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WORLD WAR I CHAPLAINS AT AQUINAS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

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The November and December 2004 issues of the Bulletin presented the life of Father George Raphael Carpentier, O.P. Father Carpentier served as a professor at Aquinas College High School in Columbus and was also a highly decorated chaplain in World War I. In researching the article on Father Carpentier, seven other Dominicans were also identified as having served at Aquinas College High School, as well as having served the U.S. military during the Great War as either a commissioned or non-commissioned chaplain. This article will present biographies of each of the remaining seven Dominicans.

Dominican Service in the Great War

At the beginning of U.S. involvement in World War I there were not enough Catholic chaplains to meet the anticipated need. The U.S. bishops formed the National Catholic War Council and appealed to all dioceses and religious communities to contribute what religious personnel they could. By the end of the war, a total of 1,026 priests (762 diocesan and 264 religious) were serving with the armed forces. There were also 165 priests serving without commission as civilians paid directly by the Knights of Columbus. About 30% of all chaplains in World War I were Catholic priests. Seventeen priests died in service during the war.

The book *United States Catholic Chaplains in the World War* reports that a total of 24 Dominicans served as chaplains during World War I. The book provides biographies on 18 Dominicans. All survived the war. Several received a variety of serious wounds and illnesses from their military service.

Father Joseph Louis Pastorelli, O.P.

Father Pastorelli was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 23, 1884. He was educated at Starr-Skinner School and Brimmer School in Boston, Massachusetts, Boston English High School, and Boston College. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose's

Priory, Springfield, Kentucky. He attended the Dominican House of Studies in Washington and was ordained in the chapel of Caldwell Hall, Catholic University on June 24, 1910 by Bishop Owen B. Corrigan, Auxiliary of Baltimore.

Beginning in 1911 Father Pastorelli was a professor at Aquinas College High School. He also served as Athletic Director at Aquinas. In 1918 he volunteered as a Knights of Columbus chaplain, serving at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia during World War I from February 2, 1918 until July 1919. While serving at Quantico, he received two commendations for his work with sick and dying flu victims while he was himself stricken with the illness. After his release from duty he returned to Aquinas College High School where he continued to serve until 1925.

After leaving Aquinas he served at St. Peter's parish in Memphis, Tennessee. He left Memphis in 1928 for St. Raymond's Parish in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1944 he was assigned to St. Pius Parish in Providence. His brother, Father Louis B. Pastorelli was a Josephite Father. Both men were well-known and capable priests. Father Pastorelli died on May 20, 1952 at the age of 68.

Father Joseph Aquinas Byrnes, O.P.

Father Byrnes was born in New York City on October 31, 1887. He was educated at Public School No. 70, New York City and at St. Francis Xavier College. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio. He attended the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., where he was ordained on June 24, 1914 by Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Bonzano, apostolic delegate.

Father was a professor at Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio from 1916 until 1918. He served as a chaplain in the US Army during

World War I. He entered the service March 15, 1918 and served at Fort Constitution, New Hampshire until he was discharged, December 10, 1918.

After leaving Aquinas, he was placed in charge of the Rosary Press in Somerset, Ohio from 1923 to 1926 and then he was assigned to parochial work in various places. In 1940 he was assigned to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Father Byrnes published Hymns of the Dominican Missal and Breviary, a "very creditable translation from the Latin." He was known as a very likable priest. He died on February 24, 1961 at the age of 73.

Father Charles Gabriel Moore, O.P.

Father Moore was born August 6, 1888 in Gilbertsville, Massachusetts. He was educated in the Parochial School, Gilbertville, Massachusetts; Hardwick High School Hardwick, Massachusetts; and St. Laurent College, Montreal, Quebec. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset. He received his theological training at Dominican House of Studies and Catholic University, Washington. He was ordained June 23, 1915 in the chapel of the House of Studies by Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate.

Commissioned in the US Army as a First Lieutenant, March 5, 1918, Father Moore served as chaplain at Camp Kearney, California. He was then assigned to the American Expeditionary Force and served in France at Jouet-sur-l'Aubois (Cherbourg), Amiens, Pouillenay, Cote d'Or and was with the Army of Occupation at Coblenz, Germany. Father Moore was discharged August 29, 1919 at Camp Devens, Massachusetts.

