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PREFACE

Quite unexpectedly God breaks into the lives of persons who are called. It is they who embody His calls, His love and concern for humankind, and who give them form. God speaks to human persons. He touches them, takes hold of them. He breaks them open and touches them deeply within. And the unending call lures them on paths that previously were unknown to them.

Such was also the experience of Therese von Wüllenweber. And she set out towards the realization of this call of God. It was a long search and her path led her to various places. She noted the events of her last four life-stations in her Diary, permitting us thereby to take part in her life – first in Neuwerk, then in Tivoli near Rome and in Rome itself (at Via Lungara and Salita Sant’Onofrio). Theresa followed God’s call; and after the encounter with the Founder, Father Jordan, she so entered into the spirit of his foundation that she could become the groundwork of the new Community of Sisters.

The more the Community grew and spread into various countries, the more difficult it became to note all reports in the Diary. Yet, Mother Mary wrote down the most important events in Neuwerk, in Tivoli, and later in Rome, until shortly before her death. From 1903 onwards, she could only dictate her entries, as her vision had weakened.

Whoever has come to know Mother Mary, is familiar with her spontaneity, which shows itself also in the style of her Diary. She often notes down the events in short, concise sentences. The content of a statement, its substance and meaning are important to her, and so the correct spelling of names or the correct dates are, at times, left behind. However, each little line, each exclamation mark bears witness to her viewpoint.

Mother Mary knew a number of languages (German, French, Italian, as well as some English and Dutch) and was therefore able to communicate and have contact with many people.

We owe much gratitude to Sister Avellina Tietz, SDS, who made Mother Mary's chronicle books available to Salvatorians already in 1970. She published them with adapted spelling, supplemented them with footnotes, and included Mother Mary's short autobiographies as well as various letters, statutes, daily orders, articles and other historical material. In spite of the limited technical possibilities of the time, the "Chroniknotizen" remains a treasure chest for study purposes.

For many years, we, the members of the Study Group "Mary of the Apostles" were concerned about the publication of Mother Mary's Diary. Much preparatory work was necessary: the scanning of texts; searching for sources; and the identification of the original pages. After the fundamental decision was taken to make an exact transcription, many hours were spent with corrections. Carefully the pages of the originals were turned, page by page, and words, dots, commas, lines and dashes were compared. At times it was almost a solemn action, but it was also a back-breaking work. There was likewise the task to check the many footnotes and put them in place. Thanks are due to all Sisters of the Study Group for their persevering collaboration.

The reader now finds an interesting text. True, it is not a spiritual diary, as we know it from Father Jordan; rather, it is the account of every-day life with a wealth of information.

The members of the Study Group are happy that they are finally able to make these original texts available, since these texts convey a faithful image of Mother Mary's personality.

S. Ulrike Musick, SDS

INTRODUCTION TO THE ENGLISH EDITION

Finally we can say that the translation of Mother Mary's Diary into English is ready for publication, and we are certainly happy to present it to the English-speaking members. Already many years ago, two translations were made of the Diary – one by S. Christophora Oelschig, the other by S. Demetria Lang (+1991). The latter translation was chosen as the basis for publication. It was still a rather delicate task to get the text ready for printing, and S. Aquin Gilles accomplished the great work of checking the text that had been adjusted by S. Aloysia Kliemke. We now may feel confident that the text is both faithful and readable.

Specific Remarks regarding the English Version

As in the German edition, the *page numbers* indicated in the text correspond to those in the original notebooks. Also, if it was not given, the *year* has been added on the same line as the page number. For easier location, the *dates* are in bold print.

Later insertions by Mother Mary were added in italics, and as far as possible at the place to which they refer. Their original place is indicated by a footnote.

While the German edition follows the original also in the *layout* of the individual pages, in the English the various recorded ideas form separate paragraphs.

Though in general, the *footnotes* correspond to those in the original edition, some have been added, adjusted or enlarged. When feasible, the Sisters' family names have been added in the text (in brackets and italics), rather than in footnotes, omitting also the added "SDS".

A rather important point is that the *spelling of the Sisters' names* has been unified throughout the book according to the spelling used in the Congregation's "General Directory".

If Mother Mary used a different spelling, this is indicated in the *List of Sisters and Candidates (No. 4 of the appendix, cf. p.301f)*. The same holds good for the names of members of the Society, corrected according to their online "Membership Directory" of

December 8, 2009 (*cf. p.313f*). Other differences in the spelling of names of persons or places have usually been corrected and indicated at the end of the book (*cf. p.333f*).

Appendix (*p. 293f*)

I. Early Members of the Congregation and Society

Sections 1-3 try to show from where our early Sisters came. In fact, an important change in the just mentioned "*List of Sisters and Candidates*" (*Section 4*) is, that the Sisters' *country of origin* is indicated according to the contemporary rather than the present situation – as far as this was possible. The information was taken from the "Profession Book", and S. Helene Wecker helped to clarify the country of the German Empire, the Danube Monarchy, or other countries from which the Sisters came (*cf. chart and maps, pp. 295-299*).

Section 5, (p. 313f) lists the Salvatorian Fathers, Brothers and Clerics, mentioned in the Diary.

II. Salvatorians mentioned in the Diary (p.317f.)

This section indicates the pages on which the individual Sisters, the Fathers and Brothers are mentioned. (While the previous lists are ordered according to the members' first names, this list is arranged according to family names, which shows existing family relationships, and makes cross referencing easier.)

Since, in the meantime, it has been decided to include the SHS volumes in our Congregational Internet site, it is no longer necessary to have a more detailed index of persons, places, and other items in this volume, since they can now be found by means of the search machine.

III. Houses of the Congregation 1888-1907

A list of the Congregation's *foundations* till the death of Mother Mary at the end of 1907, rounds out the information. (*p. 329f*).

The books and publications indicated in the footnotes are listed (*on p. 331f*), with the abbreviations used throughout the book.

We hope that the publication of Mother Mary's Diary will help to gain a better understanding of both Mother Mary and Salvatorian History, especially of the Sisters' Congregation.

Sister Aloysia Kliemke, SDS

Technical Information

The Exterior of the Notebooks

Mother Mary used four different notebooks into which she recorded the current events in chronological order and in a rather free form.

Notebook 1 November 1875 – November 21, 1888

A notebook with a cover, mottled in the colors yellow-brown and white, already somewhat bleached out. Size: 6.9 x 8.27 in. (17,5 x 21 cm).

Notebook 2 November 21, 1888 – June 2, 1895

A notebook with a cover, mottled in the colors orange-brown and black, inside with light blue lines. The back cover is damaged at the corner. Size: 6.9 x 8.08 in. (17,5 x 20,5 cm).

Notebook 3 June 13, 1895 – January 17, 1907

A larger book with black and yellow design, inside with light blue lines. Size: 8.08 x 12.61 in. (20,5 x 32 cm).

In this book, the dates are written in the outer margin and are separated from the text by a perpendicular line.

Notebook 4 February 12, 1907 – December 27, 1907

A notebook with a blue-gray cover with Hungarian print, and inside with light blue lines. Size: 7.49 x 9.46 in. (19 x 24 cm).

All notebooks have been treated for preservation and have been newly covered. The original covers are kept in the General Archive.



Therese in 1868, at the age of 35

Brief Notes

about

The Convent of Neuwerk

St. Barbara Institute

begun in 1875

Written in a way that anyone
can read it
during the *Kulturkampf*

written by
Therese von Wüllenweber

P.b.J.Chr.

Page 1, **1875**

When I read in the newspaper¹ in **November 1875** that, at the end of the month, the old Neuwerk Convent — would be up for lease for another nine years, I went to Msgr. Dr. von Essen², parish priest of Neuwerk, on November 8, in order to invite him to Myllendonk³ for my father's nameday on the 9th. I told him about my wish to rent the Neuwerk Convent — with the permission to lease it out again, if necessary. He advised me to pray much whether it was God's will.

Now, the following day he came to Myllendonk, as expected, and told me he had gone to Mr. Holl⁴, the local mayor, and had made my plans known to him. The latter, he said, was very much in favor of my renting — buying — the convent for a good purpose and had offered to take all the necessary steps for me in that matter — only, I should give him authority to do so.

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Now, this already proved that it was God's will — for yesterday I said = if God wanted me to rent, He would have to show it by pointing out a helping hand to me.

Consequently, when I went to Mayor Holl on the 13th to give him authority, he set about my business with sacrificing zeal. There were difficulties to overcome — the convent had eight proprietors — only ten days were left till the day of leasing — the inhabitants of the convent did everything in their power to stay — there was much snow. However, he traveled immediately to Boppard, Boschernich, etc., etc., and succeeded at least in having the convent as such⁵, with the garden, the orchard, and the surrounding estate excluded

¹ The announcement appeared in the *Gladbacher Volkszeitung* No. 120 of Oct. 16, 1875; in No. 132 of Nov. 13, 1875, and also a few times later.

² Dr. Ludwig von Essen, Parish Priest in Neuwerk from Jan. 10, 1872 to Jan. 6, 1886; see also S. Ulrike Musick, SDS, *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p. 93 fn 111

³ Castle Myllendonk is also spelled Myllendonck; the English text uses Myllendonk.

⁴ Wilhelm Holl, Mayor of Neuwerk, 1858-1883

⁵ i.e. The Northern part of the East wing. According to the announcement in the paper, this part, together with the courtyard, the farm buildings, the

from the public bid; and in securing the agreement from the main holders to lease it to me for whatever purpose I wanted, with the right of pre-emption. – They thought it was to become a hospital – my intention was for any good purpose.

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In the meantime, after a spiritual retreat⁶ in Liège, I decided ever more firmly with God, to move into the convent right away the following October – to shun no obstacle in following the call of God. In spite of pressure on my part, the matter was delayed – not until the feast of St. Gabriel, **March 24, 1876**, was the lease finally established legally. Present for the act, besides the proxy, Mr. Daenskes, and myself, were Mayor Holl, the caretaker Mr. Döhm, and the parish priest, Dr. von Essen, whom I had asked to be present.⁷

This done, I had to go about my task – to calm the family, think about furnishings – persuade people to move out – to repair the interior somewhat (the interior of the convent had been completely neglected for the past fifty years), to think of getting helpers. Several ladies as well as a girl who lived with me at Myllendonk volunteered immediately. For good reasons I had to do without the former, at least for the beginning.

garden and fields, measured eleven "Morgen" (1 Morgen = 2/3 acre). The church, the West wing – the living quarters of the parish priest – and the Southern part of the East wing for the vicariate, were already property of the parish. The North wing did not exist anymore. cf. S. Avellina Tietz, *Chroniknotizen*, D, p. 2, and S. Gertraudis Kühn, et al., *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p. 10f

⁶ For information on the retreat movement in Germany at the time, see S. Helene Wecker, *Therese von Wüllenweber and the Currents of her Times*, SHS 10.1, p. 109ff.

⁷ The rental agreement is preserved in the parish archive, Neuwerk; cf. also excerpt of letter to her father, March 30, 1876: *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p.12

Page 4, 1876

Unfortunately, or rather, thanks be to God, everything was connected with crosses and obstacles. Slowly, and almost in secret, the necessary household items were bought and brought into the convent, together with my furniture from Myllendonk.

Finally, on **November 13, 1876**, I moved in quietly, saying goodbye only till the following day. I had asked Katharina Bohlen from Allrath to come to the church in Neuwerk to meet me on that day. She was just 17 years old – a very reserved but optimistic character. She came instead of the sister of our servant girl, Klara Lambertz,⁸ who had been engaged to come until Candlemas, but whose mother had fallen ill. From then till the New Year, the house was cleaned, things repaired, and the household established.

On **January 27**, Miss Gertrud Kohlen⁹ joined me as a helper. She had offered to come already earlier, but

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her exact address had been lost and the letters did not arrive, so that her arrival was delayed. She is 40 years old, born in Venlo¹⁰, living in Belgium since she was ten years old – she was with the Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament at the same time as I, and longer; then she was with the Papal Nuntio in Brussels. When he was transferred to Rome last year, Fr. J. Laurent¹¹, Provincial of the Friars Minor, called Neuwerk to her attention.

At Candlemas, Katharina had to leave me, and her place was taken by Klara Lambertz from Allrath, who, until now, had been employed for three years at Myllendonk and was presently free of obligation. Miss Kohlen was still confined to bed, as she was suffering from a swelling and infection of her leg since the day after her arrival. Only since February 10 has she recovered completely.

⁸ As helper in St. Barbara Institute: Feb. 2, 1877 – Feb. 2, 1878

⁹ As helper in St. Barbara Institute: Jan. 27, 1877 – Sept. 23, 1877

¹⁰ Netherlands, Province of Limburg

¹¹ Confessor of Therese in Belgium, acquainted with Msgr. von Essen; cf *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, fn 99, p. 92

(Adams from Herrenshof – also foreman in Myllendonk at times, is redoing the garden and is ready to look after it.)

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Hubert Enßem is leasing some of the land till October 1879, and carpenter Horrig a shed on the estate as a workshop. Several girls offered their services, but at present there is no need for more.

Papa¹² visited three times before Easter. My sister Elise¹³ also comes at times, and is also helping me occasionally here and there.

Since **March 1**, Miss Kohnen and I began to pray the Office together in Latin – since St. Joseph's Day, we say the morning and evening prayer in common with Klara – we have been praying the rosary together already since February.

Since January we have arranged a room as chapel – the former spinning room of the Benedictines, to the left of the stairs. The kitchen is arranged to the left of the large kitchen. This winter the doors were painted, the prayer room got new wallpaper, and upstairs everything was painted in a reddish color. Slowly and calmly, with the help of God, everything is progressing.

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On the **8th**, my sister von Böselager¹⁴, my brother-in-law and their small children came by coach for a visit. They liked the old convent very much.

On Sunday, **April 22, 1877**, the girls of the Sodality of Mary – 72 of them – gathered here for the first time, from 5:00-7:00 in the afternoon, upstairs to the right, in what will later be the orphans' room. – I also invited the Pastor, who came for a brief moment, and gave a little talk. They also sang some enjoyable songs,

¹² Theodor von Wüllenweber, cf. S. Ulrike Musick, *The Family of Blessed Mary of the Apostles*, SHS 4.1, p.41ff

¹³ Elise von Wüllenweber, cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1, p. 95ff

¹⁴ Fanny von Böselager, cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1, p. 53ff

listened to some good reading, and the rest of the time was devoted to needlework. This is meant to become a Sunday needlework school for the girls of the Sodality of Mary, giving them at the same time the opportunity to spend their Sunday afternoons in a pleasant and profitable way.

On **April 24**, I signed a contract¹⁵ stipulating the mutual obligations of the town and myself in transferring orphans under my care. I declared my willingness to accept poor children of our municipality for remuneration for food and clothing.

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On **May 1**, the first three orphans were brought to me: Anna, Christina, and Elisabeth, daughters of Wienand Vierschgens, who is still living but has abandoned them, and of Gertrud Niesen who is deceased.

The eldest is seven years of age, born on February 3, 1870, and already going to school here; the second is five years old, born on March 29, 1872; the third two years and nine months, born on August 17, 1874. May the dear Mother of God protect them. Miss Kohnen cares especially for them. The youngest had not really been announced, and was meant to stay with another woman who would give her the special care she still is much in need of. But the children did not want to be separated, so little Elisabeth came along. For the time being, she now sleeps in her little old cradle in Klara's room.

On Sunday, **May 6**, about fifty girls came; they had pledged to gather regularly for half a year. On **May 14**, I went with the girls of the Sodality of Mary to Schmitz in Herrenshof for coffee. Afterwards many of the girls recited very beautifully. On the way back they visited

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the chapel in Castle Myllendonk, where they sang beautifully in honor of our Blessed Mother. There were 48 girls in the group.

¹⁵ Original in Archive ASDS, cf. *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p. 50

The Pastor also came, and afterwards stayed on a little longer in Myllendonk.

On **May 18**, a beautiful, large statue of Our Lady of Lourdes arrived, a gift from Miss A. Carpentier in Brussels, an acquaintance of Miss Kohnen. Shortly afterwards she wrote a nice letter, expressing her desire to be affiliated with us, and she promised to do whatever she could for our convent here. Several persons have already asked for Lourdes water.

On **Tuesday, June 26**, the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* (the "People's Newspaper" of Cologne), no.173, printed on the front page a commendation of the *Institutes for Ladies* and also made known our beginning here in Neuwerk.¹⁶ Also mentioned was the fact that the government would not place any obstacles – (since, even before I moved in, I had received a favorable answer to my request addressed to the District Officer, to live and work unhampered). A few days later

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Miss Bertha Blumenberg¹⁷ asked for admission; she is from Cleve. Afterwards, she visited once; she has a severe facial ailment, a kind of eczema, but seems to have many good qualities otherwise – virtues, and seems to be very humble, so that admission was granted her; she is 34 years old.

Gertrude Bruns,¹⁸ who had applied here a few times as a working sister, likewise 34 years old, previously for two years a Sister of Mercy, has also been granted admission for October 1st.

A lady from Gr. Salza and one from Kalbe, both from the Province of Saxony, also applied for admission as Canoness (*Stiftsdame*). Also one from Eupen who had been a house-keeper and was in England for some time. Otherwise, there were frequent inquiries

¹⁶ Article by Dr. von Essen in *Chroniknotizen (G)*, Appendix following Part I, p.3-5; and Statutes of the *Ladies Institute*, Appendix III, p.5-10; cf. also: *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p.19.

¹⁷ Berta Blumenberg in St. Barbara Institute: Oct. 9, 1877 - April 30, 1878

¹⁸ Gertrude Bruns in St. Barbara Institute: Oct. 3, 1877 – Feb. 2, 1878

and positive comments regarding the undertaking by ecclesiastical persons. Furthermore, Miss Josephine Schubert from Neviges asked for admission. She also was here for one day, is a good simple elderly lady,

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an acquaintance of Dr. von Essen, already 65 years of age. She was recommended by the former Franciscan superior Pfannenschmidt, and is the daughter of the piano teacher Schubert from Essen.

The housekeeper from Eupen, Lisette Schmitz, also was here once and wrote that she would come soon with the best of intentions to still make herself useful in a practical way, a good little person.

Then a Miss Hallberg offered herself, President of the Elisabeth Society in Cologne for 25 years; she also visited here once – has truly recommendable qualities and has lately been found solidly established in virtue by the loss of her fortune.

Also Miss Louise Plewe, voice and music teacher in Aachen, wished to enter here, aspiring towards higher perfection.

A priest, sent from Hüls near Krefeld, came to ask us to take over the orphanage there under very favorable conditions. Agreement, if possible, was promised him. The Dean of the Cathedral in (Eutin) Peplin made the same request.

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In the middle of **September** we started a choir with several young girls from the Sodality of Mary, who gather here for practice on Sunday afternoons.

Other visitors were both my married sisters¹⁹ with their entire families, my cousin von Wüllenweber, and my uncle Louis von Spies,²⁰ who also wrote to me afterwards and presented me with a

¹⁹ cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1: Fanny von Böselager, p. 53ff; Louise von Ascheberg, p. 105ff.

²⁰ *ibid.* p. 22ff

beautiful black cross to wear. Little Therese von Böselager²¹ made two pretty bouquets of roses for the Blessed Mother.

On **September 23**, Miss Kohnen was dismissed. Dr. von Essen traveled to Belgium and brought her back home. It seems that a true vocation for here was lacking; also the language made it difficult for her to make herself useful in any way whatsoever.

On **October 3, 1877**, Gertrud Bruns began her service as maid. She receives 25 Thaler annually for clothing.

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On **October 9**, Miss Blumenberg from Cleve entered, 34 years of age; her brother-in-law and her sister accompanied her. (She pays me an annual pension of 130 Thaler).

Also, a higher class governess = Miss Zach from Neuburg on the Danube, Bavaria, applied for the *Ladies Institute*.

A former nun who had also been in America, and who lives in Lippe Detmold, Antonia Block²², asked to be admitted to work here. She says she is 39 years of age, strong and healthy.

An efficient housekeeper from Krefeld = Margaret Wahler, came to ask for work. She is 39 years old and has some savings – she made a good impression.

Also a Polish lady, a friend of Miss Blumenberg, asked for admission: Auguste Silberberg; she is 27 years old, healthy and very pious.

During the first week of October, the Ritter family, who until now still occupied almost half of the convent, moved out. Thanks be to God.

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The carpenter Horrig also moved away – now everything is quiet. But in order to restore the building completely, much money and

²¹ Maria Therese, daughter of Fanny von Böselager

²² Antonia Block, in St. Barbara Institute Jan. 2, 1878 to Oct. 1, 1879 and Dec. 12, 1879 to May 29, 1884.

effort has still to be invested – masons, floor tilers, painters, glaziers were needed. Finally, after three weeks, there is at least some order.

The Mayor was here once = and said that the name *Stift* (Institute) did arouse some suspicion in Berlin;²³ I should be careful.

I also went to the district officer (*Landrat*)²⁴ once, who told me the same thing. However, I could take in orphans from Neuwerk as well as from the neighboring parishes, also girls to learn housekeeping. Afterwards, I wrote him a short letter, explaining my wishes, etc.

I went to the mayor, expressing my readiness to take in more orphans, and also wrote to the mayors of Korschenbroich and Schiefbahn about the same matter.

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On **November 13**, the mayor came and brought the reply of the district officer: the Royal Government has nothing against the name "St. Barbara Institute" (he had sent my letter to the President in Düsseldorf), likewise an official certificate that I am permitted to accept persons (ladies) here, in order to train them for conducting other orphanages, etc., etc., good news, therefore. – But I did have to answer some pertinent questions of the mayor to whom our house, now approved by the State, is directly responsible. Thanks be to God!

Mr. Daenskes came in the name of the proprietors; he gave me back one third of the cost of the repair work – he was very pleased with the improvements of the convent and encouraged me to buy it.

Miss Hallberg entered on **November 7, 1877**. – Marie Schiffers from Bracheln, 24 years old, who was for one year in the Order of Mother Schervier, applied for work here.

²³ because of the *Kulturkampf* laws.

²⁴ Letter of District Officer Bödiker to Therese v.Ww., Oct. 10, 1876, cf. *Currents*, SHS 10.1, p. 168-170.

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On **December 15, 1877**, Miss Magdalena Zach²⁵ from Neuburg (Bavaria) entered here. (She pays me an annual pension of 120 Thaler, has probably 60 Thaler annually left for herself.) She has quite a solid education, piety, and much common sense, is intelligent and always cheerful and friendly.

Antonia Block arrived on **January 2**. She is to take over the kitchen from Klara Lambertz, who is to leave by Candlemas. Quite unlike the latter, Antonia has the mind and manners of a perfect nun.

Miss Blumenberg had planned to move into the Gladbach hospital for the sake of greater solitude and convenience – however, when she was there and saw her little room, it seemed too lonesome to her, and now she is determined to stay here.

Father Phannenschmied of Hardenberg sent a healthy young woman from Elberfeld (a seamstress) who came to ask for admission – Antoinette Schrettelker.

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Gertrud Bruns was dismissed on **February 2**. Gertrud Kamper from Gladbach asked to be accepted for work. However, since the quietness of the house did not quite agree with her, she withdrew. (Twice, a few days' shelter was given to orphans = to a Dutch one, and to one that had run away from home.)

For this year, the garden has been entrusted to a main gardener, Mr. Geyer, who has workmen here.

Every Sunday afternoon, a small girls' choir meets here for practice, especially for the devotions of the Sodality of Mary; I play the organ for these occasions.

Antonia's sister, a very pious person, has been visiting with us for a few days = several other women from her neighborhood have applied here as lay sisters – she gave us a whole crate full of bread and sausage.

²⁵ Magdalena Zach in the St. Barbara Institute from Dec. 15, 1877 to June 15, 1878

Through Madame Anna von Lommessem²⁶, *Sacré Coeur*, several other women applied for entry.

On **March 1**, Lißken Oberwelland, 14 years old,

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one of the worthiest and best children around here, was accepted to learn housekeeping and, at the same time to help us.

For **April 1**, the Mayor announced the arrival of three more little orphans: Catherine Lachette, born October 15, 1871 in Aachen, Jos. Lachette, born October 6, 1873 in Aachen, Elisabeth Lachette, born in Lurrip, May 18, 1876. The welfare fund of Cologne takes care of the expense. – May they be entrusted to St. Joseph in a special way.

On **March 26**, Miss Hallberg returned to her former situation in Cologne = her age and her effeminate habits did not fit to our Institute, which calls for more self-abnegation and is devoted to the salvation of souls.

On **April 2**, Franziska Zimmermann²⁷, 22 years old, from Dahl, like Antonia, entered here as a lay sister. (She has previously been with the Sisters of St. Vincent, for one year). She has Antonia's good qualities.

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On **April 30**, Miss Blumenberg returned to Cleve – her facial ailment had still been aggravated; she did not comply with the requirement to wear a veil, and also displayed a lack of docility and modesty.

Miss Isabella Lenders²⁸, a playmate of my early years, formerly in excellent circumstances, now through loss of fortune, a house-

²⁶ cf. *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, fn. 53, p. 90

²⁷ Franziska Zimmermann, in the St. Barbara Institute: April 2, 1878 – Dec. 1878

²⁸ Isabella Lenders, from Dec. 4, 1878, for a short time in the St. Barbara Institute.

keeper on a large estate, renewed her offer of a year and a half ago and came to see me on **May 1** – at any rate, before any definite admission, she would have to come for a few weeks' probation.

The public prosecutor von Bertrub from Brandenburg, made inquiries about the St. Barbara Institute.

Through Madame von Lommessen of the *Sacré Coeur*, a young widow, Mrs. Reuss, is supposed to come in May, at first only to perfect herself in French and piano.

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Admission to the *Ladies Institute (as Canoness)* was granted to Antonia v. Raczkowska²⁹, a pious young Polish lady from Tuchel, near Danzig. She is looking for a regular active convent life out of love for God; she is a trained teacher.

On **June 15, 1878**, Miss Zach left us again and was dismissed; in spite of her pleasant qualities, she did not harmonize with the detached spirit now animating the others.

A needlework class for girls has begun, meeting five afternoons a week for two hours; four girls attend.

On **June 28**, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the young Polish woman arrived = 21 years of age (for the time being without financial means, as her mother is still living). She satisfies all the more any other pious expectation.

Lipp Oberwelland became sickly again and returned to her mother.

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On **August 18, 1878**, I made a pilgrimage to Kevelaer with Miss Raczkowska.

²⁹ Antonia Raczkowska; in the St. Barbara Institute from June 26, 1878 to Aug. 13, 1879; sent to Ilanz, and later entered in Tivoli (S. Stanislaus, profession, 1893).

In the afternoon of the **26th**, Fr. Cramer, the spiritual director of the Society of Divine Love³⁰, arrived unexpectedly. This is a zealous and charitable religious Institute for women, able to exist under the present conditions – founded in Switzerland by a former Jesuit, de Pozzo; they had another house in Vallendar, near Coblenz. Founded in 1865, the Institute declined after de Pozzo's death (1875).

At that time I had wished to affiliate myself with them, but was prevented from doing so.³¹ Now, at the beginning of this year, the present director inquired rather casually how the house in Neuwerk was doing, and I gave a short answer. Now he came to see whether there could be a possible mutual association. May this important matter be entrusted to God and His holy angels.

Some weeks ago, Pastor Kox also came to look at our house.

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During the **month of August**, I advertised in two good Catholic Belgian papers and the three best German ones, that in our *Ladies Institute* we would also accept boarders who wish to learn housekeeping, needlework, possibly music and languages, etc. ----

On **September 15**, I accepted an invitation for afternoon coffee with the wife of the district officer, who had the kindness to show herself grateful.

This month of **September** we often had visits of relatives (from Myllendonk); Miss Raczkowska sometimes gave us a recital of Polish songs.

On **November 11, 1878**, I traveled for a week to the main house of the Society of Divine Love in Ilanz, Switzerland, to investigate the matter more closely, with the help of God, and on November 30, the legal contract of affiliation was already signed – here in

³⁰ cf. *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p. 30

³¹ cf. Letter by Bishop Matthias of Trier to Therese v.Ww., Feb. 13, 1875 in *Chroniknotizen* (D), Appendix to Part I, p. 16/17. cf. also *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p. 30

Gladbach. Lord, do your work, your will has been done! Now I am a daughter of de Pozzo. – Thanks be to God. – I can venerate de Pozzo like a saint!

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On **December 4**, Miss Lenders came to try things out for a week. However, she will probably not be accepted because of her worldly sentiments.

The District Administrator of Gladbach, Mr. Bödiker³², paid the house a friendly visit one morning.

Franziska was given permission to go home to Westphalia for a week. Little Anna had a slight case of measles. -----

For **Christmas** we prepared a small tree and a crib for the children.

On **December 3**, Mr. Daenskes, authorized by the priests Dapper, etc., came to collect the rent for the convent and to talk to me. At the same time we came to an agreement about my purchasing the convent.

On the **18th**, I already had the consent of all proprietors – I stipulated the **7th**, of the New Year as the date for the private contract, which was actually drawn up on **January 7, 1879** between Mr. Daenskes, Mr. Kricken, and myself.

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(The legal deed is to be made within six weeks). I bought the convent with garden, orchard and grounds, and the three houses towards the road.³³ – Thanks be to God – May He give His blessing; confident in Him, I have purchased the old Abbey. (I intend to have the frame of St. Barbara's picture in the front entrance gilded one of these days.)³⁴

³² Correspondence with District Administrator Bödiker; original in Parish Archive Neuwerk, Copies in ASDS.

³³ cf. *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p.29

³⁴ cf. *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p. 48

On **January 22**, the wife of the district officer visited here; she wanted to inquire especially because of Miss Rüsselmann, matron of a boarding house in Münster, whom she believed suitable for us.

On **January 26, 1879**, I attended, together with Miss Raczkowska, a concert of church music in Gladbach. Papa accompanied us by coach and also brought us home. It began at 6:30 p.m. and ended towards 9:00 p.m. – a priest directed. We had our places next to the district officer's family and wore our

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black mourning shawls. – This was a day of real exception from the rule; however, Dr. von Essen had agreed to this evening out.

On **February 13**, Papa took us along to Gladbach to hear the Franciscan Father Schneider from Jerusalem give a lecture with magnificent pictures of the holy places (unfortunately the lecture began only at 8:00 p.m.).

Franziska's sister suffered from a prolonged illness, wherefore she stayed away longer than her already extended permission allowed – at the end she was threatened with dismissal unless she would be decisive and obey promptly. Finally, on **April 24**, her belongings were sent back to her to Westphalia.

At Easter time, an aged lady from Rheydt, Miss Reclaire, requested admission into our Institute. She was too old and spoiled to be a member, and her limited means did not permit her to be a paying guest. She could, therefore, not be accepted.

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My sister Constance,³⁵ somewhat unwell, stayed here for a week – and hardly wanted to leave. – Some time afterwards she came over from Myllendonk with a large picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help as a gift for here.

The Mayor and some gentlemen from the Welfare Committee came to inspect our Institute and the children, since, according to

³⁵ Constance von Wüllenweber, cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1, p. 99 ff

the Mayor, they are obliged to do so annually by government regulation; – perhaps also because an orphan child from Neersen was to come.

I wrote a letter to my cousin Jakob von Frentz,³⁶ district officer of Coblenz, asking for a license for Elisabeth Koch of the Society of Divine Love, to conduct an orphanage in Vallendar.

In **May 1879**, Catherine Fussangel from Korschenbroich asked for admission as a lay sister. Later on, her uncle, a Franciscan Brother, begged again to take her and presented

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very good testimonials – she is 29 years old. Admission was promised her for perhaps a later date.

Arrivals on the afternoon of **June 4, 1879** were: Rosa Herrmann from Bischofstein, East Prussia, born July 2, 1844, and Barbara Marxer from Guggenberg (Langenberg), small Country-Court Ottobeuren, District Office of Memmingen, Bavaria, born March 26, 1852 (both selected by the Society of Divine Love). Monsignor [von Essen] accompanied them in. Both are very pious and industrious; this is our first real association with this charitable Institute.

In the beginning, Rosa had difficulty in adjusting; out of simplicity and exaggerated zeal, she sometimes was impertinent; in particular, it seemed to her that the prayers were not being said on the right pitch and with the correct pauses, so she would interject her voice, till later a certain method was selected to which she had to submit. Also, a letter arrived from Ilanz saying that the Society as such should not be mentioned here.

Because of the unrest and the anxiety

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that a foreign spirit was trying to intrude, I became quite unwell for several weeks.

³⁶ Stepson of Mimi Raitz von Frentz, cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1, p.85 f, and p.140

I received a letter from Madame Lommessem through Miss Haas in Cologne, requesting to send a suitable lady from here to take over – in a genuinely Catholic spirit – her flourishing boarding house.

The district officer and his wife with their cousin, Miss Riedelmann, visited me; the latter seemed inclined to enter here; she is a very pious lady. She came once more to spend an afternoon with me.

On **July 1, 1879**, another orphan arrived, sent by Mayor Kampes of Schiefbahn: Maria Künster,³⁷ born on December 11, 1867 in Moselweis, illegitimate daughter of Mrs. Jungesfeld whose husband sells tickets at the train station in Schiefbahn. – The child was treated badly by her parents and is now happy to be here. May she be recommended to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

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On **July 13**, Barbara and Rosa had to leave suddenly for Estate (Convent) Schönstatt near Vallendar, where the Society of Divine Love had another house. On the **29th**, Barbara came back with Miss Wilhelmine Gasteyer from Wiesbaden, 25 years of age, the superior of the house, Sch[önstatt]. --- Soon afterwards Monsignor von Essen had me read aloud some regulations for the house.³⁸

On **August 9**, Elisabeth Josepha Arneth arrived from Ilanz, born in Teicht-Peuerbach between Passau and Linz, Upper Austria, 33 years old (born November 15, 1845), a pious and industrious lay Sister.

On **August 13**, Miss Antonia v. Raczkowska traveled from here to Ilanz, where there is a Teacher Training Institute.³⁹

On the **14th**, our Pastor, Dr. von Essen, gave a nice little talk, explaining a number of things.

³⁷ Maria Künster, in the St. Barbara Institute as orphan, July 1 to Sept. 1, 1879

³⁸ cf. *Chroniknotizen*, Appendix to part I, p. 20-22

³⁹ Antonia Raczkowska was a teacher; Rector Cramer asked for her for the Teacher Training Institute in Ilanz in exchange for the Sisters he sent to Neuwerk from there.

On **September 1**, Maria Künster who belonged to the Uplands⁴⁰, had to return there.

Antonia Block left on **October 1**, since she could not get along with the three new ones who had been admitted.

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On **October 2, 1879**, I paid the first 4,000 Thaler of the purchase price of the convent, 12,000 Thaler⁴¹.

On **October 10**, two small Franciscan Nuns from the Convent of St. Anthony in Eschweiler came to visit me.

On **November 1**, a certain Miss van Eß arrived to stay with us for a few days; she would like to enter and has been recommended by the assistant priest Schröder in Emmerich. Previously, she spent twenty years in Russia as a lady's companion, and is without financial means. This assistant priest seems to be particularly interested in Neuwerk. He later inquired once more in a letter about admission of neglected children, etc.

The District Officer of Neuss, who was in Myllendonk on the feast of St. Theodore, also thought I should take in neglected children, as there is a great need for it.

On **November 19**, sad to say, the father of the Lachette children remarried; therefore he had to take his children back. At first, some women relatives came along to get them. By their unjustified complaints these women tried to pay us with ingratitude for all our care. - Thank God,

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then everything is done purely for God. – The following day, however, the father came to his senses and returned to express his deep-felt gratitude. Through a onetime advertisement in the daily papers of Neuss and Emmerich, I made it known that orphans are still accepted here.

⁴⁰ It is not clear from which "Uplands" Maria came.

⁴¹ Or 36.000 Mark

On **November 21, 1879**, I spent one day in the mission house in Steyl,⁴² of which Dr. von Essen was the actual and first founder. – What is more beautiful than to work in the spirit of sacrifice, even of martyrdom for the salvation of souls! Oh! how happy I was in this house which strives for this spirit! If only I could do something so that such a spirit would be enkindled in the souls of many young women. – I was there to speak also about this matter.

On **December 12**, Antonia Block was readmitted and re-entered here. On the same day Miss Gasteyer left for Ilanz, and on the 15th, Barbara and Josepha followed her. – For, on the feast of St. Barbara I had written

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that for many weighty reasons, considered before God, I would find it good to dissolve our mutual association...

September 26, 1880 – A short review up to here: at first, Miss Müller, a boarder at the *Sacré Coeur*, would have liked to come to me. However, since others were expected to come here, she joined a Miss Verat who had asked me for ladies who would travel with her to Bulgaria, being called there by the local Bishop to dedicate themselves to all types of good works in a missionary spirit.

Once, a merchant's widow with two small girls wanted to enter. (There would have been payment for the latter). I decided against it, although I was certainly willing to take the children like other orphans.

Temporary admission was sought by a poor young woman, a former Protestant, converted to Catholicism, but she did not come.

One day I went to Kevelaer to Our Blessed Mother.

⁴² Steyl in the Netherlands; For Ludwig von Essen and his relations with Arnold Janssen, cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p. 224f; for Janssen, cf. *ibid*, p. 124-125, and *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p. 31 and fn. 140

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One day I spent with Papa, the von Wüllenwebers, von Aschebergs, and von Böselagers, visiting the large exhibition in Düsseldorf. --- One day, too, all these relatives were here for afternoon coffee.

I had another door broken through in the house, and a window at each main entrance.

One day I offered hospitality to two Franciscan Sisters from Waldbreitbach who were on a collection tour. One of them wanted to stay with me right away and in any case leave the convent: but I admonished her to remain in Waldbreitbach, if possible.

With Madame von Lommessen I had an animated correspondence: ??? "in order to put more life into this Institute destined for charitable service, cooperation with a large charitable society would be advisable x ??⁴³ After some writing back and forth, their Generalate in Paris.... was not able to take up any activity here..... Now, also a foundation in Brussels is to be organized more permanently.

x *The Order of the Daughters of Mary – working secretly – and therefore able to exist also during the Kulturkampf.*⁴⁴

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Many competent and religious-minded men are interested in this matter. For a long time there has been the effort to work better in Germany.....??... The Association seems also to appeal to me.... Slowly – slowly, then, something better could develop here....

⁴³ The dots, question marks and lines on pp. 33-35, are M. Mary's; their number seems deliberate, hiding some meaning.

⁴⁴ Added later, with different ink. – Meant is here the *Congregation of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary*, founded in Paris in 1790, during the chaos of the French Revolution, by the Jesuit Father Pierre Joseph Picot de Clorivière and Adelaide de Cice. The Sisters remain in their profession without wearing a habit, live in community or not, and have to take care of their own livelihood; they make religious profession; in 1853 they were approved as a Congregation of Papal Right.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, dedication to the Mother of God as a true daughter of Mary will help towards it. In **July**, consequently, I spent a few days in Liège, in the convent of the *Sacré Coeur*, then in Brussels with an Assistant General of such a good Association??? Also with pious Fathers.... It would be possible, also, to found an independent establishment of such a charitable institution in the St. Barbara Institute... Everything seems to be in favor, and so is everyone who is devout.... Let us, then, place the future in the hands of God.... Here is the core, the activity is great, full of blessing, but,⁴⁵

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adapting to all in humility, hidden from the world. — — — — —

On my sister's⁴⁶ nameday, I was in Peppenhoven near Bonn with Papa. Following an invitation of the Dean, I attended a concert in honor of St. Cecilia in Gladbach – and in **November 1880** Papa and I went to a learned lecture on migratory birds, held by the priest Prof. Schütz, from Trier, at the Casino in Gladbach. There, Mr. Brandts suggested that I transform my convent into a home for disabled working girls.

For my nameday, I received a couch from my family.

Miss Huben Emérence, and sometimes also Cornélie, who live in Thorn, Holland, frequently visited me from Myllendonk. Uncle Louis surprised me with the gift of an antique silver cross.

The Mayor suggested that I give my convent to be used as a hospital, otherwise he might call in other Sisters to start one in a different house.

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I replied that I could not give him an answer at this point.

Constance was suffering much from emotional disturbances all this year and was overcome by scruples – very sad to see. As she was

⁴⁵ In the original, here follows an empty page (two sides); however, the pages are numbered consecutively.

⁴⁶ Fanny von Böselager was living in Castle Peppenhoven, near Bonn.

constantly craving spiritual reassurance, to my contentment, Papa let himself be persuaded to ask for a priest from the Convent of Exaten near Roermond or for Rev. Father von Mehlem. Rev. Fr. Halten came from Wienandsrade near Falkenberg, but just for two days. – He was here also, liked the convent, and I asked him about some spiritual matters and, of course, requested his blessing... Praised be Jesus Christ!!!

September 15, 1881 – I had a new chapel furnished – a new wall, plastering and tiling – everything new.

I was in Venne, with my sister, Madame von Ascheberg, for the first Holy Communion, of Matthias who had been admitted. ---- Then in the *Sacré Coeur* convent of Bois l'Evêque for eight days, and, in Verviers, I spoke with the Jesuit Fathers.

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Then, in Aachen, I participated in the pilgrimage to the shrines.

On **July 5**, Chaplain Schroeder wrote from Emmerich, whether I could accept a Miss Therese van Außum,⁴⁷ born November 10, 1861 at Emmerich, as a boarder for about a year, for care and education. She is still very much a child and not in the right place at home. Her mother was a Fl. von Amelunxen+. For the love of the Savior I should do it. – So I agreed, and soon afterwards the father came to look at everything. (Price for room and board: 150 Thaler) .On Thursday, **July 28**, he brought her already. Here she is very well adjusted and extraordinarily cheerful. She is also obedient; it seems to work.

On **September 8**, Chaplain Schröder came and stayed until the morning of the 9th. He is a very devout, zealous, and humble priest.

In October, two Franciscan Sisters from Aachen stayed here.

In November the 76 year old father of Miss Thereschen came – we also went together to Myllendonk.

Father Helten, S.J. was here once more.

⁴⁷ Therese van Außum in St. Barbara Institute from July 28, 1881 to April 28, 1882.

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School Inspector Dickkopf from Düsseldorf was here once for visitation.

I had two of the small bedrooms upstairs done with new flooring and with wall paper, and for the winter I commissioned to put new flooring in the corridor upstairs (I also had to have about nine new windows installed in the houses facing the market). –

On the feast of St. Therese, several of my relatives were here for an afternoon coffee (as one says). As a nameday gift I received from my brother-in-law, Max von Ascheberg,⁴⁸ a life-sized Madonna with the Child Jesus = Our Lady of Victory = and a lovely wax sculpture of the head of St. John Nepomuk. (Both had been in their chapel, before they got new ones.) –

With Miss Thereschen, Papa and Elise, I attended a concert of sacred music in Korschenbroich, sponsored by the Deanery. For the feast of St. Maximilian, I was with her in Castle Peppenhoven, near Bonn, with my sister von Böselager. I also visited other relatives in the area (the trip lasted five days). ---

A certain Miss Fanny Labry from Aachen asked

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for admission here on **November 17, 1881**. ----

On **December 10**, I agreed with two good people of Viersen, to tear down the long stables built by Dapper (from the material of one wing of the convent,⁴⁹ which they had demolished). They were very dilapidated, occupied garden space, and gave a farm-like appearance and besides, they were superfluous. Thanks be to God, they are gone now, and it is again more like the time when it was an abbey.

At the same time, some space was taken from the barn for a stable; and the necessary sanitary facilities in and near the house were installed. – These changes, which were very important to me, took six weeks of work.

⁴⁸ cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1, p. 110 and p. 115

⁴⁹ The former North Wing

I also had the upper corridor newly covered. – Then, I had a nice high, white fence erected between the yard and garden. Later I had a new window put in towards the yard, and another one upstairs, close to the Vicar's section. I also had a veranda built at the highest point of the wall around the garden, and tables and benches placed underneath, and, as the most important thing,

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I had a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes placed in the alcove of the wall where a window used to be, in imitation of the Lourdes grotto.-

Miss Steinbach asked to be admitted, but I am much more reluctant to accept now. –I hope that after the *Kulturkampf* the convent can have a more definite existence, for the time being.

Last **February** Mr. Emil Brandts came from Gladbach; he wished to use the convent for the girls working in the industrial plants in Gladbach; he himself would contribute with great generosity. – The matter was laid aside, however, at least for the time being.

I had myself inscribed into the new Apostolic Teaching Society, approved by the Holy Father⁵⁰ = **20/4/1882**⁵¹. Oh! Everything that concerns the missions always has such a special attraction for me: If only I could do something for them here through this convent!

On **April 28, 1882**, I accompanied Miss Thereschen van Außum, who had been doing fairly well as a boarder until now –

⁵⁰ So she read in the literature written by Father Bernhard Lüthen. In the beginning, Father Jordan had received the private blessing of Pope Leo XIII, for himself and his work, which, however, did not constitute an official approval by the Church. – The original of the Diary is corrected in blue ink; the number underneath is illegible.

⁵¹ Having seen an advertisement of the "Missionär" on April 12, she wrote to the editorial office in Munich eight days later. She received a certificate of acceptance as member of the 3rd Degree of the Society, signed by Father B. Lüthen, dated May 20, 1882. ASDS, A 2.1.14; cf. also S. Miriam Cerletty, *Letter Dialogue*, SHS 1.2, p.1-2; and *Chroniknotizen*, no. IX and X: Letters M. Mary to Dr. von Essen and to Fr. B. Lüthen.

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back to her father. Sad to say, in spite of the greatest vigilance and supervision, the local young boys knew how to attract her to themselves... and that at the most unsuitable hours.....

On **May 20**, Miss Steinbach arrived unexpectedly, saying that she was sent here by the Madames of the Sacred Heart (in the meantime she had been in a convent and did not quite know where to turn). – She is a well educated governess, fifty years of age, inclined to sentimentality in her piety. I told her that out of kindness, I would keep her till August 1.

On **July 4**, after some correspondence, the founder of the Apostolic Teaching Society arrived here from Rome, via Munich, where the Society also has a house.⁵² A greater joy could hardly be in store for me! – he gave me the impression of being a humble, true and zealous apostle – he stayed for three days... My best and only desire is to belong to this Society ever more closely

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*Attested by notary, I donated my convent with the three buildings to the First Order: Rev. Jordan, Lüthen and v. Leonhardi – the three founders.*⁵³

until my death. Dear God, thanks be to you forever!⁵⁴ On **September 2, 1882**, the Rev. Friedrich von Leonhardi,⁵⁵ missionary priest of the above-mentioned Society arrived here – he, too, belongs to it completely. This says everything.

⁵² The Society had no house of its own in Munich; Fr. Lüthen lived at *Am Unteren Anger 14*.

⁵³ A later addition at the top of the page. – A copy of the deed of donation is found in the parish archive of Neuwerk, and in ASDS, A 2.2.03. The act contains the clause that the estate may only be used for mission purposes.

⁵⁴ At this time the Founder gave her a daily program (cf. *Documents*, SHS 2.12/1, p.178) cf. Fr. Timotheus Edwein, SDS, *Francis M. of the Cross Jordan*, DSS XIV, E, p. 160

⁵⁵ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, Friedrich von Leonhardi, p. 135, fn. 3.28/62

On the 5th, my fondest wishes were more fully realized.
 On the 6th I acted consequently.... God alone! And the salvation
 of souls.....x

x *I made the holy vows for one year before him, that is, the 3
 holy vows – obedience towards the Ven. Father.*⁵⁶

This Rev. Mission Priest (especially for Sweden) was here once
 more on September 25, and on October 14 – longer.⁵⁷

From **September 11th to 16th**, I made a retreat in the convent of
 the Benedictine Sisters in Liège, together with many other ladies
 who boarded there – a Redemptorist priest preached – beautiful,
 holy days!

Rev. Father Laurent, Friar Minor, now superior in Sittard, visited
 Rev. Pastor and was also here once for coffee. My cousins von
 Holling⁵⁸ from Belgium were also here once ---

The Apostolic Teaching Society has a Third Degree which all those
 can join who desire to live according to our holy faith = I am
 privileged to keep a

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list in regard to it here. Already about 30 persons from Neuwerk
 were admitted – and already 12 have subscribed to the publication
Der Missionär which is published in Munich by Rev. Lüthen, also a
 priest of the above-mentioned Society. Those who are admitted
 are required to read it.

On **October 12**, I was with Papa in Peppenhoven, where a new
 chapel was most solemnly dedicated. Now, I am having another
 room built upstairs, facing the courtyard – a new door, new
 window, etc. ----

⁵⁶ The sentence was added later in different ink at the end of the page. cf.
A Short Biography, SHS 1.0, p. 34; and copy of original in: *Dokumente*,
 (D), SHS 2.12/1, p. 184

⁵⁷ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p. 163

⁵⁸ Elfriede Baroness von Holling was the daughter of Therese's aunt Mimi
 Raitz von Frenzt, nee Lefort, Düsseldorf. She was married in Belgium. cf.
The Family, SHS 4.1, p. 146

On **October 14**, the Rev. missionary priest, von Leonhardi, was here once more.... how happy those who can live for the missions!

On **October 24**, Chaplain Dörner, a pious simple priest, moved in, along with his sister who cares for his modest household – I gave him the four rooms upstairs to the right, for charity's sake, in acknowledgment of the spiritual help he renders the parish. – This is a transition, if the good God wills. I am content with these modest tenants – he became a member of the Third Degree.

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(**January 25, 1883**) - short entries:

On the feast of St. Barbara⁵⁹ we had a kind of mission here, three sermons a day for eight days. Five visiting priests were here – one of them stayed here – They were neither Franciscans nor Redemptorists, but priests who by their zeal for souls certainly belonged to the company of the Savior. Professor Schmitt, who has also been in India already, gave the conferences. x

x *They were Jesuits*⁶⁰

In the evening of the **2nd** at 10:30 p.m., Miss Thekla Bayer⁶¹ arrived here (born in Württemberg, on June 1, 1847, at Haltenbergstetten, Jagst Kreis) – She was directress of a house in Johannesbrunn⁶² (Regensburg, Bavaria) founded under the direction of the Catholic Teaching Society⁶³ in August 1882 for the purpose of perpetual adoration. However, this foundation could not remain in existence.

In the afternoon of the **6th**, the other two members arrived from there: Miss Barbara Mayer⁶⁴, born June 3, 1835 in Günzburg, Bavaria. Her mother, Mrs. Buchschwender is presently living in Donauwörth. – And Miss Ursula Rabis,⁶⁵ born

⁵⁹ December 1882.

⁶⁰ This remark was added later at the end of p. 44. The laws of the *Kulturkampf* forbade the presence of Jesuits in the country.

⁶¹ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p.230 (Thekla Bayer)

⁶² cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, 4.18, p.228ff, and *Neuwerk*, SHS 6, p. 53

⁶³ The Society received this new name in the autumn of 1882. cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, pp. 149, and 164-166

⁶⁴ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, 4.18, pp.229-240 (Barbara Mayer)

⁶⁵ cf. *ibid.* p. 229-240 and later (Ursula Rabis)

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October 31, 1835 in Stillnau, District Office Dillingen, Bavaria.

Miss Thekla Bayer traveled back to Munich on **January 24, 1883**,
x – in order to start a new foundation soon wherever possible,
according to her own spirit. The other two Sisters seem to be fitting
for here, and ready, in all humility, to work apostolically according
to the spirit of the Catholic Teaching Society.

*x that is, she was called to Rome by Rev. Fr. Lüthen in order to
found a house there together with two others from Bavaria.⁶⁶
However, she stayed back – and the others fell away from
Ven. Father in November 1885.⁶⁷*

Notes by Miss Barbara Mayr (Copy)⁶⁸

*On August 3, 1882, Miss Thekla Bayer and Ursula Rabis traveled
from Munich to Johannesbrunn near Vilsbiburg (South of
Regensburg) – The Rev. Pastor („Expositus“) Georg Dichtl had
placed the small Convent he had built at the disposal of the
“Catholic Teaching Society” for a stipulated time, and there*

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*the foundation of the women's branch of the Society was to find its
beginning. The Rev. Pastor seemed so well disposed towards the
undertaking that he accepted the Sisters under the most favorable
conditions – not accepting any rent. For the food, 50 Pfennig were
calculated per Sister per day, which in relation to what each
received, was very cheap ---- The Sisters were to be introduced
there to religious life and be prepared for their future holy vocation.
Due to certain events, Rev. Dichtl changed his mind regarding a
further acceptance of Sisters and was also decisively against
investment and profession, since both were done without the
permission of the Bishop, but rather by the Rev. Assistant Priest*

⁶⁶ The remark was added at the end of the paragraph.

⁶⁷ This sentence was placed in the left margin of the page.

⁶⁸ From p.45 to p.51, Therese added here a copy of Miss Barbara Mayr's
notes.

(Vicar). On September 1, the first two mentioned, were joined by Barbara Mayr from

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Günzburg – and on Sept. 17, by Miss Bernardine Verot from Paderborn and Anna Welter from Aachen – it was hoped to have a special help through both of these, since the first had already been a missionary and the latter, though still young, had already worked with Miss Verot in Romania. On October 4, therefore, also these last mentioned Sisters were permitted to be invested. As I mentioned, this was done without special permission, and when the unlawfulness of the matter was recognized, a letter was written to the Rev. Bishop in Regensburg, that it was done more from a lack of knowledge, and forgiveness was requested. ---

Through this letter, the matter became still worse, and the answer came to the Pastor, that he should send us away. ---

Since the Pastor would have liked us to leave already for a longer time, this letter helped to speed up the matter, as did another one that

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had arrived in response to his letter. --- Soon after the mentioned investment, however, Miss Verot and Anna Welter left the association, as they did not want to recognize Miss Thekla Bayer as superior. – As a consequence of continuous embarrassing disturbances, we no longer received the food, so that, during the last week in October before our departure, we had food brought to us from the restaurant of the place. I also mention that in the middle of October, Rev. Father Lüthen was in Johannesbrunn. However, he was unable to reach a better understanding, since the hearts of all were embittered against Thekla Bayer, and the pious and concerned Priest must have returned to Munich with a heavy heart. After him the Rev. Assistant Priest came from Mühldorf; he had found an apartment for us in Altötting, and sent a farmer who came to get the furniture;

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he brought it first to Mühldorf, since there seemed to exist the possibility that we would get a little convent not far from Mühldorf,

which however, came to nothing. – On October 31, we therefore left our unforgettable Johannesbrunn, and we two Sisters separated in Ganghoven from our superior, who traveled directly to Regensburg, as she wanted to speak the Rev. Bishop about the matter – but she was not admitted to an audience with him. --

The Rev. Assistant Priest was expecting us two Sisters at the train station in Mühldorf and told us the most important matters regarding the apartment and sent us on. He bought us the tickets to Neuötting - and having arrived there, we continued on by carriage in $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour to Altötting. We had already been announced for a few days' stay at Hotel Apsmeier, where we

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could recover somewhat from the stress and strain of the last days. We stayed at this hotel from November 1st to 4th, until our furniture arrived. For the time being we received a small, friendly apartment of two little rooms and a kitchen – the latter was also used as bedroom. –

Rev. Fr. Lüthen came after three weeks and told us that we would now go to Neuwerk, and, if possible, we should be there by the beginning of the octave of St. Barbara. The time was very short. – Much of what was not absolutely necessary for the trip was to be sold. Miss Tekla Bayer, however, wanted to leave already within a few days, in order, as she said, to make the necessary preparations for us Sisters. --- She left November 25, and arrived in Neuwerk on December 2, since on the way, she spent some time in Munich, Würzburg, etc. etc. --- We

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bade farewell to Altötting on December 5, at 6:00 AM, and after an uninterrupted voyage, arrived in Neuwerk on the 7th at 8:00 in the evening. – On January 24, Thekla Bayer, having been called by the Rev. General Director from Neuwerk, traveled to Munich (for Rome). There she was dismissed from the Society.

In **February 1883**, I had an offer to sell the house at a high price to the government,⁶⁹ as they wanted to turn it into a state institution for 200 neglected children. This, of course, I refused. After this, I proposed to the Welfare Committee to take in four poor orphans without any remuneration – and to have S. Ursula take care of the sick poor for the love of God. The latter is being done since then. – Now, on June 13, she has two sick poor to care for.

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Four new poor children are not immediately available in our municipality, and those already given to foster parents could not well be removed. Miss Barbara Mayr, who was supposed to take care of the children, seemed to lack a vocation for this type of work, and she returned to Munich, where she still belongs to the Catholic Teaching Society as a promoter.

For the **Feast of Easter**, I received a letter, written by the Rev. Founder of the Catholic Teaching Society on Good Friday, in which he indicated that I might have to come to Rome once in the fall. (It would seem to be God's will that the two motherhouses of the Society, both of the men's and of the women's branches be located in the holy city of Rome.) The Director General signed the letter: John Francis of the Cross, which is his religious name.⁷⁰ Also, three Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society were invested at Easter.⁷¹

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Later, the Mayor came to ask if I would take in four little boys – poor boys – but I had to refuse. Later, after Miss Barbara had left (she left on **April 8**), they wanted to give me two little girls, but for the moment I had to refuse them.

⁶⁹ According to a later note for Fr. Jordan, she was offered 75 000 Mark. (She herself had bought the estate for 36 000 Mark.)

⁷⁰ In March 1883, the Catholic Teaching Society had become a Religious Institute. cf. *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p.35, and Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p. 174

⁷¹ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, Streitl, Section 5.8, p. 358f; and *A Short Biography* SHS 1.0, p. 35-36, fn. 157.

On April 1, my oldest orphan, Anna Vierschgens, was privileged to receive her first Holy Communion – she was very devout on this day – Oh, may she always be faithful to the Savior!

On the evening of **May 29**, our Most Rev. Founder Jordan arrived here from Rome. We had the privilege and the great joy to give him lodging here. (Unfortunately, Monsignor had just departed for six weeks, also for Rome). He stayed until **June 1** – and inspired us greatly to virtue and to the apostolate – through everything. – On the morning of **May 31**, after Holy Communion, he came into our house chapel –

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where everything was accomplished for the dear God and everything for my soul... at last – at last – forever – forever. The most Rev. Father J. Francis of the Cross and M. Theresa of the Apostles prayed alone. x

x *I made perpetual vows.*⁷²

June 2 and 3, my sister Elise took me along on a pilgrimage to Sittard, to Our Lady of the Most Sacred Heart (I went to confession to a Jesuit priest) – and from there, back to Roermond to Our Lady of the Sand. – In Roermond there are, e.g., about ten monasteries. Everything was beautiful, pious, and uplifting.

In the course of the year 1883, the renovation of our church was started – in the original style – beautiful.

In the convent, I had the two corridors at the entrance newly laid with Nettlach tiles, and had other items repaired.

On my nameday, a missionary of the Resurrection came to see me.

On November 21, I once again went to the *Sacré Coeur* Convent in Blumenthal,⁷³ probably for the last time. There I gave thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for everything and was strengthened still more in my present vocation.

⁷² Note added later in different ink at the end of p.54.

⁷³ cf. *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p.15 ff

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In the course of our mission for the feast of St. Barbara, our good Mayor Holl died suddenly (**December 6, 1883**, at 2:00 a.m.). He is greatly mourned, especially by his poor widow.⁷⁴

In **January 1884**, the municipality asked me to take in a poor old man, but at the moment, unfortunately, I could not take him. Then I was asked to take a poor child for the love of God and, thank God, this I could do. On Candlemas Day, they brought dear little Louise Happekamp, whose father and mother have died. She was born on Epiphany Day of 1879 of pious parents. May she be under the protection of the Mother of God!⁷⁵

Our oldest orphan, A. Vierschgens,⁷⁶ graduated from school in September and has been claimed by her father more than once, so that she would earn money for him. However, the municipality = I have the first say about this child, thanks be to God – Alas! How

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corrupting, how selfish everything of the world can be! Once the father wanted to lease the child to a Protestant prison overseer. But the good God helped me to prevent that; and for now, I sent Anna to help in the house of the assistant pastor Klein, where she is very good and diligent.

The Rev. missionary priest, Father Lüthen of the Catholic Teaching Society, is now also publishing a magazine for children, called *Manna* (certainly an appropriate name). Thirteen persons have already subscribed here – and the *Missionär* by the same priest, now has 43 subscribers. – All the magazines arrive here and are distributed from here. Also, about twenty persons have already inscribed themselves as collaborators (the Third Degree of the Catholic Teaching Society).

⁷⁴ According to a statement by Miss Clara Holl, Therese was on friendly terms with Mrs. Ernestine Holl. The mayor, returning from a feast, collapsed on the street and died. cf. *Letters to Fr. Jordan*, Letter 2, Dec. 14, 1883, SHS 2.16/1, p.7

⁷⁵ Arrived Feb. 2, 1884, died Dec. 26, 1884.

⁷⁶ The family name is spelled both, Vierschgens and Firschgens.

On **February 9**, our new pious and practical Mayor is to arrive:

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Werner Breuer, until now in Giesenkirchen – for a long time already very well known in Myllendonk.

On **March 21**, our neighbor, the assistant parish priest Brinkmann died. Assistant pastor Klein will soon move into his apartment, and then our assistant priest Dörner will move into the apartment of assistant priest Klein.

A magnificent new altar has arrived in our church (a gift from Monsignor). = There are pictures of Blessed Mary Alacoque: an apparition of the Sacred Heart, as well as pictures of St. Stanislaus with St. Barbara.

In Rome, the Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society have already opened an orphanage: "Home of the Immaculate Conception", for poor girls from age four on.⁷⁷

Sister Antonia Block, who entered here with me in 1878, returned to her former convent in America on **May 29, 1884**. She will probably fit in better there than she did here lately. This journey required many preparatory arrangements. Father Sorleberg, S.J., in Antwerp, helped me greatly. As a Sister, she is also supposed to get a discount of 1/15. I gave her about 100 Thaler.

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Sister Ursula Rabis has diligently and skillfully taken over the garden and kitchen as well as the goats. However, we hope that soon more Sisters will arrive. I also help with everything as well as I can – but as regards real work I am very weak, sorry to say.

The assistant priest, Fr. Dörner, moved from here to a priests' house, in the middle of June. ----

On **July 5, 1884**, two Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society arrived here, Miss Louise Klara Kley from Erfurt, and S. Ant. Stanislaus Schön from Bavaria (near Regensburg). – They came from Rome.⁷⁸

⁷⁷ cf. *Missionär* of June 29, 1884, quoted in Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p.295.

⁷⁸ cf. *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p.52

On **July 22**, Sister Ursula and I traveled to Rome.⁷⁹ (We had to go into quarantine at Villa Canduri on Lake Como for seven days, because of cholera in France.) We stayed three weeks in Rome with the Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society. – We often had the grace of talking with the Ven. Founder, Father Jordan.

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We also had the opportunity of visiting some of the most famous sanctuaries, e.g., St. Peter's, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, Ara Coeli, St. Benedict Labre, St. Frances of Rome, St. John Lateran, and others.

The Sisters live in Vicolo del Falco, No. 18, close to Borgo Pio. – There were already twenty Sisters and fifteen orphans. On the way back I traveled via Munich, where I stayed for one day, and another day I stayed with my sister von Böselager. I met S. Ursula in Neuss; she had traveled across the St. Gotthardt Pass.

In the St. Barbara Institute, a new postulant had arrived: Barbara Griebel, 27 years old, from the area of Bamberg. – Now these three have their own prayers, Rule and kitchen, and we continue the way we did before. –

(My suitcase is still in Rome = **Sept. 11, 1884.**)

On **September 18**, two more Sisters arrived from Rome, the superior there, Mother Franziska Streitl,⁸⁰ and Sister Barbara Scholastica Demer;⁸¹ the former born in Melrichstadt, the latter from Schesslitz, Bavaria.

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Miss Louise Clara Kley⁸² went from here to Bamberg on **October 4**, = apparently she left the community.

⁷⁹ *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p.38 ff

⁸⁰ cf. Fr. Alfred Schneble, SDS, *Historica*, end of April 1982, Special No.

82 1031, p.44 f (*German*)

⁸¹ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, 5.9, p.360f.

⁸² cf. DSS XIV, E, Clara Kley, p. 391, 397, 399

On the **27th**, Sister Superior Franzisca and Sister Stanislaus⁸³ left for Rome, and on the **29th**, Sister Scholastica and Sister Barbara followed. – After Clara Kley's departure, we again formed one community and did everything in common.

On **December 21**, the *Monitore Romano*⁸⁴ stated, that we here in Prussia are also Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society, and expressed good wishes for the expansion of our orphanage.

Then I received a diploma from the Ven. Founder as a promoter of the Angel Sodality,⁸⁵ the 6th branch of the Catholic Teaching Society, founded by him for children; reading the *Manna* is part of the requirement. (On February 2, already 16 children were inscribed). There are already 16, who subscribe to the *Manna*, and 48 to the *Missionär*.

Our dear little Louise Happekamp died on **December 26, 1884**, of dropsy. (On Christmas Day, she still sang with us at the little Christmas tree.)

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On **February 10**, I was in Maastricht, to visit our Most Reverend Archbishop⁸⁶, and to ask him to kindly permit some of the Sisters from Rome to come here..... May St. Scholastica intercede for us so that we receive a positive answer soon; for His Excellency said (wrote) = "after some time".

On the **4th**, a new assistant priest began his work here, Rev. Joseph Ahles from Emmerich; he already worked zealously for six years in Bavaria, and seems to be very devout – Thanks be to the good God.

⁸³ cf. DSS XIV, E, Sister Stanislaus (Stanisla) Schön

⁸⁴ cf. DSS XIV, E, p. 87, also section 3.23, p. 131

⁸⁵ Original copy in ASDS; cf. *Documents*, D, SHS 2.12/1, p.158 and pp. 211-218

⁸⁶ Archbishop Paul Melchers was exiled from Cologne through the laws of the *Kulturkampf* and directed the Diocese from Maastricht/Netherlands, until he was called to Rome in the summer of 1885. – cf. *Letter Dialogue*, SHS 1.2, p. 20

Till now, I was able to inscribe already about 100 children in the Angel Sodality – they read the *Manna* either at home, or here, or in school.

Around Easter, I received news from Rome that I should soon go there again = Everything as God wants it.

On **April 12**, my second orphan was privileged to receive first Holy Communion: Christine Firschgens. During **May**, my former orphan:

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Anna Firschgens, was here for ten days. The house in Giesenkirchen, where she lived, was not a good one. She will now return to her former job in Gladbach, with butcher Gerve in Gladbach-Eiken.

The Mayor of Giesenkirchen asked if I could take in two poor children from there, a boy and a girl – I was able to consent only to the girl.

There has been the request from here, whether it would be possible to give piano and needlework lessons to some children here in the convent. However, this will probably not be possible for the time being.

On **August 5**, I received a letter from our Venerable Founder, in which he tells me that our former Archbishop Melchers, now Cardinal in Rome, spoke to him favorably about the Society and about Neuwerk.⁸⁷

On the **11th**, Brother Stanislaus Lukas (from Essen),

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one of the student Brothers, already professed, came from Rome. He was on a collection tour, mainly for reasons of health. He spoke

⁸⁷ Fr. Jordan wrote on Aug. 2, 1885 (*Ven. Father*, DSS X, no. 193; and *Letter Dialogue*, SHS 1.2, p. 24), that Card. Melchers stated it most likely was a misunderstanding that he should have refused permission for the Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society to come to Neuwerk (see here p.61).

very happily about his vocation to the Order of the Catholic Teaching Society.

On the 14th, Peter Spreider⁸⁸ from Korschenbroich was here. He has the good fortune to leave one of these days for Rome, in order to become a religious and priest of the Catholic Teaching Society.

My little cousin Carola⁸⁹ from Osnabrück asked by letter to be received into the Angel Sodality. My aunt there also subscribes to the *Missionär* – she was here recently. Now there are already more than 30 really faithful collaborators in Neuwerk. And I have already accepted more than 130 children into the Angel Sodality, and 30 here have sub-scribed to the *Manna*.

Our church is now being renovated beautifully in Romanesque style.

In the first issue of the *Missionär*, of **September 1885**, there were listed many donations for the Catholic Teaching Society from priests and lay persons from Gladbach – Rheydt – Viersen, etc.

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September 24, 1885 – Yesterday I was honored by the visit of two Jesuit Fathers from Verviers, Father René and Father von Ascheberg. They showed much interest in the St. Barbara Institute and the Catholic Teaching Society.

My cousin, von Holling, in Belgium subscribed to the *Missionär*, also Miss M. von Ascheberg in Münster. Elisabeth von Wüllenweber in Osnabrück became a collaborator. Father von Ascheberg asked for some literature on the Society. Theodor von Böselager from Osnabrück was also here to renew his subscription.⁹⁰

On **November 11**, a letter arrived here from Rev. Father Lüthen in Rome, which informed me that the Sisters in Rome are no longer under the direction of the Ven. Founder, Father Jordan – that we

⁸⁸ Father Pacificus Spreider, SDS

⁸⁹ Carola von Wüllenweber, cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1, p. 145

⁹⁰ The persons indicated are relatives of Therese.

are now actually the only Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society.⁹¹ At the same time the good news,

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especially that the ecclesiastical authorities have asked for the Constitutions of the Society⁹² in order to approve them – that Ven. Father Jordan has elaborated them and is in the process of handing them in. – Oh, what grace is awaiting us!!

