



Italy – 25,000 See the Musical “Aquero”

“Aquero” is the word used by Bernadette Soubirous, the small visionary of Lourdes (south-western of France), when she referred to the figure of the young lady that she had seen 18 times in the Grotto of Massabielle (the old rock), from February 11 to July 16, 1858. In her dialect, that of Bigorre, it means “that”. It is only after the appearance of March 25 – when the lady said “I am the Immaculate Conception” – that Bernadette learned that it was the Virgin Mary.

Aquero is now the title of a musical show inspired by the life of Saint Bernadette that some young people of Florence, close to the Oblates, put together in 1997. The first presentation was in Lourdes, that same year, for the young people who went to the World Youth Days in Paris. During these seven years, approximately 25,000 spectators have seen Aquero in theatres in various Italian towns from Milan to Naples.

This musical is a modern re-reading of the events of Lourdes. Without seeking parallels with current reality and avoiding the creation of misleading symbolism, the event is accepted as a starting point. The work simply tries to highlight the poetry and the beauty contained in real events.

The inspiration for this show comes from Fr Nino BUCCA, our webmaster, but the realization of Aquero involved professional friends who wrote and arranged the music, the songs, created the choreography and the scenery. At present the company numbers 50 young people, dancers, singers and technicians, but a hundred or so have taken turns in the presentations. All absolutely voluntary, they were able to have an experience of community. The show itself has truly become like a metaphor of life: commitment and fidelity to the long rehearsals, the acceptance of people’s

limits and of one’s own, the sense of gratuity and gift....

Aquero is now on CD and the group’s experience of singing has led to the composition and the execution of a splendid mass: *Verbum Panis*. A French version has recently been released. The ordinary parts are in Latin.

The team now includes some young people with other experiences of church life, and the communion with them is no longer simply theoretical. For example, at the end of June some young people related to the Salesians will organize for the second time a show to collect funds for a couple of dentists who are connected with the Oblates. This couple, which takes part in Aquero, will return to Uruguay to look after the teeth of the children there for free!

Recently the show was put on at Reggello (Florence). It was in memory of Bishop Lionello BERTI, a native of this small city who died in an air crash in Laos in 1968. The town council has set up an association to help the many poor of this Asian country. The next presentation of Aquero will take place July 24 in Caserta, close to Naples. You can visit the group’s web site at: www.aquero.it.

“The text of the final song – says Nino – affirms that the enchantment related to this story will not pass. And we have the impression that the enchantment with Aquero will not pass either!”

With its 5 million visitors per year, Lourdes is today one of the most important places of pilgrimage in Europe. Since 1985 there is an international community of Oblates there at the service of the young people and the non-French pilgrims. There are currently nine Oblates in the community.

General Administration

OMIWORLD on Summer Time

While our confreres in many parts of the Southern Hemisphere are in mid-winter, we up here in the Northern Hemisphere are coming into mid-summer and vacation time. Europeans tend to take their summer holidays seriously and “Roman” clergy and religious are no exception! The exodus from the General House is already evident as numbers in the chapel and dining room begin to dwindle.

The OMIWORLD web site and the Information Service staff also will be taking holidays during this period. However, they will be carrying their portable computers along and will attempt to keep the information flowing, albeit at a slower pace than usual. We foresee one or two updates of “Latest News” per week and one July-August joint edition of *OMI Information*. There will be no *OMI Documentation* until after the Chapter.

Thank you

Your response to the new OMIWORLD web site and to our electronic means of communication has been very enthusiastic and encouraging. Over 1800 Oblates receive weekly e-mail notices of news updates. The web site continues to have more than 500 visitors per day. In the twenty-four weeks since the re-designed website went online we have had more than 85,000 visitors. The General Chapter section has been very busy. With the delegates getting the preparatory documents off the Internet site, Chapter mailing expenses have been reduced to a bare minimum.