He was assigned as a professor of languages at Aquinas College High School from 1920 until 1927. After leaving Aquinas he was involved

in parish work in various parts of the country until 1933. He then became chaplain for the cloistered Dominican Sisters at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Perpetual Rosary, Summit, New Jersey, where he was greatly admired by the Sisters. After being reassigned to St. Catherine's Priory in New York City, Father Moore was instrumental in assisting the Dominican Sisters in moving their monastery from Summit, New Jersey to the Monastery of our Lady of Grace, North Guilford, Connecticut in January 1947. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Father Moore died on May 11, 1949 at the age of 60.

Father Quitman Francis Beckley, O.P.

Father Beckley was born in Frederick, Maryland on February 5, 1891. He was educated at Holy Cross Academy; Franklin Public School; and St. Patrick's Academy in Washington, D.C. and St. Charles College, Ellicott, Maryland and Catholic University, Washington, D.C. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio on November 25, 1908. He was sent to his theological training at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, where he was ordained on June 23, 1915 by Archbishop (later Cardinal) John Bonzano, the Apostolic Delegate.

Father Beckley was commissioned as a chaplain in the regular US Navy on June 22, 1917 and served with the US Navy Atlantic Fleet aboard the battleship U.S.S. Kearsarge. He is reported to have been the first chaplain of any faith assigned to the Navy during the war. At his own request, he was then transferred to the US Marine Corps on April 2, 1918. He served with the 10th Field Artillery Marines, Quantico, Virginia, and the 3rd Replacement Battalion Marines. He was sent to France with the American Expeditionary Force and served there with the famous Second Marine Division, 6th Marine Regiment.

Father Beckley was with the 6th Marine Division when it participated in the Battle of Belleau

Wood (the French later renamed the wooded area, Bois de la Brigade de Marine in honor of the 6th Marines). On July 2, 1918 Father Beckley was severely gassed while working on an evening burial detail. He spent the next three months in a military hospital near Bordeaux. A biographical source states that, in addition to being gassed, he also may have suffered from shell shock. The use of poison gas in the World War often left surviving veterans of the war with serious lung complications.

As a member of the 6th Marine Regiment at Belleau Wood, Father Beckley earned the unit award of the French Croix de Guerre with Palms and the privilege of wearing the French Forragere. As a wounded veteran he would also have been entitled to receive a Purple Heart. He was twice cited for his efforts in the French Orders of the Army.

After being released from the hospital he was assigned special duty with the U.S. Army Graves Registration Unit in Paris. There he served as a liaison with the French Government on the disposition and burial of American war dead. In December 1918 he returned to sea duty with the Atlantic Fleet aboard the U.S.S. Prometheus. He resigned from the Navy on July 7, 1919. During his period of service in the military Father Beckley had the unique distinction of serving with three military branches, the Army, the Navy and Marine Corps. After his discharge, Father became an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve Forces. On January 6, 1921 was commissioned Senior Chaplain in the Ohio Naval Reserves. Father Beckley received commendations for his military service from President Woodrow Wilson and Ohio Governor James M. Cox.

On July 9, 1919 he was assigned to the faculty of Providence College where he was a member of the first faculty for that institution. In September 1919 he was assigned as a professor to Aquinas College High School in Columbus, where he served until 1922.

In 1922 he was sent to St. Mary's, Johnson City, Tennessee where he served as assistant and then pastor. From 1923 until 1926 he was with the Western Mission Band, headquartered at Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1926 he was transferred to St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Connecticut as assistant. He was forced to resign from mission duties due to poor health, possibly as a result of his military service.

In 1928 Father Beckley was appointed the first Catholic Chaplain and Director of Catholic Activities at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey and was highly esteemed for his work there. In 1952 he gave up the Princeton chaplaincy. After several parish assignments he was assigned to the House of Studies where he died on February 24, 1961 at the age of 70. He was a member of the Army and Navy Club of New York and a member and chaplain of the American Legion.

Father Francis Bertrand Gorman, O.P.

Father Gorman was born October 24, 1891 in Washington, D.C. He was educated in the public schools in Newport; Gonzaga High School, Philadelphia; Georgetown College, Washington; and the Dominican Novitiate at Somerset. He received his theological training at Immaculate Conception College. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset. He was ordained June 15, 1917 in the chapel of the House of Studies by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University.

