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**PANCRATIUS SPRUCK [PAN-CRAY-SHUS SHPREWK]**, who died at Mt. Calvary in 1886, at age 18, after four months in the Scholasticate.

Pancratius came from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in New York City. He entered the Scholasticate at Calvary and was invested into the Third Order of St. Francis.

He possessed a genuine piety and was looking forward to entering the novitiate when Sister Death called him unexpectedly.

Five years later, his brother entered the Order as Br. Francis, and following the death of his mother, his father also joined the Province as a Third Order Brother, named Luchsius [lew-KAY-zee-us].

Pancratius is buried at Mt. Calvary.



**MICHAEL ALBERS [AL-BURRS]**, who died at Mt. Calvary in 1931, at age 83, after 58 years of religious life.

Born in Germany, Michael came to America at age 21 and entered the novitiate at Calvary.

Very hardworking, he served as porter at Pitt Street; baker at Mt. Calvary; had charge of the cow, chickens, laundry and bakery at St. Francis, Milwaukee; and served in Detroit for a short period.

While at Mt. Calvary, Michael, Lucius Fuchs [LEW-shus FOOKS], Edward Eikelmeier [EYE-cull-my-er] and Thomas Faupel [FOU-pull] built the bakery and constructed the road that leads from the village to the monastery.

Michael's longest assignment was as porter at St. Joseph's in Appleton where he remained for 30 years.

At age 83, he retired to Mt. Calvary where he looked after the cemetery and prayed for our deceased brothers. Although he was the center of many humorous tales, Michael was remembered above all, as "a true Capuchin — simple and charitable." He is buried at Mt. Calvary.

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**ACCURSIUS BARTHURFF [a-CURSE-ee-us BAR-truff],** who died at Yonkers in 1946, at age 71, after 52 years of religious life.

Born in Germany and raised Lutheran, Accursius was studying to become an architect when his father died and his studies had to be interrupted. He came to New York where he worked as a baker, hoping to make enough money to return to Germany and resume his studies.

In the meantime, he converted to Catholicism and, two years later, entered the novitiate at Detroit.

Accursius was a great cook; his dumpling soups and potato pancakes were unequalled.

Besides cooking, he found time for other chores: painting, laying concrete, and even installing heating systems.

Accursius suffered from stomach cancer for many years, and died on the morning of January 1<sup>st</sup>. He is buried at Yonkers.



**MARY MERKEL [MURK-ULL],** an Affiliate of the Province, who died on this day in 1953.

Among many other acts of generosity, Mary Merkel donated the property on which Monte Alverno Retreat Center in Appleton is located. She also established a scholarship for candidates of the Order. She was affiliated to the Province on June 25, 1929.

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**BALDWIN BEYER [BUY-ER]**, who died at Twentynine Palms, California, in 1999, at age 72, after 53 years of religious life and 45 years in the priesthood.

Baldwin was born in Chicago and moved with his family to Detroit.

After two years in the Garrison Seraphicate and one year at St. Lawrence Seminary, he entered the novitiate at Huntington.

Over the course of his lifetime, Baldwin was involved in numerous ministries, serving in parishes, teaching at St. Francis Brothers' School and at St. Lawrence Seminary, serving as spiritual assistant to the Secular Franciscans, and as a hospital- and nursing home chaplain.

Baldwin was a heavy smoker and developed an addiction to alcohol. His greatest lifetime achievement was in discovering sobriety and using his own recovery to benefit others. He became a certified social worker and addictions counselor. He headed Jefferson House in Detroit, and under his direction, it gained a notable level of professionalism.

In 1994, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature of the State of Michigan honored Baldwin for his years of service in the field of recovery.

Owing to frail health, Baldwin moved to California where he served in a parish. It was there that he died of lung cancer.

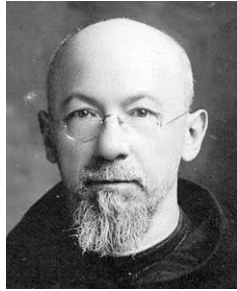
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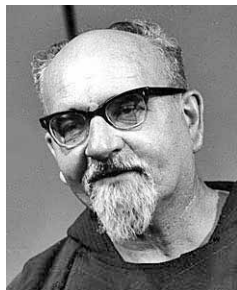
**ANSELM ZANG, who died in New York City in 1942, at age 79, after 62 years of religious life.**

Anselm was born in New York City and belonged to the Capuchin parish of St. John the Baptist. He entered the Order at Calvary, and served in various friaries as cook, baker, porter and sacristan.

In 1884, when the novitiate was moved to St. Bonaventure's in Detroit, Anselm was chosen to go there because he would be a good model for the younger friars.

Anselm is most remembered for the last 35 years of his life which were spent as sacristan and director of the altar boys in his home parish. Besides keeping the church spotlessly clean, Anselm created spectacular displays for Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and the 40 Hours Devotion. People came from far and wide to see them.

Suffering a bout of bronchitis, Anselm was admitted to the hospital where he died just after midnight. He is buried at Yonkers.



**JOHN CHRYSOSTOM [CRIS-us-stum] NOLAN, who died in Nicaragua in 1988, at age 76, after 56 years of religious life and 49 years in the priesthood.**

Born in Janesville, Wisconsin, John Chrysostom attended St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee before entering the Order.

Immediately after ordination, he spent a few months ministering at St. Elizabeth's in Milwaukee before joining the newly-accepted Bluefields Mission in Nicaragua.

