

# **Archivio Generale Redentoristi (AGR): A Research Guide to the Collections Pertaining to the American Mission**

## **The American Mission and Province, The Province of Baltimore (07)**

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On his first assignment to Rome in 1948, Redemptorist Father Francis X. Murphy was tasked with obtaining for the Baltimore Province archives all the material he could find in Rome related to the early history of the growth of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in the United States. Writing to his confrere, the Province historian Father Michael Curley, Murphy was effusive at the state of the Redemptorist General Archives.

As for the Archives here, they are really in surprisingly good order! There is even a summary control; and a tremendous amount of work has been done on them in the past, espl [sic, especially] by Fathers Kunze and Brill. Each province, for example, has its own cabinet: built in wooden chest-like affairs. And they have specially-made heavy card-board boxes, like the boxes for letters, with the date, Archive-placing, and general contents on the outside. There's a Belgique here, named [Maurice] Bequé [sic]<sup>1</sup>, who's doing the life of Card. Deschamps [sic]<sup>2</sup>, and he seems perfectly satisfied with the way the docs. are ordered; and feels quite certain he's not missing anything. The plan is, of course, to get the thing completely indexed; but that will take time.<sup>3</sup>

Alas, the plan has not come to fruition in all the intervening years. Worse still, the cabinets are not longer in use and the "summary control" is nowhere to be found. The method of cataloguing and preserving the nearly five million documents related to Redemptorist activities

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<sup>1</sup> Father Maurice Becqué (1912-2011), a member of the Belgian Province.

<sup>2</sup> Murphy here refers to Cardinal Victor-Auguste-Isidore Dechamps, Archbishop of Mechelen and primate of Belgium. Dechamps was the Redemptorists' Cardinal protector for many years. According to Father Jean Becot, the Becqué manuscript on Dechamps was returned repeatedly to its author by a committee of censors who, in effect, sanitized the Belgian's work. See the dossier Father Becqué, with censors' reports, in Archivio Generale Redentoristi (AGR), Section 6: Province of Belgium (06), *Nouvelle Revue Théologique*.

<sup>3</sup> Father Francis X. Murphy to Father Michael Curley, dated Rome, April 19, 1946, in Redemptorist Archives of the Baltimore Province (hereafter RABP), Francis X. Murphy Papers, Correspondence: 1946.

around the world is often haphazardly constructed, owing partially to the policies (or lack of policies) established by successive archivists and their collaborators. Father Andreas Sampers, among the most highly skilled historians and archivists of the *Archivio Generale Redentoristi* (AGR), perhaps did more than anyone else in the twentieth century to try to bring the collections into good order. This may be attributed to his nearly three decades of service to the Redemptorist Historical Institute and to the AGR, yet even he did not create a systematic index of the collections. Sometime after 1986, when the AGR's archivist, Father Hernán Arboleda Valencia, had assumed the office, he supplied a report in which he indicated that much work had been done to attempt to bring the AGR into a cohesive whole—collecting, prioritizing and binding up reams of documents that had been deteriorating without any effort at conservation of the Redemptorist heritage for decades.<sup>4</sup> Several priests from around the world had been assisting him to stamp and code each page (making reference both to the verso and recto of each)—but this is hardly a finished project, dependent upon a less than uniform coding system, and thus has been all but abandoned. Among Father Arboleda's colleagues were two Americans, Fathers Wallace George from the Denver Province (the old St. Louis Province) and John Gauci from the Baltimore Province. More than any others, these men helped to give shape to the present state of the materials related to the American mission. They deserve our thanks.

Still, their work is not finished and displays the hands of men who were not trained in archival science. Father Arboleda (and others), had hoped that an inventory could be assembled for each province. Nothing has been done on that score. Further, his assistants have sometimes placed items in an order that is often difficult to discern. For instance, a stray file may be mis-labeled or mis-filed, or a file's contents might appear in reverse chronological order. In some cases, an entire packet of folders may be mis-labeled or have no label at all, leaving the archivist or researcher to guess at the subject matter. The principal archival objective thusfar has been to get the materials into various recognizable categories and place documents in chronological order. In several instances, that objective has not been met or in the intervening years there has been some alteration made to the collections' contents or nomenclature—as when vice-provinces become provinces. Another objective was to take active steps at preservation, but merely placing the documents in folders made from recycled material is not enough. In the most basic terms, the Roman humidity and lack of proper preservation controls, such as acid-free folders and boxes, places a substantial body of data in jeopardy. The tissue-like stationery and heavy ink used in the nineteenth century especially pose serious preservation concerns. Either the ink is fading or eating its way through the paper, or the paper itself is foxing or chipping. On a positive note, the majority of documents are on steel shelves and some attempt has been made to encapsulate the documents. But they are enclosed in folders made of recycled material, often separated by photocopied reproductions made with paper with a high acid content, and bound up in boards tied with waxed linen ribbon of varying quality. While not a critique of those who have cared for this information in the last three centuries, there is a special urgency in the crafting of the present inventory. Not only is it meant to assist scholars in their research—enabling them to locate material that may be useful—but it also will give some guidance to future archivists of the AGR in the ongoing duty of collection development, processing of the data, and preservation of the rich Redemptorist heritage that gives evidence of its influence on many populations around the globe.

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<sup>4</sup> See Father Arboleda's "Report on the General Historical Archives of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer," a copy of which is in the RABP.

## *Project overview*

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The focus of this project was to create an inventory or finding aid for the AGR's collections related to the Redemptorist missions in English-speaking regions of North America. These include both the Eastern (Baltimore) and Western (Denver) Provinces of the United States, the Edmonton-Toronto Province, and several vice-provinces—including those in the Southeastern United States (Richmond), the Caribbean (San Juan), Brazil (Campo Grande) and Paraguay (Asuncion). We leave aside the Ste. Anne-de-Beaupré Province, with its own missions to Japan and Haiti. These collections have already been organized principally by Father Jean Beco of the Belgian Province.

Each of the Provinces in this list springs initially from the elder Baltimore Province. The work of Redemptorists in the Baltimore Province has tended to focus on urban settings, where they ministered especially to German immigrants for the first hundred years after their arrival in the United States in 1832. Several became bishops, including St. John Neumann of Philadelphia. As a missionary order it is known for preaching and building strong parish communities in numerous cities in the United States: Boston, New York, Rochester, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Richmond, New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago, Denver, Omaha, San Antonio, Seattle and Oakland, among others. Members of the provinces and vice-provinces have a special obligation to work among "the most abandoned," per the directive of the order's founder, St. Alphonsus Liguori, a Neapolitan cleric of the eighteenth century. A considerable legacy has been accumulated over the years and forms the archive of the Baltimore Province currently in based in Brooklyn, New York. However, to obtain a comprehensive understanding of what the Redemptorists have meant to the Church in the Western hemisphere, consultation of the AGR is often necessary. Communications between the provinces and the General Curia were routine until about 1954, when a new set of retention policies was launched and the use of carbon copies became normative. To examine the documents of the provinces, therefore, leaves only half the story told, at least until the mid-twentieth century. Even then, the AGR holds many thousands of items that are unique and help fill out the understanding of significant—and not so significant—events that have impacted the life of the Congregation.

In 1963, Rev. Michael J. Curley, C.Ss.R., published *The Provincial Story*, a history of the Baltimore Province of the Redemptorists.<sup>5</sup> This volume traced the history of the order's presence and ministries in the United States from 1832 through the next hundred years using documentation retrieved from archives in Europe and the United States. Father Curley's research included examination of documents in the AGR up to the time when the collections were open to him, roughly 1930. Additionally, in the 1940s, a large portion of the AGR's archive devoted to the early period of the Congregation in America, as well as materials on Redemptorists located at the Propaganda Fide Archive in Rome, were microfilmed. Today these

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<sup>5</sup> Michael J. Curley, *The Provincial Story: A History of the Baltimore Province of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer* (New York: Redemptorist Fathers, Baltimore Province, 1963). Father Curley's work builds upon his confreres. See also, John F. Byrne, *The Redemptorist Centenaries, 1732-1932* (Philadelphia: The Dolphin Press, 1932) and Joseph Wuest, *Annales Congregationis SS. Redemptoris, Provinciae Americanae*, 5 vols. in 9 pts. (Ilchester, Maryland and Boston, Massachusetts, 1888-1924).

reels form part of the microfilm collections in the Baltimore Archives. While these reels cover the early period between the 1830s to the turn of the century, most of the twentieth century experience has been neglected. Since the publication of Father Curley's book, there has been no similar effort undertaken to update it. It is one of the goals of this inventory to assist in bringing that work up to date.

### *History of the AGR*

A good place to begin understanding the development of the collections of the AGR is to visit the following web site: <http://www.cssr.com/english/whoarewe/archives.shtml>. Begun in earnest in 1856, the collection is spread through several different provinces or units, each numbered in order of their foundation date. The various general archivists have often resorted to practical knowledge of history in order to arrange materials; their knowledge of archival practice has been wanting. This accounts in part for the variety in arrangement in some collections of the archive. Where a particular archivist had a special interest in one country or region or language-group, he concentrated more of his attention on that section and arranged or coded it according to a system of his own devising. The outcome has been the development of a range of cataloging methods, making the present state of the archives sometimes challenging for both archivist and researcher alike. Further, since what is supplied in each collection is often accessioned haphazardly, materials find their way to places where they should not be—frequently occasioning surprise for the archivist. Intellectual control of the data remains is a perennial issue.

Nevertheless, when the archives were moved to their present quarters, a logic was put in place that would allow for relative ease of access. The predecessor of the current archivist, Father Edward Nocuń, was trained in the Vatican's archives school. The present archivist, Father Adam Owczarski, with a doctorate in history, is also hopeful to give further uniformity to the collections. The problem at present is that to do so will take a goodly amount of time and personnel who are equipped not only with proper historical and archival training but the linguistic facility to enable an accurate cataloguing of the documents.

Much of the material described in the finding aid that follows is a victim of the diversity of arrangement. The current Province of San Juan (39) is a good example. Redemptorists were in this part of the Caribbean since the Belgians came in 1888. They combined with the Gallico-Helvetica Province so that men from both parts of Europe were called to serve in the islands. At the time, their service was confined mainly to the Diocese of Roseau, in Dominica, the capital of the Dominican Republic. When American Redemptorists from the Baltimore Province took the place of these confreres in 1902, their ministry eventuated in the creation of the Vice-Province of San Juan. In 1988, the Vice-Province became a province in its own right (section 39). The peculiar difficulty of trying to trace documents that rightly belong to the history of this province is that now they are spread around in the sheaves catalogued in the Belgian/Gallico-Helvetica Province, the Baltimore Province, unprocessed material in the Baltimore Province relating to the Vice-Province of San Juan, and in the Province of San Juan itself. Many early documents of the nineteenth century, for instance, are in the papers of the Province of San Juan (39), even though they ought properly to belong to the Baltimore Province collection (07). This continuous cross-over between geographic locations and periods makes the work of the researcher difficult, but not impossible. One simply needs to be aware that there is often supporting material found

elsewhere in the archive. To assist in this matter, a list of the units, along with their start dates and corresponding section numbers, should be ubiquitously displayed throughout the AGR.

It is difficult to say what the future will hold for the AGR. We live in the age of faxes and email and SKYPE. Data transfers are now mostly electronic and so storage and preservation of the information passed between Rome and North America (or any other location) calls for a policy that will run uniformly between the provinces and the General Curia. At the present time, there is no such policy, nor the technical equipment—such as a dedicated server—in place. The potential loss of data sent over the internet is inestimable.

### ***Arrangement of the AGR***

As the focus of this project is mainly on the Baltimore Province and the rest of the North American provinces, a road map of the arrangement of the AGR is in order. The AGR occupies space in a former apartment building and the remnants of apartment life are still very much in evidence—from the stenciling on the ceilings to the peep hole in the door. There are several rooms in the AGR housing archival materials, a library, and offices that are also held in common with the Redemptorist Historical Institute. Three main rooms of several square meters form the bulk of the archives; the library is one flight up. A vault or “deposito” off the library contains the more precious objects housed in the Archive, including letters of St. Alphonsus Liguori and other materials pertinent to the founding of the Congregation. A small elevator or stairwell allows for access though handicapped accessibility is an issue. Steel shelving in each room lines the walls. A central bank of shelving forms an island for storage of larger items such as scrolls or a card catalog while the top shelf of the island in the third room, wherein may be found the documents relative to the Baltimore Province, is left clear. This has the advantage of allowing for unfettered examination of the documents and is approximately two meters in length, giving ample room for study and note-taking. In the absence of archival policy, with the permission of the archivist, Father Adam Owczarski, researchers may find absolute solitude and close proximity to their subject matter.

Documents are arranged by province or unit and assigned a section number. The Baltimore Province, for instance, falls in section seven. The materials in this collection are stacked on a single set of twelve shelves of a meter each in length. They are broken into categories or types of documents, such as “Provincialia” or “Visitationes” or “Localia” and are, in the main, chronological within their respective categories.

Each shelf contains several *fondi*—what I will call, for want of a better term, sheaves—or bound collections of folders. Some will cite these as “volumes” but it is difficult to justify calling them that given the fact that they are unbound and often taking up physical space without a label. I have attempted to correct that by penciling in the contents on the “spine” (the canvas flap that holds the folders between the boards) but a better system would be welcome. Taken together, these combined sheaves may hold up to five thousand documentary pages on each shelf. For the Baltimore Province alone, for example, there are eight shelves holding, roughly, 40,000 individual items. Most are paper documents, but there is other media, including CD-Rom and floppy disks, photographic curios, artistic albums and other items. Included in this bank of shelves is about a half meter of materials related to the Baltimore vice-provinces. Additionally, there are six shelves of the old St. Louis Province, two shelves of the Edmonton-Toronto Province, two shelves of the Sainte Anne-de-Beaupré Province, about one shelf dedicated to the Yorkton Province in Canada, and about a quarter of a shelf of materials from the Belgian

Province pertaining to affairs in the United States in the nineteenth century. These collections are housed in the third room of three which house the AGR.

Also, in the second of these rooms are the documents used in the assemblage of various causes for sainthood deposited there by the Congregation's Postulator General, including materials related to St. John Neumann, C.Ss.R., the fourth bishop of Philadelphia and first American male saint. Among these items are signature books that record hundreds of thousands of names from throughout Germany and the United States requesting the Holy Father to canonize Neumann.

