

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1.—St. Remigius or Remi, the son of noble and pious parents was acclaimed Archbishop of Rheims when he was only twenty-two years old.

Monday, October 2.—The Holy Guardian Angels. God has charged His angels with the ministry of watching and safeguarding every one of His creatures that behold not His face.

Tuesday, October 3.—St. Gerard, abbot, was of a noble family in the county of Angoulême, France. Having been impressed with the fervor of the monks of St. Denis at Paris he desired to consecrate himself to God with them.

Wednesday, October 4.—St. Francis of Assisi was born in 1182. He was early inspired with a love of poverty and humiliation. Many joined themselves to him and were constituted to a religious order by Pope Innocent III.

Thursday, October 5.—St. Placid, Martyr who was born in Rome in the year 515 of a patrician family. At the age of seven his father took him to the monastery of Subiaco and at thirteen he founded St. Benedict to the new foundation at Monte Casino.

Friday, October 6.—St. Bruno, was borne at Cologne, about A.D. 1030. He cultivated his rare natural gifts at Paris and was later made canon of Cologne and later at Rheims. Resolving to forsake the world he and six others applied to Hugh Bishop of Grenoble, who led them into a wild solitude called Chartreuse.

Saturday, October 7.—St. Mark, pope, succeeded St. Sylvester in the Apostolic Chair on the 18th of January, 886. He reigned only eight months and twenty days. He was buried in a cemetery in the Ardeatine Way which has since borne his name.

VOCATIONS INCREASE YEAR BY YEAR

U. S. RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND SECULAR CLERGY BOTH REPORT GAIN

Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—Catholic seminaries and preparatory schools for religious orders in many parts of the country will be taxed to their capacity when they open for the school year 1923-24 according to all indications.

The growth of the number of vocations during the past few years promises to reach its climax this year with the largest registration ever recorded. The spread of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, which has enrolled close to 300,000 students under its banner, is said to be one of the most important factors in the increase in vocations.

Aside from the natural increase due to the general growth in population, important factors in this harvest of vocations, according to the Rev. Francis P. Havey, S. S., of the Sulpician Seminary, Brookland, are the development of the parochial system, the linking up of parochial schools with Catholic high schools and colleges and the creation in the last twenty years of large Cathedral Colleges exclusively for boys destined for the priesthood.

BALTIMORE REPORTS GAINS

Reports from six important religious institutions in the archdiocese of Baltimore which contains within its confines the largest number of seminaries of any archdiocese in the United States, indicate the substantial increase in the number of clerical candidates.

Holy Cross College at the Catholic University will have twenty-eight theological students, an increase of three, and has reached the limit of its accommodations. Additional wings will have to be added to the college.

St. Peter and Paul's Monastery at Cumberland, conducted by the Capuchins, will have twenty-two students, a gain of five. St. Joseph's Seminary of Baltimore, whose students, when ordained, work exclusively among the colored population, reports an increase of six.

An increase of close to thirty per cent. has been recorded for the Olathe Scholastic at the Catholic University, which last year had thirty-six theological students, but this year according to present indications, will enroll fifty-one.

St. Mary's College, in Howard County, Maryland, conducted by the Redemptorists will have a class of twenty-seven, an increase of two students.

NEW SEMINARIES

According to Father Havey, important factors to be taken into consideration in connection with the increasing vocations in the United States, which is reflected as well in religious orders of women as in men's communities, and among the secular priests, are the construction of new seminaries in Chicago and New Orleans and the construction of the Sulpician Seminary in Washington.

Indications that the number of vocations, in proportion to the Catholic population of the United States, has increased rapidly during the past ten years is furnished by comparative figures from the Catholic directories of 1912 and 1922, which are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Number. Rows include Catholic population, Seminarians, Ecclesiastical students, Children in parochial schools.

From these figures it is computed that in 1912 there was one seminarian to every 2,560 Catholics while in 1922 there was one seminarian to every 2,081 Catholics.

This year an even more decided increase is expected. There is still a great need for vocations, however, and many seminaries, especially of religious communities, are appealing for candidates.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The second annual Diocesan Convention of the Catholic Women's League will be held in Windsor, October 17 and 18. Headquarters will be at St. Alphonsus Hall. Dinner and luncheon, will be served at the new Prince Edward Hotel.

One of the measures adopted by the Finance Department to bring the conversion proposals, which are now being widely advertised, to the attention of holders of 1922 Victory Bonds was the mailing to registered holders of a copy of the Minister's announcement. Over 100,000 bond holders were communicated with.

Replies were not called for, as those who wish to continue their investment are asked to surrender their bonds to any Branch of any chartered Bank, signifying the maturity of the new bonds desired and obtaining receipt on the official form provided. Nevertheless there have been many replies.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

A correspondent wishes me to give her, through the columns of THE CATHOLIC RECORD, information as to where ladies may be trained for the same missionary work as we are engaged in. There are communities at:

(1) Maryknoll, N. Y., U. S. A. Motherhouse of the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic; Mother Mary Joseph, Superior; 35 Sisters; 44 novices; 35 Postulants. They are doing missionary work in Southern China.

(2) Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 314 St. Catherine's Rd., Outremont, Montreal. Motherhouse, novitiate and convent, Mother Marie du St. Esprit, Superior General; Sisters 60, Rev. A. Lapierre, chaplain. They are laboring in Canton, China.

(3) Missionary Sisters of the Orient, Sherbrooke, P. Q. Mother Marie du Sacré Cœur, Foundress and Superior. The first band of these sisters have recently proceeded to China, Swatow and Kweichow. Their special object is to train native Chinese Sisters and catechists for work among their fellow countrywomen.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS OF CATTLE

Toronto, Sept. 16.—Since August first the movement of live stock from Western Canada to the Eastern markets has been unusually heavy. Shipments consist almost entirely of beef cattle. The character of this business is such that fast service by the railways is an essential, and in this respect the Canadian National Railways are making records between Winnipeg and Toronto yards.

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The instrument, which was much deteriorated in the earthquake of 1863, when six of its 23 stops were rendered useless and have remained so ever since, has just reached its one hundredth year of existence. It was Father Diego, a Spanish Recollect Friar and the parish priest of Las Pinas from the year 1797-1881, who built it with the aid of his native parishioners, spending five years at the task.

The Las Pinas church organ was not the only, nor was it the first, specimen of Padre's skill in organ building. Previous to the year 1822 he sent to the Queen of Spain an instrument for which he received in return from Her Majesty a golden chalice, golden cruets and a copper bell, all of which treasures are still religiously preserved and devoutly used in the parish church of Las Pinas.

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DIED

McELHON.—At Dereham, Ont., on Saturday, Sept. 16, Annie Dunn, beloved wife of Henry McElhone, aged fifty-two years. May her soul rest in peace.

From a strictly financial viewpoint the offer of the Minister of Finance to issue new 5 per cent. bonds running for either five or ten years, as desired, in exchange for bonds of the 1922 issue, is most attractive. Commenting on the advantages of the conversion, the Financial Times says:

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