

# THE STIGMATINE



## NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCE

Dedicated to the HOLY SPOUSES, MARY and JOSEPH

### General Appendix: Personalities

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Tereza Lopes [Lay Stigmatine]**

On the Feast of the Holy Espousals, 2014

## GENERAL APPENDIX: PERSONALITIES

### A Short Biography

#### The First Superior Generals:

Father Giovanni Maria Marani, CSS – 1790 - † 1871

[1st Superior General: 1855 – 1871]

Father Giovanni Battista Lenotti, CSS – 1817 - † 1875

[2nd Superior General: 1871 – 1875]

Father Pietro Vignola, CSS – 1812 - † 1891

[3rd Superior General: 1875 – 1891]

Father Pio Gurisatti, CSS – 1848 - † 1921

[4th Superior General: 1891 – 1911]

Father Giovanni Battista Tommasi, CSS – 1866 - † 1954

[5th Superior General: 1911 – 1922]

Father Giovanni Battista Zaupa, CSS – 1883 - † 1958

[6th Superior General: 1922 – 1934]

Father Bruno Chiesa, CSS – 1887 - † 1952

[7th Superior General: 1934 – 1940]

Father Giovanni Battista Zaupa, CSS – 1883 - † 1958

[8th Superior General: 1940 – 1946]

#### Other Stigmatines:

Father Carlo Zara, CSS – 1843 - † 1883

Father Andrea Sterza – 1847 - † 1898

Father Riccardo Tabarelli, CSS – 1850 - † 1909

Father Nicola Luigi Tomasi, CSS – 1857 - † 1928

Brother Domenico Valzachi, CSS – 1868 - † 1945

Father Alfredo Balestrazzi, CSS – 1871 - † 1845

Father Giovanni Castellani, CSS – 1871 - † 1936

Brother Giuseppe Zuliani, CSS – 1872 - † 1936

Father Giuseppe Nardon, CSS – 1873 - † 1933  
Father Emilio Baretella, CSS – 1873 - † 1956  
Father Antonio Dalla Porta, CSS – 1874 - † 1932  
Father Paolo Sozzi, CSS – 1877 - † 1957  
Father Erminio Lona, CSS – 1878 - † 1970  
Father Riccardo Zambiasi, CSS – 1878 - † 1952  
Father Leone Sella, CSS – 1879 - † 1957  
Father Giovanni Battista Pelanda, CSS – 1879 - † 1940  
Father Ferrucio Zanetti, CSS – 1881 - † 1945  
Father Alessandro Grigolli, CSS – 1881 - † 1969  
Father Enrico Gabos, CSS – 1881 - † 1946  
Father Raimondo Dalla Porta, CSS – 1883 - † 1966  
Father Enrico Adami, CSS – 1883 - † 1873  
Father Antonio Toniolli, CSS – 1886 - † 1925  
Father Giuseppe Rosa, CSS – 1887 - † 1964  
Father Guglielmo Ludessi [*Wilhelm Ludescher*], CSS – 1889 - † 1969  
Father Michele Madussi, CSS – 1890 - † 1959  
Father Remigio Zadra, CSS – 1890 - † 1963  
Father Vittorio Formolo, CSS – 1892 - † 1970  
Father Luigi Fontana, CSS – 1893 - † 1982  
Father Carlo Zanotti, CSS – 1893 - † 1965  
Father Giuseppe Costa [*Kuster*], CSS – 1895 - † 1977  
Father Giulio Valentinelli, CSS – 1897 - † 1982  
Father Dario Wegher, CSS – 1898 - † 1980  
Father Vitorio De Michei, CSS – 1898 - † 1966  
Father Stefano Dalla Via, CSS – 1898 - † 1979  
Father Paolo Zanini, CSS – 1901 - † 1970  
Father Dante Turri, CSS – 1902 - † 1984  
Father Luigi Zuliani, CSS – 1905 - † 1984  
Brother Gino Dehò, CSS – 1907 - † 1941

Father Pietro Torreta, CSS – 1907 - † 1969  
Brother Ettore Linda, CSS – 1908 - † 1958  
Brother Giuseppe Bocchio, CSS – 1909 - † 1983  
Father Angelo Da Prai, CSS – 1909 - † 1987  
Father John Golden, CSS – 1910 - † 1989  
Father Charles Armour, CSS – 1910 - † 1989  
Father George Francis Ecker – 1911 - † 1997  
Father Leonard Della Badia, CSS – 1911 - † 2004  
Father John Dickinson, CSS – 1911 - † 1982  
Father John Luis Ecker, CSS – 1911 - † 1986  
Father Dominic Anthony Ruscetta, CSS – 1911 - † 2001  
Father Louis James Bonan, CSS – 1912 - † 1993  
Brother Giuseppe Fontanari, CSS – 1912 - † 1986  
Father Paul Vincent Daly, CSS – 1912 - † 1971  
Father Adolph A. Ferrari, CSS – 1912 - † 1996  
Father William Contino, CSS – 1912 - † 1945  
Father Joseph Welch, CSS – 1913 - † 2004  
Father Paolo Piskel, CSS – 1913 - † 1974  
Father Giovanni Avi, CSS – 1913 - † 1974  
Father James Gerard Shea, CSS – 1914 - † 1998  
Father Samuel Chameal, CSS – 1914 - † 1993  
Father Serafino Anthony Piazz, CSS – 1914 - † 1992  
Father Rinaldo Ribezzi, CSS – 1915 - † 2001  
Father Gilbert Fini, CSS – 1916 - † 1968  
Father Carmen Thomas Russo, CSS – 1918 - † 2000  
Father Gerald Augustine Goggin, CSS – 1919 - † 1999  
Father Samuel Joseph Fayad, CSS – 1919 - † 2007  
Father Charles Egan, CSS – 1919 - † 2003  
Father Joseph Henry Fellin, CSS – 1921 - † 2007  
Father Joseph Peter Massaro, CSS – 1922 - † 2007

Father Gino Giampaolo, CSS – 1926 - † 1976

Former Stigmatines:

Father Joseph Sembianti – 1836 - † 1914  
Archbishop Francesco Sogaro – 1839 - † 1912  
Father Domenico Vicentini, CS – 1847 - † 1927  
Father Lodovico Luchi – 1859 - † 1944  
Father Victor Guriatti – 1866 - † 1931  
Father Enrico Fadanelli – 1887 - † 1974  
Father Henry I. Luchi – 1895 - † 1980  
Father Paolino Sapienza - ? - † 1913  
Father Angelo Michael Jacobucci – 1871 - † 1955  
Father James B. Flynn – 1938 -

The Great Theologians quoted in this document:

Father Jerome Nadal, SJ – 1507 - † 1580  
Father Francisco Suárez, SJ – 1548 - † 1617  
Father Heinrich Joseph Dominicus Denzinger – 1819 - † 1883  
Father George Ganss, SJ - ? - † 2000

## FATHER GIOVANNI MARIA MARANI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Verona (S. Stefano) – May 5, 1790*

**ENTERED:**

*November 4, 1816*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*June 4, 1814*

**DIED:**

*Verona (Casa Massalongo) – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1871*

**AGE:**

*81*

**SUPERIOR GENERAL:**

*1855 - 1871*

While still young, Fr. Marani became very close to Fr. Bertoni: he was his helper and his confidant. To him, when he was still a seminary student, Fr. Bertoni revealed his secret dream of founding a Congregation of religious life.

After entering the Stimmate in 1816, he indefatigably engaged himself in teaching at the school and in the sacred ministry.

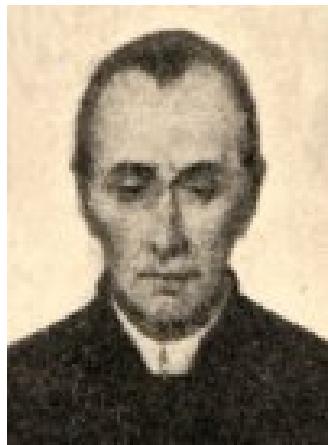
Immediately after the death of St. Gaspar, he worked his best to have the Congregation canonically recognized, which at that time was much reduced in number.

He refurbished the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, so that it might be a good house for Novitiate.

He started renovating the buildings of the S. Maria del Giglio (the so called "Derelitti").

After the expropriation of all the assets of the Congregation and the dispersion of its members in 1867, he retired to the house belonging to the Massalongo family, where he died four years later.

## FATHER GIOVANNI BATTISTA LENOTTI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Verona, Italy – September 5, 1817*

**ORDAINED:**

March 12, 1842

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

1873

**DIED:**

*Verona, Stimmate – Sep. 5, 1875*

**AGE:**

58

**SUPERIOR GENERAL:**

1871 - 1875

After his priestly ordination he was affected by a serious illness and he suffered for one year. Then, he seriously applied himself to the sacred ministries, under the guidance of Fr. Gaspar Bertoni, who loved him tenderly.

He was appointed master of novices for many years, and subsequently formator of the professed.

After the death of Fr. Marani, he succeeded him in the governance of the Congregation as Superior General.

He always showed the qualities of a good religious, for his zeal in keeping the rules, for his excellent piety and love of neighbor.

He strenuously worked for the good of the Congregation.

After solving the lawsuit with the Royal State Property, he completed the building of S. Maria del Giglio, purchased the property of the house of Trento and began the negotiations in order to open foreign missions.

He also completed the agreement for the foundation of the house of Parma.

## FATHER PIETRO VIGNOLA, CSS



BORN:

*Verona – Jan. 20, 1812*

ENTERED:

*Stimmate, 1859*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1836*

DIED:

*Verona, Stimmate – August 26, 1891*

AGE:

*79*

SUPERIOR GENERAL:

*1875 - 1891*

He worked in the diocesan seminary as a vice-rector for ten years and then he was appointed parish priest of San Pietro in Monastero (near the Cathedral of Verona) for another ten years, and finally became the arch-priest of San Fermo Maggiore for three years.

He left this position to enter the Stimmate in 1859. After his profession he was very committed in the sacred ministry and taught moral theology in the diocesan seminary. He was also the rector of the Marian Oratory.

He was elected Superior General in 1875 and led the Congregation for 16 years.

He founded the communities of Bassano, Pavia and Rome (Santa Maria dei Miracoli).

In 1890 he obtained from the Holy See the official approbation of our Congregation. He was struck by paralysis as he was descending the pulpit after a sermon and died soon after.

## FATHER PIO GURISATTI, CSS



BORN:

*Gemona, UD, Italy – April 22, 1848*

ENTERED:

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:  
1873

DIED:

*Verona, Stimmate – Dec. 05, 1921*

AGE:

73

SUPERIOR GENERAL:  
1891 - 1911

He was very dedicated and successful in the apostolic ministry, especially in the spiritual counselling. He was superior in S. Maria del Giglio and Stimmate.

In 1891 he succeeded Fr P. Vignola as Superior General.

He opened the cause of Beatification of our Founder and was instrumental for the increase in number of our confreres.

He opened the communities of Udine, Gemona and Milan, and he sent the first Stigmatines to the United States of America.

In 1907 he shifted the General Curia to Rome, where he became successful and much esteemed by people. Pope Pius X, through him, entrusted to our congregation the direction of the seminary of Belluno (1910-1915).

After 10 years of leadership he retired to the Stimmate.

## FATHER GIOVANNI BATTISTA TOMMASI, CSS



BORN:

*Bassano, VI – Jan. 24, 1866*

ENTERED:

*Verona, 1879*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Trento, 1890*

DIED:

*Rome (S. Agata) – Jan. 2, 1954*

AGE:

*88*

SUPERIOR GENERAL:

*1911 - 1922*

He was very dedicated and successful in the apostolic ministry, especially in the spiritual counselling. He was superior in S. Maria del Giglio and Stimmate.

In 1891 he succeeded Fr P. Vignola as Superior General.

He opened the cause of Beatification of our Founder and was instrumental for the increase in number of our confreres.

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After 10 years of leadership he retired to the Stimmate.

## FATHER GIOVANNI BATTISTA ZAUPA, CSS



BORN:

*Ciampo, VI – July 29, 1883*

FIRST PROFESSION:

*1900*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1907*

DIED:

*Verona, S. Leonardo – Jan. 25, 1958*

AGE:

*75*

SUPERIOR GENERAL:

*1922 – 1934 and 1940 - 1946*

After his ordination he became assistant to our professed students at the Derelitti (S. Maria in Giglio) and then at the Santissima Trinità. He worked tirelessly for the edition of our constitutions and in the same time he obtained his degree in Theology in Rome (1912-1915). He taught for one year in Belluno and then he left for the USA in 1916.

In 1920 he was elected Ordinary Visitator. In 1922 he was elected Superior General and in 1928 he was re-elected for a second term of six years. In 1940 he was elected again for a term of 6 years. He has the merit of having obtained the full juridical constitution of our Congregation: the pontifical approval of our Constitutions and the division into provinces (1940-1946).

He was the force behind the thrust for a major expansion of our Congregation in China, Brazil and USA. He started in 1911 the publication of "Il Bertoniano".

After 1946 he returned to the USA, but due to poor health and advanced age he had to return to Italy. During his last years he gave to everybody a good example of obedience and dependence on the superiors as a young novice. His great authority (superior general for 18 years!) and his many merits did not obscure in him the good religious.

## FATHER BRUNO CHIESA, CSS

**BORN:**

*Brunico (Bolzano) – March 22, 1887*

**DIED:**

*Trento – July 14, 1952*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*Aug. 15, 1905*

**AGE:**

*65*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Verona – Aug. 6, 1911*

**SUPERIOR GENERAL:**

*1934 - 1940*

As a boy he frequented our oratory of Trento and from there he entered the Apostolic School. After his ordination he was assigned for some time to our colleges of Verona and Udine. Then he exercised his pastoral ministry in our parishes of Rome and Milan, where he successively became a parish priest. He was much appreciated as a preacher.

In 1934 he was elected Superior General and during his six years of office he greatly supported our foundation in Brazil.

He retired at Trento while still dedicated to preaching retreats and to hearing confessions.

## FATHER CARLO ZARA, CSS

(NO PICTURE FOUND)

BORN:  
*Verona – July 2, 1843*  
ENTERED  
*Stimmate, 1856*  
PRIESTLY ORDINATION:  
*March 16, 1867*

DIED:  
*Stimmate – June 20, 1883*  
AGE:  
*40*

He was the first aspirant that entered our Congregation, after the canonical erection of our Institute in 30.09.1955.

He was an excellent religious and priest, who was mourned by many people. He wanted to be a missionary. He dedicated himself with zeal to the Oratory, to the sacred ministries, especially to hear confessions. He always suffered from a weak health that in the end brought him to the tomb with great pains.

He promoted the devotion to our Lady of Sorrows in our house of the Stimmate. He took care of collecting the memoirs of our first fathers, in view of transmitting them in an accurate and authentic way.

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### Compendium of the Life of Fr. CHARLES ZARA

The memory of Josias, says Sacred Scripture, is like a composition of various odors, blended by a perfumer: ***The memory of Josias has been made into a composition of odors, the work of a perfumer*** [Si 49:1]. We can apply these words to our own Fr. Charles Zara, whose life we are to recount briefly here.

Fr. Zara was born in Verona, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 1843, of Nicholas Zara and Louise Bonzanini. They were extraordinarily pious parents. From his earliest years, he directed his mind toward the knowledge of God. From that early period, he consecrated to God the virginal beats of his heart. He had a most lively temperament, but he was guided in all things by obedience. With his family, he was docile and loving, and at school he was a good example to all. Because of his unusual diligence, as well as because of his alert mind and his powerful memory, he was among the few to crown his scholastic year by winning an award.

In those years, he was more interested in the things of God than he was in games, even though usually at his age, boys are more avid for the latter. He often read devout books, and also made a little altar in his home. He took an active part in the Oratory, and in the Doctrine Classes. He used to assist at the sacred functions, served Masses and dedicated himself to similar practices of piety. We can also apply to him the words written of the pious King Osias: ***When he was still a boy, he began to seek God.***

These were the first clear signs of that sublime vocation to which he would one day be called by God. From his childhood, he had informed his parents that his desire was to consecrate himself entirely to God, that he might work out better his own sanctification, and to bring about the salvation of souls. He asked the Lord for this grace every day, and also offered his meditation on the Most Holy Virgin for this end. From his boyhood days, he was always most devoted to her. His prayers were not long in being heard.

On the 127<sup>th</sup> of February 1856, when he had not yet reached his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, to his great joy, he was received into our little Congregation. The boy experienced an unspeakable joy in being taken out of the world even before he had come to know of it.

With great fervor, from those first days, he girded himself for the struggle to attain the religious virtues and the necessary knowledge. He made such progress that a little more than a month after his entrance, he was vested with the religious habit. When he had reached the minimum prescribed by the sacred canons, he began his Novitiate and then pronounced his Holy Vows.

However, not much later, in the year 1860, the 17<sup>th</sup> of his life, he came down with a very grave illness. He really never recovered from this, and for the rest of his life, he bore the effects of this malady within him. As a result, we all remember well the doctor saying that, for as long as he lived, he would have to pace himself to conserve his strength. It was always a great wonder to all of us that he was able to continue his useful existence as long as he did, despite so much suffering, so much fatigue and exertion. He allowed himself to endure all of this because of his unflinching zeal. The love for God and for his neighbor that burned so ardent joy in his heart fed the flickering flame of his life that many times seemed to be on the verge of going out.

***Love God and your neighbor!*** - this sums up the life of the entire mortal pilgrimage of Fr. Charles. This became even more evident from the time of his Ordination. He became a Priest on March 16, 1867. He loved God, and he applied himself to cultivate and increase this love with the most beautiful practices of piety.

Each year, as Christmas approached, even though because of his delicate constitution, he was most susceptible to the rigors of winter, he worked for days on end to prepare the crib. Even months before the Feast, he would begin to prepare the devout program that was to be given during the evenings of the Christmas Season, in honor of the God Who became a Child for us.