A request

During the General Chapter www.omiworld.org will be very active in keeping the Congregation informed through these new means of communication. In order to assure that Oblates who do not have Internet access are also kept informed, we ask those units who have not yet done so to send us the name and e-mail address of the person who will be responsible for getting the news out to them. We are grateful to the 25 units that have responded to our December request. We need to hear from the 30 or so others

to complete our network and our process of modernization.

An Oblate Historical Dictionary

The first volume of the *Dictionnaire historique des Missionnaires Oblats de Marie Immaculée* (Historical Dictionary of the Missionary Oblates of M.I.) has just been published. Its sub-title is: “In France at the time of the Founder.” It is a reference work, containing articles on the members and mission of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate as well as on any other subject that could clarify the history and life of the Congregation. The fruit of a long and meticulous work by Fr Yvon BEAUDOIN, it is like a supplement to the *Oblate Writings* collection. The name of the Founder, his role in the foundation and the development of the Congregation in France, his assessment of Oblates and of many other people can be found on every page.

This first volume has 494 articles, mostly biographies. It is indeed people who make history. Among them are 331 Oblates who made their perpetual oblation during the Founder’s lifetime and who remained or died in France. There are also 71 non-Oblates who had rather important relations with Eugene de Mazenod and whose names often appear in his writings. This work is therefore a tool for research and a source of knowledge on many subjects.

The Dictionary will be sent free to all French-speaking scholasticates, novitiates and prenovitiates. It will also be sent free, upon request, to the other houses of formation. The other houses may to order it for 30 euros (US\$35) plus postage from:

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The Association for Oblate Studies and Research (AOSR) hopes to publish the English version of this first volume within two years.

United States

TAHITI**Thanks and Good-byes!**

They came from all over the Diocese of Papeete on June 18 to thank the Oblate missionaries for their many years of service and to say Good-bye! Archbishop Hubert Coppenrath presided the thanksgiving Eucharist that marked the closure of 27 years of service in Tahiti by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate who will withdraw from the archdiocese on the first of July.

The St. Jean-Baptiste Province of the United States accepted to send men to Tahiti in 1977 because of an urgent call and for a precise purpose: namely, to help the local Church in its over-all pastoral activity and the work of promoting vocations. With this end in view, the Oblates agreed to take charge of the parish of St. Joseph at Faaa, to be involved in John XXIII Vocation Center and to do pastoral work in the islands. The foundation of the major seminary was added to this first plan of involvement. At that time the Archdiocese and the whole Church of French Polynesia had almost no native clergy. In fact, in 200 years there had been only eight ordinations. Since the opening of the seminary in 1992 the diocese has been blessed with 14 new priests, plus four more are to be ordained this year.

In a letter prepared for this occasion, Superior General, Fr. Wilhelm STECKLING wrote: "The call of the Church in French Polynesia made us relive a vision that our Founder originally had for his Congregation. He saw the formation of the diocesan clergy as one of its priorities. The tradition of forming diocesan clergy has been maintained to this day in various forms in Canada, Sri Lanka, Lesotho, South Africa, and the United States. As our mission in Tahiti comes to a close, the appeal of St. Eugene still abides with us to help the Church again where and when new needs may be expressed, and to prepare Oblate personnel for those future needs."

Over the course of the years 25 Oblates worked

in Tahiti and the Tuamotu islands. They came from the United States, Canada, France, Natal (South Africa) Congo, and Australia. While expressing his thanks to those who served in this mission, Fr. Steckling also noted the difficulty in leaving: "I am also aware of the pain felt in moving on. Letting go is never easy. Oblates face that pain in many parts of the world, as our resources diminish and Oblate works are handed on to others.... I count on the prayers of our friends in the local church in Tahiti and I am sure that a link to the Church in the Pacific will remain."

