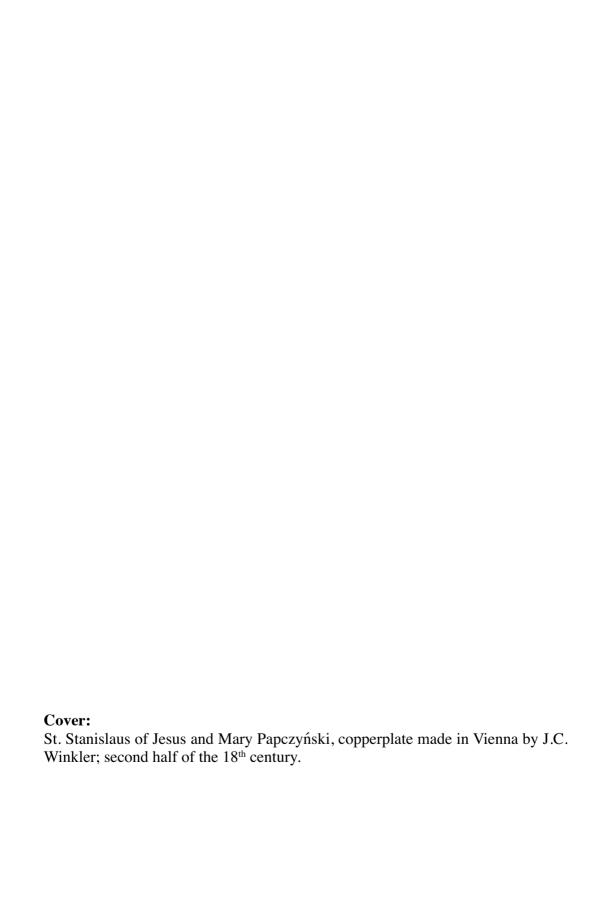


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**Illustration on the second page:** Painting from the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century depicts one of the main goals of the Marians – praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This painting, located in the Marian monastery in Skórzec, Poland, is the work of a Marian priest, John Niezabitowski (1744-1804).

Ad usum sodalium. Cum permissu superiorum.

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# ALBUM OF THE DEAD IN THE TRADITION OF THE MARIAN COMMUNITY

Probably, the custom of commemorating the deceased Marians was introduced in our monasteries as early as the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It used to be done for each local community at the conclusion of lunch or supper, a day before the anniversary of each one's death, and consisted in reading a "memento" in which only basic information was contained: names of those who died on that day, the place and the year of their death, their nationality and the office (or the offices) they had held in the Order. The local community then prayed for the repose of the deceased mentioned on that day. Thus, a collection of such mementos, called "Liber Mortuorum" came into being, with constant additions for the most recently deceased Marians.

It seems that with time the role of "Liber Mortuorum" was taken over in the Marian Order by another book – the so called "Album Patrum ac Fratrum Marianorum Defunctorum," in which a brief description of the lives of the deceased members was given. From that time on this description began to be read as a memento on the anniversary of their death.

Each monastery had its own Album (with the title abbreviated to "Album Mortuorum"), but with the suppression of the Marian monasteries in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, many of those Albums were lost. As a result, out of the once existing numerous Albums of the deceased "White Marians," today – besides two original fragmentary Albums, – we have only three complete Albums that contain mementos of the deceased Marians from the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the final decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. However, of those three only one is original, written in Latin. Of the remaining two, one is a Polish translation from the Latin original that has been lost, the so called "Album of Skórzec." The other is a copy of the lost original Latin text, the so called "Album of Marijampolė," of which a copy was brought to Rome about 60 years ago. The other two Albums are now in the Archives of the Polish Province.

Based on the said three Albums, in this century more updated Albums were developed, both in Poland and in Rome. They included not only new mementos, but also certain textual modifications of the previous ones. While certain differences were evident in the Skórzec and Marijampolė versions of the Albums, especially regarding dates of death and spelling of names of the deceased, even more differences are apparent in the more contemporary versions, as a result of independent work undertaken by their authors.

This can be said particularly about the latest editions, namely of the Album elaborated in Polish in Warsaw in the years 1988-1989 by Fr. John Bukowicz, MIC, and the Album that Fr. Casimir Krzyżanowski, MIC, composed in Italian in Rome in the years 1990-1991 (since then it has been updated with mementos of the deceased in 1992 and 1993).

The reasons for the said differences are various. Although the authors had access to the same sources, they had sometimes different views in ascribing more credibility either to the Album of Skórzec or to that of Marijampolė, and thus adopted the textual differences existing in them.

Often there are also differences in the length of the mementos. Understandably, the Polish Album frequently presents more extensive text for prominent members of the Polish Province. The Roman Album dwells more on the particulars connected with the studies done by the deceased Marians in Rome or with their work in the Roman house, all the while trying to give appropriate attention to the Marians of the whole Congregation. And while, generally speaking, in both Albums there is clear effort to avoid creating lengthy texts (either in composing new mementos or revising existing texts), there seem to be different views as to what should be retained in them.

Obviously, in many cases regarding the deceased "White Marians," the mementos are very brief and cannot be enriched, because we simply do not know anything more about the deceased in question. But for the more recently deceased usually we know much more about their lives, merits and virtues, and in the case of some personages that lived long and accomplished many things in different countries and fields of endeavor, it is sometimes very difficult to omit some elements of their <u>curriculum vitae</u> and to make their mementos concise enough, that the reading of the Album in the refectory or in the chapel would not last too long.

It is difficult to determine the origin and the language of the "Album of the Deceased Marians" used in our Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka (or in the Vice-Province that preceded it). It appears that at the beginning it was read in Latin, perhaps from a copy of the Roman Album. Later, the language employed was Polish, presumably from a copy of the Polish Album. Finally, in the 1950s, when our Province began to attract candidates lacking the knowledge of the Polish language, the Album started to be read in English translation.

Recently, however, the need to have our English Album updated with more recent mementos and to have the previous ones abbreviated due to the growing volume of the Album, began to be more and more felt. Hence the idea of elaborating a new edition of this Album was conceived, gained universal approval, and the way to have it realized was found.

The present latest English edition of our "Album" for use in this Province was prepared in 1992 by Fr. Joseph Sielski, MIC. Revised and updated in 1993 by Fr. Casimir Krzyżanowski, MIC, it is based chiefly on the recent Roman edition of the Album in Italian, although in its composition also the recent Polish edition was consulted and from it certain elements, lacking in the Roman edition, were drawn.

For proper understanding of what is contained in the mementos of this Album, its reader should keep in mind the following information and explanations:

- 1) Among the deceased Marians, there have been some who, at different periods of their lives, used different forms or spellings of their surnames or who at a given period allowed their surnames to be modified in one way or another, for example, to be polonized or lithuanized (sometimes such changes as can be suspected have been introduced after their death into historical records). While in the Roman-Italian edition of the Album, all versions of surnames found in documentary sources are adduced, in this English edition there was a tendency to present only one surname for a Marian who may have been historically identified by at least two surnames. It seems that the author tried to choose the surname that would be proper in spelling for the deceased's country of origin or the surname used in the last period of his life. Thus, it was only in the process of revision that a few more important versions of surnames were added ("also known as...").
- 2) The names of localities connected with the life of the deceased are given almost always in the original form/spelling, that is, as they are used by the people who live in them, in their native language. In other words, only some very common anglicized forms of the original names of cities, like "Warsaw" for "Warszawa," are used in this edition. The fact is that some localities are known in historical records under both Lithuanian and Polish versions (forms or spellings), and yet the present English edition indicates only one of them (as a rule, the Lithuanian one), and there was no effort made in the process of revision to change this situation.
- 3) If at the end of the memento of a deceased Marian no place of his burial is indicated, it means that it is the same as the place of his death. If it is different or if we do not know the place of one's burial, the reader is informed about that. If a Marian died and is buried in a locality different from the one in which his monastery or house was situated, or if he died and is buried in the locality of his last residence, but the burial took place in a cemetery having a proper name, then the place of burial is indicated.
- 4) Sometimes we do not know the dates of the death of some Marians, and in such cases their mementos are assigned to the anniversary of the last signifi-

cant known event of their lives or to a date in which their monastery was suppressed or was mentioned for somebody else.

5) The names of offices held by the deceased "White Marians" are given as they were used at that time in our Institute, and their present equivalents are as follows:

- "assistant of the Order" = General Councillor;

- "commissary" = Delegate of the General;

- "lector" = professor;

- "president" = Superior (of a monastery).

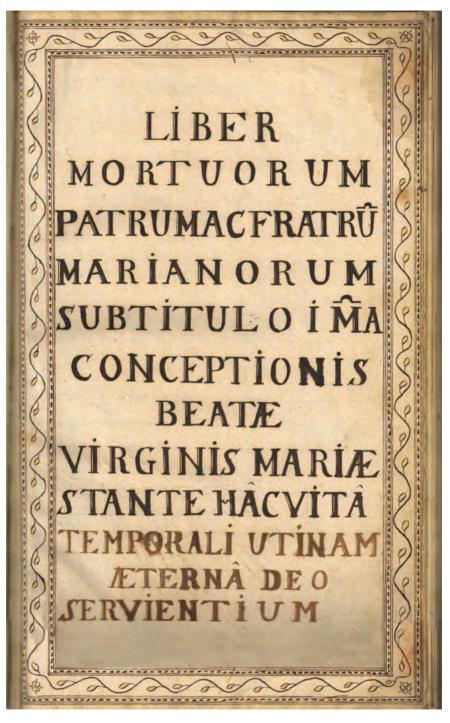
It should be also kept in mind that "Father of the Order" (or "of the Congregation") was an honorary title bestowed upon a Marian in recognition of his great merits for the Order or of his great virtues (sometimes the word "Emeritus" or "Emeritissimus" was added to the title).

It is also to be noted that a "Preacher of a monastery" was a Marian priest responsible for preaching both in the church attached to this monastery and in some other churches.

Finally, it will be noticed that quite often the mementos of this Album contain not only some more recent eulogies, based on various written and oral reports, but also some laudatory quotations that are taken – out of respect for the documentary texts – from the original Latin Albums of the "White Marians." It is hoped that from all these eulogies we will draw inspiration to be equally intent on "attaining our own perfection," while working generously "for the salvation of others" (C 11) according to our motto: "For Christ and the Church" (C 13).

Casimir J. Krzyżanowski, MIC

Stockbridge, August 22, 1993.



Title page from the Marian Album of the Deceased from the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Ann	no Dic	Mense Septembri in	Bnvcntu
J70.	1.17.	Venerabilis Admodum Plendus Pater Sta- nislaus à SESU MARIA Fundator Oziginalis Ejusce Ordinis B.V.M. munitus Pacramentis Inimam DEO reddidit. sepultus	O Torensi.
17.1	1.17.	V. T. Casimirus à S. Philipo Nereo muni- rus Sacramentis peste grassante obije sepulta	Kovabioviensi
172	8,20	V. T. Thadeus a S. Gregorio obdormivit in Domino munitus Sacramentis sepultus est.	Rosabioviensi
		Rel. Fr. Intonius Cinski Conversus obije muni- tus Sacramentis, escepta Estrema Unctione, ni- vi quod anteà in alijs infirmitalibus suis unctus nam in Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli sanus estisteris confessus fuit, sacria, chynaxi re- fectus, omnibus forme Sacrificijo Missour assistebat, hunco, Diem mortis sua quasi assignans et pradicans in lecto decumbens moritur, pole nus Dierum et meritorum, nam continuò diebus ac noctibus orationibus vacabat, sejunia multa far ciebat, et noctibus quasi omnibus vigilabat. sejultus.	
.173	6.26.	Obijt in Domino V. To Florianus a Se Jacobo Diaconus munitus Sacram, sepultus apud C. Som	Vansavie
173	7.26.	V. T. Inastasius Juvenis Subdiacomus ob: dormivit in Dornino sepultus est	Skorcensi.
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A page from the Marian Album of the Deceased from the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. First entry on this page speaks of the death of the Venerable Fr. Stanislaus Papczyński—our holy Father and Founder.

# PRONUNCIATION OF POLISH NAMES

The following letters have their usual values in English: b, d, f, k, m, n, p, s, t, z, except when followed by 'ia, ie, io, iu,' then pronounced softly as in kielbasa (' marks soft pronunciation of the previous consonant).

#### SINGLE LETTERS:

Pronu	nciation:	<b>Transcription:</b>
a	as in h <u>al</u> f, l <u>aug</u> h	a
ą	as in French 'a nasal'	on, om
e	as in ten, pen	e
ę	as in French 'e nasal'	en, em
i	as in heat, seat, but shorter	i
0	as in November	O
u, ó	as in b <u>oo</u> k)	00
y	as in Mary, very	<u>i</u>
c	as in Switzerland	ts
ć	soft as in Italian <u>c</u> iao	ch'
g	as in gas before "e" or "i"	gu
h	as in loch	<u>kh</u>
j	as 'y' in <u>y</u> east, <u>y</u> ear	y
1	soft as in <u>leek</u> , <u>leaf</u>	1
ł	as in wind, water	W
ń	very soft as in needle	n'
r	is the "rolled" variety	r
ś	very soft hissing as in shirt	s'
W	always as 'v'	V
ż	as in measure, treasure	zh
ź	very soft as in Eugene	zh'

#### **GROUPS:**

Pronunc	iation:	<b>Transcription:</b>
brz	b+ż as in treasure	b-zh
ch	as in lo <u>ch</u>	<u>kh</u>
chrz	<u>h+sz</u> as in lo <u>ch sh</u> ore	h-zh
CZ	ch hard as in <u>ch</u> ur <u>ch</u> )	ch
CZSZ	as in mu <u>ch s</u> ugar	ch-sh
drz	d+ż as in trea <u>s</u> ure	d-zh
dz	as in jewel, jungle	j
dź	both the combination of d+ź	j'

and

dż the combination of d+ż are pronounced in so rapid a succession that the time of the articulation of both elements is the same as that of a single sound d+zh

grz	as in lu <u>x</u> urious	g-zh
krz	k+sz as in too <u>k s</u> ugar	k-sh
rz	as in measure, treasure	zh
SZ	as in <u>sh</u> oe, <u>s</u> ugar	sh
SZCZ	sh (hard)+ch (hard)	sh-ch
trz	t+ż as in trea <u>s</u> ure	t-sh

In correct pronunciation of doubled consonants speakers should articulate and release each of the two consonants separately. Example: pan-na, with two "n"; s-sak with two "s," at-tyka with two "t."

Please note that the accentuated syllable in Polish is always second before last.

# JANUARY 1

On January 1, 1983, **Father JOSEPH BUDZEIKA** died of a heart attack in Chicago at the age of 74. Born in Lithuania, he was a member of the American Province of St. Casimir. After five years as a diocesan priest, he became a professed member of our Congregation at the age of 43. He fulfilled various pastoral activities among the Lithuanians in the U.S., and then for six years in England. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# JANUARY 2

#### FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

On January 2, 1946, **Servant of God Archimandrite FABIAN ABRANTOWICZ** (Ab-ran-to-vitch), aged 61, died in the opinion of sanctity in the Butyrki prison in Moscow, while awaiting his deportation to Siberia, having been sentenced for 10 years of forced labor by a special NKVD unit. He was a priest for 36 years and a Marian for 20. In 1928, upon the request of Pope Pius XI he went to Harbin, Manchuria, to fulfill the duties of Ordinary for the Russians of the Eastern Rite in China. On October 22, 1939, while visiting his relatives in Poland, he was betrayed into the hands of the Bolshevik authorities near Rawa Ruska. After his arrest in 1939, he was imprisoned in Lvov and later, in 1941, in Moscow. On February 9, 2021, his beatification process was opened in Warsaw, Poland. His place of burial is unknown.

L. Let us pray that the Servant of God Fabian may attain the glory of the Blessed, through Christ Our Lord.

All. Amen.

# FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On January 2, 2014, **Father JOHN DUOBA**, a member of the American Province, was called to the Lord. He was 92 years old, a religious for 75 years and a priest for 68. He studied Sacred Scripture at the *Biblicum* Pontifical Institute in Rome, and then served in Argentina as a professor of Sacred Scripture and biblical languages at San Carlos Boromeo Seminary in the Province of Santa Fe. He was the chaplain in the Asilo del Buon Pastor in Rosario and pastor of our Madre de la Misericordia Parish in Avellaneda. In 1975, he returned to the United States, where he worked at the Lithuanian newspaper *Draugas*, in Chicago, and taught at

<sup>\*</sup>NKVD – Russian acronym for People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs, (pronounced en-ka-veh-deh) that directly executed the rule of power of the Soviets.

Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Connecticut. From 1967 to 1975, he was a member of the General Council and served as the General Secretary. He spent the last years of his life at the Matulaitis nursing home in Putnam, Connecticut. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Stockbridge, Massachusetts

## JANUARY 3

On January 3, 2012, **Father JOHN BUKOWICZ** (Boo-ko-vich), died in a hospital in Żyrardów (Zhirarduv) at the age of nearly 88. He was a religious for 66 years and a priest for 58. He held a Doctoral degree in Canon Law and served as the provincial secretary, the vice-postulator in the beatification process of the Servant of God Casimir Wyszyński and was a member of the Committee of the National Conference of Bishops in charge of revising the Code of Canon Law. Also, he was the curator of the Congregation of Sisters Handmaids of the Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus, the general postulator in Rome, and the protector of Polish pilgrims in Rome during the Holy Year of 1975. He was the custodian of Father Founder's tomb, the defender of matrimony at the Metropolitan Court of Law, a member of the committee in charge of the beatification processes of the Servants of God Fr. Ladislaus Korniłowicz, Joseph Stanke, Cardinal August Hlond, Fr. George Kaszyra, and Fr. Anthony Leszczewicz. In 1995, he became the first chairmen of the Marian Historical Institute. He was also the author of many books and articles about our Congregation's heritage. He is buried in Puszcza Mariańska.

In 2016, **Father IRENEUS MELLER**, a member of the Polish Province, died on his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. He was a religious for 62 years and a priest for 48. For 23 years he served in various Marian parishes in Poland as a catechist at schools, and for the following 25 years he was a much-valued chaplain at the Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology in Warsaw. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

# JANUARY 4

On January 4, 1811, **Brother LADISLAUS MICHAŁOWSKI** (Mi-kha-wofski) died at the approximate age of 70 at the monastery in Skórzec (Skoo-zhets), Poland. He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1938, **Brother JOHN KRUOPIS**, a 27-year old cleric, died at the house of Žemaiciu Kalvarija, Lithuania, of injuries sustained in an accident. He was a professed member of the Lithuanian Province for 7 years. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1967, **Brother LADISLAUS CIBULSKIS** died in Chicago at the age of 83. He was born in Olita, Lithuania, entered our Congregation in the United States in

1914, and was a member of the Province of St. Casimir for over 50 years. He distinguished himself by promoting the Catholic press. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# January 5

On January 5, 1822, **Brother CLEMENT BEREZECKI** (Be-re-zets-ki) died at the age of 74. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1868, **Father JAMES MALEWSKI** (Ma-lef-ski) died at the age of 67. He was a religious for 46 years. From 1844 onwards, he resided at Marijampolė and served on the seminary staff. From 1862 to 1864, he fulfilled the duties of vicar general. He is buried in Marijampolė.

#### JANUARY 6

On January 6, 1756, **Father JOSEPH SZLAGOWSKI** (Shla-gof-ski), preacher at the monastery in Skórzec, died in the Lord. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec (Skoo-zhets).

In 1765, **Brother PAUL ABRAMOWICZ** (Ab-rah-mo-vich), highly regarded for his virtues, died and was buried at the monastery in Marijampolė at the age of 46.

In 1776, **Brother ILDEPHONSE JASTRZĘBSKI** (Yastshemb-ski), a Hungarian by birth, died at the age of 41 at the monastery in Skórzec. His death was caused by exposure to extreme weather conditions while collecting contributions for the Goźlin monastery. He died and was buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1791, **Brother NICHOLAS ROUS** (Roo), a Frenchman, died and was buried at the monastery in Miroslavas.

In 1976, **Father LADISLAUS MROCZEK** (Mro-chek) died at the age of 85 in Balsamão, Portugal. He entered the Congregation in 1911 as a seminarian and made his novitiate in Fribourg, Switzerland, under the direction of Father Renovator. He was ordained in 1913. From 1933 to 1939, he served as the provincial superior of the Polish Province. Subsequently, he fulfilled various duties at the generalate in Rome and, ultimately, those of General Superior from 1951 to 1957. At his own request, he was assigned to the house in Balsamão. He distinguished himself by diligence, humility, poverty and piety. He is buried in Balsamão.

In 2002, **Brother CLEMENS KIESTRZYN** died at the religious house in Fawley Court, Great Britain. He was 98 years old. He joined the Congregation after

completing his military service in 1954. He resided at houses in Hereford, Rome, and Fawley Court. He was known for his humility, poverty, cheerfulness and kind demeanor. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

## January 7

On January 7, 1990, **Father JOSEPH KUPŠTAITIS**, of the Lithuanian Province, died in Vilkaviskis at the age of 83. He was a religious for 63 years and a priest for 56. When the Bolsheviks closed the monasteries in Lithuania, he served in various parishes including Slavikas, where he is buried.

#### JANUARY 8

On January 8, 1805, **Father WENCESLAUS DYDWALL** (Did-val) died at the residence in Igliaukai (Igli-a-oo-kay) in Lithuania at the age of 62. He was a religious for 40 years. He was highly regarded as a preacher and was frequently invited to preach in various churches. He served as an assistant of the Prussian Province. For the last 13 years of his life he resided at the parish of Igliaukai, where he died and was buried next to the church.

# JANUARY 9

On January 9, 1765, **Father JOHN KANTY SZKRAFFER** (Sh-kraf-fer), a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Raśna at the age of 45. He was a religious for 25 years and a priest for 22. He fulfilled various duties, including those of secretary to four successive General Superiors. In 1751, as the secretary to Fr. Casimir Wyszyński, then the Procurator General, he went with Fr. Casimir to Rome. Returning to Poland the same year, he became a professor of sacred theology. In virtue of his exceptional meekness he was given the title "Father of the Order." He was the first to be buried in the crypt of the Raśna church.

In 1858, **Father ANTHONY CZERNIEWSKI** (Cher-nef-ski) died at the age of 54 at the monastery in Skórzec, in his 5<sup>th</sup> year in the office of the General Superior. He was a religious for 36 years and a priest for 31. Before becoming the General Superior, he fulfilled the duties of a lector, local superior, general secretary and vicar general. He died after several months of illness. He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 2003, **Father JOSÉ MANUEL MORAIS** died in Lisbon at the age of 60. He was a religious for 41 years and a priest for 32. He was a zealous venerator of Mary Immaculate. He also spread devotion to our Founder and Renovator. For three years, from 1981 to 1984, he was a vicar of the superior of St. Stanislaus Kostka Province in the United States for Portugal. He is buried in Balsamão.

January 17

#### January 10

On January 10, 1787, **Mrs. TERESA WAŻYŃSKA** (Vazhin'ska), the foundress of the monastery in Miroslavas, died. She was admitted to share in the spiritual benefits of the Marian Order. She was laid to rest at the site of her foundation.

In 1790, **Father HYACINTH KOZUBSKI** (Ko-zoob-ski) died at the monastery in Berezdov at the age of 70. He was a very zealous preacher. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1930, **Brother MICHAEL GRONSKIS** (Gron-skis), distinguished for his virtues, died at the age of 60 at the house in Marijampolė. He was a member of the Congregation of the Dolorist Brothers for 20 years, before joining our Congregation. He was a member of the Lithuanian Province for 10 years and is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1986, **Father MICHAEL ŽEMAITIS** (Zhe-ma-y-tis), a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 78. He was a religious for 55 years and a priest for 47. He fruitfully fulfilled his pastoral duties under the difficult conditions of the Communist regime and is buried in the cemetery in Rokantiskiai near Vilnius.

In 2005, **Father JOSEPH GLINKA** (Glin-ka) died at the age of 87. He studied at the Marian Gymnasium in Bielany and made his first vows in 1939. He was ordained a priest in 1946, and assumed headship of a boarding school for boys in Warsaw. Later, he was an educator at Bielany and then was the parish administrator and house superior in Licheń. He fulfilled these same roles at Głuchołazy, and held many other offices in our community. He died in Góra Kalwaria and is buried there.

#### January 11

On January 11, 1786, **Father JOHN NEPOMUCENE CZERMAK** (Chermak), a Czech, died at the age of 72 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He merited the title of "Father of the Order" for the exemplary manner in which he lived his religious life and fulfilled various offices in the Order. He was a teacher of moral theology for 30 years. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1818, **Father IGNATIUS ZALEWSKI** (Za-lef-ski) died at the monastery in Goźlin at the age of 41, having been a religious for 14 years. He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1866, **Father VINCENT ILGUN** (Iw-goon) died at the monastery in Marijampolė at the age of 26. He was a religious for eight years and in his second year as a priest. He is buried in Marijampolė.

#### January 12

On January 12, 1754, **Father FLORIAN MACHACZEK** (Ma-kha-chek), a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska (Poosh-cha Korabiefska). He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1981, **Brother ANTHONY GUMAUSKAS** (Goo-ma-oos-kas), a member of the Lithuanian Province, died. He joined the Congregation at the age of 20 and taught sewing in our trade school at Marijampolė. He loved the Liturgy. While serving at Mass four days before his death, he fell and was struck on the head by a candelabra, which he had grasped, feeling faint. He is buried in Marijampolė.

#### JANUARY 13

On January 13, 1735, **Father ALEXIS KARCZYK** (Kar-chik) died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska (Poosh-cha Kora-biefska). A diocesan priest, he received the Marian habit and spent several years in the community; however, he died before pronouncing his religious profession. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1994, **Father STANISLAUS ZAMBRZYCKI** (Zam-bzhy-tski), a member of the Polish Province, died in the Bielany hospital in Warsaw at the age of 61. He was a religious for 42 years and a priest for 34. After ordination, he fulfilled the offices of local and provincial councilor and superior of the Warsaw-Bielany house, but most of all, he served the Province for almost 30 years as provincial treasurer. Under his supervision, a new church and provincial house were constructed at Warsaw-Stegny. Building the house of Studies — today, the seminary — in Lublin was one of his major achievements. He was appreciated for his willingness to help others and his good sense of humor. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 2004, **Father PETER MIROS** (Mee-ros) died in Góra Kalwaria. He was 89 years old, a religious for 71 years and a priest for 61. He served as an educator, lecturer, and superior. For over 40 years, as a pastor in Slough, England, he provided pastoral ministry to Poles living in England. He was instrumental in building the church and parish house at Slough with the meaningful support of Marians and laity. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

January 19

#### January 14

On January 14, 1801, **Father MATTHEW ZIELONKA** (Zh'e-lon-ka) died at the age of 50 at the monastery in Miroslavas. He was a member of the Prussian Province and vicar general of the Order. He exercised the office of prefect of parish missions in Kamieniec Litewski in an exemplary manner. For six years, he held the office of vicar general. He is buried in Miroslavas.

#### January 15

On January 15, 1773, **Father ATHANASIUS DRĄŻEWSKI** (Dron-zhef-ski) died at age 32 at the monastery in Miroslavas. He was a lector of sacred theology, a religious for 17 years and a priest for 10. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1974, the **Lay Affiliate FRANCIS CZECH** died unexpectedly at the Fawley Court house in Great Britain. He is buried in the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

#### JANUARY 16

On January 16, 1967, **Father JOHN GUTURAVIČIUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 83 in Marijampolė. He was a priest for 60 years and a religious for 40. He taught religion at the school, was a prison and hospital chaplain, and performed pastoral work in various parishes. He distinguished himself by his charity and love of neighbor. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1973, **Brother JOHN SINKEVIČIUS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died in Chicago at the age of 69. A religious for 39 years, he served the community as an electrician. He worked for 30 years at the *Draugas* Publishing Office. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2018, **Brother ANTÓNIO DOS REIS FERNANDES**, a member of the Portuguese Vicariate, died at the hospital in Bragança, Portugal, at the age of 87. He was a religious for nearly 60 years. He was the first Portugese member of the renewed congregation to make his perpetual profession of vows. Initially, he served as a gardener, the monastery's assistant treasurer, and helped with the upkeep of the Marian Fathers' Minor Seminary in Balsamão. He was then transferred to Curitiba in Brazil to assist with pastoral work at St. George's Parish, thus becoming one of the pioneers in establishing the Marians' presence in Brazil. He later returned to Balsamão, where he lived until his death, earning praise for his spirit of service and prayer. He is buried in Balsamão.

#### January 17

On January 17, 2019, **Father JEROME ANTHONY ZALONIS**, a member of the American Province, passed away in the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Connecticut. He was 86 years old, a religious for 68 years and a priest for nearly 60. He ministered in parishes in Illinois and Wisconsin, and led the project of building a new church for St. Patrick's parish in Yorkville. Upon retirement, he moved to the Marian House in Thompson, Connecticut, and then to the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Connecticut. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2020, Father CASIMIR KRZYŻANOWSKI, a member of the American Province, passed away on his 97th birthday at the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home in Washington, D.C. He was a religious for 70 years and a priest for 64. Born in Poland, in 1944, he fought alongside his brother with the Polish Patriots in the Warsaw Uprising. He was captured, became a prisoner of war in Austria, and after being set free by the Americans, he joined the Second Polish Corps under the command of General Władysław Anders. Demobilized in 1946 in Great Britain, he joined our Congregation there. In 1949, he went to the United States where he made his novitiate and in 1950, professed his first religious vows. Soon after his ordination he was transferred to Rome, where he prepared the *Positio* for the beatification cause of our holy Father Founder. Later, he prepared a critical edition of the Collected Writings of St. Stanislaus in the original Latin. While in Rome, he served as Secretary General, general councilor and Procurator General, as well as a member of the Institute of Marian History and Spirituality. In 2005, he was transferred to Washington, D.C. where he remained until his death. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

# JANUARY 18

On January 18, 2006, **Father ZENON ROSŁOŃ** (Ros-won') died in Curitiba after a long illness. He was 79, a religious for 61 years and a priest for 53. In 1958, he started his service at the general house in Rome, first, as the secretary general and then as the general treasurer for 15 years. At that time the old general house was torn down and the new one built. After 18 years of service in Rome, Fr. Zenon was transferred to Brazil upon his own request. He served in Brazil as superior and rector of the seminary, pastor, superior of the Brazilian Vicariate and later it secretary and treasurer. In the last months of his life he bore much suffering. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Curitiba.

#### January 19

On January 19, 1944, **Father MIECISLAUS KANIA** (Ka-ni-a), age 28, was executed by the Nazis in Warsaw after being arrested by the Gestapo for attending clandestine sociology courses at the university. He was a religious for 10 years and an ordained a priest for only a few months before his death. His place of burial is unknown.

In 1963, **Brother LEON KRASAUSKAS** (Kra-sa-u-kas) died in Palomene, Lithuania. He was 82 years old and a religious for 37. For 7 years, he fulfilled the duties of porter and gardener at the generalate in Rome. He is buried in Palomene.

In 1988, **Father LADISLAUS HULISZ** (Hoo-lish) suffered a heart attack and died at the house in Warsaw-Praga at the age of 68. He was a member of the Polish Province, a religious for 47 years and a priest for over 40. He completed his theological studies in Rome and was ordained there. He was known for his pastoral zeal. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

#### JANUARY 20

On January 20, 1791, **Brother FELIX GEYSZTOR** (Ghe-y-shtor) died at the age of 60 at the monastery in Marijampolė and is buried there.

In 1799, **Brother SIMON BURNO** (Boor-no), age 90, died at the monastery in Miroslavas and is buried there.

In 1889, **Father FRANCIS GOŁAWSKI** (Go-wa-fski) died at the age of 60. He was a religious for 40 years, and a priest for 35. For aiding the insurgents in 1863, he was transferred to the Vicariate of Bełżec, and then to Marijampolė in 1866. He is buried in the parish cemetery in Nabrozy.

In 1940, **Brother ADOLPH BULOTA** (Boo-lo-ta), a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 37 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He commendably carried out the duties of type-setter in the Marian print shop. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2016, **Father ANTHONY ŁOŚ** (Wos), a member of the Polish Province, died in Licheń. He was 72 years old, a religious for 53 years and a priest for 46. After initially serving for five years in the Polish Province, he ministered for 18 years in the English Province. Upon his return to the Polish Province, he continued his work at various Marian Fathers' churches in Belarus. For the last three years of his life, he was a pastoral assistant at the Shrine of Our Lady of Licheń. He is buried in Licheń.

On January 21, 1760, **Father THEODORE DĄBROWSKI** (Dom-brof-ski) died at the monastery in Skórzec at the age of 26 and is buried there.

# January 22

On January 22, 1986, **Father PETER MYURYNIKS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 75 in Riga, Latvia. He was a religious for 54 years. Initially a religious brother, in 1948 he was ordained to the priesthood and, in spite of the Communist regime, carried out an arduous pastoral apostolate in various parishes. He is buried in the cemetery in Josmuize.

In 1995, **Father ESBLAIN PEREIRA MARCONDES**, a member of the Brazilian Vicariate, died unexpectedly at the age of 40 in Curitiba, Brazil. He was a religious for 12 years and a priest for 5. He became a candidate to our Congregation at the age of 27. After professing his first vows, he studied philosophy and theology in Curitiba. In 1987, he participated with great enthusiasm in the beatification of Blessed George in Rome. After his priestly ordination, he gave himself completely to the formation of the Brazilian candidates in the Minor Seminary and the Postulancy. He died of a heart ailment shortly after beginning the celebration of Mass. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Curitiba.

In 2004, **Father GEORGE GROSZEWSKI** (Gro-shef-ski), age 74, died in Lublin. He was a priest of 48 years and a religious for 55. He served as a minister for the youth. From 1978 to 1988, he organized the publishing apostolate producing books and prayer cards, a rare occurrence during the Communists regime. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

#### **JANUARY 23**

On January 23, 1770, **Father MATTHEW SIEDLACZEK**, a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska (Poosh-cha Kora-b'efska). He was known for his corporal mortifications, particularly for prolonged fasts. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1863, **Father ANTHONY MARCINKIEWICZ** (Mar-ch'in-k'evich), a member of the house in Skórzec, died in Skórzec. He is buried in the local cemetery.

In 1990, **Father CASIMIR OKSIUTOWICZ** (Ok-s'u-to-vich), a member of the Polish Province, died at the house in Stoczek at the age of 81. He was a religious for 65 years and a priest for 53. He obtained degrees in philosophy and theology in Rome. He led a life of intense pastoral activity, particularly among the youth, in both Poland and Lithuania. He is buried in Stoczek Klasztorny.

In 2005, **Father EUGENE OGIŃSKI** (Oguin'-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 82. He studied at the Marian College in Bielany and was ordained to the priesthood by Blessed Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński Primate of Poland. For many years, he served as the chaplain of various women's religious communities, ministered in parishes and served as a spiritual director, catechist, professor of Mariology in the novitiate, and moderator of the postulancy. He is buried in Skórzec.

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#### FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

On January 24, 1945, **Servant of God Father VLADISLOVAS MAŽONAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in the Butyrki prison in Moscow at the age of 63. He was a priest for 38 years and a religious for 21. He worked initially in Marijampolė, then from 1934 to 1938, he served at the mission in Harbin, from where he went to Japan to lay a foundation for a mission. In 1941, he was deported from Lithuania to a prison camp in the Krasnoyarsk Territory, near the Lake Baikal. He was interrogated and tortured because, while staying in London, he wrote an account of the persecutions of the Church in the Soviet Union. The torture irreparably destroyed his health, and in February of 1944, he was taken to the prison hospital in Butyrki where he died a year later. His place of burial is unknown. On February 9, 2021, his beatification process was opened in Warsaw, Poland.

L. Let us pray that the Servant of God Ladislaus may attain the glory of the Blessed, through Christ Our Lord.

All, Amen.

#### FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On January 24, 1783, **Father AUGUSTINE ORDEGA** (Or-den-ga), taken suddenly ill in the refectory, died at the age of 60 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was esteemed for his virtuous life. He is buried near the Church of Our Lord's Cenacle in Góra.

In 1804, **Father ALEXIS MODZELEWSKI** (Mod-ze-lef-ski), age 34, a religious for 14 years, died after a long illness at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1940, **Father LADISLAUS DRAUGELIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 60 at the house in Žemaiciu Kalvarija. Esteemed for his virtues, he was a priest for 20 years before making his religious profession in 1923. From 1933 to 1939, he served as a member of the general council in Rome. He is buried in Žemaičių Kalvarija in Lithuania.

In 1993, **Father FRANCIS GARŠVA**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the house in Chicago at the age of 78. He was a religious for 61 years and a priest for over 50. Born in Lithuania, he belonged initially to the Lithuanian Province. In 1944, he went to Rome, where he obtained a Licentiate in Theology at the Angelicum. He was assigned to minister for some years in Argentina. From 1957 until his death, he was a member of the Chicago house. There, with much zeal and skill, he fulfilled the office of Editor of the newspaper *Draugas*. He also served as a provincial councilor for 18 years. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# JANUARY 25

On January 25, 1775, **Father DOMINIC ŚLIWIŃSKI** (S'li-vin'-ski), preacher of the monastery in Goźlin, died at the age of 34. He was a tireless confessor, wholly dedicated to the Order, and much loved by everyone. At the time of his death, he was fulfilling the duties of chaplain at Laskarzewo. He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1948, **Father EDWARD SAWICKI** (Sa-vi-tski), blind for the last 10 years of his life, died at the age of 72 after a long illness at the house in Druya. He was a priest for 50 years and a religious for 19. He joined the Congregation as the longtime pastor of the Prosna Parish in the Archdiocese of Warsaw. He is buried beside the church in Druya.

In 1957, **Father VINCENT RAITELIS**, a religious of the American Province of St. Casimir for 15 years, died at the age of 39 at the house in Plano, Illinois. He was known for his pastoral zeal, which he also exercised as a missionary in Argentina. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# **JANUARY 26**

On January 26, 1996, **Father OLGIERD NASSALSKI** (Nas-sal-ski) died of a heart attack in Licheń. He was 71 years old, a religious for 48 years and a priest for 42. He served as provincial superior, provincial councilor, novice master, house superior, and pastor. He was a missionary, a retreat director, an educator of youth and a vocation director, for all of which he won high regard throughout Poland. He wrote books on Mariology, for the youth, and about the Marians. During the last years of his life, he heard confessions and preached at the Marian Shrine in Licheń. He is buried in the local Marian cemetery.