When the General Vice Province of Central America was formed in 1982, he joined the Vice Province.

After spending almost 50 years as a tireless, zealous missionary, John Chrysostom died of an apparent heart attack in Managua, where he was laid to rest.

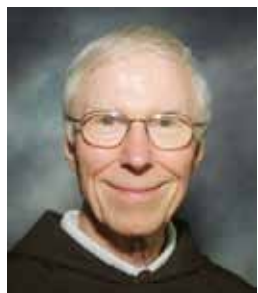
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ELLIS [ELL-IS] ZIMMER, who died in Kaukauna, Wisconsin in 2011, at age 81, after 63 years of religious life and 55 years in the priesthood.

Ellis was born in Menasha, Wisconsin. When he was still an infant, his family moved first to DePere [dee-PEER] and then to Appleton where he graduated from St. Joseph Grade School and then entered St. Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary.

After ordination, most of Ellis' ministerial assignments were divided between educational institutions and retreat work. In the field of education, he served at St. Francis Brothers' School; at the local Catholic High School in Marquette, Michigan; and at our seminaries in Marathon and Crown Point. He also served as Director of Continuing Education for the Province.

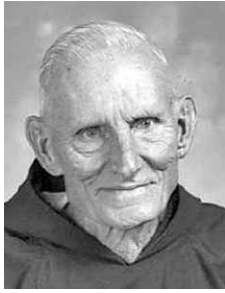
In retreat ministry, he served at St. Lawrence Retreat House in St. Clare, Michigan; Queen of Angels in Saginaw; Monte Alverno in Appleton; and at Dwelling Place in Milwaukee.

Besides his lilting tenor voice and skillful poetry, Ellis wanted to explore more fully the contemplative, itinerant aspects of Capuchin life. He was committed to radical simplicity, poverty, justice and peace. His vision took various forms and evolved over time. In Hammond, Indiana, he was part of a three-person experimental Capuchin community working and living among the poor. In 1986, Francis Dombrowski, Mary Klotz and Ellis founded Dwelling Place, a spirituality center where the economically poor could come for spiritual refreshment. Later, firmly rooted in the Franciscan and Capuchin Traditions, Ellis envisioned a life of itinerant preaching interspersed with periods of withdrawal to a hermitage. He lived for extended periods in a hermitage on the property of Monte Alverno Retreat Center in Appleton and went out from there to preach.

Ellis continued to pursue his vision at St. Charles' in Detroit, combining contemplative prayer and a ministry of presence at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Ellis retired when he began to show signs of Alzheimer's disease. He died peacefully in Kaukauna and was buried at Mt. Calvary.

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**PHILIP CASPER**, who died in Seminole, Florida, in 1998, at age 84, after 62 years of religious life and 54 years in the priesthood.

Born in Racine, Wisconsin, Philip entered the novitiate at Huntington. He received the religious name, Berard **[burr-ARD]**. From the start, he had a deep desire to become a missionary. After completing his studies, he volunteered for the Bluefields Mission where he remained for 34 years.

Most of his years in the missions were spent among the Miskito Indians. He became so fluent in their language, that he helped translate the Bible and wrote a number of popular Scriptural commentaries in that language.

During the persecution of the Miskito People by the government of Nicaragua, Philip remained with the people throughout their agonizing plight.

He returned temporarily to Arizona where he ministered to the Latino community and was chaplain at the State Prison.

When the Province took over the pastoral care of the Mission at Chepo **[CHAY-po]**, Panama, Philip accepted the new challenge and was assigned there. Thirteen years later, failing health caused him to return to the States.

On a visit to his brother, Philip suffered a heart attack and died.

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**FLAVIAN BLONG**, who died at Appleton in 1995, at age 80, after 62 years of religious life and 55 years in the priesthood.

Flavian was born on a farm in St. Lucas, Iowa. He attended St. Lawrence College and entered the novitiate at Huntington.

After ordination, he taught at Marathon and served in the Vocation Office.

Under his direction, St. Francis' Brothers School was established.

Flavian returned to Marathon as Director of Students, and afterwards became involved in retreat ministry. He was highly successful in building up the retreats at Queen of Angels Retreat in Saginaw.

In his later years, he ministered as chaplain to various communities of religious Sisters and was held in high esteem for his faithful, dedicated service.

During his retirement years at St. Fidelis in Appleton, his affability impressed everyone.

Flavian underwent surgery to repair an aneurism. He seemed to be recovering, but then suffered a setback and was readmitted to the hospital where he passed away. Flavian is buried at Mt. Calvary.

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**THEODORE ROEMER [RAY-MER]**, who died at Mt. Calvary in 1953, at age 63, after 46 years of religious life and 39 years in the priesthood.

Theodore was born in Appleton, the first candidate for the Order from St. Joseph Parish. He attended St. Lawrence College and then entered the novitiate at Detroit.

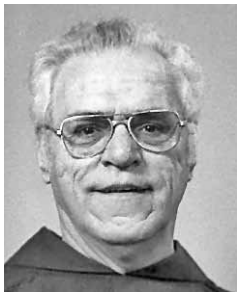
After ordination, he taught at Calvary and then at Marathon. Later, he ministered in the parishes at St. Peter and St. Cloud, Wisconsin, and at St. Elizabeth's in Milwaukee.

