

INVENTORY OF THE ST. LOUIS PROVINCE COLLECTION (12) REDEMPTORIST GENERAL ARCHIVE, ROME

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The Redemptorists' Denver Province (12) has a historic beginning and storied career. Formally erected as a sister province of the Baltimore Province in 1875, it was initially known as the Vice-Province of St. Louis. It eventually divided again between regional foundations in Chicago, New Orleans, and Oakland. The Denver Province presently affiliates with the Vice-Provinces of Bangkok and Manaus and hosts the external province of Vietnam. Today, the classification system at the Archivio Generale Redentoristi (AGR), has retained the name of the original St. Louis Province in identifying the collection associated with this unit of the Redemptorist family. A good place to begin to understand the various permutations of the St. Louis Province is through the work of Father Peter Geiermann's *Annals of the St. Louis Province* (1924) in three thick volumes. Unfortunately, it has never been updated. The Province awaits its own full-scale history.

The St. Louis Province covered a large swath of the United States at one point—from Whittier, California to Detroit, Michigan and Seattle, Washington to New Orleans, Louisiana. Redemptorists of this province were present in cities such as Wichita and Kansas City, Fresno and Grand Rapids, San Francisco and San Antonio. Their formation houses reached into Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Schools could be found in Oakland and Detroit. Their shrines in Chicago, New Orleans, and St. Louis, with their accompanying novenas to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, drew people by the thousands every week. Their ministries were of great consolation to Mexican refugees fleeing their country in the 1920s, and held out the promise of development in places like Bangkok, Thailand, and Manaus, in the Amazon region of Brazil. Their chaplains were sent in great numbers in all of the wars of the twentieth century.

The importance of this collection for research lies in the fact that a definite strategy was at work in selecting those places where risk was minimal but the yield could be great. Almost always this was in cities or nearby suburbs to which Redemptorists were invited. Thus, it has great utility for understanding Catholics in the local churches, but also in shaping urban life, education, and social outreach. Naturally, complementary material to what is housed in the AGR can be found in the Denver Province Archives, but the collection in Rome has the singular advantage of wonderful organization and excellent ancillary resources, including the provincial records of its elder sister, Baltimore. Further, confreres from the St. Louis Province often wrote directly to their Father General in Rome, bypassing their own provincial, on all kinds of matters affecting their work. The letters which may be found in the section on Personalia are instructive. Some of these letters have no equal in the United States. The several letters from Father Frederic Faivre, a French-speaking Redemptorist from Brittany who ministered in New Orleans in the 1880s and 1890s, gives a number of details on the City and Church that cannot be found in

America. The letters of his rector, Father Benedict Neithardt, carry on a correspondence with the General in Rome for nearly forty years. Father Herman Catterlin, a military chaplain in World War I, speaks of his willingness to serve in the Army Reserve Corps, even after his tour of war-torn France had concluded. Father Joseph Carroll describes his visit to Ireland and the Clonard Redemptorists in 1906. The first signs of excitement at engaging in missions in Thailand are in evidence in the 1940s. Redemptorists were not contemplatives in any strict sense, but moved around the world soaking up the cultures wherever they were found. In turn, they planted their own predilections and hopes in the evangelical encounter. Though hardly exhaustive in surveying the historical documents pertaining to the story of the St. Louis Province and its legacy, this finding aid aims to give researchers a better understanding of what might aid them in their studies of this interesting group of religious.

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/St. Louis) 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). For St. Louis, attention is given to the three principal vice-provinces: Bangkok, New Orleans, and Manaus. 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. Further information on the Baltimore Province materials found in the AGR may be found by consulting the finding aid for that collection.

Communications between the provinces and the General Curia were routine until about 1954, when retention policies began to change and the use of carbon copies became normative. To examine the documents of the province from 1875 to the 1950s, therefore, allows for only a partial telling of the province's story. 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.