(The Catholic Teaching Society has printed a *Calendar* for 1886, with information about the six degrees of the Society – Within one month the 5000 copies were already sold out.)

Soon we expect the arrival of the newly appointed Archbishop of Cologne, Philip Krementz,⁹³ former bishop of Ermland.

On the feast of the Three Kings, at 10:30 a.m., after six days of illness, the father of the parish, the good shepherd and leader of souls, Monsignor von Essen, died of pneumonia at the age of 55. He, who had lived like a saint and as a most zealous

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shepherd of souls, also died like a saint (assisted by Fr. Ahles). His last words were: "St. Barbara, pray for me – Oh, Three Holy Kings, Caspar, Melchior, Bal..tha..sar" – he laughed and was dead. --- And before that, continuous acts of love to Jesus. The whole parish, about 6,000 souls, is in mourning.

In the 14 years of pastoral work, he has done wonderful things here⁹⁴ – for various associations – for the adornment of the church – for everything. Although he was perfectly healthy, he must have had some premonition of his death. – In his sermons, etc. He did, then, sacrifice his life for his flock.

⁹¹ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, pp. 304-323

⁹² cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, pp. 328-333

⁹³ Archbishop Philippus Krementz (1885-1899), successor of Card.

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⁹⁴ Dr. von Essen wanted to enter the Benedictines in St. Boniface, Munich. The post brought the episcopal permission on the day of his death. Cf. F. Bornemann, SVD, *Der Pfarrer von Neuwerk, Dr. Ludwig von Essen und seine Missionspläne*, Steyl St. Augustin, D, p. 183

During the busy time before Christmas, though suffering from a bad cold, he walked twice in the severe cold to visit a sick person half an hour away. There is one more saint, one more intercessor in heaven – this shall be our consolation, and a call to imitate him!!!

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On **February 15, 1886**, I received a letter from Rome with the joyful news that the Catholic Teaching Society in Rome has now received the great grace of the first Papal Approval. = Oh, how grateful we ought to show ourselves through our actions.⁹⁵

Through Carola von Wüllenweber I have already received several children in Osnabrück into the Angel Sodality.

Rev. Father von Leonhardi wrote from London, where he works as missionary, in reply to my letter announcing to him the death of Monsignor.

Rector Jansen of Steyl asked for a photo of the deceased pastor – since Monsignor is one of the main founders of the Mission House.

In the *Missionär* it was also stated that Monsignor, as member of the Academy of the Catholic Teaching Society, is recommended to the prayer of all.

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Since Our Lady of Lourdes is especially venerated in the College of Divine Providence in Rome, I must mention here something about our statue (since the letter is no longer here). Miss Carpentier, Adèle, from Brussels, formerly had Miss Kohnen for a short time as a maid.

⁹⁵ cf. Father Lüthen to Therese, Feb. 11, 1886, (in Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p.447f). However, the Rule approved by Cardinal Parocchi on Feb. 27, had been written by Mons. Jacquemin. It was, therefore, not accepted by the members of the Society. In March, the professed members met with the Cardinal Vicar who gave permission that Father Jordan develop a new rule. Jordan's short rule, containing only the essentials, was presented on April 11, and approved by the Cardinal Vicar on June 5.

She wrote to me: "I had bought a beautiful statue, as a gift for the Cathedral in Brussels, but it was not accepted. – Then I wanted to donate it to a country parish priest whom I had known – I wrote there; but he had moved away. Disconsolate, I went to the Cathedral. – I prayed earnestly with tears: Oh, dear Mother, show me where you want to be venerated. I finally went home and found the letter from Miss Kohlen, telling me about your foundation. I immediately understood: Our Lady of Lourdes desires to be venerated in the St. Barbara Institute – wrap the statue and send it. Mary in person gives herself to you!!" Miss Carpentier also always wanted to be our Affiliate. – I am sorry that I now no longer know her address.⁹⁶

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On **February 20, 1886** I received a letter from Miss Dörli – Kempten, Bavaria. She asked me for Sisters, or through me from Ilanz – also wants to make her own foundation. I asked her to kindly turn to Rev. Father Jordan in Rome for information, as I had joined the Catholic Teaching Society, thanks be to God.

A great grace has been granted to the Society: last week I received notice from Rev. Father Bonaventura Lüthen, that it had already received ecclesiastical approval⁹⁷ through Cardinal Vicar Parocchi, Rome.

My good Papa has now, on February 17, also become a collaborator, and he subscribes to the *Missionär*. He wants all the servants in Myllendonk to read it as well. Thank God, he is much more favorably inclined now.

Since **March**, I am conducting a gratuitous sewing school in the afternoons for small children of the Angel Sodality who live in the vicinity, about 15 of them.

Usually, I now go to confession to Vicar Hansmann, Administrator of the church in Eiken (he was also the confessor of our good deceased pastor).

⁹⁶ cf. Entry of May 18, 1877; cf. here, Book 1, p. 9

⁹⁷ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p. 447-453 (cf. also here: footnote 95)

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In the beginning of **April**, I went to Roermond with Sister Ursula, to make the jubilee confession to a Redemptorist Priest. At the same time I showed her some convents of expelled German religious (there are about ten there); also the Camillians from France have settled there.

On **April 21, 1886** we had the unexpected joy to have with us Brother Marcellus⁹⁸ from the Motherhouse in Rome = he brought very good news about our Ven. Father and about the Society. Brother Marcellus is a son of Mr. Schönen of Mönchengladbach. He also told us that many houses have been offered the Society in Austria – that from Silesia alone already more than fifty Sisters and many Brothers from everywhere desire to enter – that two priests are going to join now and that they also want to publish a French paper now in Rome.

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On **May 6**, I took – with permission – my little niece, Therese von Böselager, to the Visitation Convent in Tilburg (formerly Castle Mühlheim, Westphalia). She wanted to enter there, and for the moment is staying there for a few weeks. The good Sisters, whom I knew from the past, were very kind to me. The Fathers of the Sacred Heart, who have a main house in Tilburg, advised Therese to join us. “May the dear Lord just see to it that each one finds her predestined place.”

On **May 25**, the Emperor signed a peace treaty, which eliminates many hardships stemming from the deplorable *Kulturkampf*.⁹⁹ It allows the pastors to resume their tasks in the parishes, permits the education of priests – and allows religious women, Sisters of Charity, to perform many good works – Thank God.

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On **June 22**, a letter arrived from Rev. Father Bonaventura Lüthen in Rome, with the news that – thanks be to the Sacred Heart of

⁹⁸ Frater Marcellus Schönen, SDS

⁹⁹ Cf. *Currents*, SHS 10.1, p. 56-60

Jesus – the second Order, i.e., the Sisters, would most probably be started this year in Germany (most likely here).

The smallest orphan, little Elisabeth, has not been very well for some time. I was afraid (and so was the doctor) that it might be tuberculosis. For one month now, she is confined to bed in the large living room downstairs, close to me, and I thank God for the opportunity to do all the nursing myself. She is such a gifted child, and has brought many children into the Angel Sodality. There is hope now that she will get better again. Most likely it was rather a long whooping cough. On the **23rd** she had the great grace of receiving her first Holy Communion – and Extreme Unction. We had made everything as solemn as possible. Father Klein came.

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On **August 10**, towards 8:00 a.m., little Elisabeth died very devoutly. For more than half an hour, she held the burning candle in her hand; on the **6th**, she had received the Holy Viaticum for the second time. Her recovery had only been a short one.

Once she said: "I wish I had died when I was real small, then I would not have committed any sin." On **August 9**, I had still wheeled her around the garden, and in the evening of that day prayed night prayer with her, as for the last time. On the **10th**, she still signaled to me that she was going to pray for me.

On the **15th**, I went to Kevelaer to Our Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted; there I went to confession to Father Pesch, S.J.

On this same feastday, our Venerable Father, Fr. Jordan, wrote a comforting letter to me, that I should come to Rome soon with Sister Ursula – that he intends to found a new convent there – the Sisters are to be called: Sisters of Charity of Mary, our Help.

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On **October 23, 1886**, our parish received, thanks be to the good God, a new pastor, the Rev. Hermann Joseph Leonhard Koch,¹⁰⁰ born in Cologne. For 13 years he was assistant priest in Bonn, from where I still remember him, and then for 13 years parish priest in Beyenburg, near Barmen. He has the reputation of being a very devout and zealous priest – he has already worked much and accomplished great things.

On **October 30**, he gave the convent, me, the honor of his visit and suggested right away, since this would be in keeping with the vocation to the Catholic Teaching Society, that we instruct the children here in the convent for first Holy Communion, which I accepted gladly.

The Catholic Teaching Society in Rome is also progressing with the blessing of God. On the feast of St. Francis, for example, twenty Brothers entered at the same time. Rev. Fr. Jordan rented an additional floor in Palazzo Moroni.¹⁰¹ Already 72 persons are living there, Fathers, Brothers, and Candidates.

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Father Jordan also expressed hope that the Sisters' Congregation might be approved soon and that it then would prosper for the glory of God.

Therese von Böselager did not remain with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Liège, as was to be expected¹⁰².

On Papa's nameday, **November 9, 1886**, in Myllendonk, many of my relatives took "building stones" to assist the Catholic Teaching Society: the von Jordans, von Aschebergs, and von Böselagers. About 75 persons have already bought *Calendars* from the Catholic Teaching Society.

¹⁰⁰ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV E, p. 455; DSS XV E, p. 43-44; *Letters to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16, Nov. 2, 1886; also *Letter Dialogue*, SHS 1.2, p. 33.

¹⁰¹ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p. 261

¹⁰² She entered the *Sacré Coeur* in 1886; cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1, p. 124

Rev. Father Jordan wrote for the feast of **Christmas**, that from **January 1, 1887**, he would occupy himself seriously with the new Sisters' Congregation.

On **March 17**, the assistant priest, Father Klein, was introduced as parish priest in Boschernich. A zealous young assistant priest, Father Löher, has been appointed for here in his place.

Forty-two children have subscribed to the *Manna*, and of these, 10-20 come here daily for sewing lessons.

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On **March 18**, Rev. Pastor Koch was here and indicated that most probably, Franciscan Sisters would come here,¹⁰³ if Rev. Father Jordan could not yet send Sisters. On **May 31**, he asked for prayers for an important matter; on **June 1**, he spoke to me about his plan, inspired and approved by the Most Reverend Archbishop: to have the Franciscan Sisters of Heydhuizen¹⁰⁴ -- Mönchengladbach come here.

On the following day, First Friday, he handed me his plan in church – and in the afternoon I went to see him about the matter. May his holy zeal and his humility become a blessing: may this beginning, made in obedience to Holy Church, serve the honor of God, the salvation of souls, as well as, at last, the charitable flourishing of the Sisters' Congregation of the Catholic Teaching Society.

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In a meeting on the **31st of July**, the Rev. Pastor announced that this convent, the history of which he told very beautifully, will soon become a hospital, and he praised this.

On **July 17**, two large beautiful new bells were installed in the newly restored bell tower. (One bears the image of the Sacred Heart).

¹⁰³ Regarding Pastor Koch's plans, cf. *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p. 30-33

¹⁰⁴ cf. *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p. 36-37

(On **August 5**, a poor old barrel organ player from Biagio, near Naples, made his confession after a long time to the Rev. Pastor. – I was permitted to serve as interpreter, turning my back to them. On the following day, the poor old man went very devoutly to Holy Communion.)

On **September 14**, the Most Rev. Archbishop is to come here from Gladbach to administer the sacrament of Confirmation.

On **June 14**, the Reverend Benedictine Father Jordanus Balsieper, Bishop of East Bengal, visited the Pastor. – His Grace gave the blessing also to me and presented me with a rosary. Deo gratias.

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According to the statement of the Rev. Pastor and his research, this convent – from the beginning and in the documents – only had the name: the “New Work of the Mother of God.” May it also be in the future and once again her “New Work”; oh, Mary, help!!!

On **August 29**, I received a letter from Rome with orders to give an immediate report on the situation in Neuwerk, as I had waited too long to write. I, therefore, explained everything immediately. (On the **22nd**, after a pilgrimage to Kevelaer, the Rev. Pastor had said to me: “Matters are different now”. I, therefore, thought he meant for the better and for the good of the Catholic Teaching Society here.)

On the **9th**, the Pastor catechized 70 children here in the small chapel, in preparation for Confirmation, and also visited the convent rooms upstairs for the first time.

On **September 14**, I received good heartwarming news

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from Ven. Father Jordan in Rome: he was happy about my faithfulness. I should persevere in suffering, it would be for the best of those who would come in future.

Then: In Vienna, the Archbishop had given written permission to found there a house of the Society. In Castel Madama, near Rome,

the municipality was willing to help build a house for the Society there. And he had promised admission to another fifty candidates for this year, etc., etc.

The Most Rev. Archbishop also gave Papa the honor of his visit, and the latter, so I was told, made a nice speech, saluting him at his doorstep, and also in Gladbach, when he went to meet him.

On the 14th, Neuwerk had the great privilege to welcome this Prince of the Church. Everything was decorated fittingly with about seventy triumphal arches. There were 1,300 persons to receive Confirmation. I, too, had the great and completely unexpected grace to welcome our Bishop and Father here for a good quarter of an hour. What a joy!

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His Grace asked some probing questions; he also said, this is beautiful, Our Lady in the chapel – then, especially, that he is corresponding with Father Lüthen, that the *Missionär* is being sent to him, that the plans of the Society are great; and he inquired about the space here, etc., and said: this is already a convent. And finally, when I kissed his ring, he said: May the Lord our God give His blessing! I had told him that, as a Sister of the Catholic Teaching Society, I wished that a charitable institution be established here. So I count on God that on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross a true ecclesiastical foundation has been laid here for God's work. God be praised eternally!!!

Canon Wiedemann from Odenkirchen, as well as our Pastor and his two assistants accompanied the Most Rev. Archbishop on his visit here. Truly, on September 14, 1887, blessing has come to this house!!

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Thank God, I also had decorated nicely: in front five banners and wreaths, etc., also towards the church four banners, etc. Inside the house, the picture of the Archbishop decorated by a wreath.

When the Pastor gave catechism class here on the 9th of **September**, he had all the children pray that soon there might be a

hospital here, etc., and said that then the Most Rev. Archbishop would bless the convent again.

One day, the Abbot of the Trappist Monastery Maria Stern, in Bosnia, gave us the honor of his visit.

On **October 30**, Mr. Firschgens, (father of the children here) had an accident and died in the hospital at Gladbach. I also stayed there with him for a few hours that evening, together with little Christine.

On the **day after Christmas**, the Pope's jubilee was celebrated beautifully in the church, and in the evening with spiritual talks and speeches in the parish hall, to which we also were asked to go.

Once, following the explicit wish of Rev. Pastor,

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we had to go to a concert of sacred music for the benefit of the church.

On the feast of St. Nicholas, I was asked to bring Elise von Böselager back to Peppenhoven, and I then took the opportunity to visit the St. Joseph's House, a home for neglected boys – about 400 – founded by our Pastor, Fr. Koch. There is a magnificent and lovely church, truly a beautiful and useful institute for the good of souls.

On **October 8**, the reply of the Archbishop of Cologne concerning this convent arrived: it was positive. However, the ownership should first be further clarified. On **November 13**, the pastor received a reply from Rev. Father Lüthen – Rome – that they could not donate the convent, as they hoped that Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society would work there sometime at a later date.

On **December 21**, I received a kind and determined letter of consolation from Ven. Father Jordan, that he now wanted to start with the Sisters in earnest;

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and I should tell him when we could come.

On **Holy Christmas Day**, the Rev. Pastor said: "As soon as you move out, other Sisters will move in – till you return." On **New Year's Day** he greeted us with: "Now you have to start the intense work!!!"

Last month, two more from Korschenbroich entered in Rome with our Fathers: Johannes Dicks¹⁰⁵ and Matthias Schmitz¹⁰⁶.

The new church in Hoven is to be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, according to the wishes of the Pastor.

Through another child from here, several children from Gladbach now subscribe to the *Manna*. Ninety-nine children of the Angel Sodality here have prayed two rosaries and offered some sacrifice for the Holy Father, on the occasion of his golden jubilee of priesthood.

Now, also my cousin Hugo von Wüllenweber¹⁰⁷ subscribes to the *Missionär*, and has become a collaborator. O, would that soon something would begin in earnest with us Sisters here, as well as in Rome!!! **January 6, 1888.**

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On **January 8, 1888**, the Rev. Pastor announced twice in church that very soon the work of religious will start here – full of joy in God – he humbly asked for prayers. He said he had been to see the Most Rev. Archbishop and had discussed everything with him.

At first the sick would be taken care of in their homes, then in the convent; the children would be taken care of – a nursery; working girls would be taught needlework and cooking – blind people would be accepted – perpetual adoration would be established. O God, everything for you and for the good of souls. Bless what you have begun!!!

On the **6th**, Ven. Father wrote asking how I could most quietly come to Rome.

¹⁰⁵ Father Macario Dicks, SDS

¹⁰⁶ Father Spiridion Schmitz, SDS

¹⁰⁷ cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, p. 141

On **January 14**, the general superior of the Franciscan Sisters of Heydhuizen and the superior of Gladbach un-expectedly came here with the Rev. Pastor.

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The former is, as I heard there, the cousin of an acquaintance of ours, Miss Emerence Houben. They presented themselves with much simplicity – and I told them how, in 1856, full of youthful enthusiasm, I had praised them in a poem¹⁰⁸ – but had then entered the *Sacré Coeur* – the habit had not appealed to me. Our good Pastor gave us his blessing together. That which Holy Church wants is evidently part of God's holy plan, and it will be possible to carry it out trustingly in humility and holy zeal..... At one time, Rev. Pastor had also been chosen to be the Rector of these Franciscan Sisters. -----

On the **20th**, Rev. Pastor sent someone to record the measurements of all the rooms in the convent; I gladly let him do so. We are also to get a separate rector. The Most Rev. Archbishop will now also visit Fr. Jordan in Rome!!!!¹⁰⁹

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On **February 23, 1888**, Rev. Father Jordan wrote to me that it was probably most expedient to transfer the convent to the present Pastor, Father Koch, rather than legally holding it as their own.... I should have someone estimate the value.

Mr. Rutten, together with Mr. Hauser, did this, at my request.¹¹⁰ These gentlemen remarked that, since Father Jordan intended to transfer it to Rev. Pastor exclusively for the purpose of an institute, etc., the price would have to be low for a hospital, since much would have to be remodeled, etc., etc., etc. At the same time someone had

¹⁰⁸ cf. *Poems by Therese*, SHS 2.11, p.56-59

¹⁰⁹ Archbishop Kremenz visited the Motherhouse of the Society on Feb. 14, 1888. cf. Fr. Pancratius Pfeiffer, *Father Francis of the Cross*, p. 223

¹¹⁰ Estimate of March 4, 1888 in APS, Rome, E 603 A – The estimated value of the property was about 20,000 Mark. Mary of the Apostles had bought it for 36,000 Mark.

had written in the *Niederrheinische Zeitung*: that "ten years ago, Papa had bought part of the Neuwerk Convent (which, however, is not true, I bought it) and that his daughter Therese had given it to a religious Congregation in Rome. – With this Congregation negotiations are now in progress, in order to transform it into a hospital."

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Little Adolphine von Böselager¹¹¹ was able to sell ten „building stones“ for the Brothers in Rome and Matthias von Ascheberg sold twenty, with real enthusiasm. In Rome there are now 156, yes, even 165 Brothers. Father Jordan thinks and hopes that we Sisters will progress just as rapidly for the good of souls. If only we ourselves are no obstacle.

On **March 12**, I received a letter from Rev. Father Otto Hopfenmüller, Catholic Teaching Society, saying that the Pastor could not buy the convent unless I retract the conditions I placed on it when I donated it to the Society¹¹²....

On **April 9**, (feast of the Annunciation of Mary), the same Father wrote that Rev. Father Jordan is likewise willing to give the convent back to me. (Between these two alternatives the latter is the least risky for me and for our Cause.)

On **April 11**, I traveled to Heydhuizen myself, in order to talk with the General Superior of the Franciscan Sisters, whom our Rev. Archbishop

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wishes for here; and especially to find out how we could live together here, in case we could not yet go to Rome. On the other hand – they doing their work, and I living with them as a Sister of the Catholic Teaching Society, this would definitely not be possible, said the Ven. Superior General. She examined me a little. And I said I was ready for everything that Holy Church would want...

¹¹¹ cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, p. 126

¹¹² cf. *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0, p.45-46; *Neuwerk*, SHS 6.1, p. 30f; SHS 2.16/1, p. 17-18; Edwein, DSS XV, E, p. 70-73.

The Bishop of Roermond, under whose jurisdiction they are, happened to be there. She would present everything to him, then make a novena, and afterwards write to me. Therefore – therefore – pray – let us pray!!!

Heydhuizen is a beautiful convent with a hundred nuns and a hundred boarders, also a teacher training college – a lovely church. They were founded fifty years ago by a poor servant girl: Katharina (Sister Magdalena) and Pastor Peter van de Zandt. Twenty years ago their Rule was approved in Rome. They already have 50 houses, many of them in the missions – also in

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Germany (for all kinds of good works). On **April 12**, the Bishop invested nineteen postulants and accepted the profession of thirteen novices. It was very solemn. A Jesuit priest, Father Diel, gave a beautiful sermon on the happiness of religious life. – On my way back I went to a Redemptorist priest for confession at the shrine of Maria Zandt near Roermond.

For the first time after ten years, I spent a day in Venne, on the occasion of first Holy Communion there. Everything was very edifying.¹¹³

On **April 22**, Miss G. Koenen came here from Gladbach, to ask for admission for another lady, as she had heard that a new Congregation was to be founded here. = She herself, she said, was all enthusiastic about the missions. I asked her to go to the Rev. Pastor.

On the **30th** I was with the 100 First Communicants, to help. They were at Kathen's for coffee and to play: teachers and priests were with them.

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I had a new seal made (metal seal): a standing Madonna with the Child Jesus on her arm. "May the dear Mother of God, then, put her seal upon her work!"

¹¹³ cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, p. 112-114

On **April 25**, a letter arrived from the lawyer, Mr. Lückerath and Rev. Father von Leonhardi, missionary priest, now in Epsom near London, concerning the return of the convent – Lord, as you want!!

On **May 6**, a brief answer of the Superior General of the Franciscan Sisters arrived that, as was to be expected, in the given case a complete entry by them would probably not be possible. Well, may the good God be thanked for everything.

On **May 16**, I talked with the Ven. Superior of the Poor Handmaids of Christ in Gladbach – we would fit better together, we also have the same rules. – Well, God will take care of everything.

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On **May 20**, a kind reply arrived from the superior: their Superior General regretted very much that, due to shortage of Sisters, they are presently unable to take over the convent. Well then, we shall pray. They also venerate especially St. Joseph and St. Barbara.

On the feast of St. Anthony, I again spoke to one of the Sisters. They hoped that I myself might be able to speak with their Superior General, and they believe that then they might come yet; they would like to walk over at their next convenience, in order to see our convent, etc.

Pastor Dr. Hopfenmüller from Bamberg has now made profession in Rome with our Brothers, as Father Otto.

On **July 20**, two Sisters of Divine Love, from Vienna¹¹⁴, stayed here – this Congregation was at first founded by the deceased De Pozzo (they were on a collection tour).

On the occasion of a mission in Hehn, I visited the hospital of the Handmaids of Christ. -

¹¹⁴ An offshoot of the Society of Ilanz, with which Mother Mary had considered a connection in 1879. (In 1865, De Pozzo had begun his foundation in Ilanz with Franziska Lechner, who, however, left Ilanz and, in 1868 founded the *Daughters of Divine Love* in Vienna. De Pozzo found a new helper for his foundation in Maria Theresia Gasteyer of Wiesbaden, Germany. Today: *Dominican Sisters of Ilanz*)

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The Sisters have now let me know, through a woman, that they intended to come soon with their Superior General, since she was coming to Gladbach in August. -----

I also heard then that the Franciscan Sisters in Gladbach have elected a new Superior General.

On **July 22**, I took part, with permission, in a pilgrimage to the holy shrines in Aachen. It was a splendid celebration, and through the intervention of Pastor Compes, I was able to venerate all the relics in a special way.

I stayed at the *Sacré Coeur* convent in Blumenthal, where, again, many Sisters had died. (I keep this convent in grateful remembrance.)

I also was in Maastricht, visiting the missionary Sisters, founded for Africa by Cardinal Lavigerie on the feast of St. Theresa, in October 1887 (St. Hermann Joseph is Patron); since that time, there were already about twenty postulants.

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At that place, there was also a splendid pilgrimage. (The Archbishop of Cologne showed the relics.) These kind French Missionary Sisters received me in true sisterly fashion.

Yes, we Sisters of the Catholic Teaching Society should have the same missionary spirit (though we should, at the same time, work at home among the modern pagans).

This fall, about ten young men from our area here will enter in Rome as Brothers.

I also received, thanks be to God, news from Rome; first on the feast of the Visitation through one of the Brothers, then, on the feast of St. Mary Magdalene, from our Venerable Founder himself, that the founding of the Sisters' Congregation will now go ahead again with God's grace; that we, therefore, may come again to Rome towards fall. (May God take care of Neuwerk). In holy zeal I would fly to Rome, leaving everything!!!

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From **August 13-15**, we had the privilege and joy to have with us the Rev. Father Thomas Joseph Weigang¹¹⁵ of the Catholic Teaching Society, Rome. He is already older, and was formerly a State employee. He has left everything for God.... (He was born in the Administrative District of Breslau.) Before leaving, he gave us a lovely exhortation to follow the dear Mother of God. He is especially going on a collection tour through Germany; however, he also preached in Frankfurt.

On **August 19**, he participated in the very solemn closing of the celebrations in Gladbach. He carried a relic through the town (beside Rector Hansmann) and the Parish Priest. On the **15th**, I accompanied him to Myllendonk, where he celebrated Holy Mass, and greatly edified and impressed Papa. He also brought the very good news that the Sisters' Congregation will soon go ahead – Oh! dear Mother of God, help! He wrote the following

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in an album (for Osnabrück): "When nowhere here on earth – help can be found, – when all hope has faded, – my Mother still remains with me – yes, she who can and will assist, – she will take care of me!"

On the feast of St. Therese I heard that His Grace in Cologne spoke well of me. –

On **October 8**, I had news from Ven. Father Jordan, that everything should be settled soon, that he would also come here. Then, just on the feast of St. Therese, I heard again from Ven. Father, that on **October 12**, he had talked with His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar – Thanks be to God eternally – and that he would now start soon with the Sisters' Congregation. Lord, have mercy on us!!! All glory be to Him!!!

On the **15th** I also had the joy that many children came to wish me well.

¹¹⁵ cf. Father A. Kiebele SDS, *Father Thomas Weigang*, in *The Salvatorians in History and Today, 1881-1981*, p. 150-153

On Wednesday, the **17th**, Rev. Pastor told me that a charitable association

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including many factory owners as its members, among them the government president of Berlepsch as their leader – with whom our Pastor had spoken on the **15th** – intended, for the time being, to found something here in the convent for the good of girls working in factories. The Rev. Pastor is in charge of the whole.

The following day, **October 18**, I promptly cleared out, made much room – downstairs to the right, everything is free – the chapel upstairs – to the left the living room – in the back the small kitchen – Certainly, the Lord will give his blessing.

On **October 29th**, according to the wish of Mr. Daenskens, I paid 1150 Thaler of the debt still remaining on the Convent, after quite a few difficulties.....

On **October 26**, Franz Schmitz¹¹⁶ from M. Gladbach, a very pious boy of fifteen years, from a good family, traveled to Rome to enter the Catholic Teaching Society there; he traveled together with two Missionaries of Steyl.

On **October 28**, I received a letter from Rome, that we

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should – may – come to Rome still in November – – May it be so!!!

Yes, it is: with Jesus, Mary and Joseph!!! –

On **November 21**, the holy, important day – ¹¹⁷

¹¹⁶ Cleric Raphael Schmitz, SDS

¹¹⁷ Here follow 39 empty pages



The first Home of our Congregation
Tivoli, Piazza San Francesco (Casa Trinchieri).

P.b.J.Ch.

Tivoli – Piazza di¹¹⁸ S. Francesco
near Rome

Notes:

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On **November 21, 1888**, we, Sister Ursula and I, *Maria Theresia von Wüllenweber*¹¹⁹ left the St. Barbara Institute, Neuwerk, following the call of the Ven. Founder of the Catholic Teaching Society. In Munich four more candidates from the Diocese of Bamberg joined us: Miss Maria Hopfenmüller¹²⁰ and three others. In Rome we were permitted to stay for three days to visit the Holy Places. Then, on the **27th**, our Ven. Father, Father Jordan, introduced us to our new home in Tivoli, i.e., Sister Ursula and myself; the same evening I went to meet the other four Sisters at the station.

Ven. Father gave me the Holy Rule, which I received kneeling. And he said: "If you do this, you will become holy."

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Here we live opposite of the church of the Franciscan Fathers. – The residence is poor and suitable for so few. Upstairs there are two large bedrooms and a living room, downstairs a kitchen and a dining room. The Most Rev. Bishop¹²¹ of Tivoli had kindly secured this residence for us.

Two days after we had moved in, Ven. Father came to begin for us an eight-day retreat in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the ceremony of investment.

(I go shopping daily with Sister Ursula, and already understand almost everything in Italian.)

¹¹⁸ The word "di" was added later with different ink.

¹¹⁹ Mother Mary added her name later on the next page (writing upside down)

¹²⁰ Sister Scholastika Hopfenmüller

¹²¹ Bishop Celestino del Frate

On the solemn Feast, I had the great privilege to receive the holy habit of the Society from the hands of our Founder. x

x Ven. Father had previously determined our habit in detail. Ven. Father also showed me (us) a picture of all the different habits. I liked the one of the Visitation best – as did Ven. Father.¹²²

One of the Rev. Brothers of the Catholic Teaching Society, who are presently in Tivoli, assisted at the ceremony. I received again the beautiful name of Mary of the Apostles, xx which I had received from Ven. Father six years ago.

xx *on May 31, 1883, in my Convent of Neuwerk, I had received from Ven. Father the name: Maria Theresia of the Apostles.*¹²³

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Two more Sisters received the habit: Maria Hopfenmüller, now Sister Scholastika, and Margaretha Rheinwald, now Sister Clara. Ven. Father gave a short address, encouraging us to humility and to the imitation of Mary – we too could sing the *Magnificat*, he said. Father Bonaventura Lüthen – Rome – is our confessor. On Sundays, we usually go to the solemn Mass at San Lorenzo, where there is always a sermon. Almost every day we also go for a walk in God's beautiful nature around ancient Tivoli. Once we made a pilgrimage to Maria Quintiliolo¹²⁴. – On our way back, we met the Most Rev. Bishop.

A heavy cross has also come upon us already – and will bring us blessings: Sister Scholastika got sick on the day of investment and had to be brought to the hospital with smallpox. Today, **December 16**, she is again on the road to recovery; I may see her every day. Almost daily one or the other Sister is confined to bed – but nothing serious. – Would that we may learn to love all that Jesus loved!

¹²² Written in the margin later, with different ink

¹²³ Later marginal note

¹²⁴ The picture of Our Lady of Quintiliolo is venerated in a church close to the town and from May to August of each year in the Cathedral of Tivoli.

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Because smallpox is contagious, the two bedrooms were locked by the police and had to be disinfected for 24 hours. And all five of us had to sleep in the small living room. In God we were content with it.

On **December 18**, Ven. Father invested two more Sisters – Sister Margaretha Ruderich with the name Benedikta of Jesus, and Sister Laura Weinsheimer, with the name Columba of St. Joseph. In his address, Ven. Father admonished us to follow the dear Savior in carrying the cross, to consume ourselves in his service like a candle. We should observe the Holy Rule well in order to set an example for those who will come after us. Every day we should now study Italian for one hour, and before and after meals pray the *Benedicite*, etc. in Latin. Then, as our Ven. Brothers also do, after dinner and supper we should pray an Our Father for the interior and exterior welfare of the Society.

On the **24th**, we could take Sister Scholastika home from the hospital.

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Fervent thanks be to our good God. Mary has helped.

On Saturday, confession day, Rev. Father Bonaventura also gave us an Italian lesson, as he intends to do every Saturday from now on.

Sister Columba and I could go to wish our Bishop a happy and blessed Christmas. He was very gracious and wished us well for the beginning of our Society in his diocese.

(In the afternoon of the Feast of the Holy Innocents, we cooked sweet porridge to keep the childlike spirit; on Christmas, etc., we may also have something better in the morning and for dinner.) We often take nice walks for the sake of good health.

On **January 3**, we were able to begin knitting stockings for our Brothers, and thereby to collaborate already, according to our ability, in their missionary work.

On the 14th, we again had the consolation to have Ven. Father with us. He said that so far he was satisfied with us. He showed me also the enlargement of our apartment – very good!

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He exhorted us to have a special veneration for the dear Mother of God. All the saints have made Marian devotion their special concern. Then we should work for the Society as much as we possibly can; at the process of beatification, it is a special question, whether one had zealously worked for one's Order. Be united in charity. The Fathers and Brothers have now already been organized into 10 mission districts. The same will be with the Sisters. Possibly, I would soon make profession once more – solemnly.

In the morning of the 16th, I traveled to Rome for the day with Sister Scholastika, following the wish of Ven. Father. At the German Consulate I signed a document,¹²⁵ in which I agreed that the Neuwerk Convent be sold to the parish priest, Father Hermann J. Koch, and in which I renounced all the conditions I had made in the act of donation to Rev. Father Jordan, Rev. Father von

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Leonhardi and Rev. Father Lüthen.¹²⁶ Ven. Father and Father Lüthen signed first, Father von Leonhardi had signed already. Then, as a witness, also Msgr. Jacquemin¹²⁷ signed, the confessor of the previous Sisters in Rome. In the document I was mentioned as Novice of the Catholic Teaching Society. It was the first of nine Wednesdays in preparation for the Feast of St. Joseph, St. Joseph will also put everything right again.

¹²⁵ cf. Notes by Mother Mary of February 16, 1889, E 606, and waiver of February 19, 1889 E 605 A in APS; also *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2,16/1, Letters 7-9

¹²⁶ cf. Document of sale APS F 41/38, Copy in ASDS

¹²⁷ Msgr. Georges Jacquemin, cf. Edwein, DSS XIII-XVII, E

Afterwards we also had a chance to talk with our Fathers. In the Holy City, we visited St. Peter's and the Sistine Chapel. We also did some shopping, especially of religious articles. Ven. Father gave us a lovely little statue of Our Lady of Lourdes – and we prepared a small altar in the living room.

Sister Ursula¹²⁸ left us on **January 29** to return home. She could not take the climate here, nor the stricter religious discipline.

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For Candlemas, the milkman gave us a container full of cottage cheese as a present – a pious man: the first gift.

Venerable Father told me on Candlemas day that I would soon be permitted to solemnly make profession – thanks be to God!!! Next month – St. Joseph, help!

Then he sent me a list to look through, containing the things each candidate should bring along, and to be sent to those who apply.

On **February 9**, Rev. Father Bonaventura showed me a letter from Pastor Koch in Neuwerk, asking for information on what to do with my furniture¹²⁹, which is evaluated at 1500-2000 Thaler. Most of it is to be sold – please God.

On **March 1**, St. Joseph's Day, we moved downstairs, into the beautiful, large, convent-like residence. The refectory is square, 13 paces long on each side. – It was also First Friday. Our Ven. Father was here on that day to encourage us for the good; he also visited the Bishop.

(On **February 26th**, I had gone to the Bishop with Sister Scholastika, to ask when Ven. Father could come to him.) He presented the holy

¹²⁸ Ursula Rabis had joined Therese at the St. Barbara Institute from Johannesbrunn and had collaborated with her all these years. She also traveled with her to Rome (Tivoli), but was not invested. In spite of this, Therese always spoke of her as "Sister". She died on April 25, 1889 in Donauworth, just three months after leaving Tivoli.

¹²⁹ cf. *Neuwerk*, SHS 6, p.33, and p.54-55

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Rule for approbation. His Excellency was very gracious.

On **February 26**, also an Archpriest was here (on this day in the afternoon, we also had the consolation of having our Ven. Father with us) who wanted to direct to us good and pious Italian Sisters; (in the afternoon also a Jesuit priest arrived from Rome, and they left together with Ven. Father.)

On **March 4**, the Father Minister of the Franciscan Fathers from here came, asking whether we were willing to accept a very pious person, whose confessor he is – 25 years of age, at present in service with the Count and Countess Damlini, who are daily communicants; they would probably give her the necessary dowry.

In the afternoon, Rev. Sestilli¹³⁰ came to ask whether we could take over washing the church linen, especially the pleating; it would, at the same time, be a good source of income for the convent. Formerly the Poor Clares used to do it.

(I also had good news from home, that Papa has bought most of the furniture, that he intends to make a donation for me in Neuwerk, and to give me the fare to visit him once.)

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On **March 9**, the Rev. Franciscans gave us nine lovely pictures – Our Lady, and a crucifix.

On the Feast of St. Joseph, our Ven. Father was here and brought the joyful news, that on the Day of the Annunciation of Mary I may take public vows. Our most Rev. Bishop had approved the Holy Rule. x on *March 20, 1889*¹³¹ O, how grateful we want to show ourselves.

On the Feast of the **Annunciation**, therefore, our Venerable Father came. I first renounced in writing all my present and future property in favor of the Sisters' Congregation, leaving everything

¹³⁰ In the original M. Mary crossed out "our Vicar" and wrote "Don Sestilli"

¹³¹ Noted in the left margin

concerning the distribution, etc., to our Ven. Father, our dear Founder, and after his death, to the Superior General. We had decorated our future chapel as beautifully as possible, and so I had then the great grace to renew my perpetual vows publicly, trusting in Mary, Help of Christians, in St. Joseph, and all Holy Apostles. Ven. Father encouraged imitation of Mary, to thank her. – I have received a great grace today.

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What I left today, I would have had to leave anyhow at the hour of death. He now gave me the cincture with the three knots, signifying the three vows, and with a fourth knot on the other side, signifying the apostolate. Then he said that now I was to be the Novice Mistress. God help my weakness. Everything in obedience.

On **April 7, 1889**, there was a note in the *Missionär* that we Sisters have our house in Tivoli, with an encouragement to enter, if someone has a vocation. On the Friday of the Seven Sorrows, an Italian postulant asked for admission here, a very simple country girl, 21 years old, from Castel Madama. She cannot read. The Savior has shown love for the lowly; may we also love that which is weak.

On **April 19**, Good Friday, I went with Sister Clara to the Most Rev. Bishop to wish him a happy and blessed Easter. His Excellency was most gracious: we should pray for him, and he thanked us for the good that we intend to do.

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For a fortnight now, we also have benches in our chapel, which our Ven. Father ordered for us.

In the Cathedral a Canon kindly offered us seats, and the Superior of the Dominicans did the same on Good Friday, when we went for the sermon there.

My clothing and books¹³² from Neuwerk have arrived in Rome – 800 Hd¹³³. Because of it, there was much writing back and forth, and I had to make a declaration at the municipal offices. The deputy mayor, Mr. L. Ranzi, showed himself very friendly towards us. (Also my financial matters from home are to be taken care of now.¹³⁴ Ven. Father wants to present the agreements to His Eminence, Cardinal Vicar Parocchi.¹³⁵)

Rev. Sestili has become a Promoter and has already ordered many copies of *Missionario* and *Amico*, etc.

On Sundays and twice during the week, we now go for a walk by orders of Ven. Father, (since we have no garden as yet). Those who need it may go oftener.

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Canon de Angelis, Curate of the Cathedral, has given us the honor of his visit, and reserved for us places at a window in the house of Canon Pacifici's brother-in-law to watch the beautiful procession (on the first Sunday in May), when the picture of Our Lady¹³⁶ is carried to the Cathedral. On that occasion, 2,200 firecrackers were fired from Mount Catilo in honor of Our Lady.

Our Ven. Father was here on **April 30**. He said the Cardinal Vicar had kindly listened to what he had told him about us, and he would soon decide concerning my staunchly Catholic family.¹³⁷

He then asked us to foster cheerfulness, and also, that from now on I should be addressed as "Reverend Mother" by the Sisters.

¹³² The original booklist is kept in ASDS; cf. *Neuwerk*, SHS 6, List of Books pp. 61-74

¹³³ 800 Hd: it was not possible to find the meaning of the abbreviation.

¹³⁴ cf. Letter of Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen to M. Mary, E 605 of February 19, 1889, APS, and letters of M. Mary to Theodor von Wüllenweber E 606 of June 3, 1889 and June 15, 1889, APS; letter by Fanny von Böselager of June 11, 1889, E 606 A and B, with addition by Theodor von Wüllenweber, APS. Copies in ASDS.

¹³⁵ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p. 122

¹³⁶ Our Lady of Quintiliolo

¹³⁷ It is the question regarding Mother Mary's inheritance; cf. *Documents*, SHS 2.12/1, p. 256, and 282-285

Then, following Ven. Father's suggestion, Father Lüthen introduced the Chapter of Faults.

Rev. Father Otto came once as extraordinary confessor.

On **May 4**, the postulant recommended by the Franciscan Father Minister came to be introduced to Rev. Father Bonaventura. Also the Rev. Franciscan Father came again for her sake. The pious lady with whom she presently is [in service] accompanied her.

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The former is a pious Russian and speaks French and German.

On **May 5**, a postulant who had been recommended by the Rev. Pastor of Anticoli came, with a letter from him. Her name is Maria – 23 years old, a healthy and pious little country girl. May God send her to us.

Once I also had to draw our Sisters (showing the habit), for the *Calendar* of 1890 where we shall be featured, also in pictures.

On **May 8**, the Parish Priest of St. Michele – a Canon, was here and brought us two surplices for pleating.

Rev. Brothers Ludwig¹³⁸ and Willibrord¹³⁹ called on us once, since they were in Tivoli for reasons of health.

On **May 14**, a postulant from Tivoli came; her confessor is a Jesuit, and she was sent to us by the Franciscan Fathers – Egilda Gentili, 23 years of age, the niece of a Canon. She came with her aunt, the wife of the sacristan of the Church *Al Gesù*. She seems to have a genuinely pious disposition, humble and ready for sacrifice. She came a second time, to present herself also to Rev. Father Bonaventura.

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I hope she will be admitted first.

¹³⁸ Frater Ludwig Müller, SDS

¹³⁹ Novice Willibrord Weber, SDS

The Russian lady came once more; she says she is very interested in the Society (the postulant is no longer with her).

On **May 31**, our Ven. Father was here, questioned all the Sisters, and, in the chapel, gave us a beautiful admonition to joy in the service of the Lord, to be firm foundations, in particular to obey in everything out of love for God, to have confidence in the dear Mother of God. He said to me: "Everything is on the right track; thank God." Postulant Gilda Gentili introduced herself to him and was granted admission.

Ven. Father then told me that His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, had given his consent to the agreement between my good sister von Böselager and myself, for the sake of our good Papa.

Then Ven. Father said that, maybe, his 20 Brothers might come as summer guests to Tivoli and that I should look for a house. That same evening I found a suitable one, near

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the Mayor, Mr. Toineo and the Parish Priest of the Cathedral, Rev. de Angelis, opposite to the seminary. Oh, may God grant it.

On **June 19**, Mr. Petazzi, born in Bonn on the Rhine, came to see me. He is acquainted with my family there, is 88 years old, but still very well. Till now he was with His Eminence, Cardinal von Hohenlohe here¹⁴⁰, but has recently taken lodgings with the Holy Cross Sisters in Rome. Now he would like to come back to Tivoli, and has the good intention of helping us to fund a hospital here. On the **21st**, he also called on our Rev. Fathers in Rome regarding the matter.

On the **23rd**, Prassedà Chicca of Castel Madama, who wants to enter with us, gave us a basket full of potatoes and beans. The first alms – God be praised!

On July 5, Gilda Gentili came with a flask of oil

¹⁴⁰ in Villa d'Este, opposite the Sisters' convent

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in order to keep a lamp burning before the picture of the Sacred Heart which now hangs decorated above the altar.

The Rev. Jesuit Father Berti came to talk regarding Postulant Gilda. Her father, who is not well disposed, is creating all sorts of obstacles for her.

(Sister Bernarda of the Roman Sisters, who had been with me in Neuwerk together with Miss Thekla Bayer, left the Sisters, and is back in Munich. She is to have written to Ven. Father, Father General (her name is Barbara Mayr). –

(A certain Miss Maria Genka told us she wishes to enter with us, but at present this is not yet possible. She also intends to give us her house.)

For the conclusion of the Octave of Corpus Christi, we hung out four beautiful banners, which were sent to me from Neuwerk.

For some time already, Rev. Father Bonaventura has the kindness to explain to us the Holy Rule on Saturdays; at this occasion, he also teaches us some Italian.

Since **July 8, 1889** the Rev. Brothers

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left Sambuci and moved into the house opposite the seminary: I had the joy of having them as guests here on the first day; first came Brother Antonius¹⁴¹ from Sicily, then Brothers Theophilus¹⁴² and Erasmus¹⁴³, then Brother Marianus¹⁴⁴, and later came also Rev. Father Bonaventura from Rome. In the evening, Rev. Brother Pius¹⁴⁵ arrived, who presently is the Rector of the house near the Seminary, and Brother Joseph¹⁴⁶. Because the Brothers did not

¹⁴¹ Frater Antonius Militello, SDS

¹⁴² Father Theophilus Muth, SDS

¹⁴³ Father Erasmus Jungbauer, SDS

¹⁴⁴ Brother Marianus Schumm, SDS

¹⁴⁵ Father Pius Steinherr, SDS

¹⁴⁶ Brother Josephus Bächle, SDS

yet have a good kitchen, we were able to serve Brother Erasmus for an additional day, since he had once coughed up blood.

The following day, also Ven. Father came from Rome to arrange everything with the Brothers. He also came to us, to our consolation, and encouraged us to union with God. We would also be able to welcome some Italian postulants soon.

The day before, I was asked to go to Count

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Briganti, Prince¹⁴⁷ Colonna to tell him that Ven. Father wished to rent ample accommodations for the weaker Brothers for two and a half months in his large and quiet palace near the Cathedral. Oh! How pleased the chivalrous Count was! He showed me the whole living quarters and gave me an account of how his illustrious family had always kept sides with the Germans, the Ghibellines. His ancestors are buried here in the Franciscan church; he is a devout man.

(Gilda G. came to offer a flask of oil for our lamp at the Sacred Heart. However, as her father does not give his consent to her entrance, Ven. Father wants us to break off with her.)

After Ven. Father had been here on **July 22**, I signed a document on the **26th**, which stipulates well my paternal legacy. Besides,¹⁴⁸ my good Papa promised me another 2,000 Mark as renewed¹⁴⁹ dowry.

x 60.000 M and now annually 1.200 M¹⁵⁰

An old Carmelite Father died in Tivoli. From him we received (bought) a simple altar with accessories. His heiress also gave us two candlesticks as a gift.

¹⁴⁷ M. Mary had first written "Prince", and then crossed the word out again.

¹⁴⁸ the word "besides" was added above the line

¹⁴⁹ the word "renewed" was added above the line

¹⁵⁰ A later note at the end of the page. - cf. *A Short Biography*, SHS 1.0 fn. 238, p.99

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On **August 14**, His Eminence, Cardinal Hohenlohe spoke to me in a very friendly manner.

In the evening of **August 15**, His Grace, the Bishop of Egypt, and several important pious persons watched the splendid celebrations in honor of our Lady from our window. (On the **22nd**, when the miraculous picture was returned to its place in the church, there was loud weeping and praying in our church.

The Rev. Superior of the Dominicans, 83 years of age, came to encourage us to buy the Palazzo Colonna.

The Russian lady invited us for a day of relaxation in a villa close by.

An older teacher from here, especially of religion, asked to be admitted – Vincenza Dimarco – may the Lord send her.

(We also began the practice of eating at the small penance table.)

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Thanks be to God: I was the first one to eat kneeling.

Together with a Professor from the Propaganda¹⁵¹, Don Gineruso di Filippo, who visited us previously, we inspected a house on **August 28**. I do not think it fits for us.

Every day, I now give a German lesson to a young lady of 20 years – Ines von Elesch – whose father is Austrian (the uncle is a general in the Austrian army). She and her mother had begged for it incessantly, and at last, Ven. Father gave permission; they live in Rome and are here for a stay in the countryside.

On the **26th**, Ven. Father came and brought us good news – Sisters from his hometown, who have a convent x¹⁵² there, wish to join us; they go in secular clothes at present. (Sisters of the Precious Blood).

¹⁵¹ i.e. from the Pontifical Missionary College "*De Propaganda Fide*"; close to St. Peter's Basilica.

¹⁵² The text referring to the x on p. 21 is found at the beginning of p. 22

And the Holy Father is soon going to entrust a mission district to the Society. The Superior there is to be made Bishop. Then also Sisters will go there – and my first and dearest wish will be fulfilled.

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When Ven. Father came to his home town, where the convent is situated, twelve white storks flew up on the convent roof in the evening and left again the next morning – certainly wondrously significant.

On **September 11**, we made a pilgrimage to Castel Madama, where the holy Archangel Michael is particularly venerated. (Afterwards we settled down in a small woods for a picnic lunch).

Rev. Brother Cyrillus Braschke¹⁵³, from the vicinity of Ratibor, who is to make profession soon, fell ill with typhoid fever and was brought to the hospital. – I was permitted to visit him several times, and he edified us always. The dear Lord also let him regain his health; may he do much good yet!

On **September 20**, all the Rev. Brothers returned to Rome. (Brother Matthaëus,¹⁵⁴ soon to be ordained, Brother Petrus¹⁵⁵ from Avellino, and Brother Antonius¹⁵⁶ from Sicily stayed here

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till the end and gave us the pleasure to have a cup of coffee here.)

As long as the Brothers were here, we were allowed to wash their collars, mend their laundry and darn their stockings every week. (They brought their things every Monday, and we brought them back to them every Saturday.)

On the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, I celebrated my nameday for the first time on this day, though I am unworthy to bear this name.

¹⁵³ Father Cyrillus Braschke, SDS

¹⁵⁴ Father Matthaëus Baukhage, SDS

¹⁵⁵ Frater Petrus Manna, SDS

¹⁵⁶ Frater Antonius Militello, SDS

The Sisters wrote me a kind letter, and also Ven. Father wrote good wishes. Thank God.

On **September 21**, Miss Maria Fischer¹⁵⁷ from Amberg entered here as a postulant. Mr. Übler,¹⁵⁸ a longtime promoter, accompanied her and is entering with the Rev. Brothers. Miss Fischer, 18 years old, has been a zealous member of the Sodality of Mary, and we want to rejoice about her entrance; she is simple, devout, etc.

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On **October 16**, Miss Fischer was invested by Ven. Father and received the name: Sister Aloysia. Ven. Father gave a nice little sermon. Afterwards we sang "I love Thee, O Mary".

Ven. Father also showed me the mission district of the Society, in the Himalayan region, and said that Father Otto, Father Angelus¹⁵⁹ and Brother Marianus would be going there this year yet. Oh, what a consolation! Sisters will also be going there.

Brothers Ignatius¹⁶⁰ and Salesius paid a visit to Papa at Myllendonk and were kindly received. My former Sister companion in Neuwerk, Miss Antonia Raczkowska, who had to go to Ilanz in Switzerland at the time of my affiliation with the Sisters of Divine Love, has written to Myllendonk, trying to locate me; then for the Feast of St. Theresa she wrote also here. May it be the will of the good God to re-unite us.

Since **November 4**, we have accepted two little girls, eight and eleven years of age, of merchant Venturini who is living close by; we give them two lessons daily: Religion with needlework, and French.

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I now take an hour of Italian conversation every day with Miss Trinchieri.

¹⁵⁷ Maria Fischer, Sister Aloysia, SDS

¹⁵⁸ Brother Alphons Rodriguez Übler, SDS

¹⁵⁹ Father Angelus Muenzloher, SDS

¹⁶⁰ Father Ignatius Bethan, SDS

At my good old Papa's request, Ven. Father gave permission to have my picture taken – as an exception.

On **October 9**, Rev. Father Otto Hopfenmüller came to see us and talked with holy enthusiasm about his impending departure for Assam in India; also Sisters, who are ready for sacrifice, would be allowed to follow later.

On **December 6**, First Friday, I gave the Chapter of Faults for the first time.

(On **December 4**, my convent in Neuwerk was solemnly re-dedicated, and Franciscan Sisters from Heydhuizen, Holland, were introduced.)

On **November 13**, Postulant Therese Heilmeyer, of the Diocese of Munich, a good, young country girl, entered here.

On **December 2**, Sister Columba [Weinsheimer] left us, as she has no religious vocation.

On **November 30**,¹⁶¹ on the Feast of St. Andrew, Rev. Father Bonaventura told me that soon we shall be permitted to move

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to Rome. Oh, Sacred City, for which I always longed! Ven. Father also said that later on we – some of us – may pray the Divine Office. God be thanked!

On **December 18**, S. Scholastika,¹⁶² S. Clara and S. Benedikta were permitted to pronounce their holy vows, for now for three years, in the presence of our Ven. Father who gave a short sermon, and of Rev. Father Otto who assisted. Before that, Therese Heilmeyer was invested by Ven. Father and received the name of Sister Laurentia of the Help of Christians. We had decorated the chapel as best we could. Afterwards, Rev. Father Otto gave the Sisters a little talk, speaking enthusiastically about his imminent departure for the missions.

¹⁶¹ Mother Mary had mistakenly written: December

¹⁶² Sister Scholastika Hopfenmüller was the niece of Father Otto Hopfenmüller.

After this, Ven. Father gave the order that from now on the novices, as far as possible, should be separated from the professed Sisters.

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Three good children from Tivoli, 14-15 years old, are asking for admission with us. Their parents consented, and the Rev. Jesuit Fathers, to whom they go for confession, would also be able to give them the best testimonials. (Every day now, four children come to us for lessons, among them a Countess Pancrazio.) For Christmas, etc., they most kindly brought us gifts.

From **January 19** till **February 19**, three Rev. Brothers from Rome were staying in Tivoli, for reasons of health. (Among them Brother Felix¹⁶³ – getting to know this good simple Brother, one believes still more in the possession by the devil, which he suffered in 1887).

In the evening of **February 28**, the good and well-known Sister Antonia Raczkowska¹⁶⁴ arrived. May she find happiness and still do much for the glory of God.

In the evening of **February 19**, two more postulants arrived: Sister Anna

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Heimgartner from Switzerland, 18 years old, born near Waldshut, and Sister Karolina Lenhart¹⁶⁵ from Frankfurt – a dear Sister, only 16 years old, a sister of our Rev. Brother Hieronymus¹⁶⁶ in Rome.

On **March 1**, Rev. Father Bonaventura admonished us especially to foster the veneration of St. Joseph. He also asked us to pray in a special way for the building project of a motherhouse for our Fathers and Brothers in Rome, which is to be started soon now (behind the Vatican, in a new district of town, called *ai prati*). Oh, St. Joseph, give your blessing!!!

¹⁶³ Father Felix Bucher, SDS, September 23, 1862 to April 13, 1938; Priest: September 19, 1891, cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p.2f and p.32f

¹⁶⁴ Sister Stanislaus Raczkowska

¹⁶⁵ M. Mary wrote: Karolinna Lenhard

¹⁶⁶ Frater Hieronymus Lenhart, SDS

The Superior of the Jesuits, Father Vanguzzi, gave me the honor of his visit.

On **March 19**, the Feast of St. Joseph, we had the joy of having our Ven. Father and Founder with us here – he invested the two Sisters Heimgartner and Lenhart, the former with the name Agnes, the latter with that of Angela – both of St. Joseph – and he encouraged us to imitate St. Joseph, especially in his humility, purity and obedience.

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On Holy Saturday, I went with Sister Aloysia to His Excellency, the Bishop, to wish him a Happy Easter. His Excellency already knows that we hope to be soon called to Rome by our Ven. Father.

On Good Friday, the good and pious Rev. Father Thomas heard our confessions as extraordinary confessor.

In the evening of Holy Saturday, Sister Helene Kass joined us, greatly recommended by Rev. Dr. Schieler, Professor at the seminary in Mainz. She is already over 30 years old and seems to be very pious and efficient.

(On Holy Saturday¹⁶⁷, **April 5th**, I visited His Excellency, the Rev. Bishop together with Sister Aloysia, to wish him a Happy Easter. On Good Friday, Rev. Father Thomas heard our confessions as extraordinary confessor.)

The children around here are very dear; they often bring us candles and flowers.

On **April 14**, I visited the Vicar General of the Holy Father, His Eminence, Cardinal Parocchi, in Rome, together with Sister Scholastika, in order to ask his permission for us Sisters

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to come to Rome. I told His Eminence that we shall always consider ourselves the least. Our dear Ven. Founder had given us

¹⁶⁷ The sentences in parentheses repeat what was said at the beginning of the page.

a letter for His Eminence. We were there in the morning from 11:00 till 12:00 o'clock. We came to him through many large halls. Religious priests, members of the clergy, nuns, etc., etc., and a group of French ladies also received admission to His Eminence. (It was almost like a visit to the Holy Father.)

Towards 11:30, our turn came. His Eminence was very gracious, and said essentially: There is now a law that no new religious orders may come to Rome. We would have to have a letter from the Bishop of Tivoli, and present this to the Holy Father – and then it might be possible. "*Je vous veux bien*"¹⁶⁸ he said. I was talking in French. – Oh, may God help us!

We also had the privilege of praying in the small chapel dedicated to St. Labre in Via Crociferi, where all his relics are kept, and particularly before the *Bambino*¹⁶⁹ in the Basilica of Aracoeli; in both shrines we were kindly given souvenirs.

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On Holy Thursday we attended the ceremony of the washing of the feet, celebrated by the Bishop in the Cathedral.

(On returning from His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, a Prelate addressed me in one of the large anterooms, saying: "*Dite ogni giorno tre gloria Padre a s. Giuseppe fine al mese di marzo.*"¹⁷⁰ I did not quite understand why, but God certainly wants us to be grateful to St. Joseph and thank him.)

On Holy Saturday, besides writing other letters with Easter wishes, I informed all my relatives, according to Ven. Father's wish – that I had made my Last Will and Testament already before my final vows, and that I left everything to the Society, i.e. the Sisters' Congregation. I am sure they will take it well, and then, also in this, everything is clear and out in the open. (Immediately after that, my good Papa sent me another 1,000 Mark for the furniture, which I hope will be for the house in holy Rome.)

¹⁶⁸ "I would gladly have you"

¹⁶⁹ The statue of the Child Jesus

¹⁷⁰ Pray the *Gloria Patri* three times every day in honor of St. Joseph till the month of March.

On the Feast of St. Joseph, our Protector, we had to offer God the sacrifice of not yet being able to go to Rome.

There are about ten girls here who would like to enter.

For the procession in **May**, Sister Benedikta made about twenty wreaths.

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Now every night we sing a hymn in honor of our Lady in chapel.

Most of the Sisters now take lessons in German and English from Sister Raczkowska (history, geography, etc.) one hour each, mornings and afternoons, and one hour study time. And I give them Italian lessons. They also study catechism every day.

On **May 24**, Rev. Father Thomas came to hear our confessions and he brought me a great joy: through the efforts of our dear Ven. Father, the blessing of our Holy Father with a beautiful large picture of him, for the coming marriage of my cousin Josef Theodor Hugo von Wüllenweber with my niece Elisabeth von Böselager,¹⁷¹ on **May 29**.

Later our Ven. Father came himself for the investment of three postulants: Sister Stanislaus of the Queen of the Apostles Raczkowska; Sister Barbara of the Queen of the Apostles Kass, and Sister Antonia of the Queen of the Apostles Kreppelt from Forchheim, near Bamberg, 21 years old. She had been in service with the Carmelite Sisters in Roermond for a year and a half. She entered here on May 11, 1890.

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On **May 29**, the following entered: Elise Maier from Amberg; she is 36 years old and has had much practice in nursing – she also brings a good dowry.

Canon Cesare Amadeo came to ask for admission for two or three candidates: Sisters of a former, now secularized convent in Naples. They are said to be very pious and to have a generous

¹⁷¹ cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, p. 125

dowry. – Then another young girl came here with her mother in the same intention.

This year the weak members among our Brothers will live in the house of Vincenzo Coccanari – very pious people, recommended to me by the Giannozzi family. On **June 10**, fourteen Rev. Brothers arrived and, as they could not start to cook anymore in the evening, I had the great joy of having them all once as our guests in our refectory. Rev. Father Ignatius Bethan from Essen is the superior. He celebrates Holy Mass every morning here in San Francesco.

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On **June 25**, we had the joy of having our Ven. Father here. He celebrated Holy Mass in San Francesco and distributed Holy Communion to the Rev. Brothers and then to us Sisters. Afterwards he had coffee at our place and gave all of us his blessing.

Later he came once more and said that I should not go shopping with a companion Sister any longer, but should hire a lay person for this; that we should never carry large packages in public, and should in all things observe proper behavior. (In this matter, he said, we stand halfway between the Franciscans and the Jesuits.)

Then he gave us the good news that probably this year yet a house would be built for the Brothers, and then also one for the Sisters. We should also consider, however, that the people here would like to earn something – not to be too saving: for the honor of God.

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And, with the grace of God, we would start praying the Office in choir. – Also in the Diocese of Linz, Austria, there would be a house of the Society. – That our Most Rev. Bishop is well-disposed towards us in a fatherly way. On the **2nd** [of July] the Feast of the Visitation, Ven. Father would come to invest Elise Maier; she should now start her retreat.

Thank God, on the **2nd** therefore, Ven. Father came to invest Sister Maier as Sister Ursula; he looked through the booklet of customs

of the Sisters, visited for a long time with the Most Rev. Bishop, who then came to the Rev. Brothers' house. Their house was decorated and they received His Excellency with songs and recitals. Later, Ven. Father rented it for one year. Thank God, now we shall more often have the joy of having him here with us.

Ven. Father also called the Sisters who are studying English and gave us an address in English: we should study diligently for the glory of God, and make ourselves useful for the missions; yet, for this the religious spirit is most necessary, otherwise everything is but smoke.

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The Brothers' house in Tivoli has now officially been declared opened by the Rev. Bishop, and they are permitted to celebrate Holy Mass in their house.

Msgr. Marty, born in Switzerland, and at present chaplain to the Swiss Guard in Rome, came from Rome with Major Schmitt to visit us, especially Sister Agnes Heimgartner from Switzerland.

I went to see the Superior of the Sisters of St. Vincent, to ask whether she, being from England, would know anyone here who could practice English with our Sisters who are going to the missions. She did not know of anybody and would have liked to do it herself, she said. But now our pupil's sister, Countess Pancrazio, offered herself. She comes three times a week for one hour, to practice with Sister Stanislaus and myself. Very kind of her.

Girls from Tivoli are still asking for admission. Rev. Father Berti, S.J. came several times for this reason. One of his penitents from Bologna, who recently came to study here,

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will probably be admitted: Maria Sensi di Baragazza, a pious country girl. (He also sent two others from San Gregorio and two from Casape.)

On **August 14**, our Ven. Father was here – he rented the whole house for the Brothers – there are 36 of them now. He told us to

turn our refectory, which is too large, into a dormitory (and a living room for recreation and study), and the room beside it into the refectory, etc. In this way, much space is gained, and the living room is further away from the open square. He admonished us to foster the spirit of recollection without which we cannot be the salt of the earth, etc.

Then he told me that in Rome there are two respected Italian Congregations of Sisters who desired to learn from him how to pray the Office well. (The Superior of one of them had died recently.) "So," he said, "you can come to Rome then." He also said he planned to arrange things in such a way that there would be two groups here – one group to say the Divine Office (later). "Oh," he said, "if I could see yet before I die, that at all times the holy Office would be prayed by our Society at some spot of the earth!!!"

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On **August 22**, Miss Rosa Greiner, 22 years old, from Bohemia, previously working in Ambach, entered here. She is a friend of Sister Aloysia. She brought us the news of the death of Rev. Superior in India, our good and capable Father Otto; maybe a martyr,¹⁷² blessed in any case. May God console us and help the mission.

(On **August 14**, our Ven. Father told me also that Bishop Raimondi had died in Hong Kong; and that he had corresponded with him in 1874, just at the time when the Most Rev. Bishop was in Neuwerk and prophesied for me a Congregation of missionary Sisters!!!)

On **August 23**, Maria Sensi from Baragazza near Bologna entered here. (Rev. Father Berti, S.J., is greatly interested in her. He also wants to take care of the dowry: through Don G. di Filippi and a niece of his superior.) She is 25 years old and comes from the family whose children, 200 years ago, had a vision of the Mother of God. Now there is a beautiful place of pilgrimage in Baragazza.

¹⁷² He died from exhaustion in Shillong, North East India, on August 21, 1890.

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Miss Carolina Bona, 20 years old, is now taking one hour German every day with Sister Aloysia. Sister Antonia teaches Maria Sensi writing, etc. and takes care of her. (For her sake we now say the rosary in Latin in the evenings). Another well educated lady wishes to enter: Miss Eleonora Vetturini from the territory of Naples, Cassino San Germano. Her brother is a merchant here to whose children I teach French. She is 20 years old.

On the **14th**, my good Sisters celebrated my nameday very beautifully. The night before, they decorated everything with wreaths. They sang three songs in harmony and recited in Italian and in German, in honor of Our Lady. (Sister Stanislaus was in charge, I suppose).

Also Miss Terese Coccanari from Tivoli came to present herself as candidate; then two more came from San Gregorio. (Pastor Wiedmann sent 50 Lire for the Sisters' Congregation, and others did the same.)

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My good Papa, 84 years old, has been successfully operated on one eye for a cataract on **September 15**. We are very grateful to God for this.

On **October 15**, I went to the Most Rev. Bishop to ask his permission to teach languages (for there is much demand for it). He was very friendly and said: yes.

On **October 11**, Cäcilia Raich from Tyrol, sister of Rev. Brother Chrysologus, entered here. She is already 48 years old, very devout.

On the **17**, Miss Louise Albertzki, a teacher from Danzig, entered – she is 28 years old, has a true vocation.

On the **19**, Miss Gertrud Förstera, 20 years, came from Ratibor – she was always longing for the missions.

On the **23**, our dear Ven. Father came. He also saw the Most Rev. Bishop, who told him that everything was going exceptionally well with us Sisters – very gracious of him. At 11:00 o'clock, Sister Aloysia made her holy vows, and then Sister Greiner was invested with the name of Sister Ignatia, and Sister Sensi

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as Sister Caterina¹⁷³ (first investment, then vows).

Through Sister Ursula's efforts, we received a crucifix from Amberg, a beautiful statue of Our Lady, and six candlesticks as a gift for our altar.

Ven. Father also chose three Sisters to travel to the missions in November; they are now freed from all work in order to still learn more English.

Ven. Father also gave permission to buy a harmonium. (One day the confessor of the Poor Clares came and asked me to try whether a harmonium he had bought was good. I consented and went there x

*x to the convent of the Sisters of St. Clare*¹⁷⁴

with Sister Scholastika, to play on it – many little nuns were watching at the grill; and afterwards Sister Scholastika had to sing the *O Santissima*.

On **November 9**, three postulants from Casape presented themselves.

On **October 18**,¹⁷⁵ Miss Luise Albertzki from Danzig, a dear, young certified teacher, entered with us; on the **19th** Gertrud Förstera from Ratibor, 20 years of age, greatly longing for the missions; speaks Polish and German.

¹⁷³ Sister Caterina (Katharina) Sensi, cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 13, December 19, 1890; orig. APS E 607.

¹⁷⁴ Addition in the left margin

¹⁷⁵ Date corrected to 17th in different ink; this corresponds to the entry in the Profession Book

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In the **beginning of November**, Rev. Father Bonifatius¹⁷⁶ from Essen, at present superior here, brought us the beautiful statue of our Lady from Rome. He gave each of us his blessing, as he is a newly-ordained priest.

On **November 2**, Mrs. Niggel from Munich brought her only daughter to us – she will only be 15 on **November 4**, is very pious, full of vigor, and her only desire is to become a Sister. Her mother also went with her to the Holy Father, who gave her his blessing for herself and for us. However, on the **7th**, Mrs. Niggel unexpectedly came here again from Rome, wanting to take her daughter home. – Since she is the youngest here, her father wanted her back; she herself also realized, she said, that Maria Katharina is too young to be a Sister. However, thank God, Maria resisted and wrote to her father that by no means would she come back, and so the devil was defeated.

Mrs. Bona made us the gift of an *Our Father* in calligraphy, in a large frame.

In the evening of the **13th**, Giovannina Maira from Canicatti, Sicily, entered with us; she will be 15 at Christmas

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and is the sister of Rev. Frater Vincenzo.¹⁷⁷ She is very sweet and well-mannered, but she has to be taught reading and writing; she learns easily.

Countess Colonna, 17 years, is now taking French lessons here.

