He continued in this work at St. Joseph, Louisville; St.
Anthony, Kansas City, KS; Bloomington, IL, and (for 15 years) at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. His last year was spent in Oldenburg, IN, where he died at age 67 after 42 years as a Franciscan.

**Arbogast Joseph Reissler**

Born: November 2, 1874 - Gewenheim, Alsace-Lorraine  
Died: January 31, 1919 - Roswell, NM

Father Arbogast became a friar in 1892. After his 1900 ordination he was one of the first friars to serve in Peña Blanca, NM. Seven years later he moved to St. Edmund, Carlsbad where he was in charge of the Mexican mission and the English speaking parish. His last 2 years were spent as pastor in San Juan and Roswell, NM, where he died of tuberculosis after 26 years as a friar. Arbogast was 44 years old.

**Peter Paul Lawrence Gundermann**

Born: October 3, 1850 - Kefferhausen, Germany  
Died: January 31, 1928 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Peter Paul joined the Franciscans in 1871 and was ordained in 1874. He first served in Louisville as assistant pastor and Lenten preacher. Later he became pastor of the Benson Mission out of Minonk, IL. He was then assigned to St. Francis Seraph as chaplain of St. Mary Hospital, Cincinnati, and had charge of the sodality. Peter Paul was chaplain at Mt. Alverno for 4 years. He returned to St. Francis Seraph in 1900, after 6 years in Peoria as *excurrens*. Peter Paul was master of clerics at St. Francis Seraph from 1909 to 1915 and provincial definitor from 1912 to 1915. Legend has it that as Master of Clerics he insisted the clerics wear bathrobes *while bathing*: "That's why they’re called bathrobes." English was not his first language. He died at age 77 after 56 years as a friar.

**Accurs Frederic Tonnes**

Born: June 14, 1862 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: January 31, 1942 - Lafayette, IN

Father Accurs was invested in 1888. Ordained in 1895, he spent most of his priesthood as a chaplain—first for 2 years at St. Francis Hospital in Cincinnati and
then for 33 years at a home for the elderly in Lafayette, IN. Between these 2 chaplaincies, he was assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Streator, IL; at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati; at St. Boniface and St. Joseph, Louisville; and at St. Louis, Batesville, IN. Over the years, Accurs acquired a wide and deep knowledge of bee culture. He died at age 79 at St. Lawrence, Lafayette, after 53 years as a Franciscan.

**Aubert De Paul Grieser**

Born: October 3, 1920 - Washington, IL  
Died: January 31, 1994 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Aubert made his first profession in 1944 and was ordained in 1952. His first assignment was to the Cathedral in Santa Fe, NM. A year later he joined the faculty at Duns Scotus College, Detroit, where he remained until he joined the faculty at St. Francis Seminary, Mt. Healthy, OH, in 1960. He taught there for 20 years using his talents and abundant enthusiasms in the service of the “brats.” Aubie earned an MA in Music from the University of Cincinnati in 1969 and, during a sabbatical (1972-73), attended Cambridge University in England to study choral conducting and musical composition. These served him and his students well has he lead the music program and conducted the glee club until the seminary closed in 1979.

For the next few years, Aubert was at Roger Bacon High School and Friarhurst Retreat Center, Cincinnati; St. Joseph in Louisville; Chatfield College, Brown County, OH; and St. John Preparatory Seminary, New Orleans. In 1984 he returned to St. Francis Seminary (then St. Francis Center) and contributed in a variety of ways, especially bringing his enthusiasm and labor to making the grounds a place of beauty and peace. Aubert died at St. Clare Retirement Community after 50 years as a friar. He was 73.

**Clair Pierre Bourdereaux**

Born: September 27, 1934 - Peoria, IL  
Died: January 31, 1995 - Peoria, IL

Father Clair’s father died just before Clair intended to enter the novitiate, so he remained with his mother for a year before being invested in 1953. He was ordained in 1962 and, after completing the “pastoral year” at St. Leonard College, was assigned to the faculty of St. Francis Seminary, Mt. Healthy, OH. In 1964 he was temporarily assigned to be chaplain for the Poor Clare Nuns in Roswell, NM, before becoming associate pastor at Holy Family, Albuquerque, NM, and then Sacred Heart Cathedral, Gallup, NM. In 1972 he was named pastor of St.
Lawrence, Lafayette, IN, but returned to his home parish in Peoria in 1976 so he could be closer to and care for his aging mother.

In 1993 Clair received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal from Pope John Paul II in recognition of his service and fidelity to the Church. He was loved and held in high esteem by the laity and clergy. Many clergy came to him for Reconciliation and spiritual direction. In fact, after Clair’s funeral 2 bishops mentioned that Clair had been their confessor. He died suddenly at the age of 60 as pastor of Sacred Heart, Peoria, still caring for his mother. Clair was a friar for 41 years.

**FEBRUARY 1**

**Mel James O'Connell**

- Born: November 11, 1906 - Newport, RI
- Died: February 1, 1988 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Mel was received into the First Order in 1950 after 3 years as a tertiary. During more than 40 years as a friar, Mel was sacristan and "man about the house" in several Cincinnati friaries. He was at St. Francis Seminary from 1947 to 1950 and at St. Anthony for the next 4 years. He went to St. Bonaventure from 1955 to 1961, then back to St. Francis Seminary and St. Joseph Hall (the seminary annex) and to St. Clement from 1967 to 1970. Finally, Mel moved to St. Francis Seraph as sacristan in 1970. He retired to Archbishop Liebold Home, Cincinnati, in 1985 after a serious accident in which he was run over by a bus. He died 3 years later. Mel was 81 years old and had been a Franciscan for 41 years.

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**Peter Baptist Philip Englert**

- Born: December 8, 1850 - Louisville, KY
- Died: February 2, 1927 - Louisville, KY

Father Peter Baptist was invested in 1869. Ordained in 1873, he was appointed assistant pastor at St. John in Cincinnati and teacher at the seminary. Three years later he was sent to Oldenburg, IN, where he worked until 1891. During this time he was assistant pastor, pastor, guardian for 2 terms, novice master for 3 years and sisters' chaplain for 9 years. In 1891 he was elected Provincial Minister for 2 terms (1891-1897). Immediately after this, he was elected custos; but later in the same year (1897) he was appointed by Pope Leo XIII as the first English-Speaking Definitor General of the Leonine Union of the 3
branches of the Observant Franciscans. Peter Baptist held this position, with residence in Rome, for 6 years.

Upon his return to the United States, he was appointed head of the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Washington, DC. Later he went to Louisville, as guardian of St. Boniface where he also served as master of clerics for 2 years. He died in Louisville after 57 years as a friar.

Peter Baptist had been a discreet of the custody from 1882 to 1885, definitor of the province from 1888 to 1891 and from 1915 to 1918, and custos from 1906 to 1909 and from 1912 to 1915. He drew the plans for St. Boniface Friary, Louisville, and designed the choir stalls both there and at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, copied from the choir stalls at San Antonio, Rome.

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**Pirmin James Eberhard**

- Born: July 21, 1821 - Graun, Tyrol
- Died: February 3, 1862 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Pirmin entered the Order in 1841 and was ordained in 1845. Five years later he came to Cincinnati as one of the first Tyrolese missionaries along with Fathers Accursius Gaertner and Anselm Koch. Pirmin first served in Cincinnati and then at Pine Grove, OH, where he was pastor and *excurrens* to the Catholics scattered along the upper reaches of the Ohio River. In 1852 he became the third Franciscan pastor of St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. He labored there 9 years building a church, a school and a rectory (mostly from donations he himself collected on Sunday afternoons from parishes in Ohio and Indiana). Weakened by pneumonia, he retired from St. Stephen and died shortly afterward at St. Francis Seraph Friary, Cincinnati, after 12 years in this country and 20 in the Order.

**Leopold Henry Holtel**

- Born: August 16, 1856 - Cincinnati, OH
- Died: February 3, 1877 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Leopold entered the Order at the age of 16 and was solemnly professed 4 years later in 1876. He died at St. Francis Seraph Friary just 6 months after solemn profession.

**Willibrord George Zieverink**
Born:  September 10, 1876 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died:  February 3, 1921 - Lafayette, IN  

Father Willibrord, brother of Father Basil Zieverink, became a Franciscan at the age of 18 and was ordained in 1901. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville; then he went to Kansas to work in the missions at Council Groves, with residence at Emporia and, later, at Olpe. After 6 years in Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor and hospital chaplain, he moved to St. Francis Seraph, Kansas City, MO, as superior and pastor. Willibrord died at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, IN. Twenty-seven of the 44 years of his life were spent as a friar.

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Timothy Herman Brockmann

Born:  October 3, 1883 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died:  February 3, 1953 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Timothy was invested in 1901 and ordained in 1909. His was first appointed to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor and then to St. Joseph, Olpe, KS. He left Kansas to become Father Antonine Brockhuis' assistant at the Friars Club, Cincinnati. Next he was assigned to St. Francis Seraph Parish, where he worked for 11 years. His next appointment was to Kansas City, KS, as pastor of St. Anthony. After 9 years he went in 1931 to Louisville as chaplain of St. Anthony Hospital, returning to Cincinnati as director of the Friars Club for 3 more years. After a year at Duns Scotus as pastor of St. Michael Parish, Timothy returned once again to the Friars Club as director. Five years later he retired, first to St. John, Cincinnati, and then to St. Anthony. Timothy died in 1953 in his 52nd year in the Order. He was a woodcarver by avocation, and his work adorns many of the houses of the province.

Martin George Hoeft

Born:  May 8, 1883 - Peoria, IL  
Died:  February 3, 1954 - Emporia, KS  

Father Martin became a friar in 1903 and was ordained in 1911. His first appointment was to Kansas City, MO, as assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph. After being at Higginsville, MO, and Minonk, IL, Martin went to Olpe, KS, where he was *excurrens* to Maydale from 1916 to 1926. In that year he left for Buras, LA, to be pastor and superior until 1939. After a year at St. Michaels, AZ, and another at St. Anthony, Streator, IL, he became a chaplain in Emporia, KS, from
1941 to 1949, the year he returned to Maydale as pastor, remaining there until his death in 1954. Martin was a friar for 50 years. He built the parish plant at Maydale—an all-in-one church, school, rectory, convent!

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**Aloysius Edward Albrecht**

Born: September 4, 1893 - Pekin, IL  
Died: February 4, 1934 - Evanston, IL

Father Aloysius, brother of Fidelis Albrecht, was invested in 1912 and ordained in 1919, he spent his first years of ministry in Gallup and Farmington, NM, as assistant pastor and missionary. In 1925-1927, he was in Roswell, NM, as pastor of the Mexican church. He next went to Parkview, NM, as superior and pastor of St. Joseph. He built chapels at McGuffey and La Plata, NM, as well as the rectory at Parkview (now Los Ojos), NM. He died at age 40 after 21 years as a friar.

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**Florence Ferninand Hoste**

Born: July 10, 1917 - Warren, MI  
Died: February 5, 1969 - Mishawka, IN

Father Florence was invested in 1935 and ordained in 1944. His first appointment was as teacher at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati; but by the next September (1945) he was at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, MI, as assistant pastor. When the friars left the Shrine in 1949, Florence moved to Mishawaka, IN, to study at Notre Dame. A year later he began a 3-year teaching career at Holy Angels Academy, New Orleans, LA, and then returned to the Fort Wayne area as instructor at St. Francis College. In 1955 the friars returned to the Shrine in Royal Oak, and Florence went back at the personal request of the noted pastor Father Charles Coughlin. Ten years later, he returned to Mishawaka as chaplain to the sisters. Florence was especially skilled at teaching children to pray and wrote articles about prayer and children. He died some 3 years later at age 52 having lived 33 years as a friar.

**Rupert Joseph Hueninghake**
Born: October 13, 1895 - Reselage, Germany
Died: February 5, 1976 - Santa Fe, NM

Brother Rupert’s first 12 years in the Order, after his investiture in 1913, were spent in brief assignments at St. Clement, Cincinnati; St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN; St. Mary, Metamora, IL; St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS; St. Anthony, Streator, IL, and Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. He was transferred from Kansas City in 1925 to the Southwest missions, where he served for over 50 years. Rupert was much in demand as plasterer, gardener, cook, sacristan and general handyman. Among the missions served were: Jemez, Cuba, Gallup, Peña Blanca, Roswell, San Fidel, NM, and St. Michaels, AZ. He died at St. Vincent Hospital, Santa Fe, NM, after 62 years in the Order. He was 80 years old.

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Barry Norman Coyle

Born: February 13, 1927 - Patterson, NJ
Died: February 6, 1991 - New Orleans, LA

Father Barry received his elementary education at PS 122, New York City and attended Hillside High School in NJ, and St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati. He received the habit in 1949 and solemnly professed in 1954. He was ordained in 1958.

Barry spent most of his pastoral ministry in New Mexico and Louisiana. Following his ordination he spent 6 years as associate pastor at St. Francis Seraph Cathedral, Santa Fe, NM. He followed this assignment by serving as associate pastor at St. Peter Parish, Roswell, NM, and then as vocation director at St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe, NM. After serving 1 year as associate pastor at St. Therese, Ft. Wayne, IN, he was assigned in 1974 as associate pastor at St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, LA. In 1977 he was assigned to the Russell Long Hospital, Baton Rouge, LA, as a hospital chaplain, a post he held until his return to St. Mary in 1990. A skilled pianist, Barry performed Gershwin in concert at Carnegie Hall in New York. He died at St. Mary of the Angels in New Orleans at age 63 after 41 years as a friar.

Aldric Victor Heidlage

Born: August 1, 1913 - Oldenburg, IN
Died: February 6, 1994 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Aldric made his first profession in 1932 and was ordained a priest in 1940. His first assignment was to teach at St. Francis Seminary and, after
receiving his master’s degree from Catholic University of America, returned to the seminary for 3 years. In 1945 he began 13 years as teacher and procurator at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. In 1958 he was appointed principal of Cathedral High School, Gallup, NM.

Aldric returned to Cincinnati in 1962 to take charge of the short-lived minor seminary annex at the former St. Joseph Orphanage and the next year was appointed rector of St. Francis Seminary—a position he held for 9 years. During this time he served a term on the Provincial Council. In 1980 he was appointed associate pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Cincinnati, and later served as associate pastor of St. Michael Parish, Southfield, MI, and St. Boniface Parish, Louisville. After a lifetime spent as an educator, Aldric came to love parochial work to which he gave himself to it wholeheartedly.

In 1987 he returned to Cincinnati to assist Leonard Foley in the Provincial Archives. As preparation for the province’s 100th anniversary, Aldric spent thousands of hours translating the Rome-Tyrol-Cincinnati letters written

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from 1840-67 and other letters from the province’s early history. Aldric died at 80 years of age having lived 62 years as a friar.

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Eugene George Stendebach

Born: July 25, 1910 - Mineral Point, WI
Died: February 7, 1992 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Eugene was invested as a tertiary in our province in 1932. In 1937 he received the habit of the First Order and was given the name Eugene. He made his solemn profession in 1941. He devoted his early years to a variety of work in our houses in Cincinnati, including St. Anthony, St. Clement, St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis Seraph, St. George and Friarhurst, serving as sacristan and porter.

Eugene served as postal clerk at Jemez Pueblo, NM, from 1940-1944. He was extensively involved in refurbishing and decorating the churches at Jemez Pueblo and San Ysidro in New Mexico while stationed in the southwest from 1965-72. In 1972 he transferred to St. Boniface in Louisville, serving as porter and finance officer for the parish and friary. He retired from full-time ministry in 1988. Eugene was well-known among the people of the neighborhood for his caring ways. For over 50 years this dedicated, zealous and hard-working friar
contributed to the good reputation we have among the people of God. He died at the age of 81.

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Marinus Henry Moss

Born: November 14, 1877 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: February 8, 1901 - Oldenburg, IN

Friar Marinus was invested in 1898, and died as a cleric at Holy Family Friary 3 years later, just before his solemn profession. Marinus was only 23 years old.

Quentin Albert Hauer

Born: May 11, 1907 - St. Bernard, OH
Died: February 8, 1997 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Quentin joined the Franciscans in 1926 and was ordained in 1933. His legacy is his ministry among those neglected by the government and forgotten by much of society--native Americans and migrant workers. He ministered to the Navajo People of the southwest from 1935 to 1948 and the Mexican-American migrant workers in the northern counties of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati from 1975 until his retirement in 1983. His other ministry was primarily in Hispanic missions. He did his work quietly, working hard but never talking about it. Quentin enjoyed good food and a good cigar and life in general. He was determined to be with the friars and enjoy life even after a stroke left him wheelchair-bound and barely able to speak. He died at age 89 after 70 years as a friar.

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Arsenius Henry Huschart

Born: July 30, 1857 - Lawrenceburg, IN
Died: February 10, 1931 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Arsenius, born in 1857, was from Lawrenceburg, IN. He was a member of the German School Brothers, and was invested as a tertiary of our province in 1889. He taught at St. John, St. George, and St. Francis Seraph Schools in Cincinnati, and at St. Boniface in Louisville. His later life was spent at
St. Francis Seraph and St. John in Cincinnati, and finally at Oldenburg, where he died after 42 years in the Order at age 73.

**Odoric Henry Lehmkuhle**

Born: December 18, 1870 - Damme, Oldenburg, Germany  
Died: February 10, 1938 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Odoric became a friar in 1893. After ordination in 1900, he served as assistant pastor in Peoria, Bloomington and Metamora, IL. Following a year as chaplain of Longview Hospital in Cincinnati, he became superior and pastor of St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, in 1907, a post in which he remained until his death in 1938 save for 3 years at St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. To Odoric goes the credit for the present St. Bonaventure parish buildings—friary, school and sisters' home as well as the sanctuary of the church. He was first guardian of the friary there. Odoric served 1 term as definitor. He died at age 67 having lived 44 years as a friar.

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**Senan Daniel Kelly**

Born: April 5, 1895 - Feakle, County Clare, Ireland  
Died: February 11, 1977 - New Orleans, LA

Father Senan was what has been called "FBI"--Foreign Born Irish. He was ordained for the diocese of Rapid City, SD, in 1919. Fourteen years later, in 1933, he was invested as a Franciscan.

He spent his simply professed years as assistant pastor in Peoria, IL, and chaplain at the Bartonville State Hospital, as well as in Cincinnati (St. Francis Seraph) and Calumet, MI. After his solemn profession in 1937, he spent 4 years on the mission band, followed by a year as pastor of Sacred Heart, San Angelo, TX, in 1942. From 1943-1946 he was in the Armed Forces as chaplain. Mustered out as a captain, he went to Santa Fe, NM, as assistant pastor at the cathedral. From there he went to Peoria, IL; Louisville; Emporia, KS; and Calumet, MI. In 1961 he moved to Carville, LA, as chaplain at the United States Public Health Service Hospital.

Ten years later he reached mandatory military retirement age and was assigned to St. Mary of the Angels in New Orleans, LA. He died at age 81 after 43 years in the Order.
Philip John Rothmann

Born: September 18, 1856 - Louisville, KY
Died: February 13, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Philip (uncle of Kilian and Ivo Roth) was invested in 1872. His first appointment after ordination in 1879 was to St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati. He spent the next several years in the Illinois missions, returning to Cincinnati in 1886 as assistant pastor at St. Bonaventure and teacher at the seminary. In 1895, he became superior and pastor at St. Bonaventure. In 1899, he began a 13-year term as editor of both the St. Franziskus Bote and the St. Anthony Messenger. He died at St. George in Cincinnati after 41 years in the Order. He was 57 years old.

Philip served as definitor for 1 term.

Dennis Joseph McAvoy

Born: January 19, 1912 - Ashley, PA
Died: February 13, 1992 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Dennis was clothed as a tertiary at St. Boniface in Louisville in 1941. In 1946 he was received into the First Order, making his solemn profession in Cincinnati in 1950. Dennis served faithfully as cook and porter and in other housekeeping responsibilities at St. Boniface, Louisville; St. George, St. Francis Seraph and St. Clement in Cincinnati and at Duns Scotus in Southfield, MI.

In 1953 Dennis returned to his home to care for his ailing father until his father’s death 4 years later. In 1962 Dennis was assigned to the Academy of American Franciscan History in Washington, DC. He was a core member in the house of prayer at Jemez Spring, New Mexico, from 1976-78. His final assignment was in fraternal ministry at St. Boniface Friary, Louisville, in 1983. Dennis died at the age of 80 at St. Clare Retirement Community in Cincinnati after 50 years as a Franciscan.

John Baptist Edward Schroeder

Born: October 9, 1852 - Enochsburg, IN
Died: February 14, 1901 - Peoria, IL
Father John Baptist entered the Order in 1869 at St. Clement, Cincinnati, the novitiate at that time. After ordination in Detroit, where he studied theology, he remained at St. Mary as assistant pastor. He then moved to Batesville, IN, as pastor, and then to Lafayette, IN, as *excurrens* to Perryton, Louisville and Reynolds, IN. His last 12 years were equally divided between St. Bonaventure and St. George in Cincinnati, and St. Mary in Metamora, IN. He died in Illinois at 48 years of age after 31 years as a friar.

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**Cajetan Aloysius Elshoff**

Born: January 20, 1888 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: February 15, 1956 - Detroit, MI

Father Cajetan was invested in 1905 and ordained in 1913. His first appointment was to Louisville, where he was assistant pastor at St. Boniface, then to St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS. In 1915 he began his long career as a teacher of German and music at the seminary--first in downtown Cincinnati and then at Mt. Healthy--and in 1929 was subsyndic (i.e., treasurer) of the seminary. In 1942 he was appointed vice-rector. A heart condition forced his retirement to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, in 1945; but in 1946 he moved to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, to serve as treasurer and confessor. He died after 51 years in the Order in 1956. He was 68 years old.

Cajetan was a pianist and organist, a great promoter of community singing, both religious and secular. While teaching at the seminary, he often led a 15 minute song fest before study period and would blush as the students cheered his musical talents. A hemophiliac, Cajetan jokingly referred to his having “royal blood.”

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**Alexius Alphonse Orth**

Born: February 25, 1894 - Alexandria, KY  
Died: February 16, 1919 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Alexius was invested in 1911 and stationed at St. Clement in Cincinnati. Afterward he went to Louisville for 2 years and returned to St. Clement for 4 years. He died in 1919, 4 months after his solemn profession. He was 24 years old and lived 7 years as a friar.
Patrick John McArron  
Born: March 29, 1888 - Alpena, MI  
Died: February 16, 1951 - Escanaba, MI  
Father Patrick was invested in 1906 and ordained in 1914. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville, and then at St. Anthony in Kansas City, KS. He was the last assistant pastor at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, in 1920, whereupon he was administrator at Pee Wee Valley, KY, for 2 years and pastor at Minonk, IL, from 1927 to 1934. He then went to Hamilton, OH, as guardian for 2 terms and pastor for 8 years at St. Stephen. In 1946 Patrick went to Escanaba, MI, as excurrens to Wells, MI, where he founded a new mission. Later he became pastor and superior at St. Joseph, Escanaba. He died after 44 years in the Order at the age of 62.

Barnabas Edward McAlarney  
Born: October 5, 1898 - Boston, MA  
Died: February 16, 1973 - Lafayette, IN  
Father Barnabas was invested for the Commissariat of the Holy Land in 1922 and ordained in 1926. His first assignment was at the Monastery in Washington, DC, as sisters' chaplain. Two years later he transferred to the St. John Baptist Province and was named assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph and preacher of missions. He also had brief assignments as assistant pastor at St. Stephen in Hamilton, OH, and St. Boniface, Louisville. He went to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, in 1935 and served there until 1941 when he volunteered as a military chaplain in World War II. He retired from military service in 1958.

Barnabas was with the Army in England, Ireland, France, Belgium, and Germany, as well as in Korea and Japan. He also served as hospital chaplain at Ft. Sam Houston, TX, and later in Alabama, Georgia and Maryland. After his active duty he was a member of the Army Reserve. When the new

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Corpus Christi Parish was established in Cincinnati, OH, Barnabas was chosen as founding pastor in 1958 and helped to build the church and rectory. In 1964 he was transferred to be chaplain of Mt. Alverno Brothers' School until it ceased operation in 1972. His last 9 years were spent at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. Barnabas belonged to many fraternal and military organizations and received 5 presidential citations for meritorious service. When he died at age 74, he had been a friar for 51 years.
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Fidelis John Koper
Born: October 23, 1860 - Springfield, OH
Died: February 18, 1945 - Southfield, MI

Brother Fidelis entered the Franciscans as a Teaching Brother in 1881. In 1889 he was professed in the First Order. He first taught at St. Francis Seraph School, Cincinnati, and then at St. Mary School, Detroit, for a total of 20 years. In 1903 he was sent to Jemez, NM, as a handyman and then to Chinle, Peña Blanca, and Carlsbad, NM, spending a total of 27 years in the missions. In 1931, Fidelis went to Oldenburg, IN, and served as porter for 9 years. After a year at St. Francis Seraph, he was transferred to Duns Scotus where he died at age 84 after 63 years in the Order.

Angelus Rudolph Schaefer
Born: May 18, 1896 - New Albany, IN
Died: February 18, 1973 - Louisville, KY

Father Angelus was invested as a Franciscan in 1915 and was ordained in 1923. After serving at St. George, Cincinnati, for 1 year, he devoted the next 37 years of his life to ministry among African-Americans. In 1924 he initiated African-American ministry in Kansas City, KS, as a mission from St. Anthony and later founded Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Kansas City, KS. From 1943 to 1951 he ministered in Arkansas, both at McGhee and Lake Village, building churches in both localities. In 1960 he became guardian at St. Boniface, Louisville, and remained there as assistant pastor until his death at age 76. He was definitior of the province from 1948 to 1951 and spent 57 years of his life as a friar.

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Placidus Joseph Buerger
Born: August 21, 1852 - Rohrbach, Germany
Died: February 19, 1906 - Albuquerque, NM

Brother Placidus imigrated to the United States as a boy. He was invested in 1868 and worked first at St. Stephen’s in Hamilton, OH, as a cook and gardener. His next appointments were Louisville, Oldenburg, Cincinnati, and Metamora, IL,
as cook and also as gardener and cellarer. Placidus was one of the first group of friars (along with Juvenal Schnorbus and Anselm Weber) to establish the mission at St. Michaels, AZ, at the request of Mother Katherine Drexel. Their journal records that as the 3 friars neared the site of St. Michaels on their wagon journey from Gallup, Placidus spied and shot a rabbit which he prepared as hasenpfteffer for their first meal at the new mission. Placidus later moved to Jemez, NM, where he was stationed when he died at age 53 after 38 years as a friar.

**John Joseph Gerald Mahoney**

- Born: September 21, 1907 - Peoria, IL
- Died: February 19, 1933 - Wichita, KS

Brother John Joseph was invested as a tertiary in 1931 and was assigned to work among the Navajos. Returning east for health reasons, he died after only a year and half in the Order at the age of 25.

**Regis Ralph Darpel**

- Born: October 17, 1897 - Covington, KY
- Died: February 19, 1960 - Roswell, NM

Father Regis was invested in 1915, solemnly professed in 1919, and ordained in 1923. Regis was the brother of Francis Darpel. He was sent to the Southwest where he spent the remainder of his life except for 1 year (1936-1937 at Bloomington, IL). He was first missioned to Gallup and then to Peña Blanca, NM, first as assistant and then as pastor and guardian. In 1937 he went to Cerrillos, NM, and a year later to Sonora, TX. His last 14 years were evenly divided between Gallup, Peña Blanca, and Jemez, NM. He preached Spanish and English retreats and missions. He made every effort to immerse himself in the Hispanic culture of the Southwest and was considered one of the very best preachers in Spanish. Regis died after 44 years as a friar at age 62.

**FEBRUARY 19**

**Bernard Theodore Espelage**

- Born: February 16, 1892 - Cincinnati, OH
- Died: February 19, 1971 - Gallup, NM

Bishop Bernard Espelage, first bishop of Gallup, NM, was the sibling of Bishop Sylvester Espelage, Vicar Apostolic of Wuchang, China. Bernard was invested in 1910. After ordination in 1918, he was appointed to St. Peter Parish,
Roswell, NM, in care of the church at Clovis, NM. A year later he was moved to the cathedral at Santa Fe as secretary to Archbishop Daeger and chancellor of the archdiocese. In 1925 and 1926 he studied canon law at Catholic University of America and returned to the cathedral again as chancellor. In 1934 he became pastor of the cathedral. In 1939 he left the Southwest to become pastor of Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, IN. Just a year later he was appointed to be first bishop of Gallup and was consecrated on October 9, 1940.

Bernard remained in active service of the diocese nearly 30 years, retiring shortly before his death at age 79. He had been a friar for 60 years. Bernard was an avid fund-raiser who, only in his later years, asked other friars to take some of his preaching/fund raising assignments. His brother Bishop Sylvester died in China in 1940, just before Bernard’s consecration; they never met as bishops.

**Frederick Martin Zelger**

Born: January 14, 1918 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: February 19, 1982 - Albuquerque, NM

Father Fred was invested in 1935 and ordained in 1944. He ministered in Chama, Lumberton, Los Ojos, Clovis, and Roswell, NM, and Guymon, OK. In these parishes he served either as assistant or as pastor and superior. He later left the Order and lived in Albuquerque, NM, but never married. In July 1981, he returned to the friars, reconciled through the ministrations of many friars with whom he had kept in contact. He died 6 months later in 1982. Fred was 64 years old. He was reputed as a skilled handicapper of horses.

**Cyril Joseph Hermann**

Born: April 5, 1911 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: February 19, 1997 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Cyril was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1938 along with 17 other friars. His 59 years of priesthood were spent almost entirely in parochial ministry with the exception of 3 years (1969-72) when he served as chaplain for the sisters at Mishawaka, IN. Cyril served in parishes in Kansas, New Mexico, Cincinnati, Texas and Illinois. His 2 longest assignments were 9 years at St. Ann in Sonora, TX, and 14 years at St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe.

At every place he lived Cyril left his “mark”--with a paint brush. One of the first things he would do upon arriving at a new assignment was to paint his room,
then the church or the rectory. He also left his mark on the many brothers with whom he lived during his 66 years as a friar. He was 85 years old.

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Nicholas Andrew Wachter

Born: October 6, 1811 - Hall, Tyrol
Died: February 20, 1869 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Nicholas was one of the first Tyrolese friars to come to the United States. He was invested in 1829, and ordained in 1833. After 18 years in his own Province of St. Leopold, he and Edmund Etschmann followed William Unterthiner to Cincinnati. Nicholas worked in both Cincinnati and Louisville. In 1859, when the Custody of St. John the Baptist was founded, he became a member of the first discretorium and served a second term from 1865 to 1868.

Nicholas was the first novice master of the custody, the first lector of philosophy and theology, and one of the first cleric masters. He was also superior and pastor of St. John and St. Clement in Cincinnati. In 1867, when the friars went to Oldenburg, IN, he went with them as pastor, chaplain, lector, and master of clerics. He established the parish of St. John the Baptist, Harrison, OH. It is recorded that he was the only Tyrolese friar to become proficient in English. He died in 1869 in Cincinnati after 22 years in the custody and 40 in the Order. Nicholas was 57 years old at the time of his death.

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Lucian Anthony Hurtig

Born: February 25, 1889 - Hartford, KS
Died: February 21, 1919 - Louisville, KY

Father Lucian became a Franciscan in 1911 and was ordained in 1918. After just 4 months as assistant pastor at St. Boniface in Louisville, he died in the flu epidemic of 1919. He was just 30 years old and had been a friar for 8 years.

Placid Robert Limesch

Born: October 4, 1902 - St. Bernard, OH
Died: February 21, 1956 - Metamora, IL
Father Placid, brother of Father Bernardin Linesch, was invested in 1920 and ordained in 1928. His first assignment was to the newly opened Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, where he taught Latin, the sciences, commercial subjects and history. Eleven years later he was transferred to Oldenburg, IN, as master of clerics and lector of Church history. In 1942 he began a 7-year term as chaplain at Longview Hospital, Cincinnati. In 1950 he was appointed confessor of novices at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, and in 1953 was sent to Metamora, IL, where he was excurrens to Washburn, IL. He died suddenly after 35 years as a friar. Placid was 53 years old.

**FEBRUARY 22**

**Cuthbert Anthony Kalt**

**Born:** March 26, 1887 - Detroit, MI  
**Died:** February 22, 1927 - Park View, NM

Father Cuthbert, brother of Fathers Robert and Hubert Kalt, was invested in 1905, ordained in 1913, and first saw active ministry in Hamilton, OH, as assistant pastor. From there he went first to St. Edward, Carlsbad, NM; then to Sacred Heart, Gallup, NM; to Roswell, NM; and finally to St. Joseph, Parkview, NM, as superior and pastor where he died at age 39. Cuthbert has been a friar for 21 years.

**Celestine Edward Matz**

**Born:** January 18, 1880 - Cincinnati, OH  
**Died:** February 22, 1936 - Farmington, NM

Father Celestine was the brother of Casper Matz. Celestine was invested in 1896 and ordained in 1904. After brief stays in Cincinnati at St. Bonaventure and in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, he was appointed chaplain of Longview Hospital in Cincinnati. Three years later he went to Bloomington, IL, as assistant pastor and then to Carlsbad, NM. In 1925 he returned to Cincinnati as assistant editor of *St. Anthony Messenger*. He returned to the Southwest in 1928 as superior and pastor at Clovis and Jemez, NM. Celestine was on the editorial staff of the *Franciscan Missions of the Southwest*. He died in Farmington after 39 years as a friar. He was 56 years old.

**Theophil Charles Himmel**

**Born:** January 2, 1875 - Kenzingen, Germany
Died: February 22, 1950 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Theophil was born in Baden, Germany, in 1875. He was invested as a tertiary in 1900, and spent his first 15 years in the Order as cook at St. Francis Seraph and St. John, Cincinnati; Emporia, KS; Kansas City, KS; Lafayette, IN; Calumet, MI; and Kansas City, MO. In 1916 he went to St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, and then for 11 years he was at St. Boniface, Louisville, as sacristan. After 3 years in Cincinnati at St. Clement as porter, he retired to St. Anthony for the remaining 11 years of his life as gardener, handyman and caretaker of the novitiate property. Theophil died in his golden jubilee year at age 70.

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Silver Bernard Meyer

Born: December 20, 1906 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: February 23, 1983 - Gallup, NM

Father Silver was invested in 1928 and ordained in 1938. Known fondly as “Hi Ho” (as in “Hi Ho Silver” of Lone Ranger fame), his entire priestly ministry was spent in the missions of the Southwest in just a few places. He began at St. Michaels, AZ, from 1936 to 1942, with 1 year at Chinle, AZ. For the next 10 years he was at Keams Canyon, AZ, and then from 1951 until his death in 1983, he was at the Catholic Indian Center at Gallup, NM. He supported his missions with his fundraising abilities "back East" and with his photographs and exhibitions of Indian life and culture. He was an avid photographer who took beautiful photos when he remembered to remove the cap from his lens. Silver died at 76 years of age after 54 years as a friar.

Pancratius Francisco Candelaria - OLG

Born: October 4, 1909 - Mangano, NM
Died: February 23, 1995 - Albuquerque, NM

Ronnin George Einhaus

Born: January 24, 1920 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: February 23, 1997 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Ronnin was raised at St. Aloysius Orphanage after the death of his mother in 1925. He was invested in 1938 and ordained in 1947. Popular as a student, Ronnin was quite motivated and always on top of things. He knew he wanted to work in the Southwest, so he studied Spanish to be ready. And that is where most of his years were spent. His many years of priesthood were spent in
parochial ministry with the exception of a brief period (1958-60) when he was chaplain for the Poor Clares in Roswell, NM. Ronnin served as assistant or pastor in parishes in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Cincinnati.

For the last several years of his active ministry physical problems put some restraints on Ronnin, but he continued working with extraordinary enthusiasm. Ronnin died just months before his golden jubilee of ordination. He had been a friar for 59 years.

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James John Archinger

Born: August 20, 1863 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: February 25, 1943 - Cincinnati, OH

Father James was invested in 1882 and ordained in 1889. Teaching at the seminary was his first assignment. He then went to Kansas to the missions of Reading and Eureka, and also to Hamilton, Emporia and Wichita. In 1901 he went to Chatham, Ontario, Canada, where he ministered for 17 years as superior and pastor at St. Joseph. When James was transferred from Chatham over the objections of the bishop he became the last Franciscan pastor. James was a definitor of the province from 1903 to 1906.

When he left Canada, James was appointed superior and pastor of St. John, Cincinnati, and then guardian and chaplain at Oldenburg, IN. In 1930 he was assigned to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as confessor to the novices, laity and the Sisters of Mercy. He died in that work after 60 years as a friar.

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Anthony Arminius Holtmann

Born: September 18, 1816 - Huemeling, Germany
Died: February 26, 1874 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Anthony emigrated to the United States from Hanover, Germany. His investiture in 1859 and profession in 1860 were the very first in the custody. He spent his entire 15 years and died as a tertiary at St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati, as housekeeper and porter. Anthony died at age 59.
Herculan Stanley Kolinski

Born: November 1, 1902 - Laurium, MI  
Died: February 27, 1988 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Herculan made his first profession in 1921 and was ordained in 1929. From then until 1947 he taught the sciences at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati while living at St. George. For 2 years he was provincial spiritual assistant to the Secular Franciscans. In 1949 Herculan was named pastor of St. Elizabeth, Washburn, IL. He then served terms at the City Hospital of Louisville; St. Joseph Nazareth in Cincinnati; and in Hamilton, OH. In 1960 he moved to the St. Louis Friary, Batesville, IN, where he remained until 1987 when he was transferred to Franciscan Terrace because of failing health. He died there after 67 years as a friar at age 85. Herculan kept up a keen interest in the sciences, especially in botany and forestry. His hobby, woodworking, grew out of this interest.

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Cosmas Henry Angelbeck

Born: June 18, 1876 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: February 28, 1923 - Louisville, KY

Brother Cosmas became a Franciscan in 1921 and lived for just 2 years thereafter, serving at St. Anthony in Cincinnati and St. Boniface in Louisville. He died at age 45.
Bernard Joseph Pircher

Born:  March 21, 1832 - Tramin, Tyrol
Died:  March 1, 1876 - Louisville, KY

Brother Bernard came to Cincinnati as a lay brother candidate in 1862 and was invested upon arrival. He served his first 7 years in the Order at St. Clement, Cincinnati, as cook, gardener and porter. He went to Oldenburg, IN, and later to Louisville in the same capacity. He died in Louisville after 14 years as a friar. Bernard was 43 years old.

Norman Robert Perry

Born:  December 17, 1929 - Cincinnati, OH
Died:  March 1, 1999 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Norman was invested in 1949 and ordained in 1958.

Gabriel Silver Linfert

Born:  January 29, 1895 - Cincinnati, OH
Died:  March 2, 1973 - Dayton, OH

Father Gabriel, brother of Daniel Linfert, was invested in 1913 and ordained in 1920. His first appointment was as instructor at the old seminary, but a year later he moved to Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, as assistant and pastor of the Keweenaw County Missions. In 1929 he returned to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as Third Order commissary, provincial procurator, and director of the Sacred Heart League. As treasurer of the province, he kept the funds in a cigar box and accounted for them in a school composition book. Then came the great Depression and "a whole new world," as he himself said. Four years later Gabriel began a 7-year term as pastor and superior at St. Boniface, Lafayette. In 1940 he was appointed procurator at Duns Scotus College, and 5 years later was made superior at Metamora, IL, and pastor of nearby Lourdes. In 1954 he became chaplain to the Notre Dame sisters in Hamilton, OH, and in 1958 returned as procurator to Duns Scotus.

Gabriel's last appointments as a parochial minister were at St. Anthony, Streator, IL, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ozona, TX--each for a year. In
1963 he became assistant director of Franciscan Recordings at St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, but lived out most of his last few years in retirement, playing pinochle to the end. Gabriel died after 59 years in the Order at age 78.

**Berno John Butz**

Born: August 24, 1921 - Lafayette, IN  
Died: March 2, 1978 - Louisville, KY

Father Berno, brother of Crispin Butz of OLG Province, was invested in 1939, solemnly professed in 1943, and ordained in 1948. His first assignment was to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, where he taught history and religion. In 1955 he was sent as chaplain to St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville, and 5 years later was sent to the minor seminary as professor and guardian. In 1966 he returned as chaplain to St. Anthony Hospital. Three years before his death it was determined that he suffered from inoperable cancer, but that some treatment could help him. Berno underwent the treatment but finally died at the hospital he had served for 21 years. He was 56 years old and had been a friar for 38 years.

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**Faran Hugh Boyle**

Born: February 13, 1928 - Three Rivers, MI  
Died: March 2, 1993 - Peoria, IL

Father Faran was received into the Order in 1943 and ordained in 1952. Following his ordination he was assigned to the faculty of Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. Beginning in 1962 he served as teacher, disciplinarian and vice-rector of St. Joseph Hall of St. Francis Seminary. Then in 1966 Faran returned to Roger Bacon.

In 1975 he was named associate pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Centerville, OH; and he was assigned to St. Stephen Parish, Hamilton, OH, in 1976. In 1977 Faran was appointed pastor of the Keweenaw Catholic Missions in Mohawk, MI, and served there until 1984. He then served at St. Boniface, Louisville; St. Anthony, Wichita, KS; and Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, were he died suddenly in his sleep at the age of 65. Faran was a friar for 49 years.
Ulric George Axmann

Born:  February 23, 1870 - Erpetshof, Bavaria
Died:  March 3, 1906 - Kansas City, KS

Brother Ulric became a friar in 1897 at the age of 27 and served at St. George and St. Anthony in Cincinnati. Later he served at Batesville, IN; then in Peoria, IL, at Sacred Heart. His final assignment was in Kansas City, MO. Ulric died after 9 years in the Order at age 36.

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Bernard John Kuper

Born:  March 24, 1857 - Warnstaedte, Germany
Died:  March 6, 1931 - Hamilton, OH

Brother Bernard became a Teaching Brother in 1879 and his first assignment was as principal of St. Mary School in Detroit. When he came to Cincinnati in 1890, Bernard took over the instruction and direction of the younger Teaching Brothers at their home in St. Bernard near St. Clement. After it became evident that the Teaching Brothers could not keep up their numbers, Bernard joined the St. John Baptist Province and went to St. John, Cincinnati, and then to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as sacristan and porter. He died there at 73 after 51 years as a religious.

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Anselm Anthony Weber

Born:  November 10, 1862 - New Salem, MI
Died:  March 7, 1921 - Rochester, MN

Father Anselm became a friar in 1882 and was ordained in 1889. He taught at the seminary and lectured the clerics in philosophy until the province decided to open the Navajo missions in 1898 at the invitation of Mother Katherine Drexel. Anselm volunteered and spent the rest of his life in the Southwest where he became known as the "Apostle of the Navajos." He worked diligently and traveled back and forth between the reservation and Washington, DC, fighting for the rights and interests of the Navajo Nation with the U.S. Government. Anselm is the subject of a full-length biography, Missionary of the Navajos, by former friar Robert Wilken. Jokingly, he was reputed to have spent as much time in
Washington as on the reservation. He died after 38 years in the Order. Anselm was 58 years old.

**Victor Joseph Drees**

Born: September 26, 1902 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 7, 1967 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Victor (uncle of Herb Effler) was invested in 1921 and ordained in 1929. Immediately he was sent to St. John, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor and teacher at Roger Bacon High School. In 1938 he enrolled in the Catholic University and earned a Ph.D. in educational psychology in 1941. He became a member of the summer faculty there as well as at St. Norbert College, Green Bay, WI, and later at the San Antonio Branch of the Catholic University. In July 1946, he became editor of the *St. Anthony Messenger* and served in that job until 1964. He then became director of the Friars Club where he died 3 years later. Victor was also a member of the National Franciscan Marian Commission. He had been a friar for 45 years and was 64 when he died.

**Thomas Bernard Flahie**

Born: October 5, 1908 - Cygnet, OH  
Died: March 7, 1975 - Albuquerque, NM

Brother Tom entered the Order in 1930 at St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he served as porter. In 1933 he entered the novitiate and worked in the laundry. From 1934 to 1938 he was porter at Duns Scotus in Southfield, MI, and spent the next 2 years at St. George, Cincinnati, and St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe. In September 1940 he went to China, where he was interned by the Japanese in Shanghai from 1943 to 1945. Returning to the U.S. in late 1945, he was again porter at Duns Scotus. He then spent 3 years at St. Clement and next went to Jemez, NM, where he was postmaster and bee keeper until his death at age 66. Tom was a Franciscan for 45 years.

**Ulric Matthew Kreutzen**

Born: January 1, 1889 - Calumet, MI
Died: March 8, 1945 - Bloomington, IL

Father Ulric was invested in 1907 and ordained in 1915. He was first stationed in Kansas City, KS, and then in Metamora and Peoria, IL; and Escanaba, MI. In 1923, he volunteered for the missions in China where he remained until 1932. Upon his return to the U.S., he was made excurrens at Peña Blanca, NM, and later went to Buras, LA. In 1935 he was assigned to Batesville, IN, where he was superior from 1936 to 1939. His last assignment was to Bloomington, IL, where he was hospital chaplain. He died at age 56 after 37 years as a friar.

Maurus Joseph Reibenspies

Born: June 14, 1886 - Brush Creek, KS
Died: March 8, 1953 - Metamora, IL

Brother Maurus was drafted into the Army in the First World War but was nonetheless invested as a tertiary. (His service in the Army earned him the nickname of "Biff" since that's what he said he would do to the Kaiser for keeping him out of the Order.) After returning from the military he served in Oldenburg, IN, and later in St. Clement, Cincinnati, as porter. In 1932, Maurus was sent to Calumet, MI, where he served as maintenance man until 1951. He was then sent to Metamora, IL, where he died after 33 years as a friar. Maurus was 66 years old.

Ambrose Charles Frank

Born: November 21, 1889 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: March 9, 1916 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Ambrose was invested in 1910 and died as a theologian in Oldenburg, IN, in 1916 after 7 years as a friar. He was 26 years old.

Dunstan John Leary

Born: June 28, 1885 - Calumet, MI
Died: March 9, 1934 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Dunstan became a friar in 1906 and a priest in 1914. His early ministry was spent at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor. He was also stationed in Calumet, MI, as administrator of Copper Harbor and Eagle Harbor; and in Metamora, IL, as excurrens to Benson and Roanoke. For 3 years
he was superior and pastor at Roswell, NM, where he built St. Peter Church. Dunstan after 27 years as a friar at age 48.

**Gregory Michael O'Donovan**

Born: September 29, 1902 - Flint, Wales  
Died: March 9, 1987 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Gregory was born in North Wales and came to the United States in 1922. He entered the Order in 1933. His life was spent in fraternal ministry as sacristan and housekeeper at St. George and St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati, as well as in several of the Hispanic and Navajo missions. From 1970 until the time of his death he was stationed at St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he was fondly known as “Murph” and continued his fraternal service in a more limited capacity. Murph died at 84 years of age after 47 years as a friar.

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**Alphonse Henry Griesenboeck**

Born: July 15, 1837 - Brixlegg, Tyrol  
Died: March 10, 1904 - Lafayette, IN

Brother Alphonse came to Cincinnati in 1862 and was invested in Cincinnati as a member of the St. Leopold Province later in the same year. He had only 4 appointments in his 42 years in the Order: St. Boniface in Louisville from 1868 to 1900; St. Lawrence in Hamilton, OH, from 1900 to 1904; and in both parishes in Lafayette, IN. Alphonse was cook, gardener, porter, sacristan and trainer of servers. He died at age 66, still a member of the St. Leopold Province.

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**Conrad William Deimel**

Born: December 4, 1965 - Weringhausen, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: March 11, 1908 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Conrad emigrated from Germany and was invested in 1884. As cook, gardener, porter and sacristan, he worked in Oldenburg, IN; Chatham, Ontario, Canada; Bloomington, IL; Louisville; and Cincinnati, at St. Bonaventure and St. George. He died at St. George Friary after 20 years as a tertiary. Conrad was 42 years old.
Angelus Henry Hafertepe

Born: June 24, 1855 - Voltage, Hanover, Germany
Died: March 11, 1915 - Hamilton, OH

Father Angelus invested in 1872 and taught in the seminary as a cleric. Ordained in 1878, he began his priestly ministry in Oldenburg, IN, but then went to Hamilton, OH, as assistant pastor, where he was excurrens to Trenton, Middletown, and New London, OH (later renamed Shandon). He was then stationed in Emporia, KS, as excurrens to Hartford, Burlington, Council Grove, Reading, and Eagle Creek, (later renamed Maydale). In 1886 he was superior, pastor and Third Order director of St. Clement, Cincinnati. Angelus had a few brief appointments as assistant pastor before his 9-year term as chaplain of St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati. Then after 3 years as pastor and superior of St. Francis Seraph, Kansas City, MO, he went to Batesville, IN, as superior and pastor of St. Louis. He died after 42 years in the Order at age 59.

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Peter A. Bernard Ricke - OLG

Born: December 31, 1919 - Sidney, OH
Died: March 12, 1997 - Albuquerque, NM

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Accurs William Beine

Born: August 15, 1832 - Luetgoneder, Oldenburg, Germany
Died: March 13, 1888 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Accurs was invested in 1860 and joined Luke Gottbehoede, Bonaventure Hammer and Anthony Becker as the first clerics in the new custody of St. John Baptist. Together with Luke and Anthony, Accurs was ordained "simplex" in 1862, 2 years before his solemn profession, making theirs the first ordinations in the new custody. After several years at St. Francis Seraph and St. John in Cincinnati and St. Stephen in Hamilton, OH, Accurs spent 8 years in Lafayette, IN, as superior and pastor. After this he returned to Hamilton as pastor of the newly formed St. Joseph Parish. He left after 4 years and in 1886 became moderator and director of the Teaching Brothers in Louisville at St. Boniface. He died after 27 years in the Order at age 44.
**Conradin George Hiemer**

Born: November 14, 1881 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 14, 1918 - Kansas City, KS  

Father Conradin was invested in 1907. Following his ordination in 1915, he was assigned to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, from which he went to Kansas City, KS, as assistant pastor at St. Anthony. He served only 3 years as a priest, dying at age 36 after 10 years as a friar.

**Adolph Joseph Kirst**

Born: March 17, 1896 - Covington, KY  
Died: March 14, 1980 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Adolph made his first profession in 1916 and was ordained in 1923. After 1 year as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville, he left for China where he served until 1945. In China he taught in the Catholic College, edited *Franciscans in China*, was pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Hankow, and served as business manager for the Wuchang missions. In 1943 he was interned by the Japanese in a concentration camp until November, 1945, when he was released and returned to the United States. After conducting retreats and missions for 3 years, in 1948 he began a 13-year term at the minor seminary where he served as instructor, spiritual director and rector by turns. In 1961, after a year as director of the Brothers’ School at Oldenburg, he embarked on a 17-year stint with the Franciscan Missionary Union before retiring to the Franciscan Terrace in 1978 where he died after 64 years in the Order. Adolph was 84 years old.

**Methodius John Fix**

Born: February 16, 1886 - Blumenfeld, Russia  
Died: March 15, 1910 - Peoria, IL  

Brother Methodius was invested as a tertiary in 1905 and spent 2 years in Oldenburg, IN, and another 2 years at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He died while stationed in Metamora, IL. Methodius was 24 years old and had been a friar for 4 years.
Cosmas Joseph Renn

Born: December 4, 1864 - St. Joseph’s Hill, IN
Died: March 15, 1920 - Peoria, IL

Brother Cosmas was invested in 1888 with his first assignment to Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS. He then moved to Louisville; Sacred Heart in Peoria, IL; and then to Cincinnati at St. Clement and St. John. Cosmas returned to Illinois in 1907, where he spent 6 years at Bloomington and 7 at Peoria, again at Sacred Heart. He worked as porter, sacristan and maintenance man at all his stations. He died in Peoria after 32 years in the Order. Cosmas was 55 years old.

Roch Rudolph Morath

Born: March 23, 1854 - Altschweier, Baden, Germany
Died: March 15, 1943 - Southfield, MI

Brother Roch, the brother of Amadeus Morath, was invested in 1883 and solemnly professed in 1891. Roch was a cook for almost all his active life of 60 years in the Order. His appointments included Louisville; Oldenburg, IN; Hamilton, OH; Metamora, IL; and Peoria, IL. In Cincinnati, he served at St. George, St. Anthony, the seminary and St. Bonaventure. Finally he served at Streator, IL, and Duns Scotus College in Southfield, MI, to which he retired in 1938. He died at Duns Scotus at 88 years of age after 60 years as a friar.