The full text of Fr Steckling's letter is available on the Superior General's page on the Congregation's web site: www.omiworld.org

WASHINGTON, D.C.**Advising the U.S. Bishop's Conference**

Having received from Georgetown University a Masters in International Law degree "with distinction" on May 24, Fr. Andrew SMALL has recently been engaged as Foreign Policy Advisor on international trade, debt and foreign aid issues by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In this position, he is currently coordinating a visit by the Central American bishops to the Bush Administration and Congress to discuss concerns of Church leaders about the recently signed US-Central American Free Trade Area and its impact on rural communities in Central America. Specific focus is on strengthening worker and environmental protection mechanisms within the agreement.

In August, Fr. Small will represent the U.S. Bishops at a Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM) meeting on the Free Trade Area of the Americas and the Church's social teaching. A member of the Anglo-Irish province, Fr. Small came to the United States in June 1998 to pursue a licentiate in sacred theology. Prior to pursuing studies at Georgetown he worked for a

year in Brazil. He will begin doctoral studies at the Catholic University of America this Fall. (OMIUSA)

NEW YORK **Bangladeshi OMI** **speaks at the United Nations**

From May 10-21 seven indigenous delegates from Bangladesh, representing 6 different linguistic and ethnic groups, attended the Third Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The U.S. Oblate Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Office supported four delegates from the Garo and Khasi hills. Among them were Oblate Fr. Joseph GOMES and Mr. Sanjeeb Drong, General Secretary of the Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum.

Fr. Gomes is parish priest in Lockipur, Sylet, Bangladesh. He and Mr. Drong, have worked

closely with the U.S. JPIC Office for several years, especially on issues regarding the predominantly Christian indigenous people of Bangladesh. Both of them addressed the U.N. Forum on the situation in their country, especially of the Khasi and Garo peoples.

Within Bangladesh more than 45 distinct communities have lived in the country for centuries. They are the most disadvantaged and neglected people in the country. The Bangladesh government doesn't recognize the rights of these indigenous peoples in its Constitution. Often it doesn't consult them about their own development. E.g., in 2001, without consent of the Khasi and Garo people, the government made plans to establish Eco-parks on their ancestral land, a move that would entail their eviction. (OMIUSA)

Africa-Madagascar

ZIMBABWE **Censoring e-mail**

It seems that it will become more and more difficult to get objective information from Zimbabwe. According to the *Guardian Weekly*, Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe is attempting to censor e-mail traffic. His government has ordered service providers to stop any correspondence that the regime deemed "malicious".

A new contract, which the companies must sign in order to have access to telephone lines, states that the "use of the network for antinational activities" will be regarded as "an offence punishable under Zimbabwe law." Service providers have been told to report the senders of offending messages to the government.

The *Guardian* notes that this is the second time Mr Mugabe's government has tried to vet the free flow of information on the Internet. Two years ago parliament passed a law requiring Internet service providers to allow state agents to monitor the e-mail correspondence of any subscriber.

(*Guardian Weekly*, June 11-17)

CONGO **Some things change, others don't**

Antonietta Mongiò is a member of the COMI (Oblate Co-operators of Mary Immaculate), a secular Institute founded by Fr. Gaetano LIUZZO, an Italian Oblate who died last November. After having spent a few months last year in Kinshasa (Congo), she has returned there for a second time. In a letter to her friends, Antonietta shares some impressions with us.

"This time, I feel perhaps more the distance, not only physical, but also the difficulty in expressing what we experience here. When I arrived during Holy Week people always repeated the same thing when meeting me: 'Here we are, nothing is changed.' The reality is in fact different. There are signs of change, both positive and negative. Work is under way to rebuild the roads.... There is a certain enthusiasm on the political level in view of the elections next year and that causes dissension and opposing viewpoints among the students; there is the cost of living, which seems

much higher; there is a desire for greater transparency on the social level and a determination to fight corruption.... Unemployment increases, and the new university graduates will swell its already full ranks.