He also nurtured a tender love for the sorrowful mysteries of the life of Christ. We all recall that from the time there was introduced into our Church of the Stimmate the pious exercise of the Seven Last Words on Friday, the sermon in honor of Christ crucified was reserved for him every year. Through these talks of his he was able to move even the coldest and most disinterested hearts.

Because our Fr. Charles loved God so fervently, he likewise had a most tender and warm affection for the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. In a particular manner, he nourished a great affection for her sorrows, and he did all in his power to enkindle this in the hearts of others. It was due to him that in our Church there was erected an altar in honor of the Sorrowful Virgin. The piety and fervor with which that Queen of Sorrows is honored there, is also due to him. Every year, he would open and close the Sorrowful Month with one of his moving and inspired sermons. These would penetrate hearts and inundate them with sincere love.

Because of this same love for God of his, especially after he had become Director at the Stimmate, that the Temple of the Lord was maintained with such décor that it inspired devotion in anyone who visited it.

The love for God, however, does not remain inactive in the hearts of His servants. Of necessity, it impels them to honor their neighbor by trying to lead him out of sin, or to preserve him from it, and to inspire him to the practice of the Christian virtues. Fr. Charles thirsted for the salvation of souls. To understand how great this zeal of his truly was, it would be enough to cite the following expressions of his zeal that was truly apostolic. These words were taken from the text of a letter that he wrote a few months before he died from a villa where he had gone under obedience:

This is for me the last word in comforts: to do good for souls. What good is anything else? For one hour of fatigue in behalf of souls. I would exchange all the country-side of this world. It is true, as I have been reading during these days, that in the evening of life, the soul finds itself most content when it can say: Today, too, I did some good for my brethren. This is the best medicine that anyone could take. How I hope that the Lord will not refuse my meager efforts that I am able to offer Him for His souls.

This gives a good idea of what he was like. From these words we can see that Fr. Charles was on fire with zeal for the salvation of souls. Because of this zeal, shortly after his ordination, he worked with tireless effort to prepare various types of sermons that are used during Missions. However, because of his chronic weak and unstable health, which was then abused and mistreated by such suffering and discomfort, he was not assigned to deliver these sermons. Nonetheless, in preparing them, he was able to find a way to satisfy his zeal.

More than anything else, he worked and labored for the good of the youth, especially of the Oratory at the Stimmate. From the time he became its Director, we can say that his thoughts were always centered on this Oratory. He worked constantly for the good of his boys, with the industry of a father, and with the tenderness of a mother. If there was any means that would help to maintain, or to increase the welfare of the Oratory, he would put his hand to it and would overcome every difficulty.

Although by temperament, he was not much for diversions, nonetheless, to attract the young boys to join the Oratory, he would take part in their recreations. Even though he was sometimes worn out by his fatigue and continual sickness among the boys, he was full of spirit and life. He was so active and agile, that he seemed to be in the best of health. It was his desire for the good of their souls that sustained and reinforced him.

It was not, however, only to his own Oratory that he confined his zeal. He extended it to the majority of the Oratories of the city. The courses of the Spiritual Exercises that he gave, as well as the Retreats, not only to the Oratories, but also to the Religious Institutes during his last years, can be said to be without number.

We should also say something about his diligence in the Confessional. Very early every morning, through every season, he was always the first to be up out of bed. Many times, even before the *Angelus*, he would celebrate Holy Mass, so that he could take his place in the Confessional where he would remain until about noon every day. After dinner, and often without taking even a brief rest, he used to go to hear the Confessions of the Sisters. From there, he would return again to his own Confessional in our Church until nightfall.

It is not possible to estimate the number of troubled souls that he was able to lead back to God. Those who were wavering, he confirmed in truth; the tepid, he inspired; the fervent, he directed to an even more perfect life. He would encourage them to turn their backs on the world, to consecrate themselves to God in the State of Religion. The good that he did through his Confessional is a mystery even to us. Only in heaven will it be given to know it clearly, and to admire it. For now, we can only say that the good he did was extraordinarily abundant and precious before God. This is how he lived for many years.

His fatigue, however, placed a drain on his precarious health. There were other discomforts from which he had been suffering for many years, that brought about a terrible malady. For about a year, he was subjected to the purifying fire of suffering that was most cruel, atrocious and tormenting. Even just recalling it, one cannot help shuddering on the one hand – but, on the other, we are overwhelmed in amazement for the truly heroic patience and resignation with which he suffered everything.

His sickness was a cause of anguish for the many who loved him for all they received from him. There was great anxiety, many prayers, Holy Communions, Triduums and Novenas, and so many hopes ... that it would not be easy to note them all. Even though many felt that they still had need of such a father, God decreed otherwise, and decided that Fr. Charles was not to live much longer on this earth. However, to enrich him with even greater merits, and that he might gain the crown of martyrdom, He willed that Fr. Zara would be tormented for almost a full year, with agonizing sufferings. As time passed, it was believed that every week, or even every day, and hour – might be the last of his life.

At the end, fully conscious, he received Viaticum and Extreme Unction with the sentiments of a saint, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1883. After a few more hours of the most painful agony, during which he lapsed into unconsciousness, at 9:00 p.m., he peacefully fell asleep in the Lord. The Members of the Marian Oratory of the Stimmate had the following epigraph printed:

**TO CHARLES ZARA, PRIEST OF THE APOSTOLIC MISSIONARIES, BECAUSE OF HIS ADMIRABLE ZEAL, ABNEGATION AND GENTLENESS, HE WAS MORE A LOVING FATHER, THAN A DIRECTOR OF THE MARIAN ORATORY OF THE SACRED STIGMATA.**

**HE DIED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 1883, AT ABOUT THE AGE OF 40, NO STRANGER TO SUFFERING, FULL OF MERITS AND MOURNED BY EVERYONE, BUT EVEN MORE BY US, THE SONS OF HIS HEART, TO WHOM HE LEFT AN INCORRUPTIBLE HEREDITY OF WORD AND EXAMPLE.**

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**THE CONFRERES OF THE MARIAN ORATORY,  
CELEBRATING THE SOLEMN MONTH'S MIND MASS, SUNDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>.**

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## FATHER ANDREA STERZA, CSS



BORN:

*Valgatara (VR) – May 4, 1847*

ENTERED:

Verona - 1860

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1871*

DIED:

*Trento – Jan. 26, 1898*

AGE:

*51*

He exercised his apostolic ministry throughout many dioceses of Northern Italy, with more than 300 missions to the people, and leaving behind many spiritual fruits. He was a passionate student of classical studies. He obtained a brilliant degree at the University of Padua together with literary awards from several competitions in Amsterdam. He wrote and published social works in popular style, with the view of helping the most humble people.

He became exhausted by his work in the mountains of Emilia and his strong physique gave in, and compelled him to retire in Trento, where he died.

## FATHER RICCARDO TABARELLI, CSS



BORN:

*Cembra (Trento) – Feb. 22, 1850*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

1873

DIED:

*Rome (Prefetti) – Oct. 11, 1909*

AGE:

59

Father Tabarelli taught for many years Philosophy and Theology to our professed students.

He obtained the degree in Philosophy at Padua and in Theology at Parma.

He was director of our schools of Stimmate, that had been opened again in 1880, for nine years.

He concluded the procedures of the approbation of our Institute by the Holy See.

He procured two residences in Rome: St Mary of Miracles and St Nicolas of Prefetti.

He was consulter of the Sacred Congregation of Bishops and Regulars.

He taught Philosophy and Theology in the Roman Seminaries. He was a Councillor and Procurator General for several years.

Pope Pius X defined him “glory of the Institute and of the Church”.

## FATHER NICOLA LUIGI TOMASI, CSS



BORN:

*Trento – Sep. 30, 1857*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1881*

DIED:

*Gemonia (UD) – Nov. 16, 1928*

AGE:

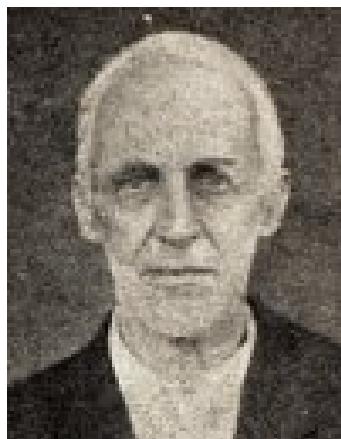
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He had been teaching almost all his life in our schools of Verona, Bassano, Parma and Gemonia, keeping himself youthfully fresh and serene.

He was superior for some years in Parma, and for some time he lived as co-operator in our parish in Springfield in USA.

Back to Gemonia he was struck by an illness that caused him quickly to die.

## BROTHER DOMENICO VALZACCHI, CSS



BORN:

*Montenars (UD) – April 7, 1868*

ENTERED:

*Verona - 1900*

FRIST PROFESSION:

*1905*

DIED:

*Casa Branca, SP (Brazil) – May 20, 1945*

AGE:

*77*

He gave proof of his solid religious virtues in all the duties to which he was assigned, specially as sacristan: in Verona, Trent, Piacenza

In 1912, he accompanied Fr. Ferruccio Zanetti to Brazil, and was of great help to the first Fathers there, especially in the Mission of Paraná. He worked also in the other houses: San Gaetano, Salles Oliveira, Palmeiras. He died in the Hospital of Casa Branca.

## FATHER ALFREDO BALESTRAZZI, CSS



BORN:

*Mariano di Parma (PR) – March 7, 1871*

DIED:

*Rome (S. Croce) – Dec. 5, 1945*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1894*

AGE:

*74*

He was involved in the teaching apostolate in Verona until 1906, when he left for Rome as general councillor. He was sent to North America to support the first confreres who had been sent there for a foundation.

In 1909 he was called to direct the seminary of Belluno, entrusted to us by Pius X. After 1915 he was in Rome again as general councillor and general postulator.

From 1921 to 1932 he returned to North America, where he founded our Apostolic School; he was Novice Master and also Visitator. Upon his return to Italy, because of health problems, he was elected again general councillor and superior of the community of St Agatha until 1940.

He went to the parish of S. Croce where he spent himself with much zeal in the ministry of confession.

Most excellent in all subjects, he kept the simplicity of a child; he made all wonder because of his knowledge and his humility.

## FATHER GIOVANNI CASTELLANI, CSS



BORN:

*Verona – July 9, 1871*

FIRST PROFESSION

*Aug. 15, 1888*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1894*

DIED:

*Verona – Jan. 8, 1936*

AGE:

*64*

After his priestly ordination he was assigned to teaching, but afterwards he dedicated himself to preaching, almost all his life, in a simple and effective fashion.

He went also to the USA to preach to the Italian communities.

He was struck at the end by serious exhaustion and lost his sight.

He died in consequence of a cardiac failure.

## BROTHER GIUSEPPE ZULIANI, CSS



BORN:

*Bressa (Udine) – April 28, 1872*

DIED:

*June 25, 1936*

ENTERED:

*1900*

AGE:

*64*

FINAL PROFESSION:

*1904*

He served as cook, sacristan and infirmarian in our houses in the USA and subsequently in Verona, Milan and Rome.

## FATHER GIUSEPPE NARDON, CSS

**BORN:**

*Lisignago (TN) – Jan. 24, 1873*

**ENTERED:**

*Verona, 1885*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*1895*

**DIED:**

*Rio Claro, SP, Brazil – March 5, 1933*

**AGE:**

*60*

Enthused and always ready for the works of his ministry, he nourished his fervor with a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

In 1907 he was sent to North America, where he served for 24 years.

He translated into English the life of our Founder.

In 1931 he was invited to go to Brazil, and gladly accepted. But his obedience was his merit in the new field of ministry. Hit by asthma, soon he died.

## FATHER EMILIO BARETELLA, CSS



BORN:

*Verona – April 28, 1873*

FINAL PROFESSION:

*1892*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Dec. 19, 1895*

DIED:

*Wellesley (MA) – Oct. 22, 1956*

AGE:

*83*

He taught for ten years in our schools of Stimmate. Then he was superior in Pavia until his election to general councillor in 1911.

In 1920 he went to USA and he dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the Italian immigrants for 35 years. He lived in Milford, Lynn, Springfield and Waltham.

## FATHER ANTONIO DALLA PORTA, CSS



BORN:

*Cembra (Trento) – Sep. 4, 1874*

ENTERED:

*Verona, 1888*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1899*

DIED:

*Waltham, MA – March 22, 1932*

AGE:

*58*

He taught for several years in our schools.

In 1905 he left for the United States to attend the Italians migrated from Trentino. After many vicissitudes and difficulties, he could establish a residence in Springfield, MA, where he received the care of the parish of Italians.

With his enlightened zeal he was able to earn the esteem of the Bishop, the local clergy and the emigrants.

In 1922 he was appointed Visitor. In 1925 he returned to Italy as General Councillor.

In 1928 he returned to America and was the Novice Master and Director of the Seminary of Waltham.

In 1932 he died sanctily, at the age of 58.

## FATHER PAOLO SOZZI, CSS

**BORN:**

*S. Martino di Valmozzola (Parma) –  
Nov. 24, 1877*

**FINAL PROFESSION:**

*Verona, 1897*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Udine – Aug. 10, 1902*

**DIED:**

*Ribeirão Preto, SP (Brazil) –  
Aug. 19, 1957*

**AGE:**

*80*

He obtained a degree in arts in the University of Padua. Then he taught in Udine for some years.

He was appointed director of the boarding school of Pavia and in 1919 he moved to the USA.

He served in Hazleton (PA) and later on became the superior and the parish priest at Lynn (MA).

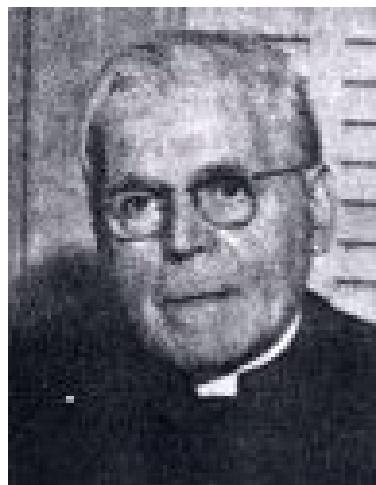
In 1930 he asked to be transferred to Brazil. He went to teach in our houses of formation in Rio Claro, Ribeirão Preto and São Paulo.

He lectured also at the University of Campinas, where he taught Italian language and Literature.

He used to speak a dozen languages.

During his free time he dedicated himself to preaching, for which he was very much appreciated, because of his rhetoric talents.

## FATHER ERMINIO LONA, CSS



BORN:

*Cembra (Trento) – Sep. 14, 1878*

DIED:

*Whitinsville, MA – March 14, 1970*

AGE: 92

He was the younger brother of Father John Lona. Their family was very numerous: three brothers became priests and two sisters became nuns.

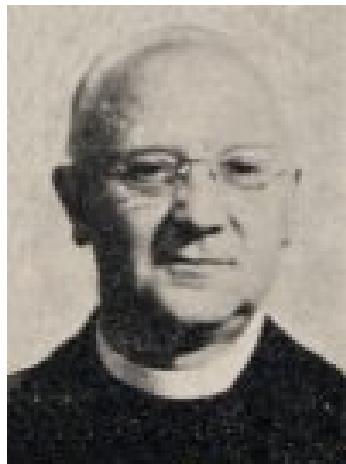
He remained in Italy 11 years and then went to the U.S. in 1913. He was pastor at Milford Mass., for ten years. He then went to the Students House where he remained for 15 years: Superior, Novice Master and Regional Councillor.

From 1941 to 1960 he always remained pastor at Lynn: built the church and rigged the residence of the priests. Afterwards he resigned of this assignment and then went to the Retreat House in Waltham.

After that he served at the Major Seminary in Wellesley, giving young students the example of perfect religious.

He concluded peacefully his long retirement at St. Camillo in Whitinsville.

## FATHER RICCARDO ZAMBIASI, CSS



BORN:

*Wildeann (Germany) – Dec. 31, 1878*

FINAL PROFESSION:

*1895*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1901*

DIED:

*White Plains (NY) – Dec. 23, 1952*

AGE: 74

He obtained a doctorate in music form the Conservatory of Florence.

He was assigned to the communities of Verona, Udine and Parma.

From 1922 to 1928 he served as General Vicar.

He went to the USA and lived in Springfield and White Plains, where he was also superior.

## FATHER LEONE SELLA, CSS



BORN:

*Laghi (VI) – Feb. 27, 1879*

PERPETUAL PROFESSION:

*1896*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Verona, 1902*

DIED:

*Chicopee, MA – April 12, 1957*

AGE: 78

He studied at the universities of Padua and Pavia, and obtained a degree in Literature. He taught at the seminary of Belluno. Then, directed our retirees for students in Trento and Milan. Afterwards, in the United States, he served successively in the parishes of Hazleton (Pa), Springfield, Milford, Mass., Lynn and Waltham.

In 1922, when he was pastor in White Plains, he began the construction of a large new church and the residence of the members. In his later years he retired in the Novitiate House in Springfield.

He was hospitalized in Chicopee where he died peacefully. He was brother of Father Albino, who served so much in Brazil.

## FATHER GIOVANNI BATTISTA PELANDA, CSS



BORN:

*Verona (SS. Trinità) – Sep. 4, 1879*

ENTERED:

*Verona - 1902*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1906*

DIED:

*Trento – Aug. 25, 1940*

AGE: 61

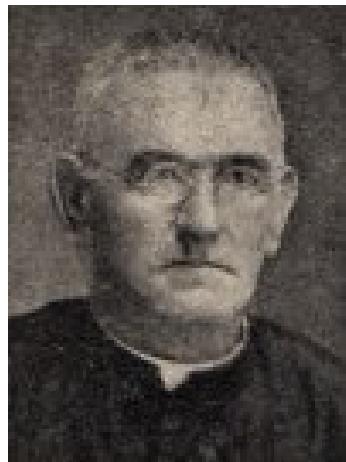
He started his ministry as a director of the Marian Oratory of Udine and then he moved to Rio Claro in Brazil. He became a superior and a parish priest at Castro and S. Caetano.

