

Capuchins This Week Mark Centenary In U.S.

This week marks the centenary of the establishment of the Capuchin Order in the United States and will be celebrated in the Rochester Diocese at Interlaken where the order maintains St. Fidelis Friary.

Capuchin Fathers also are in charge of St. Francis Solanus Church, Interlaken and St. Plus Church, Van Etten.

THE ORDER OF FATHERS MINOR Capuchin or Capuchin Fathers came to this Diocese in 1832 under the newly formed Province of St. Mary which includes most of New York State. Provincial is the Very Rev. Scaphim Winterroth, O.F.M. Cap. a Rochesterian and brother of the Rev. Theodore J. Winterroth, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Elma.

St. Fidelis Friary is on the former Westinghouse property at Sheldrak purchased from Mr. and Mrs. John J. Quinn of Trumansburg in July 1951.

The Capuchin Order was founded in the United States a hundred years ago by two young Swiss diocesan priests, Father Gregory Haas and Father John Frey, whose missionary ideal had been to be missionaries in the New World.

The establishment of a religious order in a foreign land by diocesan priests without the

set about building the monastery while Father Haas returned to Europe to make the necessary arrangements with the Capuchin Order, to collect funds for the building and to gather recruits for the new enterprise.

Father Gregory Haas returned to America with Father Anthony Gacher, O.F.M. Cap. as novice master. Fathers Haas and Frey were received as novices. Their names as religious became Father Francis Haas and Father Bonaventure Frey. A lay brother, Brother Agadus, was also received.

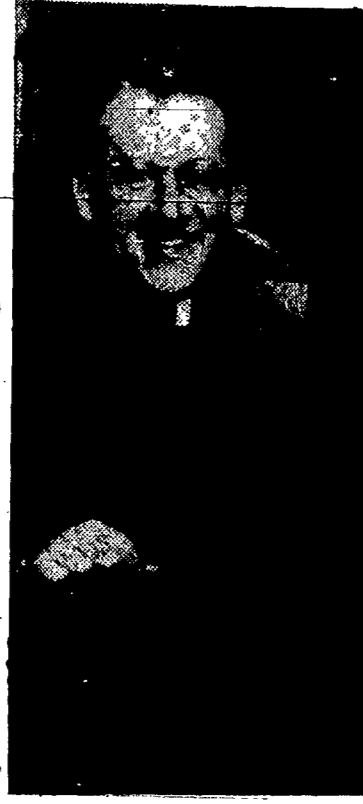
From this simple beginning rose the mid-west Capuchin Province, to which the Fathers of St. Joseph in the United States, now known as the Calvary Province.

As long as they lived here in the U.S., Fathers Francis and Bonaventure worked to spread the Capuchin Order throughout the country.

New provinces were formed the latest being St. Mary's Province, to which the Fathers of St. Fidelis Friary belong.

THE CAPUCHINS, founded in 1529 is a branch of the Franciscan Order. Capuchin friars lead a "mixed" life which is a combination of the contemplative and active life. Their endeavors include all kinds of religious work: missionary, pastoral and educational, stressing however the work of preaching.

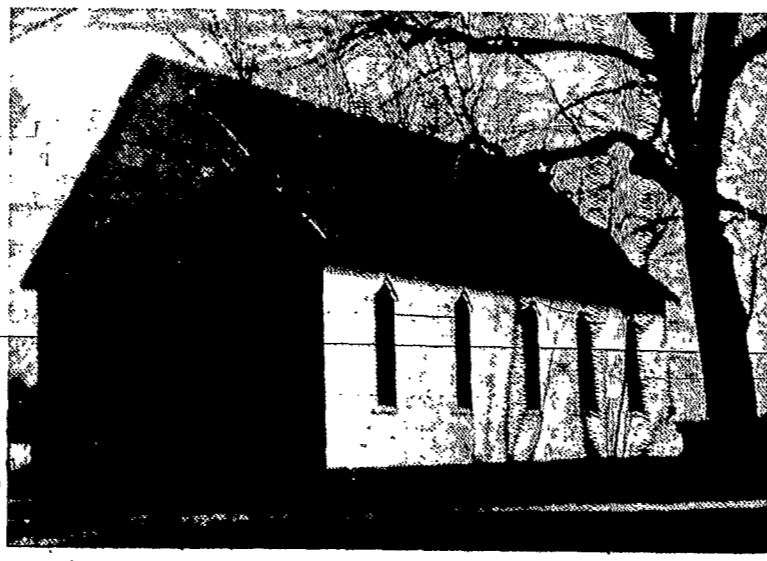
Capuchin Friars who are lay brothers do manual labor in the friaries and in the Capuchin missions.