This country is really full of contrasts and contradictions, but perhaps it is this way a little everywhere in the world. It is difficult to find a point of integration and balance: excess is the norm! An old priest of the diocese pointed out that nobody is able to speak calmly and to be nice any more. There is a tension everywhere that spares no one. Male or female, wrestling is one of the most popular television programs. The other day I saw a child of about 8 under a tree imitating the fighting motions. Hopefully the Church will become aware of this climate and develop a pastoral plan to promote peace and forgiveness. It is true that, when one lives in constant suffering and dependence, thoughts of peace do not come easy.

Medicines are still too expensive and, because of that, many people still have recourse to traditional treatments. For a surgical operation of any importance between D\$1,500 and 2,000 is needed. This does not include the drugs and the tests. However, monthly wages – when they are good – seldom exceed D\$79-80.

The price of a carton of milk for the children can go up to D\$25-30. The smaller the children are the more expensive is the milk. Fortunately the cartons disappear quickly, which is a sign of a good appetite and health! Another cause of joy is seeing the children finish the school year. That means that they succeeded in paying their tuition and can thus hope to continue their studies.

In a few days we will open a maternity hospital. It is a small place that will be able to accommodate 12-14 women for childbirth. It is little, but it is an improvement for the neighbourhood and for the mothers.”

Asia-Oceania

KOREA

Lay friends celebrate Saint Eugene

For six years the friends of the Oblates in Korea have gathered on Saint Eugene's feast day. Increasingly more Koreans are coming to know and like the Oblate charism. This year, approximately two hundred people took part in the celebration.

A true innovation this year was that this meeting was held for the first time in an Oblate house. The celebration took place in the new formation house that was officially inaugurated on this occasion. The house is in the town of Suwon, near the Major Seminary. This allows the five young students who live there to attend the theology courses there as they prepare to become the first Korean Oblates.

This gathering was also an occasion to bid farewell to Fr Mauro CONCARDI, a member of this community, who has been called to Rome to serve as the future assistant to the General Treasurer.

THAILAND

Problems remain

Fr. Bruno ARENS, is the treasurer of the Development Commission of the Episcopal Conference of Thailand. It is in this capacity that he has followed the relationships with organizations like *Caritas*, *Misereor* and *Catholic Relief*. He thus could note their attitude with respect to Thailand and he does not hide his concern.

It is said, for example, that Thailand has become rich, but what does that mean? For the organizations in question that means a reduction in assistance! But what are the criteria? They speak of a phenomenal development, but who benefits from it? There was indeed development, but also a major crisis in 97-98 with harmful repercussions in particular for the incipient middle class. The populist government currently in power in Thailand is trying to stabilize the situation and to come out of this financial crisis. But can it finance what it promises, for example, with respect to healthcare? There is indeed a

growth of 8% on the Stock Market, but that is not reflected at the base.

According to Bruno, we have actually reached a *supranational* level where the national governments hardly have any more influence. “But let us note, he stresses, that Thailand was never colonized. It does not have any type of colonial ties. Actually, it is driven by an international system dominated by the Chinese world. There are incidents of violence, such as the many drug related executions.... But where are the large suppliers? Even our remote village

is affected by chemical drugs. The government took the position of physically removing the *dealers*. The Church, itself, entered the movement by refusing them Christian funerals; the Catholic schools systematically tracked down and eliminated the culprits. It is indeed a difficult question. How to react? If, finally, we think of the SARS epidemic, we can say that it did not really touch Thailand, but tourism was nevertheless affected by it; as for the avian flu, the government reacted badly, wanting to protect the products from the large producers and their sales.... »

Canada

LABRADOR

A Peruvian Oblate in Labrador

Nicanor SARMIENTO, a native of Peru, has been working in Sheshatshiu and Natuashish, two Innu communities in Labrador since 2000. He shares the following missionary experiences with us.