Martial Herman Schmidts

Born: June 1, 1925 - St. Bernard, OH
Died: March 15, 1964 - Gallup, NM

Father Martial was invested in 1943 and ordained in 1952. His short life was spent in the Southwest as assistant at Clovis, Roswell and Gallup, NM,

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(with mission at Gamerco). He was then sent to Big Lake, TX, where in addition to assisting at St. Margaret parish he had charge of St. Lawrence Parish, St. Lawrence, TX, and St. Thomas, Rankin, TX. He also served from 1953 to 1956 as civilian chaplain to Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, NM. His last appointment was as assistant pastor to Sacred Heart, Gallup. He died as result of complications from a broken leg at age 38. Martial was quite an artist, and some of his work can be found around the province of which he was a member for 20 years.
Anselm George Sippel
Born: October 26, 1901 - Batesville, IN  
Died: March 15, 1985 - Louisville, KY  

Father Anselm was invested in 1921 and ordained in 1929. His first 20 years of ministry were spent in the Southwest: at Parkview, NM; Chinle, NM; and especially at St. Michaels, AZ, where he served for 13 years, 10 of them as superior and director of the Navajo missions. His first appointment “back East” was at St. Boniface, Louisville, as guardian and chaplain to the General Hospital. In 1952 he was made pastor at St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati, but returned to St. Boniface as pastor in 1957. He again returned to St. Francis Seraph as guardian, from 1966 to 1972, then went back again to St. Boniface as guardian, from 1972 to 1975, when he retired. His last years were spent at the Pavilion, just across the street from St. Boniface. Anselm was definitor for 1 term, from 1963 to 1966. He died at age 83 after 63 years as a friar.

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Novatus Francis Lescynski
Born: October 2, 1871 - Oliva, Germany  
Died: March 16, 1925 - Cincinnati, OH  

Brother Novatus entered the Order in 1904 and spent his first 3 years in Minonk, IL, at St. Patrick. Next he was in Kansas City, MO, at Our Lady of Sorrows. After the novitiate he worked 2 years at Streator, IL, then 3 at Chatham, Ontario. Other assignments included St. Francis Seraph and St. John at Cincinnati; 4 years at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO; and lastly St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. He died at age 53 having given 21 years to the Order.

Stephen James Hoffmann
Born: July 11, 1858 - Sefferweich, Germany  
Died: March 16, 1938 - Lafayette, IN  

Father Stephen was invested at Oldenburg, IN, in 1883 and ordained in 1890. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at Streator, IL, and excurrens to Benson, IL, for 3 years. After a year at Peoria, IL, as superior and pastor, he went to Kansas City, KS, as hospital chaplain, and then to Kansas City, MO, as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. In 1900, he was in Louisville, as master of clerics. After working at Sacred Heart in Peoria and Metamora, IL, and at St. Bonaventure in Cincinnati, he became chaplain of the Boys' Protectory in Cincinnati for 5 years. He moved to Batesville, IN, as superior and pastor after which he returned to the
Protectory in Cincinnati for 11 more years. In 1924 he became guardian of St. Boniface, Louisville, leaving there for St. Anthony, Cincinnati, where he served as guardian from 1926 until 1932. He died as chaplain while chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, IN. Stephen was a friar for 54 years before his death at 79.

**Gabriel Norbert Buescher**

Born: December 19, 1915 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 16, 1995 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gabriel made his first vows as a friar in 1934 and was ordained in 1942. Following ordination, Gabe was assigned to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, where he taught chemistry. In 1945 he moved to Catholic University of America where he earned a Doctorate in Theology; and, for the next 16 years, he taught systematic theology at Holy Family in Oldenburg, IN, and St. Leonard College in Centerville, OH.

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Gabe was a member of the Provincial Council from 1960 to 1963 and served as prefect of studies from 1958 through 1966. After many years of teaching, he devoted himself just as fully to parochial ministry at Corpus Christi, Cincinnati; St. Joseph, Louisville; St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI; and Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN. In 1992, Gabe retired to St. Clement, Cincinnati, still assisting in a variety of ways. He died at the age of 79 after 61 years as a friar.

**MARCH 17**

**Claude John Mindorff**

Born: February 23, 1881 - Chatham, Ontario, Canada  
Died: March 17, 1936 - Detroit, MI

Father Claude was invested in 1897. Ordained in 1905, he was sent immediately to Rome for higher studies. Upon his return 3 years later, he was made lector of philosophy at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He was master of clerics from 1915 to 1920 and taught irregularly during this same period at the seminary. In 1922 he organized the Franciscan Missionary Union. The next year he was called to Rome as lector generalis at the Antonianum where he taught ethics. He wrote several articles in the Antonianum, the most famous being "Duns Scotus and the Ideological Proof for the Existence of God." After 5 years he
returned to Cincinnati as lector of philosophy and master of clerics. He was provincial commissary for the Third Order from 1928 to 1931 and served as secretary of the province from 1930 to 1935.

In 1932 Claude went to Duns Scotus College as lector, becoming guardian and pastor in 1935. He was director of the Third Order at Duns Scotus and organized the Friends of Duns Scotus, raising public awareness and financial backing for the college. He died as guardian there after 39 years in the Order. Claude was 55 years old.

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Pius Michael Bachler
Born: December 22, 1886 - Marine City, MI
Died: March 18, 1939 - Kansas City, MO

Father Pius entered the Order in 1909 and was ordained in 1917. After ordination he was assistant pastor at Streator, IL, and then at Batesville, IN, where he served as *excurrens* to St. Paul, IN. He was hospital chaplain in Peoria, IL, for 2 years and then chaplain of Longview Hospital in Cincinnati, as well as guardian of St. Clement Friary. His last 11 years were spent as superior and pastor of St. Joseph, Olpe, KS. He died after 29 years as a friar. Pius was 53 years old.

Angelico Manuel Chavez - OLG
Born: April 10, 1910 - Wagon Mound, NM
Died: March 18, 1996 - Santa Fe, NM

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Elwin Raymond Harrington
Born: March 22, 1929 - Detroit, MI
Died: March 19, 1983 - Detroit, MI

Father Elwin, raised practically in the shadow of Duns Scotus College, became a friar in 1947 and a priest in 1956. Although he volunteered for the Philippines, he was first sent to Wichita, KS, to be assistant pastor at St. Anthony. In 1957 he began his career as missionary, returning in 1973 for a year of rest at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wichita. His assignments in the Philippines included instructor at the Franciscan Immaculate Conception College at Baybay, Leyte, and
in the parishes at Biliran and Caibiran, Leyte, as assistant and later as pastor and superior. However, deteriorating health brought him back to the United States in 1983. He died at 53 years of age at Duns Scotus College, very close to his boyhood home, singing hymns he had learned from his Philippine congregations. Elwin was a friar for 35 years.

**Dominic William Wachtel**

Born: May 2, 1945 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 19, 1999 - Cincinnati, OH  
Father Dominic ??

**Steven Gregory Uecker**

Born: January 20, 1949 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 20, 1971 - Southfield, MI

Brother Steven entered the Order as a cleric novice in 1968 but transferred to the brothers' program after simple profession. He died after a brief struggle with leukemia at Duns Scotus College having been in the Order nearly 3 years. Steve was 22 years old.

**Vincent Albert Trost**

Born: July 26, 1863 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 21, 1919 - Buffalo, NY

Father Vincent was invested in 1880 at Oldenburg, IN, and ordained in 1887. His first assignment was as seminary professor and lector of the humanities to the clerics at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He was also director of the women's section of the Third Order and joined the Mission Band in 1897. After 5 years in Louisville, as assistant pastor and Third Order director, he went to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, in 1908, as popular missioner. Vincent was definitore of the province from 1909 to 1912. He died in Buffalo, NY, while preaching a mission. Vincent was 55 years old and had been a Franciscan for 38 years.

**Francis de Sales Herman Stuerenberg**
Father Francis was invested in 1886. His first assignment after ordination in 1893 was to St. Boniface, Louisville, as assistant pastor. He then became *excurren* to Higginsville, MO, from St. Anthony in Kansas City, KS. Francis was one of the first missionaries to Peña Blanca, NM. He returned to Kansas City, as hospital chaplain for 8 years. He then returned to Peña Blanca in 1910 as superior and pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where he built the church, school, rectory and sisters' house. In 1919, he became pastor of the Mexican Church in Carlsbad, NM, and in 1929, pastor of the Mexican Mission of San Juan in Roswell, NM. He died after 46 years as a Franciscan. Francis was 67 years old.

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**Herman Joseph Bernard Grote**

Born: May 7, 1894 - Koerterberg, Germany  
Died: March 22, 1943 - Streator, IL

Father Herman Joseph became a Franciscan in 1916. His first post after ordination in 1924 was assistant pastor at St. Bonaventure in Cincinnati. He was also guardian there from 1930 to 1936, when he was transferred to the pastorate of St. Anthony in Streator, IL. After 26 years in the Order, he died in Streator at age 48.

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**Eugene Alfred Rousseau**

Born: April 26, 1908 - Escanaba, MI  
Died: March 23, 1970 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Eugene was invested in 1928 and ordained in 1936. His first appointments were as assistant pastor in care of missions attached to Jemez, Cerrillos, and San Fidel, NM. In the early 1940’s he went to Newton, KS, but 3 years later returned to the Southwest. He was in Blanco, NM, for 6 years then at Gallup, NM, as chaplain to the hospital for 3 years. As a preacher of popular missions in Spanish, he was stationed at Peña Blanca and then at Albuquerque, NM, where he established Holy Family Parish. He became pastor of St. Mary Parish in San Angelo, TX, in the midst of a burdensome debt. Eugene moved to Emporia, KS, as pastor of St. Catherine in Reading. His final appointment was as
chaplain to St. Francis Hospital in his home town of Escanaba, from 1967 to 1970. Seriously ill, he was brought to Cincinnati, where he died at age 62. Eugene was a friar for 41 years.

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Florentine Albert Meyers

Born: November 28, 1875 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 24, 1944 - Santa Fe, NM

Father Florentine became a son of St. Francis in 1893. It was as hospital chaplain in Kansas City, KS, that he began his priestly ministry in 1900. He then spent 7 years at San Diego Parish in Jemez, NM, before going to Gallup as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart. He spent the next few years in Minonk, IL, as excurrens to Benson and Roanoke, then went to Peña Blanca, NM, as superior and pastor. In 1921 he was transferred to St. Joseph, Parkview, NM, and in 1924 was called to Cincinnati as a charter member of the new seminary faculty. One year later he went to Clovis, NM, returning to Jemez, and then back to Clovis. In 1939 he became assistant pastor at Gallup for 3 years. He died at Santa Fe, NM, as assistant pastor with 50 years in the Order. Florentine was 68 years old.

Osmond Joseph Braun

Born: June 29, 1883 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 24, 1965 - Louisville, KY

Father Osmond, brother of Linus Braun, was invested in 1903 and was ordained in 1911. Ten years later, in 1921 he became pastor and superior at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS. Before this 7-year appointment, Osmond had been at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO; St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN; Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL; St. John, Cincinnati; and St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. After his term at St. Anthony, he was pastor and superior at St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, LA, and at Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS. In 1935 he was sent to St. Patrick, Minonk, IL, where he remained as pastor and superior until 1951. His last active assignment was as chaplain to St. Joseph Orphanage, Louisville, from 1952 to 1962. In July of that year he retired to St. Boniface, Louisville, and died 3 years later at 81 years, 61 of which he lived as a friar.

Sigfrid Theodore Schneider

Born: July 27, 1904 - Louisville, KY
Died: March 24, 1987 - Tokyo, Japan

Father Sigfrid (brother of Madian and Hilary Schneider, uncle of Bernardin, Chris, Aquinas and Ric Schneider and cousin of Mark Sanford) was invested in 1923 and ordained in 1931. Immediately after ordination he went to China, where he worked in the Wuchang area for 10 years as pastor.

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and teacher. Returning to the United States in 1941, he stayed but a few months at Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL. Upon Sigfrid's return to China in 1941, Bishop Kowalski appointed him vicar general. Sigfrid was imprisoned first by the Japanese from 1943 to 1945, and later by the Communists from 1951 to 1953, when both he and the bishop were expelled.

Early in 1954 he arrived in the United States and was sent to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, as chaplain to Dunham (tuberculosis) Hospital. Two years later Sigfrid was back in the Orient, this time to Japan as seminary instructor. In 1960 he became assistant to the delegate general for all friars in Japan, and from 1963 to 1970 he himself was the delegate general. From 1970 to 1977 he was the local superior and vocation director at Kita Urawa, Japan. In 1977 he formally joined the newly formed Japanese Province of the Holy Martyrs. He died 10 years later at age 82. Sigfrid's reputation was that he was through and through a true mirror of Christ to those who did not know the Lord. He had been a friar for 63 years.

Roy Robert Effler

Born: June 3, 1921 - Mt. Healthy, OH
Died: March 24, 1994 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Roy made his simple vows in 1940 and was ordained in 1948. Roy began his teaching career at Duns Scotus College at the age of 27. After earning a Ph.D. from St. Bonaventure University in 1950 with his thesis on John Duns Scotus, he spent 34 years studying or teaching philosophy in a variety of places around the world. He was also active in the Medieval Institute at Western Michigan University and a member of the faculty of the International Academy of Philosophy in Irving, TX.

Roy, in his later years, served as associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church, Farmington, NM and St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, before retiring from full-time ministry in 1992.

Roy was inspired by Duns Scotus’ writings long before Pope Paul VI called attention to their significance. As a result of his enthusiasm for study and research
in medieval philosophy, Roy became a recognized and published authority on John Duns Scotus. In addition, Roy was an avid handball player. He died at St. Clement Friary at the age of 72 after 54 years in the Order.

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**Hubert Joseph Kalt**

Born: July 11, 1872 - Detroit, MI  
Died: March 25, 1910 - Peoria, IL

Father Hubert (brother of Cuthbert and Robert Kalt) was invested in 1892 and ordained in 1900. His first assignment was to Escanaba, MI, followed by 3 years at St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati, and 1 year at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, where he was *excurrens* to Blenheim, Ontario. After Chatham he was assigned to Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor for 3 years, after which he went to Louisville, and finally to Calumet, MI. He died at age 37 after 17 years as a friar.

**Leo Bertram Ruffino**

Born: July 1, 1906 - West Point, CA  
Died: March 25, 1989 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Leo was a native of West Point, CA, born in 1906. He entered the Franciscan Order as a tertiary in 1946 after serving for 4 years in the Army Medical Corps as a warrant officer during World War II, and made his solemn profession as a First Order friar in 1953.

Leo's service to the Order began at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as a porter. In 1948 he was transferred to St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, where he served as assistant treasurer and porter for a year. Upon completion of his novitiate in 1950, he returned to St. Francis Seminary as treasurer, a post he held until 1987 (continuing for St. Francis Center after the seminary closed in 1980). An illness several years before his death led to the amputation of his leg; in a wheelchair he faithfully attended community and province activities. He died at age 82 with 42 years as a Franciscan.

Leo was a talented musician, and kept up his skills on the clarinet and saxophone almost to the very end of his life.

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**Pirmin Joseph Sickinger**
Born: May 3, 1886 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 26, 1907 - Oldenburg, IN

Friar Pirmin was invested in 1905 and simply professed in 1906. As early as the novitiate, Pirmin showed symptoms of consumption. A year and a half later, while a cleric in philosophy, he died at Oldenburg, IN. Pirmin was just 20 years old.

Conradin Anthony Burtschy  
Born: Mary 28, 1899 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: March 26, 1962 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Conradin was invested in 1918 and ordained in 1926. Since he had volunteered for the Chinese missions before ordination, he was sent immediately to the Wuchang Vicariate. One year later he went to the mission in Kotien, China. In 1929 he went back to Wuchang as teacher in the Minor Seminary and the Catholic Middle School, chaplain to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and assistant manager of the Franciscan Press. In 1931 he was missioned to Hwangshihkang, China. He was interned during the Manchurian War, but escaped to the United States ("un-advisedly") in 1940. He is reputed to have returned to the United States from China by way of Russia.

His first assignment upon his return was as procurator at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. A year later he went to St. Michaels, AZ, to supervise the electrical work on the new residence. After 2 years at St. George, Cincinnati, he went to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as guardian and pastor. In 1953 he retired to Santa Fe, NM, then moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, on sick leave. Returning to active duty after his recovery, he went to Metamora, IL, as pastor of Washburn. He died after 43 years in the Order. Conradin was 62 years old.

Albert Quentin Senn  
Born: May 19, 1911 - Louisville, KY  
Died: March 26, 1989 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Albert was raised at St. Joseph Orphanage in Louisville. He entered the Franciscan Order in 1928 and was ordained in 1936. Following his ordination he was assigned to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, where he served for 12 years as assistant and then pastor. In 1948 Albert

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spent a year as a teacher at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. He was transferred in 1949 to be the first Franciscan chaplain at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA. After 7 years in Louisiana he became the first pastor at St. Therese, Ft. Wayne, IN.

In 1961, he was sent to the Academy of the Holy Angels, New Orleans, LA, where he taught for a year. He returned to Cincinnati in 1962 and spent a year as pastor of St. John the Baptist before being assigned to St. Clement. He was pastor at St. Clement until 1972 when he was transferred to St. Bonaventure Friary where he served as guardian. In 1976 he was named pastor/administrator of San Antonio, a position he held until his retirement to St. Clement in 1987.

Albert was an accomplished organist and is remembered for organizing large choirs of friars and laity in Kansas City in the 1940's, and for composing the music to the "Hymn of the Brown Marines." He was one of two friars honored during the City of Cincinnati's bicentennial in 1988 as a "Greater Cincinnatian." Albert died of congestive heart failure after a long struggle with cancer at 77 years of age having spent 60 years as a friar.

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Luke Francis Gottbehoede

Born: January 22, 1837 - Damme, Oldenburg, Germany
Died: March 27, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Luke (along with Accurs Beine and Bonaventure Hammer) was invested in 1860 and ordained "simplex" in 1862, making his solemn profession in 1864. After brief assignments in Cincinnati, and Louisville, Luke was sent to Hamilton, OH, in 1869 as superior and pastor. Returning to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1873, he was appointed guardian and director of the Teaching Brothers. The next year he was in Louisville as pastor, guardian, master of clerics and lector of theology. He returned to Cincinnati in 1879 to serve 2 terms as custos and also to be rector of the seminary for 3 years and director of the English Third Order.

The next years found him as superior or guardian and pastor of St. Clement, Cincinnati, as well as master of clerics at Emporia, KS; St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati; St. Boniface, Louisville; and later St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. In 1903 he was in Metamora, IL, as superior and assistant pastor. From 1906 to 1911 he was again guardian of St. Clement, Cincinnati. He retired to St. Boniface and then to Batesville, IN, as senior of the province. He died after 53 years as a friar at age 77.
Luke was the last custos of the custody and first custos of the province of St. John Baptist. In addition he served 3 terms as definitor: 1891 to 1894, 1897 to 1900, 1903 to 1906. Luke attended the Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884.

Columban Richard Kramer

Born: May 23, 1903 - Dayton, OH
Died: March 27, 1954 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Columban first studied for the diocesan priesthood, but came to the Franciscans in 1927. After his ordination in 1931, he was immediately assigned to teach ethics at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, serving there 4 years. After a year in Bloomington, IL, and a year as a popular missioner, he went to St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, IN, as chaplain and teacher of student nurses. With the removal of the sisters' motherhouse from Lafayette, to Mishawaka, IN, Columban went along as chaplain, staying there until 1952, when he was transferred to Cincinnati as the first friar since the 1800’s to serve as chaplain of St. Mary Hospital. He died in that capacity in 1954, having lived as a friar for 26 years. Columban was 50 years old.

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Paulinus Joseph Kranz

Born: September 21, 1868 - Gleidorf, Westphalia, Germany
Died: March 28, 1947 - Lafayette, IN

Father Paulinus was invested in 1891 and ordained 6 years later and sent to Streator, IL, as assistant pastor. In 1899 he was made assistant at Emporia, KS, and 7 years later went to St. Joseph, Louisville, as superior and pastor. From 1911 to 1918 he was assistant pastor in Kansas City, MO, and in 1919 he assumed charge of St. Joseph Parish in Olpe, KS, and then of Higginsville, MO. Next he was assigned to Emporia, KS; Gallup and San Fidel, NM. In 1933 he was in Kansas City, as superior and assistant pastor at St. Francis for 2 years. His next assignment was in Metamora, IL, for 3 years as assistant. He died as chaplain of St. Anthony Home, Lafayette, IN, at age 78. Paulinus live 55 years as a friar.

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Francis Lawrence Lings

Born: September 6, 1847 - New York, NY
Died: March 29, 1924 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Francis was invested at St. Clement, Cincinnati, in 1865. Immediately after his ordination in 1870 he taught theology and was *excurrens* from St. Francis Seraph to St. Bonaventure, both in Cincinnati. In 1874 he became guardian of St. Francis Seraph and master of clerics at the same time. In 1880 he went to Detroit, as superior and pastor of St. Mary, where he rebuilt the church. In 1891, when Bishop Foley took over the two German parishes (Sacred Heart and St. Mary), Francis was transferred to Escanaba, MI, and 1 year later to Louisville, as vicar and assistant pastor. In 1899 he moved to Oldenburg, IN, as lector of theology and chaplain to the sisters. Francis was a member of the first provincial Definitorium from 1885 to 1888. He was a friar for 58 years when he died at age 76.

**Generose Matthew Stronk**

*Born: February 21, 1881 - Covington, KY  
Died: March 29, 1961 - Houma, LA*

Father Generose entered the Franciscan Order in 1899 and became a priest in 1907. Although most of his active life was spent in parishes, he was a hospital chaplain at Lafayette, IN; Bartonville, IL; St. Joseph Orphanage, Louisville; Mt. Alverno, Cincinnati, (twice); Terrebonne General Hospital, Houma, LA, and the sisters at Oldenburg, IN. He also was a retreat master. Among the parishes he served (either as assistant or pastor) were Sacred Heart, Streator, IL; Benson, IL; and Roanoke, IL; St. John, Cincinnati; St. Patrick, Minonk, IL; and St. Mary, Metamora, IL, where he built the school. He was also pastor of St. Boniface, Louisville, and St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. Furthermore, he was provincial comissary for the Third Order from 1939 to 1942 and chaplain of the German Prisoner of War Camp at Roswell, NM, from 1943 to 1946. When Generose died at age 80, he had been a friar for 61 years.

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**Nicholas Bernard Holtel**

*Born: April 9, 1853 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: March 30, 1895 - Peoria, IL*

Father Nicholas was invested in 1869, studied theology at St. Mary, Detroit, and was ordained in 1875. At first he was assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, then *excurrens* from Oldenburg, IN, to Batesville, IN. The next 2 years he spent as pastor and superior of St. Mary, Detroit, followed by 2 years as pastor and superior in Hamilton, OH. From 1883 to 1890 he was lector of both philosophy and theology, master of clerics, English Third Order director, and in
1888 was also guardian and pastor of St. Boniface, Louisville. Nicholas was elected as discreet of the custody in 1885. His term was for 2 months, for in October of the same year the custody was made a province. Nicholas was then appointed one of the first definitors of the new province, serving 1 term. In 1891 he became assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Wichita, KS, later renamed St. Anthony, and died in 1895, having given 19 years of service.

**Juniper Ferdinand Popp**

Born: September 26, 1863 - Hinzendorf, Czechoslovakia  
Died: March 30, 1942 - Jerusalem

Brother Juniper was invested in 1890. He first served at Oldenburg, IN; Emporia, KS; and Cincinnati, all for brief terms. He spent 3 years in Calumet, MI, and in 1900 became the first lay brother at Peña Blanca, NM. Juniper spent 4 years each at Lincoln, NE, and Cincinnati. In 1909 he went to the Holy Land, serving as sacristan in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher for 10 years. Returning in 1920, he went to St. Boniface, Louisville, as sacristan. In 1924 he was sent to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as sacristan, then to St. Francis Seraph, Kansas City, MO, and later to the cathedral in Santa Fe, NM, finally returning to the Holy Land in 1933. At first he was sacristan of St. Joseph Church, Alexandria, Egypt, but in 1935 he returned to Jerusalem and again was sacristan of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, where he died at age 78. Juniper spent 52 years in the Order, 19 of which were in the Holy Land.

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**Louis Frederick Rohr**

Born: November 27, 1914 - Grand Rapids, MI  
Died: March 30, 1992 - Escanaba, MI

Father Louis was received into the First Order in 1932 after having studied at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit. He made his solemn profession in 1936 and was ordained in 1940. Louis taught chemistry and religion at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati for the first 5 years after his ordination and then at the Shrine High School in Royal Oak, MI. From 1945 through 1948 he studied at Catholic University in Washington, DC, earning an STD as well as an SSL from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. His thesis was on the use of the bible by St. Anthony of Padua.

For the next 15 years he taught young Franciscans and oversaw their first year of active ministry at Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN; St. Leonard College,
Centerville, OH; and St. Boniface, Louisville. From 1964 to 1970 he was pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Cincinnati. During the next 5 years he served in the same position at Sacred Heart Parish in Calumet, MI. In 1975 Louis was named pastor of St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS. He became chaplain of St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, MI, in 1979, serving there until his retirement in June 1990. He died at the age of 77 after 59 years as a friar.

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### Alexius Martin Centner

- **Born:** September 11, 1846 - Kandel, Bavaria, Germany
- **Died:** March 31, 1908 - Olpe, KS

Father Alexius was invested at St. Clement, Cincinnati, in 1875 and ordained in 1880. His first appointment was as assistant pastor for 4 years at St. Boniface, Louisville, after which he was *excurrens* to Hartford and Eagle Creek (later renamed Maydale), KS. He spent brief periods as assistant pastor at Oldenburg, IN; Sacred Heart in Detroit; Emporia and Kansas City, KS; Minonk, IL; and Louisville. In 1896 he was *excurrens* from Metamora, IL, for 2 years; and in 1899 he went back to the Kansas missions, working out of Emporia and Wichita. He was somewhat famous for the many outhouses he built or repaired. Alexius died after 33 years as a friar at the age of 61.

### David Edward Hiller

- **Born:** March 21, 1900 - Cincinnati, OH
- **Died:** March 31, 1992 - Cincinnati, OH

Father David completed his early education at St. John Baptist School and St. Francis Seraph College, both of which were staffed by the Franciscans and located in Cincinnati’s Over-the-Rhine. He was received into the Order in 1920 and ordained in 1928. From ordination until 1940, David was a professor of Latin and history at St. Francis Seminary in Cincinnati. His pastoral assignments included: pastor of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Cincinnati (1940-1946); guardian at St. Anthony Novitiate, Cincinnati (1950-1954); guardian at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati (1954-1957); chaplain at Dunham Hospital in Cincinnati and director of the Kolping Society (1957-1991); guardian at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati and pastor of San Antonio (1960-1980); chaplain at Harrison House Nursing Home in Cincinnati (1980-1990).

It is noteworthy that David spent his entire life and ministry in Cincinnati. He was well-known and loved, not only by the members of the Kolping Society.
David served as their director from 1957 until his retirement in 1991, at which time the Society named him Emeritus Praeses. He died, a resident of Archbishop Leibold Home in Cincinnati at the age of 92. He was a friar for 71 years.

**Theodosius Francis Meyer**

Born: November 24, 1882 - Batesville, IN  
Died: April 1, 1958 - Kansas City, KS

Father Theodosius was invested in 1906 and ordained in 1914. His career began at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor, and ended in Emporia, KS, at Sacred Heart, as assistant pastor and superior. In the interim, his life was spent in Southwestern parishes: Santa Fe, Roswell, Lumberton, Parkview, Peña Blanca, Farmington, Cuba, and Gallup--all in New Mexico. He also had charge of several outlying missions: Hagerman, Elida, Portales, Clovis and Melrose. In almost all of these assignments he was pastor and superior. From 1939 to 1945, he was rector of St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe; and for 2 years (1951-1953) he served as chaplain of the Poor Clares in Roswell, NM. He also helped out with retreats and missions. Theodosius was a friar for 51 when he died at the age of 75.

**Aidan Orville Schaefer**

Born: February 26, 1919 - Springbrook, IA  
Died: April 1, 1986 - Detroit, MI

Father Aidan studied at St. Meinrad Abbey, IN, but came to the province in 1943. He was ordained in 1952. Following 1 year as assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, he was sent to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as director of the brothers' program until 1956. He then began a series of assistancies at our Lady of Guadalupe, Wichita, KS; St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN; and St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, LA. In 1969 he became chaplain of St. Francis Hospital, Escanaba, MI. His health, never robust, forced a semi-retirement--first to St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, and then back to Duns Scotus. While at the two colleges, he became quite interested in the lives and writings of the Fathers of the Church. He was also a nationally known ham radio operator. He died of a massive stroke at the age of 67 the evening of his admission to Mt. Carmel Hospital. Aidan was a Franciscan for 42 years.

**James Ralph Fitzpatrick**

Born: February 27, 1909 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: April 1, 1992 - Cincinnati, OH
Father James entered the First Order in 1928. He made his final profession in 1932 and was ordained in 1936. From his first assignment to

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the Navajo Reservation to his final assignment as pastor of St. Ann Church in Hamburg, IN, James endeared himself to the people he served because of his good judgment and sincerity—from helping to arbitrate a mine strike in the Calumet area to his keen interest in conservation and outdoor life, to consolidating parishes and centralizing schools.

His greatest challenge came in 1966 when a fire raced through the 72-year-old church of St. Boniface in Peoria, IL, leaving it in ruins. But he met that challenge head-on as he did so many others in his life. His assignments included St. Michaels, AZ (1936), St. Mary, Hartford, KS; Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI; Escanaba, MI; Kansas City, MO; Kansas City and Olpe, KS; St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN; St. Boniface, Peoria, IL; St. Elizabeth, Washburn, IL; St. Anthony, Cincinnati; Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN; and St. Anne, Hamburg, IN. He retired from full-time ministry for health reasons in 1990, moving to St. Clement friary in Cincinnati. James died at St. Clare Retirement Community in Cincinnati at the age of 83 after 63 years as a friar.

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De Paul Eric Held

Born: November 16, 1943 - New Orleans, LA
Died: April 2, 1967 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother De Paul was invested as a tertiary in 1965 at St. Joseph Brothers School in Oldenburg. After a protracted struggle with cancer he died after 2 years in the Order. De Paul was only 24 years old.

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Andrew Patrick Clifford

Born: March 13, 1846 - Kerry, Ireland
Died: April 3, 1882 - St. Bernard, OH
Brother Andrew was invested as a Franciscan in 1877. Just 4 years later, he died at St. Clement Friary, Cincinnati.

Burcard George Fisher

Born: December 13, 1904 - Peoria, IL
Died: April 3, 1978 - Roswell, NM

Father Burcard was simply professed in 1925 and ordained in 1932. From 1932 until 1963 he was a missionary to the Navajos, serving mostly at Tohatchi, St. Michaels, and Houck, AZ. In 1963 he became pastor at Waterflow, NM, which borders the reservation. Changing apostolates, he became chaplain of the Santa Fe Penitentiary from 1966 to 1971. Another shift came in 1971, when he was named chaplain of the Poor Clares in Roswell, NM, whom he served for 7 years until his death at age 73. Burcard was a friar for 53 years.

Leonard John Foley

Born: October 28, 1913 - Lafayette, IN
Died: April 3, 1994 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Leonard was received into the Order in 1931 and ordained in 1940 when he was assigned to the faculty of St. Francis Seminary--a position he held until 1951 during which time he earned an MA in English. Leonard served as associate pastor at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Detroit from 1952 to 1955. As a member of the Mission and Retreat Band (1955-63) he worked throughout the U.S. Leonard became editor of St. Anthony Messenger for 2 years in 1964 and served as associate editor from 1975 to 1984. In 1969 he earned an MA in Religious Education. In 1976 he initiated and served as editor of Sunday Homily Helps until 1981.

Often finding himself explaining the continuity between the old and new following the Vatican II, Leonard wrote clear, insightful and practical books and articles. His What’s Happening to Confession?, Saint of the Day and Believing in Jesus were extremely popular. He continued to write until his death and, during his final years, served as province archivist and librarian. Leonard died at the age of 80 after 62 years in the Order.

John de Deo Henry Abts

Born: March 31, 1835 - Rommerskirchen, Prussia

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Died: April 4, 1911 - Louisville, KY

Brother John de Deo was 44 years old when he was invested as a tertiary in 1879. His first assignment was to Oldenburg, IN, as cook. Two years later he went to Hamilton, OH, as cook and porter, and in 1883, to St. Boniface, Louisville, where he died after 32 years in the Order. John de Deo was 76 years old.

Roland Clifford Ulmer

Born: November 27, 1898 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: April 4, 1976 - Peoria, IL

Father Roland was invested in 1917 and ordained in 1925. He was assigned to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as chaplain for Longview and Drake Hospitals. After a year at the seminary in Mt. Healthy, he was sent to Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, to study Latin and Greek. He then returned to the seminary as professor.

In 1932 Roland moved to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as assistant principal and instructor, returning to the seminary in 1935. In 1938 he was assigned to the mission band, with residences first at Metamora, IN, and then at Peoria, IL. In 1946 he returned to the seminary as the rector and vice-perfect of studies until 1951 when he left for Bloomington, IL--again as a member of the mission band. Roland served 1 term as guardian of St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, and 2 years as pastor of St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati. His last active assignment was in 1964 as chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington, IL. In 1970 he retired to St. Mary, Metamora, and died 8 years later at 77 years of age. Roland served 1 term as definitor, from 1948 to 1951. His love of dogs was proverbial throughout his 58 years as a friar.

Otto Edward Ziegler

Born: September 6, 1868 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: April 5, 1913 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Otto became a friar in 1885 and a priest in 1892. His first appointment was for 3 years as assistant pastor and *excurrens* at St. Anthony, Streator, IL. In 1895 he went to Calumet, MI, as assistant and then to Peoria, IL, as hospital chaplain. From 1900 to 1905 he was pastor and superior of St. Mary, Metamora, IL, and served again in this capacity from 1908 to 1911. His last
appointment was as chaplain to St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati. After 27 years in the Order, Otto died at age 44.

**Cyril William Stein**

Born: November 7, 1857 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: April 5, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Cyril was born in 1857 in Cincinnati. He entered the Order at St. Clement Novitiate, Cincinnati, in 1874. Incurably ill, in 1883 he was sent to the Alexian Brothers' Hospital in St. Louis. He returned to Cincinnati in 1914 where he died after 39 years as a friar. Cyril was 56 years old.

**Leonard Joseph Nurre**

Born: January 7, 1854 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: April 5, 1919 - St. Bernard, OH

Father Leonard was invested in 1870. His first appointment after ordination in 1876 was to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor. In 1879 he went to Oldenburg as *excurrens* to Batesville, IN. St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, was his first experience as pastor and superior, but he later became superior and pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Lincoln, NE, then guardian and pastor of St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati for 3 years. He moved to Louisville, as guardian and pastor of St. Boniface. His last appointment was back to St. Bonaventure as pastor in 1915. Leonard was almost completely blind toward the end of his life but continued to be active. After 48 years in the Order, he died at age 65. Leonard was definator of the province for 2 terms: from 1894 to 1897 and from 1918 until his death. He was also visitator for the Sacred Heart Province in 1918.

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**Linus Alexander Braun**

Born: January 13, 1881 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: April 5, 1969 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Linus was invested in 1898 and ordained in 1906. Carlsbad and Roswell, NM, were his first assignments, followed by 2 years as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL. From 1916 to 1925 he was guardian and pastor of St. Boniface, Louisville.
In 1925, when the province opened the parish of St. Mary of the Angels in New Orleans, LA, Linus was chosen as founding pastor. Two years later he moved to Bloomington, IL, as pastor at St. Mary and moved to Peoria as pastor and superior in 1930. Three years later he returned to Cincinnati as guardian of the novitiate, St. Anthony, for 2 terms. He left St. Anthony for a year as guardian at St. George, Cincinnati, but then went to Louisville, where he remained for 12 years. In 1952 he returned to New Orleans as assistant pastor and retired 3 years later.

Linus was definitor for 1 term, from 1924 to 1927, and provincial commissary for the Third Order from 1933 to 1938. He was a brother of Osmund Braun. A Southern gentleman in appearance and manner, he was given to smoking black cigars in a meditative fashion up to his death at age 88. Linus had been a friar for 50 years.

Hilary Raymond Schneider

Born: February 22, 1906 - Louisville, KY  
Died: April 6, 1970 - Louisville, KY

Father Hilary, part of the famous "Schneiders of Louisville," was invested in 1924 and ordained in 1932. His first assignment was to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as lector in Scripture. He was sent to the minor seminary 2 years later. He left the seminary for Rome, studying first at the Antonianum and then in the Holy Land, while earning a doctorate in sacred theology and a lector generalis degree in theology and Scripture. Hilary returned to the United States and spent 4 years as lector of Scripture in Oldenburg, IN. In 1945 he was transferred from teaching to pastoral ministry, first at Hartford, KS, then in San Angelo, TX, and later in the Delta area parishes and at St. Boniface, Louisville. He died after 45 years as a friar at age 64.

Hilary was not known for his ability to judge sizes. His doctoral work was conducted on Mt. Nebo, and he reconstructed a huge pot which could not be removed from his room to be studied by other experts because it didn’t fit through the door. He also misjudged another distance--the space between a bridge guard rail and some construction equipment. This latter error led to his needing a new car.
Odo Louis Kempker

Born: August 31, 1895 - St. Joseph, MO  
Died: April 7, 1949 - Emporia, KS  

Father Odo was invested in 1916 and ordained in 1924. St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, was his first assignment. In 1928 he became a member of the first faculty of Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, with residence at St. George. He taught Latin and civics. In 1933 he left the high school to become director of the Friars Club, Cincinnati. One year later he was transferred to Peoria, IL, as superior and pastor of St. Boniface. In 1940 he returned to Cincinnati as pastor of St. Clement, and was guardian of the friary from 1943 until shortly before his death at age 53. He died in the year of his silver sacerdotal jubilee after 32 years as a friar.

Urban Richard Wiethe

Born: July 23, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: April 7, 1964 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Urban, younger brother of Peter Wiethe, was invested in 1932 and ordained in 1941. His first appointment was as teacher at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, with residence at St. John and later St. Francis Seraph. In 1945 he was appointed subsyndic of the province and, in 1961, chaplain of St. Mary Hospital, Cincinnati. Urban helped Father Theodore Hesselbrock with remodeling Friarhurst and also directed the remodeling of the St. Anthony novitiate building. The year Urban died at age 49, he had been assigned as director at Friars Club. He was a Franciscan for 31 years.

David Anthony Kersting

Born: September 5, 1847 - Wuennenburg, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: April 8, 1920 - Lafayette, IN

Father David was invested in 1873 and ordained 4 years later. He was first appointed to St. John in Cincinnati as sodality director. Two years later he went to Detroit, becoming the pastor of St. Mary Church and superior from 1883 to 1889. After a year as pastor at St. Louis, Batesville, IN, David moved to Oldenburg, IN, where he was pastor from 1891 until 1899 and guardian at the same time. There was a 3-year interruption of his service at Oldenburg while he was pastor and superior of St. Joseph, Louisville, returning to Oldenburg in 1903 as pastor. He was also guardian of the friary.
David was a member of the first Definitorium of the province from 1885 to 1888, and served again from 1891 to 1894. He died after 46 years in the Order at the age of 72.

**Joseph Henry Schwetschenau**

Born: August 30, 1899 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: April 8, 1926 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Joseph (brother of Ubald Schwetschenau) entered the Franciscan Order in 1918 and was in his deacon year at Oldenburg, IN, when he was stricken with pneumonia. He was taken to Cincinnati for hospitalization and died at age 26, just 2 months before ordination.

**Gervase Peter Thuemmel**

Born: August 9, 1879 - Tipton, KS  
Died: April 8, 1949 - Roswell, NM

Brother Gervase had moved to the Southwest as a lay missionay working with the friars. He was drawn to the Franciscans and was invested as a tertiary in 1901. His first appointment was to St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati. One year later he returned to the Southwest where he spent the rest of his life. He was first at Jemez, NM, for 3 years; and then, following his profession in the First Order in 1905, he spent 8 years at Chinle, AZ, and 10 at Lukachukai, NM. In 1926 he moved to Zuni, NM, where he returned after a brief stay at St. Michaels, AZ, in 1931. His last appointment came in 1945 when he was assigned to Roswell, NM. He died there after 48 years in the Order at age 69.

**APRIL 8**

**Elzear Peter Pail**

Born: June 25, 1873 - Allegheny, PA  
Died: April 8, 1962 - Oklahoma City, OK

Brother Elzear became a friar in 1894 and was solemnly professed in 1903. Always known as Pete, his first 24 years in the Order were spent in the East as cook, porter, sacristan and handyman at many places, especially in Cincinnati; St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS (1903-1915); and then at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati. In 1920 he moved to the Southwest, first to Peña Blanca, NM, for 4 years, and then to St. Michaels, AZ. In 1925 he was at Jemez, NM, where he made all the adobe bricks for the church. Pete also served the missions at Gallup, Roswell and Farmington, NM; and then again at Jemez from 1932 until 1940, when he
returned East to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, for 2 years of recuperation. His last assignment was again in the Southwest at St. Michaels as general handyman and gardener. In 1961 he went to St. Vincent Home, Oklahoma City, OK, where he died a few months later at the age of 88. Pete had been a friar for 67 years.

APRIL 9

Urban Charles Freundt

Born: December 23, 1876 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: April 9, 1955 - Hamilton, OH

Father Urban’s childhood was spent in St. Aloysius Orphanage in Cincinnati. He was invested in 1894 and ordained in 1901. From the outset his career was bound with the minor seminary. It was his first assignment and he became rector of the seminary in 1906, just 5 years after ordination. There he remained except for 1 year as pastor of St. Louis in Batesville, IN, until he was elected provincial in 1927. After 2 terms he was stationed at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, to resume teaching the classics. He was called from his beloved Duns Scotus to be rector again of the seminary from 1942 to 1948, after which he remained as teacher until 1951 when he was elected guardian of St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, the office in which he died at age 78.

As provincial Urban took a very active interest in both education and the missions. He began the practice of sending a few men away for higher studies each year, and built Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati and Duns Scotus College, in addition to St. George Friary and Friars Club in Cincinnati. He visited and promoted the Chinese missions. Urban was one of the original founders of the Franciscan Educational Conference in 1914, and when it was organized on an interprovincial and interfamilial basis he was the first secretary in 1919.

As a means of binding the province together more closely, he founded the Provincial Chronicle. He died in 1955. "Ich habe gebaut," ("I have built this") is the phrase most often linked with this master builder of the province. He was a friar for 61 years.

APRIL 10

Leopold John Ostermann

Born: December 24, 1863 - Hamilton, OH  
Died: April 10, 1930 - Roswell, NM
Father Leopold was invested in 1882. Eight years later he was ordained and was first appointed as teacher at the minor seminary. Three years later he went to Chatham, Ontario, Canada, as assistant pastor and *excurrens* to Blenheim, Ontario. In 1897 he became pastor and superior at Metamora, IL. He left for the Southwest from St. Boniface, Louisville, 1 year after the Navajo missions were opened. He spent 6 years at the missions, and from 1907 to 1923 he was superior and pastor of Chinle, NM. In 1924 he returned to St. Michaels, AZ, where he stayed until his death 6 years later at age 66, having given 47 years of his life to the Order.

Leopold wrote several articles on Navajo anthropology. With Anselm Weber and Berard Heile, he frequently championed the cause of the Navajo Nation with the federal government. Many considered him the best linguist of the friars in the Southwest. Leopold also contributed frequently to the *St. Anthony Messenger*, to the *Sendbote*, and to both the English and German editions of *Franciscan Missions in the Southwest*.

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**APRIL 11**

**Gerard Charles Nussbaumer**

Born: September 23, 1896 - Montpelier, IN  
Died: April 11, 1926 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gerard was invested in 1917. In 1926 he was ordained and sent to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as an assistant pastor where he died 10 months later after 8 years in the Order. Gerard was 29 years old.

**Anthony Michael Korcek**

Born: September 27, 1903 - Predmier, Czechoslovakia  
Died: April 11, 1959 - New Orleans, LA

Father Anthony was invested for the Holy Land Commissariat in 1924, professed in 1928, and was ordained in 1931. He entered our province in 1932 and was assigned to Gallup, NM, as assistant pastor at St. Francis Parish. Five years later he went to St. Mary in Bloomington, IL. He was assigned in quick succession to the Texas missions out of San Angelo and to the Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wichita, KS. From 1942 to 1951 he was at Sacred Heart in Gallup. Anthony was next stationed at St. Boniface, Louisville, and left there in 1958 for New Orleans, LA, to become a member of the Southern mission band. He died less than a year later at the age of 55 after 34 years as a friar.
Bentivol William Andres

Born: May 1, 1882 - Petersburg, KY
Died: April 12, 1900 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Bentivol was invested as a tertiary in 1899 and stationed at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, where he died less than a year later of a pulmonary inflammation. He was a mere 17 years old and was professed on his death bed.

Herculan Joseph Zeug

Born: August 12, 1875 - Peoria, IL
Died: April 12, 1917 - Lafayette, IN

Father Herculan became a friar in 1894 and a priest in 1901. His first assignment was as assistant pastor in Hamilton, OH, at St. Stephen. He spent a year at St. Michaels, AZ, and then became excurrens to Leeds, KS. In 1908 he went to Peoria, IL, as hospital chaplain, and the next year to Calumet, MI, as superior and pastor. His last home was St. John, Cincinnati, where he was a popular missioner. He lived there 3 years, dying of uremic poisoning after 22 years in the Order at age 41. Those attending him in his final weeks said his pain was so intense that Herculan would grab and bend the bars on his bed.

Peter Alcantara Joseph Welling

Born: May 11, 1857 - Oldenburg, IN
Died: April 12, 1936 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Peter was invested at St. Clement, Cincinnati, in 1879. Ordained in 1885, he first served as administrator at Reynolds, Francisville, and Medaryville, IN, in the vicinity of Lafayette. The next year he went in the same capacity to Streator, IL, where he cared for the missions at Ransom and Washington, IL. He served 2 terms as pastor and superior at Calumet, MI. During his first term (1890 to 1892) he built the school, and during the second (1895 to 1899) he built the church and rectory.

In 1900 Peter moved to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as master of novices. Three years later he became master of clerics at St. Clement. From 1909 to 1916 he was pastor and superior at Olpe, KS; and in 1917 he returned to St. Anthony as guardian. Nine years later he went to St. George as chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor, serving also 1 term as guardian in 1931. Peter died at St. George at
Alcuin William Feldhues

Born: January 10, 1912 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: April 13, 1987 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Alcuin made his first profession in 1931 and was ordained in 1938. His first assignment was to assist at Sacred Heart Parish, San Angelo, TX, with charge of the outmissions and as chaplain for the local tuberculosis sanitorium. From 1951 to 1957 he was pastor of St. Francis Seraph Church, Gallup, NM, where he built the school. In 1958 Alcuin was stationed as chaplain of St. Mary Hospital, Cincinnati. From 1972 to 1973 he was pastor of St. Mary, Metamora, IL, but left to become pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas, Cincinnati. He resigned because of poor health and died at the Franciscan Terrace during Holy Week. Alcuin’s dislike of the “fresh outdoors” was proverbial. Alcuin was a friar for 56 of his 75 years.

Archangelus Francis Gstir

Born: May 12, 1819 - Starkenbach, Tyrol
Died: April 14, 1870 - Salzburg, Austria

Father Archangelus was one of the founders of the province, coming to the United States from the Tyrol in 1858. He was invested in 1837 and ordained in 1842. He came to Cincinnati to help establish the Seraphic College and became the first rector of the fledgling seminary. At the same time he taught theology at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. In 1862 he was sent to Canada to administer the parish at Formosa. He returned to Tyrol in 1865 and died there at age 50. He served 7 of his 32 years as a friar in the United States and Canada.

Pancratius Henry Woermann

Born: February 21, 1864 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: April 14, 1928 - Cincinnati, OH
Brother Pancratius was a member of the Teaching Brothers and joined our province in 1890. His first assignments were at St. Boniface, Louisville, and St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. In 1901 he was sent to teach at St. Francis Seraph School, Cincinnati. Two years later he went to St. George, Cincinnati, as subsyndic, a position he held until 1921. In 1926 he went to St. Francis Seminary as subsyndic. His last appointment was to St. John, Cincinnati, where he died after 38 years as a Franciscan. Pancratius was 64 years old.

**John Evangelist Henry Wellinghoff**

Born: November 28, 1854 - Hamilton, OH  
Died: April 14, 1931 - Hamilton, OH

Father John Evangelist entered the Order in 1871 and was ordained 6 years later. His first assignment was as administrator of the missions of Remington and Reynolds, IN. He then had a 2-year stay in Emporia, KS, followed by 3 years of teaching languages at the seminary during which time he was also a chaplain—first of St. Mary Hospital and then the county workhouse to which he returned after a year in Batesville, IN, as assistant pastor. He returned to Batesville for 3 years and then went back to the seminary for 12 more years as teacher of languages. He spent 5 years as assistant pastor at St. John, Cincinnati from 1908 to 1912, followed by 4 years at St. George and 10 more at St. John. His last appointment was to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, where he died at age 76 after 59 years in the Order.

**APRIL 14**

**Paul Anthony Doerger**

Born: March 1, 1900 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: April 14, 1931 - Kukujiang, Hupeh, China

Father Paul became a Franciscan in 1918 and a priest in 1926 at which time he volunteered for China. While in China he had charge of the missions in the district of Tayeh in the Hupeh Prefecture. He died in China at the age of 31 after 12 years as a friar.

**Justin Edward Nirmaier**

Born: September 30, 1903 - Louisville, KY  
Died: April 14, 1974 - Louisville, KY

Father Justin, brother of Ferdinand Nirmaier, was invested in 1921 and ordained in 1929. His first assignment was as teacher at Roger Bacon High
School and chaplain for the Ursuline Sisters, both in Cincinnati. He was transferred to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor in the parish and assistant in the provincial treasurer's office. He spent the following 7 years at St. Anthony in Wichita, KS, as pastor and superior. Then after only a few months as teacher at the seminary, he went to St. Joseph, Louisville, as pastor and superior for 8 years before returning to Wichita as pastor for 2 more years. The next 9 years (1961 to 1970) he spent as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN; Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN; and Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL. In 1971 Justin retired to St. Boniface, Louisville, as assistant pastor. He died 3 years later. Justin had been a friar for 52 of his 71 years.

APRIL 15

Beatus Herman Loxterkamp

Born: August 12, 1868 - Loxten, Germany
Died: April 15, 1925 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Beatus was invested as a Teaching Brother in 1887 and began his teaching career at St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati. In 1892 he was professed in the First Order and then taught at St. Stephen in Hamilton, OH, and at St. John in Cincinnati from 1907 to 1912. In 1913 he became subsyndic of St. Francis Seraph Friary, a position he held until his death at age 62, having served as a Franciscan for 38 years.

APRIL 16

Joseph Cupertin Charles Rapp

Born: January 18, 1862 - Wuerttemberg, Germany
Died: April 16, 1930 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Cupertin was invested as a friar-cleric when he was 29 years old but later decided against the clerical state and became a lay brother. Cupertin was professed in the First Order in 1896. He spent the years from 1894 to 1906 at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as carpenter and maintenance man. Among his building projects was “Cupertino College,” an impressive outhouse that served the friars at St. Anthony for nearly 40 years. In 1907 he went to St. Bonaventure in Cincinnati as a general worker and later as porter. He died there at age 68 after 38 years of service as a friar.
Germain John Drees

Born: April 11, 1860 - Oldenburg, Germany  
Died: April 16, 1942 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Germain was 30 years old before he became a tertiary in 1890. He began his Franciscan service in Kansas City, MO, and Kansas City, KS. He went to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1899, but returned to Kansas City, MO, 2 years later. He also served in Oldenburg, IN; St. Michaels, AZ; Minonk, IL; and Peoria, IL. In 1926 he returned to St. Francis Seraph where he spent his remaining years. Germain served as cook and porter in his younger days, and spent his years at the motherhouse fighting dirt and dust, painting and praying. He died after 52 years in the Order at age 82.

Kilian Joseph Roth

Born: May 21, 1873 - Louisville, KY  
Died: April 16, 1946 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Kilian (brother of Ivo Roth) was invested in 1891 and ordained in 1898. His first appointment was as excurrens from Kansas City, MO. In 1905 he became pastor and superior in Immaculate Conception Church, Higginsville, MO. In 1913 he moved to what was to prove an almost lifetime appointment: chaplain to St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati. It was only in 1939 that he left this post to become chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Cincinnati. In 1943 he retired to St. Anthony as confessor of novices. He died after 54 years in the Order at age 72. Kilian was definitor of the province from 1927 to 1930.