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#### FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

On January 27, 1927, **BLESSED GEORGE MATULAITIS-MATULEWICZ**, Titular Archbishop of Aduli, Apostolic Visitator in Lithuania, Renovator, and General Superior of our Congregation from 1911 until death, departed this life for heaven at the age of 56 in Kaunas, Lithuania. He was beatified in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope St. John Paul II on June 28, 1987, on the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lithuania becoming a Christian nation. On July 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year, his remains were solemnly placed above the altar in the chapel dedicated to him in the Marian basilica of Marijampolė. His feast is celebrated on January 27th.

**L.** May the Lord grant the glory of sainthood to Blessed George – we pray to the Lord.

All. Lord hear our prayer.

#### FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On January 27, 1854, **Father SIMON JASIULEWICZ** (Yas'u-le-vich), a member of the Order for 18 years, died at the age of 44 at the monastery in Marijampolė. In recognition of his virtuous life, particularly for his diligence and great affability, he merited the title "Father of the Order." He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1948, **Father VLADIMIR JAKOWSKI** (Ya-kof-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 72 at the house on Eden Hill, Stockbridge. He was the first provincial superior of the newly established Polish Province, established in 1930, and served as provincial for 3 years. He entered our renovated Congregation at Fribourg in 1912. He had been ordained in 1901 as a diocesan priest, and served in Częstochowa (Chen-sto-khova) where he founded a branch of the Association of Christian Workers. He belonged to the Marian Association of Diocesan Priests guided by Blessed George. In the last eight years of his life, he preached parish missions among the Polish people in the United States to raise funds for a community house and an orphanage he had set up in Bielany. He was the first Marian buried in the new Eden Hill cemetery in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

In 1996, **Father WENCESLAUS RAMANAUSKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, was killed by three bandits at his rectory in Ukmergė. He was 70 years old, a religious for 25 years and a priest for over 38. As a priest, he served the Church through the difficult times of the Communist regime, by conducting his pastoral activity in various parishes with great zeal. When Lithuania regained its religious freedom, he taught catechism in a local high school and wrote articles for a magazine in Ukmergė, right up to his tragic death. He is buried in the cemetery in Ukmergė, in the section reserved for the Marians.

On January 29, 1934, the **Lay Affiliate PETER BIALKOVSKI** died at the house at Vilāni, Latvia, where he is buried.

In 1969, **Father CASIMIR KUCKELL** died at the age 43 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident only three days previously. A member of the American Province of St. Casimir, he was a teacher at Marianapolis Preparatory School for 11 years. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1988, **Brother JOSEPH LANDIS** died in Putnam, Connecticut, at the age of 70, having suffered a heart attack. He was a member of the American Province of St. Casimir for 27 years and rendered valued services to the community as treasurer, especially lastly at Marianapolis Preparatory School. He is buried in St. John's cemetery in Worcester, Massachusetts.

In 2016, **Father CHESTER WENCESLAUS KNOZOWSKI**, a member of the Licheń house of the Polish Province died at a hospital in Konin. He was 81 years old, a religious for 61 years and a priest for 54. He was the first pastor of the then newly organized parishes in Grudziądz and then in Zakopane-Cyrhla. For 28 years he ministered in Licheń as a vicar of St. Dorothy's Parish, and then at the Shrine of our Lady of Licheń as preacher and confessor. He is buried in Licheń.

#### January 30

On January 30, 1753, **Father BERNARD MACHACZEK** (Ma-ha-chek), a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Goźlin. He was both the preacher and president of the monastery. He is buried in Goźlin.

In 1788, **Father NORBERT GOŁKOWSKI** (Gow-kof-ski) died at the age of 50 at the monastery of Saint Vitus in Rome. He had been Postulator for the beatification causes of the Servants of God Stanislaus and Casimir. Later, he was sent from Poland to Rome to become Procurator General of the Order, where he fittingly concluded the process of separation of the Marians from the Franciscans. He is buried in the crypt of Saint Vitus Church in Rome.

In 1973, **Father JOHN KANIA** (Ka-n'a) died at the age of 50 at the religious house in Goźlin. He was a member of the Polish Province for 22 years and a priest for 15. He dedicated himself to pastoral activity and, in his last year, was pastor of the parish in Goźlin in his last years. He is buried in Goźlin.

In 1978, **Father MIECISLAUS CHOINSKI** (Kho-in'-ski) died at the age of 41 as a result of serious injuries sustained while driving. He was a member of the Polish Province for 19 years and a priest for 10, which were dedicated to pastoral activity. He is buried in Głuchołazy.

In 2017, **Father EUGENE KAMIŃSKI**, a member of the Grudziądz house in Poland, died at the hospital in Grudziądz. He was 81 years old, a religious for 60 years and a priest for 51. He served at various Marian parishes, fulfilling many different functions. While fulfilling the office of house treasurer and superior in Grudziądz, he initiated and completed the construction of a filial chapel in Wielkie Lniski. The Ordinary appointed him rector of St. Francis Xavier Church, which duties he carried out to the very end of his hard-working life. He is buried in Grudziądz.

# January 31

On January 31, 1918, **Father BLAISE KISIELSKI** (Kee-s'el-ski) died in Warsaw. After the suppression of religious orders in 1864, he resided for some time in Marijampolė. Later, he was the pastor in Boglewice for 15 years. The last ten years of his life he spent as a chaplain of St. Vincent de Paul church in Warsaw. He is buried in Bródno cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1991, **Father MICHAEL TOMAŠEVIČS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 81 at the Parish house of Pustina. He was a religious for 62 years and a priest for 40. Initially, he was a religious brother in our Congregation, working in the print shop connected with the house in Rezekne. He entered the Seminary at Riga and was ordained in 1951. He worked in many parishes, and during the last 10 years of his life, was the pastor in Pustina, where he is buried.

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#### FEBRUARY 2

On February 2, 1860, **Father STANISLAUS CHROMIŃSKI** (Khro-min'ski), age 71, a religious for 51 years, and a priest for 47, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. For 15 years, he dedicated himself principally to pastoral work in Pruszyn (Proo-shin) and then for several years after that, was resident preacher in Goźlin and Puszcza. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

#### FEBRUARY 3

On February 3, 1759, **Brother STANISLAUS PORAZIŃSKI** (Po-ra-zin'-ski) died at the monastery in Skórzec. He served the community as treasurer. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1816, **Father MARCEL PETTER** died at the age of 43 in the monastery in Marijampolė. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1826, **Father PLACIDUS STARKIEWICZ** (Star-k'evich), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 83 at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria. He fulfilled various offices in an exemplary manner and was the confessor of the Dominican Sisters in Góra Kalwaria for many years. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1921, a postulant **ISIDORE KAIRYS** died at the house in Chicago. He joined the American Province of Saint Casimir with the intention of becoming a professed member but died before beginning his novitiate. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1999, **Father PETER BARAUSKIS**, a religious for 64 years, a priest for 60, died at the age of 91 at the Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Connecticut. He spent the majority of his life at the Marianapolis Preparatory School teaching Latin and Theology. He also served for many years as novice master and assisted in the local parish for more than 38 years. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

#### FEBRUARY 4

On February 4, 1777, **Brother THOMAS DERYNG** died at the residence of Ostrikov at the age of 56. He was a religious for 24 years and was known as a "great lover of virtue." He is buried in Ostrikov.

February 29

In 1850, **Father MICHAEL PETTER**, a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 88 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 69 years and a priest for 64. He was highly regarded for his religious observance and fraternal charity. He was Procurator General of the Order and president of the monastery at Marijampolė for 21 years, where he supervised the construction of a new church building in stone, replacing the old wooden one.

In 1990, **Father JOHN PALIUKAS** died at the Samogitian parish of Twery. He was 76 years old, a religious for 55 years and a priest for almost 48. For six years, he lived in exile working in the Ural coalmines. After his return, he served as a pastor in various Samogitian parishes. He conducted many retreats for the laity and clergy. He is buried in Tverai.

In 1999, **Father FRANCIS ŠULSKIS** died in Marijampolė. He was 81 years old, a religious for 64 years and a priest for 55. A spinal wound left him paralyzed for 53 years. From 1967 to 1976, he was provincial superior. Clandestine admissions to the novitiate, professions of vows and meetings took place in his house. He was always joyful and smiling. He is buried in a Marijampolė cemetery.

# FEBRUARY 5

On February 5, 1758, **Father FRANCIS XAVIER RAABE**, a Czech by birth, died in a Warsaw clinic run by the Sisters of Mercy. He was preacher of the monastery in Goźlin. He is buried in the crypt of the chapel of the Sisters of Mercy in Warsaw.

In 1785, **Father VALENTINE CZUBERNATOWICZ** (Chu-ber-na-to-vich), age 50, died in Seroczyn where he was sent for pastoral assistance. He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1786, **Father DONATO HORNIAKIEWICZ** (Khor-n'a-k'e-vich), a Hungarian, died at the monastery in Marijampolė. He served for some time in the army, but by the grace of God, became a soldier of Christ in our Order. He only lived for four years after being ordained a priest. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1919, **Brother VINCENT URBANOWICZ** (Ur-ba-no-vich), a scholastic, died of pneumonia at the age of 22 at the monastery in Marijampolė, one year after his return from Fribourg where he had joined our renovated Congregation. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1944, **Brother SIGISMUND SZLAZA** (Shl'a-za) died at the age of 25 after having been ill with tuberculosis for several years. He was a religious for 5 years. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

#### FEBRUARY 6

On February 6, 1966, **Brother JOSEPH SKURIAT** (Sku-ri-at), a religious for 33 years, died at the age of 86 in Idolta, near Druya, Belarus. Originally, he was a member of the house in Druya. Along with other dispersed religious, he suffered from the persecution of the Church by the Communist regime, but he remained faithful to his vocation until his death. He served as a sacristan in various parishes administered by the Marians. He is buried in the local cemetery in Idolta.

#### FEBRUARY 7

On February 7, 1800, **Princess ANNA PAULINA JABŁONOWSKA** (Yabwonof-ska) of the Sapieha family, the wife of Prince Jan Cajetan Jabłonowski, provincial governor of Bracław, died at Ostrog in Volyn (today's Ukraine). The General Chapter celebrated in Raśna in 1788 admitted her to share in the spiritual benefits of our Order as the co-foundress and special benefactor of the Marian monastery in Berezdov. She is buried in Ostróg.

In 1803, **Father AUGUSTINE BINDAKIEWICZ** (Bin-da-k'e-vich), a Lithuanian, died at the age of 46 in the monastery in Volpa. He was buried in the crypt of the Volpa church.

In 1980, **Father VIRGIL JAUGELIS** (Ya-oo-gue-lis) died of cancer at the age of 32 at Kybartai, Lithuania, having been ordained only three months before. He was admired for his perseverance in pursuing priestly ordination in spite of the many obstacles imposed by the Communist regime. He is buried in Kubartai.

#### FEBRUARY 8

On February 8, 1933, **Brother VINCENT DUOBA** (Doo-o-ba), a scholastic, died at the age of 21 at the house in Ukmergė, Lithuania. He is buried in Ukmergė.

In 1965, **Brother SIMON KVIETKUS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir died at the house in Marian Hills, Illinois. He was 82 years old. Born in Lithuania, he was a religious for 23 years, fulfilling various occupations and earning recognition for the breeding of poultry. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1967, **Brother ANTHONY ZAREMBA**, a Lithuanian by birth, died at the age of 86 at our Roman house. Previously a member of the Congregation of Dolorist Brothers, he was a professed Marian for 45 years. From 1934 to 1951 he was a member of the house in Harbin, Manchuria, and, then a member of the general house in Rome, until his death. He was much appreciated as a skilled mechanic and

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electrician. He left a wonderful example of diligence and religious simplicity. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' tomb in Campo Verano, Rome.

In 1968, **Brother CONRAD RAINYS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the house in Marian Hills in Illinois, at the age of 78. He was a religious for 27 years, serving the community as a mechanic and gardener. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

#### FEBRUARY 9

On February 9, 1796, **Father STANISLAUS TELATYCKI** (Tel-at-itski) died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, at the age of 27. He was a lector of philosophy, an exemplary religious, and a priest highly esteemed by all. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1946, **Father JOHN KRIŠČIUKAITIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the house in Rome, at the age of 79. He was a priest for 55 years and a religious for 27. He entered our Congregation as a diocesan priest of Sejny [Łomża]. From 1920 to 1925, he was secretary to our Renovator, Blessed George, in Vilnius. During this time he acquired in Poland thousands of books, particularly in Lithuanian, that were brought to Marijampolė in 1925 and which became the foundation of a library. In the years 1927–1930, he held the office of vicar general in Lithuania. From 1933 he resided in Rome and was a member of the general council. He systematized the library and general archives. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' tomb in Campo Verano, Rome.

#### FEBRUARY 10

On February 10, 1732, **Brother MATTHIAS of SAINT MARTIN** died at the monastery in Goźlin and is buried there.

In 1956, **Brother FRANCIS SMIGLEVIČIUS**, a professed Marian for 35 years, died at the age of 81 at the house in žemaiciu Kalvarija in Lithuania. He joined our Congregation in 1920, having been previously a member of the Congregation of Dolorist Brothers. He faithfully served the community, carrying out various manual labors.

#### FEBRUARY 11

On February 11, 1730 (or 1731), **Father JOACHIM of SAINT ANN KOZŁOWSKI** (Koz-wof-ski) drowned while crossing the Vistula River on his way from Goźlin to Góra Kalwaria. He was 72 years old. He was one of the first Marians recruited by our holy Father Founder. In 1690, while still a subdeacon, he

accompanied him to Rome. In 1698, he was sent to Rome as Procurator General and obtained pontifical approval of the Institute there. In 1723, he travelled to Rome again, and this time obtained approval of the Order's statutes. He was elected General Superior four times. He is buried in Goźlin.

In 1731, **Father JAMES of SAINT ANN** died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska and is buried there.

In 1754, **Father ADALBERT STRACH** (Strakh), a Czech, died at the monastery in Marijampolė. He had been the first president of that foundation. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1821, **Father ANDREW KATYLL**, a "Father of the Order," died at the monastery in Marijampolė at the age of 70, a religious for 50 years. He was a lector of sacred theology and, subsequently, secretary of the Prussian Province. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2021, Father SERAPHIM-STANISLAUS MICHALENKO passed away due to COVID-19 complications in the hospital in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was 90 years old, a religious for 72 years and priest for 64. A member of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province in the U.S.A., he received licentiate degrees from the Angelicum and the Pontifical Institute of Eastern Church Studies in Rome, where he was ordained. He served in various pastoral roles in the United States and Australia. He served in Rome as Secretary and Postulator General. In 1979, he was assigned Vice-Postulator for the beatification cause of Sister Faustina Kowalska for North America. His input led to the successful conclusion of her beatification and canonization processes. He was a world renowned expert and zealous promoter of The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion and St. Faustina's writings. He prepared for publication the first Polish edition of St. Faustina's Diary and supervised its translation into English, Spanish and Chinese. Thanks to his initiative, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops elevated The Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge to its National status. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

#### FEBRUARY 12

On February 12, 1963, **Brother BRONISLAUS ZAŁUSKI** (Za-woo-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died in Siedlee, at the age of 75. He was a religious for 47 years. For nearly 30 years he was the principal of the Marian Schools at Bielany, Warsaw. As a lay man he studied at the Universities of Warsaw and Krakow, obtaining Doctoral degrees in Philosophy and Agricultural Sciences. He was in demand as a public speaker and authored many articles and books. He was

a member of numerous academic and social organizations. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1997, **Father JOSEPH OSZWAŁDOWSKI** (Osh-vaw-dof-ski) died unexpectedly at the age of 45. He was a religious for 23 years and a priest for 18. A gifted man who worked in many different houses, he created children's artistic groups and organized help for children of needy families. He was the first to be buried in the new Marian Fathers' cemetery in Grudziądz.

#### FEBRUARY 13

#### FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

On February 13, 1952, the **Servant of God ANDREW CIKOTO** (Chi-ko-to), Archimandrite and Apostolic Administrator in Manchuria, died at the age of 60 in the opinion of sanctity in a prison camp near Irkutsk in Siberia. He was a priest for 37 years and a religious for 32. He was the first Belarusian to join our Congregation and he became the founder of the house and affiliated intermediate school in Druya. He was General Superior from 1933 to 1939. Later he went to Manchuria, where the Communists arrested him in 1948 and sent to a prison camp in Siberia because of his pastoral activity among the Russian Catholics. He was buried in Ozernoye near Irkutsk. On February 9, 2021, his beatification process was opened in Warsaw, Poland.

**L.** Let us pray that the Servant of God Andrew may attain the glory of the Blessed, through Christ Our Lord.

All. Amen.

# FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On February 13, 1944, **Father ADAM JASENAUSKAS** (Ya-se-na-oo-skas), a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in Vilnius, at the age of 60, having been a priest for 27 years and a religious for 19. He was highly regarded as an expert in sacred music and ecclesiastical chant, and was the author of many religious books for youth. He is buried in the cemetery in Marijampolė.

In 1989, **Brother NICODEMUS ANCANS**, a member of the Latvian house in Chicago, died at the age of 88 in Lemont, Illinois. He was a religious for 60 years. From his native Latvia he was transferred to Rome in 1937, where he remained serving the generalate until 1964, when he was transferred to Chicago. He diligently fulfilled the duties of sacristan and porter at the Latvian house there. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1991, **Father JOSEPH AUGUNAS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 77 at the house in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a

religious for 60 years and a priest for 50. For many years he was the pastor of our Wisconsin parishes of Racine and Milwaukee, where he was also the local superior for 6 years. For many years he served as the local treasurer. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

#### FERRUARY 15

On February 15, 1803, **Father PETER IDŹKOWSKI** (Idz'-ko-fski), a member of the monastery in Skórzec, suddenly became gravely ill while chanting with others the Office of the Dead. He died shortly after at the age of 25, only 18 months after receiving his priestly ordination. He was a preacher of the monastery in Skórzec.

In 1863, **Father ALOYSIUS GONZAGA STREICH** (Stre-ykh), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 62 at the monastery in Skórzec. A priest for 29 years, he was a lector of sacred theology and chaplain at the palaces of Counts Lubieński and Załuski. He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 2006, **Brother FRANCIS ZABOROWSKI** died in his 85<sup>th</sup> year of life. Born in Poland in 1921, during World War II he found himself in the Polish Army in the West. He served in the First Tank Division under General Maczek and fought in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. After the war, Francis stayed in England, where he joined our community. He dearly loved flowers, especially roses, of which he took great care. He was a pious, humble, quiet, and hard-working religious, who always faithfully fulfilled his duties. He is buried in Henley-on-Thames.

#### FEBRUARY 16

On February 16, 1738, **Father MICHAEL GIBLER**, a famous preacher, died at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria. He is buried near the Cenacle in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1933, **Father SIGISMUND DRABNYS** died at the age of 41 in Kaunas, Lithuania, having been a priest for 15 years and a religious for 10. He led a very active pastoral life in Ukmergė and žemaiciu Kalvarija. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

#### February 17

# FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

February 17<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of the martyrdom of **Blessed ANTHONY LESZCZEWICZ** (Lesh-che-vich), elevated to the glory of the altars by Pope St. John Paul II on June 13, 1999, in Warsaw, Poland. Blessed Anthony was born in 1890, in Vilnius Province. He served in Irkutsk, Chita, and Harbin. In 1938, he

entered the Marian Novitiate in Skórzec. After making his vows, he went to work in Druya. In October of 1941, he became the mission superior. He died at the age of 52, while trying to save his parishioners from despair and voluntarily sharing with them the penalty inflicted by the Nazi pacification units on the residents of Rosica village. His memorial is celebrated on June 12, together with 102 Martyrs of World War II.

- **L.** May the Lord, grant the glory of sainthood to Blessed Anthony—we pray to the Lord.
- **All.** Lord, hear our prayer.

# FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On February 17, 1801, **Father LAWRENCE PABREZ** (Pab-rezh) died at the age of 72 at the monastery in Miroslavas. He was a religious for 37 years. Known as "a singular lover and devotee of religious obedience," he fulfilled various offices in the Order. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1999, **Father VYTAUTAS (VITO) ŠIMANSKIS** died after a brief illness at the age of 77 in Avellaneda, Argentina. He was a religious for 59 years and a priest for 48. As a Marian Seminarian in Marijampolė, he was forced by the retreating Germans to go to Germany. Eventually, he was able to rejoin our community in Rome, where he continued his studies. He was ordained in our parish church in Avellaneda, Argentina, in 1950. While assisting in our Argentinean parishes, he spent most of his years caring for Casa San Casimiro in Villa del Dique, Argentina. He is buried in Rosario.

### FEBRUARY 18

# FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

February 18<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of martyrdom of **Blessed GEORGE KASZYRA** (Ka-shee-ra), elevated to the glory of the altars by Pope St. John Paul II on June 13, 1999, in Warsaw, Poland. The Blessed was born near Druya, Belarus, in an Orthodox family. At 20 years of age, he became a Catholic (along with his mother), and in 1925, he entered the Druya novitiate. He was ordained a priest in 1935 in Vilnius and worked afterwards as an educator of religious youth in Vilnius and Druya. In July, 1942, he joined the mission run by Fr. A. Leszczewicz in Rosica, and in February 1943, they both decided to remain with their parishioners, condemned to death by fire, to save them from despair. His memorial is celebrated on June 12, together with 102 Martyrs of World War II.

- **L.** May the Lord, grant the glory of sainthood to Blessed George—we pray to the Lord.
- **All.** Lord, hear our prayer.

## FEBRUARY 19

# FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On February 19, 1767, **Father ADALBERT KOBYLIŃSKI** (Kobih-lin'-ski), age 27, died at the monastery in Raśna. He was a lector of philosophy and much esteemed for his virtue. He is buried in the crypt of the Raśna church.

In 1800, **Father BENIGNUS JANULEWICZ** (Ya-noo-le-vich), a priest for 11 years and a religious for 23, died at the age of 46 at the monastery in Miroslavas. He was preacher of the said monastery and he is buried there.

In 1845, **Brother NICHOLAS ROGOWSKI**, age 71, died at the monastery in Marijampolė. A religious for 29 years, he was the Order's last religious brother before the renovation by Blessed George. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1927, **Father BERNARD KUBLINSKIS**, a Latvian, died at Marijampolė within a month after entering the Marian novitiate. In 1919, he was elected to the Latvian Parliament and in this capacity he contributed to the signing of a Concordat between Latvia and the Holy See. In order to embrace the religious life in our Congregation he resigned his position of a Deputy in the Latvian Parliament and a professor in the Riga Seminary. He is buried in St. Michael's cemetery in Riga.

In 2007, **Father VICTOR PENTJUŠS** died at the age of 91, in the rectory of the Parish of the Sorrowful Mother of God in Riga, Latvia. He joined the Marians in 1931 and served in various Latvian parishes before World War II. In 1948, he was arrested and sentenced to 10 years of prison camp for "assistance to the German occupants and the anti-Soviet agitation." He was sent to work in coalmines in the Republic of Komi. Set free after Stalin's death, he returned to Latvia and was appointed to work at the Riga Seminary. Under the Soviet regime he secretly accepted candidates to the Marian community from all over the Soviet Union. In the last years of his life he bore his illness with great patience, celebrating Holy Mass daily, either at the church or at home. He is buried in Vilāni.

### FEBRUARY 20

On February 20, 1980, **Father LEON SZELAG** (She-long), a member of the Polish Province, died in Lublin, Poland, at the age of 77. He was a religious for 60 years and a priest for 44. He studied philosophy in Rome and theology in Warsaw. During the German occupation he was a chaplain in the underground Polish Army. After the war he was imprisoned by the Communists for six years for his work among the youth and students. Later he served as the provincial superior for six years. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

February 37

In 2007, we learned of the death of **Father JOHN VAIVODS**, a *sacerdos agregatus* of our Congregation since Nov. 1, 1999. In his capacity of a priest, he served the Church in Latvia for over 57 years. He was very well educated and fluent in eight languages. For many years he was a professor at the Riga Seminary. The last seven years of his life he spent in our monastery in Viļāni. He wanted to undergo the novitiate and make religious vows, however, his health did not allow it. Although he remained a *vir agregatus*, in his heart he considered himself to be fully a Marian. He is buried in Viļāni.

## FEBRUARY 21

On February 21, 1982, **Father JOSEPH ZAWADZKI** died of cancer in Warsaw, at the age of 77. A member of the Polish Province, he was a priest for 51 years and a religious for 31. As a diocesan priest, he received his Doctoral degree in sacred theology and taught at the University of Vilnius. As a Marian, he taught philosophy, was the confessor of seminarians and religious sisters, and a hospital chaplain in Bielany. He was active in ecumenism. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Góra Kalwaria.

## FEBRUARY 22

On February 22, 1947, **Father FRANCIS MEŠKAUSKAS**, a priest for 54 years and a religious for 30, died at the age of 77 at the house in žemaiciu Kalvarija. He began his religious life as a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, but a few years later returned to his native Lithuania, where he remained until his death, exercising pastoral ministry in various parishes. He is buried in Žemaiciu Kalvarija.

In 1954, **Brother SIMON RYBICKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the house in Ukmergė at the age of 70. A religious for 17 years, he served the community in various manual tasks. He is buried in Ukmergė.

### FEBRUARY 23

On February 23, 2004, **Bishop JOHN OLSZAŃSKI** (Ol-shan'-ski) died suddenly in Kamyanets Podilskyi. He was born and spent his entire life in Ukraine. He studied and was ordained in Lvov in 1942. He died at the age of 84, being a religious for 15 years, and a bishop for 12. He is buried in the crypt of the Kamyanets Cathedral.

# FEBRUARY 24

On February 24, 1763, **Father NICHOLAS KREYCZYK** (Kre-y-chik), a Czech, died at the monastery in Skórzec. He was a religious for 10 years. He served

the community as lector of philosophy and earned recognition for his obedience, poverty, and humility. He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1835, **Father PLACIDUS CZUBERNATOWICZ** (Choo-ber-na-to-vich), a religious for 52 years and a priest for 48, died at the age of 72. From 1829 until his death, he fulfilled the office of General Superior. He was eulogized as a man "full of virtue" and exemplary in religious observance. He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1988, **Father JOSEPH GRIŠANS**, a member of the American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka for 24 years, died at the house on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, at the age of 96, being a priest for nearly 72 years and a religious for 53. As a Marian priest, he studied for two years in Rome, and then he returned to his native Latvia. However, in 1944, fleeing before the Soviet invasion, he went to Rome where he served for three years holding various offices. Among them were general councilor and superior of the Roman house. Later, he went to Argentina and then to the U.S., to provide pastoral care for the Latvians. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

### FEBRUARY 25

On February 25, 1722, **Brother THOMAS of SAINT MATTHIAS** died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1985, **Brother ALFREDO of the RESURRECTION REIS**, age 78, died in the waters of the river that crossed the farmland of the house in Balsamão. A religious for 22 years, he was highly regarded as an excellent gardener. He is buried in Balsamão

In 1995, **Father STANISLAUS ŠKUTANS**, a member of the Latvian house in Chicago, died there at the age of 94. He was a religious for 67 years and a priest for 65. Born and educated in Latvia, he became assistant novice master in Viļāni after his ordination to the priesthood. Later, he taught history at the archdiocesan high school in Aglona. In 1944, fleeing before the invading Communist armies, he went to Germany and a year later to Rome, where he studied spirituality and obtained his Doctor's degree in Theology. He served the Roman house's community as the spiritual director. Later, he became a general councilor and then was elected the General Superior for six years. In 1964, he was transferred to the Latvian house in Chicago and served its community as the superior and treasurer. Exemplary in religious observance, he was also known for his great devotion to the Immaculate Virgin Mary. A scholarly and hard-working historian, he wrote and published books on the

history of the Church in Latvia and on our Congregation's history. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1998, **Brother CHESTER BANASZKIEWICZ**, a member of the British Province, died at Fawley Court at the age of 86, having lived as a religious for 47 years. In 1939, he was taken prisoner by the Nazis. After the war, he settled in England where he joined our Congregation in Hereford in 1950. From 1953 on, he lived at Fawley Court and served as a gardener and sacristan there. He is buried in the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

In 2013, **Father JANUSZ ZAWADKA** (Za-vad-ka) died at a hospital in Anin, Poland, shortly before his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was a religious for nearly 30 years and a priest for 24. He served pastorally in Poland, Germany, Italy (where he also studied at the Urbanianum University in Rome), and in Great Britain. He obtained a Doctoral degree in pastoral theology at the University of Augsburg (Germany). Throughout his whole life he bore great suffering on account of his poor health. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

### FEBRUARY 26

On February 26, 1883, **Father PETER WITKOWSKI** (Vit-kof-ski), a religious for 52 years, died at the age of 77 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was the president of the monastery in Miroslavas, when it was suppressed by the hostile Russian government in 1866. Along with other house members, he was forcibly transferred to Marijampolė. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2008, **Father PRANAS ADOMAITIS**, the oldest priest of the Vilkaviskis Diocese, died in Marijampolė. He was nearly 97 years old, and spent 20 of these years in exile. He joined the Marians in 1929 and served in Marijampolė in youth ministry. In 1945, he was arrested and sent to Soviet prison camps. Released in 1966, he returned to Lithuania and served as pastor in Lejpuny, and later as vicar in Seiraj. In 1955, he was vicar at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Marijampolė, and later in Gierdasiai. He is buried in Marijampolė.

# FEBRUARY 27

On February 27, 1951, **Brother JOHN KUKLYS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in Marijampolė at the age of 67. He was a professed Marian for 16 years. Previously, he had been a member of the Congregation of Dolorist Brothers. He was greatly appreciated for his work as a gardener. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2016, **Father ANTHONY NOCKUNAS**, fortified by the Sacraments of the Church, peacefully passed away at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, CT, in

the 85<sup>th</sup> year of his life. He was a religious for 66 years and a priest for 58. His first assignment was to teach French at the Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Connecticut. Afterwards, he spent many years serving in various Marian parishes in the U.S. and in Argentina. He spent several years at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, in Stockbridge, MA, where he celebrated Masses and heard confessions in several languages. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

## FEBRUARY 28

On February 28, in 1793, **Father JOSEPH MRAAS** died in Zemoslawie. He was invited by the noble benefactress Zofia (of the Szczuk family) Countess Butler to stay in her country estate in hope of restoring his failing health. He was then the General Superior and "lector emeritus" of sacred theology. Endowed with the title of "Father of the Order," he was much esteemed for his virtuous life and untiring care for the good of the community. He is buried in the parish church of Sobotniki, near Vilnius.

In 2001, **Father VYTAUTAS BAGDANAVICIUS**, a member of the Saint Casimir Province, died in the U.S. He was born in Lithuania, in 1908. Ordained to the priesthood in 1936 in Vilkaviskis, he studied in Kaunas, Grenoble, and Munich. He joined our Congregation in the U.S. in 1949. He directed the Lithuanian School of Journalism and the Lithuanian Pedagogical Institute. He wrote many books and academic articles. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2019, **Bishop ELLIOT GRIFFIN THOMAS**, age 92, Bishop Emeritus of Saint Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, passed away at Saint John Neumann Residence – Stella Maris in Timonium, Maryland. He had been affiliated with our Congregation since December 16, 2002. Following the funeral Mass, the body of Bishop Thomas was flown to St. Thomas.

# MARCH

### March 1

On March 1<sup>st</sup> we remember **Father JOSEPH of ALL SAINTS NOWAKOWICZ** (No-vako-vich) who made his profession of solemn vows on this day in 1701. He was the first priest ordained in our Institute. Ever faithful to his vocation, he received formation from our holy Father Founder and attained under his direction a high degree of sanctity. It was from his hands that Saint Stanislaus Papczyński received the last sacraments. He was assistant general and many times the president of the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he died and is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church. The date of his death is unknown.

In 1946, **Father JOHN SENKUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 76. He was a priest for 51 years and a religious for 16. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## March 2

On March 2, 1784, **Brother ANTHONY ROSOŁOWICZ** (Ro-so-wo-vich), age 80, was found dead at the door of his cell at the monastery in Berezdov. He was admired for his diligent, humble service for the community. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1845, **Father ADAM RYMOWICZ** (Ree-mo-vich), a "Father of the Order," seriously ill for 16 years, died at the monastery in Marijampolė at the age of 68. Always humble, frugal, and hard-working, he fulfilled various offices, among them the Assistant of the Order, president in Marijampolė, and rector in Igliaukai. He is buried in Marijampolė.

### March 3

On March 3, 1769, **Brother GASPAR TURSKI** (Toor-ski), age 36, perished in the fire of the monastery in Skórzec. He was eulogized as an "exquisite man." He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1849, **Father JOHN MATULEWICZ**, a "Father of the Order," died at the monastery in Miroslavas at the age of 62. He was the president of the monastery at Góra Kalwaria for six years. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1953, **Brother PAUL MISIUNAS** died at the age of 79 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 28 years. Admired for his piety and diligence,

he served the community for many years as a care-taker of the refectory. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1995, **Father STANLEY SAPLIS**, age 77, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died of cancer at house in Racine, Wisconsin. He was a religious for 54 years and a priest for 50. He served as a house superior and pastor. For 12 years he was engaged in the provincial administration as the first councilor, and for six years, as the fourth councilor. For some years he was a teacher, prefect of discipline, vice-rector, and principal at the Marianapolis Preparatory School. Since 1991, he was vice-postulator of the canonization cause of Blessed George for North America. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# March 4

On March 4, 1766, **Brother CASTULO ŁOSICKI** (Wo-s'itski), a student of philosophy, died in Warsaw after a long illness. He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1965, **Father JOHN JAKAITIS** died in Chicago at the age of 79. Born in Lithuania, a priest for 56 years and a member of the American Province of Saint Casimir for 35 years, he was provincial superior of the Province from 1933 to 1939. He also fulfilled the office of general councilor and general secretary for two years. Later he labored in Argentina for 15 years. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# March 5

On March 5, 1912, **Father GEORGE KOLESINSKIS** died in Chicago at the age of 76. He was a religious for 59 years (the major part of which he had to spend outside the community) and a priest for 53 years. As chaplain to the insurgents in 1863, he was seized by the Russian soldiers, but escaped capital punishment by using the identification papers of a lay insurgent who had been killed. He was sent into exile in Siberia where he was subjected to 24 years of hard labor. Two years after his return to his native country he felt compelled to emigrate to the U.S. He founded the first Lithuanian parish in Chicago. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1964, **Brother ALEXANDER KINSGAILA**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, perished in the flames that engulfed the Marianapolis Preparatory School. He was 77 years old and a religious for 35 years. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

MARCH 43

# March 6

On March 6, 1977, **Brother JOSEPH LEŠINSKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in Lithuania at the age of 68. He was a religious for 40 years, always faithful to his vocation even in the most difficult circumstances of the Communist regime. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1979, **Father SIGISMUND SEFERYNSKI** (Se-fe-rin'ski), a member of the Polish Province, died of a heart attack in Warsaw at the age of 60. He was a priest for 33 years and a religious for 40. In his pastoral ministry, he was particularly dedicated to hearing confessions. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

# March 7

On March 7, 1800, **Brother JOSEPH JAWOYSZ** (Ya-vo-y-sh) died at the age of 80 at the Igliaukai residence. He was a religious for 35 years. He is buried in Igliaukai.

### MARCH 8

On March 8, 1750, **Father MATTHEW KRAJEWSKI** (Kra-y-efski) died at the monastery in Goźlin. Elected General Superior in 1715, he contributed to the "Rostkovian Dispersion," which brought our Order to the brink of extinction. However, he repented of his mistake and returned to the reunited Order. Afflicted by a strange illness in the last 15 years of his life, he bore with great patience the intense cold which he felt even on the warmest summer days. He prepared himself for death daily by receiving the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist during the last six or seven years of his life. He is buried in Goźlin.

In 1977, **Father JOHN SEFERYNSKI** (Se-fe-rin'-ski) died at the age of 70 at the home for the aged in Góra Kalwaria. He was a religious for 55 years and a priest for 45. He fulfilled the offices of novice master and local superior for many years and was known for his diligence and piety. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Góra Kalwaria.

# MARCH 10

On March 10, 1706, **Father CYPRIAN of SAINT STANISLAUS**, the General Superior, died at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria. He was accepted by and obtained his religious formation from our holy Father Founder. He is buried at the site of the Cenacle in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1731, **Father IGNATIUS of SAINT MATTHIAS** died at the monastery in Skórzec and is buried there.

In 1785, **Father URBAN DYDWALEWICZ** (Did-va-le-vich) died at the residence in Volpa at the age of 28. He was accidentally killed by an unexpected shot from a small gun he was getting ready to scare off thieves. He was buried in the crypt of the Volpa church.

In 1984, **Father BOLESLAUS ZAJĄC** (Za-y-onts), a member of the Polish Province, died of a heart ailment at the age of 71 in Idolta near Druya. He was a religious for 53 years and a priest for 42. Always animated by an intense missionary and apostolic zeal, he had to remain for many years "outside the community" to minister to the spiritual needs of the faithful in Belarus. He is buried in the village of Miloshevo near Idolta.

In 1996, **Father JOSEPH DAMBRAUSKAS** died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was 82, having lived 67 years as a religious and 56 as a priest. He served as a superior, a provincial councilor, and as a provincial superior of the St. Casimir Province from 1969 to 1977. For many years, he served as a pastor in the Milwaukee parish and as a vice-postulator for Fr. Renovator's beatification cause. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2013, **Father STANISLAUS KLIMASZEWSKI** (Klee-ma-shef-ski) died in the 91<sup>st</sup> year of his life, having been a religious for nearly 70 years and a priest for 62. He studied at the University of Lublin and served as the Prefect of Students and instructor in philosophy. He spent 36 years in Rome, serving there as general councilor and secretary, librarian, and spiritual director. At the same time, he edited and published thousands of Catholic books which were sent to Poland during the Communist regime. He continued his publishing activity after eventually settling at the provincial house in Warsaw. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 2018, **Brother ROMAN WOLSKI** (Vol-sky), a member of the Polish Province, died in our house in Licheń. He was 94 years old, and a religious for 70 years. He was a man of many manual talents who worked in maintenance for our religious houses both in Poland and in Portugal, where he spent 12 years, helping in the renovation of the monastery in Balsamão. After returning to Poland, he served as a sacristan in our parish church in Elbląg. He spent the last few years of his life at the house in Licheń, where he is buried.

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# March 11

On March 11, 1738, **Father VALENTINE RUDNICKI** (Rood-nit-ski), a famous preacher, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. Although during his religious life he was constantly afflicted with various illnesses, he was nevertheless untiring in his work. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 2004, **Father EDWARD RYTKO** died in Cardiff, Great Britain. He lived to be 82 and was a religious for 63 years. In 1949, after his theological studies in Rome, he was ordained a priest and then left for England. He fulfilled the duties of an educator, a superior, and a minister among Polish immigrants. He is buried in the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

## March 12

On March 12, 1753, **Father MARIAN**, a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Goźlin and is buried there.