“Davis Inlet is a small island on the northern coast of Labrador, between Hopedale and Nain where it is impossible to hunt. The community of this island moved to a new village called Natuashish, in December 2002 because of the lack of water, poverty, and poor living and transportation facilities.

Natuashish

It is located in the middle of the territory north of Davis Inlet. This new modern village provides all the services. This move had the positive effects of improving hygiene, allowing the children to take part in various sports, like hockey, football, and cycling. School attendance is also favored because of the modern infrastructure available. The teachers also play a role in encouraging the young people to value education.... Unfortunately, there are things that never change: alcoholism and brawls. It is not uncommon for us to come across people with black eyes or blue bruises, and even to see young people inhaling gasoline or taking drugs....

Our presence in Natuashish is uncertain because

there is neither church nor house for the missionaries. Currently, we temporarily occupy one of the rooms in the teachers’ residence. For the big celebrations like Christmas, Easter and funerals, we use one of the rooms in the school. Sunday Mass and baptisms take place in the private homes, as in the primitive Church.

Last August, Fr Christopher RUSHTON, a fellow-Oblate, joined our pastoral team. His arrival is really a blessing for the Innu, and for myself, because of his past experience among the Innu people, and his ability in education. Presently, we decided upon a two-month pastoral programme in each village.

The community at Sheshatshiu

This community is 33 miles from Goose Bay-Happy Valley, on the other side of the North West River. When I arrived in the year 2000, I found similar problems here like the inhalation of gasoline, drugs, alcoholism, and dislocated families. Few people attended Mass. Some people even discredited the presence of the Church. In the spring of 2001, we began a program of catechesis on the sacraments of reconciliation, the Eucharist and confirmation to prepare 276 young people to receive them. The advent of the faith was a time of reawakening for the population of Sheshatshiu. We noted the return to the church of people who had been away from it for a long time. Since attendance at Mass

was getting better, we tried to establish a program of preparation for baptism that integrated our Christian traditions with their cultural values, creating thus an open inculturation of the faith.

At the end of 2002, I asked the diocese of Labrador to build a meeting room, an office for the priest, a small kitchen, public toilets and a storehouse. Workers and volunteers lent a hand for the construction work. Even the Band Council

provided the heavy machinery. At the end of work, we asked the members of the Innu community to decorate the church and the new room; the idea was well received. They brought Innu symbols into the Church: paintings of the elders, dream interpreters etc. The altar is in the shape of a canoe. The members of the community are enjoying all the facilities for their meetings.”
(Extract from *Apostolat*, May-June 2004)

Anniversaries – August and September 2004

75TH Anniversary of Vows

1929.09.08	4750	Fr. André Nottebaert	Netherlands-Flanders
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70TH Anniversary of Vows

1934.08.02	5917	Fr. Herménégilde Charbonneau	N.D.-du-Cap
1934.08.02	5823	Fr. Bernard Julien	N.D.-du-Cap
1934.08.15	5923	Fr. Alphonse Hammond	N.D.-du-Cap
1934.08.15	5857	Fr. Paul Ischler	United States
1934.08.15	5846	Fr. Engelbert Machinia	Germany
1934.08.15	6252	Fr. Alphonse Marchal	France
1934.08.15	6253	Fr. Guillaume Mathieu	France
1934.08.28	5938	Fr. Marcel Bolduc	United States
1934.09.08	5970	Fr. Robert Colfer	United States
1934.09.08	5939	Fr. Georges Debruyne	Netherlands-Flanders
1934.09.08	5956	Fr. Charles Gilles	United States
1934.09.08	5967	Fr. Robert Kilroy	United States
1934.09.08	5959	Fr. William Leising	United States
1934.09.08	5971	Fr. Louis Marien	Belgium South
1934.09.08	5941	Fr. Kees Verspeek	N.D.-du-Cap
1934.09.29	6286	Fr. Arsène Caby	France
1934.09.29	7540	Fr. Joseph Guilbaud	Saint Paul's