In 1929 he returned to Italy and was appointed again Director of the Oratory at Trento. Later on he joined the formation community in Verona and dedicated himself to preaching the popular missions, and became renowned because of his skills.

He travelled also to USA to preach to the Italian immigrants.

He was suddenly struck by a serious illness and had to retire to Trento, where he died a quiet death.

## FATHER FERRUCIO ZANETTI, CSS



BORN:

*Verona – June 17, 1881*

ENTERED:

*Verona - 1895*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Trento –1904*

DIED:

*Ribeirão Preto, SP (Brazil) –*

*July 20, 1945*

AGE:

64

He frequented our school at the Stimmate and there he decided to enter our congregation.

After his priestly ordination he engaged himself in preaching and teaching in Verona, Pavia, Udine and Piacenza.

In 1912 he joined the second group of confreres who went to Brazil. He worked intensively in the mission of Paraná, where he was remembered for a very long time.

He was discovered with a tumor in the spine, was quickly operated, but could not recover completely. He was deeply affected by the sickness, lost his mind and was plagued by spiritual anxiety.

## FATHER ALESSANDRO GRIGOLLI, CSS



BORN:

*Zevio (VR) – Aug. 4, 1881*

FINAL PROFESSION:

*Aug. 15, 1897*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Trento – Aug. 21, 1904*

DIED:

*Verona (S. Leonardo) – Feb. 17, 1969*

AGE: 88

After the first years of ministry in Italy, he left for Brazil with Fr. Adami and Bro. Valzacchi (10.11.1910). He worked intensely and with much appreciation from the people in Tibagy (Paraná).

In 1919 he returned to Italy to take part in the General Chapter. He had to remain in Italy for some years and he was the first provost of the parish of S. Croce in Milan (1920). In 1924 he went back to Brazil where he worked in the new parish of S. Caetano in S. Paulo which had been entrusted to our congregation. In 1927 he became parish priest and in 1928 he built the residence for the priest of the parish.

From 1933 to 1934 he built the new church acting as architect and engineer. Because of these activities and his valuable pastoral service he left a lasting memory of himself in S. Caetano. He returned to Italy in 1946 for the General Chapter, and never again went back to Brazil. He then dedicated himself very intensely to the pastoral ministry and to prayer.

He was of great example and was admired by everybody in his old age.

## FATHER ENRICO GABOS, CSS



BORN:

*Cles (TN) – Oct. 31, 1881*

DIED:

*Pittsfield, PA – Nov. 17, 1946*

FIRST PROFESSION:

*1900*

AGE: 65

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Oct. 21, 1906*

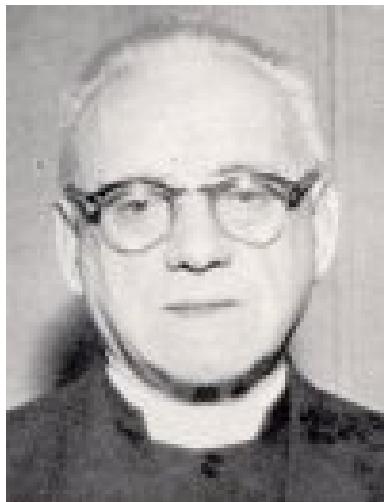
He worked for twenty years in Italy in Udine and Pistoia.

He was superior in Milan and Gemona.

In 1925 he went to USA and was engaged in the parishes of White Plains, Pittsfield, Springfield and Waltham.

In 1940 he was made parish priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Pittsfield, where he remained until his death.

## FATHER RAIMONDO DALLA PORTA, CSS

**BORN:**

*Cembra (Trento) – Feb. 13, 1883*

**DIED:**

*Whitinsville, MA – Nov. 19, 1966*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*Trento – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1900*

**AGE:**

83

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

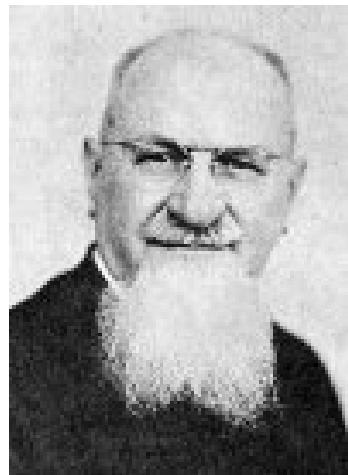
*Verona, Feb. 23, 1907*

While in Italy, he was assigned to the communities of Pistoia and Gemona. In Pistoia, he frequented the conservatory of Florence and obtained the diploma in piano. He always loved music and became a skilful organist and choir director.

He left for the USA in 1912, and for the following 50 years was engaged in our parishes as co-operator, parish priest and superior. He was always tirelessly active until few months before his death.

His great contribution was in building and restoring churches. He was brother of Fr. Antonio Dalla Porta.

## FATHER ENRICO ADAMI, CSS



BORN:

*S. Maximo (Verona) – Nov. 16, 1883*

FINAL PROFESSION:

*Jan. 25, 1905*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Dec. 21, 1907*

DIED:

*Negrar (Verona) – Sep. 23, 1973*

AGE:

90

In 1911 he left for Brazil together with Fr. Alessandro Grigolli and a group of Italian immigrants. After 13 years of work in Brazil, he joined the first group of Stigmatines who founded our mission in China.

In 1936 he came back to Italy. From 1939 to 1946 he did some missionary work among the Italians in the USA.

Back to Italy, he worked for another 15 years as a preacher, committed also in the work of support to the missions.

His last ten years were dedicated to prayer at San Leonardo, due to a paralysis which disabled him.

He had a strong physique and a resolute spirit, fighting against limitations and oppositions. He had the gift of a swift and wit talk, stinging at times. But his good soul and spirit of sacrifice made him pleasant to everybody, giving a great example of consecrated and priestly life.

## FATHER ANTONIO TONIOLLI, CSS



BORN:

*Cembra (Trento) – Nov. 24, 1886*

ENTERED:

*Verona – 1900*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1911*

DIED:

*White Plains, NY – Sep. 1, 1925*

AGE:

*39*

He was sent to the USA and exercised his first priestly ministry at Milford (MA), and then at Pittsfield.

He was very much loved, trusted and admired by the Italian immigrants.

During the outbreak of the epidemic called ‘Spanish Flu’, he showed great courage and selflessness towards the sick.

He helped the Italian community to constitute a well organized parish.

He started also the building of the Church, but he got a sudden and violent attack of pneumonia and quickly died.

He was the first Stigmatine to die in the land of America.

## FATHER GIUSEPPE ROSA, CSS

**BORN:**

*Lisignago (Trento) – Jan. 9, 1887*

**DIED:**

*Waltham, MA – Sep. 30, 1964*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*Trento – Ago. 16, 1905*

**AGE:**

77

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Udine, Sep. 3, 1911*

He exercised his ministry for a short time in Italy and in 1913 was sent to the USA.

He worked for the Italian immigrants in all our parishes and residences, but in White Plains he resided for the longest period.

In October 1963, after 50 years of intense work, he retired to the Minor Seminary in Wellesley.

He underwent an operation in consequence of a fall. He offered his suffering for the souls in Purgatory, whose devotion he had always spread.

## FATHER GUGLIELMO LUDESSI, CSS



BORN:

*Roethis (Austria) – March 19, 1889*

DIED:

*Waltham, MA – Sep. 18, 1969*

FIRST PROFESSION:

*Sep. 29, 1912*

AGE:

80

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Feldkirk (Austria) – Sep. 18, 1915*

His original name was Wilhelm Ludescher. Immediately after his ordination he was appointed as military chaplain in the Austrian army. After the war, he was sent to Capodistria as a teacher and subsequently to Rome and Trento to work mainly as a bursar.

In 1922 he went to the USA. He was assistant parish priest and then parish priest in Waltham, Springfield, Pittsfield and White Plains.

He was elected Ordinary Visitor of the Congregation in the USA for 12 years, from 1928 to 1940. During this period, he revived the religious and apostolic life of all the communities and opened new ones in Canada.

He served also in Washington, as a spiritual director of our students.

## FATHER MICHELE MADUSSI, CSS



BORN:

*Artegna (Udine) – Sep. 26, 1890*

FIRST PROFESSION:

*1909*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Verona –1917*

DIED:

*Milano – Nov. 9, 1959*

AGE:

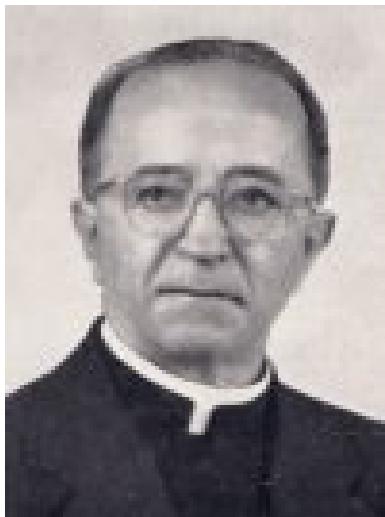
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He was for some years educator of our youth in the colleges of Udine and Gemona until 1924, when he was sent to USA. There, he was assigned to the parish ministry of Springfield and White Plains.

Back to Italy in 1933 he dedicated himself, for some time, to the ministry of preaching for which he had special gifts. In 1941 he was sent as the first parish priest of the new foundation in Battipaglia.

In 1946 he was elected provincial vicar and in the same time he became provost of the parish of St. Croce in Milan. There, he poured all his energy into organising the parish in an excellent way. His determination caused our two university boarding colleges to be built, against many difficulties. His apostolic activity was all steeped with the fire of charity that inflamed his heart and which came from a deeply pious and generous soul.

## FATHER REMIGIO ZADRA, CSS



BORN:

*Cis (TN) – Sep. 26, 1890*

FIRST PROFESSION:

*Trento - 1909*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Rome –1916*

DIED:

*Buffalo, NY – Feb. 24, 1963*

AGE:

72

He had his studies in Verona and Rome, where he obtained the degree in Theology.

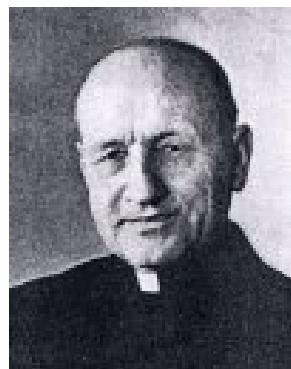
He worked for some time in the parish of S. Croce in Milan. Then he was sent to the USA in Springfield, Pittsfield, Lynn and Wellesley.

He published a new original method of rhythmic music.

He had a tense and restless temperament for which he suffered much.

He died in Buffalo in consequence of a heart attack.

## FATHER VITTORIO FORMOLO, CSS



BORN:

*Sporminore (TN) – Jan. 5, 1892*

DIED:

*Springfield, MA – Mar. 22, 1970*

FIRST PROFESSION:

*Aug. 29, 1911*

AGE:

*78*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

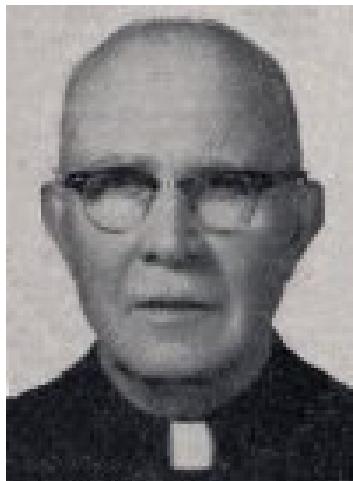
*Rome –July 7, 1918*

He was immediately sent to the U.S. (1919) and made his first apostolic experiences in Pittsfield (Penns.). Then, for most of his life, he was a cooperator in the parish of Mount Carmel in Springfield.

Humble and simple, he never aspired to any important position; lavished all his zeal in the parish and in the mission church of St. Anthony in West Springfield. He took care of the old and the sick, and was very loved in return from them and sought after.

Even when his health began to falter, he wanted to remain at his post as long as he could. He received the last sacraments with devotion and fell asleep in the peace of God

## FATHER LUIGI FONTANA, CSS



BORN:

*Lisignago (Trento) – Feb. 12, 1893*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Rome – 1918*

DIED:

*Trento – Dec. 23, 1982*

AGE:

89

He released the Stigmatine missionary charism in assisting the emigrants.

Immediately after his ordination he offered himself to the superiors for this service.

After having been sent to the USA, he became parish priest of Milford, where he got involved with many Italian families.

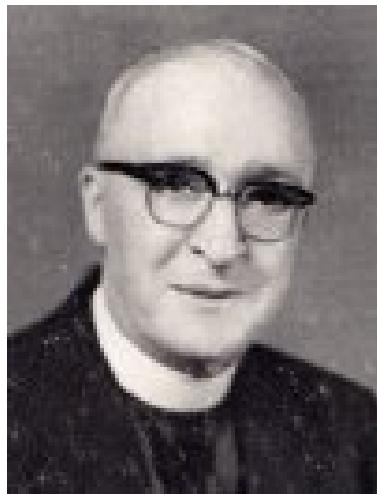
He was engaged in similar pastoral activities in White Plains and Lynn. Then, he went to Canada at Timmins, where he stayed for almost 25 years.

His work among those Italian families left a great amount of good that was praised by everybody, and his departure was very much regretted.

As a pastor, he was energetic, but fatherly and full of initiatives.

He realized many projects that witnessed his varied talents.

## FATHER CARLO ZANOTTI, CSS



BORN:

*Lover (TN) – Oct. 20, 1893*

FIRST PROFESSION:

*Aug. 29, 1910*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*July 25, 1917*

DIED:

*Springfield, MA – Jan. 30, 1965*

AGE:

*71*

He spent the first five years after his ordination in Italy: Verona, Udine and Milan. Then, he went to the USA, where he served always in our parishes of Springfield, Pittsfield, Manassas and Woodbridge.

At Pittsfield he was parish priest for fifteen years (1926 – 1941).

In 1941 he was elected first Provincial Superior and gave much trust to all our works in the USA and Canada.

He promoted many priestly vocations, gaining the admiration of people during the economic recession of 1929 – 1931.

When he had to retire because of age and illness, he lived in the provincial house of Springfield.

## FATHER GIUSEPPE COSTA, CSS



BORN:

*Feldkirch, Vorarlberg (Austria) –  
Jan. 27, 1895*

ENTERED:

*Capodistria, 1911*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Rome, 1919*

DIED:

*Yarmouth, MA – Aug. 9, 1977*

AGE:

83

He served firstly at S. Croce in Rome as an assistant parish priest.

In 1922 he left for the USA and for a few years he worked in our houses of formation. Then he was assigned to parish work.

He was also appointed superior.

During the Second World War he was a chaplain for the American Army.

He showed a strict but warm character, gentle and peaceful.

During the last years of his life he was forced to inactivity due to health problems.

He suffered a lot because of this handicap, but was able to accept it and to bear it with serenity.

## FATHER GIULIO VALENTINELLI, CSS



BORN:

*Vulcan, Michigan (USA) –  
March. 28, 1897*

ENTERED: *Gemona (UD) - 1909*

FIRST PROFESSION: *1914*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: *Rome, 1921*

DIED:

*Waltham, MA – Aug. 10, 1982*

AGE:

85

He studied at the Gregorian University of Rome and one of his fellow students was Giovan Battista Montini, the future Pope Paul VI.

We worked in Italy until 1929, and his main activity was that of preaching in various parishes.

Back to America, he exercised his first ministry at St. Anthony's parish in Agawam, MA. Then he was appointed parish priest of the Sacred Heart parish at Milford.

From 1943 to 1945 he was a military chaplain for the American Army.

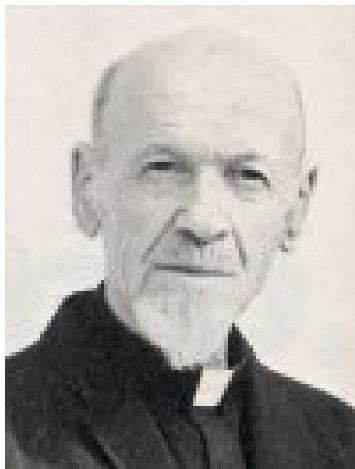
He worked in Germany as chaplain of the general hospital of Munich (Bavaria).

He was awarded several decorations.

On his return to America he was chosen to be the rector of the Assumption Church at White Plains.

He retired at the Retreat House of Waltham.

## FATHER DARIO WEGHER, CSS



BORN:

*Sporminore (TN) – Feb. 12, 1898*

DIED:

*Verona (S. Leonardo) – March 23, 1980*

FIRST PROFESSION: *Aug. 1, 1917*

AGE:

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

82

*Verona – Sep. 23, 1923*

Just after his priestly ordination, he was sent to Parma. Two years later he left for China with Bro. Ugo Giardinieri.

He served for 19 years as missionary and architect. The residences of the mission were all constructed or developed by him.

In 1946 he returned to Italy to attend the General Chapter. The communist invasion prevented him from returning to the mission. He remained in Italy until 1960. In that year he left for the mission in South Africa.

He stayed in South Africa for 18 years, working strongly in the sacred ministry.

With regret and great sacrifice he left Africa in 1978.

In the house of S. Leonardo he ended peacefully and piously his life and long missionary journey.

## FATHER VITTORIO DE MICHEI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Cles (TN) – April 27, 1898*

**FIRST PROFESSION: Aug. 1, 1917****PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*July 2, 1924*

**DIED:**

*Wellesley, MA – May 11, 1966*

**AGE:**

68

After his ordination, he worked in Italy for the first 12 years. He served as teacher and the Stimmate, and then went to Ortonovo, Udine and Parma.

In 1936, he was sent to the United States. In America, he served in the various parishes of Springfield, White Plains and Milford. He never enjoyed good health but nonetheless poured himself out in the ministry, especially in the care of the sick. He also visited the hospital regularly, and sometimes twice in the same day.

In 1965, he underwent an operation for a tumor. However, the malady could not be totally removed and he died the following year.

## FATHER STEFANO DALLA VIA, CSS

**BORN:**

*Erbezzo (VR) – October 01, 1898*

**DIED:**

*West Yarmouth, MA – January 15, 1979*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Verona, 1925*

**AGE:**

*80*

After his priestly ordination, he went to the USA to teach to our students.