On **November 28**, Sister Scholastika, Sister Benedikta, and Sister Laurentia made their perpetual vows, and Sister Raich: Philomena, Sister Albertzki: Elisabeth, and Sister Förstera: Xaveria, were invested. The chapel was decorated beautifully with the new statue of Our Lady and the six bronze candleholders and the large crucifix, which had arrived in the meantime (gifts from Amberg).

¹⁷⁶ Father Bonifatius Gammerschlag, SDS

¹⁷⁷ Frater Vincenzo Maira, SDS

Ven. Father spoke with tenderness about the happiness of religious life, and he encouraged the three Sisters who will soon leave for the missions to loyalty, love of the cross and to abnegation, if they should not see success in India.

On the 10th, we had a simple, moving farewell celebration for the Sisters; in the chapel, *Ave Maris Stella*; in the refectory I gave them a commemorative card, held a short address, and then we said good-bye, "for God the sacrifice"; may Mary help, the Holy Rule – we remain united.

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Sister Laurentia is appointed superior in Assam. Rev. Father Ignatius still came to say good-bye to the Sisters. We went to the Most Rev. Bishop here, who was particularly gracious – and then I was allowed to go with the Sisters, the three departing priests and a lay Brother, Brother *Ciro*,¹⁷⁸ under the guidance of our Ven. Founder, first to the Cardinal Vicar, who was even so kind as to speak in German. Then to the Holy Father, the Pope. His Holiness gave us his blessing, obviously happy to see Germans. We then went to Archbishop Simeoni, Cardinal for the missions, who was also very gracious, and still to His Excellency Jacobini who talked longer with us and had each of us introduced to him!

On the evening of the 12th I could still attend the farewell ceremony in the chapel, during which I knelt beside the Sisters. Ven. Father and Founder handed each one a crucifix and gave a beautiful address about love for the Church, religious spirit, and devotion to Mary. (Before this, Rev. Brother Linus¹⁷⁹ had taken his perpetual vows.) The beautiful singing of the Brothers contributed much to the celebration. (Before that, the Brothers had celebrated in the refectory,

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which had been decorated beautifully; there were three speeches, and songs. God be praised for everything. His mercy lasts forever!!!!!!

¹⁷⁸ Brother *Ciro* Disclafoni, SDS

¹⁷⁹ M. Mary meant to write Brother *Ciro*, who left for Assam in 1890. (Only in 1901 did a Frater Linus [Platz] make profession.)

On **December 20**, Sister Laurentia's sister Maria entered here. (She brought 70 Mark along, which she had collected in Eksberg for the Sisters). She is as devout and efficient as her sister.

On the **26th**, our Ven. Father came and invested four Sisters, after they had made a retreat of ten days: Sister Theresia Niggel, Sister Ottilia Ott, x Sister Walburga x Sieghart,

*x entered: November 2, 1890; both from Bamberg,
Ottilia 30, x Walburga 19 years¹⁸⁰*

and Sister Petronilla Maira. Our dear Founder gave a touching sermon in front of our little crib, about the great grace of being called out of the world to be a Spouse of Christ. We should follow the dear Child Jesus in poverty and humility. On Christmas Eve, he said, the first Frenchman entered the Catholic Teaching Society. He also recommended that we strive earnestly for perfection and pray much.

(Before Christmas, I had, thank God, three days of retreat, during which I could pray much.)

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On **January 31**, we went for the first time to confession in our chapel in the new confessional.

The good God is particularly good to us now: almost every week we have received some gifts, especially for the chapel, from Germany.

(The mayor's daughter also comes to us for French lessons now.)

On **February 5**, Sister Caterina Sensi from the Diocese of Bologna was dismissed – she was becoming weak, suffering from headaches.¹⁸¹

On **January 31**, Miss Emilie Vaszmer from Radolfzell, 40 years old, entered. She knows Dr. Werber¹⁸² and our Ven. Father already

¹⁸⁰ Remark in the left margin

¹⁸¹ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 15, January 28, 1891; APS E 608.

¹⁸² Dr. Werber had helped Father Jordan in his private studies before his priestly ordination, cf. Edwein, DSS XIII, E, p. 88 (shortened re. German)

for a long time. She already made three pilgrimages to Rome (by train). God bless her.

Our dear Sisters arrived safely in Assam. They have already written five times.

On **February 15**, Elise Gassner entered, she is 19 years old and has been working for three years in the Hospital of Mühldorf on the Inn; she is healthy and devout. The same day, during our walk, we met Bishop Dr. Haas from Basel, who most kindly gave us his blessing. (Sister Agnes is from his Diocese.)

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From time to time, together with a Sister, I now go to visit a 20-year-bedridden lady, following her expressed wish. She is pious, educated, forty years old, and a very lonely widow.

On **February 23**, twelve of us took a walk to Maria Nuova, a shrine of the Augustinian Friars. The Abbot was extraordinarily friendly, treated us to coffee and oranges, thanked us and asked us to come again soon. The little church is very beautiful.

On **March 2**, our Ven. Father and Founder came at last. He invested Sister Heilmeier (Sister Josepha), Sister Vaszmer (Sister Verena), Sister Gassner (Sister Kunigunde). He gave a beautiful sermon, recommended that we live in holy obedience and strive for heaven. Faults should serve only for humiliation. Ven. Father also took a quick look at the house upstairs, which is now empty and to be rented out.

A number of persons have subscribed to the new publication of our Society, *l'Apostolat*. I gave many addresses.

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In **March**, the General Assistant of the Capuchin Fathers, Rev. Father Fulgentius, and Msgr. Hergenröther from Rome honored us with their visit.

On the **Feast of St. Joseph**, our dear Ven. Founder received Sister Agnes' and Sister Angela's vows, after they had previously gone to get the Bishop's blessing. Besides the three priests of our

Society who are here in Tivoli, also Rev. Fathers Hieronymus¹⁸³ and Chrysologus¹⁸⁴ were present at the ceremony.

On **April 27**, I went to Rome with Sister Agnes (in particular to the German Consul because of good family matters). I stayed there for two days, and was able to speak several times with our beloved Ven. Founder. We also visited the rooms of St. Ignatius, of Benedict Labre, etc., etc. and paid a visit to the Superior of the Madames of the Blessed Sacrament, Madame de Robiano from Brussels, who was happy. When I came home, I found that a new organ had arrived from America (through Haberle in Regensburg). It is very beautiful and sounds devout, and we put it to use on **May 1**, dedicated to Our Lady.

On **April 29**,

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two dear postulants from Soyen near Wasserburg entered: Katharina, 25 years old, and Appolonia Bohnheim, 23 years old. They are sisters of Rev. Brothers Corbinian¹⁸⁵ and Efrem,¹⁸⁶ SCI, in Rome.

On **May 1**, we also moved completely into the upper floor, thank God, and we are perfectly separated – alone in the convent, and 50 or more can be accepted – 13 rooms have been added. Thanks be to our Ven. Father.

On **May 17**, Sabina Wagner from Schlüsselfeld (25 years) entered. She is a strong farm girl; but has red eyes and a cough. x

x *She did not yet have the admission, had no medical certificate – came unexpectedly¹⁸⁷.*

On the **22nd**, the first vocation from the Province of Saxony arrived: Therese Mai, 32 years old. (It was said there would be many more following her – thank God.)

¹⁸³ Frater Hieronymus Lenhart, SDS, Sister Angela's brother

¹⁸⁴ Father Chrysologus Raich, brother of Sister Philomena Raich

¹⁸⁵ Father Corbinian Bohnheim, SDS

¹⁸⁶ Father Efrén (Efrem) Bohnheim, SDS

¹⁸⁷ Note in the upper part of the left margin

In compliance with the wish of Rev. Father Berti, S.J., we join in the singing at the May devotion in their church every evening.

About the **middle of May**, the Rev. Brothers moved into a second summer house.

The Rev. Father General of the Trappists gave 20 Francs for us Sisters and spoke very positive things about the Second Order, through our former

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pious Sister Angela from Rome.

On the **24th**, our Ven. Founder and Father was here and received the vows of Sisters Stanislaus, Barbara, and Antonia; then he invested the two sisters Bohnheim as Sister Raphaela and Sister Gabriela. Ven. Father gave a beautiful admonition on perseverance. Three Rev. Fathers and two Rev. Brothers were present. (The night before, the devil played his piece, for Sister Stanislaus, otherwise a healthy person, felt herself choking and unable to pronounce her vows.)

On **May 24**, the first French candidate, Miss Lucie de La Porte, asked for admission – I know her, as she was with the Ladies of Perpetual Adoration in Brussels twenty years ago. God's holy will be done!

On the **7th**, Elise Staudinger, sister of a priest in Bavaria, about 30 years old, entered.

On **June 10**, Anna Werner, 15 years old, from Baden, sister of our Rev. Brother Canisius,¹⁸⁸ entered. On the **15th**, (at 2:00 a.m., because the train was delayed), Anna Becker came from

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Mainz, 24 years old, recommended by Dr. Schieler.

On **July 2**, our Ven. Father and Founder was here for investment. The Sisters received the following names: Franziska [*Wagner*], Johanna [*Mai*], Salesia [*Staudinger*], Paula [*Werner*] Katharina

¹⁸⁸ Father Canisius Werner, SDS

[Becker]. It was a lovely ceremony. In his address, Ven. Father stressed that now the Sisters were also going over the mountains to meet Jesus. In the afternoon, Sister Ursula made her holy vows and was, at the same time, appointed for the Assam mission, together with Sisters Xaveria and Ignatia (in October). They are studying much to learn English.

On **July 22, 1891**, thank God, Rev. Fathers Philippus¹⁸⁹ and Cajetan¹⁹⁰ departed to establish a house of our Society in Vienna.

Thanks be to God, beginning with the **14th**, (Vigil of Our Lady's Assumption), we could begin to pray the Office, (for now the Little Office). The ones to begin were: myself, Sister Aloysia, Sister Agnes, Sister Angela, Sister Stanislaus, Sister Elisabeth; and a week later we were joined by Sister Theresia, Sister Walburga, Sister Raphaela, Sister Paula, and on the **25th**, also by Sister Antonia – 11.

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Rev. Frater Rodriguez wrote that a lady from Westphalia intends to give us 100 Mark annually for the upkeep of a sanctuary lamp.

On **August 13**, our dear Ven. Father came and ordered that we shall now go in two groups for a walk, etc., etc.

On **August 2**, Miss Lucie de La Porte arrived; I had met her 20 years ago in Brussels, where we worked together for the benefit of poor churches. However, because of her age and run down condition, she has not yet been accepted;¹⁹¹ she is French and speaks also German. On September 22, she left again, but we had to supply the train fare.

On the **23rd**, Miss Charlotte Enzenberger, 22 years old, the daughter of a teacher from Passau, entered – she seems to have a good vocation.

¹⁸⁹ Father Philippus Schütz, SDS

¹⁹⁰ Father Cajetan Hinterberger, SDS

¹⁹¹ She is, however, included in the Profession Book under no. 34.

On the **24th**, Anna Sicurami¹⁹² from Arsoli, 22 years, entered; she was, however, dismissed the same day. As much as she had desired to come, she had no vocation. – Already she found our hard beds intolerable. Well, then!!!

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Also on the **24th**, our Ven. Father paid us a short visit to comfort us; for, sad to say, the Rev. Franciscan Curate had refused to give us Holy Communion so often – because we are not permitted to do mending, etc. for them. Hopefully this difficulty will help us to have Holy Mass in the house. Now things are also better again in San Francesco. All crosses are salutary!

We received a big one now, as our good Sister Agnes from Switzerland suddenly fell ill with galloping tuberculosis. She is very pious and patient.

On **September 21**, twelve of us took a walk to the convent of the Maronites near Ciciliano, three and a half hours distant. At 10:00 a.m., a Bishop celebrated Holy Mass. Afterwards we had to accept coffee and dates – an Arab served us, and the Abbot, very graciously, gave us his blessing.

On my nameday, the good Sisters tried to give me much joy: they sang, recited poems, played, decorated and made beautiful gifts for the chapel.

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A Khasi girl from Assam, who is with our Sisters there, wrote me a lovely letter in English and Khasi: She asks for prayers to become a Catholic soon. Thank God!

On **October 2**, our good Sister Agnes received the holy Sacraments of the Dying – the doctor had advised us. The Rev. Franciscan Fathers were again very kind, and the good people show much sympathy for our sick Sister.

On **October 12**, Msgr. Marty, Vicar of the Swiss Guard in Rome, most kindly also visited Sister Agnes.

¹⁹² The name can also be read "Sicurami".

On the **13th**, Maria Dengel, 17 years old, and Marianna Kemmer, 28 years, from Neubrunn near Würzburg, entered here.

On **October 26**, Bertha Gaiden, 23 years old, and Anna Rother, 18 years, joined us, both from Ratibor, two pious, strong, and handy girls.

On **November 7**,¹⁹³ entered: Miss Marianne Therese Ziska,¹⁹⁴ 29 years old, Anna Koberna, 27 years (both from Bohemia), and Miss Anastasia Wrzodeck, 22 years, from Ratibor.

On **November 11**, Berta Burger, 22 years old, Barbara Widmer, 25 years (both from Switzerland),

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and Katharina Burkhard, 29 years, from Waldshut, entered.

On **November 17**, Margarethe Brütting entered, 29 years old, sister of teacher Brütting in Bamberg. (She knows how to play the organ.) May they all become true religious Sisters of our Society, for the honor of God.

On the **27th**,¹⁹⁵ Miss Brütting was dismissed again, as she felt very homesick and had no vocation.

On the **29th**, the eleven Sisters were invested by our Ven. Father (with the following names: Calasanza [*Enzenberger*], Alfonsa [*Dengel*], Adelheid [*Kemmer*], Margaretha [*Gaide*], Bonifatia [*Rother*], Ludmilla [*Ziska*], Leopoldina [*Koberna*], Helene [*Wrzodek*], Martha [*Burger*], Augusta [*Burkhard*], Ida [*Widmer*]). Sisters Ignatia and Xaveria made perpetual vows, and Sisters Philomena and Elisabeth made profession for three years.

In the afternoon of **December 2**, at 3:00 p.m., our dear and pious Sister Agnes [Heimgartner] died, surrounded by all the Sisters and assisted by the Rev. Franciscan Pastor and our Rev. Father Cajetan. She received once more the general absolution, the papal

¹⁹³ Mother Mary had first written *October*, then corrected it to *November*

¹⁹⁴ In the Profession Book she is registered as Anna Ziska

¹⁹⁵ The Main Book indicates the 27th as departure date, and Mother Mary wrote 27; at first sight, however, the number could be read as 24.

blessing, and the Anointing of the Sick and died very quietly – gave me once more her hand – I constantly led the prayers. We Sisters and Brothers accompanied her in procession through the town, with burning candles in our hands, and solemnly laid her to rest. Lord, your will be done!!

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On **December 1**, our petition to have Holy Mass in our house was brought before the Holy Father; our Most Rev. Bishop had given his recommendation. Let us pray and give thanks!!!

In the morning of the **8th**, the **10th** anniversary of the Foundation of our Society, I, together with Sister Ursula, was present at the sermon. The invitation had come from our Ven. Father. Rev. Father Bonaventura gave a beautiful address.

On the **10th**, a priest, who already worked as missionary in India, asked admission for several Italian postulants. (He also spoke English and Hindustani.)

On **December 21**, our good Ven. Father came again to receive the perpetual vows of Sister Ursula, and to invest three postulants. They received the following names: Sister Dominica [*Vieregg*], Sister Agnès [*Weber*], Sister Rosa [*Steinberger*]. x

x *They had arrived on November 26, and are 23, 19, and 27 years of age. (The Rev. Pastor of Wartenberg in Bavaria recommended them.)*¹⁹⁶

On the **25th**, together with the three missionary Sisters, I went to see His Eminence, Cardinal Melchers,¹⁹⁷ who sent special greetings for my good Papa. In the evening, there was the very touching farewell ceremony in the Motherhouse of the Rev. Brothers. Three Rev. Fathers, one lay Brother, and our Sisters Ursula, Ignatia and Xaveria received the mission

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cross at the altar. May they glorify the holy Cross in India! (After this I was quite sick for seven days because of all the unrest.)

¹⁹⁶ Added in the left margin

¹⁹⁷ cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p. 307

On **December 31**, a 21-year-old young woman from St. Gallen entered: Elise Murer.

On **January 25**, Elise Murer was invested with the name Constantia of St. Paul;¹⁹⁸ and Sisters Theresia, Ottilia, Walburga and Petronilla had the great grace of making their holy vows. In his address our Ven. Father stressed especially how Jesus said of St. Paul, as his greatest and best sign of affection "I shall show him how much he still has to suffer for my name" – not how much he has to work, etc.

On **February 18**, Sister Calasanza [*Enzenberger*] was dismissed again – she showed too little ability and was too weak. – If only those would come who have a true vocation!

On **February 19**, we first received the oral permission, and on **March 8**, also a written indult from the Holy Father, to have Holy Mass celebrated in our chapel.

On **March 13**, x Rev. Father Cajetan celebrated Mass for the first time in our chapel. (Like poor people we had to borrow everything.)

x *In the evening of March 12, Rev. Father Bonaventura intoned the "Te Deum" – and from then on he came to us only seldom.*¹⁹⁹

On **March 19**, our Congregation again received

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approval from our Most Rev. Bishop, and our Ven. Father came to receive the vows²⁰⁰ of Sisters Verena, Josepha, and Kunigunde.

On **March 18**, the Sisters slept for the first time in the new building (side wing, which was rented by our Ven. Father beginning with April 1st). Dear St. Joseph, our special patron, gave us many graces, especially Holy Mass – March!

¹⁹⁸ Sister Constantia Murer

¹⁹⁹ Added at the bottom of the page.

²⁰⁰ Added in pencil: for 3 years

On the **24th**, I went to Rome, and the first vestments, a larger bell and a chalice were bought.

On the **30th**, I received 300 Mark for the Chapel from Ratibor. (We used it to buy a picture of our Lady's Annunciation for above the altar, a ciborium, and the Stations of the Cross.) Thanks be to God!

On **April 8, 1892**, the Franciscan Guardian and Curate blessed our Stations of the Cross.

On **April 13**, His Excellency the Bishop, gave us the honor of his visit. He was very kind and seemed quite pleased. In the chapel we sang *O Sanctissima* and in the refectory I introduced each Sister to him.

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Before Easter, Mr. Habel, bookseller in Regensburg, paid us a visit – a very pious man. – One day later we had the visit of Miss van Zechau, a lady-in-waiting from Saxony, now in Rome.

On **April 29**, Bertha Albrecht, 34 years of age, and Maria Bebel, 22 years of age, entered here. On **April 30**, Clotilde Napoleoni from Sambuci, 22 years old, joined us.

On **May 4, 1892**, Mathilde Gemperle, 18 years, from Niederglatt, Switzerland, joined us. On the **5th**, Ottilia Poetsch from Guttstadt, Ermland, 16 years of age, entered. (She is the niece of Rev. Brother Barnabas.²⁰¹)

We received the gift of a beautiful, embroidered gold cross for a vestment from Ratibor, and also special donations from Wartenberg (Bavaria). We used them to embellish a Mass vestment, and on the first feast of Mary, Queen of Apostles (**May 29, 1892**), it was used for the first time. Miss Bona from here gave us a nice velum and an antependium. Mary helped us much.

On **May 24**, the two Sisters Bohnheim made their holy vows into the hands of our Ven. Father. Their brothers, Rev. Father

²⁰¹ Father Barnabas Borchert, SDS

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Corbinian and Rev. Father Efrem were privileged to be deacons at the celebration.

The five postulants mentioned above were invested with the names: Anna [*Albrecht*], Crescentia [*Bebel*], Cecilia [*Napoleoni*], Wyborada [*Gemperle*] and Hedwig [*Poetsch*]. Our dear Ven. Father gave a moving address on prayer in German and Italian. (The mother, sister, and brother of Sister Cecilia Napoleoni were present).

Ven. Father also talked to me about the beautiful mission in Vancouver (North America), to which two Rev. Fathers and one lay Brother are going already in June, and this year yet, three efficient Sisters.²⁰² God be praised!

On **May 26**, our Most Rev. Bishop had the goodness to confirm²⁰³ our Sister Bonifatia and Sister Hedwig in our chapel. Sponsors were Sisters Verena and Philomena (at 8:30 a.m.). Oh, what graces!

(Since **May 24**, Sister Raphaela is Assistant Novice Mistress

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and sleeps with the novices in the side wing).

On **June 17**, at 2:15 a.m., Sister Franziska [*Wagner*] died quite suddenly of dropsy – very meekly and contentedly – with the desire to make her holy vows, which grace she would not have had otherwise, as she had edema in her feet. (Also, she had arrived here with red eyes, without a health certificate, and unexpectedly.) She was very pious. At midnight she said smilingly: "Between two and three o'clock I shall die."²⁰⁴ (Myself, several of the Sisters, the Curate, and her brother, who had recently joined the Society, were present.) She received all the holy Sacraments and means of grace.

²⁰² cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 25, May 27, 1892; orig.

APS E 612

²⁰³ *ibid.*

²⁰⁴ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 29, June 18, 1892; orig.

APS E 615,

On **June 5**, the father of Sister Cecilia died, and on receiving the news, Sister screamed terribly with anguish,²⁰⁵ so that curious onlookers surrounded our convent, and horrible rumors began to circulate. The fables, originated by the devil, were repeated when Sister Franziska [*Wagner*] died, so that the Pastor defended us and praised us next morning in his sermon (he spoke of our good example, our almsgiving, etc.). The *Messaggero* wrote an article about the whole commotion, saying there was nothing to it.

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Such crosses are especially salutary in the hands of God. Alleluia...

On **July 1**, Maria Nicoletta Garofali from St. Martino in Pensilis (vicinity of Naples) entered here at the age of 16. (Nothing stood in the way of her being admitted; she is recommended by Canon Barruco.)

On the **2nd**, Sisters Johanna, Salesia, Paula, and Katharina were allowed to take holy vows. (Sister Paula's uncle, Pastor Goetz from Switzerland, had 200 lovely holy cards printed for his niece, in memory of this lovely day.) Our dear Ven. Father conducted the ceremony and gave a beautiful sermon about faithfulness.

Since **July 15**, Aemelia Cinaly is coming to us for English lessons (daughter of a professor), 15 years of age. – A poor girl, 15 years old, is being prepared for first Confession and Holy Communion.

On **July 22, 1892**, Pauline Tinschert, 22 years old, from the diocese of Breslau, entered here.

On **July 31**, we received a very beautiful altar picture from Miss Theresia Schneider from Leobschütz.

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On **July 26**, our good and dear Sister Clara [*Rheinwald*] died. Ven. Father had just come from Rome. She had been coughing for some time and for two weeks was under doctor's care. Twice

²⁰⁵ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 27, June 9, 1892; orig. APS E 614

she had asthma attacks – and succumbed to the third attack. This very pious soul, who only desired to please her Divine Spouse, had also been very much favored by Him. (She was 37 years old.) Before she died, she still made her perpetual vows into Ven. Father's hands, and then she expired in the presence of Ven. Father, of our Pastor (the Franciscan Superior), two priests of our Society, and myself and the Sisters – all of whom were praying for her. She had received general absolution, the blessing of the priests, the Anointing of the Sick, and the Holy Viaticum. (The same morning she still had received Holy Communion in chapel with us.) She was a dear Sister, always smiling – about four years in the Society.

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In the evening of **July 30**, Dr. Cav. Gianattasio, a physician, came. He was sent by the government to check whether we lived in too close quarters here, etc., because two Sisters had died within a short period of time. However, he seemed very edified with our well-ordered quarters, was very friendly, and said he would give a very favorable account of us. It is true, he said, that there were enough persons living in the house now, even 35 persons would be sufficient; and he recommended that we bring Sister Ottilia to the hospital (since she seems to be suffering from a chest ailment).

Now I hope very much for a house in Rome, and then my wishes in this regard would at last be fulfilled, to the honor of God, I hope. We did not succeed with the admission of Sister Ottilia [*Ott*] in the hospital in Rome; we had to take care of her here, and the good Sister died quietly on **August 29**, after receiving all the helps of our holy religion, like the other Sisters. The day before she died, she had still been walking around.

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On **August 23**, Miss Mathilde Krauer, 22 years old, a certified teacher from Switzerland, joined us. May she have a true vocation for us, as it seems, and may she be able to do much good.

In order to follow the observation that we are too many in our house, our Ven. Father ordered that she sleep elsewhere. (I only

found a first class room for her in a hotel.) For her this was a real trial; (however, Sister Barbara slept there with her.) Then, for a second time a doctor came to check how close we were living, etc. After that, on **September 5**, she was allowed to move in with us completely. (The root of the whole trouble lay in the screams of Sister Cecilia, mentioned before.) (We have, for instance, 18 bedrooms in all, some of them very large – and 42 Sisters sleeping in them.) For all crosses, praise and thanks to God!

On **September 8**, Sister Constantia Murer was dismissed. She had a second attack of a kind of Swiss homesickness and did not want to eat.

On **September 11**, the dear Sisters celebrated the feast of the Holy Name of Mary in an extraordinarily beautiful manner

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with a performance about the practice of virtue, with recitals and songs in six different languages, with marvelous presents for the chapel, for instance, a damask arm chair with a cover, etc., (all of which the Sisters had solicited from their relatives). The feast was even more enhanced by the presence of our Ven. Father and Founder in the afternoon, who watched the repeated performance of the play. Also a new postulant arrived on the feastday: Miss Maria Bogener, 31 years old, from Camberg, near Frankfurt.

On **September 18**, I went to see his Excellency, Prince Hohenlohe, with Sister Aloysia, to ask whether he would not give us – rent – part of his palace. He said he would gladly give it to us gratuitously, if he could, but other arrangements had already been made. In Bavaria, however, he would be able to accommodate us!

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On **September 22, 1892**, I was preserved from fatal poisoning almost miraculously. A bottle containing a mixture of sublimate, carbolic acid and hydrochloric acid had by mistake been placed in the cupboard next to the cough medicine. I took a mouthful and was about to swallow it as mortification (as the devil interiorly

suggested) when the sight of the skull (a warning of my guardian angel) made me aware of the imminent danger. Hot milk and soap water saved me – I was not yet worthy to die.

On **October 4**, I went to Rome with Sister Stanislaus, to congratulate Ven. Father. (The Rev. Brothers had prepared a beautiful feast day for him.) It was a day full of consolations. We also went to Monte Citorio (Janiculum)²⁰⁶.

On the **6th**, Msgr. Guerra, a member of the Sacred Congregation for Religious and Bishops, a friend of Ven. Father, came to see us. I introduced all the Sisters to him – he seemed very pleased.

On **October 15, 1892**, Miss Anna

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Weinmann, 33 years old, from Beckenried, diocese of Chur, arrived here. She speaks German, English, French and Italian well (converted to Catholicism in 1889 in Rome).

In the evening of **October 15**, two more postulants joined us, both from Ratibor, Silesia: Alwine Praschma, and Anastasia Siegmund, 17 and 24 years respectively.

On **October 30**, Sister Cecilia Napoleoni from Sambuci was dismissed because of an eye ailment. The same evening four others entered: Margarethe Mangold from Wachenroth, 20 years old; Retl Neuner²⁰⁷, same age, same place; Otilia Schneider from Würzburg, 30 years, and Maria Hauptelshofer from Augsburg, 17 years of age.

Complying with the request of the Franciscan Curate, two Sisters took charge of the Sunday catechesis in our parish church. Shortly afterwards he came again, saying that the Bishop was glad, and we should please take a third

²⁰⁶ It seems M. Mary was not sure of the name. It is more likely that she and S. Stanislaus went to the near Gianicolo (Janiculus) with its beautiful view of Rome rather than to the more distant Montecitorio, seat of the Chamber of Deputies.

²⁰⁷ Margaretha Neuner

*(On **October 1**, Barbara Kupfer arrived – 29 years old – from the Diocese of Bamberg, a friend of our deceased Sister Franziska. Thank God.)²⁰⁸*

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group. Thanks be to God!

On **September 14**, Rev. Father Philippus was transferred here, in order to look after us a little – together with Rev. Father Thomas, he also hears our weekly confessions.

On **October 6**, I received good news from Assam through our Ven. Father's goodness, and on the **13th**, I received a letter myself from there; loyalty, peace, blessing and success!!! (After a few priests from there had to be dismissed this summer, because they lacked a mission vocation – and this caused disquiet for many: the devil!) Two pious Rev. Fathers from our Society have recently arrived there. God be praised and thanked.

On **November 27, 1892**, Therese Ebert from the Diocese of Rottenburg (Württemberg), 18 years of age, arrived here.

From **November 19 to 30**, our community had the grace,

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for the first time, to have a spiritual retreat preached right here, and we kept strict silence. Rev. Father Dombrowski of our Society conducted and preached it, much to our edification.

On the **30th**, then, our Ven. Father and Founder invested eleven postulants²⁰⁹, and received the vows of ten novices.²¹⁰ He gave a beautiful sermon. Honor and praise to God!

²⁰⁸ Addition in the left margin

²⁰⁹ The new novices were: Sisters Simforosa Garofali, Germana Tinschert, Clara Krauer, Cleofa Bogener, Franziska Kupfer, Engelberta Weinmann, Bonaventura Praschma, Lucia Siegmund, Agatha Mangold, Veronika Neuner, and Brigitta Schneider.

²¹⁰ They were: Sisters Alfonsa Dengel, Adelheid Kemmer, Margaretha Gaide, Bonifatia Rother, Ludmilla Ziska, Leopoldina Koberna, Helene Wrzodek, Martha Burger, Augusta Burkhard, and Ida Widmer.

On **January 4, 1893**, Sister Constantia Ebert of the Child Jesus, and Sister Ottilia Hauptelshofer of the Child Jesus were invested by our Ven. Founder, and Sisters Dominica, Agnes and Rosa were admitted to holy vows.

On **January 22**, we were permitted to attend the (beatification) canonization of the Barnabite Father Xaver Bianchi in Rome. (With me were Sisters Aloysia, Angela, Stanislaus, and Elisabeth.) Oh, what great and holy joy we had! We also saw the Holy Father and received his holy

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blessing. On this day our Ven. Father and Founder also gave us the good news that, while he was in St. Peter's, he made the firm decision to move our motherhouse soon to *Santa Roma*.... Most likely many difficulties would arise (as had happened in 1888, when he wanted to start anew). Then he told us that Cardinal Vaughan²¹¹ in London also wanted to have us. Praised be Jesus Christ.

On **February 19**, I attended the Jubilee Mass of the Holy Father, together with Sister Helene – about 20,000 people were in the church – Oh, what graces we had, *Tu es Petrus!!!*

On **March 13, 1893**, at 7:45 a.m. (we had arrived in Rome the night before to attend the canonization of St. Leopold Gaiche), we (Sister Raphaela, Philomena and I) had the great privilege to witness an ecstasy in St. Peter's. (In his ecstasy the person said that we would come to Rome, and he gave me 70 lovely pictures and his small cross.) Later I heard that he was Professor Joseph Hercules Massy, librarian in the Vatican.

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Through the beautiful pilgrimages to Rome at the occasion of the Pope's Jubilee, we also had several visitors in **April**; first, the mother of our Sister Helene Wrzodek. She brought many gifts along. Oh, how simple, how modest she was at that – how she edified all of us!

²¹¹ cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p. 289.

Then, a young lady, Miss Lifka, (a post office clerk from Bohemia) wants to enter, and we want to pray for it. Miss Lambrecht (a teacher) from Moravia, with the same good intention...

Also a French Professor with mail from home. – Their Majesties, the German Emperor and Empress, stopped amid great festivities at Prince von Hohenlohe's just across the street from us. (We, too, had decorated with two German and a Tivoli flag – downstairs someone had added the Italian colors). We looked through the window blinds, and they say that their Majesties saluted us in a friendly way.

Msgr. Marty, Chaplain of the Swiss Guards in the Vatican, invited us, i.e., the Swiss Sisters through Rev. Father Marcus (who had given them a retreat) for the beatification of the Swiss Martyr, which is on **April 30, 1893**.

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Sisters Martha, Ida, Clara, Wyborada and I were allowed to go. We had much joy and many graces, also the Holy Father's blessing. We sat among Swiss women, and our four cheerful Swiss Sisters edified much. While visiting our Ven. Father and Founder, we also made the acquaintance of a French lady (from Strassbourg). She visited us afterwards in Tivoli – wants to enter. If she has a vocation, she could help us much for the honor of God, with her own dear person and also with her possessions. May God guide it all!

Furthermore, God be praised, a new mission has been given to our Society in Ecuador, (dedicated to the Sacred Heart). In Rome, Sisters Clara, Wyborada, and also I had the opportunity to visit the Bishop from there (Res. Puerto Nuevo) in the South American College; he is a Lazarist from Kerpen, known to me. It is to his diocese that we shall be going. We had a most fruitful conversation. He will take care of everything: a great field of activity. Three Rev. Fathers and five Sisters may go.

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Afterwards, we three went to Cardinal Vicar, Eminence Parocchi, and this was our main objective. Very humbly I asked his permission to move our House to Rome, or to open a dependent

house there. His Eminence was very kind. Among other things he said: "*mie figlie*²¹², *ritornate un'altra volta, (quest'anno non possiamo parlare per queste cose il Santo Padre) e per questo x io vi darò la s. benedizione – e "siete adesso in altezza a Tivoli sopra le cascatelle, potreste cadere"*, he added smilingly.

x *l'idea che noi verremmo l'altro anno a Roma*²¹³

Well then, next year holy Rome – praised be God! Next year will be better; also our Ven. Father says so – therefore, another six to eight months. When we returned, we sang the *Magnificat* for everything in Tivoli.

Because presently there is a great drought, the people here offer a touching spectacle. They come in long processions, kiss each step of the church, crawl on their knees to the altar, offer candles and votive hearts, shout enthusiastically: *Viva Maria*, and *Grazie Maria*, wring their hands over their heads almost

x *These two visits took place on **May 1, 1893***²¹⁴.

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in despair, yell at the top of their voices, weep and cry – so it went for several days from morning till night. Sometimes a Franciscan Father gave a blazing sermon about conversion of life. A few times they even carried our statue of Our Lady outside, and sometimes they slithered on their knees across the Square of S. Francesco – for everything is addressed to Our Lady of Grace of San Francesco.

The Rev. Bächele, parish priest of Wohlenschwyl, came to see Sister Clara, his former parishioner.

²¹² *My daughters, come back another time (this year we cannot talk to the Holy Father about it). And for this, I shall give you my blessing. – "You are now high up over the waterfalls in Tivoli, you might fall", he added smilingly.*

²¹³ *The idea that we would come to Rome the following year. – Remark in the left margin.*

²¹⁴ Addition at the end of the page – i.e. visits to Exc. Pietro Schuhmacher, CM, Bishop in Ecuador (cf. p.73), and to Eminence Parocchi.

On **May 13**, I had for the first time someone of my relatives (or rather of families of former acquaintances) coming to visit me: Countess Auguste von Leycamp (Castle Elsum) – friend of my niece Elise v. W.²¹⁵ She brought a photograph of Papa's little great-grandson, "Theodörchen" [*little Theodor*] v. W.²¹⁶ She was accompanied by Countess Antonia von Heereman-Zuydtwyk from Münster, a friend of my sister, etc. there. They edified us very much, and I wished for them and us that they had a vocation to join our young Congregation. On the same day, a friend and benefactor of our Society, good Pastor Wiedemann from Schlingen came.

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On **May 14**, Pastor Nothdurft from Hildesheim paid us a short visit, in order to make our acquaintance. With him came two Polish ladies, Miss Jos. Jalkowska and Miss Martha Maruschke.

On the **20th**, I heard the good news that our establishment²¹⁷ in Bregenz is certain and already started.

On the **22nd**, I heard that very soon Ven. Father will start a foundation in Cairo and that Rev. Father Basilius²¹⁸ is already appointed for it.

On **May 28th**, eight scholastics of our Society²¹⁹ will be ordained priests – oh, thank God!

Then, today, on **May 22, 1893**, I learned from Rev. Father Ansgar von Jagemann, that now our dear Society has received a new name²²⁰ (as intimated earlier), the beautiful name of "Society of the

²¹⁵ Elise von Wüllenweber, cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, p.143

²¹⁶ Theodor Severus von Wüllenweber, *ibid.*, p. 62

²¹⁷ i.e. The Salvatorian Fathers' foundation

²¹⁸ Father Basilius Baukhage, SDS

²¹⁹ For Mother Mary it was an important fact that both the men's and the women's branches had one Founder, and she saw them always as one Society. cf. Father Pancratius Pfeiffer, *Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan*, English Ed. 1947, p.317f, Ed. 2005, p. 293

²²⁰ cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p. 223

Divine Savior". After it had become "Catholic" instead of "Apostolic", which in October 1882, had been a sad change for me, I am now very happy about the new name, which leads us again closer to our Savior, and I shall thank God for it.

On the 2nd I heard the good news that very soon we shall have a new

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foundation in Belgium. Thank God!

On the 30th, our Ven. Father came to receive the vows of the four Sisters: Anna, Crescentia, Wyborada, and Hedwig. He spoke very beautifully about our apostolic mission, about our mission in Ecuador, (he also conversed at length with the Sisters appointed for it), and about love of the Cross.

Ven. Father wrote to me from Vienna²²¹ that the foundation of the First Order is now firmly established there, and that next year most probably also some Sisters will go there. Thank God!

On **June 22, 1893**, Sister Margaretha Gaide from Ratibor died rather suddenly. She had been bedridden for six months with an ulcer on her leg (the existence of which she had concealed at her entrance, unfortunately). After the wound had healed a month ago, the illness went so quickly to the chest that after a month and a half she died, after receiving the Holy Viaticum. She was, otherwise a capable, pious and talented Sister – tall and red-cheeked, very healthy looking.

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On **July 4, 1893**, I went to Rome with our good young Sister Paula. (She was supposed to travel home from there, in order to recover her health, but the doctor in Rome found her too weak to continue the journey.) For the night we stayed with the French Dominican Sisters. The next day I brought the dear one to the Sisters of the Holy Cross. (Through the kindness of Msgr. Montel, I had received a free ticket for her to stay for ten days.) She is very well taken

²²¹ cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, pp. 185, 212, 234

care of by them, and we go to see her often. Unfortunately, she has tuberculosis.

On the 6th, Sister Elisabeth became Assistant Novice Mistress.

On the 7th, Sister Veronika [*Neuner*] was dismissed as too weak. (When her health has improved, she will be readmitted.)

Our Ven. Father gave us the joy of his visit; (he came from Vienna). In Vienna, there are now six Rev. Fathers of our Society. Also in Bregenz, our Rev. Fathers made a new establishment, likewise in Naples (with Rev. Father Saba).

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On **July 10**, Sister Cleofa Bogener was dismissed definitely, as too weak in health and in vocation.

On **July 13**, I fell seriously ill with gastritis – I especially have to eat much raw food. (Today, the 19th, I am already feeling better again). God be praised in everything!

On **July 24**, Margherita Angelosanto from Sant'Elia sul Rapido, Diocese of Monte Cassino, entered here. She is 17 years of age. Her mother and her very devout confessor, Canon La Marra, a Lazarist Father, accompanied her. (The latter's sister came along – she has some signs of a vocation). The priest was fasting yet, and intended to celebrate Holy Mass, and Margherita still wanted to go to Holy Communion (both wishes could not be fulfilled). It was already 10:00 a.m. They stayed with us till 4:00 p.m. (The pastor had carefully examined her vocation). The mother, in taking leave of her, said weeping: "My child, I offer you to the Mother of God; only in heaven shall we meet again; do me honor. Here is your new and better mother."

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On **August 6, 1893**, the Feast of the Transfiguration, Ven. Father came to receive the perpetual vows of Sisters Stanislaus [*Raczkowska*], Katharina [*Becker*], Augusta [*Burkhard*], Dominica [*Vieregg*], and Rosa [*Steinberger*]; and in a very beautiful address he admonished us to mutual charity, to be conscious of Calvary (as

Jesus had been on Tabor). He said it would be the greatest cross if the Sisters would get discouraged. On the 11th, they shall depart for Ecuador (together with three Rev. Fathers). For the time being, Sister Stanislaus was appointed superior, Sister Katharina first assistant and admonisher, and Sister Augusta second assistant. In particular, they ought always to keep in close contact with the Motherhouse and then, be at peace.

In the evening of the 10th, we had a moving farewell celebration = in German, Italian, French, English, etc. (Sister Rosa was checked twice by the doctor and also found healthy.)

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On the 11th, at 5:00 a.m., I took the five [missionaries] to Rome where we also paid a visit to Sister Paula in the hospital. At 2:00 p.m., Ven. Father gave a beautiful sermon in chapel, with everyone present. Then all eight, Rev. Father Thomas, three Rev. Brothers and I, went to the train station in three coaches. The dear Sisters cried much, especially Sister Stanislaus. All for the good of souls!

Thank God, already yesterday, **August 18**, I received a long letter, eight pages, from Sister Stanislaus from Barcelona, with good news.

On **September 2**, I went (with permission) to see two possible houses for us in Rome, *ai prati*.²²² The one belonging to the Ladies of Nazareth, however, is not for sale, and the other one, owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph (a Congregation founded about five years ago), is spacious – enough for 100, with a small garden, a beautiful church with three aisles – is fitting, but very, very expensive. God would have to help us in a special way, and He might!

In Rome, I also went to meet a postulant, a sister of

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our Sister Hedwig: Maria Poetsch, who braved the journey from Ermland on her own; she is 15 years old. May God keep her!

²²² In 1890, also the Fathers and Brothers were planning to have their Motherhouse in the area of "ai Prati"; cf. p. 2/28.

On the **10th**, the good Sisters celebrated my nameday, the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, in a very lovely way. They recited, sang in various languages, and in the evening, they performed a play! A nun, tempted by the devil, and warned by her guardian angel, leaves her convent, but returns remorsefully, welcomed by Our Lady. (Rev. Father Thomas kindly watched the performance once at noontime). They gave me six one-meter-high candleholders and a crucifix. They would fit into a real church, but are too small for here. May God give his blessing for everything! I also received many other beautiful gifts for the honor of God, for the service at the altar.

On the **23**, I was

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in Rome, together with the two Sisters Raphaela and Gabriela, to attend the priestly ordination of their brother, Rev. Father Efrem. It was a splendid ceremony: Four of our Society were ordained priests, three were made deacons, and five subdeacons.

In the evening of the **22nd**, Sofia Rheinhold from Deuna entered, 35 years old, very pious, but with poor eyesight.

Ven. Father bought 40.000 square meters of land with a house, near Bregenz (Post Office Lochau), for a new Marian College.²²³ – The foundation is already made; it will be developed from there.

On **October 4**, Sister Antonia and I attended the nameday celebration of our Ven. Father and Founder — in Rome.²²⁴ On the same day, two new postulants arrived there: Sister Catharina Grandinger, 25 years old, and Crescenzia Huber, 30 years old – both from Munich, Bavaria.

On **October 6**, two more postulants arrived here:

²²³ The Colleges of the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers often had Marian names; cf. S. Ulrike Musick and Fr. Peter van Meijl, SDS, *Guide for the Preparation and Formation of Salvatorians*, English Version of *Begleitbriefe*, No. 28/1994.

²²⁴ The word "Rome" is inserted above the short line.

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Magdalena Maier, 24 years old, from the Diocese of Augsburg; and Katharina Roth, 23 years, from the Diocese of Freiburg.

Sisters Raphaela and Gabriela got permission from Ven. Father to travel to Soyen for the First Mass of their brother, Father Efrem. Their other priest brother, Father Corbinian, is also still there – four of one family in our Society – a very special grace. (They have to be back within a fortnight.)

Sister Bonaventura Praschma was dismissed on **October 9**; she frequently had doubts about her vocation.

On **October 14**, when the Angelus bell rang in the evening, our good Sister Paula [Werner] died. She is the first to die in Rome. I was able to be with her almost the whole of her last day on earth. I asked Rev. Father Thomas, and her brother, Frater Canisius, to come to her deathbed. She was very resigned and was buried with many clerics present, in the

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large cemetery. A day of sacrifice!

On **October 17**, Sofia Reinhold was sent back home, after having been examined by an eye specialist in Rome.

The two Sisters Raphaela and Gabriela returned punctually on **October 18**, from the happy celebration in Bavaria.

In the evening of **October 21**, Miss Fanny Dombrowski, the sister of Rev. Father Marcus,²²⁵ and Miss Ottilia Reichel from Ratibor arrived (the former 30, and the latter 22 years old.)

On **October 15**, I met Rev. Drewitz in Rome, a missionary priest from Brazil, who would like to have Sisters there. On **October 23**, he gave us the honor of his visit, and I introduced all the Sisters to him. (He had made the acquaintance of Father Marcus in Brazil.)

²²⁵ Unfortunately, there were tensions with Father Marcus; cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letters 32 and 33 October 20 and 26, 1893; orig. E 617 and E 618.

In the afternoon of **October 23**, Ven. Father gave us the joy of his visit. He asked me, thank God, to choose three Sisters for a beautiful mission in Minnesota (America).²²⁶

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On **November 5**, Rev. Father Pacificus²²⁷ told me about Santa Maria dell'Orto, as a possibility for us in Rome!

On **November 7, 1893**, Rev. Father Pacificus celebrated Holy Mass in our chapel. He has been ordained only recently. (He had entered with the Rev. Brothers in Rome in 1885, recommended by me from Neuwerk.)

On **November 13**, Barbara Schmerbeck, 24 years old, entered. She comes from Regensburg, and has been for a longer period a postulant with the Mary Ward Sisters. Also Maria Altmann from Passau, 19 years of age, joined us.

The **21st, 22nd, and 23rd** of the month I spent in Rome with Sister Agnes. I also visited Msgr. de Waal²²⁸ and asked him for his intercession with His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, concerning an establishment in Rome, which he, thank God, promised to do.

I also went to see a former convent at the foot of the Janiculum Hill with garden – quite fitting – very nice, for 60 persons, almost new. May God give his blessing!

On **November 24**, three dear Swiss girls entered: Barbara Eisenring, 22 years old, Rosa Strászle, 20 years, and Josepha Wäspe, 19 years; all from the Diocese of St. Gallen.

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On the **24th**, Sister Lucia [*Siegmund*] was confirmed in the Bishop's chapel.

²²⁶ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 33, October 26, 1893; orig. E 618.

²²⁷ Fr. Pacificus Spreider had been asked to help Mother Mary to find a fitting house for the Sisters in Rome.

²²⁸ He was the Rector of the Campo Santo Teutonico, and much obliged to Father Jordan. He helped the Sisters in many ways. cf. Edwein, DSS XIII-XVII

On **November 27**, in the evening, at 6:00 o'clock, the retreat began for all Sisters here (ten days) – a great grace. Rev. Father Simon²²⁹ from Westphalia, a priest of our Society, is conducting it – incisive, short, and beautiful, according to the method of St. Ignatius.

On **December 6**, six Sisters entered: Elisabeth Hansknecht from Westphalia, Anna Zenker from the same region, Helene Klug from Aschaffenburg, Margarethe Uebler from the Diocese of Eichstädt, and Katharina Schleicher and Barbara Kohlmann from the Diocese of Bamberg.

On the **6th**²³⁰, Sister Aloysia made her perpetual vows, eight Sisters made their profession for three years, and 13 were invested with the following names: Sisters Cecilia, Hilaria, Theodora, Paula, Gertrud, Fridolina, Hildegard, Bernarda, Hieronyma, Christina, Othmara, Gebharda, Martina – all of the Immaculate Conception. Ven. Father gave a very beautiful sermon about harmony – also between Brothers and Sisters,

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and celebrated Holy Mass for us on the **11th**.

From **January 13 to 23, 1894**, Rev. Father Simon preached another retreat for six postulants who were to be invested and two Sisters who were to take holy vows. (We attended the conferences.)

On the **23rd**, there was the celebration of profession and reception: Sisters Constantia [*Ebert*] and Ottilia [*Hauptelshofer*] took vows. Sisters Columba [*Kohlmann*], Veronika [*Schleicher*], Lioba [*Uebler*],

²²⁹ Father Simon Stein, SDS

²³⁰ According to the Profession Book, the profession and investment ceremonies took place on December 10, 1893: S. Aloysia Fischer made perpetual vows; Srs. Simforosa Garofali, Germana Tinschert, Clara Krauer, Franziska Kupfer, Engelberta Weinmann, Lucia Siegmund, Agatha Mangold, and Brigitta Schneider, made vows for three years; and Sisters Cecilia Angelosanto, Hilaria Poetsch, Paula Huber, Theodora Grandinger, Gertrud Maier, Fridolina Roth, Hildegard Dombrowski, Bernarda Reichel, Hieronyma Schmerbeck, Christina Altmann, Othmara Sträszle, Gebharda Wäspe, Martina Eisenring were invested.

Mechthildis (Klug), Bonaventura (Zenker), and Liboria (Hansknecht) were the new names. Ven. Father preached a beautiful sermon about prayer.

On **January 17, 1894**, Postulant Elise Meyer from Hildesheim, 27 years old, arrived. (For some time she had been in the Mission House for Africa, St. Ottilien.)

On **January 26**, Ven. Father sent us a beautiful plan (both for the mind and for implementation), for a Teacher Training Course which he wants to have started in the II. Order under the direction of one of the priests.

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On **January 24, 1894**, a 33-year-old woman, Carolina Tozzi, from Tyrol, who only speaks Italian, presented herself here – she is now in Rome; she entered on **February 1, 1894**.

On **February 2**, Franziska Richardt, 34 years old, from the Province of Saxony, Diocese of Paderborn, entered here.

On **February 8, 1894**, at 8:00 a.m., we solemnly sang the Veni Sancte Spiritus to the accompaniment of the harmonium; then the Teacher Training Institute was inaugurated. (Sister Clara started to teach catechism, as no priest is coming as yet.) I was present for the first lesson. The students are the following: Sisters Aloysia, Angela, Antonia, Theresia, Walburga, Kunigunde, Raphaela, Alfonsa, Bonifatia, Crescentia, Wyborada, Hedwig, Germana, Constantia, Ottilia.

On **February 8, 1894**, Ursula Siebenfärcher, 26 years, from Tyrol, joined us.

On **February 11**, Rev. Frater Barnabas came. He had worked out the

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plan for the Teacher Training Institute upon Ven. Father's request, and discussed various things with me. He talked with his two dear nieces and answered the questions of the teachers, Sisters Elisabeth, Clara, and Engelberta. (A chronicle about the beginning

and the progress of the Institute is to be kept by Sister Clara.) – It was also arranged that there would be free time in the evening at 8:00 p.m. (also for study). The other Sisters continue with recreation.

Beginning with **February 14**, Sister Helene Wrzodek has become Assistant Novice Mistress.

On **February 18-19**, through Ven. Father's kindness, Sister Hildegard and I were again in Rome, and attended the conclusion of the Jubilee. The Holy Father celebrated Holy Mass in St. Peter's and afterwards, amid unending shouts of *Evviva*, he gave his blessing.

On February 19, my good Papa, as a first gift for the Teacher Training Institute, sent 20 Mark – together with the usual 300 Mark.

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(On **February 8**, Ursula Siebenfärcher from Meran (Tyrol), entered).

On **February 26**, Rev. Father Simon, through the kindness of Ven. Father, began religion classes at the Teacher Training Institute.

On **March 18**, our Ven. Father came; x

*and received the perpetual vows of our dear Sister
Angela [Lenhart]²³¹*

he invested Miss Meyer with the name of Sister Kunigilde of St. Joseph; Miss Richardt: Sister Cunitrudis; Miss Siebenfärcher: Sister Leonarda. Then he kindly told us that the Papal Curia and the Bishop here most kindly gave us permission to have Holy Mass and Communion on Holy Thursday in our chapel this year. x

*x This permission was granted for five years, (also for
Rome).²³²*

Carolina Tozzi was dismissed because of a tendency to nervous headaches.

²³¹ Addition at the end of the page. – According to the Profession Book, the vows took place on March 19; the investments on March 18.

²³² Addition in the left margin

Ven. Father spoke beautifully about love for the Cross.

On **Holy Thursday**, our zealous Rev. Father Thomas came (since April 1892 he is our confessor), accompanied by two altar boys and gave us a nice sermon before Holy Communion. We sang the *Gloria* with harmonium accompaniment, the *Kyrie* and *Deinem Heiland* without it.

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On **April 7**, in keeping with Ven. Father's order, Rev. Father Simon came as extraordinary confessor. First he read the Papal Decree in chapel, then we all went to him for confession. Rev. Father Philippus is appointed ordinary confessor, and our good Rev. Father Thomas will come only very seldom to us.

On the **22nd**, I went to Rome with Sister Walburga for the beatification of Diego da Cadice²³³, a Spanish Capuchin, for which many thousands of Spaniards were present.

While in Rome, I happened to meet Miss Thekla Bayer, who in 1882 was very much for our Order and was supposed to cooperate in the foundation in Rome. However, she separated in Munich from Franziska Streitel who later left Ven. Father, and did not go to Rome with her. (Since then, Miss Thekla lived in Brussels, Paris, and Berlin. May God help her!)

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On **April 27, 1894**, the following arrived as postulants: Eva Bissinger from Würzburg, 25 years old; Maria Weber, 18 years; and Carolina Elgas from Püttlingen near Saarlouis, Diocese of Trier, 17 years old. May the Lord bless these first candidates from there.

On **May 1**, together with Sisters Aloysia, Verena, and Miss Eva B., I attended the rehearsal of a nice play, which the Rev. Brothers prepared for their Superior on his nameday. In this play, the Savior, angels, devils, a candidate and his father were the characters. The oblates performed it on the terrace.

²³³ Blessed Diego da Cadice, missionary in Spain, 1743-1801.

On **May 12**, Rosa Cocorocchia, Diocese of Monte Cassino, 23 years of age, arrived. Her mother, the mother of Sister Cecilia, and Don La Marra,²³⁴ parish priest of S. Elia, accompanied her. The latter celebrated Holy Mass for us the following day, which was Pentecost, giving us a nice homily. (Rosa's cousin and our Frater Theobald served Mass – her little brother from Rome was also present.)

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On **May 17**, I went to Rome with Sister Hildegard, for the latter had to testify at court because of Mass stipends received in Ratibor. (They permitted me to serve as interpreter.) Rev. Father Marcus, Sister Hildegard's brother, went along. It took several hours, although the judges were very polite and considerate; nonetheless I found it unpleasant to make a promise in court, and Sister Hildegard to take an oath.

Our dear Ven. Father intends to submit a request to the Cardinal Vicar, through Rev. Father Thomas, that we might be allowed to come to Rome. (Since we are religious, our Most Rev. Bishop had first given us permission to go to him.)

On **May 26**, our Ven. Father came to receive the perpetual vows of Sisters Antonia and Barbara, and to invest Eva [*Bissinger*] with the name of Sister Margaretha; Maria [*Weber*] with that of Sister Coelestina, and Carolina [*Elgas*] with that of Sister Juliana (all of the Help of Christians). He preached very beautifully

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about the Most Blessed Sacrament. God be praised!

On **May 30, 1894**, Msgr. Schaffer from Ratibor visited us, together with Rev. Father Matthaues.²³⁵ The latter brought the good news that on **May 29**, notice was given for this house, for the **1st of September**,²³⁶ and at the same time Rev. Father Thomas placed a

²³⁴ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, 2.16/1, Letter 38, May 16, 1894; orig. APS E 622

²³⁵ Father Matthaues Baukhage, SDS

²³⁶ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 37, May 4, 1894; orig. APS E 621.

petition with the Cardinal Vicar, or rather, with the Holy Father, that we might be allowed to come to Rome. Oh, may God help us! Let us thank him! Let us pray!

On **May 31**, five Sisters of the *Sanguie Sparso* (from San Polo) came to see us.

On **June 14**,²³⁷ to our great grief, Sister Margaretha Bissinger died from a stroke, after a short illness of two days.

On the **15th**, Dorothea Candrian from a very good family in Canton Chur joined us. She is 54 years of age and has for a long time been the housekeeper for her uncle, who is a Canon in Italy.

Sister Martha Burger also became ill

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and died on **June 21**, of typhoid fever as it is called. She was carried to the church at 10:00 p.m. by Candidates and Rev. Frater Alfred (Oblate). And, the same night, at 12:00 p.m., our good Sister Ludmilla Ziska died, also of typhoid fever. With these deaths a great cross came upon us and brought its own blessing. Seven to nine Sisters had to go to bed; the doctor came several times each day. Following the prescription of the doctor and the wish of Ven. Father, Rev. Father Simon ordered a different diet (more meat and more wine). I had to take one of the Sisters who suffered from a bone disease to the hospital of San Giacomo in Rome, to have surgery. Meanwhile, each Sister had to present herself separately

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to Rev. Father Philippus, Superior, and to Rev. Father Simon, to testify to our way of life. Some of them also had to see the doctor. (The Sister I brought to the hospital was Sister Josepha Heilmeier; it was on **June 18**.) Mr. Sestilli is helpful to Rev. Father Simon in everything.

²³⁷ According to the Profession Book on June 15, 1894

In the early morning of the **22nd**, Rev. Father Simon x

*x on behalf of Ven. Father, of course*²³⁸

gave me the message through Sister Aloysia, that it was thought better that I go to Rome with Sister Barbara, because of so many sick Sisters. After a short prayer, I decided to do so. I gathered the Sisters and recommended them to the dear Mother of God and to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, told them to be very obedient to Rev. Father Simon, and at 8:00 a.m. I departed.

At noon of the **24th**, a cable arrived from Rev. Father Simon, that a medical check

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ordered by the government, concluded that by the **26th**, twenty Sisters had to leave, as they were living too close together in this situation of a contagious disease. (On the **28th**, also Novice Sister Paula [*Huber*] and Sister Theodora [*Grandinger*] died of typhoid fever).

Yes, such are the ways of God, through suffering and sadness He drives us to Rome, into the arms of the Father of Christendom. – Oh, may His hidden mercies be praised!

Through still another cross I had to pay for the grace to come to Rome: In the morning of the **26th**, I received from Ven. Father the very sad news that my dearly beloved Papa, almost 88 years old, and up to now always well, had ended his noble, pious life in love and in favor of God and man, on **June 24**, at 10:30 p.m. He died of a heart attack while he was saying his night prayer on his knees

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beside the bed on which my dear mother had died,²³⁹ after he had spent the evening in cheerful conversation with the whole family. – Oh, how much love and care I owe him! May the good Lord reward him!

²³⁸ Remark at the end of the page

²³⁹ cf. *The Family*, SHS 4/1, E p. 50f

Already on **June 27**, a large house was rented for us for one year in Rome²⁴⁰ – Lungara – at the foot of the Janiculum Hill. The Rev. Brothers busily cared for the most necessary furnishings. During the night from the **25th** to the **26th**, Sister Barbara and I slept alone in it.

On the **26th**, at 3:00 p.m., Sister Helene, Sister Juliana and Sister Coelestina arrived first; and in the evening, Sisters Crescentia,²⁴¹ and Hilaria and Hedwig followed. On Wednesday arrived Sisters Theresia, Wyborada, Martina, Cecilia, Bernarda, Liboria, Agnes, Engelberta, and Othmara; then, in the evening of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, came Sisters Clara, Simforosa and Fridolina.

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May St. Peter defend us and put an end to the epidemic in Tivoli.

Here, already on **July 2nd**, we had the chapel and the refectory, etc., etc., fixed up in a larger and better way. (It is a four-story building, with wallpaper that is just too nice for us, and two small balconies.) Downstairs are the kitchen, the laundry, the refectory and the chapel.)

On **Saturday, the 30th**, we already had a visit from our pastor (from Santo Spirito), who invited us, in the name of the Cardinal Vicar, to give catechism classes in his church. Today, Sunday, **July 1st**, Sisters Clara, Simforosa, and Theresia will start at 4:00 p.m. What a grace and consolation after so much heart-rending grief! Rev. Father Thomas comes occasionally to see us, and we go to confession to him in Santo Spirito.

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Recently, the Government in Austria has officially approved the Catholic Teaching Society – a victory of the Cross.

Alas, on **July 2**,²⁴² also Sister Germana [*Tinschert*] and Sister Lioba [*Uebler*], the seventh victim, died of typhoid fever in Tivoli. –

²⁴⁰ cf. Edwein, DSS XV D p.241-2; DSS XV, E, p. 254-260

²⁴¹ Above Crescentia, the number 2 is written, and a 1 above Liboria.

²⁴² In the Profession Book, the death day of both Sisters is indicated as July 3, 1894.

The others are all said to be out of danger now; some are well again. May God continue to have mercy on us; and may the sign of the Cross which has led us to Rome, as always be a sign of salvation – also for us.

On **July 6**, I had the great grace to receive a letter from His Eminence, Cardinal Melchers, expressing sympathy on the occasion of my good father's death. His Eminence wrote that he offered the Holy Sacrifice for him today.

In the afternoon, our Ven. Father and Founder came to see us, blessed us, and gave us some encouraging admonitions (and decided that the Sisters, when feeling unwell, should preferably report to Sister Clara, the Vicarress). In the evening, he left for Austria: Bregenz and Vienna. (He gave all of us his blessing, and also saw each one individually.)

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On **July 2**, the Feast of the Visitation, I recommended myself with some Sisters to the prayers of the Visitation Nuns when paying them a visit.

In the afternoon of that day, Sister Cuny (sick)²⁴³, and Sister Adelheid, who was convalescing, arrived from Tivoli.

On **July 16**, Sister Brigitta came with Maria Polaczek. The latter to be sent home. (Since her younger brother had to leave the Catholic Teaching Society, their mother became very indignant and wanted her daughter back as well.)

The Rev. Pastor of Santo Spirito asked us to lead the rosary in church, beginning last Saturday, **July 15**, at 5:30 a.m. For the present, we should only answer the prayers, as he is anxious to see this devotion introduced.

On **June 11**, I had made a promise in St. Anthony's chapel in Tivoli, that I would give him a statue in Rome with an alms box and place it in our chapel, if he would help us to get there soon. Oh, how unexpectedly fast the Saint has heard me!

²⁴³ Sister Kunigunde Gassner

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As soon as we arrived, I bought what I had promised him.

On **August 1**, Rev. Father Antonius,²⁴⁴ Carmelite, paid me a visit, to tell me that he had postulants for us.

(During the night of **April 4, to 5, 1894**, I had a dream, that the Holy Father lovingly blessed me – saying, everything is now going well with the Catholic Teaching Society, and: I want you in Rome; and would it not be good there, close to S. Andrea della Valle. (I was sitting among children, humbly distributing holy pictures to them and said: I am from a place between Cologne and Aachen, and I would very much like to come to Rome.)

On **August 31**, I was in Tivoli, where Ven. Father invested Rosa Cocorocchia as Sister Vincenza of the Heart of Mary, Mathilde Hald as Sister Seraphina of the Heart of Mary, and Dorothea Candrian as Sister Paula of the Heart of Mary. The good Sisters were very happy to see me again. I was grieved to see our house in Tivoli – many dead; others had lost much weight, and Sister Antonia was very ill. Help us and guide us, oh God! In the evening I left again.

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During these last weeks I often had the consolation to speak to our Ven. Father and Founder.

On **September 5**, I had the privilege, together with Sister Barbara, of visiting the whole Convent of the Good Shepherd Sisters here in the Via Lungara. (Surely it was because of our zealous Father Thomas, who is celebrating Mass for them.)

In the month of **August**, I started to keep a large, beautiful financial book for income and expenses, as His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, had asked. I sent it to him and to our Ven. Father to see. (It should be done every month, as all convents have to do.)

²⁴⁴ Father Antonio Intreccialagli, OCD, the visitator of the Society from 1894. cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p. 322f, and van Meijl, DSS XX.I G p. 103 and XX.II, It p. 89

On Sunday, **September 2**, I received Holy Communion from the hands of His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, in the church of St. Eustachio, Church of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

The Feast of the Holy Name of Mary was celebrated very beautifully by the Sisters on September 9. I received many gifts, among them a statue

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of the Sacred Heart, 1,20 meters high. In the evening, they performed a play about a Christian woman apprehended and martyred in Africa. (They had put up a nice stage and also displayed fireworks.) Ven. Father also came in the morning.

On the **10th**, the Holy Father decided in an audience, though graciously, that at present we Sisters are not yet needed in Rome: "*non expedite*" - x²⁴⁵

On the **11th** I heard that Ven. Father intended to send us all back to Tivoli (the novices for certain). I was very grieved by this news, but must we not at all times be happy that we can obey?

On the **14th**, with a sad heart, therefore, I sent all nine novices back in groups of three. Our Pastor had tears in his eyes when he paid us a farewell visit.

x expedite

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Ven. Father has established a college for the Rev. Brothers in Fribourg, Switzerland, and one in Sicily.

On the evening of the **14th**, at the request of Ven. Father, we were all to pray the *Magnificat* in thanksgiving for all the crosses we have experienced already, and for those, which are yet to come – we sang it in Rome.

²⁴⁵ *Non expedite*, i.e. not quickly, not without difficulty. Mother Mary spelled "expidite"; she marked the word with x and added it once more at the end of the page.

Now Rev. Father Pacificus is taking care of the Sisters in Tivoli. Thanks be to God!

Rev. Father Willibald²⁴⁶ who tried for two months to live with the very strict Trinitarians, returned to Ven. Father on **September 25**.

A candidate who for three years was a postulant with the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, wished to join us; likewise one who had been with the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother (who had deserted Ven. Father).²⁴⁷

On **September 19**, the Curate came and inquired

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about everything; the Holy Rule, etc., etc. At the end he asked in particular to talk with Sister Simforosa – he seemed satisfied.

The following day, Rev. Father Thomas was with His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, to ask that we professed Sisters could stay. Also His Eminence, Cardinal Werga, being closest to the Holy Father, went himself to the Holy Father to intercede for us (after our Ven. Father had talked to His Eminence); and also the Secretary of the Cardinal Vicar had gone to the Ven. Father²⁴⁸ on our behalf.

On the **24th**, the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, I heard the good news that we are allowed to still remain here,²⁴⁹ however, we should never insist on any rights or privileges, and always be amiable with the other religious Institutes. (Oh, how full of blessings, so I think and hope, will these humble beginnings be, founded as they are, on the Cross.)

²⁴⁶ Father Willibald Bocka, SDS. cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 47, October 3, 1894; orig. APS E 627.

²⁴⁷ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 44, September 24, 1894; orig. APS E 624.

²⁴⁸ Mother Mary certainly meant to write "Holy Father".

²⁴⁹ cf. *Mother Mary to Fr. Jordan*, Report; SHS 2.16/1, Letter 46, September 28, 1894; orig. APS E 626.

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On **October 10, 1894**, Sister Adelheid [*Kemmer*] was dismissed, since she could not have been admitted to perpetual vows because of failing health, while she might be able to regain her health at home. – The same day, Sister Philomena came back from Tyrol, after she had nursed her mother until her death.

On **October 14**, we attended an assembly of the Third Order of St. Aloysius, in the room where he died; (we prayed the Office with the ladies there). Our worthy Curate presided.

On **October 10**, I talked again to the saintly Professor Massy. He called our foundation here a serious one, and spoke much about love for the Cross.

On **October 1**, Ven. Father told us that postulants were to be accepted here now, and that the Teacher Training Institute was to begin here, too.²⁵⁰

On the **6th** he said it should be started without delay, and so, on **October 11**, it began under the direction of Sister Clara,

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assisted by Sister Engelberta (and in certain matters also by Sister Theresa). On the fourth floor, next to the terrace, is the ideal place for it. The students are: Sister Theresia, Sister Wyborada, Sister Hedwig.

(On **October 10**, some furniture finally arrived from Tivoli – chapel benches, and the like.)

On the **22nd**, Rev. Father Chrysologus²⁵¹ gave religion classes for the first time in the Teacher Training Institute.

On the same day, Maria Skrzidlo²⁵² from Hultschin, 20 years of age, entered here.

²⁵⁰ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 47, October 3, 1894 and Letter 48, October 8, 1894; orig. APS E 627 and E 628.

²⁵¹ Father Chrysologus Raich, SDS

²⁵² Maria Skrzidlo from the Diocese of Olmütz, the first candidate to enter in Rome, rather than in Tivoli.

On the **24th**, also Maria Tritschler from Freiburg (Baden), 31 years, entered already here.

On the **24th**, the following Sisters arrived from Tivoli in order to study at the Teacher Training Institute: Sisters Angela, Raphaela, Walburga, Alfonsa, and Bonifatia.

On **October 25**, Maria Zimmermann from Munich joined us, 17 years of age, and Anna Siegel from Regen, Diocese of Passau, 14 years old. God bless them and us!

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On **October 28**, Ursula Vetter and Martha Nitsch from Ermland entered: the former 28, the latter 19 years old.

In the evening of **All Saints Day**, we attended a procession at the Campo Santo near St. Peter's, carrying candles in our hands.

On **November 2**, I heard from Msgr. G., secretary of the His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, that he too thought that it is better that we are here rather than in Tivoli – and that Holy Church wanted to do everything to settle matters for good. A thousand thanks to the Poor Souls!

On **November 14**, Martha Nitsch was dismissed,²⁵³ because of too much homesickness and unfitting behavior.

On **November 8**, Sister Verena and Sister Gabriela arrived here (Rome).