Sixtus Carl Staud

Born: August 7, 1879 - Laupheim, Wuerttemberg, Germany  
Died: April 17, 1903 - Oldenburg, IN

Friar Sixtus, younger brother of Hugh Staud, was invested in 1898 and solemnly professed in 1902. A year later he died at the age of 23.

Giles Wilson Wagner

Born: June 24, 1912 - Parma, OH  
Died: April 17, 1972 - Cincinnati, OH
Brother Giles was invested in 1941 and solemnly professed in 1951. He attended the Brothers' School in Louisville, but a year later transferred to St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, as porter. The next year he was porter at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. After novitiate in 1945, he was first appointed to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, for 5 years, followed by 12 years' duty as porter at St. Clement, Cincinnati, from 1952 to 1964. He again returned to St. Francis Seraph from 1964 to 1966. During his years in Cincinnati, Giles was an enthusiastic fan of Roger Bacon High School’s many athletic teams. His last assignment was at St. Boniface, Louisville, from 1966 until his death at age 59 after 30 years in the Order.

Cyprian Joseph Sauer

Born: February 7, 1879 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: April 19, 1940 - Kansas City, MO

Father Cyprian was invested in 1896 and ordained in 1904. His first priestly work was done in Kansas City, KS, as assistant pastor at St. Anthony Parish. He moved to Kansas City, MO, the next year as hospital chaplain, and 2 years later to Higginsville, MO. In 1910 he was appointed pastor of the African-American parish of St. Monica while living at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. In 1922 he went to Louisville, as pastor of St. Peter Claver Church. Cyprian became superior and pastor of St. Francis, Kansas City, MO, in 1927, a position he held until his death at the age of 61. He wrote a booklet on the lives of St. Benedict the Moor and St. Iphygenia, 2 Black saints. Cyprian was a friar for 43 years.

Valery John Lonteen

Born: February 17, 1939 - Peoria, IL
Died: April 19, 1958 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Valery was invested in 1957. While a novice at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, he and Barry Braunstein, together with several other novices, were moving a backstop on the basketball court at the novitiate. In transit, the upper part of the backstop got caught on electrical wires. In their efforts to release it, the novices must have broken the insulation on the wires. The current ran through the standard, electrocuting them. The life squad was called immediately, but Valery and Barry could not be revived. He was 19 years old.

Barrian Charles Braunstein
Friar Barry was invested in 1957. He and Valery Lonteen were accidentally electrocuted while moving a basketball backstop on the novitiate grounds at St. Anthony Friary, Cincinnati. Barry was 19 years old.

**APRIL 20**

**Lucius John Hafertepe**

- Born: April 6, 1857 - Cincinnati, OH
- Died: April 20, 1881 - St. Bernard, OH

Father Lucius became a friar in 1875 and was ordained in 1881. He died just a month later at St. Clement, Cincinnati. Lucius lived 5 of his 24 years as a Franciscan.

**APRIL 21**

**Adolph John Fischer**

- Born: December 25, 1861 - Cincinnati, OH
- Died: April 21, 1913 - Dubuque, IA

Brother Adolph entered the Order in 1889. He was first stationed at Emporia, KS, and then at Lincoln, NE, at St. Francis de Sales. In 1899 he went to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, where he was stationed until his death at St. Joseph Hospital, Dubuque, IA. Adolph was 51 years old and had lived 23 of those years as a Franciscan.

**APRIL 22**

**Anthony Daeger**

- Born: October 25, 1812 - Unterbleichfeld, Bavaria, Germany
- Died: April 22, 1881 - Detroit, MI

Brother Anthony was already 65 years old by the time he entered the Franciscan community in 1878. The father of 12 children, he entered after the death of his wife. He spent 2½ years as a tertiary at St. Mary, Detroit, as gardener and porter. Two of Anthony’s grandsons followed him to the St. John Baptist
Province--Archbishop Albert Daeger and Vigil Daeger. Anthony died at St. Mary Friary at the age of 68 after 3 years as a friar.

**APRIL 23**

**Wendelin James Gierlich**

**Born:** August 15, 1867 - Walberberg, Prussia  
**Died:** April 23, 1932 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Wendelin was invested in 1887 at Oldenburg, IN. He first served in Hamilton, OH, and then in Cincinnati at St. Clement, St. George and St. John. In 1905 Wendelin went to Palestine, where he became assistant sacristan at the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. After 3 years, he moved to Aleppo in Syria and later to Alexandria in Egypt where he also held the post of sacristan. Upon his return to the United States in 1919, he served as gardener at St. Clement, after which he served 2 years in the Southwest and finally returned to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, where he died in 1932 after 45 years as a friar. Wendelin was 64 years old.

**Christian John Studener**

**Born:** March 29, 1883 - Detroit, MI  
**Died:** April 23, 1972 - Detroit, MI

Father Christian was invested in 1904 and ordained in 1912. He was at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, for a few months, then at Streator, IL, and Eagle Creek (now known as Maydale), KS. In 1915 he became pastor at Metamora, IL, followed by 2 years as pastor of St. Francis, Kansas City, MO. From 1919 to 1924 he was chaplain of the hospitals around Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, going there from Batesville, IN, as assistant pastor. His next 3 assignments were as pastor at St. Anthony, Streator; St. Anthony, Wichita, KS; and St. Peter, Roswell, NM. In 1950 he moved from assistant pastor at St. Louis, Batesville, to be pastor at Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN, but returned to Batesville as superior and chaplain of Margaret Mary Hospital. In 1961 he transferred to his native Detroit, to Duns Scotus College. In semi-retirement there, he served as a confessor. He died at age 89 after 67 years as a Franciscan.

**APRIL 24**

**Caesar Matthew Kron**
Father Caesar entered the Order in 1904 and was ordained in 1912. He had a succession of short assignments, mostly as assistant pastor. He began with St. Bonaventure in Cincinnati and then was in Peoria, IL, at St. Boniface. He then had 3 years each at St. Boniface, Louisville, and St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He spent 4 years at Metamora, IL. Twice he was at Leeds, MO. For 8 years he was pastor of San Antonio, Cincinnati, which followed a year at Mt. Alverno, Cincinnati. His last appointment was to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as assistant pastor from 1949 until his death at age 72 after 52 years as a Franciscan.

Gratian Theodore Meyer

Born: February 5, 1886 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: April 25, 1966 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gratian was invested in 1906 and ordained in 1914. His first 16 years of ministry were spent as a teacher, first at the old seminary for 2 years, then in the clericate: 1 year at Metamora, IL, (1915) and then at St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH. From 1923 to 1924 he was at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, returning to St. Clement as lector and master of clerics. In 1928 he was transferred to St. Francis Seminary and, 2 years later, to St. Joseph, Louisville, as pastor. After a 6-year term he went to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, where he was pastor and guardian from 1936 until 1958. He retired to St. Francis Seraph where he lived his last years. Gratian was definitor from 1942 to 1945. He died after 59 years in the Order at age 80.

Leon Herman Korty

Born: February 23, 1910 - Lafayette, IN  
Died: April 25, 1990 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Leon, brother of Elmer Korty, professed his first vows in 1934. Ordained in 1942, he first served as assistant pastor in Zuni, San Fidel, Santa Fe, and Roswell, NM, where he was also chaplain at Walker Air Force SAC Base. He went on to Guymon, OK; to St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans; and then became chaplain of the Good Shepherd Convent at Peoria South Hospital, IL, for 2 years.

After serving as assistant pastor in Buras, LA, and at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, he became administrator at St. Francis, Kansas City, MO. He was
assistant pastor at Batesville, IN, for 2 years, pastor of Waterflow, NM, and pastor of Park View, NM. In 1964 Leon became hospital chaplain at Hazard, KY, then pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wichita, KS; Assumption Parish in Reading, KS, and St. Catherine, Emporia, KS. In 1969 he became pastor of Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN, for 4 years, then superior and assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. He spent a year at St. Leonard for theological updating, then became chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba, MI. In his 48 years in the priesthood Leon served Native Americans, Anglos and Hispanics. Known affectionately as "Ham," in his later years was also known as "supersub," filling in wherever needed. Leon died in Cincinnati at the age of 80 after 56 years as a friar.

Arnold Robert Heinzmann

Born: April 30, 1896 - Louisville, KY
Died: April 26, 1941 - Peoria, IL

Father Arnold became a friar in 1916 and a priest in 1924. He was immediately sent to the Southwest missions, first to Jemez and then to Zuni, NM, where he enlarged the church. In 1931 he went to St. Michaels, AZ, as superior; during this time he erected the present Mary Mother of Mankind Church. In 1939 Arnold was moved to the East as a popular missioner based in Cincinnati, but the next year he moved to Metamora, IL, where he died after 24 years in the Order. Arnold was 43 years old.

Maxim William Lannert

Born: May 8, 1925 - Lafayette, IN
Died: April 26, 1981 - Kansas City, MO

Father Max was simply professed in 1944--one of 4 friars from Lafayette ordained in 1952. Most of his ministry was spent among the Navajos whom he served from 1952 to 1969 in the smaller missions of Chinle, Keams Canyon, Tuba City, and Kayenta, all in AZ, and Shiprock, NM. In 1971, he returned East as assistant pastor in Calumet, MI. This assignment was followed by a return to the Zuni Pueblo for 3 years. In 1973 he returned East again, this time permanently, to serve at St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville, OH, before moving in 1977 to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, as chaplain of the hospitals there. Not feeling well, Max asked to be driven to the hospital where he died while being admitted. Max was 55 years old and had been a friar for 37 years.
Patrick Clayton MacAuley

Born: December 2, 1912 - Calumet, MI
Died: April 26, 1989 - Cebu City, Philippines

Father Patrick entered the Franciscans in 1935 and was ordained in 1944. His first assignment was as assistant pastor in Guymon, OK; he served there for a year before being transferred to San Fidel, NM, as assistant pastor. In 1949, he became pastor and superior at Jemez, NM, a post he held until 1957 when he joined our first group of Philippine missionaries. He was assigned as pastor of San Juan Nepomuceno in Biliran, Leyte.

In 1960, Pat became instructor at the Franciscan College of the Immaculate Conception, in Baybay, Leyte. A year later he returned to Biliran as pastor and superior of our missions. In 1965 he was assigned to the parish of Caibiran, Leyte, and a year later returned to the college in Biliran as counselor, instructor and sisters’ chaplain.

Pat was assigned in 1976 to San Rafael in Kawayan, Leyte, remaining there until 1980, when he went to Holy Rosary, Naval, Leyte, as associate pastor. In 1985, he began another year's stay at the college in Baybay; and in 1986, for health reasons, became associate pastor at San Vicente Ferrer in Cebu City. He had joined the new Philippine Province of San Pedro Bautista in 1982.

Pat held true to his Irish heritage, welcoming and dismissing visitors with a blessing of St. Patrick. He died in his room at San Vicente, and is buried in the provincial house crypt. Pat was 76 years old and was a friar for 53 years.

Edgar Bernard Casey

Born: September 24, 1891 - Catham, Ontario, Canada
Died: April 27, 1966 - Detroit, MI

Father Edgar entered the Order in 1912 and was ordained in 1919. He was a member of the class of clerics who had a year of studies at St. Mary, Metamora, IL, while St. Clement Friary was being rebuilt. His first assignment was to Carlsbad, NM, as excurrens, and the next year to San Juan, Roswell, NM, as pastor. From 1923 to 1926 he was assistant pastor at the cathedral in Santa Fe,
and then spent a year in Beeville, TX, as pastor and superior for the Mexican-American missions.

In 1928, Edgar studied journalism at Columbia University in New York preparatory to becoming editor of *St. Anthony Messenger*. He was also the founding editor of the *Provincial Chronicle*. From 1938 to 1941 he was stationed at the minor seminary as professor of religion, English, and Spanish. From 1941 to 1948, he was back in the Southwest at Peña Blanca, NM, and Jemez, NM. In 1948 he returned to Duns Scotus, Southfield, MI, as confessor and *excurren* to St. Clement Parish, Dearborn. In 1951 he was again editor of the *Provincial Chronicle* and wrote several brochures and pamphlets. Edgar died after 53 years as a friar at age 74.

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**Gabriel Francis Lipps**

*Born: November 3, 1850 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: April 28, 1913 - Cincinnati, OH*

Father Gabriel was invested in 1867 and ordained in 1873. His first appointment was to Oldenburg, IN, as lector of theology and *excurren* to Hamburg, IN. After 6 years he moved to Cincinnati as administrator of the parish in Sedamsville, OH. In 1882 he was sent to Hamilton, OH, as pastor of the Middletown and Trenton parishes. After 10 years he went to Louisville, where he was pastor and superior of St. Joseph Church. His next position was pastor and superior of St. Clement. Later he went to Batesville, IN; Chatham, Ontario, Canada; and Bloomington, IL, all as assistant pastor. He died at St. George, Cincinnati, after 45 years in the Order at age 62. Gabriel was definitor from 1897 to 1900.

**Lucian Norbert Ricke**

*Born: April 4, 1915 - Indianapolis, IN  
Died: April 28, 1976 - Cincinnati, OH*

Father Lucian (brother of Peter A. Ricke) was invested in 1933 and ordained in 1942. His entire life was devoted to teaching. He held positions at Roger Bacon High School and St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati; Bishop Luers High School, Ft. Wayne, IN; and, finally, Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. His passions were Latin and Greek; he earned a master's degree in 5 summer sessions at the Catholic University. He was also an avid photographer inseparable from his camera. Emphysema plagued him much of his life though he never smoked. On a
one-to-one basis he influenced quite a few Roger Bacon students to join the Franciscans. Lucian lived 42 of his 61 years as a friar. He was proud of the fact that his father designed the first station wagon for General Motors.

**Titus Edward Gehring**

Born: March 20, 1883 - Oldenburg, IN  
Died: April 28, 1977 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Titus was invested in 1906 and ordained in 1914. A good deal of his priestly life was spent in small parishes, with the charge of even smaller attached parishes and missions. Among other places, he was stationed at Higginsville, MO; Lumberton, Carlsbad, San Fidel, Parkview, Cuba, Peña Blanca, and Grants, NM; Olpe, KS; El Dorado, AK; and Jemez, NM. He was also a hospital chaplain in Gallup, NM. In 1967 Titus retired to St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, where he lived an active life as gardener and “informal lecturer” on natural foods. A few months before his death he was transferred for better care to the Archbishop Leibold Home in Cincinnati where he died after 70 years as a friar. Titus lived 94 very active years.

**Richard Albert Marendt**

Born: December 11, 1912 - Louisville, KY  
Died: April 28, 1982 - Hamilton, OH

Father Richard was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1939. His first 7 years of ministry were spent at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as teacher and librarian. From 1946 to 1949 he was assistant novice master at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. In 1949 he was named chaplain at Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, after which he served 2 terms as guardian at St. George, Cincinnati. From 1966 to 1972 he was stationed at Mishawaka, IN, as teacher and chaplain for the Franciscan sisters. His last appointment was as chaplain to Mercy Hospital of Hamilton, OH, beginning in 1972. Richard was a perfectionist--his person and all he did reflected his desire for proper order. This was reflected in his hobby--the meticulous repair of clocks and watches. His orderly life ended at age 69 after 51 years as a friar.
Eusebius Leonard Schweitzer

Born: July 31, 1906 - Louisville, KY
Died: April 29, 1958 - San Angelo, TX

Father Eusebius, brother of Aloys Schweitzer, was invested in 1925 and ordained in 1933. His first assignments were in the Southwest at Gallup, Farmington and Peña Blanca, NM. In 1939, he returned to his home town as assistant pastor at St. Boniface. In 1941 Eusebius was sent to the cathedral in Santa Fe, NM, where he was also chaplain of the State Penitentiary. In 1951 he was moved to Emporia, KS, as superior and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. A few years later, he was the last pastor and superior of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Cincinnati. The parish plant was then sold. The following year at Friarhurst, he was assistant pastor in retreat work. His last assignment was as superior and assistant pastor at San Angelo, TX, where he died a few months after arrival at the age of 51. Eusibius was a friar for 32 years.

Eric Camillus Geisen

Born: November 27, 1901 - Covington, KY
Died: April 29, 1979 - Louisville, KY

Father Eric was invested in 1924 and ordained in 1932. He was a member of a class sent to Duns Scotus, Southfield, MI, as simplex priests to study pastoral theology and sacred eloquence. During the summer of 1933 he was in Washington, DC, at the Catholic University of America studying popular apologetics. Immediately after this he moved to St. Boniface, Louisville, as assistant pastor. From 1938 to 1941 he was stationed at St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe, to serve as chaplain of the New Mexico State Penitentiary and chaplain of the U.S. Indian School. In 1941 he began a 13-year career as teacher of Spanish, English and commercial subjects at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. During summer school sessions he taught Spanish at the Teachers College of the Athenaeum in Cincinnati. For 10 years (1954 to 1964) he was pastor and superior at St. John, Cincinnati. This was followed by short pastorates at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS; St. Mary, San Angelo, TX; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wichita; and St. Thomas Aquinas, Cincinnati. His last appointment was as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville. Eric was a friar for 54 years when he died at age 77.

Werner George Krause
Born: July 26, 1896 - Detroit, MI  
Died: May 1, 1953 - Kansas City, MO

Father Werner was invested in 1915 and ordained in 1923. His first assignment was to St. Francis Seminary, followed by a 10-year stay at St. George, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor. When Roger Bacon High School opened in 1929, Werner became the school’s teacher of physics and biology. In 1934 he went to St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN, as superior and pastor; and in 1945 to Wichita, KS, as superior and pastor of St. Anthony. Following a short stay at Leeds, KS, he was transferred to Kansas City, MO, as superior and pastor. There he died after 37 years of service as a friar at the age of 56.

Baldwin Albert Schulte

Born: September 30, 1894 - Covington, KY  
Died: May 1, 1963 - Bloomington, IL

Father Baldwin was invested in 1913 and ordained in 1920. His first assignment was for 2 years at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, and the next two at St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati, both as assistant pastor. He was then sent to Rome for higher studies in canon law. Upon his return in 1927 he went to Oldenburg, IN, as lector of canon law and assistant pastor. Nine years later he spent a year teaching at Duns Scotus, Southfield, MI, before moving to Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, as pastor and superior for 17 years. He then became chaplain at St. Mary Hospital, Bloomington, IL, after which he served in Streator, IL, as assistant pastor. Next he was transferred to St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN, and then to St. Leonard, Centerville, OH, as director of the fifth-year priests. In 1961 he returned to Bloomington, where he died 2 years later at age 68. Baldwin had been a friar for 49 years. The Way of the Cross for Lent which he edited was used in many parishes for years.

Felix John Blake

Born: June 9, 1928 - Killard, County Clare, Ireland  
Died: May 1, 1979 - Killard, County Clare, Ireland

Brother Felix served in the United States Army Medical Corps during World War II. Before entering the Order in 1954, he studied practical nursing. He made first profession in the First Order in 1958. For 16 years (1961 to 1977) he served as provincial tailor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and St. Leonard, Centerville, OH. In 1977 he began caring for the sick friars at Franciscan Terrace, Cincinnati—a service he had also rendered.
while tailoring in Cincinnati. In 1979 Felix returned to his native home in Ireland for the last illness and funeral of his mother. He himself died there shortly after the funeral and is buried in his family’s plot. Felix was 50 years old and was a friar for 26 years.

**MAY 2**

**Robert John Stuedle**

Born: June 21, 1866 - Zurich, Switzerland  
Died: May 2, 1895 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Robert was invested in 1886 as a member of the Teaching Brothers and instructed boys at St. Francis Seraph School, Cincinnati, during his entire time in the Order. When the School Brothers were absorbed into our province, he joined our community. Robert died at St. Francis Seraph Friary at age 28, having given 9 years to the Order.

**Matthew Henry Schmidt**

Born: January 30, 1858 - Siedlinghausen, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: May 2, 1903 - Kansas City, MO

Father Matthew was invested in 1879. Immediately after his ordination in 1885 he was sent to Emporia, KS, to care for the missions at Hartford, Hamilton, Council Groves and Parkersville. In 1892 he moved to St. Francis, Kansas City, MO, as superior and pastor, the post in which he died after 23 years in the Order. Matthew was 45 years old.

**Damian Bernard Sander**

Born: November 29, 1890 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: May 2, 1959 - Batesville, IN

Father Damian was invested in 1912 and ordained in 1919. He then went to St. Francis, Kansas City, KS, as assistant pastor and left there in 1927 to become assistant pastor at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. He returned to Kansas, this time to Wichita, as pastor and superior in 1928. Six years later he moved to St. John, Cincinnati, as pastor and superior before returning for a second term at St. Anthony, Wichita, again as pastor and superior. He built the present St. Anthony...
rectory and gym. In 1954 he went to Houma, LA, as chaplain of the hospital. He later went to Mt. Alverno as chaplain and to Batesville, IN, as assistant pastor. Finally, in 1958, he was transferred to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as confessor of novices, where he died the next year at age 68. Damian was a friar for 46 years.

MAY 2

Placid Melvin Doyle

Born: February 13, 1911 - Catham, Ontario, Canada  
Died: May 2, 1968 - Detroit, MI  

Father Placid, nephew of the elder Placid Doyle, was invested in 1929 and ordained in 1937. He first went to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as teacher, but a year later was transferred to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as professor of English. Years later, in 1953, he was transferred to St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, as English instructor both at the seminary itself and at its annex in St. Joseph Hall. In 1966 poor health forced his retirement to Duns Scotus College where he died—but not before his making his jubilee trip to Europe. His name, Placid, well characterized him, since he refused to become ruffled over anything or anybody. Placid was a friar for 38 years when he died at age 57.

Claude James Daly

Born: April 23, 1924 - Chicago, IL  
Died: May 2, 1973 - Cincinnati, OH  

Brother Claude was invested as a tertiary in 1950. In 1953, after his novitiate, he was named sacristan at St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH. In 1962 Claude went to Sacred Heart, Gallup, NM, as sacristan and as cook. Six years later he returned to St. Clement, later moving to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and from there to St. Francis, Gallup, NM. In 1973, he returned to Cincinnati on sick leave and died 3 months later. He was 49 year old and had been in the Order for 22 years.

MAY 3

Celsus Herbert Koenig

Born: March 22, 1894 - Covington, KY  
Died: May 3, 1934 - Farmington, NM
Father Celsus was invested in 1913 and ordained in 1920. His entire priestly ministry was spent at Farmington, NM, where he administered the missions of Waterflow, Aztec and Peña Blanca. While working at Peña Blanca, he built the rectory and church. Although most of the friars serving the Southwest missions travelled on horseback, Celsus made the mistake of being photographed riding his horse. This caused no little consternation at the General Curia in Rome because of the rule that friars not ride horses. Celsus died after 19 years in the Order. He was 40 years old.

Ulmer Nicholas Kuhn

Born: March 11, 1920 - Detroit, MI
Died: May 3, 1978 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Ulmer has the distinction of being among the youngest friars ever invested--he was only 16 when he entered the Order in 1936. Ordained in 1945, he was sent to the missions at Keams Canyon, AZ, and later to St. Michaels, AZ, as business manager of Padres’ Trail. In 1947 he returned East to be assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and director of the Friars Club. In 1962 Ulmer was put in charge of public relations for the province and kept this position as he changed residence to St. Thomas Aquinas, Cincinnati, and added the job of director of provincial development. In this latter post he raised funds for the building of St. Leonard College and the additions to Duns Scotus and St. Francis Seminary. Also during this time Ulmer became the founding director/pastor of the non-territorial parish, Community of Hope, originally located at St. Anthony Shrine. Although he always kept in good physical condition, Ulmer succumbed to a heart attack and died at 58 years of age after 41 years as a friar. He belonged to nearly every fraternal organization in Cincinnati and was a dynamic member.

William George Trummer

Born: November 30, 1908 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: May 4, 1987 - Cincinnati, OH

Father William was simply professed in 1931 and ordained in 1940. From ordination until 1961 he taught languages and religion at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, serving at the same time as assistant pastor at St. John and then at St. Joseph Nazareth parishes. In 1962 he was sent to the seminary, and the next year to the Brothers' School at Oldenburg, IN. The following year he went back to the seminary for 3 years (1963 to 1966) when he was elected guardian at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati. During this time he was assistant pastor professor of
German at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Languages were his love, especially German. Urged to translate, he would reply that he "knew too much"—not arrogantly, but humbly, since he found it very difficult to decide on the exact words and turn of phrase. William died at St. Bonaventure as he was preparing to visit his doctor. He lived 55 of his 78 years as a friar.

MAY 5

Pius Joseph Niehaus

Born: November 26, 1853 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: May 5, 1908 - Louisville, KY

Father Pius became a Franciscan in 1869 and, while still a cleric, taught in the seminary. Part of his theology studies were taken at St. Mary, Detroit, and his first assignment after ordination in 1876 was to remain at St. Mary as assistant pastor. In 1881 he was installed as pastor of St. Mary, Bloomington, IL, and the next year he became guardian at Oldenburg, IN. Four years later he transferred to Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor, and later as pastor, of St. Boniface. After assignments in Peoria, Oldenburg and Louisville (where he was also master of clerics), he became rector of the seminary in 1900 for a year before moving to Hamilton, OH, as pastor of St. Stephen. He retired to St. Lawrence in Lafayette, IN, in 1906 as chaplain of St. Anthony Home. Pius died after 38 years in the Order at age 54. He had served as provincial definitor from 1900 to 1903.

Hubert Aloysius Lorenz

Born: January 21, 1892 - Detroit, MI
Died: May 5, 1972 - Southfield, MI

Father Hubert, nephew of Stanislaus and Bertrand Labinski, was invested in 1910 and ordained 8 years later. Hubert changed his family name to Lorenz, the German translation of the original Polish Wawaschiniak at the insistence of Minister Provincial Eugene Butterman. He served as assistant pastor at St. Mary, Bloomington, IL, and in 1920 became assistant pastor at St. Patrick, Minonk, IL. He also spent a year at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, and St. John, Cincinnati. In 1925 he went to St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, LA, as the first assistant pastor in the new parish.

In preparation for the opening of Duns Scotus College, Hubert was sent to Catholic University to study Hebrew and chemistry. He began his 40 years of ministry at Duns Scotus in 1930, teaching Hebrew, chemistry and physiology. In 1945 he was named spiritual director of the clerics. After retiring from the
classroom, he assumed the rather heavy duties of chapel confessor at Duns Scotus, an apostolate in which he persevered until nearly the very end of his life. It is rumored that his near deafness made him a very popular confessor. Hubert was 80 years old when he died after 61 years in the Order.

MAY 6

Farrell Charles Byers

Born: August 31, 1927 - Cillicothe, OH
Died: May 6, 1981 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Farrell was invested in 1945 and ordained in 1954. His first assignment was to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as instructor of religion and later director of religious activities. Eight years later (1962) he went to St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI, as assistant pastor, and in 1966 to Hazard, KY, as pastor of Mother of Good Counsel. While in Hazard, he became very well known and deeply loved. In 1975 he returned to Cincinnati as guardian and pastor of St. Francis Seraph Church. Early in his second term he contracted a rare form of cancer and his health declined rapidly. He resigned as guardian but continued as pastor until his death at age 53. Jake (as he was fondly known) was a friar for 35 years.

Theophane Marian Dattilo

Born: June 16, 1915 - Memphis, TN
Died: May 6, 1999 - Detroit, MI

Father Theophane ??

MAY 8

Athanasius Henry Ostmeyer

Born: August 14, 1901 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: May 8, 1970 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Athanasius, brother of Victorian Ostmeyer, was invested in 1923 and ordained in 1931. His ministry began as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville, but he was soon assigned to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as a member of the mission band. A few years later he went to Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, and then to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor. From 1941 until 1969 he was pastor and intermittently superior at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL. After his long term in Peoria he was transferred in 1960 to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, to be pastor and later vicar of the house. In 1966 he resigned these
offices to become the confessor of the Cincinnati clergy who came to St. Francis Seraph for his ministry. Athanasius died after 46 years in the Order. He was 68 years old.

**MAY 9**

**Edward William Fueglein**

Born: January 1, 1916 - Altawood, KY  
Died: May 9, 1989 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Edward entered the Franciscan Order in 1934 and was ordained in 1943. His first assignment was as assistant pastor to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Gallup, NM. He stayed there until 1949 when he moved to Cincinnati to become assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph. Ed spent the remainder of his pastoral career in the Midwest serving at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN; St. Michael, Southfield, MI; St. Therese, Ft. Wayne, IN (assistant pastor for a year and then pastor, 1960-1972); St. Clement, Cincinnati (pastor, 1972-78); and St. Francis of Assisi, Centerville, OH, his final assignment from 1978 until 1983 when he became pastor emeritus. Ed's long struggle with cancer inspired both his parishioners and confreres. He died at St. Leonard Center, where he had moved for reasons of health, at the age of 73. Ed was a friar for 54 years.

**Dunstan Clarence Schmidlin**

Born: May 8, 1921 - Kokomo, IN  
Died: May 9, 1989 - Albuquerque, NM

Father Dunstan entered the Franciscan Order in 1940 and was ordained in 1948. He received a degree in canon law from Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, in 1950. That same year he was assigned to teach at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. After 3 years he was transferred to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as instructor. A year later he became a hospital chaplain and instructor at Central Catholic High School in Escanaba, MI.

In 1958 Dunstan was assigned to the Catholic Indian Center, Gallup, NM. During his 18 years in Gallup, he served as director of the center, missionary and chancellor of the Diocese of Gallup. As director (and as an effective politician) he helped to establish both the Gallup Community Service Center and the Southwest Indian Foundation. He also coached women’s and girls’ sports, mainly softball and basketball. He was transferred to St. Boniface, Louisville, in 1976 and to Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, in 1983. However, in 1988 he returned to the Catholic Indian Center in Gallup. He died after 48 years in the Order at age 68.
**Benedict George Moellers**  
Born: July 7, 1891 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: May 10, 1947 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Benedict became a friar in 1910. After his ordination in 1918, he was sent to Escanaba, MI, and then to St. John, Cincinnati. He served in the Southwest at Peña Blanca, Gallup, Santa Fe, San Fidel and Lumberton—all in NM. In 1929 he returned to Cincinnati for 3 years as assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph before moving to Wichita, KS, as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Five years later he was made a member of the mission band with headquarters at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. In 1943 he was again in parish work as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in San Angelo, TX. The year before his death he returned to the mission band, working out of Louisville. He died at St. Francis Hospital in Cincinnati having given 36 years to the Order. Benedict was 55 years old.

**Marcellus Raymond Moorman**  
Born: July 7, 1917 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: May 10, 1998 - New Orleans, LA

Father Marcellus was invested in 1936 and ordained in 1945. His 53 year of life in ministry can easily be divided into 2 distinct careers: parochial ministry for 24 years and hospital chaplaincy for the remaining 29 years. Marcellus’ parochial ministry was given St. Patrick, Port Sulphur, LA; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, KS; St. Peter Claver, Louisville, KY; and St. Joseph, Kansas City, MO. The last 12 years of his life were given to ministering to the staff and patients at Our Lady of the Lakes Medical Center and Ollie Steele Burden Manor in Baton Rouge, LA. More appropriate (but impossible) than a list of places Marcellus served would be a list of people he touched. They were many who found his strong faith and warm personality attractive! Still active in ministry, Marcellus was 80 years old and was a friar for 61 years when he died.

**Kevin Robert Moeddel**  
Born: January 29, 1916 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: May 11, 1965 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Kevin was invested in 1933 and ordained in 1942. His first 3 years as a priest were spent at Smith Lake, NM, as missionary to the Navajo and Spanish-speaking missions. He had 3 more years as assistant pastor at the cathedral in Gallup, NM, and a year at St. George, Cincinnati. In 1953 he was assigned to Albuquerque, NM, as pastor of the Indian chapel where he built a combination chapel and meeting hall. He was also in charge of the spiritual welfare of the patients at the Indian Hospital. From 1955 to 1957 he was pastor and superior at Sacred Heart Parish, San Angelo, TX, moving from there to his last assignment at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, as pastor and superior. Kevin died having lived 31 of his 49 years as a friar.

**Francis X. Edward Hoffer**

Born: January 3, 1918 - Latonia, KY  
Died: May 11, 1999 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Francis ??

**Hyacinth Ludwig Bentler**

Born: April 9, 1856 - Hedinghausen, Prussia  
Died: May 13, 1911 - Cincinnati, OH  

Brother Hyacinth became a Franciscan in 1880 as a member of the Teaching Brothers. He was invested in the First Order in 1890. Hyacinth taught all his life in Cincinnati: for 11 years at St. Francis Seraph, for 15 years at St. John, and again at St. Francis Seraph for his last 2 years. He died after 31 years in the Order at age 55.

**Aloysius John Kurz**

Born: June 7, 1850 - Laahr, Nassau, Germany  
Died: May 13, 1912 - Dayton, OH  

Father Aloysius was invested in 1865 when he was only 15 years old. He taught at the seminary while still a cleric and studied theology at Detroit. Immediately after ordination in 1872, he was made assistant pastor and a year later was made pastor, superior and lector of theology. He established Sacred Heart Parish, Detroit. Aloys moved to Louisville in 1876 as the pastor of St. Joseph, where he built the present church. Moving to Kansas City, KS, as pastor of St. Anthony, he later organized Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kansas City, MO, becoming the first pastor. Then followed a series of brief appointments during
which he was on the mission band. In 1904 he went to the Holy Land where his principal assignment was to Cairo, Egypt, and the church of St. Catherine. After 6 years he returned to Cincinnati and resumed his work as a popular missioner, the work in which he died suddenly at Dayton, OH. The pastor of the parish in which Aloysius was preaching found him dead at the foot of the rectory stairway. Aloysius was a friar for 46 years when he died at age 61.

Ferdinand George Nirmaier

Born: August 23, 1901 - Louisville, KY  
Died: May 13, 1963 - St. Bernard, OH  

Father Ferdinand, brother of Justin Nirmaier, was invested in 1920 and ordained in 1928. After a year at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, he was sent to Louvain, Belgium, to study dogma. Returning after a year, he was again at Roger Bacon and then at Oldenburg, IN, from 1933 to 1939, as lector and assistant pastor. He left Oldenburg for San Antonio, Cincinnati, and then went to Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS, as pastor and superior for 6 years. From there he moved to St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, in the same double capacity for another 6 years, and then to St. Mary, Bloomington, IL, where he reconstructed and refinished the entire parish hall and school. His last appointments were brief: St. Mary Hospital as chaplain and St. Joseph of Nazareth and St. Thomas Aquinas, all in Cincinnati. Ferdinand died at 61 years of age after 42 years in the Order.

MAY 14

Liborius Joseph Springob

Born: December 19, 1866 - Attendorn, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: May 14, 1934 - Gallup, NM  

Brother Liborius became a friar in 1894. He was first stationed at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, and then went to the Southwest missions in 1903. His first appointment in the Southwest was to Roswell, NM, for 10 years and then to St. Michaels, AZ, and finally, Jemez, NM. Liborius was a carpenter and builder; the school at Cuba, NM, is his greatest work. He was a friar for 39 years when he died at age 67.

Edward Ralph Overberg
Born: December 20, 1910 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: May 14, 1991 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Edward made his first profession in 1930 and was ordained in 1937. His pastoral ministry was spent in the southwest, south and the midwest. The first year after ordination Edward was a missionary at St. Michaels, AZ. During the next 8 years he served as an assistant pastor at several parishes including St. Boniface, Louisville; St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH; Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, and St. John, Cincinnati. In 1947 Edward became a chaplain at St. George Hospital, Cincinnati, a position he held until 1952 when he became chaplain at Drake Hospital also in Cincinnati. He then returned to the southwest where he served at Sacred Heart, Waterflow, NM, and St. Theresa, Grants, NM. Edward then spent a year as pastor of Mother of Good Counsel, Hazard, KY, and a year as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, KS. For the following 6 years he was assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. From 1972 to 1990 he served the Sisters residing in the Motherhouse Infirmary in Mishawaka, IN. He died at the age of 80 after 60 years as a Franciscan.

Donnul Alvin Suttmann  
Born: April 11, 1926 - Enochsburg, IN  
Died: May 14, 1998 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Donnul was invested in 1944 and ordained in 1953. Throughout his life as a friar, Donnul was an educator. His first assignment was for 10 years as teacher and coach at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. Next came 15 years at Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne, IN, 14 of which were as principal. He was the last rector of St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati.

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After a year of continuing education, Donnul became guardian at Duns Scotus Formation Center, Southfield, MI. Shifting gears, he served as associate pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Columbus, OH, and assistant at St. Clement, Cincinnati. After a difficult struggle with cancer, Donnul died at age 72 after 53 years as a friar.

MAY 15

Leo John Molengraft  
Born: December 7, 1862 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: May 15, 1938 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Leo was invested in 1880. While a deacon in Louisville, he taught the humanities to the other clerics. His first assignment after ordination in 1888 was to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. Four years later he went to Oldenburg as lector of theology, then to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as lector of philosophy. After another stay at Oldenburg, Leo went to Cincinnati as professor at the seminary. He became pastor of St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS. In 1910 he was named chaplain of St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati. In 1915 he spent 3 years at the Commissariat of the Holy Land in Washington, DC; and upon returning to Cincinnati he was sent to St. Anthony as secretary of the province, confessor of novices and professor at the seminary. He continued as secretary and historian of the province when he moved to St. Francis Seraph, where he also lectured in philosophy. In 1930 he returned to St. Anthony as assistant pastor, novice master and confessor. Leo died there, not long after celebrating his golden jubilee in the priesthood. Throughout his long life, Leo relaxed by playing the organ. He was 75 years old and lived 57 years as a friar.

Boniface Edward Sack

Born: January 31, 1924 - Kansas City, MO
Died: May 15, 1980 - Clovis, NM

Father Boniface was invested in 1942 and ordained in 1951. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS; 5 years later, he was instructor at the Gallup, NM, high school with residence at St. Francis Friary. In 1967, after a year at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, he went to Sacred Heart, Clovis, NM, as superior and pastor. There he also served as auxiliary chaplain for the Air Force base. In 1978 he was transferred to Garden Plain, KS, again as pastor, but resigned shortly because of ill health. His last appointment was "in residence" at St. Helen, Portales, NM; but for medical reasons he lived out his last days at Sacred Heart, Clovis. Boniface died at age 56 after 35 years in the Order.

MAY 15

Paschal Arnold Stockmaier

Born: June 24, 1912 - Jackson, MI
Died: May 15, 1986 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Paschal was invested as a tertiary. He remained at St. Boniface, Louisville, as sacristan and porter for his first 10 years as a friar. His only other assignment was again as sacristan and porter but this time at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati. He was there from 1951 until 1986 when he died of cardiac arrest.
Paschal remained a tertiary for 45 years, though he did receive the cowl as "honorary membership" in the First Order. He was the last of the permanent Tertiary Brothers in the province when he died at 73 years of age.

**MAY 18**

**Otto Joseph Jair**

Born: July 15, 1815 - Bozen, Tyrol  
Died: May 18, 1885 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Otto became a friar of the St. Leopold Province, Tyrol, in 1835 and a priest in 1839. In 1848 Otto responded to the plea of Bishop Purcell for members of the Order to come to Cincinnati and volunteered for the American missions. His first appointment was to St. Boniface Church in Louisville. Upon the death of William Unterthiner in 1857 Otto became the religious superior of the Tyrolese missionaries, and in 1859 he became the first custos of the new Custody of St. John the Baptist. He served 2 more terms as custos from 1868 to 1873. He was discreet of the custody for 4 terms. Otto was also vicar-general of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati under Archbishop Elder from 1875 to 1885.

Otto died just 4 months before the custody became a province in 1885. Most of his ministry was spent at St. John in Cincinnati where he was pastor and superior. Otto can be regarded, in all truth, as the founder of our province because of his ability and the positions he held both in the Order and in the diocese. He built St. John Church, St. Francis Seraph Church and convent, and founded St. George parish, all in Cincinnati. He died having spent nearly 50 of his 69 years as a friar.

**Callistus Henry Solbach**

Born: November 24, 1893 - Wendershagen, Germany  
Died: May 18, 1963 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Callistus was invested in 1913 and ordained in 1920. Except for a year of study and 4 years of teaching, he spent ministerial life in parochial work. He was first at Gallup and later at Peña Blanca, NM. One year later he went to St. Francis, Kansas City, KS, as assistant pastor from 1921 to 1928. Following this he was at Xavier and Roger Bacon; but in 1932 he transferred back to parish work, first at Streator, IL, and then at St. Mary of Lourdes, Bloomington, IL, until 1942. In that year he was elected guardian and pastor of St. Boniface, Louisville, and in 1948 he moved to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, again as guardian and pastor. He spent several months of 1954 on sick leave before he was again
assigned to St. Mary of Lourdes as pastor. From 1957 to 1962 he was confessor and assistant at St. Clement, Cincinnati; and in 1962 he became the last Franciscan chaplain at St. Joseph Orphanage, Louisville. His last appointment was to St. Francis Seminary, where he died 3 months to the day after arriving. We was 69 years old and had been a friar for almost 50 years.

MAY 18

**Brian Harry Irving**

Born: December 4, 1921 - Salamanca, NY  
Died: May 18, 1971 - Manila, Philippines

Father Brian was invested in 1939 and ordained in 1948. He was assigned to St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, as professor of the sciences. Thirteen years later he went to Bishop Luers High School in Ft. Wayne, IN, again as instructor in the sciences. In 1966, after the death of his mother, Brian volunteered for the Philippine missions. He was sent to Immaculate Conception College at Baybay, Leyte. Brian died 2 years later at age 49 from complications resulting from an auto accident. He was a friar for 31 years.

**Gale Joseph Grieshop**

Born: January 22, 1916 - Batesville, IN  
Died: May 18, 1987 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gale was first professed in 1936 and ordained in 1944. His entire ministerial career was spent in the Southwest, beginning with the establishment of the Catholic Indian Center in Gallup, NM. In 1949 he began a 20-year pastorate at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament at Fort Defiance, AZ, where he built both the residence and parish hall. Gale was then pastor for 8 years at Klagetoh, AZ. In 1982 he retired to Schroder Manor in Hamilton, OH. Gale was among the provincial stamp collectors, keeping his interest high until the very end. He also made a series of 21 cassettes in Navajo explaining Catholic beliefs and practices. He died after 51 years in the Order. Gale was 71 years old.

MAY 19

**Carol Urban Meyer**

Born: April 22, 1910 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: May 19, 1971 - Peoria, IL

Father Carol was invested in 1929. Following his ordination in 1937 he was sent to St. Michaels, AZ. A few years later he moved to St. Anne in Sonora, TX,
and then spent another 4 years at St. Mary, San Angelo, TX. In 1951 he was assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Wichita, KS. After a year of illness and recuperation at St. Joseph, Louisville, he was made assistant pastor there for 3 years, followed by a year at San Antonio Parish, Cincinnati, as administrator. His last appointment was to the parishes in Roanoke and Benson, IL, as pastor. He died after 41 years as a friar. Carol was 61 years old.

**Juniper Norbert Hukenbeck**

Born: April 7, 1905 - Louisville, KY  
Died: May 19, 1972 - Santa Fe, NM

Father Juniper was invested in 1924 and ordained in 1932. After ordination he spent 1 year at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, in the sacred eloquence class. He then spent a year at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor. His next 11 years were spent in Calumet, MI, as administrator of the Keweenaw Peninsula missions. In 1945 he began a 2-year term at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as assistant pastor, then moved to Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, as chaplain of the state hospital in Bartonville and of Good Shepherd Home. From 1952 to 1953 he was chaplain for the newly formed brothers' school—St. Paschal Friary—in Loveland, OH. He next went as assistant pastor: St. Peter, Roswell, NM; St. Anthony, Wichita, KS; St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN; and as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wichita, KS. He spent his last 10 years as assistant pastor at St. Francis Cathedral in Santa Fe. Like his brother, Giles Hukenbeck, Juniper was an artist with both brush and chisel. He died after 47 years in the Order at age 67.

**Theophil William Meyer - OLG**

Born: November 17, 1905 - Escanaba, MI  
Died: May 19, 1991 - Albuquerque, NM

**Daniel Andrew Wefer - OLG**

Born: August 29, 1914 - Bloomington, IL  
Died: May 19, 1992 - Gallup, NM

**Edmund Paulinus Etschmann**

Born: October 5, 1810 - Haiming, Tyrol  
Died: May 21, 1890 - Schwaz, Tyrol
Father Edmund was one of the very first of the Tyrolese friars to come to the United States. He was invested in 1834 and ordained a year later. He came to the United States in 1846, just after Father William Unthertheiner, and served as pastor of St. Boniface, Louisville, and St. John, Cincinnati.

In 1850, when the Tyrolese superiors decided to organize their confreres in America by giving them Otto Jair as superior, they also appointed two consultors: Nicholas Wachter and Edmund. In 1859, when the Custody of St. John the Baptist was established, Edmund was named one of the first discreets. He was, at this time, pastor of St. Boniface in Louisville. After 17 years in America, Edmund returned to Tyrol in 1863. He died there at age 79. He was a friar for 55 years.

**Clement Ralph Weber**

**Born:** September 24, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH  
**Died:** May 21, 1981 - Hamilton, OH

Father Clement was invested in 1932 and ordained in 1941. His first assignment was for 6 years at Our Lady of Good Harbor, Buras, LA. He then went up the Mississippi Delta for a year at Home Place, LA. He became assistant pastor at Roswell, NM, but in 1951 left to become superior and pastor of Sacred Heart Church, San Angelo, TX. From 1955 to 1961 he was at St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe, NM, as assistant pastor and chaplain at the State Penitentiary. His next 10 years were spent mostly as pastor--at Garden Plain, KS; Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL; Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI; and Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. In 1970, in poor health, he went to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as assistant pastor. Ten years later he was transferred to Schroder Manor Rest Home, where he died after 48 in the Order. Clement was 66 years old.

**MAY 24**

**Arsenius John Huewel**

**Born:** December 11, 1849 - Esentho, Westphalia, Germany  
**Died:** May 24, 1878 - St. Bernard, OH

Father Arsenius entered the Order in 1873 and was ordained in 1877. He died the following year. Arsenius' short career was spent as assistant pastor at St. Clement. He was just 28 years old.

**Rayner Henry Kraus**

**Born:** February 20, 1861 - Oberwestern, Bavaria
Died: May 24, 1936 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Rayner was invested in 1883. His first assignment was to St. Mary in Detroit, as cook and porter. He went to Minonk, IL, in 1894 in the same capacity, and in 1904, to St. Boniface, Louisville, where he stayed until 1920. In that year he went to Oldenburg, IN, until 1928, when he went to St. Clement, Cincinnati, again as cook. In 1933 Rayner retired to the St. Francis Seminary where he kept a fleet of hand-pushed lawn mowers in good repair. He died at the age of 74 after 53 years in the Order.

**Aelred John Knittles**

Born: September 30, 1910 - Chatsworth, IL  
Died: May 24, 1970 - Albuquerque, NM

Father Aelred was invested in 1929 and ordained in 1937. Although he was assigned to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, he never arrived because the appointment was shifted to San Angelo, TX. There he served as assistant pastor and had charge of San Jose Mission. Two brief appointments followed: Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, KS, and St. John, Roswell, NM. Aelred made a "temporary" move to Jemez Pueblo, NM, but remained there 7 years. In 1954 he went to neighboring Peña Blanca as assistant pastor and in charge of the missions at Cochiti and Sile. He remained there until his death. Aelred regarded his silver jubilee trip to Europe which included a papal audience as the high point in his 59 years. He was a friar for 40 years.

**Venance Michael Arnold**

Born: December 14, 1833 - Hall, Tyrol  
Died: May 27, 1895 - Salzburg, Austria

Father Venance was a Tyrolese friar invested in 1850 and ordained in 1856. In 1860 he came to the custody and was immediately appointed to the seminary faculty. In 1865 he went to Lafayette, IN, as superior and pastor of St. Boniface; 4 years later he moved to Louisville, where he was assistant pastor at St. Boniface and director of the Teaching Brothers of St. Francis who were affiliated to the custody. Venance served as discreet of the custody from 1865 to 1868. He returned to Europe in 1874 after 14 years of service in America, going to Zurich instead of Tyrol. There he joined the "Old Catholics"—reactionaries after Vatican I. However, he died reconciled with the Church and the Order. He died at age 61.
Elgar Francis Mindorff

Born:  September 27, 1908 - Medford, WI
Died:  May 28, 1950 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Elgar became a friar in 1925 and a priest in 1932. After ordination he volunteered for China and served there until 1943, and once again after World War II in 1946. While in China he did some writing and was organizer and chaplain for a home for the elderly. During the Sino-Japanese War, he organized a refugee camp in Wuchang. When the United States entered World War II, Elgar spent a year in a Japanese prison camp from 1942 to 1943. Returning to the U.S., he was chaplain for a German prisoner of war camp in New Orleans, LA, and later was assistant pastor in Louisville, and Lafayette, IN. As vocation director in 1948, he wrote several leaflets and brochures. He died after 24 years in the Order at 41 years old.

Hugolin Joseph Oehri

Born:  September 4, 1864 - Ruggell, Liechtenstein
Died:  May 29, 1942 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Hugolin entered the Order in 1888 and was first stationed at St. Clement, Cincinnati. Then he went to Bloomington, IL; Peoria, IL; and Louisville. Hugolin was next stationed at St. Bonaventure, St. George and St. John, all in Cincinnati. In 1920 he went to Metamora, IL, for 9 years, and in 1929 to St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati. He retired to the seminary in 1938 and died there at age 77. Hugolin spent his 54 years as a religious cooking, cleaning, gardening and tending boilers.

Fridolin Edward Schuster

Born:  February 8, 1884 - Cincinnati, OH
Died:  May 29, 1943 - Lafayette, IN

Father Fridolin was invested in 1901 and ordained in 1909. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows in Kansas City, MO. After this he spent 3 years at San Diego and Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico. The next 14 years found him among the Acoma and Laguna Indians, erecting many small mission chapels. In 1927 he was made superior and pastor of St. Joseph, Parkview, NM. The next year he was sent to Batesville, IN, as pastor and superior
of St. Louis Parish for an 11-year term. In 1939 he was sent as pastor to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, where he died at age 59. Fridolin was a writer as well as a missionary, and contributed to the *St. Anthony Messenger, Franciscan Missions of the Southwest* and *The Sodalist*. He was a friar for 41 years and spent almost half of these years in the missions.

**MAY 30**

**Maximilian Francis Elsbernd**

Born: August 11, 1890 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: May 30, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Maximilian entered the Order in 1908 and was solemnly professed 4 years later. He died while studying theology at Oldenburg, IN. He was 23 years old and lived 5 years as a friar.

**Eligius William Kunkel**

Born: January 3, 1877 - Fuerstenhausen, Prussia  
Died: May 30, 1927 - Santa Fe, NM

Father Eligius was invested in 1894 and ordained in 1901. His first appointment was to teach at the seminary, but in 1903 he was moved to the Southwest where he spent most of the rest of his life. He was assigned to Roswell, NM, as *excurrens* to Carlsbad, and then to Jemez, NM, as assistant pastor. In 1905 he returned East to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as master of clerics and lector of the humanities; and in 1912 he went to Louisville, still as master of clerics and lector of philosophy. Two years later he returned to the Southwest as pastor and superior at Sacred Heart, Gallup, NM. In 1920 he became rector of St. Francis Cathedral in Santa Fe. He died there after 32 years as a friar. Elidius was 50 years old.

**Vincent Albert Kroger**

Born: March 11, 1900 - Cold Spring, KY  
Died: May 30, 1993 - Centerville, OH

Father Vincent made his first vows in 1920 and was ordained in 1927. He earned his Master’s degree in philosophy from Catholic University of America in 1929. His long career in ministry began as a professor and dean at Duns Scotus College where he served for 10 years. In 1940 he was appointed principal of Roger Bacon High School and, after 6 years, was named procurator and teacher at
St. Francis Seminary. In 1948 he moved to provincial administration as Treasurer, Director of Vocations and guardian at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati.

In 1951 Vince was elected Provincial Minister, a post he held for 9 years. His term saw the building of St. Leonard College School of Theology in Centerville, OH. It was also during his administration that the first friars from our province went to the Philippines as missionaries.