Additionally, there are in this room profession books from the Baltimore and old St. Louis provinces and in a bound set of folders on the shelf marked Fondo 7 (*Acta Antiqua*) are materials relative to the launch of the Redemptorist mission in America, 1832-1833. Indeed, within the section marked *Acta Antiqua*, one may find sheaves related to the founding of each province by year—a kind of chronological summary of the ecclesiastical data created in the erection of each unit, mainly from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Finally in this second room is the section marked Fondo 17 (*Acta Guberniorum*) which contains all of the papers of the Rector Majors (known after the Second Vatican Council as the Fathers General) and their consultors in Rome from 1855 to the present. These sheaves contain numerous letters to the American provincials by date. All of these papers remain uncalendared. Many are important additions to the correspondence one might find in a section on *Provincialia*, while others contain relatively banal documents such as felicitations on the Rector Major's name day or Christmas greetings. They materials in this section of the AGR are useful insofar as one knows approximately when a particular event occurred.

In the first of these rooms are collections of important Redemptorists, especially from members of the Redemptorist Historical Institute or notable theologians such as Father Bernard Häring or Francis Durwell. The papers of Father Häring contain a detailed finding guide. An item of interest in this room is a large folder of materials contained in the papers of Father Andreas Sampers. The folder houses correspondence and notes related to Father Francis X. Murphy, a contemporary of Sampers, and member of the Baltimore Province. Among the newest additions to the archives are documents that are being assembled by the various regions of Redemptorists around the world. This includes the North American Conference and contains reports and minutes of meetings suggesting areas of cooperation between the various units within this continent.

It is important to note that among the collections there are links between provinces and vice-provinces. The former St. Louis Province, for instance, had connections with the Provinces of Bangkok, Thailand, and Manaus, Brazil, where men from the St. Louis Province were missionaries. Today the succeeding Denver Province has embarked on further missionary endeavors in Nigeria. Thus, to know something of the history of the development of the Redemptorists in the United States is to glean some small insight into the growth of the Church that Redemptorists have served in other parts of the world as well. For the Baltimore Province, the AGR contains information on relations with Redemptorists serving in the United States and mission territories in Brazil, Paraguay and the Caribbean.

It would also help to know how much of the AGR has been processed and is now searchable. This finding aid is not comprehensive in that it seeks only to guide researchers in their use of materials related to a small portion of an overall set of collections. But it is to be hoped that similar electronic finding aids will be assembled in the future that can bring out the truly global character of the AGR. This will be all the more advantageous for researchers

interested in doing work on Redemptorist history, which has remained relatively understudied. The trans-Atlantic nature of this project is important for future scholarship especially. It is one thing to lift out a particular issue or event that affects the understanding of the Church as a multi-faceted, often borderless or migrating body. But the finding aid that follows is a tool that will hopefully provide researchers greater insight into the contexts through which issues or events arise.

In the process of assembling the finding aid, I have taken the liberty of placing as much of the collection in standard order as possible (location, series title, sheaf number, folder number, folder content description). I found many folders and entire sheaves out of order or misfiled, so I have endeavored to restore some order to the whole. But owing to the limitations of time, I have certainly not been able to give the entire collection a proper organization. That is not the object of the project. It is for another archivist to make necessary alterations in arrangement and I fully expect that to take place in the years ahead. This finding aid is merely a guide, but it would be useful, for instance, to arrive at some standard by which to navigate the collections related to this Province and to the entirety of the AGR, which cries out for an overall system.

### ***Present arrangement of the AGR (2013)***

The general order of the papers related to the various provinces throughout the world follow a similar categorical format. Province personnel (*personalia defuncti, dispensati*), foundations of the various houses (parishes, retreat centers, shrines, and so on), studentates (major and minor), missionary labors, circular letters, and correspondence. Unless a translation, carbon, or photocopy has been made, all of the documents are in the original.

A final note is in order on one of the sections mentioned below, namely, Provincialia. First, in the folder descriptions, no mention is made of routine matters such as the request for rescripts for ordinations, dispensation letters, admission letters, transfer of mass stipends, and other perfunctory data. Similarly, the vagaries of religious life are such that one needs to request permission from one's superiors for many things, especially building projects involving sums of money over a certain threshold. I have tried to keep references to such matters at a minimum. Were these to be mentioned, this finding aid would be much longer.

Secondly, the Provincialia that is collected in the 1960s to the present has not been placed in chronological order. Though the correspondence of this era follows an annual pattern, there is little overall organization. Though a numbering system is in place, without an explanation of the code, it is futile to follow it. Until these documents are placed in chronological order, researchers will have to slog through each year's folder to find the subject, person, or date of their inquiry.

Thirdly, due to the minimal processing of the files in the late 1950s to the present, no effort has been made to remove the various reports sent to Rome that might be better placed under the classification Status Realis—a section within the collection devoted mainly to financial and statistical data generated in annual, pre-formatted reports. These reports remain scattered in the files of Provincialia but some future archivist may assign these reports (Conspectus Ministerii, Tabella Acceptorum et Expensorum, etc.) to Status Realis. Similarly, no effort has been made to separate out materials that more properly belong to the province versus those that belong to the vice-provinces. The canonical visitation reports are frequently found within the context of the Provincialia, even though there is a historical classification of these types of

reports that were culled for the years 1878 to 1956 and are now housed in distinct sheaves dedicated to that subject (Visitaciones).

Lastly, in terms of preservation, because the documents seem to be unprocessed beyond their designation by year, none of the documents have had the staples or rusting paper fasteners removed, nor are they encapsulated in a paper folder to protect and separate them from other documents. This had been a routine practice of previous archivists who have worked on the collection, but in the 1960s and following we find no preservation measure in place. Documents are simply placed in folders and folders bound in sheaves to be set on a shelf.

### ***Material related to the Province of Baltimore (Section 7)***

For the purposes of identifying the location of each bound set of folders, which I will call sheaves, I will refer to Shelves A-H (top shelf to bottom shelf), the sheaf number, and the folder number. Occasionally, there are fascicles or small folders within larger folders. So, Shelf A contains sheaves 1-13; Shelf B contains sheaves 1-11, and so on. Periodically I will give a general description of the contents of the individual folders and how many items are contained therein.

### ***Access***

The archives are now open to qualified researchers (those scholars possessing the doctoral degree or on their way toward completing their dissertation). There is no policy that restricts one's research—even within those areas that remain unprocessed. Of these unprocessed materials, no one knows the extent of it, though for many of the major units, such as the Roman, Neapolitan, or Belgian Provinces, the processing is nearly complete and quite meticulous in arrangement. Other provinces, such as those for the United States, are in some order, but not completely processed, as will be indicated by the finding aid. For the rest, the status of the collections is indeterminate. The AGR is, in the end, the Curia's archive. Whatever is submitted to the General Government by local units of the Redemptorist family and whatever is generated by the staff of the Curia itself (and is saved for accessioning), finds its way into the AGR, where it is sorted and accessioned.

Languages employed in this collection are in English, German (mostly the hand-written classical German of the nineteenth century), French, Latin, Portuguese, and Spanish. Several thousand digital images of the holdings of this section of the AGR have been photographed and are now in the Baltimore Province Archives, though these constitute but a fraction of the material in Rome.

Presently the archivist for the AGR is Father Adam Owczarski, who also is the director of the Redemptorist Historical Institute. Application for use of the AGR may be made by writing him at Archivio Generale Redentoristi, Via Merulana 31, 00185 Roma Italia. He may be reached by email at [aowczarski@tiscali.it](mailto:aowczarski@tiscali.it).

Detailed finding aid:

Provincia Americana Personalia (300700, IX)

Hecker Case—Paulist Papers

Shelf A, Sheaf 1, two folders (sheaf spine erroneously dates the contents from 1849-1859):

Folder 1: Hewit Papers, 1849-1858, items 001-030. I have made no attempt to alter the form or placement of the Hecker papers, which comprise the next several sheaves of material. I leave it as I found it, and though the province did not begin with his case nor definitively influenced the nature and work of the Congregation in the United States, this particular collection rightly belongs within the realm of *personalia*. Contents include photocopied letters of Father Augustine Hewit, a former Redemptorist who accompanied Father Isaac Hecker to found the Paulist Fathers. The originals are in the Paulist Archives (most likely in the Office of the Paulist Postulator in New York City or the Paulist Archives at St. Paul's College, Washington, D.C.).

Folder 2: Baker Papers, 1853-1858, items 031-139. Contents include photocopied letters of Father Francis Aloysius Baker. Originals are in the Paulist Archives

Shelf A, Sheaf 2, two folders:

Folder 1: Hecker Papers, 1845-1849, items 040-070. Contents include photocopied letters of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, a former Redemptorist who founded the Paulist Fathers. The originals are in the Paulist Archives. Unlike Sheaf 1, there is no inventory for the contents of this folder.

Folder 2: Hecker Papers, 1850-1857, items 071-095. Contents include photocopied letters of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, a former Redemptorist who founded the Paulist Fathers. The originals are in the Paulist Archives. Unlike Sheaf 1, there is no inventory for the contents of this folder.

Shelf A, Sheaf 3, two folders:

Folder 1: Hecker Papers, May 9, 1857 to August 1857, items 096-138. Contents include photocopied letters of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, a former Redemptorist who founded the Paulist Fathers. The originals are in the Paulist Archives. Unlike Sheaf 1, there is no inventory for the contents of this folder.

Folder 2: 139-161, as above.

Shelf A, Sheaf 4, three folders:

Folder 1: Hecker Papers, October 1857, items 162-188, as above.

Folder 2, Hecker Papers, November 1857, items 189-209, as above.

Folder 3, Hecker Papers, December 1857, items 210-232, as above.

Shelf A, Sheaf 5, three folders:

Folder 1: Hecker Papers, January 1858, items 233-252, as above.

Folder 2: Hecker Papers, February-March 1858, items 253-279, as above.

Folder 3: Hecker Papers, April 1858; August-September 1858; January 1859; February 1860; August 1862; June 1863; May 1875; December 1879; July 1897; March 1910, items 280-303, as above.

Shelf A, Sheaf 6, two folders:

Folder 1: Collection of the Sacred Congregation for the Propaganda of the Faith—S.C.R.—Am. Centrale, in relation to the case of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, 1855, 1856, 1857 (January to August), items 304-321.

Folder 2: Collection of the Sacred Congregation for the Propaganda of the Faith—S.C.R.—Am. Centrale, in relation to the case of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, 1855-1857, items 322-333.

Shelf A, Sheaf 7, four folders:

Folder 1: Collection of the Sacred Congregation for the Propaganda of the Faith—S.C.R.—Am. Centrale, in relation to the case of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, 1858 (January to April), items 334-361.

Folder 2: Collection of the Sacred Congregation for the Propaganda of the Faith—S.C.R.—Am. Centrale, in relation to the case of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, 1858 (May to December), items 362-376.

Folder 3: Collection of the Sacred Congregation for the Propaganda of the Faith—S.C.R.—Am. Centrale, in relation to the case of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, 1860, 1861, 1862, items 377-390.

Folder 4: Collection of the Sacred Congregation for the Propaganda of the Faith—S.C.R.—Am. Centrale, in relation to the case of Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, 1863, 1864, 1865, items 391-406

Shelf A, Sheaf 9, four folders (n.b.—Here begins a long series of dossiers on deceased confreres, all of whom entered the Congregation in the nineteenth century. It is unfortunate but the labels on the sheaves are not always accurate, so that this guide has had to adjust accordingly by designating a more accurate content description. Most of the correspondence is in hand-written German script. Most obituary notices are accompanied by letters written in English, French, German or Latin to the Rector Major):

Folder 1: Personalia (Defuncti), A. The file contains individual dossiers related deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with A. Included in this file is a large dossier of Father Thaddeus Andwander (1823-1893) containing letters to the Rector Major, Nicholas Mauron.

Folder 2: Personalia (Defuncti), B. The file contains individual dossiers related deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with B.

Folder 3: Personalia (Defuncti), C. The file contains individual dossiers related deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with C.

Folder 4: Personalia (Defuncti), D. The file contains individual dossiers related deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with D. Included in this file are large dossiers of Father Louis Dold (d. 1882), Cyrill Dodsworth (d. 1907), and John Baptist Duffy (d. 1874).

Shelf A, Sheaf 10, 9 folders

Folder 1: Personalia (Defuncti), F. The file contains individual dossiers related deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with F.

Folder 2: Personalia (Defuncti), G. The file contains individual dossiers related deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with G.

Folder 3: Personalia (Defuncti), Gross. Included in this large dossier are letters to and from Archbishop William Gross, former Bishop of Savannah and Archbishop of Oregon City.

Folder 4: Personalia (Defuncti), H. The file contains individual dossiers related deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with H. Included in this file is a dossier of a few letters of Father Joseph Helmprecht (1820-1884), a former provincial, to the Rector Major, Nicholas Mauron.

Folder 5: Personalia (Defuncti), J. The file contains individual dossiers related deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with J.

Folder 6: Personalia (Defuncti), Krutil. The file contains a large cache of letters by Father Joseph Kautz (1852-1910) to Father Michael Ulrich, Econome, often on financial matters.

Folder 7: Personalia (Defuncti), Konings. The file contains a large cache of letters by Father Anthony Konings (1821-1884). Included in this file are letters to and from the Rector Major, Nicholas Mauron, on sensitive moral topics and Koning's publications.

Folder 8: Personalia (Defuncti), Kuborn. The file contains a large cache of letters by Father Mathias Kuborn (1822-1895), usually directed to the Rector Major, Nicholas Mauron.

Folder 9: Personalia (Defuncti), Miscellaneous K. The file contains letters by or to Fathers Francis Xavier Kaholz, Adolphus Kittel, Francis Klauder, Adam Kries, Francis Krutil, Carl Kuenzer.

Shelf A, Sheaf 11, six folders:

Folder 1: Personalia (Defuncti), L. The file contains a letter with translation of Camille Laffineur to the Rector Major, Nicholas Mauron, while Laffineur was a student at the Redemptorist seminary at St. Trond, Belgium. Additionally there is a brief biography who died at the Rock Church in St. Louis, MO, May 2, 1924.

Folder 2: Personalia (Defuncti), Litz. The file contains a large cache of letters to and from Father Ferdinand Litz (1847-1913), a former provincial, to the Rector Major, or Econome, often discussing financial matters, Mass stipends, and happenings around the province. Additionally, in this file there is a short dossier related to Father William G. Lührman (1827-1870).

Folders 3-6: Personalia (Defuncti): Müller. In the remaining folders in this sheaf are numerous letters and other matter related to Father Michael Müller (1825-1899), principally over his theological writings. They include censors' reports, news clippings, reviews, endorsements of his books, and other data. Müller was in frequent communication with the Rector Major on various subjects.