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, though considerable steps have been taken to organize otherwise disparate material. For this, credit must go to Father Wallace George, a deceased member of the Denver Province, who helped to arrange the several sheaves of documents from the point of the foundation of the Province of St. Louis to about the early 1990s. It remains somewhat cumbersome to find materials strictly belonging to the province and to the vice-provinces because they are mixed in the files and do not necessarily retain any uniformity of order from year to year. This continuous cross-over between geographic locations and time 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, or even in the same sheaf.

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 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 St. Louis Province, for instance, falls in section twelve. The materials in this collection are stacked on about six 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. Most are paper documents. Additionally, there are twelve shelves of the documents pertaining to the Baltimore 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.

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.

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. With respect to Provincialia, 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--from building projects involving sums of money over a certain threshold to the ability to read forbidden books. I have tried to keep references to such matters at a minimum. Were these to be mentioned, this finding aid would be much longer. Additionally, it may be useful to note that the Provincialia that has been collected from 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.

Due to the minimal processing of the files from the late 1950s to the present, no effort has been made to recatalogue 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 (Visitationes).

Material related to the Province of St. Louis (Section 12)

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 German (mostly the hand-written classical German on the nineteenth century), French, Latin, and English. Several thousand digital images of the holdings of this section of the AGR have been photographed and are now in the Baltimore Province Archives (soon to be shared with the Denver Province archive), 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.

The spines of all of the sheaves in the St. Louis collection have been labeled and the contents are true to the labels. The letters have been calendared by author, recipient, date, place of origin, and number of pages. Each document is coded to a corresponding numeric reference. Periodically, a note is made against the calendared letter providing a thumbnail sketch of the subject matter. Each document is encapsulated by a paper folder. Since the collection organization took place in 1989, it may be that the paper encapsulation might not be acid-free, though the coding and dating system that appears on each document folder is an excellent means of intellectual control. It has enabled the development of an overall finding guide for the first thirty-three volumes or sheaves. This finding guide—likely assembled by Father Wallace George—may be found in the first sheave of documents. It is reproduced below. Volumes I-IV are on shelf at the top of the shelving unit (Shelf A); volumes V-XIV are on the second shelf from the top (Shelf B); volumes XV-XXXIII (Shelf C).

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Web: <http://www.cssr-roots.com>

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In these volumes are approximately 3,500 documents.

VOL. XXXIII INDICES—MEMORABILIA, ROOTS, INVENTORY AND INDICES OF DOCUMENTATION IN HARD COPY AND ON 3 ¼ INCH DISKETTE.

Alas, the diskette is nowhere to be found. A scanned copy of the two-volumes of detailed indices have been scanned and will be made available on the world wide web. Therefore, any future additions to the indices of the first thirty-three volumes or sheaves will be supplementary—no further changes can be made to the original text. What follows is a detailed finding aid of the section of the St. Louis documents, based on the 1989 inventory of documents, pertaining only to Provincialia, Labores Apostolici, Localia. The sections on Visitation, Personalia, Dispensati, and Status Realis, are not similarly parsed owing to their diffuse subject matter or to the largely pro forma, statistical information (though one may find the Labores Apostolici containing copious statistical data). Visitation reports, by their nature, seek to be comprehensive, speculative, and suggestive. They are entirely based upon the visitors' observations and conversations and are worth consulting for background on foundations or individual confreres encountered. Additionally, the reports on the studentate revolve around the prospects who become vowed religious and often concern curricular or disciplinary matters taken up by the rectors' reports.

The finding aid picks up again in 1957 when annual supplementary material was added to the collection. There are an additional twenty-one volumes or sheaves of documents that were added beginning in 1957, as well as a few stacks of unsorted, unbound material that awaits processing. These twenty-one sheaves are treated more comprehensively after the older index of materials from 1875-1954 and after the remaining number of indexed volumes or sheaves, according to their placement on the shelves devoted to Section 12, St. Louis Province. References to ordinary business, such as the submissions of documents for professions and ordinations, are omitted. The key is as follows:

Letter press volume or sheaf number, title of the part of the collection, years, number of documents, number of folders within the volume, number and title of the folder (usually provincial's name with years), and brief notes on the content of each fascicle contained in the folder.