MAY 30

After leaving office, Vince was appointed chaplain to the Franciscan Sisters at Oldenburg, IN, and, in 1972 to the Franciscan Sisters at Mishawaka, IN. He retired from full-time ministry to St. Stephen Friary, Hamilton, OH. In a letter marking his retirement, Provincial Minister Jeremy Harrington wrote to Vince: “Your zeal is unending. Generous friars like yourself have made St. John the Baptist Province healthy and strong and a great instrument for the service of the Province, the Order and the Church.” In 1990 Vince moved to St. Leonard Center (formerly the theology school he had built) where he died after 73 years in the Order. Vince was 93 years old.
JUNE 1

Alcuin Martin Kammer

Born: November 22, 1896 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 1, 1961 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Alcuin was invested in 1915 and ordained in 1923. His first assignment was as teacher of civics and American history at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati. When the seminary moved from downtown Cincinnati to Mt. Healthy, Alcuin was assigned to Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor. In 1926 he moved to Higgenville, MO, as pastor of the missions at Corder, Odessa and Dover. In 1930 he began an 18-year stay as pastor of St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, LA. He next moved to Kansas for 4 years at Hartford and Olpe. Then followed a series of 2-year stays at Peoria and Minonk, IL; Hamilton, OH; Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI; and, from 1957 to 1959, as the last Franciscan pastor of St. Francis, East Bottoms, Kansas City, MO. His final 2 years were spent as chaplain to the Public Health Hospital in Carville, LA. Alcuin died at the age of 64 after 45 as a Franciscan.

JUNE 2

William Joseph Marschke

Born: September 21, 1887 - Ritterswalde, Germany  
Died: June 2, 1920 - Cuba, NM

Father William was invested in 1911 and ordained in 1918. He died in the influenza epidemic 2 years later while serving as assistant pastor at Jemez Pueblo, NM. He was 32 years old and had been a friar for 8 years.

Francis Xavier Louis Buschle

Born: April 7, 1863 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 2, 1935 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Francis was invested in 1880 and ordained in 1888. Francis was a talented musician and organist. His assignments included serving as assistant pastor at Oldenburg, IN, and Escanaba, MI; chaplain at the General Hospitals in Cincinnati and in Kansas City, KS; superior and pastor at St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI; assistant pastor at St. John, Cincinnati, and assistant pastor as Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. Francis died at Duns Scotus at the age of 72 after 54 years in the Order.
Thomas Edward Ameringer

Born:  February 19, 1886 - Cincinnati, OH
Died:  June 2, 1966 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Thomas was invested in 1903 and ordained in 1911. His first assignment was to St. Francis Seraph Gymnasium in Cincinnati as professor of the classics. In 1919 he was sent to the Catholic University of America where he received a Ph.D. in Greek. His dissertation was on the sermons of St. John Chrysostom, which proved to be of great value many years later to translators of these sermons. In 1921 he began a 20-year term as professor of Latin, Greek and German at the minor seminary, interrupted by 1 year (1931) at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. He later returned to Duns Scotus for 6 years (1952 to 1958), then moved to St. George, Cincinnati, as guardian and later chaplain to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Thomas was a noted pool shark and ice skater. In 1963 he retired, dying 3 years later after 60 years in the Order. He was 80 years old.

Maurice Henry Ripperger

Born:  January 20, 1871 - Morris, IN
Died:  June 3, 1958 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Maurice became a friar in 1891 and a priest in 1897. His first assignment was to Emporia, KS, where for 1 year he had charge of the outmissions of Hartford, Neosho Rapids, Eureka, and Hamilton. He then moved to Cincinnati for 4 years at St. Clement, where he was lector and master of clerics. After 4 years as pastor and superior in Lincoln, NE, he returned to Cincinnati’s St. John Parish where he was chaplain of the workhouse and House of Refuge. In 1912 he was transferred to Kansas City, MO, as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows and professor of Greek at the diocesan seminary. Later he was at Higginsville, MO, as pastor and superior, and at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, again as pastor and superior.

In 1921 he returned to Cincinnati as pastor and guardian of St. Francis Seraph for 3 terms. In 1933 Maurice was elected provincial minister. In this capacity, during the darkest days of the Great Depression, he realized something had to be done about the province’s finances. So he brought in Adalbert Rolfes to reorganize the financial systems. After serving as provincial Maurice went to the seminary in 1939 as professor. In 1942 he went to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, for 1 term as guardian, then to St. George in Cincinnati as guardian. He was confessor at St. Francis Seminary in 1948 and at St. Francis Seraph from 1951 until his death. As pastor Maurice had the exterior of St.
Francis Seraph redone in glazed brick. At the time of his death Maurice was 87 years old and had lived 66 years as a Franciscan.

**JUNE 4**

**Gilbert Alexander Fetters**

Born: September 10, 1916 - Kentland, IN  
Died: June 4, 1933 - St. Michaels, AZ

Brother Gilbert was invested as a tertiary in 1932. His first assignment was to St. Boniface, Louisville. After a brief time, he was transferred to St. Michaels, AZ, where he met death by drowning at the young age of 16. Gilbert lived 1 year in the Order.

**JUNE 5**

**Maximilian Stanley Gartner**

Born: September 20, 1895 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 5, 1951 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Max received the habit in 1914 and was ordained in 1922. After ordination he was sent to the Catholic University of America to study mathematics. Immediately thereafter he was appointed to St. Francis Seminary where he taught math, sciences and Latin. He was assistant disciplinarian from 1937 to 1941, disciplinarian from 1942 to 1944, and was named assistant rector in 1945. An accomplished athlete himself, Max did much to organize sports at the seminary. After suffering heart problems, Max was no longer able to do seminary work and he was sent to St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, as assistant pastor. Later he moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as archivist of the province. He died of diabetes at the age of 55 after 36 years in the Order.

**Jerome George Kircher**

Born: October 6, 1911 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 5, 1985 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Jerome was invested in 1931 and ordained in 1940. He began his ministry in Illinois parishes. Then from 1943 to 1946 he served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. As a lieutenant, he was stationed at the U.S. Submarine Base in New London, CT, and in the South Pacific--the Admiralty Islands, Emirau and
Guam. Jerome remained involved as chaplain of the Submarine Veterans and in the American Legion until his death. After leaving active military duty, Jerome served at St. Stephen Parish, Hamilton, OH; St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati; and in Franciscan parishes in Louisville, Kansas City, MO, and Upper Michigan. In addition to parochial duties he preached retreats and parish renewal programs throughout the Midwest during the 1950’s. From 1961 to 1965, he served as director of the Brothers’ School at Oldenburg, IN.

From 1971 to 1982, Jerome served as chaplain at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Carville, LA. In 1984 he moved to St. Francis Center (the former seminary), Cincinnati, were he was guardian and hospital chaplain at St. Francis-St. George Hospital. Jerome died after 54 years as a Franciscan at 77 years of age.

**JUNE 7**

**Augustine William Hamilton**

Born: April 19, 1848 - Louisville, KY  
Died: June 7, 1865 - Cincinnati, OH  

Friar Augustine belonged to the first formal class of American novices with Ambrose Sanning, Gregory Fangman and Jerome Kilgenstein. They were invested in 1863 at St. Clement Novitiate, Cincinnati. Friar Augustine died a year later at the age of 17, becoming the first clerical student to die in the province.

**Peter Baptist Joseph Menzer**

Born: January 13, 1844 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 7, 1867 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Peter Baptist was one of the first friars invested in the custody. The investiture took place at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, which served as novitiate in 1862. Four years later he was ordained, and served 1 year as teacher at the seminary before his death at age 23. Peter was the first priest of the province to die. He was a friar for less than 5 years.

**Edwin Philip Schick**

Born: May 9, 1909 - Columbus, OH  
Died: June 7, 1963 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Edwin had been a student at the Columbus diocesan seminary before entering the province in 1929. His first assignment after ordination in 1937 was to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as teacher of civics, German and music. In
1942 he moved to Cincinnati, as chaplain and teacher at Our Lady of the Angels High School, and later—in 1956—as chaplain and teacher at Mt. Alverno. His last assignment in 1961 was to St. Francis Seminary, as teacher and spiritual director. Edwin died after a swim at Friars Club, an exercise to which he was devoted because of childhood polio. He was 54 years old and lived 33 years as a friar.

**Wilfrid Henry Humbert**

Born: March 13, 1905 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 7, 1979 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Wilfrid was invested in 1924 and ordained in 1932. He spent 6 months as assistant pastor at St. Michaels followed by 4 years at Lukachukai, AZ. In 1935 he was hospitalized for a year with tuberculosis. In better health he served 24 years (from 1936 to 1960) at St. Michaels as assistant pastor, postmaster and missionary. In 1960 he suffered a stroke for which he was treated in Cincinnati. Some months later he was sent to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, on sick leave, and in 1971 became one of the first friars at the Franciscan Terrace, Cincinnati. He died there 8 years later at the age of 74. Wilfrid was a friar for 54 years.

**Matthew Frederic Popp**

Born: January 24, 1886 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 8, 1963 - Louisville, KY

Father Matthew was invested in 1903 and ordained in 1910. Due to ill health, he was first sent to St. Mary Hospital, Roswell, NM, as tuberculosis patient. Two years later he became assistant pastor at Jemez, NM, and returned in 1917 to St. Mary Hospital as chaplain. In 1923 he transferred to St. Peter, Roswell, as pastor and superior. He returned to the hospital once more as chaplain from 1931 to 1934.

The next year he began his long association with St. Boniface, Louisville, as first chaplain and instructor at St. Xavier High School. He became provincial director of the Third Order in 1937, and served until his death 26 years later. He gained national prominence and recognition for his work with the laity, and was appointed to numerous national boards and councils. For nearly the same period...
of time he was local procurator for the Franciscan Mission Union. Though never too healthy, he lived to be 77.

**Emmanuel John Trockur**

Born: December 22, 1980 - Hollis (now Pekin), IL  
Died: June 8, 1977 - Gallup, NM

Father Emmanuel entered the Order in 1903 and was ordained in 1916. Though most of his life was to be spent in the missions of the Southwest, he nonetheless spent 3 years at Bloomington, IL, in charge of the parish at Colfax. Again, in 1930, he spent 2 years in Peoria, IL, as assistant at Sacred Heart Parish and chaplain for the Good Shepherd Home and the Bartonville State Hospital.

Primarily, however, Emmanuel spent his life as a Navajo missionary, serving most of his years at St. Michaels, AZ. He also spent some years at Chinle, and Houck, AZ; Tohatchi and Gallup, NM. At St. Michaels, he wrote many articles and was business manager for *The Padres' Trail* for 25 years and editor for 5 years. Emmanuel was provincial definitor from 1945 to 1947. He is rated as the greatest historian of the Navajo missions, not only because of his published writings, but also because of the daily diaries which he kept up until the very end. That end came when Emmanuel was 87 years old and after 68 years as a friar.

**Bernardin Albert Wissler - 1925**

Born: March 28, 1863 - Muggenbrunn, Baden, Germany  
Died: June 9, 1925 - Peoria, IL

Father Bernardin was invested in 1883, and ordained in 1889. His first assignment was to Emporia, KS, as *excurrens* to Eureka and Reading, also in KS; he then went to Bloomington, IL. In 1895 he was made master of clerics at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and in 1899 became pastor and superior at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. In 1912 he was chosen guardian of St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and the next year, guardian of St. Anthony. His last years were spent as hospital chaplain in Louisville, and Peoria, IL, where he died at age 62 after 42 years in the Order. Bernardin was definitor for 2 terms: 1897 to 1900 and 1909 to 1912. He was editor of the Kansas City, MO, Catholic newspaper.
Gilbert Bernard Schulte  
Born: February 23, 1878 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 10, 1932 - Wichita, KS  

Father Gilbert was invested in 1896 and ordained in 1904. His first assignments were as assistant pastor at St. Joseph in Louisville, and at parishes in Metamora, IL; Minonk, IL; Peoria, IL. In 1913 he went to St. Edward Church, Carlsbad, NM, where he was pastor for 18 years. He retired in 1929 to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as confessor of novices, but returned to active service the next year. He died as assistant pastor of St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, after 36 years as a friar. Gilbert was 54 years old.

Roderick Hugh MacGregor  
Born: April 17, 1924 - Detroit, MI  
Died: June 10, 1990 - Southfield, MI  

Father Roderick professed his first vows in 1945 and was ordained in 1953. He taught for 3 years at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati and then served as chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette, IN, for 8 years. After serving for a year as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, he joined the Parish Mission and Retreat Band for 6 years, including 2 as retreat director at Friarhurst in Cincinnati. From 1971-1978 he was lector and member of the formation staff at Duns Scotus in Southfield, MI. He became chaplain at nearby Providence Hospital in 1978, serving there 12 years until his death. He died in his room at Duns Scotus at the age of 65. He was nicknamed early on as "Plato" because he was so well read and could talk on almost any subject. His life was devoted to teaching and hospital work. Roderick was a friar for 46 years.

JUNE 11

Sigismund Joseph Koch  
Born: December 30, 1824 - Lermoos, Tyrol  
Died: June 11, 1885 - Salzburg, Austria  

Father Sigismund, brother of Anselm Koch, was invested in 1843. He volunteered for the American mission in 1848, 1 year after his ordination. The first thing he encountered upon arriving in Cincinnati, was the cholera epidemic of 1849. He survived, ministering during the epidemic to hundreds of stricken people, and settled as assistant pastor of St. John Church, Cincinnati. While there, he was excurrens to Our Lady of Victory Parish, Delhi, OH, and later to
Immaculate Conception, Aurora, IN. In 1857 Sigismund was recalled to the Tyrol after serving here 8 years. He died at the age of 60.

Guadalupe John McHale
Born: June 24, 1878 - Maryhill, Scotland
Died: June 11, 1906 - Jemez Pueblo, NM

Brother Guadalupe was invested as a tertiary in 1905 and died after only 1 year as a friar. Guadalupe was 27 years old.

Gotthard Henry Schmidt
Born: January 6, 1882 - Hunteburg, Germany
Died: June 12, 1963 - Peoria, IL

After emigrating to the United States Brother Gotthard was invested as a tertiary in 1909 and solemnly professed in the First Order in 1918. His first appointments were as cook at St. Francis Seraph and St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati. After his novitiate year, 1912, he remained at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as gardener. Two years later he left for the Southwest as cook, handyman and gardener in several missions including Roswell and Jemez, NM; St. Michaels, Chinle, Keams Canyon and Klagetoh, AZ. Gotthard also served as cook at St. Anthony from 1925 to 1929 and at Oldenburg, IN, from 1929 to 1932, when he returned from the Southwest. His last appointment was to St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, in 1958. He died at 81 years of age after 54 years in the Order.

Dominic Steven Calme
Born: December 26, 1906 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: June 12, 1990 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Dominic was born December 26, 1906, in Cincinnati, in Corryville. He attended St. George School there. He was simply professed in 1926 and solemnly professed in 1929. He was ordained by Bishop Chartrand at Oldenburg, IN, in 1932. He taught and was athletic director at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati for 5 years, then served as procurator for the Franciscan Missionary Union in Cincinnati for 10 years, also serving as Commissary of the Third Order for a time. In 1942 he was one of a band of 12 friars who engaged in street preaching at Findlay Market in Cincinnati—a project that lasted several years.
From 1948 to 1957 Dominic was pastor of St. Mary of the Angels in New Orleans, LA, where he built a new parish school in 1950. He became pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Escanaba, MI, for 3 years, then of St. Bonaventure in Cincinnati for 4. After 2 years as a hospital chaplain in Louisville, he began his 16-year term as treasurer of the province. He rejoined the FMU in 1982 and retired at the age of 79. Four years later he moved to Archbishop Leibold Home for the Aged in Cincinnati. He died 2 years later at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. Dominic was a conscientious procurator who knew where every cent went! He was 83 when he died.

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**Hugh John Staud**

Born: November 22, 1875 - Laupheim, Wuerttemberg, Germany  
Died: June 13, 1946 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Hugh was invested in 1891 and ordained in 1898. He was first missioned to the seminary as teacher, and for 1 year (1903) was rector. After a year at St. Boniface, Louisville, and St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, he was sent to Rome to study Canon Law from 1907 to 1910. Upon returning, Hugh went to Oldenburg, IN, where he was lector of canon law and theology from 1910 to 1940. During that time he was also master of clerics for 10 years, prefect of studies and pastor from 1927 to 1939. He then moved to New Orleans, LA, as chaplain, and finally to St. Anthony, Cincinnati. Hugh died at age 70 after 54 years as a friar. He served as provincial secretary for 2 terms from 1911 to 1918, and as vicar provincial for 3 terms: 1927-1930, 1933-1936 and 1936-1939. He was also definitor from 1918 to 1921.

**Austin Francis Partl**

Born: September 9, 1889 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 13, 1964 - Dubuque, IA

Father Austin was invested in 1908 and ordained in 1916. His first 6 years of ministry were spent as assistant pastor in Batesville, IN; St. Clement, Cincinnati; and St. Joseph, Louisville. From 1921 until 1923 he was a teacher at the preparatory seminary and taught Hebrew to the clerics at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. In 1923 he went to Wuchang, China, as one of the first recruits of Sylvester (later Bishop) Espelage. He was there until 1936, working in the various missions and writing for *Franciscans in China* magazine.

When Ulric Kreutzen was captured by the Chinese warlords, Austin negotiated his release. During the Manchurian War many of Austin’s parishioners left Christianity. Austin blamed himself for this; it ultimately broke him in mind
and in body. By 1940 he was at St. Joseph Retreat, Dearborn, MI, with brief periods at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. In 1951, however, he went to St. Michaels, AZ, and then to St. John in Roswell, NM. In 1956 he returned to St. Joseph in Dearborn, but transferred to St. Joseph Sanitarium in Dubuque, IA, when St. Joseph in Dearborn closed. He died 2 years later after 55 years as a friar. Austin was 74 years old.

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**Hilarion Paul Held**

Born: November 16, 1921 - Lafayette, IN  
Died: June 14, 1944 - Oldenburg, IN

Friar Hilarion, brother of Aloys and Gerald Held, was invested in 1939 and solemnly professed in 1943. In 1944, shortly after his arrival in Oldenburg, IN, he met his death while swimming. He was 23 years old and lived nearly 5 years as a friar.

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**Elliot Richard Davidson**

Born: September 1, 1933 - Emporia, KS  
Died: June 17, 1984 - St. Louis, MO

Father Elliot was invested in 1951 and ordained in 1960 at St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, where he then spent a year of post-graduate work in theology. His first assignment—which covered 14 years—was at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as an English teacher. For the last 3 of these years he was also guardian of St. Anthony Friary, Cincinnati. He was then transferred to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as president, but resigned after 1 year and moved into parish work at St. Francis Seraph Parish, Centerville, OH, as assistant pastor. In 1981 he was elected guardian of St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and helped to direct the extensive remodeling of the friary for provincial offices and the landscaping of the central courtyard. In 1984, while swimming, he suffered a fatal heart attack. Elliot was 51 years old and lived 32 years as a friar.

**Simon Francis Conrad - OLG**

Born: April 9, 1935 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 17, 1998 - Albuquerque, NM
Elmer Alfred Korty

Born: March 23, 1899 - Lafayette, IN  
Died: June 19, 1992 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Elmer entered our high school seminary in Cincinnati at the age of 23. He was invested in 1927, made his solemn profession in 1931 and was ordained in 1935. His first 10 years as a priest were spent as a missionary on the Louisiana Delta, the Navajo Reservation and in San Angelo, TX. From 1946 to 1948 he served as chaplain at the General Hospital in Louisville. In 1948 he was given responsibility for the Brothers' program at St. Paschal Friary in Loveland, Ohio. In 1951 he was appointed associate pastor of St. Clement Parish, Bernard, Ohio, and also served as chaplain for the Hamilton County Home and Drake Hospital in Cincinnati. In 1964, while continuing as chaplain for Drake Hospital, Elmer worked as a part-time chaplain at the Longview State Mental Hospital until 1976. At the age of 81 he retired from full-time ministry. He died at the age of 93 after 64 years as a friar. Elmer was a quiet, faithful friar. He was brother to Leon Korty.

Jacob Joseph Menchen

Born: September 2, 1841 - Reichshofen, Alsace-Lorraine  
Died: June 20, 1881 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Jacob was invested in 1861 as one of the first novices of the custody. In 1864 he was ordained to the priesthood. His first assignment was as excurrens from St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, to what was to become St. Bonaventure Parish, in South Fairmount. In 1868 he was appointed as lector of theology, teacher at the seminary, and, in 1873, pastor of St. George with residence at St. Francis Seraph. In 1874 he moved to Lick Run, Cincinnati, as pastor of St. Peter Church, which he moved "down Queen City Avenue" under the name of St. Bonaventure. Jacob was the first friar editor of Der Sendbote, the German edition of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart. He had co-founded this magazine in 1874 and became solely responsible for it in 1875 until he resigned in 1880. He died after 20 years in the Order. Jacob was 39 years old.
Innocent Melchior Koerffer

Born: December 6, 1836 - Merzenich, Prussia  
Died: June 21, 1878 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Innocent began teaching in our seminary in Cincinnati in 1875 although he was not invested until 1877. He was professed before his death 1 year later. Innocent was 41 years old.

Christopher William Schoettelkotte

Born: February 29, 1868 - St. Peter, IN  
Died: June 21, 1931 - Roswell, NM

Brother Christopher, uncle of Bishops Sylvester and Bernard Espelage, was invested in 1889 and professed in 1894. He was first stationed at Minonk, IL, and then at Oldenburg, IN. In 1896 he was in Metamora, IN, for 3 years, followed by 8 years in Emporia, KS. He then moved to Carlsbad, NM, where he spent 19 years. His last appointment was to St. Peter, Roswell, NM. He died at the age of 63 after 42 years in the Order.

Gaudence Joseph Schuster

Born: November 21, 1871 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 21, 1941 - Hamilton, OH

Father Gaudence, half-brother of Fridolin Schuster, was invested in 1889 and ordained in 1896. The first 10 years of his ministry were marked by frequent transfers. He was assistant pastor in Kansas City, KS; Peoria, IL; Cincinnati; Metamora, IL; and Oldenburg. In 1906 he was sent to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, where he remained the rest of his life. While in Hamilton, Gaudence was chaplain to a community of sisters, chaplain to the Butler County Home and assistant pastor to St. Peter Parish. Gaudence was a frequent contributor to Der Sendbote as a translator from English to German. He died after 51 years in the Order at age 69.

Clement Edward Druehe

Born: October 25, 1901 - Reading, OH  
Died: June 21, 1976 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Clement, brother of Franz Druehe, was invested in 1920 and ordained in 1926. His first 3 years were spent at St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe, NM, as assistant pastor and instructor at the Indian School. Next he

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spent 11 years as superior at St. Anthony Mission, Zuni, NM. Moving East, he spent 2 years at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and then went to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, where he was guardian from 1954 to 1960. His next appointment took him to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, as pastor and superior, after which he became pastor and superior at Olpe, KS, from 1963 to 1975. He returned to the novitiate at St. Anthony on sick leave and died about a year later. Clement was 75 years old and spent 56 in the Order.

Richard Michael Kloster

Born: December 29, 1928 - Minneapolis, MN
Died: June 21, 1980 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Richard was invested as a tertiary in 1949, professed in simple vows in 1952, and was solemnly professed in 1955. Early on, Richard learned the trade of tailor and habit-making, work which he combined at Duns Scotus with being porter. From 1962 to 1963 he taught at St. Joseph Brothers' School in Oldenburg, IN. In 1963 he volunteered for the Philippine missions and was sent to Baybay, Leyte, as bursar for the Philippine Franciscan Seminary. In 1978 he was transferred to the Franciscan House in Cebu City, Philippines, to be guest master, procurator and quartermaster-general for the island missions. He died shortly after returning back to the Philippines from a USA home visit at the age of 51. Richard was a friar for 30 years.

John Vianney Leo Brinkman

Born: April 16, 1928 - Emporia, KS
Died: June 21, 1982 - Kansas City, MO

Father John Vianney was invested in 1946. Ordained in 1955, he spent a year at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, as assistant pastor, before leaving for the Philippines. His first assignment there was 4 years at Holy Rosary Parish at Naval, Leyte. After Naval he became pastor at Biliran. He then entered the education apostolate becoming the director of the Franciscan College at Baybay. His years in the missions concluded with his service as superior delegate of the Philippine Foundation from 1969 to 1970.
Infected with cancer of the pancreas, John returned to the United States. After treatment and convalescence, he was sent to Kansas City, KS, to be on the mission band. He then spent a year each at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI; St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH; and, finally, Albuquerque, NM, where he was director of formation for candidates in the Southwest. From 1973 to 1977 he held the same job at Santa Fe, NM.

Emmeran Frederic Frank

Born: November 29, 1921 - Buffalo, NY
Died: June 21, 1997 - New Orleans, LA

Father Emmeran served with the Army Signal Corps during WW II before being invested in the Franciscan Order in 1950. He was ordained in 1956. During 22 years of his ministry, he served in southern Louisiana--Port Sulphur, Lafayette and New Orleans. During the 1970’s and early 1980’s he served in Kansas City, MO, in parishes and as the Diocesan Director of the Cursillo Movement. Other sites of ministry were Metamora, IL; Garden Plain, KS; and Clovis and Farmington, NM.

It seemed that Emmeran’s trademark was a jaunty hat and a constant reminder of the importance of the Secular Franciscans in our life as Franciscans. He died at the age of 75 after 46 years as a friar.

Samuel Francis Neuner

Born: November 26, 1818 - Wilten, Tyrol
Died: June 23, 1885 - Innichen, Tyrol

Father Samuel was invested in 1844 and ordained in 1848. He came to the United States as a member of the Tyrolese province in 1867. He first served in Oldenburg, IN, as Third Order director and then taught at the seminary in Cincinnati from 1869 to 1873. In 1873 he went back to Oldenburg as master of
clerics. Samuel returned to the Tyrol in 1874, having served here 7 years. He died in the Tyrol at the age of 67.

**Athanasius Theodore Lingemann**

Born: August 14, 1853 - Gleidorf, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: June 23, 1895 - Wichita, KS  

Father Athanasius was ordained in 1878 at St. Mary, Detroit, 4 years after his investiture. After a few years as assistant pastor in Cincinnati and in Minonk, IL, he was sent to Oldenburg, IN, as guardian, pastor and master of novices from 1885 to 1890. He died as pastor and superior of St. Boniface (now St. Anthony) in Wichita, KS, after 21 years as a friar. He was 41 years old. Athanasius was a member of the first provincial Definitorium, from 1885 to 1888, and served a second term from 1891 to 1894. He was also the first vicar-general and chancellor of the Wichita Diocese under Bishop John Joseph Hennessy.

**Augustine John Bayer**

Born: June 25, 1849 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: June 23, 1907 - Louisville, KY  

Father Augustine (or "Austin") was invested in 1865 and ordained in 1872. Immediately after his ordination he was appointed lector of philosophy at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and, in 1874, lector of theology in Louisville. He spent 2 years as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart, Detroit, and 4 years as assistant pastor at St. Mary, Detroit. In 1888 he went to St. George, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor and missioner until 1895. After serving as assistant pastor at St. Joseph, Louisville, and at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, he returned to Louisville as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, where he died at age 58 after 41 years in the Order.

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**Andrew Casper Henze**

Born: April 10, 1884 - Detroit, MI  
Died: June 23, 1955 - Peoria, IL  

Father Andrew, brother of Julius and Basil Henze, was invested in 1902 and ordained in 1910. His first assignment was to St. Anthony, Streator, IL, for 3
years as assistant pastor. In 1913 he was sent to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as chaplain to Longview Hospital. His career as popular missioner and retreat master began in 1916 when he was appointed to the provincial mission band, a post he left for only a 3-year interval: 1 year as pastor of Batesville, IN, and 2 years when he followed his brother, Father Basil, as pastor of St. Clement, Cincinnati. During his career as missioner, he preached in almost every city of larger size in the eastern United States and to many religious communities in the country. He was stationed at various times and for various periods at St. Anthony, Cincinnati; Metamora, IL; and Bloomington, IL. Andrew died at age 71 after 53 years as a friar.

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Giles John Fankhauser

Born: August 23, 1845 - Hall, Tyrol
Died: June 24, 1926 - Maria-Schmolin, Austria

Brother Giles came to the United States as a candidate in 1867 and was invested the next year. While here he served as cook and gardener at Louisville; Oldenburg, IN; and St. John, Cincinnati. He spent his last years in the United States as sacristan at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and returned to Tyrol in 1875, where he died at the age of 81. Giles spent 8 years in American mission.

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Jerome George Kilgenstein

Born: February 22, 1847 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: June 25, 1900 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Jerome was invested in 1863. While yet a cleric, he taught at the seminary and continued this assignment after ordination in 1870. In 1873 he went to Hamilton, OH, as pastor and superior of St. Stephen. In 1876 he went to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as master of novices, chaplain of St. Aloysius Orphanage and administrator of St. James, Wyoming, Cincinnati. During this time he served 2 terms as discreet of the custody.

In 1885 Jerome was elected custos and, in October of that same year, was appointed the first Provincial Minister of the new Province of St. John the Baptist. The formal decree establishing the province was promulgated by Archbishop Elder at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, on March 25, 1886. Jerome served 2 terms
as provincial. After his second term in 1891, he returned to St. Clement as chaplain of St. Aloysius Orphanage and as missioner. In 1894 he went to Mt. Alverno, Cincinnati, as chaplain, and died in this office at the age of 53, having given 37 years of his life to the Order. Baptized "George Washington," Jerome was very American and most partial to native-born friars.

**Ralph Julius Ohlmann**

Born: August 27, 1904 - Louisville, KY  
Died: June 25, 1961 - New Orleans, LA

Father Ralph entered the Order in 1923 and was ordained in 1931. He was sent to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as instructor in French and religion. In 1932 he went to study at the Antonianum in Rome, but transferred a year later to Innsbruck, Austria. He returned to the U. S. in 1937 and was sent to Oldenburg, IN, as lector in dogma and New Testament. While at Oldenburg, he also taught at Marian College, Indianapolis; the convent at Oldenburg; and summer classes at Las Cruces, NM. In 1945 Ralph went to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as lector of psychology and Hebrew, and returned there again from 1956 to 1958. Stationed at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, he also taught at the Glenmary Home Missions Seminary in Glendale, OH. His last 3 years were spent at St. Leonard, Centerville, OH, as lector. He died while helping out in New Orleans, LA. He was 56 years old and had served 37 years in the Order.

Ralph wrote many poems of provincial interest, including the "Song of Diowatha," a satire on the building of St. Leonard College. He also wrote a number of plays for the seminary and Oldenburg communities.

**JUNE 26**

**Flavian John Schneider**

Born: May 15, 1914 - Hamilton, OH  
Died: June 26, 1979 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Flavian was invested in 1932 and ordained in 1941. For the first 20 years after ordination he was an instructor at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, and lived at St. Clement. He spent 1 year (1946) at St. George, Cincinnati, studying chemistry at the University of Cincinnati and acting as chaplain of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Besides being instructor in chemistry
and religion, Flavian was also treasurer for the high school. In 1961 he was transferred to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, to be professor and master of clerics. Six years later he left for Ft. Wayne, IN, where he again taught chemistry at Bishop Luers High School. He returned to Duns Scotus for 2 years as treasurer but in 1979 was elected guardian of the novitiate at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. He died shortly thereafter at the age of 65. Flavian was a friar for 46 years.

Arnold Louis Rodriguez

Born: July 1, 1911 - Santiago, Michoacan, Mexico
Died: June 26, 1991 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Arnold entered the Order of Friars Minor in 1933 and was ordained in 1943. For the next 2 years he was associate pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Kansas City, MO. He then did graduate studies in history at the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, from 1945 to 1948. Many of the next 23 years Arnold spent teaching, first at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI (1948-1957) and then at Regina and Our Lady of Angels high schools in Cincinnati, and at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, IN. Between 1957 and 1964 he served as assistant pastor chaplain for the Franciscan Sisters at Mishawaka, IN.

Before his retirement in 1986, Arnold also served as associate pastor of St. John Parish, Harrison, OH; chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital and associate pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Memphis, TN, and, finally, he did pastoral ministry at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. Arnold died at Providence Hospital in Cincinnati following a stroke at age 79. He was a Franciscan for 57 years.

Although he grew up in Detroit, Arnold never forgot his Hispanic roots. An avid historian, he wrote several articles including, New Mexico in Transition which appeared in the New Mexico Historical Review, and Our Lady of Guadalupe which appeared in the Santa Fe Register. He maintained memberships in the Academy of American Franciscan History, the United States Historical Society, the Southwest Anthropological Society and the Hispanic Historical Society.

Henry Bernard Deie

Born: October 12, 1850 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: June 28, 1875 - Hamilton, OH
Friar Henry was invested in 1872. While a cleric at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, he was sacristan. He died before his solemn profession at the age of 24.

Gerard William Brinkman

Born:  October 31, 1914 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died:  June 28, 1964 - St. Bernard, OH  

Father Gerard was invested in 1932 and ordained in 1941. From 1941 to 1945, he lived at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and taught at Roger Bacon High School. He then went to St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN, from 1945 to 1950, as assistant pastor, teacher at St. Francis High School and instructor of nurses at St. Elizabeth Hospital. In 1950 he returned to Cincinnati as assistant at Friarhurst Retreat House and instructor at Regina High School. He spent the next 2 years at Streator, IL, as pastor and superior, followed by a year at the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, MI. His last regular appointment was at Emporia, KS, as assistant pastor. Under medical care, he lived for a while at St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, then at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and finally with his parents in St. Bernard. He was 49 years old and lived 31 years as a Franciscan.

Simon Anthony Griesam

Born:  July 16, 1876 - Cannelton, IN  
Died:  June 29, 1952 - Louisville, KY  

Father Simon became a friar in 1898 and a priest in 1906. His first appointment was assistant pastor at Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI. In 1909 he went to Emporia, KS, as excurrens to Hartford, KS. In 1927 Simon was assigned to St. Peter Claver Parish, Louisville, KY, where he remained for until 1951. It was at this African-American parish that he found his home and greatest success. His ministry included developing an award-winning drum and bugle corps. Simon’s love and deep respect for the members of his parish made him deeply loved by the parishoners. In 1951, he moved briefly to St. Joseph, Kansas City; but his heart was still in Louisville to which he retired. He died there at age 76 after 54 years in the Order.

Owen Joseph Gehring

Born:  March 1, 1917 - Oldenburg, IN
Died: June 29, 1993 - Batesville, IN

Father Owen received the habit in 1935 and was ordained in 1944. His first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Mary of the Angels Parish in New Orleans. Beginning in 1947 he spent 7 years at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as teacher and director of the Junior Dramatics Club. Then he moved to St. Mary Cathedral High School in Wichita, KS, where he served as teacher and guidance counselor. In 1955 he was assigned to Cathedral High School in Gallup, NM, and was appointed diocesan superintendent of schools by Bishop Espelage in 1963.

Owen was active in civic and community affairs and worked with youth through the juvenile court system. He served as a scout master and district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America. In Gallup he was instrumental in organizing the city’s Community Council, was a member of the Federal Housing Commission and a charter member of Big Brothers.

In 1968 Owen transferred to St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, IN, where he taught philosophy and served as chaplain. In 1976 he was assigned as co-pastor of St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, and the next year was named pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Calumet, MI. In 1977 he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Aztec, NM. He retired from full-time ministry in 1990 moving to St. Louis Friary, Batesville, IN, where he died at age 76 after 57 years in the Order.

Chrysostom John Theobald

Born: March 6, 1858 - New York, NY
Died: June 30, 1936 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Chrysostom was invested in 1874 and ordained in 1881. His first appointment was as teacher at the seminary. In 1888 he was named master of clerics. From 1890 to 1900, he was guardian and pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. In 1900 he left to become guardian and pastor of Oldenburg, IN.

He returned to St. Francis Seraph as provincial minister, an office he held from 1902 to 1909. Chrysostom was head of the mission band in 1886, again from 1891 to 1901, and once more from 1909 to 1917. He continued as a popular missioner until his death. He served as definitor for 2 terms and as custos for 2 terms. Chrysostom died after 61 years in the Order, all but 3 years of which were spent at St. Francis Seraph. He was 78 years old.
Born: June 6, 1874 - Gubser, KY
Died: June 30, 1938 - Metamora, IL

Father Adam entered the Order at 30 years of age in 1904 and was ordained in 1912. His first appointment was as hospital chaplain in Bloomington, IL, for 6 years. After 2 years as assistant pastor at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, he returned to Bloomington as pastor and superior until 1927, when he transferred to Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor and hospital chaplain. Adam became director of the brother's school in Metamora, IL, in 1934. There he died suddenly at age 64 after 33 years as a friar.

**Lambert Victor Brockmann**

Born: February 15, 1898 - Oldenburg, IN
Died: June 30, 1973 - Batesville, IN

Affectionately called "Si," Father Lambert was invested in 1917 and ordained in 1925. For 4 years after ordination he served the West Texas missions out of San Angelo, TX. In 1929 he enrolled in graduate studies at the Catholic University, Washington, DC. In 1930 he began his long teaching career at Oldenburg, specializing in dogmatic theology. When there were not enough rooms at Oldenburg for clerics, Lambert was stationed at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, to teach theology. He entered parochial work again in 1939 as pastor of St. John Church, Roswell, NM, and returned to Oldenburg in 1945 to continue his teaching. In ailing health, he was transferred to Batesville, IN, in 1959, as chaplain of the hospital. He died after 55 years in the Order at age 75.

**Florence Leonard Mayrand**

Born: June 25, 1914 - Detroit, MI
Died: July 1, 1977 - Grants, NM

Brother Florence was invested as a tertiary in 1934 and was solemnly professed in the First Order in 1942. His first assignment was to St. Anthony Novitiate, Cincinnati, where he had charge of the boiler and gardens. Before returning to St. Anthony for his own novitiate year, he was at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, as cook, sacristan and porter. After novitiate he had a year each at St. George and St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati, mainly as porter, and at St. Boniface in Louisville, as cook.
In 1943 he went West, where he remained the rest of his life. Florence was stationed at Chinle, St. Michaels and Houck, AZ; and Shiprock, Jemez and San Fidel, NM. He served as cook and general handyman, drove the mail truck, and was postmaster, gardener and helper in the missions. Florence died at age 63 after 43 years as a Franciscan.

Philibert Victor Ramstetter

Born: April 23, 1894 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: July 1, 1981 - Detroit, MI

Father Philibert was invested in 1913 and ordained in 1919. His first assignment was to St. Boniface, Louisville, as master of clerics and instructor in philosophy. From 1923 to 1924 he studied at the Catholic University of America majoring in chemistry after which he returned to St. Boniface as teacher and master of clerics.

When Duns Scotus College opened in 1930, Philibert served president and instructor; but one year later he was called to St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, as rector. From 1936 to 1942 he was again at Duns Scotus as instructor and, later, president. Continuing in formation work, he filled a 2-year term as novice master and then returned once again to Duns Scotus as instructor of philosophy and Franciscanism and president. Still pursuing the education apostolate, he was transferred to St. Francis College, Ft. Wayne, IN, as instructor. After this assignment he served as chaplain to the Sisters of St. Francis in Mishawaka, IN. In 1968 he retired to Duns Scotus as confessor to the community and general public.

Philibert wrote many articles on St. Francis and Franciscanism during his long life which ended at age 87. Philibert was a friar for 67 years.

Benedict Robert Haupt

Born: December 26, 1860 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: July 2, 1910 - Peoria, IL

Father Benedict was invested in 1878 and ordained in 1883. His first assignment was to Escanaba, MI, where he was excurrens to the Michigan missions. Beginning in 1888 he taught at the seminary, moving in 1891 to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as guardian and novice master. His next assignment was back to St. Clement where he was guardian for 3 years and master of clerics and pastor for 7 years. He was definitor for one term, from 1906 to 1909. Benedict's
last assignment was as *excurrens* from Peoria, IL. He died there after 31 years in the Order at the age of 49.

**Martin Theodore Kruellmann**

**Born:** May 12, 1845 - Warendorf, Westphalia, Germany  
**Died:** July 2, 1926 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Martin became a friar in 1880 and taught at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He later served as porter and sacristan at St. Mary, Detroit; Emporia, KS; Escanaba, MI; Metamora, IL; and St. John and St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati. He died at age 81 after 46 years as a tertiary brother.

**Robert Aloysius Kalt**

**Born:** April 22, 1878 - Maple Grove, MI  
**Died:** July 2, 1956 - Detroit, MI

Father Robert, brother of Hubert and Cuthbert Kalt, was invested in 1895 and ordained in 1903. His first assignment was to St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario, Canada; but a year later he was sent to Roswell, NM, to begin his life's work among the missions of the Southwest. After 2 years at St. Peter in Roswell, he went to Carlsbad, NM, to be superior and pastor at St. Edward. Four years later he went to Sacred Heart in Gallup, NM, as missioner and master of brothers. After 10 years he began a long stay at San Fidel, NM, moving from there to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Peña Blanca, NM, as pastor and superior.

In 1942 Robert went to St. Theresa, Grants, NM, for 4 years. His last assignment in the Southwest was at the cathedral in Santa Fe, NM, as assistant pastor. In 1951 he moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He died at age 78 in Detroit, where he had gone for a relative's jubilee. He had been a friar for 60 years. Robert filled out a term as definitor for Bernard Espelage when the latter was appointed bishop of Gallup, NM.

**Marian Anthony Battaglia**

**Born:** October 26, 1919 - Detroit, MI  
**Died:** July 2, 1995 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Marian completed 3 years as a Tertiary at Duns Scotus College, Detroit, before he entered the First Order in 1953. Marian ministered generously in a variety of ways as painter, gardener, sacristan, porter, bus driver, cook, CCD teacher, and many others. One later-in-life ministry came during his years at St.
Leonard College, Centerville, OH, when he played saxophone as part of the music for liturgies. Over the years Marian worked and lived at St. Anthony and St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati; St. Boniface, Louisville; Chinle, AZ; St. Francis Seraph and St. Clement Friary, Cincinnati. He died at St. Clare Retirement Community at the age of 75 after 44 years as a friar.

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Harold Paul Stemmler

Born: July 22, 1905 - Batesville, IN
Died: July 3, 1937 - Detroit, MI

Father Harold was invested in 1923 and ordained in 1931. His first assignment was as assistant pastor to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, for 5 years. In 1936 Harold was appointed subsyndic at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, where he died at age 41 after only 14 years in the Order.

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Fidelis Alphonse Diaz

Born: January 23, 1930 - Lordsburg, NM
Died: July 4, 1957 - Lukachukai, NM

Brother Fidelis was invested as a tertiary in 1949, entered the novitiate in 1952, and was solemnly professed in 1956. During these 7 years in the Order he served the Navajo missions at St. Michaels, Keams Canyon and Klagetoh, all in AZ. He drowned near Lukachukai, NM, at a Fourth of July picnic. Fidelis was 27 years old.

JULY 6

Gerald Othmar Beck

Born: June 19, 1900 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: July 6, 1962 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gerald was invested in 1918 and ordained in 1926. His first assignment was to Gallup, NM, as assistant pastor and professor at Cathedral High School. In 1930 he went to Kansas City, MO, as assistant pastor at Our Lady of
Sorrows. After a year in Escanaba, MI, he moved to Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor. Four years later he was sent to St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH, as assistant pastor. In 1941 he volunteered for military service, achieving a degree of fame as "White Flak" for his fearlessness under fire.

From 1946 to 1949 Gerald was chaplain at the Veterans’ Hospital at Little Rock, AR. Then he served as pastor of St. Anthony, Garden Plain, KS, until 1961. A great booster of athletics, Gerald spearheaded the building of the parish school and a baseball park now known as "Beck Field." His final assignment was as chaplain to the State Penitentiary at Santa Fe, NM. He died less than a year later at age 62, having spent nearly 44 years in the Order.

Charles Francis Wagner

Born:  November 13, 1901 - Louisville, KY  
Died:  July 6, 1968 - Louisville, KY

Brother Charles was invested in 1929 and solemnly professed in 1936. His first assignment was to Louisville as cook and general assistant at St. Boniface. After simple profession in 1933, he went to Peña Blanca, NM, again as cook and general handyman. Five years later he was moved to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as porter and helper. He spent the next several years at Oldenburg, IN. In 1948 he served at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as porter. After short stays at both Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, and St. Clement, Cincinnati, he returned to St. Boniface, Louisville, in 1960 as gardener, porter and handyman. He died at the age of 67 after 39 years as a Franciscan.

Ammian Edward Lutomski

Born:  June 2, 1917 - Minonk, IL  
Died:  July 6, 1975 - New Orleans, LA

Father Ammian was invested in 1936 and ordained in 1945. His first assignment was to the Southwest at St. Michaels, AZ, as resuscitator and editor of The Padres' Trail, changing it from an annual to a monthly publication. He next moved East to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, and to St. George, St. Clement and Friarhurst, all in Cincinnati. In 1958 he was made assistant pastor and superior at San Angelo, TX. In 1961 he began a series of short hospital chaplaincies at Emporia, KS; Bloomington, IL; and Kansas City, MO. In the fall of 1965 he moved to the Catholic Indian Center at Gallup and served as assistant pastor at Ft. Wingate, NM. His final assignment was to Our Lady of the Lake
Hospital, Baton Rouge, LA. Already in poor health, he died 4 years later at age 58. Ammian was a friar for 39 years.

**JULY 8**

**Philibert Joseph Allstaetter**

Born: March 18, 1858 - Hamilton, OH  
Died: July 8, 1912 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Philibert became a friar in 1875 and a priest in 1881. His first assignment was to St. Boniface, Louisville, as assistant pastor, after which he moved to St. Boniface in Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor. In 1885 he was *excurrens* from Oldenburg, IN, to Batesville. From 1888 to 1894, Philibert was pastor and superior at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, and then at Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, for 3 years. He rounded out his career as pastor and superior at St. John, Cincinnati, from 1897 to 1912. Philibert died after 37 years as a friar. He was 54 years old.

**Humbert Elmer Wehr**

Born: September 21, 1890 - Hamilton, OH  
Died: July 8, 1935 - Emporia, KS

Father Humbert entered the Order in 1911 and was ordained in 1918. His first assignment was to St. George, Cincinnati, and then to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, both as assistant pastor. In 1929 he became pastor and superior of Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI. In 1933 Humbert was assigned to live in Emporia, KS, as *excurrens* to Hartford, KS. He died at the age of 44 after 24 years in the Order.

**JULY 9**

**Anselm Joseph Koch**

Born: May 13, 1823 - Lermoos, Tyrol  
Died: July 9, 1881 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Anselm, elder brother of Sigismund Koch, was invested as a member of the Province of St. Leopold in 1843 and ordained in 1847. He volunteered for the American mission in 1850. He served first in Cincinnati and Hamilton, OH. In 1959 he pastor at St. Clement, St. Bernard, and initiated the annual Corpus
Christi procession. In 1863, Anselm was assigned as rector of the seminary and lector of moral theology. In 1871 he became the first rector of the St. Boniface, Louisville, branch of the preparatory seminary, a venture which lasted 3 years. When he died he had returned to Cincinnati serving as lector of moral and pastoral theology, commissary of the Third Order and teacher at the seminary.

Anselm was discreet of the custody for 3 terms—from 1862 to 1864, from 1868 to 1870, and from 1871 to 1873. He was the official representative of the American mission to the Roman Curia and to Minister General Bernardino Triofetti a Montefranco for the establishment of the custody in 1859. He also served as the first secretary of the custody from 1859 to 1868. Anselm died at age 57 having served 31 years in the custody and 38 years as a friar.

**Agnellus Martin Fischer**

Born: January 13, 1848 - Bregenz, Vorarlberg, Austria  
Died: July 9, 1926 - Salzburg, Austria

Father Agnellus came to the United States in 1875, 5 years after his ordination. He was first sent to Louisville as pastor of St. Boniface, and then to Lafayette, IN, as pastor of St. Boniface there. He returned to the Tyrol in 1882 after serving 7 years in this country. He died at 77 years of age.

**Michael Norbert Ziegler**

Born: August 5, 1911 - Louisville, KY  
Died: July 10, 1960 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Michael was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1938. Most of his ministry was spent in New Mexico at Jemez, Farmington, the cathedral in Santa Fe, Peña Blanca, Cerrillos, and the cathedral at Gallup. He spent 2 years (1944 & 1950) as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. In 1951 he was transferred to Metamora, IL, in charge of the 2 parishes at Benson and Roanoke, IL. In 1954 he received his last assignment as professor at the seminary in Mt. Healthy, OH, where he taught science, math and Latin. He died 6 years later at 49 years of age. Michael was a friar for 30 years.

**Winfrid Carl Stauble**

Born: March 3, 1901 - Louisville, KY  
Died: July 10, 1967 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Winfrid was invested in 1921 and ordained in 1929. From his ordination until 1942, he was in the Southwest—first at St. Michaels, AZ, and then at Keams Canyon, AZ. From 1942 to 1945, he was chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, IN, and then moved to Mercy Hospital in Hamilton, OH, as chaplain. In 1958 he returned to the Southwest to be pastor of the cathedral in Gallup, NM. In 1961 Winfrid became pastor at McGhee, AR, with the attendant mission at Lake Village, AR. But by 1966 he had to retire, first as a patient at St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville, and a few months later to St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati, where he died after 46 years as a friar. Winfrid was 66 years old.

**Benedict Daniel Ortner**

Born: January 20, 1916 - Redford, MI  
Died: July 10, 1969 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Benedict entered the Order in 1934 and was solemnly professed in 1943. He was appointed sacristan at St. George, Cincinnati, after serving at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, and Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. Nearly every assignment for Ben was for 2 years, usually as cook and handyman. He served at St. Francis Seraph and St. Clement in Cincinnati; Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN; St. Boniface, Louisville; St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati; and finally at St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he served 2 years before his death at age 53. Ben was a friar for 35 years.

**JULY 10**

**Firmin Paul Oldegeering**

Born: February 1, 1897 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: July 10, 1972 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Firmin, one of the 4 Oldegeering brothers in the province, was invested in 1915 and ordained in 1923. He was first assigned to St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor, followed in 1926 by an assignment to San Angelo, TX, as assistant pastor and chaplain to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Shortly after Roger Bacon High School opened in Cincinnati, Firmin the faculty there and wrote the music for the school song. Two years later he became the full-time chaplain at Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, and eventually built St. Dymphna Chapel and rectory. He was also chaplain at Drake Hospital and the County Infirmary, both in Cincinnati.

In 1943 Firmin moved to Santa Fe, NM, as auxiliary chaplain of the Los Alamos Air Force Base. From 1948 to 1951 he was pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Wichita, KS, after which he served as pastor and superior at St. Mary Parish, San Angelo, TX. In 1958 he was appointed chaplain of St.
Margaret Hospital, Kansas City, MO, only to return to Wichita and Our Lady of Guadalupe as pastor and superior from 1964 to 1968. Poor health forced his retirement to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. Firmin was a good pianist; his musically talented brothers insisted he was the best of the 4 of them. He died after 57 years as a friar at age 75.

JULY 12

Roger Nicholas Molitor

Born:  October 22, 1837 - Kasel, Prussia
Died:  July 12, 1914 - Oldenburg, IN

Brother Roger immigrated to the United States as a young boy. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and was invested as a friar in 1874. He was first stationed in Louisville, as porter, and later at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as cook. Roger also served as cook and porter at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, and St. Clement and St. John, Cincinnati. His final assignment was to Oldenburg, IN, as porter in 1900. Roger had served 40 years in the Order when he died at age 76.

Engelbert Peter Hommrich

Born:  September 7, 1859 - Moscheim, Prussia
Died:  July 12, 1927 - Louisville, KY

Father Engelbert was invested in 1890. After his 1897 ordination he became assistant pastor at Emporia, KS, and later at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and St. Boniface, Louisville. In 1911 he was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Mary, Metamora, IL; but; due to ill health, he moved to Bloomington, IL. He was later stationed at Minonk, IL, and Kansas City, MO. He died at age 67 as chaplain at St. Boniface, Louisville, after 37 years in the Order.

Cassian George Kirchenberger

Born:  September 22, 1869 - Cincinnati, OH
Died:  July 12, 1936 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Cassian became a Franciscan in 1893 and first served as porter and cook at St. Joseph, Louisville. He spent 8 years at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, followed by 8 years at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and one year at Metamora, IL. He returned to Cincinnati, where he was sacristan at St. Francis Seraph from 1916 until his death at age 66. Cassian gave 43 years of his life as a friar.
Frank Desiderius Frey

Born: January 17, 1919 - Szigetvar, Hungary
Died: July 12, 1999 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Frank was invested as Friar Desiderius in the Hungarian Province of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1937 in Bucsuszentlaszlo and ordained in 1943 when he also earned a Doctorate in Moral Theology. After ordination, Frank began work in Esztergom where Cardinal Mindzenty launched his unsuccessful fight against the Nazis and, later, the Communists. Because of Frank’s preaching as one of a group of 40 priests commissioned by the Cardinal, he was arrested in 1946. Russian officers entered the Friary, woke him and took him to prison. At the time Frank’s two brothers had already been killed in Russia, and his mother had been murdered by Communist occupation forces.