65TH Anniversary of Vows

1939.08.02	6955	Fr. Jean-Paul Chicoine	N.D.-du-Cap
1939.08.02	6962	Fr. Francis Mitchell	Haiti
1939.08.15	7093	Fr. Louis Anthonypillai	Jaffna
1939.08.15	6932	Fr. Jean-Louis Arel	N.D.-du-Cap
1939.08.15	7078	Fr. Régis Carret	France
1939.08.15	7036	Fr. Marcel Keller	France
1939.08.15	6967	Fr. Noël Lefebvre	N.D.-du-Cap
1939.08.15	6975	Fr. Arochiasamy Michaelsamy S.	Jaffna
1939.08.15	6933	Fr. Philippe Montgrain	N.D.-du-Cap

1939.09.05	7051	Fr. John O'Brien	Northern S. A.
1939.09.08	6996	Fr. Frans Claerhout	Central S. A.
1939.09.08	6995	Fr. Fernand Moyse	Colombo
1939.09.08	7004	Fr. Kees Nijsten	Netherlands-Flanders
1939.09.08	6991	Fr. William Smith	United States
1939.09.08	6994	Fr. Roger Vivier	Belgium South
1939.09.08	6990	Fr. George White	United States
1939.09.08	7001	Fr. Edouard Wouters	Belgium South
1939.09.15	7019	Fr. Myles Byrne	Anglo-Irish
1939.09.15	7015	Fr. Patrick McMahon	Natal
1939.09.29	7029	Fr. Charles Mazé	France

60TH Anniversary of Vows

1944.08.02	7841	Fr. Simon Gagnon	United States
1944.08.02	7843	Fr. Robert Pouliot	N.D.-du-Cap
1944.08.02	7851	Fr. Olivier Renaud	United States
1944.08.02	7852	Fr. Louis-Philippe Roy	Grandin
1944.08.02	7854	Fr. Alexandre Taché	N.D.-du-Cap
1944.08.15	7858	Fr. Maurice Blackburn	Grandin
1944.08.15	7825	Fr. Joseph Boisseau	Cameroon
1944.08.15	7827	Fr. Angelo Bonadio	Italy
1944.08.15	7887	Fr. Giangiacomo Coati	Italy
1944.08.15	7981	Fr. Luciano Cupia	Italy
1944.08.15	7856	Fr. Louis de Gonzague Magnan	Manitoba
1944.08.15	7467	Fr. Antonio Ostan	N.D.-du-Cap
1944.08.15	8095	Fr. Fiore Paglione	Italy
1944.08.15	7829	Fr. Domenico Vitantonio	Italy
1944.08.26	7832	Fr. Emil Helfrich	United States
1944.08.26	7831	Fr. Aloysius Svobodny	United States
1944.09.08	7865	Fr. J.B. Clinton Anandappa	Colombo
1944.09.08	7869	Fr. Joris Baers	Netherlands-Flanders
1944.09.08	7879	Fr. Henri Beaudoin	N.D.-du-Cap
1944.09.08	7870	Fr. Roger Desplenter	Netherlands-Flanders
1944.09.08	7862	Bishop Edmund J. Fernando	Colombo
1944.09.08	7868	Fr. Paul Frank	United States
1944.09.08	7871	Fr. Leo Gauvin	United States
1944.09.08	7876	Fr. Julien Noterdaeme	Netherlands-Flanders
1944.09.08	7867	Fr. Daniel O'Leary	United States
1944.09.08	7861	Fr. André Platteeuw	Netherlands-Flanders
1944.09.08	7864	Fr. Edward Randall	United States
1944.09.08	7873	Bishop Daniel Verstraete	Central S. A.
1944.09.08	8318	Bro. Victor Wilfred	Colombo
1944.09.15	7894	Fr. Daniel Cavagne	France
1944.09.15	7895	Fr. Marcel Dalverny	Cameroon
1944.09.15	7900	Fr. Patrick Guidon	United States
1944.09.15	8040	Fr. Richard Haslam	Anglo-Irish
1944.09.15	7988	Fr. Noël Leca	France
1944.09.15	8227	Fr. Denis McCarthy	Australia