During the World War, Father Gorman served as a Volunteer Chaplain at Camp Humphries, Virginia, an engineer replacement and training camp, beginning in 1918. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a professor at Aquinas College High School from 1918 until 1920. He then served as secretary to the Provincial at St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York City from 1920 until 1923. After that he was engaged in parochial work "here and there" in the province of St. Joseph. He was then assigned

to St. Peter's Parish in Memphis, Tennessee. Father Coffey says of Father Gorman, "His life and labors have ever won the highest regards of all." Father Gorman died on December 25, 1948 at the age of 57.

Father Lorenz Pius Johannsen, O.P.



Rev. Lorenz P. Johannsen, O.P.
(1892-1957)

Born in Newport, Rhode Island on March 11, 1892, Father Johannsen was educated in the Public Schools of Newport, Catholic High School, Philadelphia and Catholic University, Washington. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset. He received his theological training at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington. He was ordained June 15, 1917 in the chapel of the House of Studies by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University.

Father Johannsen served as a Knights of Columbus Chaplain at Camp Humphries, Virginia, an engineer replacement and training camp. After leaving the military service, he served as a professor at Aquinas College, Columbus, and attended the Ohio State University from 1918 until 1924.

He then served as Novice Master at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset and then at St. Rose's Priory near Springfield, Kentucky for 17 years, from 1924 until 1941. In 1941 he was assigned as Pastor at St. Thomas parish in Zanesville, Ohio, where he served until 1945. Father Coffey calls him, "A zealous, hard working priest." His brother, Father Randolph Bertrand Johannsen, O.P., was also a member of the Dominican Order. His sister was a member of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Father Johannsen died on February 28, 1957 at the age of 64.

Father Edward Jordan Donovan, O.P.

Father Donovan was born on May 21, 1892 in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He was educated at St. Francis de Sales School in Charleston; Boston Latin School; Boston College High School, Boston, Massachusetts and Catholic University, Washington, D.C. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio and received his theological training at Dominican House of Studies and Catholic University, Washington. He was ordained June 15, 1917 in the chapel of the House of Studies by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University. He was assigned as a teacher at La Salle Academy and at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island beginning in 1918.

Father Donovan was inducted as a Knights of Columbus Chaplain in May 1918 and served at Camp Humphries, Virginia, an engineer replacement and training camp. He served in this capacity until August 1919 when he returned to his Order as a teacher at Providence College until 1921.

In 1921 he was assigned as a professor at Aquinas College High School in Columbus, where he served until 1930. While there he also served as Director of Dormitorians. After leaving Aquinas he served four years in parish work. He was then assigned as chaplain to the

Dominican Sisters' Mary Immaculate School near Ossining, New York from 1935 until 1940. He spent two years as chaplain of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Metuchen, New Jersey and was then assigned to Sacred Heart parish in Jersey City, New Jersey. Father Donovan died on January 26, 1956 at the age of 63.

Conclusion

In time of war, U.S. Catholic chaplains have always served God and their country with honor and distinction. Often this has meant they sacrificed their lives to serve those under their care. These Dominican educators volunteered their services to a nation at war. For that service they deserve to be recognized. How blessed were the young Catholic men of Columbus to have these seven as teachers!

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The New Catholic Cemetery of Taylorsville or Philo

This property was sold to Bishop Rosecrans for a cemetery by Michael Fresh and his wife Elizabeth, for \$140. Two deeds were written, one dated June 8, 1871 (Record 55/616) and the other dated November 7, 1871 (Record 56/139). Both are defective in that they do not describe the east line of the property, but it is clear that the lot measures 102.3 feet along the street and is 430.65 feet deep and contains 1.0 acre.

It is located at the south end of Philo, on the south side of Duncan Falls Road, just west of Market Street.

In this reading the rows are numbered eastward and westward, outward from the central road, and the stones are listed from south to north.