From 1940 to 1946 he was back to Italy as general councilor.

With an open and optimist character, he was able to listen and to engender trust. Always ready to joke, he was always sincerely good, discrete and available.

His religious devotion was very simple and unassuming, with genuine value.

When he went back to the USA he was elected provincial councilor. He was parish priest in Waltham and there he built the church, and lived there for fifteen years.

He became then co-operator in Pittsfield.

He retired in 1973 in the house of West Yarmouth, and died there, a serene death.

## FATHER PAOLO ZANINI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Goshen (Ohio) – Nov. 27, 1901*

**FIRST PROFESSION:** *Oct. 29, 1919***PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Milano – April 3, 1926*

**DIED:**

*White Plains (NY) – March 9, 1970*

**AGE:**

69

His family soon returned to Italy, and he grew up in Cles in Val di Non. He completed his high school studies and his novitiate in Pistoia. He had to perform military service, and studied Theology in Milan. He spent three years in college in Verona and three others in Udine. He soon began to be troubled in health.

In 1938-39, Fr. Zanini was commissioned by Father Bruno Chiesa to carry out visitation in the Americas. From 1940 until his death he belonged to the Province of the Holy Spouses. He had many assignments, always interrupted for health reasons.

He lived nine years in Pittsfield, where he built the new church of All Souls. In 1964 he was sent to the General Chapter held in Rome. In 1967-68 he made part of the committee responsible for the drafting of new constitutions.

He suffered from a malignant tumor and died in our house in White Plains.

## FATHER DANTE TURRI, CSS



BORN:

*Veronella, Verona – March 2, 1902*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1929*

DIED:

*Waltham (MA) – Oct. 12, 1984*

AGE: 82

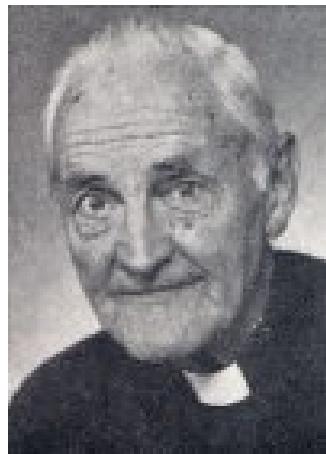
After his ordination, he was sent to the USA, where he acquired great fame. He spent almost half of his 55 years of his priesthood in the area of Lynn.

He was very much known by the Italian families residing in that quarter of Boston. He looked very much after the sick.

He came also to be well known in the area of Waltham during the building of the Retreat House. During those years (1952 – 1962) he gave assistance to the workers and worked with them.

He was much appreciated and sought after as a confessor.

## FATHER LUGI ZULIANI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Tarcento (Udine) – Jan. 18, 1905*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*Aug. 2, 1923*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Rome, March 16, 1919*

**DIED:**

*Waltham, MA – June 21, 1984*

**AGE:**

*79*

He was sent to the USA while still a student. He completed his Theological course in the Diocesan Seminary of Boston.

Immediately after his ordination he was assigned to the parish of Mount Carmel in White Plains (NY). He went then to other parishes as assistant.

In 1945 he was elected parish priest of the Sacred Heart parish in Waltham.

He was an excellent musician and willingly offered his expertise.

He was a great example for everybody in the way in which he accepted the medical diagnosis of his last illness. He was courageous enough to joke and say he would have gone to heaven before his school mate Fr. Turri.

## BROTHER GINO DEHÒ, CSS

**BORN:**

*Miradolo Terme (Pavia) – July 26, 1907*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*Trento – May 4, 1930*

**DIED:**

*Wellesley, MA – Dec. 10, 1941*

**AGE:**

34

He possessed a quiet and serene character, together with sincere piety.

He was loved by all people for his industriousness.

Immediately after his first profession he was sent to the USA, to live and work in the formation house of Waltham.

## FATHER PIETRO TORRETA, CSS



BORN:

*Castellazzo di Rho (Milan) – July 31, 1907*

FIRST PROFESSION:

*Nov. 2, 1925*

DIED:

*Milford (MA) – Sep. 7, 1969*

AGE:

*62*

He moved to the USA immediately after his ordination.

He was assigned to the formation of the aspirants in the house in Waltham.

In 1936 he became an assistant parish priest at White Plains.

After ten years of ministry he was appointed a parish priest in Springfield (MA). There he completely restored the Church and spent his energies for the Italian community and for the youth.

## BROTHER ETTORE LINDA, CSS

**BORN:**

*Artegna (Udine) – March 30, 1908*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*Trento – May 4, 1930*

**DIED:**

*Boston, MA – Nov. 12, 1958*

**AGE:**

50

After his first profession he was sent to the USA, where he constantly used his ability as a taylor and a caring infirmarian in Waltham and Wellesley.

He had a meek heart, was humble and charitable.

He showed a great spirit of patience and sacrifice towards the sick, neglecting himself.

## BROTHER GIUSEPPE BOCCCHIO, CSS



BORN:

*Manerba del Garda (BS) – July 1, 1909*

FIRST PROFESSION:

1930

DIED:

*Negrar (VR) – Dec. 5, 1983*

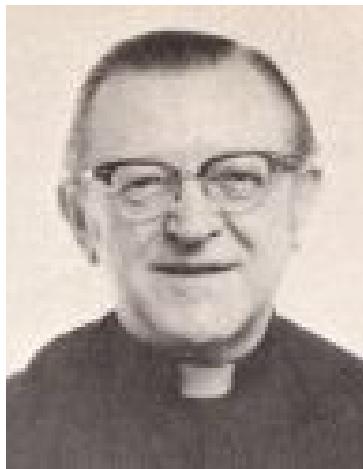
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He had a cheerful and straightforward character. He was often unpredictable in his actions and reactions. He was an early bird in the morning and always ready to work to keep everything in order in the Church of the Stimmate. He exercised the service as sacristan in S. Croce in Milan.

As a qualified nurse, he cared after the sick with dedication, and entertained them with his jokes. He was for some short time in the US of America. For some time he lived in our communities of Southern Italy. He spent the last years of his life in S. Leonardo (VR).

## FATHER ANGELO DA PRAI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Bressino (Trento) – Dec. 8, 1909*

**DIED:**

*Boston (MA) – Nov. 3, 1987*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*July 28, 1929*

**AGE:**

*78*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

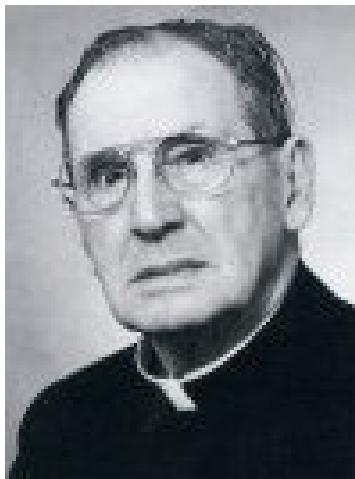
*Udine – Jan. 26, 2936*

Immediately after his ordination he was sent to USA where he remained until his death. He taught for some time in Waltham while preaching to the Italian community. He was rector of the church of St Francis in Lynn for ten years. Then he went to Milford, Pittsfield and other parishes.

For six years he was superior at the Sacred Heart in Waltham. For another twenty years he returned to live in the parish of St Francis in Lynn.

In 1986 he resigned by remained connected to his dearest church until his death.

## FATHER JOHN GOLDEN, CSS



BORN:

*Arlington (MA) – Aug. 6, 1910*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*1935*

DIED:

*Stoneham (MA) – Feb. 11, 1989*

AGE:

*79*

Before his priestly ordination he was sent to Rome to study philosophy and theology, together with Italian, American and Brazilian students.

As a deacon he was chosen as prefect of our Coadjutor Brothers, and that good experience remained perpetually in his memory.

Back to USA he was superior and professor of our professed students. During his free time he dedicated himself to preaching Missions and religious retreats to seminarians and priests.

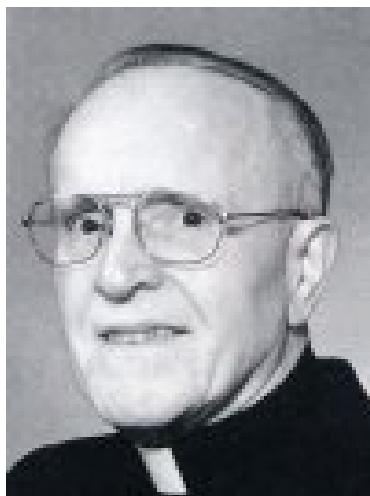
In June 1949 he was elected Provincial superior, in which position he served for two terms. He then became a member of the "Missionary group" and preached missions and retreats in USA and Canada (from 1955 to 1958).

He was again elected superior and novice Master at Wellesley and Newton.

In the mean time his health became weak and he had to be operated several times in the eyes and in connection with tumours. He spent his last ten years in bed – similar to our Founder. He used to go and visit and encourage other sick confreres in his wheel chair.

He died in Stoneham, not far from Waltham, MA.

## FATHER CHARLES ARMOUR, CSS



BORN:

*Hide Park (MA) – Oct. 18, 1910*

DIED:

*Waltham (MA) – Jan. 20, 1989*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Rome, 1937*

AGE:

78

He went to Rome as a young student of philosophy and theology in 1932. He had a low personal profile and he thought not to be able to do well in studies.

Instead, he obtained several degrees during his life.

He returned to the USA in 1938 and was elected superior, Master of novices and Prefect of Students.

In 1946 he was elected general councillor, and while there, he obtained the degree "in utroque jure" at the Lateran University.

From 1952 to 1958 he was Vicar General with Fr Martinis.

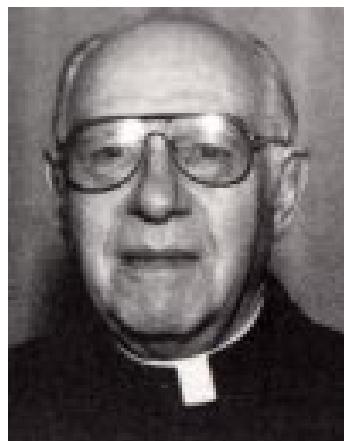
In 1961-1962 he decided to become a Trappist novice, but then he convinced himself that it was not his vocation.

He returned to the USA where he worked much in our parishes with very good result, while continuing his University studies.

When in 1970 the inter-provincial novitiate was open, he was called to Italy as Novice Master. He was a man of great good sense and practical ability. All remember him for his involvement, for his affability and availability.

The evening of 20 January 1989 he was suddenly caught by heart failure.

## FATHER GEORGE FRANCIS ECKER, CSS

**BORN:**

*Freeland (PA) – Feb. 9, 1911*

**FINAL PROFESSION:**

*Genzano (RM) - July 16, 1934*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Rome - July 19, 1936*

**DIED:**

*Turners Falls (MA) – Jan. 25, 1997*

**AGE:**

86

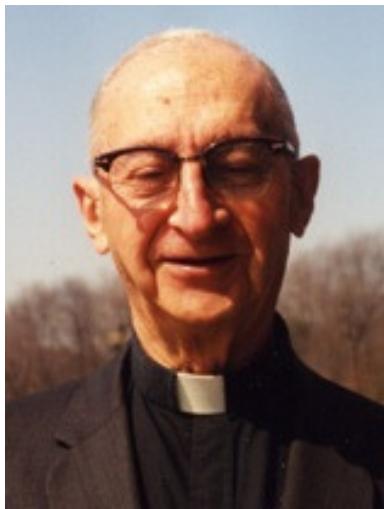
He entered our seminary in 1926. He was sent to Rome to complete his theological studies and he was ordained priest there. Upon his coming back to USA, he spent the first years of priesthood in the formation of our professed students in Waltham and Wellesley. He was also novice Master in Springfield.

He was elected provincial councillor from 1948 to 1952. In 1952 he was parish priest of All Saints Church in Manassas (VA), where he remained for fifteen years. During this time he began to build a chapel in Woodbridge and a school in Manassas. He also acquired estates to build a new school and another church. He then exercised his ministry in the parish of St. Carmel in Pittsfield.

In 1986 he retired in the community of St Joseph's Hall. At the moment of his death he was the oldest confrere of the province of the Holy Spouses, at almost 86 years of age.

He served the Church for more than 65 years as a religious Stigmatine and more than 60 years as a priest.

## FATHER LEONARD DELLA BADIA, CSS

**BORN:**

*East View (NY) – March 4, 1911*

**DIED:**

*Cambridge (MA) – Aug. 31, 2004*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

AGE:

*July 15, 1930*

93

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*July 14, 1935*

He entered the Congregation at Waltham (MA) in 1926. He studied at the International House of Formation in Verona (Italy) and then he moved to Rome where he finished his studies and received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy at the Angelicum University. He was ordained a priest in 1935 at St. Ignatius Church in Rome.

Fr. Leonard served in many ministries: Lynn; Pittsfield; Feeding Hills; Timmins; South Porcupine; White Plains; then he continued to work at Mount Carmel, White Plains, until his retirement, at St. Joseph Hall, Waltham.

In 1936 he was the first Stigmatine to go to Canada and start our presence in that Country. He was very kind and compassionate in his ministry which he exercised with love and commitment.

Lastly he served indefatigably at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in White Plains (NY) until he was 93 years old.

## FATHER JOHN DICKINSON, CSS

**BORN:**

*East Boston (MA) – July 11, 1911*

**DIED:**

*Boston (MA) – Aug. 21, 1982*

**ENTERED:**

*Waltham - 1927*

**AGE:**

*71*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Boston (MA) - June 20, 1942*

After his first profession in 1933 he was transferred to Italy for his studies of Philosophy and Theology.

In 1937 he contracted a serious illness that compelled him to return to America. He always worked as an assistant parish priest. He worked also at Vancouver (Canada): there he taught for many years and helped our students in their formation.

## FATHER JOHN LOUIS ECKER, CSS

**BORN:**

*Hazleton (PA) – Aug. 1, 1911*

**DIED:**

*Hazleton (PA) – Aug. 16, 1986*

**ENTERED:**

*Waltham - 1925*

**AGE:**

*75*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*July 14, 1935*

He studied Philosophy and Theology in Italy, in our formation houses of Rome and Verona.

During the first years of his priestly ministry he served in our parishes in Italy.

At the outbreak of Second World War he became a chaplain of the American Marines. He served mainly in the area of the Pacific Ocean.

Some war experiences disturbed seriously his psychological balance and his inner peace. After his return, he worked for some year at Waltham and then he was transferred to Hazelton, where he lived for many years, always engaged in different activities of the parish.

## FATHER DOMINIC ANTHONY RUSCETTA, CSS



BORN:

*Pittsfield (MA) – Nov. 25, 1911*

DIED:

*Waltham (MA) – Feb. 25, 2001*

FINAL PROFESSION:

*Waltham (MA) – Sep. 9, 1935*

AGE:

89

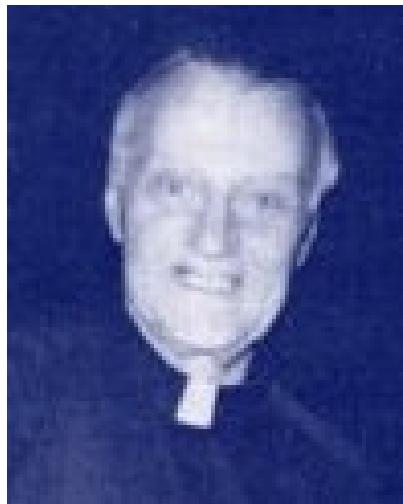
PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Verona, June 11, 1938*

Fr Dominic served the Congregation as a priest in an excellent way. He worked in several communities: Sacred Family in Lynn, Sacred Heart in Vancouver, Mount Carmel in White Plains, Sacred Heart in Waltham; he taught in the High School of Stepinac, White Plains, S. Antonio, Agawam, and Sacred Heart in Milford.

His last task was in St Joseph's Hall in Waltham.

## FATHER LOUIS JAMES BONAN, CSS

**BORN:**

*Beaver Meadows (PA) – Jan. 21, 1912*

**PERPETUAL PROFESSION:**

*Affi (VR) – July 15, 1933*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Rome - July 14, 1935*

**DIED:**

*Wellesley (MA) – April 8, 1933*

**AGE:**

84

Born in Beaver Meadows, PA, he entered in Waltham, MA, in 1924. After the First Profession (1930), he was sent to Rome to complete his theological studies, attending the Angelicum. Ordained a priest in 1935 in Rome, he returned shortly after in Waltham where he was teacher of our students. After that he exercised various ministries: Provincial Vicar (1946-1949), Rector of the Novitiate in Springfield, MA (1945-1946), Rector of the Minor Seminary in Wellesley, MA (1952-1958); Cooperator in Milford, MA (1958 - 1972), and in charge of various ministries in Pittsfield, Springfield, Lynn and White Plains, until 1986.

In this year, he retired to the house of St. Joseph's Hall in Waltham, with health rather shabby.

Fr. Bonan was notable for his fraternal and joyful obedience, for being always available and dedicated to any kind of work. He enjoyed the esteem of the brethren who have always seen him as a person so dear and valuable to the community. His was an exemplary life made of patience, kindness, obedience and many other virtues that set him apart as Stigmatine religious and priest.

## BROTHER GIUSEPPE FONTANARI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Pergine (Trento) – Jan. 31, 1912*

**DIED:**

*Waltham (MA) – July 26, 1986*

**ENTERED:**

*Verona - 1928*

**AGE:**

*74*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*May 4, 1930*

Immediately after his profession he was sent, together with other Confreres, to the USA. He worked for a long time in the formation house of Waltham and then moved to other communities, including Vancouver in Canada.

During the last year of his life he was affected by several illnesses. Notwithstanding this, he rarely excused himself from attending the daily Mass.

He was very much devoted to Our Lady and the Rosary was permanently in his hands.

He died peacefully with his Rosary and a crucifix in his hands.