FATHER LINDSAY
Pastor of St. Francis Solanus Church

He offered them a piece of land east of Foul du Lac, Wisconsin, and immediately the two priests set out for their new home. Upon seeing it they exclaimed, "Here we will build our first little cloister."

THIS LITTLE HILL, now St. Mary's Province of the popularly known as the "Hill of Capuchin Fathers" supports its happiness, was called Mt. Calsons in Guam and the Ryukyu vary. Immediately Father Frey



Exterior of St. Francis Solanus Church, Interlaken



Interior of St. Francis Solanus Church

Redemptorist Seminary To Mark 50 Years

Esopus, N. Y. (NC) — Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will participate in the golden jubilee ceremonies of Mount St. Alphonsus, the Redemptorist house of studies, here on October 21.

Father William P. Gaudreau, Redemptorist Superior General, who has arrived here from Rome, will open the jubilee with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on October 20.

THE CLOSING day, Oct. 23 will begin with a Solemn Mass offered by Father James T. Conolly, CSSR, formerly rector of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, and now Provincial Superior of the Eastern Redemptorists, at which Father Gaudreau, the Superior General, will preach.

Mount St. Alphonsus was officially opened on October 23, 1907 after almost three years of construction. It is an imposing granite building, 450 feet long, overlooking the Hudson River. Since then 887 Redemptorists have studied here for the priesthood.

'Fake Priest' Gets Two Years

Boston (NC) Stuart E. Farrell, 29, who said he impersonated priests to cash bad checks in many parts of the country, was sentenced to two years in prison here for illegally carrying a gun.

Farrell, who said he is from Milwaukee, admitted that he used his own name, or an alias slightly different, when he passed him self off as a priest.

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Swiss Money Urges Charity

Switzerland's new 100 franc bank note pictured above shows St. Martin dividing his cloak with a beggar, as recorded in a famous legend. Carrying on the spiritual note, the 1,000 franc note shows a modern version of the Dance of Death, a reminder that material wealth does little good in the face of the common destiny of all men.

New Book Describes People Shop Sundays, Ignore Sabbath Law

New York (NC) There have been martyrs in the Church in every century from the death of St. Stephen in 34 A.D. to that of Bishop Theodor Romza of Mukachevo, a victim of soviet violence in 1947.

This fact is one of the many to be drawn from "Martyrs," by Donald Attwater, British Catholic author and Church historian. The book will be published here shortly by Sheed and Ward, Inc.

Mr. Attwater presents as much factual, historical data concerning the various martyrs as possible. Wherever feasible, he has restricted the entire discussion of a martyr to contemporary and eye-witness reports.

One story from the book describes how Bishop Romza, a prelate of the Byzantine Rite, was driving in a horse-drawn carriage when it was run into by a van carrying Soviet soldiers and police near Mukachevo, now in the Ukrainian Soviet Republic. Mr. Attwater explains that the Bishop's injuries were serious but not what would ordinarily be considered fatal. Nevertheless, he points out, the bishop died a few hours after the ruins, who were caring for him were replaced by Russian nurses.

From the fact that the business-as-usual Sunday practices have neither ceased nor lessened, Archbishop Brady concludes, "We may guess that secularization of the day is on the increase."

The St. Paul prelate observed that besides the open violation of Sunday traditions by the money-changers, other subtle subtractions from the Sunday observance have been creeping in. He

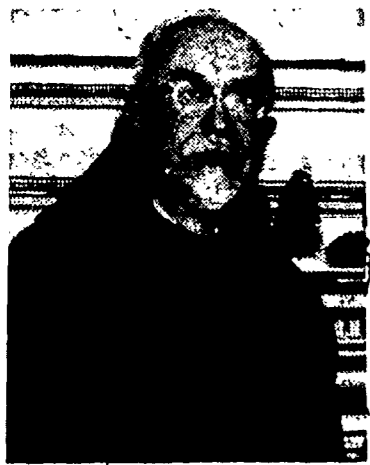
Washington (NC) — The campaign being waged all over the nation to halt the practice of business-as-usual on Sundays has had little effect, according to one prelate who is in the thick of the battle.