Row E1

- 1 Francis C. Durant SSGT US ARMY
WORLD WAR II 1913 + 1977
- 2 DURANT: John F. 1880-1955
Ethel G. 1880-1961
- 3 Thaddeus Durant 1918-1930
- 4 George A. Durant 1923
- 5 Martin C. Durant 1905-1914
- 6 Arthur Krier 1867-1939
- 7 Annie Krier 1875-1916
- 8 Estella Krier 1869-1953
- 9 KRIER:
1838 John P. 1899
1839 Josephine 1904
1867 Arthur C. 1939
1869 Estella C. 1953
1873 Clarence A. 1901
1879 Annie L. 1916
- 10 + Hilda G. Kussmaul 1899-1990
- 11 + Herman J. Kussmaul Ohio Pvt Co C 364
Inf 91 Div World War I Jan. 5, 1890-Mar.
23, 1967
- 12 KUSSMAUL: Christian 1842-1916
Mary Amelia 1857-1957
- 13 B. Eleonora Kussmaul 1892 + 1909

- 14 Christian Kussmaul 1884 + 1884
- 15 PYATT: Regina A. 1894-1985
Relph J. 1884-1936 LT. U.S. NAVY
- 16 Rita M. Shubert 1921-1985
- 17 Beloved Brother John Richard Pyatt 1917-
1986
- 18 COLLOPY: Lillian G. 1923-
Bernard L. Sr. 1923-
- 19 PYATT: Dorothy Clark 1925-
Joseph D. 1919- Sgt. 37th Div. 140
F.A.Bn.
- 20 MAHON: Dolores J. Mar. 9, 1934
John H. Aug. 28, 1929 - July 29, 1987
In God's Care
- 21 HENDERSON: F. Joseph Feb. 4, 1930
- Oct. 12, 1993
Anna Mae Jan. 7, 1930
- 22 Statue, "Queen of Heaven" "In memory of
Alfred DeVol Family"

Row E2

- 1 Alfred L. Kinkade 1842-1917 Co F, 122
Reg O.V.I.
Caroline Kinkade 1847-1916
- 2 Martha Ann Martin January 2, 1914 -
January 3, 1915
- 3 Paul Edward Kussmaul Ohio Wagoner 145
INF 67 Div August 5, 1929
- 4 Lawrence Kussmaul Sept. 28, 1926 - Dec.
14, 1926
- 5 E. Frash 1859-1908
- 6 FRASH: Michael Born July 28, 1825 Died
Mar. 1, 1900
Elizabeth Born Aug. 4, 1827 Died Dec. 7,
1899
- 7 F. Frash 1847-1929
- 8 Josephine Frash Smith 1852-1892
- 9 Jessie M. Miller 1893 + 1950
- 10 Isador J. Miller 1884 + 1972
- 11 Margaret M. Watkins 1877 + 1951
- 12 Neil F. McDonald 1904 + 1970
- 13 HENDERSON (with photo): Juanita H.
May 7, 1928 Deter