Detailed finding aid:

<u>LETTER PRESS</u>	<u>CONTENT</u>	<u>DOCUMENTS</u>
VOL. I	PROVINCIALIA, 1872 to 1884	1 to 209

Five folders:

1. Nicholas Jaeckel correspondence before and after Provincialate, 1871-1895
2. Nicholas Jaeckel correspondence, 1875-1877
 - a. The file includes diploma of division of the American Province; erection of the St. Louis Province; appointment of Jaeckel as superior; minutes
3. Nicholas Jaeckel correspondence, 1878-1880
 - a. Yellow fever in New Orleans; new foundation in Kansas City
 - b. Construction of studentate in Kansas City; new foundation in Detroit with contract; sale of Chatawa; proximity to Jesuits in St. Louis; refuge for European fathers; contributions of the New Orleans community to the Archdiocese
4. Nicholas Jaeckel correspondence, 1881-1882
 - a. State of the province; beginning of difficulties with Father Michael Mueller; second church in Chicago; offer of another church in St. Louis; a parish for Kansas City; new house in New Orleans
5. Nicholas Jaeckel correspondence, 1883-1884
 - a. Sisters of Mercy in New Orleans; Father Michael Mueller controversy; property in St. Louis; death of Father DeDycker with his will; news clipping of St. Michael's, Chicago; Church for Black Catholics and an orphanage in New Orleans; Jesuits in St. Louis

VOL. II

PROVINCIALIA, 1884 to 1893

204 to 379

Three folders:

1. William Loewekamp correspondence, 1884-1886
 - a. Canonical erection of St. Alphonsus, Chicago; copy of Bishop Sheehan's permission; permission letter to Pope Leo XIII about St. Alphonsus, Chicago; contracts with teaching sisters in Chicago, St. Louis, and New Orleans; request for the CSSRs in San Francisco; Father Ahlert dispatched to San Francisco; offer by Bishop Riordan of a foundation in San Francisco and involvement of Father Smulders in accepting the foundation
2. William Loewekamp correspondence, 1887-1889

- a. Contract with Bishop Riordan and map; appointments; matters related to the juvenate and studentate; acceptance of a foundation at Grand Rapids, Michigan with contract; former Father Morgan in Los Angeles; statutes for the juvenate approved; professors; missions in the northwest and proposed foundation in Montana
- 3. William Loewekamp correspondence, 1890-1893
 - a. A new rector for New Orleans (Faivre nominated); appointments; inauguration of Windsor Springs; St. Mary's in Detroit; the problem of whiskey

VOL. III PROVINCIALIA, 1893 to 1898 380 to 581

Three folders:

- 1. Joseph Schwarz, 1893-1894
 - a. Petition for professors; St. Joseph's College in Windsor Springs; Bishop Bonicum's offer of a foundation in Lincoln, Nebraska (declined); Father Girardey, pro-tem provincial while Father Schwarz is at General Chapter.
- 2. Ferreol Girardey, 1894-1895
 - a. Appointment as provincial; news clippings and correspondence of Fathers Meyers, Herz, and Grimm; Perpetual Help pictures; printing of Rector Major Mauron's circular letters; offer of a foundation in Denver with copy of a letter of Bishop Matz; report on a visit to Denver; scandal given to juvenists by fathers enthusiastic over cards and baseball; books and relics sent from Rome; 1893 finance report; smoking, whiskey and shoes; approval of Father Herrmann's De Vera Religione et De Ecclesia; opinions of cranky and inebriated priests; provincial consultation; Karicher translation of mission book into German; professors.
- 3. Ferreol Girardey, 1896-1898
 - a. Arguments for closing the Denver foundation; keep Denver; visits of Archbishop Kain and Cardinal Satolli; New Orleans financial reports; Father Girardey publishes his retreats for priests; observations on the vow of poverty; plans for building in Detroit; proposal to relocate the novitiate in DeSoto, Missouri with purchase agreement and relation of the move from Windsor