On **November 16**, Barbara Storchenegger, 20 years, Hedwig Geser, 20 years old, from St. Gallen, and Anna Niklas from Upper Bavaria, 20 years old, arrived here.

The same day we had the privilege

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of having with us the Bishop of Dacca (Bengal), together with Msgr. de Waal;²⁵⁴ the former wished to have our Sisters in his

²⁵³ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letters 50 and 51 of November 4, and 16, 1894; APS E 630 and E 632.

mission. "You should just accept hundreds more", he said. The latter wanted to obtain for us the grace from the Holy Father to have Holy Mass celebrated here in [our convent in] Rome. Our very Rev. Pastor said the same on **November 18**, and already on the **19th** he came and said that he had seen the Cardinal in the morning, who (for now) had given permission for five months. (Sister Cuny is completely bedridden now, and the Holy Viaticum has to be brought to her²⁵⁵ – this was the first reason for this great grace.) Let us praise God in all humility!

On **November 25**, we celebrated the Holy Sacrifice for the first time in our chapel. The altar was given to us by the Curate of Santo Spirito.

On the **21st**, our Ven. Father kindly came to see us

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and was very happy to see our chapel. He told us also that on Saturday, the **17th**, they had bought Palazzo Moroni, where the Rev. Brothers are living since 1882. For us, too, something will be done.

On **November 23**, Katharina Steidel from Kaiserslautern, 24 years of age, entered.

(The first Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Pacificus; we sang German hymns and the *Magnificat*. The candlesticks, etc. that had been given me on my last nameday, had arrived. The Rev. Curate blessed everything.)

On **October 16**, Sister Rosa [*Steinberger*] died in Puerto Viejo (Ecuador). Sister Stanislaus has taken on a new foundation²⁵⁶ in Monte Cristo in the same Diocese, where they are able to do much

²⁵⁴ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 52, November 17, 1894; orig. APS E 633.

²⁵⁵ S. Kunigunde Gassner, cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 51, November 16, 1894; orig. APS E 632 – Sister died on December 4, 1894.

²⁵⁶ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 53, November 21, 1894; orig. APS E 634. – The name of the place is normally written: *Montecristo*.

good. A week after they began, they already had the Blessed Sacrament in the house.

On **November 8**, Sister Philomena took her perpetual vows in our chapel in the presence of our Ven. Father. (Rev. Father Chrysologus assisted.)

In the evening of the **4th** [of December],

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at 11:00 p.m., our Sister Kunigunde [*Gassner*] peacefully fell asleep forever; the following day the body lay in state in our chapel, and Holy Mass was celebrated at her casket.

Sister Rosa [*Steinberger*] died on **October 16, 1894**, in Ecuador, and was buried with great solemnity.

A home for (200) children with difficulties has been offered to us near Freiburg in Switzerland.

On **December 5**, two young candidates from the Diocese of Bamberg arrived: Maria Brehm and Cuny Schwarzmann.

In the beginning of December (on the **1st**), we were asked to work in a dormitory for 100-200 men: to supervise good order, (going there once a day – it is nearby, called the *Dormitorio San Giuseppe*.)²⁵⁷ On **December 6**, we went there for the first time with the Director. Sister Raphaela and Sister Verena will be in charge.

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On **December 12**, the organ arrived from Tivoli.

On the **13th**, Franziska Ziesel from Württemberg arrived. Our good Rev. Father Thomas accompanied her from Munich.

(On **December 7**, a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart, 1,20 meters high, arrived here.)

On the **15th**, we received a large statue of St. Aloysius, loaned by our devout Curate.

²⁵⁷ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 57, December 16, 1894; orig. APS E 637.

On the **8th**, he also told me that His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, had asked him to dedicate our chapel, and he said he would do so on **December 18**. He also told us that we may have three Holy Masses in our chapel at Christmas.

On **December 18**, Msgr. de Waal went to His Eminence on our behalf to ask for us the great grace to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. Msgr. had great hopes when he came back. The same day our chapel

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was solemnly blessed by our Curate and Rev. Father Thomas. We sang: *Veni* – O Mary Immaculate, and the *Magnificat*. Then he blessed the whole house, the balconies included.

On **December 19, 1894**, His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, graciously granted that we reserve the Blessed Sacrament in our house – (to begin with, only for two months). He acted on the request of Venerable Father, the recommendation of our Pastor, and the petition of Msgr. Anton de Waal.

On the **20th**, Msgr. de Waal came to communicate to us this great grace, and at the same time he announced that he had been named visitator for us.

On the **22nd**, at 7:00 a.m., he celebrated Holy Mass for us. (Ven. Father was so good as to send us two Rev. Brothers to serve Mass.) We sang during the Mass, and Msgr. gave a nice homily: "Till now like in a fog, now the sun is shining – so also the religious virtues should now come forth and flourish in a special way." Our Curate also came to tell us the good news: Now we can have Holy Mass here every day, offered by one of our Rev. Fathers!!!

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On the **25th**, during the night at 12:00 o'clock, we had three Holy Masses.

On the **26th** and **27th**, I was in Tivoli for Sister Elisabeth's perpetual vows, and the first vows of eleven novices.²⁵⁸

When I congratulated His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, he said: "*A molti anni a Roma*".²⁵⁹

His Eminence, Cardinal Melchers,²⁶⁰ retained me for a long time, was very friendly, and spoke much about my good Papa.

On Christmas morning, Sisters Raphaela, Verena, and I served coffee to the old men, in the house of the Sisters of St. Vincent (Ripa).

On **January 5**, Josefa Diegmann, Diocese of Paderborn (Province of Sachsen) entered here, 27 years old.

On **January 6, 1895**, Sister Josepha [*Heilmeyer*] died very peacefully in the Hospital San Giacomo.²⁶¹ (She was buried in the religious habit.) On Christmas night she believed herself to be dying and called me. She begged my pardon for everything and wanted to kiss me. Afterwards she spoke in a very pious and edifying manner. (She suffered from a bone disease.)

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On **January 23**, Marianna Uebler and Cunigunde Clemenz entered here, the former 22 years of age, from the Diocese of Eichstätt, and sister of our deceased Sister Lioba; the latter 20 years of age, from the Diocese of Bamberg.

²⁵⁸ On December 26, 1894, the following Sisters made their first vows for three years: Srs. Cecilia Angelosanto, Hilaria Poetsch, Gertrud Maier, Fridolina Roth, Hildegard Dombrowski, Bernarda Reichel, Hieronyma Schmerbeck, Christina Altmann, Othmara Sträszle, Gebharda Wäspe, and Martina Eisenring.

²⁵⁹ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 62, January 3, 1895; orig. APS E 642; - Translation: "May you live many years in Rome!"

²⁶⁰ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 61, undated; orig. APS E 641.

²⁶¹ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 63, January 9, 1895; orig. APS E 643.

On **January 24**, Anna Maria Sieghart, 18 years old, from the Diocese of Bamberg, and Barbara Sendner, 20 years of age, also from the Bamberg Diocese, entered.

On **January 30**, our good Pastor came and brought us a ciborium (a gift from an unknown benefactor).

On **February 1**, Abbot Marinelli (chaplain of the Sisters of St. Dorothea), came to bring us a beautiful, tall chalice, also from an anonymous benefactor. He only asked for one Hail Mary. Oh, if only we would be worthy of such benefits!

Msgr. de Waal asked us to embroider two large dalmatics.²⁶² (We have to do everything and to buy whatever is needed.) What a beautiful work for brides of Christ!

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On **January 11**, I made a petition to the Cardinal Vicar, that the three Sisters might be permitted to take their perpetual vows here. Msgr. de Waal brought him the letter. The reply was affirmative for one year. Consequently on **January 19, 1895**, Rev.²⁶³ Sister Petronilla Maira came here and began her retreat. The 13 postulants as well as Sisters Theresia and Walburga had started earlier. Rev. Father Chrysologus had begun to preach the retreat on the **18th**, giving three conferences every day for ten days. All those who had not made their retreat in 1894 or will not make it soon, kept three days of retreat. (All, however, attended the conferences, which were very religious.)

Before the retreat, Ven. Father came and spoke to each postulant individually. He had told me before, and said it again, that only the novitiate is to remain in Tivoli.

²⁶² cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 63, January 9, 1895; orig. APS E 643.

²⁶³ Here Mother Mary uses for the first time the title *Reverend* Sister.

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On **January 25**, Ven. Father came for profession and gave a beautiful sermon about faithfulness. Sister Theresia, Sister Walburga, and Sister Petronilla made holy vows for one year.

On the **28th**, I went to Tivoli with the 13 postulants, who were invested on **January 29, 1895**. Ven. Father gave a beautiful address about our holy vocation. Sister Skrzidlo received the name²⁶⁴ Sister Josepha; Tritschler: Margaretha; Zimmermann: Innocenza; Siegel: Valentina; Vetter: Ambrosia; Storchenegger: Martha; Geser: Theodora; Steidel: Germana; Niklas: Innocenza;²⁶⁵ Brehm: Apollonia; Schwarzmann: Rosa; Ziesel: Thekla; Diegmann: Lidwina.

Already on the **28th**, I had removed Sister Elisabeth from the office of local superior, and had appointed Sister Aloysia Superior and Novice Mistress, as Ven. Father had told me to do. The same day I sent Sisters Hilaria, Bernarda, Hieronyma, Martina, and Christina to Rome, and the next day I followed with Rev. Sister Elisabeth, Sister Leopoldina, Otilia, Hildegard,

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Sisters Columba, Veronika, Liboria, and Bonaventura. The last four had made vows on the **29th**, together with Sister Mechthildis. Before I left for Rome, I appointed Sister Mechthildis substitute for Sister Aloysia in the novitiate, and Sister Antonia I appointed second substitute and procurator. The Sisters, whose names are underlined, will join the others in their studies, so that there will be fifteen of them in class, and Rev. Sister Elisabeth will again be teacher.²⁶⁶

²⁶⁴ The names of the Sisters are: Josepha Skrzidlo, Margaretha Tritschler, Innocenza Zimmermann, Valentina Siegel, Ambrosia Vetter, Martha Storchenegger, Theodora Geser, Germana Steidel, Hyacintha Niklas, Apollonia Brehm, Rosa Schwarzmann, Thekla Ziesel, Lidwina Diegmann.

²⁶⁵ It should read "Hyacintha". In the original, however, is written "Innocenza" at this point. The name that had been written there previously had been erased and substituted by "Innocenza" in black ink and with a different handwriting, probably not by Mother Mary.

²⁶⁶ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 64, February 11, 1895; APS E 644.

On **February 11**, school began anew with two classes.

On **February 7**, Rosalia Deutinger and Crescenzia Eichner arrived as postulants. They are from Wartenberg, about 19 and 20 years of age. At the same time I received the gift of a red and a white vestment from Frankfurt/Main.

On **February 17**, Msgr. de Waal drafted for me a letter to

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His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, as Rev. Father Thomas had advised me. Our good Pastor brought the letter to him – and my request was granted: namely, the great grace to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the ciborium on the three days of carnival, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Oh, the mercy of God! On the first of these days, the **24th**, we shall also begin to pray the Office again.

Rev. Frater Barnabas²⁶⁷ held examinations for two days among the Sisters in the Teacher Training Institute. Everything went well.

Good Sister Barbara got a sore finger, and, already a fortnight later, she had to go to the hospital. It is an infection of the bone – the finger will have to be amputated; then she will return. The Sisters of Mercy in San Giacomo take good care of her; she went there on the **20th**.

On the **21st** I learned from Ven. Father that the Most Rev. Archbishop of Milwaukee is in Rome, and that he wants us in his diocese. I went to him with Sister Clara to thank him. The next day he came to see us, with Ven. Father and his Vicar General. The Most Rev. Archbishop Frederick Xavier Katzer is from the Rhineland.²⁶⁸

²⁶⁷ Father Barnabas Borchert, SDS

²⁶⁸ Frederick Xavier Katzer, born in Upper Austria in 1844; in the USA since 1864, he was ordained a priest in 1866; in 1886 he became Bishop of Green Bay and in 1891 Archbishop of Milwaukee. He died in 1903.

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We decorated as well as we could. His Excellency went to the chapel first, then to the refectory, where he most graciously had each Sister introduced to him.

(For the opening and the conclusion of our perpetual adoration, Rev. Father Thomas gave us a beautiful sermon.)

On **March 1**, Giuseppina Flumeri from Naples entered. She is 18 years old and a sister of our Rev. Father Caspar.²⁶⁹

On the **3rd**, 17 Sisters had the great joy to see the Holy Father in the Vatican, with tickets from Msgr. de Waal.

On **March 21, 1895**, I went first to the hospital of San Giacomo, as Ven. Father had ordered, to ask whether four of our Sisters could learn nursing there. The director said that the Congress of Doctors had approved of Sisters going to the Lateran (their motherhouse), where I then courageously went. However, I learned there that the information was not correct = the nurses' training had been permitted for the Sisters of St. Joseph. I was asked to return on the **24th**. Meanwhile we prayed much.

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On the **24th** I went again and, thanks be to God, the Sisters were accepted by the director. I also talked to the Superior General of the Sisters. I introduced our Sisters to the director and on Monday, the Feast of the Annunciation, they started. (Every morning they go to the hospital at 7:00 a.m., and between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. they come home.)²⁷⁰ Each Sister works together with another one in a ward (under the direction of a Sister of Mercy.) Sisters Raphaela and Hieronyma have 120 patients, Sisters Walburga and Agnes have 50 patients. They do and learn much – to prepare themselves for their mission in Milwaukee. Oh, how good the Lord is!

²⁶⁹ Father Caspar Flumeri, SDS

²⁷⁰ cf. *Mother Mary to Sister* Carolina Dingler, SHS 2.15/1, Letter 3, August 5, 1895, p. 11, and ASDS.

On **March 22**, Barbara Blank and Anna Schakmann, two young girls from Tüttlingen (near Trier), entered, also Klara Dingler from Leupolz (Württemberg), Babette Hofmann and Luzia Barthelmes (domestic teacher) from Würzburg. They are all young in age. The latter two have been recommended by Rev. Pastor Faulstich.

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On **March 28**, our good Pastor took the petition to His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar to prolong the permission to keep the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. (Permission had again been granted only till March 31.) Now we can thank God and St. Joseph – we received the permission till such time when it might be revoked again; however, it always has to be renewed in writing for a short period.

On the **5th** I traveled to Tivoli with Sister Verena and the seven postulants. The former renewed her vows there for three years; the latter seven were invested. They received the following names: Sister Lioba Uebler, Sister Adelheid Clemenz, Sister Cuny²⁷¹ Sieghart, Sister Ludmilla Sendner, Sister Emilia Deutinger, Sister Gonzaga Eichner, Sister Marcella Flumeri, (all of the Sorrowful Mother). Our Ven. Father had been here before and talked with them all once more. He also spoke of many new missions.

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Unfortunately, in Tivoli we have a number of sick Sisters again, (also the Superior, Sister Aloysia). Here, thanks be to God, they are much healthier. From Tivoli, I took along the following: Sister Verena bringing her back again, Sister Ida, Sister Anna, Sister Constantia; then also Sister Kunigilde²⁷² and Sister Cunitrudis, who made their vows for three years together with Sister Leonarda.

²⁷¹ Sister Kunigunda Sieghart; also for her M. Mary uses the short form "Cuny".

²⁷² Here and at the end of the page, M. Mary wrote: S. Cunihilda. The three Sisters made their vows on April 5, 1895.

On **Palm Sunday**, our Rev. Brothers took over the Sunday services in Santo Spirito. We also went there on Palm Sunday, and it was a beautiful procession, formed by about 200 Rev. Brothers and 50 Sisters. All were carrying palms in their hands.

On **April 17**, Sister Columba received permission for a short homevisit.

His Eminence, Cardinal Melchers, graciously sent me a medal of the Three Kings, as I had once expressed the wish to possess one.

Beginning with **April 29**, Sister Kunigilde and Sister Constantia go to the hospital San Giovanni for some nursing experience.

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On **April 23**, Sister Helene was accompanied to Tivoli for a change of climate.

On **April 20, 1895**, two older Italians entered: Domenica Coianti and her sister Antonia; the former is 36 years of age, the latter 43. They are from Santa Croce, near Città Reale, Province of Aquila, Diocese of Rieti. Their sister, Mrs. Mattia, accompanied them. We had made her acquaintance in the church of St. Philip, on February 24, 1895, when she told us that she had two sisters who wanted to become nuns – again: They had been for 26 and 10 years respectively in an Augustinian convent, from where they had been expelled by the government. The older one had actually been professed. They seem to be good, also have a dowry of 1,000 Lire,²⁷³ and brought good testimonials from everyone. Their sister, Mrs. Mattia, seems to wish us well also. May it be Mary who sent them.

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On **May 7**, our Venerable Father and Founder brought us the Holy Rule that had been printed in Vienna in 1895 for us, the Second Order of the Divine Savior. He himself gave a copy in each one's hand, also giving us a good exhortation to strive for sanctity, to

²⁷³ The dowry required when entering.

have confidence and to keep the Holy Rule. (The present superior of Tivoli happened to be here and took 40 copies along to Tivoli.)

On **May 9**, together with Sisters Clara and Elisabeth I had the great privilege of attending a Holy Mass in the Vatican, in the Sala Ducale, celebrated by the Holy Father. And afterwards (through the kindness of an Austrian lady) I saw him very closely, and I heard the whole conversation, which he had with ca. 30 personages who were introduced to him (among them also Count Droste from Münster, a relative.)

On **May 12**, Miss Elise Wirth (Diocese of Trier), 20 years of age, Dorothea Fiedler (Province of Sachsen), 21 years, and Sofia Franke (Paderborn), 22 years, arrived here.

On **May 15**, Sister Columba returned after

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she had done much good at home.

On the **12th**, I went to the Belgian College to see His Grace, the Bishop of Liège, Msgr. Doutreleroux. He remembered me from the days of my youth, when I spent my holidays in his palace through the kindness of the then Bishop van Bommel.²⁷⁴ He recalled the names of many of the Benedictine Nuns. He was especially happy to bring my regards to my friend, (the above mentioned Bishop's niece) now Abbess²⁷⁵ of the Carmelite Nuns in Liège.

On **May 19**, together with Sisters Raphaela, Walburga, and Agnes, I had the privilege again to attend a Mass celebrated by the Holy Father in the Sistine Chapel. What we could never have expected, and what had never happened before (since the Holy Father celebrated the Mass for the Italian and Polish pilgrims, whom he afterwards allowed to kiss his ring), also we four Sisters were allowed to go to him – first, I asked him to bless

²⁷⁴ cf. S. An Vandormael, SDS, *Liège*, SHS 1.1/48-50, p.49-63

²⁷⁵ cf. SHS 1.1/48-50, p. 91-96. Sophie van der Kun, alias Sister Marie Ange, of the Carmel of Cornillon, in Liège

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the three Sisters, who were about to go to America. His Holiness graciously asked: "Where, to New York?" We answered: "To Milwaukee". After we had kissed his hand and his foot, I told him, "Your Holiness, we are the Sisters of the Divine Savior, founded by Ven. Father Jordan; we are in Rome." Hearing this, the Holy Father smiled contentedly, and when I told His Holiness "I am the Superior", he took my head, pressed it, blessed it, as also my forehead. – Then Sister Walburga put her head into his lap and received the same blessing. Afterwards the Prelates congratulated us and asked whether I was French: Yes, from the Rhineland. – Oh, what a day of grace! I wept with emotion.

On **May 28, 1895**, the following were invested (in Tivoli): Sister Pancrazia Blank, Sister Michaela Schakmann, Sister Carolina Dinger, Sister Evangelista Hofmann, Sister Stefania Barthelmes, Sister

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Nazarena Coianti, Sister Filippina Coianti. The Novices, Sisters Juliana and Coelestina, took their first vows. Perpetual vows (conditionally, after three years) were made by Sisters Walburga, Raphaela, Gabriela, and Agnes. Ven. Father gave a beautiful sermon. – The following I took along to Rome: Sisters Antonia, Agatha, Gertrud, Gebharda, Othmara, Coelestina, Juliana.

On the morning of the **30th**, forty-three of us were allowed to visit the Vatican gardens through the kindness of Msgr. de Waal. In the evening of the same day, the three Sisters departed for Milwaukee, North America, namely: Sister Raphaela (as superior), Sister Walburga and Sister Agnes, in order to do social nursing there for the time being. We had a little farewell celebration. May everything be for the salvation of souls.

On **Sunday**, from 5:00 to 6:00 o'clock, we sang and prayed the rosary in the Campo Santo Church (following the invitation of Msgr. de Waal). – **June 2, 1895.**

Everything for the greater glory of God and for the salvation of souls – with the help of Mary.

Sister Mary of the Apostles

Rome, Via Lungara 112²⁷⁶

²⁷⁶ Two empty pages follow.



Mother Mary in the Holy Year 1900

P.b.J.Chr.

Rome, June 13, (Feast of St. Anthony), 1895
Via Lungara 112

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June 13. Today, together with twenty Sisters and three postulants (we are now 45 Sisters here)²⁷⁷, I took part in the Corpus Christi procession in the German Campo Santo (we were invited by Msgr. de Waal). Afterwards, together with Sister Antonia and Sister Crescentia, I took part in the procession of our Rev. Brothers, which they held beautifully for the first time in their newly purchased house.

17. Today Miss Maria Christine Löhlein, aged 40, the daughter of a Protestant minister near Würzburg, entered here. She converted four years ago in Sicily, where she was with a noble family. (She had seen the Holy Father and had asked him to help her into a convent. His Holiness sent her to his Majordomo, then to Msgr. De Waal, who first came with her to us).

22. Today Sister Johanna Mai and Sister Salesia Staudinger arrived to begin their ten day retreat. The same day, Sister Raphaela, Sister Walburga and Sister Agnes boarded the ship for North America in Antwerp.

26. Today Sister Gertrud fell sick with severe dysentery after she had come from the hospital St. John Lateran.

28. With a letter of recommendation from Ven. Father, I went to the Procurator General of the Lazarist Fathers to ask him if he would request one of the superiors of the Sisters of St. Vincent to take some of our Sisters for apprenticeship in one of their Kindergartens. He gave me a letter to the superior of the Kindergarten of Prince Patrizi, and on the

²⁷⁷ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 71, June 5, 1895; orig. APS E 651.

29th I went there together with Sisters Angela and Petronilla who were both accepted. (The superior is French.)

July

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1. On July 1, the Sisters went there for the first time from 10:00 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. (The children are from three to seven years old and learn much there.)

2. Today, our pious Curate obtained for us from His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, the permission to reserve the Blessed Sacrament [*in our chapel*] for twice as long.²⁷⁸ – Also on this day, Sister Gertrud was again out of any danger. On the

3rd the two Sisters²⁷⁹ made their vows for one year in our beautifully decorated chapel. Ven. Father came with Frater Barnabas and gave a beautiful talk on prayer.

4. Today I sent Sister Johanna back to Tivoli.

7. Today, Sister Gertrud Meier died of a paralysis after previous dysentery. The doctor had ordered ice and Malaga.²⁸⁰ – She still received all the Sacraments. The Curate is to take care of the funeral (no Sister is allowed to attend). I sent to the Curate immediately, then to the doctor, and with his certificate and another form (from the Capitol) filled out by us, to the government. They sent a commissioner for investigation. I ordered a coffin from the carpenter – paid the other bills to the Curate – no Holy Mass - - -

11. Today I had a solemn Requiem, celebrated in Santo Spirito by the Rev. Fathers of our Society – then I asked them to celebrate two more for Sister Gertrud = three Holy Masses.

22. Today, thank God, I received news that the three Sisters arrived safely in Milwaukee, unexpectedly, therefore very humbly. (But they had been announced by the Most Rev. Bishop – even in

²⁷⁸ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 72, August 30, 1895; orig. APS E 652.

²⁷⁹ Sisters Johanna Mai and Salesia Staudinger

²⁸⁰ A special Spanish wine.

the newspapers as coming to do social nursing for the time being – but not the time of their arrival). For the time being they stay with the Sisters of St. Joseph²⁸¹, where they were received very kindly – also the substitute of the Most Rev. Bishop prophesied much activity for them – still many more Sisters (should) come.

24. Today I went with Sister Petronilla to the Most Rev. Bishop of Noto who is lodging with our Rev. Brothers. In his kindness, he also spoke of his wish to have Sisters in his diocese.

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26. This morning, in our magnificently decorated chapel, His Grace, the Bishop of Noto, assisted by two priests, celebrated Holy Mass (during which we sang). Afterwards he took breakfast in our house – His Grace alone, Ven. Frater Erasmus,²⁸² and his servant (the Bishop's) were each served alone. (Rev. Father Gallus²⁸³ had come beforehand to help us with the arrangements.) Then I called Postulant Maria Christina Löhlein with whom His Grace talked for quite some time, and Sister Petronilla – then His Grace went to the arranged workroom, had all the Sisters introduced to him, and gave a nice long sermon on the valiant woman. -

The following day I went to Tivoli where, unfortunately, Sister Valentina had fallen ill with typhoid fever the day before (I encouraged the Sisters). May God take care of them there.

27. I received long letters from South America. The cruel revolutionists drove away the Most Rev. Bishop, the Rev. Fathers, and our Sisters – very much loved – together with all priests and nuns. The Sisters had much to endure but remained steadfast. – Finally, our Rev. Fathers and our Sisters arrived together in Cartagena (Colombia); there Sister Rosa lay sick for a long time and was very kindly received by the Most Rev. Bishop. The mercy of God!

²⁸¹ It should read: with the Franciscan Sisters in their St. Joseph's Convent.

²⁸² Frater Erasmus Jungbauer, SDS (Ordination September 21, 1895)

²⁸³ Father Gallus Schöb, SDS

28. We were again in the Vatican Gardens with Msgr. de Waal – there was also the Countess Cl. Galen, who had come to Rome with her brother who was here consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Münster. (She is known to me and related – it was a joy.)

29. The zealous Msgr. de Waal showed and explained the holy places in St. Peter's to us and the Countess.

August

Yesterday we attended a performance of the children – for the closing of the school year in the Kindergarten of the Sisters of St. Vincent in Villa Patrizi. The kind superior, a Frenchwoman, was very courteous – I had to take a seat on the raised platform with her.

4. Today the Curate of Città Reale, the brother of our two Sisters, visited us.

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5. Today I received the good news that the Bishop of Dacca, India, who visited us here, wishes to have five of our Sisters, and is willing to pay for all the expenses, including the journey; and that ten Sisters are wanted in Chicago, and some also in Switzerland (Fribourg) to conduct an orphanage. May everything be for the honor of Jesus!!!

14. To our sorrow, the dear young novice Sister Valentina Siegel died today in Tivoli of typhoid fever.

15. Our street, and particularly our house, was decorated magnificently today²⁸⁴ – about a thousand Chinese lanterns, many wreaths, music, etc. – There were always people praying in our entrance way. However, later our banners caught fire and two were destroyed.

17. Today, Princess Sciarra called on us to offer us her Villa Spada (on the Janiculum), however, it is rather out of the way for us. (Ven. Father told me that he was thinking of finding us a larger house with a garden, close to St. Peter's, and he mentioned several buildings.) May Mary help!

²⁸⁴ for the feast of Mary's Assumption, August 15.

Sister Leopoldina fell sick with red dysentery, and after applying German remedies (according to Kneipp) she recovered quickly. Postulant Maria Christina Löhlein helped her. She took neither ice nor Marsala²⁸⁵. The doctor was content nevertheless.

20. This morning a new wall on the upper balcony collapsed, falling on Postulant Sofia Franke – sad to say, she broke her shoulder bone, a rib, and sustained two large wounds on her head. She takes it very serenely and in an edifying manner, and we may hope for recovery. – Right away we called Rev. Father Thomas, the Curate, the doctor, and the landlord – the government investigated also. Mary helped after all!

A certain Miss Spesca, a certified kindergarten teacher, comes out of charity and zeal twice a week to teach our Sisters. Six to eight Sisters participate in turn.

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27. The day before yesterday, a judge, a court physician and the secretary of the court came to hear the testimony of Sofia, myself, and three Swiss Sisters, who had been present at the accident. Everything turned out well. Sofia is on a course of speedy recovery. The accident was in many newspapers.

Yesterday I was in Tivoli to look at another house for the Sisters (the one at the little church of St. Anthony, the Hermit.) Again I found two Sisters deathly ill with tuberculosis – if only they could all come to Santa Roma soon! –

This evening Sister Hyacintha [*Niklas*] died in Tivoli of tuberculosis. R.I.P.

28. Today Sister Gonzaga was brought to the hospital in Tivoli with tuberculosis. –

Sister Raphaela wrote from Milwaukee that they started already with nursing, and successfully so.

²⁸⁵ An Italian dessert wine

30. Through our Rev. Curate, we today received permission from the Cardinal Vicar to reserve the Blessed Sacrament for three times as long a period of time.

Sept.

6. On **September 4**, I brought the three postulants to Tivoli for investment. Ven. Father gave a beautiful address about the holy Cross. The names: Sister Valentina Wirth, Sister Gertrud Fiedler, Sister Hyazintha Löhlein, all of the Consoler of the Afflicted. - The following took holy vows: Sister Vincenza, Sister Seraphina, and Sister Paula, who came with me to Rome. – To my sorrow I found Sister Martha in the hospital, ill with typhoid fever.

They had brought Sister Gonzaga Eichner to the hospital there. As she did not like to be there at all, she got very agitated, so that the superior there thought her out of her mind – and after three days in the hospital, she also made the mistake to run away to the Sisters without telling anybody at the hospital. Now they were all the more convinced that she was out of her mind. She was then supposed to be brought to the hospital in Rome, but thank God, she was found neither consumptive nor mentally ill, and now she is here with us again, healthy and happy (in lay clothes).

8. Today His Excellency Cassetto asked very kindly, when we met, how Sofia was getting on. I told him: "Siamo tutte italiane qui".²⁸⁶

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16. Yesterday, the good Sisters celebrated the feast of the Name of Mary very beautifully²⁸⁷. I received many gifts, e.g. two Mass vestments, a velum, and many things for the chapel. The most beautiful thing was, that we had exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the morning till 10:00 a.m., afterwards a sermon by Rev. Father Thomas, and in the evening a beautiful address by Rev. Father Bonaventura – he spoke about charity, and in the

²⁸⁶ i.e. We are all Italians here.

²⁸⁷ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 73, September 19, 1895; orig. APS E 653.

morning Rev. Father Thomas had spoken about humility and purity. – Ven. Father wrote from Vienna.– Rev. Father Bonaventura ordered, however, that henceforth the Sisters should not use anymore the night hours for nameday preparations.

Sofia Franke was completely restored to health and was able to spend the day with us. – The previous day someone had come from the government saying that actually, I should have to pay 150 Lire penalty, because I had not given notice of Sofia's accident – however, now they were willing to let it go at that, and only required that we buy two forms at 3.60 Lire, which we did.

18. On **September 18, 1895**, Miss Elise Görden from Fraulautern, born in 1871, entered here. -

(I learned that to give notice of the accident was the doctor's duty – I should not even have had to pay the 7.20 Lire.)

Unfortunately, I again heard from Tivoli, that now Novice Sister Cuny²⁸⁸ had to go to the hospital with typhoid fever – but, thank God, Sister Martha was better again.

Msgr. de Waal, who had also given us 10 Lire for my nameday, came to see us again today, **September 20**.

24. Yesterday a cable arrived from the Most Rev. Bishop of Dacca, that he wants the five Sisters.

25. From Tivoli I heard the desired news that, besides Sister Franziska, now also Sister Fridolina started to do nursing in the hospital. (Sister Cuny is seriously ill there.)

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3. On the feast of St. Michael, I received from the archives of the parish in Neuwerk my diary of my St. Barbarastift there, and several other documents.

The two Sisters in Tivoli have left the hospital again – (the sick Sister is recuperating.)

²⁸⁸ S. Kunigunda Sieghart

5. Yesterday, I went with Sisters Clara, Angela, Philomena and Petronilla to congratulate Ven. Father. (Sister Clara had prepared a beautiful sheet with a poem and all our names.) Today Ven. Father came to visit us all, admonished us to charity and conformity in all houses – at the same time I reflected with him which Sisters could be sent to the various missions and presented to him the five appointed for Dacca.

Sister Helene returned from Tivoli on the **10th**, and on **the 15th**,²⁸⁹ Sister Barbara had to go to the hospital again because of her hand.

Rev. Father Spiridion from my home parish, who had come to the seminary through me, was ordained priest on **October 13**, – on **October 14**, Sisters Angela and Othmara and I attended his first Mass in the convent of the Rev. Brothers – he is appointed for Fribourg (Switzerland).

23. Recently we had an offer for a foundation in Capolungo, Switzerland – with a chapel and the Blessed Sacrament already there.

This week we all had to go to another confessor – in St. Peter's – a Friar Minor.

Today, the Rev. Dean Imhoff (Würzburg) visited us and gave a nice talk to the Sisters.

Sisters Helene and Lucia came from Tivoli for a change of climate.

Today, Miss Rupp from Fraulautern (Trier), 27 years of age, entered here.

24. Through the kindness of Msgr. de Waal

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and Msgr. Nagels (Director of the Anima) we had the grace of an audience with the Holy Father today, (together with a group of pilgrims from Austria), i.e. the six Sisters who are to leave for Bengal and I. The Holy Father very graciously talked with us for

²⁸⁹ The date is very faint, as if written in pencil.

some time and, complying with my request, pressing his hands on my head, he gave a special blessing for the foundation in Rome.

Nov. Ember Days

During the **Ember days** we had to go to our extraordinary confessor – a Friar Minor, at St. Peter's.

11. From the **11th** to the **14th**, we had retreat – every day four conferences by Rev. Father Thomas.

Sister Raphaela wrote that the Most Rev. Bishop is now in Milwaukee, and that they have rented a house, that they have the Blessed Sacrament and daily Holy Mass.

Sister Theresia's mother came unexpectedly to take Sister to Munich to visit her sick?²⁹⁰ father = **Nov. 3**. She left reluctantly – it is a great trial for her – she will soon return.

Msgr. de Waal took 25 Sisters to the catacombs.

The five Sisters for Milwaukee and the three appointed for Switzerland also attended the Holy Father's Mass.

13.²⁹¹ Two postulants: Therese Steuer and Magdalena Grimm from Bamberg arrived – 20 and 19 years old respectively.

One day previously, the four Sisters who were driven out of Ecuador by the revolution arrived here in satisfactory condition: Sister Stanislaus, Sister Katharina, Sister Augusta, and Sister Dominica.

Also on the **12th** arrived Miss Lais (from America) – 64 years old – so far as guest, etc.

13. On this **November 12**,²⁹² in the evening, Sister Antonia, Sister Fridolina and Sister Ida traveled to Fribourg, in order to take over the housekeeping in a boarding school for boys in Drognens (St. Nicolas).

²⁹⁰ The question mark is Mother Mary's.

²⁹¹ The date seems to have been corrected from the 12th to the 13th; also in the Profession Book November 13, 1895 is given as the candidates' entrance date.

²⁹² This date seems to have been inserted with different ink.

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14. On the 14th, Sister Franziska, Sister Anna, Sister Leonarda,²⁹³ Sister Hieronyma, and Sister Seraphina departed for Milwaukee to help there – first they went to their homes to beg for donations. We held a small farewell celebration.

17. Today an educator asked for admission: Miss Hormann.

Dec.

On **December 2**, twenty Sisters entered retreat. On **December 9**, the ten Sisters who are appointed for India took their perpetual vows, and the four Sisters Alfonsa, Bonifatia, Leopoldina, and Helene renewed their vows for three years before the Blessed Sacrament, in the presence of our Ven. Father and Founder who gave a beautiful sermon in our nicely decorated chapel in Rome. In the morning of the same day, I had gone to His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, with Sister Philomena, following Ven. Father's instruction, to ask him for this permission for Rome. Oh! how kind and gracious was His Eminence! – O happy day, foundation stone for Rome – Mary be praised!

9. This morning I went with Sister Philomena to His Eminence, the Vicar General. I brought him regards from Ven. Father and asked for his permission to have the Sisters make their perpetual vows in Rome (as Motherhouse), into the hands of Ven. Father. His Eminence graciously granted everything. When I asked him whether the Sisters who were not going to the missions could also make perpetual vows, or for three, or for one year, His Eminence said: for three years. In the afternoon our dear Ven. Father came, gave a beautiful sermon and received the perpetual vows of the ten missionary Sisters,

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and the renewal for three years of the other four. (It was a very beautiful ceremony).

²⁹³ The name Fridolina was crossed out, and Leonarda written above it, in the upper margin.

10. In the evening the two Sisters appointed for Switzerland, Sisters Alfonsa and Gebharda, left, and three of the ten India missionaries went first on a home visit, namely, Sister Brigitta, Sister Veronika, and Sister Agatha. We had a small farewell celebration – Sister Stanislaus, Sister Alfonsa and I gave a speech – many tears flowed.

12. Today I went to the German College with Sister Mechthildis, in order to obtain the last blessing on our foundation in Rome from His Eminence,²⁹⁴ who is gravely ill. I received his blessing while he was fully conscious.²⁹⁵ In the morning of the **14th**, His Eminence died devoutly and quietly like a saint.

16. Today Sister Gabriela, together with Sister Constantia, went to Soyen, the home of Sister Gabriela, to say good-bye to her parents before leaving for Asia. We had a little farewell celebration; at the end of it, the Reverend brother of Sister Gabriela, Rev. Father Efreem came, and talked very touchingly about loyalty to the Motherhouse in Rome.

For the New Year we received permission, through the efforts of our good Curate, to reserve the Blessed Sacrament for good. – Sempre avanti – a viva voce²⁹⁶ – he kept the “Supplica” – a great grace.

24. Tonight we had a beautiful Christmas tree (donated by Miss Lais), and six Sisters presented a lovely festive dialog. Msgr. de Waal gave us 50 Lire.

28. A new postulant arrived, Reginalda Gargano, from St. Elia, s.f.R.²⁹⁷ - accompanied

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by her good father and Canon Santoro, who celebrated Mass for us on Monday, the **30th**, and gave a beautiful sermon saying: “Oh, if I could only send another thousand virgins here,” etc.

²⁹⁴ Cardinal Melchers

²⁹⁵ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 77, December 14, 1895; orig. APS E 656.

²⁹⁶ always ahead – by word of mouth –.

²⁹⁷ sul fiume Rapido *at the river Rapido, (i.e. the fast-flowing river).*

30. Tonight we had the farewell celebration for the five Sisters: Kunigilde, Ottilia, Hildegard, Bernarda, Christina. The workroom was nicely decorated. Sisters Stanislaus, Clara and I gave a little speech – then also Sister Kunigilde. (In Trieste they were joined by the other Sisters.) Then I went with them and Sister Clara to the Ven. Brothers – where the farewell took place in the chapel. Ven. Father gave a touching speech – then all received the mission cross at the altar. The five Sisters then left together with Rev. Father Gallus and Rev. Father Marcellinus. (On **January 3**, all twelve left together. The other five Sisters are: Sisters Brigitta, Gabriela, Agatha, Veronika, and Constantia (six to Dacca, four to Assam).²⁹⁸

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On the second day of Christmas our Ven. Father and Founder celebrated Holy Mass in our chapel – with a beautiful sermon – saying that we Sisters were giving him joy. Thanks be to God!

9. Today I was privileged to attend the “Language Feast” of the Rev. Brothers – they performed in 18 languages – with lovely songs in between. The Archbishop and Delegate for Colombia was also present, as well as the Carmelite, Rev. Father Antonius.²⁹⁹

10. Today the 32 year old Lisette Kolb from Würzburg arrived here. God bless her arrival!

18. Today I was in Tivoli, sent there by Ven. Father;

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the present superior, Sister Aloysia is ailing all the time – I should call her back here in his name. – Unfortunately, however, she made difficulties – so that, the following day, also Rev. Father Chrysologus was sent there by Ven. Father.

I received by mail the bulletin of the “Circolo S. Pietro”, which states that the Sisters of the Divine Savior, together with the

²⁹⁸ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 79, January 1896; orig. APS E 658.

²⁹⁹ Fr. Antonius Intreccialagli, Visitor of the Society since 1894.

Sisters of St. Vincent, become more and more indispensable for the existence and continuation of the dormitory for the old men and more and more necessary for the "Circolo".³⁰⁰

Feb.

On the **1st**, Miss Lais gave us a beautiful large holy water font for the chapel, and a big convent bell, which we now ring for the "Angelus" three times a day.

On this day, also Miss Florentine Horrmann, a teacher, 40 years of age, (sister of a Jesuit in Bosnia) entered. She was born in Munich – her father is a Protestant from Berlin.

On **January 25**, Sister Petronilla renewed her holy vows for another three years. Ven. Father gave a beautiful speech, first in Italian, then in German.

5. I went to Tivoli with eight postulants, where they were invested in the new house (Via Maggiore, with the small church of St. Anthony). On the **27**, all the Sisters moved in there. Ven. Father invested them before the Blessed Sacrament, and spoke very beautifully about unity. Names: Sister Gonzaga Eichner (again),³⁰¹ Alberta Franke, Calasanza Görden, Cleofa Rupp, Viktoria Steuer, Andrea Grimm, Nicoletta Gargano, Leokadia Kolb. Also the eleven

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still living novices made their holy vows,³⁰² and I took them to Rome (four of them will enter the Teachers' Training College).

³⁰⁰ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 80, January 28, 1896; orig. APS E 659.

³⁰¹ Sister Gonzaga had interrupted her novitiate begun on April 5, 1895 due to illness (cf. here p. 5); after five months, she now began a new year of novitiate.

³⁰² The following made vows for three years: Srs. Josepha Skrzidlo, Margaretha Tritschler, Innocenza Zimmermann, Ambrosia Vetter, Theodora Geser, Martha Storchenegger, Germana Steidel, Apollonia Brehm, Rosa Schwarzmann, Thekla Ziesel, Lidwina Diegmann. Srs. Valentina Siegel and Hyacinta Niklas had died during the novitiate.

18. During these three days of Carnival, as in the previous year, we again have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (from 7:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.). We prayed and sang much in the different languages. May it have been pleasing to Jesus!

Sister Theresia Niggel³⁰³ renewed her holy vows in Munich, in the presence of Rev. Father Mox, Benedictine (for half a year, for reasons of caution); she has to suffer much because of her loyalty to our Congregation. She is also sick – now permanently bedridden. (Her letters are written and received secretly through the Rev. Father.)

18. Today I had a visit from the well-known good writer Ferdinande von Brackel, and the niece of Countess Ida Hahn-Hahn, as well as from Baroness von Eerde. (They brought letters from home.)

Rev. Father Michels, sponsor of the Sisters in Milwaukee, who so kindly received our Sisters, is staying here in Rome with the Rev. Brothers, for already quite some time. Twice he celebrated Holy Mass here with us.

Miss Lais made us the gift of a beautiful monstrance. – Two Sisters of St. Joseph from Lanciani, whose convent there had been dissolved, were here several times; they would like to enter with us.

March 3, Today I again had the great grace to receive the blessing of our Holy Father – I was there with Miss Lais.

We had good news from the new foundation in Shella (Assam). There are: Superior, Sister Bernarda, Sister Gabriela and Sister Hildegard – orphans, catechism.

3. Also from Akyab, Diocese of Dacca, we had good news.

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The Most Rev. Bishop came to meet the Sisters in Chittagong. They are to take over a boarding house, an asylum, and an

³⁰³ cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p.308-309, 371ff, and van Meijl, DSS XX.I, D, p. 533f

orphanage in Akyab, from French Sisters who came from America and are returning there. May God help!

11. Today a postulant arrived from Silesia, Anna Patschka, 22 years old, seems very good.

15. Today Rev. Father Gregorius³⁰⁴ began to give religion classes for all the Sisters from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., in the work room, (He spoke very fervently about holy faith. He will come three times a week.

20. Today Postulant Auguste Bochenek arrived, 16 years old, from Silesia – seems also very good.

21. Today arrived Postulant Maria Stadler, 28 years, from Munich, highly recommended.

28. Today we received the good news from the Rev. Parish Priest of Santo Spirito that the Holy Father (His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar) gave us permission to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance. – Magnificat.

Also in these days, Sister Theresia³⁰⁵ wrote with tears, that according to the wish of the Most Rev. Bishop there, she must enter the Loretto Nuns (Institute of Mary), but that she wanted to remain faithful. But, also Rev. Father Thomas, who visited her parents in Munich, said that she has to comply, as she is under the Bishop. Now we shall wait and see.

On **March 27**, Sister Antonia came back from Freiburg – unfortunately it did not work out with her. Young Sister Gebharda was appointed superior in her place.

28. This morning, I also received best wishes from His Grace, the Archbishop of Camerino,³⁰⁶ for the whole Society (he formerly was in Tivoli) – Alleluia.

³⁰⁴ Father Gregor Gasser, SDS; cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 81, March 18, 1896; orig. APS E 660.

³⁰⁵ Sister Theresia Niggel, cf. pages, 8, 13, and 22.

³⁰⁶ Bishop Celestino del Frate had become Archbishop of Camerino (Marche) in November 1895. His successor in Tivoli was Msgr. Pietro Monti.

April

2. Today all the Sisters received Holy Communion in Santo Spirito (they would have been allowed to do so also here).

Following an invitation, three to four of us attend the sermons for the old men in the evenings.

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10. This morning, Postulant Auguste Bochenek was confirmed in the papal chancery by Archbishop Saluga,³⁰⁷ Dominican, Grand Inquisitor – she received, in addition, the name of Mary; Sisters Philomena and Petronilla acted as sponsors. We all received Holy Communion in his private chapel. His Grace gave a nice address before and afterwards (he was so kind, so gentle, so saintly). He will also see to it that soon all (the novices) may come from Tivoli to Rome – a big house here – great grace today!

15. Today, upon order of Ven. Father, Sister Aloysia³⁰⁸ had to come here, to answer Rev. Mother regarding a letter written to her disrespectfully...

22. Today two postulants arrived: Miss Barbara Mathieu, 24 years old, from Fraulautern (Trier), and Miss Emma Gäwylar, 21 years, from St. Gallen (Switzerland).

On the **24**, I went to Tivoli with four postulants for their investment. They received the following names: Sister Claudia Horrmann, Sister Cyrilla Patschka, Sister Pia Bochenek, and Sister Claveria Stadler, all of the „Help of Christians“. – The following took their vows for three years: Sister Lioba, Sister Adelheid, Sister Ludmilla, and Sister Emilia. – Sisters Kunigunda [*Sieghart*] and Marcella [*Flumeri*] could not be admitted as they had fallen ill there.

(Several purchases had been made there without asking me – also without the consent of the two assistants; some of them, e.g. for

³⁰⁷ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 85, April 10, 1896; orig. APS E 664.

³⁰⁸ There were repeated disagreements with Sister Aloysia; cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 84, April 7, 1896; orig. APS E 663; and Letter to Fr. Jordan, *ibid.*, Letter 86, April 12, 1896; orig. APS E 665.

the beds, were against the spirit of holy poverty – therefore, unpleasantness.)

The four newly professed came with me to Rome. Our dear Ven. Father gave a beautiful sermon on mutual charity.

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23. Today Sister Alfonsa arrived here, having been sent back from Switzerland.

25. Today we received good news from the good superior, Sister Raphaela – she is asking for five more Sisters, will pay their journey. We also had good news from Shella (with many photographs), and from Shillong. God be praised!

30. Ven. Father had the thirty expensive, fine bedspreads brought here from Tivoli – in holy indignation he said, as also did I, that rightly we should burn them as a warning example – and I should now go to Tivoli every two or three weeks in order to keep Sister Aloysia from any more foolishness.

Last night our good and faithful Sister Barbara [*Kass*] died – at 11:00 p.m. Her wounds had suddenly closed and she was supposed to go to Tivoli, which she did not like at all. Thereafter she had a stroke and died very peacefully, during the prayers of the priest. – Most of the time Sisters were with her.

On the **27**, a postulant came unexpectedly (not admitted) from Silesia, accompanied by a Rev. Brother. She wanted to present herself – Katharina Lisson – very modest – much like Sister Barbara. – Holy Cross!

Today, the **30th**, Sisters Augusta and Coelestina left for Switzerland. (Things are now going fine there.)

We received many photographs from Shella – a large photograph from America with all eight Sisters together. Now the following are preparing to go to America soon: Sister Margaretha, Sister Simforosa, and Sister Lioba. – All six Sisters in Akyab sent good news. – Thank God!

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6. Yesterday Sister Marcella Flumeri was dismissed, because she became blind in one eye in Tivoli.

Today I went to Tivoli with Sister Angela³⁰⁹ to introduce her as teacher of the novices. – the following day, our good and pious novice, Sister Cuny Sieghart³¹⁰ had to take off her habit there, and came with me to Rome. (She is suffering from nerves, but as soon as she arrived in Rome, she said suddenly: "Here I am well" – and so it seemed).

10. Today the Sisters prepared a beautiful surprise for me (50th anniversary of my First Holy Communion.) During Holy Mass, at Holy Communion, they sang the very hymn I had received as a gift on this day 50 years ago (and more things of this kind on the part of the good Sisters) "a touching exhortation". Sister Martina's sister sent me a nice letter and two beautifully embroidered medallions: the Lamb of God and the Pelican.

In the afternoon of this day, we went in procession together with the parish priest and the whole Congregation of St. Aloysius to the garden of Villa Lante, to a miraculous picture (Sister Simforosa was the cross-bearer).

11. I received today a bill for 576 Lire for the six months during which Sister Barbara was in the hospital of San Giacomo – however, we want to lodge a complaint, as she was poor etc. (3 Lire 15 Centesimi per day).

13. After much talking to the chief physician in San Giacomo, the general supervisor of all hospitals in Santo Spirito, and several other great personages, the bill was reduced to 300 Lire (as Sister Barbara was not a Roman, etc.)

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14. For today's Feast of the Ascension, Miss Lais gave us a beautiful cope.

³⁰⁹ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 88, May 1, 1896; orig. APS E 667.

³¹⁰ S. Kunigunda Sieghart; cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 89, May 8, 1896; orig. APS E 668.

Sister Gonzaga came here from Tivoli as she was close to going blind. On seeing her, the eye specialist said immediately "in two weeks you would have been blind, but only because you put the drops which the doctor there had ordered into your eyes." The whole medicine is not to take any more medicine, and the small trouble will pass by itself. (1894 = so much medicine and so many deaths!!!)

24. Today, on the Feast of Pentecost, our Sisters sang in the Church of Campo Santo and led the rosary; I played the organ.

27. The three Sisters appointed for America saw the Holy Father and attended his Holy Mass in his private chapel = a blessing!

June

1. This morning, in our beautifully decorated chapel, the three Sisters, Crescentia, Wyborada and Hedwig, made their holy vows for another three years after holy Communion, in the presence of Ven. Father, who afterwards gave a very beautiful sermon.

The same evening, we had a farewell celebration for the three Sisters going to America: Margaretha, Simforosa, and Lioba. They first go home to their families, and on **June 26**, they will board the ship in Rotterdam. They took Sister Cuny Sieghart³¹¹ along to her home; unfortunately she had to be dismissed.

2. Miss Lais left us today in order to take lodging in the Borgo (she still gave us rent for six and a half months: 65 lire for the room and 35 lire for meals).

On **May 30**, the seven novices in Tivoli started their retreat, as did Sister Johanna.

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9. Today, in the little church in Tivoli, the following took their holy vows for three years: Sister Johanna, Sister Evangelista, Carolina, Stefania, Nazarena, Filippina, and Sister Johanna³¹² (the latter re-

³¹¹ Sister Kunigunda Sieghart

³¹² Sister Johanna is mentioned twice.

newed). They took them in the morning before Holy Communion, which they received from the hand of our Ven. Father and Founder, who also gave a fine sermon, admonishing to love and obedience, especially toward the first superiors, saying this with strictness. There, they had voted for the dismissal of Sisters Pancratia and Michaela. I took Sisters Evangelista, Nazarena and Filippina with me to Rome. (I also visited the Most Rev. Bishop there with Sister Angela, and the following day he celebrated Holy Mass for us.)

26. Today, the former teacher, Sister Claudia Horrmann, arrived from Tivoli, where she has been dismissed. However, she behaves in a quite edifying manner here and is quite happy.

On the **25**, nine Sisters could attend the investiture of Cardinals in the Vatican: nine Cardinals – it was very solemn, and we received the Holy Father's blessing.

29. On the **29**, we had quite a great grace: His Eminence, the Prince Bishop Cardinal Haller from Salzburg, honored our little convent with his high visit – with him were many prelates, also Msgr. de Waal (for the Cardinal came to us from the church of Campo Santo) – he solemnly blessed our statue of the Sacred Heart. His Eminence was formerly Sister Philomena's parish priest – I had taken her along when I went to invite him. Oh! how kind and friendly he was – he said right away: I will come.

30. On the **30**, His Eminence took possession of his titular church of St. Bartholomew, where 45 of us Sisters were present. His Eminence gave a beautiful sermon in German.

(On **June 28**, Joseph left.)

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4. Today the two Sisters Pancratia and Michaela arrived from Tivoli. Sister Michaela³¹³ struggled with all her strength when they tried to divest her of the habit – so it was left to both of them. They both seem healthy and are rather good.

³¹³ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 90, July 4, 1896; orig. APS E 669.

On **June 29**, it was suddenly said that we could not get permission to have Holy Mass here because we are not approved. – Great sadness! Already it was said that now was our last Mass. But His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar said: These Sisters are approved = in Tivoli and through the Propaganda – and immediately he gave good Father Thomas verbal permission for everything. Also, it was said, His Eminence wanted to care for house and chapel. But, on

July 6, we already received the ecclesiastical “Breve” to have Holy Mass here in Rome (120 Lire) (for 5 years)³¹⁴ through His Eminence, Cardinal Ruggieri. We right away sang the Magnificat in all humility. (The Holy Father himself gave it to us).

7. Just now, Ven. Father came to say good-bye to us because he is leaving for America = He admonished us: obedience, charity, and bearing the Cross.

11. Today, I went to Tivoli for three days (the Sisters had decorated everything very nicely – to my embarrassment). – On this day, Miss Mariantonia Calabro from Canigatti, 23 years old, entered in Rome – brought up very piously.

18. Today, Sister Katharina went to Tivoli as Vicaress, together with her, Sisters Wyborada and Othmara (for a change of climate).

20. Sister Aloysia came from Tivoli – and wanted to travel with me (the doctor had prescribed that she go to her home country, Bavaria, for her recuperation). It was the first time that I went to Switzerland to see the Sisters there – we traveled together as far as Modena. I stayed in Switzerland till August 7.

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There, in Drogens³¹⁵ I found a true paradise and picked up strength – I was also quite edified with the life of the Sisters – thirty boys are there to be educated; there are several Ven. Brothers for the direction, and a large farm. I also visited the Most Rev. Bishop

³¹⁴ The second parentheses were added below the first.

³¹⁵ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 91, July 26, 1896; orig. APS E 670.

in Freiburg, who is very much for us. (He also enjoyed the fact that my mother's family, the Le Forts³¹⁶ came from Geneva. – I also went to see the Rev. Brothers in Hohenzelg – also very beautiful – on the way back I stopped at Einsiedeln, and looked at the oceangoing ships at Genoa. On the way there I visited Mendrisio (I traveled to Switzerland with Miss Lais – back alone) and Capolago - we dined with the parish priest, then visited Mrs. Rossi, who plans to make her house into a convent to have a kindergarten (She already has 30 children). This might turn out to be something. – In Einsiedeln I stayed in the Convent Benedictus, and in Luino with the Sisters of St. Vincent. On the morning of August 7, I was back home again. (The dear Sisters sang nicely.)

On the **10**, I went to Tivoli till the **13th**. I found Sister Othmara so much worse that she was nearly dying, also Sister Wyborada was not at all well there – I took the latter along to Rome. Otherwise things have improved, and everything was in greater order and more convent-like. With Sister Katharina I also went to see the Most Rev. Bishop,³¹⁷ who was very friendly and kept us for a long time – he was happy to hear that Sister Katharina had already been in Ecuador, where he also had been for a long time, and had suffered persecution.

15. Thirty of us went to receive Holy Communion this morning in the Basilica of the Holy Cross, in order to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Crusades.

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17. Today Sister Martina Eisenring was sent to Tivoli as assistant novice mistress and Sister Mechthildis was called back to Rome. I hope this is a good change and that both Sisters are in the right place now. (It was also Sister Mechthildis' own wish to come here).

22. Today I went to Tivoli for two days. I brought the three Sisters back there who had been dismissed from the novitiate – having

³¹⁶ cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, pp. 31-40; 81-84; 134-136

³¹⁷ The new Bishop, Msgr. Pietro Monti (1895-1903).

now passed a few months of probation here and received favorable votes after it. Now they have to spend another full year in the novitiate: Sisters Pancratia, Michaela and Claudia.

25. This evening, Sister Dominica leaves for Drognens, St. Nicolas, Switzerland, as the sixth Sister – we had a little farewell celebration here.

26. The Rev. Professor Wipfli from Switzerland paid us a visit and promised always to remain our friend.

27. Sister Theresia³¹⁸ wrote me another affectionate letter from Munich; she left the convent again into which her mother had brought her.

Sept.

On **Sept. 1**, at 3:45 a.m., our good Sister Othmara [*Sträszle*] died of tuberculosis in Tivoli, where she had gone to recuperate – she spoke of holy things till her last moment.

3. I had a visit from a Sister of the Missionary Bodewig for India – who had much difficulty with the Church concerning his foundation, especially in Cologne.

4. Our Ven. Father returned today from America, where he accepted a new house and visited our Sisters. The Rev. Chaplain Barth came with him in order to enter. Deo gratias!

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4. Today, Miss Agata Helg, aunt of Sister Martina, entered here, 39/40 years old (Canton St. Gallen).

5. Ven. Father paid us a visit today. – He told us, in particular, that on **August 24**, the Sisters had made the foundation in St. Nazianz, Wisconsin: Sister Anna, superior, and Sisters Lioba and Leonarda (from Milwaukee). At the same time a foundation³¹⁹ of our First Order was made there also.

³¹⁸ Sister Theresia Niggli, cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p.308-309, 371ff. and van Meijl, DSS XX.I, D, p. 533f

³¹⁹ By mistake, M. Mary wrote "Congregation" instead of "foundation".

8. The Rev. Father Zimmermann, parish priest of Landshut, celebrated Holy Mass for us today; afterwards he was happy to meet all the Sisters.

12. Today I received the sad news that our very good Sister Bernarda Reichel died of fever on **August 20**, in Shillong.

From Akyab I heard today, that the Most Rev. Bishop of Dacca, during his visit there had deposed Sister Kunigilde from her office of superior and appointed Sister Veronika instead. Our Ven. Father had asked the Bishop to take care of things there according to his judgment. Today I heard from Akyab the news that the Most Rev. Bishop of Dacca had deposed S. Kunigilde as superior and appointed her assistant, S. Veronika in her stead, on **August 19, 1896**.

13. Today, my dear Sisters celebrated the Holy Name of Mary very beautifully – many magnificent gifts, e.g., a large statue of St. Joseph, a Mass vestment with the value of 500 Lire, also a great spiritual treasure in the form of a spiritual bouquet, as well as delicate embroideries. In the evening, living scenes (presented by the postulants). Our dear Ven. Father came, and Rev. Father Gregor gave a lovely speech in the morning – our good Father Thomas came in the evening (he also stayed for a while for the recital of poems). Sisters Katharina and Johanna had come from Tivoli. From Tivoli they sent many wreathes and cakes. Sister Alfonsa went back with them to Tivoli.

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19. Today Sisters Germana and Carolina came from Tivoli – and Sister Martina to visit with her aunt and to have a look at the beautiful gifts from Switzerland. The Rev. Curate also came – Rev. Father Damasus³²⁰ from Drognens sent 20 Francs and the Sisters there sent 50 Francs.

Today arrived the renewed request to accept two foundations: Brunate and Capolago – To God alone the honor, and praise to Mary!

³²⁰ Father Damasus Louis, SDS

A few days ago I went with Postulant Barbara Mathieu to the Church of Perpetual Help, for a picture. We were called upstairs. There we received the blessing of the Most Rev. Bishop Capponi Red. of Murun, and the Most Rev. Bishop of Assisi. Most Rev. Bishop Capponi was particularly cordial.

17. I received two letters from Switzerland, asking for two to three Sisters of our Society.

22. I received letters from Capolago that the lady there wants to remain with us as a Sister – and that one of her girls wants to enter as a Sister – and that she wants to increase the money, which she intends to give, to 30,000 Francs.

26. A cleric came from Como to ask again, in the name of the Most Rev. Bishop, for three to five Sisters for Brunate by the middle of October.

24. Two postulants arrived: Anna Neumayer from Munich (Wasserburg), 25 years, and Regina Schubert, 20 years, from the vicinity of Würzburg.

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1. Today I went to Tivoli with the four postulants. – These last days, Rev. Father Thomas had been preaching a retreat to them – giving a conference each evening – and on the **28th**, when school began again, also beautifully in the morning.

(Sister Aloysia wrote that she wants to come back, but she would have to have a heater in her room.

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3. Yesterday, **October 2**, Ven. Father invested in Tivoli the following: Sister Bernarda Mathieu, Sister Othmara Gähwyler, Sister Barbara Lisson, Sister Magdalena Calabrò, (all (of the Help of Christians) of the Holy Angels),³²¹ and he received the holy vows of the three Sisters: Valentina Wirth, Gertrud Fiedler and Hyazintha Löhlein, for three years. I took Sister Valentina and Hyazintha along with me.

³²¹ By mistake, Mother Mary had first written "of the Help of Christians".

On **October 1**, a postulant from Ermeland arrived, traveling by herself: Miss Ida Zaremba, 20 years, from Süssenthal, near Allenstein.

4. Today our Dormitory, which has been enlarged to provide place for 200 old men, was solemnly rededicated. Present were: a Most Rev. Bishop from England, several priests, Rev. Father Thomas and the "Circolo San Pietro". There were speeches; the old men had a meal, etc., etc.

(Sister Petronilla received a certificate from the superior of the Patrizi Sisters of St. Vincent, stating that she is able to direct a Kindergarten – also from the teacher Miss Spesca – Sister Clara wrote a certificate for Sister Wyborada, that she is capable of teaching.

16. Today we visited the Vatican gardens where we spoke longer with a priest of the La Crosse Diocese, Wisconsin, Count von Droste Hülshoff. We also met the two Most Rev. Bishops of Munich and Bamberg once more, to whom we had paid a visit two days before in the Anima, and who had been very friendly toward us.

17. Sister Aloysia returned from Amberg today.

On **October 14**, Gertrud Lindner entered, 20 years old, from Babesheim in Swabia.

21. Today I went to Tivoli to bring Sister Johanna back here for good.

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23. Rev. Don Torriani, pastor in Capolago, came today to negotiate about the two foundations in Brunate and Capolago – the next day, the Canussuni³²² of Brunate – the Rev. Pastor Pelizioni – sent the money for three Sisters to travel there – with the message, so comforting, that His Grace, the Bishop of Como, had blessed the Sisters' convent on **October 15** – and the Sisters should please come soon. On **October 24**, I gave notice that the Sisters would leave here on the **28**, to arrive in Como at 3:30 p.m. of the

³²² The word is difficult to decipher

29. The Rev. Pastor had indicated that they were planning to receive the Sisters with some solemnity. (St. Andrew, patron of the parish – St. Magdalena and St. Wilhelmina lived in Brunate). The Sisters, they say, will be regarded as angels there.

25. Rev. Father Pachomius³²³ celebrated Holy Mass for us today, and I introduced the Sisters to him.

Miss Angelini Aloisii, who had been a boarding pupil together with the Coianti³²⁴ Sisters, came to present herself – she wants to enter.

27. This evening we had a farewell celebration:³²⁵ songs and speeches – Sister Wyborada Gemperle was appointed superior there, Sister Petronilla assistant – they spoke beautifully – the third is Sister Paula Candrian.

28. At 9:30 this morning they left.

Sister Anna, etc. wrote good news from St. Nazianz. They take care of the old Sisters³²⁶ there, have some orphans, etc., and have a lovely house, very much fruit, etc. – they would like many Sisters; there would be work for all.

29. Don Torriani, Parish Priest of Mendrisio (not of Capolago), celebrated Holy Mass here today.

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The Most Rev. Bishop of Como incorporated the Sisters already into the Directory of his diocese.

November 19, in Como the Sisters were welcomed in a most friendly manner by a committee and led to the Most Rev. Bishop, who received them very graciously – in Brunate they were solemnly received by the whole parish – they already have 54 children (kindergarten, school, etc.). I get the best of news.

³²³ Father Pachomius Eisele, SDS

³²⁴ Sisters Filippina and Nazarena Coianti

³²⁵ for the Sisters leaving for Brunate

³²⁶ Community of the Oswald Sisters, cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p.381-383

On **October 31**, in Tivoli, Sister Katharina was made novice mistress, and provisionally also local superior, by Ven. Father. – On the **6**, Giuseppina³²⁷ was readmitted as candidate.

Since **November 1**, two young girls come from the Sisters of St. Dorothea twice a week in order to learn German (8 lire for each = per month).

From **November 6 to 12**, we had retreat, preached by Rev. Father Pachomius (who came from Cartagena). He first of all examined the whole house and everything, talked with each Sister individually - - -

From now on, we meditate on the agony of Christ for ten minutes, as Ven. Father decreed.

Since the retreat, the postulants are separated in everything from the professed Sisters. After the retreat, certain things were rearranged in the house, in a more convent-like manner = e.g. the Office, the leading of the prayers, etc., going to Holy Communion.

20. Rev. Father Thomas came today and told me the result of the visitation (for this had been the visitation, and Fr. P. the visitor). It turned out well.

22. Today, Rev. Father Pachomius read aloud the appointments, and the order of rank is to be observed everywhere. Sisters Philomena and Clara are assistants and consultors, the other two consultors: Sisters Elisabeth and Johanna – vicaress: Sister Ambrosia, second vicaress: Sister Elisabeth – prefect: Sister Johanna.³²⁸ Several things were arranged in such a way as to give me more time for the Sisters and for the other houses as Superior General.

³²⁷ Giuseppina (Sister Marcella) Flumeri had left the novitiate six months previously, on May 5, 1896.

³²⁸ Above Sister Elisabeth's name is written no. 2, above that of Sister Johanna, no. 1

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He says he is our superior. The Sisters should just come to him to complain if the discipline is not kept well. Through the mercy of God, however, everything goes well. - - -

22. Today and tomorrow I visited the novitiate in Tivoli.

29. Today, the **29**, good Sister Helene was sent to Tivoli.

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4. Today Father Pachomius³²⁹ sent me the message that I was not to send any more Sisters to him, without his consent. (He was, therefore, our superior for only a fortnight.)

8. Before Holy Communion today, Rev. Father Thomas raised the Sacred Host in his hand, and we all renewed together our holy vows. In the afternoon, Rev. Father Thomas gave a beautiful talk.

11. The Rev. Secretary of the Most Rev. Archbishop of Catania, Nuntius to Madrid, celebrated Holy Mass here today, and Sister Hyazintha and I received the Archbishop's blessing.

13. Miss Claudia Horrmann³³⁰ arrived here today, having been dismissed.

15. Rev. Father Heribert³³¹ came today and spoke very devotedly of Ven. Father – from now on he would concern himself more with us; for a long time already he accepts our postulants.

30. Today Sisters Clara, Engelberta, and Lucia made vows for three years in our beautifully decorated chapel, during Holy Mass, in front of the Sacred Host, elevated by our Ven. Father. In his beautiful sermon, he spoke about love for peace – all should be angels of peace. Soon afterwards, I took Sister Lucia to Tivoli and brought Sister Helene back here.

³²⁹ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 95, November 29, 1896; orig. APS E 673

³³⁰ Sister Claudia, cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 96, December 8, 1896, and Letter 97, December 14, 1896; orig. APS E 674, and 675.

³³¹ Father Heribert Prinz, SDS

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1. Today we helped to feed 250 old men in Santa Maria in Cappella.
2. Sister Antonia traveled to Tivoli today.
4. Sister Thekla traveled to Drogens, Switzerland, today together with Rev. Father Superior Damasus³³² and Rev. Father Pachomius (destined for Freiburg).
6. Tonight we had a farewell celebration for the three Sisters: Sisters Bonifatia and Germana for Akyab – and Sister Evangelista for Raliang.

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First they all may go on home visits. They will board the ship in Trieste only on **February 3**, together with Rev. Father Angelus and Rev. Father Pius. (Rev. Father Angelus was here several times – various Sisters were discussed and introduced to him and then a quick decision was made.) (Sister Bonifatia had composed a lovely poem – the whole celebration was very inspiring, near the Christmas tree, with the candles lit.)

The same evening, Miss Maria Maisinger, 21 years old, from Munich, arrived here unexpectedly; she is a music teacher, for violin, etc. – Rev. Brother Rodriguez had written to me about her. I had sent her some literature and, as she was able to comply with all requirements, she came promptly, without further ado. She is with the postulants, very unassuming.

17. I spent the feast of St. Anthony in Tivoli – it was celebrated beautifully. The Most Rev. Bishop celebrated Mass, took a cup of coffee in our house (as many other priests did), and had each individual Sister presented to him.

