

Louis XIII., King of France, made a personal appeal to the General of the Franciscans in order to obtain the Missionaries chosen by Champlain. The Royal request was acceded to by Fr. Anthony of Treia, then acting as Vicar-General of the Order.



The actual Minister General of the Franciscan Order is the Most Rev. Fr. Seraphin Cimino, a man of wide experience. He enjoys a great reputation for learning, and what is more for eminent virtue. Born at Capri in the Diocese of Sorrento, Italy, October 30rd 1875, he is only forty years of age. He belongs to the Franciscan Province of Principato (Naples). Endowed with exceptional intellectual ability he taught Holy Scripture for eleven years in the Collegio Sant Antonio.

Rome. Elected Definitor general in 1908, he held that office until October 1911. He was devoting himself to the ministry of souls in the United States when in 1913 he was called upon to fill the extremely delicate position of Custos for the Holy Land. At Jerusalem, he had won by his precious qualities of mind and heart universal esteem, when on May 22nd of the current year, he was chosen by the General Chapter to govern the whole Franciscan Order.

In this task he is aided by six counsellors or Definitors-General, one whom is the Very Rev. Fr. Colom-ban-M. Dreyer, so widely known and greatly esteemed in Canada.

Our first missionaries made every effort and were undaunted by hardships in their earnest endeavors to direct the French colonist, in the path of duty, and to implant the Catholic Faith in the souls of the uncouth and savage Indians.