Theodore's true love was history. He earned a Masters Degree in History and a Doctorate in Philosophy and returned to Calvary where he taught for the remainder of his life.

Theodore also served one term as local minister at Calvary and as provincial councilor.

Besides being a tireless and energetic author of scholarly books and articles, Theodore promoted higher educational standards in the Province and strongly encouraged the adaptation of Capuchin life to North American culture.

He is buried at Mt. Calvary.



**GORDON GARSKE**, who died in Hazel Park, Michigan, in 1987, at age 64, after 47 years of religious life and 38 years in the priesthood.

Gordon was born in Milwaukee, attended St. Lawrence Seminary, and entered the novitiate at Huntington.

A lover of history and an avid reader, Gordon was an excellent professor in our House of Philosophy and was greatly appreciated as a preacher on the provincial Mission Band.

He also served two terms on the provincial council.

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Later, he took up ministry in the Middle East. There, people raved about his homilies long after he had gone.

When Gordon returned to the Province, he sensed that the winds of change had passed him by. Eight years without much contact with the Province made him feel somewhat out-of-place. Eventually, with a return to parish work and preaching, he regained a sense of contentment and fulfillment.

Sister Death came suddenly as he was getting ready for bed. Gordon is buried at Mt. Calvary.

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**SALVATOR BUDNIK**, who died in Appleton in 1924, at age 66, after 29 years of religious life.

Born in Prussia, Salvator came to America as an infant. After joining the Province, he labored faithfully and conscientiously. He was a man of personal prayer, accustomed to praying the Rosary several times every day.

His personality, physical ailments, and lack of proficiency in both German and English made living with him a challenge. Nonetheless, Salvator was a very kind and considerate person.

During recreations, when everyone else had finished their work for the day, Salvator would busy himself knitting woolen socks for the others.

He is buried in Appleton.



**PACHOMIUS [pack-OH-me-us] GUTEKUNST [good-a-KUNST]**, Third Order brother, who died at Crown Point in 1960, at age 83, after 39 years of religious life.

Pachomius was born in Poland and raised Lutheran. He converted to Catholicism as a teenager, and throughout his life deeply appreciated the gift of faith.

He often spoke of his three trips “across the ocean.” The first brought him to New York where he worked as a dishwasher. Unsatisfied, he returned to Europe where he worked as a janitor in the bishop’s residence at Trier [tree-AIR], Germany.

Quite by accident he came upon an article in a discarded newspaper which mentioned that the Capuchins in America were looking for new members.

Pachomius joined us as a Third Order Brother. He served mostly as a janitor and did an outstanding job wherever he was.

In his later years, as his need for care increased, so did his appreciation of his caregivers.

He is buried in Huntington.

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ROBERT POLCYN [**POLL-SIN**], who died at Kaukauna in 2006, at age 73, after 43 years of religious life, and 37 years in the priesthood.

Bob grew up in Chicago. After graduating from high school, he joined the Army.

As a Capuchin, Bob was totally dedicated to the Church and was a faithful, dependable minister.

In the period immediately following the Second Vatican Council, Bob passionately believed that the solutions to the problems that had arisen in the Church were clearly laid out in papal documents, if only people would abide by them.

Lung cancer cut short Bob's life and ministry. He is buried at Mt. Calvary.

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**GAUL HECKMANN, who died in Milwaukee in 1914, at age 49, after 29 years of religious life.**

Born in Germany, Gaul was employed as an upholsterer when he joined the Order.

After profession, he was assigned to Calvary as infirmarian. Life-threatening outbreaks of the flu and tuberculosis were not uncommon in those early years at Calvary. Gaul is remembered for the loving care he provided the sick, both friars as well as students. His years of experience led him to write a journal of home remedies for various ailments.

Gaul is buried at Mt. Calvary.



**ROMAN AMENT [AH-ment], who died in Arizona in 1984, at age 76, after 56 years of religious life and 50 years in the priesthood.**

Born in Merrill, Wisconsin, Roman's family moved to Milwaukee where they belonged to St. Francis Parish. At St. Lawrence College, Roman excelled both in studies and athletics. After graduation he entered the novitiate in Detroit.

During his theology studies at Marathon, Roman was one of the original members of what was then called the Duns Scotus Academy of Franciscan Research, which later became The Round Table.

After ordination, he was appointed teacher, prefect and athletic coach at Calvary. He later served as Third Order Director in Detroit.

Roman volunteered for the missions and joined the second group of missionaries to go to the Vicariate of Bluefields where he ministered for 13 fruitful years.

He returned to Calvary and resumed his previous assignments until he became chaplain to the Catholic employees of ARAMCO in Saudi Arabia. Roman served in that capacity for the next 12 years. He returned from the Middle East when he reached the mandatory retirement age.

Since his health required a warmer climate, his final years were spent at Guadalupe, Arizona, ministering among Spanish-speaking people, much to his great joy and satisfaction. Roman is buried at Mt. Calvary.

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**THOMAS HUPPERT [HEW-pert]**, who died in New York City in 1898, at age 33, after 9 years of religious life and 2 years in the priesthood.

Thomas was born in Germany, the son of a miner. He emigrated to America at age 18, probably to avoid military service.

He entered St. Lawrence College with the intention of becoming a Dominican, but influenced by his friend, the future Capuchin Anthony Adams, he entered the Scholasticate where he received the religious name, Thomas, in deference to his former desire to be a Dominican.