The contents of each folder are broken down by period:

Folder 3: Provincia Americana (Ante Division, 1851-1876) and Provincia St. Louis (1876-1884);

Folder 4: 1882-1883

Folder 5: Rector of Pittsburg (St. Philomena's Church, 1884; n.b.—this file is perhaps inaccurately titled given that Father Müller was attached to the Church of St. Alphonsus in St. Louis for most of this year); 1885; 1886-1887

Folder 6: 1888 (containing a 118 point censorship of Father Müller's article on the thesis *Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus* by Fr. Saftig), 1889, 1890 (containing Father Müller's expostulation on the thesis *Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus* in 36 mss pages), 1892-1894. 1897-1898

Folder 7: Personalia (Defuncti), Miscellaneous M.

Shelf A, Sheaf 12, three folders:

Folder 1: Personalia (Defuncti), N-R. The file contains individual dossiers related to deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with N, O, P, Q, or R. Note well—the contents of materials related to Bishop John N. Neumann of Philadelphia are located in the second ante-room of the AGR and various bound volumes related to his canonization cause may be found in the AGR Library.

Folder 2: Personalia (Defuncti), S. The file contains individual dossiers related to deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with S.

Folder 3: Personalia (Defuncti), S (continued). The file contains individual dossiers related to deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with S. Note well—the contents of materials related to Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos are located in the second ante-room of the AGR and various bound volumes related to his canonization cause may be found in the AGR Library. See also Shelf A, Sheaf 14.

Shelf A, Sheaf 13, five folders:

Folder 1: Personalia (Defuncti), T and U. The file contains individual dossiers related to deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with T and U. Included in this file are four long letters of Father Francis Xavier Tschenhens (1801-1877), one of the pioneer Redemptorists on the American mission.

Folder 2: Personalia (Defuncti), V. The file contains individual dossiers related to deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with V. Included in this file are copious letters and reflections by Adrianus Van de Braack, former prefect of students.

Folder 3: Personalia (Defuncti), W. The file contains individual dossiers related to deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with W. Included in this file is a large cache of letters to and from Father Joseph Wissel (1830-1912), an extremely industrious missionary preacher and diarist.

Folder 4: Personalia (Defuncti), Wuest. The file contains the dossier of Father Joseph Wuest, former Province historian and annalist. There is a stray document pertaining to a visa matter in this file; it is obviously mis-filed.

Folder 5: Personalia (Defuncti), Z. The file contains individual dossiers related to deceased confreres of the Baltimore Province whose last name begins with Z.

Shelf A, Sheaf 14, one folder:

Folder 1: items related to the person and canonization cause of Blessed Francis X. Seelos. It includes a number of news clippings and other memorabilia, but also autograph letters

of Seelos to the Rector Major and Pope Pius IX. There is also a memorial of Seelos presented to Cardinal Barnabo. Brother Louis Kenning's account of Seelos' life is also contained in this file, together with the necrology of Brother Bernard Beck. Additionally, there are items secured from the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith relating Seelos' proposed candidacy for the See of Pittsburgh. Finally, there are some photocopied letters of Seelos to his family and others. With some exceptions, the bulk of material related to Blessed Seelos is presently housed in the Baltimore Province Archives.

Shelf A, Sheaf 15, seven folders:

Folders 1-7, Prov. Baltimore, Personalia, Varia, 1848-. The first three folders of letters to the Fathers General are from members of the Baltimore Province. The subject matter varies widely. This sheaf was initially placed in the series related to temporary and perpetual professions and was removed to this location on October 21, 2013. The fourth folder contains many letters sent to the Fathers General, however they are not filed alphabetically and were removed from one of the sheaves that had been mixed with personalia, dispensati, and localia. The remainder of that sheave has been re-located to its proper series heading. Thus, folders five, six, and seven—for Fraters Laicus Defuncti, Fraters Choristas Defuncti, and Patres Defuncti—have been included with this sheave as well. It is hoped that these remaining defuncti will be integrated into the other files in order to form an alphabetical and a complete set of obituaries.

Shelf B, Sheaf 1, ten folders:

Folder 1: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi. This sheaf is comprised mainly of petitions for dispensations from vows—temporary or permanent—or provides notifications of expulsion from the Congregation. They are requested by lay brothers, students, or clerics. Most of the individual cases turn on a single letter, with an accompanying note by the Father General dispensing or dismissing each man as warranted. Most are from the nineteenth century. Consultation of these files need not require permission of the Archivist.<sup>6</sup>

Note well—names collected in these folders may be checked against the profession books housed in the AGR, where an annotation is made as to whether the professed was dispensed or expelled. Finally, the dates on each cover page are somewhat oddly labeled. The period from their birth to their dispensation or expulsion is given, as if to signify that once they were removed from the Congregation's rolls, they became deceased.

The first folder contains historical petitions from 1854 to 1875. Many priests who were Redemptorists joined other religious orders (especially the Trappists) or became diocesan clergy. Others left the priesthood or became apostates. The folder contains the original book from the American Province, "Congregati Professi dispensati aut expulsi, ab an 1832 ad an. 1855." Important figures in this book include Brother Jacob Kohler and Father Simon Senderle, two of the pioneer Redemptorists who came to America in 1832.

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<sup>6</sup> It is presently an open question whether to allow or deny access to material in the personnel files, even of decidedly historical subjects. For the purpose of this finding aid, requests for dispensation are now so routine and formulaic they are passed over entirely. Most are lodged in Provincialia. Ideally, the rescripts sought in dispensation cases should be copied both to Provincialia and Personalia though consultation and publication of such material should rest ultimately with the authorization of the Archivist.

Additionally, Fathers Mathias Alig, founder of St. Mary's Church in Washington, D.C.; Louis Gillet, who, before becoming a Trappist, was co-founder of the Religious of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters; or James Sheeran, chaplain to the 14<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Regiment.

Folder 2: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: Clerici Studentes et Fratres Laici. Clerical Students and lay brothers' petitions for dispensation from vows, 1861-1873.

Folder 3: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: Fratres Clerici et Laici. Clerical students and lay brothers' petitions for dispensation from vows, 1884-1907.

Folder 4: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: Jacobus Keitz. A case file involving the dispensation of Father James Keitz, 1875-1898.

Folder 5: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: A-O. Dispensations sought for professed religious whose last names begin with A-O, 1881-1908. Notable here is the dispensation for Father (later Bishop) Charles Currier.

Folder 6: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: P-S. Dispensations sought for professed religious whose last names begin with P-S, 1877-1907.

Folder 7: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: Wayrich. A case file with a news clipping and notes on Father Frederick W. Wayrich.

Folder 8: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: Weigand. A case file with letters from or about Father Christian Weigand.

Folder 9: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: Patres et Studenti. Dispensation petitions, notes and correspondence, 1910-1952.

Folder 10: Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis, Personalia, Dispensati aut Expulsi: Fratres Laici. Dispensation petitions, notes and correspondence, 1895-1953.

Shelf B, Sheaf 2, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Personalia, Oblati. Petitions and other documentation relative to Redemptorist Oblates, 1967-1979.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Personalia, Personnel Lists. Maintained for the Province and vice-provinces, 1913-1960.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Personalia, Personnel Lists. Maintained for the Province and vice-provinces, 1960-1980.

### Provincia Americana Provincialia (300700, I)

Shelf B, Sheaf 3, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, 1848-1854 (ante Cap. Gen. 1855). Item numbers 001-0011. Here begins a new series of documents related to the growth and maintenance of the ministry of the so-called American Province (later the Baltimore Province). Unlike Personalia, which is concerned with individuals, Provincialia is concerned with the corporate whole, though the series often contains dossiers on individuals who may be affecting the larger body. Documents in this sheaf relate the formal erection and mandata of the American Province of the Redemptorists. A note of explanation is in order. Since their arrival in the United States in 1832, the

Redemptorists operated strictly as missionaries without structures for the induction of new members or a central government. Provincials were until 1848 located either in Vienna, Austria (which sent the first group of missionaries) or Belgium. It is useful to understand the American Province's reliance on these established provinces and researchers interested in the early years of the American mission may wish to consult the well-catalogued body of materials related both to the Austrian and Belgian Provinces. These may be found adjacent to the shelves devoted to the Baltimore Province (section 7) in the third room of the AGR.

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, 1855-1856, Father George Ruland (1817-1885), provincial. Items 012-055, including the dossier "Insania Rumpler." At the head of this file, perhaps misfiled, is a resume of the "Hecker case" for the years 1857-1858 as well as references to the holdings of the Baltimore Archives relative to the mental illness of Father Rumpler which caused considerable disturbance in the community at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1855. Large portions of the material in this file are photostatic reproductions of original documents in the Baltimore Archive.

Folder 3: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, 1857, Father George Ruland, provincial. "Hecker Papers present." Items 056-095. This file largely supplements the sheaves found on Shelf A, Sheaves 1-7.

Folder 4: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, 1858-1959, Father George Ruland, provincial. "Hecker Papers included." Items 096-144 (for 1858); 145-149 (for 1859). This file largely supplements the sheaves found on Shelf A, Sheaves 1-7. Additional information on the status of the Redemptorists on the Island of St. Thomas and the foundation at Most Holy Redeemer, East Third Street, New York City, among other items, are also topics found in the correspondence.

Shelf B, Sheaf 4, one folder:

Folder 1: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, 1859-1865, Father John DeDycker (1822-1883), provincial. Note well—frequently the documents in the fascicles of this folder are mislabeled to read "Joseph DeDycker" or "DeDyckers." The folder represents an important period of growth in Redemptorist ministries in urban centers, despite looming civil strife. Included in this folder are several highly detailed visitation reports written by DeDycker for the Generalate in Rome, in which is described the conditions—both spiritual and material—of each of the foundations in the United States. As provincial, he was obliged to visit each house once a year. Additional observations by individual confreres also may be found in the folder.

Shelf B, Sheaf 5, six folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, 1855, 1865, 1871. This folder contains observations and other data assembled by the Roman visitators to America. Most of these are notes in German, French, and Latin, "postulata" or suggestions for reform, and commentaries provided by confreres on the ground (e.g., from Frs. Holzer, Leimgruber, Wissel, Frischbier, Clauss, Brandstaetter, Czvitkovicz, Girardy).

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Visitatio P. Verheyen, 1860. This folder relates the correspondence and visitation data assembled for and by the Roman visitator to America in 1860, Father Frans Verheyen, a Belgian who was a consultor to the Superior General in Rome. He traveled extensively in the United States, asking prepared

questions of the confreres and, at times, the local bishop. He stayed with each community for several days to get a sense of the life of the house and his individual reports on each give a studied perspective of religious life in the mid-nineteenth century United States. He took account of house and church finances, status of the schools (if any), examined the books in the house library, and met individually with every member of the community to hear their concerns.

Folder 3: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Ordinationes Prov. DeDycker (1861-1862) and Helmptraecht (1865-1875). This folder contains material connected to the liturgical and spiritual domain, documenting the changes and applications of the Rule and Provincial statutes during the tenure of the Provincials DeDycker and Helmptraecht.

Folder 4: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1865-1867. Two fascicles. The first fascicle contains letters of appointment and acknowledgment of Father Joseph Helmptraecht to lead the Baltimore Province. The second fascicle contains Helmptraecht's visitation report for 1866. Correspondence between Rector Major Mauron and Helmptraecht form the bulk of the materials in this folder. Items of interest include the copy of the agreement between the Redemptorists and the Archbishop of St. Louis for ministry in the diocese, and a relation by Helmptraecht of a tragic accident claiming the lives of five Redemptorists.

Folder 5: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1868.

Folder 6: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1869. This folder includes a December 1869 letter of Helmptraecht to Mauron discussing the possible division of the Province as it had grown so large as to make regular visitation impossible.

Shelf B, Sheaf 6, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1870.

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1871.

Folder 3: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1872.

Folder 4: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1873. This folder includes correspondence on the prospect of a foundation in Quebec.

Shelf B, Sheaf 7, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1874. This folder contains further discussion on the foundation in Quebec (March, August, October), as well as Galveston, Texas. There is a renewed plea for a new province (September 2, 1874).

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1875. This folder contains discussion on a foundation in Leavenworth, Kansas (June 1, 1875). Finality of a division into two provinces is coming into view (August 7, 1875); agreement struck and decreed by Mauron (September 10, 1875); official approbation granted by the Pope and decreed by Mauron (September 21, 1875); a change in the Provincialia series nomenclature occurs in the next folder title.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Helmptraecht, 1876-1877. Offer of a foundation in Newark, New Jersey (refused March 22, 1877); acceptance and contractual agreement with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for St. Boniface German Parish. Prospect of a foundation in London, Ontario.

Shelf B, Sheaf 8, five folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1877-1889. This folder contains the letters to and from Father Provincial Frederick Schauer, together with the first two years' correspondence associated with his tenure. There are three fascicles corresponding to each year. In 1878, a new Baltimore foundation was added—Sacred Heart—and in Canada, the Shrine of Ste. Anne-de-Beaupré is made a foundation. Throughout 1878-1879, discussions were made with Belgian Redemptorists and Rome over the pastoral care of the Shrine.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1880. In the sole fascicle in this folder is a lengthy instruction on the scapular. Notice of the foundation in Erie (North East), Pennsylvania, where the future site of the juniorate would be located. Correspondence on the acceptance of St. Patrick's Church, Toronto.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1881-1882. Three fascicles: 1881, 1882, and 1882—Golden Jubilee of the Redemptorists in America. In the second fascicle (1882), correspondence between Father Schauer and Father Mauron is supplemented by an increasingly voluminous correspondence with two Consultors General, Fathers J. B. Eichelsbacher and Michael Ulrich. Correspondence involves a foundation established in Washington, D.C., by Father Alig, who eventually left the Redemptorists to continue work on this thriving parish. Correspondence also recounts acceptance of the Church of St. Alphonsus in New York City. Additionally, an appeal by Archbishop James Gibbons of Baltimore to assume pastoral care of the city's Bohemians (June 1, 1882), eventually moves the Redemptorists to take charge of St. Wenceslaus Church. The last fascicle (1882—Golden Jubilee) contains two large newspaper supplements on the history of the order in the United States printed in the *Katholischen Volks-Zeitung*. It was also issued as a short booklet, which is also included in the fascicle.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1883. Beginning in this year, the language of the provincial letters to Rome is often English. Communications reflect on the nature of the Irish in the hierarchy.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1884. Discussion with the Rector Major about a foundation in Oregon. Communication of Bishop Édouard-Charles Fabre of Montreal to Schauer (March 25, 1884). A future Canadian province is contemplated (August 4, 1884).