19. I took Sister Gertrud with me, and on the **20th** she went to St. Nicolas, Switzerland.

³³² Father Damasus Louis, SDS

The census for registration has been dispensed with for the first time this year, and it is not to be taken anymore, since we are now recognized by the government (St. Dorothea).³³³

A few days ago we voted about Sister Salesia (all Sisters who are two years or more in the Congregation gave their vote), whether she should be allowed to renew her vows once more for one year – of thirty-seven votes, only five were negative.

22. Today Rev. Father Lucas starts his religion classes again – twice a week.³³⁴

25. (The same Dominican – from the Holy Office – also asked me whether I knew that Holy Church wishes the Orders of women to be independent.)³³⁵

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A Rev. Dominican Superior, member of the Holy Office, requested me to come to him and asked whether we would be willing to instruct a Jewish lady, 25 years old, whom Baroness Kanzler brought with her from Lucerne, Switzerland. She had been baptized by his Order. She is now coming every day from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. to take instructions from Sister Clara.

31. Today, at the conclusion of the jubilee in the Campo Santo, the Mass vestment and dalmatics that we embroidered for Msgr. de Waal were used for the first time; and in the afternoon they were exhibited to the public and much admired. Everything only for the honor of God!

Feb.

Today, the two Rev. Fathers and the three Sisters departed from Trieste for Asia. (The latter had experienced great kindness and received much in Silesia, Würzburg and Speyer.)

³³³ M. Mary often mentions the saints of the day, in order to thank for their intercession in the case of good events.

³³⁴ Father Lucas Burkardt, SDS

³³⁵ This note was added in the lower margin of p.29 as an after-thought, with the same ink used on p.30.

4. Today I made a contract with Doctor Ulisse Ovidi for one year (80 Lire). He is also, for a long time, the physician of the Sisters of Divine Love, close by, also of the Carmelites, etc., etc., and is much recommended as efficient and pious – at first by the pious pharmacist Serafini at Borgo Nuovo.

8. Today the six postulants whom I had taken to Tivoli, were invested by Ven. Father: Sister Konrada Helg, Sister Coletta Neumayer, Sister Claudia Schubert, Sister Aurelia Zaremba, Sister Gregoria Linder, Sister Marcella Flumeri³³⁶ – all of the Visitation. The following made vows for three years: Sisters Gonzaga, Alberta, Calasanza, Cleofa, Leokadia, Nicoletta, Viktoria, Andrea. – With the exception of the latter, I took them all along to Rome, also Sister Stefania. Ven. Father recommended humility, continuous interior prayer and diligence; for superiors: confidence, contact with above, and warding off the wolf.

9. Today I received the news that His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, allows us to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed during the three carnival days.

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11. Today the postulant from Rossdorf³³⁷ near Bamberg arrived – 28 years old.

The same afternoon all of us Sisters were photographed on the lower terrace, with the statue of Our Lady above us in the background. – A relative of Sister Bonifatia gave her the money for it – 25 lire – to have our picture in Akyab (I will send it there).

25. Unfortunately, Venerable Father fell quite ill when he came from Tivoli.³³⁸ All were praying. I believe that he recovered upon the intercession of St. Labre to whose tomb I, etc., made a pilgrimage.

26. Together with Sister Johanna, I went today to the President of the "Academia dei Nobili", the Archbishop. We rented the house in

³³⁶ Sister Marcella had to leave the Novitiate in May 1896 for health reasons, and re-entered six months later, receiving the same name.

³³⁷ Kunigunda Sauer

³³⁸ cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p.434-437

Tivoli for one more year – January 31 to January 31, 1898. His Excellency talked with us for a long time – about the aim of our Congregation – our holy rule, etc. He wanted to intercede for us with the Holy Father. (We are now copying our holy rule for him). His Excellency also mentioned that the Most Rev. Bishop of Como would like to have our Rev. Brothers there: to give them the monastery, the church and the money for the journey. – God help us! Alas, Ven. Father is still sick.

March

17. Msgr. de Waal came today and asked us to take over a small hospital³³⁹ (a clinic for the wounded – of Prof. Marocco). Three Sisters – formerly the Holy Cross Sisters had it, but for lack of Sisters they cannot keep it.

24. Today I went to see the superior of the Holy Cross Sisters, who recommended everything highly. Let us hope, then, that this offer comes to us from the hand of our best father, St. Joseph.

11. Today Venerable Father wished me = sent – a great blessing – he is getting better again.

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19. Today, feast of St. Joseph, Ven. Father celebrated Holy Mass again!

14. I was in Tivoli and took Sister Apollonia here with me. Unfortunately, I had to hear that Sister Gregoria (Gertrud Linder), confided to me, that she had already wanted to secretly jump into the water and that suicidal paranoia runs in her family (which had been kept secret). She was, therefore, called here ---

25. and dismissed today. She traveled to Germany together with the seven Sisters. (Otherwise she was such a good, strong Sister.) At 9:00 p.m. they departed. The workroom was beautifully decorated and illuminated. – Sister Clara, I, and Sister Engelberta, spoke. After songs and the "Ave Maris Stella" at the end, and after most cordial farewells they traveled, first of all to their homes

³³⁹ The Marocco Clinic in Rome, Via Gioberti, at the corner of Via Margherita; cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p. 437

(Sister Engelberta to Dresden, where she grew up). The other six had all received the traveling money to their homes from their families beforehand. Oh! that they may help to spread the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit! All will go to Milwaukee first. – Then Sisters Engelberta, Hedwig and Josepha to Uniontown, where a school for boys is to be founded by Msgr. Goeben,³⁴⁰ Rev. Father Mayer, S.J., and Rev. Father Superior Severin.³⁴¹ The three others will go to Lewistown, where the same three priests intend to found a Sacred Heart Hospital. Besides the three Sisters mentioned above, Sisters Apollonia, Mechthildis, Adelheid, and Ludmilla left for the same destination on **March 25**. = May Mary and Joseph protect them!!!

24. With Sister Johanna I went today to see the Superior of the Holy Cross Sisters, Mother Fabiola, near Piazza Barberini. She encouraged me to accept the hospital – (it is a women's hospital) – they have had it for four years, very recommendable from a religious as well as a financial viewpoint. It is for ten patients – first, second and third class. The Professor³⁴² is a magnanimous gentleman

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with a preference for Germans, and he speaks German well = born in Venice.

29. Today, I went with Sisters Leokadia and Cecilia to the Clinic for the first time. At present there are only three patients. (There is a section for convalescent mothers, however, eight days before and eight days after birth, the Sisters have nothing to do with the mothers³⁴³ – a midwife is taking care of them). The house is situated

³⁴⁰ Speaking with the accent of the Mönchengladbach area, M. Mary would have pronounced this name "Joeben", referring to Fr. Anton Joehren, pastor in Uniontown, a former Salvatorian, who had been asking Fr. Jordan for several years to send him Sisters for the school.

³⁴¹ Fr. Mayer, SJ served in Lewiston, Idaho, where the Salvatorian Fathers often helped with parish work; Fr. Severinus Jurek, was superior SDS. The Hospital in Lewiston did not materialize. – cf. Letter of Fr. Ludwig Mueller, SDS, to Fr. Jordan, in *Society, The Moment of Grace*, Vol. I, p. 41-42.

³⁴² Dr. Marocco

³⁴³ At the time, the regulations of the Church did not permit religious to work as midwives or with women who had recently given birth.

on the Via Gioberti at the corner of Via Margherita – large and beautiful, but the space set apart for the Sisters is limited.

I discussed everything with the Professor and with the Superior, Sister Loyola. May it be for the honor of God.

30. We had a little farewell celebration tonight. Praise be to St. Joseph!

31. This morning I went to the Clinic with Sisters Bonaventura and Leokadia. (I took Sister Nazarena along as my companion.) Again I talked with Professor Marocco who is very content. Before going there we attended Holy Mass in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.³⁴⁴ At the end I still called on the Superior General of the Gray Sisters who is in Rome at present for visitation.

April

1. Tonight Sister Cecilia will go there as a 3rd member. (Every night one of our Sisters will go there to do night duty). On the way there she will be accompanied, and at 5:30 a.m. she usually comes back home alone.

On **March 25**, the feast of the Annunciation, Ven. Father had given me permission through Rev. Father Bonaventura, to accept the Clinic. He gave us = the seven Sisters and also me, his blessing, and signed a recommendation for each of them.

3. Rev. Father Thomas already received permission from His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, to hear the confessions of the Sisters in the Clinic.

14. Sister Michaela [*Schakmann*] was dismissed today. On the **12**, I had taken her from Tivoli to Rome, together with Sister Alfonsa, who is suffering greatly from a chest ailment. In their place, I sent Sisters Valentina and Emilia there, who has [*have?*] stomach trouble.

At **Easter**, we had another dinner for our old men: 160 from our Dormitory plus those from Santa Maria in Cappella, served in the

³⁴⁴ The Redemptorists' church with the venerated icon of Mary; also called Sant'Alfonso.

latter convent. Before that, they had three days retreat, and then Holy Communion in common.

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25. Today, in Tivoli, there was the profession of vows of Sisters Pia, Cyrilla, and Claveria, and Maria Maisinger and Cuny Sauer were invested. They received the names, Sister Theresia [*Maisinger*] and Sister Gregoria [*Sauer*], both of the Mother of Good Counsel. Unfortunately, our good Ven. Father, who had fallen ill in Tivoli, was unable to preside himself. – Rev. Father Chrysologus did so in his name – he gave a sermon about the four cardinal virtues. (The holy vows were pronounced in the following manner: "...unto you, Rev. Father, in the name of our Ven. Father Francis of the Cross Jordan"). Afterwards, these five and I received Ven. Father's blessing, in the house of the Rev. Brothers. – Ven. Father said: "You have had a great grace; have a very happy day today – I only wish to make you happy. Strive for perfection with all zeal – give joy to your superiors; it is wonderful how God arranges everything. To me: Just have much patience, I agree in everything with you. It does not really matter whether it is I who presides at the ceremony". - I took these three and Sister Andrea with me to Rome.

28. This noon our seven Sisters are to take ship in Rotterdam, to travel on board the *Amsterdam* of the *Holland America Line*.

(The day before yesterday, Sister Elisabeth's sister came here for a visit; she had returned with her husband, who is a captain in Africa.)

May

3. Before Ven. Father went to Lochau today, he came to say good-bye to us. He recommended love for our holy vocation, faithfulness in everything – then we would be happy, and this is his only wish for us; small troubles were inevitable but they would pass by themselves. Love for one another – and give joy to the superiors.

May 10

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Today our seven Sisters and two lay Brothers happily arrived in New York.

(On **May 5**, Sister Elisabeth and I took her sister and brother-in-law to lovely Frascati, where we also visited the grave of the great Africa missionary, His Eminence Massaia.³⁴⁵) This morning, we went with the above-mentioned family in two coaches to the catacombs of St. Callistus, accompanied by Rev. Father Thomas and two other priests of our Society. We attended three Holy Masses and received Holy Communion there. (It was just the 51st anniversary of my First Holy Communion – on this day in 1846 I had this great joy for the first time.)

16. Miss Pauline Wyler from Lucerne,³⁴⁶ whom Sister Clara had instructed in our holy religion for three and a half months, was solemnly baptized and confirmed, and received the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion in the Church of the Converted, Scossa Cavalli. The ceremonies were held by the Most Rev. Bishop of St. Gallen – who gave a beautiful homily. She made her confession to Rev. Father Thomas – twelve of our Sisters were present, and all were introduced to the Most Rev. Bishop. Afterwards, the two of us who had received Holy Communion, Sister Clara and myself, had to take part in the common breakfast. Two days, and often before, Miss Paulina, now Maria Wyler, had been examined by prelates. The godparents were Baroness Kanzler and Msgr. Marty, chaplain of the Swiss Guards. We sang the Magnificat.

18. Today Sister Clara and I brought an Italian copy of our Constitutions, beautifully copied, to the President of the "Accademia dei Nobili". We were with him for a long time as His Excellency, the Archbishop of Edessa,³⁴⁷ asked many spiritual questions about our Order – we may hope to have a very devout friend in him. Thanks be to God!!!

³⁴⁵ Cardinal Guglielmo Massaia (Massaja), cf. Edwein, DSS XIV, E, p. 52-54, and *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 102, May 19, 1897; orig. APS E 679,

³⁴⁶ *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 102

³⁴⁷ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 101, May 18, 1897; orig. APS E 678

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16. I made a visit to the Good Shepherd Nuns today, to receive the blessing of their Superior General who is here at present. There I happened to meet two nuns who had come with her: Countess Landsberg and Miss von Brüning, both superiors now.

19. Countess Witten, born in Dresden, now in Rome, came to see us with a letter from Dresden. She wanted to inquire whether everything was the way Sister Engelberta had said there – in order then to write this to the Most Rev. Bishop of Dresden, e.g. whether Baroness von Wüllenweber was the superior here, and whether we were truly a young and poor Order.

21. Today I received a letter from the owner of the first hotel in Brunate, who at the same time is the inspector of schools there. On **May 20**, she had Sister Wyborada examined by another physician, who stated that Rome would be better for her – she would therefore come back on **May 24**, with a pilgrims' train, on reduced fare, unless she would be told differently. I should then send another superior on the return train. I had to ask our physician, who said that at least during summertime, Brunate was better for her, especially since another physician had just recently, on **May 7**, told her in Brunate that her ailment was a remnant of the Roman fever, and there was nothing wrong with her chest. This information I cabled and wrote to Brunate.

In these uncertainties, **27th**, we have been wonderfully heard, since Sister Wyborada took a turn for the better, and calmly remained in office. We ascribe it to the new saints who have been canonized solemnly today by our Holy Father in St. Peter's: St. Peter Fourier and St. Anthony Zaccaria.

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There were 60,000 people in St. Peter's, and 18,000 lights were burning. We received 22 tickets from Msgr. de Waal.

30. The Most Rev. Bishop of Girgenti celebrated Holy Mass for us today, took breakfast afterwards, and blessed us all.

June

In this month, our Congregation of Sisters became an officially recognized Corporation in the U.S.A.

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart we again had permission to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed for 12 hours.

14. Beginning today, we have instructions three times a week in our Clinic – which the Professor himself started. Later Dr. Mancini will continue – with fifteen talks with explanations. It starts at 6:30 a.m. At 5:00 a.m. Rev. Father Thomas is so good as to give us here Holy Communion. – Eleven Sisters participate: the Italians, myself, Sisters Crescentia, Hyazintha, Martha, Gonzaga, and the Superior, Sister Bonaventura.

July

Msgr. Oreste came from the Vatican to ask us to give instructions to a Protestant lady from Bern – she now comes every day, and is to receive four or five Sacraments at once – (also the Sacrament of Matrimony with a Roman).

Our Ven. Father and Founder returned from Switzerland and is quite well, thanks be to God. Many prayers were offered for him.

At the beginning of this month, Sister Antonia [*Kreppelt*] traveled home.

11. To my regret, Sister Angela [*Lenhart*] was dismissed today, as she began to be fickle and worldly – was only intent on going to America where also her priest brother³⁴⁸ was; he also became unfaithful to the Society. (However, he greatly wished that she would stay). The Most Rev. Bishop and the Holy Father had to dispense her from her perpetual vows. To me she had always been loyal – but fiat!!!

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22. Today I started out on a journey, which had been requested and completely provided for by my sister. First to Brunate near Como – where in the evening the whole population turned out, of

³⁴⁸ Father Hieronymus Lenhart, SDS.

their own accord, to receive me in procession with flowers and poems recited by the children – yes, even the men's music band played. – It went on till 11:00 o'clock in the night. Oh, this good loyal superior – these good people, this beautiful landscape. I talked with the Most Rev. Bishop and all the prominent officials – the Sisters are much loved everywhere. Only, the general directress of schools wants to have a teacher with diploma from Lombardy, etc.

After that I participated in the Centenary celebrations of the Benedictine Abbey in Liège, where I was educated – and where I met my relatives. (200 former pupils, besides me, had accepted the invitation. The Most Rev. Bishop of Liège and several Benedictine Abbots, etc. were present at the celebration, lasting from 6:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. There were speeches, songs, performances, etc., etc. (There I also met a nun, the zealous sister of Msgr. Falliz, the director of our Sisters in Akyab).

Then I traveled to the place of my birth, our beautiful castle – my dearest father dead – oh what melancholic sentiments! – One day Rev. Father Alkuin Breuer, SDS, from Gladbach celebrated Holy Mass for us and stayed the whole day. I met all my relatives again. With my sister Elise I also visited His Eminence Krementz in Cologne. (My relatives and friends, especially those in Fraulautern, paid doubly for my travel expenses.) I went to see the Most Rev. Bishop of Trier, and then to Fraulautern, where I spent the day of Mary's Assumption and visited the parents of four of our Sisters – and found much love, edification, and harmony. – On to Freiburg, where the building process goes on fine, also the church.

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In Freiburg the feast of St. Canisius was being celebrated. I also spoke to the Most Rev. Bishop of Cologne, who had visited my sister a fortnight ago – (he lodged there while administering the Sacrament of Confirmation) – he was full of praise for my family –

I thanked him for the beautiful sermon he had given in the chapel of our castle about my dear deceased father, as encouragement for his children. – On my way back I stopped again in Brunate.

On **August 25**, Cavaliere Minolotti Luigi met us with his carriage and brought us to Casate Lasio, where he has a villa and is mayor. (Otherwise in Milano). He is enormously rich and very charitable. *x*

x He is married, a grandfather, and wears an artificial leg ---³⁴⁹

Driving us back, he promised us to be always helpful to us in everything: "Now, Sisters, this is your mother, and I am your father. In all your needs you will find me such, and let us shake hands to confirm this contract!"³⁵⁰ – Oh, what a happy day!

On the evening of **August 28**, the dear Sisters received me very beautifully, first in the Clinic, then here – also in Tivoli.

The admission of postulants is now taken care of by Father Simon. He will also care for Brunate and Capolago, which I visited again for one day, on my return journey. The examinations of the children turned out well there; however, the committee voted for a certified teacher (Freemasonry) and so we have to leave and, hopefully, we can be at Capolago close by.

On **September 14**, the pastor of Brunate wrote to us that his distress is great, and that we would have to return, he wanted to give us his large convent.

On **September 16**, I asked His Eminence, Cardinal Parocchi, for a recommendation for our Sisters to the Most Rev. Bishop of Lugano, as he asked for such, in order to introduce our Sisters to Capolago in his Diocese. May Mary help us!

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On **September 12**, my good Sisters again celebrated my nameday very beautifully – with songs, recitals, etc. As a gift I received a

³⁴⁹ In the original, added at the bottom of the page.

³⁵⁰ M. Mary noted here the original Italian sentence: "sorelle, ecco vostra madre ed io sono il padre – in tutti i bisogni mi troverete così; e ci diamo la mano, per confermare la promessa."

new Poccard organ for our chapel from America, with marvellous sound.

21. Today there was another conversion in the "house for converts" Scossa Cavalli – a Protestant lady from Bern. Msgr. Constantini officiated – in the church she received Baptism, Confirmation, (Absolution) Holy Communion, and the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sister Elisabeth had prepared her.

On **September 14**, I received the sad news that the Sisters have to leave Brunate, because they are not certified teachers, although otherwise worthy of all praise.

28. This evening Sister Petronilla returned from Brunate. The Rev. Pastor offered us his own house for a convent; he is very sad.

25. Four postulants from Grosslangheim near Würzburg arrived today: Barbara Mader, Elisabeth Huber, Babette Mayer and Ottilia Dietmann (all in their twenty's, healthy, strong, and pious – let us hope for efficiency).

Two priests from Danzig, and two from Silesia, near Gratz, celebrated Holy Mass in our chapel – had High Mass.

30. Classes were resumed today.

Oct.

1. Today Sister Antonia returned from Bavaria. – Today, zealous Rev. Father Simon wrote us the good news that His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, had given us the desired recommendation for the Most Rev. Bishop in Lugano, and that on October 5, His Eminence would sign it.

(On **October 1**,) Sisters Cunitrudis and Andrea traveled to Tivoli, for it was very empty there. – It was on **September 30** (in the evening five novices began their retreat there.)

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3. This evening Sisters Vincenza and Martha departed for Capolago. They will arrive on the evening of the **4th**, after Sister Wyborada, again as Superior, arrived there from Brunate, just one hour ahead of them. Sister Vincenza is assistant – originally she

had not been appointed there, however, after everything had been arranged, doubts arose about Sister Paula, and she was suddenly called back here by telegram, signed by Ven. Father, after I had already written everything differently to Brunate.

5. Today Sister Paula arrived here again.

4. Today the three Sisters arrived in Capolago. It happened to be the nameday of the noble donor of the convent, the pious widow Maderni Rossi, whose only son had fallen by the hand of an assassin, because he had again taken the side of the Catholic party. Through the kindness of the Most Rev. Bishop, she is allowed to keep the Blessed Sacrament in her house, and can live with us like a Sister. May God bless this religious foundation!

(On **September 21**, I met a parish priest in the German College, who is opening the kindergarten in Capolago. His parish is just five minutes distance from there. His cousin is married to a Baron von Böselager – consequently there is some family relationship between us. He wants to vouch for us – obviously, this was Divine Providence = through him I first announced the Sisters in Capolago.)

9. Today I traveled with Sister Rosa to Tivoli – she will then stay there.

On the **10**, [*of October*] the following made there their vows into the hands of Ven. Father: Sisters Pancratia [*Blank*], Othmara [*Gähwyler*], Bernarda [*Mathieu*], Barbara [*Lisson*] and Magdalena [*Calabrò*].

On the **11**, I took Sisters Barbara and Magdalena with me to Rome.

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10. Rev. Father Chrysologus took Ven. Father's place for the profession of vows, and for the first time, the five Sisters were only allowed to make vows for one year.

11. Today Ven. Father sent me the extremely consoling news that His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar of His Holiness, had sent a good

recommendation of us to His Exc. the Bishop of Lugano – *Magnificat – respectavit humilitatem ancillae!!!!*³⁵¹

I have also taken Sister Valentina from Tivoli to Rome.

Around **August 18**,³⁵² Uniontown, Washington, America, has been founded. (Sister Engelberta as superior, Sister Hedwig as her assistant, Sister Josepha and Sister Anna as housekeepers). They moved into a large Benedictine Convent – for classes. On **September 20**, they already had 70 children.

Sister Mechthildis became Vicarress in St. Nazianz, taking Sister Anna's place.

On **June 12, 1897**, there was a terrible earthquake in the whole of Assam, which destroyed entire towns, plunged villages into the depths, and took the lives of many thousands of people. However, all members of our Society have been miraculously saved, though all our houses and belongings were ruined. – One can hope for a glorious resurrection, as the eyes of the whole world are now fixed on this cross, and many donations are being given. Rev. Father Ignatius also came to Europe for this purpose, and gave an encouraging talk to the Sisters here. Amid all their sufferings, the Sisters in Assam always write with the courage of martyrs. – All for Jesus, for souls!!!

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17. Today (for the third time), we again had High Mass, celebrated by a priest from Silesia.

On **October 11**, Sister Fridolina [*Roth*] was dismissed as she had left Drognens without permission.

Towards the **end of October**, Rev. Father Lucas recommenced the religion classes twice a week.

22. For the first time I had to submit to the Capitol [*the city government*] the exact statistics of all the Sisters – and from now on I have to report all changes each month.

³⁵¹ Magnificat – He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid!!!!

³⁵² M. Mary had first written September, then corrected it to August. The exact date of the foundation is August 20, 1897.

14. Under today's date, the Most Rev. Bishop of Lugano sent his blessing to the Sisters in Capolago, telling them that His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar of Rome, had given him the best information about us Sisters.

27. Together with Sister Paula, I received today the blessing of the Superior General of the Capuchin Fathers in the Via Ludovisi, where he resides.

29. Under the chairmanship of Rev. Father Simon, we – the four consultors, the vicaress, and myself – had a meeting regarding our foundation in Hungary (the four Sisters gave their votes).

Nov. 2

Following the wish of Professor Marocco, and with the permission of Ven. Father, Sister Hyazintha today began the first private nursing case. – (I accompanied her there.) It is in Via dei Villini – near Porta Pia – the house of the painter Schnitti – whose daughter-in-law is very ill. Let us hope for the best.

20. Through Msgr. de Waal, Sister Stefania was called today to a sick German Rev. Professor at Campo Santo. He was well taken care of by alternating Sisters, till November 30. (Sister Claveria was called to a sick German lady) – in the Via Palestra.

These days Sister Fridolina was dismissed. – In Drognens a postulant from Freiburg was admitted on probation – she speaks French and German.

30. Today a well preserved skull of a hippopotamus arrived from Africa via Danzig as a gift for Sister Elisabeth from her brother-in-law – a great curiosity.

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5. For three days I was in Tivoli = everything is going fine there.

8. All the Sisters here had the grace today to renew their holy vows before the elevated sacred Host – afterwards we had a fine sermon by Rev. Father Thomas. (I read the words out loud – and all Sisters joined in – “forever” was said by many).

The convent in Tivoli was again rented for one year (but unfortunately, the rent is 300 Lire more) – May God help us!

9. The twice weekly instructions in the Clinic were recommenced; fourteen Sisters attend. – Today, Sister Stefania took Sister Hyazintha's place in the Schnitti family.

17. Today Rev. Father Thomas began to preach the retreat, very religiously and very beautifully.

23. Today Sisters Martina, Hilaria, and Cecilia renewed their holy vows for three years before the elevated host, during the Holy Mass celebrated by Ven. Father – each one pronouncing them aloud individually.

17. With Sister Clara I went to His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, (*to ask for his permission for the making of the vows*). He very graciously allowed it, for **January 29, 1898** as well.

November 14. Together with a letter of praise for conducting the Dormitory of old men for three years, we received two silver medals from the Holy Father through the Circolo San Pietro. Beginning with **November 7**, the Sisters of St. Vincent take over the Dormitory again.

20. Two large embroideries, which we had done for the church of the Campo Santo, were put up in the church today. Our Sisters did everything, the medallions with the angels, etc. The two nieces of Msgr. de Waal often came to help us.

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17. For the Feast of St. Anthony I stayed in Tivoli for three days. – The Most Rev. Bishop came and so did many priests throughout the day.

In these days we lost our good zealous Father Thomas as confessor – here as well as in the Clinic. For the time being we were allowed to go to St. Peter's and to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for confession, until Rev. Father Heribert³⁵³ was given us as a good confessor.

³⁵³ Father Heribert Prinz, SDS

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(On **January 18**, I took Sister Othmara³⁵⁴ here, because she was coughing.)

23. A young postulant from Kranowitz entered today – Miss Maria Philipp.

29. Today Sisters Bonaventura (who had come from the Clinic ten days before), Columba and Liboria, most solemnly renewed their holy vows for three years before the elevated Host. Rev. Father Thomas had earlier given a beautiful sermon. – They did not want to allow Venerable Father to come because of the cold.

Febr.

4. (At Candlemas I was Rev. Father Heribert's first penitent.)

With Sister Ambrosia I went to the *Anima* to see the Most Rev. Bishop from Copenhagen: the Most Rev. Van Eich – born in Meppen – my father's birthplace and where he had many possessions. He talked with us for a long time, and perhaps he would like us in Denmark.

12. I received the message that the Most Rev. Bishop [*of Tivoli*] intends to receive the Novices' vows, as well as preside for the investment, since our Ven. Father will not do it himself, and Father Barnabas, superior in Tivoli, is not keen on doing so either. – Consequently, His Excellency also wants to conduct the examination himself. Since Sisters Katharina and Martina wrote that Sister Coletta should stay another half year in the novitiate, which Ven. Father and I do not consider good, there is unpleasant correspondence.

13. Today 24 of our Sisters had the grace and the joy to attend the Holy Father's Mass in St. Peter's.

15. Today, our good Ven. Father, examined the first four postulants in the presence of Rev. Father Gregor.

On **February 3**, Rev. Father Ignatius took ship in Triest to return to Assam. Before his departure from Rome he still gave us a beautiful sermon and his blessing.

³⁵⁴ There was first written Gonzaga, which was then corrected to Othmara.

12. Rev. Don Torriani came to see us, as well as a parish priest from Riva, near Capolago. They brought quite good news from the Sisters. May the good Lord protect us especially in Switzerland!

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20. Yesterday I visited the Most Rev. Bishop of Tivoli with the four postulants from Würzburg, and also talked with His Excellency about Novice Coletta, whose novitiate, according to the judgment of the novice mistress, was to be prolonged for half a year – with which Ven. Father and myself were not really in agreement. – We had, therefore, already sent Sister Elisabeth as assistant general to Tivoli for a day, to investigate things, and her report had strengthened us in our conviction. - The Most Rev. Bishop came the following morning and received the vows (for one year) during Holy Communion (all in Italian), just as our Ven. Father and Founder had always done. Then he invested the four postulants. Afterwards he talked very amiably with Sister Coletta, saying that certainly after another month she, too, would be allowed to take her vows.

21. Today five Sisters unexpectedly returned from Akyab. (They could not stand the climate in Akyab – it is now in the hands of French Sisters. They were supposed to go to Dacca³⁵⁵ to replace other Sisters – however, things were not settled so quickly – also, the Most Rev. Bishop came back from there, from Dacca). [*The five Sisters were:*] Sisters Veronika, Bonifatia, Agatha, Christina, Germana.

26. A young new postulant, Sofia Stumfall, arrived from the Diocese of Munich.

27. Today, Sister Cecilia³⁵⁶ was called back to the Motherhouse from the Clinic by Rev. Father Bonaventura and myself, because she is too young. (Sister Hyazintha took over night duty for three days.)

³⁵⁵ cf. Edwein, DSS XV, E, p. 417, footnote 36

³⁵⁶ Sister Cecilia Angelosanto, cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 104, November 24, 1897; orig. APS E 681.

March

4. Today Sister Antonia was sent from here to Tivoli (a few days ago Sister Cyrilla was sent, because there are too many here).

7. Today Sister Leokadia's mother – from Grosslangheim – who visited here for eight days – had the grace to attend the Holy Father's Mass. (Also Sister Leokadia and I attended) as a special favor – (Msgr. de Waal gave the tickets).

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12. Miss Anna Maria Kauppert from Wachenroth, near Bamberg, 28 years of age, entered today. She wanted to come already for ten years, but did not get her parents' permission.

16. I rented the house in Tivoli, on my part, firmly for another year – for three years on the part of the Accademia dei Nobili – for 1,400 Lire per year, beginning on April 1, 1898 – that is, one can, however, give notice each year – with the cost remaining the same.

31. Today Sister Claveria was sent to the Clinic instead of Sister Hyazintha, since the latter did not get along with the Superior there.³⁵⁷

Sister Constantia from Akyab was accepted in Assam and was destined for Raliang.

April

1. Sister Ottilia arrived here from Akyab today, after having paid a visit to her parents in Swabia.

5. Today Ven. Father received the first vows of Sister Coletta and of those who renewed for one year, starting with Sister Cunitrudis. I took Sister Coletta with me to Rome.

7. Today I received 300 Lire from Prof. Marocco as a first payment for the work of the Sisters in his Clinic. If he is able to, he will gladly give more in the future. (In Tivoli, Sister Antonia is now nursing the sick in the town.)

³⁵⁷ Sister Bonaventura Zenker

18. Sister Hyazintha Löhlein had to be brought to the hospital of San Giacomo for emergency surgery on a hernia.

25. I was in Tivoli – through Rev. Superior, Father Barnabas – for the profession of vows of Sister Gregoria [*Sauer*]. (I was there for three days – also saw the Most Rev. Bishop.) - On **April 26**, Sister Verena [*renewed*] here for three years.³⁵⁸

May

13. Today Sister Hyazintha returned from the hospital healed.

17. Today the Most Rev. Bishop of Caltanissetta³⁵⁹ visited us – together with his secretary – he gave a fine talk and had all the Sisters presented to him.

28. Today Sister Juliana renewed her holy vows for three years, in the presence of Rev. Father Thomas, who gave a beautiful sermon.

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2. With permission from the Holy Father, the four assistants and myself were allowed to attend the Holy Mass of Msgr. de Waal in the catacombs of St. Peter's.

5. Today we received definite news that the first foundation in Hungary³⁶⁰ has been accepted. Rev. Father Fridolin³⁶¹ teaches a Hungarian class to the Sisters every day.

13. I brought Sister Hyazintha, who had returned healed from the hospital on **May 13**, to Tivoli.

23. Today Ven. Father returned well, thank God, from his trip to Austria, Hungary, Baden, Switzerland. Three Sisters may study nursing in the hospital in Freiburg, as our Ven. Father arranged. (Freiburg, Baden).

³⁵⁸ Renewal of vows

³⁵⁹ Bishop Ignazio Zuccaro (1896-1906)

³⁶⁰ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 105, May 23, 1898; orig.

APS E 682.

³⁶¹ Father Fridolinus Cichy, SDS

29. Today I received a request from Rev. Father Canisius,³⁶² Superior in Freiburg (Switzerland), to send three good Sisters for the direction of the housekeeping in a boarding school for 70 students in that city.

July 2. Yesterday I traveled to Tivoli with the three postulants who today were invested by Rev. Father Thomas (in the name of Ven. Father); they received the following names: Sister Michaela (Philipp)³⁶³ of the Visitation; Sister Jakoba (Stumfall); and Sister Alexia (Kauppert). Then Sister Theresia made her holy vows (for one year). – I also went to see the Most Rev. Bishop with these Sisters. His Excellency is very good to us.

On the 3rd, Sister Claudia and Sister Theresia came with me to Rome.

28. Today, Sisters Veronika [*Schleicher*], Andrea [*Grimm*] and Coletta [*Neumayer*] – I had called the first two from Tivoli – traveled via Naples to New York.

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I had planned and arranged everything through Mr. Stein, the Imperial German agent, and gave the Sisters American Dollars to take along. They are destined to do nursing in Milwaukee. May the Lord bless them.

28. Also today, Msgr. de Waal told me the good news about a new foundation in Torri, near Stimigliano – through Msgr. Schmitz, Rector of the Bonifazianum. – May Mary help!

Aug. 3. (The three Sisters traveled on the Emperor William II³⁶⁴ = I received good news.)

11. Today I traveled with a return ticket to Milan, both in order to visit the houses and for reasons of health. (I lodged one day in the St. Bernard Hospice, on the Simplon, where I talked to the Most Rev. Bishop of Sion. (He wants to have Brothers and Sisters of

³⁶² Father Canisius Werner, SDS

³⁶³ cf. *M. Mary to Sister Ludmilla Sendner*, 2.15/1, July 11, 1898, p.17.

³⁶⁴ The name of the ship to the United States

our Society.) Then I lodged in Brigue with the dear Ursuline Sisters. – I spent a very edifying week with the good Sisters in Drogens. I also had a look at the Institute in Freiburg (Perolles), where they soon expect our Sisters for housekeeping. – On my way back I stayed in the house of Rev. Prof. Wippfle in Altdorf; then with the very competent Sisters of Menzingen in Bellinzona. Then I had a meeting with the dear Sisters of Capolago in Lugano. There I went to the Most Rev. Bishop, who very graciously permitted the renewal of vows of Sister Vincenza. After this, again four days in the holy cenacle of Capolago = most holy Sacrament, a saintly lady.

On **September 3, 1898**, the solemn renewal of vows took place in our chapel, in the presence of many people – a beautiful sermon, and in the evening Benediction = Curato.

Sept.

6. I arrived in Torri in Sabina – a lovely, simple, and healthy village on a hill. – The Sisters' living conditions there are poor, but they have a beautiful landscape; they are there under the direction of Msgr. Schmitz, representative of the Most Rev. Bishop, and through the generosity of Msgr. de Waal. – They already have 50 children in the kindergarten (September 21). – They moved in on **August 27, 1898** – Sister Theodora (Superior), Sisters Cecilia, Rosa, and Marcella.

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9. I arrived in Rome again, where the Sisters celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary very beautifully – in particular, they had embroidered a beautiful image of the guardian angel, carrying their prayers up to God – and in the evening, they sang the "Rosa Mystica", a Drama, in masterly fashion.

11. On the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, Sister Paula Candrian made holy vows for three years, before Rev. Father Thomas. – Ven. Father and Rev. Father Bonaventura also came in the evening. – Crosses pervaded all special graces. - - -

On **August 31**, the good Sister *Alfonsa [Dengel]* died of dropsy.

15. The young Sister Othmara [*Gähwyler*] died of tuberculosis. – I had brought both Sisters from Tivoli, already in grave condition.

22. Today Sister Innocenza traveled to Munich (with a return ticket).

(On **August 2**, three Sisters had the privilege to kiss the Holy Father's hand and to gain from His Holiness the Portiuncula Indulgence.)

24. Today I received a negative answer to my request for a discount on train fares.

29. Today, I made a petition to His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, for a letter of recommendation to Cardinal Mocenni, Bishop of Sabina, for our Sisters. (Msgr. de Waal kindly presented it to him).

Oct.

4. Today, I wrote another petition to His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, at the place of Msgr. Schmitz, who had called for me, and in the evening I went with it to His Eminence, with Sister Johanna. – He wrote on it a really good recommendation for the Sisters of the Divine Savior.

5. We received the blessing of the Most Rev. Bishop Myrrah, who is guest of Msgr. Schmitz. His Reverence showed us that Eminence Mocenni had handed everything to him.

6. Today we learned from Msgr. de Waal that we have been accepted in the Diocese of Torri. x

x Also that soon we should be ecclesiastically approved in Rome: 10 years – 1888-1898³⁶⁵.

(On **October 5** and **4**, Sister Johanna and myself were occupied in constant contacts with Msgr. Schmitz, Msgr. de Waal, and Ven. Father, on whose nameday we received many graces. To God the honor!)

4. The Countess from Hungary³⁶⁶ wrote today that she now would like to have four Sisters for Muraszombat.

³⁶⁵ Added at the end of the page.

³⁶⁶ Countess Györy

Today Postulant Emilie Steer entered here. – She came from Munich, together with Sister Innocenza (is 19 years old).³⁶⁷

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10. Today Sisters Bernarda, Barbara, and Magdalena renewed their holy vows for three years, before the Sacred Host. Rev. Father Thomas received them in the name of Ven. Father, and delivered a beautiful sermon.

Yesterday, the **9th**, the drama “Rosa Mystica” was sung and performed once more. Rev. Father Thomas, Rev. Fr. Dominicus, Rev. Fr. Heribert, Rev. Fr. Urbanus and Rev. Frater Crispinus were present.

11. Today Msgr. de Waal told me that His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, would soon come to Torri – he would then also go there. Then everything with the Sisters would be settled for good, ecclesiastically – (On **October 17**).

14. With the five Sisters from Trier, I went to the German College, in order to ask the blessing of the Most Rev. Bishop of Trier, who is a guest there. His Grace talked to us for a long time.

Also during this week, someone from the government came to check whether our house was big and wholesome enough. He was satisfied – with the plumbing and all.

18. Today His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, honored Torri – the Collegium Bonifazianum – with his esteemed visit – laid the foundation stone for the chapel of the college, and had our Sisters presented to him, gave them his blessing for themselves, their work, and for our whole Society.

24. Today an official of the government was here – to check the sanitary conditions of our house – he found the house and everything “*benone, belline*”, very good.

30. Today, I met Msgr. Schmitz, who asked me to come to him tomorrow; he would like to have a fifth Sister.

³⁶⁷ She was born in 1877; therefore, 21 years old.

31. I was in the Bonifazianum with Sister Johanna.

Nov.

2. Msgr. Schmitz was here today – he talked with all the Italian Sisters, and then Sister Clara, Sister Elisabeth and I went with him to Msgr. de Waal, where Sister Paula was chosen.

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3. This morning, Sister Paula left for Torri.

(On **October 30**, I gave a copy of our Holy Rule to Rev. Father Dilseron, Redemptorist, as he is now our confessor in the Clinic.)

5. At 1:00 p.m. today, I received a response from His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, formulated very graciously and telling me that permission for the foundation of a filial house in Torri has been given.

10. An important step has been accomplished today towards a large and stable foundation in Switzerland.

13. I went to Tivoli for two days. Sister Emilia [*Deutinger*]³⁶⁸ is dying there, but sad to say, she is not resigned.

16. Today Postulant M. Agata Hotz arrived from Vorarlberg – 26 years of age.

Also, our retreat began today, preached by Rev. Father Gregor – excellent – according to the method of St. Ignatius. Sister Katharina came from Tivoli to join us; however, she had to return, as Sister Emilia has become worse.

Rev. Father Gregor is also our extraordinary confessor now, thanks be to God.

(This week we also took over the church linen of the Bonifazianum.)

³⁶⁸ cf. *M. Mary to Sister Gertrud Fiedler*, SHS 2.15/1, November 28, 1898, p. 23.

On **November 10**, we attended the public examination conducted at the Sisters of St. Dorothea: Four teachers and I went: Sisters Clara, Elisabeth, Stanislaus, and Theresia.

Dec.

1. On this and the following day I took a tour, together with Sister Stefania, through the two large shelters Cosimato and S. Michele.

3. Today I received permission from the President of the Congregation of Charity, Canon Tenerias,³⁶⁹ opposite Santa Chiara³⁷⁰ – to send two Sisters to San Cosimato, to learn there how to conduct a shelter.

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2. Today Sister Emilia [*Deutinger*] died in Tivoli of a long-lasting tuberculosis.

8. Today all 44 professed Sisters renewed their holy vows during Holy Mass, before the elevated Sacred Host – then we received Holy Communion, and afterwards, Rev. Father Beda,³⁷¹ who was the celebrant, gave a beautiful sermon about our Lady. (We also have two postulants with us.)

9. Our Ven. Father and Founder came today in order to receive the vows of Sisters Bonifatia, Leopoldina, and Helene, who had made a three day retreat before. He gave an encouraging address. The Sisters renewed for three years. (Miss Franz. Defalii, who is learning German, French, and needlework here, was present for the celebration.)

17. Today I traveled to dear Torri for three days. (Two days ago, Msgr. de Waal walked there from the station of Stimigliano in order to hear the Sisters' confessions.) I was very edified there: 50 to 60 little children in the kindergarten – six to seven poor people to nurse – giving lessons in music and needlework to children who

³⁶⁹ It could also read "Cav." (Cavaliere), and the name is difficult to decipher;

³⁷⁰ It should read: Sta. Chiara; Sisters of St. Clare (Clarisse) had been living there previously.

³⁷¹ Father Beda Hoffmann, SDS

have completed school. Very good people, very fond of the Sisters, a healthy, warm climate.

20. Today Msgr. de Waal sent the Sisters in Torri five kneelers and many things for the Christmas tree. Msgr. Schmitz sent them 50 Lire.

21. Today I visited His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, the Most Rev. Bishop of Sabina (who presently is a guest of Msgr. Schmitz), and His Eminence Cardinal Mocenni, first Bishop of Sabina, who spoke German with us. Everybody was very friendly.

22. Today, Sister Stefania went to do day nursing for the wife of Cavaliere R.

24. Today Rev. Father Gregor became our ordinary confessor.

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11. Today Miss Anna Benz arrived. She is a cousin of Rev. Father Zeno³⁷² – from Baden – pious – 21 years old.

14. Today, two carriages with four running horses threw me to the ground on the first Tiber bridge, and I broke my left arm close to the wrist – a young doctor brought me to the Holy Spirit Hospital – where they fixed a cast which has to stay on for thirty days. I was comforted to be able to sign a declaration that I pardoned the careless coachman. I still must give thanks to Mary that I was preserved from greater mishap. (The accident appeared in all the papers.)

31. The Lady President of the St. Elisabeth Association came today, through the Anima, in order to entrust to us the direction of an asylum.

Feb. 9.

Today Sisters Agatha, Columba and Cunitrudis traveled via Naples, directly to St. Nazianz.

10. Sisters Petronilla, Ambrosia, Innocenza, Germana, Lidwina, Claudia, Aurelia, and Gregoria renewed their holy vows for three

³⁷² Father Zeno Benz, SDS

years today, in the presence of our Venerable Father and Founder. (In Torri, Sisters Theodora, Rosa, and Marcella renewed their holy vows in the presence of Msgr. Schmitz, who had given the Sisters a three-day retreat beforehand.

7. A fire erupted in the paper factory beside us – there were 50 men in our house to help with the rescue work – the Sisters were busy carrying water – we were able to save everything.

In these days, many foundations were offered us: three in Hungary, in Colombia, in Switzerland – in Rome, etc., etc., in America = Idaho.

11. Six Sisters attended a performance³⁷³ in the shelter of St. Michael today. The Rev. Spiritual Director had come personally to invite us.

14. Today, thanks be to God, good Rev. Father Thomas returned from a three months' journey.

During the three days of carnival, we again had the grace of having the Most Blessed Sacrament exposed for seven hours every day.

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20. Today I went to Tivoli for three days. Sisters Angela [*Mader*], Kunigunda [*Huber*], Fridolina [*Mayer*], and Gebharda [*Dietmann*] made their holy vows for one year on **February 20**, in the presence of Rev. Father Superior Barnabas.

I also rented today a smaller, more sunny place in Tivoli: the first floor of Palazzo Pace, Piazza Colonna 1, near the Church of Charity – 45 Lire per month – it was all God's Providence: Rev. Father Superior³⁷⁴ and Rev. Father Erasmus helped. I took Sisters Antonia, Cyrilla, Konrada, and Hyazintha here with me – there are still ten Sisters there.

27.³⁷⁵ Today Sisters Antonia, Gonzaga, and Viktoria traveled from here to their homes in Bavaria, in order to proceed from there to

³⁷³ M. Mary wrote "teatrina femminile" (correct: *teatrino femminile*)

³⁷⁴ Father Barnabas Borchert, SDS

³⁷⁵ The date has been corrected to the 27th.

Rotterdam, where they will board a ship to Milwaukee on **March 23**. (They also received quite some donations towards the traveling expenses.)

March

9. Countess Györy³⁷⁶ Therese from Budapest wrote under today's date, that she is delighted to have Sisters come. She wishes Sisters Ambrosia and Juliana to come to her for now (and then to go with Sister Cyrilla to a separate house – where needlework classes are to commence immediately). Sisters Philomena, Stefania, and Barbara should go to her sister, Countess Szápáry, in Muraszombat. They, the five, should separate in Graz – she herself would meet the two there. The Most Rev. Bishop has gladly granted permission for the foundation. So, towards the end of April...

14. Beginning today, I had to take special treatment for my hand, lasting 20 days. I had to go to Testaccio, to the Mattatoio, in the morning and put my hand and arm into a thermal bath for a half to three quarters of an hour. It helped – Thank God – very well. Sisters Antonia, Gonzaga, and Viktoria received many gifts for their journey – they arrived safely in New York on **April 5**.

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24. Today the Sisters in Tivoli moved into the new house. On **March 29**, Sister Katharina [*Becker*], the former superior in Tivoli, left our Society and was dismissed. (She was convinced she needed her home climate in order to restore her health – obesity, cramps, etc.)

On **March 30**, also the assistant³⁷⁷ left our dear Society of the Divine Savior, for almost the same reasons = health – that is, she had to be dismissed and returned to her home in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

³⁷⁶ The Countess, and her sister, Countess Szápáry, were trying to have Sisters come to Hungary

³⁷⁷ Sister Martina Eisenring

On Good Friday, **March 31**, Sister Liboria Hansknecht, who has two brothers³⁷⁸ in our Society, one of them a priest, was sent to Tivoli as Vicar and Novice Mistress, and was installed by the Rev. Father Superior there.

On **April 5**, I traveled with Sister Valentina to Tivoli, installing her as assistant. I stayed for four days – found everything in perfect order and experienced much consolation – both, because of the new house, the novitiate house, and from the change of the responsible Sisters. I also saw the Most Rev. Bishop³⁷⁹ who also was very happy, and is very well disposed towards us. – He also said happily: “Now you are approved in Rome”.

April 6. What a grace, we already have the Blessed Sacrament in Tivoli, Holy Mass every day, etc. Magnificat – Alleluia!!!

Sister Bonifatia gave catechism classes to a young Roman child of the nobility, whose father is Dutch, preparing her for First Holy Communion, and on Easter Sunday,

April 2, she received her First Holy Communion in a solemn celebration here. Afterwards her parents and siblings had breakfast with her in our house. Rev. Father Antonius had preached very beautifully.

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9. With the permission of His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, the same child received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our chapel on the Sunday after Easter from the Most Rev. Bishop of Batavia, Msgr. Laypen (a Dutchman). It was a splendid ceremony. The whole convent was beautifully decorated. His Grace, the Bishop, a Carmelite; Father Athanasius, and the whole family, ten persons, had breakfast in our large workroom. Afterwards His Excellency had all the Sisters presented to him and asked: “Who of you wants to come with me to Java?” The same evening I still received his photograph with a kind letter. He is a Jesuit. The child's new name was Aloisia. (She belongs to a very devout family.)

³⁷⁸ Father Konrad and Brother Alipius Hansknecht, SDS

³⁷⁹ Exc. Pietro Monti. – The Sisters had permission to stay in Rome; but only in 1904, when Mother Mary bought the house at Salita Sant'Onofrio 11, as Motherhouse, could the novitiate be transferred to Rome as well.

11. Today the Sisters delivered a beautiful vestment, which Sister Hyazintha had embroidered, to an American priest from New York, who, at the moment, is with Msgr. de Waal. Rev. Müller was very satisfied with his order.

We had visitors from Hungary on three different occasions: Princess Odescalchi, etc. etc. – They wanted to meet the Sisters appointed for Hungary. They seemed very satisfied, also with their knowledge of the Hungarian language.

Through Rev. Father Fridolin,³⁸⁰ another Hungarian foundation was offered us today by the Most Rev. Bishop of Scanad: the direction of a hospital in Makó, for soon. (The priests of our Society work there in the greatest spirit of sacrifice, to the edification of all. Rev. Father Angelicus³⁸¹ is especially praised by all. – If only our Sisters will do equally well!)

Sister Stefania nursed a sick lady near Piazza Venezia.

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15. Later she had another person to nurse in the vicinity, to everyone's satisfaction.

20. Today I sent the parish priest of Janschwyl 753.90 Lire, to give to Sister Martina's father, who is very dissatisfied because of her return home, and claims that he made us so many presents for the chapel.

23. I was again in Torri for three days, and found everything fine there. However, I took Sister Paula back home, because there are no sick persons there right now.

26. This morning at 6:00 a.m., Sisters Ambrosia and Hilaria journeyed to Budapest. (The latter quickly resolved to go in place of Sister Juliana, who was forbidden by the doctor to travel because of a cough). Countess Therese Györy, who had sent the train fare, even first and second class, met the Sisters in her palace with open arms. From there they are to care for three to

³⁸⁰ Father Fridolinus Cichy, SDS

³⁸¹ Father Angelicus Bugiel, SDS

four hundred children – kindergarten, etc., and when they soon will live in the kindergarten or school building itself, Sister Cyrilla will join them as the third Sister.

Again I spent a few days in Tivoli, to my consolation. I took Sister Fridolina back with me, as she is to become second Vicarress, since Sister Germana is appointed to go to Hungary.

29. We received a commission from the Bishop's See in the Sabina Mountains, to embroider a banner, for about 400 Lire. (Sister Hyazintha will embroider it.)

Unfortunately, Msgr. de Waal had a stroke on April 20, but he is already better.

Two nice foundations were offered us in Italy: in Campobello di Licata,³⁸² Sicily – and another one near Piacenza.

May

1. Sister Paula went today to nurse a simple woman in the Via Rosella for a fortnight.

12. Today Sister Marcella came here from Drognens. She absolutely had to talk to Ven. Father and myself. However, after a few days, she courageously traveled back.

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14. Unfortunately, a large lump had to be removed from Sister Christina's breast today in our Clinic. She had not said anything about it – it could have developed into a malignant tumor.

The dear Sisters in Budapest sent me their first salary today, a gesture of filial loyalty; they already have a hundred children to take care of.

Rev. Father Epiphanius,³⁸³ Superior in St. Nazianz, in a noble gesture, sent back to me the traveling expenses of the three Sisters. (Sister Antonia arrived there around **May 8.**)

³⁸² M. Mary wrote: Licato di Campobello

³⁸³ Father Epiphanius Deibele, SDS

19. Before Pentecost, I went to see Rector Janssen, Superior General and Founder of the Congregation of the Divine Word, in Steyl, with whom I was in contact 25 years ago, about the foundation of the feminine branch of this mission society. After this, unfortunately, because of the *Kulturkampf*, I had to use my beautiful convent of St. Barbara, in Neuwerk, for the reception of *Stiftsdamen*, a kind of disguised nuns. However, God helped!

23. Today the sister and brother-in-law of Postulant Emilie Steer arrived from Munich. Every now and then they took Emilie along into the city, with permission – finally she did not come back – and on the **27**, she came to say good-bye. (Everything was settled amiably; she got back all her large trousseau.) (It seems that she did not have a higher calling after all.)

June

10. Today the beautiful banner costing four to five hundred lire, was sent to Magliano. They were and are very satisfied with it. At the end of May, Sister Coelestina and Sister Ida arrived here from Drognens. They had first been at home (Rhineland and Switzerland); now other Sisters shall go there.

4. I was in Tivoli for a few days – with consolation.

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10. Today Sister Salesia had to take off her holy habit. – Rev. Father Gregor managed it. Afterwards he gave a good talk about true devotion to the Sacred Heart. (Sister Salesia remains with us as usual.)³⁸⁴

7. Following good advice, I went to the Vicariate today with Sister Elisabeth, to see Msgr. Sinibaldi who offered us, for a kindergarten, a large convent in the Sabine Mountains (Diocese of Rieti), Rocca Sinibalda, which belongs to the Sisters of Divine Love, who for lack of members could not keep it up. May the Sacred Heart help us!

³⁸⁴ Sister Salesia Staudinger – She was mentally ill and was later in an asylum.

9. Today the Most Rev. Bishop of Tivoli gave us his verbal approbation for our Society again.³⁸⁵ (On **June 8**, the three years had run out.)

Today the following renewed their holy vows for three years, in the presence of our Ven. Father and Founder: Sisters Johanna, Crescentia, Theresia, Carolina, Nazarena, Filippina, and Stefania. Ven. Father gave a short address about meekness and humility.

14. Sister Innocenza traveled to her mother in Munich today in order to recuperate.

22. Today Gertrud Schubert, 29 years old,³⁸⁶ arrived as a postulant. She is a sister of Sister Claudia.

24. We had a solemn High Mass today, celebrated by the Rev. Viehof, who came with two other alumni from the German College. He will return to his native area, which is close to my own.

July

1. In the early morning, Sister Philomena, Sister Stefania, and Sister Barbara traveled to Muraszombat in Hungary. Countess Szápáry met them in Fiume. (It was only on **June 28**, that we received the request to send them there) = kindergarten, etc.

3. I was in Tivoli today, in order to be present for the investment of Sisters Dorothea Hotz and Clementine Benz (who had come with me from Rome), and for the profession (for one year) of Sisters Michaela, Jakoba

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and Alexia, received by our Ven. Father and Founder, who gave a fine, short sermon about the grace of our holy vocation.

4. Together with Sisters Lucia, Kunigunda, and Gebharda, I arrived in Rome again today.

5. On **July 4**, also Sister Juliana traveled to her home in Altenkessel (Trier) for reasons of health, before going on mission in Hungary.

³⁸⁵ The Congregation had Diocesan approval in Tivoli.

³⁸⁶ According to the Profession Book, she was 31 years old.

7. Today I wrote to Sister Wyborada in Capolago definitely to leave this foundation as soon as feasible, after the children's examinations. We could not keep this foundation anyhow, because the bequest, which the lady – the foundress – intends to make, is too small. Besides, our Sisters are urgently expected in Campobello (Licato) by two Canons who want the Sisters to take over a convent, kindergarten, etc. there. We, sad to say, presently have no other suitable Sisters to go there.

11. Today, the Most Rev. Bishop from Belem a Para³⁸⁷ (South America) was here and asked for our Sisters, since there are many Germans there.

12. Today Sister Christina went home in order to regain her strength before going to the missions.

18. Our three dear Sisters from Capolago came home today, healthy, but much mourned by the people there. A few days ago, their school had the kindergarten examinations; they turned out very well.

22. I took the three Sisters today to Baronesse Bardonaro, the sister of the Most Rev. Bishop of Acireale, who gave the Sisters a very warm recommendation for her cousin in Campobello.

(They received a discount of half the fare from the general management of the shipping company.)

25. This morning, Sister Vincenza left already to spend

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a day at home in Monte Cassino.

26. Today, the feast of St. Anne, Sister Wyborada, superior, and Sister Martha traveled to Naples. Canon Rosario Todoro sent 100 Lire for travel expenses.

³⁸⁷ Probably: Belém do Pará, Brazil

27. Today they are supposed to stay with Mother Therese, the Superior General of the Institute of the Sacred Heart in Palermo, and to arrive on the **28**, in Campobello, by way of Canicatti.

In the evening of the **25**, there was a community farewell. (The Sisters were met with a coach by the Rev. Founder – a great crowd accompanied them to and into their house.) They found it very, very hot, dirty, disorderly, and poor, but there are 10,000 inhabitants, much work to do, to edify!

On the boat there was much seasickness. In Palermo they could not stay with any Sisters at first; they went to the Most Rev. Bishop, Cardinal Gelasia, who very lovingly had them accompanied to the Sisters of Mercy. It is almost like the African missions there.

On **August 7, 1899**, the school will open.

(On **July 22**, Sister Constantia was appointed superior in Laitkynsew.)

Aug.

5. I traveled to Torri, where they were just celebrating the feast of Our Lady on the hillside. The dear Sisters were very happy, and, thank God, all are keeping well. The enthusiasm of the people was great – and it was still enhanced by the absence of Msgr. Rector Schmitz and his alumni – who desired to have the Church of Our Lady for himself, but did not receive it (which, sad to say, offended him too much).

The Sisters in Campobello received the great grace of having the Blessed Sacrament in their convent.

14. Today I went to Tivoli for three days. I found everybody well – and was urgently called back to Rome.

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I had to go to the German College to learn from Rev. Father Sonnenschein, and still more from Rev. Kirchler from Budapest, that the Most Rev. Bishop, Count Maillat³⁸⁸ in Klausenburg (Siebenbürgen), would like to have our Sisters.

³⁸⁸ Bishop Gusztáv Károly Majláth (1897-1938)

26. Today Sister Cyrilla traveled (as third Sister in Budapest), and Sister Carolina as first one for the foundation in Bojat, (through Countess Festicis) to Toponár, near Kaposvár. In Toponár, Sister Carolina, and Sister Innocenza who is coming from Munich, are to board for one month with the Sisters of Divine Love.

The previous evening, Sister Pancratia traveled immediately to Drognens as the fifth Sister there, as Rev. Father Michael – the substitute local superior – had urgently requested.

Today Sister Theodora arrived here promptly. She had been called to prepare herself for the foundation in the Sabine [*Mountains*], if the Sisters in Torri could do without her.

27. I received the sad news from Tivoli, that good Sister Dorothea [*Hotz*], a novice, had fallen seriously ill.

31. O great cross – today she already died of typhoid fever!!!

26. Today, Sister Pancratia traveled to Drognens, and Sister Cyrilla, as 3rd Sister to Budapest – and Sister Carolina to Toponár, near Kaposvár (and Sister Innocenza traveled there from Munich), in order to learn the Hungarian language with Countess Festicis, for Bogat.

Sept. 10

Today my good Sisters celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary very beautifully – also Ven. Father and Rev. Father Bonaventura came. (Besides heartfelt good wishes, the houses abroad sent donations of money, especially those in Hungary.)

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12. Today Sister Innocenza returned from Hungary, as they were concerned that her cough would take a turn for the worse. The following day, Sister Claudia courageously set out for Toponár to take Sister Innocenza's place.

14. I traveled to Drognens, Switzerland – Venice – across the sea (I got very seasick) – to Budapest – arrived on **September 29**

– there are many hopes – much work – good people; His Eminence, the Cardinal Primate, is well disposed towards us; also in particular Msgr. Kohl, his secretary.

Then I went to Muraszombat – was very much honored by Countess Szápáry.

On **October 10**, to Countess Festicis at Bojat; the Countess is unhappy, because the two Sisters do not know enough Hungarian for the requirements of the government; otherwise she is very benevolent.

Oct.

On **October 11**, I traveled to Vienna, dined with Rev. Father Superior Albertus³⁸⁹ (slept in the hotel across the street), went together with Rev. Father to the Hospital St. Theresia – took the tram, many times. There I reflected together with Baroness Samaruga and the director, I saw everything, considered the matter, a contract was drafted. – O Mary, St. Theresa, help us to do God's will!

12. Postulant Berta Behr (Silesia) arrived in Vienna.

4. Two postulants arrived in Rome: Victoria Rothmüller from Munich, and Susanna Söllner (Bamberg).

16. Today I left Vienna with Berta (with a delay in the train schedule) – and spent the night in Padua. There we venerated the Saint – went to see Rev. Father Hilarius, a Friar Minor – In Bologna we visited St. Catherine's³⁹⁰ and the Rev. Clarissan Sister, a sister of His Eminence, Cardinal Respighi of Ferrara, and also of the Superior here of the Good Shepherd nuns.

In Torri I spent three days (Berta continued the journey); here I was lovingly and well received.

³⁸⁹ Father Albert Hauser, SDS

³⁹⁰ cf. *M. Mary to Sister* Viktoria Steuer, SHS 2.15/1, November 7, 1899, p.45.

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28. Today, with the Holy Apostles, I signed the contract for Vienna³⁹¹ – a hospital for women – three halls, about 30 to 40 beds under the protection of the Duchess of Württemberg. The seven Sisters are to live there and have their meals – in addition they receive 60 Fl. ³⁹² per month – a nice house with garden. The kitchen is taken care of by secular personnel. – Feldgasse, VIII. District, No. 9

26. Sister Juliana returned from Trier.

Sister Engelberta sent 200 Dollars for two teaching Sisters [*to come*]. She said the Most Rev. Bishop is very much in favor of Uniontown and had visited them.

Nov.

1. Today, Postulant Schubert was invested by Ven. Father as Sister Katharina of the Help of Christians, and Sister Valentina renewed her holy vows.

October 22, a young girl of 20 years, whom we had instructed, received her First Holy Communion today. (Rev. Father Pancratius preached the sermon.)

Nov. 2. I went to Tivoli, taking Sister Katharina there, and brought Sister Alexia here.

9. The two Sisters Otilia³⁹³ and Carolina traveled to Naples to embark the next day on the ship for New York (Uniontown).

23. His Eminence, Cardinal Vicar Parocchi, received me today with the greatest friendliness, also speaking German – Sisters Germana and Claudia were with me – he gave his blessing for

³⁹¹ cf. *M. Mary to Fr. Jordan*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 111, 1899; orig. APS E 683,

³⁹² Guilder

³⁹³ Sister Otilia Hauptelshofer worked in Uniontown; being recalled to the Midwest, she left the Congregation on August 9, 1909, together with Sister Josepha Skrzidlo, and together they began the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph for the Dying in Monterey, California in 1919.

Vienna and said: "I have done too little for you; Cardinal Jacobini, my successor, will do much more."

15. Today retreat began for us, conducted very apostolically by Rev. Father Thomas, thank God.

21. This morning at 10:00 a.m., Sisters Clara, Lucia, Konrada, Hyazintha, Calasanza, Cleofa, and Gebharda, renewed their holy vows in the presence of Ven. Father - a beautiful ceremony.

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26. This morning, Sister Germana (Superior), Sister Claudia (1st assistant), Sister Bernarda (2nd assistant), Sisters Calasanza, Cleofa, Aurelia, and Gebharda, left for Vienna.

Her Imperial Highness, the Duchess of Württemberg, sent 200 Gulden for travelling expenses (at my request through Baroness Sommaruga, the President of the Hospital).

28. The doctors in Tivoli gave no hope for Sister Angela, unless she was brought to Rome immediately. So I took her here, together with Sister Elisabeth, and put her into the hospital at the Lateran, following the advice of the physicians and Rev. Father Bonaventura. – She is very well taken care of, has a private room (Sister Bernardina is her nurse). It is not so bad – probably she will be cured soon.

Dec.

On **December 2**, Sister Marcella came here from Torri – was called – since there is not enough work for four Sisters.

12. She went to her brother – secretly, sorry to say, something that no Sisters had ever done before. He and his wife brought her back on **December 13**. (She said: I am the prodigal son...")

8. Today all Sisters (34) renewed their holy vows before the Sacred Host. (Rev. Father Beda celebrated Holy Mass, and Rev. Father Thomas gave a very beautiful homily afterwards.)

Today Sister Paula went to nurse a pious gentleman.

Ven. Father returned today from a new foundation in the Diocese of Liège = Welkenraed.

- 18.** Today Sister Christina returned from Bavaria.
- 20.** I visited the Superior General of the Sacré Coeur, Madame Digby.
- 24.** Sister Paula has taken care of a sick gentleman for a fortnight. He was very pleased with her.
- Mr. Hallas of Vienna wrote, thanking me (and sending 5 Gulden in gratitude for the good care given to his wife).
- 25.** Tonight we had Holy Mass and Communion.
- 27.** All Germans were first in St. Peter's – where we received Holy Communion from His Eminence, Cardinal Görtz, who also gave a German sermon.

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1. This night we had Holy Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. – What a blessing! May this whole year correspond to this holy blessing!

Last week I was in Tivoli, and after the **1st** in Torri. I took Sister Cecilia back here with me, and on **January 6**, Sister Marcella went there – for the children! - - -

8. With Sister Hyazintha I went to see His Eminence, Cardinal Navo, Archbishop of Catania. His secretary, Cav. Rev. Ganganelli, had first visited Sister Hyazintha – was most friendly, said he wants to come to meet me in Catania and Caltanissetta.

9. I went to Dr. Rossi in Santo Spirito today, with Postulant Victoria Rothmüller, who had lost her voice. Through treatment with electricity she regained it.

December 24,³⁹⁴ We had the grace to be present for the opening of the Holy Door today,³⁹⁵ to see the Holy Father, and to receive his blessing. God wonderfully protects his saintly and great Vicar on earth.

³⁹⁴ Added between the text regarding January.

³⁹⁵ *M. Mary to Sisters* Bonaventura Zenker, Leokadia Kolb, and Claveria Stadler in the Marocco Clinic, SHS 2.15/1, December 23, 1899, p. 49.

12. Maria Wunner from Arnstein, Diocese of Bamberg, arrived today – 20 years of age – she seems good.

We were asked to open a new house in the Diocese of Bologna – in Vedegheto, near Savigno.

Also another Hungarian girl asked for admission; she is the seventh.

15. Today Victoria Rothmüller was sent home. She had lost her voice completely through hysteria, etc.

Today, Baroness Maria von Lüningk also offered me another foundation – Linn, near Crefeld; the Parish Priest there is Rev. Josten.

16. Together with twenty Sisters, I made the first of twenty Jubilee pilgrimages. (Seven Sisters also went with me to St. Paul – Tre Fontane).

20. Today, I sent Sister Cecilia back to Torri. Let us hope there will be good order now.

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18. Msgr. Zanetti came from Venice – he celebrated Holy Mass for us. It lasted from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., because he interrupted three times to preach.

Today we also had the grace to see the Holy Father once more in the Vatican, together with the Italian pilgrims.

15. With twenty Sisters, I made the first pilgrimage of penance to the four churches today.

21. The second [*penitential service*] will be held today by His Eminence, Cardinal Steinhuber, in the Lateran Basilica, especially for all Germans.

27. Today Therese Egger from St. Walburg, Tyrol, arrived (accompanied by her brother-in-law). She is 32 years old, happy, strong, and courageous.³⁹⁶

³⁹⁶ On March 14, 1900, she was dismissed.

22. This evening, eleven Sisters went into retreat – Sister Christina who made perpetual vows – Sisters Alberta, Nicoletta, Pia, Kunigunda, Fridolina – then the three postulants: Susanna Söllner, Berta Behr, and Antonia Walenko – and from the Clinic: Sisters Claveria and Leokadia. (Sister Claveria's place was taken by Sister Coelestina, and Sister Leokadia's by Sister Gregoria – later by Sister Leopoldina.)

29. Sister Gregoria, in fact, traveled today to Switzerland (Colony St. Nicolas).

On the way, 29th, she is supposed to meet Sister Augusta, who was in Locarno for reasons of health, and take her along to St. Nicolas.

31. Sister Theodora, superior in Torri, received permission today to go home to St. Gallen – to visit her seriously ill mother.

Febr.

1. My sister Elise wrote me another urgent letter to take the foundation in Crefeld-Linn. A great harbor will be erected there – from there to the ocean. She has been to see the Rev. Pastor – he is much in favor – is also willing to get permission from the government as well as from the Church. May St. Anne see to it!

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Febr.

4. Today again, all the Germans in Rome gathered in St. Mary Major – about two to three thousand – they walked in procession, bearing candles.