1944.09.15	7890	Fr. Georges Pizet	France
1944.09.15	7892	Fr. André Rebuffet	France
1944.09.15	7881	Fr. John Sherlock	Philippines
1944.09.24	8392	Fr. Michael Hennessy	Anglo-Irish
1944.09.29	7906	Fr. Yves Caroff	Philippines
1944.09.29	7905	Fr. René Charrier	France
1944.09.29	8597	Bro. Maurice Gaveau	France
1944.09.29	7902	Fr. Raymond Horain	France
1944.09.29	7903	Fr. Loïq Mégret	France
1944.09.29	8454	Fr. Athanase Pronost	France

60TH Anniversary of Ordination

1944.08.09	7093	Fr. Louis Anthonypillai	Jaffna
1944.08.10	6975	Fr. Arochiasamy Michaelsamy S.	Jaffna
1944.09.15	7278	Fr. Francis Ebner	Grandin

50TH Anniversary of Vows

1954.08.02	9694	Fr. Charles Breault	United States
1954.08.02	9693	Fr. George Capen	United States
1954.08.02	9695	Fr. Ronald Carignan	United States
1954.08.02	9701	Fr. Roger Cyr	United States
1954.08.02	9696	Fr. Roberto Lacasse	Bolivia
1954.08.02	9698	Fr. Roger J. Lamoureux	United States
1954.08.02	10272	Bro. Maurice Violette	United States
1954.08.15	9800	Fr. Pietro-Maria Bonometti	Indonesia
1954.08.15	9748	Bishop Gilles Cazabon	N.D.-du-Cap
1954.08.15	9801	Fr. Giovanni Colombo	Italy
1954.08.15	9746	Fr. Leo Dummer	United States
1954.08.15	9757	Fr. Carl Kabat	United States
1954.08.15	9740	Fr. James Kernan	United States
1954.08.15	9752	Fr. Jean-Denis Monbourquette	N.D.-du-Cap
1954.08.15	9755	Fr. Joseph Pitts	United States
1954.08.15	9749	Fr. Maurice Provencher	N.D.-du-Cap
1954.08.15	9743	Fr. Juan-María Tremblay	Argentina-Chile
1954.08.15	9742	Fr. Andrew Wieser	United States
1954.09.08	9793	Fr. Leon Brzezina	Poland
1954.09.08	9784	Fr. Melvin Cropley	Saint Paul's
1954.09.08	10375	Fr. François Cueff	Grandin
1954.09.08	10376	Fr. Bernard Dauguet	France
1954.09.08	9778	Fr. Thomas Delaney	Brazil
1954.09.08	9771	Fr. Elphège Desbiens	N.D.-du-Cap
1954.09.08	10130	Fr. François Dupont	Belgium South
1954.09.08	9777	Fr. Patrick Hollywood	United States
1954.09.08	10131	Fr. Wilhelm Imach	Scandinavia
1954.09.08	9780	Fr. Jan Jansen	Netherlands-Flanders
1954.09.08	10132	Fr. Franciszek Kaczmarek	Poland