After ordination, Thomas was assigned to St. Joseph's in Appleton, but was soon transferred to New York City where he ministered at St. John the Baptist Parish. He was greatly esteemed as a confessor.

What had previously been thought to be a weak stomach was finally diagnosed as stomach cancer. It was hoped that a trip to his native land might help improve his condition, but after two months, he returned to the Province, resigned to his impending death.

On his return, he celebrated Mass for the last time, was given the Sacraments, and then was admitted to St. Francis Hospital where he edified all by his cheerfulness, gratitude and sincere piety. Thomas is buried in Yonkers.



**WENDELIN SCHERER [WHEN-DUL-IN SHEER-ER]**, who died in Milwaukee in 1941, at age 66, after 33 years of religious life.

Wendelin came from a well-to-do farming family in Ohio. He was destined to inherit the two family farms and planned on getting married and raising a family of his own. The woman he wanted to marry, however, was also the love interest of another man. After his rival threatened his life at the point of a gun, Wendelin decided the move on with his life.

Contact with a Capuchin preacher led the hardworking 33-year-old to seek admission to our way of life. After novitiate, Wendelin was sent to Harlem, but owing to his farming background, was quickly re-assigned to

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Wauwatosa [**wa-wa-TOE-suh**] to tend the large garden there and the cow that supplied the friars with milk. When his own work was done, he would offer his help wherever it was needed.

Wendelin spent many hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and enjoyed decorating the altar with flowers.

When Marathon opened, he was placed in charge of the farm there. His quick thinking once saved the friary from a wild prairie fire.

His last 11 years were spent as cook at St. Elizabeth's in Milwaukee.

Wendelin was well-liked. Everyone felt his kind, fraternal spirit. The younger friars found in him a father figure; and the superiors found in him someone upon whom they could always rely.

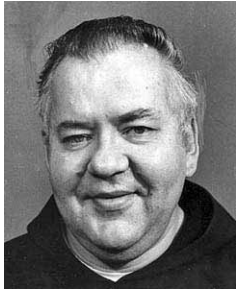
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**VALERY PEARCE**, who died at Mt. Calvary in 1980, at age 50, after 31 years of religious life and 23 years in the priesthood.

Valery was born and raised in Brokaw, Wisconsin; the family later moved to Wausau where he was attracted to the Capuchins through contact with the friars who helped out in his parish.

After ordination, Valery had only two assignments. The first was to St. Francis Brothers' School where he taught for seven years. Then, for the next 15 years, he served as prefect and teacher at St. Lawrence Seminary.

Valery sought admission to the novitiate twice. The first time, he was not accepted because of his poor grades and was asked to repeat a year at St. Lawrence College. His own hard work and the support of his professors got him through. When he re-applied, he was – in the words of the rector of St. Lawrence – “joyfully accepted.”

That experience was a life lesson that had a profound effect on Valery. When he found himself on the other side of the desk, he always went “the extra mile” for his students. Not only was he very generous with his time, but he was also an extremely gentle person.

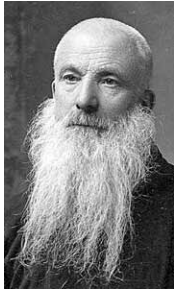
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**AUGUSTINE LIMPERICH [LIMP-ER-ICK]**, who died at Wauwatosa [wa-wa-TOE-suh] in 1909, at age 76, after 40 years of religious life and 36 years in the priesthood.

Augustine came from Germany and before joining the Order, spent some time in California mining for gold and working part-time as an innkeeper. He lost everything, which caused him to reconsider the direction of his life.

He entered the Order at age 37, shortly after the Great Fire at Calvary. Following a brief assignment as prefect at Calvary, he went to Wauwatosa [wa-wa-TOE-suh] where he served as pastor of the parish and chaplain of the cemetery and of the County Institutions. His other assignments included Our Lady of Sorrows in New York and St. Bonaventure's in Detroit.

Augustine suffered from scrupulosity which made him all the more compassionate toward others. It pained him to see others in trouble or humiliated.

When it came time for him to retire, he was asked to go to our House of Studies in Wauwatosa so that the younger brothers could benefit from his good example.

Augustine is buried in Milwaukee.



**GILBERT HEUEL [HEW-UL]**, who died in Milwaukee in 1953, at age 68, after 27 years of religious life and 40 years in the priesthood.

Gilbert was born in Burlington, Wisconsin. His father was a teacher and his mother an accomplished musician. Both of his parents died when he was two years old, and Gilbert was adopted by his aunt and uncle. The family moved to St. Elizabeth's Parish in Milwaukee and Gilbert attended Marquette High School.

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After graduation, he enrolled at St. Francis Seminary. The bishop of Dallas, Texas invited him to join his diocese and Gilbert was sent to study at the North American College in Rome.

After ordination, Gilbert became the bishop's personal secretary, assistant at the Cathedral, and eventually Chancellor of the diocese. He was offered a bishopric, but declined.

Upon the death of his adoptive mother, Gilbert joined the Capuchins. After novitiate he taught at Marathon, and then served on the Mission Band.