3. Today, Sister Paula was taken by coach, to a high-ranking lady, who is ill.

6. Today we received the written permission from the Vicariate for the renewal of vows of seven Sisters and the investment of three postulants. (The new Cardinal Vicar died – on **February 1, 1900.**)

7. Our Ven. Father and Founder conducted the ceremony – Ven. Father spoke about sisterly love. Those who renewed their vows were: Sister Alberta, Sisters Fridolina, Kunigunda, Pia, Nicoletta,

Claveria and Leokadia – they were allowed to renew for three years.

8. Today I went to Tivoli with the three novices, who were invested in Rome: Sister Martina Söllner, Sister Valeria Behr, Sister Genovefa Walenko – all of the Visitation. On the **10**, I brought Sisters Michaela and Jakoba here.

10. Today Sister Marcella Flumeri was dismissed – she came from Torri and had to take off the holy habit in the Clinic. Lately she was full of fickleness and moodiness.

13. From St. Gallen, where Sister Theodora is, I received beautiful letters.

16. Again we had the privilege to see the Holy Father in the Vatican and to receive his blessing.

Today, five pious Hungarians, who had come for the Jubilee, visited us. (They gave us a picture of the Holy Father.)

23. Today Sister Theodora returned from Switzerland. Now people in Jonschwyl, St. Gallen, are very much for us. On the **28**, she went back to Torri.

25. Today all the Germans in Rome, especially all the Germans in the Congregations, made the last pilgrimages (two to St. Paul, 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock) together -----)

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The Holy Father determined that those who participated in these common [*pilgrimages*] and made another two privately – had satisfied for all twenty.

March

1. Complying with the request of Rev. Fathers Gregor and Chrysologus, we accepted five lady pilgrims from Tyrol. They live on third floor where the postulants are. (The latter moved to the 4th floor for this short time.) Sister Theresia and the two postulants serve them, and other Sisters accompany them on their pilgrimages.

6. Five noble ladies came from Silesia to take lodgings here. They were accompanied by a Silesian priest. (They were first with the Rev. Brothers.) They requested to have very fine accommodation – soft beds – fine food, etc. – they said they would pay well for it – so we had to buy many things.

8. Today a Silesian Countess von Wengersky was sent to us – she seems a saintly lady – is content with everything (all her great wealth goes for good purposes). With her came a Red Cross nurse. She is supported by the Queen of Saxony. – May Jesus strengthen and help us.

10. The five simple and very pious Tyrolean ladies left us today.

5. Sister Angela – almost restored to health – traveled home for a short visit. On **February 25**, she had been allowed to renew her holy vows for one year in the hospital, in the presence of Rev. Father Thomas.³⁹⁷

The five Tyrolian ladies slept on the 3rd floor in one large room. (The four Sisters living there, moved to the 4th floor.) The Countess and the [Red] Cross nurse occupy the small dark room on the 3rd floor. (Sister Leopoldina does the cooking on the 2nd floor.)

15. Today the five ladies from Silesia left us; they were very satisfied and paid us well – they sent postcards from Florence and Genoa.

17. On **March 17**, the pious Countess

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and the Red Cross nurse left. Princess Khevenhüller called on us – very kind. She invited me to stay with her in Vienna, praised our Sisters there very much. A good foundation in Munich-Pasing was offered us – through St. Joseph.

19. I spent one day in Tivoli = all is well.

³⁹⁷ Sister died at home on June 30, 1900.

20. Two pilgrim ladies arrived from Moravia – on **March 22**, five more from Moravia followed. (One of them, Miss Em. Roth, obtained an audience with the Holy Father – presented him with a rosary from Jerusalem.) Four of them spoke only Moravian.

April

2. The seven Moravians left us again.

3. Two ladies from Ratibor arrived today: Mrs. Zaruba and Mrs. Schacht – their husbands lodge with our Rev. Brothers. Beginning in March, the latter are issuing a new quarterly publication, called *Salvatorianische Mitteilungen*. Sister Stanislaus is writing 2000 addresses for it.

7. Today, Maria Schmid from Munich entered here – an only child, father and mother have died; 23 years of age; she has been working in Italy for quite some time. She is recommended by Msgr. de Waal, the Gray Sisters, and by Baroness von Oer.

11. Today we received permission from the Vice-Gerent of Rome, Excellency Ceppetelli, to make our confessions in our chapel, and the confessional from Tivoli arrived here.

15. On this great feast of Easter, Rev. Professor Reiter from Straubing (Bavaria) celebrated a solemn Mass here.

20. Today at 1:30 p.m., our good Sister Verena [*Vaszmer*] died. Ten days ago the doctor had declared that she was free of the fever, she should get up; two days later her legs began to swell, and death came very quickly. On April 20, she still received all the holy Sacraments.

22. The good Sisters in Budapest wrote the joyful news that Sister Ambrosia, superior, is feeling better again, and that Sisters Hilaria and Cyrilla renew their holy vows today for three years

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in their convent – in the presence of Rev. Carmelite Prior Sóos.³⁹⁸

³⁹⁸ M. Mary writes Sosz, or Sos.

On one of these days, Countess Györy from Budapest visited us, who first had invited the Sisters to come there. We also received as visitors: Countess von Wenkheim, president of Charitable Works in Vienna; Count Zempach, and many others. – Also, the welcome visit of Rev. Carmelite Prior Sóos, of Pest; also Rev. Torriani from Mendrisio visited us and wanted to have us there.

May

2. Starting today, we got some pilgrim-guests again: two from Speyer, three from Württemberg,³⁹⁹ three from Ratibor, two from Würzburg. – Sister Valentina came from Tivoli to meet her father who is here as a pilgrim. Sister Nicoletta went to Torri and Sister Rosa came here.

Rev. Kircher, from the holy shrine near Gmünd, gives us a sermon daily during May, as long as he is here. – His sister, etc. is lodging with us...

At the end of April, I went to Torri for three days with Sister Clara.

12. I was in Tivoli with Mrs. Wrzodek and her daughter, Sister Helene, and with Mr. Wirth and his daughter, Sister Valentina. (We came back in the evening, only Sister Valentina stayed there.)

Mrs. Maier, a very efficient woman, mother of Sister Fridolina, was also here for ten days. After all these had left, nine ladies came from Silesia from the neighborhood of Ratibor, from about the **15-19**.

The mother of Sister Nicoletta and the sister of Sister Cecilia were also with us as pilgrims. (I therefore called Sister Nicoletta here for a few days to be with her sister.)

17. To our regret, we received the news that Sister Wyborada had a serious attack of illness – just on her nameday.

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18. Today five ladies came from Vedegheto near Bologna – sent by their parish priest – they wish three of our Sisters to come there.

23. Today Sister Rosa went to the Clinic and Sister Leokadia came here.

³⁹⁹ cf. *M. Mary to Sister Thekla Ziesel*, SHS 2.15/1, May 21, 1900, p. 63

During the last days I had the joy of seeing here many pilgrims from Neuwerk. They, too, were overjoyed.

24. We had the grace to be present for the canonization of St. John Baptist de la Salle and St. Rita.

27. We attended the canonization of the 70 Chinese Martyrs. There were most splendid celebrations.

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4. Today Sister Magdalena Calabrò from Sicily was accompanied away from here to her sister, who at present is staying with the Bodewig Sisters – some of whom have come to Rome from Cologne and Munich. On this day we could thank God (first she had to ask for her dismissal). Her brother who had arrived recently, constantly asked to talk with her.

9. Sister Filippina arrived in Campobello today, where they were waiting for her. (Sister Superior Wyborada is, sad to say, very ill.) She traveled together with His Excellency, the Bishop of Noto, and his sister. – She was received like an angel. (In Naples she stayed in the villa of her cousin in Rome, the pious and greatly respected lady Salla Marcani-Chioli.

8. Today Sister Philomena arrived from Muraszombat where the burden of the office of superior had been too heavy for her. Countess Szápáry graciously paid all the expenses.

Then, on the **9th**, Sister Fridolina traveled to Muraszombat as superior; there was joy there.

2. Three young candidates arrived from Sundern, Westphalia, today: Anna Franke, a sister of Sister Alberta,

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2. Augusta Schröder and Josefa Scheffer⁴⁰⁰ arrived here.

8.⁴⁰¹ Francisca Schaub from Baden arrived here. (She had worked very well till now in the large Clinic in Freiburg). 27 years old.⁴⁰² Very dear, etc. (all four).

⁴⁰⁰ According to the Profession Book: Maria Augusta Schröder and Josephine Scheffer.

⁴⁰¹ The date was corrected from the 18th to the 8th

⁴⁰² Born in 1872, therefore, 28 years old.

18. Sister Kunigunda traveled home to regain her health - to Würzburg.

14. For the same reason Sister Helene traveled home to Ratibor.

At the Rev. Brothers' twenty-two were ordained priests in Rome, and on the same day eight in Switzerland = thirty.⁴⁰³

22. Today Sister Paula went to Torri to replace Sister Nicoletta who also has to go home.

22. The Rev. Fathers Superior Severinus⁴⁰⁴ and Epiphanius⁴⁰⁵ from America came to Rome – on business. Both gave us good conferences. It is very edifying to hear and to see how in all the worries and distractions of mission life they have preserved such a humble religious spirit!

The three Sisters: Stanislaus Raczkowska, Leopoldina Koberna, and Leokadia Kolb were chosen to be among the fifteen who will go to St. Nazianz.

Sister Bonifatia was requested for Pest as 4th Sister, because Sister Hilaria is to be educated as teacher in Budapest – with the consent of the highest authorities – both of His Eminence, the Cardinal Primas, who has contributed large sums for the admission of Hungarian postulants – and of the highest inspector of schools. Afterwards we are to open a school in Pest. Help, O Mary, Queen of Hungary!

22. Today on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, we again had the grace of having the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration.

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27. On **May 27**, the foundation stone for a new Sisters' convent was laid in Milwaukee, because the Sisters could not remain in the old house. (They put Ven. Father's name and mine into the cornerstone.) At first Ven. Father and I were against it.

⁴⁰³ In the Membership Directory, there are 27 entries under June 9, and 3 under June 10, 1900.

⁴⁰⁴ Father Severinus Jurek, SDS

⁴⁰⁵ Father Epiphanius Deibele, SDS

June 25, Today I learned from Rev. Father Epiphanius, the capable superior of St. Nazianz, that Ven. Father has given permission for a novitiate to be erected in St. Nazianz, both for the Rev. Brothers as well as for us Sisters. He asked what I thought of it concerning the Second Order = I told him that I was much in favor.

July 2,

In the afternoon, Rev. Father Thomas received the holy vows of Sisters Michaela, Jakoba, and Alexia for three years, and invested Sister Marcella Wunner and Sister Verena Schmid (both of the Visitation), and gave a nice sermon.

2. This evening Sister Leokadia traveled home and from there she will continue on to St. Nazianz.

3. I went with the two new novices to Tivoli. In the afternoon, Rev. Father Barnabas received the holy vows of Sister Clementine Benz (for one year).

5. I traveled with her to Rome. (Unfortunately she already had a fever and had to go to bed immediately – she had typhus – let us hope!)

6. Sister Stanislaus and Sister Leopoldina traveled to Bohemia – and from there to St. Nazianz.

4.⁴⁰⁶ Margaretha Amrhein from the Diocese of Würzburg, arrived here. She is 18 years old; seems very good.

June 28, Sister Superior Wyborada [*Gemperle*] died in Campobello, venerated like a saint. – On **June 30**, Sister Angela [*Mader*] died at her home.

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Today, **July 30**, the efficient physician, Dr. Ovidi, declared Sister Clementine cured, unless she would have a relapse. (He had come twice every day, and she had received two baths daily, etc.)

⁴⁰⁶ In the Profession Book, the entrance is dated July 3, 1900

Last week I had all the Sisters here inscribed in the Prayer Association for England – at the end of the week in the National Association of Perpetual Adoration in San Gioacchino here in Rome.

22. The former confessor of the Sisters in Milwaukee, Professor Rev. Pierron, came; he celebrated Holy Mass here with us.

26. I went to see Rector Msgr. Schmitz (who was in the Anglo-American Hotel together with many Americans) to discuss with him the possible new foundation that was offered us in Roccontico, near Poggio Mirteto.

30. Today the terrible news reached us that on **July 28**, the Italian King had been murdered near Milan!

Aug.

5. Since our good Sister Clementine is completely out of danger now, I left for visitation: to Drognens, Vienna, Pest, Murszombat⁴⁰⁷ – I found holy zeal and great progress everywhere. I was also much honored; for instance, in Vienna I had to lodge with Princess Khevenhüller in her palace, in Fiume in the house of Excellency the Governor General, Count Szápáry, who had a special ticket on the boat reserved for me, and proved to be an ardent friend of our small Congregation. In thanksgiving for all the blessings received, I visited the holy shrine of Loreto.

However, in Torri I found that the superior, Sister Theodora [Geser], had again fled to Switzerland. She was dismissed on **August 29, 1900**. – For now I appointed Sister Cecilia as the superior – and found everything in good order there.⁴⁰⁸

In the evening of **September 18**, I arrived back in Rome.

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24. The good Sisters had prepared a hearty welcome for me, and on **September 24**, we had a lovely celebration of my nameday,

⁴⁰⁷ *M. Mary to Sister Clara, Rev. Father Bonaventura, the Assistants, etc.*, SHS 2.15/1, September 7, 1900, p. 125.

⁴⁰⁸ *M. Mary to „Dear Sisters“*, SHS 2.15/1, September 16, 1900, p. 143.

with many gifts. Also Ven. Father and Rev. Father Bonaventura had the kindness to come, as well as our zealous Rev. Father Thomas.

27. I had the joy to bring to the Rev. Fathers of the First Order, seven Spanish pilgrim priests (they had asked me for information). They, and several priests from Westphalia, often came to celebrate Holy Mass here. Our house also is again filled with women pilgrims – one of the first to come was Countess Blangy (Meran).

22. Candidate Hulda Weber arrived – 50 years old – from Rheydt, near Mönchengladbach. (She had been in Rome in May and asked for admission).

6. Three [candidates] arrived.⁴⁰⁹

In the beginning of September, the Most Rev. Bishop⁴¹⁰ of Caltanissetta gave our Sisters there the honor of his visit and showed himself a good friend.

On **July 30**, to our great sorrow, Sister Benedikta [*Ruderich*] died of tuberculosis in Asia – Shillong.

On **August 21**, in the same house, Sister Xaveria [*Förstera*] followed her in death of the same sickness.

On **September 24**, the good Superior, Sister Augusta [*Burkhard*], in Drogens, Switzerland, died of tuberculosis; a short time before, she had still enjoyed being together with the Sisters.

Oct.

During the month of **October**, we again had many women pilgrims, sixteen, mainly from Munich and Bavaria, also a Countess Blangy (from Paris) coming from Meran. Several visiting priests, especially from Westphalia, celebrated Holy Mass here, and Rev. Capuchin Father Cyrillus (from Würzburg) also gave us a homily. The Rev. Brothers gave lodging to about 150 pilgrims.⁴¹¹

⁴⁰⁹ On October 5, 1900, three Candidates entered: Katharina Benz, Maria Hirt, and Martina Wetzel. cf. p. 78, under October 5.

⁴¹⁰ Bishop Ignazio Zuccaro (1896-1906)

⁴¹¹ cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 216, 257f

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Sisters Kunigunda and Coelestina returned.

18. Sister Valentina was sent to Torri. -----

24. - Coelestina - - Tivoli. -----⁴¹²

On the 24, to our great sorrow, our good Sister Juliana [*Elgas*] died of tuberculosis, after having been bedridden for three months. With the permission of His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar,⁴¹³ Holy Communion was brought to her four times a week (twice without her fasting). She was always very edifying. – She died after having received general absolution and the papal blessing. She renewed her holy vows forever and was surrounded by Rev. Father Thomas and many Sisters, particularly by Rev. Mother x

[at the bottom of the page, M. Mary wrote "by me" to indicate that she included herself as being present.]

31. Sister Bonaventura, superior, returned according to the Professor's⁴¹⁴ wish, who wanted to have Sister Claveria as superior. Sister Alexia stayed there as assistant.

12. Hedwig Mordeja from Ratibor entered today as a postulant.

22. Miss Anna Tetzl from Neisse entered today as postulant.

5. Today Katharina Benz, Maria Hirth and Martina Wetzel from Baden (Bräunlingen) entered here. The mother of the two Benz sisters⁴¹⁵ stayed with us as pilgrim for one week and was very satisfied.

25. Miss Höffler, a teacher from Vienna, came today as a pilgrim.

29. Sister Ida went back to Drognens.

I had many visitors from Neuwerk, including some well-known ladies of the nobility.

⁴¹² Sister Coelestina was sent to Tivoli. For the same words, M. Mary just made lines.

⁴¹³ The new Cardinal Vicar, His Eminence Pietro Respighi

⁴¹⁴ Prof. Marocco in the Marocco Clinic, Rome

⁴¹⁵ Katharina and Anna: Sisters Augusta and Clementine Benz.

Today I also was for a long time with His Excellency, the Archbishop of Cologne, Archbishop Simar (who is lodging at the Anima). His Grace was very friendly – he remembered also my Neuwerk, where the mission house Steyl was supposed to move in 1875.

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2. Today, here in Rome, Rev. Father Thomas conducted the ceremony of investment in a particularly beautiful way for Sister Alfonsa Franke, Sister Emilia Schröder, Sister Othmara Scheffer, Sister Dorothea Schaub, Sister Xaveria Amrhein (all of the Queen of All Saints).

In the afternoon, I traveled to Tivoli with them, and on the morning of **November 3, 1900**, during Holy Mass at Communion time, Sister Katharina [*Schubert*] made vows for one year, in the presence of her Rev. Brother, Father Filibertus,⁴¹⁶ of our Society, First Order. Afterwards, I traveled back with her to Rome. (I also introduced all the Sisters to the Most Rev. Bishop who was very pleased.)

November 6 – With permission from His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar Respighi, Sister Clara Krauer made her perpetual vows this morning at 9:30, in the presence of our Ven. Father, who gave a touching sermon.

9. Today, three other teachers from Austria came to lodge here (the men teachers with the Rev. Brothers). As representatives of the Association of Catholic Teachers, they are to have a private audience with the Holy Father.

Rev. Kirchler, who now celebrated his First Holy Mass, assured me that now and always he will remember our foundation in Transylvania where he is to be transferred, to work under the Most Rev. Bishop Count Mailloth.

15. Today a strong, young girl from Bamberg entered – Margaretha Scheller.

⁴¹⁶ Father Felisberto (Philibertus) Schubert, SDS

(I accompanied her to the train.)⁴¹⁷

16. Last night at 12:00 o'clock, Sister Clara traveled to Naples, in order to go to America⁴¹⁸ to make visitation in my name in Milwaukee and St. Nazianz. – Afterwards she is to stay there for some time, as a Commissary or Provincial Superior.⁴¹⁹

18. Today I went to see the Most Rev. Archbishop of Calcutta, Baron Gothaels, whose acquaintance I had made already in 1852 in Liège – in the house of Madame de Bellefroid.⁴²⁰ He placed on my head a crown, which I hung on the cross.

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Today I – we – also received the blessing of the Superior General of the Jesuit Fathers.

21. Today the following renewed vows for three years in the presence of Rev. Father Thomas: Sisters Cecilia, Rosa, Lucia, Hyazintha, Konrada – at 5:00 in the afternoon.

23. Sisters Cecilia and Rosa went back to Torri. Sister Paula returns here. Sister Lidwina is now the cook in the Clinic.

Dec.

8. From **December 1-8**, Rev. Father Thomas preached a beautiful retreat for us.

On **December 8**, the lovely feast, and the anniversary of our foundation, we all renewed our holy vows before the uplifted

⁴¹⁷ The sentence belongs to the next paragraph. As there was a free space, M. Mary inserted her afterthought here.

⁴¹⁸ There were difficulties in America. Mother Mary would have liked to go herself to America for visitation, but Father Jordan considered this as not advisable, due to her situation of health. cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 28, 34, 124; and *M. Mary to Sister Apollonia*, SHS 2.15/1, June 28, 1900, p. 73.

⁴¹⁹ Here, for the first time, there is mention of a division into Commissariats or Provinces.

⁴²⁰ Justine de Bellefroid was Mother Mary's school companion in the boarding school in Liège.

Sacred Host = All repeated after me: forever. Before and afterwards, Father Thomas gave a touching sermon.

10. Today I left for Sicily with Sister Petronilla, and then brought Sister Filippina back with me. (On the way there, we also visited Our Lady of Pompei and the ancient ruins.) Through the kindness of His Eminence, Prince Cardinal Nava, who gave us a special blessing, we were able to stay with the Sisters of St. Vincent, both coming and going. (The Bishop's Secretary, Msgr. Ganganelli himself, accompanied us there and brought us back again.) In Campobello I found much edification and consolation. Everything was in a better condition than I had thought. The good Rev. founders there had been praying publicly already for quite some time in the Lourdes Church of the Sisters for a safe journey and praise Mary for it. The whole day long many visitors came to the convent to greet me and to bring gifts: handkerchiefs, flower bouquets, etc. (On December 22, I was back home again.)

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The Sisters do much good there.

26. Today I went to Tivoli for two days. We had solemn Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve – also the New Year Mass during the night, and then exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 12:00 noon. His Eminence, Cardinal Vicar Respighi, was very kind and promised to come to visit us.

29. Today I went to Torri for three days. I found everything in better order than before; many children; a Crib and a Christmas tree in the Sisters' place.

When I came home from Sicily, the good Sisters here had decorated everything very beautifully.

6. Miss Amanda Minges from Speyer, 18 years old, joined us today. Thank God.

From the missions everywhere we have good news. Sister Clara gave her first chapter on December 14, in America, Milwaukee, and began her office in earnest.

On November 24, Sisters Margaretha and Mechthildis boarded ship in New York for Rome.

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6. This morning the two good Sisters from America arrived.

12. Today Rev. Father Thomas went to Torri for the first time, with a return ticket, to hear the Sisters' confessions, and to give them a conference. This was a great joy for them.

18. Today good Rev. Father Thomas left; he visited first the Sisters in Budapest. (We and everybody hope that this good and zealous priest will return soon⁴²¹ – we pray for this intention.)

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29. Today, our dear Ven. Father and Founder received the perpetual vows of Sister Bonaventura (with permission of His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar). He spoke beautifully about the apostolic spirit, about loyalty and love for the Society in this century, dedicated to the Divine Savior, and about loyalty, especially to the first superiors. – Thank God.

Feb.

7. Today our Ven. Father invested the first six novices here in Rome. They received the names:⁴²² Sisters Benedikta, Augusta, Angela, Wyborada, Anastasia, Fabiola (all of the Presentation of Mary). Ven. Father's words were again very touching. What beautiful and holy days!

8. With these six Sisters and Sister Bonaventura, I went to Tivoli today. I appointed Sister Bonaventura as Vicaress and Novice Mistress there. The same afternoon there was the profession of

⁴²¹ Father Thomas Weigang SDS was a widower and a late vocation to the priesthood. He could deal with the concerns of the Sisters especially well. At this time, however, he was considering a transfer to the Diocese of Luxembourg. cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p.147-149

⁴²² Sisters Benedikta Weber, Augusta Benz, Angela Hirt, Wyborada Wetzell, Anastasia Mordeja, Fabiola Kerzel.

vows by the three oldest novices⁴²³ (through Rev. Father Superior Barnabas).

10. On February 10, I went back to Rome with the three Sisters. In Tivoli we had the grace of a long visit by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Bishop, as well as that of Prince Massimo with his Consort and sister-in-law, two Spanish Princesses.

9. On this day Sister Nicoletta happily returned (with her sister) – she had been very homesick for us.

Sister Liboria, formerly Vicarress in Tivoli, had to break her retreat because of illness; she started again on **February 15**, and on the

24, she had the great grace of making her perpetual vows in the presence of our Ven. Father.

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1. From today on, Sisters Paula and Filippina were constantly nursing sick ladies in the city.

18. This evening Giuseppina Flumeri⁴²⁴ re-entered as candidate (an exception).

22. Today Miss Justina Leuner (Würzburg) entered here (recommended by Sister Evangelista, in Assam).

1. On this day, Sister Raphaela, the former superior in Milwaukee, arrived in Uniontown as a sixth Sister (because she desired to go there).

The Scheffer family came from Sundern (Westphalia) to Rome – they paid Sister Alberta's trip to Sundern before she leaves for America.

17. I was for two days in Tivoli – everything is fine there.

⁴²³ Sisters Martina Söllner, Valeria Behr, Genovefa Walenko.

⁴²⁴ Giuseppina, formerly Sister Marcella Flumeri had left on February 10, 1900, after two years of temporary vows. Her re-entrance is registered under March 19, 1901,

April

On the **8**, I went again to Tivoli with Sister Alberta, where she saw her sister for the last time. (On Easter Day, sad to say, good Sister Fabiola had a stroke during the walk; now she is better again.)

10. Today Sisters Alberta, Katharina, and Kunigunda traveled home on return tickets. Together with the two others they will then leave from Naples.

13. Today I was in Torri for three days, where I found the three Sisters well and everything better than formerly.

15. Today Sister Nicoletta traveled home again for a change of climate. She feels the air of Rome is harming her.

22. Today I had to write a recommendation for a charitable work, which is being founded in Pesaro. (Many Cardinals, and Ven. Father, etc., etc., have also written.

28. Margit Szalay, our first Hungarian Candidate, arrived here – good.

May

⁴²⁵**21.** Today we received a very great blessing = the Holy Father sent a special blessing to our Ven. Father and Founder, and praise for him and for us, his Sisters, who were especially mentioned.⁴²⁶

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5. Today, thank God, Rev. Father Thomas finally came back, after four months of absence.

4. This evening Anna Gutschera arrived from Württemberg. (She had traveled with Rev. Father Thomas as far as Torri.)

On May 7, the seventh candidate, Augusta Franke (Westphalia) arrived here. She arrived with Sisters Alberta, Katharina, and Kunigunda who were returning.

⁴²⁵ There is a number sign (#) in the outer margin.

⁴²⁶ cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 35

10. This afternoon I went with the candidate from Pest to visit the Rev. Hirschler, also from Pest, at the German College.⁴²⁷ Father was very happy, and encouraged her very much.

13. Today Sister Helene returned after an absence of almost 11 months. (Every time she wanted to come, she fell sick.) - There always arose an obstacle.

April 22 – Today, in our chapel, we were able to celebrate the First Holy Communion of a young lady of 20 years.⁴²⁸ (Rev. Father Gaspare gave the homily.) She was an actress and confessed to be happy for the first time today.

5. Today, thank God, Rev. Father Thomas finally came back, after an absence of four months.⁴²⁹

On **May 6**, also Rev. Father Jöhren⁴³⁰ came to see us. He had been, for a long time, the director of our Sisters in Uniontown (America).

7. A German lady from Wiesbaden died in the Clinic during the month of May. She was a Protestant and always had a deaconess with her. Her corpse was clothed with a magnificent white dress, and placed in four different coffins, and sent to Heidelberg and there, sadly, she was cremated according to her wish. In her last moments she still prayed a Hail Mary!!! (Her funeral cost 5000 Mark)

⁴²⁷ As Father Jordan, so Mother Mary was happy to receive Candidates from all nations, and she was eager that they could have spiritual accompaniment and encouragement in their own language.

⁴²⁸ She was prepared by Sister Nazarena Coianti; *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 117, April 18, 1901; orig. APS E 692.

⁴²⁹ Mother Mary was so happy about it, that she noted this fact twice in her diary.

⁴³⁰ Father Anton Jöhren, had made profession in the Catholic Teaching Society on April 13, 1884, as Frater Benedictus, and had left on January 1, 1886. As priest in the United States, he greatly supported Father Jordan's concerns. cf. *The Moment of Grace*, Chronicles (Society) USA, Part I, p. 7ff.

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5. Today Sister Coelestina made her perpetual vows in the presence of Ven. Father, and Sister Clementine renewed her vows for three years. The same evening, the five Sisters left for America, via Naples. They were: Sisters Alberta, Konrada, Katharina, Jakoba, Kunigunda. (They all arrived safely on **May 18.**⁴³¹)

13. To my regret we had to give notice to Countess Györy in Budapest,⁴³² since the Carmelite Superior, Father Sóos,⁴³³ did not agree well with the Countess, and he now has the Sisters alone.

14. Today, Rev. Keller, missionary in Texas, celebrated Holy Mass here. He had a black server at Mass.

20. Miss Lais came to stay here as a guest.

24. Today we had to let Sister Helene [*Wrzodek*] go back to Silesia. (She did not want to eat and was physically and spiritually completely run down.)

July

2. Sister Juliana Scheller⁴³⁴ and Sister Felicitas Minges were invested here today by Ven. Father. He wanted to leave for London the same evening for a new foundation.

3. Today, the Rev. Father Superior⁴³⁵ in Tivoli received the holy vows of Sisters Marcella [*Wunner*] and Verena [*Schmid*]. The following day I took these two along to Rome. -

6. Today the foundation in Vedegheto near Bologna was offered us again. (I should come and have a look at it once. They are willing to pay my travel expenses).

⁴³¹ Correct: *June 18*

⁴³² cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 40, and p. 162f; and Letter by S. Hilaria Poetsch to Mother Mary, Budapest, March 25, 1901, ASDS

⁴³³ Father Sóos, cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father* SHS 2.16/1, Letter 117, of April 18, 1901, orig. APS E 692.

⁴³⁴ cf. *M. Mary to Sister* Viktoria Steuer, SHS 2.15/1, May 20, 1901, p.157

⁴³⁵ Father Barnabas Borchert, SDS

24. Today I started out for Drognens, Vienna, Pest, Muraszombat. (I also stopped at the Marian College at Lochau.) Everywhere I found everything in best religious order.

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In Vienna we were offered, through the Countess, a foundation for nursing, (in Hietzing) Fünfkirchen, then a distinguished sanatorium near Mödling. (I went with Sister Germana to look at it.) I also visited the large and beautiful mission house St. Gabriel.

In Muraszombat Countess Szápáry still offered us the hospital. I went with her to see it.

In Bologna I especially called on Abbess Respighi⁴³⁶ (St. Catarina), who showed herself very interested in a foundation in Vedegheto. (I stayed with the family of one of the Poor Clares.) In Morzambatte,⁴³⁷ I was met by coach – then on, over the stones, with two oxen. In the coach sat three ladies to accompany me. A cleric walked beside the vehicle all the time. – The Rev. Archpriest came walking toward us as far as half an hour's walk. (It took one hour.) There I was welcomed most cordially. (Once I played the organ for High Mass.) During his sermon, the Archpriest mentioned my arrival and the foundation. I was extremely edified there – I stayed for three days. May Jesus grant us to do good there!

Aug.

2. Today Sister Hyazintha [*Löhlein*] died; she had been bedridden for six months.

Sept. 9 Today I arrived in Rome again – Thanks be to God.

15. The Sisters celebrated the feast of the Holy Name of Mary very beautifully.

⁴³⁶ Possibly a relative of the new Cardinal Vicar, Pietro Respighi.

⁴³⁷ The original can also be read: Marzambatte, but M. Mary probably means Marzabotto, (Bologna).

On **September 9**, Sister Raphaela came safely back from America.⁴³⁸

August 19 Sister Clara returned *[from the USA]* by way of Germany – she stayed there for some time and in Switzerland.

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26. Elise Lotti joined us today; she was formerly with us in Capolago; 29 years old,⁴³⁹ very good.

29. Today, someone offered us the Jesuit Villa Cecchini.

October 8. Today the following entered with us: Josefa Maas, Elise Kemper, and Wilhelmina Mertens, (Diocese of Münster).

7. Today, for the first time, I went with Sister Johanna to see Villa Cecchini and the lower house. (On **October 5**, I had talked the matter over with Rev. Father Gualanti in Santo Spirito.)

17. Our former Sister Michaela arrived here unexpectedly – wanted to enter. (I put her with the Gray Sisters to look for work.)

18. Today Aloisia Diegmann⁴⁴⁰ entered (Province Saxony).

21. I had a long conversation with the Most Rev. Bishop Dingelstädt from Münster.

25. Emilia Minges (from Speyer) arrived here. (She is the sister of Sister Felicitas.)

22. I made a contract for us with Dr. Costantini (it is canonical).

26. Today Sister Claveria traveled to Montepulciano for a rest with the family of the Professor. She returned on **November 9**.

Today Sister Helene finally returned from Ratibor, with two candidates: Ida Krause and Maria Gabriel.

⁴³⁸ In the margin it says August 9.

⁴³⁹ She was almost 32 years old.

⁴⁴⁰ The name should read: Aloisia *Steinberg*. Josepha *Diegmann*, [Sister Lidwina] had entered on January 5, 1895.

30. For the second time I went to inspect the Villa; this time with Sister Elisabeth.

12. I was in Torri where I talked with the Sisters as well as with His Eminence, Cardinal Mocenni – everything there is fine. (I had already been in Tivoli earlier, and had found everything in good order.)

Nov.

2. Ven. Father invested here: Sister Perpetua Flumeri,⁴⁴¹ Sister Hyacintha Leuner, Sister Jolan Szalay, Sister Magdalena Franke.

3. Today in Tivoli, the following made vows for one year: Sisters Alfonsa, Emilia, Othmara, Dorothea and Xaveria (in the presence of Rev. Father Barnabas). Afterwards I returned to Rome with the five Sisters. Good Anna Gutschera developed a fever – and can be invested here only later.

5. Today the Jesuit Father Raliani?⁴⁴² gave us the honor of his visit; he is the Rector of the American College here

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and superior in Villa Cecchini.

Nov.

9. Today we had the same honor and pleasure. (He told us that our Ven. Father is negotiating with the Jesuit Provincial here regarding the Villa.) (On September 15, Rev. Father Thomas told me: "a Rev. Father ?⁴⁴³ talked to me about a house for you.")

October 15, St. Theresa – Rev. Father Bonaventura wrote me an agreement of himself and Ven. Father for the purchase of the Villa for us – Thanks be to God! May Mary help.

⁴⁴¹ Sister's previous name, Marcella, had been given to another novice in July 1900. Sister Perpetua will make vows in November 1902, and remain in the Congregation till 1920. cf. also *Memories*, SHS 3.1, D, p.356.

⁴⁴² The question mark is M. Mary's.

⁴⁴³ So in the original.

Nov.

13. Today my good Sisters here quietly celebrated the 25th anniversary of the day of my final departure from Papa and my beautiful family castle with its chapel. At the time I had bought the convent Neuwerk, the former Benedictine Abbey, in order to begin a foundation for missionary Sisters following the advice of the Papal Prelate, Msgr. von Essen. Till holy obedience called me to Holy Rome.

23. Today Hedwig Sikierka entered – pious.

November 26. Today⁴⁴⁴, Elisabeth Lindgen, sister of Rev. Father Marcellus,⁴⁴⁵ entered.

29. Today, Candidate Gutschera, who is now well, was finally invested by Ven. Father with the name of Sister Rosalia.

Dec.

11. At last Sister Clara came back safely from America, via Switzerland.

12. Retreat began here, conducted by Rev. Father Thomas, till **December 19.**

November 30, On the Feast of St. Andrew, Sister Elisabeth and I visited Subiaco from Tivoli. We walked up to the two monasteries of St. Scholastica and St. Benedict – high up on the mountain: six hours, always over stony paths. In the convents, solitude and penance. (For the whole time, we took neither food nor rest.)

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5. Today Elise Wetzel (Baden) entered here.⁴⁴⁶

3. Mrs. Zöllner came again to be our guest for a fortnight.

⁴⁴⁴ According to the Profession Book, the entrance date is December 5, 1901.

⁴⁴⁵ Father Marcellus Lindgen, SDS

⁴⁴⁶ Sister Wyborada Wetzel's sister Elisabeth; according to the Profession Book she entered on November 26, 1901.

28. Today Ven. Father came to receive the perpetual vows of Sister Mechthildis Klug and Margaretha Tritschler, and the vows for one year of Sister Bonifatia.

30. I went to Tivoli for one day.

31. Sister Helene Wrzodek was dismissed today.⁴⁴⁷

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1. Today Sister Raphaela traveled home to take a necessary rest.

18. I went to Torri with Sister Johanna.

30. Sister Alexia traveled home, from there to Vienna – at the beginning of March.

Feb.

3. Sister Aloysia Fischer was urgently called home by her brother.

2. In Drognens Sister Thekla made perpetual vows, and Sister Gregoria vows for 3 years.

3. Sister Martha made perpetual vows, with great solemnity, and Sister Petronilla made vows for one year.

10. Sister Germana made her perpetual vows in Pest.

7. In the presence of Ven. Father, Sister Innocenza (who was carried downstairs), and Sister Lidwina made their perpetual vows.

The following were invested: Suora Zita⁴⁴⁸, Mathilda, Angelika, Ludgeria (the first from Milano, the three from Westphalia), Sister Theodora (Saxony), Amalia (Speyer), Sisters Edmunda and Leonia (Silesia).

Vows for two years: Sisters Martina, Valeria, Genovefa.

Then they traveled with me to Tivoli.⁴⁴⁹

⁴⁴⁷ Sister Helene had been home for the last six months; she did not make perpetual vows.

⁴⁴⁸ Sisters Zita Lotti, Mathilda Maas, Angelika Kemper, Ludgeria Mertens, Theodora Steinberg, Amalia Minges, Edmunda Krause, and Leonia Gabriel.

⁴⁴⁹ The remark refers to the newly invested sisters, who were going to Tivoli for their novitiate.

8. There, on the following day, Sisters Benedikta [*Weber*], Augusta [*Benz*], Wyborada [*Wetzel*], Angela [*Hirt*], Anastasia [*Mordeja*], Fabiola [*Kerzel*] made vows for one year, before Rev. Father Barnabas.

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9.⁴⁵⁰ They went to Rome with me.

10. Today Sister Dorothea left for Vienna.

11. Today Sister Petronilla arrived with Postulant Carmela,⁴⁵¹ who has already made a period of candidature in Campobello.

20. Today Sister Verena traveled to Campobello.

24. Today Sister Germana arrived here from Pest, where she had made her holy vows.

26. Our good faithful Sister Innocenza [*Zimmermann*] died today, as serene as an angel. Already on March 1, I had a cross erected over her grave.

March

3. Today I received the blessing of the Most Rev. Bishop of Liège (he sent me also a card).

9. Sister Calasanza came back from Vienna.

10. We had the honor of a visit by the Rev. Father de Mandato, SJ, concerning the work of the Fides Society in Rome.

28. We had a long audience with His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar.

April

3. My dear niece, Paula von Böselager,⁴⁵² came for a fortnight, by way of Spain and Africa, the ocean, and Naples. (She took many photographs herself.)

⁴⁵⁰ In the original, the date is preceded by a small upward stroke, so that it can wrongly be read "19".

⁴⁵¹ The future Sister Crocifissa Amone.

⁴⁵² cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, p. 126

9. Sister Bonifatia traveled home for a rest.

17. Together with Sister Clara, I spoke with the Most Rev. Auxiliary Bishop of Lucerne, Msgr. Segers, regarding a foundation in Switzerland (Lucerne).

16. Christina Burkhardt (Speyer) entered here.

19. With the Sisters from Torri, I went to Narni to bring them to a confessor there among our German Fathers. (We left in the morning at 4:00 and came back the same evening at 10:00.) We also were received by the Most Rev. Bishop.

24. Sister Liboria traveled to her home and from there to America.

30. Sister Genovefa went to Pest to do nursing there.

May

6. Elise Stahl (Würzburg – Lengfeld) entered here.

June

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Sisters Paula, Filippina, and Nazarena are always much in demand for home nursing in the city. –

Also this year we have the grace to see the Holy Father several times.

May

11. Today we had the honor and the grace of a visit by the Most Rev. Archbishop of Milwaukee. He brought along the Spiritual Director of the Notre Dame Sisters, Msgr. Abele from Milwaukee, and the Rev. Pastor of the Polish immigrants there, Rev. Grucka. A little later we had the joy to have the good and proficient mother of our zealous Rev. Father Pancratius Maria here as guest for ten days.

May 17, today, Anna Kyzewska from the Diocese of Culm entered here – 25 years old – speaks only Polish well.

20. Today the Passionist Fathers began a ten days" mission in the church of Santo Spirito – with great zeal, touching scenes, and many conversions.

11. Sisters Lioba, Adelheid, Apollonia, and Ludmilla made perpetual vows in St. Nazianz.

June

9. Today the following Sisters made perpetual vows here, into the hands of our Ven. Father: Sisters Johanna, Crescentia, Lucia, Nazarena, Filippina and Sister Cecilia, superior in Torri. Sister Theresia made temporary vows. During the preceding retreat, Rev. Father Gualanti, a Jesuit, gave two Italian conferences a day, (completely following the Ignatian method). Ven. Father also spoke Italian on **June 9, 1902**.

18. Today, the following traveled to America: Sisters Liboria, Lidwina (Uniontown),⁴⁵³ Sisters Germana, Othmara, and Wyborada (Milwaukee).

21. The former Sister Aloysia [*Fischer*] was dismissed, after we had much trouble because of her!!!

25. Today Sisters Margaretha and Michaela traveled to Budapest – to do nursing – now there are six Sisters there.

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2. Sisters Juliana and Felicitas renewed their holy vows (for one year).⁴⁵⁴

3. Sister Marcella was invested (that is, made first vows)⁴⁵⁵ in Tivoli.

5. Sister Valentina returned to Torri, healed of her cough.

4. Elisabeth Reichmann, Diocese of Trier, about 30 years of age,⁴⁵⁶ entered here.

⁴⁵³ cf. *M. Mary to Sister Carolina Dingler*, SHS 2.15/1, February 25, 1902; p. 183

⁴⁵⁴ The number 2 is written above Sister Juliana's name, number 3 above that of Sister Felicitas.

⁴⁵⁵ S. Marcella Wunner renewed her vows on July 2, 1902.

⁴⁵⁶ not quite 28 years old

6. Almost all Sisters had the grace to see the Holy Father in the Belvedere Court, in the Vatican. Thank God!

27. I started my visitation travels – till September 22.⁴⁵⁷ I visited Switzerland, Vienna, Pest, Muraszombat, Torri, Tivoli. (I found all the Sisters animated by holy zeal, and our works progressing.) I also visited Meran, where I found much edification from our Rev. Brothers, and Assisi, where I venerated all the holy places. (There I met Rev. Father Hilarius, who is well known to me (Friar Minor), a friend of Msgr. von Essen, Neuwerk.

Aug.

On the **16th** of this month, Sister Christina traveled to America, in order to contribute to the new foundation Luxemburg / St. Nazianz. (She started on **September 1**. Already on **September 22**, Sister Christina passed the English language examination and was appointed to the town school.) Sister Liboria, the superior, together with Sister Columba, teach in the elementary school; Sister Lidwina is in the kitchen.

Oct.

On **October 2**, a young teacher from Noto entered: Rosina Bufardeci. She came together with the Rev. Fathers who were called to the First General Chapter,⁴⁵⁸ Rev. Father Superior Bruno Dempf, and Rev. Father Alexander⁴⁵⁹ – zealous priests.

5. The assembled General Chapter (26 Rev. Fathers from all the foundations of the Order) unanimously re-elected Ven. Father and Founder as their Superior General for his lifetime. In the evening, while the Angelus bell rang, the voting was completed. I was allowed to be present for the Te Deum and the Magnificat with the Rev. Brothers, also at the end, on October 19. The Chapter, therefore, took two weeks. The same evening,

5. of the first day of the Chapter, Ven. Father received the perpetual vows of Sister Valentina and gave an extraordinarily

⁴⁵⁷ It is difficult to read September

⁴⁵⁸ It was held in Rome from October 5, 1902 to October 19, 1902; cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 53f and p.196-202

⁴⁵⁹ Father Alexander Treitingner, SDS

ardent sermon about loyalty and love of the Cross, and asked us to pray for him.

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Oct.

On **October 15**, Therese Hellmann from Mittelfranken (Bavaria) entered here. She is 18 years of age.

22. Maria Wermter, Ermland, 18 years,⁴⁶⁰ entered.

25. At last Sister Nicoletta came back, accompanied by her confessor, (St. Elia, Monte Cassino.)

31. Three candidates arrived from Bamberg⁴⁶¹ – Barbara Scheller, Anna Wurm, Agnes Bauernschmitt.

Nov.

2. The following were invested today by Ven. Father: Sister Aloysia Burkhardt, Sister Innocenza Stahl, Sister Helena (Polish) [*Kyzewska*], Sister Huberta Reichmann; and Sisters Alfonsa, Emilia, and Xaveria renewed their vows for one year. The first four then went with me to Tivoli.

3. Today, first holy vows in Tivoli: Sisters Perpetua [*Flumeri*], Hyacintha [*Leuner*], Jolan [*Szalay*], Magdalena [*Franke*]. – Afterwards they came here with me.

On **November 29**, Sister Rosalia made her vows in Tivoli – then she came here with me. The same evening, the retreat started here, preached by Rev. Fr. Thomas.

On **November 11**, for the first time there was secret voting with tokens for the first vows of Sister Rosalia, and for the final vows of Sister Rosa. (From then on, this was always done in these two cases).

21. Today Miss Helene Vaahsen arrived from very near my home, (a friend of Sister Benedikta Weber).

⁴⁶⁰ 20 years old

⁴⁶¹ *Mother Mary to Sister Agatha Mangold*, SHS 2.15/1, November 11, 1902, p. 215.

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8. Colomba Foglietti (from the vicinity of Rieti) arrived here.⁴⁶²
5. Rosalia Bittner arrived here from Central Silesia.
8. Sister Rosa made her perpetual vows here, into the hands of Ven. Father.
13. Louise Pingel from Sundern arrived here.
19. Miss Mathilde Hohmann (Ermland), arrived here.
28. Today Sister Bonifatia [*Rother*], who was at home, was dismissed.⁴⁶³
30. For the last time, probably, I had a long talk with the Most Rev. Bishop Monti who was transferred from Tivoli to Chile as Nuntius.

When, at Christmas, I called on their Eminences the Cardinal Vicar and Eminence Parocchi, with one of the assistants, the latter said to me: "*E' mia consolazione che le ho fatto venire a Roma*" – poi: "*fate fondazioni in Italia*"⁴⁶⁴ And, what grief, three weeks later His Eminence died.

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2. Our dear little Sister Petronilla Maira died (heart disease). Before receiving holy Viaticum she still very touchingly begged everyone's pardon in front of the Sacred Host.
9. From Vienna the following entered: Miss Hanusch,⁴⁶⁵ 20 years of age, and Miss Maria Wenzl, 37 years of age – very unassuming.
8. Sister Angela traveled to our hospital in Vienna.
18. Sister Bernarda returned from Vienna suffering from a disease in her knee.

⁴⁶² *Mother Mary to Sister Thekla Ziesel*, SHS 2.15/1, November 12, 1902, p. 221.

⁴⁶³ *Mother Mary to Sister Agatha Mangold* SHS 2.15/1, November 11, 1902, p. 215.

⁴⁶⁴ "It is my consolation that I let you come to Rome." *and then*: "Make foundations in Italy."

⁴⁶⁵ Josephine Hanusch; and Maria Wenzl, 39 years

23. Good Postulant Agata Hall from Baden arrived here.

23. Today, feast of the betrothal of our Lady, I accepted the foundation in Schwanenkirchen⁴⁶⁶ in Bavaria.⁴⁶⁷

Feb.

7. Today Ven. Father invested here: Sisters Norberta Bufardecì, Eufrosina Wermter, Luitgardis Hellmann, Petronilla Scheller, Sofia Wurm, Melania Bauernschmitt; and Sisters Benedikta, Augusta, Anastasia, and Fabiola renewed for one year. Perpetual vows: Sister Calasanza Görden; and Sister Nicoletta Gargano also renewed for one year. In Tivoli the following Sisters took vows for one year

9. in the presence of Rev. Father Hilarius Gog, General Consultor, who had come from Rome: Sisters Zita [*Lotti*], Mathilda [*Maas*], Angelika [*Kemper*], Ludgeria [*Mertens*], Theodora [*Grandinger*], Amalia [*Minges*], Edmunda [*Krause*], and Leonia [*Gabriel*].
(I brought the six novices there, and the latter eight back with me.)

19. Anna Dengler and Maria Linz, both from Bamberg, entered here today.

March

2. Emilie Wilpert from Ratibor entered here.

The same day, six lady pilgrims came to stay with us. Two of them are from Berlin, and three are my relatives, namely: Elfriede von Brenken,⁴⁶⁸ Therese von Beverförde, Agnes von Fürstenberg; and one from Bonn.

3. On **March 3**, together with our guests, I had the grace to see the Holy Father in St. Peter's.

4. Today Sister Theodora traveled to Drogens.

⁴⁶⁶ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 130, March 13, 1903; orig. APS E 704.

⁴⁶⁷ Up to here, the notes were written in black ink; now they continue in blue ink.

⁴⁶⁸ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 129, March 6, 1903, orig. APS E 703.

17. Count Galen came to see me with his consort and two Baronesses, and after that twice more – a very noble-minded, pious family.

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21. Miss Jöbges from Rheidt joined us today.⁴⁶⁹

16. I arranged the new chapel⁴⁷⁰ and the refectory etc. in Tivoli; renting the first in addition (Count Pace).

21. Today, a lot was purchased for us in Pest for the construction of a convent – (donations).⁴⁷¹

April

3. I went to see a new house fitting for us here at Salita Sant'Onofrio, No. 11.⁴⁷² – Thank God!

4. We accepted twelve pilgrims, women teachers, as guests;⁴⁷³ they will also have their meals here. At the same time we gave meals to twenty women teachers from Berlin. For seven days they used our refectory three times daily – (We ate earlier.)

9. We accepted twelve ladies from Württemberg as guests. Twelve other ladies also took their meals here (but upstairs).

12. Today, on the Feast of Easter, the following Sisters left for Sicily to establish a new foundation there, St. Rosolini near Noto: Sister Zita, Superior, Sisters Marcella and Hyacintha. (The most Rev. Bishop and the Salvatorian Fathers – Rev. Father Bruno Dempf, wanted them to come.) On April 16, they made their all too

⁴⁶⁹ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 132, March 23, 1903, orig. APS E 705.

⁴⁷⁰ The small Church of St. Anthony the Hermit; cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 129, March 6, 1903, orig. APS E 703.

⁴⁷¹ cf. Sister Hilaria Poetsch's letters to Mother Mary from Budapest of March 1, March 21, and March 29, 1903; ASDS.

⁴⁷² cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 218, 258-262

⁴⁷³ See, also: *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 132, March 23, 1903, APS E 705.

solemn entrance with six coaches, accompanied by the aristocracy, the clergy, the most outstanding citizens, lovely music, etc. Their well-furnished little convent is called St. Catarina.

18. I went to Tivoli. The builders were soon finished with everything.

25. Sister Claveria made perpetual vows, Sister Juliana temporary vows in the presence of Ven. Father; and Angelina Boni from Torri entered. (Ven. Father told me definitely concerning the new house in Rome. On the feast of St. Benedict, April 21, Rev. Father Bonaventura first mentioned it to me – Thank God!⁴⁷⁴)

May

5. My sister, Baroness von Böselager,⁴⁷⁵ was here for ten days and was full of enthusiasm all the time. She also talked to the Holy Father.

22. Msgr. Pifferi, confessor to the Holy Father in the Vatican, confirmed our postulant, now ⁴⁷⁶ Sister Irene Wilpert.

June

4. The following Sisters traveled to American via Naples: Sister Calasanza (who before traveled home alone – Rhineland),

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Sister Juliana, Sister Alfonsa, Sister Magdalena, Sister Mathilda, Sister Xaveria, and Sister Ludgeria. (To Milwaukee four, to Luxemburg two, to Uniontown one). They arrived safely.

Afterwards I was in Torri and Tivoli.

7. Msgr. Blandini, Bishop of Noto, celebrated Holy Mass here.

12. This afternoon, on the Feast of St. Anthony, I went for the first time with Sister Elisabeth to see our large new house: Salita Sant'Onofrio 11.

⁴⁷⁴ Mother Mary did not close the parenthesis.

⁴⁷⁵ Fanny von Böselager, cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, p. 53f

⁴⁷⁶ Mother Mary is writing these points at a later date: Candidate Emilie began her novitiate as Sister Irene on July 2, 1903.

23. Miss V. Fiaccavento from Noto entered today – with high qualifications. (She is older⁴⁷⁷ and from a respected family.)

This week Sister Hilaria passed her Hungarian examination with good results.

29. On the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, we were honored by the one hour-long visit of His Eminence, Cardinal Fischer (who had given me also the pleasure of his visit in my former convent in Neuwerk). In his company were three high-ranking prelates from Cologne and Msgr. Lohinger. His Grace met each Sister individually and said in conclusion: "Mother, I am very satisfied. There is a good spirit here; in particular I see that there is holy poverty."

30. Today, the convent was bought and the first payment made.

July

1. Today⁴⁷⁸ our Ven. Father invested here 13 postulants: Sisters Bonifatia Vaassen, Clotilde Bittner, Gonzaga Foglietti, Severa Pingel, Natalia Hohmann, Afra Hanusch, Eulalia Wenzl, Bibiana Hall, Priska Vaassen, Florentina Dengler, Galla Linz, Irene Wilpert und Sabina Jöbges. – Sister Felicitas renewed her holy vows.

3. Rev. Father Ogerius⁴⁷⁹ received the holy vows of Sisters Basilissa, Eleonora, Irmengardis and Crocifissa. Then I went with them from Tivoli to Rome.

5. Today Sisters Valeria, Basilissa and Crocifissa traveled across the sea to the new foundation:⁴⁸⁰ Sta. Ninfa near Palermo (Sister Martha – from Campobello – is superior there). It is a lovely large convent with boarders and seven nuns of noble background (who spend their last days there). It is a beautiful and difficult work.

⁴⁷⁷ almost 43 years of age.

⁴⁷⁸ The investment was in Rome; in the Profession Book, all are registered as beginning their novitiate on July 2, 1903 in Tivoli.

⁴⁷⁹ Father Ogerio Bartsch, SDS

⁴⁸⁰ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 134, June 2, 1903, orig. APS E 706, and *M. Mary to Sister Xaveria Amrhein*, SHS 2.15/1, August 18, 1903, p. 227.

11. From my sister, Baroness von Böselager, I asked for another 20,000 Mark⁴⁸¹ to pay for the new Motherhouse (she still owed it to me).

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27. This evening, Rev. Father Faust, the director and pastor in Uniontown, arrived here with three American candidates. – Thank God. Their names are: Elise [Elisabeth] Kinzer,⁴⁸² Katy [Katherina] Broenneke, and Johanna Reichert. (The former two have been with our Sisters in Milwaukee for some time, the latter is from Milwaukee – 26 years of age – the other two are young.

July

20. Today our great saintly Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. died!!!⁴⁸³

25. I had the privilege of attending the funeral of the Holy Father late in the evening in St. Peter's. (I had received a ticket from Msgr. de Waal.) There were only a few participants.

28. Today Miss Esser from Reydt entered here. (However, she had to be dismissed again on October 2.)⁴⁸⁴

August

2. On this day I made (renewed) my last will and testament.⁴⁸⁵

⁴⁸¹ cf. Addition to the contract of inheritance division, Peppenhoven, July 14, 1889 and Rome, July 26, 1889, ASDS; cf. *Documents*, SHS 2.12/1, p.283

⁴⁸² 17 years old. *M. Mary to Lizzie*, SHS 2.15/1, January 25, 1902, p. 177

⁴⁸³ He was Pope from 1878 till 1903

⁴⁸⁴ Dismissal registered as of October 1, 1903.

⁴⁸⁵ Since the house was paid from Mother Mary's inheritance, and considered her property, she had to write a codicil to her testament. To this she added the well-known words (in Italian): "*I hope in all humility, that my good Sisters will pray much for me and that they will continue to work zealously for their own sanctification. May they always strive to do real good to their neighbor, adhering to the spirit of the Founder of the Society of the Divine Savior.*" (cf. *Documents* SHS 2.12/1, p.341, orig. Italian). To own a house was considered a condition for its ecclesiastical recognition as motherhouse in Rome.

3. I signed the contract for the purchase of the house in Salita Sant'Onofrio, 11.

3. Sister Theresia was sent to Sta. Ninfa as the 4th Sister.

4. Our beloved H. Father Pius X was elected.

9. I traveled to Drogens⁴⁸⁶ for one month. I went only there in 1903.

Septemb⁴⁸⁷

The fifth foundation was made in America: Whitelaw; the 19th.

13. The feast of the Holy Name of Mary was celebrated beautifully and in a childlike spirit.

27. Today the first three Sisters slept in the Salita Number 11 – Sisters Fabiola, Jolan, and Edmunda – they also clean and do some painting there.

15. On **September 15**, many workmen started remodeling there: on the second floor a chapel out of four rooms, and the refectory, etc. will be enlarged.

October

1. Today good Miss Barbara Bauer (Regensburg) entered – 27 years of age.⁴⁸⁸

6. We gave the authority to sign receipts to Rev. Father Pancratius Maria, who is very zealous for our Motherhouse.

10. Today I was able to make the 2nd payment (the first on **August 3**) – Thanks be to God!⁴⁸⁹

⁴⁸⁶ cf. *M. Mary to Sister Johanna Mai*, SHS 2.15/1, August 27, 1903, p. 229

⁴⁸⁷ Mother Mary's writing is becoming hard to read.

⁴⁸⁸ 31 years of age

⁴⁸⁹ With the words "Thanks be to God" the entries in Mother Mary's own handwriting end; her eyesight was failing, so that she dictated the following entries.

Nov⁴⁹⁰

2. Today for the first time we had the investment and the profession of vows in our new large chapel – by Ven. Father. Perpetual vows: Sister Bernarda. Renewals: Sisters Emilia, Perpetua, Rosalia, Jolan; Invested were: Sisters Flavia [*Boni*], Emanuela [*Fiaccavento*], Sisters Blanche [*Kinzer*], Berchmans [*Broenneke*], Enrika [*Reichert*]. The following made their first vows in Tivoli:⁴⁹¹ Sisters Aloysia, Innocenza, Helena, and Huberta. Their vows were accepted in the name of Rev. Mother.

6. Today entered: Miss Marie Ulrich (Mittelfranken), Jovita Acker (Hohen-

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12. zollern) Micheline Bruno (Noto).

Rev. Father Barnabas came to re-open the Teacher Training College.

26. Miss Barbara Ludwig (from Forchheim) entered.

Decemb.

3. Finally, the large new altar arrived today, a gift from America.

13. Retreat began, conducted by Rev. Father Benno,⁴⁹² former missionary in Colombia.

15. Sister Hilaria came from Budapest to participate in the retreat. She stayed on longer, and helped me as secretary.

24. In fact, as a Christmas gift I again had a sudden diminishment of sight in the other eye. Although I can otherwise see well, I have to refrain from reading and writing. I was told that a cataract is already forming in one eye, and in order to regain normal sight, I should have to undergo an operation some years from now. God's holy will be done in everything!

27. Sister Hilaria and I had the great grace of a private audience with the Holy Father with and through the help of the Most Rev. Bishop Kohl from Budapest and Msgr. Dr. Nemes who arranged

⁴⁹⁰ The following was dictated to Sister Hilaria Poetsch

⁴⁹¹ The novices made their first vows on November 3, 1903.

⁴⁹² Father Benno Melder, SDS

this for us. I was overjoyed to be able to kiss the feet of the Vicar of Christ. I received repeatedly his blessing for the whole Congregation.

28. Our much beloved Holy Father, whom I had already talked to in Venice, (and I was also able to tell him this), had the great kindness to send the Sisters a small barrel of wine from the Papal Gardens. I could hardly believe it, it was such a surprise.

29. Good and friendly Most Rev. Bishop Nemes was so kind to ask us, Sister Hilaria and me, to accompany him to Tivoli. I got the tickets for him and so we traveled there first class. He was very pleased.

30. A very good and modest postulant joined us today: Magdalena Poller from Munich. She is 41 years old. Several years ago she had lodged as a guest in our house, and had taken a liking to us.

May all be done for the greater honor and glory of God!

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3. Today we were honored by the visit of the kind, Most Rev. Bishop Kohl from Budapest, and Msgr. Dr. Nemes. We sang Hungarian songs. His Excellency enjoyed talking Hungarian with Sisters Hilaria and Jolán.

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16. I am sorry to still note that the new year began with the cross, as the old year ended: The American novice, Sister Enrika,⁴⁹³ otherwise good, became very depressed after a short spell of fever. This morning she frightened everybody by running away to hide in the bushes. She refused to speak or to eat. In the evening she was brought here. She now speaks a little more and eats well, but most of the time she is just sitting there, sad and dejected without a word. She did not wear the habit since that morning. There is little hope for her, and her return to America is to be expected.

⁴⁹³ "Sister" was crossed out, and "Novice" written above.

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13. Miss Isabella Huber who had applied since **November 19**, has finally been admitted as a candidate today. She is 24 years of age, from Württemberg, six feet tall, healthy and good looking. She has lived in America for nine years, and there, with her aunt, she became a Catholic. With her, she traveled around the whole world. In America she took several examinations in the higher school. She knows English, plays the organ perfectly, knows mathematics, physics. In Boston she directed a public school for boys. She is recommended by the highest prelates of Freiburg, Switzerland, Dr. Kleist. Due to her conversion to Catholicism, her German relatives have broken off all relations with her. I hope that she has a vocation; most probably she will have plenty of difficulties.

March 1,⁴⁹⁴ As can be deduced, today she was dismissed again, as it was found that many things were not the way she had said.

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6. Instead of being admitted to perpetual vows, Sister Nicoletta Gargano was dismissed today.⁴⁹⁵

8. In the presence of our Ven. Father, Sister Martina Söllner renewed her vows for three years. The following renewed for one year: Sisters Benedikta, Augusta, Angelika, Fabiola, Anastasia, Leonia, and Edmunda.

(**2.** Complying with the request of her parents, Sister Jolan Szalay traveled to Budapest to our Sisters today. After being there for three days, she secretly ran off to her parents. Now she wants to come back, but she cannot be accepted again, in spite of all her tears and promises of fidelity, which she expressed in Rome, and in spite of all the signs of piety and of religious vocation.)

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8. On the same day, the **8th**, our Ven. Father invested the following candidates: Sisters Eustachia Bauer, Prassede Bruno, Calista Ulrich, Adelgundis Acker, and Eugenia Ludwig.

⁴⁹⁴ The following was dictated to Sister Elisabeth Albertzki

⁴⁹⁵ The date of dismissal given in the Profession Book is February 9, 1904.

9. Today the following novices made their holy vows for one year into the hands of Rev. Father Ogerio: Sisters Norberta Bufardeci, Luitgardis Hellmann, Petronilla Scheller, Sofia Wurm, Melania Bauernschmitt, and Eufrasia Wermter.

10. They came back to Rome with me today.

On the feast of St. Scholastica, Rev. Father Bonaventura also saw our entire large new Motherhouse. He was very pleased. It took more than an hour.

March

1. Today the three promising young Hungarians arrived: Esther Walter, Augusta Nay, and Anna Regula. The latter has been educated in the boarding school of the Madames of the Sacred Heart in Budapest, Class II.

2. The two Sisters, Clara Krauer and Eleonora Wetzel, had an audience with the Holy Father, together with the former novice Enrika Reichert. They received his blessing for their sea journey to America.

9. The three Sisters departed, and also arrived safely. Sister Eleonora was sent to St. Nazianz; Sister Clara went there to recuperate. Enrica was dismissed.

23. I wrote to the President of the Rhine Province to obtain a new certification of nationality, as I intend to register as a German citizen. I immediately received everything with the greatest kindness, and on April 9, I had myself inscribed at the German Consulate in Rome.

30. I paid my respects to His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar Respighi, where besides giving my Easter wishes, I requested the permission to have all the novices in Rome. He graciously granted the permission and said: "*Dunque, educatele bene e fatele buone, fatene delle sante.*"⁴⁹⁶

⁴⁹⁶ "Educate them well, then, make them good, make saints of them."

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8.⁴⁹⁷ A dear young candidate from Sundern, Westphalia, entered – Bertha Becker.

17. Again His Eminence, the Cardinal Archbishop of Cologne, Anton Fischer, gave us the honor of his distinguished visit. He was accompanied by Msgr. Lohninger, Rector of the Anima [College], by Msgr. Blank, Canon of Cologne, and by Dr. Jansen. His Eminence came in a gala coach with two footmen in uniform, he himself in his splendid Cardinal's robe, with a long red train. He graciously inspected the whole house and showed himself very pleased. He had all the Sisters presented to him individually. When I went to call on him the next day, he said most kindly: "In your room I made three crosses of special blessing."

19. For three days I was in Tivoli and attended the first Communion of the children of the whole town – 200. The Most Rev. Bishop Msgr. Caccia had asked our Sisters to supervise the children and to conduct the singing.

20. We attended the Holy Mass of His Eminence, Cardinal Fischer in the old crypt of St. Peter's.

21. Eighteen Sisters attended a Holy Mass, celebrated by His Eminence in his titular church, St. Achilleo and Nereo, situated one hour outside of Rome. His Eminence also gave a homily. I walked both ways.

18. Three respected ladies, pilgrims from Jerusalem, came to stay with us. Before that, a lady teacher from Munich stayed here as guest. On the first floor all the rooms in the back are free, and in front of them there is a corridor. The Jerusalem pilgrims were all from Cologne. I often had the joy to have priests from very near my home celebrate and preach here in our chapel.

Before the pilgrims left, all the Germans in Rome, and all of us, took part in three penitential processions in St. Peter's, headed by His Eminence of Cologne. We did it in order to gain the Jubilee indulgence on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

⁴⁹⁷ The Profession Book indicates April 7, 1904 as the day of entrance.

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28.⁴⁹⁸ Today we finally settled our contract for the house in Tivoli for one year. (We cannot leave it earlier than **April 1, 1905.**⁴⁹⁹)

May

5. Today, the Bishop dispensed Miss Maisinger.⁵⁰⁰

21. With Sister Hilaria I was in Torri today, where the Most Rev. Bishop also was present for three days.

26. Today our Ven. Father and Founder came, and, after Holy Communion, he distributed the new holy Rule. At this occasion he gave a solemn and beautiful address. He said he would always remain our solicitous father.

This holy Rule is written in Italian, and was presented to Holy Church page by page by Ven. Father, and everything is prescribed for us exactly in accordance with the directions of Holy Church.

I sent this holy Rule to all the houses and the Sisters sent the old ones back.

9. The three faithful Sisters Martha, Valeria and Crocifissa came back from Santa Ninfa. Thanks be to God. I think I was obliged to call them back from this very dubious foundation, since it was not fitting for them to live together with the former Sister Theresia who had become very worldly and refused to submit herself.⁵⁰¹

June

5. Today Sister Clementine Benz made her holy vows in Italian in Ven. Father's presence according to the new formula provided for in the larger holy Rule. I, therefore, had to take my seat to the left, in the choir, close to the statue of our Lady. Ven. Father gave a beautiful address.

⁴⁹⁸ The following was dictated to Sister Valeria Behr, SDS

⁴⁹⁹ cf. Undated notes, *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1: Letters 212, 213, 215, 219, 220, 224; orig. APS E 754, 755, 757, 761, 762, 766.

⁵⁰⁰ Sister Theresia Maisinger in St. Ninfa was dispensed from the remaining year of her temporary vows. cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 264f.

⁵⁰¹ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 217, undated, orig. APS E 759

7. Today I was in Tivoli and talked with all who are to be professed.

21. Today Sister Martha was sent to Drognens as superior.

24. Sister Dominica, who had been superior in Drognens for many years, came back. She is to be third General Consultor.

July

12. To my regret, we had to send our good Sister Hilaria back to Budapest. She was always over-eager but very successful in her studies. For several months now, she was directress of studies here.

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The doctor and she herself had to be convinced that she could no longer teach nor do any other work, as there is great danger for her because of tuberculosis. I shall recommend her very much to the Mother of God that she may help her.

2. Ven. Father came today, and invested Candidate Poller from Munich with the name of Sister Isabella of the Visitation. According to the new regulation, she received a white veil, but also a black one. (The latter she put on afterwards.) Then Sisters Felicitas, Irmengardis, and Crocifissa renewed their holy vows for one year, according to the new formula, like on **June 5**. Ven. Father gave a beautiful address. The same afternoon, I went with Sister Isabella to Tivoli.

On **July 2, 1904**, also Sister Marcella⁵⁰² renewed her vows for three years in Rosolini in Sicily, and in Campobello Sister Verena⁵⁰³ renewed hers for three years and Sister Basilissa⁵⁰⁴ for one year. For this occasion I delegated the superiors Sister Zita and Sister Vincenza.

3. The following made first holy vows before our Ven. Father: Sisters Bonifatia, Clotilde, Gonzaga, Severa, Natalia, Afra, Eulalia, Bibiana, Priska, Florentina, Galla, Irene, and Sabina. Again I had

⁵⁰² Sister Marcella Wunner, registered date: July 3, 1904

⁵⁰³ Sister Verena Schmid, registered date: July 2, 1904

⁵⁰⁴ Sister Basilissa Sikierka, registered date: July 3, 1904

to take my place at the left in the choir. Afterwards I took the 13 Sisters to Rome. (Venerable Father gave a lovely sermon at the occasion of the renewal.) These newly professed received, by way of exception, conferences from Rev. Father Superior during their ten days' retreat.