In 1789, **Father STANISLAUS MOGIEN** died at the monastery in Marijampolė at the age of 41. He was much esteemed in for his virtues and excellence of character. He was a lector of philosophy and theology for three years and superior of the monastery in Raśna for 12 years. He died six months after being elected General Superior. He is buried in Marijampolė.

# March 13

On March 13, 1799, **Father ANTHONY DEBCZYŃSKI** (Demb-chin'-ski), 56 years old, died at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 39 years. As a lector of philosophy and theology, he was a teacher of Marian youth. He is buried in Marijampolė.

- In 1814, **Father DOMINIC MARKIEWICZ** (Mar-k'evich) died at the age of 39 at the monastery in Miroslavas. He was preacher of the monastery. He is buried in Miroslavas.
- In 1831, **Father JOACHIM BARTOSIEWICZ**, a member of the Marians' monastery in Raśna, died while fulfilling pastoral ministry in the parish of Bielsko, where he is buried.
- In 1994, **Brother CASIMIR OGLĘCKI** (Og-len-tski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of nearly 85 at the house in Licheń. He was a religious for 66 years, serving the community for over 50 years as a gardener in various houses of the Province and from 1966, in Licheń. For some years he also dedicated himself

to bee-keeping and fulfilled the duties of sacristan. His confreres were greatly impressed especially by his benevolence towards others and by his ardent, childlike devotion. He is buried in Licheń.

In 2019, **Father VICTOR KRAWCZYK** died in the hospital in Konin, Poland. A member of the Polish Province, he was 89 years old, a religious for 69 years and a priest for 61. He ministered in various Polish parishes as a parish vicar, catechist, assistant in pastoral ministry, and house superior. From 1972 to 1973, he assisted our confreres in Argentina. During the last years of his life, he worked at the shrine in Licheń. He bore his declining health with meekness and humility. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Licheń.

# MARCH 14

On March 14, 1809, **Father LEONARD ŁASKI** (Wa-ski) died at the age of 69 at the monastery in Skórzec and he is buried there.

In 1851, **Father CHARLES ŁAPIŃSKI** (Wa-pin'-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 58 at the monastery in Marijampolė, where he is buried.

In 1966, **Father VINCENT DVARANAUSKAS** died in Marijampolė at the age of 95. He was a religious for 54 and a priest for 67 years. He was one of the first Marians of our renewed Institute and received his formation from Blessed George in Fribourg, Switzerland. He was also one of the leaders of the rebirth and development of the Congregation in Lithuania, and especially of the monastery in Marijampolė. He was the local superior of various houses, and from 1950, superior of the dispersed Lithuanian Province. He has been much esteemed for his piety and exemplary religious life. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

In 1991, the **Lay Affiliate JOSEPH PIASKOWSKI** died at the age of 93 in a nursing home in Lenox, Massachusetts, where he had been a patient for several years. Ukrainian by birth, he was sent to a forced labor camp in Germany by the Nazi authority during World War II. A few years after the war, he was accepted by the American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka as a lay affiliate. He served the community in Stockbridge as a barber and assistant in various manual labors. He lived a life of strict poverty. The community was edified by his profound piety. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

### March 15

On March 15, 1719, **Father BARTHOLOMEW of the PRESENTATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** died at the monastery in Goźlin and is buried there.

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In 1814, **Father MICHAEL ZDANOWSKI**, stricken with malaria, died at the age of 40 while serving as a chaplain at the parish church in Ryki. He is buried in Ryki.

In 1930, **Father JOHN KATYLIUS** died at the age of 76 at the house in Marijampolė. He was a priest for 51 years. He entered our Congregation at the age of 67. He was highly regarded for his humility, poverty, religious observance, and apostolic zeal. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1987, **Brother JOHN MAGAZNIEKS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the parish house in Izvalta at the approximate age of 100. He was a religious for 48 years. He was particularly esteemed for his services as sacristan in the parishes administered by the Marians. He is buried in the cemetery in Izvalta.

# **MARCH 17**

On March 17, 1847, **Father FRANCIS STANKIEWICZ** (Stan-k'evich), age 60, died at the Góra Kalwaria monastery, where he is buried.

In 1887, **Father ONUFRIUS SZYRWID** (Shir-vid) died at the age of 83 in Spassk, Siberia. He was a religious for 61 years (the major part of which he had to live outside the community), and a priest for 54. In 1832, he was forced by the Russian government to abandon community life as a punitive measure. Afterwards, he became pastor in Wasiliszki and served there for 30 years. In 1863, he was deported to Siberia for his participation in the uprising. He is buried in Spassk, Siberia.

In 1976, the Lay Affiliate PETER VALENTUKEVIČIUS, of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 82 at the house in Marianapolis, Connecticut. He was highly regarded for his diligence and piety. He is buried in Marianapolis.

In 1992, **Brother ANTHONY MICIKEVIČIUS**, a professed member of the Lithuanian Province for 60 years, died at the age of 82. He served the community as a farmer and sacristan in various houses. He is buried in the cemetery in Paluomenes, in the portion reserved for the Marians.

## MARCH 18

On March 18, 1712, **Brother SIMON of SAINT MICHAEL** died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 1946, **Father JOSEPH RAKICKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 38 at the forced labor camp of Inta, Siberia, where he was deported by the Communists. He was a religious for 18 years and a priest for 10. He is buried in the prison camp cemetery.

In 1987, Father **JOSEPH VAIŠNORA** died in Rome at the age of 82. He was a religious for 59 years and a priest for 54. He studied in Rome and received his doctorates in philosophy and theology there. In 1949, after spending 10 years in Lithuania and Germany, he took up residence in Rome, fulfilling successively the offices of general treasurer, Procurator General, and general councilor. As the postulator general, he contributed significantly to the successful outcome of the beatification process of our Renovator, Blessed George. He was distinguished by his steadfast diligence and known and respected as the author of various articles and books, as well as for his conferences transmitted to Lithuania over the Vatican Radio. He is buried in the Marian tomb in Campo Verano.

### March 19

On March 19, 1743, **Father BERNARD OSTROWSKI** (Ost-rof-sky) died at the monastery in Skórzec. He had been elected twice to the office of General Superior. He was a vigorous defender of the Order and promoter of philosophical and theological studies. Due to his efforts, two monasteries were constructed and existing ones enlarged. He is buried in crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1812, **Father HILARY ORŁOWSKI** (Or-wof-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 87 at the monastery in Skórzec. A religious for 56 years and a priest for 54, he was highly regarded for his integrity of life and regular observance. He is buried in crypt of the Skórzec church.

# MARCH 20

On March 20, 1779, **Father VINCENT SZUMŁA** (Shoom-wa) died at the monastery in Berezdov, at the age of 40. He was a most diligent preacher. Known for his gentility and prudence, he fulfilled the office of local superior and lector of philosophy. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1941, **Brother JOHN BUDRECKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in Lithuania at the age of 30. He was a religious for 11 years. He is buried in Marijampolė.

# March 21

On March 21, 1700, **Brother JOSEPH of SAINT JOHN** died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

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In 1945, **cleric IGNATIUS GAJOWNICZEK** (Gay-ov-nichek), age 24, was killed in Bielany by the explosion of a hidden mine left behind by the German army. He was a member of the Polish Province and a religious for six years. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1955, **Father ANTHONY PODZIAWO** (Podz'avo) died of cancer at the age of 43 at the house in Skórzec. He was a religious for 23 years and a priest for 16. He was originally a member of the Druya house. Later he became a teacher in our educational institutions in Warsaw and, because of his activities, was imprisoned by the Communists for some years. He is buried in Skórzec.

In 2011, **Brother ANTHONY ROMANOWSKI**, a member of the Polish Province, died in the 96<sup>th</sup> year of life, 64 of which he spent as a religious. He was a soldier during World War II. In our Congregation, he was in charge of a farm belonging to the house in Skórzec and also served for many years at the Shrine of Our Lady of Licheń. He was known for his humility, piety, and serenity. His long life was dedicated entirely to our Congregation. He is buried in Licheń.

In 2021, **Father STANISLAUS MALINSKI**, a member of the Polish Province, died at the hospital of Zlina (Czech Republic). He was 89 years of age, a member of our Congregation for 67 years and a priest for 54. He served initially in various Polish parishes and in 1990, he was sent to work in the Nitra diocese in the Czech Republic. In 1996, he was assigned to the house in Brumov-Bylnice, where he remained until the end of his life, actively supporting his confreres in their pastoral work. He is buried in the parish cemetery in Brumov-Bylnice.

#### March 22

On March 22, 2012, **Father SIGISMUND STOLARCZYK** (Sto-lar-chik) died at a hospital in Warsaw on the eve of his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was a religious for 62 years and a priest for 52. He dedicated his life to pastoral service in various parishes of the Polish Province. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

# MARCH 23

On March 23, 1983, **Father FRANCIS MEGNIS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 67 in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan. He was a religious for 27 years and a priest for 20. In 1979, he voluntarily went to Siberia to give spiritual assistance to the deportees. Humble and devout, he fulfilled with great zeal his missionary activity as a pastor in Pavlodar, where he is also buried.

In 1996, **Father VINCENT PARULIS**, age 81, died in Worcester, Massachusetts. He was a religious for 64 years and a priest for 51. He served as a superior and a provincial councilor. During the last nine years of his life, he served as a pastor in his native town of Worcester. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2003, **Father PAUL JASIŃSKI** (Yah-sin'-ski) died in Fawley Court, Great Britain. He was 80 years old. He had been associated with our Congregation since he the age of 13, as a student of the Bielany College. He became a Marian in 1939. In 1946, he went to study in Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1948. He was sent to serve in England and was a local superior and a minister for the Polish immigrants there. He served as general councilor and later as provincial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of Mercy Province in Great Britain. He is buried in Henley-on-Thames.

In 2006, **Father BONIFACE SARUL** (Sah-rool'), age 89, a member of the Polish Province, died in Stoczek Warmiński. He was a priest for nearly 60 years and a religious for 67. He served in various Marian parishes and was the house superior in Stoczek until 1975, where he zealously supported the local clergy and generously contributed to the development of the Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Stoczek. In 1996, the Archbishop of Warmia decorated him with the order "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice." He is buried in Stoczek Warmiński.

# March 24

On March 24, 1932, **Father FELIX KUDIRKA**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died in Chicago at the age of 62. He was a priest for 32 years and a religious for 21. He made his novitiate in Fribourg, Switzerland, and accompanied Blessed George on his trip to the United States in 1913, where he assisted him in founding the first house of our renovated institute in Chicago. He remained in the U.S., organizing the religious life of the Marians and carrying out pastoral activity among the Lithuanian immigrants. In 1926, he was nominated vicar general for North America and in 1930, became the first provincial superior of the American Province of St. Casimir. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians at St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

### March 25

On March 25, 1965, **Father ANTHONY MAŽUKNA**, a member of the American Province of Saint Casimir, died unexpectedly at the age of 51 at the house in Marianapolis, Connecticut. He was a religious for 36 years and a priest for 25. He was the pastor for a Marian parish in Milwaukee and extended his pastoral activity by directing spiritual exercises and preaching parish missions for 15 years. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

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# March 26

On March 26, 1744, **Brother HOMOBONUS MECNAR** (Mets-nar) went to collect alms for the construction of the monastery in Góra Kalwaria. He never returned to the community and nothing is known about what happened to him.

In 2011, **Archimandrite ROMAN RICHARD PIĘTKA** (Pien-tka), age 74, a religious for 57 years and a priest for 47, died of cancer at St. John of Dukla Oncology Center. Influenced by another Marian, Fr. Tomasz Podziawo, who was imprisoned in Soviet prison camps, he began to study the Byzantine-Slavic Rite and then worked throughout his entire life to promote the Byzantine Church tradition. He prepared a Menologion—a list of the saints venerated by the Eastern Church (along with their biographical notes and proper liturgical texts. He also translated into Polish various Latin-language writings, mainly those of St. Stanislaus Papczyński. For many years he taught Latin in our novitiate in Skórzec and at our seminary in Lublin. He received the gold medal Merited for the Church and the Nation (Ecclesiæ Populoque servitium præstanti) awarded to him by the Primate of Poland, Józef Cardinal Glemp. He is buried in Lublin.

# March 27

On March 27, 1803, **Father MARK HERALD**, a Czech by birth, died at the age of 46 at the parish in Piaseczno, where he was a chaplain. At the time of his death he was the superior of the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He is buried in Piaseczno.

In 1892, **Father JOHN ŁOKICKI** (Wo-kits-ki) died at the age of 82 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 63 years and a priest for 57. He was a renowned preacher. He is buried in Marijampolė.

### March 28

On March 28, 1942, **cleric STANISLAUS BOGUCKI** (Bog-oots-ki), a member of the Polish Province, ill with typhoid fever, died at the age of 25 in Czok-Pak, Kazakhstan. In 1941, while a student in Kaunas, Lithuania, the Communists deported him and other clerics to Siberia. He was known for his love for the Congregation and his diligence. He is buried in a communal grave in Chok-Pak.

### March 29

On March 29, 1742, **Father YVES BERLINSKI** died, while engaged as a chaplain outside the monastery, He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1994, **Father JOSEPH ŚLIWAKOWSKI** (S'leeva-kof-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 80 at the house of Warsaw-Marymont. He was a religious for 45 years and a priest for 38. He was provincial secretary and councilor for four years. He held the offices of local superior and rector of the church at Warsaw-Bielany for some years. From 1961 onwards, he served with much zeal as a confessor for various Communities of Sisters and, despite his poor health, was engaged in pastoral activity in the parishes attached to our houses in Warsaw-Praga and Warsaw-Marymont. A man with a deep interior life, he fostered the life of prayer and Mary-like humility in our community. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## March 30

On March 30, 1890, **Father JOSEPH ELISEUS MILEWSKI** (Mi-lev-ski), age 55, died at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 35 years. He fulfilled the duties of preacher at Igliaukai. After the suppression of this residence by the civil authority in 1865, he was transferred to Marijampolė where he held the office of Procurator. In addition, he taught Polish children in secret for which was punished by the Russian officials. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1978, **Father JOHN SZUREK** died at the age of 70 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was a member of the American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka, a religious for 51 years and a priest for 40. Born and ordained in Poland, he studied theology in Rome. He worked together with Fr. Jarzębowski (Ya-zhem-bofski) in Santa Rosa, Mexico in setting up a colony for displaced persons from Poland, especially orphans. Later, he was sent to the United States where he fulfilled various offices and dedicated himself to pastoral work. He was one of the first to serve in Balsamão, Portugal when the Marians returned in 1954, and one of the first three Marians sent to establish the mission in Nossa Senhora da Gloria, in Sergipe, Brazil, in 1965. It appears that he suffered a heart attack while in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

In 1988, **Brother JOHN (JONAS) DAUGIRDAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, a religious for 62 years, died at the age of 98. Before the dispersion of religious in Lithuania, forced by the Communist regime, he worked at the farm of our house of Patasne and was later an assistant treasurer at the house in Marijampolė. After the dispersion, he was the treasurer and supplied food and other necessities for the brothers remaining in Marijampolė. He was always willing to help others, even in his old age. He is buried in Marijampolė.

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# March 31

On March 31, in 1742, **Father AUGUSTINE ŻMIJEWSKI** (Zhmi-y-ef-ski) died at the parish in Suchożebry (Sukho-zhebri). He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1800, **Father ONUFRIUS JASIŃSKI** (Ya-sin'-ski), chaplain to the nobility at Taboryszki, died at the age of 47. He was a religious for 19 years and a priest for 13. In 1799 he was elected president of the monastery in Puszcza Mariańska, but was unable to assume the office because of an illness which shortly caused his death. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1944, **Father ANTHONY PETRAUSKAS** (Petra-oos-kas), a member of the Lithuanian Province, which he governed for over two years, died at the age of 63. He was a priest for 40 years and a religious for 17. For a few years he worked pastorally in North America. He was highly regarded as a preacher and writer. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1970, **Brother JOHN BANYS**, a member of the house in Marianapolis, Connecticut, and a religious for 41 years, died at the age of 84 in a home for the aged in Putnam, Connecticut. He was a beekeeper, and also served the community as an organist and master of chant. He composed and published various musical scores. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2006, **Father EUGENE HUK** (Khook) died in the 70<sup>th</sup> year of his life. He was a religious for almost 52 years and a priest for 43. He served in various Marian parishes, such as Góra Kalwaria, Licheń, Stoczek, Rzepiska, and Goźlin. He is buried in Licheń.

### APRIL 1

On April 1, 2006, **Father VICTOR CIVZELIS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died in Viļāni, Latvia, at the age of 85. Before the outbreak of World War II, he left Latvia for Rome, where he studied music and participated in many concerts. He dramatically changed his lifestyle after meeting Padre Pio. He joined our Congregation in Rome, at the age of 39. He studied at Angelicum and in Bologna, and was ordained a priest in 1964, at the age of 45. After ordination he went to Chicago, where he worked at the Parish of Our Lady of Aglona for many years. In 2002, he returned to Latvia and spent his remaining years at the Viļāni monastery, where he is buried.

### APRIL 2

On April 2, in 1807, **Father PAUL PIRCHMANN** (Peerkh-man), a lector of sacred theology, died at the monastery in Raśna. He is buried in the crypt of the Raśna church.

In 1822, **Father SYLVESTER LECHNIEWICZ** (Lekh-n'e-vich) died at the age of 66 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He fulfilled with great diligence and competence the offices of president of the monastery and Procurator General. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 2008, **Father THADDEUS ROGALEWSKI**, age 73, a religious for 56 years and a priest for 46, died in our Sulejówek house. He held various offices in the Congregation: house superior, provincial councilor, and educator. He served in Marian parishes and conducted retreats. He was a Doctor of Moral Theology and a professor at the Warmia and Mazury University in Olsztyn. He taught at the Marian seminary in Lublin and other graduate schools. His academic research centered primarily on Marian history and spirituality. He published several books in this field and also authored St. Stanislaus Papczyński's scholarly biography. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

# APRIL 3

On April 3, 1789, **Father STEPHEN MICEWICZ** (Mee-tse-vich), a member of the monastery in Marijampolė, died while engaged in chaplaincy work in Prienai, Lithuania. He was highly regarded for his humility, piety, and diligence. He is buried in Prienai.

In 1814, **Father ADAM MATULEWICZ** (Matoo-le-vitch) died at the age of 70 at the monastery in Berezdov. He was president of this monastery and superior of the Russian Province starting in 1803. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1853, **Father STANISLAUS JACUŃSKI** (Ya-tsun'-ski), president of the monastery in Miroslavas, died in Warsaw at the age of 48 from a stroke. He is buried in Warsaw.

In 1986, **Father VLADIMIR OKOŃSKI** (Okon'-ski), age 68, unexpectedly died of a heart attack at the London house. He was a religious for 41 years and a priest for 35. He joined our Congregation in Poland after completing his studies in Rome, and took up residence in England. He conducted a very intense apostolate in education and a very successful youth apostolate in Warsaw, Rome, England and Canada. He wrote many articles and books for the youth on ethics and education. He is buried in the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames, England.

In 2016, **Father JOSEPH PETRAITIS**, a member of the Asian Vicariate, died in the Mary MacKillop Nursing Home in Kensington, South Australia, near Adelaide, on Divine Mercy Sunday. He was 94 years old, a religious for 68 years, and a priest for 64. He is buried in Adelaide.

In 2021, **Father LOUIS MEYERHOLZ**, a member of the Polish Province, passed away at the hospice in Wołomin, near Warsaw. He lived for 79 years, was a religious for 60 years, and a priest for 52. He served in various Marian parishes in Poland as a catechist, pastor and house superior. He spent the last years of his life patiently dealing with serious health issues in our religious house in Warsaw – Praga. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

#### APRIL 4

On April 4, 1777, **Father HYACINTH WASILEWSKI** (Vasee-lefski), a "Father of the Order," president of the monastery and assistant general, died at the age of 60 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He fulfilled the office of General Superior with greatest diligence for seven years. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1806, **Father THEOPHILUS PETTER** died at the monastery in Miroslavas, at the age of 51. A religious for 29 years, he held various offices in the Order and was remembered as a "good worker in the vineyard of the Lord" because of his pastoral activity. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1901, **Father STANISLAUS OKNIŃSKI** (Ok-nin'ski), a religious for 65 years, died at the age of 84. In 1862 he was elected vicar general. After the suppression of religious orders in 1864, he served as rector of the church in Stawiski, where he is buried

In 2016, **Father GEORGE PREDKO**, a member of the Portuguese Vicariate, died at the Bragança Hospital, where he had been admitted for surgery. He was 81, a religious for 63 years and a priest for 56. He is buried in Balsamão.

### APRIL 5

On April 5, 1818, **Father GASPAR KALISZEWSKI** (Kali-shef-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 72 at the monastery in Miroslavas. A religious for 48 years, he was highly praised for his "very strict observance of the Rule and Constitutions" and called a "lover of poverty and obedience." He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 2018, Archimandrite GEORGE BRIANCHANINOV (alias: Branch), a Russian by birth, passed away in the St. Joseph's Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote, Australia, at the age of 99. He was a religious for nearly 80 years and a priest for 74. After ordination, he ministered to the Russian deported persons in camps in Italy, many of whom were received into the Catholic Church in the Byzantine Rite. He then continued his ministry to Russians who had fled to the U.K. before World War II. In 1957, Fr. George was sent to Australia to assist Fr. Andrei Katkov —later a bishop, his personal friend and fellow Marian— first in Sydney and then in Melbourne in ministering to Russians in Australia. In 1979, he was raised to the rank of Archimandrite in recognition of his service to the Church and the Russian community. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to the Russian Community of Melbourne in 2004. He is buried in Fawkner Cemetery in Melbourne with his mother, as he had wished.

In 2020, **Brother LEONARD KONOPKA**, a member of American Province, of the B.V.M., Mother of Mercy, died at the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home in Washington, D.C. He was 86, and was a professed member for 67 years. He helped with the construction of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, by carving some of the decorative wood pieces. Later on, he served the community in many different capacities, including: provincial councilor, member of the Provincial Formation Committee, house treasurer, and superior of the Stockbridge and Brookeville houses. In the late 1970s, he was a cofounder of the Mother of Mercy Prayer Group at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy. Zealous promoter of the message of the Divine Mercy, he organized in 2000 the annual Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. He also established a

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regular Sunday Mass and the praying of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at the (then) John Paul II Cultural Center (now the Saint John Paul II National Shrine). He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

# APRIL 6

On April 6, 1757, **Father PAUL JUSZKIEWICZ** (Yush-k'evich) died at the age of 83 at the monastery in Skórzec. He was a renowned preacher. Due to his excessive zeal in this work he suffered a stroke which left him bedridden for 12 years, until his death. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1780, **Father MICHAEL GLINKA**, preacher of the said monastery, died at the monastery in Berezdov, at the age of 40. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1806, **Father RAYMOND NOWICKI** (No-vitski) died at the age of 70. He was a religious for 50 years. For 12 years, from 1776 to 1788, he held the office of General Superior. It was during his term in the office that our community attained its greatest development and growth as it realized its separation from the Franciscan Order. He also initiated the preaching of parish missions and established schools at Marian monasteries. He likewise acquired the church and monastery of Saint Vitus in Rome. A great reformer, Fr. Nowicki was also an exceptionally intelligent and saintly religious, which later merited him a place among the most revered Marians in the history of our Institute. In 1801, he suffered a heart attack, which left him paralyzed for the last five years of his life, which he spent at the monastery in Marijampolė, where he is buried.

### APRIL 8

On April 8, 1787, **Brother STEPHEN JASTRZĘBSKI** (Yast-shemb-ski) died at the monastery in Goźlin at the age of 60. He was a religious for 32 years and is buried in crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1828, **Father JULIAN KORYCKI** (Ko-ryts-ki) died at the age of 54 at the monastery in Miroslavas, in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of religious life. He was vicar general and president of the monastery. He was highly esteemed for his virtues of charity, prudence, modesty and sobriety. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1832, **Father JEROME GEYSZTOR** (Gue-y-shtor), age 63, died at the monastery in Marijampolė, in his 38<sup>th</sup> year of priesthood. He was highly esteemed for his pastoral activity. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1975, **Brother ANTHONY ZACHARUK** (Za-kha-rook), age 88, a member of the Polish Province, died at the house in Skórzec. A religious for almost 25 years, he served the community as a tailor with an unfailing serenity of spirit. He is buried in Skórzec.

In 2010, **Brother STANISLAUS BEDNARZ** (Bed-nazh), age 48, died unexpectedly while visiting his family home. He carried out various duties related primarily to the upkeep of the religious house in Warsaw-Stegny. He also served as the treasurer of our seminary in Lublin, Poland. He was the first of our confreres to be buried in Lublin.

In 2013, **Father JOSEPH WOŁOWIEC** (Vo-woviets), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 89 at the hospital in Piaseczno. He was a religious for 69 years and a priest for 58. He dedicated his long life to pastoral work at the Marian parishes in Poland and also served as a house superior, treasurer, postulancy moderator, and director of a retreat house. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

### APRIL 9

On April 9, 1789, **Father LUKE LEWICKI** (Leh-vitski) died at the age of 30 in Prienai, Lithuania, where he was assisting with hearing Easter confessions. He was highly regarded as a "priest of profound virtue." He is buried near the parish church in Prienai.

In 1987, **Brother THADDEUS JANUSZAJTIS**, a member of the Province of Great Britain, died at the age of 80 at the house in Bullingham in Hereford, U.K.. He was a religious for 30 years. He fulfilled the duties of educator and later as a sacristan both in Rome (for 10 years) and in Great Britain. Although he had received extensive training and education for the priesthood before entering our Congregation, an illness impeded his ordination. He was originally buried in the cemetery in Hereford, but later his remains were moved to the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

In 2000, **Subdeacon MATTHEW PULAUSKAS**, age 86, a member of St. Casimir Province, died in Chicago. He was a religious for 70 years. He began to study philosophy and theology in 1942 in Kaunas, and continued his studies in Germany, Rome, and in the U.S. In 1950, he was ordained a subdeacon, but was prevented by his illness from being ordained priest. He did translations from English into Lithuanian, guided religious groups, and led novenas. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2010, **Brother STANISLAUS BRUC** (Broots), age 83, died at the hospice in Licheń. For his entire life, he was in charge of the farms and gardens of several houses in the Polish Province. He was a humble and pious religious, known for his great sense of humor. He is buried in Licheń.

### APRIL 10

On April 10, 1789, **Father LEON SZCZEPKOWSKI** (Sh-chep-kof-ski) died in Warsaw at the age of 58. At the time, he was chaplain to the noble family of Casimir Krasiński. He is buried in the catacombs of the St. Vincent's Missionary Fathers in Warsaw.

In 1911, **Father VINCENT SEKOWSKI** (Sen-kof-ski) or Senkus, the General Superior, died at the age of 70 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 53 years and a priest for 48. He joined the Marians at the age of 18 in 1858. He studied in the Congregation and finally in the seminary in Warsaw. Beginning in 1871, he was the treasurer at Marijampolė. In 1892, after the death of Fr. Česnas, he was elected General Superior and held this office until his death. In 1908, he remained alone at the monastery—the only Marian with full canonical rights. With full trust in Divine Providence, he gave Blessed George Matulaitis-Matulewicz necessary rights for renewing the Congregation, thus contributing to the salvation of our Institute and to the work of its renewal. He was a very zealous priest and renowned preacher. Through his efforts, the church of Marijampolė was ornamented and two towers added. He is buried in Marijampolė.

#### APRIL 11

On April 11, 1740, **Brother NICHOLAS of SAINT MARTIN** died at the Góra Kalwaria monastery. In 1723, he accompanied Fr. Joachim Kozłowski on his journey to Rome to obtain the approval of the Constitutions of the Order. He distinguished himself by his great simplicity and patience. He voluntarily undertook even the lowliest services of the sick with exceptional charity. He served the community as a cook throughout his entire life. He is buried at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria.

In 2007, **Father LUCIAN PAWLIK** (Pav-lik) died in his 94<sup>th</sup> year. He was a priest for 52 years and a religious for 66. He studied at the Marian School in Bielany and at the Stefan Batory University in Vilnius. He worked as a pastor in Idolta and Druya. Arrested in 1950, he was sent to a prison camp in Siberia. When he returned home in 1956, he took over a parish in Zadorozhe, where he resided until his death. While serving in Zadorozhe, he completed the repair works on many local churches. Until the last days of his life, he continued an active pastoral service in three parishes in spite of weakening eyesight and a long-lasting contusion of his leg. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Druya.

On April 13, in 1749, **Brother JAMES MACHACZEK** (Ma-ha-chek), the first Bohemian in our Order, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He was loved and appreciated by all the members of the community for the zeal with which he sought to serve all Masses and for the services he rendered as a tailor. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1804, **Father JOHN NIEZABITOWSKI** (N'e-za-bi-tof-ski), Assistant of the Order, died at the monastery in Skórzec. He resided at the monastery of St. Vitus in Rome for 18 years as an associate Procurator General and was a student of art. Expelled in 1798 with other Marians from Rome by the French army, he returned to Poland where he dedicated himself to painting, and decorated, among others, the church in Skórzec, where is buried.

In 1930, **JOSEPH BURNEIKIS**, a postulant in the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 15 at the house in Marian Hills, Illinois. He is buried in the cemetery in Elizabethtown, Illinois.

In 1991, **Father FRANCIS SKRODENIS**, a member of the American Province of Saint Casimir, died at the age of 85 in Chicago, Illinois. He was a religious for 65 years and a priest for almost 60. He fulfilled the duties of local superior in Kenosha and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and those of pastor in Chicago and Milwaukee. He was also treasurer in various houses and provincial treasurer for many years. Struck with paralysis, he bore his infirmity with an exemplary patience during the last 10 years of his life. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

### APRIL 14

On April 14, 1796, **Father INNOCENT MICHAŁOWICZ** (Mi-ha-wo-vich), preacher of the monastery, died at the age of 41 at the Skórzec monastery. He was a religious for 17 years. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1797, **Father ANTHONY STRZAŁKOWSKI** (St-shaw-kof-ski) died on Good Friday at the age of 51 at the parish in Prazmów while hearing Easter confessions. He was a religious for 28 years. Meek and humble of heart, he led an exemplary life. He is buried at the church of the Lord's Cenacle in Góra Kalwaria.

In 2004, **Father VICTOR ŠAUKLYS**, age 95, died in Girdžai, Lithuania. He was a religious for 75 years and a priest for 70. He was exiled to Siberia for 10 years. Upon his return he served as a pastor in different parishes, because religious orders were suppressed. He is buried in Girdžai.

## APRIL 16

On April 16, 1737, **Brother DIDACUS of SAINT MARTIN** died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. In the beginning of his religious life he carried out the office of Quaestor, or Collector of Alms. As such he visited the houses of various benefactors, who highly valued him for the spiritual good they derived from their conversations with him. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1762, **Father NORBERT KULESZA** (Koo-le-sha), president of the monastery, died at the Goźlin monastery at the age of 60. He was exemplary in his regular observance and boundless trust in Divine Providence, which he acknowledged as miraculous. He is buried in Goźlin.

In 1864, **Father JOHN DRAUGIELEWICZ** (Dra-oo-g'elevich), age 54, died at the monastery in Miroslavas. A priest for 24 years, he distinguished himself by his obedience and humility. He is buried at the church in Miroslavas.

In 1969, **Father BRONISLAUS VITKUS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died of a heart attack at the house in Marian Hills, Illinois, at the age of 78. He was a religious for 46 years and a priest for 41. For some years he served as a missionary in Argentina. He is buried in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2008, **Father JOHN PRZYBYSZ** (Pshee-bish) died at the age of almost 100, at the Religious house of Fawley Court, Great Britain. He was a priest for 68 years and a religious for nearly 77. He served in Kazakhstan, India, the United States, and England, where, along with Fr. J. Jarzębowski, he participated in organizing a boarding school for Polish boys which was eventually transferred to Fawley Court in Henley-on-Thames to become the Divine Mercy College. He was also a co-founder of the Marian Apostolate of the Divine Mercy and served as a pastor of the Polish Parish in Wales. When the English Province was established, he participated in organizing the religious houses in England and Wales. He is buried in the Fawley Court cemetery.

In 2011, **Father EDWARD DARAZ** (Dah-razh), a religious of 61 years and a priest of 52, died at the age 82. He worked pastorally at several houses of the Polish Province. For many years he served the pilgrims of the Licheń Shrine. He is buried in Licheń.

On April 17, 1771, **Brother IGNATIUS KORCZAKOWSKI** (Kor-cha-kof-ski) died kneeling in prayer at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria, where he is buried.

In 1962, **Father STANISLAUS VENCIUS**, a Lithuanian-born member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 70 at the house in Głuchołazy. He was a priest for 47 years and a religious for 33. Born in the vicinity of Marijampolė, he studied at Sejny and in St. Petersburg, Russia. As a Marian, he was chaplain to the Lithuanians in Warsaw and also the novice master for two years. During the latter years of his life he fulfilled pastoral ministries in Licheń and then in Głuchołazy, where he is buried.

In 2006, **Father RAPHAEL ANDRYCHOWICZ** (An-dree-kho-vich), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 79. He was a priest for 49 years and a religious for almost 50. He served in various Marian parishes, and held the office of a local superior twice. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## APRIL 19

On April 19, 1770, **Brother ROCCO JAWORSKI** (Ya-vor-ski), a seminarian, died at the age of 23 at the monastery in Raśna. He had just completed his course in philosophy. He is buried in the crypt of the Raśna church.

In 1787, **Father CHARLES HONDLEWSKI** (Khond-lef-ski), Secretary of the Order and a religious for 28 years, died. He was a good speaker and preached parish missions. He died on his way to see a renowned doctor in the small town of Poniemuny, in the vicinity of Kaunas. He is buried in Poniemuny.

In 1791, **Father BONIFACE HUBRYK** (Khoob-rik) died at Niemirów, where he was a parish vicar. He fulfilled the offices of Assistant of the Order and president of a monastery. He is buried at the church in Niemirów.

In 1803, **Father FLORIAN BALCEWICZ** (Bal-tse-vich), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 44 at the monastery in Miroslavas, having been a religious for 28 years. For many years, he taught in our schools in addition to fulfilling the offices of preacher, lector of philosophy and president of the monastery. Elected superior of the Prussian Province in 1799, he held this office for three years. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1841, **Father ANTHONY JUREWICZ** (Yu-re-vich), Assistant of the Order and lector of theology, died at the age of 38 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a priest for 13 years. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1914, **Father BERNARD PIELASINSKI** (P'e-lasin'-ski) died at the age of 82 in Góra Kalwaria. He was a religious for 62 years, having joined at the age of 20. After the suppression of the Order in 1864, he remained at Marijampolė for some years and then took up pastoral work in the Diocese of Sejny, as a diocesan priest. Starting in 1875, he was a chaplain at the home for the aged at Góra Kalwaria. Due to his great devotion to Father Founder, he cared for the Church of Our Lord's Cenacle. In 1890 and 1891, he restored this church, and got it reconsecrated. He wore the white Marian habit until his death. He is buried in the parish cemetery in Góra Kalwaria. After the Marians took over the parish, his remains were transferred to the Marian portion of the cemetery.

In 1974, **Brother JOSEPH GRUNDANS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 78 in Viļāni. A religious for 50 years, he was one of the first Latvians to enter our Congregation. He was an organist at the Marian church in Viļāni. He is buried in in Viļāni.

In 1977, **Father ANTHONY JAŠMANTAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 70. He was a religious for 46 years. He is buried in the cemetery in Alvytas.

#### APRIL 20

On April 20, 1746, **Father FELIX SKOWROŃSKI** (Sko-vron'ski) died, while preaching a mission in Mszczonów (Msh-czo-noov). He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1807, **Father AMBROSE SEURASZEWICZ** (Se-oo-rashe-vich), preacher of the monastery, died at the age of 38 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He was a religious for 17 years. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1893, **Father CASIMIR PESTYNEK** died at Königsberg in Prussia, where he had undergone surgery on his stomach. He was a lector of philosophy and theology, and after the suppression in 1864, vicar general with residence at Marijampolė. He is buried in Königsberg.

In 2015, **Father PETER WENCESLAUS SMOLINSKI** suddenly died of a heart attack in London at the age of 51. He was a religious for 31 years and a priest for 25. He obtained his Doctorate in philosophy at the CUL. He worked at the General

Curia as the General Archivist as well as the General Superior's delegate for the beatification process of the servants of God from our Congregation. During the last six years of his life, he ministered at our parish in London. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

### APRIL 22

On April 22, 1946, **Brother JOHN PAULAITIS**, a seminarian of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 28 at the Marianapolis house within a few hours of suffering injury in an automobile accident. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1959, **Father VINCENT GERGELIS** (Guer-guelis) died in Marijampolė at the age of 77. He was a priest for 54 years and a religious for 40. He was a teacher in our Marian school. From 1933 to 1935, he served as provincial superior of the Lithuanian Province and later as superior of the Marijampolė house. After the suppression of religious communities by the Communists, he served pastorally at the parish of Liskiava. He is buried in Marijampolė.

# APRIL 23

On April 23, 1970, **Brother PETER MACS** passed away in Latvia. He was 78 years old, 42 of which he spent in our Congregation, serving as a tailor. After the liquidation of the Viļāni monastery, he took up residence at the house of the Rikava pastor, and then with a pious family in Illuksha. He is buried in that town.

In 1991, **Father JOHN JAŠKOVIČS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 80 in a hospital in Viļāni, Latvia. He was a religious for almost 56 years and a priest for 44. Because of his pastoral work, he was imprisoned and exiled by the Communist government. Set free 6 years later, he returned to Latvia, where he dedicated himself to priestly activity in various parishes, building one church and one chapel. He was highly regarded for his diligence and sense of humor. He is buried near the church at Viļāni.

In 2008, **Father WALDEMAR OSKIERA** (Osk'era), a member of the Polish Province, died in Warsaw at the age of 81. He was a religious for 43 years and a priest for 35. In 1965, he was entrusted with duties of the general visitator of the Polish Province. He served as a spiritual director and confessor for our seminarians and many religious grups of women. He was greatly interested in the arts and cooperated in designing the new Marian churches and chapels. Our seminary's library in Lublin has the statue of Socrates, which he sculpted. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 2021, **Father LADISLAUS CIĄGŁO** [Cion-gwo] died suddenly. He was 56 years old, a religious for 36 years and a priest for 30. After his ordination he served in various parishes in Slovakia and Czech Republic. In 1998, he was appointed superior of the Czech and Slovak Vicariate and fulfilled this office until 2005. In 2009, he was transferred to the B.V.M., Mother of Mercy Province in the U.S. to prepare for mission work in the Philippines. He was the superior of the Asian Vicariate for one term. In August 2020, he returned to Poland. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

# APRIL 25

On April 25, 1728, **Father GABRIEL of the PRESENTATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** died at the Goźlin monastery and is buried in Goźlin.