## FATHER PAUL VINCENT DALY, CSS

**BORN:**

*South Boston (MA) – May 2, 1912*

**DIED:**

*Waltham (MA) – June 26, 1971*

**ENTERED:**

*Waltham - 1926*

**AGE:**

*59*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Trento - 1936*

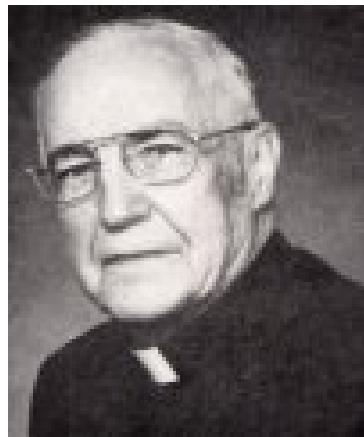
After his first profession he was sent to Italy. He studied philosophy at Rome's Angelicum and theology in Verona. At the end of his third year of theology he was ordained and sent to the mission of China with Father Lino Inama. During the war he was taken prisoner by the Japanese and kept in a concentration camp, for almost five years. He could return to America in 1945, where he was immediately elected Provincial Superior.

During this office he accepted the foundation in Guam (Pacific Islands) where our confreres were in charge of a diocesan seminary for 13 years (1945-1958). In 1960 he left for Thailand. From 1964 to 1970 he lived in Bangkok, as chaplain of the School of the Christian Brothers and helping in the cathedral for the English speaking.

Back in America, he spent his last year in Wellesley.

He was a well rounded figure of missionary who gave witness with his word, suffering and works. He was truly worthy of the name of Paul, that he received in Baptism and of which he was very proud.

## FATHER ADOLPH A. FERRARI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Hazleton (PA) – June 14, 1912*

**DIED:**

*Waltham (MA) – Jan. 25, 1996*

**FINAL PROFESSION:**

**AGE:**

*Verona – Sep. 9, 1935*

84

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Verona – July 9, 1939*

He was much influenced by his family, composed as it was by welcoming and warm-hearted people. After entering in Waltham and completing his secondary studies and the first years of university, and his novitiate and profession, he was sent to Italy to complete the theological course in Verona, where he was ordained priest in 1939.

Before retiring from his ministerial activities (11 July 1994), because of health problems, he served in ten different parishes.

His parochial ministry was characterised by a faithful and engaging work, especially because of the compassion and diligence towards all those he met. His faith was plain and decisive. His deep strength was rooted in a humble and determined faithfulness to the Lord.

He liked fishing, camping and he was an amateur carpenter.

His good humour and lively character made him pleasant in all communities.

## FATHER WILLIAM CONTINO, CSS

**BORN:**

*South Boston (MA) – July 11, 1912*

**ENTERED:**

*Waltham – 1934*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*1943*

**DIED:**

*Monte Belvedere (FI) – March 3, 1945*

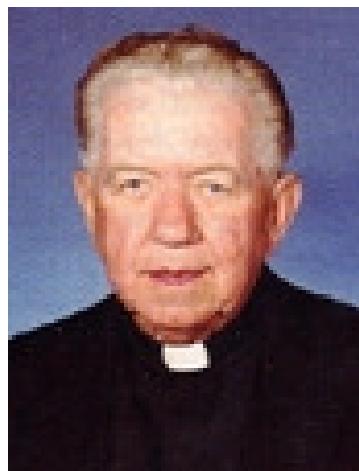
**AGE:**

*33*

A year after his ordination he entered the U.S. Army as a chaplain, and followed the troops who landed in Italy. To his great zeal soon acquired a lot of sympathy. While he was a first-aid post was killed by the explosion of a mine. He was buried in Castelfiorentino.



## FATHER JOSEPH WELCH, CSS



BORN:

*Arlington (MA) – March 19, 1913*

DIED:

*Cambridge (MA) – April 16, 2004*

FIRST PROFESSION: *Sep. 9, 1932*

AGE:

PERPETUAL PROFESSION: *Sep. 9, 1935*

91

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: *July 18, 1937*

He joined in 1927 in our congregation and was ordained priest in 1937 in Rome. He attended Rome University St. Thomas Aquinas, where he acquired a degree in Theology.

He taught Philosophy and Theology in the Stigmatine seminaries in Wellesley and Waltham, and in the Eastern Seminary of Massachusetts. He served in a number of our parishes.

Expert in St. Thomas, he always taught with skill and grew until the last his philosophical interests. He died at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge April 16, 2004.

He lived his retirement in St. Joseph Hall in Waltham.

## FATHER PAOLO PISKEL, CSS

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**BORN:**

*Tresckow (PA) – June 4, 1913*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Rome – 1937*

**DIED:**

*Tresckow (PA) – Nov. 23, 1974*

**AGE:**

61

After his first profession he was sent to Rome for his philosophical and theological studies. He distinguished himself for the love of study especially theology. After obtaining the Licentiate he returned to USA where he was engaged in teaching in Waltham and Wellesley.

After two years spent in Pittsfield he returned to Waltham in the retreat house, and that was the best period of his life (1953-1958)

His preaching was very personal and coming from the heart. He managed to present with easiness and enthusiasm his culture and his experience, enriched by his personal reflection.

During the period 1958-1961 he was superior in White Plains and confessor of the novices at Sanquerfield. During those years he began to experience a quick deterioration of his health. His spirit was purified and refined by these sufferings. He asked to retire and live with his relatives. He almost never left his house; he spoke rarely, and prayed a lot. He was offering to God his suffering, his solitude and his homesickness for the far away confreres. He died in peace.

## FATHER GIOVANNI AVI, CSS



BORN:

*Baselga di Pinè (TN) – Dec. 11, 1913*

ENTERED:

*Verona - 1925*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Ribeirão Preto – 1939*

DIED:

*Timmins (ON) Canada – Jan. 11, 1974*

AGE:

60

After final profession he went to Brazil to conclude his theological studies at Rio Claro and Ribeirão Preto.

He spent his first years of ministry in Campinas, Casa Branca and Morrinhos. He was parish priest and superior in Ituiutaba from 1944 to 1950 then again from 1952 to 1965, where he left a strong remembrance of his organising skills.

He was of a kind character, sociable and an optimist. He approached the sick and the lapsed with an open heart, dealing respectfully with everybody.

In 1965 he had to leave for the USA to assist his sick mother. He stayed for some time in Los Angeles and then he left for Timmins in Canada. While trying to get acquainted with the new set up he was caught by a sudden death. He left to his Stigmatine confreres a lasting impression of being always available for any service.

## FATHER JAMES GERARD SHEA, CSS

**BORN:**

*Roxbury (MA) – Jan. 31, 1914*

**DIED:**

*Waltham (MA) – Aug. 2, 1998*

**FINAL PROFESSION:**

**AGE:**

*Waltham, MA – Sep. 9, 1938*

84

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Wellesley (MA) – June 11, 1943*

He was born in Boston, attended Medford High School and was employed for a short time employed by the radio station WNAC. He entered our Congregation, and made his vows in 1935.

He was ordained in 1943. His first assignment was the Holy Family Parish at Lynn, where he worked until he was appointed chaplain of the Concord Reformatory in 1950. He was very proud of his work among the prisoners. In 1956 he started his parish ministry which brought him to serve in different places; he was also parish priest at Our Lady of Angels, Woodbridge (VA). But surely he deeply loved the Holy Family parish at Lynn (MA), where he worked from 1956 to 1964 and from 1975 to 1996, when he retired.

Fr Shea was attached to his priesthood and was actively involved with the youth. He organized several athletic events and cultural activities, in which he offered religious assistance and counselling. He was also an amateur photographer. This hobby made him quite famous and his works have been presented in several public expositions. He was always kind, smiling and amiable.

## FATHER SAMUEL CHAMEAL, CSS

**BORN:**

*Fall River (MA) – Feb. 14, 1914*

**FINAL PROFESSION:**

*Malosco (Trento) – Sep. 9, 1937*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Newton (MA) – June 20, 1942*

**DIED:**

*Newton (MA) – Oct. 2, 1993*

**AGE:**

79

He had his first studies in the “English High School” of Boston, MA and entered our congregation in Waltham in 1932.

After his profession he was sent to Rome to continue the Theological course at the Gregorian University, but due to the outbreak of the war he had to return to the USA and complete his studies in the seminary of Elm Bank at Wellesley.

After his ordination he was assigned to the house of formation in Waltham as a teacher.

In 1944 he was elected parish priest in Manassas VA. In 1946 he was socius of the Master of novices in Waltham, and in 1947 vicar parish priest in Pittsfield MA. From 1948 to 1958 he was in the Stigmatine missionary team. In 1956 he was elected provincial vicar. When the Province was asked to open a house in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario (Canada), father Samuel left with some other confreres in 1958 to found that community and remained there for 10 years.

In 1969 he offered himself as a volunteer to go and work in Brazil where he remained and worked hard until 1992. His special achievements were 5 new churches that he built, while committing himself with exemplary zeal and enthusiasm to the missionary work among people.

## FATHER SERAFINO ANTHONY PIAZZI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Drifton (PA) – April 29, 1914*

**FINAL PROFESSION:**

*Sezano (VR) – Sep. 9, 1936*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Newton (MA) – June 20, 1942*

**DIED:**

*Waltham (MA) – July 2, 1992*

**AGE:**

78

He frequented the school of St Ann at Freeland, PA, before entering our minor seminary at Waltham in 1927. He made his first profession in Verona where he was studying philosophy and theology. After six years of studies, because of his frequent bouts of sickness, he had to return to the USA.

After proper medical attention, he completed the course of theology in our major seminary of Wellesley and was ordained a priest in 1942.

Though always rather weak in his health, Fr Serafino dedicated himself generously to the apostolic ministry in many parishes of the dioceses of Springfield, Syracuse and Little Rock, as well as in the archdiocese of New York and Boston.

Beside this activity, he was also confessor and assistant in our novitiate, firstly at Springfield (1954-1960) and later at Waterville, NY (1961-1967).

As from 1985 he lived at St Joseph's Hall, Waltham until his death.

He was always appreciated for his fraternal availability and kindness, quietness and simplicity.

## FATHER RINALDO RIBEZZI, CSS

**BORN:**

*Udine, Italy – February 18, 1915*

**DIED:**

*Holyoke, MA – June 24, 2001*

**PERPETUAL PROFESSION:**

**AGE:**

Verona – Feb. 19, 1936

**86**

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Verona – July 9, 1939*

Following his priestly ordination, he was assigned to the communities of Verona, Battipaglia and Rome.

In 1947, he left for the United States, where he offered his apostolate in the various Stigmatine Parishes: St. Joachim, in South Porcupine, in Canada; Holy Family in Lynn, MA; Sacred Heart, in Waltham, MA; Our Lady of Mount Carmel in White Plains, NY.

In his last years, he was assigned to the parish of Mount Carmel in Pittsfield, MA, and offered his services as chaplain to the nearby retirement facility of Mount Marie, in Holyoke, MA.

He was always a zealous priest and well liked by the people.

## FATHER GILBERT FINI, CSS



BORN:

*West Springfield (MA) – March 18, 1916*

FIRST PROFESSION:

Sep. 9, 1934

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Newton (MA) – June 20, 1942*

DIED:

*Rome (S. Agatha) – Nov. 18, 1968*

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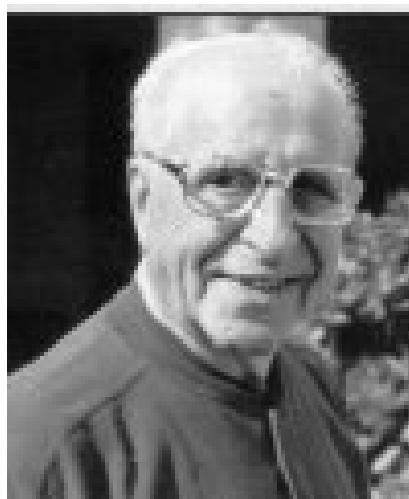
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He was born in our parish of Carmel in Springfield and entered in 1929. He started his theological studies in Rome but the war compelled him to return to USA together with his companions. He became teacher of philosophy and theology of our students. He cooperated in the foundation of Vancouver community in Canada and offered himself to the apostolate of preaching.

In 1955 he was elected superior provincial. In 1958 he became superior general and was re-elected to that post in 1964. He loved our congregation very much: for it he lived, worked, prayed and suffered.

He was struck by a massive heart attack and had just the time to ask for the last Sacraments before dying. During his ten year of government he showed always great balance, serenity and much wisdom.

## FATHER CARMEN THOMAS RUSSO, CSS

**BORN:**

*Pittsfield (MA) – Jan. 1, 1918*

**FINAL PROFESSION:**

Waltham, MA - Sep. 9, 1940

**FINAL PROFESSION:**

Waltham, MA - Sep. 9, 1940

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Newton (MA) – June 12, 1945*

**DIED:**

*Waltham, MA – Aug. 2, 2000*

**AGE:**

82

Father Carmen entered the Congregation in 1932, and pronounced his first vows in 1937. After his ordination (1945), he firstly exercised his priestly ministry in several parishes of the Province of the Holy Spouses.

Since the beginning he showed a special skill in administration and he was asked to work for many years for the finance of the Province.

Thanks to his kindness in dealing with the confreres, he was elected a Provincial Superior in 1958, and remained in office until 1964.

He subsequently worked in parishes and the administration of the Province, until he was appointed general councillor in 1988. He resided at the General Curia until February, 2000.

He was appreciated for his humour by all the confreres of the Congregation to whom he felt very much attached. He cultivated always a particular devotion to Saint Gaspar Bertoni, and offered his services for the English translation of his life and writings.

## FATHER GERALD AUGUSTINE GOGGIN, CSS

**BORN:**

*Boston, MA – Jan. 27, 1919*

**PERPETUAL VOWS:**

*Waltham, MA – Sep. 9, 1941*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Boston, MA – June 11, 1946*

**DIED:**

*Waltham, MA – July 7, 1999*

**AGE:**

80

He was born in Boston and moved with his family to Oneonta (New York), where he followed his primary and secondary studies.

In 1936 he entered our Congregation. After his ordination in 1946, he exercised the first two years of his ministry at the parish of the Sacred Heart in Waltham as an assistant parish priest, and subsequently worked in West Springfield at the church of St. Ann.

In August, 1948 he left, with some confreres, for the new mission of Guam. The aim of his presence was that of organizing a seminary and a school. He worked for eleven years in that island of the Pacific.

He came back to the States in 1959, and was assigned to Washington D.C. as a formator of the Stigmatine temporary professed. During this period, he obtained a degree in financial administration. Then he became Provincial Bursar for several terms. He became also assistant parish priest in Springfield, MA (1964), Manassas, VA (1976) and in White Plains, NY.

Since 1988 he resided in Waltham and worked in the Mission Office, helping also the Dominican sisters as a chaplain and being in charge of the Espousal Retreat Centre.

During the last years of his life he retired to St. Joseph's Hall.

Fr. Gerald was a generous and available Stigmatine, always ready to serve when and where requested.

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Source: Confrades.com – [www.confrades.com](http://www.confrades.com)

## FATHER SAMUEL JOSEPH FAYAD, CSS

**BORN:**

*Gloucester, MA – Aug. 2, 1919*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*June 12, 1948*

**FIRST VOWS:**

*Sep. 9, 1941*

**DIED:**

*Aug. 20, 2007*

**PERPETUAL VOWS:**

*Sep. 9, 1944*

**AGE:**

*88*

Fr. Sam passed away on Monday, August 20, 2007 at The Elizabeth Seton Nursing Facility, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA. Born on August 2, 1919 in Gloucester, MA, Fr. Sam was 88 years old at the time of his death. His parents, both deceased, were George Joseph and Marina (Lattof). He had 5 brothers (Jonathan, George, Herbert, Everette and John) and 5 sisters (Helen Foote, Adele Joseph, Sally Lockwood, Marion Sargent and Yvone Cogan) — Deceased among his siblings are: Everette Joseph, John Joseph, Herbert Joseph, Helen Foote and Adele Joseph.

Fr. Sam attended St. Ann Grammar and High Schools, Gloucester, MA, The Stigmatine Seminary and Novitiate, Waltham, MA and Elm Bank Seminary, Wellesley, MA. He entered the Stigmatine Seminary on September 9, 1939, professed his first vows on September 9, 1941, professed his final vows on September 9, 1944 and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at Saint Paul Church, Wellesley, MA, by the then Auxiliary Bishop John J. Wright (later Cardinal Wright) on June 12, 1948.

Fr. Sam served at many assignments during his priestly ministry. Among them include:

- English Teacher, Stepinac High School, White Plains, N.Y.
- Parochial Vicar, Mount Cannel Church, White Plains

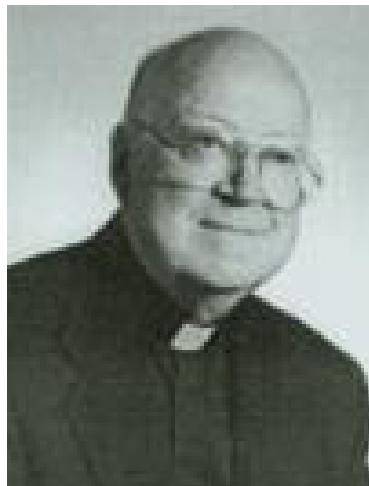
- Vice Rector, Stigmatine Minor Seminary, Waltham, MA
- Parochial Vicar, Holy Family Parish, Lynn, MA
- Vocation Director, Elm Bank Seminary, Wellesley, MA
- Mission Band Director, Waltham, MA
- Pastor, Our Lady of Ozark Parish, Winslow, Arkansas
- Mission Procurator, Waltham, MA
- Pastor, Mount Cannel Parish, White Plains, N.Y.
- Pastor, All Saints Parish, Manassas, VA
- Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Milford, MA
- Fr. Sam retired to Saint Joseph Hall, Waltham, MA, in 1995.