Springs; building a chapel in DeSoto, a schoolhouse in Kansas City; requests for funding for the Bishop John Neumann cause; Yellow Fever in New Orleans; ratio studiorum for studentate in Kansas City

VOL. IV PROVINCIALIA, 1898 to 1907 582 to 780

Five folders:

1. Daniel Mullane, 1901
 - a. Single letter of Bishop of St. Joseph, Missouri, to Father Provincial Daniel Mullane on his approbation and regard for St. Alphonsus
2. Daniel Mullane, 1898-1899
 - a. Announcement of Rector Major Raus of the erection of the Vice-Province of Toronto, encompassing territory that includes Detroit and Grand Rapids; success of missions in Oregon; “La grippe” strikes several fathers
 - b. Appointment as provincial; catalog of the province; debts of the province; distress in the novitiate; agreement between Father Provincial Licking of Baltimore and Mullane on the fate of Grand Rapids and Detroit; Christian Brothers teaching Latin in CSSR schools
 - c. Annual report; Seattle, San Francisco missions; letter on Americanism; circular on burning of Seattle church and rebuilding effort; New Orleans report and proposals; over-crowding a concern at the novitiate; death of former Father Provincial Jaeckel; Perpetual Help icon without crown; Father Loewekamp’s decline and death; Father George Hild appointed rector at Rock Church (St. Alphonsus), St. Louis; priests’ retreat in St. Paul, Minnesota; need for Spanish and Polish-speakers in the Province
3. Daniel Mullane, 1900-1901
 - a. Schwarz visitation of Puerto Rico; Mullane to Rome; Father Smulders’ health status and death; opposition in community to ladies’ minstrel show; approval of the process “In fama sanctitatis” of Bishop Neumann; Irish/German feud; visitations; Father McGeogh to the Trappists [?]; transfers; reports and replies on consultations; news from France
 - b. Need of French-speaking missionaries; volunteers for the missions in Puerto Rico; appointments; property matters

4. Daniel Mullane, 1902-1903
 - a. The papers of Father Schwarz accessioned in the AGR in 1968 (note in the file by Father Sampers, archivist); provincial statutes; importation of French-speaking brothers; Archbishop Katzer offers a Polish parish in Milwaukee (refused); French-speaking fathers to the province; appointments; Seattle trip; possibility of a mission in southern Alaska; civil and ecclesial news from Chicago; year-end report; necrology
5. Joseph Firle, 1904-1907
 - a. Canonization of St. Gerard Maiella; Father Couvrette dispensed and on trial in Seattle; Father Firle returns from Rome; excessively high number of flunked Kirkwood students (21) and subsequent complaint; Father Firle gives an account of the spirit of the province and its crisis; an offer for a foundation in Portland, Oregon; provocations of several fathers against Father Firle and eventual detante; Chicago clergy retreats; permission to purchase a Portland sanitarium; the building of a new church in Kansas City

VOL. V

PROVINCIALIA, 1907 to 1918

781 to 906

Three folders:

1. Thomas Brown, 1895-1897 / 1907-1910
 - a. Reluctantly accepts post of provincial consultor; requests to be left off the appointment list
 - b. accepts nomination as provincial
 - c. short index of St. Louis Province documents; Speidel visitation of the province; candidates for the Schola Maior; Sisters of Mercy in New Orleans; Vow of Poverty
 - d. visit of Rector Major Murray to the United States; testimonies of Frater August Bruening's cure of epilepsy; Father General Murray gives his opinion on the possibility of a Western Vice-Province; a studentate in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
2. Thomas Brown, 1911-1914