In 1790, **Father LOUIS ZAPAŁKIEWICZ** (Za-paw-k'evich), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 65 at the Góra Kalwaria monastery. He was a lector of philosophy, president of the monastery and confessor of the St. Dominic's Sisters. He was the first Postulator for Father Founder's beatification cause. He is buried at the Cenacle in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1795, **Brother FRANCIS NIEMIROWSKI** (N'e-mi-rof-ski) died unexpectedly in Krasne, where he was painting portraits at the palace of a dignitary. He was 60 years old, and a religious for 28 years. He was a talented painter sought after by King Stanislaus August Poniatowski and many bishops and magnates. He also decorated a number of Marian churches with his paintings. He is buried by a Marian priest in the parish church of Krasne.

In 1987, **Father JOSEPH PAWLAK** (Pav-lak), age 73, a member of the Polish Province, died in a hospital at Konin. He was a religious for 57 years and a priest for almost 42. He worked with great zeal in various parishes of the Province and also for some years as a chaplain for religious sisters. For the last 10 years of his life, he served at our Marian Shrine in Licheń, where he is buried.

# APRIL 26

On April 26, 2002, **Father JOHN SAVUKYNAS**, age 88, died quietly at Provena Mercy Hospital in Aurora, Illinois. He joined the Marians in 1940. On July 16, 1941, he professed his first vows, followed by his perpetual vows in 1944. Father John worked in parish ministry all his life. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

On April 27, 1855, **Father ANDREW DAUKSZA** (Da-ook-sha), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 47 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 23 years and a priest for 19. He carried out the duties of preacher, teacher in the monastery school, Assistant of the Order and novice master. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## **APRIL 29**

On April 29, 2011, **Father HENRY EICHLER**, age 69, a religious for 43 years and a priest for 35, died in Medlingen, Germany. He ministered in England, and then for many years in Germany, greatly contributing to the establishment of our community in that country. He is buried in Licheń.

# APRIL 30

On April 30, 1801, **Brother THEODORE SZAŁAYSKI** (Sha-wa-y-ski) died at the age of 70 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. For 15 years he collected alms for the promotion of the beatification cause of Father Founder. He edified the faithful by being an exemplary religious. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1832, **Father THADDEUS BIAŁOWIESKI** (Bia-wo-v'eski) died in the opinion of sanctity at the age of 82 at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria. He was Procurator General in Rome and then, from 1793 to 1829, he held the office of General Superior. He was known for his fidelity to religious discipline, which he found most difficult to maintain in religious monasteries during the times of Napoleonic wars and political upheavals, as he said in his letter to the Pope. He was buried at the Church of Our Lord's Cenacle close to the tomb of our holy Father Founder, on the opposite side of the altar.

In 1864, **Father VICTOR MISIUKIEWICZ** (Mi-s'u'k'evich), age 67, a priest for 44 years, died at the monastery in Miroslavas where he is buried.

In 1980, **Father EDMUND BUDRECKIS** died of a heart failure at the age of 61 at the Marianapolis house in Thompson, Connecticut. He was a member of the American Province of St. Casimir and a priest for nearly 30 years. He exercised the office of treasurer as well as of a teacher. Above all, he fulfilled pastoral activities. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# MAY

### May 1

On May 1, 1771, **Father VICTOR DEKORBE** died and was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1808, **Brother BERNARD KARALEWICZ** (Karalevich) died at the age of 69 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He was a religious for 38 years. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

# May 2

On May 2, 1755, **Father JOHN PODPUSZ** (Pod-push), a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria, where he is buried.

In 1762, **Brother AMBROSE RUDZIŃSKI** (Roo-dz'in'ski), age 55, a religious for five years, died at the Raśna monastery where he is buried.

In 1830, **Father SEBASTIAN STEPHEN AMBROZEWICZ** (Am-bro-zhevich) died at the age of 68 at the monastery in Marijampolė, where he is buried.

# May 3

On May 3, 1746, **Father ALEXIS GARGALSKI**, Procurator of the Order, died at the monastery in Goźlin. He was the first lector of philosophy and theology in the Order. He also excelled as a promoter of musical art and was highly regarded as a "most zealous observer of the law." He in buried in Goźlin.

In 1766, **Father LADISLAUS KANOBROCKI** (Kano-brot-ski) died at the age of 68 at the monastery in Skórzec. He fulfilled the office of General Superior for three years. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1931, **Father JOHN LEITANS** died of tuberculosis of the bone at the age of 38 at the house in Viļāni, Latvia. He was a priest for 13 years and a religious for 5. He was an expert in ecclesiastical ceremonies. As a Marian, he studied at Rome and attained his Doctorate in Canon Law. Upon his return to Latvia, he held the office of novice master and as instructor at the Riga seminary. He is buried near the church in Vilāni.

## May 4

On May 4, 1963, **Father ALEXANDER BOŁTUĆ** (Bow-tooch), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 80 at our house in Góra Kalwaria. He was a priest for 58 years and a religious for 40. He held various offices in the Congregation, among them: provincial superior, councilor and vicar general. Upon his return to Poland from Rome in 1957, he dedicated himself to the formation of Marian seminarians in Włocławek as their confessor. He distinguished himself by the virtues of diligence, humility and fraternal charity. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1967, **Father MARIAN WIŚNIEWSKI** (Vis'-n'efski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 81 at the house in Bullingham in Hereford, England. He was a priest for 56 years and a religious for 55. He received his novitiate formation at Fribourg, Switzerland, under Blessed George. An excellent speaker, he exercised his didactic, apostolic and social activity with great zeal and courage in Poland, North America, Rome, Portugal and Great Britain. He was untiring in his promotion of the cult of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. He was originally buried in the cemetery in Hereford, but later his remains were moved to the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

### May 5

On May 5, 1817, **Brother ROMUALD BRATULEWICZ** (Bra-too-levich), died at the age of 72 at the monastery in Miroslavas. He was a religious for 47 years, excelling in the virtue of obedience. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1986, **Brother MARIAN RZĄŻEWSKI** (Zhon-zhef-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died after a long illness at the age of 83 at the house in Warsaw-Praga. He was a religious for 53 years, serving the community as gardener, farmer, carpenter, librarian and book-binder. He was admired for his diligence and religious poverty. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

# May 6

On May 6, 1746, **Father GABRIEL MORZE** (Mo-zhe) died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 1771, **Brother RAPHAEL TRUSZKOWSKI** (Troosh-kof-ski) died at the monastery in Goźlin and is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1940, **Brother CASIMIR SPECIUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 61 at the house in Ukmergė, Lithuania. He was a religious for 20 years. Known for his diligence, obedience and affability, he served the community as an expert gardener. He is buried in Ukmergė.

## May 7

On May 7, 1748, **Father IGNATIUS ŁOSZEWSKI** (Wo-shef-ski) died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He was known for his obedience and the goodness with which he served the sick. Because of his genuine simplicity, he suffered much from the derision of others, which he bore with great patience. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1995, **Brother CASIMIR ŻMIJOWSKI** (Zhmee-yo-fski), a member of the Portuguese Vice-Province, died at the age of 85 in Balsamão, Portugal. He was a religious for 43 years. During World War II, he joined the Polish army in Russia, passed through the Middle East, and took part in the military campaign against the Germans in Italy. Being honorably discharged from the military in England in 1951, he entered our Congregation and served for four years in our Roman house as a sacristan, gardener, and assistant cook. Transferred to Portugal, he served the community of the Balsamão house as an assistant treasurer, mechanic, and bee-keeper. A hard-working man, he was known for his piety and humility. He is buried in Balsamão.

## May 8

On May 8, 1768, **Father NICODEMUS DŁUGOŁĘSKI** (Dwoo-go-wenski), chaplain at Ludwinów, died. He joined the Order as a priest and lived for some years at the monastery in Marijampolė, but did not make a profession of vows. He is buried in Mariajampole.

In 2013, **Father ANTHONY ŠKEĻS**, a member of the Latvian Vicariate, died at the age of 98. He was a religious for 77 years and a priest for 73. He served in Latvia during the difficult years in the history of the Church. The communist authorities tried to persuade him to abandon the priesthood, but he unfalteringly refused. He continued to fulfill his priestly duties along with the duties of the provincial superior three times. He also taught Moral Theology and the Ascetics at the seminary in Riga. He is buried in Viļāni.

# **May 10**

On May 10, 1715, **Brother AUGUSTINE** died at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria, where he is buried.

In 1853, **Father JOHN DZIEWULSKI** (Dz'evool-ski), a "Father of the Order," died in Paris, France, at the age of 63. He was a religious for 44 years. He was the president of the monastery in Góra Kalwaria and also in Raśna. A very virtuous man, starting in 1823 he was chaplain to the Princess Czartoryska in Poland, Vienna, Paris, and Italy. He is buried in Paris, France.

### **May 11**

On May 11, 1740, **Brother CONSTANTINE BONIKOWSKI** died at the monastery in Skórzec. He had great love for the Order and, consequently, paid little attention to the difficulties involved in exercising of his duties as solicitor of alms, spending his life and health in the fulfillment of this office. His life and exemplary conduct were pleasing to all the benefactors. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1863, **Father VALENTINE JABLONOWSKI** (Yab-wo-nof-ski), a member of the Raśna house, who assisted at the church in Brest, was arrested and deported to Horodyszcze. In 1881, he was living in exile in the town of Ozhel, and left from there three years later, moving to the estate of the Lubomirski family near Dubno, in Volyn. The date of his death is unknown.

# **May 12**

On May 12, 1961, **Father LADISLAUS ŁASZEWSKI** (Wa-shefski) died in Skórzec at the age of 77. He was a religious for 33 years and a priest for 29. He studied theology in Rome. He fulfilled the offices of provincial and general councilor. During the difficult years after World War II, he was the house superior at Bielany, Warsaw. He was esteemed for his patience and religious observance. He is buried in Skórzec.

### **May 13**

On May 13, 1849, **Father MATTHEW MICZULEWICZ** (Mi-choo-levich), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 62 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was exemplary in his religious observance and was known for his extraordinary dedication to the common good. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1964, **Brother JOHN PELDŽIUS** died at the house in Chicago, Illinois, at the age of 73. He was a religious for almost 45 years. He was engaged in the publishing of *Draugas* and was a diligent promoter of the Catholic press. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

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In 1985, **Father JOSEPH FRĄCKIEWICZ** (Fronts-k'e-vich) died in Glubo-koye, Belarus, at the age of 73 after a long fight with cancer. He was a member of the Polish Province, a religious for 53 years and a priest for 44. He ministered for many years to the Catholic faithful while under Soviet Communist occupation, which made religious community life impossible. Because of his pastoral ministry, he was arrested and exiled to Siberia, where he was imprisoned for six years. He is buried in Glubokoye, Belarus.

#### **May 14**

On May 14, 1988, **Brother JULIAN DUCHALSKI** (Doo-khal-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died in a hospital at the age of 78. He was a religious for 40 years and worked as a farmer and administrator for the landed property connected with our houses. He was a man of prayer, hard-working and humble, gracious towards everyone, and led a virtuous life totally dedicated to the service of God and the community. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

#### **May 15**

On May 15, 1996, **Father CASTILIUS RAMANAUSKAS** died in the Kaunas hospital during a surgery. He was almost 50 years old. In 1979, he made his profession of vows in secret, and then, also in secret, was ordained a priest in 1988. He worked in Olica among Lithuanian immigrants in the U.S., and then moved to Panevezys in 1992. He is buried in the cemetery of his native parish of Oniksza.

## **May 16**

On May 16, 1769, **Father ALEXANDER MRAAS**, a Czech by birth, lector of theology and secretary of the Order, died in the flames that engulfed the monastery at Goźlin. He was known for his prudence, learning and dedication to the good of the community. His ashes were buried at the church at Mniszów.

In 1890, **Father BARTHOLOMEW URBAN** died after a 13-year stay in a psychiatric institute in Warsaw. He is buried in Warsaw.

In 1966, **Father CLEMENT KAČERGIUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 59 in Alvytas, Lithuania. He was a religious for 41 years and a priest for 36. He dedicated himself to the education of youth in Marijampolė and of students at the Seminary of Kaunas, Lithuania. Under the Communist regime, he exercised a pastoral ministry in various parishes. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

## **May 17**

On May 17, 1836, **Father LAWRENCE TCHÓRZEWSKI** (T-kho-zhef-ski) died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska after celebrating Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Ascension. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

#### **May 18**

On May 18, 1863, **Father STANISLAUS PÓRZYCKI** (Poo-zhee-tski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 80 at the monastery in Skórzec. He was a religious for 58 years and a priest for 56. He was a worthy president of the Skórzec monastery. He fulfilled the offices of secretary, procurator, and vicar general. He was also the General Superior for 11 years. Forced by the civil Russian authority into resignation from this office, he was exiled. He endured much suffering during the nine years of his exile. He was a religious of exemplary regular observance. He is buried in the crypt of the Skórzec church.

In 1975, **Brother CONSTANTINE RIMŠA** (Rim-sha), a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 93 during the year of his golden jubilee of religious profession. He is buried in Viļāni.

In 2013, **Father EDWARD DIONIZY FLORCZYK** (Flor-chik), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 72. He was a religious for 61 years and a priest for 51. He served in various Marian parishes of the Polish Province. Starting in 1999, he was a preacher, confessor, and parish retreat leader at the Shrine of Our Lady of Licheń, where he is buried.

In 2017, **Father LAWRENCE DUNN**, a member of the American Province, died at Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was 74 years old, a religious for 45 years and a priest for nearly 30. He joined the Congregation after serving in the Navy and was a religious brother for over a decade before entering the seminary and being ordained to the priesthood. He ministered for two years at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Greensboro, North Carolina, before being assigned to the Marian Scholasticate in Washington, D.C., where, for 27 years, he fulfilled various duties including vocation director, local superior, hospital and airport chaplain, and confessor at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' Cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

#### **May 19**

On May 19, 1754, **Father MICHAEL SENDEL**, a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria, where is buried.

In 1761, **Father CAJETAN WETYCKI** (Vetit-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 48 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a lector of philosophy and theology for 12 years, president of the monastery, General Superior for six years, and novice master. He was praised in this latter capacity because "what he taught by word of mouth, he first demonstrated by personal example." He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1961, **Brother ANTHONY PLESS** died in Latvia at the age of 78, having been a religious for 29 years. Being expelled from the monastery, he took up residence at the house of the Nagla pastor, and later in Rikava, where he is buried.

In 1985, **Father BENJAMIN UŽDAVINIS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died of a heart attack at the age of 64 at the house in Chicago, Illinois. He was a religious for 42 years and a priest for 38. He was animated by a truly apostolic zeal and labored assiduously in pastoral ministry in various parishes of the Province. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

## **May 20**

On May 20, 1777, **Mr. JOHN STANISZEWSKI** died. He was the chamberlain of Czersk and a great benefactor of the monastery of Our Lord's Cenacle in Góra Kalwaria. He was admitted to share in the benefits of the prayer and good deeds of our Congregation.

In 1803, **Father ALEXANDER DYDWALL** died of tuberculosis at the monastery in Marijampolė at the age of 58 and in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of his religious life. His pastoral activity was intense, not only in parishes of the Order, but in those of the diocesan clergy as well. He was highly regarded as a "truly religious man" and is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1832, **Brother PAUL DETYNECKI** died at the age of 72 at the monastery in Skórzec, where he is buried.

In 1978, Father **ALEXANDER PERZ** (Pezh) died of leukemia at the age of 68 at our house of Fawley Court, England. He was a religious for almost 50 years and a priest for 40. He studied and was ordained in Rome, and upon his return to Poland, he became an educator of youth and instructor in religion. He held the office of rector of the Institute of Philosophy and Theology at Bielany in Warsaw, of the provincial superior, and of the general secretary in Rome. For the last nine years of his life he served in England, including the role of provincial vicar of the Province of Great Britain. He was an expert in Mariological studies, known for his great Marian devotion. He is buried in Henley-on-Thames.

In 2004, **Father MICHAEL** (**MIGUEL**) **JODKA**, age 90, died in Rosario, Argentina. A native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, he studied theology and philosophy at our Marian Seminary in Hinsdale. He went to work in Argentina in 1957, serving mostly in our parish in Avellaneda. He was unable to celebrate Mass due to Alzheimer's, but received the Eucharist daily. His work for Christ and the Church can be summed up in his own words: "I am quite pleased that you sent me. Thank you very much!" He is buried in Rosairo, Argentina.

In 2014, **Father JOHN SUCHARZEWSKI** died at the age of 83. He was a religious for 64 years and a priest for 54. He carried out pastoral ministry in various Polish parishes, was the chaplain to the to the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament, and was, for 22 years, a confessor at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church in Grudziądz, where he is buried. He was a fervent minister and a tactful confrere. He is buried in Grudziądz.

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On May 21, 1919, **Father LEON KULWIEĆ** (Kool-vech') died of typhoid fever at the age of 39 in Warsaw. He became ill while serving at a parish to which he had been sent by the Apostolic Nuncio to try to save it from schism. After his novitiate in Fribourg, he embraced with pastoral care the Lithuanians in Warsaw, worked with the youth and started the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary for high school and college students. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Bielany, Warsaw.

In 1924, the Lithuanian **seminarian BRONISLAUS KAČERGIUS** died of pulmonary complications at the age of 22 in Rome. He lived at the German College as a third year student of philosophy. He is buried in the Teutonic cemetery in Vatican City adjacent to St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1975, **Brother PETER VALINČIUS** (Va-len-ch'us) died in Lithuania at the age of 76. He was a member of the Lithuanian Province. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

In 2006, **Father BERNARD MICKIEWICZ** (Mits-k'evitch) died at the age of nearly 77 in Berdychev, Ukraine. He was a member of the Ukrainian Vicariate, a religious for 28 years and a priest for 46. Born in Latvia to parents descending from the family of the famous Polish poet Adam Mickiewicz, he entered the diocesan seminary in Riga, Latvia at age 26. Ten years after his ordination he was sent to do pastoral work in Ukraine, where he joined our Congregation in 1977. For his pastoral activity, particularly among children and youth, he was sentenced by the Communist regime to more than three years in prison. His book entitled "Is believing in God contrary to science?" helped many to oppose the Communist atheistic

propaganda. Residing in Berdychev, where he was vicar of a church, he led an intense pastoral ministry as a catechist and pastor in two nearby locations. He also had in pastoral care the residents of a nursing home and the inmates and later, he was chaplain to the nuns. He is buried in the cemetery in Berdychev.

## **May 22**

On May 22, 1981, **Father PETER ČINIKAS**, a member of the American Province of Saint Casimir, died of a heart ailment at the age of 69 in Chicago, Illinois. He was a religious for 48 years and a priest for 42. A true apostle of the Catholic press, he was administrator and director of the daily, *Draugas*, and the periodical, *The Marian*, for 30 years. He served as superior and provincial councilor. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2006, **Father JOHN SAKEVIČIUS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died in the 99<sup>th</sup> year of his life. He was a Marian for nearly 79 years and a priest for 74. He served as the Secretary General in Rome and later as the pastor of the St. Casimir Parish in London, England. After this assignment, he became a member of the St. Casimir Province in the U.S. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

#### **May 23**

On May 23, 1792, **Brother NARCISSUS KOWALSKI**, a cleric from Warmia, died in Warsaw. He is buried in the crypt of John of God Brothers' church in Warsaw.

In 1802, **Brother FRANCIS CIENIEWSKI** (Ch'e-n'ef-ski) died at the monastery in Skórzec, at the age of 63. A religious for nearly 40 years, he fulfilled the duties of collector of alms with considerable benefit for our monasteries. He was a zealous religious, in spite of his frequent absences from the monastery. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1811, **Father JOSEPH CIENIEWSKI** (Ch'e-n'ef-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 60 in Seroczyn, where he was assistant pastor. While president of the monastery in Skórzec, he provided for the construction of the stone church building. He is buried in Seroczyn.

In 1986, **Brother JOHN STEFANOWICZ**, a member of the Province in Great Britain, died at the age of 77 in a hospital in Hereford. He was a religious for 30 years, working faithfully at the house of Fawley Court and later at the house of Bullingham in Hereford as a farmer, beekeeper, sacristan, maintenance man and

gardener. He was originally buried in the cemetery in Hereford, but later his remains were moved to the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

## **May 24**

On May 24, 1985, **Brother SIGISMUND CZERWIŃSKI** (Cher-vin'-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died of cancer in the hospital of Otwock at the age of 80. He was a religious for 62 years. A man of great serenity, he was always willing to help others. He served the community as chauffeur, mechanic, and maintenance man. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

#### **May 25**

On May 25, 1757, **Brother JOSEPH WILKOSZEWSKI** (Vil'koshefski) died at the age of 80 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 1780, **Brother VINCENT CHOJĘCKI** (Kho-en-tski), a cleric, son of the founder of the monastery, died at the age of approximately 30 at the residence of Ostrikov. Being an epileptic from infancy, he bore his condition with great patience during his 10 years of religious life. He is buried at the church in Ostrikov.

In 2020, **Father LADISLAUS ZDANIUKIEWICZ**, a member of the Polish Province, passed away at the St. Stanislaus Papczyński Hospice in Licheń, Poland. He was 96 years old, a religious for 73 years and a priest for 63. He ministered initially in various Polish parishes and then, from 1984, he served in several German parishes in the diocese of Augsburg, as well as being a hospital chaplain. In 1997, he returned to Poland and was assigned to work at the Shrine of Our Lady of Licheń, where he remained until the end of his life and was buried in the local Marian Fathers' cemetery.

# **May 26**

On May 26, 1802, **Father AMBROSE BILLEWICZ** (Bil-levich), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 69 at the monastery in Miroslavas. A religious for 42 years, he was Assistant of the Order, as well as president of the monasteries in Marijampolė and in Miroslavas for over 20 years. Struck with paralysis, he was bedridden for the last 4 years of his life, but bore with great patience the suffering and difficulties connected with it. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1951, **CONSTANTINE DANILEWICZ**, a cleric in minor orders and a member of the Polish Province, died at the house of Bielany, Warsaw, at the age of 72. He was a physician for many years and entered our Congregation at the age of 66, after the death of his wife. He anticipated his priestly ordination with a great

desire and studied with zeal. Death, however, took him before he could attain this goal. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 2015, **Father WENCESLAUS ALIULIS**, a former Lithuanian provincial superior and a General Vicar (1993-1999), passed away at the nursing home run by the Sisters of the Poor of the Immaculate Conception. He was 94 years old, a religious for 78 years and a priest for 71. He conducted pastoral ministry in various Lithuanian parishes. He served first as a secretary at the Committee on Liturgy and Church Music at the National Conference of Bishops in Lithuania, and later he chaired that Committee. He was the vice-rector of the inter-diocesan seminary in Kaunas, and he was in charge of and taught the clandestine catechetical courses for nuns and lay people. He prepared an extensive methodological literature and numerous textbooks in the field. He was the chief editor of the new translation of the New Testament from its original language version into Lithuanian. He is buried in Santaika.

#### **May 27**

On May 27, 1928, **Brother AUGUSTINE GRUNDANS** died in an accident at the age of 74 at the house in Viļāni, Latvia. He was one of the first Latvians to enter our Congregation. He is buried in Viļāni.

#### **May 28**

On May 28, 1989, **Father ANDREW RIMAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 80. He was a religious for 61 years and a priest for 56. He worked in pastoral ministry and composed religious songs. He is buried in Braziūkai, Lithuania.

In 2000, **Cardinal VINCENT SLADKEVIČIUS** died in Kaunas at the age of 80. He was ordained a priest in 1944. In 1957 he became a bishop, but was interned until 1982 and could not perform his episcopal duties. During that time he secretly ordained 20 priests. In 1971, he joined our Congregation. In 1982, he was nominated the Administrator of the Kaisadorys Diocese, and in 1988, the Archbishop of Kaunas, Cardinal, and the chairman of the National Conference of Bishops in Lithuania. In 1993 he played host to Pope St. John Paul II's visit to Lithuania. He is buried in Kaunas.

#### **May 29**

On May 29, 1763, **Brother EMMANUEL of SAINT ANN** died at the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal. He made his religious profession after learning of his fatal illness. He is buried in Balsamão.

In 1931, **Father NAPOLEON LUBOWICKI** died in Wysokie Litewskie, at the age of 95. He was a priest for 60 years. In 1858, he joined our Congregation and lived at the house in Raśna. After the suppression of religious institutes in 1864, he was compelled, being a deacon, to enter the Vilnius Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood there, after which he was engaged in an arduous pastoral ministry. Before dying, he consigned to the Marians the oldest portrait of our holy Father Founder.

#### **May 30**

On May 30 in 1945, **FRANCIS KAREVICIUS**, the Titular Archbishop of **Scytopolis**, died at the house in Marijampolė at the age of 83. He was a priest for 59 years and a bishop for 31. In 1918, he conferred the episcopal ordination on Blessed George. In 1926 he resigned from his duties as Bishop of Kaunas and entered our Congregation. He is buried in the crypt of Samogitian bishops at the Kaunas Cathedral.

#### **May 31**

On May 31, 1815, **Father PHILIP MIELIŃSKI**, preacher of the monastery, died at the monastery in Raśna, where he is buried.

In 1949, a **seminarian PLACIDUS LELEŠIUS** died at the age of 23. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

In 1992, **Father JOHN BUCH**, a member of the Polish Province, died unexpectedly at the age of 66 at the house in Stoczek. He was a religious for over 44 years and a priest for over 35. He was engaged in educational and pastoral activities at various houses of the Province. During the last four years spent at the house in Stoczek, he fulfilled the offices of superior, treasurer, pastor, and director of the local Marian shrine. He was known for his benevolence and pastoral zeal. He was originally buried in Stoczek Klasztorny, but three months later his remains were transferred to Warsaw upon his family's request.

In 1997, **Father DOMINIC JORGE** died in a car accident in Portugal. He was 51 years old, a religious for 28 years and a priest for 20. He served as a pastor and rector of the shrine in Balsamão. He is buried next to his father, at the cemetery of his native parish of Duas Igrejas.

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## June 1

On June 1, 1855, **Father GREGORY MUSZYŃSKI** (Moo-shin'-ski) died at the age of 58 at the Góra Kalwaria monastery. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

## JUNE 2

On June 2, 2003, **Brother STANISLAUS NOWACZKIEWICZ** (Novach-kevich) died at our house in Fawley Court, England. He was 78 years old and a religious for 46 years. In his religious life, he carried out duties in the houses of Hereford, Fawley Court, Rome, and in Ealing, London, where he spent 30 years as a parish sacristan. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Henley-on-Thames

## JUNE 3

On June 3, 1823, **Father ALEXANDER MAKAREWICZ** (Ma-ka-revich) died in Radziejowice (Radz'e-yo-vitse), at the age of 68, while on a visit to his doctor. He exercised his pastoral ministry in various parishes and, ultimately, at the church of Puszcza Korabiewska. He is buried in Radziejowice.

In 1933, **JOSEPH KALEDINSKAS**, a postulant of the American Province of Saint Casimir, died at the house in Marian Hills, Illinois, at the age of 41. Towards the evening, he was returning from the fields with a plow, when he suddenly fell to the ground near the stable and expired. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

Probably in 1988, **PETER SZMIGIELSKI** (Shmi-g'elski), a seminarian of the Polish Province died at the age of 23. He was a religious for almost 4 years. The cause and circumstances of his death are unknown. He was a student in Lublin and left our House of Studies one evening without notifying anyone. His remains were found two months later in a wooded area about 25 miles from Lublin. He is buried in the cemetery in Sopot.

## June 5

On June 5, 1832, **Father BENEDICT SAWICKI** (Savee-tski) died at the monastery in Marijampolė at the age of 58. He was a religious for 39 years. He is buried n Marijampolė.

## June 6

On June 6, 1771, **Father GABRIEL BORKOWSKI** died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 1951, **Father JOSEPH ŁUNIEWSKI** died at the age of 64 at the house on Eden Hill, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was a priest for 41 years and a religious for 25. He was one of the founders of the American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka and became its first provincial superior upon the canonical installation of the Province in 1948. He came to the U.S. from Łomża, Poland, as a diocesan priest in 1920. While a student in the School of Canon Law at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., he met Fr. Richard Bakalarczyk, and after meeting with Blessed George in 1926, he decided to join our Congregation. He contributed greatly to the growth of the Province and the promotion of the apostolate of Divine Mercy. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

In 1990, **Brother CASIMIR MICHALUK** (Mee-khal'uk) suddenly died at the house in Sulejówek, while praying in the house chapel. He was 85 years old, a member of the Polish Province, and a religious for almost 66 years. He frequently spoke with great love and reverence about our Father Renovator, from whom he had received the sacrament of confirmation. A profoundly virtuous man, he served for many years as a sacristan in various houses of the Province. Animated with great devotion for our holy Father Founder, he diligently cared throughout 20 years for the grounds surrounding the Church of Our Lord's Cenacle at Marianki. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## June 7

On June 7, 1778, the **Subdeacon BENJAMIN FRISZEK** (Free-shek), a Czech by birth, died at the age of 23 at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1805, **Father BONAVENTURE CZYSZKOWSKI** (Chish-kofski) died at the age of 90 at the monastery in Raśna, where he is buried.

In 1939, **Brother STANISLAUS MARCISZEWSKI** (Mar-chee-shef-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the house in Raśna, at the age of 49. He was a religious for 13 years. He served the community as a gardener and sacristan and was known for his religious fervor and fraternal charity. He is buried in Raśna.

#### JUNE 9

On June 9, 1967, **Bishop FRANCIS BRAZYS** died unexpectedly at the age of 52 during morning meditation in the chapel of our Roman house. He was a religious

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for 35 years and a priest for 24. He studied in Marijampolė, Kaunas, Warsaw, Prague, and Rome. He served in Argentina for 9 years. In 1957, he was elected vicar general, and at the same time became the superior of the house in Rome. In 1964, he was named bishop by Pope Paul VI for the pastoral care of Lithuanian emigrants. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' tomb in Campo Verano, Rome.

In 2005, Father JOSEPH SIELSKI died at the age of 91 at the Villa Rosa Nursing Home in Mitchelleville, Maryland. The first American-born candidate to what would later become the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province, he was a religious for almost 60 years and a priest for 54. He studied at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and obtained a Licentiate in Theology there. He was the first superior of the Eden Hill house in Stockbridge. He organized our "Mission House" in Detroit, MI, and served as its first superior. In 1951, on the death of the first provincial (Fr. Łuniewski) he was elected to the office of provincial and held it for two terms. A general councilor in Rome starting in 1963, he was elected six years later to be General Superior and held this office for two terms. After his return to the United States, he was the director of the Marian Helpers Center in Stockbridge, then spiritual director in the Marian House of Studies in Washington, and later served as a chaplain at the St. Joseph Nursing Home in Catonsville, MD. Because of his failing health, he had to remain for four years in the "Marian Assisted Living residence" in Brookeville, MD. He contributed much to the growth of to St. Stanislaus Kostka Province. But he was also always ready to respond to the needs of the Congregation by extending the work of the members of the Province to England, Portugal, and Brazil. He was active in implementing the reforms enjoined on all religious communities by the Second Vatican Council and worked on the revision of our Marian Constitutions. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

#### **JUNE 10**

On June 10, 1813, **Father CHARLES FILIPKOWSKI** fell from the cupola of the church in Pniewnik (Pn'ev-nik), while trying to retrieve things that had been hidden from enemy soldiers. He died on the spot. He was 48 years old, a preacher of the monastery in Skórzec and assistant pastor in Pniewnik where he is buried.

In 1958, **Brother ANDREW ŽEMAITIS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the house in Chicago, Illinois, at the age of 77. A religious for 33 years, he was highly regarded for his diligence and exemplary life. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2008, **Father BONIFACE VAIŠNORAS**, associate pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Plano, Illinois, died at the age of 89. He was a religious for 66 years and a priest for 61. He served at parishes in Plano and Yorkville, Illinois as well as in

Milwaukee and Racine, Wisconsin. He was also on the staff at the Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Connecticut. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

## **June 11**

On June 11, 1983, **Brother ALEXIS CITOVIČ**, a member of the Belarusian house in London, died of a heart attack at the age of 89. He entered our Congregation after the death of his wife and for 10 years served the community as a Lay Associate. He was later admitted into the novitiate and pronounced his first religious vows at the age of 86. He was a dedicated sacristan until his death, and was known for his piety and humility. He is buried in the cemetery of St. Pancracius in London.

In 2015, **Father JOHN PETRAUSKAS**, a member of the American Province, died in Matulaitis Nursing Home. He was 99 years old, a religious for 75 years and a priest for 72. He taught at the Marianapolis Preparatory School, later becoming its headmaster and serving in that capacity for 31 years. He influenced generations of students and faculty. During his time at Marianapolis, he wrote "The History of Marianapolis," an extensive work on the school's past. From 1991 to 2008, Fr. John served as the pastor of St. Casmir's Church in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

## **JUNE 12**

On June 12, 1881, **Father JOHN ZIELIŃSKI** (Zh'e-lin'-ski) died at the age of 67 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 48 years. He was a religious education instructor in parochial schools. In 1863, the Russians exiled him to Siberia. After eight years there, he was granted amnesty and lived for four years in Livonia, returning later to Marijampolė, where he is buried.

In 2012, **Father DONALD PETRAITIS**, a former General Superior of the Marian Fathers and the last provincial superior of the St. Casimir Province before its unification with the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province, died at the age of almost 75 at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Worcester. He was a religious for 56 years and a priest for 48. It was his responsibility as a General Superior to guide the Congregation during and in the aftermath of profound changes in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union, where many of our confreres lived and worked in secret. He also had the privilege to prepare the beatification ceremony of Blessed George Matulaitis-Matulewicz. He also prepared and presided over the historical 1993 General Chapter, which gathered representatives of the entire Marian Congregation for the first time since 1939. He will be remembered as a priest who always manifested deep faith in God's goodness and Providence, as well as a man of courage. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

JUNE 83

## **JUNE 13**

On June 13, 1803, **Father ADRIAN IGNATOWSKI**, a "Father of the Order Emeritus," age 69, died in Pruszyn, where he served as a vicar at the local parish. He was a religious for 48 years. He was the president of various monasteries and was eventually elected General Superior, an office which he fulfilled "most commendably" for 6 years. He also taught our seminarians at Marijampolė and Skórzec. He was known for his religious observance and virtuous life of obedience and poverty. He is buried at the church in Pruszyn near Siedlce, where he was a vicar.

In 2004, **Brother JOHN ŁOJKO** (Wo-y-ko) died in Góra Kalwaria at the age of 97. He spent 41 years in our Congregation, serving as a tailor. He was always closely united to the Merciful Jesus. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

#### **JUNE 14**

On June 14, 1801, **Brother JAMES TRUSZKOWSKI** (Troo-shkof-ski) died at the age of 74 at the monastery in Marijampolė; he was a religious for 35 years. He served the community as a gardener and was highly regarded for his singular love of the religious virtues, his simplicity, and his regular observance. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## **JUNE 15**

On June 15, 1790, **Father JOACHIM STANIEWSKI** (Stan'ef-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 70 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 2010, **Father RUPERT LONGIN KUBRANOWICZ**, a member of the Brazilian Province, died in his 94<sup>th</sup> year of life. He was a religious for 57 years and a priest for almost 38. In 1942, he was drafted into the Polish army under the command of the Gen. Władysław Anders. After the war he joined the Marians in Great Britain. Bishop Chester Sipovič, the then General Superior of our Congregation, gave permission for his transfer to Brazil, where he completed the seminary and became a priest. For many years he worked pastorally in Brazil and was appreciated for his great piety and wisdom. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Curitiba.

#### **JUNE 16**

On June 16, 1972, **Brother NICHOLAS PILIPCZUK** (Pee-lip-chuk), a member of the Polish Province, died in Głuchołazy, Poland, at the age of 64. He was a religious for 43 years. During the Warsaw Uprising of 1944, he lost one hand and became sick with tuberculosis. Meek and humble, he bore his mutilation and illness with admirable patience. He is buried in Głuchołazy.

In 1979, **Father JOHN KARDAUSKAS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the house in Chicago, Illinois, at the age of 75. He was a priest for 51 years and a religious for 18. He fled before the Bolshevik's invasion of Lithuania in 1944 and exercised his pastoral ministry in Germany, Chile, and Brazil prior to coming to the U.S., where he joined our Congregation at the age of 57. He was known for his piety, gentleness and pastoral zeal. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

## **JUNE 17**

On June 17, 1784, **Father NICHOLAS WASZKIEWICZ** (Vashk'evich) died at the age of 40, while serving as a vicar in Ludwinów. He was a preacher and vicar in various parishes. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1975, **Father STANISLAUS MOTYKA** (Mohti-ka), a member of the Polish Province, died in Warsaw at the age of 42. He was a religious for 20 years and a priest for 11. He served as a catechist and vicar in various parishes of the Province. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## **JUNE 18**

On June 18, 2003, **Father STEPONAS MATULIS** (known as Matuliauskas prior to 1956) died at the age 85 at the residence of Nottingham. He was a member of the Lithuanian Province, a religious for 67 years and a priest for nearly 57. He began his theological studies in Lithuania, but had to leave the country in 1944. He studied in Germany and in Rome. He held various offices in the general house, serving as a secretary, superior, treasurer, novice master, and spiritual moderator. In 1960, he was sent to London, where he was the local superior and rector of the church of St. Casimir. In 1966, he moved to Nottingham, the residence attached to the house in London. For some years he was rector of the boarding school for boys there and until 1995, the director of the Lithuanian mission in Great Britain. For many years he was also editor of the Lithuanian magazine *Saltinis*, and supervised the print shop. He is buried in Nottingham.

#### **JUNE 20**

On June 20, 1950, **Father PIUS ANDZIULIS**, provincial superior of the Lithuanian Province died in office in Marijampolė. He was 80 years old. He was a priest for 50 years and a religious for 31. He entered our Congregation at the time of the reopening of the novitiate and religious house at Marijampolė in 1918. He was a renowned preacher. For 11 years he tirelessly and zealously governed his Province, persecuted by the Communist regime. He is buried in Marijampolė.

June 85

In 1958, **Brother CASIMIR SYDONOWICZ**, a member of the American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka, died at the age of 64 at the hospital in Henley-on-Thames, Great Britain. He was a religious for 8 years and served the community of Fawley Court as a gardener. He was originally buried in the cemetery in Hereford, but later his remains were moved to the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

## **JUNE 21**

On June 21, 1774, **Brother SIMON** died in Radom, Poland, where he happened to be in connection with the National Assembly. He is buried in the cemetery of the Bernardine Fathers in Radom.