The Stigmatine Community remembers Father Sam's wonderful sense of humor and dedication to all his ministerial assignments. He always offered his very best and was ready to serve wherever he was called. During his long and difficult illness, Father Sam was never known to complain and he was truly an example to everyone of a priest who did God's will. It may be said that he exercised "holy resignation" to the will of God.

Father Sam's Wake will be at The Espousal Center Chapel, 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA on Sunday, August 26, from 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. and his Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Espousal Center Chapel on Monday, August 27, at 10:30 A.M.. His burial will follow at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Milford, MA, at 1:30 P.M.

*May God grant Father Sam eternal reward in His Kingdom —  
May He Rest in Peace*

## FATHER CHARLES EGAN, CSS

**BORN:**

*Newton, MA – Dec. 8, 1919*

**ENTERED:**

*Sep. 13, 1933*

**FIRST PROFESSION:**

*Sep. 9, 1938*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*June 11, 1946*

**DIED:**

*Feb. 8, 2003*

**AGE:**

*84*

After covering several offices in parochial work and in the school, he was sent to Rome as prefect of the professed students from 1952 to 1955. In 1958 he was elected member of the general council and at the end of his mandate, he was elected Provincial superior of the USA province of the Holy Spouses.

He concluded his pastoral ministry in the parishes of Milford and Waltham.

In 1994 he retired in the community of St Joseph, MA, after having served with much appreciation from people, as a member of the tribunal, as a councillor and formator in various enterprises.

The liturgy of his funeral was celebrated on 13 February 2003 in the Sacred Heart Church of Waltham, and his body was buried in the cemetery of Milford. May the Lord grant him that fullness of life that he always longed for.

## FATHER JOSEPH HENRY FELLIN, CSS



BORN:

*Aug. 27, 1921*

ENTERED:

Waltham, MA - Sep. 16, 1932

PERPETUAL VOWS:

*Hinsdale (MA) – Aug. 28, 1942*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

Newton Center, MA – June 12, 1945

DIED:

*Wellesley, MA – Jan. 25, 2007*

AGE:

85

Father Joseph Henry (Enrico) Fellin, C.S.S., a member of The Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers) died on January 25, 2007 at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Wellesley, MA. Father Fellin was born on August 27, 1921.

Father Fellin entered the Stigmatine Seminary, Waltham, MA, on September 16, 1932, professed his first vows on September 9, 1937 at Waltham and his final profession of vows on August 28, 1942 at Hinsdale, MA. He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 12, 1945 at Sacred Heart Church, Newton Center, MA, by Richard J. Cardinal Cushing.

Father Fellin served in many ministries during his Priesthood. After obtaining a Master's Degree in English Literature from Boston College, he served as dean of studies and prefect of the seminary community from 1945-1951 and again from 1952-1956.

He also served as seminary rector for three years. In 1961, he opened the novitiate in Waterville, New York and served as superior there until 1964.

After three years as editor of the monthly magazine The Stigmatine, he served at Saint Veronica Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada and Saint Ann Church in West Springfield, MA.

From 1964 until 1967, he served as rector of the Stigmatine Seminary, Wellesley, MA.

In 1967, he became pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pittsfield, MA until 1973.

He then served at Sacred Heart Church, Timmins, Ontario, Canada for one year and then, from 1974-1976, he was Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of Angels Church, Woodbridge, VA.

Father Fellin then became pastor of Saint Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, MA from 1976-1990.

He also served as spiritual director at the Stigmatine House of Formation, Cromwell, CT and in 1991, became pastor of Holy Family Church, Lynn, MA.

After these many assignments. Father Fellin retired at Saint Joseph Hall, Waltham, MA.

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## FATHER JOSEPH PETER MASSARO, CSS

**BORN:**

*Newton, MA – Mar. 28, 1922*

**FIRST VOWS:**

*Sep. 9, 1940*

**PERPETUAL VOWS:**

*Sep. 9, 1943*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*June 12, 1948*

**DIED:**

*Springfield, MA – Mar. 18, 2007*

**AGE:**

*85*

On the 18th of March in the city of Springfield died our confrere Father Joseph Peter Massaro .

Saturday night after the celebration of the Eucharist at St. Ann church in West Springfield, where he was pastor, he was hit by a bleeding that led him quickly to death.

He was born in Newton, MA on March 28, 1922. His father was of Italian origin (coming from Scanno, Abruzzo - AQ) .

He entered the seminary in Waltham in 1936, made his perpetual profession in 1943 and was ordained a priest am June 12, 1948 in St. Paul's Church in Wellesley, by Cardinal Wright.

He previously worked in various departments and ministries of our congregation. Initially he was prefect in our seminar. Then he served in many parishes of the province (White Plains, Lynn, Pittsfield, Agawam), until the last parish of St. Ann in West Springfield, where for several years he was pastor and where he celebrated his last Mass before the Lord called him.

## FATHER CHARLES JAMES GRADY, CSS

**BORN:**

*Arlington, MA – May, 13, 1922*

**DIED:**

*Mar. 7, 2002*

**PERPETUAL VOWS:**

*Sep. 9, 1943*

**AGE:**

*79*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Wellesley, MA - June 12, 1948*

After his Priestly Ordination he was sent to Rome, where he obtained academic degrees at the Urban University and the Angelicum.

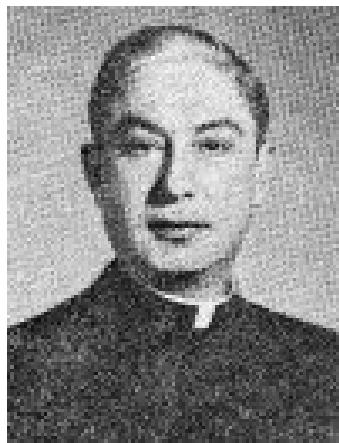
For fifteen years he taught Philosophy, Latin and Greek in the Seminary of Wellesley.

In 1966 he was assigned to Sacred Heart parish in Milford, MA.

He was Director and Provincial Secretary until the end of 1971, when he was transferred to Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in White Plains, NY and in 1979 to the Holy Family parish in Lynn, MA.

He had many international rewards for his teaching.

## FATHER GINO GIAMPAOLO, CSS



BORN:

*L'Aquila – Sep. 11, 1926*

FIRST VOWS:

June 13, 1947

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Quincy, MA – Feb. 2, 1953*

DIED:

*White Plains, NY – Mar. 17, 1976*

AGE:

50

His family emigrated to Canada in 1931, and he grew up in the parish of St. Alphonsus in Schumacher (Ontario). At age of 17 he entered the Institute, and was ordained a priest at age of 27 years.

He was the first assistant of our students in Wellesley, and then exercised the sacred ministry in various parishes. He was also assistant student in Rome, during the period he stays in Italy. With Loving and generous nature, he was nice to everyone.

In 1967, he went to White Plains as Pastor of Mount Carmel, up to 1970. He undertook renovations in the sanctuary of the church in accordance with the prescriptions of the Revised Liturgy. During the latter part of his term he was plagued with ill health which necessitated his transfer to allow some time for recuperation. Unfortunately, his condition worsened and he was called to his eternal reward in 1976. Through the generous gifts of his friends and parishioners, a wood carved statue of the Stigmatine's Founder, Saint Gaspar Bertoni was purchased in Father Giampaolo's memory. It is located at the rear of the Mount Carmel Church in White Plains, NY.

He undertook with dedication and perseverance all the tasks entrusted to him. Until the last days of his life he was of great help for the translation from Italian of the new constitutions and other Chapter documents.

## FATHER GIUSEPPE FRANCESCO SEMBIANTI



BORN:

*Vervò, Val di Non, Italy – March 15, 1836*

DIED:

*Brescia, Italy – June 24, 1914*

ENTERED:

1862

AGE:

78

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

1865

Giuseppe Francesco Sembanti was born in Vervò, in Val di Non, on March 15, 1836, as the ninth of eleven children, from Christopher Francis and Rose Zadra.

He studied at the seminary of Trento and, at the time of moving forward to the theological study, he decided to be a part of the religious family of the Stigmatines in Verona, where he was received in the year 1862. He was ordained a Stigmatine priest 1865.

In 1874, he was appointed treasurer of the Stigmatine Mother House. The congregation was expanding attracting new vocations everywhere, and had founded a house of formation in Bassano. Father Sembanti was appointed Father Superior of this house in 1877.

In those years in Verona, there was born a new religious community of missionary priests and coadjutor lay brothers for Africa. Precisely on June 1, 1867 Daniel Comboni founded the Institute of African Missions, nowadays Combonian Missionaries, and in 1872 the Institute of the "Pious Mothers of Africa", nowadays the Combonian Missionary. On June 11, 1872 Pope Pius IX entrusted the mission of Central Africa to the Missionary Institute of Verona, and appointed Comboni as Pro-Vicar. Five

years later, he was appointed Vicar Apostolic of Central Africa (July 2, 1877), based in Khartoum in Sudan.

In carrying out his work, he pledged to eliminate the scourge of slavery in Sudan. Returning to Italy in 1879, he considered necessary that would be given a permanent establishment to his Missionary Institutes in Verona. For the direction and training he would have wished the Jesuits, for their centuries of experience, but, as they were currently unavailable, welcomed the suggestion of the Bishop of Verona, Cardinal Luigi di Canossa, to consult the superiors of the Stigmatines. The choice fell on Father Joseph Sembianti, which had worked well in the tasks entrusted to him in Verona and Bassano.

Retrieved from Bassano, Father Sembianti returned to Verona to become rector of the Combonian Institute of African Missions and in charge of the Pious Mothers of Africa. He was afraid of not being up to that so delicate and important commission in the field of new missions for him, but made himself available and accepted it for obedience.

He was appointed rector on December 7, 1879 while Monsignor Comboni was still in Italy. He collaborated with him for the opening of a community of nuns in Sestri Levante in Liguria, on April 24, 1880, following a donation agreement for an old building.

On late 1880, he received a letter from Comboni with the invitation to prepare the final text of the Rule of the Institute, both masculine and feminine.

Father Sembianti will face the toughest trial after the death of Monsignor Comboni, on October 10, 1881 in Khartoum, due to violent fevers and the fatigue of a tireless work.

In 1891 he wrote the Rules of the Pious Mothers of Africa and subjected it to the evaluation of Monsignor Luigi di Canossa. Put together in a little manual, were intended to educate the mothers down to the smallest details, to be their silent guide having to live away from the Mother House.

On age 60, he was still a religious Stigmatine, but after his important sharing of life in the Combonian Institute, that he learned to love, he applied to be an effective member of the Congregation of the Combonian Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus. After asking dispensation from his Stigmatines vows, he entered for a few months in the novitiate for sixties and made his perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience to the new rule in which there was the spirit of Daniel Comboni, who was willing to give a thousand lives that salvation reach all the Africans:

*"I do not have anything but my life to dedicate to the salvation of those souls: I wish I had a thousand of them to consume for that purpose  
(Writings 2271).*

On late August, 1896 he was appointed director of the Apostolic School of Trento.

Father Sembianti was recalled to the Mother House in Verona, this time directed by the first Superior General of the Combonians, Father Angelo Colombaroli from Dolcé (VR), and remained there five years.

We have no testimony of this period, but it will not be left idle for sure. In 1909, he was a member of the General Chapter of the Combonian Missionaries.

Now old, he was sent to the Institute of Brescia with the office of confessor of clerics and students of the house and spent there his last years.

He died on June 24, 1914, at the age of 78 years. At the time of his death, the Combonian official magazine wrote:

*«His memory will remain as an eternal blessing for the Missionaries of Africa, who will always remember him with blessings and affection.»*

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Source: *La Vita Operosa di Padre Giuseppe Sembianti – the profile di missionari di Vervò* – by Piergiorgio Comai – Tipografia Tecnolito Grafica (TN) – August, 2010. Kindly provided and permitted by Father Joaquim Valente da Cruz, mccj on April, 2013. Translated by the authors.

## ARCHBISHOP FRANCESCO SOGARO

**BORN:**

*Lonigo, Italy – Dec. 31, 1839*

**ENTERED:**

June 28, 1856

**PERPETUAL VOWS:**

March 19, 1859

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

March, 1864

**EPISCOPAL ORDINATION:**

Rome, Aug. 2, 1885

**DIED:**

*Roma, Italy – Feb. 06, 1912*

**AGE:**

72

Francesco Sogaro entered the Stigmatine Institute on June 28, 1856, where he had made a request to be admitted as a lay brother.

On March 19, 1859 he took religious vows and was ordained a priest on March, 1864.

On August 13, 1874 he left the congregation and went to the Combonian Institute of Africa, of which he was a friend.

On October 18 of the same year, however, he was appointed to the government of the parish of St. Giorgio in Braida, from where he continued to collaborate with the Combonian Institute as a confessor of the candidates of German language.

On September 22, 1882 he was appointed successor of Comboni at the helm of the Apostolic Vicariate of Central Africa.

In 1883, he still had the opportunity of visiting Khartoum, briefly, before the Mahdists arrive there.

On July 6, 1885 he was appointed Titular Bishop of Trapezopoli, and was consecrated in Rome by Cardinal Moran on August 2.

On June 14, 1894 the Propaganda accepted his resignation, and two months later transferred him as Titular Archbishop of Amida.

Permanently dismissed from the Sudanese mission, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1900 he was appointed secretary of the Sacred Congregation for Indulgences and Relics, and on October 26, 1903 Principal of the Academy for Noble Ecclesiastics.

He died in Rome on Feb. 06, 1912.

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Translated by the authors.

## FATHER DOMENICO VICENTINI<sup>1</sup>

[former Stigmatine – Superior General of the Scalabrinian Congregation]



BORN: Pescantina, Verona, *July 6, 1847*

DIED: Piacenza, March 15, 1927

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: Verona

AGE: 79

Father Domenico Vicentini was born in Pescantina, the Province of Verona, on July 6, 1847. He was ordained a priest in the Seminary of Verona. In 1881, he entered the Stigmatines in Verona. He became a missionary in Kartum, Africa, in 1888. Right after the founding of the Mission, the revolution of the Madhi people, which forced him to flee. The following year with an English expedition, once more he traversed the Nile River and he cooperated in the releasing of the prisoners. He was then recalled to Italy.

In 1900, finding himself inactive, he entered the Scalabrinii Congregation. He was assigned by our Venerable Founder first to the United States and then to Brazil: at the Founder's death, Fr. Vicentini became Superior General and remained in that office for 14 years, until 1919. In 1907, he obtained from the Holy See the right to substitute the religious vows with an Oath of Perseverance, and his was the great merit of consolidating and strengthening our pastoral positions. He died at Piacenza on March 15, 1927.

Fr. Vicentini was the first Scalabrinii Missionary to set foot in the Brazilian State of Rio Grande do Sul. The Church that he built at Encantado was blessed by Bishop Scalabrinii in 1904 during his visit to Brazil.

As Superior General, he visited every one of our Mission Stations in the United States [in 1905] and in Brazil [in 1910]. He founded at Crespano a Minor Seminary [an 'Apostolic School'] for young students. This became the Novitiate for the Italian Province of our Congregation, and remained so until 1970.

Source: Scalabrinians – <http://www.scalabrini.org/> - [under Memory – To The Father's Home]

<sup>1</sup> It seems fitting to acknowledge Fr. Vicentini here – for many years, a Stigmatine, and he obtained for the Stigmatines our first foundation in Brazil – TIBAGY é nostro!

## FATHER LODOVICO LUCHI

**BORN:**

*Romallo, Tyrol – Aug. 25, 1859*

**DIED:**

*May 8, 1944*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Parma, Italy – Oct. 3, 1883*

**AGE:**

*60*

From 1883 to 1892, he served as Director of the “Oratori Stimmatini” in Verona and a faculty member and Vice-Rector of St. Louis College.

From 1892 to 1905, served as a Stigmatine Missionary and teacher in Rome, Parma and Trento.

On September 26, 1905, he departed from Trento with Fr. Antonio Dalla Porta to the USA. They arrived in Hazleton on October 7.

In 1915, he founded the Holy Rosary Church, as a mission to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

From 1915 to 1922, he served as Director of the Stigmatine Fathers of Hazleton and Scranton, PA. He granted administrative authority over the four Italian Churches of Hazleton.

On October 7, 1933, he celebrated his Priestly Golden Jubilee.

He died on May 8, 1944, and was buried in the parish cemetery chapel.

## FATHER VICTOR GURISATTI



BORN:

*Genona (now Gemona del Fruili), Udine –  
July 25, 1866*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*November, 1890*

DIED:

*Baltimore (MD) – May 26, 1931*

AGE:

64

Rev. Victor Gurisatti, pastor of St. Lucy's Italian Church, West Scranton from 1908-1927 died in Mount Hope Hospital, Baltimore, Md. on Tuesday, May 26, 1931. Father Gurisatti, who had been in ill health for a number of years was forced to give up his pastorate at St. Lucy's for this reason and had since been under medical treatment at interval. The body will be taken to this city and will lie in state in St. Lucy's church

Fr. Gurisatti was born July 25, 1866 in Genona [now Gemona del Fruili], Province of Udine, Italy 55 miles from Trieste. [Today it is called Gemona del Friuli.] He was ordained in Nov. 1890 for the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata of Our Lord Jesus Christ – the Stigmatines. Fr. Victor Gurisatti emigrated from Italy in 1907, leaving Paris on the ship Hamburg and arrived at Ellis Island, N. Y. In 1908 he arrived in Scranton to set up a house for the Stigmatines. Bishop Michael J. Hoban, D.D. appointed Fr. Gurisatti pastor of St. Lucy's Church in 1910. For the next 17 years, Fr. Gurisatti labored to build the magnificent church edifice that still stands today. Fr. Gurisatti also saw the parish school more than double in size during his tenure. Before his death, Fr. Gurisatti left the Stigmatines and was incardinated into the Diocese of Scranton.

Bishop Thomas C. O'Reilly celebrated the requiem Mass on Friday, May 29, 1931, in St. Lucy's Italian Catholic Church for Rev. Victor Gurusatti.