5. A pious lady came from America, Milwaukee, and stayed with us for a fortnight. Her son, a professor, stayed with the Rev. Brothers. Both had their meals in our house. The lady spoke only English; her son spoke also German and French.

23. Miss Philippine Glaser from Speyer entered.⁵⁰⁵

August

2. Novice Prassede Bruno was dismissed. She had first to come here from Tivoli.

3. Sister Valentina came here from Torri in poor health.

5. Today Sister Norberta was sent to Torri;

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however, she returned already after one month because at that time she could not yet stand the climate.

5. Sister Dominica, having been called here, arrived from Drognens. She became General Consultor and prefect of the house.

September

1. Sister Coelestina arrived from Tivoli in poor health. Soon afterwards she was sent for a home visit, according to her wish, for a change of climate.

11. The Feast of the Holy Name of Mary was celebrated very beautifully today. All the Sisters came together. In the afternoon, Rev. Father Bonaventura and Rev. Father Pancratius came. Among other things, there arrived the gift of a practical writing desk, something that was still missing here. In the courtyard, from

⁵⁰⁵ Her entrance is registered in the Profession Book under July 22, 1904. The following text was dictated to Sister Elisabeth Albertzki.

the refectory to the opposite wall, three triumphal arches had been erected; at the end there stood a raised armchair. In the evening, there was a nice program of presentations, and the so-called Italian night was organized in the courtyard, which is closed off from all sides.

13. Together with Sister Johanna, I had to go on visitation with a return ticket, both ways across the sea. On the way back the sea was very rough, and I became very seasick, but Sister Johanna even more so. Then, because of the storm, the railway was covered with earth, so that I could not go on to Torri, but had to return to Rome via Castellamare and Tivoli (a long detour). Late in the evening, at 10:00 p.m., on

October 11, I reached home.

We had visited Pest, Vienna, and Muraszombat. Everywhere I found a good spirit and hope for progress. In Pest the Sisters were now able to rent a quiet little house with large enough space in front of it.⁵⁰⁶

I was received very graciously by His Eminence, by Bishops and Prelates. Together with Sisters Johanna and Ambrosia, I also went to see a sanatorium for lung patients, which was offered us, situated on a hill, two hours from Pest in a wooded area, a climatic health resort. In Vienna I also saw the Most Rev. Bishops, and visited especially

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Kaisermühlen, to have a good look at the place where we begin our new foundation. May God bless everything that is planned for his honor.

October

15. With Sister Crescentia I went to Torri to see my Sisters there. I also looked at a nearby small place, Rochetti, that has been offered to us for a foundation. The Most Rev. Bishop of Narni was there on the occasion of a feast. We were received almost in triumph.

⁵⁰⁶ cf. S. Ambrosia Vetter's letter to M. Mary, Budapest, May 8, 1904, ASDS

They wanted to hand me the keys of the parish church, as they have no resident priest as yet. When I came back home, I found a gift on my desk to pay for eight Sisters to travel across the ocean to America. And with much effort and dedication, already on **November 3**, eleven Sisters were ready and left (three of them for another foundation in America).

4. [November] They boarded the ship "Hohenzollern" with the destination Watertown. The Sisters names are: Sisters Mechthildis, Felicitas, Edmunda, Petronilla, Florentina, Severa, Galla, Melania, Aloysia, Leonia, Innocenza. They are to take care of the housekeeping in the Sacred Heart Seminary of the Rev. Fathers of the Holy Cross. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be truly glorified thereby.

1. [November] Ven. Father came for the renewal of vows of seven Sisters.⁵⁰⁷

3. I received the first vows of the four novices: Sisters Flavia and Emanuela (Italians) and Sisters Blanche and Berchmans (Americans). The investment of four candidates was postponed for now. Thanks be to God, the permission to have the novitiate in Rome has arrived. For this,

8. Sister Bonaventura came here.

10. Retreat began, given by Rev. Father Thomas.

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8. Today, oh what a great grace, I was called with Sister Bonaventura, the Novice Mistress, to His Eminence, Cardinal Ferrata, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Religious. His Eminence spoke French all the time, examined everything very carefully, and at last said very kindly: "I also thank you – now you are ecclesiastically and definitely settled in Rome, also the novitiate."

⁵⁰⁷ The Sisters were: Sister Emilia Schröder (3 yrs.), Sisters Perpetua Flumeri, Rosalia Gutschera, Aloysia Burkhardt, Innocenza Stahl, Helena Kyzewska, and Huberta Reichmann (1 yr.).

9. Ven. Father came twice, to speak with each Sister individually. May these many days of grace with holy retreat close with hearts filled with deep gratitude and humility.

Magnificat!

10.⁵⁰⁸ Then, finally, the decree for the official canonical foundation of the Motherhouse and novitiate in Rome was executed by the Holy Father, and also signed by Cardinal Vicar Respighi, Cardinal Ferrata, Vicar of Religious, and Excellency Faberi, Secretary of the Cardinal Vicar. It was dated **November 14**, the feast of the holy Pope "Deusdedit", which means "God gave it". We received it on **November 18**, the feast of the Dedication of St. Peter's Basilica. (The next day, **November 19**, was the feast of the German St. Elisabeth.)

Towards the middle of November, His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, sent his secretary, Exc. Faberi, to examine the house and the novitiate. His Excellency was very pleased with everything. On **October 22**, the feast of St. Severus Wüllenweber, we received the first permission. On **October 28**, St. Jude, "Hope of the Desperate", the obstacles were still more removed. On **November 7 – XI.**, feast of St. Engelbert, Protector of religious women, Cardinal Ferrata spoke with the Holy Father about our foundation in Rome.

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9. Retreat began, given by Father Thomas; it lasted till the 19th.

On **November 1**, the house in Bloomer, Wisconsin was founded. Bloomer is a lovely town where the Sisters will be able to do much good. The first to arrive there were Sister Columba, as superior, Sisters Kunigunda, Alfonsa, and Innocenza.

21. Ven. Father came and invested three Hungarians: S. Jolanda [*Walter*], S. Leonarda [*Nay*], and S. Praxedis [*Regula*], as well as a "Westphalian", S. Theresia [*Becker*].

⁵⁰⁸ The following is written in Sister Valeria Behr's handwriting.

On the same day, three wagons arrived, packed with furniture and things from Tivoli. They came thundering along the street, with four horses each, while Ven. Father was still preaching in the evening. On the same day, Sisters also arrived from Tivoli: S. Bonaventura, Novice Mistress, S. Valeria, Assistant Mistress, and the novices, S. Eustachia, S. Calista, S. Adelgundis, S. Isabella, and S. Eugenia.⁵⁰⁹ In the evening, the following processed into the new novitiate, bearing lighted candles: our loving Rev. Mother, S. Bonaventura, S. Valeria, and the nine novices. There, the "*Magnificat*" was sung, accompanied by the harmonium.⁵¹⁰

21. The Sisters moved in at Watertown.

December

5. Three Sisters: S. Eulalia, S. Bibiana, and S. Eufrasia traveled to Vienna.

6. Together with S. Claudia as their superior, the first two began the promising new foundation in Kaisermühlen. (I appointed Sister Gebharda as superior of the hospital, also S. Eufrasia will stay there.)

6. Sophia Schatteler from Baden, Switzerland, arrived as postulant. She is 20 years old.

6. My dear sisters, Constantia and Elise arrived here. Also six other ladies came from Cologne and one from Innsbruck. My sisters stayed with us for one week, to their great satisfaction as well as mine. The latter stays here for two months.

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8. Today, His Eminence, Cardinal Fischer, gave us the pleasure of a long visit. He talked with each Sister individually.

11. His Eminence went with us to the Holy Father and introduced me and all the visitors from Cologne and the Rhineland to His

⁵⁰⁹ Above S. Isabella is written number 2, above S. Eugenia, number 1.

⁵¹⁰ cf. *Novitiate Chronicles*, from 1904, ASDS, and Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 306-307.

Holiness. (During these days, we attended the many celebrations and canonizations, etc. in St. Peter's.)

17.⁵¹¹ Barbara Hubert and Kunigunde Baus from Großlangheim (Unterfranken, Würzburg) arrived here.

28. Sisters Fabiola, Rosalia, and Irmengardis traveled to Hamont, Diocese of Liège. (They will dedicate themselves in Overpelt near Hamont, to the education of children and to the care of the sick.) Rev. Father Virgilius⁵¹² has made great and noble efforts on behalf of this foundation.⁵¹³ The most Rev. Bishop of Liège gladly gave his permission. His name is Msgr. Rutten.⁵¹⁴

My faithful friend, Marie des Anges van der Kun,⁵¹⁵ superior of the Carmelites in Liège, Mont Cornillon, where St. Juliana lived,⁵¹⁶ has prayed incessantly in front of the Blessed Sacrament, until we got there.

29. Sisters Bernarda and Augusta went to Kaisermühlen to strengthen the community.

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12.⁵¹⁷ Today, thanks to St. Joseph, I was able to make the last payment on the house.

On the same day, I accepted the foundation in Overpelt near Hamont (Belgium), transacting all the official documents.⁵¹⁸ The donor is the industrial magnate Schulte.

⁵¹¹ The entrance date of Sisters Rufina Hubert and Nicoletta Baus is registered as December 18, 1904.

⁵¹² Father Virgilius Koelmann, SDS

⁵¹³ cf. Letter, Sister Elisabeth Albertzki to Rev. Father, E 897, October 10, 1904, APS, Copy in ASDS

⁵¹⁴ Msgr. Martin-Hubert Rutten, Bishop 1902-1927.

⁵¹⁵ cf. *Liège*, SHS 1.1/48-50, p. 90f

⁵¹⁶ cf. *Liège*, SHS 1.1/48-50, p. 93

⁵¹⁷ The following is in Sister Elisabeth Albertzki's handwriting

⁵¹⁸ cf. Letter, Father Virgilius Koelman, SDS to Father Jordan, E 908, February 6, 1905, APS, and *M. Mary* to Rev. Father, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 232, February 12, 1905, orig. APS, E 910.

14. Today Sister Eulalia returned from Kaisermühlen. There were too many sisters for the moment.

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Also, Sister is more useful here than among the alert Viennese, although she is a native of Moravia and always lived in Vienna.

(We had a cold weather period, which was worse than anything for the last 100 years, so that 40 water pipes broke and caused us great expense. And so, at the end of January, after much work and digging up the street, etc., the Acqua Paola⁵¹⁹ which we didn't have since last year, was again brought to us [to our house]. St. Joseph has to help everywhere.)

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9. Our Ven. Father and Founder came and invested Candidate Philippine Glaser from Speyer. Her new name is Sister Henriette. Sister Benedikta and six more professed Sisters⁵²⁰ renewed their holy vows. Moreover, for the first time, four novices took their first holy vows here in Rome. They were: Sisters Eustachia Bauer, Calista Ulrich, Adelgundis Acker, and Eugenia Ludwig. Besides, twenty-five more Sisters renewed their holy vows, and Sister Fridolina Mayer,⁵²¹ superior in Muraszombat, and Sister Gebharda Dietmann⁵²² had the grace of making their perpetual vows.

1. Today we received – in Overpelt – the great grace to keep the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. This was brought about especially by the prayer of Sister Marie des Anges (Carmelite), in the cloister on Mont Cornillon, my best friend from the days of my youth. She is the daughter of a Dutch captain and a niece of the famous Bishop of Liège, van Bommel.⁵²³ We were at first together

⁵¹⁹ Roman water main and fountain on the Gianicolo, named after Pope Paul V.

⁵²⁰ Sisters Benedikta Weber, and Anastasia Mordeja (3 yrs), Srs. Angelika Kemper, Amalia Minges, Norberta Bufardecì, Luitgardis Hellmann, and Sofia Wurm (1 yr.).

⁵²¹ Sister made vows on February 28, 1905

⁵²² On February 20, 1905 in Vienna 8, Feldgasse.

⁵²³ cf. here: *Mother Mary's Diary*, Book 2, p. 128 (May 1895), and *Liège*, SHS 1.1/48-50, p.49-63

in the boarding school of the Benedictine Sisters in Liège, where I always had the privilege to spend my vacation days in the palace of the Most Rev. Bishop.

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15. Sister Bonaventura Zenker was appointed fourth General Consultor.

17. Today, after three years of absence, Sister Raphaela Bohnheim returned from Bavaria to the Motherhouse.

The four new foundations, two of which are in America, are making good progress. May they contribute to the honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and may they be blessed by Him. Especially the two in Europe: the second house in Vienna Kaisermühlen under the direction of Rev. Father Theophilus, and Overpelt, near Hamont, Diocese of Liège, for which Rev. Father Virgilius took so much trouble.

March

1. The basement of our house in Vicolo St. Onofrio was rented, for 10 lire a month, to Mrs. Matthei, who also has the upper part. Also today, the request of the Association of St. Elisabeth, to take in poor old spinsters, was declined for now.⁵²⁴

17. Today Candidate Anna Iglá from Imielin (Silesia) entered.

20. Sister Norberta was transferred to Torri today. Afterwards Sister Rosa came back from there.

26. Candidate Anastasia Schebestik arrived from Silesia.

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4. Novice Leonarda Nay from Hungary was dismissed. – Sister Flavia Boni was sent to Torri.

12.

5. We had a visit from Professor Dr. Bach from Strassburg, Rector of the Episcopal Seminary, and his daughter; he took his meals

⁵²⁴ cf. Letter, S. Claveria Stadler to M. Mary, March 10, 1905, APS E 915.

here with his daughter. The latter also slept here. On the **28**, they left again.

15.+17. Under the leadership of Mr. Reitz, a Berlin Senior Teacher, 70-80 women teachers and other ladies came from Berlin and Breslau. For one week they all had their meals here, and some also stayed here as guests.

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Also during **April**, we got permission to have a short period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of every month.

Addendum

(March 1)

Sister Coelestina was hospitalized, and about a fortnight later she had surgery. Today, **April 30**, we learned that she will soon be allowed to come here.

May

5. Today Sister Cecilia, till now the superior in Torri, returned to the Motherhouse.

14. Four candidates: Anna Maiss, Anna Albrecht, Anna Igla, and Anastasia Schebestik received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Peter's from the hands of a newly consecrated Bishop. Each wore a white veil and had a Ven. Sister as her sponsor.

16.⁵²⁵ Marie Kohlmann, sister of Rev. Sister Columba (the superior in Bloomer), arrived today as candidate.

25. Today Sister Valentina Wirth was sent to Torri as superior. Also dear Miss Emilia Kerzel, sister of Ven. Sister Fabiola (the superior in Overpelt), entered today as a candidate.

⁵²⁵ Entrance registered as May 17, 1905.

June

6. Today, our Holy Father Pius X, was carried through St. Peter's, kneeling, and holding the monstrance in his hands. Eighty Cardinals and Bishops, etc., followed him in procession.

A few days ago, I had the grace to speak to the Most Rev. Bishop of Liège, who promised to do all he could for us in his Diocese. He invited me to be in our foundation in Overpelt at the same time he will be there.

28. We were honored by the visit of the Most Rev. Bishop O'Dea from Washington (America), accompanied by two other American prelates.

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Our foundation in Uniontown is in his diocese.

For the first time today, His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, signed the permission for nineteen Sisters (some to make vows, some to be invested), determining at the same time who should be the examiner: First he named Rev. Father Pancratius,⁵²⁶ then, as the latter was sick, Rev. Father Clemens Hofbauer.⁵²⁷ (Of course His Eminence had always decided this, but this time it was, especially for us, to be preserved in the archive.)

July

3. Ven. Father today invested eight postulants and received the renewal of vows of eleven Sisters. Sister Isabella Poller made first vows. The names of the eight new novices are: Sister Pudentiana Maiss, Sister Domitilla Albrecht, Sister Leonarda and Sister Maxima Daigger,⁵²⁸ Sister Sebastiana Kiefer, Sister Gerharda Becker, Sister Rufina Hubert, and Sister Nicoletta Baus.

⁵²⁶ Father Pancratius Pfeiffer, SDS, from 1903 responsible for all contacts with the Holy See, and acting General Superior from 1915, he tirelessly cared for the Sisters for decades.

⁵²⁷ Father Clemens Hofbauer Sonntag, SDS

⁵²⁸ Sisters Leonarda and Maxima Daigger were sisters.

Addenda

June 21. Today Barbara Roos from Würzburg entered as a candidate. She came with two of our Ven. Sisters who had spent a week at home (Bamberg), before leaving for America. During the last weeks, several relatives of our Bavarian Sisters also stayed with us here.

In the **beginning of May**, the Society of the Rev. Fathers of the Divine Savior received its first "Decree of Praise"⁵²⁹ from the Holy See. Also, before this, their new printing press in Borgo Vecchio was blessed by a Papal Prelate.⁵³⁰

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7. Today three Sisters: Anastasia Mordeja, Natalia Hohmann, and Afra Hanusch

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joined by Sister Michaela Philip from Budapest as superior, traveled to the new foundation in Obecse,⁵³¹ Hungary, Diocese of Kalosca. For seven months this new foundation could not be accepted by us, because the local Ordinary had died. It is a large house for the poor, and I hope to God that in this area where so many schismatic Greeks live, our Sisters will be able to do many works of charity for the honor of God and the edification of their neighbors.

Today, I also received the blueprint⁵³² for the large new convent of our Sisters to be built in Budapest.

6. Today, Sister Sofia Wurm, Sister Luitgardis Hellmann, Sister Blanche Kinzer, and Sister Berchmans Broennecke traveled to America on the German Steamer "King Albert"; then via Milwaukee to St. Nazianz, and Sister Luitgardis on to Bloomer.

⁵²⁹ The *Decretum Laudis*, cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 330f, and van Meijl, DSS XX.I, D, p. 632f

⁵³⁰ cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E p. 335-336

⁵³¹ cf. Letter, S. Hilaria Poetsch to M. Mary, July 10, 1905, ASDS.

⁵³² cf. Letter, S. Ambrosia Vetter to M. Mary, Budapest, May 19, 1905, ASDS

10. Today we are to have the great grace of our first papal visitation, and this through Rev. Father Thomas Esser of the Order of Preachers.⁵³³ This visitation lasted till the morning of **July 24**. Father inspected the whole house and looked through the books. He personally approved all the income and expense accounts.

24. In the evening I traveled with Sister Bonifatia, first to Liège, where we stayed with our well-known Benedictines. It was a real pleasure for me to see the new wing for the Teacher Training Courses. Then we arrived at Neerpelt at the same time as the Most Rev. Bishop of Liège.

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His Grace had, in fact, invited me to arrive there at the same time as he. In the Bishop's coach we then arrived at our small convent, situated in the municipality of Overpelt, near Neerpelt.

30. There, the foundation stone was laid for a large, new church that will serve the many workers in Mr. Schulte's large industrial plant as well as our Sisters, who up till now have only a small chapel. Their little convent is in the immediate neighborhood of the church. The Sisters there nurse the sick in their building and in the people's homes. The generous Mr. Schulte (a Westphalian), had also a beautiful and practical school built, where two of our Sisters teach. God bless the good work in the dear Belgian country!

His Grace also had the kindness to take his meal at our house and he very much praised the holy zeal of our Sisters. The little convent with its large, beautiful grounds is also a gift of Mr. Schulte.⁵³⁴ There everything was decorated with banners and garlands – good music, poems recited by the children, etc.

⁵³³ It is impressive that Mother Mary mentioned this painful visitation nowhere else. cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 251-253 and 391-398

⁵³⁴ cf. *M. Mary to Sister Blanche Kinzer*, SHS 2.15/l, September 26, 1905, p. 261.

From there I continued onward to my home Castle Myllendonk⁵³⁵ for a fortnight, with Sister Irmengardis as my companion; then to my sister, Countess von Ascheberg, in Münster; then for one day to the charitable Lindgen family (Sister Irmengardis' parents). It took me only two hours to get home from Neerpelt, which was a pleasant surprise for me.

Afterwards I traveled by way of Overpelt to Drognens (Switzerland), taking with me our first Belgian candidate, Cato Gijbels. In Drognens I held visitation and issued the invitation to the General Chapter, which is to commence on December 1. Then I continued on with her over Milan to Torri (Sabina), where I also held visitation, and then back to Rome, where I arrived **September 5**.

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At this time, our good Sister Emilia Schröder was dying in the Clinic, and I was not permitted to see her. Several days later we took her home to the motherhouse, where she then died on **November 4**.

At my arrival in the Motherhouse, the Sisters greeted me with nice songs and lovely decorations.

On **September 10**, in the spirit of hope, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. Rev. Father Esser also came to congratulate; also Rev. Father Bonaventura, SDS, and Rev. Father Pancratius, SDS. I had met Ven. Father in Overpelt.

20. The two ailing Sisters from Sicily, Sisters Marcella and Hyacintha, arrived here; hopefully they will soon be well again.

21. Candidate Sofia Schappeler was dismissed.

October

1. Rev. Father Virgilius⁵³⁶, Superior in Hamont, came and gave the Sisters a good talk about the beginnings of our Congregation in

⁵³⁵ cf. *M. Mary to Sister Johanna Mai*, SHS 2.15/1, August 21, 1905, from Overpelt, p. 259

⁵³⁶ Father Virgilius Koelmann, SDS

Tivoli. He encouraged them to thank God for the many graces already received.

Sister Eugenia Ludwig was sent to Vienna. (Sister Isabella Poller was sent to Drognens in **August**.)

3. Rev. Father Visitor⁵³⁷ gave us the honor of his visit and checked through the ballots that had been sent to him.

7. Today at last our good Sister Constantia Ebert (formerly superior in Laitkynsew, Assam), arrived here – unfortunately she is still somewhat weak.

Nov.

Ven. Father was here yesterday to examine two candidates.

3. Today he came again, and received the vows of four Sisters, namely, Sisters Perpetua, Helena, Huberta,

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and Flavia. Then he invested the two candidates as Sister Thaddäa (Anna Iгла) and Sister Bartholomäa (Anastasia Schebestik).

Oct. 22,⁵³⁸ Today Ven. Father was again here for the profession of vows of the three Novices: Sister Jolanda Walter, Sister Praxedis Regula, and Sister Theresia Becker.

Thanks be to God! Yesterday, the last Sisters came back home from the Clinic. They were called back from there in accordance with the wishes of the Church.⁵³⁹ Many other hospitals have been offered us again.

Dec.

1. Since the six Sisters from America, two from Switzerland, two from Vienna and one from Torri had already been here several

⁵³⁷ Father Thomas Esser, OP

⁵³⁸ It should read November 22.

⁵³⁹ cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 251f – and Letter in the handwriting of S. Elisabeth Albertzki (without beginning and date, only part 4) APS E 918, and S. Claveria Stadler's letter to Father Pancratius Pfeiffer, May 10, 1905, APS E 919.

days, Rev. Father Esser, ecclesiastically approved Delegate, this morning opened the first General Chapter,⁵⁴⁰ with the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, sung in the chapel. After the Rev. Delegate had exchanged a few words with Rev. Mother, all went into the chapter room on the third floor, the largest room next to the large terrace. After a few preparations, Rev. Mother was re-elected unanimously as Superior General. In the afternoon the four new General Consultors were elected, namely, Sister Engelberta, Sister Bonaventura, Sister Germana, and Sister Johanna; as Secretary General Sister Germana, and as Procurator General Sister Elisabeth. During the following five days, several matters concerning the Congregation were discussed and decided. (More detailed information on these questions can be found in the Chapter minutes.) The proposals were presented by the Sisters selected for this: Sisters Ambrosia, Engelberta, and Antonia. Together with Sister Scholastika, who arrived only after the Chapter had begun, there were 22 Capitulars.

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On **December 6**, the Chapter was closed, and gradually the Sisters coming from other places left.

8. Today we had the great grace that all the Capitulars were received by the Holy Father in audience and that each individual Sister could kiss his hand.

Several of the Sisters from America still went on a home visit to Bavaria, before going back.

Immediately afterwards Rev. Mother, together with Sister Praxedis Regula, was able to attend the Episcopal consecration of the Hungarian Count Zichy.

Rev. Mother then conducted the election of local superiors. Sister Germana Steidel became the local superior of the Motherhouse.

⁵⁴⁰ cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 253f and 399f – and van Meijl, DSS XX.I, D, p. 685f

⁵⁴¹ On pages 117 and 118, Mother Mary herself wrote the year in large numbers. (However, the first sections of page 117 still belongs to the year 1905.)

Before January 1, most of the Sisters had already left.

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12. Ten Sisters left for America, among them some new ones: Sisters Claveria and Dominica, who were appointed to the new hospital in Wausau (Wisconsin); Sister Rosa and Sister Clotilde (the latter sickly) are for St. Nazianz; Sister Martina for Milwaukee, Sister Constantia for Watertown. (Sister Ambrosia took the Hungarian Sister Jolanda Walter along to Pest.)

February

7. Today Sister Praxedis Regula traveled to Muraszombat. Sister Stefania was transferred from there to Pest.

(Before the Capitulars dispersed, a photograph was taken of all 22 of them.) The Chapter Secretary, Sister Elisabeth, was charged with copying the acts of the Chapter; the copies shall then be sent to the individual houses. Sister Liboria was elected Commissary of Rev. Mother in America, for the urgent every-day questions.

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It was planned to transfer two teaching Sisters from Uniontown to Asia (Assam), and to make one of them Rev. Mother's Commissary. Since, however, they were unfortunately held back in America, Sister Ignatia was, for the time being, appointed Commissary in Assam.

17. Today three good Rev. Fathers SDS left for the Assam mission. One of them, Rev. Father Christophorus Becker,⁵⁴² was appointed Apostolic Prefect by the Holy Father (that is, taking the place of a Bishop). Till now he had been superior in Meran (Tyrol), where he still completed building a big convent. The other two are Rev. Father Bonifatius Brenning and Rev. Father Rudolf Fontaine⁵⁴³ – all three from the Rhineland.

⁵⁴² Father Christophorus Becker, SDS, Apostolic Prefect of Assam, India, and later founder of the „Missionsärztliches Institut“, Würzburg, Germany. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, passim.

⁵⁴³ Father Rudolf (Ralph) Fontaine, SDS

18. Today Sister Scholastika Hopfenmüller⁵⁴⁴ and Sister Eustachia Bauer⁵⁴⁵ will board the ship "Raff. Rubattino" to travel to Assam.

12. Sisters Editha Kohlmann and Fabiana Kerzel were invested today. Sister Henriette Glaser made first vows. Six Sisters renewed their holy vows: Sisters Amalia and Angelika for three years, and Sisters Calista, Adelgundis, Norberta, and Eustachia for one year.⁵⁴⁶ Rev. Father Christophorus, Mission Prefect, presided at the ceremony, as unfortunately, Ven. Father was not well for a few days.

We shall pray and work that the mission in Assam may again flourish for the glory of Jesus!!!⁵⁴⁷

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28. Sister Marcella Wunner was sent to Overpelt. On the way there, she paid a visit to her father in Bamberg.

March

3. Today⁵⁴⁸ Miss Maria Braunssperger entered as a Candidate. She has already taught English in Africa.

11. Today Papa's youngest brother died, the courageous Lieutenant Colonel von Spiess.⁵⁴⁹ He left a great legacy for the poor.

⁵⁴⁴ Sister Scholastika Hopfenmüller, niece of Father Otto Hopfenmüller.

She was invested together with Mother Mary on December 8, 1888, in the first group in Tivoli. For many years, she worked as missionary in Assam, India. cf. Letter, Sister Scholastika to Father Jordan, Bamberg, February 5, 1906, E 939, APS, Rome.

⁵⁴⁵ cf. Father Dr. C. Becker, SDS: *Sr. Eustachia Bauer*, Xaverius-Verlag, Aachen 1924 (D)

⁵⁴⁶ The indication "for one year" was added by Mother Mary in her own hand.

⁵⁴⁷ Entry in Mother Mary's own hand, large and difficult to read, because of her poor eyesight. See also: Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 460.

⁵⁴⁸ Maria Braunssperger's entrance is recorded under the date of March 2, 1906

⁵⁴⁹ Ludwig von Spiess, cf. *The Family*, SHS 4.1/1, p. 22f

19. I received welcoming ecclesiastical permission from the Archbishop of Kalocsa to found Obesce.

20. Miss Bertha Wanjura (postulant) was dismissed.

At the end of March, Sister Lucia Siegmund was hospitalized in our former Clinic;⁵⁵⁰ however, no surgery was found necessary.

30. Sister Leokadia Kolb came back here from America – Bavaria.

April

2. Today, a cable arrived from the Canon in Rosolini, not to give up the foundation there. It had to be done, however, because the Chapter had decided it.

24. Soon afterwards Sister Emanuela Fiaccavento arrived from there, in order to go to Torri in the coming days. Sister Zita went to Campobello as first assistant.

3. For the first time, Msgr. Leva⁵⁵¹ called on us. He brought a list of questions, similar to the first 56 questions. Sister Elisabeth filled out the answers and I signed.

11. Msgr. Leva also signed the answers and they will be preserved in the ecclesiastical archives.

19. Today Sister Laurentia Heilmeier from Asia, returned from Bavaria in fairly good condition.

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22. I received an invitation from the Anima Church to attend their 500th anniversary celebration in the Vatican.

4. Today Sister Brigitta Schneider died in Raliang, Assam, after a second stroke. She was a good Sister; but had formerly suffered from tuberculosis.

⁵⁵⁰ The Marocco Clinic, Rome

⁵⁵¹ Delegate of the Cardinal Vicar, His Eminence Respighi, cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 402

May

1. The offer of a good foundation in Lower Bavaria arrived; however, we cannot accept it, as the royal government of Bavaria does not permit us into the country.⁵⁵²

On **February 19**,⁵⁵³ I had a first attack of asthma during the night. My head and my heart had been quite preoccupied with the fact that the American Sisters I had appointed for Assam had not been able to come. About six weeks later (on **April 1**), I had another attack, but a lesser one. – Everything as the Divine Savior wills it. No one lives longer than God wills. Everything could be alright again after these two attacks. At present I feel perfectly well again.
Mother Mary of the Apostles⁵⁵⁴

8. Sister Genovefa arrived here.

13. Sister Cleofa was sent back to the hospital in Vienna, and Sister Emanuela to Torri.

16. Rev. Father Antonio di Gesù, Discalced Carmelite, the newly-appointed Apostolic Visitator came.⁵⁵⁵

29. Sister Barbara arrived here from Hungary with Candidate Josefine Kùhár.⁵⁵⁶

June 9, Candidate Louise Hamberger from Baden arrived.

⁵⁵² The laws of the *Kulturkampf* were still in force.

⁵⁵³ Mother Mary's birthday, she turned 73.

⁵⁵⁴ Mother Mary added her signature in her own hand.

⁵⁵⁵ Father Antonio Intreccialagli, OCD, was the visitator of the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers already since 1894. – cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 402f – and von Meijl, DSS XX.I and XX.II, D, as well as the Circular Letter to the Congregation, E 946, May 30, 1906, signed by Sister Germana Steidel and Mother Mary, APS.

⁵⁵⁶ The future Sister Klotild Kùhár, SDS. From 1935-1938 and from 1954-1989 she was Provincial Superior of Hungary, and as "personified Salvatorian center" kept the Sisters of the Hungarian Province together throughout the 40 years of Communist occupation. cf. Commemorative volume, Sister Paula Gyuricza, SDS, *Salvatorians in Hungary*, 1899-1999.

July 7, Investment and vows.⁵⁵⁷

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3. Sister Sabina Jöbges and Sister Benedikta left.⁵⁵⁸

5. Sister Maxima Daigger was sent to Overpelt.

10. Sister Pudentiana Maiss was sent to Pest.

19. Five Sisters left for America: Sister Laurentia Heilmeyer, Sister Leokadia Kolb, Sister Hyacintha Leuner, Sister Helena Kyzewska, and Sister Henriette Glaser.

Non obstat (for S. Raphaela Bohnheim's leaving us).

26. Sister Leonarda Daigger was sent to the hospital in Vienna.

30. Sister Raphaela Bohnheim left.⁵⁵⁹

August

1. With Sister Elisabeth I went for visitation via Padua to Muraszombat, Pest, Obecse, Pest briefly, Vienna Hospital, Kaisermühlen, Torri, and back to Rome on **September 18**.

7. Sister Vincenza came to Rome from Campobello.

16. Sister Vincenza to Drogens, Switzerland.

Sept.

Candidate Maria Braunssperger left.⁵⁶⁰

⁵⁵⁷ *Investment*, July 3, 1906: Sisters Brigitta Roos, Alexandra Gijbels, Chrysostoma Svoboda. *First Profession*: July 3, 1906: Sisters Pudentiana Maiss, Domitilla Albrecht, Leonarda Daigger, Maxima Daigger, Sebastiana Kiefer, Gerharda Becker, Nicoletta Baus.

⁵⁵⁸ Sister Sabina on July 3, 1906; Sister Benedikta Weber did not leave until February 19, 1908 – both left at the expiration of temporary vows.

⁵⁵⁹ cf. Edwein, DSS XVI, E, p. 489 – and *Mother Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letters 258, July 28, 1906, and 259 July 30, 1906; orig. APS E 951 and E 952. [The quote from Letter 259 in DSS XVI, p.490, should read:

"The former Raph...is now traveling home" rather than "is now sidelined".]

⁵⁶⁰ She left on September 3, 1906.

3. Sisters Verena and Flavia went to Campobello.

20. Rev. Mother's nameday was celebrated in a particularly beautiful manner.

October

1. Candidate Theresia Altmann dismissed.⁵⁶¹

9. Sister Domitilla Albrecht was transferred to Obecse. Sister Genovefa Walenko to Pest for treatment.

12.-22. Retreat conducted by Rev. Father Cyrillus Braschke, SDS, Superior in Wal-Meseritsch.

Nov.

3. Five Sisters made vows.⁵⁶²

23. One Sister made vows.⁵⁶³

Dec.

12. Sister Vincenza came back to Rome from Drognens.

27. Rev. Father Antonio di Gesù, our Apostolic Visitor, was here. He decided everything.

30. We accepted a home for girls in Vienna.⁵⁶⁴ There are

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21. close to 200 girls and young women.

After this, I suddenly fell seriously ill and received Extreme Unction. Ven. Father and all the first Rev. Fathers SDS, also Rev. Father Antonio di Gesù assisted. One week later I was completely well again. Everything for the glory of God. (It was a bad asthma attack.)

21. Sister Barbara Lisson arrived.

23. Sister Basilissa Sikierka arrived here.

⁵⁶¹ Registered as Therese, under September 30, 1906.

⁵⁶² Srs. Huberta Reichmann, Emanuela Fiaccavento renewed, Srs. Rufina Hubert, Thaddäa Iгла, and Bartholomäa Schebestik made their first vows.

⁵⁶³ Sister Theresia Becker made vows for one year on November 22, 1906

⁵⁶⁴ Wien, 9th District, Pramergasse

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8. For the time being, Sister Valeria has been sent as superior to the home for girls in Vienna.

12. The Visitor told me.

15. Sisters Barbara Lisson, Basilissa Sikierka, and Nicoletta Baus left for America, Wausau.

17. Sister Bartholomäa Schebestik was sent to the Hospital in Vienna.

His Excellency Msgr. Nemes, Abbot and Parish Priest in Pest came to see me.

Everything for the greater honor of God and for the salvation of souls,

in the humility of Jesus Christ!

R. J. J.

From February

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Found my report

R. J. J.

1. God by us all in

your hearts

with all our hearts

P.b.J.Ch.
Rome, February
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Continuation of our little Diary
"God bless everything
till the end."
Mother Mary of the Apostles

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February

12. Today, the following five Sisters renewed their holy vows.⁵⁶⁵ – Sister Norberta [*Bufardeci*] for three years, Sisters Adelgundis [*Acker*], Editha [*Kohlmann*], Fabiana [*Kerzel*] and Calista [*Ulrich*] for one year.

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20. Today, a student teacher, Miss Maria Swoboda, was accepted in Pest.⁵⁶⁶

26. Today Sister Eulalia Wenzl was sent to Obecse.

March 7

Sister Gebharda Dietmann, Superior in the Hospital in Vienna, arrived here today for recuperation.

20. Today three candidates arrived: Elisabeth Kaiser and Lisette Hoffmann from Sundern, and Theresia Stienen from Belgium.

⁵⁶⁵ Up to this point, Mother Mary wrote in her own hand into the new book of chronicles. What follows is in Sister Elisabeth Albertzki's handwriting.

⁵⁶⁶ The entrance date registered in the Profession Book is March 16, 1907.

22. Miss Josefina Minges from Flemlingen arrived, to become acquainted with convent life.

26. Rev. Father Pancratius examined Candidate Luise Hamberger for investment, which took place on **April 12.**⁵⁶⁷

April

7. Today our dear Sister Sebastiana Kiefer died.

16. Today, a visit from Count von Twickel and his wife, nee von Erden.

23. His Eminence, Cardinal Fischer from Cologne, visited us.

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4. Sister Gabriela and Rev. Father Corbinian arrived here from Assam.

20. Rev. Father Antonio di Gesù, Apostolic Visitor, was here. (Later he was appointed Bishop of Caltanissetta.)⁵⁶⁸

July

4. Today the three Novices made their first vows for one year: Sister Brigitta Roos, Sister Alexandra Gijbels, Sister Chrysostoma Svoboda. Sisters Gonzaga Foglietti, Priska Vaassen, Irene Wilpert, and Natalia Hohmann, renewed for three years; Sister Gerharda Becker for one year.⁵⁶⁹

5. Today Sister Brigitta Roos was sent to Vienna.

⁵⁶⁷ She received the name: Sister Sebastiana.

⁵⁶⁸ Fr. Antonio Intreccialagli, OCD, was appointed Bishop of Caltanissetta on April 24, 1907 and consecrated on July 28, 1907. He died, known for his holiness, on September 19, 1924.

⁵⁶⁹ cf. *Mother Mary to Rev. Father*, SHS 2.16/1, Letter 266, July 6, 1907, dictated to Sister Elisabeth Albertzki; orig. APS, E 973

9. Sisters Irene Wilpert⁵⁷⁰ and Editha Kohlmann traveled to their homes today, in order to take ship later for America, together with Sisters Valeria Behr and Vincenza Cocorocchia.

18. Today our Rule and the expected petition were humbly sent to the chancery of the Archdiocese of Vienna.

19. Today the foundation in Luxemburg, Wisconsin, was closed.⁵⁷¹

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30. Three students at the Germanicum, one of whom (from Danzig) celebrated Holy Mass here, gave me the joy of a short visit today.

These last few days there have been many requests for acceptance from Bavaria and Austria.⁵⁷²

30. Up to this point, the entries were dictated by our good Rev. Mother Mary of the Apostles von Wüllenweber + to Sister Elisabeth, Procurator General.

"May God grant her happiness in beautiful heaven!!!"

The dear deceased had the following short notes put on paper, almost till her last moments, in order to have them entered here later, i.e. after her hoped for recuperation, by dictating them anew. God wanted it otherwise. "His holy Will was done – the sacrifice was made - - - Surrender! Hope for a never-ending reunion!!!" Sister Elisabeth

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D. October 23, 1908.

And so, at the request of our new Rev. Mother and Superior General, Sister Elisabeth, Assistant and Secretary General,

⁵⁷⁰ cf. Letters to Father Bonaventura Lüthen: by Sister Elisabeth Albertzki, E 967, June 18, 1907; by Sister Engelberta Weinmann, E 969 (without date, taken care of on June 22, 1907); and by Sister Elisabeth Albertzki, E 970, June 29, 1907; copy in ASDS.

⁵⁷¹ The official closing date given is July 1, 1907 (cf. SHS 2.15/1, p. 293)

⁵⁷² The word "Vienna" is written above.

writes down the notes left by our dearest Rev. Mother, for the benefit of future generations of our dear Congregation, the "Sisters of the Divine Savior". – These will be followed by the chronicles of the subsequent time. "May God give His blessing!" August 1907. Sister Elisabeth

According to her wish, Sister Coelestina Weber traveled to Vienna, to be with our Sisters at the Maria Theresia Hospital and to undergo there a second gynecological operation. On the 11, she returned to the Motherhouse in good health.

15. Today the dear Sisters celebrated my nameday briefly and simply, yet beautifully. They did not want to tire me with many things.

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Venerable Father and Founder, together with Rev. Father Bonaventura, also gave me the joy of their visit.

18. Today, Sister Paula Candrian was permitted to make a short visit to Switzerland in keeping with the urgent wish of her relatives.

24. Miss Agnes Dembick, Prov. Posen, was today accepted as candidate.⁵⁷³ Likewise, on the

30. two good young girls from Mittelfranken entered, recommended by the Rev. Pastor Baumann of Arberg.

24. Sister Genovefa Walenko was dispensed from her vows and dismissed.

29. In Kaisermühlen, our Sisters moved into their own home. Thanks be to God!

October

10. Anna Hellmann and Maria Heumann from Arberg entered here today as candidates.

⁵⁷³ Her arrival is registered under November 8, 1907 (cf. p. 8)

14. Today we had a positive vote on the foundation in Lommel, and Sister Coelestina Weber was appointed superior.⁵⁷⁴

20. Eva Wächtler and Agnes Fug entered as candidates.

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22. Today we voted for the erection of the novitiate in Milwaukee.

28. Sister Gerharda Becker and Sister Alexandra Gijbels were sent to Overpelt. The former for there, the other later on for Lommel.

29. The Apostolic Visitor, Msgr. Antonio O.C., gave Rev. Mother the great joy of his visit. Rev. Mother, although ill, but out of bed, visited with His Grace in the parlor upstairs.

November

3. Today Ven. Father and Founder was here: Sister Rufina Hubert and Sister Thadäa Iгла renewed their holy vows for one year, and the three Candidates Stienen, Kaiser and Hoffmann were invested as Sisters Genovefa, Raphaela, and Emilia. Our good Rev. Mother was quite ill, but she attended the ceremonies in the chapel, serene and happy, and for the first time leaving to Sister Bonaventura, the novice mistress, the handing of the habits to Ven. Father – surely with a heavy heart, but resignedly. Afterwards Ven. Father remained with her for a longer period in the parlor upstairs, and shared with her various items of

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good news of our beloved Congregation.⁵⁷⁵ Her pale countenance bore the expression of deep inner peace, even happiness, as it did repeatedly during the days of her suffering, even though she had to bear many a deep sorrow and care.

8. Agnes Dembick from Posen entered as candidate.

⁵⁷⁴ cf. *M. Mary to Rev. Father* (Dictated to S. Elisabeth Albertzki), SHS 2.16/1, Letter 269, September 4, 1907, orig. APS E 983.

⁵⁷⁵ Above *Congregation* is written: (S. Elisabeth present.)

9. Today our dearest Rev. Mother, from her bed in her workroom, signed the petition to the imperial-royal government in Vienna, for the admission of our Sisters there. One of the secretaries of the Austrian-Hungarian Embassy here (an Italian) kindly acted as witness for the authentication of the signature. Rev. Mother, though weak, spoke very lively and in good spirits with the gentleman, and firmly placed her signature. "How beautiful! O, the dear Vienna! Thanks be to God for the beginning – may He continue to help!" These are more or less the words she spoke after the gentleman left. (The writer of these lines was present.)

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22. Sister Theresia Becker renewed her vows in chapel for one year, in the presence of Ven. Sister Engelberta Weinmann, First General Consultor, whom Rev. Mother had delegated for this purpose, as she herself was not allowed to leave her bed at doctor's orders on this day, nor would she have been able to do so. Also our Ven. Father and Founder was hindered from being present at the ceremony, and so the celebration was a rather sad one, both for Sister Theresia Becker and for the whole community. But Sister Theresia was allowed to come to the sickbed of Rev. Mother; and there the dear patient spoke to her in a loving and motherly manner which consoled and cheered her, and which will be for her, as she said, an unforgettable remembrance of this good Mother.

23. Dear Rev. Mother sent Sister Thaddäa Igla to Torri as the fourth Sister there.

25. Ven. Sister Valentina Wirth, Superior in Torri, came to the Motherhouse to make her annual retreat, after which she returned to Torri.

27. Ven. Sister Coelestina Weber and Sister Priska Vaassen

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28. traveled to Belgium today, destined for the new foundation in Lommel.

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28. During the night, our dear, faithful little Sister Crescentia Bebel died of a heart attack after a long illness. She was for many years a faithful child of the Congregation, greatly attached to it; she was the sacristan.

25. Today, Sister Paula Candrian returned from her visit in Switzerland, happy and healthy, as she had always been. Her first greeting was for our dear Rev. Mother on her sickbed; for the good Sister this was a painful meeting.

30. Today good Mrs. Benz, mother of our Sisters Clementine and Augusta, arrived from Bräunlingen, with Candidate Anna Späth, whom Rev. Mother had shortly before received into the Congregation. Mrs. Benz came for the First Mass of her son, Rev. Father Basil, SDS.⁵⁷⁶ She stayed with us for about a week.

December

5. Today on her sickbed our good Rev. Mother, still with firm letters, signed the papers of acceptance into the Congregation for two Hungarian Candidates: Elisabeth Hubay and Anna Kovacs. After spending a bad night, the dear patient was very weak, but cheerful and resigned,

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without complaint, as always in the days of her suffering, but full of lively interest for everything. – However, these were to be her last admissions – so the dear God wanted it. –

10. Today the dear patient, very ill, sitting in an armchair, with visible joy sent the young Sister Chrysostoma Svoboda to Kaiser-mühlen, admonishing her with very motherly and encouraging words. For the good Sister, the farewell was, as one can easily imagine, a very painful one. But in spite of her weakness, the good Mother cheered her up lovingly, probably unaware, that after two

⁵⁷⁶ Father Basil Benz, SDS

weeks she would no longer be on earth for the good Sister, nor for all of us, her spiritual daughters.⁵⁷⁷

15. Today all the communities of our Congregation received a special communication that dearest Rev. Mother was seriously ill, and that one feared the worst, that a very sad Christmas had to be expected.

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The dear patient began to lose her speech – a serious cerebral ailment had developed. She suffered quietly, patiently.⁵⁷⁸

18. This noon, Rev. Father Pancratius, Procurator General, who for several days now, at the request of Ven. Father and Founder, frequently visited the dear patient, told her about the blessing of the Holy Father, Pius X, which we had asked for her. She understood, smiled and said: "O, how beautiful! Thank you!"

21. The representative of His Eminence, the Cardinal Vicar, Msgr. Leva, Canon of St. Peter, his Deputy for us, came to the sickbed and gave our good Rev. Mother the general absolution. She wanted his hand to kiss.

With the permission of this Most Rev. Monsignor, we had the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the chapel with the intention: for our good dying Rev. Mother. From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. we took turns, urgently beseeching our Divine Savior

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to guide everything according to His holy Will for the good of our heroically suffering Rev. Mother, as well as for her deeply sorrowing spiritual daughters and our whole Congregation. We also informed the dear patient of this extraordinary grace – she smiled contentedly. Since then, Rev. Father Pancratius was here daily, also at night, and often at the sickbed or nearby.

⁵⁷⁷ Note at the right side: *Up to here the points are from Mother Mary's notes.*

⁵⁷⁸ cf. also: *Study Group Mary of the Apostles*, Meditation Booklet for the 90th death anniversary of Blessed Mary of the Apostles, ASDS

22. We informed Rev. Mother of the blessing, which His Eminence, Cardinal Fischer of Cologne had sent her. She smiled and thanked.

23. This evening, between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., Rev. Father Pancratius gave the beloved patient for the last time Holy Communion in a small particle, fearing that she would not be able to swallow a whole host, as the brain ailment had caused a throat infection.

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When, asked by Rev. Father, the dear patient had requested to have Holy Communion and she received it also with touching devotion, vigorously striking her breast at the "Domine, non sum dignus" of the priest, which, to the joy of all, she understood well. This, then, was her last reunion on this earth with the Crucified. So very often during her last illness, she had pressed his likeness to her lips, having it always before her, and kissing the sacred wounds, had said: "He is my best friend."

24. Today Rev. Father Odo Distel, General Consultor, replaced Father Pancratius at the sickbed, since the latter was hindered by urgent official business. – Unusually, this afternoon the dear patient is practically always asleep. In the evening, towards 9:00 p.m., she became very quiet. Many prayers are being said and ejaculations, etc. are repeated for her. She listens with satisfaction, as is apparent from the contented expression on her face - - - At 11:45 p.m. Rev. Father, without realizing it, left

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the beloved dying patient – a few Sisters are with her – the others are assembled in the chapel.

25. The first Midnight Mass begins. O holy Christmas joy! How it is imbued, this time, with quiet, profound sadness!!! Yet, the newborn Christ Child seems to grant the oppressed hearts respite and courage – from the Sisters, a few Christmas hymns are heard – at the Gloria the "Angels in silent meadows - - Gloria in excelsis Deo"

the favorite Christmas hymn of her, who – oh! – lies dying in her convent-room nearby. – The Midnight Mass ends, and, before the second Mass begins, comes the call: "Reverend Mother is dying!" Oh!, sad Christmas greeting! – but, yes – God wills it so – Immediately the first Sisters hurry to the dying Mother – they kiss her dear hand, see her take the last breath – and – now they have but the earthly remains of their beloved spiritual Mother. Her faithful, noble soul has gone to God – so we hope – to join with the angels in the heavenly Gloria. -----

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25. Quickly and briefly Rev. Father is notified, who is already reading the first gospel of the second Mass, and therefore is still able to offer it for the dear departed, as does the whole Community and also receive Holy Communion in the same intention. Also in the third Mass the beloved Mother is remembered in sincere love and gratitude. After that the Sisters keep vigil with alternating prayers around the beautiful body laid out amid palms and candles in the room in which death occurred. The pallid noble face bears an expression of gentle seriousness and sweet peace. - - - -

Ven. Father and Founder and Rev. Father Bonaventura visited in the morning towards 11:00 a.m. Later, Rev. Father Clemens Hofbauer, Rev. Father Vincenz Linsner, and others came. Rev. Father Pancratius had paid a tearful visit already in the morning. He knew her well, the faithful, strong, courageous soul, since he had worked much with her for the good of the Sisters' Congregation and had learned to appreciate the noble characteristics of her mind and heart. -----

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25. May God reward him for everything most generously. Towards 12:00 noon, twelve telegrams went out, among them, also one to Castle Myllendonk, to the eldest sister of the dear departed, Baroness Fanny von Böselager, widow. ----

The eleven others went to the houses of the Congregation: one each to Asia and America, three to Austria, three to Hungary, one to Switzerland, one to Belgium (Overpelt), one to Campobello (Sicily). Also Torri received a telegram, and the Apostolic Visitor, Msgr. Antonio, received one from Rev. Father Pancratius. All telegrams, we were told, arrived still the same day at their destination.

26. A solemn Mass for the deceased was celebrated by Rev. Father Magnus, SDS,⁵⁷⁹ in our chapel. The Ven. Scholastics beautifully sang the Gregorian Requiem Mass. - At 2:00 in the afternoon, the body was placed in the coffin in the presence of Rev. Father Pancratius and most of the Sisters. Rev. Sister Valentina Wirth, Superior in Torri, was also present. The coffin was then brought into the chapel.

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26. The Rev. Parish Priest of the church Santo Spirito, Msgr. de Angelis, blessed the remains; and towards 3:30 p.m., the transfer of the body took place by hearse, to the German Campo Santo, with the Rev. Parish Priest, all our Sisters and Candidates and several Sisters from other Congregations forming the funeral procession. It was raining heavily the whole time, and no grave was as yet prepared. The Rector, Msgr. de Waal, led the procession into the chapel of Our Lady in the Cemetery, where, thank God, also Rev. Father Bonaventura with Ven Father, and several others of the first Rev. Fathers SDS had already assembled. - The blessings were completed - but we still remained a long time near the mortal remains of our good Rev. Mother. R.I.P. ----

27. Today, towards 11:00 a.m., all of us again went to the funeral chapel. Once again we united with our good and unforgettable Rev. Mother - here, near her remains - in heartfelt prayer for her. Towards 12:00 noon, Msgr. de Waal led the procession to the grave destined for her, and said the prayers; the noon-day cannon-

⁵⁷⁹ Father Magnus Wambacher, SDS

shot sounded; the bells rang out the Angelus, during which also the mortal remains of our dear Mother

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were taken from us; slowly the coffin sank into the simple grave, and a half hour later, it too, was taken from our view. We were left behind as poor orphans. Rev. Father Pancratius also remained until everything at the graveside was finished.⁵⁸⁰ - - - - -

⁵⁸⁰ The chronicles were continued in the same copybook until May 3, 1915

APPENDIX

**I. Early Members of the Congregation
and of the Society**

1. The first Sisters of our Congregation

The charts of this section give us some details regarding the Sisters who entered the Congregation in the years between its foundation in December 1888 and the month of M. Mary's death, December 1907. By the end of December 1907, 283 members had entered.*

The early years of the Congregation fall into the time of the "German Empire" – founded in 1871 and existing till 1918 – which, besides Alsace Lorraine, and the four Kingdoms of Bavaria, Prussia, Saxony and Württemberg, comprised 21 other German States. The King of Prussia was, at the same time, the German Emperor.

Prussia, in turn, was divided into Provinces, and a number of our Sisters who entered during these early years, came from East and West Prussia, and especially from Silesia**. Through the First World War (1914-1918) Germany lost these areas to Poland. (Therefore the indication "PL" in the German edition.) In the English edition the areas are indicated with their contemporary names, as given below.

***Deaths** during M. Mary's lifetime: 37 Sisters and 8 Novices; **departures** during the same period: 19 Professed, 13 Novices and 18 Candidates. At the time of Mother Mary's death, therefore, the Congregation had 188 members. Mater Klotild Kúhar, Provincial in Hungary, died in 1989, at the age of 100 years and after 81 years of professed life – the last of the Sisters accepted by Mother Mary to die.

**At the time, Upper Silesia belonged in part to the German Empire, in part to Austria-Hungary, the Danube Monarchy. Especially in the case of Sisters from the Diocese of Olmütz, it is for us no longer possible to know where they belonged. Even a Sister whose home is in the Diocese of Prague (i.e. in Bohemia or Moravia) is still called a Silesian. In order to keep the indications intelligible also for non-Europeans, we have included these Sisters under Silesia.

2. Our Sisters' Countries of Origin in the German Empire

<i>Political Units of the <u>German Empire</u> (1871-1918)</i>	Code	Srs.
1. Baden	GE-1	14
2. Bavaria	GE-2	110
a. Bavaria	GE-2a	41
b. Franconia	GE-2b	58
c. Upper Palatinate	GE-2c	6
d. Rhenish Palatinate	GE-2d	5
3. Hannover	GE-3	1
4. Hessen	GE-4	4
5. Hohenzollern	GE -5	1
6. Posen	GE -6	1
7. East Prussia	GE -7	7
8. West Prussia	GE -8	3
9. Rhineland	GE -9	16
10. Saxony	GE -10	5
11. Silesia	GE -11	33
12. Thuringia	GE -12	2
13. Waldeck	GE -13	1
14. Westphalia	GE -14	14
15. Württemberg	GE -15	<u>8</u>
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3. Our Sisters from the Danube Monarchy and other Countries

<i>Danube Monarchy 1914 (Austria-Hungary)</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Srs.</i>
1. Austria	DM-1	2
2. Bohemia	DM-2	3
3. Hungary	DM-3	9
4. Moravia	DM-4	2
5. Tyrol	DM-5	<u>4</u>
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Early members also came from

Belgium	B	2
France	F	1
Italy	I	21
Switzerland	CH	14
USA	USA	5
		<u>43</u>
	(From the Danube Monarchy	20)
	(From the German Reich	220)
		<u>283</u>

283 Candidates entered by December 31, 1907



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Notes regarding the Membership Lists

4. List of Sisters and Candidates 1888-1907

- a. The following pages list all Sisters and Candidates who have entered the Congregation until the end of 1907.
- b. The first column to the left shows the Sisters' (or Candidates') number of entrance.
- c. If candidates left before entering the novitiate, their baptismal names are indented and written in italics.
- d. As stated in the introduction, Mother Mary's spellings of the Sisters' names have been added in brackets.
- e. In the third column from the right are the indications of the Sisters' countries of birth, explained on the preceding pages. Please refer to pages 296-297 for any number preceded by "GE" (*German Empire*), and to pages 298-299 for numbers preceded by "DM" (*Danube Monarchy*) or to country codes.

5. List of Fathers, Brothers and Clerics mentioned in the Diary

- a. It needs to be stated that the list contains only the names of those 75 members of the Society who are mentioned in Mother Mary's Diary. At Mother Mary's death, the Society counted 312 members (while 50 had died and 212 left.)
- b. As in the Sisters' list, Mother Mary's spelling of names is indicated.

No.	Religious Name - Sister	Family Name	Birth	Entrance	1 st Vows	Cntry	Death	Withdrawal
233	Adelgundis	Acker	15.02.1874	06.11.1903	09.02.1905	GE-5	29.05.1956	
38	Adelheid	Kemmer	30.09.1861	13.10.1891	30.11.1892	GE-2b		10.10.1894
116	Adelheid	Clemenz	31.07.1875	23.01.1895	24.04.1896	GE-2b	02.12.1914	
216	Afra	Hanusch	24.02.1882	09.01.1903	03.07.1904	DM-1		03.07.1910
65	Agatha [Agata]	Mangold	05.07.1871	30.10.1892	10.12.1893	GE-2b	05.02.1955	
9	Agnes	Heimgartner	12.05.1872	19.02.1890	19.03.1891	CH	02.12.1891	
49	Agnes	Weber	09.05.1873	26.11.1891	04.01.1893	GE-2a	26.03.1939	
278	<i>Agnes</i>	Fug	27.07.1883	20.10.1907		GE-2a		12.02.1908
131	Alberta	Franke	06.02.1873	12.05.1895	08.02.1897	GE-14	01.06.1940	
256	Alexandra	Gijbels [Gybbels]	25.12.1884	05.09.1905	04.07.1907	B	09.05.1939	
160	Alexia	Kauppert	16.04.1869	12.03.1898	03.07.1899	GE-2b	04.04.1949	
37	Alfonsa	Dengel	28.06.1874	13.10.1891	30.11.1892	GE-2b	31.08.1898	
172	Alfonsa	Franke	14.04.1880	02.06.1900	03.11.1901	GE-14	02.10.1969	
7	Aloysia [Aloisia]	Fischer	25.12.1870	21.09.1889	23.10.1890	GE-2c		13.06.1902
201	Aloysia [Aloisia]	Burkhardt [Burkhard]	04.06.1881	16.04.1902	03.11.1903	GE-2d	03.09.1953	
194	Amalia	Minges	08.03.1881	25.10.1901	09.02.1903	GE-2d	30.10.1910	
105	Ambrosia	Vetter	21.10.1866	28.10.1894	05.02.1896	GE-7	25.06.1925	
181	Anastasia	Mordeja	01.11.1876	12.10.1900	08.02.1902	GE-11		--.06.1919
136	Andrea	Grimm	22.11.1872	13.11.1895	08.02.1897	GE-2b	19.03.1935	
10	Angela	Lenhart [Lenhard]	29.01.1874	19.02.1890	19.03.1891	GE-4		11.07.1897
154	Angela	Mader	30.08.1874	25.09.1897	20.02.1899	GE-2b	30.06.1900	
179	Angela	Hirt	23.03.1878	05.10.1900	08.02.1902	GE-1	16.07.1946	
191	Angelika [Angelica]	Kemper	13.04.1876	08.10.1901	09.02.1903	GE-14		12.02.1909
36	<i>Anna</i>	Sicurami		24.08.1891		I		24.08.1891

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52	Anna	Albrecht	29.12.1857	29.04.1892	30.05.1893	GE-11	18.10.1919	
13	Antonia	Kreppelt	11.11.1868	11.05.1890	24.05.1891	GE-2b		14.05.1913
111	Apollonia	Brehm	26.12.1875	05.12.1894	05.02.1896	GE-2b	14.09.1959	
45	Augusta	Burkhard	24.11.1862	11.11.1891	30.11.1892	GE-1	24.09.1900	
178	Augusta	Benz	18.09.1882	05.10.1900	08.02.1902	GE-1	25.12.1947	
150	Aurelia	Zaremba	12.03.1876	01.10.1896	20.02.1898	GE-7	25.06.1949	
265	Baptista	Faupel	28.07.1880	12.03.1907	10.12.1908	GE-10	20.10.1952	
12	Barbara	Kass	20.09.1854	05.04.1890	24.05.1891	GE-4	30.04.1896	
145	Barbara	Lisson	24.11.1867	27.04.1896	10.10.1897	GE-11	24.06.1950	
252	Bartholomäa	Schebestik	28.10.1886	26.03.1905	03.11.1906	DM-4	22.03.1971	
197	Basilissa	Sikierka [Sierka]	07.10.1877	23.11.1901	03.07.1903	GE-11	18.03.1930	
273	Beata	Swoboda	21.05.1892	01.06.1907	15.01.1909	DM-3	13.12.1917	
5	Benedikta [Benedicta]	Ruderich	11.05.1864	27.11.1888	18.12.1889	GE-2b	30.07.1900	
177	Benedikta [Benedicta]	Weber	24.02.1849	22.09.1900	08.02.1902	GE-9		19.02.1908
227	Berchmans [Berchmanns]	Broenneke [-necke]	11.08.1887	27.06.1903	03.11.1904	USA	31.01.1915	
78	Bernarda	Reichel	06.10.1872	21.10.1893	26.12.1894	GE-11	20.08.1896	
143	Bernarda [Bernharda]	Mathieu	02.08.1872	22.04.1896	10.10.1897	GE-9	25.03.1919	
257	<i>Bertha</i>	Wanjura	02.07.1881	28.11.1905		GE-11		20.03.1906
218	Bibiana	Hall	18.07.1875	23.01.1903	03.07.1904	GE-1	10.05.1943	
226	Blanche [Blanka]	Kinzer	28.02.1886	30.07.1901	03.11.1904	USA	30.03.1970	
63	Bonaventura	Praschma	30.03.1868	15.10.1892		GE-11		09.10.1893
88	Bonaventura	Zenker	28.07.1863	06.12.1893	29.01.1895	GE-11	30.03.1949	
283	Bonfilia	Hubay	12.10.1890	31.12.1907	03.07.1909	DM-3		10.07.1916
40	Bonifatia [Bonifazia]	Rother	22.02.1873	26.10.1891	30.11.1892	GE-11		28.12.1902

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211	Bonifatia [Bonifazia]	Vaassen	24.12.1902	21.11.1902	03.07.1904	GE-9		31.07.1908
67	Brigitta	Schneider	22.02.1865	30.10.1892	10.12.1893	GE-2b	04.04.1906	
255	Brigitta	Roos	13.12.1873	21.06.1905	04.07.1907	GE-2b	15.11.1961	
35	Calasanza	Enzenberger	24.03.1869	23.08.1891		GE-2a		18.02.1892
133	Calasanza	Görgen	10.03.1871	18.09.1895	08.02.1897	GE-9	09.04.1897	
232	Calista [Callista]	Ulrich	09.03.1875	06.11.1903	09.02.1905	GE-2b		12.02.1911
124	Carolina	Dingler	12.08.1873	22.03.1895	09.06.1896	GE-15	18.05.1943	
91	<i>Carolina</i>	Tozzi	06.11.1859	01.02.1894		I		18.03.1894
16	Caterina [Catha-, Katha-, Katrin]	Sensi		23.08.1890		I		05.02.1891
54	Cecilia [Cäcilia, Cäzilia]	Napoleoni	18.04.1872	30.04.1892		I		30.10.1892
70	Cecilia [Cäcilia]	Angelosanto	08.11.1875	24.07.1893	26.12.1894	I	08.04.1958	
80	Christina	Altmann	12.04.1874	13.11.1893	26.12.1894	GE-2a	01.05.1949	
258	Chrysostoma	Svoboda	16.11.1888	28.11.1905	04.07.1907	GE-11	05.02.1974	
4	Clara	Rheinwald	19.06.1855	27.11.1888	18.12.1889	GE-2b	26.07.1892	
59	Clara	Krauer	08.12.1871	23.08.1892	10.12.1893	CH	02.08.1946	
139	Claudia	Horrmann	04.03.1853	01.02.1896		GE-2a		13.12.1896
149	Claudia	Schubert	15.03.1876	24.09.1896	20.02.1898	GE-2b	16.05.1941	
142	Claveria	Stadler	24.03.1868	21.03.1896	25.04.1897	GE-2a	02.07.1951	
163	Clementine [Clementina]	Benz [Bentz]	11.07.1877	11.01.1899	03.07.1900	GE-1	07.07.1962	
134	Cleofa	Rupp	20.03.1868	23.10.1895	08.02.1897	GE-9	14.10.1946	
60	Cleofa	Bogener	22.07.1860	11.09.1892		GE-4		10.07.1893
212	Clotilde	Bittner	20.04.1883	05.12.1902	03.07.1904	GE-11	21.05.1906	
94	Coelestina [Cölestina]	Weber	09.02.1875	27.04.1894	28.05.1895	GE-9	30.08.1922	
148	Coletta	Neumayer	17.09.1872	24.09.1896	05.04.1898	GE-2a	29.03.1912	

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6	Columba	Weinsheimer [-heim]		27.11.1888		GE-2b		02.12.1889
84	Columba	Kohlmann	25.12.1876	06.12.1893	29.01.1895	GE-2b	01.07.1951	
51	Constantia	Murer	17.01.1870	31.12.1891		CH		08.09.1892
69	Constantia [Constanzia]	Ebert	31.05.1874	27.11.1892	23.01.1894	GE-15	07.09.1927	
282	Cornelia	Minges	14.10.1887	06.12.1907	03.07.1909	GE-2d	28.03.1970	
53	Crescentia [Cresz- Crescenza]	Bebel	11.04.1870	29.04.1892	30.05.1893	GE-11	28.11.1907	
275	Crescentia	Hellmann	03.05.1884	10.10.1907	03.07.1909	GE-2b	13.07.1967	
200	Crocifissa [Crucifissa]	Arnone	27.05.1873	11.02.1902	03.07.1903	I		1915
92	Cunitrudis [-itrud(a), Kunitrudis]	Richardt [Richard]	20.03.1860	02.02.1894	05.04.1895	GE-10	28.11.1935	
140	Cyrylla [Braschke]	Patschka [Batschka]	05.01.1874	11.03.1896	25.04.1897	GE-11	06.09.1923	
48	Dominica	Vieregg	27.10.1870	26.11.1891	04.01.1893	GE-2a	03.01.1946	
243	Domitilla	Albrecht	11.11.1884	22.09.1904	03.07.1906	GE-11	30.01.1918	
162	Dorothea	Hotz	09.07.1873	16.11.1898		DM-1	31.08.1899	
175	Dorothea	Schaub	08.03.1872	17.06.1900	03.11.1901	GE-1	09.12.1929	
253	Editha	Kohlmann	20.01.1879	17.05.1905	12.02.1907	GE-2b	30.05.1912	
195	Edmunda	Krause	29.09.1877	26.10.1901	09.02.1903	GE-11	27.09.1956	
198	Eleonora	Wetzel	27.09.1869	26.11.1901	03.07.1903	GE-1	11.06.1943	
18	Elisabeth	Albertzki [Albertzky]	16.01.1862	17.10.1890	29.11.1891	GE-8	25.07.1919	
229	<i>Elise</i>	Esser	07.02.1869	28.07.1903		GE-9		01.10.1903
225	Emanuela	Fiaccavento [-venti]	16.08.1860	23.06.1903	03.11.1904	I	20.09.1920	
119	Emilia	Deutinger	24.07.1875	07.02.1895	24.04.1896	GE-2a	02.12.1898	
173	Emilia	Schröder	30.11.1875	02.06.1900	03.11.1901	GE-14	04.11.1905	
269	Emilia	Hoffmann [Hofmann]	27.10.1882	20.03.1907	03.11.1908	GE-14	10.07.1954	
161	<i>Emilie</i>	Steer	05.04.1877	04.10.1898		GE-2a		25.05.1899