In 1941, **Father JOHN TOTORAITIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 68 in his native village of Bliuviskiai. He was a priest for 45 years and a religious for 31. He made his novitiate in the private apartment of Fr. Renovator in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1911, after the death of Fr. Sękowski, he participated along with Blessed George and Fr. Bučys in the first General Chapter of the renovated Institute, which elected Fr. Renovator the General Superior. He was a renowned historian and taught history at the University of Kaunas and in our school at Marijampolė. He is buried in Marijampolė.

### **JUNE 22**

On June 22, 1735, **Brother JEROME of SAINT VALENTINE**, a cleric already advanced in age, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He served the community as a gardener. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1849, **Father SYLVESTER WIDZBOR** died at the monastery in Marijampolė, at the age of 43. He was Assistant of the Order and president of the monastery in Miroslavas. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1965, **Father SIGISMUND TRÓSZYŃSKI** (Troo-shin'ski) died in the opinion of sanctity at the age of 79 in Otwock, Poland. He was a priest for 52 years and a religious for 50. As a pastor of the parish in Bielany (later Bielany-Marymont), he cared for the poor in a particularly heroic manner, especially during the German occupation. He was chaplain to the Polish underground army during World War II and also during the Warsaw Uprising. For this reason, and also because he took care of the orphans of the insurgents, the Communists put him in prison for 6 years. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## **JUNE 23**

On June 23, 1974, **Father JOHN BALTRUŠAITIS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died in Chicago at the age of 64. He was a religious for 46 years and a priest for 34. He was a missionary in Argentina for several years. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2010, **Father CASIMIR JANKIEWICZ** (Yan-k'evitch) died at our religious house in Licheń. He was a religious for 56 years and a priest for 47. He served as the director of vocations and a provincial councilor of the Polish Province, and later was elected a general councilor. Next, he worked pastorally in Poland and then, in 1998, was transferred to Great Britain, where he was the house superior in London-Ealing and editor of the *Messenger of Mercy* magazine. He is buried in Licheń.

## **JUNE 24**

On June 24, 1780, **Father AUGUSTINE ŁAGOTTA** (Wa-gotta) died at the Góra Kalwaria monastery. He was a lector of philosophy for 5 years. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1830, **ADAM RATKOWSKI** (Rat-kof-ski), age 50, died at the monastery in Marijampolė. He wore our habit for 23 years and lived at the monastery, but never made his religious profession. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## **JUNE 25**

On June 25, 1982, **Father VINCENT SMOLINSKI** (Smolin'ski), a member of the Polish Province, died in Warsaw at the age of 72. He was a religious for 55 years and a priest for 46. He completed his studies at Warsaw and in Rome. During World War II he was pastor in Druya, then the superior in various houses. He also fulfilled the office of provincial councilor for 18 years. During the last 23 years of his life, he was a member of the house in Warsaw-Praga, confessor in the local parish church and chaplain to religious sisters. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

# **JUNE 26**

In 1962, **Brother CHESTER KOCIMOWSKI** (Ko-chi-mof-ski), a member of the Polish Province, subjected to threats by the secret police of the Communist regime, died tragically at the age of 29 at the house in Bielany, Poland. He was a religious for 4 years. He was a bricklayer and helped with the extension of the church building in Marymont, Warsaw. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

June 87

In 2004, **Father HENRY TOMASZEWSKI** died in Curitiba, Brazil, at the age of 90. He was professed in 1938 and ordained a priest in 1944. He came to Brazil as one of the first Marian Missionaries. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery next to our Divine Mercy Shrine in Curitiba.

## **JUNE 27**

On June 27, 1972, **Father PETER UPENIEKS** died of a heart illness at the age of 66 in Riga, Latvia. He was a priest for 42 years and a religious for 38. He attracted many Lutherans to the Catholic Church by his word and testimony of exemplary life. After World War II, he was spiritual director and professor at the Riga Seminary for many years. He is buried in Riga.

In 2021, **Father EUGENE DELIKAT**, a member of the Polish Province, passed away at our religious house in Licheń. He was 90 years old, having been a religious for 70 years and a priest for 63. He worked as a youth chaplain and prefect of seminarians, as well as a house superior and confessor for the novices in Skórzec and the seminarians in Lublin. From 1972 to 1974, he worked in the Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka in the U.S. For 6 years he served as the provincial superior in Poland. During his term in office, the Polish Province began its missionary service in Rwanda. In 1987, he was elected Vicar General of the Congregation. From 1994 to 2003, he undertook pastoral ministry in various religious houses of our Congregation in Germany, where he was also a delegate of the provincial superior. In 2010, he was transferred to the religious house in Licheń, where he remained until his death, serving as a confessor as much as his condition allowed. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Licheń.

## **JUNE 28**

On June 28, 2003, **Father WITOLD NIECIECKI** (N'e-ch'ets-ki) died at the Marymont house in Warsaw on the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. He lived for 78 years, 59 as a religious and 53 as a priest. He distinguished himself by great modesty and humility in his work for the Congregation. He fulfilled many important functions within the Congregation; prefect and spiritual director of the Marian seminarians, vicar provincial and finaly the superior of the Polish Province. In 1981, after the General Chapter in Rome, he was elected chairman of the Editorial Committee on the *Constitutions and Directory*. He was noted for making vital contributions to adapting our Marian Constitutions to the directives of the Second Vatican Council. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## **JUNE 29**

On June 29, 1816, **Father PETER GROCHALEWICZ** (Grokha-levich), a "Father of the Order" and president of the monastery, died at the age of 73 at the monastery in Raśna. He is buried in the crypt of the Raśna church.

In 1864, **Father MATTHEW KOMOROWSKI** (Komorofski), a "Father of the Order," was deported to Siberia at the age of 49 for his participation in the insurrection. At the time he had been president of the monastery in Skórzec for two years. The date and place of his death are unknown.

In 2017, **Father FRANCIS JAWORSKI**, member of the Portuguese Vicariate, died at the Hospital of Macedo de Cavaleiros, Portugal, at the age of 93. He was a religious for 61 years and a priest for almost 57. He was born in the Silesian town of Jawór and during World War II, the German army forcibly recruited him. He joined the Congregation in Hereford, U.K. after World War II. He studied in Rome, where he was ordained. In 1962, he was sent to Portugal where he was educator at the minor seminary and the house superior. In 1981, he went to the U.S., where he was house superior in Stockbridge and later the Superior of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province. In 1993, he returned to Portugal, where for some years, he administered the pilgrims' house of São Paulo in Fátima and served as treasurer of the Portuguese Vicariate. In 2015, he was transferred to the house in Balsamão, where his state of health began to gradually worsen. He is buried in Balsamão.

## **JUNE 30**

## FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

On June 30, 1941, **Servant of God Father EUGENE KULESZA** (Koo-lesha), age 50, was arrested and murdered by Soviet soldiers fleeing from the Germans. He was a religious for 23 years and a priest for 20. He was ordained to the priesthood by Blessed George Matulaitis-Matulewicz. Starting in 1926, he served in the Bielany College of the Marian Fathers in Warsaw. In 1938, he was assigned to the Marian religious house in Druya, Belarus, where he became the house superior and the high school principal and made himself quickly known as a good superior, a talented director, and an enthusiastic man of great personal holiness. He was a man of vast learning, of great eloquence and of a lively faith. He is buried at the church in Druya. On February 9, 2021, his beatification process was opened in Warsaw, Poland.

**L.** Let us pray that the Servant of God Eugene may attain the glory of the Blessed, through Christ Our Lord.

All. Amen.

## JULY

## July 1

On July 1, 1792, **Father GILES SIKORSKI** died at the age of 60 at the Góra Kalwaria monastery. After celebrating Mass at the local parish church, he returned to the monastery for dinner and unexpectedly gave up "his spirit to his Savior" during the reading of the Scriptures. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1973, **Father JUSTIN NOVICKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 88 at the house in Marijampolė. He was a priest for 64 years and a religious for 61. He made his novitiate in Fribourg, Switzerland. Upon his return to Lithuania, he was the novice master for many years. He likewise fulfilled the duties of superior, pastor, and director of the National Center of the "Saint Joseph's Pious Union of Happy Death." After the suppression of religious houses by the Communists, he worked in Vilnius for many years. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2015, **Father STANISLAUS KRYSZTOPA** suffered a fatal car accident while driving. He was 52 years old, a religious for 29 years and a priest for 23. He served as a catechist, assistant in pastoral work, and vicar at various Polish parishes. He was also the local superior and treasurer of our religious house in Elblag, as well as the diocesan referent for the male religious orders in the Diocese of Elblag. He will be remembered as a quiet, humble, and diligent confrere. He is buried in Lublin.

## July 2

On July 2, 1930, **Father VINCENT GRAŠIS**, superior of the house, died at the age of 60, at the house in Ukmergė, in Lithuania. He was a priest for 35 years and a religious for 4. For 33 years, he dedicated himself to the active pastoral apostolate in the vast territory of Russia. His pastoral activity brought him much suffering, including imprisonment by the Communists. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## JULY 3

On July 3, 1811, **Father FELICIAN JAKUBOWSKI** (Ya-koo-bof-ski), vice-president of the monastery, died at the age of 58 at the monastery in Raśna.

In 1979, **Father VALENTINE ATKOČIUS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died of a heart attack at the age of 60 at the Marian house in Marianapolis, Connecticut. He was a religious for 39 years and a priest for 34. He received his licentiate in Sacred Scripture at Rome. He fulfilled the offices of

provincial superior, general councilor and local superior. He spent some time in teaching and contributed much to the construction of new buildings in the Province. He was known for his diligence and humble service, inspired by his love of neighbor. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

## July 4

On July 4, 1769, **Father FAUSTUS POSZMAN** (Poshman), a native of Warmia, died at the age of 42 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 1810, **Father FRANCIS ZIELONKA** (Z'e-lon-ka) died at the age of 64 at the monastery in Berezdov. He was Assistant of the Russian Province. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1826, **Father NORBERT NYTZ**, Assistant of the Order and lector of moral theology, died at the age of 53 at the monastery in Miroslavas, where he is buried.

#### JULY 5

On July 5, 2002, **Father ANTHONY LUBICKAS** died at the age of 83. He was born in Vaiduotai, Lithuania. In 1944, he was exiled to Germany. After the war, he went to Rome and entered the Marian novitiate on Dec. 7, 1949. In December 1956, he was sent to Argentina, where he served at different houses. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Rosario.

In 2012, **Father CONSTANTINE VELIONIŠKIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Vicariate, died at the age of 96 in our house in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 76 years and a priest for 60. He worked in various Lithuanian parishes, serving Christ and the Church commendably and humbly through his long life in the spirit of prayer and respect for his fellow men. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## JULY 6

On July 6, 1846, **Father BARTHOLOMEW WASZNIEWICZ** (Vash-n'evich) died at the age of 43 at the parish in Pokojnie, where he was sent to assist the pastor. He was a member of the residence of Igliauku. He is buried in the cemetery in Pokojnie.

#### July 7

On July 7, 1759, **Father CASIMIR POLAK**, president of the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, died at the age of 50 in Warsaw, where he went for treatment.

He was a lector of philosophy and theology for 12 years. He distinguished himself by his regular observance. He is buried in the crypt of the church of the Reformed Franciscan Fathers in Warsaw.

In 2003, **Bishop ROMAN ANDRZEJEWSKI** (And-zhe-yef-ski), the Auxiliary Bishop of Włocławek, died at the age of 65. He was a priest for 42 years and a bishop for 22. For 10 years he was associated with our Congregation in his prayers and spiritual merits. He practiced poverty, having resigned from amassing earthly goods. Upon his own request, he is buried in Licheń.

## JULY 8

On July 8, 1994, **Father ANTHONY YLIUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 85 in Siauliai, Lithuania. He was a religious for 68 years and a priest for 60. Ordained a priest in 1934, he was engaged in intense pastoral work and taught catechism in various schools. During World War II, he achieved good results in his pastoral and building work at Skardupia, regardless of the difficult times. When Lithuania was occupied again by the Soviet Army in 1944, he served the Lithuanian partisans as chaplain. He was arrested in 1945, and sentenced to exile in prison camps of the Soviet Union. Owing to the general amnesty of 1956, he was able to return to his country, where, resisting recurrent Communist harassment and slanderous propaganda, he worked as a priest with great zeal, first at Lesciai and then at Siauliai. During the last three years of his life, suffering from serious illness, he celebrated Mass at home. A talented writer, he dedicated some of his time to literary interests. He is buried with full military honors in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

## July 9

On July 9, 2004, **Father FELIX BARTECKI** (Bar-tet-ski), age 79, died at our Licheń religious house in Poland. Among the various labors in service of our Congregation and the Church was his special work as a notary at the Warsaw Metropolitan Court of Law. His is buried in Licheń.

#### **JULY 10**

On July 10, 1722, **Brother ISIDORE of SAINT ADALBERT** died at the monastery in Goźlin, where he is buried.

In 1755, **Brother FRANCIS KUCZEWSKI** (Koo-chef-ski) died and was buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1829, **Father FELIX HADRAVA**, a Czech by birth and "Father of the Order Emeritus," died at the age of 74 at the monastery in Raśna. He was a religious for

55 years. He studied in Rome for two years. Later he became the novice master, secretary and assistant general and starting in 1803, commissary for the Russian Province. He is buried in the crypt of the Rasna church.

In 1860, **Father PAUL PETER SZUMOWSKI** (Shoo-mof-ski) died at the monastery in Skórzec, having patiently suffered from paralysis for four years. He was a religious for 43 years and a priest for 33. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1946, **Brother GEORGE GRIGAS**, a novice of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 19 due to an unfortunate accident.

# July 11

On July 11, 1793, **Father MAURICE ŻARNOWSKI** (Zhar-nof-ski), a young priest, died of pulmonary complications and was buried in in the crypt of the Raśna church.

In 1953, **Brother JOHN WEREDA** (Vereda) died in a Warsaw hospital at the age of 37. He was a member of the Polish Province for 11 years. He was a student of music and organist at our church in Warsaw-Praga. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## **JULY 12**

On July 12, 1990, **Father JOHN ŠAULIS** died at the age of 73 at the house in Darien, Illinois. He was a religious for 57 years and a priest for 50. He was engaged in pastoral ministry outside the community for 17 years, and for the last seven years of his life, he served at the parish in Darien. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

#### **JULY 13**

On July 13, 1834, all religious orders, their monasteries and convents were suppressed by law in Portugal. At the moment of suppression the following Marians resided at the monastery in Balsamão:

- Father JOSEPH of the CROSS VIEIRA, the superior from 1830, a religious for 50 years and a priest for 45. He remained at Balsamão until 1851, caring for the pilgrims, and died in Lagos in 1856 at the age of 68;
- **Father FRANCIS XAVIER DAS DORES**, age 41, a priest for 10 years;
- Father JOACHIM of SAINT ANN TEIXEIRA;
- Father FRANCIS XAVIER DAS FLORES:
- Brother JOSEPH ANTHONY GUERRA, a cleric;

JULY 93

 Brother ANTHONY DE LUIS MEIRELES, age 66; in 1844, he was still residing in Balsamão.

Prior to this time, the following served as superiors: from 1781, **Father VINCENT of the PRESENTATION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**; and from 1830, **Father CASIMIR of SAINT JOSEPH**.

In 2003, **Father ANTHONY PAPUŻYŃSKI** (Pa-poo-zhinski) died in Malbork. He was a religious for 46 years and a priest for 36. He served in Licheń, Marymont, Fawley Court, and Slough. He spent the last five years of his life outside the community for health reasons. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Henley-on-Thames, alongside his mother.

## July 14

At the moment of suppression of the house of Algoso, Portugal, the following were in residence:

- Father FRANCIS of the PURIFICATION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, superior;
- Father GREGORY of SAINT VINCENT, previously superior in Balsamão:
- Father ANDREW of SAINT GREGORY;
- Father MANUEL JOACHIM DAS DORES MOURA;
- Father MANUEL of SAINT RITA TEIXEIRA.

We have no further knowledge of these Portuguese Marians, nor of the dates of their death.

#### **JULY 15**

On July 15, 2012, **Father AUGUSTINE STEIGVILAS**, a Lithuanian-born member of the Argentine Vicariate, died in the Marian house in Rosario, Argentina, at the age of nearly 88. He was a religious for nearly 55 years and a priest for almost 63. Prior to joining our community, he served in various parishes in Germany and then studied in Rome. On Sept. 15, 1956, he joined our Congregation and made his first vows a year later. In January 1958, he assumed pastoral duties in Argentina. He is buried in Rosario.

## **JULY 16**

On July 16, 1816, **Father FAUSTUS GANS**, a Czech by birth, died at the age of 54 at the Góra Kalwaria monastery. He was Assistant of the Order and president of the monastery. It was due to his untiring efforts that the construction of the monastery was completed. An expert in economic matters, he exhibited great solicitude for the common good. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1955, **Brother JOSEPH APŠEGA** died at the age of 73 at the house in Chicago, Illinois. He was a religious for 25 years and dedicated himself to manual labor. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1976, **Father JULIAN CHRÓŚCIECHOWSKI** (Khrus'-che-khovski), a member of the Province of Great Britain, died at the age of 64 at the house of Fawley Court, England, having suffered long from leukemia. He was a religious for 27 years and a priest for 23. Born in Poland, he began his religious and priestly life in the U.S. as a member of the American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka. He was a member of the general council in Rome for 6 years, became the first superior of the vice-province, and later of the province in Great Britain. A man of extraordinary diligence, he dedicated much of his time to spreading the Divine Mercy message and preserving and editing the sources on our Congregation's history and spirituality. He is buried in the cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

#### **JULY 17**

On July 17, 1949, **Father JOSEPH VAITKEVIČIUS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died in Marian Hills, Illinois, at the age of 68. He was a priest for 46 years and a religious for 37. He studied in Warsaw and Fribourg, where he entered the novitiate in 1911. He was a professor at the Seminary of Włocławek and then, for two years, the secretary to Blessed George. He also held the office of superior in Lithuania. Starting in 1925, he served in the U.S. as an educator of seminarians and then in Rome as general councilor and Secretary General. He was a man of great erudition, extraordinary diligence and was intensely active as a preacher. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1984, **Brother PIUS GUDULEVIČIUS** died at the age of 72 at the house in Avellaneda, Argentina. He was a religious for 55 years. For 15 years he served with dedication the Roman house community as a cook, assistant treasurer, and organist. In Argentina he zealously performed various works and carried out the duties of organist, choir director, administrator of the print shop and director of the magazine Laikas for 34 years. He is buried in Avellaneda.

In 2010, **Father STEPHEN SZWAJKOWSKI** (Shvay-ko-ski), 72, died in Curitiba, Brazil. He was a religious for 54 years and a priest for 44. In the beginning, he carried out various duties at Polish parishes, and then, together with other five Marians, he was dispatched to serve in Brazil in 1980. There he provided pastoral care for remote chapels (as many as 50 at some point) and for Indian families. In addition to having a kidney tumor, he suffered a stroke that left him almost completely paralyzed. In the last months of his life he was cared for by members of the

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house community at St. George's Parish in Curitiba. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Curitiba.

## **JULY 18**

On July 18, 1960, **Father JULIAN KAZAKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 74. He was a priest for 50 years and a religious for 48. He joined our Congregation in Fribourg and accompanied Blessed George in 1913 to the U.S., where he remained until 1926, assisting with the founding of the Chicago house. Upon his return to Lithuania, he became councilor and secretary of the Province and worked in the Marijampolė school. After the suppression of religious houses in Lithuania, he fulfilled the duties of pastor in various parishes. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1992, **Father CESLAUS FAJKOWSKI** (Fa-y-kof-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the hospital in Siedlee at the age of 83. He was a religious for 65 years and a priest for 53. While a novice at Raśna, he had the fortune of meeting Blessed George. He studied for a year in Rome. He was the superior in various houses for 18 years and fulfilled the office of novice master at Skórzec for 11 years. He lived at the Skórzec house for 37 years, and was engaged in pastoral work there. A man of profound faith and prayer, he was appreciated by all as a confessor. He was known for his humility, obedience, and religious poverty. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Skórzec.

## **JULY 19**

On July 19, 1784, **Father JAMES LEWICKI** (Le-vits-ki), preacher of the monastery, died at the age of 58 at the monastery in Berezdov. As a priest, he transferred from the Order of the Most Holy Trinity to ours. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 2019, **Father JĀZEPS SITNIEKS**, a member of the Latvian Vicariate, died in Daugavpils, Latvia. He was 82 years old, a religious for 31 years, and a priest for 26. He served as treasurer of the diocesan seminary in Riga, pastor in Jurmala and Viļāni, and then as superior of the former Latvian Province of our Congregation. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery near St. Michael's Church in Viļāni.

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On July 20, 1776, **Father VALERIAN DĄBROWSKI** (Dom-brof-ski) died at the monastery in Goźlin at the age of 51, having been a religious for 31 years. He was president of the monastery, a lector of philosophy and theology, and the assistant and secretary of the Order. He was highly regarded as a "truly religious man." He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 2004, **Brother JOHN OBREBSKI** (Ob-remb-ski), age 66, a member of the Polish Province of Divine Providence, died at the Hospital of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Rome. He served at our general house in Rome, holding at different times offices of the general treasurer and house treasurer. He is buried buried in the Marian Fathers' tomb in Campo Verano, Rome.

## **JULY 21**

On July 21, 1803, the ceremony of Christian burial of **KRZYSZTOF CIESZKOWSKI** (Chesh-kov-ski), the chief officer of Zbuczyn and the governor of Liw, took place at the church in Skórzec. For his exemplary service as a warrant officer in the hussars, he was decorated with orders of the White Eagle and of St. Stanislaus. He served many times as an envoy to Mazovia and Volhynia. In 1794—after the fire had taken the wooden church—he funded a new stone church in Baroque style and monastery for the Marian Fathers in Skórzec in thanksgiving for the healing of his eyesight, which was attributed to the miraculous crucifix of Skórzec. As a particular benefactor of our Order, the General Chapter of 1791 admitted him to share in the spiritual goods of the Marians.

In 1949, **Father ROBERT WIERZEJSKI** (V'e-zhe-y-ski) died at the age of 69 at the house in Bielany, Warsaw. He was a priest for 38 years and a religious for 36. Renowned as a biologist, he joined our Congregation in Fribourg. He was the first principal and a professor at the College at Bielany, where he founded a museum of natural sciences and ethnography, filled with many objects gathered during his long trips to South America, China and Japan. Humble and devout, he was highly esteemed as a man of great gentleness and diligence. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## July 22

On July 22, 1973, **Brother ANTHONY VAIČIUNAS** (Va-y-ch'unas), a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 59. He was a religious for 38 years. Always faithful to his vocation, during the persecution of the Church he labored as a sacristan, organist and gardener. He is buried in the cemetery in Zemaitkiemis.

In 1983, **Father ALBIN BUDRIKIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 67. He was a religious for 50 years and a priest for 39. After the suppression of religious institutes, he fulfilled the duties of pastor in various parishes. He was greatly appreciated as a preacher, confessor and spiritual director. Partially paralyzed for the last eight years of his life he, nevertheless sought to be a useful servant of Christ and the Church until his death. He is buried in Rokantiskes, near Vilnius.

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## JULY 23

On July 23, 1958, **JOHN GAJOWNICZEK** (Ga-yov-nichek), a cleric in minor orders and a member of the Polish Province for eight years, died at the age of 24. Due to negligent supervision and care at the hospital, where he was admitted with an extremely high fever, he jumped out the window and died instantly. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## **JULY 24**

On July 24, 1800, **Father MARTIN STECHLEWICZ** (Sten-khle-vich) died at the monastery in Skórzec at the age of 70. He was a religious for 50 years and a priest for 45. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1974, **Father JOSEPH GRIGAITIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 71 at Valkininkai, where he went for treatment of his heart condition. He was a religious for 52 years and a priest for 43. He obtained a Doctoral degree in theology in Rome. For 4 years he was the principal of the Marian school in Marijampolė and for 11 years he was professor of dogmatic theology at the Seminary in Kaunas. Removed from this position by the Communist government, he took up residence close to the church in Janów and conducted a very fruitful and active apostolate among the religious sisters living clandestinely. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

In 1980, **Brother JOSEPH RUTKAUSKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at Marijampolė at the age of 86. He was a religious for 60 years. Among his varied duties the principal one was the care of the sick which he fulfilled with great love and dedication. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## JULY 25

On July 25, 1964, **Father LADISLAUS ŁYSIK** (Wee-sik), a member of the Polish Province, died in Warsaw at the age of 74 after a surgery. He was a priest for almost 50 years and a religious for 48. He made his novitiate at Bielany-Warsaw under the direction of Father Renovator. He was the director of the Institute for Boys at Warsaw, and later the school principal and local superior in Druya. He fulfilled the duties of local superior in other houses as well. Twice he was elected general councilor and for 10 years he was provincial superior. His heart was always open to the needs of others. During the difficult years of the German occupation of Poland, and also in the post-war years, he carried out extensive charitable work among the persecuted, the poor, and especially the orphans and sick infants. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## JULY 26

On July 26, 1769, **Father GREGORY OLSZEWSKI** (Ol-shef-ski), a truly virtuous man and president of the monastery, died at the age of 58 at the Góra Kalwaria monastery. He is buried near the Cenacle of the Lord in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1873, **Father GEORGE NARUSZEWICZ** died at the age of 74 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He fulfilled the duties of president at various monasteries, of Secretary General, of vicar general and, ultimately, of General Superior for nine years. He is buried in Marijampolė.

### **JULY 27**

On July 27, 1966, **Father LADISLAUS POLONSKIS** died at the age of 78 at Birstonas, a health resort in Lithuania. He was a priest for 53 years and a religious for 25. He was pastor in Marijampolė and in Žemaiciu Kalvarija. Exiled in 1946 to Siberia by the Communists, he remained there for 10 years. He returned to Lithuania with ruined health and very weakened. During his last years he worked at the Marian Shrine in Siluva. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

## JULY 28

On July 28, 1931, a **postulant CHESTER SMULKO** (Shmool'-ko) died at the age of 18 at the house in Druya, Belarus. He is buried in Druya.

In 1944, **Brother ANTHONY ERDMAN**, a pharmacist, age 84, was killed in the course of military actions in Latvia. He was a religious for 20 years. He is buried in Vilāni.

In 1977, **Father LEON HOROSZKO** (Ho-rosh-ko), a Belarusian member of the Roman house, died in Paris at the age of 66 following a kidney surgery. He was a priest of the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite for 40 years and a religious for 18. Originally a member of the Orthodox Church, he embraced the Catholic faith as an adult and was ordained to the priesthood after finishing his studies in Lvov. He served among his compatriots in London, Paris and Rome, where he directed the Belarusian section of the Vatican Radio. He is buried in St. Pancratius' cemetery in London.

In 1990, **Father LADISLAUS KORZEKWA** (Ko-zhek-va) died unexpectedly of a heart attack at the age of 67, while on vacation in Poland visiting his family. He was a member of the Brazilian Vicariate, a priest for 30 years and a religious for 37. A profoundly devout man, he had a great desire to lead a more intense contemplative life and experience closer union with God among the Camaldolese monks.

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At the age of 45 he volunteered for missionary work in Brazil. During the last years of his life he was the pastor in Curitiba and a Councilor of the Vicariate. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## **JULY 31**

On July 31, 1919, **Brother ALEXANDER SZYMAŃSKI** (Shi-man'-ski) drowned while attempting to save the life of a boy who had fallen in the Vistula River, Warsaw. He was 22 years old. He was an educator of boys at the Orphanage in Bielany-Warsaw and is buried in the crypt of the church in Bielany.

In 1994, **Father JOSEPH PODERIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 70 in Kaunas, Lithuania. He was a religious for 7 years and a priest for 33. Ordained a priest secretly in 1956 under the Communist regime by a Greek-Catholic Bishop, he carried out in secret his pastoral activities in various parishes. Being a friend and collaborator of Fr. Raciunas, he joined the Marians and made his first vows at the age of 63. Four years later, when the Marians regained possession of their house in Kaunas, Fr. Poderis became its superior and the rector of St. Gertrude's Church. He worked with great zeal, also among the youth, even though his heart condition progressively worsened. He is interred in St. Gertrude's Church.

In 2010, **Father CASIMIR VALEIKIS** died in Marijampolė in his 93<sup>rd</sup> year of life. He was a religious for 71 years and a priest for 50. He entered the seminary in Kaunas in 1945, but had to leave in 1948 on account of the Soviet powers' action to decrease the number of seminarians. Before his ordination, he worked at various churches in Vilnius as a sacristan and an organist while studying theology by correspondence. He had to take up various jobs, and learned the skills of a stenographer, farmer, and driver. As a priest, he served at various Lithuanian parishes. He is buried in Vilāni.

In 2012, **Father THADDEUS WYSZOMIERSKI** (Wih-shom'erski) died in a car accident near Jadów (Poland). He was 62 years old, a religious for 40 years and a priest for 36. After ordination, he served pastorally in Poland and then, in 1984, he went to Rwanda as a member of the first Marian missionary team sent to that country. Later he worked in England as a vocation director and assistant at the Marian parish in Ealing. He was also the provincial councilor and house superior in Fawley Court, and the promoter of the Marian Missions in Great Britain. In 2009, the president of Poland awarded him the Golden Cross of Merit for his work on behalf of the Polish emigrants in the United Kingdom. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

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## FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

On August 1, 1953, the **Servant of God Father JANIS (JOHN) MENDRIKS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died in the opinion of sanctity at the age of 46 in a prison camp in Vorkuta. He was a religious for 27 years. In the camp he secretly and faithfully fulfilled his priestly duties. During a strike, when the administration brought in armed troops for pacification, he placed himself in the first row, preparing the prisoners for death. The soldiers fired, and he was killed while reciting the formula of absolution. He is buried in a communal tomb near the prison camp in Vorkuta. On February 9, 2021, his beatification process was opened in Warsaw, Poland.

L. Let us pray that the Servant of God John may attain the glory of the Blessed, through Christ Our Lord.

All. Amen.

## FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On August 1, 2017, **Brother STANISLAUS SEKOWSKI** (Sen-kovski), a member of the Polish Province, passed away at a hospital in Konin. He was 81 years old and a religious for 61 years. During his life, he served as a sacristan at various houses of the Polish Province.

## AUGUST 2

On August 2, 2008, Father **CZESLAUS SZYMAŃSKI** (Shee-man'ski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 80. He was a religious for almost 60 years and a priest for 51. He carried out various pastoral assignments in the Province. Later, he was asked to serve with other Marians in the Ukraine, where he stayed until ill health made him return to Poland in 2001. In July 2007, at the request of the General Superior, he went to the Ukrainian Vicariate for another year. Forced to return to Poland because of his further declining health, he died in Góra Kalwaria and is buried there.

## AUGUST 3

On August 3, 1793, **Brother MICHAEL ZEYDEL** drowned while trying to swim across the Vistula River. He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1941, **Brother JOSEPH GRUNDANS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 45 at the house in Viļāni. A religious for 17 years, he served the community as an organist. He is buried in Viļāni.

## AUGUST 4

On August 4, 1973, **Father MICHAEL URBANAVIČIUS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died in Chicago at the age of 82. He was a priest for 58 years and a religious for 52. He completed his studies in Warsaw, where he also received his priestly ordination. After meeting Blessed George, he entered our Congregation and, later left for the United States, where he conducted parish mis-sions, was a pastor in a number of Lithuanian parishes, an educator of clerics and local superior. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1985, the novice of the Polish Province **DARIUS GRZELA** (G-zhe-la) died of cancer at the age of 21. He is buried in Kielce, Poland.

## AUGUST 5

On August 5, 2012, **Father PROSPERAS BUBNYS**, a member of the Lithuanian Vicariate, died in Marijampolė at the age of 95. He was a religious for 23 years and a priest for 68. He studied at the Marian gymnasium in Marijampolė and at the military school. He entered the seminary in Kaunas, but had to interrupt his studies because of the war. In 1945, he was arrested and sent to a labor camp. Upon his return home, he served in various Lithuanian parishes. He joined our Congregation in 1989, and took up service to the faithful at St. Gertrude's Church. Transferred to Marijampolė, he ministered there until his death. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2021, **Father ALEXANDER OLCZYŃSKI** died at the nursing home of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta in Lublin. A member of the Polish Province, he was 92, a religious for 70 years and a priest for 61. He was involved in the pastoral ministry in various places in Poland, Argentina and Belarus. He also conducted parish mis-sions. The last three years of his life he spent in the Seminary House in Lublin sur-rounded by diligent care of our seminarians. He is buried in Lublin.

#### AUGUST 6

On August 6, 1878, **Father SIMON SZAŁASZEWICZ** (Sha-wa-she-vich), age 38, drowned while swimming in the Sesupe River in the vicinity of the Liud-vinavas village, Lithuania, where he was visiting his relatives. He is buried next to the church in Marijampolė.

On August 7, 1944, **Father JOSEPH STAKAUSKAS** died at the age of 73 in the village of Upyte, near Panevezys, Lithuania. He was a priest for 48 years and a religious for 15. As a diocesan priest, he served as administrator of the Diocese of Kaunas in addition to fulfilling other obligations. Dedicated to works of charity, he was untiring in his pastoral duties, especially in the field of Catholic Action. He is buried in Panevezys.

## AUGUST 9

On August 9, 1990, **Archbishop LOUIS POVILONIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in Kaunas at the age of 80. He was a religious for almost 61 years, a priest for 56, and a bishop for over 20. He was Auxiliary Bishop to the Apostolic Administrator of Telsziai. In 1973, he was transferred to Kaunas as Auxiliary with the right of succession to the Apostolic Administrator of Kaunas and Vilkavizskis. He became Administrator of this Metropolitan See in 1979 and in the same year, was elected president of the National Conference of Bishops in Lithuania. In 1984, on the occasion of his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood, he was nominated Archbishop *ad personam*. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2012, **Father VICTOR RIMSELIS**, a Lithuanian-born member of the American Province, died at the age of 97. He was a religious for 79 years and a priest for 69. For three separate six-year terms, he served the Marian Congregation as superior of the St. Casimir Province. A kind, gentle, and deeply caring man, he inspired several generations of Marian priests and brothers in the U.S. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

#### AUGUST 11

On August 11, 1908, **Father ANDREW JUREWICZ** (Yoo-revich) died at the age of 85 at the monastery in Marijampolė. Three years after the suppression of religious institutes in 1864, he was forced by civil authorities to move from the monastery in Góra Kalwaria to Marijampolė, where he died as one of the last priests residing there after the suppression of the monastery in 1904. He is buried near the Marijampolė Church.

## AUGUST 13

On August 13, 1775, the Great Chancellor of Lithuania and a particular benefactor of the Marian Fathers, **Prince MICHAEL FREDERICK CZARTORYSKI** passed away from this world. By the decree of the General Chapter celebrated in Raśna on July 25, 1775, he and his wife, Princess Eleanor,

were admitted to share in the spiritual benefits of our Order. The earthly remains of the princely couple were laid to rest at the Holy Cross Basilica in Warsaw.

In 1973, **Father ANTHONY LIESIUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at a psychiatric clinic in Kaunas at the age of 67. He was a priest for 40 years and a religious for 36. After World War II, he was deported by the Communists to Siberia for his pastoral activity among the youth. After a few years in exile, he was struck with mental illness and sent back to Lithuania. In a period of lucidity before death, he was able to receive the last sacraments. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1988, **Father HENRY SULEJ** (Soo-ley), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 78 at the house in Stoczek, Poland. He was a priest for 51 years and a religious for 60. He studied in Rome, where he received his priestly ordination. He completed his Doctoral studies in theology at Warsaw and for three years was Rector and professor of moral theology in our Institute at Bielany. He was a man of great learning and exceptionally good memory. When he became mentally ill in 1957, he was sent to Stoczek, where he resided until his death, leading a life of great mortification and spending days in continuous prayer and spiritual reading. He is buried in Stoczek Warmiński.

#### AUGUST 14

On August 14, 1908, **Father MATTHIAS GILIS** (Gee-lis) died. For many years he fulfilled the duties of treasurer and preacher of the monastery at Marijampolė. After his death only the General Superior remained alive in what was at the time the last standing monastery of the Order. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1973, the **Lay Associate JOSEPH SAULIUNAS** died at the age of 78 at the residence in Nottingham, England, where he is buried.

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On August 16, 1948, **Father RICHARD BAKALARCZYK**, a member of the newly formed American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka, died at the age of 63 at the house on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was ordained in Poland in 1912 and seven years later, began his novitiate in Bielany, Warsaw. In 1922, along with Fr. Jakowski, he came to the United States and undertook an intense preaching apostolate among Polish speaking people, in parishes and for communities of religious sisters. From 1931 to 1937, along with other priests, he extended his ministry into the apostolate of the press, publishing over six million popular religious pamphlets. In 1931, he founded the Marian religious house in Washington, D.C., from which developed the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province. He is buried on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

In 1972, **Father GEORGE KARKLE**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 79. He was a priest for 56 years and a religious for 44. He was the house superior in Rezekne and contributed much to the growth of the Province. He is buried in Ilūkste.

In 1973, **Brother PETER RAZINSKAS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the house in Chicago at the age of 87. He was a religious for 32 years and fulfilled the duties of sacristan and gatekeeper. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

#### AUGUST 17

On August 17, 1779, **Brother PETER MARKIEWICZ** (Mar-k'e-vich) died and was buried at the monastery in Marijampolė.

In 1980, **Brother STANISLAUS NICHOLAS BOHOWICZ** (Bokho-vich) died at the Belarusian house in London, England, at the age of 76. He was a religious for 54 years. He was transferred from Druya, Belarus, to Harbin, Manchuria, where he labored for 20 years. After the suppression of the Harbin Mission in 1948, he left for Rome and then from 1952 onwards, was a member of the Belarusian house in London, where he fulfilled the duties of a lector, sacristan and gardener. He was known for his diligence and love of poverty. He is buried in St. Pancratius's cemetery in London.

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On August 18, 1719, **Father STANISLAUS of SAINT ANN** died at the monastery in Goźlin, where he is buried.

In 1759, **Brother ONUPHRIUS KARSKI** died at the age of 72, at the monastery in Berezdov. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 2021, **Father GEORGE ZIMINSKI** (Zih-min-sky), a member of the Ukrainian General Vicariate died unexpectedly at the age of 61. He was a religious for 39 years and a priest for 27. He fulfilled pastoral duties in various parishes run by the Marians in the Ukraine, working often under difficult conditions. He is buried near the Marian Fathers' parish church in Kharkov, Ukraine.