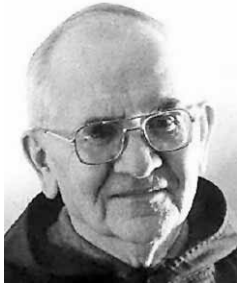
Gilbert is most remembered for his efforts at organizing and promoting the lay retreat movement. Lay retreats were held annually at St. Anthony's in Marathon from 1929 until 1935. Recognizing the need for more ample facilities and the need to open the retreats to both men and women, Gilbert was responsible for the establishment of Monte Alverno Retreat Center in Appleton, where he served as preacher and director until he suffered a stroke which left him incapacitated for the last five years of his life.

Gilbert died at St. Anthony's Hospital in Milwaukee. He is buried at Mt. Calvary.

### **WILLIAM MALONE, an Affiliate of the Province, who died on this day in 1965.**

Mr. Malone was the brother-in-law of our Capuchin brother, Adelelm [ADD-el-elm] Biller, who joined St. Mary's Province at the time of the division of the Province in 1952. William and his wife Annamarie were affiliated to the Province in 1951 for having contributed financially to the education of the friars in formation.

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EMIL SCHNEWEIS [SHNAY-vice], who died in Fond du Lac, in the year 2000, at age 88, after 67 years of religious life and 61 years in the priesthood.

Emil, a nephew of Capuchin Salesius Schneweis [suh-LEE-shus SHNAY-vice], was born and raised in Odin, Kansas. After graduating from St. Lawrence, he entered the novitiate at Huntington.

After ordination, he attended the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and earned a Doctorate of Theology degree.

Emil taught at Marathon for 11 years, followed by 20 years at Mt. Calvary, during which time he was also an instructor at Marian College in Fond du Lac.

Emil became the Development Director for “the poor boys’ seminary,” and was placed in charge of the Building and Maintenance Fund. He also served one term on the Provincial Council.

After a brief period of semi-retirement at St. Paul, Minnesota, Emil became chaplain at St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, where he remained for the rest of his life.

Emil was a man of deep faith, profound spirituality and obvious talent, but he was most appreciated for his compassion and kindness.

In the pre-dawn hours, Emil passed to his eternal reward. He is buried at Mt. Calvary.

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**AEGIDIUS HALSBAND** [ay-JID-ee-us HAHLS-bahnd], who died at Appleton in 1900, at age 63, after 25 years of religious life and 21 years in the priesthood.

Born in Germany, the son of a merchant, Aegidius served in the German Army during the War of 1868. Soon afterward, he emigrated to Cincinnati where he earned his living as a teacher.

After novitiate, owing to his solid educational background, he was allowed to take an abbreviated course in philosophy and theology, made Solemn Profession, and then was ordained to the priesthood.

After a few months at St. Francis Parish in Milwaukee, Aegidius was sent to Calvary to teach and to serve as Rector. During his tenure there, enrollment increased from 55 to 85, the philosophical course was added to the curriculum, and the Laurentianum [lor-ren-zee-AH-num] was built.

When he left Calvary he returned to St. Francis Parish where he was well-liked as a confessor and preacher. After five years, he returned to Calvary where he taught and, for a time, was director of the Scholasticate.

Poor health brought about his transfer to Appleton where he served as confessor and gave retreats.

Aegidius had a wonderful gift for entertaining. He frequently delighted the brothers with stories and impromptu poems. The best known of these was a humorous poem about the two horses that brought Francis Haas and Bonaventure Frey [FRY] to Calvary in 1856.

Aegidius is buried at Appleton.



**ROCH [ROCK] MCMANUS**, Third Order brother, who died at Garrison in 1940, at age 71, after 20 years of religious life.

Roch was born in Boston, studied at both Harvard University and Notre Dame University, and had a solid career as an attorney before joining us as a Third Order Brother at age 51.

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While practicing law in New York, he organized many diocesan fund drives and was well known among the diocesan clergy.

After joining us, he served as janitor and porter at Yonkers for 17 years.

Roch had a sharp memory and was keen on detail. He suffered from severe arthritis which eventually confined him to a wheelchair. He was a very patient man, which served him well as porter and later in dealing with his own infirmity.

Roch continued to serve until failing health forced his retirement. After a month at Garrison, his condition worsened and he became bedridden.

In spite of intense physical suffering, Roch's mind remained alert. After almost a year at Garrison, Roch passed to his eternal reward. He is buried at Yonkers.

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VIOLA CAMPEAU [CAMP-OH], an Affiliate of the Province, who died on this day in 2004.

Vi was born in Minnesota. After receiving her nursing degree, she accepted a Marquette Indian League volunteer placement to St. Michael's Indian School in Arizona. Three years later, she was posted to St. Labre Mission in Ashland, Montana.

Since childhood, Vi was hearing-impaired. She acquired the first hearing guide dog in Montana who helped her 24 hours a day by alerting her when someone came to the door at night or the phone rang. Viola successfully lobbied Congress to pass a bill making it legal for a hearing aide dog to accompany its owner on public transportation and to public museums and National Parks.

In addition to her job teaching kindergarten at St. Labre, Vi opened a small clinic, which then consisted of odds and ends of antiquated home remedies such as mutton fat ointment, homemade bandages and two thermometers. No doctor came to the school and the nearest clinic was 21 miles away at Lame Deer. From 1957 to 1965, Viola averaged 60 patients a day including school students, ranch families and Capuchins.

A devout Catholic, Vi dedicated all of her adult life to the poor and grieving. For her dedicated service to St. Labre and to the friars, Vi was affiliated to the Province on June 23, 1970.