After two years in prison (during which time his weight went from 198 to 98 pounds), Frank was tried and sentenced to 16 years of hard labor in the lead mines of Siberia. With the help of friends who bribed guards, he escaped to Austria where a local monsignor put him in touch with St. John Baptist Provincial Romuald Mollaun who invited Frank to the province. In 1950 he arrived in Cincinnati and spent a year at St. Anthony, Mt. Airy, learning English–his 7th language. One of his happiest moments came in 1956 when he became a U. S. citizen. During the 39 years Frank ministered in the U.S., he was in parochial work throughout the province.

In 1987 Frank was assigned to St. Mary’s, Metamora, IL, as pastor. He was there less than a month when he suffered a stroke which severely limited his ability to speak or write–a heavy burden for one who so loved talking with people. The following year he moved to St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH, to retire. When Frank died at age 80, he had been a friar for 62 years.

Eusebius Joseph Wagner

Born: June 3, 1874 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: July 13, 1917 - Peoria, IL

Father Eusebius was invested in 1890 and ordained 7 years later. He first served as assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati; and in 1901 he became pastor and superior of St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI. After this he was assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville; Chatham, Ontario, Canada; and St. George, Cincinnati. In
1912 he went to Metamora, IL, as superior and pastor and 3 years later went to St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, in the same capacity. He died after 27 years as a friar at age 43.

**Clement John Steinkamp**

Born: March 22, 1842 - Lehrte, Hanover, Germany  
Died: July 13, 1919 - Lafayette, IN

Father Clement was invested at St. Clement, Cincinnati, in 1866, and was ordained 3 years later. His first assignment was to Oldenburg, IN, as *excurrens* to Hamburg, IN, and later to Batesville, IN. In 1873 he was sent to Detroit, as assistant pastor at St. Mary; and in 1876 he became pastor of St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. Two years later he returned to Detroit as pastor of Sacred Heart. In 1882 he became pastor at St. Anne, Hamburg, IN; and later was pastor of St. Joseph, Hamilton, and then of St. Joseph, Louisville. Clement also served in Bloomington and Peoria, IL, and spent his final years in Lafayette, IN, at St. Lawrence as assistant pastor. Clement lived 53 years as a friar and died at age 77.

**Finnian Thomas Connolly**

Born: December 21, 1908 - Liberty Center, OH  
Died: July 14, 1975 - Albuquerque, NM

Father Finnian was invested in 1931 and ordained in 1940. He served 3 very short assignments during the year after his ordination and then went to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor for 5 years. In 1946 he moved to the Southwest and served in many parishes: Clovis, Jemez, Peña Blanca, Gallup, Santa Fe, and Farmington (all in NM) and Shiprock, AZ, among them. In 1953 he was chaplain of the New Mexico State Penitentiary for a year. In 1957 he was named pastor and superior of Immaculate Conception Parish, Cuba, NM, where he served until 1963. From then until 1970 he was superior and pastor at San Fidel, Parkview and Lumberton, NM. His last assignment was as superior delegate and pastor at Chama, NM. Finnian died at the age of 67 after 44 years as a friar.

**Romuald Francis Helmig**
Born: June 12, 1879 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: July 15, 1913 - Carlsbad, NM  

Father Romuald was invested in 1896 and ordained in 1904. The following year he was sent to San Antonio, Rome, for higher studies. Upon his return in 1906 he was assigned as lector of theology and librarian at the house of theology in Oldenburg, IN. Later he also served as master of clerics. In 1910 Romuald moved to the seminary as teacher and disciplinarian; but the next year, due to ill health, he went to St. Michaels, AZ, where he died after 16 years as a friar. Romuald was 34 years old.

Roger Charles Hengehold  
Born: April 13, 1895 - Covington, KY  
Died: July 15, 1962 - Hamilton, OH  

Father Roger was invested in 1914 and ordained in 1922. His first assignment was 5 years spent in Cuba, NM. He was then sent to Catholic University to prepare to teach in the newly opened Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, where he taught for 2 years followed by 3 more at the seminary. From 1935 to 1942 he was pastor at Farmington, NM, and then for the next 10 years he lived at Minonk, IL, in charge of the Benson and Roanoke, IL, parishes. In 1953 Roger was appointed chaplain of Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, OH. He died suddenly, just a few hours after his morning Mass. Roger had been treasurer of the province for one year. He was 67 years old and had lived as a friar for 48 years.

Norbert Victor Oldegeering  
Born: August 13, 1907 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: July 15, 1983 - Lafayette, IN  

Father Norbert, youngest of the 4 Oldegeering brothers, was invested in 1925 and was ordained in 1932. His first assignment was to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as instructor in music and pastoral assistant in local parishes. A year later he went to the Catholic University, Washington, DC, to take courses in philosophy before he returned to Duns Scotus as music teacher and lector of philosophy.

In 1937 Norbert was sent to the Antonianum, Rome, for doctoral work in philosophy. Though World War II brought him back to the United States sooner than expected, he did finish his doctoral work on Santayana. He
returned to Duns Scotus where he remained as lector of philosophy from 1939 until 1947 when he left for a year as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL. He returned to Duns Scotus as president and guardian in 1951. During his last year at Duns Scotus (1957) he served as procurator and lector. The following year he left to become chaplain and instructor at St. Francis College, Ft. Wayne, IN. From 1966 to 1972 he served as assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Streator, IL. His last assignment was as assistant pastor and superior of St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. It has been observed that he knew more about finances than about philosophy, and knew most about music. Norbert died after 58 years in the Order. He was 75 years old.

**JULY 16**

**Nicholas Matthias Angerer**

Born: February 27, 1820 - Hall, Tyrol  
Died: July 16, 1859 - Hamilton, OH  

Brother Nicholas entered the Order when he was 30 years old and volunteered for service in America in 1858 at age 38. Ten months after his arrival he died at Hamilton, OH, in 1859.

**Herman Gilbert Felhoelter**

Born: July 17, 1913 - Louisville, KY  
Died: July 16, 1950 - Taejon, Korea  

Father Herman was invested in 1930. His first assignment after ordination in 1939 was to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor in the parish and teacher of sociology and civics at Roger Bacon High School. Later he became chaplain of Longview Hospital and the County Home in Cincinnati. He left from Peoria, IL, in 1944 to join the U.S. Army as chaplain during World War II serving in the Rhineland and Central Europe with the First Armored Division. In 1946 he was mustered out with the rank of captain and was awarded the Bronze Star.

With the beginning of the war in Korea, Herman again volunteered for the Army in 1947. In 1950, during a particularly intense campaign, the unit in which he was serving had to move out but were unable to take the wounded soldiers with them. Herman volunteered to stay with the wounded. When the Communist soldiers arrived, he was shot in the head at point blank range while praying with a dying man. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. Herman had been a friar for 19 years when he was killed; 5 of them were spent as a chaplain. He was 37 years old.
Matthias Bernard Heile

Born: January 22, 1896 - Covington, KY
Died: July 16, 1960 - Roswell, NM

Father Matthias was invested in 1914 and ordained in 1922. His first assignment was to St. Michaels, AZ. In 1925 he moved to Escanaba, MI, as assistant pastor, and then to St. Anthony, Streator, IL, as assistant pastor, serving also as pastor of the Polish parish of St. Casimir. After one year at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, he moved to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor from 1933 to 1936. Then he was stationed at St. George, Cincinnati,

and 2 years later as pastor of San Antonio, Cincinnati. Matthias then served 3 5-year terms at St. Louis, Batesville, IN; Sacred Heart, Clovis, NM; and St. Peter, Roswell, NM. He died as pastor of St. Mary, Bloomington, IL, at the age of 64. Matthias was a friar for 45 years.

Gregory Frank Troklus

Born: April 9, 1896 - Louisville, KY
Died: July 16, 1969 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gregory, proud son of a saloon keeper, was invested in 1910 and ordained in 1923. His first assignment was to St. James, Lincoln, NE, in charge of the missions of Cortland, Ashland and Greenwood. A year later he moved to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kansas City, MO, as director of the Third Order, the drama club and chaplain of the local hospitals. Two years later he moved across the river to Kansas City, KS, as assistant pastor at St. Anthony and director of several Third Order fraternities. In 1931 Gregory began a 4-year mission in Tohatchi, NM. His next substantial assignments were as assistant pastor in New Orleans, LA, and then as pastor of Benson and Roanoke, IL. In 1943 he began a long pastorate in Guymon, OK, at St. Peter with outmissions at Hooker, Kollman, Boise City and Beaver. In 1957 he was at Gallup and Farmington, NM, and then became pastor of Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN, from 1958 until 1962. He then moved to Hazard, KY, for several years. Gregory was a friar for 58 years when he died as guardian of St. Stephen Friary, Hamilton, OH, at age 73.

Peter Herman (Harry) Wieth

Born: April 21, 1909 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Peter was born in a house located on the current site of the present St. Anthony Messenger Press building at Liberty & Republic Streets in Cincinnati. He entered the novitiate in 1927 and was ordained in 1935. He served very briefly as assistant pastor of St. Stephen Church, Hamilton, OH. From 1935-1937 he taught theology at Duns Scotus. For the next 9 years he served as associate pastor at the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, MI, where he worked with Rev. Charles Coughlin.

Peter devoted much of his religious life to *St. Anthony Messenger*, even helping to supervise the construction of a facility, which was completed in 1961. From 1946 to his death he served as managing director of *St. Anthony Messenger* and oversaw a national phone sales force of nearly 300 people.

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He also helped establish St. Anthony Messenger Press' reputation as a publisher of books, video and audio cassettes and educational materials for Catholic families, clergy and religious educators. Peter died at the age of 82 after 64 years as a friar.

**JULY 18**

**Alexander Edmund Seidl**

**Born:** January 24, 1875 - Dayton, OH  
**Died:** July 18, 1897 - Oldenburg, IN

Friar Alexander was invested in 1893 and simply professed the following year. He died in 1897 while studying theology at Oldenburg, IN, just one month before his solemn profession. Alexander was only 22 years old.

**Paul Bernard Alf**

**Born:** June 21, 1852 - Cincinnati, OH  
**Died:** July 18, 1907 - Louisville, KY

Father Paul was invested in 1873, the year the novitiate moved from Oldenburg, IN, back to St. Clement, Cincinnati. His first assignment after ordination in 1877 was to St. Mary, Detroit, as director of the Third Order. The following year he was stationed at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, where he stayed just a year. In 1878 he was sent to Oldenburg as *excurrens* to St. Anne, Hamburg, IN. In 1880 he became pastor and superior of St. George, Cincinnati. After serving as assistant pastor and Third Order director in Louisville, and Hamilton, OH, he was named pastor and superior at St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario, Canada,
for 6 years. Beginning in 1897 he was guardian, pastor and director of the sodality at St. Boniface, Louisville. Paul died after 34 years in the Order at age 55.

**Vigil George Daeger**

Born: June 10, 1879 - St. Ann, IN  
Died: July 18, 1936 - Lafayette, IN  

Father Vigil followed his elder brother, Albert Daeger (later Archbishop of Santa Fe) into the Franciscan Order in 1898 and was ordained in 1906. The Catholic University was his first assignment, where he studied Semitic languages and Scripture. From 1911 to 1912, he traveled to Rome and Palestine in the interests of his education. From 1913 to 1934 Vigil was assigned to Holy Family Friary, Oldenburg, IN, as lector of sacred Scripture and librarian, serving also as guardian from 1918 to 1924. In 1934 he transferred to Lafayette, IN, and died there at St. Elizabeth Hospital in 1936. He was 57 years old and had been a friar for 36 years.

**Arnold Bernard Holtmann**

Born: August 29, 1847 - Ochtrup, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: July 19, 1936 - San Fidel, NM  

Brother Arnold became a friar in 1883 and was sent to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as cook and gardener. In 1890 he went to Batesville, IN, as cook and later to St. Francis Seraph in Kansas City, MO. In 1901 he went to the Navajo mission at St. Michaels, AZ, and then to Peña Blanca, NM, until 1909. He went back to the East for 5 years but then returned West to Peña Blanca, later to Olpe, KS, and finally to San Fidel, NM, where he lived until his death at the age of 88. Arnold was an excellent carpenter and cabinet maker during his 53 years as a Franciscan.

**Cassian George Sand**

Born: April 16, 1906 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: July 19, 1980 - Oldenburg, IN  

Father Cassian became a friar in 1924 and a priest in 1932, with his first assignment to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, with the post-ordination class. He spent 2 years as teacher at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, and then began 7 years as assistant to Charles Coughlin at the Shrine of the Little Flower in
Royal Oak, MI. From 1942 to 1945 he was chaplain to the Tubercular Hospital in Cincinnati.

From 1945 to 1951 Cassian was guardian at Oldenburg, IN, and chaplain to the sisters. He spent the next 6 years as pastor of St. George, Cincinnati, and then became pastor of St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, LA—a post he held for 5 years. In 1962 he returned to Oldenburg as pastor, leaving 10 years later to become pastor and superior of Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL. In 1976 he made his final return to Oldenburg, again as sisters' chaplain. At the time of his death at age 74, he had been "in retirement" for 2 months. Cassian was a friar for 55 years.

**JULY 20**

**Seraphin Anthony Stoehr**

Born: October 22, 1847 - Wehingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany  
Died: July 20, 1898 - St. Louis, MO

Brother Seraphin became a Franciscan in 1870 and served as porter at St. Boniface, Louisville, and later as cook and gardener at St. Clement, Cincinnati. In 1878 he moved to Minonk, IL, as cook and porter and then served for 3 years at St. Mary in Detroit. In 1884 Seraphin was sent to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as gardener, cellarer and sacristan. He died after 28 years with the Franciscans at the age of 51.

**JULY 21**

**Clement Joseph Bettels**

Born: March 26, 1850 - Holdesheim, Germany  
Died: July 21, 1915 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Clement was invested in 1875 as a Teaching Brother and professed in the First Order in 1883. He taught at Louisville, and St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. From 1886 to 1891 he was the rector of the normal school for the Teaching Brothers, in St. Bernard, OH, called "Our Lady of the Angels." Clement went on to St. John, Cincinnati, later to Louisville, and finally to St. George, Cincinnati where he taught until 1903. In 1907 Clement became porter at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and in 1910, subsyndic of the province. He died at age 65 after 40 years as a lay brother.
Florian Joseph Briede

Born: June 18, 1878 - Hamilton, OH  
Died: July 21, 1940 - Kansas City, KS

Father Florian was invested in 1898. Ordained in 1906, he became assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati. After 2 years in that post he went to Wichita, KS, where he was assistant pastor at St. Anthony. In 1911 he became pastor of St. Edward, Carlsbad, NM. From 1913 to 1927 Florian was pastor and superior of St. Boniface in Lafayette, IN. Florian was appointed as definitor to fill out Father Leonard Nurre's unexpired term, 1919 to 1921. After 3 years as chaplain of St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville, he became pastor of St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, a post he held until his death at 62 years old, his 41st year as a friar.

Basil Robert Healy

Born: February 17, 1911 - Bowling Green, KY  
Died: July 21, 1946 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Basil entered the Order in 1935. After ordination early in the spring of 1944 (because of the accelerated courses during World War II), he was assigned as a teacher at the seminary. In 1946 he was appointed chaplain of Longview Hospital and the County Home in Cincinnati, but ill health forced his retirement. He died in that same year after 10 years as a friar. Basil was only 35 years old.

JULY 22

Juvenal Rudolph Eiberger

Born: May 4, 1834 - Schwaz, Tyrol  
Died: July 22, 1873 - St. Bernard, OH

Father Juvenal entered the Order in 1854 and was ordained in 1858. He came to the United States from the Tyrolese Province in 1869. His first assignment was as superior and pastor of St. Clement, Cincinnati. In 1873 he was made master of clerics and lector of theology. He died later that year after 4 years in this country. Juvenal was visitator for the custody in 1873. He lived 18 of his 39 years as a friar.

John Evangelist William Uhl - OLG

Born: July 4, 1913 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: July 22, 1985 - Albuquerque, NM
JULY 23

**Joseph James Klein**

Born: September 3, 1879 - Dietschweiler, Bavaria, Germany  
Died: July 23, 1938 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Joseph became a friar in 1903 and a priest in 1911. His first assignment was as assistant pastor in Kansas City, MO. The following year he was appointed master of clerics and as teacher of the humanities to the clerics at St. Clement, Cincinnati. Two years later he moved to Louisville, in the same capacity. The next 2 years he studied at the Catholic University of America and was assistant pastor at the Commissariat, Washington, D.C. Upon his return Joseph was appointed chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati, and reorganized the Franciscan Missionary Union. He changed Father Claude's "Franciscan Indian Mission Aid" to the more general "Franciscan Missionary Union." Joseph went to Detroit as lector but returned to Cincinnati to head the Missionary Union once again and serve as administrator of San Antonio Parish, Cincinnati. He died at age 58 after 34 years as a friar.

**Adrian Valerian Schrader**

Born: March 5, 1910 - St. Louis, MO  
Died: July 23, 1961 - Albuquerque, NM

Brother Adrian invested in 1952 and solemnly professed in 1958. He spent his Franciscan life in the Southwest as general handyman and helper in the missions of Chinle, Shiprock and St. Michaels, AZ; and Jemez and Peña Blanca, NM, where he died just after his assignment in 1961. Adrian was 51 years old. He was a Franciscan for 9 years.

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**Dominic Julius Rielander**

Born: March 6, 1849 - Borgentreich, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: July 24, 1932 - Oldenburg, IN

Brother Dominic entered the Order in 1872 as a Teaching Brother. He first taught in Cincinnati and Louisville. In 1884 Dominic became principal of St. Francis Seraph School, Cincinnati. After retiring from teaching at St. John,
Cincinnati, he was appointed porter at St. Joseph, Louisville, for a year. In 1914 he moved to Oldenburg, IN, as porter and served in that office until his death at the age of 83. Dominic ministered in the Order for almost 60 years.

Sigismund Albert Pirron

Born: January 13, 1872 - St. Bernard, OH
Died: July 24, 1954 - New Albany, IN

Father Sigismund was invested in Oldenburg, IN, in 1889, and went to the new novitiate at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, in 1890. Following his ordination in 1896, Sigismund was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, and later at St. Mary, Metamora, IL. In 1900 he became pastor and superior at Calumet, MI, and he held the same office later at St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. Following a year as assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, Sigismund spent 6 years as pastor of St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS. In 1916 hospital chaplaincies became his ministry, first at Louisville, and later at Bloomington, IL.

In 1919 Sigismund began his 20-year career as pastor of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Cincinnati, the national parish for Hungarians. The church building had previously served as a Lutheran meeting house and Sigismund built the school. In 1940 he left St. Joseph to become assistant pastor at Emporia, KS, and later at St. Boniface, Lafayette. Next he became chaplain to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in Hamilton, OH. Ill health and failing eyesight forced his retirement to St. Boniface, Louisville, where he died after almost 65 years as a friar. Sigismund was 82 years old.

Roger John Huser

Born: August 25, 1909 - Spades, IN
Died: July 24, 1980 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Roger was a pre-med student at the University of Cincinnati before being invested in 1930. Eight years later he was ordained. After a year at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as lector of theology, he studied canon law at the Catholic University of America where he wrote his doctoral dissertation on abortion. Upon his return to Oldenburg, IN, Roger became master of clerics, lector of canon law and Sunday pastor of St. Raphael Mission, Laurel, IN. In 1958, when the House of Theology was moved to St. Leonard College in Centerville, OH, Roger continued as lector in canon law. Two years later he was appointed chaplain of the Correctional Institute at Lebanon, OH.

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In 1966 Roger was elected provincial, serving for 9 years. He retired to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and assisted Dominic Calme in the treasurer's office. He died at 70 years of age after nearly 50 years as a friar.

In addition to his regular assignments, Roger was the personal secretary to Minister General Valentine Schaaf during his visit to the United States, Canada and Mexico in 1946. He was provincial Prefect of Studies, definitor from 1963 to 1966, and visitator to the Lithuanian Custody in Maine, the Irish province, the missions in South Africa, Sacred Heart Province, and the Franciscan Byzantine Custody in New Canaan, CT.

**Patrick Thomas Kinne**

Born: August 8, 1935 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: July 24, 1983 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Patrick entered the novitiate in 1957 after 3 years as a tertiary. He professed solemn vows in 1961. Pat served the friars as a cook in various houses of the province, but especially in the novitiates—both at Oldenburg, IN, and St. Anthony, Cincinnati—for a total of 14 years. He cooked for the community at St. Leonard, Centerville, OH, for 8 years, and St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, for 2 years. At the beginning of a sabbatical year, Pat died at the age of 47 having been a Franciscan for nearly 29 years.

**Samuel Herman Gelting**

Born: October 13, 1863 - Meppen, Germany  
Died: July 25, 1921 - Minneapolis, MN

Father Samuel was invested in 1885 and ordained in 1892. His first assignment was to Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church. His first pastorate came in 1907 at St. Joseph, Olpe, KS. In 1911 he was *excurrens* from Immaculate Conception, Higginsville, MO. Samuel retired to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, after 2 years as a hospital chaplain in Hamilton, OH. He died at age 57 after 35 years in the Order.

**Candidus Michael Mertens**

Born: September 13, 1879 - Streator, IL
Died: July 26, 1908 - Odessa, MO

Father Candidus entered the Order in 1897 and was ordained in 1905. His only assignment was as assistant pastor and excurrens from Immaculate Conception, Higginsville, MO. Candidus drowned at Odessa, KS, at the age of 28 after 10 years in the Order.

Pax John Winterheld

Born: March 8, 1855 - Louisville, KY
Died: July 26, 1926 - St. Bernard, OH

Father Pax was invested in 1872 and ordained in 1878. While yet a cleric he taught in the seminary. Immediately after ordination he was appointed pastor and superior of St. Patrick, Minonk, IL, where he stayed until 1884. Then he returned to teaching at the seminary for 2 years before going to Chatham, Ontario, Canada, as excurrens to Blenheim. Next he served at St. Mary in Detroit and St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati, before going to Bloomington, IL, as pastor, superior and Third Order director until 1911. He was definitor for one term, from 1900 to 1903. Pax became guardian of St. Clement, Cincinnati, in 1912 for one term. He then moved to Louisville in the same capacity. He retired to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as vicar in 1918 and died there after 53 years in the Order. Pax was 71 years old.

Ernest Francis Ott

Born: January 5, 1885 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: July 26, 1939 - Hamilton, OH

Father Ernest was a convert who entered the Order in 1904 after a remarkable cure of an infected leg. After his ordination in 1912 he was chaplain of the County Workhouse in Cincinnati and teacher at the seminary. In 1918 he became a popular missioner, a position he held until his death. For most of his career he was stationed at St. George, Cincinnati. Just about a week after his transfer to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, he died after nearly 35 years as a friar. Ernest was 54 years old and had served as a definitor from 1936 to 1939.

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Ubald Peter Schwetschenau

Born: October 9, 1891 - St. Bernard, OH
Died: July 26, 1941 - Hamilton, OH
Father Ubald, brother of Friar Joseph Schwetschenau who died in 1926 shortly before ordination, was invested in 1910 and ordained in 1918. His first assignments were to New Mexico as assistant pastor at Peña Blanca and later at St. Joseph, Parkview. From 1923 to 1924 he had charge of the Mexican parish in Roswell, NM, where he later returned in 1933. Between these 2 terms he was pastor and superior at Cuba, NM, and then hospital chaplain at Louisville. In 1937 Ubald went to the Mexican parish in Kansas City, MO, and in 1941 was assistant pastor at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. He died there after almost 31 years in the Order. Ubald was 49 years old.

Kenneth Albert Rouleau

Born: July 22, 1909 - Hancock, MI
Died: July 26, 1943 - Escanaba, MI

Father Kenneth was invested in 1928 and ordained in 1936. His first assignment was to teach history and apologetics at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, where he was also spiritual director. In 1940 he moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as chaplain and convert instructor. After 2 years Kenneth went to Escanaba, MI, as assistant pastor, where he died quite suddenly at the age of 34. He had lived 15 years as a Franciscan.

Ermin Joseph Schneider

Born: August 6, 1880 - Hamilton, OH
Died: July 26, 1959 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Ermin was invested in 1899 and ordained in 1907. His entire career, except for the very last years, was spent educating high school seminarians—first at the gymnasium in downtown Cincinnati and then at the new seminary in Mt. Healthy. Ermin formed the students' band and directed it for many years. He taught languages, English and religion. During his early years of teaching, he was also chaplain for the workhouse. Ermin wrote a play, Brother Modestus, and translated German Christmas carols into "better English." "Uncle Joe" was the seminary disciplinarian for many years and was one of the founding members of the Franciscan Educational Conference. Besides Shakespeare, his loves were black cigars and blacker coffee--loves he enjoyed until his death at age 78 after almost 60 years as a friar.

Forest Francis McAllister - OLG

Born: August 24, 1938 - Napoleon, OH
Leo John Riehle

Born: June 21, 1840 - Erlach, Baden, Germany  
Died: July 27, 1921 - Oldenburg, IN

Brother Leo had been a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War before joining the Order in 1874. His first assignment was as cook at St. George and St. Clement, Cincinnati. In 1884 he went to Hamilton, OH, as cook and porter at St. Stephen; and 3 years later he moved to Detroit as cook, porter and subsyndic at St. Mary Parish. When the friars left Detroit in 1890, Leo was assigned to Kansas City, MO, where he was porter and cook at St. Francis. In 1906 he was sent to Oldenburg, IN, where he served as porter until his death at age 81. Leo lived 47 years in the Order.

Denis Michael Moran

Born: October 16, 1913 - Martins Ferry, OH  
Died: July 27, 1987 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Denis was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1939, when he began teaching at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. From 1947 to 1949 he studied history and earned a Master’s Degree at the University of Notre Dame. Upon his return he was appointed secretary of the province but continued teaching at Roger Bacon. In 1951 he was named guardian of St. Clement, Cincinnati; and in 1957 he moved to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as guardian and teacher of American history. Denis was a definitor one term, from 1960 to 1963. In 1960 Denis became rector of St. Francis Seminary for 3 years before returning to Duns Scotus where remained until 1979. In that year he was appointed provincial archivist stationed at the Mother House. It was during his tenure that the archives moved from the St. Francis Seraph to the former seminary–St. Francis Center in Mt. Healthy, OH. In 1981 Denis became guardian of St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati; but by 1985 he resigned because of deteriorating health. He moved to the Archbishop Liebold Home where he died 2 years later at the age of 73. He was a friar for nearly 57 years. Like another Irishman, Father John Forest McGee, Denis was proficient in German.
Stephen Alphonse Sukup
Born: October 9, 1859 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: July 28, 1881 - St. Bernard, OH

Friar Stephen was born in Cincinnati, in 1859. He was invested at Oldenburg, IN, in 1880, and died while still a novice. Stephen was professed as a member of the First Order on his deathbed. He was 20 years old.

Sebastian Henry Wintering
Born: May 17, 1888 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: July 28, 1961 - Detroit, MI

Brother Sebastian entered the Order in 1946 after the death of his wife and his retirement from a career as a pharmacist. His first assignment was to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, the only friary in which he lived except for his novitiate year at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. He served first as assistant in several jobs and, after his return from the novitiate in 1950, he became the porter and general publicity man for the friars. He also worked hard for the Franciscan Missionary Union. Sebastian died at the age of 73 after 14 years as a Franciscan.

Paschal Stephen Kerner
Born: November 11, 1891 - St. Anna, Hungary
Died: July 28, 1977 - Kansas City, KS

Father Paschal came to the United States as a child. He was invested in 1917 and was ordained in 1925. His entire career was spent in parochial work. His first assignment was to St. Joseph of Nazareth, the national Hungarian parish of Cincinnati. In 1928 he moved to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. After assisting at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, he was made pastor of St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati from 1933 to 1937. In the next 4 years he was in as many parishes, but in 1941 he began a 9-year pastorate at Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN. After spending 1950 in Calumet, MI, as assistant pastor, he went to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, where he remained until his death at age 85. In his first years in Kansas City he was an assistant pastor, but then retired, continuing to hear confessions almost to the very end. Paschal was a friar for nearly 60 years.
Ivo Frederic Roth

Born: June 3, 1860 - St. Louis, MO
Died: July 29, 1930 - Louisville, KY

Brother Ivo, brother of Kilian Roth, was invested as a Teaching Brother when he was only 15 years old and taught at St. Boniface, Louisville, and later at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. While teaching at St. Francis, he became principal of the school. He remained there until 1917, when the brothers were replaced by sisters. Ivo was editor of *The Sodalist* from 1901 to 1916. He died after almost 55 years as a Franciscan, the last 4 years of which were spent at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as porter. He was 78 years old.

Vincent John Thornton

Born: December 14, 1888 - DeGraff, MN
Died: July 29, 1966 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Vincent entered the Order after a career on the railroads and was invested in 1935. His first assignment was to St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati. He left during the World War II, and re-entered in 1947 remaining a tertiary brother all his Franciscan life. After his return from the war, he was at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as sacristan and cook. Two years later he moved to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as handyman and cook. In 1957 he was sent to the Southwest missions where he worked at Klagetoh and Keams Canyon, AZ. In ill health, he returned to St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he died of cancer at the age of 78. Vincent lived as a friar for 19 years after his return from the war.

Ephrem Maximilian Lieftuchter

Born: January 21, 1881 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: July 30, 1950 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Ephrem entered the Order in 1900 and was ordained in 1908. He was first stationed at Emporia, KS, as *excurrens*, and then to Peña Blanca, NM. In 1910 Ephrem moved to the seminary as teacher for 3 years and later as disciplinarian. In 1913 he was sent to Rome for 3 years to study theology before going to the House of Theology at Oldenburg, IN, as lector of theology, assistant pastor and later as pastor. In 1922 he served as hospital chaplain at Lafayette, IN. Later, while chaplain of St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati, he was guardian at St. Bonaventure, but left there for Batesville, IN, as chaplain of Margaret Mary.
Hospital. In 1948 he retired to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, where he died in the year of his golden jubilee in the Order. Ephrem was 69 years old.

**Blase Bernard Brickweg**

Born: September 6, 1915 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: July 30, 1968 - Albuquerque, NM

Father Blase was invested in 1933. After he was ordained in 1942 he was sent to Shiprock, NM, as missionary. He returned to Shiprock 2 more times: first after about a year or so at Thoreau, NM, and again after a stay at St. Michaels, AZ, where he spent a year in Navajo studies. In 1950 he went to Lukachukai, AZ, as superior of the missions, and then moved to Klagetoh, AZ, where he died 4 years later at age 53. Blase was definitor for one term from 1963 to 1966. He was a friar for almost 35 years.

**Herbert Alfred Klosterkemper**

Born: December 26, 1900 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: July 30, 1969 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Herbert made his simple profession in 1920 and was ordained in 1927. All his priestly life was spent in Cincinnati except for a year after ordination as assistant pastor in Escanaba, MI, and a year at Catholic University of America. In 1929 he began a 10-year career of teaching at Roger Bacon High School and chaplaincy at Our Lady of Angels High School, coupled with being guardian at St. Clement (1934 to 1939), all in Cincinnati. For the next 30 years (except for 1963 to 1966, when he was confessor of novices with residence at St. Anthony, Cincinnati) Herbert served in the provincial office as secretary of the province (21 years) and archivist and

**Frederic Julian Doeren**

Born: October 15, 1912 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: July 30, 1973 - Gallup, NM
Father Fred was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1939. His first assignment took him to New Orleans, LA, from 1939 to 1942. He was then at St. Anne, Sonora, TX, with charge of the out-missions at Ozona and El Dorado, TX. In 1948 he was assistant pastor at San Angelo, TX, with charge of the mission at McCamey, TX. In 1961 he had a one-year assignment at Guymon, OK, then he moved to Gallup, NM, as chaplain for St. Mary Hospital and the McKinley Indian Hospital. Fred, a great bowler but with a heart condition, had been told he would die should he continue bowling. He continued and died bowling at the age of 60! He was in the Order for nearly 43 years.

JULY 31

Basil Augustine Henze

Born: September 6, 1878 - Greiner, MI  
Died: July 31, 1938 - St. Bernard, OH

Father Basil was the brother of Julius and Andrew Henze, also members of the Province. He was invested in 1895 and ordained in 1903. His first years were spent as assistant pastor in St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati; Chatham, Ontario, Canada; and Roswell, NM. From 1910 to 1913 he was chaplain of Longview Hospital and the Hamilton County Home (later called Drake Center), Cincinnati. His next assignment was to Calumet, MI, where he was pastor and superior until 1920. In that year he returned to Cincinnati as pastor of St. Clement, where he remained until his death. He served as guardian from 1921 to 1926. Basil was a member of the provincial building committee when Roger Bacon High School, the Friars Club and Duns Scotus College were planned. After 43 years as a friar, he died at the age of 60.

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George Mark Flir

Born: October 7, 1817 - Grins, Tyrol  
Died: August 1, 1854 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother George was invested in the St. Leopold Province in 1844 and came to the United States in 1851 to serve at Pomeroy, OH. Three years later he died at St. John, Cincinnati, the first Tyrolese brother to die here in the U.S. George was 36 years old and had been a friar for 10 years.
Peregrin John Matschy

Born: May 30, 1831 - Zodl, Bohemia (Czechoslovakia)
Died: August 1, 1889 - Detroit, MI

Brother Peregrin was invested in 1869 and first served as tailor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. Later he spent 5 years at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, as cook. In 1879 he moved to St. Anne, Hamburg, IN, in that same capacity. Peregrin returned as tailor to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1881 but later was sent as cook and gardener to St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario, Canada, where he died after 19 years as a Franciscan. Peregrin was 58 years old.

Hyacinth Frederic Blocker

Born: February 12, 1904 - Louisville, KY
Died: August 1, 1969 - Cincinnati, OH

After entering the Order in 1922, Father Hyacinth was ordained in 1930. Much of his ministry was spent in the educational apostolate, starting at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, until 1936 when he became editor of the *Sodalist* for a year. For the next 9 years "Hy" served as editor of *St. Anthony Messenger*. In 1946 he was appointed a member of the mission band until 1951 when he became rector of St. Francis Seminary, where he served until 1955. During these same years, he was a member of the province Definitorium. From 1955 to 1961 Hyacinth was director of Friarhurst Retreat House, Cincinnati. He served as chaplain at Mt. Alverno School, Cincinnati, and at Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, OH. In 1965 he began last assignment—as chaplain of Longview Hospital, Cincinnati. He died suddenly at age 65 after almost 47 years as a friar. Hyacinth was the author of numerous books, articles and poems.

Camillus Bernard Fangmann

Born: July 26, 1880 - Covington, KY
Died: August 2, 1946 - Gallup, NM

Father Camillus was invested in 1897 and ordained in 1905. His first assignment was to Jemez, NM, as assistant pastor and *excurrens*. Then he became superior and pastor at Nacimiento (later renamed Cuba), NM, from 1916 to 1925. There he built the two-story school and brought in sisters to teach. Next he moved to Peña Blanca, NM, for 2 years and then to Gallup, NM, where he was guardian
and pastor. He also served as assistant pastor at the cathedral in Santa Fe as well as in Farmington, NM. He spent the last 10 years of his life as a chaplain in Gallup. Camillus died after 49 years as a friar at the age of 55.

**Gerald Matthew Held**

Born: August 3, 1917 - Fowler, IN  
Died: August 2, 1993 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gerald was brother of Hilarion (who died as a cleric) and Aloys. He made his first profession in 1936 and was ordained a priest in 1944. He spent many years in parish ministry—St. Clement and St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati; St. Michael, Southfield, MI; St. Anthony, Streator, IL; Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL; St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans; the Keweenaw Missions of the Upper Peninsula and Sacred Heart in Calumet, MI; and St. Mary, Bloomington, IL. For 12 years, Gerald worked with Aloys in the Franciscan Missionary Union. He was particularly noted for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Retired from full-time ministry in 1990, Gerald continued to serve as a chaplain at the Drake Center, Cincinnati. He died one day short of his 76th birthday after 58 years as a friar.

**Berthold George Staubach**

Born: September 12, 1876 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: August 3, 1917 - Kansas City, KS

Father Berthold was invested in 1893. After his 1900 ordination he taught at the seminary for 3 years. His next assignment was to Emporia, KS, first as excurrens, then as pastor and superior of Sacred Heart Church from 1907 until his death at age 41. Berthold was a friar for 24 years.

**Marcus John Kreke**

Born: February 19, 1852 - Enochsburg, IN  
Died: August 3, 1935 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Marcus was invested in 1870. Five years later he was ordained and sent to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor. From 1877 to 1906 he was stationed at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and taught at the gymnasium. From 1906 to 1935 he was moved to St. John, Cincinnati, but continued to teach at the seminary until 1925 when he 73 years old. Marcus was a great student of the sciences. He discovered a pine tree fungus which was named *Trametes Krekei* in
his honor. Even before Marconi, he constructed a wireless telegraph set. Marcus contributed valuable historical sketches to the Provincial Chronicle and was an avid photographer leaving a treasure trove of photographs of the early years of the seminary. He died after 64 years as a friar at the age of 82.

Egbert Aloysius Fischer

Born: May 6, 1879 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: August 3, 1953 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Egbert became a friar in 1897 and was ordained in 1905. His first assignment was as teacher at the seminary in downtown Cincinnati and, for one year, chaplain at the Cincinnati Workhouse. In 1911 he went to St. Michaels, AZ, as a missionary. He then became an assistant pastor in various places: Farmington and Parkview, NM; Emporia, KS; Higginsville, MO; Metamora, IL; and St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati. In 1931 Egbert went to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as a popular missioner, and then to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in the same capacity. He returned to St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, in 1940, teaching the "special class" for 3 years. From 1944 to 1951 he was chaplain of the public hospital in Louisville. Egbert died very shortly after his retirement to St. Francis Seraph Friary, at the age of 74 after 56 years as a friar.

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Clementine Anthony Wottle - OLG

Born: September 5, 1899 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: August 3, 1986 - Albuquerque, NM

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Godfrey Emil Schilling

Born: April 22, 1855 - Weisweil, Baden, Germany  
Died: August 4, 1934 - Washington, DC

Father Godfrey was born in Weisweil, Baden, Germany, in 1855 and was invested in 1872. After his ordination in 1878 he was sent to the seminary as teacher from 1878 to 1882. In 1883 he volunteered and was accepted for the Holy Land with an assignment to Aleppo in Syria. He returned to the United States and, with Father Frederick Jansoon, founded the Commissariat of the Holy Land in New York, NY, (1891 to 1899) which was moved in 1900 to Washington, DC. Godfrey returned to the Holy Land in 1903 and spent much of his time in Egypt,
where he built the church of St. Catherine in Alexandria. He returned to the
Washington Commissariat in 1911 and lived there until his death at age 79. He
was a friar for almost 62 years.

**Stanislaus Matthew Tomczak**

Born: July 11, 1889 - Calumet, MI  
Died: August 4, 1977 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Stan was invested in 1907 and ordained in 1915. His first assignment
was to St. Boniface, Peoria, IL; and then he moved to Minonk, IL, as assistant
pastor. After 2 years in Louisville (one year each at St. Boniface and St. Joseph)
he returned to Minonk in 1922 as assistant pastor and superior. In 1935 he went to
New Orleans, LA, as superior and chaplain. A year later went to Gallup, NM,
where he was assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church. Six years later he went to
Clovis, NM, as pastor and superior, and then to St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette,
IN, as chaplain from 1945 to 1948. In poor health he spent the next 3 years as
assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati, after which he went to St. Stephen,
Hamilton, OH, as assistant pastor, only to retire again on sick leave. Shortly after
transferring to Archbishop Leibold Home in Cincinnati, he died. At age 88, he
was senior of the province for 4-and-a-half months, a distinction that made him
very proud. Stan was a friar for 70 years.

**Ignatius John Brady**

Born: May 19, 1911 - Detroit, MI  
Died: August 4, 1990 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Ignatius was the brother of Mel Brady. He received the habit in 1929
and was ordained in 1937 and began teaching philosophy. The

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following year he began pursuing graduate studies at the Pontifical Institute of
Medieval Studies, Toronto, Canada, earning a Master of Arts Degree, Licentiate in
Medieval Studies and Doctorate in philosophy. He resumed teaching philosophy
in 1942 at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, and also served as master of
clerics. Ignatius also taught at Mary Grove College in Detroit, (1945-1946), St.
Francis Seraph College in Fort Wayne, IN, (1955-56) and at the Catholic
University of America, Washington, D.C., (1959-61). He was an extraordinary
professor of the Antonianum, the International Franciscan University in Rome.
He taught summer sessions at the Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University,
NY, during the 50’s and again during the 70’s. He was a consultant at several
General Chapters of our Order and was a theological consultant for the Union of Major Superiors. Ignatius was declared *Lector Generalis* in 1954 and then received in 1962 the title of *Lector Jubilatus*, the highest recognition the Order of Friars Minor affords its teachers.

Ignatius will always be remembered in the field of scholarship for his many years spent at the Collegio San Bonaventura, the research center for the Order, located at Quarrachi, Italy, from 1956-1959. In 1961 he was appointed Prefect of the Theological Section of research at Quarrachi by the Minister General. Ignatius was partially instrumental in the move of the Collegio San Bonaventura from Quarrachi to its present location at Grottaferrata near Rome.

From his first publication in 1937 until his last published works in 1987, Ignatius wrote books, translations and learned articles. Ignatius was an eminent scholar, but he was also a "spiritual director, an intellectual with a strong pastoral sense and a great gentleman. To generations of Franciscans from all branches of that family, he was living witness to the wisdom, humility and graciousness of St. Francis Seraph." He died at age 79 after 61 years as a friar.

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**Diomede John Pohlkamp**

Born:  February 4, 1881 - Covington, KY  
Died:  August 5, 1953 - Louisville, KY

Father Diomede was born in Covington, KY, in 1881. He was invested in 1899 and ordained in 1907. He served as assistant pastor at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, and 6 years later became pastor and superior of Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL. In 1918 Diomede went to Louisville, as pastor of Saint Joseph Church for 6 years. From there he went to Hamilton, OH, as pastor of St. Stephen. While there he became the first guardian of the friary from 1927 to 1929, serving a second term from 1933 to 1935. In that year he went to St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville, where he remained until his death in 1953 except for one year as administrator of St. Joseph Nazareth, Cincinnati.

Diomede was definitor for one term, from 1924 to 1927. He was a historian and wrote many articles for the *Provincial Chronicle* and other historical magazines. Diomede had a great interest in botany also. He died in 1953 in Louisville after a long illness, having served 48 years in the priesthood.

**Reynaldo John Rivera**

Born:  October 29, 1924 - Santa Fe, NM  
Died:  August 5, 1982 - Santa Fe, NM
Father Reynaldo was born in 1924 in Santa Fe, NM. He was invested in 1944 and ordained in 1953. His first assignment of 3 years was as assistant pastor in Parkview (Los Ojos), NM. For one year each he served as assistant pastor at St. John, Roswell and Sacred Heart, Farmington, NM. In 1958 he was assistant pastor at St. Francis, Gallup, NM, and 2 years later was at San Diego Church in Jemez Pueblo, NM. His first pastorate was St. Rose, Blanco, NM, from 1963 to 1967, after which he was transferred to be pastor and superior at Clovis, NM.

In 1975 Reynaldo became rector of the cathedral of Santa Fe, NM, and guardian in 1976. Answering a false sick call, Reynaldo was led from a rest stop along Interstate 25 down a deserted road and was shot to death in a field. Reynaldo was also a woodcarver and painter of no small talent.

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Orlando Anthony Jaquez

Born: October 6, 1933 - Farmington, NM
Died: August 6, 1964 -

Father Orlando was born in Farmington, NM, in 1933, invested in 1951, and ordained in 1960. His only assignment was to the faculty of St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, for 4 years. Orlando is presumed to have drowned in the Little Miami River while fishing. Presumption of death on this date and from this cause was officially determined by civil authorities in 1978.

Paul Edward Scales

Born: June 6, 1918 - Sandusky, OH
Died: August 6, 1974 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Paul was born in Sandusky, OH, in 1918 and entered the Order in 1937 after studying art at the University of Detroit. He was ordained in 1946. Except for 2 years (1965 to 1967) which were spent in Houck, AZ, directing the Indian Leadership School and editing The Padres' Trail, Paul spent his entire priestly life at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He worked with the St. Anthony Messenger in various capacities and was director of vocations. Paul was also a talented artist. He was 56 years old when he died.

AUGUST 8
Edward Jeremy Leary

Born: February 14, 1884 - Calumet, MI
Died: August 8, 1965 - Laurium, MI

Father Edward was born in Calumet, MI, in 1884. He was invested in 1902 and ordained in 1910. Although his first assignment was to St. Michaels, AZ, he spent the rest of his life in the East, except for 2 years (1942 to 1944) as pastor at Farmington, NM. After brief stays at Olpe, KS, and St. Bridget, Kansas City, KS, he spent 6 years at St. George, Cincinnati. His first pastorate was at St. Patrick, Minonk, IL, from 1920 to 1927, where he built the present rectory. He was then in Wichita and Kansas City, KS; Peoria, IL; and then Escanaba, MI, from 1931 to 1942. He built the present church, rectory, gym and sisters' house. From Streator, IL, he went to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as confessor, and then to San Antonio, Cincinnati. After brief terms as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO; Calumet; Olpe; and Batesville, IN, he moved to St. George, Cincinnati, in 1956, where he remained until the summer of 1963. He was transferred to Calumet, his birthplace, where he died 2 years later.

Athanasius George Dingwerth

Born: December 19, 1876 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: August 9, 1918 - Chicago, IL

Father Athanasius was born in Cincinnati, in 1876. He was invested in 1895 and ordained in 1904. His first assignment was as assistant pastor, to St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, then to Metamora, IL, from 1906 to 1913. He spent another year at St. Anthony in Kansas City and 2 years at Sacred Heart in Peoria, IL. He died suddenly in Chicago, IL, on his way to Olpe, KS, his last assignment. Athanasius served 14 years as a priest.

Unfortunately he became an example for retreat preachers commenting on the vow of obedience, due to the circumstances of his death. He died while taking a journey. He was supposed to go directly from Peoria to Kansas City but chose to travel through Chicago, where he died as he was changing trains, going from one train depot to another. His body was found in a gutter. The policeman who discovered him, thinking he was drunk, removed his collar.

Athanasius carried no identification and his body lay in the morgue for a few days before province officials found him. During that time, the story goes, a chaplain in the morgue, fearing for the unidentified man's soul, baptized him.
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**Humilis Wendelin Reis**

Born: October 21, 1845 - Muehlhausen, Baden, Germany  
Died: August 11, 1916 - Oldenburg, IN

Brother Humilis was born in, in 1845. He was invested in 1882 and was sent to Oldenburg, IN. Later he served in Emporia, KS, as cook and gardener. He spent a year at St. Clement, Cincinnati, as porter, and continued on in the same position for 4 years in Oldenburg. In 1892 he was in Streator, IL, and then in Kansas City, MO, at Our Lady of Sorrows. He died in Oldenburg in 1916 after serving 10 years there as maintenance man and gardener. Humilis spent 34 years in the Order.

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**Romedius Joseph Brunner**

Born: March 13, 1852 - Branzoll, Tyrol  
Died: August 12, 1936 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Romedius was born in Tyrol in 1853, and was invested in 1878 in Cincinnati. He worked on the railroad in the old country and spent a term soldiering in the Austrian Army. His religious life was spent mostly at the novitiate in St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as cook and gardener. Some of his other assignments were: St. George, Cincinnati; Oldenburg, IN; St. Francis Seraph and St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati; and 8 years at Metamora, IL, always as cook and gardener with an occasional stint as porter or sacristan. He died at St. Anthony in 1936 after 58 years in the Order.

**Casper David Gensler**

Born: July 11, 1941 - Metamora, IL  
Died: August 12, 1986 - Grand Canyon, AZ

Father Casper was professed in 1960 and ordained in 1968. His first assignment was to St. Patrick, Port Sulphur, LA. In 1973 he was named to the novitiate team in Oldenburg, IN, and became pastor of the parish in 1975. His last assignment was as pastor of Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, where he had to rebuild the church after a disastrous fire.
Casper died on vacation in the Grand Canyon. He had scheduled a trip to the Southwest, eventually planning to meet another friar in Colorado. An experienced camper and hiker back East, it would seem he did not realize the desert sun and the lack of shade could be lethal. Speculation is that he had left his car (which was discovered intact in the parking area) and wandered off. Most likely he became dehydrated. His body was discovered in knee-high scrub by park rangers not far from the trail, almost 2 months after he had disappeared. Nothing indicated any violence or foul play. He was in good physical condition and only 45 years old. Casper was a friar for 26 years.

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Appollinar Ignatius Hattler
Born: January 31, 1828 - Anras, Tyrol
Died: August 14, 1907 - Lienz, Tyrol

Father Appollinar was one of the Tyrolese missionaries. He was born in the Tyrol in 1828 and invested in 1847. He came to the United States in 1867 and first served as lector of theology and rector of the seminary in Cincinnati. After one year at St. John, Cincinnati, as superior and Lenten preacher, he was sent to St. Mary, Detroit, where he was superior, pastor and director of the Third Order, as well as lector of theology and master of clerics. In 1875 he returned to the Tyrol, having lived in the United States 8 years. He was discreet of the custody from 1870 to 1873. Appollinar died in the Tyrol in 1907.

Victor Julian Brewer
Born: January 12, 1867 - Friedheim, Prussia
Died: August 14, 1908 - Roswell, NM

Brother Victor was born in, in 1867. He was invested in 1892 and served at both St. Clement, Cincinnati, and Streator, IL, as porter and gardener. In 1900 he went to Chatham, Ontario, Canada, as gardener and porter, and in 1905 he went to Carlsbad, NM. Next he went to Roswell, NM, where he was porter and sacristan at St. Peter. He died there in 1908 after 16 years in the Order.

Meinrad Leonard Issler
Born: June 9, 1901 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: August 14, 1978 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Meinrad was from Cincinnati, born in 1901. He was invested in 1920 and ordained 8 years later. His first assignment was for 4 years in Minonk, IL, in charge of the twin parishes of Roanoke and Benson, IL. Next he served at Bloomington, IL, and then as administrator of St. Casimir Polish Parish in Streator, IL. He then spent 2 years each at St. Boniface, Louisville; Escanaba, MI; Peoria, IL; New Orleans, LA; and then 8 years in Kansas City, KS, as pastor of Holy Family Church. In 1948 he was in Wichita, KS, as associate pastor at St. Anthony. He then spent a year in Emporia, KS, as administrator of St. Catharine and Assumption, Reading, KS. He moved to St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor from 1956 to 1962, and as superior from 1960 to 1962. His longest assignment began in 1962, when he was assigned to Metamora, IL, in charge of the parish at St. Elizabeth.

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Washburn, IL. Semi-retired in 1975, he resided at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, until his death. A great golfer, he often said heaven could not be a golf course—he'd always get a hole in one. "Very boring."

Kilian Edward Huber

Born: June 17, 1933 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: August 14, 1996 - Houma, LA

Father Kilian was born in Cincinnati in 1933. After attending St. Francis Seminary he was professed in 1952 and ordained in 1960. He served in ministries in almost every corner of the province. Kilian served as associate pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville; St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans; Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI; Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS; St. Boniface, Peoria, IL; Our Lady of Good Harbor, Buras, LA; St. Theresa, Fr. Wayne, IN; the Pueblo missions at Laguna and Pena Blanca, NM; and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Galveston, TX. In 1983 he was certified for hospital chaplaincy and served in several hospitals while serving as administrator of St. Thomas Aquinas, Cincinnati. In 1987 he was named guardian of St. Boniface, Louisville, serving as associate pastor there and later in Escanaba, MI, Streator, IL and Columbus, OH. In 1993 he moved to Houma, LA, to serve as chaplain at Terrebone and Chabert Medical Centers. Throughout his 44 years as a friar, Kilian very willingly adapted to the changing circumstances in the province.

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Lucian Anthony Greene  
Born: October 1, 1894 - Marshall, MO  
Died: August 15, 1963 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Lucian was invested in 1919 and ordained in 1927. His first assignment was to Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI. In 1929 he was sent to Catholic University of America for higher studies. He taught at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, for 3 years, after which he went to St. Joseph, Louisville, as assistant pastor. In 1936 he was at Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor; he later served for short periods at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati; St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI; and St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, as pastor. He later taught at St. Francis Seraph College in Lafayette.