#### AUGUST 19

On August 19, 1743, **Father BONAVENTURE BOSKI** died and was buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

n 2019, **Father MARTIN RZESZUTEK**, a member of the American Province, died in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was 93 years old, a religious for 76 years and a priest for 68. He studied in Washington and Rome, where he was ordained. He served in various pastoral and administrative positions both in the U.S. and later in Rome as Secretary General and in Portugal as the Director of the Marians' pilgrimage center in Fatima. He is remembered as a gentle confessor, a polyglot, and an avid gardener and birder. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

#### AUGUST 20

On August 20, 1770, **Father GERARD RAUDOWICZ** (Ra-oo-dovich) died of the plague at the residence in Ostrikov. He was preacher of the residence. He is buried in Ostrikov.

In 1787, **Father ANDREW SZYLARSKI** (Shee-lar-ski) died at the age of 57 at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria. He fulfilled the offices of president of the monastery, novice master and confessor of the Dominican Sisters. He was a man of exemplary religious observance and piety. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1868, **Father JOHN JUNOWICZ** (Yoo-no-vich) died at the age of 45 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 24 years. First residing at the monastery in Miroslavas, after its suppression in 1866, he was forcibly transferred by the Russian civil authority to the monastery in Marijampolė, where he is buried.

In 1976, **Father LADISLAUS MECZYWOR** (Men-chi-vor), a member of the American Province of Saint Stanislaus Kostka, died at the age of 57 in a hospital in North Adams, Massachusetts. He was a religious for 36 years and a priest for 29. He was known for his intense missionary and pastoral activity. He was a zealous fisher of men after the example of St. Peter. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

In 2018, **Father MARK MARTIŠKA**, of Slovak origin, died suddenly at the age of 38 while vacationing with his relatives in Croatia. Most likely, the cause of death was drowning. A member of the Polish Province, he was a religious for 19 years and a priest for 13. He served in the parish of Dudnice, Slovakia, where the Marians had a religious house, and later served in Hrádek, Czech Republic. In 2015, he was transferred to the religious house in Brumov-Bylnice in Moravia and in 2017, was appointed its superior, as well as the Czech Vicariate's first councilor and treasurer. He was known as a priest dedicated to pastoral ministry and to his religious community. He is buried in his hometown parish in Omšen, Slovakia.

On August 21, 1796, **Brother PASCHAL ANCEWICZ** (Antse-vich), treasurer and collector of alms, died at the age of 59 at the monastery in Raśna, where he is buried.

## AUGUST 22

On August 22, 1871, **Father ALEXANDER ROMAN WILCZYŃSKI** (Vilchin'-ski) died at the age of 70 at the monastery in Marijampolė. Born in 1802, he joined the Marians in 1823 and was a religious for 48 years. He was vicar general and, beginning in 1859, the General Superior. He governed the Order with great dedication and care for its growth. In 1864, along with other members of the monastery in Skórzec, he was deported by the Russian authorities to the monastery in Marijampolė. He saw personally the devastation wrought on the community, which he recounted in his letters. In February of 1865, he was forced to resign from the General Superior office before the bishop of Sejny. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1966, **Father JOSEPH MARGIS** died of cancer in Rosario, Argentina. He was almost 73 years old. He was a religious for 55 years and a priest for 47. He served as a pastor, a local superior and for the last nine years of his life, the superior of the Argentinean Vicariate. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Rosario.

In 1978, **Father ALEXANDER SEKOWSKI** (Sen-kof-ski) died at the age of 102. He was a member of the Polish Province, a priest for 79 years and a religious for 61. He labored in Poland and in the United States. In his apostolate he was a great propagator of religious books, a number of which he wrote himself. He was esteemed for his diligent service in the confessional, which he also used for spiritual and vocational direction. He was known not only for his humility and cordiality, but also for the great patience with which he bore blindness and infirmity during the last years of his life. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

### AUGUST 23

On August 23, 1995, **Father STANISLAUS MAŽEJKA**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in Moscow at the age of 90. He was a religious for 72 years and a priest for 63. He studied theology at the University of Kaunas and then in Rome, where he obtained his Licentiate degree. After 1937, he was superior for some years in the house of Panevezys and director of the association "Apostolate of Prayer." After World War II and until 1948, under the Communist regime, he was local superior and pastor in Marijampolė. Later he had to move frequently, from one place to another, serving as vicar or pastor in various parishes in Vilnius and other

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Lithuanian cities. In 1960, he became vicar general of the Vilnius Curia. He fulfilled that office until 1967, serving at the same time as first provincial councilor. He then left for Moscow, where he served as pastor for 23 years at the St. Louis Church. After the funeral rites were completed for him in Moscow, his body was transferred to Marijampolė, and then brought to the family plot at the cemetery in his native village of Virbalis, where he is buried.

In 2001, **Father ANTHONY ŁOŚ** (Wos') died in Góra Kalwaria. He was a respected vocation director, educator, and house superior. After the fall of Communism, he reclaimed closed monasteries and churches in his native Belarus, particularly in Druya and Rosica—the place of martyrdom of Blesseds Anthony and George. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

# AUGUST 24

On August 24, 1997, **Father FRANCIS RACIUNAS** died of cancer in a Kaunas hospital at the age of 78. He was born in 1919 and entered our Congregation at 17. He was ordained a priest in 1943. Arrested by the Communists in 1949, he spent almost 20 years in exile in Siberia. Having returned from exile, he worked in different parishes (also among students) and researched the history of the Church in Lithuania. For many years, he directed the clandestine formation of candidates for priesthood. In the early 1990s, he ministered at St. Louis Church in Moscow. From 1989 to 1996, he was the provincial superior in Lithuania. His funeral Mass took place at St. Gertrude Church with five bishops in attendance. He is buried in the Petrasziuna cemetery in Kaunas.

# **AUGUST 26**

On August 26, 1778, **Father LUKE CZARNIEWSKI** (Char-n'ef-ski) died at the Marijampolė monastery at the age of 52 after a long illness. Among other offices, he fulfilled that of president of the monastery and novice master. He was highly regarded as a "truly religious man." He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1819, **Father VICTOR WOŁĄGIEWICZ** (Vo-won-gevich), Vicar General, died at the age of 66 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 46 years and a priest for 43. He was president of the Marijampolė monastery for 38 years, during which he supervised the stonework construction of the monastery. He also collected materials and started the construction of a new church, which, however, was left incomplete at the time of his death. During the last eleven years of his life, he served as civil councilor of peace and justice. He was the first to be buried in the crypt of the church in Marijampolė.

In 1985, **Brother NICODEMUS ŽEMAITIS** died suddenly at the age of 74 at Palomene, Lithuania. He was a religious for 57 years. After the suppression of religious communities, he served as sacristan in various churches. He is buried in Palomene.

# AUGUST 27

On August 27, 2004, **Father KAZIMIERZ PACEK**, a priest for 48 years and a religious for 55, died of cancer at the age of 74 at the Marymont house in Warsaw. He played many different roles in the Polish Province. Starting in 1981, he regularly gave lectures on Scriptural Studies at the Marian Novitiate. For many years he conducted retreats for our confreres and served several times as the Master of the Perpetual Novitiate. He was also the censor of the Marian Publishing House. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 2009, **Father ANDREW JANICKI** (Ya-nitski) died at the nursing home run by the Orionist Fathers in Łaźniew (Poland). He was 89 years old, a religious for 61 years and a priest for 56. During World War II he joined in the underground fighting and took part in the Warsaw Uprising. He was captured and sent to the camp in Lamsdorf near Opole, and then to Murnau, in Bavaria. He studied philosophy and theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He then served as the deputy director of the Divine Mercy Apostolate and the executive editor of the Polish monthly *Róże Maryi*, while conducting apostolic work in various parishes in the U.S. and Canada. Starting in 1957, he worked for many years in Great Britain as the director of the Divine Mercy College, a boarding school for Polish boys. He was the author of several books, including his memoirs. In 2006, he returned to Poland. He is buried in Skórzec.

## AUGUST 28

On August 28, 1791, **Brother CAJETAN ŚLIWOWSKI** (Sh'-livof-ski) died at the age of 36 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska after a prolonged pulmonary illness, which he bore with great patience. He was a religious for 16 years. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

# AUGUST 29

On August 29, 1984, **Father PETER REMEIKA**, a member of the American Province of Saint Casimir, died at the age of 63 at a nursing home in Putnam, Connecticut. He was a priest for 35 years and a religious for 42. He was a diligent missionary and preacher of spiritual exercises in parishes, especially among the Lithuanian people. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

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In 1995, **Brother THADDEUS MARGIS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died after a long illness at a hospital in Chicago at the age of 83. He was a religious for 61 years. For many years he served the community as a manager of the farm on the property of the Marian Hills house, but he dedicated even more time to the work at the printing-office connected with the Chicago house. In the last years of his life, animated by a vivid apostolic spirit, he was still active, assisting our priests in their pastoral work. He was generally considered to be "a good religious." He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

## AUGUST 31

On August 31, 1946, **Father ANTHONY YLIUS** died at the age of 35. He was a religious for 20 years and a priest for 11. He fulfilled the office of a local superior in Lithuania.

# **SEPTEMBER**

#### SEPTEMBER 1

On September 1, 1811, **Father CLEMENT REDDIG**, president of the monastery and lector of theology, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska at the age of 56. He had previously been an Assistant of the Order. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1973, **Brother VINCENT KALINAUSKAS** died in Marijampolė at the age of 78. He was a religious for 50 years, known for his diligence and humility. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1991, **Father THADDEUS PIECHOTA** (P'ekho-ta) died of a heart attack at the age of 58 at the Licheń house, Poland. He was a member of the Polish Province, a religious for 39 years and a priest for 28. A simple and humble person, he was esteemed for his serenity and joy of spirit and his dedication and zeal in pastoral activity in a number of parishes. During the last seven years of his life, he served at the Shrine of Our Lady of Licheń, where he fulfilled the duties of house treasurer. He is buried in Licheń.

#### SEPTEMBER 2

On September 2, 1760, **Father WENCESLAUS BAJER** (Ba-y-er), a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska at the age of 46. A virtuous man, he distinguished himself by his obedience, poverty, and charity. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1811, **Father BERNARD WOJCIECHOWSKI** (Voy-che-khof-ski) died at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria at the age of 63. A lector of theology and "Father of the Order Emeritus," he was truly a "virtuous religious." He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1941, **Father JOHN NAVICKAS**, superior of the American Province of St. Casimir, died of a heart attack at the age of 46 in Worcester, Massachusetts while in office. He was a religious for 26 years and a priest for 21. He founded the school at Marianapolis. He was a talented man in the field of education and was endowed with a very charitable heart. He is buried close to the "Way of the Cross," which he built on the school grounds. He is buried in Marianapolis.

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## SEPTEMBER 3

On September 3, 1782, **Father RAPHAEL DE BUFFA**, an Italian, died in Lisbon at the age of 50. He was a religious for 30 years. He was received into the Order in Rome by Father Casimir Wyszyński. After his novitiate and studies in Poland, he was ordained and, along with Fr. Fischer, sent to Portugal where he became president of the monastery at Balsamão. He diligently fulfilled other duties as well and contributed much to the beatification process of the Venerable Servant of God Casimir. He is buried at the church of the Capuchin Fathers' in Lisbon.

## SEPTEMBER 5

On September 5, 1925, **Father CONSTANTINE GIEDRYS** (Gh'edris) died in Warsaw at the age of 46, during a surgery. He was a priest for 19 years and a religious for 4. He was a military chaplain during World War I, was a gentle and devoted priest and served as treasurer for the Congregation. He manifested great confidence in Divine Providence and always maintained a joyful spirit. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Bielany, Warsaw.

In 1944, **Brother JOSEPH MIKIEL** (Mih-k'el), a scholastic of the Latvian Province known for his simplicity and piety, died in Braslaw. He is buried in Druya.

In 1954, **cleric JOSEPH VOVERIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in a hospital in Vilnius. He remained ever faithful to his vocation throughout the persecutions waged by the Communists. He is buried in Vilnius.

## SEPTEMBER 7

On September 7, 1770, **Brother MARTIN** died at the monastery in Balsamão, where he is buried.

In 1829, **Father FRANCIS DOROCIŃSKI** (Do-ro-chin'-ski) died at the age of 36 at Samogoszcz (Samo-gohsh-ch), where he was the curate. He was personal secretary to the General Superior. He is buried in Samogoszcz.

In 1854, **Father LAWRENCE DOBKIEWICZ** (Dob-k'e-vich) died of cholera at the age of 53 in Shumsk, where he was the vicar at the parochial church. He is buried in Shumsk.

## SEPTEMBER 8

On September 8, 1990, **Father FRANCIS FREITAS**, a member of the Portuguese Vicariate, died at the age of 78 at the house of Balsamão. He was a priest for 53 years and a religious for 7. During the last three years of his life he held the office

of rector of the local shrine and moderator of pilgrims, as well as director of the Divine Mercy Apostolate. He is buried in Balsamão.

#### SEPTEMBER 9

On September 9, 1936, **Father VINCENT KULIKAUSKAS** died in Chicago at the age of 58. He was the first councilor of the American Province of St. Casimir. He was a priest for 33 years and a religious for 23. He made his novitiate at Fribourg, Switzerland, and was sent to the United States in 1915, where he was superior, novice master and Rector of the Seminary in Marian Hills. Upon the death of the provincial superior, Fr. Kudyrka, he fulfilled the duties of that office. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1966, **Father JOSEPH DASZUTA** (Da-shoo-ta), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 75 in Włocławek, where he was confessor of our clerics. He was a priest for 48 years and a religious for 40. Originally a member of the autonomous house in Druya, from which he was forcibly removed by the civil authority in 1938 along with other Belarusians, he worked in various houses of the Polish Province. He earned great recognition for his humility and poverty. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1979, **Father STANISLAUS SZYBIŃSKI** (Shi-bin'-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died at the house in Skórzec, at the age of 66. He was a religious for 50 years and a priest for 35. He zealously fulfilled his pastoral duties in various parishes of the Province. He is buried in Skórzec.

In 2015, **Brother CHARLES FREDERICK WELLS, JR**., fortified by the Sacraments of the Church, peacefully breathed his last. He was 88 years old, having spent 58 as a religious. He worked as the head accountant at the Marian Helpers Center, a duty that he fulfilled diligently for over 24 years. He was musically talented and served as an organist. In addition, he fulfilled the duties of provincial councilor, local superior, assistant novice master, and a local treasurer. He is buried in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

# SEPTEMBER 10

On September 10, 2019, **Brother JEAN MPETONG ESSOLA** died in Rwanda at the age of 25. He was born on December 24, 1993, in Cameroon. In 2019, he finished his postulancy in Nyakinama, Rwanda, and on July 6, 2019, he began his novitiate. Unfortunately, illness attacked him soon after, and he went to the hospital in Ruhengeri. From there he was transferred to the hospital in Kigali. In danger of death, he was admitted to his first profession of vows, which he made on August 14, 2019. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Kibeho, Rwanda.

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## SEPTEMBER 12

On September 12, 1939, **Deacon FRANCIS ROGOWSKI**, having received the last sacraments, died during the German bombing of the Metropolitan Warsaw Seminary. He was a member of the Polish Province for five years. He led a modest, quiet and industrious life. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1946, **Father ANTHONY ANDRIUŠIS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the house in Chicago at the age of 60. He was a religious for 30 years and a priest for 16. He was the first candidate to enter our Congregation in North America. During the last seven years of his life, he labored in Argentina. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1976, **Father ANTHONY KAZLAUSKAS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in Adelaide, Australia, at the age of 69. He was a religious for 51 years and a priest for 43. In Lithuania, he ministered in Žemaiciu Kalvarija and in Marijampolė. The war forced him to leave Lithuania, so he took up ministry for the Lithuanians in Germany in 1944, then in London in 1948, and ultimately, in Adelaide in 1962. He was an amiable and jovial person, greatly endowed with organizational skills. He is buried in Adelaide.

In 2011, **Father ZDZISŁAW MINOTA**, age 76, died at our religious house in Warsaw-Marymont. He was a religious for 53 years and a priest for 48. He ministered at various Marian parishes in Poland. While serving as the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Warsaw-Praga, he started the construction of a new parish church there. He had a particular devotion to our holy Father Founder. He used to say: "For no other intention did I pray as hard as for the intention of his beatification." He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

#### SEPTEMBER 13

On September 13, 1760, **Father DOMINIC ZARNOWSKI** (Zhar-nof-ski) died at the age of 30 at the Puszcza Korabiewska monastery. He was a religious for 8 years. A notable preacher, he bore his frequent illnesses with great patience and merited to be eulogized as "a most zealous religious." He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1772, **Father NARCISSUS RYCHTER**, a Czech by birth, president of the monastery, a religious for 34 years and a priest for 28, died at the monastery in Goźlin. He was Assistant of the Order, known for his penitence and fidelity to religious observance. He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1954, **Brother JOHN SEIBUTIS**, a member of the Province of St. Casimir for 29 years, died in Chicago at the age of 78. He worked primarily in the *Draugas* print shop. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1964, **Father JOSEPH JARZEBOWSKI** (Ya-zhem-bof-ski), a member of the Polish Province serving in England, died at the age of 67 in Herisau, Switzerland, where he resided for health reasons. He was a priest for 41 years and a religious for 46. An able and diligent educator, he initially worked at the Bielany school. A poet and historical writer, he was also the author of a number of very popular religious hymns. During World War II, overcoming great difficulties, he succeeded in escaping to the United States. While in Vilnius and on his way to America, he met Bl. Michael Sopoćko and learned from him about the revelations granted by Merciful Jesus to St. Faustina. Later he introduced the Marian community in Washington, D.C., to The Divine Mercy message, of which he was a most ardent advocate until the end of his life. For seven years he worked with great devotion as protector and educator of Polish children in Mexico. Later he was sent to England, where he founded a school for Polish boys in Hereford, Oxon, and in 1953, a school for boys at Fawley Court, Henely-on-Thames. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Henely-on-Thames.

## SEPTEMBER 16

On September 16, 1864, the house in Raśna — the last Marian monastery in the Russian Empire— was suppressed. The following three members of that house were imprisoned in Grodno:

- Father PETER KRYŃSKI (Krin'-ski), president of the monastery, age 67, a religious for 43 years;
- Father SYLVESTER GANKIEWICZ, age 64;
- **Father HILARY RAKOWSKI**, a former President;

The following members were outside of the monastery at the time of the suppression and dispersed:

- **Father MODESTUS KRZYŻANOWSKI** (Kshi-zha-nof-ski), age 65;
- **Father JOHN KIERSNOWSKI**, age 27, vicar in Czamowczy;
- Father JOHN NIEWIAROWSKI, age 41, vicar in Brest;
- Father CHARLES OSMÓLSKI (Os-mool-ski), vicar in Siechniewicze;
- Father JOACHIM PIOTROWICZ, age 38, pastor in Kamieniec;
- Father CHARLES SOROCZYŃSKI (Sorochin'-ski), age 53, vicar in Kobryn; and
- Father LAWRENCE ŻURAKOWSKI (Zhoo-rakof-ski), age 37, pastor in Dywin.

The dates of their deaths are unknown.

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In 1965, **Father CASIMIR SMULKO** died at the age of 71 at the house in Skórzec. He was a religious for 42 years and a priest for 39. Originally a member of the autonomous house of Druya, he was forcibly removed by the civil authorities along with other Belarusian Marians. Starting in 1938, he fulfilled the office of treasurer in the Polish Province houses. In spite of a life marked with various ailments, he maintained a serenity of spirit in his contacts with others. He is buried in Skórzec.

In 2004, **Father LEONAS LEŠINSKAS** died at the age of 80 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Marijampolė. He was a Marian for 58 years and a priest for 54. He served as a pastor in various parishes. In 1963, he became a professor at the Diocesan Seminary in Kaunas and the Prefect of Studies. While working there, he defended his Doctoral thesis on fundamental theology. Beginning in 1991, he taught religion and theological studies in different Marijampolė schools. In 1995, the National Lithuanian Council for Science granted him the rank of Assistant Professor. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## SEPTEMBER 17

## FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

On September 17, 1701, the Father and Founder of our religious community of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary—Saint STANISLAUS of JESUS and MARY PAPCZYŃSKI—died in the odor of sanctity at the monastery annexed to the Chapel of the Lord's Cenacle in Góra Kalwaria. Before dying, he had the satisfaction of seeing his "Little Congregation," comprised of three monasteries, approved as an Order of Pontifical Right. He was beatified at the Marian Shrine in Licheń by a special delegate of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI—His Eminence Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, Secretary of State of the Holy See—on September 16, 2007. Many cardinals and bishops from around the world attended the ceremony along with about 80,000 faithful, while thousands followed the live broadcast on radio and television. On June 5, 2016, Pope Francis placed him in the catalogue of Saints of the Roman Catholic Church during the canonization Mass celebrated at St. Peter's square in the Vatican City. His solemnity is celebrated on May 18.

- L. Holy Father Stanislaus intercede for us,
- **All.** So that we may draw from the mystery of the Immaculate Conception, joy and strength for our vocation.

## FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On September 17, 1711, **Father CASIMIR of SAINT PHILIP NERI** died during an epidemic at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 1770 **Father JANUARIUS CHODZIEWICZ** (Khadz'evich) died at the residence in Ostrikov during an epidemic that affected the region of Volyn, Poland. He is buried in the local cemetery by a priest of the Greek Rite. He is buried in Ostrikov.

## SEPTEMBER 18

On September 18, 1988, **Brother PETER ZOMMERS**, a dispersed member of the Latvian Province, died in Alsunga, Latvia, at the age of 85. He was a religious for 58 years. He dedicated himself to manual labor at the house in Viļāni, and after the suppression of religious houses, fulfilled the duties of sacristan at the parish of Alsunga, where he is buried.

In 1995, **Bishop ANDREW** (**Andrei**) **KATKOFF**, a Russian member of our Congregation, died at the age of almost 79 in the Italian town of Anzio. He was a religious for 56 years, a priest for 51, and a bishop for 36. After his first profession of vows made in Harbin, Manchuria, he was sent for his philosophy and theology studies to Rome, where he was ordained a priest in the Byzantine-Slavonic rite. He obtained a Licentiate in theology at the Pontificio Istituto Orientale. He offered pastoral care to Russians, first in Italy, then in England, and then for six years in Melbourne, Australia. Named Titular Bishop of Nauplia in 1958, he was consecrated that year and in 1961 was appointed the Ordaining Bishop for the Byzantine rite in Rome. He was also delegated by the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Church as a Visitator for the Russians living abroad. He was one of the Consultors of the afore mentioned Congregation and a member of the Secretariat for the Unity of Christians. Because of impaired health, in 1977 he resigned from all his duties. At the funeral liturgy, he was praised for his "devotion to the Christian faith and love of the Church." He is buried in the Marian Fathers' tomb in Campo Verano, Rome.

# SEPTEMBER 19

On September 19, 1767, the two blood brothers, **cleric ANTHONY** and **Brother EMMANUEL SZEROSZEK** (She-ro-szek) died at the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal, where they are buried.

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On September 20, 1780, **Father NICODEMUS WERBUSZEWICZ** (Verboo-shevich), the preacher of the monastery in Goźlin, died and was buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1981, **Father HENRY KWOLEK** (Kvolek), a member of the Polish Province, died of a heart ailment at the age of 57 in Warsaw. He was a religious for 39

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years and a priest for 30. He fulfilled the duties of catechist in various parishes and distinguished himself by his expertise in liturgy and liturgical art. He was exemplary in his observance of poverty and obedience. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## SEPTEMBER 21

On September 21, 1770, **Father BENEDICT HÖNNIG**, a "Father of the Order" and a Czech by birth, died in Warsaw at the age of 51. He was a religious for 30 years. He was a lector of theology and philosophy and for 20 years, served as the chaplain at the Court of Prince Frederick Michael Czartoryski. He was much esteemed and respected by the Polish civil and ecclesiastical elite of the time for his scholarship and prudence. He supported the Marian monasteries and the poor with his income and was one of the more important witnesses at the informative process of our holy Father Founder. He is buried in the crypt of the Capuchin Fathers' church in Warsaw.

In 1969, **Father BERNARD MORTUKS**, Councilor of the Latvian Province, died at the age of 48. He is buried in Bebrene, Latvia.

In 1986, **Brother THEODORE GOSTKOWSKI**, a member of the American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka, died at the age of 64 in a hospital of Worcester, Massachusetts. He was a religious for 11 years and served the Eden Hill community in Stockbridge mainly as a sacristan and guest master. He also worked at the Marian Helpers Center. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

In 2017, **Father CHESLAUS SZYSZKO** (Shish-ko), a member of the Polish Province, passed away at our religious house in Licheń. He was 80 years old, a religious for 60 years and a priest for 52. He served in various Marian parishes in Poland as a catechist, pastor and house superior. During the last years of his life, Fr. Czesław served as a confessor at the shrine in Licheń in spite of his worsening health. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Licheń.

## SEPTEMBER 22

On September 22, 1781, **Father JEROME CELLARY**, president of the monastery, died at the age of 43 at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria. He was a religious for 16 years and a priest for 13. He was personal secretary to the General Superior and also served as vice-president and lector of moral theology at Marijampolė. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1781, **Father JULIAN KOPROWSKI** died at the age of 32 at the monastery of St. Vitus in Rome. He was a lector of philosophy for five years and then a preacher in Ostrikov and Raśna. In 1780 he was sent to Rome. His declining health brought about his death as he was preparing to return to Poland. He is buried in the crypt of the St. Vitus Church.

In 1998, **Father ANTHONY MICIUNAS** died of cancer at the age of 82 in Oak Park Hospital outside of Chicago. He was a religious for 66 years and a priest for 58. For years he was engaged in the Apostolate of the Press and served later as pastor in parishes in Worcester and Kenosha. He served both the general and provincial administrations as a Council member. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# SEPTEMBER 23

On September 23, 1938, **Father ALEXANDER BUBLYS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 66 in a hospital in Reading, PA. He was a priest for 44 years and a religious for 11. He dedicated himself mainly to preaching missions. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1950, **Father CASIMIR BRONIKOWSKI**, a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 73 at the house in Bielany, Warsaw. He was a priest for 48 years and a religious for 38. He became acquainted with Blessed George in Warsaw as a member of the Society of Marian Secular Clergy, of which Blessed George was the director. In 1911 he joined our Congregation in Fribourg. He was vicar general for 6 years in Poland and, later, first councilor in Rome for nine years. He led an exemplary religious life. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## SEPTEMBER 24

On September 24, 1813, **Father CASIMIR DRAUGIELEWICZ** died at the monastery in Marijampolė at the age of 49. He exercised a pastoral ministry in various churches. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1986, **Brother PETER DUNDER**, a religious for 38 years, died of a heart attack at the age of 65. He joined the community in Druya and persevered in his religious vocation despite the suppression of religious houses in Belarus. He worked at the reconstruction of the Druya church as well as in various parishes. In 1959 he left for Poland and was greatly appreciated as a mechanic and driver at the provincial house. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

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## SEPTEMBER 25

On September 25, 1771, **Father JOHN of SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST PIRES GARRIDA**, age 49, died at the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal. He was president of the monastery and a religious for 16 years. He received the habit of our Order from the hands of the Venerable Servant of God Casimir Wyszyński and cared for him in his last illness. He was praised as a most exemplary religious. He is buried in Balsamão.

In 1943, **Brother FRANCIS DEMBSKIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province for 19 years, died at the age of 40 in a Telsiai hospital. He was a teacher in the Marijampolė School. Although afflicted with a variety of ailments, he was an example to all of diligence, self-abnegation and devotion. He is buried in Žemaiciu Kalvarija.

In 1944, **Father CASIMIR MATULAITIS**, a vir aggregatus, died at the age of 76 in Marijampolė having patiently endured his paralysis for 12 years. He had been pastor of the Lithuanians in London, England, for 27 years. Struck with paralysis, in 1931 he left the St. Casimir Church in London to the care of the Marians and took up residence in our house in Marijampolė. He is buried in Marijampolė.

# SEPTEMBER 26

On September 26, 1736, **Deacon FLORIAN of SAINT JAMES** died in Warsaw. He is buried in the crypt of the Reformed Franciscan Fathers' church in Warsaw.

In 1737, the young **Subdeacon ANASTASIUS** died at the monastery in Skórzec, where he is buried.

In 1921, **Brother JOHN CEKANAVICIUS**, a religious for 3 years, died in the United States, at the age of 31. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# SEPTEMBER 28

On September 28, 2009, **Father PETER CIBULSKIS**, age 85, a member of the American Province, died at St. Joseph's Nursing Home. He was a religious for 62 years and a priest for 56. He joined our Congregation immediately after a term of military service and began his priestly formation at Marian Seminary, in Clarendon Hills, Illinois. He served in many capacities including: assistant novice master, superior of the Marian seminary in Clarendon Hills, weekend assistant at Our Lady of Peace Church, Darien, administrator of the Lithuanian newspaper *Draugas*,

Chicago, treasurer of the Marian house in Chicago, and superior of the Marian house in Kenosha. From 1993 to 2007, he served as the associate pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Kenosha. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# SEPTEMBER 29

On September 29, 1728, **Father THADDEUS of SAINT GREGORY** died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

Also on the same day and year, **Brother ANTHONY of SAINT MARTIN CIŃSKI** (Chin'-ski) died at the Góra Kalwaria monastery. He was a contemporary of our holy Father Founder, from whom he obtained his religious formation and after the Saint's death, he worked to spread the knowledge of Father Founder's virtuous life. In 1698, he accompanied Fr. Joachim Kozłowski on his journey to Rome. He was a man of prayer and frequent fasts. On the day of his death, he assisted at all the Masses celebrated in the Lord's Cenacle Church, and then went to bed and died "full of merit and days." He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1782, **Father MARIAN KULBICKI** died at the age of 46 in Czersk, where he was helping at a local parish. He fulfilled the duties of president in various monasteries and exercised an intense pastoral ministry. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

## SEPTEMBER 30

On September 30, 1793, **Brother FELIX BARSZCZEWSKI** (Barsh-chefski) died at the age of 67 at the monastery in Berezdov. He distinguished himself by his obedience and humility. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1939, the **cleric STEPHEN MAGNUSZEWSKI** was deported by the Germans to a concentration camp. At that time, he was 27 years old and had been a religious for two years. Further details of his life following his deportation are unknown.

In 1999, **Father ALBIN SHEPUTA** died of cancer at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Connecticut, at the age of 82. He was a religious for 59 years and a priest for 56. For more than 50 years he served as a teacher of biology, general science, and earth science at our school in Thompson, Connecticut. He also gave pastoral assistance to a nearby nursing home on the weekends. As a teacher, he would be often found in his biology lab preparing experiments with his students. He was a good and faithful servant of the Lord. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# OCTOBER

# OCTOBER 1

On October 1, 1788, **Father BENON BUJALSKI** (Boo-yal-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the approximate age of 70 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. In view of the Marians' plans to establish a foundation in Portugal, he travelled from Poland to Rome, and then, in October 1753, after a long and dangerous sea voyage, he arrived in Lisbon along with Fr. Casimir Wyszyński. Discouraged by the circumstances they initially encountered in Portugal, he returned to Poland after only a brief stay. In Poland he fulfilled the duties of preacher, novice master, and president of a monastery. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 2010, Father STANISLAUS SZYMAŃSKI (Shee-man'ski), almost 88 years old, died of a heart attack at the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal. He was a religious for 56 years and a priest for 50. During World War II, he participated in the resistance movement and in August 1944, he was arrested and deported to forced labors in Germany. In early 1945, he escaped from prison and attributed his escape to the special protection of St. Stanislaus Papczyński, whose tomb he had often visited. He carried out various duties in the Polish Province, prior to going to Portugal in 1972, where he lived and worked mainly at the monastery in Balsamão. While in America for health reasons, he began translating into Portuguese the *Diary* of St. Faustina. For three years he was in charge of training the seminarians in the House of Studies in Lisbon. He was in charge of the Divine Mercy Apostolate, the spiritual director of the movement "Families of Nazareth," as well as vice postulator of the beatification process of the Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Casimir Wyszyński. Despite his poor health, he willingly helped provide the sacraments, hear confessions, visit the sick, and minister to pilgrims. He is buried in Balsamão.

# OCTOBER 2

On October 2, 1975, **Father THOMAS PODZIAWO**, age 70, died of a heart attack in London, England. He was a religious for 49 years and a priest for 41. Upon completing his novitiate in Druya and his studies in Rome, he was ordained a priest of the Byzantine-Slavonic rite and was assigned to our mission in Harbin. When the mission was suppressed in 1948, Russian Communists deported him to Siberia. In 1955, he returned to Poland where he carried out an active teaching, ecumenical and literary apostolate for several years. Later he left for England,

where he ministered energetically among the Belarusian emigrants until his death. He is buried in the cemetery in Finchley.

In 1990, **Father EDWARD VITCHKOSKI** died of cancer at the age of 68 in a Naperville clinic. A member of the American Province of St. Casimir, he was a religious for 49 years and a priest for 42. He served as an instructor at our school in Marianapolis, assistant novice master, and was a local superior in the Brookeville community, Maryland, for six years. He distinguished himself by his devotion to the Holy Eucharist and to Our Blessed Mother. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# OCTOBER 3

On October 3, 1753, **Brother HYACINTH WASILEWSKI** (Va-shilef-ski) died at the monastery in Skórzec, where he is buried.

In 1755, **Father AMBROSE WRZESZYŃSKI** (Wzhe-shin'-ski) died at the monastery in Goźlin. He was a renowned preacher and teacher of Christian doctrine. He is buried in Goźlin.

# **OCTOBER 4**

On October 4, 1943, **Brother JOHN ŽEBRYS** died in Chicago at the age of 68. He was a member of St. Casimir's Province for 13 years. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1973, **Brother MARIAN JÓZEFIAK** (Yu-ze-fyak) died after surgery at the age or 43 in a hospital of Piaseczno (P'a-se-chno), Poland. He was a member of the Polish Province for 23 years. He zealously fulfilled the duties of organist at Góra Kalwaria, where he is buried.

In 1981, the **Most Reverend CHESTER SIPOVIČ**, Belarusian Bishop of the Byzantine-Slavonic rite, died of a heart attack in London, England, while making a speech. He was 67, a religious for 47 years, a priest for 41, and a bishop for 21. He studied in Vilnius and in Rome. He was the General Superior for six years, a member of both the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, and of the Commission for the revision of the Code of Eastern Canon Law and Apostolic Visitator for Belarusians in Western Europe. He was endowed with notable intellectual and organizational skills. He is buried in the St. Pancratius' cemetery in London.

In 1996, **Father MARTIN ZDANIUKIEWICZ** (Zda-n'uk'evitch), the oldest Marian at that time, died at the age of almost 96, in the Góra Kalwaria monastery. He was a religious for 68 years and a priest for 59. He joined our Congregation in

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Druya, and then was ordained to the priesthood in Warsaw. He served as a chaplain during the Warsaw insurrection. In 1952, he took over the parish of Góra Kalwaria as its first Marian priest. The Polish army sent its representatives to his funeral, which took place at the cemetery in Góra Kalwaria.

In 2009, **Father JOHN KOBZA**, a member of the American Province, died at the Villa Rosa Nursing Home in Mitchellville, Maine. He was 78 years old, a religious for 58 years and a priest for 55. He served in the Washington, D.C. area as a chaplain at both the Walter Reed Medical Center and the Veterans' Hospital and as a confessor at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

In 2011, **Father JULIAN KAŁOWSKI** (Ka-wovski), age 78, died at a hospital in Międzylesie. He was a religious for 58 years and a priest for 49. In 1994, he was named a professor of Canon Law at ATK, today known as the University of Cardinal Stephen Wyszynski. He assisted numerous religious congregations in creating their constitutions and wrote many articles and books on Canon Law. For his academic and didactical efforts, he was awarded a Knight's Cross and a Medal for National Education. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## OCTOBER 5

On October 5, 1897, **Father VINCENT KAČERGIS** died in Igliaukai, Lithuania, at the age of 74. After the dissolution of the monastery in Igliaukai he remained there until his death as a church rector. He is buried in Igliaukai.

## OCTOBER 6

On October 6, 1788, **Archbishop CHARLES CAMUZI** died in Rome at the age of 82. Born in Tolmezzo in 1706, he studied in Rome at La Sapienza University, where he obtained a doctorate in law in 1726. He was ordained a priest on July 11, 1729, and was consecrated bishop on October 28, 1756, by Pope Benedict XIV. In 1776, he was appointed titular bishop of Tarsus. In 1781, he was named the titular patriarch of Antioch of the Latin rite. With great devotion, he fulfilled many functions in the Roman Curia. He was a special benefactor of the Marians. His financial support helped the Marians to acquire in 1779 the church of St. Vitus in Rome, along with the adjacent monastery. In return for this help the Marians made a commitment to pray for his soul in perpetuity.

In 1968, **Brother ANTHONY SVELNYS** died at the age of 79 in Palomene, Lithuania. He was a member of the Lithuanian Province for 48 years. He was a hard-working and obedient religious. He is buried in Palomene.

In 1985, **Brother PETER GRAD** died from cancer at the age of 77 at the hospital in Lidzbark. He was a member of the Polish Province for 46 years. He was tireless in his service to the community as a farmer and gardener. He was the first Marian to be buried in the cemetery in Stoczek.

In 1992, **Father JOSEPH VAŠKAS** (**VAŠKEVIČIUS**) died unexpectedly of a heart attack at the age of 82 in Chicago. He was a religious for 64 years and a priest for 58. He spent five years in Rome as a student, and later three more years as a vicar general. For 20 years, he published in the United States the magazine *Laivas*. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians at St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

## OCTOBER 7

On October 7, 1954, **Brother JAMES GŁĄBIKOWSKI** (Gwom-bikof-ski) died at the age of 80 at the house in Licheń. He was a member of the Polish Province for 34 years. In spite of his poor health, he willingly fulfilled the duties of sacristan and shoe-maker in various houses of the province. He was known for his profound Eucharistic and Marian devotion. He was the first to be buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Licheń.

In 1985, **Father ALBIN SPURGIS** died of cancer at the age of 78 in Adelaide, Australia. He was a priest for 53 years and a religious for 32. Forced to leave Lithuania in 1944, he resided in Germany, the United States, and Rome. Finally, he took up pastoral ministry among the Lithuanians in Australia and served there for 16 years. He is buried in Adelaide.

## OCTOBER 8

On October 8, 1885, **Father VINCENT GAWIEN**, a "Father of the Order," died in Didvyziai, at the age of 81, having been a religious for 55 years and a priest for 52. He fulfilled the offices of president of the monastery at Marijampolė, rector of the church at Igliaukai and of chaplain at the church in Didvyziai, where he is buried.

In 1958, **Brother ADOLPH WYSOCKI** (Vi-sots-ki), a member of the Polish Province for 34 years, died at the age of 70 at the house in Skórzec. As an organist for our churches in Warsaw-Praga and Skórzec, he fulfilled an apostolate of ecclesiastical chant for many years. He is buried in Skórzec.