1954.09.08	9766	Fr. James Mac Donell	Saint Paul's
1954.09.08	9767	Fr. Gilbert Perera	Colombo
1954.09.08	9955	Fr. Juan Rogge	Mexico
1954.09.08	10134	Fr. Kazimierz Rychlik	Poland
1954.09.08	9774	Fr. Luigi Sion	Italy
1954.09.08	9773	Fr. Raymond Steen	United States
1954.09.08	9791	Archbishop Peter Sutton	Manitoba
1954.09.08	10293	Fr. Georges Thill	Belgium South
1954.09.08	9770	Fr. Martien Vermuë	Netherlands-Flanders
1954.09.08	10377	Fr. Michel Verzier	France
1954.09.08	9794	Fr. Richard Wolak	Saint Mary's
1954.09.29	9824	Fr. Edward Barrett	Anglo-Irish
1954.09.29	9818	Fr. Michael E. Canning	Anglo-Irish
1954.09.29	9816	Fr. Jeremiah Donovan	Anglo-Irish
1954.09.29	9814	Fr. James Hyland	Northern S. A.
1954.09.29	9825	Fr. Gerard Kenny	Anglo-Irish
1954.09.29	9819	Fr. Joseph Leathem	Northern S. A.
1954.09.29	9854	Fr. Michael McGhee	Anglo-Irish
1954.09.29	9817	Fr. Charles O'Connor	Anglo-Irish
1954.09.29	9812	Fr. Eamonn O'Reilly	Northern S. A.

50TH Anniversary of Ordination

1954.08.24	8876	Fr. André Brault	Grandin
1954.08.24	8540	Fr. Jean-Guy LeMarier	N.D.-du-Cap
1954.09.05	8702	Fr. Gilles Comeau	N.D.-du-Cap
1954.09.14	8694	Fr. Bernard Belley	United States
1954.09.14	8481	Fr. Andrew Wueste	United States
1954.09.18	9022	Fr. Paul-Emile Thériault	N.D.-du-Cap

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1979.08.01	12514	Fr. Roger E. Lamoureux	United States
1979.08.01	12656	Fr. Michael Pecko	United States
1979.08.01	12529	Fr. James Taggart	United States
1979.08.01	12499	Fr. Henry Walker	United States
1979.08.04	12482	Fr. Richard Beaudette	Lacombe
1979.08.18	12629	Fr. Michel Legros	N.D.-du-Cap
1979.08.20	12721	Bro. Harley Mapes	Saint Mary's

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1979.09.08	12501	Fr. Monohor Corraya	Colombo
1979.09.08	12553	Fr. Czeslaw Grabowski	Poland
1979.09.08	12593	Fr. Anthony E. Jeevaratnam	Colombo
1979.09.08	12530	Fr. A. Victor Jeyasingham	General Administration
1979.09.08	12558	Fr. Jan Kobzan	Cameroon
1979.09.08	12563	Fr. Kazimierz Kwiatkowski	Poland
1979.09.08	12500	Fr. Jacques Laliberté	N.D.-du-Cap

1979.09.08	12604	Fr. Kalunzu Jean-Baptiste Malenge	Congo
1979.09.08	12556	Fr. Ndongo Paul Manessa	Congo
1979.09.08	12562	Fr. Henryk Marciniak	Poland
1979.09.08	12657	Fr. Tadeusz Michaluk	Poland
1979.09.08	12570	Fr. Eric Etom Mukarantin	Congo
1979.09.08	12554	Fr. Józef Niesyto	Poland
1979.09.08	12564	Fr. Marek Okolowski	Cameroon
1979.09.08	12541	Fr. Aloysius Joseph Roy	Colombo
1979.09.08	12540	Fr. Simeon Sebamalai Thuram	Jaffna
1979.09.08	12559	Fr. Zygfryd Wiecha	Poland
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	Province	Date of Birth	Place of Death	Date of Death
Fr. Herman de Vries	Netherlands-Flanders	16/11/1920	Bocholt	08/04/2004
Fr. Dario Centomo	Italy	31/12/1937	Aosta	21/06/2004
Fr. Francis Brannigan	Northern S.A.	29/11/1914	Pretoria	25/06/2004
Fr. Yves Blanchard	Cameroon	07/10/1925	*****	28/06/2004

*“We will keep alive the memory of our deceased and not fail to pray for them,
faithfully offering the suffrages prescribed on their behalf.! (Const. 43)*