- a. Father McEnniry becomes rector of the studentate at Oconomowoc; Brown asks for relief of office
 - b. Reaction of Brown to the proposed reappointment of Father Mullane and submits to appointment; Father Speidel makes a visitation; an inquiry over the permissibility of white straw hats
 - c. Academies and community gatherings; loan and improvements on Kansas City church; proposed new communities in Detroit and Dallas; request to build in Grand Rapids and Fresno, California; circular letter on missions; Archbishop Glorieux in Boise, Idaho, offers a parish in Coeur d'Alene.
 - d. Acceptance of Coeur d'Alene parish; offers to build in Los Angeles and San Antonio; provincial consultation; no parlor calls on retreat days
3. Thomas Brown, 1913-1918 + necrologia*
- a. Appointments; proposal for a Portland vice-province; principal duty of CSSR sanctification; provincial statutes discussed and approved; results of provincial consultation
 - b. A separate hospitium for Mexicans in San Antonio (no); a new chapel at Oconomowoc; acceptance of the Portland foundation and subsequent request for a Western juvenate
 - c. Satisfaction with the work being done in Portland; books; desire of some to serve as chaplains in World War I; building a church in Detroit; chaplains and the new code of canon law; the death of Father Mullane
 - d. Discussion of the implications of the new code of canon law with respect to visitations; chaplains; a new foundation offered by Archbishop Harty of Omaha; gratitude at being relieved of office; confidence expressed in Father McEnniry (* the label on the folder explains that necrologia is included but it is not)

VOL. VI

PROVINCIALIA, 1918 to 1924

907 to 1025

Two folders:

- 1. Christopher McEnniry, 1918-1921
 - a. Acceptance of appointment as provincial; Father Brown remains a consultor admonitor; Chicago pastors; chaplains; the flu

- b. A canceled visitation to the Antilles; the flu strikes Oconomowoc; death of Father Brown
 - c. Death of Father Firlie; new church and rectory in Detroit; an offer of a church in Wichita; visitation of Father Speidel; offer of a Mexican parish in San Antonio
 - d. What to do about lax Italian Catholics in Fresno; appointments; pronouncing vows
2. Christopher McEnniry, 1922-1927
- a. Ford roadsters in Grand Rapids, Dunne, and Kirkwood; Father Mahoney goes into the sanatorium at Fresno; importance of using cars only for work; plans for Wichita; Father Mahoney dying; Father Moriarty attempts to go to Ireland; Bishop Cantwell of Los Angeles requests that CSSRs exchange Downey for Whittier parishes; a loan for New Orleans; Father Mahoney died; work in the South; offering of a parish in Corpus Christi, Texas (declined); Mexican missions; dedication of a new church in San Antonio; expansion of the seminary at Oconomowoc; Father General Murray to come to the United States
 - b. Father General Murray to make visitation in Toronto; contract and loan for Whittier; Perpetual Help Shrine in St. Louis; Father General Murray's travel in the USA; Italian mission for Salesians in Fresno whilst CSSRs give Mexican missions; a catalog; Spanish work spreads; Perpetual Help Novenas; building at Oconomowoc
 - c. Detroit plans and their approval; Perpetual Help Novenas; Fresno plans on visitation tour; Italians in Fresno; Bohemian missions; gratitude at being relieved of office; a New Orleans mission; a robbery
3. Christopher McEnniry, 1926-1927
- a. Enjoying parish life in Fresno; happy with confidence shown in his appointment as general consultor but sad to leave Fresno

VOL. VII

PROVINCIALIA, 1924 to 1933

1026 to 1287

Five folders:

- 1. Edward Cantwell, 1924 to 1925

- a. Invites Father General Murray for a visit to the Detroit community
 - b. Father General urges regular observance and approves superiors of the Portland Vice-Province; Cantwell's acknowledgment of appointment; prospect of a foundation in Louisville, Kentucky; appointments; Bohemian missionaries; dedication of Oconomowoc; Bohemian fathers meet Father General in New York; Rock Church Perpetual Help Novena
 - c. Novice reports; publication of Father Geiermann's *Annals*; loans to New Orleans, Detroit and Oakland; purchase of land in Oakland; building and pastoral matters in Oakland; an Italian confrere for Fresno
2. Edward Cantwell, 1926-1927
- a. Recommendations for Oakland Vice-Provincial; radio; visitation of the province; abuses; Mexican persecutions; plans for building in Oakland; Eucharistic Congress; Father Schutzen appointed Oakland Vice-Provincial; Portland church; CSSR exiles from Mexico in San Antonio; Mexican refugees; smoking at recreation
 - b. Visitation reports; evening visits to relatives; Father Schwarz dies; necrologia; circular on regular observance; work with the deaf; recommendation of accepting a new foundation in Lebanon; Father Provincial Cantwell's travails with a broken leg
3. Edward Cantwell, 1928-1929
- a. Mainly correspondence with Consultor General Father Christopher McEnniry; loans for Detroit, Lebanon, New Orleans; news of the razing of the Villa Cesarta in Rome (former Generalate); Death of Father Speidel; index of Father McEnniry's correspondence file (1928-1933); visitation reports; seminary professors; Via Merulana gets widened; sale of property in Seattle
 - b. Visitation report with status realis and labors apostolic; Schola Maior, Apostolic Delegate Fumasoni-Biondi visits the Rock Church; Liguorian; whiskey
4. Edward Cantwell, 1930-1931

- a. Golf debate; Belgian archives; Father Henze (archivist in Rome); Bishop Noll requests a Spanish-speaking CSSR for Gary, Indiana (refuses); assistance for Vienna; visitation report and circular; Roman building program; Mass League; Oakland Shrine; Perpetual Help Archconfraternity; missions
 - b. Excavations under Villa Cesarta; Sant'Agata dei Gothi; annuity plan; Glenview accepted in principle and later purchased; Chicago's English mission house
5. Edward Cantwell, 1932-1933
- a. Post-visitation recommendations; more on golf; improvements to the Rock Church; Livermore; jubilees; libraries; Glenview matters; election of Franklin Roosevelt as president; the spirit of the CSSR
 - b. Cantwell expected in Rome and his reception;

VOL. VIII

PROVINCIALIA, 1934 to 1944

1288 to 1504

Four folders:

- 1. Thomas Palmer, 1934-1935
 - a. Father General Consultor McEnniry's index to correspondence, 1933-1936; appointment of Father Provincial Palmer with congratulations and his reaction; parish missions; Chicago general mission; Livermore; European appeals
 - b. Index to Palmer correspondence, 1934-1937; dispensations; visitation report; ordinations; Rock Church organ; Cistercians request to send four students to Oconomowoc (refused);
 - c. Conditions in Germany; Liguori Sicilia; Chapter news
- 2. Thomas Palmer, 1936-1937
 - a. Publishing of Father Tim's Talks; appointments and Roman circulars; a school in Denver; transfers; requests of Bishops Lucey of San Antonio and Shaughnessy of Seattle; convocation of missionaries in Oconomowoc; apostolic labors

- b. Permissions; professions; ordinands; visitation reports; minutes of the Province consultation; the Black apostolate in St. Louis; China; street preaching; new fields of the apostolate
- 3. Thomas Palmer, 1938-1939
 - a. Loans for Seattle and Wichita; the Negro apostolate; China mission; sister cooks; authority
 - b. Appointments; Miller-Aubin's Life of Alphonsus; mission in Siam; convent in New Orleans; Negro apostolate; Roman studies in doubt due to impending war; war in Poland
- 4. Thomas Palmer, 1940-1941
 - a. St. Alphonsus, Chicago; Siam mission; possibility of a Thailand mission; Ruthenians; Black Apostolate; communications interrupted due to war; military chaplains
 - b. Censors and lack of news; Thailand; Black Apostolate; military chaplains

VOL. IX

PROVINCIALIA, 1942 to 1950

1505 to 1665

Two folders:

- 1. Francis Fagen, 1942-1946
 - a. Unlike previous folders in this series, this file folder has no inventory of the contents of the four fascicles. This will be the case in all other folders in the Provincialia series. Researchers should consult the index for further information on the authors/dates/subject matter. The first fascicle contains letters of Father Fagan to Father General Murray from 1921 expressing appreciation for the General's trust in appointing him Prefect of Students; a letter of 1927 reporting on observance of directives at St. Joseph's College in Kirkwood, Missouri; and acknowledgment, in 1942, of Fagen's appointment as provincial. Appointments; war chaplains; prospect of missionary work in Central America; the Bishop of Manaus requests CSSRs take two parishes in the Amazonas; pioneers sent to Manaus; request of the nuncio in Guatemala and El Salvador for CSSR missionaries (a discussion to be postponed until after the war); visitation to Manaus,

Brazil, courtesy of the Rubber Development Corporation with commentary on the region's weather, sanitation and industrial prospects

- b. Bishop of Fargo and Archbishop of New Orleans request CSSRs for parishes in Cooperstown, North Dakota and Baton Rouge, Louisiana; white habits should be worn in Brazil only; war news; status of the province and missions; offers of parishes in Great Falls, Montana, and Pine City and Duluth, Minnesota; expansion of Oconomowoc; potential vice-provinces
- c. Situation in Brazil; death of Father Clarence Vincent of the Oakland community (killed in action near Remagen, Germany); preparations for extraordinary visitation; province news; two young confreres learn to fly; Father Klyber may continue "Jewish work" and direct the Wichita community; Ruthenians; smoking regs; prospect of a "colored mission" in the Diocese of Oklahoma City-Tulsa (Guthrie); magazine work; travails of Brazil
- d. Foundations in Indiana and Kentucky; progress in Baton Rouge; a new foundation in Bellaire, outside Houston, Texas; work with Black Catholics in St. Louis and elsewhere; care packages sent to European confreres after the end of the world war; resignation of Father General and Consultor General McEnniry means return home for latter; army rations for Rome house; post-war "wandering Redemptorists"; OLPH archconfraternity

2. Francis Fagen, 1947-1950

- a. Prospect of travelling to the chapter in Rome; appointments; missions at Apericida in Manaus; collaboration with Sisters of the Precious Blood to work in Manaus; provincial visitation; smoking; white habits in Siam
- b. Whittier, California; professions; a new boys' school in New Orleans; expenditures

- c. Growth of the foundations in Manaus; expenditures for improvements on churches, schools, convents; Father Spitzer in Rome for studies and teaching, only to be brought back when learning of his assignment; Father John Keogh appointed Extraordinary Visitor
- d. Offer for a new foundation in Mobile

VOL. X PROVINCIALIA, 1950 to 1954 1666 to 1779

- 1. James Vance, 1950-1952
 - a. Acknowledgment of appointment; Father Fagen nearly collapses under the burden of the studentate
 - b. Father Francis O’Neill appointed rector of Oconomowoc; problem Redemptorists; a meeting to discuss present territorial division of provinces and vice-provinces; provincial’s departure for Thailand
 - c. Keeping order in the houses—no personal radio or TV, night prayers province wide begin at nine or nine-fifteen; smoking a privilege, not a right; construction at Liguori, Missouri; decoration of St. Michael’s, Chicago; problem Redemptorists
- 2. James Vance, 1952
 - a. Appointments; requests for permissions; status of the Vice-Province of Oakland and its ability to absorb the care and support of Thailand given its own indebtedness; problem priests; discussion of the division of the province into St. Louis to create the Vice-Province of New Orleans
 - b. Professions, worry over the future of the Redemptorist presence in New Orleans; growth of the CSSR presence in Thailand with a first Thai novice in the novitiate in the Philippines; permissions to borrow or lend

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Three folders:

1. (1884-1901) Personnel list of St. Louis Province, 1884; missions given in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, 1886, with accompanying "Historical Sketch"; conspectus labororum
2. (1902-1916) reports for these years; necrologia RPP. VanLuytelaar, Kennedy
3. (1917-1919) reports for these years;

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Two folders:

1. (1920-1923), reports for these years.
2. (1924-1949), reports for these years. The spine and cover are incorrectly mislabeled on this sheaf.