## OCTOBER 9

On October 9, 1969, **Brother ANTHONY GVAZDAUSKAS** (Gvaz-da-ooskas), a member of the Lithuanian Province for 46 years, died at the age of 89 in Kaunas, Lithuania. He was an exemplary sacristan. He is buried in Marijampolė.

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On October 10, 1718, **Brother THOMAS of SAINT JAMES** died at the monastery in Goźlin, where he is buried.

In 1864, **Father MICHAEL ŚWIĘCKI** (Sh'vents-ki) was expelled from the monastery in Raśna, of which he was president, and exiled to the Tobolska Province in Siberia. He was 64 years old at the time. He had been arrested for participating in the January Uprising. The date and place of his death are unknown.

In 2003, **Father VINCAS INKRATAS**, an Assistant Professor and vicar in St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Marijampolė, died at the age of 87. He was a religious for 67 years and a priest for 60. He served the Church hierarchy and our Congregation with his knowledge of foreign languages and his priestly ministry. Shortly before his death, he translated from Latin into Lithuanian the entire collection of Decrees and Decisions of the General Chapters and Meetings of the Marian Congregation from 1702 to 1999. He is buried in the Marian section at the old Marijampolė cemetery.

## OCTOBER 11

On October 11, 1963, **Brother ALEXANDER NAVICKAS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir for 47 years, died at the age of 78 at the house in Marian Hills, Chicago. He dedicated himself to farm work and household chores in different houses of the Province. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians at St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1969, **Brother JOHN JANUŠAITIS** died at the age of 83 in Marijampolė. He was a member of the Lithuanian Province for 36 years and served the community with great affability as a tailor. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1996, **Father PETER GROCHOWSKI** (Gro-khofski) died of a tumor at the Warsaw house in Stegny. He was 80 years old. He spent 64 years in our Congregation, first as a brother for 21 years and then, after graduating from the Seminary, as a priest for 38 years. From 1981 to 1993, he served as provincial secretary. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

## OCTOBER 12

On October 12, 2011, **Father RICHARD KUKIEŁKA** (Koo-k'ewka), a member of the Polish Province, died of cancer at the Rabka Hospice in Poland. He was 54 years old, a religious for 28 years and a priest for 21. He worked pastorally in Poland and in Germany. He also completed his post-graduate studies at the Faculty

of Theology of the Mikołaj Kopernik University in Toruń, obtaining the licentiate in Theology. He is buried in Licheń.

## OCTOBER 13

On October 13, 1768, **Father DAMASUS WOKAL** (Vokal), president of the monastery and a most distinguished lector of theology, died after a long pleurisy illness at the age of 56 at the monastery in Skórzec, where he is buried.

## OCTOBER 14

On October 14, 1996, Father MARIAN DUSZYŃSKI (Doo-shin'-ski), age 74, died at a hospital in Warsaw. He was a religious for 50 years and a priest for 43. For 22 years, he served as chaplain at hospitals in Głuchołazy and Góra Kalwaria. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 2013, **Father BOLESLAUS BAGINSKIS**, a member of the Latvian Vicariate, died at the age of 95. He was a religious for 76 years, and a priest for 71. He ministered in Latvia, Brazil, and among the Latvian immigrants living in Chicago, Illinois. For many years, he carried out the duties of the community treasurer, amassing funds to support his confreres and the Church in Latvia. He is buried in Vilāni.

## OCTOBER 15

On October 15, 1710, **Father CONSTANTINE of SAINT NICHOLAS** died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He was one of the first spiritual sons of our holy Father Founder. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1906, **Father CASIMIR ŻUKOWSKI** (Zhoo-kof-ski) died at the parish in Sztabin (Shtabin) at the age of 75, having lived for 57 years as a religious and 51 as a priest. At the time of the dissolution of the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska in 1864 he was its superior and a preacher. He was made pastor of the parish in Maków near Skierniewice (Sk'ern'evitse), but two years later was sent to Marijampolė, where he resided for 12 years, until 1878. He is buried in Sztabin.

In 1864, **Father PETER KOMOROWSKI**, a member of the community in Puszcza Korabiewska, was deported from the monastery. The day and place of his death are unknown.

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On October 16, 1981, **Father FELIX CZECZOTT** (Che-chot), a member of the Polish Province, died of a heart attack at the age of 74, at the house in Warsaw-Praga. He was a religious for 56 years and a priest for 44. For many years he was an instructor of religion in various schools and exercised various pastoral ministries. During the last 20 years of his life, he devoted himself to photography and cinematography, visually documenting important events of the life of the Congregation and the Church in Poland. He was a member of the Episcopal Commission for Cinematography and Broadcasting. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1989, **Father ADAM JEŠKIS [JEŠKEVIČIUS]** died of cancer at the age of 84 at the house in Marianapolis, Connecticut. A member of the American Province of St. Casimir, he was a religious for 63 years and a priest for 57. In the beginning of his priestly life he was the director of the *Draugas* print shop, while serving in community administration and parish assistance. Starting in 1956, for 30 years he taught history at the Marianapolis Preparatory School and later served as chaplain in a nearby home for the aged. He is buried in the section reserved for the Mariana at St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# OCTOBER 17

On October 17, 1776, **Father MICHAEL WOŁĄGIEWICZ** (Vo-won-g'e-vich), age 36, president of the monastery, died at the monastery in Raśna. He was a religious for 12 years. He was a lector of theology and highly esteemed as a prudent and virtuous man, zealous for the common good. He is buried in the crypt of the Raśna church.

In 1966, **Brother ISIDORE PIECH** (P'ekh) died at the house in Licheń at the age of 74. He was a religious for 52 years and served the community as an organist. He is buried in Licheń.

# OCTOBER 18

On October 18, 1772, **Father CYPRIAN FIJAŁKOWSKI** (Fee-yaw-kofski), a "Father of the Order," died unexpectedly at the age of 70 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He was repeatedly elected novice master and also held the office of General Superior for three years. He was most exemplary in his prudence, zeal for the common good and in other virtues. His depositions as witness in the informative process for the beatification of our Founder, St. Stanislaus, were of great value. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1823, **Father ANTHONY MACIULEWICZ** (Mach'ulevich) died while serving as Administrator of the Liskiava parish, where he is buried.

In 1831, **Father RAPHAEL SZAFRANKOWSKI** (Sha-fran-kofski), vicar of the church of Cieladz, died at the age of 28. He was a priest for only four years and was praised for his truly religious life. He is buried in Cieladz.

In 1973, **Father STEPHEN CHOJNACKI** (Kho-y-nats-ki), a member of the Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka died at the age of 58 while visiting Poland. He was a religious for 37 years and a priest for 30. Forced to leave Poland at the breakout of World War II, he found himself in turn in Lithuania, Siberia, Persia, Lebanon, Palestine and Egypt. At the end of the war, he returned to community life and exercised a fruitful pastoral ministry in Argentina, the United States and England. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 2020, **Father STANISLAUS CHRYC**, a member of the Polish Province and longtime member of the religious house in Skórzec, died there at the age of 90. He was a religious for 70 years and a priest for 58. He exercised pastoral ministry in several Polish parishes, especially in Skórzec, where he dedicated his time to the parish branch of *Caritas*. He also cared for the sick and families in need. He was actively involved in organizing summer holidays for children from large, poor or dysfunctional families. In 2010, the International Chapter of the *Order of the Smile* named him Knight of the Order. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Skórzec.

## OCTOBER 19

On October 19, 1981, **Brother JOSEPH VAGELS**, age 80, a religious for 48 years, died in Viļāni, Latvia. He remained at the monastery as a sacristan, when the Marians were expelled from Viļāni in 1957. He is buried in Viļāni.

In 2007, **Father MARK GARROW** died at the age of 52, after struggling with cancer for over a year. He was a religious for 31 years and a priest for 22. A man of keen mind, integrity, religious fervor, and affability, he served as a house superior, novice master and prefect of formation in the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province. In 1999 he was elected the Superior General being previously a member of the general council from 1993-1999. While on the general council, he served as the General Prefect of Formation. As the General Superior, he furthered the idea of establishing our community in India and planned to merge the two American Provinces, which proposal was accepted by the General Chapter of 2005. He chaired the Unification Committee of the provinces and was elected to serve as the first provincial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province on October 25, 2006, one year to the date of his burial at the Eden Hill cemetery in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

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On October 20, 1949, **Father LADISLAUS MARIAN LEWANDOWICZ**, a member of the Polish Province, died of a heart attack at the age of 55 in a Warsaw hospital. He was a religious for 29 years and a priest for 22. He joined our Congregation as a Catholic activist noted among university students, for whom he founded in 1919 the Association "Rebirth." He completed his Doctoral studies in Rome. Ordained to the priesthood, he became, at the request of Cardinal Kakowski of Warsaw, director of Catholic Action for the Archdiocese of Warsaw. He occupied that post for 10 years. After the war and until his death, he was rector of our Institute of Philosophy and Theology at Bielany, Warsaw. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

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# FROM THE MARIAN CALENDAR:

On October 21, 1755, the Venerable Servant of God Father CASIMIR of SAINT JOSEPH WYSZYŃSKI (Vi-shin'-ski) surrendered his soul to the Lord in the opinion of sanctity at the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal. He was 55 years old. He was a religious for 32 years and a priest for 29. He fulfilled various significant offices in the Order, including two terms as General Superior. He founded new monasteries and attracted many vocations, particularly from Bohemia. He restored the fervor of religious observance, according to the spirit of our Founder, which spirit was weakened by the "Rostkovian Dispersion" and zealously promoted the cause of beatification of our Father Founder. Twice he fulfilled the duties of Procurator General at Rome. In 1753 he left for Portugal where he established the first Marian foundation in Balsamão. He was known for his tender devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God and his exceptionally virtuous life. The cause for his beatification was introduced shortly after his death. In 1989, Pope St. John Paul II officially recognized his heroic virtues. He is buried in the church in Balsamão.

- L. May the Lord grant the glories of the Blessed to the Venerable Servant of God Casimir we pray to the Lord.
- **All.** Lord hear our prayer.

# FROM THE ALBUM OF THE DECEASED:

On October 21, 1967, **Father CASIMIR REKLAITIS** died in Rome. He was born in 1887 in Syntowty and studied at St. Petersburg and at the Gregorian University in Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1913. He taught at the St. Petersburg Seminary and in 1918, entered our Congregation. He was the novice master in Marijampolė and in the United States. Beginning in 1925, he resided in Rome and worked on the organization of our general house and the college. He served as a house superior, secretary, procurator, treasurer, and for 15 years as postulator. In accord with the will of the Holy See, he organized and directed the

residence, Russicum for Orthodox priests who desired to enter the Catholic Church. From 1940 to 1943, he was the American Province superior. In 1926, he initiated the yearly publication of the Elenchus. He was extremely hard-working and cooperative. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' tomb in Campo Verano, Rome.

## OCTOBER 22

On October 22, 1945, **Father VINCENT DARGIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 75 at the house in Marijampolė. He was a priest for 51 years and a religious for 27. He was known for his goodness and charity towards the needy and the unfortunate. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## OCTOBER 23

On October 23, 1798, **Brother DIONISIUS MALINOWSKI** died at the age of 70 at the monastery in Goźlin. He was a religious for 36 years. Esteemed for his fraternal charity, he served the community as a treasurer. He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1971, Brother STANISLAUS DADŽANS, a Latvian by birth, died of cancer at the age of 61 in a London hospital. He was a religious for 23 years. Forced by the war to leave his native land, he made his novitiate in Rome and remained there for 20 years, fruitfully dedicating himself to manual labor in the Roman house. In 1969, he was transferred to the Belarusian house in London. He is buried in the cemetery of St. Pancratius in London.

In 2018, **Father LUCIAN ŁADA**, passed away at the age of 80 at the hospital in Konin, Poland. A member of the Polish Province, he was a religious for 61 years and a priest for 53. He worked in various Polish parishes, carrying out pastoral and administrative duties. After the antique parish church in Puszcza Mariańska burned down in 1993, he started the construction of a new one. Later on, he served as a preacher and confessor at the Shrine of Our Lady of Licheń until his death. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Licheń.

## OCTOBER 24

On October 24, 1913, **Father SIMON MANKIELUN** died at the age of 80 in Kock. He entered our Order at the age of 19. After the suppression of 1864, he remained in Skórzec exercising pastoral ministry until 1870. In succession, he was vicar at Siedlee, pastor at Malowa Góra, dean at Sokolowo and pastor at Kock, where he is buried.

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In 1918, **novice VINCENT STEPANOVIČIUS** died at the house in Marijampolė at the age of 15. He had a great devotion to the Eucharist. He is buried in Marijampolė.

# OCTOBER 25

On October 25, 1951, Bishop FRANCIS PETER BUČYS, the Titular Bishop of Olympus of the Byzantine-Slavonic rite for 21 years and a priest for 52 years, died at the general house in Rome at the age of 79. He was born near Marijampolė in 1872, was educated in Sejny and attended the Ecclesiastical Academy in St. Petersburg, Russia. He was ordained a priest in 1899. He was a professor at the Ecclesiastical Academy and University in Kaunas, where he was also rector and organizer of theological studies for one year. He became closely associated with Blessed George when they were students in Fribourg, Switzerland and, later, as a professor at the Ecclesiastical Academy of Saint Petersburg. On August 29, 1909, the actual date of the renewal of the Marian Institute, he became its first novice and remained Blessed George's close collaborator in the task of saving the Institute. He fulfilled the office of General Superior from 1927 to 1933 and again from 1939 to 1951. In 1930 he was ordained bishop of the Byzantine-Slavonic rite. He served as a consulter for the Oriental Congregation and as the visitator for Russian Catholics of the Eastern Rite. He was an esteemed apologist and wrote extensively in both Polish and Lithuanian. He is buried in the cemetery in Campo Verano, in Rome.

# OCTOBER 26

On October 26, 1742, **Father JOSEPH KRÓLIKOWSKI** (Kroo-lih-kofski) died at the Góra Kalwaria monastery, where he is buried.

In 1781, **Brother ROCCO KRAIŃSKI** (Krah-in'-ski), died at the age of 50 at the monastery in Goźlin. He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1973, **Brother BOLESLAUS WRÓBLEWSKI** (Vroob-lef-ski), a member of the Polish Province and a religious for 46 years, died at the age of 98 at the house in Licheń. He served the community principally as a porter and sacristan. He also worked for a few years as a cook in the Roman house. He is buried in Licheń.

## OCTOBER 27

On October 27, 2007, **Brother BRONISLAUS ŚWISTAK** (S'vis-tak) died in the 91<sup>st</sup> year of his life, having been a Marian for 55 years. During World War II, he was deported to Germany, where he worked on a farm. After the war, he joined our community in England and worked in Hereford and Fawley Court, carrying out various duties, among them, house and provincial councilor. Due to his poor health,

in 2006 he was transferred to the religious house in Licheń, where he died and is buried.

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On October 28, 1841, **Father ANTHONY JASTRZĘBSKI** (Yast-shemb-ski) was fatally injured when the carriage in which he was riding accidentally overturned. He died at the monastery in Goźlin, in spite of the medical attention he received. He was barely 28 years old, a religious for six years and a priest for four. He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

We lack precise information regarding the death of the following members of the Goźlin monastery, dispersed after the suppression of 1864:

- Father THOMAS WIERZBICKI (V'ezhbitski), preacher of the monastery;
- Father EDMUND RADOMYSKI, president of the monastery beginning in 1862. After the suppression he exercised pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Lublin. He died in 1887 at the age of 77.
- Father ANTHONY JASTRZĘBSKI (Yast-shemb-ski), was born in 1802 and entered religious life in 1822. At the General Chapter of 1862, he was called to serve as Secretary General and vice-president of the monastery. In 1864, he was transferred to Marijampolė and the following year he went to live with relatives in Samogitia where the weather was milder.
- Father VINCENT WÓJTOWICZ (Vooy-tovich), a religious from 1848 onwards.

In 1987, **Brother PETER ANTHONY REPČIUS**, a professed member of the Lithuanian Province for 53 years, died in a hospital in Marijampolė at the age of 73, having suffered long from cancer. He served the community mainly as a gardener in various Marian houses. A man of deep inner life, he was distinguished by his spirit of prayer and for his hard work. After the dispersion of the religious in Lithuania forced by the Communist regime, he carried out various services in our churches. He is buried in the new municipal cemetery in Marijampolė.

# OCTOBER 29

On October 29, 1755, **Father CHARLES PASZYŃSKI** (Pashin'-ski), vice-president of the monastery, died in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 1841, **Father ANTHONY KOŁOSZEWSKI** (Ko-wo-shef-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 43 at the monastery in Miroslavas. He was a religious for 26 years and a priest for 19. He was Assistant of the Order and president of the monastery from 1831. He is buried in Miroslavas.

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In 1878, **Father THOMAS GIEGURZYŃSKI** (G'e-gu-zhin-ski) died at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a preacher of various monasteries in Lithuania. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1963, **Father CASIMIR VENGRAS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, was found dead in his room at the house in Chicago. He was 53 years old, a religious for 34 years and a priest for 27. For 16 years he served as a member of our houses in Argentina. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1979, **Brother ANTHONY RUTKOWSKI**, a member of the Province of Great Britain and a religious for 29 years, died unexpectedly at the age of 68 at the house in Fawley Court. Forced by the war to leave Poland, he began his religious life as a member of the Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka in the U.S. For 16 years he diligently served the community as an experienced mechanic at the house of Eden Hill, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Transferred to England, he was a member of the Fawley Court house until his death. Filled with apostolic zeal, he was a great lover of community life. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

# OCTOBER 30

On October 30, 1779, **Father CASIMIR OTTERSKI** (Ot-terski) died in the hospital in Wilanów. He taught philosophy at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria and during the summer months exercised an active pastoral ministry in various parishes. He was eulogized as a man "endowed with exemplary character and knowledge." He is buried at the Church of the Lord's Cenacle in Góra Kalwaria.

In 1904, **Father JOSEPH WIERZBICKI** (V'ezh-bits-ki) died at the age of 81. president of the Góra Kalwaria monastery, he was deported in 1864 to the monastery in Marijampolė. In 1883, he was named pastor of the Godzianów parish near Skierniewice, however, three years later he took up pastoral duties in the Archdiocese of Warsaw. In 1883 he was a pastor in Godzianów near Skierniewice. His place of burial is unknown.

In 1998, **Brother ALPHIE GAGNE**, a member of the American Province of St. Stanislaus Kostka, died at our community house on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was 89 years old and in his 40<sup>th</sup> year of religious profession. He competently fulfilled his various duties in the community as cook, sacristan, assistant treasurer, carpenter and shipping manager, and also ran in a remarkable way the "trading stamps redemption" project for the last 25 years of his life. He was a humble, industrious, conscientious, and prayerful man who loved the Lord Jesus, our

Immaculate Mother, prayer, and community life, always seeking to serve in every possible way. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

## OCTOBER 31

On October 31, 1854, **Father JOHN ARMIN** died at the age of 36 at the monastery in Miroslavas. He was a religious for 14 years and a priest for 10. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1858, **Brother ALEXANDER ŻAKIEWICZ** (Zha-k'evich) died of tuberculosis at the age of 25 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a cleric and had just completed his course of studies. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1889, **Father VINCENT ZIEMIŃSKI** (Z'e-min'ski), a religious for 37 years, died at the age of 55, in Marijampolė, following surgery on his leg. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2008, **Father ALBIN GURKLIS**, a member of the B.V.M., Mother of Mercy Province in the U.S., died of a massive heart attack at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Connecticut, where he had been undergoing rehabilitation exercises. He was 90 years old. He was a religious for almost 70 years and a priest for 65. After a brief period of pastoral work in our Marian parishes, for the next 58 years he taught mathematics. He also took up pastoral work on the weekends in various parishes, especially at Holy Trinity Church in Hartford, Connecticut. Father Albin was dedicated to his work in the Marianapolis Preparatory School and was always willing to give "extra help" to students who sought it. The people he served looked upon Fr. Albin with respect and affection. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

# NOVEMBER

## NOVEMBER 1

On November 1, 1794, **Father ALOYSIUS CHEŁSTOWSKI** (Khew-stofski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 58, while rendering pastoral assistance in Sieciechów (S'ech'ekhoov). He fulfilled various offices in the Order, among them Assistant of the Order. He is buried in Sieciechów.

In 2020, **Father THADDEUS MIERZWIŃSKI**, a member of the Polish Province, died after a long illness in the monastery of Skórzec. He was 85 years old, a member of the Congregation for 69 years, and a priest for 60. He served as pastor, house superior and provincial councilor. In 1968, he organized the Marian house in Elblag, where he became the first superior, as well as pastor of the newly created parish of All Saints, where he oversaw the construction of the parish church. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Skórzec.

## NOVEMBER 2

Prior to 1685, on a day and month unknown, **Brother JOHN of the IMMAC-ULATE CONCEPTION** (Stanislaus Krajewski in secular life) died piously at the Korabiew hermitage. He was the first companion and disciple of our holy Father Founder. Born circa 1634 in the diocese of Przemyśl, he participated in various military expeditions, earning recognition from the Polish kings and the Commonwealth of Poland. Later he chose to lead a simple life and spent 12 years as a cleric in minor orders, living in a hermitage that he personally built in the Korabiew Forest with the permission of Polish King Michael Korybut Wiśniowiecki. On July 4, 1673, before our Founder, he offered himself to the newly established community of Marians and was vested with the white habit. St. Stanislaus entrusted him with the office of procurator of the Congregation. On October 7 of the same year, Br. John formally renounced his ownership rights to the hermitage on behalf of Father Founder. However, having a difficult character, he soon lost faith in his calling and left the hermitage only to return a few years later, converted and fully repentant. Like a good father of the Gospel parable, our holy Father Founder welcomed his prodigal son with joy, and received his vows anew.

In 2003, **Father CASIMIR GRZYMAŁA** (Gzhee-ma-wa), a longtime minister of the Polish community in Great Britain, unexpectedly died of sudden illness while vacationing in Valencia, Spain. He was 69 years old, a religious for 51 years and a priest for 42. He was always kind and fraternal, full of enthusiasm and ideals, which helped him in his ministry towards the youth. His funeral Mass was celebrat-

ed at the Ealing Parish Church in Ealing, London which he helped establish. He is buried in Henley-on-Thames.

In 2013, **Father ALEKSANDER LUDWIK KARPIŃSKI**, a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 78. He was a religious for 61 years, and a priest for 52. For 44 years he ministered to the Polish community in England, fulfilling, among others, the duties of the youth educator at the Divine Mercy College in Fawley Court, secretary of the English Province, house treasurer and pastor of various Polish communitys. He spent the four last years of his life in Licheń, where he died and is buried.

# November 3

On November 3, 1932, **BRONISLAUS RAUDELIUNAS** (Ra-oo-del'unas), a novice, died of tuberculosis at the age of 19 at the house in Marijampolė, where he is buried

In 1999, **Father FRANCIS DUDA** died in the Mount Marie Nursing Home in Holyoke, Massachusetts, at the age of 90. He was a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province in the United States, a religious for 58 years and a priest for 56. He served in pastoral ministry and community administration as superior, councilor, and especially as provincial and house treasurer. He directed the Marian gift shop on Eden Hill with great success, utilizing his talents of creating floral arrangements, selecting religious items, and nature photography. He is buried in the cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

# November 4

On November 4, 1784, after the defeat of the Polish army for which they served as chaplains, two Marians lost their lives in the carnage sustained by the inhabitants of the Warsaw-Praga borough at the hands of the Muscovite forces that invaded Poland: **Father FRANCIS KUPRELL**, age 57, and **Father ALEXANDER JELONEK** (Ye-lonek), age 34. They were buried in Grochów, in the common grave for the soldiers.

In 1976, **Father JOHN GRIBULIS** died at the age of 74 in Zapyskis, Lithuania. He was a priest for 41 years. He was a teacher at the school of Marijampolė, but at the outbreak of World War II, left the Congregation. He had been a religious for 13 years. After the war he rejoined the community as an "associate priest" (*sacerdos aggregatus*). He is buried in Zapyskis.

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## NOVEMBER 5

On November 5, 1842, **Father EDWARD PAKIETUR**, a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 67, at the residence in Igliaukai. A priest for 41 years, he was Assistant of the Order and Rector of the church in Igliaukai, where he is buried.

In 1977, **Father HENRY GOLJAN** (Gol'an), a member of the Province of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy in Great Britain, died at the age of 54 in an automobile accident outside of London. He was a religious for 34 years and a priest for 25. Originally he was a member of the Polish Province, exercising pastoral ministry, and serving as a member of the provincial council and prefect of students. Transferred to England, he became an educator and teacher at the Divine Mercy College at Fawley-Court and at the same time served as its vice-rector for the last eight years of his life. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Henley-on-Thames.

Today, on November 5, we remember all the deceased members of the Congregation. The following members were among the last residents of the Miroslavas house. The dates of their deaths are unknown:

- Father CASIMIR WITKOWSKI (Vit-kof-ski), born in 1829, who entered the Congregation in 1848. After the dissolution of this house he was forced to go to Marijampolė;
- Father MICHAEL STRUPINSKAS, who entered the Congregation in 1858 at the age of 25 and was deported to Marijampolė in 1866;
- Father NICHOLAS WOŁĄGIEWICZ (Vo-won-g'e-vich), who entered the Congregation in 1857 at the age of 18, and remained at Miroslavas to serve the church until 1875, when he was deported to Marijampolė. There, he ministered to the Poles and served as treasurer. He left Marijampolė in 1877;
- Father VINCENT HRYNIEWICZ (Khrin'evich), chosen by the General Chapter to be vice-president in Miroslavas, was exiled to Siberia in 1864.

## NOVEMBER 6

On November 6, 1984, **Father JOSEPH KUPRIS** (known also as Kuprevičius), a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 74 in Chicago. He was a religious for 54 years and a priest for 44. He dedicated himself mainly to pastoral ministry, but also served as educator at the Marianapolis Preparatory School, as a local superior and provincial councilor. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# NOVEMBER 7

On November 7, 1897, **Father STANISLAUS NOSIŃSKI** died at the age of 61. He entered the house in Skórzec in 1854 at the age of 18, was ordained a priest

in 1858, and four years later went to Puszcza Korabiewska. In 1864 he was forced to transfer to Marijampolė. From 1865 onwards, he worked in parishes and for the last 11 years of his life he served as pastor in Boisk where he died and is buried.

## NOVEMBER 8

On November 8, 1999, **Father PETER SVIRKSTS**, a member of the Latvian Province, died at the age of nearly 79. He was a religious for 48 years and a priest for 41. After ordination he worked for two years in our parish at Viļāni. Then, for 21 years, he carried out pastoral work in the parishes of Rikava and Nagli. Finally, for many years he worked mostly in the parish belonging to the residence of Izvalta, affiliated to the house of Rezekne. He is buried in Izvalta.

# NOVEMBER 9

On November 9, 1945, **Brother STEPHEN MEIKULANS**, a member of the Latvian Province for 15 years, died at the age of 79. He was a gardener at the house in Vilāni, where he is buried.

In 1989, **Father BOLESLAUS ALOYSIUS JAKIMOWICZ** (Ya-ki-movich), a member of the Province of Great Britain, died at the age of 77 in the generalate in Rome. He was a religious for 59 years and a priest for 47. Originally a member of the Polish Province, at the beginning of World War II he was forced to flee to Lithuania where he completed his ecclesiastical studies started in Warsaw and Rome. In 1941 he was exiled to Siberia. Subsequently, he joined the Polish Armed Forces, was ordained and passed with the Polish Army into the Middle East. After the war he returned to community life, fulfilled various offices and exercised an active pastoral ministry in the United States, England, Portugal, and Brazil. From 1970 until his death, he resided in Rome, fulfilling at various times the duties of general councilor and secretary, and promoting the beatification cause of the Venerable Servant of God Casimir Wyszyński, whose heroic virtues he was happy to see recognized shortly before his death. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' tomb in Campo Verano, in Rome.

# NOVEMBER 10

On November 10, 1772, **Brother BASIL BAŻANKOWSKI** (Ba-zhan-kofski), age 52, a religious for 27 years, died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. As a treasurer, he diligently and with great solicitude sought to provide for the common good. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1799, **Brother BARTHOLOMEW JARMARKIEWICZ** (Yarmarkevich), a religious for 33 years, died at the age of 71 at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria, where he is buried.

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## **NOVEMBER 11**

On November 11, 1794, **Father ALOYSIUS DŁUGOŁĘSKI** (Dwoo-gowenski) died at the monastery in Marijampolė, at the age of 66, where he is buried.

In 1848, **Father JOSEPH OŁTUSZEWSKI** (Ow-tushef-ski), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 50 at Biała, where he fulfilled the office of chaplain. He was a religious for 32 years and a priest for 27. Recognized as a man "rich in virtue," he held the offices of novice master, president, and assistant. He distinguished himself by his religious observance and devotion and was praised, above all, as one who "both cultivated knowledge and generously imparted it to others." He is buried in Biała.

In 1996, **Father CASIMIR WÓJCICKI** (Vooy-chi-tski) died at the age of 68. He was a religious for 49 years and a priest for 41. At 17, he entered the Głuchołazy Juniorate, and in 1947 was admitted into the novitiate. Following the profession of vows, he continued his education at Bielany High School, and then at the seminary. As the Marians were expulsed from Bielany, he studied at the seminary in Włocławek where he was also ordained to the priesthood. He served as a catechist, pastor, and house superior in various Marian houses. From 1961 to 1965, he was also the novice master. He was a confessor of religious Sisters, seminarians, and novices. He was marked by faithfulness to the Congregation's rules, poverty, simplicity of life, composure, and friendliness. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 2001, **Father LADISLAUS WANAGS** (Vah-nags) died at the age of 70 in Gorodok Podilskyi, Ukraine. He was born in 1931 and ordained a priest in 1973 in Riga, Latvia. One year later, he secretly joined our Congregation in Latvia. After two years, he was sent to work in Gorodok, Ukraine. He either recovered from the Communists or built from scratch 19 different churches, a seminary in the Diocese of Kamyanets, and a House of Mercy (a care facility for the elderly). He had an unlimited trust in the Lord, which helped him to overcome many obstacles. He is buried in Gorodok.

## NOVEMBER 12

On November 12, 2020, **Father EUGENIUSZ MAKULSKI**, a member of the Polish Province died at the hospital in Konin. He was 92 years old, a religious for 71 years and a priest for 65. He served as a vicar in various Polish parishes and studied history at the Catholic University of Lublin, where he wrote a thesis entitled "Devotion to Father Stanislaus Papczyński." In 1964, he started a research project on the history of devotion to the miraculous image of Our Lady of Licheń. In December 1966, he became the vicar, and then the pastor and rector of the Licheń

shrine. He initiated the lay movement called *Marian Spiritual Family* based at the Licheń shrine and, thanks to his efforts, from 1994 to 2004 a new shrine – the largest in Poland – was built. In 1999, Pope St. John Paul II visited and blessed the shrine, then still under construction. The church, consecrated in June 2004, received the title of minor basilica the following year. He is buried in Licheń.

## NOVEMBER 13

On November 13, 1930, **Brother CHESTER ANDREW SKIBNIEWSKI** (Skrib-n'efski) died at the age of 31 at the house in Druya. He was a religious for six years. When he had to stop his ecclesiastical studies for health reasons, he took over the duties of secretary at the College in Bielany and then at the school in Druya. He was known for his great Marian devotion. He is buried in Druya.

## NOVEMBER 14

On November 14, 1829, **Father FABIAN HRYNKIEWICZ** (Khrin-k'evich), a "Father of the Order," died at the age of 69 at the monastery in Marijampolė. A man of exemplary devotion, he was the novice master for six years. He is buried in Marijampolė.

## **NOVEMBER 15**

On November 15, 1892, **Father GEORGE ČESNAS** (Chesnas), a religious for 37 years, died at the age of 57 at the monastery in Marijampolė. After graduating from the Ecclesiastical Academy of Warsaw, he was named a lector of philosophy and theology. He taught religion in various schools. On February 9, 1865, he was elected the monastery superior and the General Superior of the Order, following Fr. Wilczyński's resignation from that office. Father George carried out the general's duties until 1892. He was much esteemed for his prudence and affability. Also, he was the one who, on April 20, 1871, baptized George Matulaitis-Matulewicz, the future Blessed, Archbishop, and Renovator of the Congregation of Marian Fathers. He is buried in Marijampolė.

After the suppression of 1864, the following Marian seminarians residing at Marijampolė were forced to leave the monastery and transfer to the Seminary at Sejny, where they were eventually ordained priests: MICHAEL ALIŠAUSKAS; JOSEPH CHROMIŃSKI (Khro-min'-ski); JOSEPH KUDYRKA (Koo-dirka); VINCENT WALENTA; MATTHIAS WASILEWSKI who died in 1903 at the age of 61; PETER OZIMIŃSKI who died in 1925 at the age of 81; and STEPHEN SZOSTEK (Shostek).

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## November 16

On November 16, 1974, **Brother ALEXANDER PIASECKI** (Pya-sets-ki) died of a heart attack at the age of 67 at the house in Skórzec. He was a member of the Polish Province for 48 years. He served the community with dedication for many years as a tailor at the house in Bielany and then in Skórzec, where he is buried.

# **NOVEMBER 17**

On November 17, 1824, **Father ADAM TARCZEWSKI** (Tar-chef-ski) died at the age of 50, while serving as chaplain in Siedlee, where he is buried.

In 1976, **Father CASIMIR ALOYSIUS MATULAITIS** died in London at the age of 82. He was a priest for 59 years and a religious for 57. He completed his studies at Fribourg and obtained his Doctorate in philosophy. He was successively local superior in Chicago, Marijampolė, London, and Rome. He was the director of *Draugas* and *Laivas*, and vice-postulator for the beatification cause of Blessed George. He wrote a number of books on asceticism, hagiography, and history. He is buried in St. Pancratius' cemetery in London.

## NOVEMBER 18

On November 18, 1830, **Father TIMOTHY PURWINSKI** (Poor-vin'-ski), a "Father of the Order Emeritus," died at the monastery in Marijampolė. He fulfilled the offices of president and novice master. Eulogized as "a truly religious man, dear to all," he preached the Word of God with zeal for many years, dedicating himself especially to the instruction of the youth "both by word and more so, by example."

In 2001, **Father JOHN JANCIUS** died in Chicago. He was 92, a religious for 76 years and a priest for 67. He was provincial superior of St. Casimir Province and served as a parish priest in the last years of his life. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

## **NOVEMBER 19**

On November 19, 1966, **Father CASIMIR ŚLIWA** (Sh'liva), a member of the Polish Province, died of cancer at the age of 42 at the house in Bielany, Poland. He was a religious for 23 years and a priest for nine. Because of his activity as a youth catechist, he was harassed many times by the Communists. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1994, in Warsaw, **Father CASIMIR ŚLIWIŃSK**I (Sh'livin'-ski), a member of the Polish Province, died unexpectedly on the threshold of his 49<sup>th</sup> year of life.

He was a religious for 28 years and a priest for 23. He was engaged in pastoral ministry at various parishes, greatly appreciated for his catechetical instruction. Beginning in 1976, he ministered in Warsaw at our parishes attached to our houses in Marymont, Stegny, and eventually in Praga, where due to his unfailing efforts, the construction of a new church was brought to completion in 1992. During the last 5 years of his life, he was professor of catechetics at our Seminary in Lublin. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

# **NOVEMBER 21**

On November 21, 1941, **Brother STANISLAUS SAROSIEK** died at the age of 72 at the house in Raśna. He was a member of the Polish Province for 20 years. When he joined our Congregation, he brought many beehives with him and worked as a beekeeper with great zeal and joy. He also attended to the sick with a merciful heart. He was animated with an apostolic zeal and was an ardent promoter of vocations. He is buried in Raśna.

In 1993, **Father ANTHONY ŠVEDAS**, member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 84 years at the house in Rosario, Argentina. He was a religious for 68 years and a priest for 59. He studied philosophy in Montreal, Canada, and theology in Rome, where he was also ordained a priest. After returning to the United States, he was active for four years as a teacher at the Marianapolis Preparatory School. Later he was a novice master at the Marian Hills house and served for eight years as a chaplain in the United States Army. Upon his return to the community, he was superior and pastor for two years in Chicago. In 1960, he was transferred to Argentina, where he fulfilled various offices, notably those of superior and novice master at the house in Rosario. He also dedicated much of his time to pastoral work in our parishes, giving particular attention to helping poor children. He is buried in Rosario.

#### NOVEMBER 22

On November 22, 1750, **Father ANDREW DESZPOT** (Desh-pot), a "Father of the Order," died at the monastery in Goźlin. He entered our Congregation during the life of Father Founder, whose "sanctity and religious zeal" he spoke about frequently and extensively to his confreres. Elected General Superior for the first time in 1722 after the "Rostkovian dispersion," he labored much for the stability of the Order. In 1723, through the efforts of the Procurator, Fr. Kozłowski, he obtained from the Holy See approval of our Constitutions, modeled on Father Founder's Norma Vitae. He introduced the image of the Immaculate Virgin Mary as the seal of the Order and starting in 1743, governed the community for four more years. During his entire life he was "a most exemplary" religious and distinguished himself by his gentleness and patience. "Most zealous in promoting devotion," he was known for his diligence in hearing confessions. He is buried in Goźlin.

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In 1754, **Father JOHN RAJECKI** (Ra-yets-ki), president of the monastery, died at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria, where he is buried.

In 1791, **Father ISIDORE TAUDT**, a "Father of the Order Emeritissimus," died in Warsaw at the age of 76. He was a religious for 52 years and a priest for over 50. He was a teacher of philosophy and theology for 12 years. He was a praiseworthy president of the monastery in Raśna. Known for his scholarship and virtuous life, he obtained the dignity of Pronotary Apostolic. He was one of the valuable witnesses at the process of the beatification of both Father Founder and the Venerable Servant of God Casimir. Held in great esteem by the Apostolic Nuncio, bishops and Magnates, he was for over 20 years a chaplain at the Court of Prince Frederick Michael Czartoryski, where he died. He is buried at the church of the Capuchin Fathers, who prepared him for his death.

In 1857, **Father STANISLAUS MICHAŁOWSKI** (Mikha-wof-ski) died of tuberculosis at the age of 28 in the village of Kajmele, Lithuania, where he went to stay with his brother in hope of regaining his health. He was a religious for 9 years and a priest for 2. He is buried in Kajmele.

In 1997, **Brother VINCENT ZVINGILAS** died in Chicago at the age of 89. A religious for 62 years and a pioneer of the Marian Press in Chicago where he labored for more than 50 years, he was a man of deep piety and diligence. He was a sacristan until his death. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2020, **Father CASIMIR CHROSTOWSKI**, a member of the Polish Province, died at the hospice in Reszel. He was 84 years old, a religious for 66 years and a priest for 52. The majority of his life was spent in service to the Marian Shrine in Stoczek Klasztorny, where he ministered for a total of 48 years. He worked as a pastoral assistant, catechist, organist, house councilor and supervisor of the major repair work on the organ of the Stoczek Basilica. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Stoczek.