- Robert M. June 13, 1928 - Apr. 8, 1994
Dag
- 14 PLANTS: Betty V. 1925-2003
Neil F. 1921-1974
- 15 KLINE: Charles F. 1924-1990
Betty J. 1928-1991
- 16 Raymond W. Holzschuher Sr. 1912-1990
- 17 Louella Stires Holzschuher 1918
- 18 Phyllis M. Jewell Nov. 9, 1936 - Dec. 14, 1996
- Row E3
- 1 Our Mother Margaret, wife of Alfred Romine, Died Nov. 25, 1875 aged 61 Y 6 M & 6 D
- 2 Charles H. Died July 26, 1881 Aged 9 Y 7 M 3 D
Adelia Died Nov. 16, 1879 aged 5 Y 3 M 16 D
Children of C. & _ . Romine
- 3 Mary wife of William Sullivan Died Aug. 3, 1883 Aged 68 Y 8 M
- 4 SULLIVAN/ Martin Sullivan/ Born June 2, 1842/ Enlisted in Co E 2 Reg/ O.V.I. Aug. 14, 1861/ Wounded at Battle of/ Perrysville Oct. 8, 1862/ Discharged Feb. 9, 1863/ Died Mar. 5. 1901/ Rest in Peace
- 5 Lena Krier Gerrett 1891-1913
- 6 Gertrude Krier 1893-1894
- 7 HENDERSON: W. Leo 1879-1964
Stella J. 1885-1971
- 8 TAYLOR: Lorena E. 1895-1957
- 9 HENDERSON: Caroline 1854-1930
John 1852-1941
- 10 Helen Kaskas 1888-1973
- 11 HENDERSON: Vera L. (Mom) Sept. 15, 1923 - Nov. 20, 2003
married June 8, 1942
J. Paul (Dad) Feb. 5, 1924 - Jan. 14, 2005
- Row E4
- 1 Our Father Francis J. Fisher Died July 1, 1890 Aged 74 years
Our Mother Louise Fisher Born May 12, 1820 Died May 15, 1897 May her soul rest in peace
- 2 Eva Durant wife of Alfred Sigeors 1847-1919
- 3 FISHER: William 1856-1936
Martha L. his wife 1859-1953
- 4 WISE: Charles D. 1929-1932
Clement D. 1892-1966
Audrey M. 1895-1979
- 5 Mary Hall daughter of K. & O. Kimmel died Sept. 12, 1871 Aged 31 Years
Julia Kimmel Died Mar. 16, 1869 aged 25 Y 7 M 7 D
William Kimmel Died 1876 aged 77 Y 6 M
- 6 BEARDSLEY: Anna P. 1931-
John P. 1926-1974
- 7 In God's Care Robert P. Schwendeman 1899-1984
- Row W1
- 1 Elizabeth C. wife of Dr. J. P. Wortman 1871-1920
- 2 DURANT: William S. 1871-1912
Elizabeth M. his wife 1872-[blank]
- 3 Martin Durant Born Jan. 23, 1837 Died Jan. 7, 1900 Sec. Lieut. Co. F. 78 Regiment OVI
Lucy A. his wife Born June 13, 1843 Died Mar. 28, 1932
- 4 HUNTER: Alice M. 1878-1934
- 5 Margaret Till Krier
- 6 Peter Krier Sr.
- 7 Agnes M. dau. of Milton & Catherine Lear 1884-1892 (feet only of a statue remain on top)
- 8 Ronald R. Collopy Mar. 23, 1950
- 9 In God's Loving Care
UPVALL: George R. Dec. 14, 1943 - Jan. 27, 1998
Married Mary 8, 1965
Carol A. Jan. 2, 1943 - [blank]
- 10 PYATT: Leo A. Oct. 20, 1925 [- blank]
Naval Air Sqd VC 81 WW II
Married May 31, 1947
Geraldine G. Apr. 23, 1926 - Dec. 13, 2002
- 11 BELL: Elbert Joe May 13, 1949 - Feb. 18, 1998
Married 8-8-1977
Anita J. Apr. 8, 1954

Row W2

- 1 DICKSON: George P. 1863-1926
Mary C. 1869-1953
2 John Durant 1842-1914
3 FATTLAR: John FEB. 2, 1830 - Mar. 27,
1907
Caroline his wife June 2, 1830 - July 21,
1897
At Rest
4 William Fattlar Died Dec. 13, 1888 Aged 88
Years
5 Susan Fatlar, wife of William, Died Apr. 18,
1887 Aged 81 Years Dearest mother...
6 BLACKSTONE: Paul L. 1919-1998
Viola E. (Betty) 1923 - [blank]
7 Josephine Krier 1918-1999
8 BASEHART: John 1824-1905
Elizabeth 1825-1907
9 Charles Basehart (father) 1857 + 1893

Row W3

- 1 John Alfred C. Kinkade 1912-1958
2 KINKADE: Orville A. 1875-1954
Irene K. 1886-1954
3 Jerome T. Kinkade Oct. 16, 1924-Dec. 4,
1928
4 Frances Krier Barr 1913-1998
5 Joseph Krier 1871-1955
6 Bertha Krier 1875-1942
7 Ruth Krier 1910-1923
8 Josephine wife of Mike Weinreb Aug. 6,
1888 - Dec. 8, 1918 At Rest
9 Our Parents Lieut. Peter Krier Born June 9,
1826 Died Apr. 25, 1909
Elizabeth S. wife of Peter Krier Born
Apr. 3, 1832 Died Apr. 24, 1902
Rest in Peace
Mary E. Krier Born July 23, 1874 Died
Feb. 20, 1875
Francis J. Krier Born Aut. 19, 1856 Died
Aug. 22, 1857

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