The Rev. Francis Molino, Hazleton, was deacon, and the Rev. Gaetano Cassibba, Carbondale, was subdeacon. The archpriest was the Rev. Eugene Cherlone, O.S.J., Pittston. The divine office was chanted by Monsignor Humberto Rocchi.

Other officers of the Mass were the Rev. Vincent Mazzucco, O.S.J., Pittston, thurifer; the Rev. William Crotti, Dunmore, and the Rev. Henry Luchi, Hazelton, acolytes; the Rev. Enrico Giovetto, O.S.J., book bearer, and the Rev. Quirino Rauzi, miter bearer.

The honorary pallbearers were: the Rev. James Lavezzari, Old Forge; the Rev. Daniel Leona, Scranton; the Rev. Clement Cavalletti, Jessup; the Rev Michael DeSarno, Dunmore; the Rev. Joseph Gotti, Hazleton; the Rev. John Reggio, O.S.J., Pittston; the Rev. Nabrario DeScianni, Lattimer, and the Rev. Arcangelo D'Anca, Wilkes Barre.

The acting pallbearers were Vincent Russoniello, A.N. Russo, Angelo Ferrario, Antonio Caputo, Louis Caputo, Charles Masucci, Nicola LaManna and James Arigoni.

Interment was made in the priest's plot at Cathedral Cemetery.

*The Scranton Republican*, Saturday, May 30, 1931

*Scranton Times*, Tuesday, May 26, 1931

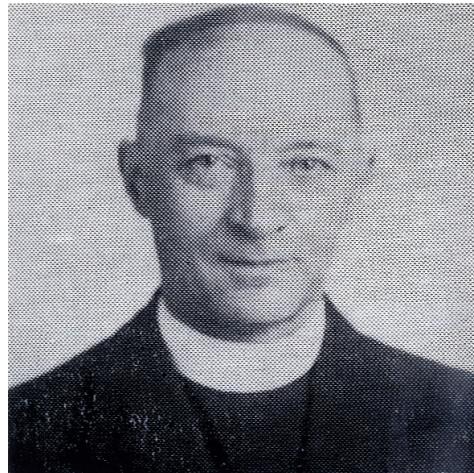
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Source: St. Lucy's Church: The Mother Italian Church of The Diocese of Scranton, PA

## FATHER ENRICO FADANELLI

[former Stigmatine]  
A HISTORICAL POST-SCRIPT



BORN: *Cembra, Trento, March 9, 1887*

DIED: *Jan. 5, 1974*

PERPETUAL PROFESSION: Oct. 20, 1906

AGE: 86

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

Seminary, Belluno, Dec. 9, 1909

Fr. Enrico Fadanelli attended High-School and Philosophy in Trent, Austria; he studied Theology in Trent and also in Verona, Italy. He was ordained Stigmatine Priest at the Seminary in Belluno on December 9, 1909.

He arrived in America on September 17, 1915, and was pastor of Blessed Virgin of Pompeii, in Milwaukee, WI, from 1915 to 1925. In 1925, he left permanently, and the Stigmatine Congregation did not replace him.

He was secularized (the date is uncertain), and on December 03, 1927, was assigned establishing pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Detroit, Michigan.

He retired on June 14, 1967, and died on January 5, 1974.

Rev. Fadanelli's only assignment in the Archdiocese of Detroit was as Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Follow two newspaper articles on Father Fadanelli from the Archives of the Archdiocese of Detroit, MI:

### CATHERINE HAVEN

In 1927, Detroit Bishop Michael Gallagher assigned a young seminary professor from Europe to establish a new parish in the Oakwood community of southwest Detroit.

While starting a new parish is always difficult, Fr. Henry Fadanelli's task was, especially hard. Poverty, anti-clericalism and crime were facts of life for the blue-collar neighborhood near the Rouge River.

But Fr. Fadanelli established his parish, and on Sunday, Sept. 25, Detroit Our Lady of Mount Carmel will celebrate its golden jubilee with a special Mass of thanksgiving.

Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr will be main celebrant of the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. A reception for parishioners and friends will follow.

Back in 1927, Fr. Fadanelli's parishioners were often immigrant families of Hungarian, Polish, French and Italian extraction. Many worked as fisherman or at the nearby railroad yards.

The families lived in constant fear and terror in the neighborhood, however, due to crime. Protection and extortion were a part of life. Families who owned small business often had to pay \$35 a week as protection to maintain their meager livelihood.

FATHER also encountered strong anti-clericalism and hostility to the church. When he arranged to hold Mass at an old schoolhouse at the foot of Bayside St., his life was threatened. He was beaten up once and shot at twice.

Despite the poverty, Fr. Fadanelli worked hard and was able to raise enough pledges to construct a church.

The first Mass was held at the church, which is still standing at 555 Oakwood Blvd., in 1928.

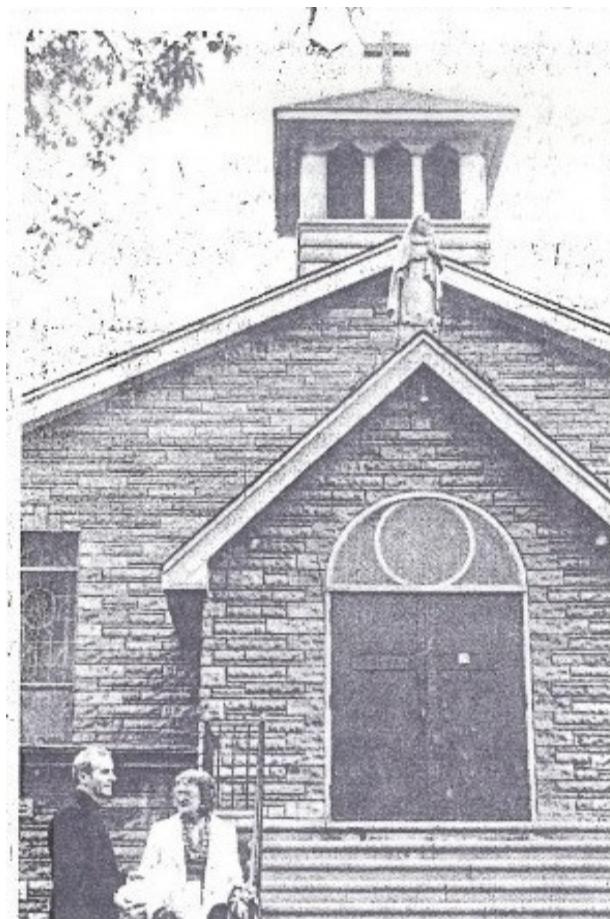
Money problems were always to plague the struggling new parish. The onset of the depression and a four-month Ford Motor Co. strike laid off many parishioners. Despite the tight economy, Fr. Fadanelli raised enough money for a rectory, but he was forced to shelve plans for a parish school.

Persecution of the faith continued too. People were warned not to attend Mt. Carmel, nor to allow their children to attend CCD classes there.

BUT FR. FADANELLI and the people's faith persevered. By 1935, 135 families were registered at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Many were immigrants, and father encouraged them to go to school, learn English, get their citizenship, and to send their children to college or trade schools.

Most importantly, the Austrian-born priest became a symbol of hope and resistance for the tiny neighborhood, and the people battled crime and poverty to keep their community alive.

"The parish seemed to start off on the wrong foot from the beginning," recalled Olga Kolar, father's niece and of the parish in 1952 found the Oakwood community a neighborhood of hardworking homeowners, with crime nearly non-existent. In 1967, Fr. Fadanelli was honored by the City of Detroit for his community work.



DESPITE THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S poverty, Fr. Fadanelli managed to procure donations to furnish Detroit Our Lady of Mount Carmel church. Standing before the church, which celebrates its golden jubilee this Sunday, are current pastor, Fr. Bartolomeo Ferrero, and Miss Olga Kolar, Fr. Fadanelli's niece and former parish secretary. (MC photo by Haven)

liked the challenge here."

Father's work began to pay off too. The silver jubilee

9-25-1977

In 1967, Fr. Fadanelli retired after 40 years of service to the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Old and blinded by a beating from a would-be robber, he still continued to live and work at Mt. Carmel's for many years. He died in 1972.

The parish was in the hands of administrators from 1968 to 1972. First, Fr. Albert Lombardi, now pastor of Detroit St. Brendan's, and later Fr. Jay Samonie, newly assigned pastor of Detroit Most Holy Trinity.

In 1972, Fr. Bartolomeo Ferrero was assigned as pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

ACCORDING to Fr. Ferrero, the tiny parish of 200 families continues to serve the faith needs of the Oakwood community. Nearly 80 children regularly attend religious education classes. Parish organizations, such as ladies sodality, Christian Service, ushers, Holy Hour Prayer Group, senior citizens society and altar boys are active.

More importantly, new blood is being infused into parish life.

# Fr. Fadanelli, Retired Pastor, Dead at 87

Mass of the Resurrection was offered Jan. 9 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Detroit, for its founding pastor, Fr. Henry P. Fadanelli.

Fr. Fadanelli, who retired in June, 1967, died Jan. 5. Since his retirement he had made his home in Lincoln Park.

BORN IN TRENTO, Austria, in 1887, Fr. Fadanelli went all through school, from elementary through major seminary there, and also in Verona, Italy. He was ordained Dec. 20, 1909 at Bellimo, Italy.

After his arrival to serve in the Archdiocese of Detroit, Fr. Fadanelli was assigned to establish Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



Fr. Fadanelli

Parish in December, 1927. He served there until his retirement.

BURIAL WAS at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Fr. Fadanelli is survived by sisters, Mrs. Ann Pallini and Mrs. Lena Schrantz; brothers, Louis and Mario, and a niece, Olga Kolar.

*The Michigan Catholic*, January 9, 1974 edition

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Sources:

- Archdiocese of Detroit, MI Archives (including the portrait and newspaper articles)
- Scalabrinians in North America – High Tide and Undertow  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.2050-411X.1996.tb00174.x/pdf>
- Stigmatine *Breve Cronaca*, composed by Father Joseph Fiorio, CSS
- Stigmatine Archives

## FATHER HENRI LUCHI

(NO PICTURE FOUND)

BORN:

*Cordova (Argentina) – Nov. 26, 1895*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*Bressanone, Tyrol – May 12, 1918*

DIED:

*Wilkes-Barre (PA) – Nov. 14, 1980*

AGE:

*85*

He migrated with his family to Romallo, Tyrol, in 1900.

On May 12, 1918, he was ordained into the priesthood, in Bressanone, Tyrol. On September 1<sup>st</sup> of that same year he was appointed Assistant Pastor at Fondo, Tyrol.

He arrived in Hazleton on June 25, 1923, where he served as Assistant Pastor at Holy Rosary mission.

On January 6, 1925, he was appointed the first pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Hazleton.

On June 7, 1944, he was appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, in Hazleton.

He celebrated his Priestly Golden Jubilee on June 23, 1968.

He retired on September 8, 1971, as 'Pastor Emeritus' of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

On July 14, 1978, he celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the priesthood.

After being a guest at the Little Flower Nursing Home for several months, he died at the Mercy Hospital, in Wakes-Barre, on November 14, 1980.

## FATHER PAOLINO SAPIENZA

(NO PICTURE FOUND)

BORN:

DIED:

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*December, 1913*

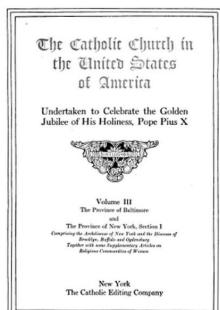
AGE:

He had a fundamental role in the history of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in White Plains, NY. The history of this Church starts with:

"The nucleus of this parish came into being in 1889 when **Father Paolino Sapienza** gathered a small group of new, Italian speaking Americans around him for Mass. They met first, under the auspices of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion, and later in the clubrooms of the Society of the Stella D'Italia and in Saint John's Hall."

Further information on him:

**1 - The Catholic Church in the United States of America:** Undertaken to Celebrate the Golden Jubilee of His Holiness, Pope Pius X; Catholic editing Company, 1914



Page 584:

"St. Rosalia, Brooklyn, N.Y. – This parish was founded by Rev. P. **Sapienza** for the Italians in 1905. The church is at 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The parish has about 3,400 souls, and the property is valued at \$ 10,000. Father Sapienza died in December, 1913, and Rev. Locksley A. Appo succeeded."

Source:

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**2 – The Brooklyn Daily Eagle**, New York, Saturday, January 13, 1906

Page 13:

**"CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS**

The Rev. Paolini **Sapienza**, rector of the Italian Church of St. Rosalie, in Borough Park, is continuing to work energetically for the Italians of that section despite the many obstacles he has had to overcome. His energy and persistence are gaining the mastery, and things are now beginning to look brighter.

Father **Sapienza**, when he was appointed to found a parish in this section last spring found that the undertaking set for him was most difficult. He found a colony of about 3,000 Italians, mostly from Calabria, Sicily and the south of Italy, of whom about 100 had retained steadfast to the faith and were attending the Church of St. Francis de Chantal, the nearest Catholic church. The outlook was anything but promising, as the Italians were all poor and a church had to be secured, while the pastor, beside looking out for their spiritual welfare, had to look to temporal provision for himself. Father **Sapienza** finally secured a large frame building, of remarkable aspect, on Sixty-second street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth avenues. This building contained a store and this Father Sapienza converted into a chapel, using the remainder of the building for living apartments and Sunday school rooms.

He nailed a primitive wooden cross of the store shed and swung a church bell from one of the supports. Owing to lack of funds, the church pews were the crudest kind of benches, made from bare boards. What the altars lacked in architectural construction and finish was supplied in adornment through the pastor's artistic talent and esthetic taste. They were most attractive. The good pastor supplied a parlor organ that he had imported from his home in Italy, but no parishioner could be found that was able to play. Father **Sapienza** is a finished musician with the soul for music for which his countrymen are noted, and he, consequently, has since been compelled to divide the time of the services in acting pastor and organist. Whereas, in the beginning only the faithful 100 responded to the Sabbath call of the chapel bell, Father **Sapienza**'s work has been so fruitful that he now has a flock attending services numbering fully five times that number, and while he had only two masses on Sunday (in his chapel formerly, he now has an additional mass celebrated each Sabbath morn. On Christmas day six masses were celebrated in his little chapel, and the good pastor's heart was filled with joy when he realized that almost one-third of the colonists attended services that day. He takes hope from this fact and thinks that eventually all the Italians of the community will return to their church. Many of these had been attracted that day to view the crib he had erected for Christmas tide, and they had returned with others during the two weeks the crib was exposed, to feast upon its beauty. The removed the crib Wednesday.

Father **Sapienza** has been working industriously since taking charge of the parish to erect a permanent church for his countrymen. He has made great headway in this purpose for the church, a good substantial one of artificial stone is now in the course of erection at Sixty-third street and Fourteenth avenue. It occupies three of six lots that he has purchased on Fourteenth avenue and when completed will be 67 feet in depth with a frontage of 50 feet and a height of 75 feet. The edifice will be surmounted and ornamented with a small steeple and cross. The builder has promised that the work will be completed by spring and the church ready for occupancy before the summer. Father **Sapienza** hopes to lay the corner stone of the church some time about the latter part of February or the early part of March. This will be the first church in Brooklyn to be constructed with artificial stone. The entire edifice, when completed and furnished, including the value of the parochial property, will have cost \$ 20,000.

In the meantime, Father **Sapienza** has replaced the primitive benches in his chapel with pews more modern in looks and construction. They represent the gift of the Rev. Thomas Duhigg and the parishioners of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Twenty-first street, and belonged to the old edifice of that parish which is now being demolished."

Source:

<http://www.newspapers.com/image/53937612/?terms=father%2Bsapienza>

**3 – Salesian Beginnings in New York.** The extraordinary visitation of Father Paolo Albera in March 1903.

**Brooklyn Daily Eagle**, New York, Saturday, January 13, 1906

*Michael Mendl*

Page 72:

"On June 9, 1899, the little Salesian community had grown by one with the admission of an aspirant, the secular priest **Father Paolino Sapienza**, who lived with the community until the autumn of 1901, when he went to White Plains, New York. A letter from Archbishop Corrigan to Bishop Charles McDonnell of Brooklyn testifies that he is "a good priest" and the archbishop knows of nothing against him. There is no indication that he resided in the Brooklyn diocese, but since there were many Italians there, perhaps he did some ministry among them.

Footnote:

The *Cronaca* (part I, pp. 4-5; part II, pp. 2, 4) records Fr. Sapienza's arrival and his departure to White Plains. The CD for 1901, which indicates assignments at the end of 1900, lists him as chaplain of the Convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel – motherhouse, novitiate, and “farm” for 250 girls (pp. 108, 112). In the three following years he is indexed in the CD as being at White Plains, but there are no listings for him. He is absent entirely from the 1905 CD. The Corrigan letter, Sept. 18, 1901, is in NYAA G-16.

White Plains, the county seat of Westchester County, is about 20 miles north of midtown New York.”

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Source:

<http://sdl.sdb.org/greenstone/collect/salesian/index/assoc/HASH0157.dir/doc.pdf>

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## FATHER JOSEPH MARINARO



BORN: *Albano di Lucania, Italy – Sep. 30, 1869*

DIED:

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: *The Seminary of Tricarico – May 27, 1893*

AGE:

Father Joseph Marinaro was born at Albano di Lucania, Italy, on September 30, 1869.

He studied at Potenza, where he obtained a diploma of superior teacher of public schools, served as lieutenant in the Italian army and made his philosophical and theological studies in the Seminary of Tricarico, where he was ordained on May 27, 1893.

In January, 1901, Father Marinaro came to America, and founded the Italian school of Dante Alighieri, in East 114<sup>th</sup> Street, New York. He was chaplain at the Church of Our Lady of Angels, New York City, and assistant at St. Joseph's Church, Croton Falls, N.Y.

Through his efforts the Church of Our Lady was built; it was dedicated on December 16, 1903, by Archbishop Farley.

In addition to his parish, Father Marinaro attended for two years the mission of St. Anthony of Padua, at Mamaroneck; this mission was founded on September 1, 1907, and has about 600 souls.