Archbishop William O. Brady of St. Paul, Minn., has observed that despite the "expressed concern of bishops everywhere," the modern "desecration of Sunday has neither ceased nor lessened."

Truly, "bishops everywhere" have expressed concern, and in emphatic terms, over the practice of making the Lord's Day one of carnival for the money-changers. Cardinal Spellman in New York, Archbishop O'Boyle in Washington, Archbishop Schulte in Indianapolis, Archbishop Boland in Newark, Bishop Tope in Spokane, to name just a few widely separated Sees.

HE SAID that such announcements as parish dinners, basket socials, changes in dates of parish meetings and "such trivia" shorten the time for reading the Gospel and for the sermon.

The prelate also gave warning that if the sermons and instructions in such a grave matter are reaching the faithful and having no effect, then "this means that our people are substituting convenience for principle while they cooly brush off a religious duty as if it were of little consequence."



FATHER REGER
Pastor of St. Plus X Church

Initiative of the Capuchin Order itself was something unheard of. It happened this way.

A former member of Father Frey's parish, who had been living in America, informed Father Frey that the Capuchins, so loved and revered in Switzerland, were not in the United States. This bit of information was the germ of the future work of Father Frey.

He discussed the project of taking the Capuchin Order to America with another Swiss diocesan priest, Father Haas. Together they began planning to take the Capuchin Order to America.

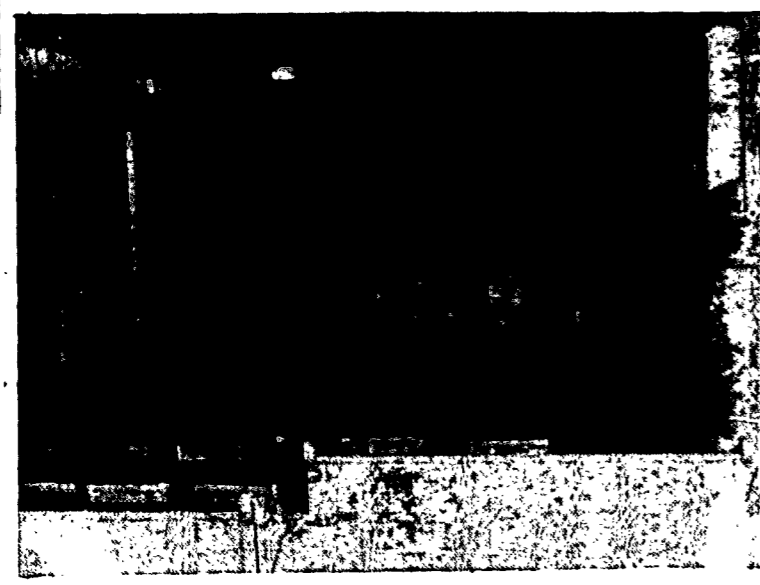
Consultations with the Capuchin Superiors of the Swiss Province resulted only in a promise that they would supply a priest to act as novice master. But this did not dim their hopes for the future.

The Capuchin Superiors were not the only ones who thought the whole affair foolhardy. Everyone who heard of their plans laughed at them. Yet the young priests insisted they would succeed.

Upon their arrival in the U.S. in the autumn of 1836, they consulted with Bishop Hennet of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.



Exterior of St. Plus X Church, Van Etten



Interior of St. Plus X Church



St. Fidelis Friary, Interlaken

Noted General Joins China Convert Ranks

Hong Kong (NC) The was dubbed "Old Ironsides," when he won worldwide acclaim by his heroic defense of Shanghai against the Japanese armies in 1937.

In recent months conversions among outstanding Chinese on the island of Formosa have included Peng Shih-chung, president of the Chinese Supreme Court; Gen. Sun Lien-chang had been spying Catholic doctrine for the past two years.

The former Nationalist general

Five Auxiliaries Aid Paris Cardinal

Paris (NC) Cardinal Feltin, Archbishop of Paris, announced that the growth of his archdiocese has been so rapid that he has created a fifth administrative division.

Until recently, the Paris archdiocese has been divided into four administrative divisions known as archdeaneries. Each of these divisions was under the jurisdiction of one of the auxiliary bishops of Paris.

Although the recent retirement of Bishop Paul Touss reduces the number of Parish auxiliaries, Cardinal Feltin still has five active bishops.

The creation of the new archdeanery makes three divisions within the city of Paris proper. Each of them contains at least a million inhabitants.

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