Shelf B, Sheaf 9, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1885-1886. Two fascicles: 1885 and 1886. Correspondence over the moral theology of Father Anthony Konings and Father Aloysius Sabetti. A new foundation, St. Clement's in Saratoga Springs, New York, is made. Discussions with the Rector Major over the process for canonization of Bishop John N. Neumann of Philadelphia.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1887. Acceptance of Immaculate Conception Church in the Bronx, New York City. The bulk of this file deals with the difficulties surrounding the ownership and construction of the property. Further discussion on the process of canonization for Bishop John N. Neumann of Philadelphia, including references to miracles.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1888-1889. Two fascicles.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schauer, 1890. Two fascicles, the first containing correspondence for the year 1890; the second labeled "Post Provincilium et Ante, R. P. Frederick Schauer, 1877 usque ad 24-V-1890."

Shelf B, Sheaf 10, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Litz, 1890-1891. This folder contains the letters to and from Father Provincial Ferdinand Litz. Two fascicles.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Litz, 1892-1893. Two fascicles, the former of which contains discussion of the acceptance of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Brooklyn, New York, and the cause for Bishop Neumann.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Litz, 1894-1895. Two fascicles.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Litz, 1896-1898. Two fascicles.

Shelf B, Sheaf 11, six folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Vice-Prov. Torontina, 1898-1901. For a short period in the history of the evolution of the Redemptorist units in North America, what is today the Province of Edmonton-Toronto was once a vice-province of Baltimore. This folder relates correspondence about the vice-province (fascicle 1), visitation reports (fascicle 2) and the *status realis* or financial report (fascicle 3).

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1898. This folder contains the letters to and from Father Provincial William Lücking. These are typically addressed to the General Consultor, Father Joseph Schwartz, and most of the correspondence is in English. Included in this folder are the provincial's reflections on the closing of the Redemptorist novitiate at Ilchester, Maryland, return of the Detroit and Grand Rapids houses to Western jurisdiction, and the prospect of a seminary for French-speaking students at Oceanport, New Jersey.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1899. As with folder two, most of the correspondence is between Fathers Lücking and Schwartz. Among the items contained in this folder are reflections on the American position with respect to the Philippines and conditions in the houses. The use of a typewriter is now the preferred instrument for writing.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1900. As with folder two, most of the correspondence is between Fathers Lücking and Schwartz. Among the items contained in this folder are the prospect of accepting a foundation in St. Thomas, the Virgin Islands, an agreement between the trustees of St. Bridget's Asylum, Quebec, and the Sisters of Charity of Quebec, and involvement of the Redemptorists in Puerto Rico.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1901-1902. Two fascicles. The first fascicle relates information on the ambitious building plans of Father Frawley of the Mission Church in Boston as well as the transfer of the foundations at Detroit and Grand Rapids to the Western province. The second fascicle contains speculation on a foundation in the Philippines (resisted due to commitments in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico).

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1903. Speculation on expulsion of CSSRs from France; further correspondence on building projects in Puerto Rico, Toronto, and a new house of studies, the site of which was yet to be determined.

Shelf B, Sheaf 12, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1904. As with the folders in Sheaf 11, most of the correspondence is between Fathers Lücking and Schwartz. Among the items contained in this folder are numerous letters related to a property selected for the new house of studies in Esopus, New York, notice of a tremendous fire in Baltimore, and work with Bohemians.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1905. Continued discussions over the Esopus property (ultimately purchased), distress over the political situation in Italy and Austria, German versus Irish Catholics at St. Patrick's in Toronto, and a first vocation from Fredericksted, Virgin Islands, is refused.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1905-1906. Two fascicles. Redemptorists in Puerto Rico are joined by Sisters of Charity to that mission.

Construction on the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn commences.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Lücking, 1907-1909. Three fascicles. In the first, a print shop for the Boston community, work with Bohemians in Manhattan, Jewish and Italian immigration. In the second, comments on students. In the third, first discussions of dividing the Canadian houses into an English-speaking province and a French-speaking province.

Shelf C, Sheave 1, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Litz, 1909-1912. This slim folder contains miscellaneous information related to the second provinciate of Father Ferdinand A. Litz. Included is a brief letter to Father General after Father Litz made a visitation to the island of Puerto Rico (1911).

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schneider, 1912-1914. Two fascicles (1912-1913; 1914). This folder contains letters to and from Father Provincial Joseph A. Schneider, usually to Father General Patrick Murray. Included in the first fascicle are reflections on the reception given to New York's Cardinal who returned from Rome after receiving his rat hat, expansion of the Caribbean apostolate, petition and positive response to accepting a new foundation at London, Ontario, and the status of Italian Catholics, especially in metropolitan New York City. Conditions in the Antilles and discussion of taking a foundation in Cuba. In the second fascicle, further references to the Province's labors in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Canada. A highly detailed overview of province activities (February 26, 1914) is also provided. The Provincial Curia is now located in Brooklyn. The property at Ephrata, Pennsylvania is acquired and permission to suppress the former provincial house at St. Alphonsus, Baltimore, is requested.

Folder 3, Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Schneider, 1915-1920. Two fascicles. Included are expressions of fear over war news, building projects in Puerto Rico, and remonstrations with a Canadian parliamentarian over a Redemptorist. Construction projects at Lima, Ohio, and the use of cars on the missions in Puerto Rico. In the second fascicle are references to the foundation in Pittsburgh (move to Squirrel Hill), confusions caused by French missionaries from Quebec, and details on apostolic labors in the West Indies, including the difficulties with the Bishop of Rosseau. With the advent of war, military chaplains were requested from the ranks of Redemptorists. In 1918 the formal erection of Toronto as a province and the vice-province of the Antilles is decreed. Relation in 1919 of a devastating earthquake in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Weigel, 1920-1921. This folder contains letters to and from Father Provincial Edward Weigel, usually to Father General Patrick Murray. Included in this folder are letters pertaining to Weigel's trip to Europe, donations to confreres in Austria and Germany, the death of Father Provincial Joseph Schneider and rebuilding after these events.

Shelf C, Sheaf 2, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Barron, June 1921-October 1925, November 1925-April 1930. The tenure of Father Provincial James Barron (1921-1930) and the bulk of the correspondence surrounding that tenure are supplemented by documents that ante-date his position as provincial. As he was pastor during the construction of the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn, some papers date back to 1919. These have been separated out into a slim fascicle. The contents of this folder relate the coming of the General Visitor, Fr. Stebbins (1922), provincial visitation to Puerto Rico and to Rome (1923), acceptance of parishes in Charleston and Aiken, South Carolina (the latter for Black Catholics, 1924), first students from Baltimore sent to the Scola Maior in Rome (1925).

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Barron, October 1925-April 1930. In this folder may be found reference to the establishment of an Italian community of Redemptorists in the United States as well as the training and utility of Italian speaking fathers (1926), the acceptance of the foundation at Newton Grove, North Carolina, discussion on the prospect of assuming a foundation in the Philippines to take the place of Irish Redemptorists (1927), assistance provided to Dr. Peter Guilday while in Rome and an opening salvo toward generating interest in a new foundation in Matto Grosso, Brazil (1929), election of Bishop Aloysius Willinger, C.Ss.R., the first Baltimore Province bishop since Archbishop Gross in the nineteenth century, and new foundations accepted in the Diocese of Charleston (Orangeburg, SC) and Washington, D.C. at the Catholic University of America (1930).

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Barron, 1924-1928. The folder contains a bound volume of letters between Father Provincial Barron and Consultor General Fidelis Speidel. Consultation of this letter book may supplement research on questions relative to the term of Father Barron.

Shelf C, Sheaf 3, four folders.

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kuhn, 1933. This folder contains miscellaneous and unfiled correspondence to and from Father Provincial Andrew Kuhn, mainly with Father General Patrick Murray and the Consultor General Father Charles McEnniry (a member of the St. Louis Province). There are two slim fascicles. Many of the letters in the first fascicle relate to the cause of then-Venerable Bishop John Neumann of Philadelphia. The second fascicle contains information on finances with brief commentary.

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Kuhn, 1934-1939. This folder—initially located on a lower shelf—contains miscellaneous and unfiled correspondence to and from Father Provincial Andrew Kuhn. Though the folder is labeled according to the Consultor General's name (McEnniry), it represents material not strictly associated with the Baltimore Province and includes items associated with the St. Louis and Toronto

Provinces. Therefore, I have included it in this sheaf without further arrangement of the contents. Interspersed in this folder are letters to the Consultor General Father McEnniry from Father Henry J. Otterbein, Provincial Consultor for the Baltimore Province.

Folder 3: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, Kuhn, April 1930-April 1939. This folder contains a large cache of letters between Father Kuhn and Father General Patrick Murray. Matters pertaining to Brazil and Puerto Rico are frequent, as are building and loan projects in the United States and Belgium. Discussion of Bishop Neumann's cause (1933) and the use of white habits in the tropics (1933) are supplemented by acceptances of foundations in Tampa, Florida, Paraguay, and Brazil (1934-1935). The growth of activity in South America leads Kuhn to propose dividing the six houses in Brazil into a vice-province (February 1936). Concern over the Spanish confreres occurs in September 1936 as the papers report the slaying of 500 priests in Toledo during the Spanish Civil War. The appointment of Father Francis Connell to the faculty of the Catholic University of America is discussed (1938).

Folder 4: Prov. Americana, Provincialia, McCarty, April 1939-December 1942. This folder contains correspondence to and from Father Provincial William T. McCarty. The future bishop carried on correspondence mainly with Consultor General Charles McEnniry. The letters for 1939 are calendared with a brief, one-line remark for each. Among the items in this folder are references to the impending visit of Father Thomas Wheelwright to his half-brother, Eamon DeValera, of Ireland (1940; and cf., letters of Father General Patrick Murray to Father McCarty, January-April 1940), the looming war crisis, and the possibility of enrolling a Black Catholic in the Redemptorist seminary (1940). To this may be added numerous references to the missions in Brazil and Paraguay, including frequent news of the health of the fathers there. The Italian authorities during this period also routinely censor every letter, coming or going, and stamp them accordingly with their seal. An appeal from a confrere in a concentration camp in Gurs, France, prompts McCarty to assist (1941). Two new foundations in Dalton and Griffen, Georgia, are accepted (1942). Military chaplains are designated; by September 1942, 64 priests from Baltimore and another 27 from the West were serving as chaplains. A vice-province of Richmond is established with Father Cornelius Warren as vice-provincial (1942). On December 26, 1942, McCarty was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Military Services and Titular Bishop of Anaea.

Shelf C, Sheaf 4, five folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, McCarty and Gearin, 1939-1941, 1945-1947.

Two fascicles. Both fascicles relate correspondence to and from the Baltimore Provincials for the years given by Consultor General Father Charles McEnniry. Among items discussed in the first fascicle is the promise of pastoral care of Puerto Ricans at St. Cecelia's Church in Manhattan (1939), a lengthy discussion of the "Italian Question" in Tampa, Florida (1939), the presence of Myron Taylor in Rome fills the pages of *L'Osservatore Romano* (February 1940). In the second fascicle, building projects in Puerto Rico are in evidence.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Gearin, 1943-1947. This folder contains correspondence to and from Father Provincial Michael A. Gearin. His tenure as provincial began in the middle of World War II. The heroism of some of the 100 Redemptorist military chaplains is discussed (April 14, 1944). The prospect of further

enlargement of Redemptorist ministries in Paraguay (at Pilar, Asuncion, Pedro Juan Cabbalero and Bella Vista in August 1945) is also given attention and expansion into the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina at Clinton and Kannapolis, as well as the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont, at Bradford are also settled (1944). Speculation on the Baltimore Province taking on missions in Portuguese speaking Africa, Panama, and Uruguay (March 1946) are mentioned. The Dublin Redemptoristines vote unanimously to come to America and are urged by Archbishop Richard Cushing of Boston to settle near the Mission Church.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Frawley, 1947-1950. This folder contains correspondence to and from Father Provincial John M. Frawley, mainly with the Rector Major, Father Leonard Buys or his Consultor General Father John Keogh. The folder holds information on the disposition of Father Louis Hartman to assist on a new bible translation for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the establishment of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico through the efforts of Redemptorist Bishop James McManus of Ponce, and a request for assistance by Redemptorists in the fate of those interred in displaced persons camps in Europe (1948, see also 1950 for his CUA faculty appointment). A search for a new retreat house led to Marblehead, Massachusetts (thought impractical, 1949). Father (later Bishop) Thomas Reilly became a secretary in the nunciature at Ciudad Trujillo (1950).

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Sephton, 1950-1953. Five fascicles (appointments and 1950-1953). This folder contains correspondence to and from Father Provincial John Sephton, mainly with the Rector Major, Father Leonard Buys. In this folder there is some reflection on the work of the Redemptorists with the blind and placement of the new provincial house in Manhattan on East 74<sup>th</sup> Street (1950). Topics such as the nature and function of "out missions" from city parishes, as well as assessments on missionary labors in Central and South America are also provided (1951, 1952).

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Varia, 1899-1952. Unsorted, with no apparent theme. The items in this folder need to be integrated into the Provincialia series at the appropriate date.

#### Shelf C, Sheaf 5, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Sephton/Connolly, 1954. This folder contains correspondence to and from Father Provincial John Sephton and his successor, in June 1954, Father Provincial James T. Connolly and the Rector Major, Father William Gaudreau. It also contains correspondence to and from the vice-provincial for Campo Grande, Brazil, Father John Maerz. In the future, an archivist should separate all correspondence between Rome and the vice-provinces, but for now the folder holds mixed correspondence. Discussion is had over the building of new minor seminaries in Brazil and Paraguay and various maintenance projects in the United States. Purchase of property at Aguidilla, Puerto Rico. Attention to the statutes of the vice-province of Campo Grande is also provided.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1954. A continuation of the previous folder.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1955. A new church is planned for the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, with the altar by Count Gallazi [sic, Count Enrico

Galeazzi?] of the Vatican Studios. Cardinal Spellman consecrated (November 1955). Of note: admission of a Black Catholic into the minor seminary. There is an extensive correspondence over the ability of Paulist Fathers to view materials in the AGR related to Isaac Hecker, in view of a biography being written on him by a Paulist (March-April). The correspondence has been filed in reverse chronological order for this year.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Extraordinary Visitation, 1955. The puzzling placement of this folder within the category of Provincialia cannot be explained. Nor can its contents, which cover many aspects of the visitation. But it also contains a mixture of personalia, correspondence over the canonical erection of Our Lady of Fatima in Baltimore, and financial reports for the Province and vice-provinces that may belong more properly to the category of *Status Realis* (see below). They have been left as is for the present.