The "Cheyenne Nightingale" passed to her eternal reward at her sister's house in Minneapolis, and was buried at St. Labre Cemetery in Ashland.

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**BONAVENTURE HENGGELER [HENG-A-LER]**, who died in Milwaukee in 1895, at age 33, after 15 years of religious life, and 8 years in the priesthood.

Bonaventure was born in Switzerland. After ordination he was assigned to Mt. Calvary where he served as Prefect of Discipline for several years. Although he was shy, unassertive and lacked self-confidence, he was very kind to the students and universally respected because of his sincerity and piety.

After being transferred to St. Francis Parish in Milwaukee, he came down with a cold which developed into pneumonia from which he died.

Bonaventure was remembered as a very humble, exemplary religious. He is buried in Milwaukee.

**DR. THOMAS STACK, an Affiliate of the Province, who died on this day in 1946.**

For many years, Dr. Stack served as house physician for our brothers at Our Lady of Angels in New York City. He was affiliated to the Province on July 7, 1937.

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**EUGENE TULLER, who died in Fond du Lac in 2003, at age 80, after 61 years of religious life and 53 years in the priesthood.**

Eugene was the oldest of three brothers, all of whom joined the Order. The family belonged to St. Francis Parish in Milwaukee.

After four years at St. Lawrence College, Eugene entered the novitiate at Huntington.

Two years after the Province was entrusted with the pastoral care of the Ryukyu [ree-YOU-kee-you] Islands of Japan, Eugene joined the missionaries and served the Mission for the next 24 years.

Eugene returned to the Province when his elderly mother became ill. He served a year as a hospital and jail chaplain in Milwaukee, followed by two years teaching at St. Lawrence Seminary.

Although he longed to be pastor of a small, rural parish, Eugene served two larger parishes, spending six years at Immaculate Conception Parish in Traverse City, Michigan, and one year at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Hazel Park.

After retiring to Mt. Calvary, he suffered a stroke which mainly effected his speech. His biggest frustration was in being able to think faster than he could verbalize his thoughts.

His great love for the people and culture of Okinawa remained with him throughout his life. Eugene is buried at Mt. Calvary.

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**JEROME HENKEL, who died in Milwaukee in 1917, at age 66, after 49 years of religious life and 43 years in the priesthood.**

Born in Germany, Jerome entered the Order just 10 years after the Calvary Foundation was established.

After ordination, he was assigned to St. Fidelis Friary in New York City, which had been founded the year before.

When the Detroit Monastery was opened in 1884, Jerome was among the first members of the community and its first Vicar. A Provincial Chapter held the following year transferred him to St. Francis in Milwaukee where he served as Guardian and Pastor. Four years later, Jerome returned to Detroit as Guardian. At the time, it was the Guardian's role to serve as Director of the Third Order.

Although St. Elizabeth's in Milwaukee had been organized by Pacificus Raith [RIGHT], Jerome was appointed its first pastor. He established a number of parish societies, as well as the Third Order.

The original parish building combined both church and school. The parish and school grew so rapidly, that Jerome built a separate church on the corner of Second and Burleigh [BURR-lie] Streets, with an attached friary. During his tenure as pastor, the School Sisters of Notre Dame purchased the land and built a large convent for themselves next to the school, which eventually became St. Conrad Friary.

Jerome also served at Our Lady of Sorrows in New York City and at Holy Cross in Wauwatosa. He is buried in Milwaukee.



**ALEXIS GORE, who died in Fond du Lac in 1943, at age 48, after 30 years of religious life and 23 years in the priesthood.**

Alexis came to us from Yonkers where he attended Sacred Heart Grade School and became acquainted with the Capuchins. He was among the first graduates of our scholasticate in Yonkers.

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Alexis was invested at St. Bonaventure's, Detroit. After ordination, he served for a few months at St. Michael's in Brooklyn and then joined the teaching staff of St. Lawrence College while also serving as assistant director of the scholasticate. He spent his summers taking graduate courses at Marquette University.

Alexis was transferred to Marathon to teach philosophy. Five years later, poor health caused his transfer to Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers where he served as assistant principal, taught Latin and Religion, founded the Capuchin Mothers' Guild, and edited the Seraphic Chronicle.

Through his correspondence with the Regents of New York University, Alexis became the foremost proponent of academic excellence at St. Lawrence in Mt. Calvary. As a result, he was named Rector of the College and was directed to reform the curriculum and to bring it up to modern standards, which he accomplished.

Meanwhile his health continued to deteriorate. When he began to become severely disoriented, he was anointed and taken to St. Agnes Hospital where the doctors held out little hope for his recovery.

Sr. Angeline, the general superior of the Agnesian Sisters, and a number of her Sisters were at his side when he breathed his last. Alexis was the first Rector of Calvary to die in office. He is buried at Mt. Calvary.



**FELIX LEY [LAY], who died in Okinawa in 1972, at age 62, after 42 years of religious life, 35 years in the priesthood, and 3 years in the episcopacy.**

Felix was born in Hewitt, Wisconsin, and graduated from St. Lawrence College before entering the novitiate at Huntington. After completing his seminary studies, he served as assistant novice master for three years.

He was then assigned to the Guam Mission. Shortly after his arrival, the Second World War broke out, the Imperial Forces of Japan captured Guam, and Felix, with the other 10 American missionaries, was taken prisoner.