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Source:

The Catholic Church in the United States of America: Undertaken to Celebrate the Golden Jubilee of His Holiness, Pope Pius X; The Catholic editing Company, New York, 1914. Pages: 440 – 441:

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## FATHER ANGELO MICHAEL JACOBUCCI

(NO PICTURE FOUND)

**BORN:**

*Italy, July 19, 1871*

**DIED:**

*White Plains, NY - March 30, 1955*

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION:**

*Italy, Sep. 26, 1896*

**AGE:**

*83*

Father Jacobucci was born July 1871, in Italy, son of the late Carmine and Angela Jacobucci. He was ordained in Italy on Sept. 26, 1896, and came to the United States in 1902.

He was a Diocesan priest, and the second pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in White Plain, NY, from 1915 to 1922.

He was transferred from Mount Carmel Church, White Plains, in 1922 to Sacred Heart Church, Newburgh. He later served as chaplain at St. Clare Convent, Wappinger Falls, N.Y., and at the Sisters of Charity School for Boys, Harriman, N.Y.

Previously to his time as pastor of Mt. Carmel, records were found that he served at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Bronx, New York, NY, as associate pastor.

He died on Wednesday, March 30, 1955 in St. Agnes Hospital, White Plains, after a long illness.

At his retirement, about five years before his death, Father Jacobucci resided with a nephew in Yonders, NY for a year, before entering St. Agnes Hospital.

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## FATHER JAMES FLYNN



BORN:

*Arlington, Sep. 17, 1938*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

*June 4, 1964*

Father James B. Flynn was born in Arlington on Sept. 17, 1938, the son of Robert J. and Helen (Buckley) Flynn.

He attended Elm Bank, the Stigmatine Fathers' Seminary in Wellesley, and Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C.

He was ordained on June 4, 1964, at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington as a Stigmatine Father.

After his service as a lecturer in religious studies at Catholic University, he was appointed dean of students for the Stigmatine Fathers while directing the guidance department of the former Elizabeth Seton High School in Wellesley and lecturing on the philosophy of education at Boston College.

He holds a master's degree in education and a doctorate degree in history and the philosophy of education from Boston College.

From 1976 to 1980 he was president of the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers in the United States, supervising 160 community members in both academic and pastoral work.

He also was a lecturer at Boston College and at Catholic University and a professor at Leboure Junior College in Dorchester.

He was a lecturer in religious studies and director of campus ministry at Regis College in Weston. In 1982 and 1983 he was pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Waltham.

He was appointed headmaster of Notre Dame Preparatory School in Fitchburg in 1983.

He served there until July 11, 1986 when he was named principal of St. Bernard Central Catholic High School, Fitchburg.

He is an adjunct professor of education at Framingham State College.

On June 25, 1993, he was appointed pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Southborough. He received an Excellence in Counseling/Teaching Award from Anna Maria College in November 2001.

You may email him at [jflynn@stmatthewsb.org](mailto:jflynn@stmatthewsb.org)

Oct. 20, 2013.

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Source:

<http://www.stmatthewcatholic-southboro.org/pastor.htm>

## FATHER JEROME NADAL, SJ



BORN: *Spain, 1507*

DIED: *1580*

AGE: 73

**Jerome Nadal, S.J.** (Spanish: 1507-1580) was one of the First Ten Companions of Ignatius. It was he whom Ignatius sent to Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany and Austria in order to promulgate the Constitutions of the Society. He founded many schools and was an official visitor to many provinces.

Ignatius entrusted to Jerome Nadal the work of publishing a famous book of pictures to help in the contemplations of the Spiritual Exercises. He did this by taking advantage of the newly discovered perspective geometry which enabled three-dimensional shapes to be displayed in the two-dimensional pages of books helped bring about the scientific revolution. These pictures provided photographic accuracy that paved the way for daVinci's technology and Galileo's science.

Ignatius made the connection between these mechanical sketches and gospel images. He commissioned his vicar Jerome Nadal to find highly motivated artists and printers who knew how to draw realistic perspective pictures of the gospel stories and print them in books. Jerome also realized these new opportunities and set out to find artists and printers who knew how to draw and print these pictures. He found a willing and generous helper in the Antwerp publisher, Christopher Plantin, who pledged his effort and his capital. Together they spent the rest of their lives at the task.

In 1593 appeared Jerome's book *Evangelical historiae imagines (Pictures of the Gospel Stories)* which has been called "One of the most remarkable Counterreformation publications of the late sixteenth century." Charles Sommervogel's Jesuit Bibliography {Vol. 5 p. 1519} counts 153 engravings in Jerome's book. Perspective geometry and art arrived in China along with Matteo Ricci who carried along Jerome's *Imagines* as an aid for teaching the gospel message.

Matteo praised Jerome's work: "This book is of even greater use than the Bible in the sense that while we are talking to potential converts, we can also place right in front of their eyes things that with words alone we would not be able to make clear." With the collaboration of Chinese artists Matteo duplicated Jerome's images adapting them for a Chinese readership, using oriental facial features. Then he brought these perspective images of science, technology and the gospel stories to the imperial court at Beijing in 1601, hoping to convince the emperor of the truths of Christianity. In doing so, he introduced perspective geometry to the Chinese. (Ban, Ham, JLx, O'M, Som)

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Source: Jesuit Family Album – Sketches of Chilvary from the Early Society -  
<http://faculty.fairfield.edu/jmac/jp/jpmipe.htm>

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Fr. Jerome Nadal [1507-1580], whose name is rendered in Latin is Hieronymus Natalis, was a well-known personality in the early History of the Society of Jesus. Five full substantial volumes are dedicated to his writings of Conferences in the well-known Series, *Momumentis Historicis Societatis Iesu*. For our purposes here, there are three volumes of central interest, that are available, and they are formation, ascetical commentaries on St. Ignatius' [1491-1556] Constitutions:

- P. Hieronymi NADAL. *Commentarii de Instituto Societatis Iesu*, edidit Michael Nicolau, SJ. Romae: apud Monumenta Historica Soc. Iesu. 1962.
- P. Hieronymi NADAL, *Scholia in Constitutiones S.I.*, Edicion Critica, prologo y notas, de Manuel Ruiz Jurado, S.I., Granada: Facultad de Teologia 1976.

Another good source has appeared in French translation, summarizing these volumes, is:

- Jerome Nadal, "Contemplatif dans l'action. Ecrits Spirituels Ignatiens [1535-1575]". Presentation par François Evain, SJ. Traduction du Journal Spirituel, par Antoine Lauras, SJ. Collection Christus n° 81. Paris: Desclée 1994.

Then, the applications will be made regarding these Jesuit theological and spiritual interpreters of the Rule of St. Ignatius – as this appealed to Fr. Gaspar Bertoni, Stigmatine Founder. In the booklet of the Stigmatine Founder's Rule, prepared during the Holy Year of 1950, Fr. Joseph Stofella has noted that a large majority of the Original Constitutions come from Fr. Francis Suarez, SJ – and many of these, *verbatim* (from the Latin, that means "literally").

The corner stones of the Jesuit Constitutions were understood first by Fr. Jerome Nadal, SJ and later, by Fr. Francis Suarez.

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Source: Henchey, Joseph C., CSS: *A Historical Study on the Charism of St. Gaspar Bertoni*, 2003  
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## FATHER FRANCISCO SUÁREZ, SJ



BORN:

*Granada, Andalusia, Spain, Jan. 5, 1548*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

DIED:

*Lisbon, Portugal – Sep. 25, 1617*

AGE: 69

**Francisco Suárez** was a Spanish Jesuit priest, philosopher and theologian, one of the leading figures of the School of Salamanca movement, and generally regarded among the greatest scholastics after Thomas Aquinas.

At age sixteen Suárez entered the Society of Jesus in Salamanca, and he studied Philosophy and Theology there for five years from 1565 to 1570. It seems he was not a promising student at first; in fact, he nearly gave up his matters of study after failing the entrance exam twice. After passing the exam at third attempt, though, things changed, and he completed his course of Philosophy with distinction, going on to study Theology, to then teach Philosophy in Ávila and Segovia. He was ordained in 1572, and taught Theology in Ávila, Segovia (1575), Valladolid(1576), Rome (1580–85), Alcalá (1585–92), Salamanca (1592–97), and Coimbra (1597–1616).

He wrote on a wide variety of subjects, producing a vast amount of work (his complete works in Latin amount to twenty-six volumes). Suárez writings include treatises on law, the relationship between Church and State, Metaphysics, and Theology.

He is considered the godfather of International Law. His *Disputationes metaphysicae* were widely read in Europe during the seventeenth century and are considered by some scholars to be his most profound work.

Suárez was regarded during his lifetime as being the greatest living philosopher and theologian, and given the nickname *Doctor Eximus et Pius* ("Exceptional and Pious Doctor"); Pope Gregory XIII attended his first lecture in Rome. Pope Paul V invited him

to refute the errors of James I of England, and wished to retain him near his person, to profit by his knowledge. Philip II of Spain sent him to the University of Coimbra in order to give it prestige, and when Suárez visited the University of Barcelona, the doctors of the university went out to meet him wearing the insignia of their faculties.

After his death in Portugal (in either Lisbon or Coimbra) his reputation grew still greater, and he had a direct influence on such leading philosophers as Hugo Grotius, René Descartes, John Norris, and Gottfried Leibniz.

In 1679 Pope Innocent XI publicly condemned sixty-five casuist propositions, taken chiefly from the writings of Escobar, Suárez and others, mostly Jesuit, theologians as *propositiones laxorum moralistarum* and forbade anyone to teach them under penalty of excommunication.

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Source: Wikipedia, the free online Encyclopedia  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francisco\\_Su%C3%A1rez](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francisco_Su%C3%A1rez)

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**Fr. Francis Suarez [1548-1612]** was a Jesuit priest who wrote commentaries on St. Ignatius's Constitutions, and in his Book IX St. Gaspar based the Part IX of the Constitutions for the Stigmatine Congregation. The Book IX talks about the Apostolic Missions, and this is the heart of the Jesuit Rule, and also of the Charism of Fr. Bertoni. In the Jesuit Constitutions, it is **Part Seven**, which is on the Missions. For St. Gaspar, it is **Part Nine - where he emphasizes the special duties of the Apostolic Missionaries**.

Fr. Suarez wrote under the leadership of the long-time Superior General [February 19, 1581–January 31, 1615], Fr. Claudio Acquaviva, a generation or so later. As will be seen, Fr. Suarez' work is a most orderly apologetic, more defensive reflection on the Jesuit Constitutions, defending this 'new' way of life in the Church, which had found opposition even in high Church circles. For example, the Fourth Vow of special obedience to the Roman Pontiff – was not understood as something unique in that in faith, all believers are placed under the magisterial and spiritual direction of the Vicar of Christ.

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## FATHER EINRICH JOSEPH DOMINICUS DENZINGER

**One of the leading theologians of the modern Catholic German school and author of the 'Enchiridion' universally used**

BORN: *Liege, Germany, Oct. 10, 1819*

DIED: *Würzburg, June 19, 1883*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: Rome, 1944

AGE: 63

*Denzinger, HEINRICH JOSEPH DOMINICUS*, one of the leading theologians of the modern Catholic German school and author of the "Enchiridion" universally used, born on October 10, 1819, at Liege; died on June 19, 1883, at Wurzburg.

In 1831 his father, who was a professor at the Liege University, took him to Wurzburg, the original home of the family. Here he attended the gymnasium and studied philosophy at the university, where he received the Ph. D. degree.

In 1838 he entered the Wurzburg seminary, went to the German College at Rome in 1841, was ordained priest in 1844, and the following year took a degree in theology.

On his return home he was first curate at Hassfurt-on-the-Main, became professor extraordinary of dogmatic theology at Wurzburg in 1848, and ordinary professor in 1854. He continued to occupy this position, in spite of ill-health, till his death.

Denzinger was one of the pioneers of positive theology and historical dogmatic (*Dogmengeschichte*) in Catholic Germany. In the generation after Johann Adam Mohler (d. 1838) and Dollinger (1799-1890), he carried on their methods and helped to establish what is the special character of the German school, exact investigation of the historical development of theology, rather than philosophical speculation about the corollaries of dogma.

Nearly all his important works are in the nature of historic theology. The best-known and most useful is his "Enchiridion Symbolorum et Definitionum" (first ed., Wurzburg, 1854), a handbook containing a collection of the chief decrees and definitions of councils, list of condemned propositions, etc., beginning with the oldest forms of the Apostles' Creed. It has often been republished, with considerable additions, of which the most important are part of the Bull defining the Immaculate Conception (*Ineffabilis Deus*, 1854), the Syllabus of 1864, and the Vatican decrees.

After Denzinger's death Professor Ignatius Stahl continued the work of reediting the "Enchiridion" with additional decrees of Leo XIII. A revised and enlarged edition (10th ed., Freiburg, 1908), prepared by Clemens Bannwart, S.J., includes decrees of Pius X. Other works are "Ritus Orientalium, Coptorum, Syrorum et Armenorum" (2

vols., Wurzburg, 1863-1864), a long treatise on Eastern rites; "Vier Bucher von der religiosen Erkenntniss" (2 vols., Wurzburg, 1856-1857), "Ueber die Aechtheit des bisherigen Textes der Ignatianischen Briefe" (Wurzburg, 1849), "Die spekulative Theologie Giinthers" (Wurzburg, 1853).

He also wrote a number of shorter treatises, on Philo Judaeus (1840, his first work), on the Immaculate Conception (1855), and papal infallibility (1870). At the time of his death he was preparing a complete compendium of dogmatic theology. He edited a number of medieval theological works: Habert, "Theologia Graecorum Patrum vindicata circa materiam gratise" (1853); De Rubeis, "De peccato originali", (1857); P. Marani, "Divinitas D. N. Jesu Christi" (1859). He was appointed a consulter of Propaganda for Eastern rites in 1866.

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**Heinrich Joseph Dominicus Denzinger** (1819 – 1883) was a leading German Catholic theologian and author of the *Enchiridion Symbolorum et Definitionum* (Handbook of Creeds and Definitions) commonly referred to simply as "Denzinger".

#### Life of Denzinger

Heinrich Denzinger was born on 10 October 1819 at Liege. In 1831 his father, who was a professor at the Liege University, took him to Würzburg, the original home of the family. Here he attended the gymnasium and studied philosophy at the university, where he received the Ph.D. degree. In 1838 he entered the Würzburg seminary, went to the German College at Rome in 1841, was ordained priest in 1844, and the following year took a degree in theology.

On his return home he was first curate at Hassfurt-on-the-Main, became professor extraordinary of dogmatic theology at Würzburg in 1848, and ordinary professor in 1854. He continued to occupy this position, in spite of ill-health, until his death. Denzinger was one of the pioneers of positive theology and historical dogmatic (*Dogmengeschichte*) in Catholic Germany. In the generation after Johann Adam Mohler (d. 1838) and Döllinger (1799-1890) he carried on their methods and helped to establish what was the special character of the German school, exact investigation of the historical development of theology, rather than philosophical speculation about the corollaries of dogma.

He died on 19 June 1883 at Würzburg.

### The Enchiridion Symbolorum et Definitionum

Nearly all his important works are in the nature of historical theology. The best-known and most useful is his *Enchiridion Symbolorum et Definitionum* (first ed., Würzburg, 1854), a handbook containing a collection of the chief decrees and definitions of councils, list of condemned propositions, etc., beginning with the oldest forms of the Apostles' Creed. The first edition contained a mere 128 documents, the sixth edition, the last edited by Denzinger himself, had 202.

After Denzinger's death, Professor Ignatius Stahl continued the work of re-editing the *Enchiridion* with additional decrees of Leo XIII. Clemens Bannwart, S.J., prepared a revised and enlarged edition (10th ed., Freiburg) in 1908.

Since then, the *Enchiridion* has been repeatedly republished, with considerable additions by different editors. As a result, the numberings in more recent editions in no way correspond to those in the original. The numbering that scholars in recent decades (since 1963) have usually cited for the entries is that introduced in the edition prepared by Adolf Schönmetzer, S.J. This explains the abbreviation "DS" (for "Denzinger-Schönmetzer") used to specify this numbering, very different from that in earlier editions.

The latest editions have added doctrinal statements of the second half of the twentieth century, including the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and recent Popes.

### Other Works by Denzinger

Denzinger also wrote *Ritus Orientalium, Coptorum, Syrorum et Armenorum* (2 vols., Würzburg, 1863-1864), a long treatise on Eastern rites; *Vier Bücher von der religiösen Erkenntniss* (2 vols., Würzburg, 1856-1857), *Über die Aechtheit des bisherigen Textes der Ignatianischen Briefe* (Würzburg, 1849), *Die spekulative Theologie Günthers* (Würzburg, 1853). He also wrote a number of shorter treatises, on Philo Judaeus (1840, his first work), on the Immaculate Conception (1855), and papal infallibility (1870). At the time of his death he was preparing a complete compendium of dogmatic theology.

He edited a number of theological works: Habert, *Theologia Graecorum Patrum vindicata circa materiam gratiae* (1853); De Rubeis, *De peccato originali*, (1857); P. Marani, *Divinitas D. N. Jesu Christi* (1859). He was appointed a consulter of Propaganda for Eastern rites in 1866.

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## FATHER GEORGE E. GANSS, SJ

### FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF JESUIT SOURCES

BORN: 1906 (or 1905)

DIED: *June 7, 2000*

ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF JESUS:

AGE: 94

*1926*

PRIESTLY ORDINATION:

The Rev. George E. Ganss, a former professor at St. Louis University and founder and director emeritus of the Institute of Jesuit Sources, died of infirmities Wednesday (June 7, 2000) at Fusz Pavilion, the infirmary of the Society of Jesus in St. Louis. He was 94.

Father Ganss was a lifelong resident of St. Louis.

He entered the Society of Jesus in 1926 and earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from St. Louis University.

He also earned a graduate degree in theology from St. Mary College in Kansas and studied in Belgium. He was ordained in 1937.

From 1939 to 1962, he taught theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

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