Shelf C, Sheaf 6, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1956. In addition to correspondence with the Rector Major, Father William Gaudreau, the *Status Realis* reports for the Baltimore Province are now included with the provincial's papers. The correspondence in this folder is, for the most part, in reverse chronological order; otherwise, unsorted.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1957. The folder contains several items that might belong more properly to series more pertinent to the various vice-provinces, particularly San Juan, but that have yet to be integrated into such a series. See especially the *Conspectus Ministerii*, or annual report on ministerial labors of the Redemptorists in the Vice-Province of San Juan for 1956, presented in March 1957, by Father Vice-Provincial Edward Harper. He submitted his annual visitation report in February of that year. The *Status Realis* reports for 1956 are contained in this file and include the financial accounts for the vice-provinces, though they were then submitted through the Provincial of the Baltimore Province. The file appears to be without chronological order.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1957. A continuation of the correspondence in Folder 2, often in reverse chronological order. The Vice-Province of Richmond's *Conspectus Ministerii* for 1956, submitted in 1957, is in this folder as is the report of the Vice-Provincial of Campo Grande, Brazil, Father John Maerz. Included is a letter on the opening of the new minor seminary at Campo Grande and gives a progress report on the new seminary at Ponta Grossa.

Shelf C, Sheaf 7, four folders.

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1958. *Conspectus Ministerii* for 1958 for the Baltimore Province, Vice-Province of Richmond. Revision of the Statutes of the Province include minutes of meetings and resulting text. Directories were issued for the giving of missions (cf. revision of the Directory for 1923 found in Provincialia for that year) and conduct of parishes.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1958. Continues the correspondence from the previous folder. The *Conspectus Ministerii* for 1957, submitted in 1958, are here for the Vice-Province of Richmond and Vice-Province of San Juan. The *Status Realis* (1957) for the Baltimore Province is also enclosed, as are visitation reports from the province and vice-provinces. Correspondence of Father Francis Connell relative to

the community in Washington, the receipt of his Alphonsian diploma, and a trip to Lourdes and Rome.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1958. Further correspondence; no particular order or subject. Discussion begins on the purchase of property for a novitiate at Suffield, Connecticut. The *Conspectus Ministerii* (1957) for the Baltimore Province is found in this folder. Discussion begins on the purchase of the former Xaverian property that became the Holy Family Retreat House in Hampton, Virginia. The estimate is received and approved to build a new Redemptoristine convent on the grounds of Mount St. Alphonsus in Esopus, New York. Information is given on the book *Father Cyclone*, a biography of Redemptorist Father Lawrence Lynch who was killed in action at Okinawa. Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1959. Responses to a survey of the Sacred Congregation for Religious covering the years 1955-1959 are provided by the Baltimore Province and the San Juan and Richmond vice-provinces. Father Francis Litz supplies his annual update on the sainthood cause of Bishop Neumann. *Conspectus Ministerii* for the Baltimore Province for 1959 is also supplied.

Shelf C, Sheaf 8, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly/Visitatio Canonica, 1960. Two fascicles. Fascicle one contains the elenchus for the professed of the Baltimore Province, the *Conspectus Ministerii* for the Baltimore Province and the Vice-provinces of San Juan, Campo Grande, and Richmond. Bishop Edward Harper, former vice-provincial, is made Bishop of Rosseau on the Island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Additionally, there is correspondence from Father William Jenks on his interests in handicapped children. Drinking among the confreres becomes a perennial problem, as does the Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic. Praise comes from the Archbishop of Asuncion, Paraguay, for the work of North American Redemptorists in his diocese. Father Ronald Connors begins his tenure as Vice-provincial of San Juan. Thanks from Bishop William McCarty, C.Ss.R., on receipt of an autographed blessing from Pope John. A large document on the curriculum at St. Mary's High School, North East, Pennsylvania. Father Henry Sattler, a frequent correspondent of the past few years, relates his work in Washington Archdiocesan Family Life Bureau.

Fascicle two relates the reports and correspondence surrounding the Extraordinary Visitation of 1960, undertaken by Father Raymond Schmitt.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1961. The folder is now coded simply (0700)(07Ba)(07SJ)(07CG). They represent the collection section and province names. In effect, the folder holds information on the province and vice-provinces without being separate in any distinct way. The folder contains information on Father General's stay in South America and his request for a loan from the Baltimore Province to be used to begin a minor seminary in Lima, Peru. The report of Bishop Thomas Reilly, C.Ss.R., to the Vatican on the attack on his compound in the Dominican Republic is given. The statutes of the Vice-Province of Richmond are supplied.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1961. A continuation of the previous folder. Mention is made of Bishop Reilly's arrest and release after President Trujillo was shot. The Church of St. Alphonso in Rome is given to Cardinal Ritter as his titular church. Letters from Bishop William McCarty of Rapid City. Memorandum from Bishop James McManus, C.Ss.R., of Ponce, Puerto Rico, on the role of the Catholic

bishops in Puerto Rican political affairs. Most of the letters to Father General Gaudraeau in this folder do not have replies attached, as in previous folders. The *Conspectus Ministerii* for the Vice-provinces of Richmond, Campo Grande and San Juan are provided. Note well—the records of the house in Santo Domingo were destroyed in the sacking of the house there in April 1961.

Shelf C, Sheaf 9, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1962. Two fascicles. Fascicle one contains letters from Bishop McCarty of Rapid City about the death of Pope John and the proceedings of the Second Vatican Council. Frequent correspondence from Father Litz regarding the impending beatification of Venerable John Neumann of Philadelphia. Little in this folder has much to do with the province itself and instead forms a packet of items addressed to the Rector Major. Fascicle two is a continuation of the above, with attention given to the nature of a loan to the Province of Quito, Ecuador; lectures of Father Francis Connell in Rome. The price is set for the landscaping, furnishing and building of the new seminary at Suffield, Connecticut. A speaking tour of the United States is in store for Father Bernard Häring, the noted moral theologian. The *Status Realis* for 1961 may be found in this file. The accounts cover the Baltimore Province, and the vice-provinces of San Juan, Campo Grande and Richmond.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1962. Two fascicles. The first fascicle contains the ordinary visitation report of Vice-provincial Father Ronald Connors. Fourteen Redemptorist bishops at Vatican II call the Casa S. Alfonso home during the conciliar proceedings. Fascicle two has news of John Glenn's ticker-tape parade in New York City, final touches being placed on Bishop McCarty's new cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the opening of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, and the Neumann cause.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1963. Two fascicles. Fascicle one treats of the international chapter in Rome in 1963. The *Conspectus Ministerii* and a catalog are contained here. Fascicle two holds information on Bishop McManus' departure from Puerto Rico, President Kennedy, formation centers in the Province and vice-provinces. The death of Pope John and postponement of the Neumann beatification are on Bishop McCarty's mind. Speculation over the identity of Xavier Rynne. Episcopal consecration of Bishop Bernard Nolker, C.Ss.R.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1963. Two fascicles. The first contains the *Status Realis* for the Province and vice-provinces, as well as the visitation report for 1962. Funding for a new church in Lima, Ohio, approved. The second fascicle relates requests for persons to be made Redemptorist Oblates. It also contains the canonical visitation reports for the Vice-Province of San Juan.

Shelf C, Sheaf 10, two folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connolly, 1964. This folder contains information on the sale of property in Port Washington to the Augustinian Fathers, the acceptance of a parish in Concepcion, Paraguay, the future of Bishop McManus since his removal to the Archdiocese of New York. The visitation report for 1963 for the Vice-Province of Richmond is enclosed, as are the *Status Realis* reports for that year. There are discipline problems at St. Mary's College, North East, Pennsylvania, and new measures toward configuring curriculum for the high school and college are underway.

Discussion begins on the erection of a new vice-province in Paraguay (the country's bishops insist on men from the Baltimore Province). A donation is made to build a new studentate in the Province of Sao Paulo and triennial appointments are made with Father Ronald Connor made the new Baltimore Provincial.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1964. Here begins the tenure of Father Ronald Connors, former vice-provincial of San Juan. In the first fascicle, consideration is given to moving the retreat house in Rochester, New York, to the "country" (eventually Canandaigua, New York). There are discussions over liturgical practice and prayer in common at St. Mary's College and at Mount St. Alphonsus. A visit by Stigmatine Sisters from Florence who were considering a move to North East. The summer house at Stamford, New York, is sold in favor of a former boys' camp at Monticello, New York. A new convent and improvements at OLPH, Brooklyn.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1964. This folder is marked "senza protocollo." In it may be found responses to a questionnaire sent out by the secretary general of the Congregation. The data generated largely replicates what is provided in annual reports. The dedication of St. Alphonsus College in Suffield, Connecticut. Reflections on the minor seminary in Ponta Grossa. Bishop McCarty discusses Vatican II and Pope Paul's trip to India. Cardinal Spellman of New York conveys his interest in religious and his intervention on the subject during the Council. Activities of Father Henry Sattler. A note from Bishop Nolker on the installation of Redemptorists at new foundations in the Diocese of Paranagua, Brazil. Bishop McManus requests relief from Father Gaudreau from the pastorate at St. Cecelia's in Manhattan. Requests for persons to be made Redemptorist Oblates. Bishop McCarty letters. Father Joseph Scannell, a frequent correspondent of the last several years, adds to the file. Dr. John Adams of the Mission Church in Boston decries replacement of the pastor, Father John Lynch, during a critical moment in neighborhood development. Father Michael Curley publishes *The Provincial Story*.

Shelf D, Sheaf 1, eight folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1965. Here begins an effort by previous archivists or staff in the General Curia to identify letters by protocol number. In prior years these had also been appended and often fill the margins of letters to the Rector Major, but now the practice is designated on the folders themselves. This folder begins with protocol number 2/65, with the first number indicating the number of the letter written in a given year and the last number indicating the year itself. The folder ends with 233/65. As with other years, the province code, VII-Ba, is also supplied on the letters. However, the correspondence is all in reverse chronological order. Discussed in this folder is the potential unification of the Campo Grande Vice-Province with the Uruguayan province. Visitation reports and an extraordinary visitation is planned with Father John McCormick of the St. Louis Province leading it. The visitation opened at Suffield with Father Paul Callahan as socius. The Status Realis reports are also supplied. Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1965. The prospect of a new church for San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, and a new school for Holy Trinity Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Most of these items are requests for dispensations, or the nihil obstat for building projects.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1965. Pope Paul VI comes to New York. Reports supplied: *Conspectus Ministerii*, *Relatio pro Annis*, 1960-1964, and the visitor's report. Permissions for building and the division of the parish in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1965. Further permissions requested. Further discussion on the potential unification of Uruguay with Paraguayan or Campo Grande vice-provinces. A moral problem arises in the formulation of reports from formation houses, namely, can the information gleaned from manifestations of conscience be incorporated in reports. *Conspectus Ministerii* from the Vice-Province of Campo Grande. A new church for Saratoga Springs and a new retreat center for Canandaigua (coupled with the suppression of the old Rochester retreat house). Liturgy in the vernacular. A conciliar theological workshop was held and included talks by Fathers Connell, Murphy, and Bishop McManus.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1965. Notice of a workshop on ministry in urban parishes. The *Calendarium* of the theologate at Mount St. Alphonsus. The search begins for a new provincial house. The extra-ordinary visitation reports of Father John McCormick are provided here for the Vice-Province of Richmond.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1965. Most of the items contained in this file are matters brought to the attention of the Rector Major, Father Gaudreau. A note from Father Joseph Oppitz accompanies a letter to the editor expounding his views on the nature of academic freedom and denouncing the activities of Father Daniel Berrigan, SJ. A "Pilgrimage of Fulfillment" is scheduled for 1966 to bring pilgrims to Sant' Alfonso in Rome. Letter of Father Lawrence Lover on the conditions at St. Mary's, North East. A letter of introduction to Cardinal Spellman of Dr. D. Nguyen-Ton-Hoan, former Vice-President and Premier of South Vietnam whose brother was the first Redemptorist in that country. Frequent correspondence with Bishop McCarty (mostly good will greetings) and annual reports.

Folder 7: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, *Visitatio Canonica*, 1965. Two fascicles. The results of the Extra-ordinary Visitation for 1964. The forms for the visitation of the foundations of the Baltimore Province are in fascicle one. Fascicle two contains additional forms, with the write-ups on the Extra-Ordinary Visitation of Vice-Province of Campo Grande and the Vice-Province of San Juan. The report on the Vice-Province of Richmond is not found.

Folder 8: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, *Conferences for Brothers*. The reading material for a monthly conference for Redemptorist Brothers, March to December 1965, numbers 1-10.

Shelf D, Sheaf 2, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1966. The folder is in reverse chronological order. Matters relate thoughts on the recommendations of the Extra-ordinary Visitation, the further division of the Baltimore Province, and plans are laid for the forthcoming Extraordinary General Chapter in 1967. The Vice-Provincial of San Juan, Father Sylvester Feeley, sent his visitation report. The *Elenchus Questionum in Relatione ad Sanctam Sede quadrennial* report was made for both the Vice-Provinces of Richmond (in Latin) and of San Juan (in English) and of Campo Grande (in English).

Additionally, the Status Realis reports for the Vice-Provinces of Richmond and Campo Grande (1965) are included.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1966. The Ordinary Visitation report for the Baltimore Province (1966) comes in addition to a lengthy memorandum on why the province should not be divided. The Conspectus Ministerii for the Vice-Province of San Juan and Vice-Province of Campo Grande is given. The Status Realis for the Vice-Province of San Juan is supplied. A new church for Curitiba is authorized. Faculty appointments.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1966. A chapel approved for Holy Family Retreat House in Hampton, Virginia, and the purchase of land for a laymen's retreat house in the Vice-Province of San Juan is authorized. Ordinary Visitation report on the Vice-Province of Campo Grande. Closing on the new provincial house in Brooklyn. Requests for retreat houses in the Dioceses of Richmond and Savannah, building projects approved elsewhere, including the erection of the San Alfonso Retreat Center at West End, New Jersey.

Shelf D, Sheaf 3, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1967. A new high school for Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and a new church for Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico. Dispensation requests. Proposed merger of the theologates of Esopus, New York and Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1967. In addition to "litterae variae," most of the material in this folder relates to the triennial appointments of both the province and vice-provinces. A transition is made after the chapter of 1967 to the tenure of a new Father General, Tarcisio Ariovaldo Amaral, who is no longer referred to as the Rector Major.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1967. Plans move ahead on the new provincial headquarters and the Redemptorists take another parish in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Ordinary Visitation report on the Vice-Province of Richmond is enclosed. The Conspectus Ministerii for Campo Grande is included. The Status Realis for the province and vice-provinces are also enclosed.