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62	Engelberta	Weinmann	26.01.1859	15.10.1892	10.12.1893	CH	08.05.1929	
228	Enrika	Reichert	17.07.1876	27.06.1903		USA		09.03.1904
207	Eufrasia	Wermter	26.03.1882	22.10.1902	09.02.1904	GE-7	18.06.1964	
234	Eugenia	Ludwig	21.08.1879	26.11.1903	09.02.1905	GE-2b	15.10.1944	
217	Eulalia	Wenzl [Wenzel]	02.09.1863	09.01.1903	03.07.1904	DM-4	25.08.1913	
230	Eustachia	Bauer	03.11.1872	01.10.1903	09.02.1905	GE-2c	03.11.1921	
125	Evangelista	Hofmann [Hoff-]	04.10.1872	22.03.1895	09.06.1896	GE-2b	31.01.1917	
254	Fabiana	Kerzel	28.09.1877	25.05.1905	12.02.1907	GE-11	07.03.1963	
182	Fabiola	Kerzel	10.08.1873	22.10.1900	08.02.1902	GE-11	01.01.1961	
184	Felicitas	Minges	05.09.1882	06.12.1900	03.07.1902	GE-2d	17.12.1981	
128	Filippina	Coianti [Cojanti]	22.09.1856	20.04.1895	09.06.1896	I	14.10.1926	
224	Flavia	Boni	19.08.1881	25.04.1903	03.11.1904	I		31.12.1908
220	Florentina	Dengler	23.09.1882	19.02.1903	03.07.1904	GE-2b	27.09.1969	
29	Franziska	Wagner	18.04.1865	17.05.1891		GE-2b	17.06.1892	
61	Franziska [Francisca]	Kupfer	20.06.1862	01.10.1892	10.12.1893	GE-2b	22.12.1926	
76	Fridolina	Roth [Rother]	24.11.1866	06.10.1893	26.12.1894	GE-1		11.10.1897
156	Fridolina	Mayer [Maier]	25.12.1867	25.09.1897	20.02.1899	GE-2b	25.01.1951	
28	Gabriela [Gabriele]	Bohnheim	15.10.1868	20.04.1891	24.05.1892	GE-2a	30.12.1952	
221	Galla	Linz	06.09.1884	19.02.1903	03.07.1904	GE-2b	17.02.1965	
82	Gebharda	Wäspe	08.03.1875	24.11.1893	26.12.1894	CH	17.07.1897	
157	Gebharda	Dietmann	16.06.1876	25.09.1897	20.02.1899	GE-2b	04.02.1935	
168	Genovefa [Genofeva]	Walenko [Valenka]	26.06.1872	16.11.1899	08.02.1901	GE-11		24.09.1907
267	Genovefa	Stienen	21.02.1885	20.03.1907	03.11.1908	B	26.11.1957	
281	Georgina	Späth	15.11.1882	30.11.1907	03.07.1909	GE-1	15.03.1944	

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247	Gerharda	Becker	05.09.1872	02.12.1904	03.07.1906	GE-13		03.07.1909
58	Germana	Tinschert	12.11.1870	22.07.1892	10.12.1893	GE-11	03.07.1894	
110	Germana	Steidel	05.08.1870	23.11.1894	05.02.1896	GE-2c	27.06.1961	
75	Gertrud	Maier	30.08.1867	06.10.1893	26.12.1894	GE-2a	07.07.1895	
130	Gertrud	Fiedler	26.04.1873	12.05.1895	02.10.1896	GE-10	01.01.1955	
259	Gisela	Altmann	15.11.1879	09.02.1906	15.01.1908	GE-2a	06.11.1924	
120	Gonzaga	Eichner [Eichener]	20.08.1874	07.02.1895	08.02.1897	GE-2a		20.03.1903
213	Gonzaga	Foglietti	21.11.1874	08.12.1902	03.07.1904	I	23.02.1953	
280	Gottfrieda	Dembick	18.12.1886	08.11.1907	04.07.1909	GE-6	18.09.1909	
151	Gregoria	Linder	30.03.1876	14.10.1896		GE-2a		25.03.1897
153	Gregoria	Sauer	04.01.1868	11.02.1097	25.04.1898	GE-2b	10.07.1924	
56	Hedwig	Poetsch	27.04.1876	05.05.1892	30.05.1893	GE-7	28.09.1938	
203	Helena	Kyzewska [Kizewska]	22.06.1876	17.05.1902	03.11.1903	GE-8	07.11.1912	
43	Helene [Helena]	Wrzodek [Wrczo, -deck]	15.04.1870	07.11.1891	30.11.1892	GE-11		31.12.1901
241	Henriette	Glaser	06.11.1870	22.07.1904	12.02.1906	GE-2d		26.10.1910
79	Hieronyma [Hieronima]	Schmerbeck	29.09.1869	13.11.1893	26.12.1894	GE-2a	15.02.1954	
71	Hilaria	Poetsch	17.07.1878	03.09.1893	26.12.1894	GE-7	21.05.1948	
77	Hildegard [Hildegardis]	Dombrowski	09.03.1863	21.10.1893	26.12.1894	GE-11	26.06.1941	
204	Huberta	Reichmann [Raich-]	08.08.1874	04.07.1902	03.11.1903	GE-9	22.12.1965	
108	Hyacintha [Hyazintha]	Niklas	01.12.1876	16.11.1894		GE-2a	27.08.1895	
185	Hyacintha [Hyazinta]	Leuner [Leuer]	09.12.1874	22.03.1901	03.11.1902	GE-2b	30.06.1955	
132	Hyacintha [Hyazinta]	Löhlein	16.04.1854	17.06.1895	02.10.1896	GE-2b	02.08.1901	
46	Ida	Widmer	02.08.1866	11.11.1891	30.11.1892	CH	03.03.1958	
15	Ignatia [Ignazia]	Greiner	02.09.1867	22.08.1890	29.11.1891	DM-2	28.11.1942	

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103	Innocenza	Zimmermann	13.05.1877	25.10.1894	05.02.1896	GE-2a	26.02.1902	
202	Innocenza	Stahl	14.10.1876	06.05.1902	03.11.1903	GE-2b	19.04.1968	
222	Irene	Wilpert	01.05.1883	02.03.1903	03.07.1904	GE-11	19.02.1912	
199	Irmengardis [Irmgardis]	Lindgen	20.11.1881	05.12.1901	03.07.1903	GE-14	23.12.1944	
236	Isabella	Huber	07.11.	13.01.1904		GE-15		01.03.1904
235	Isabella	Poller	26.05.1861	30.12.1903	03.07.1905	GE-2a	01.06.1928	
159	Jakoba [Jacoba]	Stumfall	21.02.1874	25.02.1898	03.07.1899	GE-2a	12.11.1951	
30	Johanna	Mai	15.10.1957	22.05.1891	02.07.1892	GE-10	19.06.1928	
186	Jolan	Szalay	10.08.1880	28.04.1901	03.11.1902	DM-3		09.02.1904
237	Jolanda	Walter	16.03.1885	01.03.1904	22.11.1905	DM-3	10.12.1949	
24	Josepha [Josefa]	Heilmeier	20.12.1863	20.12.1890	19.03.1892	GE-2a	06.01.1895	
101	Josepha [Josefa]	Skrzidlo [Skydlo]	14.08.1874	22.10.1894	05.02.1896	GE-11	[1960]	09.08.1909
279	Josephine	Noworatzky [Navratzki]	28.02.1886	25.10.1907	10.07.1909	USA	29.10.1968	
95	Juliana	Elgas	02.06.1877	27.04.1894	28.05.1895	GE-9	24.10.1900	
183	Juliana	Scheller	08.02.1879	15.11.1900	03.07.1902	GE-2b	08.01.1945	
33	Katharina	Becker	27.07.1867	15.06.1891	02.07.1892	GE-4		29.03.1899
164	Katharina [Katarina]	Schubert	30.08.1868	22.06.1899	03.11.1900	GE-2b	22.11.1944	
261	Klotild	Kühar	14.03.1889	29.05.1906	15.01.1908	DM-3	21.04.1989	
147	Konrada [Conrada]	Helg	23.10.1856	04.09.1896	20.02.1898	CH	02.01.1940	
90	Kunigilde [Cunigilda,-hilda]	Meyer	02.03.1866	17.01.1894	05.04.1895	GE-3	11.08.1914	
155	Kunigunda [Cunigunda,-de]	Huber	22.04.1871	25.09.1897	20.02.1899	GE-2b	14.09.1935	
26	Kunigunde [Cunygunde]	Gassner [Gaszner]	05.10.1871	15.02.1891	19.03.1892	GE-2a	04.12.1894	
117	Kunigunda [Cuny]	Sieghart [-hardt,-d]	11.11.1877	24.01.1895		GE-2b		07.05.1896
8	Laurentia [Laurenzia]	Heilmeier	25.03.1867	13.11.1889	28.11.1890	GE-2a	05.05.1930	

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138	Leokadia [Leocadia]	Kolb	05.08.1863	10.01.1896	08.02.1897	GE-2a	06.03.1941	
93	Leonarda [Leonharda]	Siebenfärcher	08.11.1867	08.02.1894	05.04.1895	DM-5	01.1904	
238	Leonarda	Nay	30.11.1873	01.03.1904		DM-3		03.04.1905
244	Leonarda	Daigger	17.07.1885	20.09.1904	03.09.1904	GE-15	25.11.1917	
196	Leonia	Gabriel	03.02.1876	26.10.1901	09.02.1903	GE-11	05.09.1950	
42	Leopoldina	Koberna	17.04.1864	07.11.1891	30.11.1892	DM-2	04.02.1932	
89	Liboria [Lyboria]	Hansknecht	28.05.1869	06.12.1893	29.01.1895	GE-14	15.05.1947	
114	Lidwina	Diegmann [Degmann]	23.08.1867	05.01.1895	05.02.1896	GE-12	26.02.1948	
86	Lioba	Uebler [Übler]	27.12.1874	06.12.1893		GE-2c	03.07.1894	
115	Lioba	Uebler [Übler]	16.03.1873	23.01.1895	24.04.1896	GE-2c	13.04.1921	
64	Lucia [Luzia]	Siegmund [Sigmund]	01.12.1875	15.10.1892	10.12.1893	GE-11	27.08.1963	
34	Lucie	De la Porte		02.08.1891		F		22.09.1891
192	Ludgeria [Ludgera]	Mertens	24.07.1878	08.10.1901	09.02.1903	GE-14	07.02.1953	
41	Ludmilla	Ziska	16.07.1861	07.11.1891	30.11.1892	DM-2	22.06.1894	
118	Ludmilla	Sendner	12.11.1874	24.01.1895	24.04.1896	GE-2b	29.12.1950	
271	Louise [Luise]	Keim	02.11.1878	15.05.1907	15.01.1909	GE-2b	26.04.1960	
206	Luitgardis	Hellmann	22.03.1883	15.10.1902	09.02.1904	GE-2b	30.08.1967	
146	Magdalena	Calabrò	01.10.1872	11.07.1896	10.10.1897	I		30.07.1900
188	Magdalena	Franke	21.12.1879	07.05.1901	03.11.1902	GE-14	27.09.1962	
121a	Marcella	Flumeri	04.01.1875	01.03.1895		I		05.05.1896
121b	Marcella	Flumeri	04.01.1875	06.11.1896	20.02.1898	I		10.02.1900
169	Marcella	Wunner [Wummer]	09.08.1879	12.01.1900	03.07.1901	GE-2b		12.1913
39	Margaretha	Gaide	13.06.1868	26.10.1891	30.11.1892	GE-11	22.06.1893	
96	Margaretha [Margareta]	Bissinger	26.06.1869	27.04.1894		GE-2b	15.06.1894	

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47	<i>Margaretha</i>	Brütting		17.11.1891		GE-2b		27.11.1891
102	Margaretha [Margareta]	Tritschler [Tritscheler]	19.04.1863	24.10.1894	05.02.1896	GE-1	12.07.1929	
1	Maria von den Aposteln	Wüllenweber, von	19.02.1833	20.05.1882	05.09.1882	GE-9		
				27.11.1888	25.03.1889		25.12.1907	
98	<i>Maria</i>	Polaczek		05.1894		GE-11		08.1894
260	<i>Maria</i>	Braunssperger [-berger]	27.12.1872	02.03.1906		GE-2a		03.09.1906
44	Martha	Burger	22.03.1869	11.11.1891	30.11.1892	CH	21.06.1894	
106	<i>Martha</i>	Nitsch	03.03.1875	28.10.1894		GE-7		14.11.1894
109	Martha [Marta]	Storchenegger	25.06.1871	16.11.1894	05.02.1896	CH	06.03.1953	
83	Martina	Eisenring	07.04.1871	24.11.1893	26.12.1894	CH		31.03.1899
166	Martina	Söllner [Sölner]	25.04.1874	04.10.1899	08.02.1901	GE-2b	13.09.1914	
264	Maryanna	Noworatzky	18.01.1888	10.03.1907	10.12.1908	USA	15.12.1912	
190	Mathilda [Mathilde]	Maas	21.01.1874	08.10.1901	09.02.1903	GE-14	27.09.1949	
245	Maxima	Daigger	14.04.1887	22.09.1904	03.07.1906	GE-15	02.10.1931	
87	Mechthildis [Mechtildis]	Klug	23.08.1859	06.12.1893	29.01.1895	GE-2b	14.08.1933	
266	Medarda	Swoboda [Svoboda]	18.08.1889	16.03.1907	15.01.1909	DM-3	13.09.1922	
210	Melania	Bauernschmitt	04.03.1886	31.10.1902	09.02.1904	GE-2b	14.02.1967	
123	Michaela	Schakmann	07.11.1874	22.03.1895		GE-9		14.04.1897
158	Michaela	Philipp [Filipp]	08.05.1880	23.01.1898	03.07.1899	GE-11	11.11.1966	
215	Natalia	Hohmann	20.08.1869	19.12.1902	03.07.1904	GE-7	24.11.1939	
127	Nazarena	Coianti [Cojanti]	28.06.1850	20.04.1895	09.06.1896	I	12.04.1929	
137	Nicoletta	Gargano	25.04.1873	28.12.1895	08.02.1897	I		09.02.1904
250	Nicoletta	Baus	12.02.1884	18.12.1904	03.07.1906	GE-2b	20.01.1962	
205	Norberta	Bufardeci	25.04.1882	02.10.1902	09.02.1904	I	19.05.1928	

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276	Nothburga	Heumann	13.08.1885	10.10.1907	03.07.1909	GE-2b		03.07.1915
81	Othmara [Ottmara]	Sträsze [Sträslji]	03.09.1874	24.11.1893	26.12.1894	CH	01.09.1896	
144	Othmara [Ottmara]	Gähwyler [Gebwyler]	15.10.1874	22.04.1896	10.10.1897	CH	15.09.1898	
174	Othmara [Ottmara]	Scheffer	09.11.1873	02.06.1900	03.11.1901	GE-14	21.11.1965	
21	Ottilia	Ott	26.12.1860	02.11.1890	25.01.1892	GE-2b	29.08.1892	
68	Ottilia	Haupttshofer	05.04.1875	30.10.1892	23.01.1894	GE-2a	(1954)	09.08.1909
122	Pancratia [Pancrazia]	Blank	11.08.1872	22.03.1895	10.10.1897	GE-9	22.01.1910	
32	Paula	Werner	11.12.1875	10.06.1891	02.07.1892	GE-1	14.10.1893	
73	Paula	Huber	06.11.1897	04.10.1893		GE-2a	28.06.1894	
100	Paula	Candrian	20.01.1839	17.06.1894	04.09.1895	CH	12.11.1926	
121c	Perpetua	Flumeri	04.01.1875	19.03.1901	03.11.1902	I		08.1920
274	Petra	Reiff	16.05.1883	08.09.1907	10.12.1908	GE-2a	23.12.1964	
23	Petronilla [Petronella]	Maira	20.12.1875	13.11.1890	25.01.1892	I	02.01.1903	
208	Petronilla	Scheller [Schiller]	25.05.1881	31.10.1902	09.02.1904	GE-2b	04.05.1909	
17	Philomena [Filomena]	Raich [Reich]	25.11.1842	11.10.1890	29.11.1891	DM-5	22.06.1913	
141	Pia	Bochenek [Bochynek]	17.03.1880	20.03.1896	25.04.1897	GE-11	07.12.1961	
277	Plautilla	Wächtler	01.08.1880	20.10.1907	03.07.1909	GE-2a	26.10.1964	
231	Prassedede	Bruno	21.10.1871	06.11.1903		I		02.08.1904
239	Praxedis [Prassedede]	Regula	02.04.1875	01.03.1904	22.11.1905	DM-3	22.11.1935	
219	Priska [Prisca]	Vaassen	24.02.1865	13.02.1903	03.07.1904	GE-9	28.07.1948	
242	Pudentiana [Pudentia]	Maiss [Mais, Maib]	23.10.1883	22.09.1904	03.07.1906	GE-11	31.08.1957	
27	Raphaela [Rafaela, -le]	Bohnheim	29.04.1866	29.04.1891	24.05.1892	GE-2a		30.07.1906
268	Raphaela	Kaiser	20.09.1880	20.03.1907	03.11.1908	GE-14	15.05.1919	
270	Regina	Vollert	07.12.1881	26.04.2907	09.02.1909	GE-2b	16.09.1917	

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50	Rosa	Steinberger	15.10.1864	26.11.1891	04.01.1893	GE-2a	16.10.1894	
112	Rosa	Schwarzmann	10.06.1874	05.12.1894	05.02.1896	GE-2b	06.10.1951	
187	Rosalia	Gutschera	18.08.1882	04.05.1901	29.11.1902	GE-15	15.11.1965	
249	Rufina	Hubert	15.09.1875	18.12.1904	03.11.1906	GE-2b		03.11.1908
223	Sabina	Jöbges	30.11.1860	21.03.1903	03.07.1904	GE-9		03.07.1906
31	Salesia	Staudinger	12.04.1852	07.06.1891	02.07.1892	GE-2a		10.06.1899
3	Scholastika [Scholastica]	Hopfenmüller	17.02.1855	27.11.1888	18.12.1889	GE-2a	24.11.1938	
246	Sebastiana	Kiefer	14.08.1884	02.12.1904	03.07.1906	GE-9	07.04.1907	
262	Sebastiana	Hamberger	10.08.1877	09.06.1906	12.04.1908	GE-1		12.04.1911
99	Seraphina [Serafina]	Hald	20.07.1872	23.05.1894	04.09.1895	GE-15	14.01.1942	
214	Severa	Pingel [Pingler]	07.01.1875	13.12.1902	03.07.1904	GE-14	05.02.1956	
57	Simforosa [Sinfiorosa]	Garofali	23.06.1876	01.07.1892	10.12.1893	I	09.01.1946	
72	<i>Sofia</i>	Rheinhold	1858	22.08.1893		GE-12		17.10.1893
209	Sofia	Wurm	22.10.1886	31.10.1902	09.02.1902	GE-2b	24.12.1961	
248	<i>Sophia</i>	Schappeler	17.06.1885	06.12.1904		CH		21.09.1905
11	Stanislaus	Raczkowska [Razo-]	24.05.1857	28.02.1890	24.05.1891	GE-8	08.07.1944	
126	Stefania	Barthelmes [Bartel-]	22.04.1872	22.03.1895	09.06.1896	GE-2b	16.06.1942	
251	Thaddäa	Igla	25.07.1887	17.03.1905	03.11.1906	GE-11	17.10.1968	
113	Thekla [Thecla]	Ziesel	16.04.1873	13.12.1894	05.02.1896	GE-15	24.12.1944	
74	Theodora	Grandinger	19.12.1862	04.10.1893		GE-2a	28.06.1894	
107	Theodora	Geser	07.09.1873	16.11.1894	05.02.1896	CH		29.08.1900
193	Theodora	Steinberg	05.01.1867	18.10.1901	09.02.1903	GE-10	15.07.1946	
263	<i>Therese</i>	Altmann	28.09.1881	10.07.1906		GE-2a		30.09.1906
272	<i>Therese</i>	Mergl	09.05.1892	01.06.1907		DM-3		30.08.1907

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20	Theresia [Therese]	Niggel	04.01.1876	02.11.1890	25.01.1892	GE-2a		03.07.1896
152	Theresia [Therese]	Maisinger	14.05.1875	06.01.1897	02.07.1898	GE-2a		05.05.1904
170	<i>Theresia</i>	Egger	28.10.1867	27.01.1900		DM-5		14.03.1900
240	Theresia	Becker	20.11.1880	07.04.1904	22.11.1905	GE-14	11.02.1945	
2	<i>Ursula</i>	Rabis	31.10.1835	27.11.1888		GE-2a	[25.4.1889]	29.01.1889
14	Ursula	Maier	28.12.1853	29.05.1890	02.07.1891	GE-2c	26.08.1936	
104	Valentina	Siegel [Sigl]	15.02.1880	25.10.1894		GE-2a	14.08.1895	
129	Valentina	Wirth	08.08.1874	12.05.1895	02.10.1896	GE-9	16.09.1950	
167	Valeria	Behr	30.10.1875	18.10.1899	08.02.1901	GE-11	15.12.1966	
25	Verena	Vaszmer [Vasmer,W-]	16.04.1849	31.01.1891	19.03.1892	GE-1	20.04.1900	
171	Verena	Schmid	13.06.1877	03.04.1900	03.07.1901	GE-2a		03.1919
66	Veronika	Neuner	05.12.1872	30.10.1892		GE-2b		07.07.1893
85	Veronika [Veronica]	Schleicher	22.11.1865	06.12.1893	29.01.1895	GE-2b	08.02.1955	
135	Viktoria [Victoria]	Steuer	30.06.1879	13.11.1895	08.02.1897	GE-2b	05.12.1961	
165	<i>Viktoria</i>	Rothmüller	18.12.1865	04.10.1899		GE-2a		15.01.1900
97	Vincenza	Cocorocchia	15.01.1871	12.05.1894	04.09.1895	I	25.03.1940	
22	Walburga	Sieghart	12.12.1872	02.11.1890	25.01.1892	GE-2b	10.11.1970	
55	Wyborada [Wiborada]	Gemperle	11.06.1874	04.05.1892	30.05.1893	CH	28.06.1900	
180	Wyborada	Wetzel	28.10.1900	05.10.1900	08.02.1902	GE-1	09.03.1932	
19	Xaveria	Förstera [Förstery]	15.03.1869	19.10.1890	29.11.1891	GE-11	21.08.1900	
176	Xaveria	Amrhein	12.07.1882	03.07.1900	03.11.1901	GE-2b	27.05.1966	
189	Zita [Zitta]	Lotti	01.11.1869	26.09.1901	09.02.1903	I	16.05.1928	

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Fr	Albert (Albertus)	Hauser	29.06.1871	06.04.1890	23.12.1893	17.03.1933	
Fr	Alejandro / Alexander	Treitinger	01.02.1869	04.10.1894	29.06.1899	23.11.1944	
Br	Alphons Rodriguez	Übler	13.04.1861	04.10.1890		12.06.1920	
Br	Alipius	Hansknecht	28.05.1871	21.01.1897		11.02.1945	
Fr	Alkuin (Alcuin)	Breuer	30.06.1873	04.10.1892	18.07.1897	20.04.1942	
Fr	Angelicus (Angelikus)	Bugiel	22.11.1875	23.11.1891	04.06.1898	22.01.1937	
Fr	Angelus	Muenzloher	03.05.1866	14.10.1886	21.12.1889	16.08.1957	
Fr	Ansgar (Ansgarius)	Jagemann von (Ga-)	14.10.1860	04.10.1890	19.05.1894		21.03.1895
Cl	Antonius	Militello	22.09.1872	01.11.1888			04.07.1891
Fr	Barnabas	Borchert	09.01.1861	04.10.1891	25.08.1895	11.05.1949	
Fr	Basil (Basilius)	Benz	07.07.1881	01.04.1905	01.12.1907	28.07.1947	
Fr	Basilius (Basilides)	Baukhage	16.06.1868	14.10.1888	19.09.1891		01.01.1911
Fr	Beda	Hoffmann	19.04.1872	06.04.1890	25.08.1894		27.03.1915
Fr	Benno	Melder	07.03.1868	21.11.1898	19.09.1903		02.05.1905
Fr	Bonaventura	Lüthen	05.03.1846	17.10.1884	15.03.1872	10.12.1911	
Fr	Bonifatius	Brennig	06.11.1876	01.11.1900	11.07.1904	27.02.1954	
Fr	Bonifatius (Bonifazius)	Gammerschlag	18.04.1868	21.06.1885	28.10.1890		27.11.1896
Fr	Bruno	Dempf	17.10.1875	09.10.1894	29.06.1899	15.02.1927	
Fr	Cajetan	Hinterberger	30.04.1862	04.10.1890	13.03.1891		29.08.1896
Fr	Canisius	Werner	29.04.1872	06.04.1890	25.08.1894		09.06.1916
Fr	Caspar (Gasparo)	Flumeri	17.08.1871	01.11.1888	25.08.1894		24.05.1921
Fr	Christophorus (Chry-)	Becker	22.10.1875	23.10.1891	17.04.1898	30.03.1937	

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Fr	Chrysologus (Chrisol-)	Raich	19.12.1860	04.10.1890	10.03.1894		17.03.1913
Br	Ciro (Cirus)	Disclafoni	26.05.1860	21.11.1889		19.07.1938	
Fr	Clemens Hofbauer	Sonntag	24.02.1865	13.11.1898	06.06.1903	11.01.1951	
Fr	Corbinian	Bohnheim	05.02.1865	04.10.1889	27.05.1893		27.05.1893
Fr	Cyrellus (Cirillus)	Braschke (Praschke)	07.07.1871	05.11.1889	23.12.1893	07.12.1950	
Fr	Damasus	Louis	29.04.1874	04.10.1891	09.03.1895		01.01.1899
Fr	Efrén / Efrem	Bohnheim	26.03.1871	15.10.1889	23.09.1893	03.06.1930	
Fr	Epiphanius (Epifa-)	Deibele	17.05.1873	03.12.1891	21.09.1895	06.11.1936	
Fr	Erasmus	Jungbauer	15.12.1872	04.10.1889	21.09.1895	04.03.1943	
Fr	Felisberto / Philibertus	Schubert	13.02.1875	26.05.1896	10.08.1900	12.04.1959	
Fr	Felix	Bucher	23.09.1862	15.08.1885	19.09.1891	13.04.1938	
Fr	Franziskus	Jordan	16.06.1848	11.03.1883	21.07.1878	08.09.1918	
Fr	Fridolinus (Fridolin)	Cichy	25.08.1871	06.03.1892	19.05.1896		08.10.1907
Fr	Gallus	Schoeb	05.07.1870	08.01.1890	25.08.1894		01.02.1910
Fr	Gregor (Gregorius)	Gasser	05.10.1868	31.12.1891	30.03.1895	27.05.1913	
Fr	Heribert (Heribertus)	Prinz	10.06.1865	04.10.1891	25.08.1895		15.03.1897
Fr	Hilarius	Gog	28.08.1871	04.10.1891	03.02.1895	15.03.1933	
Cl	Hieronymus (-nimus)	Lenhart	28.12.1871	01.11.1888			30.04.1894
Fr	Ignatius (Ignazius)	Bethan	29.04.1865	29.09.1885	21.12.1889	10.03.1928	
Br	Josephus (Josef)	Bächle	04.06.1863	10.04.1887			09.09.1899
Fr	Konrad	Hansknecht	11.04.1867	04.10.1894	29.06.1899	02.12.1939	
Fr	Ludwig / Ludovicus	Müller	24.07.1868	14.10.1888	24.09.1892	03.09.1901	

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Fr	Lucas	Burkardt	07.01.1873	18.10.1891	18.08.1896		24.03.1906
Fr	Macario	Dicks	26.11.1865	15.10.1889	27.05.1893	28.01.1929	
Fr	Magnus	Wambacher	22.09.1873	17.11.1893	04.06.1898	08.12.1948	
P	Marcellus	Lindgen	16.04.1870	04.10.1896	09.06.1900		29.11.1905
Cl	Marcellus	Schoenen	22.01.1864	08.12.1885			01.12.1886
Br	Marianus	Schumm	26.01.1854	15.01.1890		30.08.1890	
Fr	Markus	Dombrowski	10.05.1859	01.11.1889	19.09.1891		22.05.1916
Fr	Matthaeus (Mathäus)	Baukhage	16.06.1868	01.11.1885	28.10.1890		21.10.1901
Fr	Odo	Distel	21.05.1873	04.10.1896	09.06.1900	07.12.1934	
Fr	Ogerio / Ogerius	Bartsch	23.04.1878	04.10.1896	01.11.1900	11.01.1937	
Fr	Otto	Hopfenmüller	29.05.1844	20.05.1888	06.10.1866	21.08.1890	
Fr	Pachomius	Eisele	10.01.1868	15.10.1889	27.05.1893		14.02.1898
Fr	Pacificus	Spreider	12.02.1863	25.12.1886	23.09.1893		23.05.1906
Fr	Pancratius	Pfeiffer	18.10.1872	04.10.1890	30.05.1896	12.05.1945	
Cl	Petrus	Manna	08.01.1868	14.10.1888			01.01.1892
Fr	Philippus	Schütz	09.03.1864	10.02.1885	22.12.1886		29.01.1899
Fr	Pius	Steinherr	05.01.1867	01.11.1887	19.09.1891		17.12.1906
Fr	Ralph / Rudolf	Fontaine	02.10.1878	11.11.1897	25.07.1902	14.11.1943	
Cl	Raphael	Schmitz	27.08.1874	04.10.1890			02.06.1891
Fr	Severinus (Severin)	Jurek	04.07.1867	14.10.1888	19.09.1891		27.09.1912
Fr	Simon	Stein	08.02.1869	01.11.1888	24.07.1892		30.04.1911
Fr	Spiridion	Schmitz	28.05.1873	15.10.1889	13.10.1895		07.03.1897

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Cl	Stanislaus	Lucas	31.08.1867	03.03.1885			09.05.1886
Fr	Theophilus (-filus)	Muth	28.12.1870	12.01.1888	27.05.1893	17.06.1939	
Fr	Tomasz / Thomas	Weigang	25.09.1843	02.02.1885	18.12.1886	29.12.1926	
Fr	Vincenz	Linsner	08.01.1871	17.11.1896	09.06.1900	20.07.1909	
Cl	Vincenzo	Maira	01.11.1873	02.11.1889		15.12.1894	
Fr	Virgilius	Koelman	25.06.1870	04.10.1893	04.06.1898		14.01.1908
Fr	Willibald	Bocka	10.02.1871	15.10.1889	17.02.1894	03.11.1912	
Nv	Willibrord (-brodus)	Weber	01.01.1872	09.08.1889		09.08.1889	
Fr	Zeno	Benz	14.06.1874	04.10.1894	04.06.1898	15.06.1954	

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S.	Acker, Adelgundis	3/ 97. 100. 107. 109. 118. 4/ 1.
S.	Albertzki, Elisabeth	2/ 40. 43. 51. 55. 70. 78. 90. 116. 119-120. 2/ 127. 3/ 27. 34-35. 40. 43. 46. 51-52. 3/ 60. 66. 87-88. 96. 116-117. 119. 121. 4/ 4. 5. 8.
S.	Albrecht, Anna	2/ 59. 60. 77. 125. 3/ 9. 23. 26. 42
S.	Albrecht, Domitilla	3/ 111-112. 120-121.
S.	Altmann, Christina	2/ 87. 119. 3/ 11. 46. 59. 66. 68. 92.
S.	Altmann, Gisela	4/ --
C.	<i>Altmann, Therese</i>	3/ 121 -
S.	Amrhein, Xaveria	3/ 75. 79. 87. 93. 96.
S.	Angelosanto, Cecilia	2/ 79. 87. 93. 99. 3/ 33. 44. 46. 49. 67. 72. 76. 80. 91. 111.
S.	Arnone, Crocifissa	3/ 90. 96. 102-103.
Br	Bächle, Josephus	2/ 18. -
S.	Barthelmes, Stefania	2/ 123. 129. 3/ 19. 30. 43-44. 52-53. 3/ 55. 57. 60. 117.
Fr	Bartsch, Ogerio	3/ 96. 100.
S.	Bauer, Eustachia	3/ 97. 100. 107. 109. 118.
Fr	Baukhage, Basilius	2/ 76. -
Fr	Baukhage, Matthaeus	2/ 22. 95. -
S.	Bauernschmitt, Melania	3/ 93-94. 100. 105
S.	Baus, Nicoletta	3/ 108. 112. 120. 122
S.	Bebel, Crescentia	2/ 59-60. 77. 89. 99. 3/ 1. 18. 37. 60. 91. 105. 4/ 10. +
Fr	Becker, Christophorus	3/ 18.
S.	Becker, Gerharda	3/ 112. 120. 4/ 3. 7.
S.	Becker, Katharina	2/ 50-51. 62. 80. 3/ 8. 20-21. -
S.	Becker, Theresia	3/ 101. 107. 116. 4/ 9.
S.	Behr, Valeria	3/ 64. 68-69. 82. 89. 96. 102. 107. 122. 4/ 3.
S.	Benz, Augusta	3/ 78. 82. 89. 94. 99. 108. 4/ 10.
Fr	Benz, Basil	4/ 10.
S.	Benz, Clementine	3/ 54. 60. 75-76. 78. 85. 102. 4/ 10.
Fr	Benz, Zeno	3/ 54.

Fr	Bethan, Ignatius	2/ 24. 33. 3/ 42. 45.
S.	Bissinger, Margaretha	2/ 93-95. +
S.	Bittner, Clotilde	3/ 93. 96. 103. 117. +
S.	Blank, Pancratia	2/ 123. 129. 3/19-20. 22. 41. 63.
S.	Bochenek, Pia	3/ 14-15. 34. 68-69.
Fr	Bocka, Willibald	2/ 106. -
S.	Bogener, Cleofa	2/ 66. 79. -
Fr	Bohnheim, Corbinian	2/ 49. 60. 84. 4/ 3. -
Fr	Bohnheim, Efrén (Ephrem)	2/ 49. 60. 83-84. 3/ 10.
S.	Bohnheim, Gabriela	2/ 49-50. 59. 83-85. 110. 130. 3/ 10-11. 13. 4/ 3.
S.	Bohnheim, Raphaela	2/ 49-51. 59-60. 71. 83-85. 89. 109. 113. 2/ 116. 123. 128. 130. 3/ 1. 5. 16. 83. 86. 89. 110. 121. -
S.	Boni, Flavia	3/ 95. 97. 105. 110. 116. 121.
Fr	Borchert, Barnabas	2/ 59. 89. 121. 3/ 2. 45. 47. 56. 75. 82. 85. 87. 89. 98.
Fr	Braschke, Cyrillus	2/ 22. 3/ 77. 121.
C.	<i>Braunssperger, Maria</i>	3/ 119. 121. -
S.	Brehm, Apollonia	2/ 113. 3/32. 91.
Fr	Brennig, Bonifatius	3/ 118. -
Fr	Breuer, Alkuin	3/ 38.
S.	Broenneke, Berchmans	3/ 97. 105. 113.
S.	Bruno, Prassede	3/ 98. 100. 103. -
C.	<i>Brütting, Margaretha</i>	3/ 55. -
Fr	Bucher, Felix	2/ 27.
S.	Bufardeci, Norberta	3/ 92. 94. 100. 103-104. 110. 118. 4/ 1
Fr	Bugiel, Angelicus	3/ 57.
S.	Burger, Martha	2/ 54. 55. 73. 95-96. +
S.	Burkhard, Augusta	2/ 55. 80. 3/ 8. 16. 68. 77. +
S.	Burkhardt, Aloysia	3/ 90. 93. 97. 3/ 105.
Fr	Burkardt, Lucas	3/ 29. -
S.	Calabrò, Magdalena	3/ 25. 41. 51. 73. -
S.	Candrian, Paula	2/ 95. 103. 3/ 5. 26. 41. 43. 50-52. 3/ 58. 66. 69. 74. 80. 83. 91. 4/ 6. 10.
Fr	Cichy, Fridolinus	3/ 48. 57. -
S.	Clemenzenz, Adelheid	2/ 117. 124. 3/ 15. 32. 91.
S.	Cocorocchia, Vincenza	2/ 93. 103. 3/ 5. 41. 61. 103. 121. 4/ 3

S.	Coianti, Filippina	2/ 126. 130. 3/ 19. 26. 60. 73. 80. 83. 91
S.	Coianti, Nazarena	2/ 126. 130. 3/ 19. 26. 33. 60. 84. 91.
S.	Daigger, Leonarda	3/ 112. 120-121.
S.	Daigger, Maxima	3/ 112. 120-121.
Fr	Deibele, Epiphanius	3/ 59. 74-75.
C.	<i>De la Porte, Lucie</i>	2/ 50. 52. -
S.	Dembick, Gottfrieda	4/ 6. 8.
Fr	Dempf, Bruno	3/ 92. 95.
S.	Dengel, Alfonsa	2/ 54. 55. 89. 109. 3/ 9-10. 16. 23. 33. 50. +
S.	Dengler, Florentina	3/ 94. 96. 103. 105.
S.	Deutinger, Emilia	2/ 120. 124. 3/15. 33. 52-53. +
Fr	Dicks, Macario	1/ 83.
S.	Diegmann, Lidwina	2/ 116. 119. 3/ 54. 80. 89. 91-92.
S.	Dietmann, Gebharda	3/ 40. 55. 61. 65-66. 107. 109. 4/ 2.
S.	Dingler, Carolina	2/ 123. 129. 3/19. 24. 60. 63. 65.
Br	Disclafoni, Ciro	2/ 44.
Fr	Distel, Odo	4/ 14.
S.	Dombrowski, Hildegard	2/ 85. 87. 90. 94. 119. 3/11. 13.
Fr	Dombrowski, Marcus M.	2/ 70. 72. 85. 94.
S.	Ebert, Constantia	2/ 69-70. 88-89. 125. 3/ 10-11. 47. 62. 115. 117.
C.	<i>Egger, Theresia</i>	3/ 68. -
S.	Eichner, Gonzaga	2/ 119. 124. 3/ 5. 12. 18. 30. 37. 55. -
Fr	Eisele, Pachomius	3/ 26-28. -
S.	Eisenring, Martina	2/ 86-87. 99. 119. 3/ 17. 22-24. 44. 55. 58. -
S.	Elgas, Juliana	2/ 93-94. 99. 130. 3/ 47. 55. 58. 61. 3/ 65. 78. +
S.	Enzenberger, Calasanza	2/ 55. 57. -
C.	<i>Esser, Elise</i>	3/ 97. -
S.	Faupel, Baptista	4/ --
S.	Fiaccavento, Emanuela	3/ 96-97. 105. 119-120
S.	Fiedler, Gertrud	2/ 127. 3/ 5. 25. 29. 52.
S.	Fischer, Aloysia	2/ 23-24. 29. 38. 40. 51. 66. 70. 87. 89. 2/ 93. 97. 119-120. 125. 3/ 12. 15-16. 20. 24-25. 89. 91. -
Fr	Flumeri, Caspar	2/ 122. -

S.	Flumeri, Marcella	a.	2/ 122. 124. 3/15. 17. -
	“ Marcella	b.	3/ 27. 30. 49. 54. 66-67. 69. -
	“ Perpetua	c.	3/ 83. 87. 93. 97. 115
S.	Foglietti, Gonzaga		3/ 94. 96. 103. 4/ 3.
Fr	Fontaine, Ralph / Rudolf		3/ 118.
S.	Förstera, Xaveria		2/ 43. 51. 55-56. +
S.	Franke, Alberta		2/ 127. 3/ 4-6. 12. 30. 68-69. 73. 83-85
S.	Franke, Alfonsa		3/ 73. 79. 87. 93. 96. 107.
S.	Franke, Magdalena		3/ 84. 87. 93. 96.
C.	<i>Fug, Agnes</i>		4/ 6. -
S.	Gabriel, Leonia		3/ 87. 89. 94. 99. 105.
S.	Gähwyler, Othmara		2/ 15. 3/ 25. 41. 45. 50. +
S.	Gaide, Margaretha		2/ 54. 77. +
Fr	Gammersschlag, Bonifatius		2/ 42. -
S.	Gargano, Nicoletta		3/ 10. 12. 30. 46. 68-69. 72.74. 82-83. 3/ 93-94. 99. -
S.	Garofali, Simforosa		2/ 62. 99-100. 107. 16-18.
Fr	Gasser, Gregor		3/ 14. 23. 45. 52-53. 60. 70.
S.	Gassner, Kunigunde		2/ 46-47. 58. 89. 102. 111. 113 +
S.	Gemperle, Wyborada		2/ 59-60. 73. 77. 89. 99. 109 3/ 18. 20-21. 25-26. 36. 41. 61-62. 3/ 72-73. 75. +
S.	Geser, Theodora		2/ 110. 119. 3/49. 54. 63. 68-69. 76. -
S.	Glaser, Henriette		3/ 103. 109. 118. 121. -
Fr	Gog, Hilarius		3/ 94.
S.	Görgen, Calasanza		3/ 6. 12. 30. 65-66. 90. 94-95 +
S.	Grandinger, Theodora		2/ 83. 87. 98 +
S.	Greiner, Ignatia		2/ 38. 40. 51. 55-56. 3/ 118
S.	Grimm, Andrea		3/ 8. 12. 30. 34. 40. 48
S.	Gutschera, Rosalia		3/ 84. 87-88. 93. 97. 108.
S.	Gijbels, Alexandra		3/ 114. 120. 4/ 3. 7.
S.	Hald, Seraphina		2/ 103. 3/ 5. 9.
S.	Hall, Bibiana		3/ 94. 96. 103. 107.
S.	Hamberger, Sebastiana		3/ 120. 4/ 2. -
Br	Hansknecht, Alipius		3/ 56.
Fr	Hansknecht, Konrad		3/ 56
S.	Hansknecht, Liboria		2/ 87. 99. 120. 3/45. 56. 82. 90-92. 3/ 117.

S.	Hanusch, Afra	3/ 94. 96. 103. 112. -
S.	Hauptelshofer, Ottilia	2/ 68. 70. 88-89. 119. 3/ 47. 65.
Fr	Hauser, Albert	3/ 64.
S.	Heilmeyer, Josepha	2/ 45. 47. 58. 97. 116. +
S.	Heilmeyer, Laurentia	2/ 25-26. 43-44. 3/ 119. 121.
S.	Heimgartner, Agnes	2/ 28. 36. 46. 48. 51. 53-55. +
S.	Helg, Konrada	3/ 23-24. 30. 55. 65. 80. 85.
S.	Hellmann, [Anna] Crescentia	4/ 6.
S.	Hellmann, Luitgardis	3/ 93-94. 100. 113.
S.	Heumann [Maria] Nothburga	4/ 6.
Fr	Hinterberger, Cajetan	2/ 51. 55. 57. -
S.	Hirt, Angela	3/ 78. 82. 89. 94.
Fr	Hoffmann, Beda	3/ 53. 66. -
S.	Hoffmann, Emilia	4/ 2. 7.
S.	Hofmann, Evangelista	2/ 123. 129. 3/19. 28. 83.
S.	Hohmann, Natalia	3/ 93. 96. 103. 112. 4/ 3.
Fr	Hopfenmüller, Otto	1/ 87. 91. 2/13. 24-26. 38. 3/ 118
S.	Hopfenmüller, Scholastika	2/ 1. 3-4. 6. 8. 26. 29. 41. 43. 3/ 116. 118.
S.	Horrman, Claudia	3/ 9. 15. 19. 22. 26. -
S.	Hotz, Dorothea	3/ 52. 60. 63. +
S.	Hubay, [Elisabeth] Bonfilia	4/ 10.
C.	Huber, Isabella	3/ 99. -
S.	Huber, Kunigunda	3/ 40. 55. 61. 68-69. 74. 78. 83-85. 107.
S.	Huber, Paula	2/83. 2/87. 2/97 +
S.	Hubert, Rufina	3/ 108. 112. 4/ 7.
S.	Igla, Thaddäa	3/ 110-111. 116. 4/ 7. 9.
Fr	Jagemann, von, Ansgar	2/ 76. -
S.	Jöbges, Sabina	3/ 95-96. 103. 121. -
Fr	Jordan, Franziskus	1/ 41-42. 52-53. 58. 62. 64-65. 69. 73-77 1/ 79. 82. 84-87. 93. 95
		2/ 1-10. 12-13. 15. 17-19. 21-26. 28-32. 2/ 34-35. 37-38. 40-41. 43-53. 55-60. 2/ 62-63. 65-67. 69-71. 73-74. 76-78. 2/ 80-81. 83-85. 87-88. 90-92. 94. 96-98 2/ 101. 103-108. 111-112. 115. 118-119 2/ 121-122. 124. 127. 129-130
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Fr	Jordan, Franziskus cont.	3/ 25. 27-28. 30-31. 33-34. 37. 41-48. 3/ 50-51. 53-54. 58. 60-61. 63. 65-66. 3/ 69. 75. 77. 79. 82-83. 85. 87-89. 3/ 91-97. 99-100. 102-103. 105-107. 3/ 109. 112. 115-116. 118. 122.
		4/ 6-7. 9. 12. 16. 18.
Fr	Jungbauer, Erasmus	2/ 18. 3/ 3. 55.
Fr	Jurek, Severinus	3/ 32. 74. -
S.	Kaiser, Raphaela	4/ 2. 7.
S.	Kass, Barbara	2/ 29. 32. 50. 65. 94. 97. 99. 104. 121. 3/ 7. 16-17. +
S.	Kauppert, Alexia	3/ 47-48. 61. 65. 75. 78. 89.
S.	Keim, [Dorothea] Louise	4/ --
S.	Kemmer, Adelheid	2/ 54-55. 102. 108. -
S.	Kemper, Angelika	3/ 87. 89. 99. 109. 118.
S.	Kerzel, Fabiana	3/ 111. 118. 4/ 1.
S.	Kerzel, Fabiola	3/ 82-83. 89. 94. 97. 99. 108-109.
S.	Kiefer, Sebastiana	3/ 112. 120. 4/2. +
S.	Kinzer, Blanche	3/ 97. 105. 113.
S.	Klug, Mechthildis	2/ 87-88. 120. 3/ 10. 22. 42. 81. 89. 105
S.	Koberna, Leopoldina	2/ 54-55. 119. 3/ 4. 9. 53. 68. 70. 74-75.
Fr	Koelman, Virgilius	3/ 108. 110. 115. -
S.	Kohlmann, Editha	3/ 111. 118. 4/ 1. 3.
S.	Kohlmann, Columba	2/ 87-88. 120. 125. 127. 3/ 45. 92. 107. 111.
S.	Kolb, Leokadia	3/ 11-12. 30. 33. 46. 68-69. 73-75. 3/ 119. 121.
S.	Krauer, Clara	2/ 65. 70. 73-75. 89-90. 99-101. 108. 2/ 121. 127. 3/ 7. 11. 25. 27-28. 30. 32. 35. 44. 51-52. 3/ 65. 72. 79. 81. 86. 88. 90. 100.
S.	Krause, Edmunda	3/ 87. 89. 94. 97. 99. 105.
S.	Kreppelt, Antonia	2/ 32. 39. 50-51. 83. 89. 94. 103. 120. 2/ 130. 3/ 1. 8. 14. 28. 37. 40. 46-47. 3/ 55. 59. 116.
S.	Kühar, Klotild	3/ 120.
S.	Kupfer, Franziska	2/ 68. 3/ 6. 9.
S.	Kyzewska, Helena	3/ 93. 97. 105. 115. 121.

S.	Lenhart, Angela	2/ 28. 48. 51. 70. 91. 109. 3/ 1. 7. 17. 19. 37. -
Cl	Lenhart, Hieronymus	2/ 28. 48. 3/ 37. -
S.	Leuner, Hyacintha	3/ 83. 87. 93. 95. 115. 121.
S.	Linder, Gregoria	3/ 30. 32. -
S.	Lindgen, Irmengardis	3/ 88. 103. 108. 114.
Fr	Lindgen, Marcellus	3/ 88. -
Fr	Linsner, Vincenz	4/ 16.
S.	Linz, Galla	3/ 94. 96. 103. 105.
S.	Lisson, Barbara	3/ 16. 25. 41. 51. 55. 120. 122.
S.	Löhlein, Hyazintha	3/ 1. 3-5. 25. 28. 37. 43-44. 46-48. 55. 3/ 57-58. 65. 67. 80. 86. +
S.	Lotti, Zita	3/ 87. 89. 94-95. 103. 119.
Fr	Louis, Damasus	3/ 24. 28. -
Cl	Lucas, Stanislaus	1/ 63. -
S.	Ludwig, Eugenia	3/ 98. 100. 107. 109. 115.
Fr	Lüthen, Bonaventura	1/ 42-43. 45. 48. 50. 56. 64. 67. 69. 80. 82 2/ 3. 5. 7-8. 13-14. 17-18. 25. 28. 56-57 3/ 6. 33. 46. 50. 63. 66. 77. 88. 95. 100. 3/ 104. 115. 4/ 6. 16. 18.
S.	Maas, Mathilda	3/ 87. 89. 94. 96.
S.	Mader, Angela	3/ 40. 55. 66. 70. 75. +
S.	Mai, Johanna	2/ 49. 51. 62. 3/ 1-2. 18-19. 23. 25. 27. 3/ 31-32. 50-51. 60. 87. 89. 91. 104. 116
S.	Maier, Gertrud	2/ 84. 87. 130. 3/ 1. 2. +
S.	Maier, Ursula	2/ 33. 35. 41. 51. 56.
S.	Maira, Petronilla	2/ 42. 45. 57. 118-119. 3/ 1-3. 7. 12. 15. 3/ 25-26. 40. 54. 80. 89-90. 94. +
Cl	Maira, Vincenzo	2/ 43.
S.	Maisinger, Theresia	3/ 29. 34. 48. 52. 60. 70. 97. 102. -
S.	Maiss, Pudentiana	3/ 111-112. 121.
S.	Mangold, Agatha	2/ 68. 130. 3/ 10-11. 46. 54.
Cl	Manna, Petrus	2/ 22. -
S.	Mathieu, Bernarda	3/ 15. 24-25. 41. 51. 66. 94. 97. 108
S.	Mayer, Fridolina	3/ 40. 55. 58. 68-69. 72-73.
Fr	Melder, Benno	3/ 98. -
C.	<i>Mergl, Therese</i>	--
S.	Mertens, Ludgeria	3/ 87. 89. 94. 96

S.	Meyer, Kunigilde	2/ 88. 91. 125. 3/ 11. 23.
Cl	Militello, Antonius	2/ 18. 22. -
S.	Minges, Amalia	3/ 87. 89. 94. 118.
S.	Minges, <i>[Josephine]</i> Comelia	4/ 2.
S.	Minges, Felicitas	3/ 81. 85. 87. 92. 96. 103. 105.
S.	Mordeja, Anastasia	3/ 78. 82. 89. 94. 99. 112.
Fr	Müller, Ludwig	2/ 14.
Fr	Münzloher, Angelus	2/ 24. 29.
S.	Murer, Constantia	2/ 57. 65. -
Fr	Muth, Theophilus	2/ 18. 3/ 110.
S.	Napoleoni, Cecilia	2/ 59-61. 65. 68. -
S.	Nay, Leonarda	3/ 100. 107. 110. -
S.	Neumayer, Coletta	3/ 24. 30. 45-48.
S.	Neuner, Veronika	2/ 68. 78. -
S.	Niggl, Theresia	2/ 42. 45. 51. 57. 89. 99. 109. 118-119. 3/ 8. 13-14. 22. -
S.	Niklas, Hyacintha	2/ 110. 119. 3/ 5. +
C.	<i>Nitsch, Martha</i>	2/ 110. -
S.	Noworatzky, <i>[Katharina]</i> Josephine	4/ --
S.	Noworatzky, <i>[Anna Ma.]</i> Maryanna	4/ --
S.	Ott, Ottilia	2/ 45. 57. 64. +
S.	Patschka, Cyrilla	3/ 14-15. 34. 46. 55. 58. 63. 71.
Fr	Pfeiffer, Pancratius	3/ 65. 91. 97. 104. 112. 115. 4/ 2. 12-14. 16-17. 19.
S.	Philipp, Michaela	3/ 45. 48. 60. 69. 75. 92. 113.
S.	Pingel, Severa	3/ 93. 96. 103. 105.
S.	Poetsch, Hedwig	2/ 59-60. 77. 82. 89. 99. 109. 3/ 18. 32. 42.
S.	Poetsch, Hilaria	2/ 82. 87. 99. 119. 3/ 44. 58. 71. 74. 96. 98-99. 102-103.
C.	<i>Polaczek, Maria</i>	2/ 102. -
S.	Poller, Isabella	3/ 98. 103. 107. 112. 115.
S.	Praschma, Bonaventura	2/ 68. 84. -
S.	<i>Rabis, Ursula</i>	1/ 44-45. 51. 58-59. 70. 73. 2/ 1. 2. 7. -
Fr	Prinz, Heribert	3/ 28. 44-45. 51. -
S.	Rackowska, <i>(Antonia)</i>	1/ 20-21. 22. 24. 29.
S.	Stanislaus	2/ 24. 27. 32. 36. 39. 50-51. 67. 70. 2/ 80-81. 112. 3/ 8. 10-11. 52. 71. 74-75

Fr	Raich, Chrysologus	2/ 40. 48. 109. 112. 118. 3/ 12. 34. 42. 70.
S.	Raich, Philomena	2/ 40. 43. 55. 60. 71. 108. 112. 3/ 7. 9. 15. 19. 27. 55. 60. 73.
S.	Regula, Praxedis	3/ 100. 107. 116-117.
S.	Reichel, Bernarda	2/ 85. 87. 99. 119. 3/ 11. 13. 23. +
S.	Reichert, Enrika	3/ 97. 99-100. -
S.	Reichmann, Huberta	3/ 92-93. 97. 115.
S.	Reiff, Petra	4/ --
C.	<i>Rheinhold, Sofia</i>	2/ 83. 85. -
S.	Rheinwald, Clara	2/ 3. 11. 26. 63. +
S.	Richardt, Cunitrudis	2/ 89. 91. 125. 3/ 40. 47. 54
S.	Roos, Brigitta	3/ 120-121. 4/ 3.
S.	Roth, Fridolina	2/ 84. 87. 99. 116. 3/ 6. 8. 43. -
S.	Rother, Bonifatia	2/ 54-55. 60. 89. 109. 3/ 9. 28. 31. 46. 53. 56. 74. 89-90. -
C.	<i>Rothmüller, Viktoria</i>	3/ 64. 67. -
S.	Ruderich, Benedikta	2/ 4. 26. 31. 43. 3/ 77. +
S.	Rupp, Cleofa	3/ 7. 12. 30. 65-66. 120
S.	Sauer, Gregoria	3/ 31. 34. 47. 54. 68. 89
S.	Schakmann, Michaela	2/ 123. 3/ 19-20. 22. 33. - 3/87.
C.	<i>Schappeler, Sophia</i>	3/ 107. 115. -
S.	Schaub, Dorothea	3/ 74. 79. 87. 90.
S.	Schebestik, Bartholomäa	3/ 110-111. 116. 122.
S.	Scheffer, Othmara	3/ 74. 79. 87. 91.
S.	Scheller, Juliana	3/ 79. 85. 92. 95.
S.	Scheller, Petronilla	3/ 93-94. 100. 105.
S.	Schleicher, Veronika	2/ 87-88. 120. 3/ 10-11. 23. 46. 48.
S.	Schmerbeck, Hieronyma	2/ 86-87. 119.
S.	Schmid, Verena	3/ 71. 75. 85. 90. 103. 121.
Fr	Schmitz, (Matthias) Spiridion	1/ 83. 3/ 7.
Cl	Schmitz, (Franz) Raphael	1/ 96.
S.	Schneider, Brigitta	2/ 68. 102. 3/10-11. 120. +
Fr	Schoeb, Gallus	3/ 8. 11. -
Cl	Schoenen, Marcellus	1/ 70.
S.	Schröder, Emilia	3/ 74. 79. 87. 93. 97. 115. +
S.	Schubert, Claudia	3/ 24. 30. 48. 54. 60. 64-66. 107.
Fr	Schubert, Felisberto	3/ 79.
S.	Schubert, Katharina	3/ 60. 65. 79. 83-85.

Br	Schumm, Marianus	2/ 18. 24.
Fr	Schütz, Philippus	2/ 51. 69. 92. 97. -
S.	Schwarzmann, Rosa	2/ 113. 119.
		3/ 41. 54. 72-73. 80. 93. 110. 117.
S.	Sendner, Ludmilla	2/ 117. 124. 3/ 15. 32. 91.
S.	Sensi, Caterina	2/ 37-40. 46. -
C.	<i>Sicurami, Anna</i>	2/ 52. -
S.	Siebenfärcher, Leonarda	2/ 89. 91. 125. 3/ 23. +
S.	Siegel, Valentina	2/ 109. 119. 3/ 3. 4.+
S.	Sieghart, Kunigunda	2/ 117. 124. 3/ 6. 15. 17-18. -
S.	Sieghart, Walburga	2/ 45. 51. 57. 89. 92. 109. 118-119. 123.
		2/ 128-130. 3/ 1.
S.	Siegmund, Lucia	2/ 68. 87. 3/ 28. 61. 65. 80. 91.119.
S.	Sikierka, Basilissa	3/ 88. 96. 103. 122.
S.	Skrzidlo, Josepha	2/ 109. 119. 3/ 13. 32. 42. 65.
S.	Söllner, Martina	3/ 64. 68-69. 82. 89. 99. 117.
Fr	Sonntag, Clemens Hofbauer	3/ 112. 4/16.
S.	Späth, <i>[Anna]</i> , Georgina	4/ 10.
Fr	Spreider, Pacificus	1/ 63. 2/ 86. 106. 112. -
S.	Stadler, Claveria	3/ 14-15. 34. 43. 47. 68-69. 78. 87. 95.
		3/ 117.
S.	Staudinger, Salesia	2/ 50-51. 62. 3/ 1. 29. 60. -
C.	<i>Steer, Emilie</i>	3/ 50. 59. -
S.	Stahl, Innocenza	3/ 90. 93. 97. 105. 107.
S.	Steidl, Germana	2/ 112. 119. 3/ 13. 24. 28. 46. 54.
		3/ 58. 65-66. 86. 89-91.116-117.
Fr	Stein, Simon	2/ 87-88. 91-92. 96-97. 3/ 39-40. 43. -
S.	Steinberg, Theodora	3/ 87. 89. 94.
S.	Steinberger, Rosa	2/ 56. 70. 80. 112. 113. +
Fr	Steinherr, Pius	2/ 18. 3/ 29. -
S.	Steuer, Viktoria	3/ 8. 12. 30. 55.
S.	Stienen, Genovefa	4/ 2. 7. -
S.	Storchenegger, Martha	2/ 110. 119.
		3/ 5-6. 13. 37. 41. 62. 89. 96. 102.
S.	Sträszle, Othmara	2/ 86-87. 99. 130. 3/ 7. 20-22. +
S.	Stumfall, Jakoba	3/ 46. 48. 60. 69. 75. 85.
S.	Svoboda, Chrysostoma	3/ 120. 4/ 3. 11.
S.	Swoboda, <i>[Hildegard]</i> Beata	4/ --

S.	Swoboda, <i>[Maria]</i> Medarda	4/ 2.
S.	Szalay, Jolan	3/ 83. 87. 93. 97. 99.
S.	Tinschert, Germana	2/ 62. 89. 101. +
C.	<i>Tozzi, Carolina</i>	2/ 89. 91. -
Fr	Treitinger, Alejandro	3/ 92.
S.	Tritschler, Margaretha	2/ 109. 119. 3/16. 18. 81. 89.
Br	Übler, Alphons Rodriguez	2/ 23. 52. 3/29.
S.	Uebler, Lioba (1)	2/ 87. 88. 101. +
S.	Uebler, Lioba (2)	2/ 117. 124. 3/ 15-16. 18. 23. 91.
S.	Ulrich, Calista	3/ 97. 100. 107. 109. 118. 4/ 1.
S.	Vaassen, Bonifatia	3/ 93. 96. 103. 113.
S.	Vaassen, Priska	3/ 96. 103. 4/ 3. 9.
S.	Vaszmer, Verena	2/ 46-47. 58. 60. 93. 110. 113. 116. 2/ 124-125. 3/ 47. 71. +
S.	Vetter, Ambrosia	2/ 110. 119. 3/13. 27. 45. 54-55. 58. 3/ 71. 104. 116-117.
S.	Vieregg, Dominica	2/ 56. 70. 80. 3/ 8. 22. 102. 104. 117.
S.	Vollert, <i>[Mathilde]</i> Regina	4/ --
S.	Wächtler, <i>[Eva]</i> Plautilla	4/ 6.
S.	Wagner, Franziska	2/ 49. 51. 61. + 2/ 68.
S.	Walenko, Genovefa	3/ 68-69. 82. 89-90. 120-121. 4/ 6. -
S.	Walter, Jolanda	3/ 100. 107. 116-117.
Fr	Wambacher, Magnus	4/ 17.
C.	<i>Wanjura, Berta</i>	3/ 119. -
S.	Wäspе, Gebharda	2/ 86-87. 3/ 10. 14. +
S.	Weber, Agnes	2/ 56. 70. 86. 99. 123. 128. 130. 3/ 1.
S.	Weber, Benedikta	3/ 77. 82. 89. 93-94. 99. 109. 121. -
S.	Weber, Coelestina	2/ 93-94. 99. 130. 3/ 16. 59. 68. 78. 3/ 85. 104. 111. 4/ 5-6. 9.
Nv	Weber, Willibrord	2/ 14. -
Fr	Weigang, Tomasz/Thomas	1/ 94. 2/ 29. 32. 69. 81-82. 84. 91-92. 2/ 94-95. 100. 104. 107. 114-115. 121-122. 3/ 4. 6. 8. 14. 20. 23-24. 27-28. 33. 35. 3/ 37. 44-45. 47. 50-51. 54. 65-66. 70. 3/ 75. 77-81. 84. 88. 93. 105. 107. 110.
S.	Weinsheimer, Columba	2/ 4-5. 25. -
S.	Wenzl, Eulalia	3/ 94. 96. 103. 107-108. 4/ 2.
S.	Wermter, Eufrosia	3/ 93-94. 100. 107

Fr	Werner, Canisius	2/ 50. 84. 3/48. -
S.	Werner, Paula	2/ 50-51. 62. 78. 81. 84. +
S.	Wetzel, Eleonora	3/ 89. 100.
S.	Wetzel, Wyborada	3/ 78. 82. 89. 91.
S.	Widmer, Ida	2/ 54-55. 73. 125. 3/ 8. 59. 78.
S.	Wilpert, Irene	3/ 94-96. 103. 4/ 3.
S.	Wirth, Valentina	2/ 127. 3/ 5. 25. 33. 42. 56. 65. 72. 3/ 78. 92. 103. 111. 4/ 9. 17.
S.	Wrzodek, Helene	2/ 54. 71-72. 90. 99. 126. 3/ 7. 9. 28. 53. 72. 74. 84-85. 87. 89. -
S.	Wunner, Marcella	3/ 67. 75. 85. 92. 95. 103. 115. 119.
S.	Wurm, Sofia	3/ 93-94. 100. 113.
S.	Zaremba, Aurelia	3/ 25. 30. 54. 66.
S.	Zenker, Bonaventura	2/ 87-88. 120. 3/ 33. 37. 45. 78. 82. 3/ 106-107. 110. 116. 4/ 7.
S.	Ziesel, Thekla	2/ 114. 119. 3/ 13. 28. 89.
S.	Zimmermann, Innocenza	3/ 63-64. 89-90. +
S.	Ziska, Ludmilla	2/ 54-55. 96. +

III. Houses of Congregation 1888-1907

Italy

Tivoli	1888-1904
- Piazza San Francesco	1888-1896
- Via Maggiore	1896-1899
- Piazza Colonna	1899-1904

From 1894-1904 only the novitiate remained in Tivoli.

Rome,	
- Via della Lungara, Gen. Adm.	1894-1903
- Salita Sant'Onofrio, Gen. MH, Nov.....	1903-1915
- Marocco Clinic	1897-1905

Brunate, North Italy	1896-1897
Capolago, near Como	1897-1899
Torri in Sabina	1898-
Campobello di Licata, Sicily	1899-1908
Rosolini, Sicily	1903-1906
Santa Ninfa, Prov. Trapani, Sicily	1903-1904

North East India

Shillong, Assam (Meghalaya)	1891-1915
Shella, Assam (Meghalaya)	1896-1897
Laitkynsew, Cherrapunjee, Assam, (Meghalaya)	1897-1908
Raliang, Assam (Meghalaya)	1897-1915

Burma

Akyab, British Burma, India	1896-1897
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Ecuador

Esmeraldas (1895: Atacames and Monte Christi)	1893-1895
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USA

Milwaukee, WI, St. Mary's Convent	1895-2001
St. Nazianz, WI, St. Mary's Convent	1896-2001
Uniontown, WA	1897-1909
Luxembourg, WI	1902-1907
Whitelaw, WI	1903-1910
Bloomer, WI	1904-1968
Watertown, WI	1904-1913
Wausau, WI	1905-1970
Almena, WI	1906-1951
Schoolhill, WI	1907-1962

Switzerland

Drogens, St. Nicholas	1895-1915
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Hungary

Budapest VI, Huba utca	1899-1950
Muraszombat	1899-1917
O'Besce (former Yugoslavia)	1905-1946

Austria

Wien VIII, Feldgasse	1899-1947
Wien II, Kaisermühlen	1904-
Wien IX, Pramergasse	1907-1914

Belgium

Overpelt	1905-1921
Lommel	1907-1919

For greater details see: SHS 2.15/1,
 "Mother Mary of the Apostles, Letters to the Sisters", p. 287ff.

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1.1/48-52	<i>Liège</i> , Liège, S. An Vandormael	E
1.2	<i>Letter Dialogue</i> , Letter Dialogue between Father Francis of the Cross Jordan and Mother Mary of the Apostles 1882-1907, S. Miriam Cerletty	E
2.11	<i>Poems by Therese</i> , Spiritual Journal in Poetry, Poems by Therese, English rendition by S. Miriam Cerletty	E
2.12.1	<i>Documents</i> , Urkunden und Dokumente (<i>Biographical Documents</i>), compiled by S. Aloysia Kliemke	D
2.15.1	<i>M. Mary to Sisters</i> , Mother Mary of the Apostles, Letters to the Sisters, 1894-1906; originals transcribed by S. Sigrid Knors, translated by S. Maryclare Hart	E
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4.1.1	<i>Family</i> , The Family of Blessed Mary of the Apostles, S. Ulrike Musick, translated by S. Maryclare Hart	E
6.1	<i>Neuwerk</i> , Neuwerk, Therese von Wüllenweber 1876-1888, S. Gertraudis Kühn and others, translated by S. Maryclare Hart	E
10.1	<i>Currents</i> , Therese von Wüllenweber and the Currents of her Times, S. Helene Wecker, translated by Mrs. Sylvie Brunzel-Lauri	E
	<i>Chroniknotizen</i> , The first transcription of M. Mary's Diaries, with much additional material published by S. Avellina Tietz,	D
	<i>Guide for the Preparation and Formation of Salvatorians</i> , S. Ulrike Musick and Fr. Peter van Meijl, SDS; translated by S. Miriam Cerletty	E
	<i>Meditation Booklet</i> for the 90 th Death Anniversary of Bl. Mary of the Apostles, Study Group Mary of the Apostles	E
	<i>Salvatorians in Hungary</i> , 1899-1999, S. Paula Gyuricza	H

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General Archives, Salvatorian Sisters, Rome	ASDS
Postulation Archive, Salvatorian Fathers, Brothers..., Rome	APS
City Archive, Mönchengladbach, Germany	
Parish Archive, Neuwerk, Germany	
SDS Profession Book, Tivoli, Rome – 1888-1907	

SHS Studia de Historia Salvatoriana – Sisters' Publication Series
DSS Documenta et Studia Salvatoriana – Fathers', Brothers' Series

D – German; E – English; P - Polish

Corrections made in the Spelling of Names

<i>Location</i>	<i>M. Mary wrote</i>	<i>Correct</i>
1/16	Antonie Block	Antonia Block
1/29	Schönstadt	Schönstatt
1/36, 54, 70, 88-89, 2/32	Roremond	Roermond
1/44-45, 48-49	Johannisbrunn	Johannesbrunn
1/61	Mastricht	Maastricht
1/69, 2/29, 3/39, 93	Parrochi, Parochi	Parocchi
1/59	Schezlitz	Scheßlitz, Schesslitz
1/59	Dremmer, S. Scholastica	Demer
2/3	Quintilione	Quintiliolo
2/17, 92	Th. Baier – Tecla Beier	Th. Bayer - Thekla
2/17	Barbara Mair (S. Bernarda)	Barbara Mayr
2/33, 39	Vincenzo Cocanari	Vincenzo Coccanari
2/33	Gianozzi family	Giannozzi
2/38	Honkong	Hong Kong
2/49	Wasserberg	Wasserburg
2/53	Sircliano	Ciciliano
2/54	Kasi	Khasi
2/62	Pensily	Pensilis
2/70	Vaugan	Vaughan
2/92	Diego di Cadie	Diego da Cadice
2/117	Eichtätt	Eichstätt
2/121, 129	Milwauky	Milwaukee
3/2	Mallaga	Malaga
3/4	Marsalla	Marsala
3/8	Drognnes	Drogens
3/14	Akgab	Akyab
3/24	Capo Lago	Capolago
3/38	Em. Clementz	Em. Kremenz
3/45	Coppenhagen	Copenhagen
3/47	Caltanisette	Caltanissetta
3/49	Torre	Torri
3/49	Meiland	Mailand
3/50, 60	Mozamboch, Mora Schombat	Muraszombat
3/52	Voralberg	Vorarlberg

Location	M. Mary wrote	correct
3/55, 58	Giöry, Göry	Györy
3/58	Licato di Campobello	Campobello da Licata
3/63	Topanas	Toponár
3/63	Kapeswar, Kapaszwar	Kaposvár
3/63	Bishop Maillat	Bishop Majlát
3/71, 76	Kehvenhüller	Khevenhüller
3/72, 85	Sosz, Sos	Soós
3/73	Vedeghetto	Vedegeto
3/79	Mme de Bellfroid	de Bellefroid
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