In 2020, **Brother ALBIN MILEWSKI**, died at the hospital in Słupca. He was 85 years old and was a religious for 63 years. He entered our community in 1954 in Poland. In 1965, with the superiors' permission, he went to the U.S. to be with his father and remained in that country for the next 40 years, joining the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province. He fulfilled there, mainly in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, various duties, such as the editor of the monthly *Róże Maryi* and the Director of the Polish Department at the Marian Helpers Center, as well as the house councilor and treasurer. In 2009, he returned to Poland where he was assigned to the house in Licheń, where he assisted at the shrine serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. He is buried in Licheń.

# NOVEMBER 24

On November 24, 1744, **Father SERAPHIM** died at the monastery in Skórzec, where he is buried.

In 1892, **Father ANDREW STRUPINSKAS** died at the age of 63 in Gilberton, Pennsylvania. He was a religious for 44 years. Sometime after the dissolution of monasteries in 1864, he went to the United States, where he built a church and was pastor at a Lithuanian parish in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, where he is buried.

#### November 25

During the month of October or November in 1954, **Brother JOSEPH STIRBYS**, age 40, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died from cold and hunger not far from his family home. He was a religious for 21 years. His place of burial is unknown.

#### NOVEMBER 26

On November 26, 1983, **Brother JOSEPH VOKIETAITIS** died at the age of 86. He was a religious for 48 years. He could only stay at the Marijampolė monastery for a few years, but remained faithful to his vocation even during the times of persecution that followed the liquidation of the monasteries. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

In 1984, **Brother ANTHONY BAKŠYS** died at the age of 87. He was faithful to his Marian vocation for 55 years regardless of the expulsion of religious from their monasteries and the resulting difficult times. He worked in the sacristy and in the garden. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1991, **Father ANTHONY LIESIS** died at the age of almost 80. He was a Marian for 58 years and a priest for 51, having worked in different parishes. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 2014, **Father ANDREW KRZYMYCZEK** passed away during his 87<sup>th</sup> year of life. He was a faithful religious for 60 years and was a zealous and wise priest for 57, having been particularly inspired by our Blessed Renovator. He initially served as a catechist, local superior, novice master, and provincial vicar of the Polish Province. Later, he was sent to work in Brazil, where he ministered in various parishes and carried out the duties of educator of seminarians, novice master, and superior of the Brazilian Vicariate. He zealously promoted the Divine Mercy message and devotion in Brazil by giving numerous conferences, working on translations and editing and publishing a wealth of materials on The Divine Mercy. He also

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oversaw the correct translation of St. Faustina's Diary into Portuguese. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Curitiba.

#### NOVEMBER 27

On November 27, 2020, **Father ROMAN GRZONA** (Gzho-na), died suddenly at the age of 52 in our religious house in Puszcza Mariańska. A member of the Polish Province, he was a religious for 28 years and a priest for 24. He served as a catechist, pastoral assistant, director of the *Center of Assistance for Families and Addicts* in Licheń, and as the vicar of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Puszcza, appointed later as its pastor. He is buried in Puszcza Mariańska.

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On November 28, 1759, **Father PETER CHOJĘCKI** (Kho-yents-ki), preacher of the monastery, died at the monastery in Goźlin, where he is buried.

In 1792, **Father CALISTUS DOMARACKI** (Doma-ratski), age 31, a religious for nine years, died of tuberculosis at the monastery in Marijampolė.

In 1894, **Father CHRISTOPHER SZWERMICKI** (Shver-mitski) (or Szwernicki) died at the age of 82 in the city of Irkutsk, in Siberia. He was a religious for 62 years and a priest for 56. While president of the monastery in Marijampolė, he was arrested and put into prison in Warsaw for circulating books prohibited by the Russian authorities. Five years later he was exiled to Irkutsk in Siberia, where he provided spiritual care for the exiles. Every year he had to travel for some months to visit his parish, which comprised the whole of Siberia. Thanks to his efforts, a stone church building, rectory and school for the children of the exiles were erected in Irkutsk. Pope Leo XIII sent him a chalice and missal for his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood. He is buried in the church he built in Irkutsk.

# **NOVEMBER 29**

On November 29, 1924, **Brother JOSEPH WALICKI** (Va-lits-ki) died after a surgery at the age of 51 at the house in Bielany, Warsaw. He was a religious for 10 years. He had previously been a member of the Pauline Fathers at Jasna Góra. He is buried in the crypt of Bielany church.

In 1985, **Father STANISLAUS DĄBROWSKI** (Domb-rof-ski) died at the age of 55 from a heart surgery in Warsaw. He was a religious for 36 years and a priest for 26. He was mostly engaged in pastoral work. During the last two years of his life he was confessor and guide for the pilgrims at the Shrine of Licheń, where he is buried.

# NOVEMBER 30

On November 30, 1853, **Father JOHN STANKIEWICZ** (Stank'evitch), a religious for 30 years, died at the age of 53 at the monastery in Marijampolė. After several years as a preacher and schoolteacher, he was sent to study at the Warsaw University. There, he obtained his Licentiate in Theology, and then taught our seminarians for four years. A "distinguished preacher," he carried out a fruitful pastoral ministry for the last six years of his life. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1868, **Father BARTHOLOMEW STARKOWSKI** (Starkofski) died at the age of 48, in Sudargas, Lithuania, where he was associate pastor. He is buried in Sudargas. The precise date of his death is unknown.

In 1887, **Father JOSEPH GIEGURZYŃSKI** (G'e-goo-zhinski) died in Illukshta in Siberia. He was a resident of Igliaukai up until 1864 when he was exiled for pastorally assisting the insurgents. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1995, **Brother STANISLAUS MLECZKO**, a member of the Polish Province, died after surgery at a hospital in Warsaw-Praga. He was 72 years old and, a religious for 45 years. He served the community as a maintenance man at the Warsaw-Praga house. He was a hardworking, humble religious who was always ready to help others. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

The exact date of death of **Subdeacon THEODORE KOWALSKI**, born in 1915, is unknown. He joined the Congregation at the age of 20, and upon making his religious profession, studied philosophy for two years at the Warsaw Seminary. From 1938 to 39, he served as a secretary at the Druya gymnasium and then served as an educator at Bielany for one year. From 1940 to 1944, he studied theology at Praga (a borough in Warsaw). In July of 1944, he was ordained a subdeacon. In the Warsaw Uprising he served as the chief of communications and pastoral ministry. After the capitulation he was sent to the prisoners of war camps in Gross-Born and Prentzlan. On May 1, 1945, he fled to the British sector and was appointed the commandant of the camp in Moelln near Lubek. On June 4, 1945, he wrote a letter to his superiors from this camp, asking what he had to do next. From that point on nothing is known of his life.

#### **DECEMBER 1**

On December 1, 2017, **Father GERARD DOMANSKI**, a member of the Polish Province, passed away at our religious house in Grudziądz, Poland. He was 82 years old, a religious for 66 years and priest for 56. He served in various Polish parishes until 1973, when he went to Great Britain to minister among the Polish emigrants. From 1981 to 1987, he was the provincial superior in Great Britain, residing in our religious house in Fawley Court. In 2001, he asked for permission to spend his sabbatical year in Grudziądz, Poland. At the end of that year, he decided to remain in Grudziądz where he lived until his death. He is buried in Grudziądz.

In 2020, **Brother PAUL MUSIK**, a member of the Portuguese Vicariate, died in Balsamão, Portugal at the age of 94. He was a religious for 67 years. Born in the Silesian town of Bibiela, he joined the Congregation of Marians in Hereford, U.K., after World War II and made his first vows on May 24, 1953. In 1965, he was transferred to Portugal, where he spent the majority of his religious life, carrying out such duties as educator at the lower seminary run by the Marian Fathers in Balsamão and later in Fatima. He distinguished himself by his hospitality, with which he welcomed pilgrims arriving at our hotel in Fatima, as well as by his cheerfulness in communication with his confreres. He is buried in Balsamão.

### **DECEMBER 2**

On December 2, 1810, **Father NESTOR ŻOŁDAREWICZ** (Zhow-darevich), president of the monastery and Assistant of the Order, died at the age of 58 at the monastery in Miroslavas, where he is buried.

The dates of the death of the following members of the monastery in Miroslavas are unknown:

- **Father RAYMOND TOEDWEN** (To-ed-ven);
- Father CASIMIR HELMAN:
- Father CLEMENT BOGUSZEWSKI (Bogoo-shefski); and
- **Father SYLVESTER MARCINKIEWICZ** (Marchink'evich).

In 1989, our **Lay Associate JOSEPH DUBICKAS** died at the age of 88 at the residence in Nottingham, England. He was administrator of the magazine *Saltinis*, and for 13 years assistant at the print shop annexed to the residence. He is buried in Nottingham.

On December 3, 1773, **Brother JOHN of SANTA MARIA** died at the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal. He was one of the first Portuguese men to receive the white habit of the Marian Order from the hands of Father Casimir Wyszyński in 1755. He is buried in Balsamão.

In 1920, **Father FRANCIS SERAFINAS**, age 45, a member of the American Vicariate, died towards the end of his first year of religious profession after surgery in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. He had previously been pastor of Our Lady of Vilnius Parish in Chicago, which was assumed later by the Marians. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 1943, **Father JOHN SOBCZYK** (Sob-cheek), provincial superior of the Polish Province in 1939, died at the age of 50 at the house in Bielany-Warsaw. He was a priest and religious for 25 years. Before the war, he was an educator at the Bielany school. During the German occupation, he exerted himself in helping the poor. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1959, **Father LEON WAJDZIK** (Vay-dz'ik) died under the wheels of a streetcar in Bielany-Warsaw at the age of 52. He was a religious for 35 years and a priest for 23. During the last ten years of his life, he was the pastor of the parish in Marymont, Warsaw. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1994, **Father JOSEPH ROMANOWSKI**, a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 65 in Głuchołazy, Poland. He was a religious for 45 years and a priest for 33. He was engaged in pastoral and catechetical ministry in various parishes of the Province. During his four-year stay in Licheń, he was dedicated to hearing confessions. In 1985 he was transferred to Głuchołazy, where he assisted our priests in their pastoral work in the parish despite his failing health and diminishing strength. He is buried in the Głuchołazy cemetery, in the plot reserved for the Marians.

# **DECEMBER 4**

On December 4, 1807, **Father MACARIUS SOKOŁOWSKI** (Soko-wovski) died at the age of 65 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was a religious for 39 years. As an Assistant of the Order, he exercised a most zealous pastoral ministry in the Marian churches and in a number of diocesan churches almost to the end of his life. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1814, **Father HONORIUS TYTZ**, superior of the residence in Volpa, died at the approximate age of 50. He was buried in the crypt of the Volpa church.

In 1952, **Brother STANISLAUS MONTVYDAS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir for 37 years, died at the age of 61 in a Chicago hospital. For over 30 years he fulfilled the duties of librarian at our *Draugas* Publishing Center. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

#### DECEMBER 6

On December 6, 1803, **Brother DONATO NARUSZKIEWICZ** (Naroosh-k'evich), a religious for 28 years, died at the age of 53 at the monastery in Marijampolė. He fulfilled the duties of treasurer and shopper for the community. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1806, **Father EMERIC REUBAN** died unexpectedly at the residence in Volpa at the end of the spiritual exercises. He was buried in the crypt of the Volpa church.

In 1977, **Brother FELIX HOLI** died at the age of 83 at the house in Puszcza Mariańska. He was a member of the Polish Province for 59 years. Always ready to serve others, and serving mainly as a sacristan and a barber, he was known for his diligence and serenity of spirit. He was the first to be buried in Puszcza Mariańska after the renewal of the Congregation.

#### **DECEMBER 7**

On December 7, 2020, **Father WALTER GURGUL**, a member of the American Province, passed away at the age of 90. He was a religious for 66 years and a priest for 60. His family was forcibly brought to Siberia, where his father died from starvation and disease. He completed his initial education in Nazareth and Jerusalem and obtained his licentiate degree in theology at the *Angelicum*, in Rome. He was the headmaster and instructor at The Divine Mercy College Preparatory School in Fawley Court, U.K. In 1997, he was transferred to the United States, where he served mainly at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, earning the reputation of an excellent confessor. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill.

#### **DECEMBER 8**

On December 8, 1776, **Brother ADALBERT SZATYŃSKI** (Sha-tin'-ski), a religious for 18 years, died at the age of 74 at the monastery in Marijampolė, where he is buried

In 2000, **Father LADISLAUS PEŁCZYŃSKI** died unexpectedly on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He was 84 years old, a religious for 65 years and a priest for 58. In 1944, he set up, with the guidance of Frs. Bakalarczyk and Łuniewski, the Association of Marian Helpers in the United States and also helped form the Apostolate of The Divine Mercy. He served as provincial superior of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Province from 1969 to 1975 and several times as treasurer. during the difficult times of the Communist regime in Poland, he channeled financial support to the Polish Province with the permission of his superiors. He assisted the Marians in England, Portugal, and Brazil at the onset of their ministries. He supervised the collecting, editing, and publishing of documents on our Congregation's history and spirituality. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

In 2014, **Father CHESTER FRANCISZKOWICZ** (Francjish-ko-vitch) died at the hospital in Piaseczno on the day of our patronal solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was 75 years old, a religious for 57 years and a priest for 48. He served at various Polish parishes as a catechist and pastoral assistant. He was transferred to our house in Góra Kalwaria and assigned to serve as a chaplain at the local nursing home, carrying out this duty for 15 years, until 2004. He spent the remaining 10 years of his life as a resident of our house in Góra Kalwaria. Due to his health, he stayed at the nursing home for the last few weeks of his life. He is buried in Góra Kalwaria.

#### **DECEMBER 9**

On December 9, 1976, **Father JOHN WŁODARKIEWICZ** (Vwo-darkevich), a member of the Polish Province, died of a heart ailment at the age of 58 at the house in Licheń, Poland. He was a religious for 31 years and a priest for 24. He was dedicated to pastoral ministry and served as a confessor at the Shrine of Licheń during the last two years of his life. He is buried in Licheń.

#### DECEMBER 10

On December 10, 1931, **Brother ANTHONY SIWICKI** (See-vit-ski), a member of the Lithuanian Province for 18 years, died at the age of 34 at the house in Marijampolė. He entered our Congregation in Fribourg with the intention of becoming a priest, but was forced to abandon further ecclesiastical studies for health reasons and remained a lay-brother. He was an exemplary religious, loved by all, and he fulfilled the duties of educator and teacher in our school at Marijampolė until his death. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1947, **Father BENEDICT SKRINDA**, age 79, died in Latvia. He was a priest for 44 years and a religious for 24. He was one of the first Latvians to join our

Congregation. Thanks to his efforts, the monastery in Viļāni, which once belonged to the Bernardine Fathers, was reconstructed to serve as the first Marian house in Latvia. He was its superior for many years. He was also a general councilor for a period of six years. He distinguished himself by his humility, affability and charity. He is buried in Viļāni.

In 1975, **Father WILLIAM FOGARTY** died of cancer at the age of 41 in a hospital in Fall River, Massachusetts. A member of the American Province of St. Casimir, he was a religious for 21 years and a priest for 12. He completed his studies and was ordained in Rome. He was assistant novice master and teacher at the Marianapolis Preparatory School. He took a lively part in the polemics regarding the charism of our Institute, that is, what it owes to Father Founder and what to Father Renovator. At the request of his family, he is buried in the cemetery in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

#### **DECEMBER 11**

On December 11, 1763, **Brother JOHN of MONTE PELICIANO** died at the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal, where he is buried.

In 1982, **Father FELIX ŻURNIA** (Zhoor-nia) died of a heart attack at the age of 69 at the Belarusian house in London. He was a religious for 50 years and a priest for 40. He was originally a member of the autonomous house in Druya, but after his ordination to the priesthood at Warsaw, he labored in the Polish Province. A man of exemplary religious observance, humble and pious, he was novice master, and then a chaplain in the Institute for the Incurable and Aged at Góra Kalwaria. During the last 15 years of his life he resided in London and dedicated himself to the spiritual care of the Belarusians in Great Britain. He is buried in St. Pancratius' cemetery in London.

In 1985, **Father ANDREW NAUDŽIUNAS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 70 at the house in Chicago. He was a religious for 52 years and a priest for 45. For many years he labored in the publishing center of *Draugas*. He also fulfilled the duties of treasurer, pastor and local superior. He was the provincial secretary for the last 10 years of his life. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2020, **Father JONAS MALINAUSKAS**, a member of the General Vicariate in Lithuania, died at the age of 92. He was a religious for 61 years and a priest for 46. He ministered in various Lithuanian parishes. He was known as a devout and humble religious, serving others with great dedication. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

On December 12, 1833, **Father FLORIAN KOWALEWSKI** died at the monastery in Miroslavas at the age of 51. He was a priest for 22 years and a lector of theology. He is buried in Miroslavas.

In 1927, **seminarian JOHN PODGÓRSKI** died at the age of 22 at the house in Bielany-Warsaw. He was a religious for 4 years. When he was walking over the frozen Vistula River, the ice suddenly broke and he drowned. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Bielany.

In 2020, **Father JOHN WOJTKIEWICZ** passed away at the age of 88. A member of the Polish Province, he was a religious for 70 years and a priest for 62. He served as a catechist, prefect of seminarians, pastoral assistant in various Polish parishes and as the rector of the church in Obioha. From 1990 to 2001, he ministered in Belarus and upon his return to Poland, was assigned to the house in Licheń, where he served as a confessor until the end of his life. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Licheń.

#### **DECEMBER 13**

On December 13, 1833, **Father JEROME BOGATKO** died at the age of 85 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He was a priest for 56 years. He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

In 1863, **Father STANISLAUS RUDZIEWICZ** (Roo-dz'evich), a member of the monastery in Miroslavas and a priest for 36 years, died at the age of 63. He was serving as a chaplain at Paezeriai, where he is also buried.

#### **DECEMBER 14**

On December 14, 1804, **JOSEPHINE MAGNUSZEWSKA** of Karniew (neé Bielińska), a great benefactress of the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, died. She was admitted by Father General Adrian Ignatowski to share in the benefits of our good deeds. She is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska Church.

In 1976, **Father BRONISLAUS VALPITRS** died at the age of 77 in Viļāni, Latvia. He was a priest for 55 years and a religious for 53. After completing his studies at Kaunas, Lithuania, and Rome, he obtained his Doctorate in theology and became a professor at the University of Riga, Latvia. One of the first Latvians in our Congregation, he became the first provincial superior of the Latvian Province, erected in 1940. He was exiled to Siberia for some years. Upon his return to Latvia, although broken in health, he dedicated himself to pastoral activity. Later he became

the spiritual director at the Riga Seminary and fulfilled the office of provincial superior almost until his death. He is buried in Viḷāni.

In 2005, **Father HENRY UTYKAŃSKI** died in Curitiba at the age of 69. He was a priest for 44 years. He served in Brazil starting in 1980 and on December 8, 2001, made his first religious vows in our Congregation. In 2002, he served as a vicar in Manoel Ribas. In 2003, he was sent to a Rio de Janeiro parish, also as a vicar. On December 8, 2004, he made his perpetual vows at the parish church in Manoel Ribas in the state of Paranà. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Curitiba.

# **DECEMBER 15**

On December 15, 2007, **Father BOGUMIL** (**TEÓFILO**) **LUBECKI** died in Mongaguá at the age of 76, a religious for 54 years and a priest for 42. He worked first for some years in Poland, and then in 1971, started to work in Jaguariaíva, Paraná, where he remained for almost eleven years. From 1981 to 1984 he was the pastor of St. George. In 1997, he was appointed as the pastor of Mongaguà, where he worked for twenty years. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Curitiba.

#### DECEMBER 16

On December 16, 1861, **Father CHARLES IWASZEWSKI** (Ee-vashef-ski), a member of the Miroslavas monastery, died at the age of 36 while serving as a chaplain in the village of Święte Jeziory (Holy Lakes).

In 1959, **Brother ANDREW STEPONAVIČIUS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir for 30 years, died at the age of 89 in a Chicago hospital. He worked in the *Draugas* print shop and was known for his piety, obedience and patience. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

# **DECEMBER 17**

On December 17, 1906, **Father STANISLAUS JABŁONOWSKI** (Yabwonofski) died at the age of 71 in Bednary, Poland. He was a religious for 52 years and a priest for 48. In 1864 he was deported from Skórzec to Marijampolė. For the last years of his life he served as a pastor in a parish in Bednary, where he is buried.

In 1983, **Father EUGENE CHAJĘCKI** (Kha-yents-ki), a member of the Polish Province, died at the age of 78 at the house in Grudziądz, Poland. He was a religious for 61 years and a priest for 51. He fulfilled the duties of educator at the

Bielany school and exercised a varied pastoral ministry. After World War II, he took up the study of Canon Law and because of his pastoral activity, was imprisoned for four years by the Communist regime. After that, he was pastor for 20 years at Jegłowniki, near Elbląg. In his last years he was confessor at Grudziądz. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

### **DECEMBER 18**

On December 18, 1799, **Father LEOPOLD WAWRAU** (Vav-ra-oo), Assistant of the Order, died unexpectedly at the age of 55 while serving as a chaplain at the mansion of the noble Dąbski. He was a religious for 39 years and a priest for 31. For many years he fulfilled the duties of lector of philosophy and theology. He likewise taught the history of art. He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1822, **Father IGNATIUS MEKELBERG**, a "Father of the Order" and native of Warmia, died at the age of 81 at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska. He was eulogized as a man "full of merits in the Order." He is buried in the crypt of the Puszcza Korabiewska church.

# **DECEMBER 19**

On December 19, 1754, **Deacon JEROME DĄBROWSKI** (Dom-brof-ski) died at the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, where he is buried.

In 1809, **Father MICHAEL MOCZULSKI** (Mo-chool'-ski) died at the age of 44 at the monastery in Góra Kalwaria, where he is buried.

In 1933, **Brother LADISLAUS MICKEVIČIUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 20 at the house in Marijampolė, where he is buried.

#### **DECEMBER 20**

On December 20, 1889, **Father MATTHIAS DAUKSZA** (Da-ook-sha), a religious for 37 years, died at the age of 58 at the monastery in in Marijampolė, where he is buried.

#### **DECEMBER 21**

On December 21, 1819, **Father THEODORE NOWICKI**, Assistant of the Order and president of the monastery, died at the age of 59 at the monastery in Goźlin, and is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1861, **Father NICHOLAS SZLĄSKOWSKI** (Shlons-kof-ski), a "Father of the Order" and a religious for 39 years, died at the age of 59 while serving as a chap-

lain in Jazgarzewo (Yazgazhevo). He fulfilled the offices of treasurer and general secretary. As the president of the monastery in Puszcza Korabiewska, he saw to its construction out of stone. He was also a worthy president of the monastery in Goźlin. He is buried in Jazgarzewo.

In 1941, **Father JOSEPH PACKEVIČIUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 34 at the house in Ukmergė. He was a religious for 14 years and a priest for 7. After completing his studies in Rome, he became a teacher of philosophy. As a preacher and writer, he was known for his clarity in expressing Christian doctrine. He is buried in Panevezys.

In 2002, **Father FIDELIS GRABOWSKI**, a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Province in the U.S., died at the age of 85. He was a religious for 67 years and a priest for 57. He served as novice master for 29 years and as provincial superior from 1975 to 1981. Despite his feeble health, he was elected to serve as the General Superior of our Congregation, a post he held for three years. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

#### **DECEMBER 22**

On December 22, 1931, **Brother GABRIEL GILIS (GYLYS)**, a member of the Lithuanian Province and a religious for seven years, died at the age of 68 at the house in Panevezys. He had previously been a member of the Congregation of Dolorist Brothers for many years. He served the community as a sacristan. He is buried in Panevezys.

In 1977, **Father JOSEPH MAČIULIONIS**, a member of the American Province of St. Casimir, died at the age of 81 at the Chicago house. He was a religious for 58 years and a priest for 52. He was the first Marian ordained in the U.S. In 1926 he accompanied Blessed George on his visit to the U.S. and described it in his memoirs. For two years he studied Canon Law in Rome, obtaining his Licentiate. For some years he was also the general councilor in Rome. He is buried in the section reserved for the Marians in St. Casimir's cemetery in Chicago.

In 2001, **Father LADISLAUS CHARNIAUSKI** died in Vishneva (district of Valoshyn) in Belarus. He was 84 years old, a religious for 64 years and a priest for 57. For 46 years he served in Vishneva, where he is also buried.

#### DECEMBER 23

On December 23, 1957, **Father LADISLAUS LEWICKI** (Levitski) died at the age of 76 while serving as a chaplain for a community of nuns in Otwock, near Warsaw. He was a religious for 45 years and a priest for 39. He made his novitiate

in Fribourg. For some years he was the director of the orphanage in Warsaw. He served mainly as a confessor and spiritual director, especially for religious sisters. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1996, **Father HILARY MISIUNAS** died in Vilkaviskis, Lithuania at age of 82. Born in 1914 in Riga, a few years later he moved with his parents back to their native town of Swieciany where he graduated from high school. In 1936, he entered the monastery in Druya where he began his novitiate. He started studying philosophy in the Seminary at Bielany and after the outbreak of World War II, went to Lithuania along with many others, continuing his studies in Kaunas. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1943 and worked in Marijampolė, Žemaiciu Kalvarija, and Vilkaviskis. After the suppression of religious orders, he worked in several different parishes of his diocese. He is buried in Marijampolė, as per his express wish.

In 2010, **Father JOHN ANTHONY KARBASZ** died at our religious house in Licheń. He was 88 years old, a religious for 70 years and a priest for 62. At the beginning of his priesthood, he worked as an educator at our college in Bielany and then as the prefect and instructor in patrology at our Institute of Philosophy and Theology. After that, he was the head teacher, vice-rector, and then rector of our minor seminary. In later years, he served pastorally in several Marian parishes, especially at the Our Lady of Licheń Shrine, as a preacher, confessor, tour guide, and chronicler. He is buried in Licheń.

# **DECEMBER 24**

On December 24, 1931, **Father GEORGE TILVYTIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 51 at the church in Panevezys. He was a priest for 28 years and a religious for eight. He was the pastor at Marijampolė, and later was sent to Panevezys to organize a new religious house of the Province. He was the author of various religious hymns, frequently sung by the faithful in Lithuania. During his sermon at the funeral of Brother Gabriel Gilis, he quoted the words of Christ: "Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour," and suddenly fell lifeless to the ground, thus testifying to the truth of the words by his own example. He was a man of exemplary life. He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1971, **Father VITALIS CHAMIONEK** (Kham'onek), died at the age of 82 at the house in Skórzec. He was a priest for 49 years and a religious for 45. Ordained by Blessed George, he became a member of the newly installed autonomous house in Druya, and the vicar of the parish annexed to it. Beginning in 1938, he lived in Warsaw and was greatly appreciated as a confessor of religious Sisters and seminarians. He was active in the ecumenical movement. The last two years of his life were spent in Skórzec. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

### **DECEMBER 25**

On December 25, 1932, **Father STEPHEN WARSZAWSKI** (Var-shaf-ski) died at the age of 75 at the house in Bielany-Warsaw. He was a priest for 52 years and a religious for 15. He was one of the first candidates attracted to our Congregation in Fribourg. He was highly regarded by Father Renovator, who appointed him superior at Bielany. Later he served that community as a confessor and spiritual director. Animated by a great devotion to Mary, he organized a Mariological Museum at Bielany. He was a promoter of ascetical and Mariological writings. He was the first to be buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

In 1997, **Father FRANCIS OPIECZONEK** (Op'e-chonek) died in a hospital in Siedlce at the age of 82. Born in 1915 near Druya, he also began his novitiate there. Ordained a priest in Czestochowa (Chen-stokhova) in 1945, he served in the Polish Province. He spent the years from 1982 to 1989 in England, and the next four years in his native parish of Plusy. During the last two years of his life his stayed in Skórzec, where he is also buried.

In 2005, **Brother ANTHONY SIMUTIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at our house of Marijampolė, at the age of nearly 90. He was a religious for 68 years and worked in various houses of the Province as gardener and sexton. After the dispersion of the religious in Lithuania forced by the Communist regime, he continued to serve the clergy as carter and then as a driver. He returned to Marijampolė as soon as it became possible to lead communal religious life, and he served as sacristan there until 2004. He was a pious and sincere religious, faithful to his vocation. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Marijampolė.

#### **DECEMBER 26**

On December 26, 1782, **Father DIONISIUS KISIELIŃSKI** (Kish'elin'ski), a "Father of the Order Emeritus," died at the age of 76 at the monastery in Goźlin. He was a religious for 60 years and a priest for 50. He was elected six times to be president of various monasteries and also served as novice master. Joining the Order around the year 1725 and serving as the general archivist, he proved himself to be a highly qualified witness at the informative process of Father Founder. After his death, he was eulogized as a "model of virtue and religious observance." He is buried in the crypt of the Goźlin church.

In 1978, **Father JOSEPH HERMANOWICZ** died at the age of 88, at the Belarusian house in London. He was a priest for 65 years and a religious for 54. After eight years in Druya, he was sent to Harbin where as a member of our Marian Mission, he exercised a pastoral ministry among the Russian Catholics. When the

Mission was closed in 1948, he was exiled to Siberia. Released after six years, he worked first in Poland and then in London, where he took up the spiritual care of the Belarusian emigrants. He also wrote books. He is buried in London.

In 2018, **Father ZBIGNIEW WĄSINIAK** passed away after a grave illness at the age of 68 at our religious house in Licheń Stary, Poland. He was a religious for 44 years and a priest for 40. He worked at various Marians' posts throughout Poland, staying the longest in Licheń, where he spent 21 years serving in pastoral ministry at the local shrine as a confessor and preacher, while also assisting the house treasurer.

In 2020, **Father HENRYK KULIK**, a member of the Polish Province, died of COVID-19 at the hospital in Konin, Poland. He was 55 years old, a religious for 35 years and a priest for 29. He served as the pastor of various parishes as well as a provincial councilor. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' cemetery in Licheń.

#### DECEMBER 27

On December 27, 1763, **Father JOHN of the ROSARY**, president of the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal, died. He is buried in Balsamão.

In 1973, **Brother VICTOR MOCKEVIČIUS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province and a religious for 55 years, died in Druskininkai at the age of 83. He worked as a gardener in various houses. After the suppression of religious institutes in 1940, he remained faithful to his religious vocation, even though he had to take up a job as a gardener.

# **DECEMBER 28**

On December 28, 1754, **Father LUKE PALUSZKIEWICZ** (Palush-k'evich), preacher of the monastery, died in Skórzec, where he is also buried.

In 1796, **Brother SIMON RADZISZEWSKI** (Rad-zi-shefski) died suddenly at the age of 70, at the monastery in Skórzec. He was a religious for 40 years. He is buried in the crypt of the church in Skórzec.

In 1812, **Father ANTHONY KOWALEWSKI** died at the age of 54, at the monastery in Marijampolė, where he is buried.

#### **DECEMBER 29**

On December 29, 1812, **Brother FRANCIS XAVIER PŁAWIŃSKI** (Pwavin'-ski) died at the age of 68 at the monastery in Skórzec, where he is buried.

In 1832, **Father VALENTINE WILCZYŃSKI** (Vil'-chin'-ski) died at the age of 36, at Kutno, where he had been stationed as assistant pastor for four years. He is buried in Kutno.

In 1847, **Father FRANCIS GŁOWACKI** (Gwo-vats-ki) died at the age of 48, at the monastery in Marijampolė. He was eulogized as a "distinguished preacher" and an "affable brother." He is buried in Marijampolė.

In 1977, **Father JOHN ALEKSA**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died at the age of 81 in Tabariszkes, Lithuania, where he was the pastor. He was a religious for 58 years and a priest for 52. He held various offices in the Congregation. After World War II, he served for a long time as the spiritual director of the seminary in Kaunas, Lithuania. He was also pastor in Tabariszkes, where he is buried.

#### **DECEMBER 31**

On December 31, 1784, according to the Album Mortuorum of the Order of Marians, **Father ALEXIS FISCHER**, a Czech by birth, died at the monastery in Balsamão, Portugal, at the age of 63. He was a religious for 43 years and a priest for 38. However, it seems that his death occurred at least 8 months previous to this date. Sent to Rome in 1752 as the Procurator General, he had to return to Poland for reasons of health. He was a lector of theology and novice master. As the commissary general for Portugal starting in 1758, he was actively engaged in the process of beat-ification for the Venerable Servant of God Casimir Wyszyński. He also obtained the royal approval for the monastery in Balsamão, and procured other foundations in Portugal, among them, Lisbon. He was extremely solicitous for our Institute, but in his undertakings, he met with many difficulties and misunderstandings, even on the part of his superiors. He is buried in Balsamão.

In 1790, **Father CONSTANTINE GRZECZYŃSKI** (Gh-zhe-chin'ski) died after a long illness at the monastery in Berezdov. He was buried in the crypt of the Berezdov church.

In 1972, **Father NORBERT SKURKIS**, a member of the Lithuanian Province, died in Kaltanenai at the age of 68. He was a religious for 48 years and a priest for 40. He was a teacher in our school at Marijampolė. After obtaining his Doctoral degree in theology in Rome, he taught moral theology at the Seminary of Vilnius and wrote a number of books, particularly for the youth. Because of this apostolic activity, he was exiled in Siberia. After his return to Lithuania, he worked with great zeal in pastoral ministry. He is buried in Kaltanenai.

In 1978, **Father LADISLAUS BAKALARZ**, a member of the Polish Province, died in Warsaw of a heart illness at the age of 70. He was a religious for 52 years and a priest for 41. He completed his philosophical and theological studies at Rome, where he was also ordained. During World War II, he dedicated himself to pastoral activity in Druya. After the war, he became an educator in our school at Bielany. Later he fulfilled the roles of pastor, local superior and provincial councilor. For ten years, he worked in the Metropolitan Curia of Warsaw and for eight years was a vice-postulator. Animated by a priestly zeal, he was known for his fidelity to religious observance and was greatly appreciated for his patience in the confessional. He is buried in the Marian Fathers' section of the Wawrzyszew cemetery in Warsaw.

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# Abbreviations:

Be – Berezdów; Ig – Igłówka; Ja – Janów; Ma – Marijampolė; Mi – Mirosław; PK – Puszcza Korabiewska (Korabiew Forest); Ra – Raśna;

adm. – admitted; b. – born; Br. – brother; Fr. – priest; nov. – novice; ord. – ordination; sec. – secularization; sem. – seminarian

Ambrożewicz, Laurence; b. 1824, Ma 1843 – nov.

Bałbowicz Matthew; Fr., b. 1757, adm. 1786, ord. 1788

Borkowski Matthew;

Borkowski Michael; asked for secularization

Broniszewski George;

Choromański Stanislaus; Fr., Ig 1855, 1859

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Daynowski Thomas; Fr., b. 1797, Ma 1831, asked for secularization

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Filipowicz Michael;

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Głuchowski Adalbert; Fr., adm. 1803, ord. 1805

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Iwaszewski Charles;

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Janowicz John; Fr., Mi 1847, Ma 1861-63

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Kandel Justine; Fr., b. 1756, adm. 1778, ord. 1782

Kattyl Honorato; Fr., Ma 1824, asked for secularization

Koliszewski Casper; Fr., b. 1745, adm. 1770, Mi 1808-12

Kołłosowski Adam; Fr., b. 1799, adm. 1815, pr. ord. 1823, Mi 1824, 1828-40

Korzeniecki Anastasi; Fr., b. 1766, adm. 1784, pr. ord. 1789

Kosmolski Joseph; cl., Ma 1860-62

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Krzyżanowski Modestus; Fr., pr. ord. 1824, Ra 1844

Łukaszewicz Joseph; kl., b. 1783, adm. 1805, Mi 1808-10,

Markiewicz Dominik; Fr., Mi 1810-12

Matulewicz Charles; Fr., Ma 1844-47

Matulewicz Sylvester; Fr., Ma 1843

Mianowski Peter; Fr., b. 1745, adm. 1761, pr. ord. 1765, Ra [date unknown]

Miciulewicz Matthew; Fr., b. 1791, adm. 1816, pr. ord. 1820

Milewski James; Fr., Ma 1861-63

Miszkiewicz Vincent; Fr., Ma 1860

Montwiłł Thomas; Fr., b. 1758, adm. 1776, pr. ord. 1780

Morawek Vincent; asked for secularization

Niwiński Julian:

Olszewski Michael; b. 1847, adm. 1864, Ma 1865, departed [date unknown]

Ornowski Marcin; Fr., adm. 1804, pr. ord. 1806

Osmulski Joseph Ignacio;

Ownowiany N.; cl., Ra [date unknown], Mi 1808

Pachta Severin;

Paszkiewicz Anthony; Fr., Ig 1824, 1825-27 in the Diocese of Warsaw, 1828-

31 in the Diocese of Augustów, asked for secularization

Popielarski Cornelius; Fr., asked for secularization

Ruczyński Bruno; Fr., b. 1759, adm. 1783, pr. ord. 1787, Be 1787-?, from

1803 he was an assistant in the Russian Province

Rudziewicz Anthony;

Rynkiewicz Fabian; Fr., Ma 1824

Saładajewski Francis; Fr., b. 1736, adm. 1770, pr. ord. 1777

Skrzyński Justine; Fr., asked for secularization

Soćko John;

Spourny Amandus; Fr., adm. 1774, Ja 1783 (president and preacher)

Spourny Candidus; Fr., b. 1744, adm. 1762, pr. ord. 1768

Starkiewicz Anthony; Fr., Ig 1860

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Szneider Augustus; Fr., secularized

Szneyder Reginald; Fr., b. 1763, adm. 1778, pr. ord. 1786, PK 1790 (Novice

Master)

Szumowski Joseph;

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Talpa Anthony; Fr., b. 1731, adm. 1779, pr. ord. 1781

Tarnowski Francis;

Urbanowicz George; cl., Ma 1851

Urbanowicz Julian; cl., Ma 1855

Wannisek Celianus; Fr., b. 1760, adm. 1778, pr. ord. 1782

Wencewicz Sylvester; Fr., Ma 1887

Wyrowski Pius; Fr., b. 1763, adm. 1783, Ra 1797 (lector, Novice Master,

assistant in the Russian province)

Zakrzewski Andrew; Fr., Ma 1783

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Żubrycki Luke; Fr., b. 1762, adm. 1792, Mi 1808-12, from 1814 he was a

vicar in Łukszy, secularized

Żukowski Andrew