From 1944 to 1947 Lucian was pastor of O.L. of Perpetual Help in Kansas City, KS. He spent one year at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as teacher, then spent the next 3 years (1948 to 1951), at St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville. Poor health forced his retirement in 1951 to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, where he continued in a limited parochial capacity until 1956. He died after 44 years as a friar at the age of 68.

Alvin John Deem  
Born: April 17, 1913 - New Albany, IN  
Died: August 15, 1998 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father  

ROMUALD ALPHONSE MOLLAUN  
Born: September 26, 1894 - Oldenburg, IN  
Died: August 16, 1984 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Romuald was from Oldenburg, IN, born there in 1894. He was invested in 1913 and ordained in 1920. He was immediately sent to Catholic University for studies in theology and Scripture, wrote his dissertation on "The Temple Veil Symbolism in St. Paul." In 1923 he went to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as master of clerics and lector of philosophy. The next year, however, he began his long stay as teacher at Oldenburg, where he remained as lector, master of clerics, guardian and definitor until his election as provincial in 1945. During this time he was also chaplain to the sisters, and from 1937 to 1945 he taught psychology at Marian College, Indianapolis, IN.
After his term as provincial, which lasted from 1945 to 1951, Romuald served one term as custos from 1951 to 1954. He also became assistant pastor at St. George, Cincinnati, but in 1952 he returned to teaching at St. Francis Seraph College, Mishawaka, IN. Ten years later, he was spiritual director at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, then in 1963 became director of brothers at St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH. In 1964 he began his last assignment of nearly 20 years as retreat master, living at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. He died in 1984.

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Sebastian Albert Kersting

Born: May 11, 1863 - Helden, Westphalia, Germany
Died: August 17, 1925 - Kafr el Fayat, Egypt

Brother Sebastian was born in, in 1863. He became a friar in 1883 and first worked at Oldenburg, IN, and later in Bloomington, IL, as cook and porter. In 1887 he was in Hamilton, OH, at St. Stephen, and in 1895 he went to the Holy Land. Six years later he returned to work with Father Godfrey at the Washington Commissariat, where he was one of the original members of that community. In 1903 he returned to the Holy Land. He died in Egypt in 1925 after serving 42 years in the Order and 31 years in the service of the Holy Land.

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Edmund Marcellin Klein

Born: April 27, 1864 - Obernburg, Bavaria, Germany
Died: August 18, 1927 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Edmund was from Bavaria, Germany, where he was born in 1864. He was invested in Oldenburg, IN, in 1885 and ordained in 1892. He spent 2 years as teacher at the seminary, and in 1894 became pastor and superior of St. Mary, Metamora, IL. After 6 years as pastor and superior of Peoria, IL, he came to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, where he spent the rest of his life.

Edmund was guardian at St. Francis Seraph from 1903 to 1911 and from 1915 to 1920; pastor from 1903 to 1920; and provincial from 1921 to 1927. He had also been definitor for one term, 1912 to 1915. He died during the provincial chapter in 1927.
**Anthony Michael Jerome**  
**Born:**  July 8, 1880 - Philadelphia, PA  
**Died:**  August 18, 1963 - Cincinnati, OH  

Brother Anthony was born in Philadelphia, PA, in 1880. He entered the Order late in life in 1944. His first assignment was to Gymon, OK, for a year. He then spent one year each at St. Francis Seraph and St. George, Cincinnati. From 1949 to 1952 he was at St. Clement Friary, Cincinnati, then returned to St. Francis Seraph for the last 10 years of his life. Anthony remained a tertiary brother.

**Bonaventure William Kilfoyle**  
**Born:**  October 27, 1897 - Hamilton, OH  
**Died:**  August 18, 1965 - Louisville, KY  

Father Bonaventure was born in Hamilton, OH, in 1897. He was invested 20 years later and ordained in 1925. His first 5 years were spent at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS; Sacred Heart Peoria, IL; and St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI. For the next 4 years he served in Calumet, MI, in charge of the Keweenaw missions. From 1934 to 1936 he was assistant pastor at the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, MI; Buras, LA; and St. Joseph, Kansas City, MO, where he lived 8 years. After 2 years in Home Place, LA, he became chaplain of St. Joseph Orphanage, Louisville. In 1952 he went to El Dorado, AR, for 10 years as pastor of the Black parish. His last assignment was in 1962 to St. Boniface, Louisville, as confessor.

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**Benedict John Burger**  
**Born:**  January 1, 1841 - Bindersbach, Bavaria, Germany  
**Died:**  August 21, 1872 - Cincinnati, OH  

Brother Benedict was born in, in 1841. He was invested in 1865 and served as cook and gardener at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. In 1868 he went to St. John, Cincinnati as cook. In 1872 he transferred to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as *excurrens* to the newly formed parish of St. George as sacristan and cook. Benedict died that same year after 7 years in the Order.

**John de Deo Anthony Oldegeering**  
**Born:**  December 18, 1899 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: August 21, 1984 - Cincinnati, OH

Father John de Deo, one of the 4 Oldegeering brothers, was invested in 1918, he was ordained in 1926. His first assignment was to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as chaplain of the Hamilton County Home and Longview Hospital. From 1928 to 1930 he served on the faculty of Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, in charge of music. From 1930 to 1932 he was at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as instructor of Gregorian chant and director of music for the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, MI. In 1932 he went to Rome to study for a doctorate in music at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music.

Upon his return in 1935 John de Deo was sent to the novitiate as instructor in chant and liturgy, with additional regular classes for the clerics at Oldenburg, IN, the students at the Athenaeum of Ohio, the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and at St. Gregory Seminary, Cincinnati. From 1942 to 1945 he was organist at St. Monica Cathedral, Cincinnati. During this time he was also chaplain to the Glenmary Sisters and later to the Sisters of Mary Reparatrix. He lived at St. John, Cincinnati, from 1960 until 1975, when he moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. His last 3 years were spent at the Archbishop Leibold Home.

Fabian Charles Gerstle

Born: November 22, 1920 - Louisville, KY
Died: August 21, 1998 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Fabian

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Alfred Edward Hermann

Born: November 22, 1872 - St. Maergen, Germany
Died: August 23, 1961 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Alfred was invested in 1894 and ordained in 1901. His first assignment was to St. Mary, Kansas City, KS, for 2 years, after which he moved across town to St. Anthony as pastor. Three years later he was stationed at the seminary in Cincinnati as professor. He then served brief terms as assistant pastor 1909-1914 at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH; St. George, Cincinnati; and St. Anthony, Streator, IL. In 1914 he became pastor of St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, and 7 years later became pastor of St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN, where he built the "new" church. Two years later he returned to Cincinnati to serve the St. Anthony Messenger as editor and business manager from 1923 to 1929, and as business manager from 1929 until his death at age 88. During all these years he lived at St. Francis Seraph Friary, Cincinnati. Alfred was a friar for 67 years.
Augustine Roger Steele
Born: September 23, 1939 - Detroit, MI
Died: August 23, 1971 - Kichner, Ontario, Canada

Brother Gus was born in Detroit, in 1939. He was invested in 1962 and solemnly professed in 1969. He spent his early years in the formation program at Oldenburg, IN, and St. Leonard, Centerville, OH. He made his novitiate at Oldenburg. In 1968 he became the auto mechanic at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, a job he held until his death 3 years later.

Gregory George Diebold
Born: February 28, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: August 23, 1977 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gregory was from Cincinnati, born in 1914. He was invested in 1932 and ordained in 1941. He was first assigned to St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, as assistant pastor and teacher in Bishop Ward High School. Before beginning his career as popular missionary and retreat master, Gregory was assistant pastor in a number of parishes: Sacred Heart, Gallup, NM; St. Anthony, Wichita, KS; St. Boniface, Louisville; St. Louis, Batesville, IN; and St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. His missionary work began officially in 1952 and continued almost until his death. His last 13 years were spent mostly on sick leave at St. Francis Seraph, Santa Fe, NM; St. Clement, Cincinnati; and finally at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. Gregory was

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christened "Calmer" but had his name changed to "George" by the seminary rector.

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Florence Joseph Weiner
Born: April 16, 1904 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: August 24, 1939 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Florence was born in Cincinnati, in 1904 and was invested in 1923. After ordination in 1931, he was assigned as teacher of mathematics, history and commercial subjects at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. In 1934 he went to
Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as lector of philosophy. San Antonio, Rome, was his next assignment for higher studies in philosophy. Because of ill health he was forced to return to Cincinnati, where he died in 1939 after 8 years in the priesthood.

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**Conan John Taylor**

Born: October 22, 1919 - Lafayette, IN  
Died: August 25, 1997 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Conan was born in Lafayette, IN, in 1919 and was invested as a friar in 1936. After ordination in 1945, he began his career as a lifelong educator—a teacher of science at Roger Bacon and Bishop Luers high schools and president of St. Leonard College. A tough task master, he earned the nickname “Mad Dog” from his students at Bishop Luers. The recipient of numerous research grants from the National Science Foundation, Conan applied his energies to the study of lichens and publication of *Lichens of Ohio* parts I & II.

After a few years in parochial ministry in Galveston, TX, and Columbus, OH, Conan founded and directed the province’s Office for Senior Friars from 1987 until his full retirement in 1994. Even retirement was a busy time for Conan who visited the friars in nursing homes and went out almost every day for Mass. One of his confreres said Conan always wanted to keep busy and die with his boots on. He finally did at the age of 77 after 61 years as a friar.

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**Jordan John Telles**

Born: August 2, 1908 - Batesville, IN  
Died: August 26, 1986 - Calumet, MI

Father Jordan was born in Batesville, IN, in 1908. His first profession was in 1929 and his ordination in 1936. His first assignment was as teacher and director of athletics at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. In 1949 he moved to St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, as assistant pastor and teacher at Bishop Ward High School. In 1951 he began a 10-year term as pastor of the Keweenaw missions on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He also continued as high school teacher at Sacred Heart School, Calumet, MI. He built a log church, "Our Lady of the Pines," for the summer visitors at Copper Harbor, MI. He then had several brief assignments at Escanaba, MI, Cincinnati and Roanoke and Benson, IL. In 1975 he returned to the Upper Peninsula, first to Calumet and then to Dollar Bay, MI. He
died watching television after returning from his weekly visit to the friars at Sacred Heart, Calumet. He had been a priest for 50 years.

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Oswald Clement Bley

Born: November 8, 1873 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: August 27, 1947 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Oswald was born in Cincinnati, in 1873 and was invested in 1896. His first work was at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, before going to Hamilton, OH, for 6 years. In 1906 he was at St. Francis de Sales, Lincoln, NE, as cook and porter; in 1911 at St. Francis Seraph, Kansas City, MO. He also served at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, in the same capacity before going to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, for 8 years. Three years at Oldenburg, IN, followed. Finally he was stationed at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, from 1930 to 1947 as cook and then as porter. He died in 1947 after 51 years in the Order.

Sylvan Robert Becker

Born: February 27, 1908 - Covington, KY
Died: August 27, 1991 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Sylvan was born in Covington, KY, on February 27, 1908. He was received into the First Order in 1927, made his solemn profession at Duns Scotus in Southfield, MI, in 1931 and was ordained to the priesthood at Holy Family Church, Oldenburg, IN, in 1935. Following ordination he was assigned to St. Michaels Mission, St. Michaels, AZ, where he served for 2 years. He was named associate pastor at St. Joseph Church, Louisville, in 1937 and in 1938 was assigned to care for the mission churches of Benson and Roanoke, IL.

In July 1939 he became assistant pastor treasurer of the province and served in that position until he was appointed pastor of St. Francis Seraph Church in Cincinnati in 1945. In 1951 he was elected definitor of the province, and in July 1952 was assigned to St. Michael Church, Southfield, MI, serving as pastor for 6 years. In 1954 he was elected vicar provincial and in 1958 was named the first director of the Brothers School in Oldenburg, IN. On July 26, 1960, Sylvan was elected to the office of minister provincial. After completing his term, he returned to parish ministry as pastor of St. George Church in Cincinnati. In 1967 he was named visitor general for the Lithuanian Custody of St. Casimir.

Wanting to be more directly involved (through personal visits and contacts rather than administration) in the lives of his parishioners, he was assigned to St.
Clement Church in Cincinnati as associate pastor in 1972. In 1981, at the age of 73, his request to retire from full-time ministry was honored and, for health reasons, Sylvan moved to Archbishop Leibold Home in Cincinnati in 1986.

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Sylvan was a blessing to our province in many ways. He was always a gracious and gentle friar, always a tower of strength and support and goodness.

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Berthold Frank Harpring

Born: December 22, 1898 - Millhousen, IN
Died: August 28, 1957 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Berthold was from. He was born there in 1898 and was invested in 1918. After ordination he volunteered for China, where he spent 19 years. In 1931 he was rector at the school in Safang and assistant pastor editor of *Franciscans in China*. In 1937 Berthold was appointed superior regular of the missionaries. Although only a priest, Berthold was co-consecrator of Bishop Kowalski and was elected superior of the friars in Wuchang. He spent 1945 in a Japanese concentration camp and, a year later, he returned to the United States. His first assignment was to St. George, Cincinnati, as director of sisters' conferences and confessor. The mid-year chapter of 1947 appointed him director of vocations for the province. He later became a popular missionary. In 1956 he was sent to St. Francis Hospital as chaplain and director of the Kolping Society. He died at a Kolping Society picnic in 1957.

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Meinrad Severin Lienert

Born: January 11, 1861 - Einsiedein, Switzerland
Died: August 29, 1932 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Meinrad was born in, in 1861. He was invested in 1887 and worked at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as general maintenance man until 1899, when he was made subsyndic of the province, a position he held until 1910. He then moved to St. Anthony, Kansas City, MO, and then to Lafayette and Oldenburg, IN. In 1922 he returned to St. George, Cincinnati, where he was appointed treasurer of the St. *Anthony Messenger*. When the magazine's offices moved to St.
Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, he continued as treasurer. Meinrad remained a tertiary all his life, the better to administer financial matters. He died in 1932 after 45 years in the Order, all but 11 of which were spent at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati.

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Bernard Peter Kellner

Born: June 29, 1808 - Sagritz, Carinthia, Austria
Died: August 31, 1854 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Bernard was born in Carinthia, Austria, in 1808. Along with Brother Amadeus Koeck, he was one of the first 2 lay brothers to answer the plea of the Tyrolese friars in America. He taught catechism to the children of St. John, Cincinnati. He died at St. John in 1854 after 5 years in the missions.

Lawrence Anthony Peter

Born: July 5, 1860 - Chillicothe, OH
Died: August 31, 1880 - St. Bernard, OH

Friar Lawrence was born in, in 1860 and was invested in 1878 at St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH (the novitiate at that time). Two years later he died at St. Clement.

Bernard Augustine Nurre

Born: February 2, 1862 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: August 31, 1906 - St. Cloud, MN

Father Bernard was a native of Cincinnati, born there in 1862. He became a friar in 1878 and a priest in 1884. He taught at the seminary while yet a cleric. Immediately after ordination he was sent to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as chaplain of St. Aloysius Orphanage in Bond Hill and lector of philosophy for the clerics living at the friary. Two years later he was also made master of clerics and director of the Teaching Brothers from 1886 to 1890.

In 1891 Bernard went to Louisville, as lector of philosophy; 2 years later was appointed rector of the seminary in Cincinnati, serving from 1893 to 1900. He went to Oldenburg, IN, for 3 years as lector of theology and master of clerics, but returned to Cincinnati to serve again as seminary rector in 1903. He died in 1906. Bernard had been definitor of the province for 3 terms: 1897 to 1900; 1903 to
1906, and 1906 to 1909 when he died without completing his third term. He had lived 22 years as a priest, all of them spent in education, most of them as master of clerics. He died while conducting a priests' retreat in St. Cloud, MN.

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**Alphonse Henry Wilberding**

Born: April 5, 1885 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: August 31, 1966 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Alphonse, brother of Father Alexander Wilberding, was born in Cincinnati, in 1895. Invested in 1903, he was ordained in 1911. At first he was instructor at the old seminary and in charge of the 2 parishes of Shandon and Trenton, OH. He then spent 6 years (1918 to 1924) at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor. He served at Metamora, IL, as pastor from 1924 to 1933, with a brief interruption as pastor of Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL. He also served short terms as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO; Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS; St. Joseph, Escanaba, MI; and Roswell, NM. In 1938 he was at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor novice master, later guardian. He returned to Escanaba from 1942 to 1948, going from there to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as guardian and assistant pastor. From 1954 to 1963 he was assistant pastor chaplain of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, and assistant pastor at St. Boniface. His last assignment was as confessor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, from 1964 until his death in 1966.

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**Frederic Edward Hartung**

Born: February 29, 1871 - Geisleden, Prussia  
Died: September 1, 1942 - Roswell, NM

Father Frederic ("Fritz") was born in Geisleden, Prussia, in 1871. He became a member of the province in 1892 and a priest in 1899. His first assignment was as *excurrens* from Peoria, IL, to Pekin, IL, but in 1909 he went to Olpe, KS, as *excurrens*. In 1913 he returned to Peoria as hospital chaplain. He went back to Olpe in 1917, this time as superior and pastor. From 1924 to 1930, Frederic was in Roswell, NM, as assistant pastor and chaplain, and for 3 years served as *excurrens* to Artesia, NM. From 1931 to 1933, he was at Chinle, AZ, and from 1933 to 1939, he was at Santa Fe, NM, as assistant pastor and chaplain. In 1942
he died at St. Peter, in Roswell as chaplain of St. Mary Hospital. He spent 43 years in the priesthood, most of which were spent as a chaplain.

**Damian Albert Zahn**

**Born:** January 17, 1912 - New Albany, IN  
**Died:** September 1, 1970 - Kansas City, MO

Father Damian was born in 1912 in New Albany, IN. He was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1939. He taught 3 years at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, but moved on to St. Francis Seraph, Kansas City, MO, as assistant pastor. In 1945 he was at Batesville, IN, as assistant pastor, then at St. George, Cincinnati, first as assistant pastor and then as director of the Friars Club. During this time he began to work as a popular missionary, moving his residence to a number of places: St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati; Mishawaka, IN; St. Anthony, Streator, IL; to Friarhurst, Cincinnati, and back to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1961. The next year he was sent to St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, to direct spiritual conferences—"Franciscan Recordings"—phonograph records distributed to religious (mainly sisters) throughout the United States. This work was phased out shortly before he died in 1970.

**SEPTEMBER 2**

**Accurs Gaertner**

**Born:** September 26, 1805 - Teiterwang, Tyrol  
**Died:** September 2, 1850 - Cincinnati, OH

Born in the Tyrol in 1805, Father Accurs was invested in 1822 and ordained in 1828. He was the oldest and most experienced man the Tyrolese Province sent to the American mission. A man of constructive ability and energy as well as a canonist, Accurs inspired great hopes among the Tyrolese friars for the young mission. He was charged with arranging the construction of a regular residence for the friars and ensuring that all would be in order for the regular observance of Franciscan life. He was also to see that relations between the friars and the bishops were on a firm canonical basis. But Accurs died just 2 months after arriving in Cincinnati, in 1850, at a time when he was directing the building of the first St. Clement Church and Friary in St. Bernard, OH. His was the first death in the custody, a death which we may suppose set the work of the friars back considerably.

**SEPTEMBER 3**
Polycarp John VanMourik

Born: May 19, 1877 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 3, 1942 - Cincinnati, OH

Father "Van," as he wished to be called, was born in Cincinnati, in 1877, was invested in 1896, and was ordained in 1904. He served mostly as assistant pastor and excurrens in the Kansas and Illinois areas, but also at Lincoln, NE, and New Orleans, LA. In 1923 he was pastor at Garden Plain, KS, and later he was also pastor and superior at St. Edward, Carlsbad, NM. In 1939 Van became guardian of St. Clement, Cincinnati, and in 1942 became chaplain of the Little Sisters of the Poor from St. George, Cincinnati. He died in 1942 after 38 years in the priesthood.

Cletus Anthony Suttmann

Born: September 22, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 3, 1973 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Cletus was born in Cincinnati, in 1914. He was invested in 1932 and ordained in 1941. He began work at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as lector of cosmology, mathematics, chemistry and biology. Five years later he was assigned to reside at Mishawaka, IN, for studies at Notre Dame, but he returned to Duns Scotus in 1948. In addition to his teaching, he was chaplain to Marillac Hall, Detroit, from 1954 to 1960, in which year he was elected guardian of the friary. In 1966 he left teaching for parochial work; first as assistant pastor at St. Michael, Southfield, MI, and in 1972 at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, where he spent his last year on sick leave.

Silas George Lichtefeld

Born: May 12, 1876 - Louisville, KY  
Died: September 4, 1941 - Louisville, KY

Father Silas was from Louisville, where he was born in 1876. He became a friar in 1893 and a priest in 1900. Most of his active life was spent as assistant pastor and excurrens in Louisville; Kansas City, MO; and Minonk, IL. He was pastor of St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, from 1921 to 1933. After this he was pastor of St. Mary, Metamora, IL, for a year, then hospital chaplain in Kansas City, KS. He retired to St. Boniface, Louisville, in 1938. He died there in 1941 after 41 years in the priesthood. Silas was definitor from 1927 to 1930.
Lawrence Edward Long
Born: October 11, 1860 - Hamilton, OH  
Died: September 5, 1894 - Calumet, MI

Father Lawrence was born in Hamilton, OH, in 1869. He was invested in 1880 and ordained in 1886. His first assignment was to the seminary. A year later he served as *excurrens* and missionary in the Emporia, KS, area. He died in 1894 as pastor and superior of Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, just after his assignment there. Lawrence was a priest for 8 years.

Florian Charles Greve
Born: November 21, 1914 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 5, 1973 - Centerville, OH

Father Florian was born in Cincinnati, in 1914, invested in 1931 and ordained in 1940. His first assignment was as instructor at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati; during the 14 years he resided at St. Clement, St. George and St. John in Cincinnati, where he was also head of the Junior Kolping Society. In 1954 he was transferred to Friarhurst, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor director and member of the mission band, later moving to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, in the latter capacity. He became pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish in Louisville, in 1960, and moved to Hamilton, OH, as chaplain of the Correctional Institute at Lebanon in 1963. Three years later he moved to St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, still as chaplain at Lebanon. He died suddenly at the college.

Hilary Augustine Hoelscher
Born: October 14, 1857 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 6, 1922 - St. Bernard, OH

Born in Cincinnati, in 1857, Father Hilary was invested in 1875 and ordained in 1880. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Mary, Detroit. From there he moved to St. George, Cincinnati. He was pastor at Bloomington, IL, from 1884 to 1887. In 1888 he came back to Cincinnati as a teacher in the seminary. Then followed a period of pastorates in Calumet, MI; Lafayette, IN; and St.
Joseph, Louisville. In 1900 he returned as pastor to St. George, Cincinnati, then from 1913 to 1917 he was chaplain of the home for the elderly in Lafayette, IN. He retired to St. Clement, Cincinnati, in 1921 and died there in 1922 after 42 years in the priesthood.

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Ferdinand Ignatius Heinzmann

Born: February 21, 1849 - Boehmankirch, Wuertenburg, Germany
Died: September 7, 1894 - Oldenburg, IN

Father Ferdinand was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, in 1849 and was invested in 1867. He taught philosophy while still a cleric, and also taught at the branch preparatory seminary in Louisville. In 1871, the year of his ordination, he was assigned to the seminary in Cincinnati, and in 1875 to St. Mary, Detroit, as superior and pastor. From 1878 to 1883, he taught again at the seminary, and in 1885 returned to Louisville as lector of philosophy. His last assignment was to Oldenburg, IN, as assistant pastor, catechist, Third Order director and part-time excurrens to Batesville, IN. Ferdinand died in 1894 after 23 years in the priesthood.

Albert William Shea

Born: April 16, 1880 - Ishpeming, MI
Died: September 7, 1953 - Louisville, KY

Brother Albert was born in, in 1880. He entered the Order relatively late in life in 1926. First he was sent to Buras, LA, and then to Jemez, Peña Blanca and Cuba, NM, in the Southwest missions. After his novitiate in 1934, Albert spent the next 10 years at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as maintenance man. In 1944 he went to Oldenburg, IN, for a year, after which he was sent to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, for 4 years as sacristan. He died in 1953 while serving as maintenance man at St. Boniface, Louisville.

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Antonellus Albert James

Born: January 22, 1906 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: September 8, 1960 - Louisville, KY
Father Antonellus was born in Cincinnati, in 1906. He was invested in 1924 and ordained in 1932, spending his first year of ordination at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as a student of sacred eloquence. For a few months in 1933 he was assistant pastor at Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS, then went to St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he lived while teaching at Roger Bacon High School. At the June chapter of 1941 he was transferred to St. Boniface, Louisville, then for a short time served at Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL. He moved later that year to Metamora, IL, which served as his base as a popular missioner. In 1944 he went back to St. Boniface in Louisville to continue as a missioner. In 1960 he became pastor of St. Peter Claver, Louisville, but died 3 months later.

Edwin Joseph Auweiler

Born: July 16, 1881 - Bonn, Germany
Died: September 8, 1970 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Edwin was from Bonn, Germany. He was born in 1881 and invested at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, in 1901. His first assignment after ordination in 1909 was at the old seminary as instructor, chaplain to La Sallette Academy in Covington, KY, and in care of the churches in Shandon and Trenton, OH. From 1912 to 1914 he was in Higginsville, MO, with charge of the several out-missions, after which he went to St. Michaels, AZ.

In 1914 Edwin went to Washington, DC, to the Catholic University, where he received his doctorate with a dissertation on Friar Jordan of Giano. In 1920 he was made assistant pastor at Escanaba, MI, and then at St. George, Cincinnati. His scholarship called him to Quarrachi (later replaced by Grottaferrata) to work among the Franciscan editors in the critical editing of the early writers of the Order. He himself worked mostly on Alexander of Hales. Returning to the United States, he was on sick leave at Oldenburg, IN, but went back to Washington from 1932 to 1935 to teach history. After this, he became the librarian at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and historian of the province.

On the pastoral side, Edwin spent 3 years as pastor of San Antonio, Cincinnati, an assignment that ended in sick leave at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, from 1939 to 1945. In 1949 he began his long tenure at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. However, that same year he was called to Paris to minister to the German-speaking population (mostly deportees). Back in the province,
Miguel Arsenio Baca

Born: April 16, 1927 - Santa Fe, NM  
Died: September 8, 1997 - Santa Fe, NM

Father Mike (Miguel) was born in Santa Fe and invested as a friar in 1944. Ordained in 1953, Mike began a constantly evolving ministry which started in parishes in Cuba, NM, Peoria, IL, and Wichita, KS. In 1956 he began teaching at St. Francis Seminary and Roger Bacon High School. Then, following a brief stint as director of Friarhurst Retreat Center, he returned to parochial ministry in Wichita, San Fidel, NM, and the Cathedral at Santa Fe (for 10 years).

Mike’s struggles with addictions to alcohol and medications resulted in his ministry to alcoholics in Louisville, KY, Chinle, AZ, and Santa Fe. A motorcycle accident near Santa Fe in 1991 affected his already deteriorating health and lead to his retirement. The struggle finally ended when Mike was 70 years old and had lived as a friar for 53 years.

Agnellus Herman Lammert

Born: March 2, 1900 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 10, 1952 - Old Laguna, NM

Father Agnellus was born in Cincinnati, in 1900, invested in 1919, and ordained in 1927. After ordination he was assigned to St. Joseph, Louisville, as assistant pastor. In 1932 he transferred to San Fidel, NM, as excurrens to Acoma and Laguna, NM. While there he rebuilt and restored the old Indian mission church at Laguna. He also built mission-style churches at several other Indian settlements. Agnellus was in poor health and died in 1952 in his silver jubilee year. He is buried beside the church in Laguna—a real tribute from the Laguna people.

Peter Francis Scherer

Born: May 19, 1872 - Abenheim, Germany  
Died: September 11, 1957 - Cincinnati, OH
Brother Peter entered the Order at age 77 after being widowed. His entire Franciscan career was spent at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as general handyman and keeper of the grounds and gardens. He died at the age of 85.

**Victorian Joseph Ostmeyer**

Born: September 4, 1907 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 11, 1970 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Victorian, younger brother of Father Athanasius Ostmeyer, was from Cincinnati. He was born in 1907, invested in 1926, and ordained in 1935. His first 4 years were spent as assistant pastor at St. George, Cincinnati, and the next 10 years at St. Joseph, Louisville. He went to St. John, Cincinnati, as pastor in 1948, and transferred in 1954 to become pastor of Batesville, IN. From 1960 to 1966 he was in Metamora, IL, as pastor, and in 1966 he moved to St. Mary, Bloomington, IL, as pastor and superior. His last assignment was as pastor of San Antonio, Cincinnati, which lasted only a few months, since he died shortly after his arrival.

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**Benvenute Gerard Anneken**

Born: April 15, 1882 - Friesoythe, Oldenburg, Germany  
Died: September 12, 1922 - Cincinnati, OH  

Brother Benvenute was invested in 1904 and was first missioned to Peoria, IL. He later served as cook and porter in Emporia, KS; Oldenburg, IN, and Lafayette, IL. In 1922 he died at St. Francis Seraph in Cincinnati, after 18 years as a brother.

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**Remigius Francis Hauenstein**

Born: March 5, 1874 - Hinterkleebach, Bavaria, Germany  
Died: September 13, 1916 - Roswell, NM  

Father Remigius was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1874. He was invested in 1895 and ordained in 1903. His first assignment was as lector of the humanities to the clerics at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, but 2 years later he became lector of philosophy and master of clerics at St. Boniface, Louisville, from 1905 to 1911.
He retired for reasons of ill health; first to Emporia, KS, then to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, and lastly to Roswell, NM, where he died in 1916 after 13 years in the priesthood.

**Joachim Joseph Markus**

Born: August 8, 1883 - St. Louis, MO  
Died: September 13, 1953 - Lafayette, IN

Father Joachim became a friar in 1905 and a priest in 1913. After ordination he was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and later was made chaplain at Longview Hospital and the Hamilton County Home, also in Cincinnati. In 1922 Joachim went as pastor and superior to Higginsville, MO, and in 1925 he became the first pastor of Buras, LA. Next he served as hospital chaplain in Lafayette, IN. From 1937 to 1943, he was pastor and guardian of St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati.

In 1947 Joachim returned to Louisiana as chaplain at Holy Angels Academy, New Orleans. At the same time he was in charge of "The Project," a government housing settlement with some 700 families, most of whom were Catholics. In 1951 he served for one year as assistant pastor chaplain at Mishawaka, IN, before becoming assistant pastor chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital, Lafayette, where he died in 1953 after 40 years in the priesthood.

**SEPTEMBER 14**

**Richard John Wurth**

Born: August 13, 1869 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 14, 1945 - Louisville, KY

Father Richard entered the Order in 1887 and was ordained in 1894. He first served as assistant pastor at St. George in Cincinnati; 3 years later, in 1897, he became pastor and superior of St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. After this he went to St. Boniface, Louisville, as pastor in 1907, and to St. John, Cincinnati, in 1912. While at St. John he began the famous Passion Play as a living prayer for the soldiers in World War I. In 1920 Richard became pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, and guardian there from 1924 to 1929, and again in 1933. After short stays at St. George and St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, he went to Louisville in 1937 as chaplain of St. Joseph Orphanage, where he died in 1945, after 45 years in the priesthood. Richard was definitior of the province from 1915 to 1918.
Thomas Joseph Blomstrom

Born: March 4, 1912 - Escanaba, MI
Died: September 14, 1962 - Fort Carson, CO

Father Thomas was born in Escanaba, MI, in 1912. He was invested 17 years later and was ordained in 1937. From 1937 until 1944 he was at Christ the King, Shiprock, NM, as assistant pastor and then as pastor and superior. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Army in 1944. Mustered out in 1947, he went to St. Michaels, AZ, until recalled to Fort Ord, CA, as chaplain. He returned to active Army duty in 1953 and died 9 years later.

Regis Lawrence Mehn

Born: September 7, 1917 - Napoleon, IN
Died: September 14, 1968 - Lafayette, IN

Father Regis was invested in 1934 and ordained 9 years later and sent to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor. A few years later he went to St. Boniface, Louisville, as assistant pastor, and then to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. From 1954 to 1963 he was stationed at St. Clement, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor, chaplain and instructor at Our Lady of the Angels High School. Some years later he served as instructor at Regina and Roger Bacon high schools. Regis served 2 terms as guardian at St. Clement (1957 to 1963), after which he was transferred to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as guardian from 1963 to 1966. His last assignment was to St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor.

Samuel Gervase Goldwater

Born: May 17, 1918 - Detroit, MI
Died: September 14, 1979 - Metamora, IL

Father Sam was born to a Jewish-Catholic family. At his investiture in 1940 he was given the name "Gervase" but, some years later, returned to his baptismal name. Ordained in 1949, his first assignment was to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor from 1949 to 1955. He then went to New Orleans, LA, as assistant pastor and as chaplain/instructor at the Academy of the Holy Angels. Recalled to Cincinnati, he was made the first Franciscan administrator of the previously Dominican parish, St. Thomas Aquinas. From 1960 to 1966 he served as pastor of St. George in Cincinnati. After this assignment he was stationed at Oldenburg, IN,
as guardian and chaplain to the sisters and assistant in their formation. His last assignment was as pastor to St. Joseph, Roanoke, IL, from 1975 to 1979. Sam died at age 61 after 39 years as a friar.

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Brice James Mulroy

Born: August 18, 1922 - Reading, OH  
Died: September 15, 1986 - Cebu City, Philippines  

Father Brice, though born in Reading, OH, in 1922, grew up in Lancaster, OH. He was simply professed in 1941 and ordained in 1949. His first assignment was to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as instructor in physics and algebra. Seven years later, Brice was among the first to volunteer for the just-opened missions in the Philippines. There he became the first director of the Franciscan College of the Immaculate Conception from 1956 to 1971. Besides giving retreats and teaching, he directed the building of the friary in Cebu City and established a kind of supply depot for the missions on Biliran Island. Brice was regular superior for the friars from 1958 to 1961 and a member of several archdiocesan boards. He died very unexpectedly after lunch and a swim. He was 64 years old.

SEPTEMBER 16

Paul William Manning

Born: December 12, 1887 - Rhodelia, KY  
Died: September 16, 1939 - Roswell, NM  

Father Paul came from Rodelia, KY, where he was born in 1887. He entered the Order in 1908 and was ordained in 1916. He spent his first years as assistant pastor in at St. Boniface in Louisville, and then in Chatham, Ontario, Canada; Calumet, MI; and Peoria, IL. In 1922 he was chaplain for 3 years at Longview Hospital, Cincinnati. Because of poor health he was sent to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, in 1925, and in 1927 returned to Peoria. In 1934 he went to Roswell, NM, again on the sick list. He died there in 1939 after 23 years in the priesthood. Paul did quite a bit of translating German fiction, which was published in the *St. Anthony Messenger*.

Nicholas Joseph Bissmeyer
Born: March 14, 1884 - Louisville, KY
Died: September 16, 1942 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Nicholas was from Louisville, where he was born in 1884. He was invested in 1902 and ordained in 1910. His first assignment was to St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario, Canada. In 1921 he was assistant pastor at St. Patrick, Minonk, IL, and had charge of Benson and Roanoke, IL. In 1929 he was at Streator, IL, for 2 years, after which he became chaplain of the public hospital in Louisville in 1933. After being assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and St. Francis Seraph, Kansas City, MO, he spent 3 years at St. George, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor. He died as assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1942 after 32 years in the priesthood.

SEPTEMBER 17

Benno Joseph Lampe

Born: October 237, 1875 - Borringhausen, Oldenburg, Germany
Died: September 17, 1938 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Benno was born in, in 1875. He entered the Order 20 years later in 1895 and was immediately sent to Oldenburg, IN. From 1900 to 1910 he was in Calumet, MI, and from 1910 to 1938 he was porter at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, where he died in 1938 after 43 years in the Order. His hobby was keeping the friary gardens in good shape.

SEPTEMBER 20

John Capistran Anthony Heitmann

Born: December 2, 1859 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: September 20, 1933 - Hamilton, OH

Father John Capistran, born in Cincinnati, in 1859, was invested in 1876 and ordained in 1882. His first assignment was as excurrens from Hamilton, OH, to New London (later named Shandon), OH. Next he was sent to St. George, Cincinnati, and then to Louisville, and Batesville, IN, as pastor and superior. In 1895 he became pastor of St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, and 4 years later became chaplain of the sisters in Oldenburg, IN, from 1899 to 1903. His later life was spent as hospital chaplain in Lafayette, IN; Louisville; Kansas City, KS; and Hamilton, OH, where he worked from 1920 to 1933. He died in 1933 after 51 years in the priesthood. Capistran was definitor from 1903 to 1906.
Corman John Mullen

Born: March 9, 1928 - Gary, IN
Died: September 20, 1981 - Peoria, IL

Father Corman was from Gary, IN, born in 1928. Invested in 1946, he was ordained in 1955. His first assignment (with residence at St. Clement, Cincinnati) was as chaplain to the Ursuline Sisters at Oak Street and instructor in English at Roger Bacon High School. In 1967 he went for further studies to Oxford University, England. Upon his return he went to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as lector, vice-prefect of studies and president of the college. In 1974 he returned to Cincinnati, first to Friarhurst and then to St. George, heading the provincial peace and justice office. In 1977 he went to St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, as co-pastor. In 1979 he moved to Metamora, IL, as chaplain to the alcoholic unit at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, IL. He died of cancer at the hospital. He was a "part-term" definitor, filling out Brother Christopher Hett's term in 1970.

SEPTEMBER 21

Fidelis Lawrence Albrecht

Born: November 15, 1907 - Pekin, IL
Died: September 21, 1973 - Kansas City, MO

Father Fidelis, brother of Father Aloysius Albrecht, was born in Pekin, IL, in 1907. Invested in 1927, he was ordained in 1935, after which he spent one year each at Wichita, KS; San Fidel and Roswell, NM; and St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. In 1940 he went to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, and 3 years later to St. Boniface, Louisville.

In 1946 Fidelis went to San Angelo, TX, in charge of San Jose, NM. While there he became acquainted with the Spanish lay movement, "Cursillo." After conducting several Cursillos in Spanish he desired to conduct them in English "back East." Accordingly he trained priests and laity at St. John, Cincinnati, during 1962. The next year he was sent back to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, as director of Spanish and English Cursillos as well as preacher of Spanish missions. He died in 1973 while talking on the telephone to another Cursillo member.

Leander Eugene Blumlein

Born: November 22, 1922 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: September 21, 1981 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Leander was from Corryville, Cincinnati. He was born in 1922 and invested in 1940. Upon ordination in 1949 he was sent to Roger Bacon, High School, Cincinnati. A year later he was at Notre Dame University furthering his English literature background, after which he transferred to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, where he remained from 1951 to 1969. While at Duns Scotus he was lector, vice-prefect of studies, and president of the college from 1962 to 1969.

In 1969 he studied at Cambridge University, England, and upon his return to the United States he again went to Duns Scotus as Third Order director, director of novices and substitute president in 1974. He returned to Cambridge University in 1976 and continued on to Grottaferrata, Italy, to assist with English translations and further his study of Franciscan sources. He returned to the United States in 1978 and was asked to be chaplain and instructor at St. Francis Seraph College, Ft. Wayne, IN. After a severe heart attack he came to live at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, in 1981, as instructor at Chatfield College. At the doctor's orders he jogged daily and died on the seminary property doing so. His death was most ironic: He was totally unfit for "athletics" (his own term) as a result of childhood polio.

SEPTEMBER 23

Aloys Robert Schweitzer

Born: February 22, 1912 - Louisville, KY
Died: September 23, 1974 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Aloys was born in Louisville, in 1912, invested at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, in 1930 and ordained in 1938. He spent most of his 36 priestly years in the parochial ministry. His first assignment was at Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, where he was also chaplain of the Good Shepherd Home and the Peoria State Hospital at Bartonville, IL. He entered the military in 1944, becoming a member of the "Timberwolf" Division. He was mustered out 2 years later and made superior and pastor of St. Mary, Bloomington, IL. Eight years later (1954) he went to St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, and in 1957 he was transferred as pastor to St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH. In 1963 he was at St. John, Cincinnati, where he became involved in the inner-city mission work and the Cursillo movement. He died suddenly in 1974.

SEPTEMBER 26

Amadeus Charles Morath
Born: October 1, 1860 - Altschweier, Baden, Germany  
Died: September 26, 1929 - Roswell, NM  

Brother Amadeus, brother of Roch Morath, was born in, in 1860. He was invested in 1881 and began his religious life at St. Clement, Cincinnati, as cook and subsyndic. Later he spent several years at St. Patrick, Minonk, IL; St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati; and St. Mary, Metamora, IL. In 1903 he returned to Cincinnati; first to St. Bonaventure, and then to St. George as cook. In 1929 he moved to Lafayette, IN, for retirement. Later he was sent to recuperate in Roswell, NM, and died at the hospital there in 1929 after 48 years in the Order.

Antonine Bernard Brockhuis  
Born: September 24, 1876 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 26, 1941 - Escanaba, MI  

Father Antonine was born in 1876 Cincinnati, where he was raised at the St. Aloysius Orphanage along with Father Urban Freundt. He was invested in 1895. Following his ordination in 1901, he taught at the seminary until 1909. He founded the Friars Club while assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. In 1912 he went to St. George, Cincinnati, as pastor, continuing there until 1939. During this time he was superior and later guardian, and built the present friary. While at St. George, he earned the nickname “The Pope of Coreyville.” In 1939 he was moved to Batesville, IN, as pastor and superior, but in 1940 went to Escanaba, MI, as assistant pastor and chaplain at the hospital. In 1941 he died in Escanaba after 40 years in the priesthood.

Gerard Herbert Geier  
Born: December 27, 1908 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 26, 1984 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Gerard was born in Cincinnati, in 1908. He was ordained in 1933 having been invested in 1926. Except for his 2 years in the Navy, he spent his entire priestly life in the Southwest, beginning with 2 years in San Fidel, NM, followed by 4 years at Parkview, AZ. From 1939 until 1944 he was pastor of Lumberton, AZ, until he entered the Navy. After leaving the military chaplaincy in 1946 he became pastor of St. Theresa at Grants, NM. Eleven years later he went to St. John, Roswell, NM, as assistant pastor. He did spend a brief time as pastor of Benson and Roanoke, IL, but returned.

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West to become pastor of Aztec, NM. He was also at Gallup, Farmington and Bloomfield, NM, where he was pastor and superior. In late 1979 he was hospitalized because of bad eyesight. He then retired first to Bloomfield and later to the cathedral of Santa Fe, NM, assisting as far as he was able. He died in Cincinnati, where he had come for a niece's wedding.

**SEPTEMBER 27**

**Juvenal Francis Schnorbus**

Born: February 2, 1862 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 27, 1912 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Juvenal was born in Cincinnati, in 1862. He became a Franciscan in 1879 and a priest in 1885. His first assignment in 1885 was to the seminary. In 1891 he was made chaplain for the brothers of the Mt. Alverno School for Boys, Cincinnati. In 1898 he was chosen as superior of the little band that went to the Navajo Indian reservation. Upon returning East, he was chaplain of St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati, and chaplain again of the brothers at Mt. Alverno. In 1903 he returned as pastor at Jemez, NM, and later to Roswell, NM, as *excurrens* to Carlsbad, NM, where he built the church. He spent his last years as guardian of St. Anthony, Cincinnati, from 1908 to 1912. He died after 27 years in the priesthood.

**Herman Joseph Henry Hummeldorf**

Born: September 21, 1847 - Salzbergen, Hanover, Germany  
Died: September 27, 1925 - Escanaba, MI  

Brother Herman Joseph was born in, in 1847. He entered the Order in 1881 and began his work at Oldenburg, IN. He went from there to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, as cook and cellarer. After assignments to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati; St. Joseph, Hamilton, OH; and Streator, IL, he went to Escanaba, MI, for 35 years, where he served as cook, porter and sacristan from 1890 until 1925. Herman Joseph died in 1925 after 44 years as a friar.

**Donald Joseph Birkenheuer**

Born: January 21, 1909 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: September 27, 1971 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Donald was born in Cincinnati, in 1909. He was invested in 1931 and ordained in 1940. He spent most of his priestly life in parochial and chaplain
ministry, starting at San Fidel, NM, from 1940 to 1945, in charge of the Hispanic missions. In 1945 he was named pastor of St. Mary Church, Maydale, KS, which was followed by 2 assignments as associate pastor at Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL (1948), and St. Francis, Gallup, NM (1951). In 1954 he began a 6-year pastorate at Hartford, KS. In 1961 he moved to hospital chaplaincy at St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati. Transferred to St. Boniface, Louisville, he was confronted with a serious illness which, in turn, prompted his assignment in 1971 to St. Bonaventure in Cincinnati, where he died.

SEPTEMBER 27

**William Anthony Faber**

Born: March 7, 1902 - Minonk, IL  
Died: September 27, 1977 - Centerville, OH

Father William was from the former Polish parish adjacent to St. Patrick, Minonk, IL. Born in 1902, he was invested in 1920 and ordained in 1928. His first assignment was as instructor at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, and chaplain to the Madames of the Sacred Heart in Clifton, Cincinnati. In 1931, after studying library science at the University of Michigan, he was made librarian and instructor at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, and assistant pastor at the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, MI. In 1939 he went from Duns Scotus to Oldenburg, IN, as librarian, but shortly thereafter volunteered for the military service, mustering out as a major in 1945. He served in the European theatre in the World War II and was decorated numerous times, receiving the combat infantry badge, 4 bronze battle stars and the distinguished service unity plaque.

After the military his first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he became pastor upon the death of Father Odo Kempker in 1949. He moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as definitor and director of the mission band. Moving later to Friarhurst and then to St. Anthony, both in Cincinnati, he became guardian there in 1960. He went to St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, as guardian, but 3 years later returned to Friarhurst. In 1972 he returned to St. Leonard College as librarian and died there 5 years later.

**Herbert Joseph Effler - OLG**

Born: May 3, 1916 - St. Bernard, OH  
Died: September 27, 1994 - Albuquerque, NM

**Pius Robert Winter - OLG**
Conradin William Stark

Born: May 4, 1907 - Kansas City, KS  
Died: September 27, 1999 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Conradin was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1938. The majority of his Franciscan life was spent in parochial ministry. About half was in New Mexico--San Fidel, Santa Fe Cathedral, Clovis, Roswell, Peña Blanca and Gallup. The other half in his native Missouri/Kansas area--Emporia, Garden Plain, Kansas City and Wichita. In addition, he spent 2 years (1952-53 and 1976-77) as retreat master at Friarhurst, Cincinnati. Conradin was a builder and an artful wood carver. The support beams, tabernacle and great doors of the mission church at Acomita are the result of his artistry. His largest construction project was the parish plant at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Clovis, NM. In addition, he was largely responsible for the construction of the grade school, high school and convent at Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish in Gallup, NM. In 1988 Conradin retired to St. Helen, Portales, NM; but failing health brought him to St. Clement, Cincinnati, in 1992. The following year complications of Alzheimer’s Disease required his moving to the St. Clare Retirement Center. Conradin died at 92 years old after 69 years as a friar.

Juvenal Alphonse Berens

Born: March 5, 1893 - Covington, KY  
Died: September 28, 1965 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Juvenal was invested in 1913. He was ordained in 1920 and given his first assignment to St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH, as assistant pastor, later being appointed as popular missioner from 1924 to 1927. Still at St. Clement, he was sent to Xavier University to prepare to become the first principal of the newly established Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati. He was at Roger Bacon 12 years, serving also as guardian of St. Clement from 1928 to 1934. In 1940 he went for an 11-year stay at St. George, Cincinnati, as pastor, with terms as guardian and definitor. In 1951 he went to St. Mary Hospital, Bloomington, IL, as chaplain and editor of the "Wise Man's Corner" in the St. Anthony Messenger. After brief periods as pastor of Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, and Oldenburg, IN, he
began 4 years at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as assistant pastor and chaplain to the Bernardin Sisters. It was his last assignment before retiring to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, as chaplain to the Mt. Alverno Institute. Juvenal was ordained for 45 years.

**Silas Edmund Oleksinski**

Born: October 21, 1923 - Conover, WI  
Died: September 28, 1995 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Silas was born in Conover, WI, on October 21, 1923, and made his first vows in 1949. He was ordained in 1957 and served in parochial ministry in Texas, Ohio, New Mexico, Louisiana, Kentucky and Illinois. His pastoral work included preaching parish missions, giving workshops for parish councils and religious staff members and youth and adult education programs. While at St. Peter, Roswell, NM, Silas served on the high school staff as teacher and athletic director. In the early 1960's at St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, he espoused hands-on work for the racial integration of the school and neighborhood. In addition, Silas served as the Order’s *Economos* for a number of years at the General Curia in Rome.

In 1991, at the age of 69, Silas wrote to the Minister General of his willingness to serve in re-establishing the Church in the Commonwealth of Independent States (former Soviet Union), but his health was such that he was never able to leave for Russia. Silas died in Cincinnati at the age of 71.

**Juvenal Joseph Buerger**

Born: May 30, 1853 - Wuennenberg, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: September 29, 1874 - St. Bernard, ON  

Friar Juvenal was born in, in 1853 and entered the Order in 1873. He was simply professed in 1874 and died just a month later at St. Clement Friary.

**Bennet Edward Rothan**

Born: June 3, 1912 - Cheviot, OH  
Died: September 29, 1993 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Bennet was born in 1912 in Cheviot, OH. After graduating from St. Francis Seminary he made vows in the First Order in 1930 and was ordained a
priest in 1938. Following ordination, he worked for 4 years at Sonora, TX, and on the Navajo Reservation. Then Bennet served for 21 years on the faculties of Roger Bacon (where he composed the *Roger Bacon Alma Mater*), Regina, Our Lady of Angels and St. Francis Seminary high schools in Cincinnati. From 1957 to 1988 Bennet served in parochial ministry at St. Francis Seraph and San Antonio, Cincinnati; Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI; St. Joseph, Louisville; St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, and Duns Scotus Chapel, Southfield, MI. After 50 years of gentle and loving service, he retired from full-time ministry in 1988. Bennet died at St. Francis-St. George Hospital, Cincinnati, at the age of 81.

**SEPTEMBER 30**

**Berard James Haile**

Born: June 1, 1874 - Canton, OH  
Died: September 30, 1961 - Santa Fe, NM

Father Berard was born in Canton, OH, in 1872. He was in the first full class invested at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, in 1891. Seven years later (1898) he was ordained at Oldenburg, IN. His first assignment was to St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, where he functioned for a few months in 1900 as pastor. Later that year he went to St. Michaels, AZ, and almost immediately began what was to be his life's work: studying the Navajo Indians, their language and their culture. In 1908 he was at Zuni, NM, and in 1915, at Lukachukai, AZ, where he built the church and residence. Gradually, the out-missions at Redwork, Wheatfields, Tschilicanjon, Greasewood Springs, Totso, Round Bac and Red Point Rock, all in AZ, were added. The mid-year chapter of 1928 transferred him to Santa Fe, NM.

In 1929 Berard enrolled at the Catholic University of America and later in the School of Anthropology and Ethnology, in Vienna, Austria. However, he did not go. Instead he went to Chinle, AZ, for field work in anthropology with scientists from the University of Chicago. In 1930 he was elected definitor, with residence at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, for study. In 1932, however, he returned to the Southwest, residing at Sacred Heart, Gallup, NM, and for a few years at Acoma, NM. In 1938 he transferred to St. Michaels, AZ, where he was stationed until his death 23 years later. Berard received a Doctor of Letters degree from St. Bonaventure University. He published many books and articles and left many unpublished manuscripts, mostly scientific, on the Navajo.

**OCTOBER 3**
Anthony Joseph Kroger

Born: October 7, 1891 - Cold Spring, KY
Died: October 3, 1959 - Gallup, NM

Father Anthony, elder brother of Vincent Kroger, became a friar in 1912 and a priest in 1919. His first assignment kept him in the East for a few months as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville. But he soon went West, where he spent the rest of his life, beginning with Peña Blanca, NM, in late 1919. He also served at Jemez, Zuni, and Gallup, all in New Mexico. In addition he served in the parishes of Sacred Heart, Gallup; Santa Fe Cathedral, Santa Fe; St. Peter, Roswell and Farmington, NM. His last assignment was 10 years as assistant pastor at the cathedral at Gallup. He died just shy of his 68th birthday after 47 years as a friar.