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One folder:

4. Rock Church, St. Louis, news clippings; news clippings re: fire at Seattle's Sacred Heart Church (1899); New Orleans copy of decree of erection (1853), letter of Archbishop Shaw and pastor, Father Polk, calling for the erection of a new church, blueprints for St. Mary's Commercial and Boys' School (1922), documents supporting a loan for the parish campus, fire guts St. Mary's School (1950); map of Fresno; decree of erection for parish in Omaha, loan

material; specifications for a new church for San Antonio parish, news clippings, contract with Archbishop Shaw; contracts for parishes in Davenport, Iowa, Bellaire, Texas, Lebanon, Indiana, etc. and applications for loans; St. Joseph's College in Edgerton, Wisconsin (photographs of the ground breaking [March 1958] and sketches of new building).

VOL. XXX VICE-PROVINCIALIA, OAKLAND 1 to 144

Four folders:

1. List of provincials with correspondence and other documentation from the first three, Fathers Vice-Provincial Joseph Chapoton (1924 to 1925); Henry Schutten (1925 to 1933); and Peter Foerster (1933 to 1942). Visitation report and review of first meeting with the Archbishop of San Francisco where the CSSRs were welcomed to the diocese (1924); selection of a site; news of the vice-province; canonical visitations; mission campaigns; "auto chapels"; role of Father Diedrich catechizing Mexicans; chapter of faults in the houses; Oakland juvenate packed; possibility of purchase of Buckley Estate in Livermore; assumption of debt of foundation at Coeur d'Alene; impressions of the vice-province; missions and retreats to religious; state of the vice-province given in several letters to Father McEnniry; canonical status of the parish in Seattle; quinquennial report.
2. Relatio de visitation canonica anni 1951; temperature record for Livermore, 1931-1935
3. Status realis reports, 1924-1953
4. Labores apostolic, 1924-1951

VOL. XXXI VICE-PROVINCIALIA, MANAUS 1 to 47

One folder and several packets of documents/photographs

List of vice-provincials of the mission and Vice-Province of Manaus (mission begun February 18, 1943, Vice-Province founded August 12, 1947); news clipping, "16 Wild Men See Civilization with St. Louis Priest"; travails of missionary labor; visitation letters; brief histories of the mission to Manaus; vice-province news to Father General; status realis and labores apostolici

VOL. XXXII VICE-PROVINCIALIA, NEW ORLEANS 1 to 23

One folder:

List of vice-provincials of the Vice-Province of New Orleans (founded November 30, 1952); decree of erection; short biographies of the superiors of the vice-province's houses as of January 19, 1953; various letters; visitation report (1953); status realis report 1953

VICE-PROVINCIALIA, THAILAND

1 to 31

One folder:

List of superiors of the mission and vice-provincials of the Vice-Province of Bangkok (begun May 19, 1948; Vice-Province founded June 6, 1956); communication of the vicar apostolic of Laos (June 25, 1947); communication of the vicariate of Bangkok (1948); report on the mission by Father LaRiviere (September 1948); letters of Cardinal Spellman in re: arrivals of the CSSRs in Siam; report of the extraordinary visitation; various memoranda; possible erection of a Redemptorist seminary in Phak-Isan, Thailand; other letters.

In these volumes are approximately 3,500 documents.

VOL. XXXIII INDICES—MEMORABILIA, ROOTS, INVENTORY AND INDICES
OF DOCUMENTATION IN HARD COPY AND ON 3 ¼ INCH DISKETTE.

For further information on the arrangement of this collection, see "Supplementary Inventory of the St. Louis Province Collection" (12)

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