Shelf D, Sheaf 4, two folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1968. The folder contains the Status Realis for 1967 for the Baltimore Province and the Vice-Province of Campo Grande. The house at Charlotte, North Carolina, is suppressed after friction with the bishop.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1968. Requests for dispensations. Summary information provided to Father General Amaral on the status of the province and vice-provinces. Further discussion on the unification of the Western and Eastern theologates.

Shelf D, Sheaf 5, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors, 1969.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Caribe Comment/P.R. '69/Insight, 1969. The entire folder contains back issues of Caribe Comment, an internal publication for those Redemptorists ministering in the Vice-Province of San Juan (four issues). Additionally,

the folder contains back issues of another Redemptorist publication, P.R. '69, and *Insight*, a publication emerging from the Vice-Province of Campo Grande.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Connors/Kerins, 1969. With the election of Father Provincial Joseph Kerins, a new era is ushered into Baltimore Province leadership. The *Status Realis* reports for 1968 for the Vice-Province of Richmond and San Juan are supplied. Discussion on formation initiatives is also found in this folder. List of "Sacerdotes egressi," as well as letters of dispensation and appointment to various offices. Data is given on province personnel.

Shelf D, Sheaf 6, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande and Richmond, 1970. Two fascicles. The first holds back issues of the vice-province's publication *Insight* for 1970. Fascicle two holds a supplement to an issue of the CSSR Chronicle on the day-to-day activities of Father Provincial Kerins on the occasion of his ten-day visit to the Vice-province of Richmond.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1970. The folder contains the issues of P.R. '70 for 1970 and a supplement to the CSSR Chronicle on the day-to-day activities of Father Provincial Kerins on the occasion of his ten-day visit to the Vice-Province of San Juan.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1970. The folder contains the personnel list for those currently ministering in the province and vice-provinces with data on their status, necrology, a list of dispensati, and the "folia ad relationem annum"—a series of standardized pages on the personnel of the communities used in the creation of the worldwide Redemptorist catalog. It was becoming an increasingly common practice to submit these data sheets to the General Curia, without benefit of a narrative. The content of the folders becomes increasingly perfunctory and statistical. For additional correspondence, researchers would do well to consult the papers of the Fathers General or their consultors, though even here there is very little to or from Father Kerins, a conspicuous gap for the next several years. Folders in the following sheaf will supplement the materials in this one.

Shelf D, Sheaf 7, two folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1970. Included in this folder are the *acta* of the first meeting of the Extraordinary Vice-Provincial Council (EVPC) for the Vice-Province of San Juan and the Vice-Province of Campo Grande. A *relatio oeconomica* for the province and vice-provinces is supplied. This *relatio* seems to take the place of the *Status Realis*. Visitation reports on the Caribbean islands submitted by Father John Lernihan, consultor. Further statistical data on the province personnel submitted by Brother Barnabas Hipkins, archivist for the province. Letter of Bishop Thomas Reilly expressing his thoughts on the Roman curia, decline in religious vocations, and Father Francis X. Murphy.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1970. This folder contains newsletters and circular letters issued by Father Kerins to the confreres of the province. The year's issues of the *Redemptorist Chronicle* and *Comment*, two in-house publications, are also included. The publications relay important events in the province, in the lives of

individual confreres, and issues of concern. A complete set of this material may be found in the Baltimore Archives.

Shelf D, Sheaf 8, two folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1971. A correspondence file with references to Father General Amaral's trip to the Western provinces (St. Louis and New Orleans), and annual reports with the *relatio oeconomica* of the provinces and vice-provinces. *Acta* of the first meeting of the (EVPC) of the Vice-Province of Campo Grande. An agreement is set up (conventio) establishing a relationship between the Mission of Asuncion, Paraguay, and the Baltimore Province.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1971. Report on the Baltimore Province (age of members, vocations, locations, health and well being, etc). New statutes for the Baltimore Province through the work of the Extraordinary Provincial Council (EPC) and the first provincial chapter. The *acta* for the latter are included as well.

Shelf D, Sheaf 9, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1971. The folder contains the year's issues of *P.R.* '71.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande/Asuncion, 1971. The folder contains the year's issues of *Insight* and circular letters from the Vice-Provincial, Father James Toulas.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, *Chronicle and Comment*, 1971. The folder contains the year's issues of the *Redemptorist Chronicle and Comment*.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1971. Appointments, circular letters, minutes of a meeting of the Brothers' Committee on formation, supplement to the *Redemptorist Chronicle* detailing Father Provincial Kerins participation in the chapters of the vice-provinces (Richmond and San Juan), and the "Annual Provincial Archives Report." The latter reflects *Labores Apostolici* for the Baltimore Province and supplies data on the province personnel. Another newsletter, "Hudson Headlines," published by the Redemptorists at Esopus, is supplied.

Shelf D, Sheaf 10, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1972. The folder contains the year's issues the *Redemptorist Chronicle and Comment* along with some circular letters from Father Provincial Joseph Kerins. These items may be found in the Baltimore Archives.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1972. The *acta* of the Provincial Chapter and Provincial's Report on the Status of the Province. There follows the *relatio oeconomica* of the province and vice-provinces. The death of Bishop McCarty is announced to Father General. Appointments. The *acta* of the chapter of the Vice-Province of Campo Grande and annual reports are supplied.

Shelf D, Sheaf 11, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1972. Back issues of *P.R.* '72 (with one copy of *P.R.* '71).

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande, 1972. Back issues of *Insight* (with one copy from February 1973) and *Juverista*.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande and Asuncion Mission. Circular letters from the Vice-Provincial to the confreres, "Plano Pastoral Paroquial de Paranaguá."

Shelf D, Sheaf 12, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1973. Reports and circular letters on priest personnel. Relatio oeconomica for the province and vice-provinces. A contentious issue occurs in Puerto Rico over the presence and activities of Catholic Pentecostals and the involvement of Redemptorists.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, *Comment*, 1973. Back issues of *Comment* for 1972.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1973. Circular letter of Father Vice-Provincial Thomas Travers, back issues of *P.R. '73*, and back issues of *Memos and Meetings*, another newsletter to describe the activities of the provincial government.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande and Asuncion Mission, 1973. Back issues of *Insight*, together with minutes of meetings, and the report on the canonical visitation of the vice-province.

Shelf D, Sheaf 13, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1974. Filed through the Office of the Secretary General at the Curia in Rome, this folder contains follow up letters from Asuncion and Baltimore to Father General Pfab's communication (Communicanda #4).

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, *Comment*, 1974. Two fascicles containing the year's issues of *Comment*.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins. Two fascicles. The first contains circular letters from the provincial government to rectors and confreres within the province, as well as information on the 18<sup>th</sup> General Chapter, held in Rome, "On the Identity of the Redemptorist Vocation at this Time." Notice is given to a tremendous fire that brought down one of the Redemptorists' oldest churches in the United States, St. Joseph's in Rochester, New York. Notices of meetings, death card formats, and personnel lists are supplied. Fascicle two includes a new publication of the Baltimore Province focused on the history of Redemptorist life in America—*The Province Story*. Back issues for the year are supplied.

Shelf D, Sheaf 14, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Asuncion/Richmond/Campo Grande, 1974. Two fascicles. Fascicle one contains "Dear Confrere" circular letters for the Mission of Asuncion and the Vice-Province of Richmond. Fascicle two has circular letters and announcements of meetings for that year.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1974. This large file contains information on new initiatives in formation in the islands, Father John Gauci's exhaustive "Look at the Past and Present Vocations of the Vice-Province of San Juan" (a corrected version is in the May-June *P.R. '74*), and issues of *P.R. '74* (and one issue marked *P.R. '73* but actually was the January-February 1974 issue).

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1974. This folder contains perfunctory correspondence and a response to Communicanda #2, a questionnaire regarding

visitations in the vice-provinces. It also has, for the first time in several sheaves, a letter from the provincial to Father General Josef Pfab. The paucity of correspondence to Father General may be explained by the fact that his Econome and Consultor General was Father John Ruef, a member of the Baltimore Province, frequently handled curial correspondence in English and often interceded. Preparations began for the hundredth anniversary of the St. Louis Province. The Ration Novitiatus for the Vice-Province of Campo Grande is delivered. St. Gerard's, the house at Roanoke, Virginia, is suppressed, as is St. Alphonsus in Wilson, North Carolina (with its mission at Rocky Mount, NC) after a disagreement with Bishop Vincent Waters. The relation oeconomica is provided for the Vice-Province of Richmond.

Shelf D, Sheave 15, three folders:

- Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1975. A formal acceptance of St. Christopher's, Kent Island, Delaware. *Acta* of the meeting of the provincial chapter.
- Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1975. *Relatio Visitationes*. Father General Pfab visits the Baltimore Province. Letters to bishops. Father General meets with the EPC of the Province. "Provincial's Report on the State of the Province." "An Interim EPC Report to the Chapter Committee on Priorities in Apostolate and Chapter Committee on Poverty." "Report of the Committee on Extraordinary Preaching." "A Report on the Workshop The Magisterium and Apostolic Ministry as Mandated by the Baltimore Provincial Chapter of 1975," reprinted in a special issue of *Liguoriana*, a publication of the seminary faculty at Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York. "Report on Continuing Education.
- Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1975. Personnel lists.

Shelf E, Sheaf 1, seven folders:

- Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Richmond, 1975. Pre-chapter resume and list in vice-provincial government.
- Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Asuncion, 1975. Circular letters; acts of reunion between the Mission of Asuncion and the Province of Baltimore; minutes of the Assembly of the Mission of Asuncion, January 1975.
- Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1975. Vice-provincial government list. Workshops on marriage. Contact list for members of the vice-province. Formation report.
- Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1975. This file contains several back issues of the Province Story, Liguoriana, and the Redemptorist Chronicle. Included also is a jubilee book for the retreat house at West End, New Jersey.
- Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1975. Provincial's Report on the State of the Province; a memorial program booklet from St. Alphonsus Church, Baltimore; the catalog for Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York; progress report on the Parish Plan; circular letters; letter of Father William Jenks to Father General Pfab presenting a synthesis of the two volume work on the Sociological and Psychological Investigations of the Catholic Priest in the United States; letter of Father William Jenks to Father General Pfab on Jenks' Apostolate for the Handicapped. Petition of a committee of St. Lucy's Parish, Brooklyn, to send Redemptorists. Triennial appointments, circular letters, committee nominations/appointments (Brothers, Parish Priests, Secretariat for the

Apostolate). Ordination class anniversaries, letter of Father General Pfab reviewing his visitation to the Province, remembrance/activities calendars.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1975. Circular letters by Father Provincial Kerins.

Folder 7: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande, 1975. Circular letters by Father Vice-Provincial Joseph May.

Shelf E, Sheaf 2, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande/Asuncion. Relatio oeconomica for the vice-province, triennial appointments, acta of the vice-province chapter, annual report.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan. Two fascicles. The first contains the triennial appointments. Reports and correspondence of the extraordinary visitation of the vice-province by Fathers John Ruef and Juan Manual Lasso de la Vega, General Consultors. The second fascicle contains the *documenta* associated with the extraordinary visitation. Episcopal letters from the bishops of Caguas and Ponce. "A Study on Residential and Pre-Seminary Formation Programs as Applicable to the Vice-Province of San Juan," by Father Wilfrid Caragol.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan. This folder contains a large case file on the suppression of the house at Miramar (1975-1977) and accompanying documents, including the "History of the Discussion of Retrenchment (or Personnel Development) in the Vice-Province of San Juan, 1972-1976."

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Richmond, 1975. Correspondence and visitation/financial reports of the vice-province on the occasion of Father General Pfab's visit. Suppression of the foundation at Holy Rosary, Richmond. Acceptance of St. Benedict's, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Relatio oeconomica.

Shelf E, Sheaf 3, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1975. Personnel profiles of Bishop Bernard J. Nolker, Fathers Francis X. Murphy, John Ruef, Thomas Maher, Joseph Rowan, Joseph Manton, and John McGuire, jubilarians that year.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1975. Back issues of *Comment* for the year.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1975/1976. Various publications—Mount St. Alphonsus Catalog for 1975-1978; *The Alphonsian* for December 1976, published by the minor seminarians at St. Mary's, North East, Pennsylvania. Comment for 1976; circular letters from Father Provincial Kerins to "My Dear Confrere"; Province Communications; Liguoriana; The Province Story; transfer list; Bicentennial celebration Mass at St. Mary's, Annapolis; personnel lists and caledars.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Varia, 1975/1976. Unsorted.

Shelf E, Sheaf 4, three folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Litterae Variae/Relatio oeconomica. Two fascicles. Fascicle one: Letter from Father Adam Otterbein on the impending Neumann canonization. Appointment of a new General Procurator. Fascicle two and following:

Relatio oeconomica for the Baltimore Province and Vice Province of Richmond and Campo Grande.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1976/1977. Publications—*Neumann Bulletin*, *Juverista*, *The Province Story*, *Liguoriana*. Calendars. Bishop Ronald G. Connors, C.Ss.R., assumes the See of San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic; Bishop Edward Harper, C.Ss.R., assumes the See of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Publications, 1977. *Comment*, *Province Communications*, *Visitante* (celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Redemptorists in Puerto Rico).

Shelf E, Sheaf 5, four folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Kerins, 1977. Personnel lists/data. Acta of the Chapter at West End (November 1976). Two other fascicles: a transfer case; litterae variae; newsletters and “Dear Confrere” letters. Coverage includes disastrous fire at St. Mary’s Minor Seminary in North East, Pennsylvania. Province calendars, annual report, and relatio oeconomica.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Richmond, 1977. Annual reports of the Vice-Province of Richmond, together with the relation oeconomica.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1977. Acts of the third chapter of the Vice-Province of San Juan, with accompanying preparatory document. In a separate fascicle, letters to provincials about the chapter and a photocopy of the special issue *Visitante* on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Redemptorists in Puerto Rico.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande and Asuncion, 1977. Relatio oeconomica for both the Vice-Province of Campo Grande and the Mission of Asuncion. Annual report for Campo Grande. In a separate fascicle, circular letters from the Vice-Provincial and a back issue of *Juverista*.