Pax Raymond Schicker

Born: November 10, 1907 - Louisville, KY
Died: October 3, 1965 - Santa Fe, NM

Father Pax was invested in 1926 and ordained in 1933. He was immediately sent to the Southwest and given charge of the missions out of Blanco, NM. Shortly thereafter he went to the cathedral in Santa Fe as assistant pastor. When the Diocese of Gallup was created in 1939, Pax became the first chancellor and, in 1956, rector of the cathedral. In 1963 he moved to Clovis, NM, as pastor and superior at Sacred Heart Parish, where he died 2 years later. He was 57 years old and had been a friar for 39 years.

Anthony Herman Kroell

Born: October 31, 1903 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: October 3, 1989 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Anthony received the Franciscan habit in 1930 and was ordained in 1938. His years of parochial ministry took him to almost every state in which the province served. At age 46 Tony volunteered to join an international “emergency Franciscan mission group” for parochial work in Japan where he spent 4 months setting up a parish outside Tokyo. On his return to the U.S. Tony continued parochial work until his retirement in 1981. Because of failing health, he moved to Franciscan Terrace, Cincinnati, where he died just before his 86th birthday after 59 years as a friar.
OCTOBER 4

**Ubald Anthony Webersinke**

Born: May 13, 1837 - Katern, Tyrol  
Died: October 4, 1909 - Lafayette, IN

Father Ubald, one of the original Tyrolese friars to come to Cincinnati, was invested in 1856 and ordained in 1860, leaving the very next year for America. He was first assigned to the faculty at St. Francis Gymnasium. In 1866 Ubald became master of novices but relinquished this position for that of master of clerics in 1868. All during this time he was lector of theology. From 1872 to 1878 he was rector of the seminary and guardian of St. Francis Seraph. From 1868 to 1878 he was also pastor of the parish. In 1879 he moved to Louisville, as guardian and pastor. There Ubald was also director of the German Third Order and a member of the bishop's Council. He returned to Cincinnati again in 1892 as superior and pastor of St. Clement and 6 years later he moved to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as superior and pastor before going to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as guardian. He spent his last years as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, where he died after 53 years in the Order. He was 72 years old.

Ubald was a discreet of the custody from 1868 to 1870 and from 1882 to 1885; he was custos from 1873 to 1879 and vicar from 1891 to 1894. Ubald helped influence the Holy See to relax the rules regarding the use of money by the friars in America.

**Laurian Albert Rausch**

Born: October 13, 1925 - Lafayette, IN  
Died: October 4, 1984 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Laurian was invested in 1943 and ordained in 1952. His first assignment was to live at St. George, Cincinnati, and work as teacher of physics and mathematics at Roger Bacon High School. Ten years later he transferred to St. Clement, Cincinnati, while remaining at Roger Bacon, becoming business manager and continuing as teacher. In 1965 he became principal of Roger Bacon; then in 1972 he was named rector of St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati. From 1976 to 1979 Laurian was Director of Candidates at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. He returned to the seminary (after it had closed as a seminary and become St. Francis Seraph Center) as guardian and coordinator of vocation efforts. Laurian retired on sick leave in 1983 and died one year later at nearly 59 years old. He served as definitor for one term during his 41 years as a friar.
OCTOBER 5

Placid Herbert Doyle

Born: January 26, 1888 - Catham, Ontario, Canada
Died: October 5, 1918 - Vauclaire, France

Father Placid, cousin of the younger priest of the same name, was invested in 1907 and ordained in 1915. After serving a year at the seminary he was assigned to his home parish in Chatham, which he left to become an Army chaplain during the First World War. He died of illness in France just before the armistice in 1918, after 11 years in the Order. Placid was 30 years old.

OCTOBER 6

Francis Jerome Aloysius Holzer

Born: June 6, 1823 - Mutters, Tyrol
Died: October 6, 1874 - Innsbruck, Tyrol

Father Francis Jerome was invested in 1840 and ordained in 1846. He came to the United States in 1859 and became the first master of novices and the first master of clerics of the custody in 1860. Francis Jerome also taught philosophy and theology. He was the first disciplinarian of the seminary in 1864 and was also pastor of St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He returned to the Tyrol in 1865 and died at age 51. Francis Jerome gave 7 years to the American custody during his 34 years as a friar.

Aloys Francis Siebert

Born: November 11, 1861 - Putzig, Prussia
Died: October 6, 1886 - St. Bernard, OH

Brother Aloys was invested in 1881 and served for 5 years at St. Clement Friary, St. Bernard, OH, where he died at age 24 having remained a tertiary brother.

Timothy Philip Dolan

Born: July 22, 1875 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: October 6, 1895 - St. Bernard, OH
Friar Timothy was invested in 1894 and died of pneumonia at age 20, a few months after his simple profession in 1895.

Leo Lawrence Pfeiffer

Born: September 22, 1909 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: October 6, 1983 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Leo was invested in 1929 and ordained in 1938. His first 12 years of ministry were spent at Immaculate Conception, Cuba, NM—first in charge of the outlying missions and then as superior and pastor. In 1951 he moved to Gallup, NM, as guardian and assistant pastor; then in 1957 he went to Jemez, NM, as superior of the mission. From 1963 to 1966 Leo was pastor at St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN, and later at St. Patrick, Minonk, IL. In 1969 he was named temporary chaplain at St. Mary Hospital in Streator, IL, where he stayed several years. He retired to St. Francis Center, Cincinnati, dying at age 74 after a long and painful illness. Leo was a friar for 54 years.

OCTOBER 6

Justin Bernard Hangbers

Born: August 2, 1920 - Cheviot, OH  
Died: October 6, 1985 - Peoria, IL

Brother Justin entered the First Order in 1949. He began his ministry as porter at St. George, Cincinnati, and then served at St. Boniface, Louisville, from 1955 to 1958. He moved to St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, to be in charge of the laundry which he had a large part in designing. From 1963 to 1972 he was back in Louisville. He spent the next 11 years at St. Clement, St. Bernard, OH, and in 1963 he was assigned to the friary at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL. He suffered with emphysema but died of heart failure at the age of 65. Justin was a friar for 38 years.

OCTOBER 7

Francis Xavier Charles Gaugel

Born: January 8, 1852 - Leipstaetten, Baden, Germany  
Died: October 7, 1879 - St. Bernard, OH
Father Francis Xavier was invested at Oldenburg, IN, in 1871 and ordained in 1874. His first assignment was as director of the sodality at St. Boniface, Louisville. The following year he taught church history and theology at the house of theology at Oldenburg. From 1877 to 1878 he was at St. Clement, Cincinnati, as master of clerics, lector of philosophy and guardian. In 1879 he was assigned novice master but died the same year at age 27. Francis was a friar for 8 years.

**OCTOBER 8**

**Bartholomew Joseph Weiss**

Born: May 28, 1854 - Dimpfl, Bavaria, Germany  
Died: October 8, 1906 - Lafayette, IN

Father Bartholomew became a friar in 1880 and was ordained 6 years later. He was first assigned to the Kansas missions at Olpe, Eagle Creek and Reading. In 1898 he was named pastor and superior at Batesville, IN, for 5 years and then became chaplain of St. Anthony Home, Lafayette, IN, in 1903. He died in this work at age 52 having lived 26 years as a friar.

**Cornelius Joseph Fennen**

Born: February 10, 1859 - Boesel, Oldenburg, Germany  
Died: October 8, 1924 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Cornelius was invested in 1887 and ordained in 1895. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Anthony, Streator, IL, before he was transferred to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. Cornelius later served as assistant pastor at Sacred Heart and St. Boniface, Peoria, IL; St. Clement, Cincinnati; and St. Mary, Bloomington, IL. In 1907 he moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, where he remained for 24 years. During this time he was chaplain to the School Sisters of Notre Dame of Covington, KY, and librarian of the friary. He died after 37 years in the Order at age 65.

**John Berchmans Aloys Wuest**

Born: March 26, 1899 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: October 8, 1976 - Louisville, KY

Father "J.B." was invested in 1917 and ordained in 1925 after which he was sent to Rome for doctoral studies on St. Bernardin of Sienna at the Antonianum.
Upon returning to the U.S. in 1928 he was appointed lector of Church history and patrology and assistant pastor at Oldenburg, IN. When the simplex program (ordination after 3 years of theology) was inaugurated at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, he was brought there to teach and remained there until 1942, having been secretary of the province from 1935 to 1939 and editor of *The Provincial Chronicle*. He returned to Oldenburg in 1942 as lector but continued as editor of the *Chronicle*. After Oldenburg he went to Bloomington, IL, as chaplain and instructor at St. Joseph Hospital. The following year he was called to Rome as the private secretary of the Minister General, Valentine Schaar, but returned in 1947 after Father Valentine’s untimely death.

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J.B. became the director of the Academy of American Franciscan History in Washington, DC, until he returned to Italy from 1957-58, this time to Quaracchi as president of the college and director of the press. Upon his return to the United States he taught 3 years at St. Francis College, Ft. Wayne, IN. Adding to his experiences he spent 3 more years at Mercy Hospital in Hamilton, OH, as chaplain. In 1965 he became the last Franciscan chaplain to the Catholic Orphanage in Louisville, retiring in 1972 he retired to St. Boniface where he died 4 years later after 59 years in the Order. He was 77 years old. J.B. collected materials relating to our province from the general archives of the Order and the archives of St. Leopold Province (our mother province in Austria) publishing much of it in *The Provincial Chronicle*. His work forms the basis of our knowledge of the early history of the province.

**OCTOBER 9**

**Louis Bernard Haverbeck**

Born: October 21, 1841 - Notteln, Westphalia, Germany  
Died: October 9, 1934 - Oldenburg, IN

Father Louis was invested in 1861 and ordained in 1864. He was ordained at a younger age than usual due to his frail health, but he lived to be almost 93 years old. During his 73 years as a friar, he served in nearly every ministry possible. He was Provincial Minister (1900 to 1903), custos of the province, and discreet of the custody. He was novice master and cleric master. He taught at the minor seminary and was lector of philosophy and theology. He was a simple friar as well as guardian and vicar. He was also pastor, assistant pastor, *excurrens* and the founder of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, IN. He held the positions of rector of the
seminary, prefect of studies, librarian and was senior of the province from 1917 until 1934.

He had been appointed by Pope Leo XIII as the first English-speaking definitor in 1897, declining because of old age; Peter Baptist Englert was selected instead. Louis died in Oldenburg where he had spent so many years of his life. No one but God knows how much coffee he drank.

Emil Albert Brum

Born: June 2, 1899 - Batesville, IN
Died: October 9, 1942 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Emil was invested in 1918 and ordained in 1926. His first assignment was as lector of philosophy at Louisville. In 1928 he became a charter member of the faculty of Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, teaching Latin and chemistry. At the same time he served as master of clerics and their lector of philosophy at St. Clement, Cincinnati. Emil spent 1929 at Catholic University, Washington, DC, before moving to the newly opened Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as lector of philosophy. In 1936 he was named guardian and rector of St. Francis Seminary where he died at the age of 43. Emil was a friar for 24 years.

OCTOBER 9

Francis Joseph Darpel

Born: January 28, 1895 - Covington, KY
Died: October 9, 1950 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Francis, the brother of Regis Darpel, was invested as a tertiary in 1933 and went to the Sonora, TX, as cook. A few months after arriving he was transferred to Zuni, NM. In 1940 Francis began cooking at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. Despite being a hunchback and nearly deaf, Francis was an edification and inspiration to all. The story is told that he did turn off his hearing aid when the guardian tried to tell him what to do. He died at St. Anthony at age 55 after 17 years in the Order during which time he remained a tertiary.

Alexander Edward Wilberding

Born: September 4, 1881 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: October 9, 1958 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Alexander, brother of Alphonse Wilberding, was invested in 1898 and ordained in 1906. His first assignment was to St. Joseph, Louisville, as assistant pastor. In 1911 he became pastor and superior of St. Joseph. His next assignments were as pastor and superior at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, and then guardian and lector of pastoral theology at Oldenburg. A few years later he joined the mission band and, in 1932, he became commissary of the Third Order for a year. Alexander moved to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, where he was guardian, lector for the junior fathers and founder of St. Michael Parish. He moved from this pastorate to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. He was later at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, and Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS, as pastor, and then returned to St. Boniface on the mission band. In 1958 he was named assistant director of Friarhurst, Cincinnati, where he died after an auto accident in front of the building itself. Alexander was 77 years old and had lived 60 years as a friar.

OCTOBER 10

Francis Solanus James Schaefer

Born: March 6, 1863 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: October 10, 1934 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Francis Solanus was invested in 1880 and ordained in 1887. His first assignment was to Lafayette, IN, with charge of the missions at Reynolds, Francisville and Medaryville. In 1891 he moved to St. Clement, Cincinnati, as lector of philosophy and master of clerics. Three years later he went to Louisville, as lector and master. Then he spent the next 6 years (1897 to 1903) at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, as pastor and superior. Solanus was secretary of the Apostolic Delegate to Canada from 1901 to 1903. Later he served as pastor at Batesville, IN; Hamilton, OH; Lafayette, IN; and Peoria, IL. In 1915 Solanus retired to Streator, IL, only to be named assistant pastor at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, the following year and, in 1918, pastor of St. Clement, Cincinnati. His last years were spent at the protectory at Mt. Alverno, Cincinnati, where he was chaplain from 1921. He died at age 71 after living 54 years as a friar.

Giles Clyde Hukenbeck

Born: December 10, 1902 - Louisville, KY
Died: October 10, 1974 - Louisville, KY

Father Giles, brother of Juniper Hukenbeck, was invested in 1920 and ordained in 1928. His first assignment was to St. Michaels, AZ. In 1932 he was sent to Gallup, NM, as assistant pastor. He served twice at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS—once in 1935 and again from 1937 to 1959, with 2 years at Peña Blanca, NM, in between. In 1959 he went to Albuquerque, NM, as assistant pastor, but moved
to Cerrillos, NM, for the next 10 years as the first chaplain to the state penitentiary and also as pastor and assistant pastor at times. His last assignment was to St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe, where he was assistant pastor the last 4 years of his life. Like his brother, Juniper, Giles was an artist. He died after 54 years as a friar at the age of 71.

OCTOBER 11

Charles Joseph Schoeppner

Born: December 27, 1852 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: October 11, 1932 - Emporia, KS

Father Charles was invested in 1870 and ordained in 1875. He was first stationed at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as administrator of the parishes in Middletown and Trenton, OH. In 1880 he served as *excurrens* from Hamburg to St. Maurice, IN, where he built the church. His longest assignment was 18 years as pastor and superior of St. Boniface, Wichita, KS; during his pastorate the name was changed to St. Anthony after the completion of the present church building. In 1914 he was made guardian of St. Anthony, Cincinnati, before becoming pastor at Metamora, IL; Jemez, NM; and Lourdes, IL. His last years were spent in Emporia, KS. Charles died in after 62 years in the Order at age 79. He was responsible to a great extent for the development of the seminary’s province museum, since dispersed.

OCTOBER 12

Agnellus Joseph Rom

Born: December 18, 1869 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: October 12, 1918 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Agnellus, the uncle of the younger Agnellus Rom, was invested in 1886 and ordained in 1893. His first assignment was to teach at the *gymnasium*. He then became *excurrens* from Emporia to Reading, Eureka and Hamilton, KS. After serving as hospital chaplain in Kansas City, KS, he became pastor and superior of Sacred Heart, Emporia, and later of St. Francis, Kansas City, MO. He left there for another teaching stint at the seminary and, later, was assistant pastor at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. He spent 32 of his 48 years as a friar.

Emmeran Emilian Geschwind
Brother Emmeran was invested as a tertiary in 1900 and entered the First Order in 1905. He worked for relatively short times at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS; Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO; Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS; St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario, Canada. He served longer assignments St. Anthony, Streator, IL; St. Boniface, Louisville; and St. John, Cincinnati. Emmeran was a cook and sacristan. In Louisville he was also instructor of the younger men, both tertiaries and candidates for the First Order. The last few years of his life were lived in semi-retirement at St. John, Cincinnati where he died in his 55th year as a Franciscan. Emmeran was 72 years old.

Martin John Bauer

Born: November 20, 1844 - Forst, Bavaria, Germany
Died: October 13, 1891 - Oldenburg, IN

Father Martin was invested in 1873 and ordained in 1877. He served as assistant pastor at Batesville, IN, and, for 8 years, at Sacred Heart, Detroit. Then he served as excurrens from Bloomington to Farmer City, IL. After a time as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville, Martin retired to Hamilton, OH. He died at Oldenburg, IN, at age 47 after 18 years as a friar.

Dennis Casper Engelhard

Born: January 19, 1871 - Detroit, MI
Died: October 13, 1941 - Southfield, MI

Father Dennis was invested in 1888 and ordained in 1895. He first taught at the seminary but, in 1898, became the first member of the province to study abroad at the Antonianum, Rome. Upon his return to the United States, Dennis served as lector, master of clerics and rector of the seminary for 2 years. In 1909 he moved to St. George, Cincinnati, as editor of the Der Sendbote (the original Messenger of the Sacred Heart). While there he was chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor (1913 to 1923) and also superior of the friary (1919 to 1923). He was a definitor of the province from 1921 to 1924. When the Der Sendbote offices moved to St. Francis Seraph in 1924, Dennis moved with them. He was Third Order commissary from 1924 to 1928 and master of clerics during the same period. From 1929 to 1940 he was pastor of San Antonio, Cincinnati, OH, with residence at St. Francis Seraph. He relinquished the editorship of the Der
Sendbote in 1940 and retired to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, where he died at age 70. He complained that Duns Scotus was too quiet; he could not sleep without the constant clanging of streetcars and the noise of Over-the-Rhine in Cincinnati. Dennis was a friar for 53 years.

**Gerold Edward Roell**

Born: May 24, 1884 - Lawrenceburg, IN  
Died: October 13, 1965 - Dubuque, IA

Brother Gerold was invested as a tertiary in 1907 and entered the First Order in 1911. He soon showed signs of mental breakdown and moved to St. Joseph Retreat, Dearborn, MI, in 1913 but later was transferred to St. Joseph Sanitarium, Dubuque, IA, where he died after 58 years in the Order at age 81.

**DEC. 14**

**Julian Raymond Hartig**

Born: June 8, 1900 - Chicago, IL  
Died: October 14, 1987 - Albuquerque, NM

Father Julian was professed in 1919 and ordained in 1926. His first assignment was as assistant pastor in Beeville, TX, and then in Higginsville, MO. From 1929 to 1936 he was in China, serving the local missions in the Hupeh area. Upon his return to the United States he was made pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Wichita, KS, for one year. Then followed a series of assignments as pastor or assistant in Clovis, Roswell, Peña Blanca and Gallup, NM. From 1951 to 1954 he was pastor of St. Joseph, Cerillos, NM, and for 4 years was assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville. He was granted an indult by the General Definitorium to live outside a religious house for reasons of poor health and died at age 87 after 68 years as a friar.

**DEC. 16**

**Ludger Aloysius Oldegeering**

Born: May 10, 1889 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: October 16, 1948 - Peoria, IL

Father Ludger had 3 brothers in the province: Firmin, John de Deo and Norbert Oldegeering. Ludger was invested in 1907 and ordained in 1915. He was
first assigned as assistant pastor at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, but soon transferred to the mission at Chinle, AZ. In 1924 he became pastor at Farmington, NM. A period of hospital chaplaincy at Louisville interrupted his stay in the Southwest; but in 1928 he returned to Fort Defiance, Tohatchi and Manuelito, NM. In 1935 he was made pastor and superior of St. John, Cincinnati, where he remained until 1942. From 1942 to 1948 he was pastor and superior at St. Joseph, Louisville. Ludger died as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, after 41 years in the Order. He was 59 years old.

Felix Andrew Marsinko

Born: June 11, 1896 - Sand Coulee, MT  
Died: October 16, 1979 - Albuquerque, NM

Father Felix was invested in 1914 and ordained in 1922. He spent most of his priesthood in the Southwest, beginning in Gallup, NM, as assistant pastor with care of the outlying missions. He went to Beeville, TX, from 1924 to 1926 and then to Jemez, Laguna and Gallup, NM. In 1931 he moved to Emporia, KS, where he was pastor of St. Catherine and then of Assumption Parish in Reading, KS. In 1941 Felix was sent to Kansas City, MO, as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Later he returned to Gallup as hospital chaplain. Beginning in 1950 he was superior for 6 years at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, and in charge of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for 10 years. Elected guardian of St. Francis, Santa Fe, NM, he served one term (1960-63) before serving at St. Francis, Gallup, as assistant pastor until he retired to Albuquerque, NM, where he died the following year at age 83. Felix was a friar for 65 years.

Elvan Maximilian Rhomberg

Born: December 19, 1907 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: October 16, 1984 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Elvan was invested in 1925 and ordained in 1932. His first assignment was to St. Mary, Bloomington, IL. He spent a year each at St. Francis, Gallup, NM; St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati; and the cathedral in Santa Fe, NM. in 1938 he became assistant pastor at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, going from there to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, and then to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as parochial assistant. In 1945 Elvan entered the military and remained in the Army until poor health forced his retirement in 1963. He was appointed chaplain of St. Mary Hospital, Cincinnati, and was the last
Cyril Joseph Hammond

Born: June 24, 1896 - Louisville, KY
Died: October 17, 1972 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Cyril was invested in 1925 and remained a tertiary for the 47 years of his Franciscan life. His first assignment was as laundryman and refectorian at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. He later cooked at Oldenburg, IN. In 1929 he was transferred from St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he had been sacristan, to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, and then to Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, as cook. He also served in this capacity at St. Francis, Gallup, NM. In 1944 Cyril was assigned to Monticello, UT, and then to San Fidel, NM. He then went East to be porter at St. Francis Seminary, Cincinnati, and St. Boniface, Louisville. From 1963 to 1969 he was again in the Southwest at San Fidel and Jemez, NM, returning to St. Boniface, Louisville, in 1969. He died at age 76 shortly after being transferred to Franciscan Terrace, Cincinnati.

Myron Henry Uhl - OLG

Born: November 26, 1919 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: October 17, 1990 - Santa Fe, NM

Bentivol Joseph Specht

Born: November 14, 1878 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: October 19, 1931 - Kansas City, MO

Brother Bentivol was born in Cincinnati, in 1878 and became a friar in 1901. He was first stationed at Oldenburg, IN, and later at St. Patrick, Minonk, IL. He worked at Lincoln, NE, and at Higginsville, MO. In 1920 he was sent to Our Lady
of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, where he died in 1931. Bentivol served as cook, porter, sacristan and maintenance man in his several assignments.

**Samuel Donald Hermes**

*Born: October 11, 1927 - Escanaba, MI*
*Died: October 19, 1984 - Cincinnati, OH*

Father Sam entered the Order in 1948 and was ordained in 1957. His first assignment was to St. Mary, Metamora, IL. He volunteered for the Philippine missions and was sent there in 1959, immediately beginning language studies and acculturation at the Franciscan College Baybay, Leyte. He was assistant pastor at Holy Rosary, Naval, but returned to Immaculate Conception College as procurator and teacher at the high school. After nearly a year of home leave and mission preaching, he returned to the missions in 1966. He went to Kawayan, Leyte, but later returned to Holy Rosary Parish at Naval as assistant pastor. Once again he was sent back to Kawayan as superior and pastor. In 1972 he came to the United States as chapter delegate for the Philippine missions and as a preacher for the Franciscan Missionary Union. He returned to the Philippines for one last time, but within 2 years he returned to the United States because of ill health. He died at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, at age 57 shortly after his return. Sam was 57 years old.

**Barnabas Conrad Meyer**

*Born: June 7, 1875 - Cincinnati, OH*
*Died: October 20, 1965 - Santa Fe, NM*

Father Barnabas was invested in 1893 and ordained in 1900. Except for his first assignment as *excurrens* from Emporia to Reading, Council Grove and Parkersville, KS, his life was spent in the Southwest. For the first 15 of those years he was pastor and superior at Jemez, NM, where he built the school. After 2 years in Lumberton, NM, he returned to Jemez, where he built a stable and workshop. He had 2 more assignments to Jemez, 1934-36 and 1942-47. From 1927-34 he was also rector of St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe, NM, where he returned in 1952 and retired in 1963. Barnabas was definitor for one term beginning, 1927 to 1930, and gave 72 years of his life to the Order before his death at age 90.

**Raphael August Weisenbach**
Father Raphael became a friar in 1922 and was ordained in 1930. His first 12 years as a priest were spent at Jemez, NM–first as assistant pastor and in charge of the out-missions, then as superior and assistant pastor at the pueblo itself. In 1942 he began a military career which really never ended; after retirement from active duty because of age, he remained an auxiliary chaplain. He served one term as guardian at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, from 1946 to 1948. He was active at the Roswell, NM, Air Base, in Europe and during the Korean conflict. Among other military posts, he was stationed at Coral Gables, FL; Syracuse, NY; and Marian, IN, remaining there as auxiliary chaplain at Grissom Air Base. He retired on sick leave in 1974 to St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, where he died after 52 years as a friar. Raphael was 75 years old.

**Kenneth Robert Robertson - OLG**

Born: May 28, 1915 - Brackenridge, PA  
Died: October 20, 1996 - Albuquerque, NM

**Gregory Joseph Fangmann**

Born: July 16, 1846 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: October 21, 1912 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Gregory was invested in 1863 as one of the first 4 "Americans" to enter the custody. He taught at the seminary while still a cleric and was ordained in 1869 after which he continued teaching. Later he moved to Lafayette, IN, as assistant pastor at St. Boniface. In 1872 he was made excurrens from Oldenburg to Hamburg, IN. From 1876 to 1879 he served as pastor and superior of St. Clement, Cincinnati. In 1880 Gregory was pastor of St. Mary, Detroit, but the next year he went to St. John, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor and later as superior and pastor. From 1897 to 1908 he was pastor or assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville; St. Joseph, Peoria, IL; and St. George and St. Clement, Cincinnati. In 1908 he was named chaplain of the Boys’ Protectory on Bank Street, Cincinnati. Gregory died at age 66 after 49 years as a friar.

**Clarence Edward Tittel**

Born: April 2, 1905 - Aurora, IN
Died: October 21, 1990 - Louisville, KY

Father Clarence professed first vows in 1926 and was ordained in 1935. He studied for a year at the Antonianum in Rome. After a very brief time as assistant pastor in Hamilton, OH, he sailed for China, where he spent 4 years as missionary and procurator. Returning to the United States in 1941, he was assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kansas City, KS, and taught at Ward High School in Kansas City. In 1943 he became chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Cincinnati and then was sent to St. Patrick Church in Port Sulphur, LA. In 1944 he moved to the Keweenaw Missions of Upper Michigan, where he remained for 7 years. Clarence began Our Lady of the Pines in Copper Harbor and remodeled the churches at Mohawk, Phoenix and Gay. He then became pastor of Holy Family Church in Kansas City, MO, and 7 years later pastor of Our Lady of Good Harbor, Buras, LA. Clarence served 6 years as pastor of St. Patrick, Minonk, IL. Then he returned to St. Patrick, Port Sulphur, for one year, and in 1967 was named chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville, remaining there until 1976. He retired in 1981 because of a progressive arthritic condition. He died at 85 years of age after 63 years as a friar.

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David John Fekete

Born: March 13, 1873 - Nagy Varad, Hungary
Died: October 22, 1952 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother David had been a married man before entering the Order as a 59 year old widower in 1932. He spent his entire religious life at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, where he served as carpenter, cobbler and general maintenance man. David died at age 79, a tertiary for 20 years.

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Felix Joseph Bruening

Born: March 8, 1862 - Ahaus, Westphalia, Germany
Died: October 24, 1931 - Santa Fe, NM

Brother Felix became a Franciscan in 1896. After working in Oldenburg, IN; St. Anthony and St. Clement, Cincinnati; and St. Boniface, Louisville, he went to the Southwest where he primarily worked at Peña Blanca, NM, and St. Michaels, AZ. Felix was a carpenter and general maintenance man around the missions. He died after 35 years as a Franciscan at age 69.
Constantine Louis Schaaf  
Born: May 26, 1876 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: October 24, 1945 - Kansas City, MO

Father Constantine, brother of Valentine, was invested in 1894 and ordained in 1901. After serving as assistant at St. John, Cincinnati; St. Boniface, Louisville; St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS; and St. Louis, Batesville, IN, he became the first of our friars to enter the ministry to Blacks in 1906 by establishing St. Peter Claver Parish, Louisville. He worked there until 1922 when he moved to St. Monica, Kansas City, MO. He left St. Monica in 1936 to become chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Cincinnati. Later he served in Home Place and Happy Jack, LA. His last assignment was to Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, as assistant pastor and chaplain. Constantine died at age 69 after 51 years in the Order.

William (Antonine) Scheetz  
Born: November 29, 1925 - Plymouth, IN  
Died: October 24, 1990 - Metamora, IL

Father William, while an elementary school student at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, met three boys who would be his classmates through ordination—Laurian Rausch, Max Lannert and Stanley Bir. William was invested as Antonine in 1943 and ordained in 1952. He spent 20 years after his ordination at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati as instructor and dean of students. In 1972 he became superior and assistant pastor of St. Anthony, Streator, IL, for 5 years. He was assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church, Calumet, MI, for one year and chaplain at St. George Hospital, Cincinnati, for a year. He then served as pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Washburn, IL, for 8 years and spent his last 3 years as pastor of St. Joseph, Roanoke, IL, and St. John, Benson, IL. He died at the age of 64 after 47 years as a friar.

Lucius Louis Krenzler  
Born: September 14, 1863 - Aurora, IN  
Died: October 25, 1889 - Oldenburg, IN
Friar Lucius was invested in 1882 and solemnly professed in 1886. He died while a cleric at the house of theology. Lucius was 26 years old and had been a friar for 7 years.

**Didacus Vigil Eder**

- Born: May 30, 1837 - Sarnthein, Tyrol
- Died: October 25, 1903 - Louisville, KY

Brother Didacus came to the U.S. as a layman in 1867 and was invested for the Tyrolese Province later that same year. He served as cook, cellarer, porter, sacristan and gardener in Hamilton, OH, and Louisville, for lengthy periods of time, and for shorter periods at St. Francis Seraph, St. Clement, and St. John, Cincinnati. He died at St. Boniface, Louisville, at age 66 after 36 years as a Franciscan.

**Sylvester Joseph Espelage**

- Born: March 24, 1877 - Cincinnati, OH
- Died: October 25, 1940 - Wuchang, China

Bishop Sylvester, brother of Bernard Espelage (Bishop of Gallup, NM), was invested in 1892 and ordained in 1900. His first assignment was excurrens from Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS, and then assistant pastor at St. George, Cincinnati. In 1905 he went to China, the first from our province and the first of a concentrated American effort in that mission field. In 1925 he was appointed Prefect Apostolic of the Wuchang area, Vicar Apostolic in 1930, and was consecrated bishop of Corea in Cincinnati later in 1930. He founded the St. Joseph Good Works Society, a congregation of native sisters. Sylvester died and was buried in Wuchang at the age of 63. He was a friar for 48 years.

**Aegid (Giles) Francis Imbach**

- Born: April 28, 1859 - Lucern Switzerland
- Died: October 25, 1940 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Aegid was invested as a member of the Teaching Brothers in 1879. In 1888 he entered the First Order and taught at St. Mary, Detroit, and
St. John and St. George, Cincinnati. After he retired from teaching in 1920, he became cook at St. George Friary. In 1939 he was retired to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, where he died after 61 years as a Franciscan. He was 81 years old.

**Benignus John Holzmeister**

Born: November 29, 1856 - Krombach, Germany  
Died: October 25, 1942 - Detroit, MI

Brother Benignus entered the Order late in life in 1919 and spent his active religious life as tailor at Oldenburg, IN. He retired in 1941 to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, where he died at age 85 after 23 years as a Franciscan. He remained a tertiary throughout his years as a friar.

**Patrick John Sullivan**

Born: June 24, 1868 - Hancock, MI  
Died: October 25, 1944 - Oldenburg, IN

Brother Patrick entered the Order after having served as janitor and maintenance man in the Michigan missions. Except for the year of novitiate at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, all his religious life was spent at Oldenburg, IN, where he was handyman and had charge of the boilers. Patrick died very suddenly among his boilers and coal after giving 15 of his 76 years to living the Franciscan life.

**Flavian George Larbes**

Born: September 1, 1872 - Richmond, IN  
Died: October 26, 1925 - Lafayette, IN

Father Flavian became a friar in 1893 and a priest in 1900. He taught briefly at the seminary before several assignments as assistant pastor–Escanaba, MI; St. Boniface, Louisville; and St. George, Cincinnati. In 1908 he took up residence at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as a popular missioner, a ministry in which he was engaged until his death. In 1924 he was appointed guardian of the St. Anthony Novitiate. Flavian was a poet and dramatist. *St. Joan of Arc, The Piper of Hamlin* and *Fabiola* are a few of his works. He also published *The Franciscan Way of the Cross* which is still used in many churches. Flavian was definitor of the province from 1915 to 1918 and custos from 1918 to 1921. He had been a friar for 32 years when he died at age 53.
Felician Bernard Sandford

Born: June 12, 1885 - Louisville, KY
Died: October 26, 1964 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Felician entered the Order in 1904 and was ordained in 1912. His first 10 years of ministry were spent in the Southwest at Lumberton and Farmington, NM, in charge of the out-missions, many of which he helped Archbishop Daeger build. In 1922 Felician was assigned to Minonk, IL, with the out-missions of Benson and Roanoke, then to St. George in Cincinnati. In 1927 he was elected the first guardian of Sacred Heart Cathedral Friary, Gallup, NM. Three years later he moved to St. Boniface, Louisville to serve the parish at Peewee Valley. Then he was assigned to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. In 1936 Felician went to St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, but soon was reassigned to Cincinnati as excurrens from St. Francis Seraph. He was at Sacred Heart, Olpe, KS, from 1939 until 1948, and then was chaplain at St. Margaret Hospital, Kansas City, KS, for 10 years. He died while assistant at the Friars Club at the age of 79. Felician was a friar for 60 years.

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John Joseph Charles Meister

Born: July 16, 1903 - Batesville, IN
Died: October 27, 1974 - Louisville, KY

Father John Joseph was invested in 1921 and ordained in 1929 with his first assignment to Our Lady of Good Harbor at Buras, LA. He remained there until 1935 when he moved to Hartford, KS, as pastor of St. Mary Parish. Later he was assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville, and St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. From 1944 to 1948 he was pastor and superior at Sacred Heart, San Angelo, TX. Next he was pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Gallup, NM, before returning as pastor to St. Boniface, Louisville, from 1951 to 1957. From 1957 to 1960 he was pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, then became the last pastor of St. Joseph of Nazareth (the Hungarian national parish) in Cincinnati. His last pastorate was St. Thomas Aquinas, Cincinnati. He retired to St. Boniface, Louisville, a victim of diabetic complications. John Joseph died at age 71 after 51 years as a friar.

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Alfred Edward Pimple

Born: March 27, 1911 - Olpe, KS
Died: October 27, 1983 - Olpe, KS
Father Alfred was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1938. He was sent immediately to China to work in the missions in and around Wuchang, learning the language and customs of the Chinese. He was also editor of the magazine *Franciscans in China*. From 1943 until 1945 he was imprisoned in a concentration camp near Shanghai. Upon release, he stayed at Hwang-shih-kang as pastor of St. Joseph mission. Upon returning to the province in 1948, he was sent for 3 years to Kansas City, MO, as assistant pastor at St. Francis Parish. Louisiana was his next field of operation, first at St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, and then at St. Patrick, Port Sulphur. Alfred was pastor and superior of St. Mary, Hartford, KS, from 1960 to 1969 and then served as assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Wichita, KS, where he later became pastor and superior from 1974 to 1980. He moved to Garden Plain in 1980 as assistant pastor and later as pastor. He died 2 years later at age 72 after 53 years in the Order.

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**Roman Paul Kramer**

Born: May 20, 1883 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: October 28, 1933 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Roman was invested in 1901 and ordained in 1909. He was first assigned as assistant pastor at St. Edward, Carlsbad, NM; and from 1911 to 1915 he was assistant pastor at St. Joseph, Louisville. Roman taught for 4 years at the seminary before becoming pastor and superior in Roswell, NM. In 1922 Roman was appointed procurator of the St. Anthony Messenger. The next year he became assistant pastor at Pee Wee Valley near Louisville, and later was administrator there. He died at age 50 while an assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati, after 32 years in the Order.

**Hermenegild Bernard Eilermann**

Born: March 2, 1864 - Berlin, OH  
Died: October 28, 1947 - Southfield, MI  

Father Hermenegild was invested in 1887 and ordained in 1894. His first assignment was as *excurrens* to Hartford, Council Bluffs and Parkersville, KS. From 1897 to 1899 he was in Escanaba, MI, where he built the first mission chapel at Our Lady of the Pines. From 1899 to 1916 he was assistant pastor and chaplain at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, except for one year at the seminary. From Chatham he went to Kansas City, MO, as pastor of St. Bridget Church; but the next year he became chaplain of the hospital in Kansas City. He remained there until 1935, when he went to Duns Scotus College as confessor to the clerics and
local clergy. Hermenegild died there after 60 years in the Order. He was 83 years old. Hermenegild possessed great mechanical ability. His best-known invention was a simplified cord-making machine used for many years in the province.

**OCTOBER 29**

**Leo Sigismund Frischmann**

Born: April 18, 1842 - Umhausen, Tyrol  
Died: October 29, 1872 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Leo came to the United States in 1864 and worked as cook at St. Francis Seraph and St. John, Cincinnati. He left the Order, but was reinvested in 1868 and became gardener at St. Francis Seraph. He died at age 30, a member of the Tyrolese Province.

**OCTOBER 30**

**Theodore Anthony Stephan**

Born: March 23, 1862 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: October 30, 1918 - Gallup, NM

Father Theodore was invested in 1878 and ordained in 1885. The first 10 years of his ministry were spent as *excurrens* from Bloomington and Minonk, IL, and Emporia, KS. Later he was *excurrens* from St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, to St. Lawrence Church, also in Lafayette. In 1901 he went to Peña Blanca, NM, as assistant pastor and, 4 years later, was moved to Carlsbad, NM, where he had charge of the Mexican missions. He returned to Peña Blanca and then moved to Jemez, NM, where he died after 40 years as a friar. Theodore was 56 years old.

**NOVEMBER 1**

**Daniel Anthony Cvirka**

Born: December 16, 1889 - Velinonos, Lithuania  
Died: November 1, 1974 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Dan was employed as a streetcar conductor and a policeman in Detroit before entering the Order. He had been engaged to be married but felt the pull of religious life and was invested as a tertiary in 1932. For 4 years he was the
engineer at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, where he returned in 1937 after his novitiate year. Dan remained at Duns Scotus until 1941. He spent the next 4 years at St. Francis Seminary in Mt. Healthy, OH, followed by 15 years at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. In 1959 he retired to Duns Scotus as general handyman. He remained there until 1974 when declining health required that he move to Franciscan Terrace, Cincinnati, where he died some months later. Dan was 84 years old and had been a Franciscan for nearly 42 years.

NOVEMBER 2

Raphael John Hesse

Born: March 18, 1853 - Covington, KY
Died: November 2, 1907 - Hamilton, OH

Father Raphael was invested in 1870. He was ordained in 1876 and was immediately assigned to St. Boniface, Louisville, as administrator of St. Andrew Parish. In 1882 he became director of the Teaching Brothers who taught at St. Boniface as well as director of the English-speaking Third Order. After 11 years in Louisville Raphael moved to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, in 1887 as pastor and superior. He was elected provincial minister in 1897 with residence at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. (The provincial curia had outgrown St. Francis Seraph Friary.) During Raphael’s administration the province accepted the invitation of Katherine Drexel to begin a mission on the Navajo reservation at La Cienega Amarilla (renamed St. Michaels), AZ. After his term as provincial he remained at St. Anthony as guardian and, from 1903 to 1905, as master of novices. Raphael was also definitor for 3 terms and vicar provincial from 1900 to 1903. He died at age 54 after 37 years as a friar.

Seraphin David Vonier

Born: February 5, 1864 - Sulgen, Wuerttemberg, Germany
Died: November 2, 1935 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Seraphin was invested as a Teaching Brother in 1881. He spent 15 years on the faculty at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and 9 years at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. He also taught for shorter times at St. Clement and St. John in Cincinnati. After retiring from the classroom in 1919 Seraphin moved to St. George, Cincinnati, as porter. He remained there until his death at age 71 after 54 years in the Order.

NOVEMBER 3
Lawrence John Ziebarth

Born: June 16, 1854 - Knakendorf, Prussia  
Died: November 3, 1925 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Lawrence was invested as a Teaching Brother in 1877 and began his teaching career in Louisville where he remained until 1892. He was professed in the First Order in 1889. For the next 11 years he was at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati—his last assignment as a teacher. His next assignment was as tailor at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. He remained there until his death after 48 years as a Franciscan. Lawrence was 71 years old.

Simeon Paul Fiedler

Born: February 23, 1892 - Detroit, MI  
Died: November 3, 1945 - Louisville, KY

Father Simeon received the habit in 1912. Ordained in 1919, he served as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville, until 1925 when he moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor and director of Friars Club. After several years he served as assistant pastor at Escanaba, MI; Peoria, IL; and New Orleans, LA. Simeon became superior and pastor of Clovis, NM, in 1939, but 3 years later returned to New Orleans. He was an accomplished, award-winning photographer who left many beautiful images of the people and places of the South and Southwest. He was pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, KS, for one year. His last assignment was as chaplain of St. Joseph Orphanage, Louisville, where he died during a benediction service at the age of 53. Simeon was a friar for 33 years.

NOVEMBER 4

Albert Otto Steigerwald

Born: June 16, 1859 - Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, Germany  
Died: November 4, 1888 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Albert was became a Franciscan in 1876 and was ordained in 1882. His first assignment was to St. Clement, Cincinnati, for 4 years—first as administrator of St. Aloysius Church and the next year as master of clerics, lector of Church history, and teacher of rhetoric. In 1886 he became assistant pastor of St. Aloysius Orphanage, Cincinnati. He died after only 12 years as a friar at the age of 29.
Basil Charles Westendick

Born: July 27, 1930 - Tallahassee, FL  
Died: November 4, 1991 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Basil was invested in 1948 and was ordained a priest in 1957. His first 5 years of ministry were spent as assistant pastor at St. Michael, Southfield, MI. Leaving there, he served as province vocation director for 5 years. In 1967 he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick Church, Port Sulphur, LA. Nine years later he went to Cincinnati as director of the Brothers' Program and guardian at St. Anthony Friary. In 1978 Basil was appointed pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Cincinnati. In 1985 he was named pastor of St. Therese Church, Fort Wayne, IN, but for health reasons resigned. In 1987 he was named pastor (and guardian) at St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans. In 1990 he became pastor of St. Anthony, Streator, IL; but in August, 1991, Basil moved to Franciscan Terrace in Cincinnati because of his need for assisted care—in the last 10 years of his life he struggled with a brain tumor. Basil gave himself with wholehearted enthusiasm to the people with whom he lived and worked. He died at age 61 after 43 years as a friar.

NOVEMBER 5

John Dominic Waitkunas

Born: March 29, 1902 - Manchester, England  
Died: November 5, 1973 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother John, of Lithuanian parentage, was invested in 1930 and solemnly professed in 1937. His first years were spent in a variety of jobs: sacristan, fireman, chauffeur, cook and general house worker at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI; St. Boniface, Louisville; and Peña Blanca, NM. After novitiate John went to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as porter and handyman. In 1943 he and Father Bertin Harrington opened the mission at Monticello, UT. His next assignment was to Sacred Heart, Gallup, NM, as cook, gardener, sacristan and caretaker for the cemetery. In 1956 he was back at St. Stephen in Hamilton as porter. His final assignment in 1965 was to St. George, Cincinnati, as porter. He died at the Franciscan Terrace at age 71. Dominic was a Franciscan for 43 years.

NOVEMBER 6

Ambrose Francis Sanning

Born: February 5, 1847 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Ambrose was invested in 1863. While yet a cleric he was appointed organist at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, a position he held even after ordination in 1870. Except for 5 years as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville, and 9 years of retirement preceding his death, Ambrose’s entire life as a priest was spent in the training and education of students and clerics. He taught humanities to the minor seminarians and philosophy and theology to the clerics. But he trained them spiritually as well as intellectually, for he was also novice master for 4 years—both at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and Oldenburg, IN. In addition he served as master of clerics for 7 years and rector of the seminary for 3 years. The St. Anthony Messenger owes its existence to Ambrose, its founder (in 1893) and first editor. He foresaw that since America was English-speaking, the German language publications of the province would eventually die away. Ambrose served one term as discreet of the custody from 1879 to 1882. He died after 9 years as a semi-invalid. He was 55 years old and had been a friar for 45 years.

Luke Joseph Bertsch

Born: April 9, 1895 - Cold Spring, KY
Died: November 7, 1985 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Luke was invested in 1914 and ordained in 1922. He was assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and chaplain of the Friars’ Club until 1927 when he moved for 2 years at Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI. In 1929 Luke was sent to Louvain in Belgium for theological studies in moral theology and canon law; he received his doctorate in 1933. He then began a 32-year career as lector of theology at Oldenburg, IN; Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI; and St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH. At Oldenburg he was also briefly pastor, master of clerics, guardian and assistant chaplain for the sisters. In 1965 the General Definitorium of the Order granted him the honor of Lector Generalis and, in 1968, Lector Emeritus. In 1983 Luke retired to St. Francis Seraph Friary, Cincinnati. His hobbies were gardening, fishing and bowling; and he was proud to have personally known the painters Henry Farney and Frank Duveneck, both from his home area in Kentucky. Luke died at age 90 after 71 years as a friar.

Ralph Irvin Zinser - OLG

Born: July 9, 1917 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: November 7, 1989 - Santa Fe, NM
Andrew Edward Fox

Born: July 3, 1911 - Reading, OH  
Died: November 7, 1992 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Andrew made his first vows in 1931 and was ordained in 1938. For 27 years he encouraged and guided thousands of young men at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati and served as the school’s principal from 1946 to 1955 and again from 1960 to 1965. Andrew taught religion, civics and American history and supervised the building of the athletic stadium and the 1958 building addition. At the same time he served in various other capacities: business manager, assistant pastor, chaplain and member of the Archdiocesan School Board and Senate of Priests.

Andrew served many years as a province leader: definitor (1945-60 and 1972-75), Provincial Vicar (1960-71) and Provincial Minister (1975-81). His care, energy and concern for our brothers dealing with emotional problems or addictions is outstanding, and he dramatically changed the way in which we minister to each other. In addition, Andrew was a major force behind St.

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Anthony Messenger Press serving as publisher (1965-75 & 1981-91) and, shortly before his death, as acting circulation manager. Andy is quoted as saying: “I like the province today and its renewal of individuals and structures . . . the progress it has made in its apostolates . . . the openness it has for new ideas . . . the hope it has given for the future . . . the spirit of prayer that gives divine guidance and assistance . . . the spirit of fraternity that gives me many brothers. I like who we are and what we are doing together to build up the Body of Christ.” Andy suffered a stroke and died 2 days later at a vigorous 81 years of age. He was a friar for 62 years.

NOVEMBER 8

Basil Anthony Zieverink

Born: August 4, 1863 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: November 8, 1894 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Basil, brother of Willibrord Zieverink, was invested in 1880 and ordained in 1887. He taught at the seminary in 1887 and was assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He spent 2 years as excurrens from Chatham, Ontario,
to Blenheim followed by another assignment to the seminary. He died at age 31 after 14 years as a friar.

**Lucius Gustave Sans**

*Born:* April 1, 1871 - Ballenberg, Baden, Germany  
*Died:* November 8, 1918 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Lucius was invested with the first class of novices at St. Anthony Friary, Cincinnati, OH, in 1890. Shortly after making solemn profession in 1894, he retired to Longview Hospital, where he died after 28 years as a friar. Lucius was 47 years old.

**Raphael William Schulte**

*Born:* December 25, 1888 - Covington, KY  
*Died:* November 8, 1921 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Raphael was invested in 1908. After ordination in 1916 he was assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati, until 1919 when he taught at the seminary for 3 years. He died there at age 33 having lived 13 years as a friar.

**Howard Richard Meyer - OLG**

*Born:* May 7, 1922 - Streator, IL  
*Died:* November 9, 1989 - Grants, NM

**Walter Timothy Sullivan**

*Born:* May 24, 1883 - Hurontown, MI  
*Died:* November 10, 1932 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Walter entered the Franciscans in 1903 and first served at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, and Streator, IL. In 1909 he was sacristan at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, and remained there until 1919. In that year he went to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, as sacristan. Seven years later he moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as porter and to assist in the offices of *St. Anthony Messenger*. Walter died after 29 years as a Franciscan at age 49.
Gordon Lambert Gehring

Born: October 12, 1911 - Oldenburg, IN  
Died: November 10, 1972 - Hamilton, OH

Father Gordon was the brother of Owen and Irvin Gehring and nephew of Titus Gehring. He was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1939. His first assignment was as teacher at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, from 1939 to 1943 with residence at St. Francis Seraph. He then moved to St. Mary, Bloomington, IL, as assistant pastor. In 1947 he joined the mission band working from St. Anthony, Streator, IL. In 1950 Gordon was appointed pastor and superior at St. Lawrence, Lafayette, IN. In 1961 he became superior and Director of Missions and Retreats at Friarhurst, Cincinnati. Five years later he moved to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as pastor. (St. Lawrence Parish, New Miami, was also placed in his care.) Gordon died after 42 years as a friar. He was 71 years old.

Fabian Henry Hoerner

Born: August 15, 1889 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: November 11, 1938 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Fabian became a friar in 1907 and was ordained in 1916. His first assignment was to St. Edward, Carlsbad, NM; and he later moved to St. Peter, Roswell, NM. He spent 2 years as assistant pastor at the St. Francis Cathedral in Santa Fe. After several other assignments as parish assistant he moved to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as instructor in Spanish and assistant pastor at St. George. In 1935 he was named pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kansas City, MO, until 1938 when he retired to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. He died later in the same year after 31 years as a friar. Fabian was 49 years old.

Aurelian Raymond Munch

Born: December 22, 1906 - Calumet, MI  
Died: November 11, 1976 - Peoria, IL

Father Aurelian was invested in 1925 and ordained in 1932. His first assignment was as instructor at the seminary, but he moved on to St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, as assistant pastor from 1934 to 1942. In his next assignments he continued to serve as assistant pastor—at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS; St. Boniface, Louisville; and St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. In 1946 he was transferred to the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, MI, as assistant pastor and as a teacher in the high school. In 1949 he served one year in New Orleans as chaplain.
and teacher at Holy Angels Academy. Aurelian served as pastor of San Antonio, Cincinnati, from 1950 to 1961 while living at St. Bonaventure where he was guardian from 1954 to 1960. His last assignment was as pastor at Lourdes, IL, and guardian at St. Mary, Metamora, IL. Aurelian died at age 69 of diabetic complications after a long hospital stay. He was a friar for 51 years.

NOVEMBER 12

Raymond Joseph Mulligan

Born: July 22, 1892 - Calumet, MI
Died: November 12, 1938 - Roswell, NM

Father Raymond was invested in 1912 and ordained in 1920. He spent 2 years at St. Edward, Carlsbad, NM, and 4 years as assistant pastor in Peoria, IL–3 years at Sacred Heart and 1 at St. Boniface. He then moved to Roswell, NM, as pastor and superior of St. Peter Parish. Ill health forced his early retirement, and he died at age 46 after 26 years as a friar.

NOVEMBER 13

Herbert Joseph Brockmann

Born: July 10, 1875 - St. Bernard, OH
Died: November 13, 1918 - Roswell, NM

Father Herbert was invested in 1893 and ordained in 1900. His first assignments were as assistant pastor at St. John, Cincinnati, and later at St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario. From 1903 to 1909 he was pastor and superior at St. Peter, Roswell, NM. This was followed by 7 years of brief assignments as assistant pastor in several parishes, the last of which was Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, for 2 years. Herbert returned to Roswell in 1918 as pastor and superior at St. Peter. He died later the same year after 25 years as a friar at age 43.

