

In Tribute to our Father Boniface

Given on the eve of his burial—19 January 1971

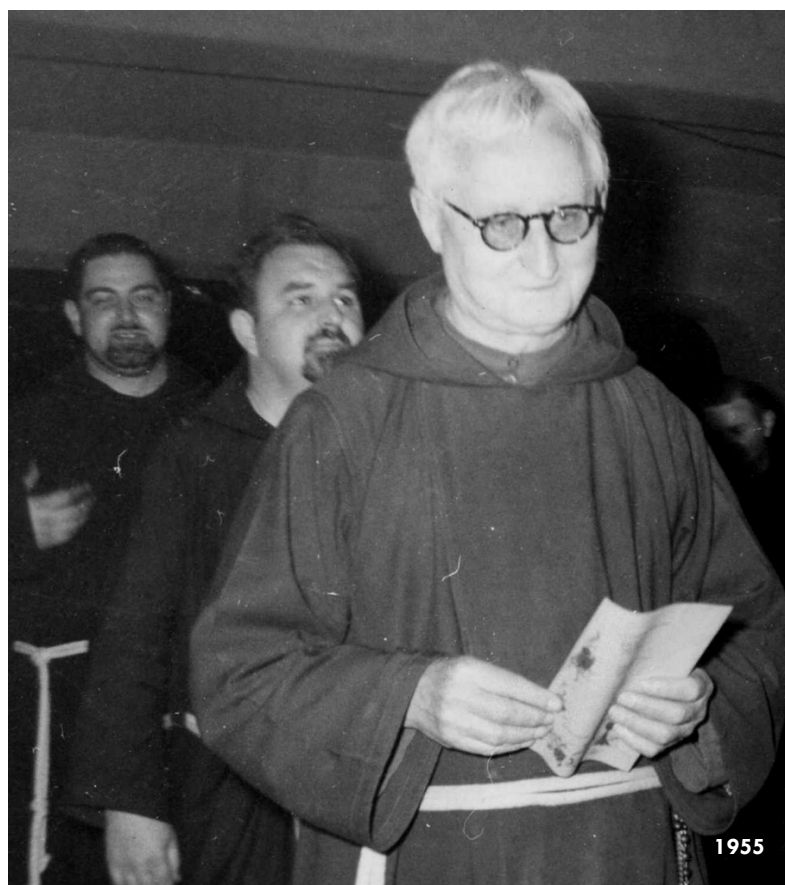
On the 14th of July, the Feast of Saint Bonaventure, Father Boniface would have celebrated his seventy-third anniversary in the Capuchin Order. No Capuchin from the beginning of our first American foundation at Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin in 1857 until the present has ever worn the brown robe and sandals of the Order for so long. Yet Father Boniface's long years of service alone are of no great consequence. What matters is the use to which this saintly priest put the years that God gave him.

IN REMEMBRANCE

1880-1971

Father Boniface Goldhausen, O.F.M. Cap.

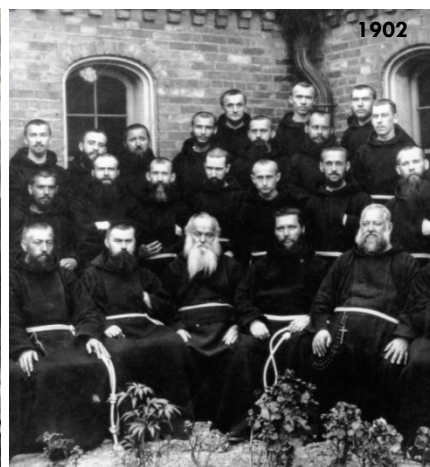
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1955



1920



1902



1918

1902-Clericcate Years at St. Francis in Milwaukee: [Seated]-Cassian Burgert, Cyril Kufner, Anthony Rottensteiner, Alphonse Baumle, Jerome Henkel; [2] John O'Donovan, Damasus Wickland, Solanus Casey, Boniface, Fabian Fetha, Constantine Leyendeckers; [3] Pius Stutzer, Leo Steinberg, Godfrey Franz, Maurus Ascherl, Cajetan Lorenz, Basil Gummermann, Matthew Schaefer; [4] Venantius Buessing, Salesius Schneewis, Engelbert Rosenmaier.

1918-Mt Calvary: [Seated] Victor Miller, Camillus Becker, Pacificus Raith, Paul Reichertz, Celestine Bittle, Antonine Wilmer, Corbinian Vieracker, Athanasius Koplitz, Matthew Schaefer; [2] Adjutus Heinzelmann, Nervius Semmler, Seraphin Felsky, Fridolin Mayer, Theodore Roemer, Salesius Schneewis, Clement Neubauer, Boniface Goldhausen, possibly Meinrad Henggler, Samuel Timmers; [4] Andrew Jakobs, Lucius Thienel, Raymerius Romin, Aegidius Schaefer, Francis Dlsak, Leo Leins, Roch Ruppel.

Press Release—21 January 1971

Alois Goldhausen was born in Dernbach, Germany, 04 August, 1880. He was the son of the late John and Anna Zimmermann Goldhausen. At the age of 15 he came to the United States and attended Saint Lawrence Seminary in Mt. Calvary, WI. He entered the Capuchin novitiate on 14 July 1898. Fr. Boniface was ordained to the priesthood on 14 July 1905. His first assignment was to St. Francis parish, Milwaukee, where he served as an assistant for two years.

In 1907, Father Boniface was assigned to teach at Saint Lawrence Seminary, at Mt. Calvary, as a professor of Mathematics where he taught until 1936. During those twenty nine years, he also served as pastor of the neighboring church of Saint Joseph and from 1927 to 1933, as the guardian of the friar community at Mt. Calvary.

For one year Fr. Boniface served as a retreat master at Mt. Alverno Retreat House, Appleton, Wisconsin. From 1937 until 1940, he was stationed at St. Felix Novitiate in Huntington, Indiana.

In 1942, Fr. Boniface was appointed an assistant at the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart, Yonkers, NY. He remained there until 1950. Fr. Boniface was well known in Yonkers for his preaching and especially as a confessor. People came from far and wide to seek his spiritual advice in the confessional.

Father Boniface was transferred to Mary Immaculate, Garrison, NY in 1950. For twenty one years he served as confessor to the priests and seminarians.

Fr. Boniface Goldhausen, 90, the oldest Capuchin priest in the United States, died unexpectedly in the Peekskill, NY, hospital on Sunday morning, 17 January 1971. He had been hospitalized for about two weeks with a broken hip. He underwent surgery on the afternoon of 16 January and died the following morning.

A Mass of the Resurrection was offered at Sacred Heart Church, Yonkers on 20 January 1971 at 11:00 a.m. Principal concelebrants were Bishop Joseph M. Pernicone; Fr. Dacian Dee, Provincial; Fr. Paul Steffan, Vicar Provincial; and Fr. Jordan Sullivan, Definitor. The eulogy was offered by Fr. Warren Smithbower.