Shelf E, Sheaf 6, six folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Hurley, 1978. With this folder begins the tenure of Father Provincial Joseph Hurley (elected April 1978). The folder contains nominations for office, chapter, election results, triennial appointments. The year’s issues of *Comment* and *Province Communications*, calendars.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Hurley, 1978. The folder contains the catalog for Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York; promotional materials for the Catholic Deaf Center in Washington, D.C. (assisted by Brother David Skarda); commentary and correspondence on the province electoral laws; in a separate fascicle, *litterae circulares*.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Acta Capituli Provinciae. The acta of the chapter of 1978.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande/Asuncion, 1978. Appointments. In a separate fascicle, visitation reports for the Mission for Asuncion. Questions on electoral law of the vice-province. Ratio philosophiae et Theologiae for the seminary at Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil, with the names of the student body. In a separate fascicle, circular letters from the Vice-Provincial of Campo Grande, Father Joseph May. One copy of *Juverista*. Preparatory documents for the chapter of the Mission of Asuncion, together with the acta of that chapter.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1978. Election results, circular letters, *Caribe '78* (August and December); Christmas letter of Father Thomas Forrest on his activities with the Catholic Charismatic Movement; parish profiles of San Lorenzo, Fajardo, Las Matas de Farfan, St. Augustin, Aguas Buenas, and others in Puerto Rico. Father Vice-Provincial Travers gives a status report on the Vice-Provice.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Richmond, 1978. Annual report and relatio oeconomica.

Shelf E, Sheaf 7, five folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Richmond, 1979. "Recurus, Domeika, Thomas, sine data" (complaint letter re: OLPH Parish, Salem, Virginia); relatio oeconomica.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Campo Grande/Asuncion, 1979. Alienation of property at Bela Vista; suppression of the foundations at Campo Grande I and II; annual report; relatio oeconomica; circular letters. In a separate fascicle, a petition to subsidize a program of social action (a new well) at Pedro Juan Caballero.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1979. Memoranda from the Secretariate of the Apostolate of the vice-province. Correspondence and reactions to the idea of a joint seminary for religious in Puerto Rico; correspondence of Bishop Miguel Rodriguez, C.Ss.R., regarding Redemptorist relations with Puerto Rico's bishops (with reply of Father General Pfab).

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan, 1979. Results of the CSSR School Survey, canvassing data on all local schools (including ones sponsored by the CSSRs) in places where Redemptorists have a presence.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, San Juan/Visitatio Canonica, 1979. Mostly statistical data; no visitation report found. Additional correspondence related to a visitation in 1982 by Fathers Ignaz Dekkers and Jim McGrath. The material appears unsorted. Extensive reflection on parish pastoral plans, which may have been linked to recommendations from the visitation.

Shelf E, Sheaf 8, five folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Hurley, 1979. Unsorted correspondence and one issue of *The Province Story*.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Hurley, 1979. Relatio oeconomica, 1977-1978. Circular letters, several of which accompany preparatory documents for the General chapter of December 1979; Provincial Report on the State of the Province (1972?; probably mis-filed); notice of Pope John Paul II visiting the National Shrine of St. John Neumann; communications from the chapter in Rome; notes from the Alphonsian History and Spirituality course.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Hurley, 1979. Visitatio canonica 1982 (though this visitation took place in 1982, the folder is marked according to the protocol numbers affixed to the documents; hence, the file is placed in this sheaf). There are numerous profiles of each foundation, but no final report is to be found.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Publications, 1979. Issues included in this folder: *The Province Story*, *Province Communications*, and *Comment*.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Provincialia, Publications, 1979. *The Redemptorist Chronicle* for 1979.

## Provincia Baltimorensis Visitatio Canonica

Shelf E, Sheaf 9, 17 folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes—Relationes, 1878. Here begin the reports on canonical visitation, whereby each house and member of the province is “visited” by a superior to inquire about the health, well-being, and ministerial work of the confreres. All criticisms and praise for the life and labor of the Congregation are to be given, according to the Rule, freely and without reservation. The reports of superiors are then collected and studied for action by the General or Provincial government as the case may be. Canonical visitation is of two types: ordinary and extra-ordinary. Ordinary visitation is made by Father Provincial or his delegate. Extra-ordinary visitation is made by a foreigner, assigned by Father General, with or without the consent of the provincial. Extra-ordinary visitations are usually made every three years. However, if an instance arises where a situation within the province is particularly vexing, Father General may assign a visitor outside of the triennial visit. Ordinary visitation by the Provincial is not required to observe a three-year rule; many provincials have made this an annual practice. Collected in the folders here and in the ones that follow are preparatory notes and correspondence ante- and post-visitatio, as well as the reports themselves. The “relations” are short descriptions of each house and contain the upshot of conversations held with each confrere and/or a general description of the community spirit or practices. Some folders contain recommendations for renewing a house or province’s community life.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes—Relationes, 1890-1891.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes—Relationes, 1894.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes, 1898.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes, 1899.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes, 1901.

Folder 7: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes—Relationes, 1901.

Folder 8: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes—Relationes, 1903.

Folder 9: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes—Relationes, 1904

Folder 10: Prov. Baltimore, Visitatio Canonica, Schwarz, 1897. Here begins the first of several extra-ordinary canonical visitations. Appointed by the Rector Major, Father Joseph Schwarz made a visit to the Province in 1897. He was provided with a “socius” or assistant for the duration of his trip. Both Fathers John Bennett of England and Daniel Mullane were assigned for this duty, often assisting Father Schwarz on language matters from city to city. Their correspondence comprises the bulk of this folder.

Folder 12: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes—Extraordinario, Schwarz Epistolae, 1896-1898. The letters display exemplary pastoral sensitivity, especially toward those men who were finding religious life difficult. They also call forth the best of Redemptorist practice in observation of the Rule and spare no praise to the Rector Major, Father Mathias Raus. Schwarz even took pity on his socius, Father Bennett, who he believed was failing under the strain of the journey.

Folder 13: Prov. Baltimore, Vistationes, Extraordinario, Schwarz, 1901-1902. Father Schwarz made the next extraordinary canonical visitation in 1902 as well.

Folder 14: Prov. Baltimore, Visitationes, Extraordinario/Ordinario, 1909-1923. Extraordinary visitations were made in 1909, 1912, 1918 and 1923. An ordinary visitation was made in 1922.

Folder 15: Prov. Baltimore, Visitationes, Ordinario, 1924-1932.

Folder 16: Prov. Baltimore, Visitationes, Ordinario, 1933-1936.

Folder 17: Prov. Baltimore, Visitationes, Ordinario et Varia, 1950-1954.

Shelf E, Sheaf 10, 6 folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Visitationes, Ordinario, 1937-1940.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Visitationes, Ordinario, 1941-1944.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Visitationes, Ordinario, 1945-1950

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Triennial Provincial Consultation, 1915, 1923, 1925, 1931, 1935, 1937, 1951. The Triennial Consultation affords an opportunity for all the members of the Province to gather as one community to discuss the overall direction of the province and contribute to its efficacy. Owing to the two world wars, there are gaps in the triennial meetings.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Triennial Provincial Consultation, 1951. In 1951, Father General Leonard Buys presided. This folder contains a bound, complete set of minutes of this meeting.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Visitationes, Extraordinario, Grangell, 1956.

Provincia Americana/Provincia Baltimore, Labores Apostolici, 1850-1875, 1877-1909, 1909-1954; Professio Temporaria et Perpetuo Choristae, Clerici, Fratres Laici, 1910-1954

Shelf F, Sheaf 1, seven folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Americana, Labores Apostolici, 1832-1868. Two fascicles. The elenchus of apostolic labors among Redemptorists on the American mission is summarized in reports to the Generalate. Included in these reports are thumb nail sketches of the activities of the fathers on the mission, in the confessional, at the altar rail, and so forth. They describe who the Redemptorists ministered to, and how, when, and where they did so. These are given each year for each foundation in the province. Additionally, the reports give a short record of the breath of their missionary preaching in parishes across the nation. Entries are given on the activities of the fathers in each preaching assignment, where the mission took place, the reception and acceptance of the sacraments. Fascicle one: reports for 183-1861. In Latin. Fascicle two: reports for 1865-1868. In Latin

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Labores Apostolici, 1855-1864. Seventeen fascicles. The fascicles relate correspondence, news clippings, requests for spiritual direction and assistance from the Redemptorists in their non-parochial capacities throughout North America. Several communities of women religious called upon the fathers to act as chaplains or retreat masters. In French, German, and Latin.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Labores Apostolici, 1840-1908. Three fascicles. The first includes the Relatio Summaria de Laboribus Apotolicis, 1890-1899." The second gives the "Conditio Congregationis Ss. Redemptoris in America Septentionali Dilucidata" by Father Joseph Putzer, 1894. The third is a copy of the "Conspectus Laborum Apostolicorum CSSR in America, Septentionale, 1840-1890," by Father Joseph Wuest,

the province annalist. The fourth is a list of conspecti for the labors of the Baltimore Province for the years 1904-1908.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Labores Apostolici, 1890-1900. Enclosed is a copy of the Elenchus Laborem Apostolorum, 1890-1900, issued from Ilchester, Maryland, in 1900.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Labores Apostolici, 1912-1930. Though the sheaf is given a cover label beginning with the date 1909, in actuality, the first folder of apostolic labors starts with undated material. The folder itself has 1912 as its start date and 1930 as the end date labeled on the cover. In actuality, the reports end at 1927, with an interesting set of assessments on the particular needs of Italians in 1926. Here, again, the contents of the folder reflect all those ministries of various kinds that Redemptorists engaged in for the period. Included are numbers of converts, novenas given, and even the numbers of library books accessioned for the schools. As the years passed, the configurations of the data increased to include a wide variety of statistical information. There do not seem to be reports for 1913 and 1914.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Labores Apostolici, 1931-1940. Missions preached in mission territories are now given both in Spanish and Guarani. A note from then Province Archivist Father John Byrne indicates that some of the reports for the years 1936-1939 may be found in with materials related to the vice-province of San Juan.

Folder 7: Prov. Baltimore, Labores Apostolici, 1935-1957.

Note well—the sheaf itself also contains folders, described below, related to the temporary and perpetual profession of vows made by choristers or clerical novices of Redemptorists. Though this may be later delineated as part of an overall series on students or formation, for now these folders remain lodged within this particular sheaf.

Shelf F, Sheaf 2, eleven folders:

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Temporaria Chorista, 1910-1913. The relation or formal petition of each individual person who sought to make temporary vows within the Baltimore Province, inclusive of their biographical data and assessment of their worthiness for religious life. Despite the fact that the data is in Latin, in the absence of a confidentiality policy, these records should be consulted with the permission of the archivist.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Temporaria Chorista, 1914-1917.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Temporaria Chorista, 1918-1921.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Temporaria Chorista, 1922-1930.

Folder 7: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Temporaria Chorista, 1931-1954.

Folder 8: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Perpetua Clerici, 1921-1925. Included in this folder is information on the students of the Toronto Province as well, owing to the common seminary at Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York.

Folder 9: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Perpetua Clerici, 1921-1925.

Folder 10: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Perpetua Clerici, 1926-1931.

Folder 11: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Perpetua Clerici, 1932-1952.

Shelf F, Sheaf 3, six folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Temporaria Fratres Laici, 1911-1924. The folder contains information on those lay brothers that have made temporary vows to be Redemptorists. Despite the fact that the data is in Latin, in the absence of a

confidentiality policy, these records should be consulted with the permission of the archivist.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Temporalia, Fratres Laici, 1925-1954.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Professio Perpetua, Fratres Laici, 1921-1941.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Studentus Elenchus ad Professioem et Sacerdotium, 1922-1940.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Studentatus Varia, Relatio Annua, 1910-1914.

Note well—formerly three additional folders of Personalia were included in this sheaf. Individuals whose correspondence to the Generalate and elsewhere were culled and placed alongside the file folders of the professed listed in the folders above, perhaps because these men became priests during the years involved (roughly the 1910s-1954). But this is a very cumbersome system and future researchers will find this difficult to ascertain. Therefore, they have been removed to the section on Personalia and will need to be integrated into that series by last name so that a complete alphabetical file may be easily consulted.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Novitiatus et Studentatus, Professio Temporalia et Perpetua, 1941-1953.

#### Provincia Americana/Baltimore Chronica/Catalogi/Status Realis

Shelf F, Sheaf 4, four folders:

Folder 1: Chronica, 1855-1868. Short history of the Province and its personnel.

Folder 2: Catalogues, 1851-1923. Lists of the members of the Province and status within it. Many years are missing. The folder has 1851, 1858, 1859, 1862, 1863, 1866-1868, 1875, 1880, 1884, 1923.

Folder 3: Prov. Americana, Status Realis, 1853-1858, 1859-1860. Two fascicles. Here begins the regular practice of submitting to the Econome General the balance sheets for the entire Baltimore Province. Included in each fascicle is a “Conspectus Acceptorum et Expensorum a domibus” listing the revenues and expenses of each house, usually without comment. The reports were sent from the provincialate’s office of the Procurator. Occasionally a report is supplemented with a narrative or the method of display is augmented as accounting procedures evolved.

Folder 4: Prov. Americana, Status Realis, 1861-1864, 1865-1875. Four fascicles.

Shelf F, Sheaf 5, eleven folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1877-1881. Four fascicles.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1882-1884. Three fascicles.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1885-1888. Three fascicles.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1889-1890. Two fascicles. N.B.—reports for the years 1891 and 1892 are missing.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1893-1895. Three fascicles.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1896-1899. Four fascicles.

Folder 7: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1900-1908. Four fascicles. N.B.—reports for 1903, (1904, only one page present), 1905, 1906, and 1907 are missing.

Folder 8: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1909-1922. The folder is mis-labeled. In actuality, the reports begin in 1912.

Folder 9: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1923-1934.

Folder 10: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1935-1939.

Folder 11: Prov. Baltimore, Status Realis, 1935-1950.

### Provincia Baltimorensis Localia and Epistolae Wuest

Shelf F, Sheaf 6, six folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Localia I, Property maps. This series (Localia I and Localia II, so designated to indicate sheaf numbers and contents of documents from the American and Baltimore Provinces) begins an assembly of all the documentation relative to Redemptorist properties and their canonical and/or civil erection as churches, retreat houses, schools, convents, parish centers and so forth. There is also one folder of documentation relative to the suppression of some foundations. The folders contain more than information on the physical plant or the mortgage. Often the building of a church must be approved by the local bishop, the Holy See or both and the Redemptorist presence in the diocese—just as other religious orders have experienced—is at times fraught. The contents of this folder reflect parish boundaries, property sites, campus drawings, or prospecti. Many are undated and should not be considered current.