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When the war ended, Felix spent a brief period of recuperation in the States before returning to Guam. After a year and a half, he was transferred to the Ryukyu [**ree-YOU-kee-you**] Islands where he remained for the remainder of his life.

He was named Apostolic Administrator of Naha [**NAH-ha**], Okinawa, Japan, by Pope Pius XII, and became its first bishop by appointment of Pope Paul VI. For 25 years, with simplicity and unaffected love, Felix tirelessly served the people of Okinawa. Among his many accomplishments are a thriving Catholic population, the construction of numerous churches and schools, and the founding of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Felix is buried on Okinawa.



**CRISPIN WEINBERGER [**WINE-BURGER**], who died at St. Paul, Minnesota in 1981, at age 59, after 41 years of religious life and 32 years in the priesthood.**

Crispin grew up in Winona, Minnesota, graduated from St. Lawrence College, and was invested at Huntington.

After ordination, he taught for two years at Garrison, followed by 21 years at St. Lawrence Seminary where he served as teacher, counselor, registrar, prefect, head of the Building Fund, public relations person, Vice Rector, and eventually, Rector. It was during Crispin's term as rector that the new chapel and friary were built.

When his term ended, he moved to St. Benedict's in Milwaukee where he ministered as co-pastor and chaplain at the hospital and jail, while continuing promotional work for the Seminary.

When the Province accepted the pastoral care of St. Patrick's Parish in St. Paul, Crispin became the local minister and co-pastor. It was there that his life was cut short by a heart attack.

Crispin was a very popular and gifted person. He led an extremely active life. He gave his all to whatever he was involved in and got things done. Crispin touched the lives of many people and accomplished a tremendous amount of good.

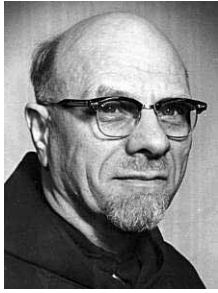
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**BERNARDINE SCHLIMGEN [BURR-NA-DIN SHLIM-JEN]**, who died at Iron Mountain, Michigan in 1964, at age 65, after 42 years of religious life and 35 years in the priesthood.

Bernardine grew up on a farm near Madison, Wisconsin. He had his heart set on becoming a diocesan priest, but since the diocesan seminary was overcrowded, his pastor enrolled him at Calvary for a year, after which he went to the diocesan seminary. That one year was enough to implant in him an attraction to the Capuchin way of life and, after graduating from high school, he entered the Scholasticate at Mt. Calvary.

Throughout his life, Bernardine was a man of boundless energy and zeal, always willing to answer the needs of the Province. His first 13 years after ordination were spent assisting in various friaries and parishes throughout the Province.

He was then assigned to a ministry at which he truly excelled: serving the Native People in Montana. His final assignment was to Baraga [BER-a-gah], Michigan, where he ministered as pastor to the Chippewa People. He often put his handyman skills at the service of his people when repairs were needed. Although constantly busy, he always made time for the Divine Office, the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross.

Tragedy struck when Bernardine was returning home from Milwaukee. He attempted to pass a pickup truck when the truck suddenly veered left without warning.

Bernardine was recuperating in the hospital until the day of his expected release. As he was walking in the corridor for exercise, a blood clot formed and Bernardine fell to the ground. He was rushed to his room by the staff, said a few prayers, and then turned to the nurses attending him and said: "I'm ready to go," and then died.

Bernardine is buried at Marathon.

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**CALASANCE GRIMM [KAL-UH-ZANTS GRIM]**, who died at Garrison in 1936, at age 58, after 42 years of religious life and 35 years in the priesthood.

Calasance was the oldest of 14 children born into a poor family in Bavaria. His father ran a small farm, rode a delivery wagon, and was a musician of considerable skill. His mother took care of a small grocery store.

As the eldest child, Calasance was responsible for working in the house and on the farm. He was an excellent student and a voracious reader. When he asked if he could join the seminary, his father refused because his help was needed at home.

Calasance was introduced to Fr. Chrysostom Stangl [STANG-ul] who used to make arrangements for young men from poor families to join the Calvary Capuchins. Once his father gave permission, Calasance departed for America.

Calasance had a sharp mind and an excellent memory. He might have made a great preacher or teacher except that, during his seminary studies, he suffered a slight stroke which left his speech somewhat halting and slurred. His zeal was then channeled to the confessional where he became a much sought after confessor.

While stationed at Wauwatosa, Calasance served the County Institutions and helped organize the new Parish of St. Florian's on the south side. He also translated into English the beautiful Marian antiphon, the Ultima. Traditionally, this was sung in our friaries every Sunday, after supper.

Calasance suffering another stroke and retired to Glencliffe where he died. He is buried at Yonkers.



**FELICIAN AJELLO [uh-JELLO]**, who died on Long Island, New York in 1936, at age 18.

Felician was born in Brooklyn and attended the eastern Scholasticate. He possessed a childlike innocence, took his studies very seriously, and was well-liked for his good-natured disposition.

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Shortly after Easter during his novitiate year, he contracted an infectious form of tuberculosis and had to leave the novitiate.

Even in the hospital, with no hope of recovery, he wanted to get well in order to finish his novitiate. When asked if he was satisfied with God's will no matter what, he responded: "Sure, whatever God wants." All he asked for was permission to die in the habit.

Benedict Mueller [MEU-ler], a provincial councilor at the time, allowed him to make a deathbed profession. Despite a temporary improvement, Felician succumbed to the disease five months later.