Cletus Albert Kistner

Born: May 23, 1910 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: November 13, 1994 - Louisville, KY

Father Cletus made his first profession in 1930. Following his 1937 ordination, Cletus was assigned to St. Joseph, San Fidel, NM and then to the Cathedral in Santa Fe to serve as assistant pastor in charge of the missions at
Lamy, Rio Tesuque and Rio en Medio. In 1942 he moved to Lumberton, NM, to care for missions at Chama, Monero, Rosa and Carracas. In 1945 Cletus was appointed guardian and rector of the Cathedral in Santa Fe with the task of building the new Cathedral School. During this time he also served as Definitor of the Province. In 1956 Bishop Espelage invited Cletus to serve as chancellor of the Diocese of Gallup, NM. He moved to Cincinnati in 1960 to become spiritual director for the novices and, later, Director of Brother Novices. From 1972 to his retirement in 1990, he served in a variety of ways at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. Cletus retired to Louisville where he died at the age of 84. He was a friar for 65 years.

NOVEMBER 14

Fulgence Alphonse Meyer

Born: May 30, 1876 - Remich, Luxembourg
Died: November 14, 1938 - Mt. Clemens, MI

Father Fulgence was invested in 1892 and, while a deacon, was sent to Rome for higher studies. He was ordained in the Holy City in 1900. Upon his return to the U.S. he was appointed lector of humanities at St. Clement, Cincinnati. From 1903 to 1914 he worked at Holy Family in Oldenburg, IN, as lector of theology, librarian, assistant pastor and (for one year) Prefect of Studies. In 1915 Fulgence moved to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as rector of the seminary and Prefect of Studies. The next year he was called to Rome to the General Curia, to be assistant pastor postulator general for the Order for 3 years. He returned in 1919 and resided at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as commissary for the Third Order from 1919 to 1926 and popular missioner from 1921 to 1937. Fulgence wrote a number of books on spiritual topics including: Uni Una, Talks to Young Men, Talks to Young Women, The Third Order, Frequent Confessions, and Forty Hours. He was a frequent contributor to the St. Anthony Messenger and was definitor of the province from 1930 to 1933. He died at age 62 after 46 years as a friar.

NOVEMBER 16

Bede Herman Oldegeering

Born: September 15, 1856 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: November 16, 1927 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Bede was uncle of the 4 Oldegeering brothers: Firmin, John de Deo, Norbert and Ludger. He became a friar in 1878 and was ordained in 1883. After
ordination he taught at the seminary but the next year moved to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, as assistant pastor. From 1886 to 1890 he was *excurrens* to St. George, Cincinnati, and instructor at the seminary. In 1895 he was assigned to Escanaba, MI, as pastor and superior. In 1902 Bede served in Washington, DC, as commissary of the Holy Land. Bede was made pastor of Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, in 1911 and, 2 years later, pastor of St. Bridget, Kansas City, MO. He served two more pastorates at Minonk and Streator, IL, before he was stationed at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as confessor of novices. Bede died at St. Anthony after 49 years in the Order. He was 71 years old and had served as definitor of the province from 1918 to 1921.

**Agnellus Leo Rom**

Born: April 11, 1910 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: November 16, 1941 - Greasewood, AZ

Father Agnellus, nephew of the elder Agnellus Rom, was invested in 1930 and ordained in 1938. His first assignment was to the missions of the Southwest where he served for 3 years. He died at age 31 in an auto accident while on a tour of his missions near Greasewood, AZ. Agnellus was a friar for 11 years.

**Symphorian Joseph Weiner**

Born: June 17, 1882 - Dayton, KY  
Died: November 16, 1958 - Louisville, KY

Father Symphorian was invested in 1899 and ordained in 1907. His first 13 years of ministry were spent as assistant pastor in Emporia, KS; Bloomington, IL; Lafayette, IN; and St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati. In 1920 he was named pastor of Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN, and in 1922 moved to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as a member of the mission band. In 1927 he became pastor of St. John, Cincinnati, after which he was pastor of St. Boniface, Louisville. He then went to Bloomington, IL, as pastor and superior and later to Batesville, IN, in the same capacities. His last assignment was to St. Joseph, Louisville, from 1952 until his death at age 76. He served one term as definitor from 1945 to 1948. Symphorian was a friar for 59 years.

**NOVEMBER 16**

**Seraph William Zeitz**

Born: December 19, 1908 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: November 16, 1985 - Peoria, IL
Father Seraph was invested in 1926 and ordained in 1933. His first assignment was as teacher at Roger Bacon High School and chaplain at Our Lady of the Angels High School, both in Cincinnati. In 1942 he was assigned to the seminary as instructor, disciplinarian and registrar; but in spring of the next year he left for the military chaplains' school at Harvard. He was in the Battle of the Bulge and of the Remagen Bridge with the U.S. Army in Europe. Seraph wrote a very interesting account of his war time chaplaincy in the *Provincial Chronicle*. Seraph retired with the rank of major in the spring of 1946. After studying at the University of Cincinnati, he went to St. Francis College, Ft. Wayne, IN, to teach philosophy and psychology. From 1954 to 1956 he was lector of psychology and sociology and director of the senior Third Order at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. From 1956 to 1973 he was pastor and superior at St. Mary, Metamora, IL; St. Boniface, Peoria, IL; and St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. The next 5 years were made up of short assignments. In 1978 he became the first resident chaplain for the Sisters of St. Francis in East Peoria, IL. He was 78 years old when he died after 59 years as a friar.

**Aloysius Raymond Moran**

Born: January 21, 1920 - Bellaire (Columbus), OH  
Died: November 16, 1993 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Aloysius made his first vows in 1942 and was ordained in 1946. With the exception of teaching at Roger Bacon High School (1946-54) and serving as assistant librarian at St. Leonard College (1972-75), Aloysius was principally involved in parochial ministry throughout the province. In 1954 he went to St. Michael, Southfield, MI, followed by assignments to St. Louis, Batesville, IN; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kansas City, KS; St. Patrick, Port Sulphur, LA; St. John, Roswell, NM and St. Boniface, Louisville. Throughout religious life, Aloysius suffered severe pain and the crippling effects of rheumatoid and osteoarthritis. During his final 6 years of active ministry he served as confessor and chapel minister at Duns Scotus where he retired in 1988, continuing to help as needed. In 1990 Aloysius moved to the Franciscan Terrace, Cincinnati, where he died at the age of 73 after 52 years as a friar.

**Adjute Godfrey Stemmer**

Born: February 21, 1861 - Unterhausen, Bavaria, Germany  
Died: November 17, 1937 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Adjute served in the German army before coming to the United States. Invested in 1888 as a Teaching Brother, he taught for only one year. The
rest of his religious life was spent in the kitchens at St. George, Cincinnati; St. Joseph, Louisville; Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN; and finally, from 1921 until his death, at St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he died after 49 years as a Franciscan. Adjute was 76 years old.

**Valerian Lawrence Renier**

Born: August 30, 1884 - Louisville, OH  
Died: November 17, 1965 - Oklahoma City, OK

Father Valerian was invested in 1905. He was ordained in 1913 and immediately began his long association with the missions of the Southwest. Except for 2 years (1919 to 1921) at St. Bridget, Kansas City, KS, and one year (1937) when he had charge of the Mexican missions around Wichita, KS, he was assistant pastor or superior of mostly in Mexican missions. He served in Roswell, Carlsbad, San Fidel, Peña Blanca, Parkview, San Angelo, Jemez and Clovis, all in New Mexico. In his later years Valerian was in poor health but continued to work at Jemez, Peña Blanca, and Santa Fe, NM. His last active assignment was for 5 years at Jemez. Failing health necessitated his transfer to St. Vincent Home, Oklahoma, City, OK. He lived there just over a year before his death at age 81. Valerian was a friar for 60 years.

**Apollinar Aloysius Grabher**

Born: October 21, 1864 - Dornbirn, Austria  
Died: November 18, 1956 - Southfield, MI

Father Apollinar (fondly known as "Apples") saw the shift from horse and buggy and steam locomotives to automobiles, airplanes and rocket flights during his long life; and he was caught in wonder at it all. Apples was invested in 1887 and given the name Apollinar in honor of Appollinar Hattler of the Tyrolean Province. After his ordination in 1895 he was assigned to Strong City, KS, and then, for a year, at the St. Francis Gymnasium. After 2 years as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Louisville, he spent a year at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as vicar and assistant novice master. After several short assignments as assistant pastor, he was sent to Higginsville, MO, in 1910 as pastor. From 1917 to 1921 he had one assignment per year, the last being as part of the last group of friars in Chatham, Ontario. His last active assignment was for 31 years as pastor and superior at St. Bridget, Kansas City, MO. It was a small parish, and Apollinar was his own cook, janitor and teacher of all 8 grades! Distrusting banks, he kept his money (all coins) in boxes in the cellar. The flood of 1951 destroyed the parish but not his
money—he recovered almost every bit of it, muddy but salvageable. He had accumulated bushels of pennies which he removed from circulation so they would not end up in his Sunday collection plates. Apollinar’s last years were spent at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, hearing confessions and marveling at television. He died after 69 years as a friar at age 92.

**Bertin Emmet Harrington**

*Born: March 12, 1896 - Calumet, MI  
Died: November 18, 1959 - Baton Rouge, LA*

Father Bertin, the younger brother of Ethelbert Harrington and uncle of Elwin Harrington, was invested in 1917 and ordained in 1925. He served 2 years each as assistant pastor in San Fidel, NM; Minonk, IL; and Roswell, NM. In 1929 he was assigned to Peña Blanca, NM, as assistant pastor, and then spent 5 years as administrator of the church at Cerillos, NM. When the Utah Mission at Monticello opened, he was appointed pastor and superior for the 3 years of its duration. In 1945 he moved to Clovis, NM, as administrator of Portales; and then for 4 years he was at St. Francis, Kansas City, KS, as pastor and superior. In 1951 Bertin became assistant pastor in Escanaba, MI. He moved to Our Lady of the Angels Academy in New Orleans, LA, as chaplain and teacher. His last assignment began in 1956 as chaplain of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge, LA, where he died at age 63. He was a friar for 42 years.

**Friedbert Henry Anthrop**

*Born: January 1, 1894 - Lafayette, IN  
Died: November 19, 1940 - Cincinnati, OH*

Brother Friedbert was invested in 1911. For 8 years he worked at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and for 4 years at St. Boniface, Louisville. In 1924 he began cooking at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and left 11 years later for St. Anthony, Cincinnati, to become head cook at the novitiate. Friedbert died in after 29 years as a Franciscan. He was 46 years old.

**Joseph George Moellman**

*Born: May 22, 1904 - Olpe, KS  
Died: November 19, 1987 - Louisville, KY*

Father Joe made his first profession in 1929 and was ordained in 1936. Following ordination he was sent to Wuchang, China, to study Chinese. He
worked for the Franciscan Press in Wuchang and took care of 3 out-missions. Poor health brought him back to the United States from 1940 to 1947, during which time he helped out at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, and in the Louisiana Delta. He returned to China for 2 years beginning in 1947, again working with the Franciscan Press. In 1950 he was named pastor at McGhee, AR. After 11 years, he moved to Louisville living at St. Boniface as chaplain for the City Hospital. Joe was a big man, tall and well-built, but never very healthy. An avid talker, he also wrote many letters from China and Arkansas which were published in the Provincial Chronicle. He was also featured several times in the local newspapers for his hospital work. Joe died at the Pavilion across the street from St. Boniface. He had been a friar for 59 years when he died at age 83.

NOVEMBER 20

Amadeus Nicholas Koeck

Born: December 12, 1814 - Vorderhornbach, Tyrol
Died: November 20, 1879 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Amadeus was invested in the Tyrolese Province in 1844, 5 years before coming to America. He was one of the first 2 brothers to come to the United States. He and Brother Bernard Kellner came in 1849: Bernard to teach at St. John and Amadeus to be sacristan, porter, and cellarer. Amadeus lived his entire 30 years in the United States at St. John, Cincinnati, where he died at age 64 after 35 years as a friar.

Dennis Matthias Abarth

Born: June 6, 1823 - Schleiss, Tyrol
Died: November 20, 1882 - Louisville, KY

Father Dennis, one of the Tyrolese founders of the Province, was invested in 1842 and ordained in 1846. He volunteered for the American missions, arriving in 1855. He served at St. John, Cincinnati, and later at St. Boniface, Louisville, where he was superior and pastor. From 1865 to 1868 he was custos and lived at St. John, Cincinnati, and later at St. Clement where he was also novice master and pastor. After 3 years at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, he was again appointed novice master, this time at Oldenburg, IN. After St. Clement Friary was rebuilt and enlarged, the novices and Dennis returned from Oldenburg. He remained novice master from 1873 to 1876. In 1879 he was master of clerics at St. Mary, Detroit, for one year. He spent his last years at St. Boniface, Louisville.
Dennis was custos for one term and discreet of the custody for 2 terms. He also was the first Army chaplain from the province, appointed to this post by Bishop Spaulding for the Union troops in and around Louisville during the Civil War. Dennis died at age 59 having spent 27 of his 40 years as a friar in the this country.

NOVEMBER 23

Adolph Wendelin Haselwanter

Born: July 17, 1822 - Ochsengarten, Tyrol
Died: November 23, 1890 - Kaltern, Tyrol

Brother Adolph was one of the 13 lay brothers who came to serve in the United States from the Province of St. Leopold, Tyrol. He was invested in 1851 and came to America in 1855. He served as cook and gardener at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. He returned to the mother province in 1863 after 8 years in this country. He died in Tyrol at age 68 after 39 years as a friar.

Daniel Henry Heile

Born: August 6, 1842 - Merzen, Hanover, Germany
Died: November 23, 1905 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Daniel was invested in 1870 and ordained in 1874. His first assignment was to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. From 1880 to 1882 he served as pastor and superior at St. Clement, Cincinnati. This was followed by a 6-year assignment as pastor and superior at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN. In 1890 he was named guardian of St. Boniface, Louisville. Then from 1893 to 1903 he was pastor and superior of St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS. His last assignment was as assistant pastor at Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN. He died after 35 years in the Order. Daniel was 63 years old.

NOVEMBER 26

Hubert Gustav Harff

Born: March 24, 1883 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: November 26, 1957 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Hubert worked as a circus roustabout and clown before entering the Order at age 53. He was invested as a tertiary in 1931 and remained a tertiary (and Cincinnati resident) throughout his life. His first assignment was to St. Francis
Seraph for 5 years before moving to St. Clement from 1938 to 1943. He returned to St. Francis Seraph for 2 years and then spent the last 11 years of his life as handyman at St. Bonaventure. Hubert died at age 74 after 26 years as a Franciscan.

**George Edward Irwin**

- Born: September 20, 1900 - McKees Rocks, PA
- Died: November 26, 1976 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother George graduated from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, in 1922. After joining the community as a tertiary brother in 1949, his ministry was at St. Francis Seraph Friary, Cincinnati, where he did clerical work at the St. Francis Seraph Bookshop. Later he became bookkeeper for the Franciscan Missionary Union. George retired in 1972 to Franciscan Terrace where he died at age 76. He was a silver jubilarian in the Order having been a Franciscan for 27 years.

**Raphael Leo Clouse**

- Born: May 19, 1903 - Junction City, OH
- Died: November 26, 1993 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Raphael taught in the public schools of Perry and Jefferson Counties, Ohio, before entering the Order. He made his first profession in 1931 and was ordained in 1938 at which time he was assigned as teacher and dean of discipline at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. He served as professor and dean of students at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, from 1952 to 1957. In 1958 Raphael began parochial ministry as pastor and guardian at St. Boniface, Peoria, IL. Later he ministered at St. Patrick, Port Sulphur, LA, and St. Mary, Metamora, IL. In 1975 he was named chaplain at Drake Center in Cincinnati where he remained until he retired in 1989. Raphael died at the age of 90 after 63 years as a friar.

**Daniel Clarence Linfert**

- Born: May 20, 1891 - Cincinnati, OH
- Died: November 27, 1961 - Cincinnati, OH

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**NOVEMBER 27**
Father Dan was invested in 1909 and ordained in 1917. He served 3 years as professor at St. Francis Seminary before moving to St. Boniface, Louisville, as popular missioner, the career of his life. He also served as pastor and superior at Roswell, NM; Wichita, KS; and St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. In 1940 he filled in for 6 weeks as novice master (Rudolph Bonner being very sick) and from 1945 to 1948 he was spiritual director of the clerics at Oldenburg, IN. He had a tremendously powerful voice which carried through the open windows at Oldenburg for the edification of the townsfolk. His last assignment was as chaplain of St. Francis Hospital, Cincinnati, in 1961, but he died a few months later at age 70. Dan was a friar for 52 years.

Rembert Casimir Kowalski

Born: December 23, 1884 - Calumet, MI
Died: November 27, 1970 - St. Michaels, AZ

Bishop Kowalski was invested in 1903 and ordained in 1911. His father was killed in a mining accident in Calumet, MI, the very day of his ordination; so, sadly, his first Mass was his father's funeral. He served as assistant and then pastor at Sacred Heart, Gallup, NM, and pastor at Peña Blanca, NM, for one year. In 1925, after Chinese language studies, he was appointed rector of the seminary and was superior of the mission in Wuchang, China, from 1931 to 1937. In 1942 he was consecrated Bishop of Wuchang, succeeding Bishop Sylvester Espelage. Shortly after his consecration, he spent nearly 3 years (most of which were in solitary confinement) in a Japanese concentration camp. After release from imprisonment by the Japanese in Shanghai, he spent 28 more months in Communist prisons following the Communist takeover after World War II. He was finally repatriated in 1953. Upon returning to the United States (he had never been back since leaving nearly 30 years before), he chose to live at St. Anthony, Cincinnati. While still in good health he traveled quite a bit, preaching retreats and missions and devotion to the Blessed Virgin. He also ordained many of our friars. He vowed to return to China and never to come back to his homeland. But God and the Chinese government dispensed Rembert from his vow. He went to St. Michaels, AZ, because of failing health, and died there when he was 86 years old. He had been a friar for 67 years.

Ermin Richard Werle

Born: September 7, 1913 - Delphi, IN
Died: November 27, 1994 - Cincinnati, OH
Father Ermin made his first profession in 1932. Following his 1940 ordination, he was assigned to the faculty of Roger Bacon High School. He served as chaplain at the State Hospital and associate pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Peoria, IL, from 1941-42. Then he returned to Cincinnati and was assigned to St. Francis Friary (where he remained for the rest of his life) from which he again taught at Roger Bacon. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Ermin served as coordinator of extracurricular activities, director of theatre and assistant principal. Still in use at Roger Bacon is the "merit system" which Ermin developed and directed for many years. In 1969 he was appointed Secretary of the Province serving for 12 years with tireless devotion and meticulous attention to details. In 1981 he was appointed Archivist of the Province. His admiration for the Sisters of Charity lead to his serving as their chaplain at Seton High School for 30 years. Ermin died at the age of 81 after 63 years as a friar.

NOVEMBER 28

Gerard Daniel Krupp

Born: July 22, 1850 - Schrollbach, Bavaria, Germany
Died: November 28, 1924 - Louisville, KY

Brother Gerard had been a storekeeper and the postmaster in St. Mary of the Rock, IN, prior to joining the Order in 1876. He had only 2 assignments in his entire 48 years as a Franciscan. The first, from 1876 to 1890, was as sacristan and porter at St. Mary, Detroit. The second, from 1891 to 1924, was as sacristan of St. Boniface, Louisville. He died at age 74.

Ethelbert Daniel Harrington

Born: May 26, 1892 - Calumet, MI
Died: November 28, 1956 - Hancock, MI

Father Ethelbert, older brother of Bertin Harrington, was invested in 1911 and was part of the "war baby" ordination classes, ordained in 1918. He was part of the last group of friars at St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario, from 1918 to 1921 when he moved to St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH. In 1928 he became a member of the mission band with residence first at St. Francis Seminary and then at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. In 1932 Ethelbert returned to his home parish, Sacred Heart, Calumet, as pastor and, later, assistant pastor. His last years were spent at Duns Scotus College where he died after 45 years as a friar. He was 64 years old.
Adrian Matthias Kohl

Born: October 2, 1894 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: November 28, 1960 - Kansas City, MO

Father Adrian became a friar in 1913 and a priest in 1920. He functioned as a "fill-in" priest for his first year at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, then served at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS; St. Francis, Kansas City, MO; and the mission at Peña Blanca, NM. In 1921 he moved to Tohatchi, NM, where he stayed for the next 5 years. He moved to Jemez, NM, after a brief stay at St. Joseph, Louisville. In 1929 he was assigned to Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI, and then (from 1932 to 1938) to Minonk, Benson and Roanoke, IL. He served one year as assistant pastor at the new St. Michael, Southfield, MI, and was pastor for 8 years at St. Francis, Kansas City, MO. His last assignment was as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO, from 1948 to his death at age 66. Adrian was a friar for 47 years.

Martin Cletus Huelsmann

Born: August 5, 1912 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: November 29, 1940 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Martin was invested as a tertiary in 1936 and served as porter and sacristan at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati. He entered the First Order in 1940 and died of appendicitis in November of the same year, having first made profession on his death bed. He had spent 4 years as a friar when he died at age 28.

Friedbert Albert Adams

Born: September 19, 1904 - Peoria, IL  
Died: November 30, 1971 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Friedbert was invested in 1924 and ordained in 1932. He spent his first year after ordination at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as a "simplex" priest. The following year he was assigned to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as instructor in physics and science. In 1940 Friedbert was transferred to Duns Scotus as master of clerics, but after a year he returned to Roger Bacon until 1943. He was next appointed director of Friars Club until 1946, when he became pastor of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Cincinnati. Two years later he went to
St. Louis, Batesville, IN, as pastor and superior. When St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH, was under construction, Friedbert lived on site, directing and overseeing the work from 1954 to 1959. His next assignment was as pastor and superior at St. Anthony, Streator, IL. Failing health caused his retirement to Peoria, IL, and later to Franciscan Terrace, Cincinnati. He was a definitor for one term (1960-1963). Friedbert died at age 67 after 47 years as a friar.
Paschal Clarence Rathweg  

Born: March 13, 1897 - Coldwater, OH  
Died: December 1, 1939 - Cincinnati, OH  

Brother Paschal was invested as a tertiary in 1929 and left for China the same year as a missionary. While in China, Paschal did clerical work and supervised the employees at the Franciscan Press in Wuchang. In 1936 he returned to the United States for his novitiate year, following which he was assigned to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, as sacristan. He went to the Western missions for a year, but returned to St. Francis Seraph because of poor health. Paschal died at age 42 after 10 years as a Franciscan.

Valentine Theodore Schaaf  

Born: March 18, 1883 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 1, 1946 - Rome, Italy  

Father Valentine was invested in 1901 and ordained in 1909. From 1909 to 1918 he taught at the Gymnasium and was chaplain of the workhouse for 3 of these years. He attended Catholic University of America for graduate studies in Canon Law and wrote his dissertation on the cloister. After 2 years in Oldenburg, IN, as lector of canon law to the clerics and chaplain to the sisters, Valentine returned to Catholic University of America to teach canon law, becoming dean of the school. He remained there until the General Chapter of 1938 elected him general definitor for the English-speaking friars. He spent World War II in Rome, and in 1945 he was appointed General Minister of the Order by Pope Pius XII. (Because of the war, friars could not travel to or around Europe for the General Chapter.) He died after one year in office following his return from a visit to the United States. In addition to the offices he held in the Order, Valentine was also definitor for the province for one term. He had been a friar 45 years when he died at age 63.

Albert Anthony Daeger  

Born: March 5, 1872 - St. Ann, IN  
Died: December 2, 1932 - Santa Fe, NM  

Archbishop Daeger became a friar in 1889 and was ordained in 1896. His first assignments were as assistant pastor in Kansas City, MO, and Lincoln, NE.
In 1902 he went to Peña Blanca, NM, as pastor and superior. Following this assignment he was pastor at Farmington and Jemez, NM. In 1919 Albert was appointed Archbishop of Santa Fe, NM, and consecrated a bishop. He died suddenly in 1932. He was 60 years old and had been a friar for 42 years.

**DECEMBER 3**

**Otto John Staeuble**

Born: December 26, 1893 - Louisville, KY  
Died: December 3, 1927 - Louisville, KY

Father Otto was invested in 1913 and ordained in 1920. He served as assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, before he was sent as a missionary to Fort Defiance, AZ. His final assignment was as pastor of the Hispanic parish at San Fidel, NM. Otto died at St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville, after 14 years as a friar. He was 34 years old.

**Randolph Ernest Thompson**

Born: October 21, 1910 - Minneapolis, KS  
Died: December 3, 1991 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Randolph was a professed member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools before joining the Franciscans. In 1942 he was received into the novitiate of our province. He was solemnly professed in 1946 and ordained in 1948. Randolph taught at St. Francis Seminary and Regina High School, both in Cincinnati. He then served as assistant pastor at St. Lawrence Parish, Lafayette, IN; St. George Parish in Cincinnati; and St. Stephen Parish in Hamilton, OH. He served as chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Cincinnati and Notre Dame Convent in Hamilton. In 1969 Randolph was assigned to St. Francis Seraph friary in Cincinnati, where he served as priests' confessor for almost 20 years. In 1970 he became the private secretary for the Provincial Minister until 1982. Poor health forced his retirement from full-time active ministry in 1987 which allowed him to pursue his many and varied interests. Randolph was a skilled pianist, a great lover of opera and the classics. He was 81 when he died after 49 years as a friar.

**DECEMBER 4**

**Stanislaus Joseph Stephan**

Born: June 19, 1866 - Cincinnati, OH
Friar Stanislaus became a friar in 1883 and was solemnly professed in 1887. He died 5 months later at the age of 21. Stanislaus was a friar for only 4 years.

DECEMBER 5

**Innocent Julius Mittelstaedt**

Born: July 16, 1894 - Omaha, NE  
Died: December 5, 1931 - Albuquerque, NM  

Father Innocent was invested in 1911 and ordained in 1918. His first years in the priesthood were spent as assistant pastor at Wichita, KS; Streator, IL; and Bloomington, IL, before he went to the Southwest as a missionary. He served first at St. Michaels, AZ, then at Gallup, NM. He returned to St. Michaels to minister at Fort Wingate, NM. Later, he was stationed at San Fidel, NM, from which he cared for the Acoma and Laguna Pueblos. Innocent died after 20 years as a friar at age 37.

**Benedict Leonard Justice**

Born: July 16, 1930 - Tulsa, OK  
Died: December 5, 1966 - Kansas City, KS  

Father Benedict was the first African-American friar to be ordained in our province. He was invested in 1952 and ordained in 1961. Following ordination he spent a year in the pastoral service course at St. Leonard College, Centerville, OH. The following year he was assigned to St. Joseph, Kansas City, MO. Four years later he became pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kansas City, KS. He was killed in a one-car auto accident at age 36, while returning from a Third Order meeting in Topeka, KS. Benedict was a friar for 14 years.

**Antonio Narcisco Valdez - OLG**

Born: September 22, 1933 - Santa Fe, NM  
Died: December 5, 1997 - Santa Fe, NM

DECEMBER 6

**Jerome Frederic Hesse**
Father Jerome became a friar in 1900 and a priest in 1908. His first assignment was to Peña Blanca, NM, until 1924. In 1925 he was moved to St. Michaels, AZ; and then to Santa Fe and Gallup, NM. In 1948 he returned to Peña Blanca for 3 years. In 1951 he moved to Santa Fe, serving one term as guardian. He was also definitor for one term, 1936 to 1939. From 1924 to 1925, Jerome was in Rome as director and advisor at the Vatican Holy Year Mission Exhibition. There is also a persistent story that he never put gasoline in his car—he would drive it as he found it all around the missions and back. Jerome died at age 88 after 66 years as a friar.

Ronald Raymond Nunlist

Born: April 23, 1912 - St. Bernard, OH
Died: December 6, 1995 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Ronald made his first profession in 1931 and was ordained in 1939 after which he devoted 34 years of his life to education. He taught geometry and was principal at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati; was assistant pastor and later principal at Cathedral High School in Gallup, NM; taught mathematics and Latin at Duns Scotus College; and taught homiletics and was president of St. Leonard College. He also served one term as definitor from 1957-60. At the age of 61, he entered pastoral ministry first as assistant pastor at St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, and then as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Galveston, TX, where he retired in 1986. In 1993 he moved to St. Margaret Hall, Cincinnati, where he died at age 83 after 64 years as a friar.

Irvin Osmund Gehring

Born: March 5, 1914 - Oldenburg, IN
Died: December 10, 1983 - Detroit, MI

Father Irvin was invested in 1932 and ordained in 1941. In his years as a priest, Irvin had few assignments. He was assistant pastor at St. Boniface and administrator of St. Anne, both in Lafayette, IN, from 1944 to 1946. He was assistant pastor at St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, and in 1948 became director of the Franciscan Missionary Union for 9 years. He was pastor of Sacred Heart Church, San Angelo, TX, and rector when this parish became the cathedral. However, the Bishop assumed control over the cathedral shortly thereafter, and in 1964 Irvin
went to Sacred Heart, Peoria, IL, as superior and pastor until 1972. He was pastor and superior once more, this time at St. Theresa Parish, Ft. Wayne, IN. His health now frail, his last assignment was in parochial ministry at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. Irvin was an encyclopedia of baseball information and trivia when he died at age 69. He was a friar for 51 years.

DECEMBER 12

Matthew John Halloran - OLG
Born: December 4, 1912 - Latonia, KY
Died: December 12, 1990 - Albuquerque, NM

DECEMBER 13

Joachim Crispin Hunn
born: December 9, 1850 - Gottenheim, Baden, Germany
Died: December 13, 1904 - Metamora, IL

Brother Joachim was invested late in life (1891) and served first at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, and then at Metamora, IL, as maintenance man and porter. He died in 1904 after 13 years as a Franciscan. Joachim was 54 years old.

DECEMBER 15

Eberhard Henry Huelsmann
Born: March 27, 1849 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: December 15, 1928 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Eberhard was invested in 1867 and ordained in 1872. His first assignment was as excurrens from Oldenburg, IN, to Hamburg. In 1875 he was named pastor at St. George in Cincinnati and then at Bloomington and Miononk, IL, where he was also excurrens to Streator, IL. He next went to Chatham, Ontario, Canada, where he had charge of Blenheim. Next he went to St. Joseph, Louisville, as pastor. Eberhard became assistant pastor at St. George, St. Bonaventure, St. Francis Seraph and St. Anthony, all in Cincinnati, and St. Boniface, in Louisville. After retiring to St. Clement, Cincinnati, he died after 61 years as a friar. Eberhard was 79 years old.
Columban James O'Leary

Born: January 18, 1875 - Killarney, Ireland
Died: December 15, 1931 - Roswell, NM

Brother Columban became a friar in 1915 and served first at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. His longest assignment was as porter at St. Clement, Cincinnati. Ill health forced him to retire to Roswell, NM, where he died after 16 years as a friar. Columban was 56 years old.

DECEMBER 17

Bartholomew Clement Ohr

Born: September 18, 1887 - Louisville, KY
Died: December 17, 1954 - Metamora, IL

Father Bart was invested in 1907 and ordained in 1915. His first 27 years as a priest were spent in various assistancies of one year each at St. Anthony, Kansas City, KS, and at St. Francis Seraph, St. Clement, St. Bonaventure, St. John and again at St. Clement, all in Cincinnati, where he remained from 1929 to 1941. In 1941 he was moved to Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, as assistant pastor of St. Michael Parish which was located at the college chapel. He became pastor a year later and began a building program to complete the work of Father Alexander Wilberding who erected the first rooms of the future St. Michael school. Bart built addition after addition to the school so that, before he moved in 1952, he had a complete parish plant—auditorium/church, sisters' convent and friary. He moved to his last assignment, St. Mary, Metamora, IL, where he died at his desk a few days before Christmas. Bart was 67 years old and had been a friar for 47 years.

Paul Charles Kroger

Born: March 10, 1900 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: December 17, 1984 - Santa Fe, NM

Brother Paul was invested in 1922. He was first appointed as cook and handyman at St. Anthony in Cincinnati and at Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN. After his novitiate in 1924 he was sent to Roswell, NM, to help at St. Peter Parish. In 1927 he was moved to St. Michaels, AZ, mainly as cook, and then to Gallup, NM, from 1932 to 1936. Paul then spent one or 2 years at each of several places: Roswell, NM; Metamora, IL; Oldenburg, IN; St. Boniface, Louisville; St. Francis Seraph, St. Clement and St. Anthony, Cincinnati. In 1946, he returned to the Southwest to Zuni, NM, until moving to Jemez, NM, in 1975. Three years later he was transferred to Holy Family, Albuquerque, NM, because of ill health. He died
Maximilian Michael Schaefer

Born: July 8, 1851 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: December 18, 1907 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Maximilian became a Franciscan in 1867 and was ordained in 1874. After serving as assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, and St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, Max began teaching at the seminary. He became pastor of St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1880, moving to St. George, Cincinnati, in 1888 as pastor and superior. From 1900 until his death he devoted himself exclusively to editing of Der Sendbote (a popular religious German language magazine published by the friars). He served as definitor for one term and was elected custos to replace Peter Baptist Englert when the latter was called to Rome as Definitor General. Max died at age 56 after 40 years in the Order.

Clarence Frederic Meyer

Born: September 17, 1878 - Louisville, KY
Died: December 18, 1926 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Clarence was invested in 1895 and ordained in 1903. He began his ministry as assistant pastor at St. Clement, Cincinnati, and (except for one year's teaching at the seminary) spent the rest of his life as an assistant pastor or excurrens. His principle assignments were to St. Clement, Cincinnati; Peña Blanca, NM; Chatham, Ontario; and Hamilton, OH. Clarence died as assistant pastor at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, after 31 years as a friar. He was 48 years old.

John Forest William McGee

Born: January 4, 1875 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: December 18, 1951 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Forest was invested in 1891 and ordained in 1898. He taught at the seminary during his first years as a priest, but in 1914 he became editor of the St. Anthony Messenger. For 2 years he also edited the St. Franziskus Bote. After 8 years in publishing he became chaplain of the sisters at Oldenburg, IN, and later a popular missioner. From 1926 to 1928 Forest was with the Commissary of the
Holy Land, headquartered in Washington, DC. When Duns Scotus College in Southfield, MI, began to offer a special course in sacred eloquence, Forest was chosen to conduct it. After teaching again at the seminary, he became pastor and guardian of Our Lady of Sorrows, Kansas City, MO. He went back to writing as editor of the *Provincial*.

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*Chronicle.* For many years Forest was also the "Wise Man" for *St. Anthony Messenger.* He also wrote an explanation of Rule of the Third Order, and began random note cards for a provincial necrology, though he never got beyond the early stages of this project. He died after 60 years as a friar at age 76.

**Eligius Guadalupe Fuentes - OLG**

*Born:* August 11, 1920 - Mora, NM  
*Died:* December 18, 1993 - Albuquerque, NM

**DECEMBER 19**

**David Ignatius Widman**

*Born:* March 8, 1805 - Hall, Tyrol  
*Died:* December 19, 1871 - Reutte, Tyrol

Father David was one of the early Tyrolean missionaries to the United States. He entered the Order in 1825. In 1852 he came to Cincinnati and was appointed superior of St. Clement, Cincinnati. In 1855 he was named pastor and superior at Louisville. After 4 years of service in this country, he returned to the Tyrol in 1856 where he died at age 66. David was a friar for 46 years.

**Stephen August Sailer**

*Born:* March 29, 1828 - St. Jacob, Tyrol  
*Died:* December 19, 1899 - Salzburg, Austria

Father Stephen was invested in the Tyrolean Province in 1853. He came to America in 1868, 11 years after his ordination. He became rector of the seminary and, later, a popular missioner and Lenten preacher. In 1874 he returned to the seminary as instructor. Stephan served a total of 8 years in this country with assignments at St. John, Cincinnati; St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH; St. Boniface,
Lafayette, IN; and St. Boniface, Louisville. He returned to the mother province in 1876 and died at age 71. Stephen was a friar for 46 years.

DECEMBER 20

**Guido Aloysius Stallo**

Born: April 7, 1856 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 20, 1918 - Louisville, KY

Father Guido was invested in 1873 and ordained in 1879. He first served as *excurrens* to the Kansas missions for 6 years and then assisted at St. Anthony in Kansas City, KS. Later he served in Lafayette, IN, and in Cincinnati at St. George and St. John. In 1912 he became superior and pastor at St. Mary, Bloomington, IL. He died at St. Boniface, Louisville, after 45 years in the Order. Guido was 62 years old.

**Florence George Tassin**

Born: November 2, 1867 - New Albany, IN  
Died: December 20, 1933 - Southfield, MI

Brother Florence was invested in 1888 as a Teaching Brother and later entered the First Order. He taught at St. Francis Seraph and St. John in Cincinnati; St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH; and St. Boniface and St. Peter Claver in Louisville from 1916 to 1923. From 1925 to 1928 he served as subsyndic of the province, the last lay brother to hold that position. Florence’s last assignment was as assistant procurator and instructor of the tertiary brothers at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI. He died suddenly at age 66 after 45 years as a Franciscan.

DECEMBER 21

**Austin Edward Ernstes - OLG**

Born: August 9, 1917 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 21, 1987 - Santa Fe, NM

**Camillus William Hogan**

Born: January 5, 1926 - Minneapolis, MN  
Died: December 21, 1994 - Calumet, MI
Father Camillus professed his first vows in 1948 and was ordained in 1955. Following ordination he spent 5 years teaching at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati. In 1960 he moved to Bishop Luers High School, Ft. Wayne, IN, where he taught chemistry, physics, mechanical drawing and religion for 20 years. For 10 years he served in parochial ministry at St. Mary of the Angels, New Orleans, LA; Sacred Heart, Calumet, MI; St. Anthony, Garden Plain, KS; and St. Therese, Ft. Wayne, IN. In 1990 he was named pastor of the Keweenaw Missions in the Michigan Upper Peninsula. Camillus loved to drive and tinker with school busses, was a ham radio enthusiast and was a generous and humble man. He died at age 69 after 47 years as a friar.

DECEMBER 22

Rudolph Gustave Bonner

Born: January 8, 1876 - Lafayette, IN
Died: December 22, 1945 - Cincinnati, OH

Father Rudolph was invested in 1894 and ordained in 1901. After ordination he was sent for higher studies to San Antonio, Rome, where he majored in psychology. Upon his return to the United States he taught the clerics at St. Boniface, Louisville, as lector of philosophy and also served as master of clerics. In 1905 he began his first term as master of novices which ended when he was elected Provincial Minister in 1915. His second term as provincial was followed by 6 years at Oldenburg, IN, as lector of Church history and canon law and master of clerics. Rudolph returned to St. Anthony, Cincinnati, as master of novices in 1927 and held this post until 1942 when he became guardian of the novitiate. Rudolph served as vicar and definitor for one term, in addition to his terms as provincial. He died at age 69 on his way to offer early morning Mass at a local parish. He was a friar for 51 years.

Guy Albert Moews

Born: November 7, 1904 - Bloomington, IL
Died: December 22, 1971 - Hamilton, OH

Father Guy was invested in 1923 and ordained in 1931. His first assignment was to Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, as teacher of English and librarian. In 1939 when the Brothers' Program began at St. Boniface, Louisville, Guy was chosen to be the director and also chaplain at City Hospital. In 1942 he volunteered for the Army Air Corps as chaplain, remaining in the service for 5
years. He was then elected guardian of St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, but returned to the Air Force in 1948. While in the Air Force he served in Europe and at air bases in Texas, California, Alaska, Mississippi, Kansas, the Philippines and Korea. He received several decorations and retired as a lieutenant colonel with 20 years of active duty and 2 years of reserve duty. Upon discharge Guy was named the chaplain of the New Mexico State Penitentiary (1964 to 1965) and then served as chaplain of St. Francis Hospital, Escanaba, MI. His last assignment was as chaplain of Mercy Hospital in Hamilton, OH, where he died suddenly after 47 years as a friar. Guy was 67 years old.

DECEMBER 23

Dominic Henry Meier

Born:  September 2, 1851 - Covington, KY  
Died:  December 23, 1924 - Streator, IL

Father Dominic was invested in 1871 and ordained 3 years later. Beginning as assistant pastor at Lafayette, IN, he became pastor and superior at Emporia, KS. He left Emporia for St. George in Cincinnati, and from 1887 to 1913 he was pastor of St. Anthony, Streator, IL. Dominic was chaplain of St. Anthony Hospital, Louisville, for 4 years, after which he retired to Streator, where he died after his golden jubilee in the priesthood. He lived 53 of his 73 years as a friar.

DECEMBER 24

Edward Alphonse Oehler

Born:  August 12, 1860 - Dayton, KY  
Died:  December 24, 1880 - Cincinnati, OH

Friar Edward was invested in 1878 and died 2 years later as a student living at St. Francis Seraph Friary, Cincinnati. Edward was just 20 years old.

Gilbert Henry Wolf

Born:  November 12, 1912 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died:  December 24, 1953 - Zuni, NM

Father Gilbert studied at Xavier University before entering the Order in 1937. He was ordained in 1946. After ordination he was sent to Santa Fe, NM, as excurrens and assistant pastor of the cathedral. In 1951 he was made superior of
the Zuni Indian Mission in New Mexico. He died at the supper table on Christmas Eve after 16 years as a friar. Gilbert was 51 years old.

DECEMBER 25

Thomas Joseph Schneider

Born: March 19, 1842 - Irslingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany
Died: December 25, 1899 - Chatham, Ontario, Canada

Brother Thomas was invested in 1873 and served as porter, cellarer and cook at St. John, Cincinnati. His second and last assignment was at St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario, Canada, from 1892 to his death on Christmas Day after 26 years in the Order. Thomas was 57 years old.

Alexis Earl Ripperger - OLG

Born: March 21, 1934 - Deer Park, OH
Died: December 25, 1990 - Albuquerque, NM

Martin Wolf - OLG

Born: October 4, 1950 - Roswell, NM
Died: December 25, 1994 - Denver, CO

DECEMBER 26

Donald Frederic Herp

Born: October 12, 1896 - Louisville, KY
Died: December 26, 1954 - Louisville, KY

Father Donald was invested in 1917 and ordained in 1925. Immediately thereafter he was sent to Lumberton, NM. After a brief stay in Santa Fe, NM, he returned to Lumberton as excurrens to various missions. Twelve years later he left these small mission stations for Jemez Pueblo, NM, and a year later moved East to Louisville as chaplain of the public hospital. In 1944 Donald was transferred to St. Bonaventure, Cincinnati, as chaplain to St. Francis Hospital, where he served until 1952 when he again returned to Louisville as chaplain to the Xaverian Brothers. Donald died at age 58 after 37 years as a friar.

Remegius Anthony Austing
Born: November 15, 1898 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: December 26, 1964 - Santa Fe, NM

Father Remy was invested in 1917 and ordained in 1925. His entire priestly career was centered in the Southwest. He began with 3 years at St. Michaels, AZ, then 3 years at Chinle, NM, and a year at Gallup, NM. In all these assignments, he served as assistant pastor. From 1934 to 1936 he was assistant pastor at Peña Blanca, NM. From 1936 to 1942 he was superior and pastor at San Fidel, NM. In 1942 he was named rector of St. Francis Cathedral, Santa Fe. His last assignment in 1957 was as superior and pastor at St. Joseph, Parkview (now Los Ojos), NM. Remy died at age 66 after 47 years as a friar.

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**DECEMBER 27**

Isidor Philip Buerger

Born: January 24, 1857 - Cincinnati, OH
Died: December 27, 1875 - St. Bernard, OH

Friar Isidor was invested in 1875 at St. Clement and died there 4 months later. He was professed on his deathbed at age 18.

Anthony Joseph Poggel

Born: January 20, 1867 - Detroit, MI
Died: December 27, 1928 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Anthony was invested as a Teaching Brother in 1883 and became a member of the First Order in 1890. He taught at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, for 8 years, at St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, for 7 and at St. John, Cincinnati, for 4 years. He continued teaching at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, from 1903 to 1928. After retiring from teaching he remained at St. Francis Seraph as the chief maintenance man. Anthony died after 45 years as a Franciscan. He was 61 years old.

Julian Thomas Elpers

Born: August 10, 1875 - Armstrong, IN
Died: December 27, 1946 - Santa Fe, NM

Brother Julian became a Franciscan in 1894. After 6 years in Cincinnati and Hamilton, OH, he went to the Southwest where he remained the rest of his life. He was stationed at Chinle, AZ, and Jemez, Peña Blanca, Cuba, Gallup, Parkview.
and Santa Fe, all in New Mexico. Julian died at age 71 after 52 years as a Franciscan.

**Honorius Henry Lipps**

Born: October 8, 1886 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 27, 1959 - Kansas City, KS

Father Honorius was invested in 1904 and ordained in 1912. His first assignment was to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, for 5 years. He went to Batesville, IN; Emporia, KS; and Lumberton, NM, for 2 years each. After some brief assignments in New Mexico and Texas he returned to St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, in 1928, as director of the mission band, a post he held while living at St. Bonaventure, the seminary, and St. Francis Seraph again. In 1948 after a year as director of the Friarhurst Retreat House, Cincinnati, he went to Emporia, KS, as chaplain of the hospital. He also served as retreat master and popular missioner. He died there 10 years later. Honorius was also lector of sacred Scripture and homiletics at Oldenburg, IN. He had been a friar for 55 years when he died at age 73.

**DECEMBER 27**

**Ambrose Carl Kroger**

Born: June 12, 1898 - Covington, KY  
Died: December 28, 1979 - New Orleans, LA

Father Ambrose entered the Order in 1916 and was ordained in 1924. He spent his first year after ordination at St. Michaels, AZ, but spent the next 35 years in parishes in the East. He began his parochial experience as assistant pastor at St. John, Cincinnati. From 1925 to 1927 and again from 1931 to 1933 he was assigned to St. Joseph, Louisville. All his other assignments were as pastor in the following places: Hartford, KS; Pee Wee Valley, KY; Homeplace and Buras, LA; St. Peter, Roswell, NM; and St. Patrick, Minonk, IL. In 1960 he became chaplain of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA, but weakened health caused him to move to the sisters' novitiate and serve as chaplain until his death at age 81. Ambrose was 81 years old.

**DECEMBER 28**

**DECEMBER 29**
Ignatius Francis Wilkens

Born: February 15, 1856 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 29, 1934 - Louisville, KY

Father Ignatius was invested in 1871. For the first 3 years after his 1877 ordination he taught at the branch preparatory seminary in Louisville. Then he began his career as a pastor in Reynolds, IN. In 1885 he went to Detroit, as director of the English branch of the Third Order. He served as assistant pastor in several parishes, chief among them being St. John, Cincinnati; St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH; and St. Boniface, Louisville. Ignatius was an organist, musician, and composer of several Mass settings and shorter vocal pieces. He died at age 78 having lived 63 years as a friar.

Sigbert Francis Vietor

Born: December 2, 1876 - New Alsace, IN  
Died: December 29, 1965 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Sigbert was invested in 1911 and simply professed as a tertiary in 1912. He had several long assignments, mostly as gardener and handyman. He served at St. Anthony, Cincinnati, from 1912 until 1929, and from 1929 to 1934 served at Metamora, IL. After a year in Jemez, NM, spent working out the details of an irrigation system, he went to St. John, Cincinnati, where he spent the last 20 active years of his life caring for the house, the sacristy and the heating system. In 1955 he retired to St. Anthony but in 1965 moved to the Little Sisters of the Poor for more intensive care. Sigbert had been a Franciscan for 54 years when he died at age 89.

Leander John Schell

Born: December 9, 1875 - Bisingen, Holenzollern, Germany  
Died: December 30, 1935 - Memphis, TN

Father Leander was invested in 1893 and ordained in 1900. He served a brief term in the Southwest, but spent most of his life as pastor of St. Clement, Cincinnati (1909-1918); St. Joseph, Louisville; and St. John, Cincinnati. He was guardian of St. Clement, Cincinnati, from 1915 to 1918, when the present friary was built to accommodate the second-year clerics. Leander died 5 months after
retiring to St. Boniface, Louisville. He was 60 years old and had been a friar for 39 years. He was definitor of the province from 1930 to 1933.

**Fintan Frederic Zumbahlen**

Born: April 24, 1879 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 30, 1947 - Colorado Springs, CO  

Father Fintan was invested in 1897. After ordination in 1905, he spent his entire career in the Southwest missions beginning with his first assignment to St. Michaels, AZ. For 15 years he was superior there. He was also superior at Farmington, NM. For one year he was at St. Michaels as head of the Navajo missions. His last assignment was to Kansas City, MO, at Our Lady of Sorrows, where he lived in retirement. He died at age 50 after 50 years as a friar.

**Prosper Henry Stemann**

Born: October 14, 1874 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 30, 1966 - Cincinnati, OH  

Father Prosper, brother of Ferdinand Stemann, was invested in 1891 and ordained in 1898. His first 8 years as a priest were spent at St. Joseph, Louisville, and St. Stephen, Hamilton, OH, as assistant pastor. He served as pastor of St. Boniface, Peoria, IL, before he was transferred to St. Joseph, Chatham, Ontario, Canada. He was also at St. George and St. Francis Seraph, both in Cincinnati, and at Holy Family, Oldenburg, IN. During WW I he was a home chaplain for the U.S. Army. From 1924 to 1930 he was pastor and superior at Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS. From 1932 to 1949 he was pastor and superior at Garden Plain, KS. After some years in retirement at St. Mary, Metamora, IL, he returned to Cincinnati in 1961, taking up residence at St. Francis Hospital. He was 92 years old when he died and had been a friar for 75 years.

**DECEMBER 30**

*Ivo Edwin Zirkelbach - OLG*

Born: February 17, 1932 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 30, 1989 - Colorado Springs, CO

**Didacus Andre Casanave**  
Born: May 17, 1907 - Iliolo, Philippines
Died: December 30, 1998 - Cincinnati, OH

Brother Didacus was trained and served as a civil engineer in the Philippines until he was imprisoned in a Japanese concentration camp for 3 years. Following his release, he immigrated to the United States where he continued working as an engineer. One of his more noted accomplishments was the design of the pumping system that keeps New Orleans from being flooded during heavy storms. At the age of 43 he “wanted to do more with his life” and joined the Franciscans. He was invested at Duns Scotus College, Southfield, MI, in 1950. With the exception of his novitiate year, Didacus continued living and working (primarily as refectorian) at Duns Scotus until the friary closed. During his later years his failing eyesight made his work a slow process, but he continued working diligently and faithfully. With the closing of Duns Scotus in 1992, Didacus retired to St. Clement, Cincinnati, where he lived until failing health required his moving to Franciscan Terrace a few months before his death at age 91. Didacus was a friar for 48 years.

DECEMBER 31

Eusebius Sebastian Schmid

Born: January 10, 1823 - Gries, Tyrol
Died: December 31, 1897 - Bozen, Tyrol

Father Eusebius became a friar in 1841 and came to the United States 20 years later. He was elected the second custos of St. John Baptist Custody, replacing Otto Jair. While in this country he resided at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati, first as custos and later as superior, master of clerics, lector of theology, and pastor. Eusebius returned to the Tyrol in 1867 after 6 years in the Cincinnati mission. He died at age 74 after 56 years as a friar.

Ildephonse Edward Gast

Born: August 27, 1881 - Louisville, KY
Died: December 31, 1929 - Lafayette, IN

Father Ildephonse was invested in 1899 and ordained in 1907. His first assignment was as assistant pastor in Peoria, IL. His first assignment as pastor was to St. Francis de Sales, Lincoln, NE, from 1911 to 1917. Then he went to Sacred Heart, Peoria, as pastor, returning to Lincoln some years later. Ildephonse served as definitor from 1921 to 1924. His last assignment was to St. Boniface, Lafayette, IN, where he died after 30 years as a friar. He was 48 years old.

Andrew James Velten
Born: April 18, 1850 - Dietschweiler, Bavaria, Germany  
Died: December 31, 1939 - Cincinnati, OH  

Brother Andrew was invested in 1870 and appointed cook at St. John, Cincinnati and later at St. Mary, Detroit. He also served as porter, cellarer, and subsyndic at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati. In 1892 Andrew became business manager of the St. Anthony Messenger and Der Sendbote as well as subsyndic of St. George Friary. Andrew was sacristan at St. George, Cincinnati, for over 25 years. From 1924 to 1934 he was stationed at St. Francis Seraph, Cincinnati; but he retired to St. Francis Seminary where he died after 69 years as a Franciscan. He was 89 years old.

DECEMBER 31

Marcellin Joseph Schroeder  
Born: October 3, 1877 - Cincinnati, OH  
Died: December 31, 1943 - Dearborn, MI

Father Marcellin was invested in 1894 and ordained in 1903. Most of his ministry was spent as assistant pastor in the Illinois, Kansas and Missouri parishes. Marcellin was a simple man who was liked and trusted by the hoboes and others of the train yards of Streator, IL. He would visit them frequently and always in his clerical garb. He died at St. Joseph Retreat, Dearborn, MI, after 49 years in the Order at age 66.