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Localia, Foundations obletae. Four fascicles. Fascicle one pertains to the Island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. It contains copies of letters from Father Edward Douglas to Father George Ruland, the originals of which may be found in the Baltimore Archive. Fascicle two contains a long memorandum prepared for the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith by Cardinal Gabriele Ferretti on the administration by Redemptorists of the area between Monroe and Detroit, Michigan. Fascicle three are requests from various bishops across the United States and Canada to establish Redemptorist-led parishes in their dioceses. The fourth fascicle contains communications between the Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith and the Rector Major, Father Nicholas Mauron.

Folder 3: Prov. Americana, Localia I, Monroe/Detroit, Documenta, 1847-1859. This extensive correspondence file begins in 1847 with a contract between Bishop Peter Paul Levefèvre and Father Louis Gillet, C.Ss.R., for the Redemptorists to provide pastoral care for the French-speaking Catholics of Monroe, Michigan. This ministry began formal links between the Redemptorists and the important See of Detroit and enabled them in their missionary efforts in the Great Lakes regions. Controversies over land and what was owed to the Redemptorists for their general welfare soon ensued and the majority of the documents between the Redemptorists, the Diocese of Detroit, and the Congregation of Propaganda Fide are highly detailed renditions of the facts on the ground. Several of the documents in this folder are copies of those in the Baltimore Archives, though most are in the original.

Folder 4: Prov. Americana, Localia I, Annapolis, Baltimore, Boston, 1855-1903. Four fascicles. The first fascicle contains news clippings from the Annapolis Capital describing the history of St. Mary's Church on the occasion of its golden jubilee in 1903. The second fascicle contains information, mostly news clipping from the 1860s, on the Redemptorists' parishes in Baltimore, especially St. Alphonsus, site of the provincial residence for many years. The third fascicle pertains to St. Michael the Archangel Church in Baltimore and also has several news clippings. Finally, the fourth fascicle

relates information on the Redemptorists in Boston, from 1856 (though the file has indications that the correspondence extended to 1871).

Folder 5: Prov. Americana, Localia I, Buffalo, Chicago, Cumberland, Detroit, Ilchester, New Orleans. Six fascicles. The first contains material related to Immaculate Conception Church in Buffalo beginning in April 1865 and including Father Mauron's canonical erection of the community there the following month. The second fascicle pertains to labors in Chicago. The correspondence begins in 1857 and eventuates in St. Michael's Church. The third fascicle gives information on Cumberland, Maryland, where Redemptorists had their seminary for many years. The fourth fascicle supplies information on Most Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit (two news clippings). The fifth fascicle relates information on the Redemptorist novitiate at Ilchester, Maryland (1867, two news clippings). The sixth and largest fascicle pertains to the community at St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus in New Orleans.

Folder 6: Prov. Americana, Localia I, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Quebec, St. John (New Brunswick, post-divisione). Six fascicles; mostly news clippings. The first pertains to the community at East Third Street in Manhattan, Most Holy Redeemer, and to St. Alphonsus Parish on Thompson Street in Manhattan. The second fascicle deals with St. Peter's in Philadelphia. The third deals with St. Philomena's in Pittsburgh. Notable here are the articles of incorporation of St. Joseph's Asylum for Orphans established in 1853. The fourth fascicle deals with St. Joseph's Church in Rochester, New York. The fifth fascicle deals with St. Patrick's Church in Quebec and contains the contract between the Redemptorists and the Archbishop, denying responsibility for care of Irish Catholics who may be in further need of their own church (1873). The sixth fascicle also contains a contract between Bishop Sweeney of New Brunswick and the Redemptorists on the pastoral care of St. John's.

Shelf F, Sheaf 7, thirteen folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Baltimore, Localia II, Seattle. Two fascicles. This folder contains information on the foundation at Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington, that emerged in 1890. The first fascicle is preparatory and sets the stage for the acquisition of property. The second fascicle establishes the foundation and first years of its existence. The letters of Fathers Cronin and William Lindner are extremely valuable for understanding Catholic life in the Pacific Northwest as well as the Redemptorists' role in that milieu.

Folder 2: Prov. Baltimore, Localia II, Miscellanea. Four fascicles. The first fascicle is labeled "Extraneorum litterae" and contains letters written from across the United States and Italy about sundry matters. The second fascicle are letters to the Rector Major requesting that Redemptorists consider establishing foundations within a diocese or region, such as when Bishop John Brondel of Helena in Montana asked for them to come in 1889 or the following year when Bishop Nicholas Matz of Denver requested the Fathers for Pueblo, only to be turned down. The third fascicle again contains petition letters, including by the Archbishop of New York, Michael Corrigan, to minister to a growing Italian population. The fourth fascicle deals with petition letters from immigrant-aid societies like the St. Raphael's Verein.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Localia II, Miscellanea. By contrast with the previous folder, all of the materials contained in this one are from the twentieth century. There is no particular order and geographic locations run from Saskatchewan to Brazil. Contained in

this folder are letters from Bishop Charles Currier of Matanzas, a former Redemptorist, and the account of a visit by Frs. August Dooper and Michael Sheehan to him in Cuba in February 1914. Currier had requested that Redemptorists come to his diocese.

Folder 4: Prov. Americana/Baltimorensis, Epistolae Wuest, 1871-1883. Here begins a set of folders containing correspondence by the Baltimore Province's chronicler and annalist, Father Joseph Wuest. His letters to Father General reflect a keen awareness of the happenings in the Province, its personnel, and budget matters (Father Wuest was also Provincial Procurator). The fact that he was in frequent communication with the Generalate also reflects the sentiments operative overseas as well. His work as procurator kept him abreast of most funding projects and he would be called upon frequently to secure information in the making of prudent decisions. The letters in the AGR supplement a large body of Wuestiana in the Baltimore Archive, including dozens of daybooks kept by this confrere. All of the letters in the AGR are in German script.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Localia: Suppressed Foundations. The items in this folder are the documents conveying the suppression of a foundation in the Baltimore Province and the vice-provinces, 1954-1990.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Epistolae Wuest, 1884-1886.

Folder 7: Prov. Baltimore, Epistolae Wuest, 1887-1888.

Folder 8: Prov. Baltimore, Epistolae Wuest, 1889.

Folder 9: Prov. Baltimore, Epistolae Wuest, 1890.

Folder 10: Prov. Baltimore, Epistolae Wuest, 1891-1896.

Folder 11: Prov. Baltimore, Epistolae Wuest, 1897-1908.

Folder 12: Prov. Baltimore, Epistolae Dusold, 1890-1903. Father Wuest's successor in the office of Procurator for the Baltimore Province was Father George Dusold. In some respects Father Wuest's correspondence on projects underway when he was succeeded by Father Dusold permit of further scrutiny and comparison. For continuity, they are placed in the same sheaf.

Folder 13: Prov. Baltimore, Epistolae Dusold/Becker ad Schwarz, 1917-1920. Just before Father Dusold died in the fall of 1917, he set in motion an arrangement with the Province's banking institutions to protect its ability to transfer funds from the United States to Europe. The usual recipient of these funds was the Consultor General Father Joseph Schwarz. Father Dusold's successor, Father Charles Becker, took similar steps. The folder represents the war-time correspondence around the safe-guarding of Redemptorist assets and the ability of the Baltimore Province to contribute to relief efforts around Europe and especially in Rome.

#### Provincia Americana/Baltimorensis: Studenti—Juvenatus, Novitiatus, Studentatus

Shelf F, Sheaf 7, five folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Americana, Studenti: Juvenatus, 1872-1889. With this begins a series on what it was like to be a student and immersed in the rules and life of the Congregation. Not only was the student enrolled to cultivate mind and body, he was to give it direction toward the possibility of a vocation. After a period in the juniorate or minor seminary, a further period in the philosophate or novitiate, and then finally entrance into the theologate or seminary, at the culmination of study one could anticipate reception of holy orders. The juvenate molded young men by way of strict observance of rules of the

house, discipline by formators, and sacramental life. In the classroom they had every advantage of the better private schools and in exercise there was nothing lacking, since juvenists were usually surrounded by fields that gave ample room for playing sports or walking through nature. This folder contains a variety of material, such as catalogs, letters, examination reports, and house regulations.

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Studenti: Novitiatus, 1855-1875. The contents of this folder reflect ordinary business in the running of the novitiate, either between the rector and provincial or provincial and rector major. Communications on the novice candidates themselves are numerous and the selectivity process of the formators is stringent.

Folder 3: Prov. Baltimore, Studenti: Novitiatus, 1876-1894. As with the previous folder, the contents contain numerous short biographies and assessments of each novice.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Studenti: Novitiatus, 1895-1909. Ditto.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Studenti: 2<sup>nd</sup> Novitiate, 1863-1875; 1903. The second novitiate occurred after ordination but before one could hear confessions or preach. It was an additional period of spiritual preparation for ministry—a chance to work on homilies that might be used to give missions, and an exploratory moment in pastoral work. Typically, the second novitiate was undertaken at the Congregation's house in Annapolis, Maryland, at St. Mary's, though for a time it was at Ilchester, Maryland. The contents of this folder provides several documents declaring who may be admitted to the second novitiate as well as the regulations governing those who are admitted.

Shelf F, Sheaf 8, seven folders:

Folder 1: Prov. Americana, Studentatus, 1862-1865. Notable for containing two letters of Blessed Francis Seelos (1862), and others referring to his role as novice master, the file gives copious detail on life in the novitiate by faculty and staff.

Folder 2: Prov. Americana, Studentatus, 1865. In this folder are the individual petitions of dozens of fraters in the Congregation who petitioned the Rector Major for training in the theologate, on the presumption that they wished to be ordained.

Folder 3: Prov. Americana, Relationes circa Studentes, 1866-1875. These documents give the students highly abbreviated assessments as to their progress (pessima, bona, optima, etc.) but also convey from the students to their superiors their thanks for bringing them into the Redemptorist charism.

Folder 4: Prov. Baltimore, Studentatus, 1892-1907. Grade reports and assessments of the students as a whole and individually.

Folder 5: Prov. Baltimore, Studentatus, 1891-1892. Two fascicles. Fascicle one contains the Ordo Examinis Annui in Domo Studiorum for 1891; fascicle two holds the same ordo for 1892.

Folder 6: Prov. Baltimore, Studia—Anticipata Ordinis, Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York, 1914-1980. Letters petitioning for ordination or reports on ordination classes. Some materials relate to dispensations, particularly to those who would be ordained earlier than anticipated.

Folder 7, Prov. Baltimore, Formatio, Varia, 1949-1951. This folder of varied material includes a letter to the Rector Major on the occasion of Father Edward Wuenschel's appointment to lead the Schola Maior (and a frank assessment of Father Francis Connell), a formation brochure for Redemptorist brothers, notes of Father Rector Buys, and

background and program of a joint meeting on formation between the Baltimore, St. Louis and Toronto provinces.

### Provincia Baltimorensis Gratulatoria

Shelf G, Sheaf 2, multiple items:

Prov. Baltimore, Gratulatoria, Mauron. This sheaf contains congratulatory material on the occasion of Father Rector Mauron's Golden Jubilee sent from several of the houses in the Baltimore Province, as well as a satin-covered book from the community at St. John's, New Brunswick.

Shelf G, Sheaf 2, multiple items:

Prov. Baltimore, Gratulatoria, Mauron/Raus. One packet of letters to Mauron; one folder of letters to Raus on the occasion of their jubilees. Another folder (Excerpta ex fol. Publ.) is filled with news paper clippings of the obituaries of deceased confreres—mostly from the nineteenth century. Another contains a packet of news paper clippings of the labors of nineteenth century Redemptorists. Both clippings files are unsorted and are in English, German, and French.

Shelf G, Sheaf 3, multiple items:

This sheaf contains mainly unprocessed congratulatory letters, scrapbooks, photograph albums, a canister of film, obituaries, circular letters to chaplains during World War II, and sundry items from the province and vice-provinces to the Rector Major on various occasions. This material is a catch all. Some should be integrated into the larger collection.

Shelf G, Scrapbook of Father Philip Hoffman.

Additionally, a scrapbook assembled after the death of Father Philip Hoffman, a former consultor general from the Baltimore Province, is included under the presumption that at some future point authorities would attempt to investigate him for his virtue and sanctity.

The remaining portions of this collection on Shelves G and H are devoted to a distinct numbering system: (0700)=Province of Baltimore; (0702)=Vice-Province of San Juan; (0703)=Vice-Province of Campo Grande; (0704)=Vice-Province of Richmond; (0705)=Mission of Asuncion. Most of the papers are ordered by year, though they remain in unsorted, unprocessed fascicles. Most of these fascicles are from the 1980s and 1990s, though there are occasional items from earlier in the unit's history. Supplementing these items are unopened packets of letters, curios, floppy disks, and bound books devoted to the history of the Redemptorists in Puerto Rico assembled by Father John Gauci. The information he assembled includes the following items:

Catalog information for the Province of San Juan 2002 with a list of priests and brothers in Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and the U.S. Virgin Islands, 1950-2001

Information related to Father Louis Buggenoms, C.Ss.R., who ministered in the Dominican Republic; also housed in a red binder are personnel assignments of the CSSRs from 1900-1985

Redemptorist Apostolates in the Caribbean II: The Virgin Islands, The Lesser Antilles, Puerto Rico, The Dominican Republic, 1858/1900/1994 by Father John Gauci (Puerta de Tierra, P.R., 1995, spiral bound)

CSSR Annals, West Indies, 1858-1984, compiled by Father Albert Rutten and edited by Father Werner Vanmoerkerke (1996)

Cronica de la Fundacion de la Casa de Redentoristas en Puerto Rico (1886-1900) by Fathers Felix Grisar and Antonio Santander (a bound photostatic copy of the original house annals)

Redemptorists—a day by day chronicle of the events of Redemptorist activities in the Diocese of Roseau.

One may also find the visitation diaries of Father Joseph Schwarz (1901-1902) and of Father Fidelis Speidel (1911-1914) and the *mandatum* book for superiors of Redemptorist foundations from 1855 to 1890.

The remaining two sheaves on Shelf G relate to unsorted materials for the Baltimore Province.

Finally, there is one sheaf of uncatalogued materials related to Father Louis Gillet which has been removed from the series ordinarily reserved for “Dispensati.” The reason for removing the sheaf was the ongoing research and writing of the biography of Gillet by Father Gilbert A. Enderle of the Denver Province and a member of the Redemptorist Historical Institute. The two folders contained in this sheaf are important for the early history of the American Province, though the exact designation of a placement of this material has yet to be determined.

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