He was buried in the Capuchin habit and was laid to rest in Yonkers.

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JUDE THADDEUS VEIT [VITE], who died at Waldo, Wisconsin in 1956, at age 52, after 33 years of religious life.

Thaddeus was born and raised in Manhattan. After finishing high school, he entered the novitiate at Detroit.

Thaddeus was always cheerful, exact and efficient. He trained under some saintly Capuchins and often recounted their heroic works for his own edification and that of others.

His ministry as cook, sacristan, janitor and porter brought him to Appleton, Milwaukee, New York and Detroit. Ever a lovable, patient and jovial person, he won many friends for the Order.

He loved music, especially operas, was well-read, an intelligent conversationalist, and a delightful companion. Thaddeus had a good word for everyone.

He died as a result of a car accident. The car in which he was riding skidded on ice and seared off a 35-foot utility pole. The pole fell onto the car, fracturing Thaddeus' skull, killing him.

Another brother, Francis Benoit [ben-OYT] died three days later from injuries sustained in the same accident.

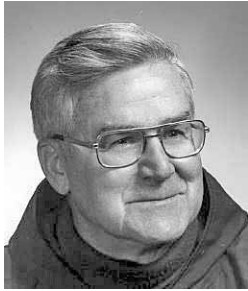
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**WILLIAM LULLOFF [LULL-UFF]**, who died at Kaukauna, Wisconsin in 1999, at age 83, after 56 years of religious life and 50 years in the priesthood.

Bill was born at St. Nazianz [NAZ-zee-ants], Wisconsin. His father, a plumber, taught Bill plumbing skills that would later serve him well in the missions.

After joining us and being ordained, Bill's first assignment was to the mission in Nicaragua where he served for 19 years. His character was as solid as he was practical. A bout with malaria and kidney problems forced his return to the States, although he would return twice more to minister at Estelí [es-ta-LEE], Nicaragua.

Stateside, Bill served in many capacities in various places. Wherever he was stationed, he loved a challenge and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

When he began experiencing trouble speaking clearly, he sought medical help. A brain aneurism was discovered which required a series of surgeries.

Later, as his health deteriorated, Bill moved into St. Paul's Home in Kaukauna where he died peacefully in the Lord.

He is buried at Mt. Calvary.

**EMILIE CHAPOTON of Detroit, an Affiliate of the Province, who died on this day in 1950.**

Emilie Chapoton left a substantial donation to the Province in her will. She was affiliated to the Province after her death in 1950.

**DR. JOHN SCHUSTER [SHOE-ster] of Milwaukee, an Affiliate of the Province, who died on this day in 1954.**

Dr. Schuster was among the first graduates of the American School of Osteopathy. He offered his medical services free of charge to the friars, especially our students in Milwaukee, for which he was affiliated to the Province on August 24, 1924. He is buried at St. Boniface in Germantown.

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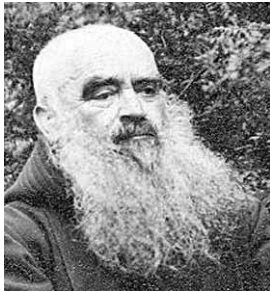
**JAMES STUFF [SHTOOF]**, who died in Detroit in 1887, at age 32, after 10 years of religious life and two years in the priesthood.

Born in Germany, James came to us with an ardent desire to become a Capuchin priest.

Always a willing and diligent student, during his seminary years he contracted Tuberculosis. At that time, the dreaded disease could be treated but not cured, and almost always proved fatal. It was probably the strength of his desire to serve the Church that caused him to survive as long as he did.

After ordination, James was assigned to Detroit. His health continued to deteriorate, and James died.

Although his ambitions were never fully realized, James was an example of patient endurance to the end. He was the first friar to die at St. Bonaventure's. He is buried in Detroit.



**SOLANUS FEDDERMANN [FED-ER-MAHN]**, who died in New York City in 1896, at age 76, after 34 years of religious life, and 50 years in the priesthood.

Solanus was born in Germany and ordained a diocesan priest.

After emigrating to America and serving in the Dioceses of Albany and Dubuque, he joined the Province at age 46.

On weekdays he taught Scripture at Mt. Calvary and on weekends ministered in the parishes at St. Joe and Dotyville [DOE-dee-vill].

He also served the Menominee [men-AH-ma-knee] People at the Mission in Keshena [ka-SHEE-nuh].

Once, while stationed at Keshena, Solanus had to travel to Green Bay in mid-winter. He followed his usual practice of making the journey on foot. The trip took three days, round-trip. His provisions consisted of some coffee and a loaf of bread. To protect himself against the bitter cold, he wrapped himself in newspaper — a common practice among the friars in those days, to keep warm both outside the monastery, as well as inside.

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After the Great Fire of 1868 all but destroyed the monastery at Mt. Calvary, Solanus returned to Iowa and raised significant funds for the re-building project.

Solanus was among the first friars at St. Francis in Milwaukee. He helped in the establishment of Sacred Heart Parish in Fond du Lac, and also served at Appleton.

It was at St. Fidelis Friary in New York where Solanus celebrated the Golden Anniversary of his ordination — the first such celebration in the Province. He died one year later, the victim of a stroke.

Solanus would have done honor to any period of Capuchin history. He was zealous and self-sacrificing, and edified all by the earnestness of his religious life. He is buried at Yonkers.

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