

**1851**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

On the Circumcision at 4 o'clock, our Rev. Director gave the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

As Rev. father Anwander commenced his retreat on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst on the 16<sup>th</sup> the Rev. F. Huett gave the instruction in his place. He spoke briefly of the sorrows of the blessed Virgin at the sufferings of her Son.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> inst we had the mass of requiem and funeral service for Mrs. Noel in our Chapel at 8 o'clock some of the children went to the funeral. The service was performed by the forementioned Reverence.

April 20<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday, Rev. Father Anwander being absent on the occasion of a mission to New York, Rev. F. Neumann gave the evening instruction in the Chapel.

May 9<sup>th</sup>

After Rev. father Anwander's zealous instructions and preparation for the first communion also a retreat, the day appointed has arrived and at the our of seven or half past his Reverence baptised four converts who were also to partake for the first time of the holy Eucharist, at 8 o'clock the procession left the school room and entered the front door of the Chapel after placed; the Rev. Father Anwander gave the Benediction of the B. Sacrament then the BS was exposed during mass. The choir was accompanied by Mr. Kelly who returned in the afternoon to render the same service.

[en marge: The number was 30.]

At 3 o'clock the new communicants assembled to renew their baptismal promises their Rev. Father gave them a touching exhortation at the end of which they made the renewal. The benediction was given. /43/ They retired no doubt with sentiments of gratitude and thankfulness to their kind and zealous benefactor who spared no pains to prepare and dispose them for that inexpressible happiness. He also announced to them that he had invited his reverence Bishop Charbonnel of Toronto to administer the Sacrament of confirmation on the 16<sup>th</sup> accordingly at 8 o'clock the Bishop said mass at the end of which he gave an instruction suitable to the purpose, he then proceeded to confer that great sacrament on 39 persons assembled for the occasion.

June 17<sup>th</sup>

Our Rev. father who spares no pains to afford pleasure to his congregation and the school children at the same time that he instructs how to serve Almighty God had on this day a picnic about one mile out of town they started after mass which was at 8 o'clock.

July 18<sup>th</sup>

The happy day for the teachers and children has at length arrived and at the hour of 8 or 8 ½ o'clock the children in form of procession entered the study room, each took their place awaiting to undergo the public examination of the preceding year and to receive the reward as thought requisite for them. The rev. Director was assisted by three of the Rev. Fathers namely fathers Haslinger, Kauder and Walworht, the latter gave many congratulations on the occasion.

In the afternoon, the boys examination took place, it was attended by their Rev. Father and fathers Haslinger and Huett.

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

The feast of St Benedict was celebrated with all pomp and solemnity more so as it was the first time we had service or rather instructions for 3 or four months on account of its being enlarged. High mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Anwander, the Director at the hour of 10 o'clock. He baptised several that day. After the gospel during mass he gave a very fine sermon on the feast. Four of the singers of St Joseph Church played and sang the high mass also vespers. They showed all zeal in singing the praises of God. After mass, Miss A. Noel received the religious habit from our Rev. Director who spoke on the advantages of a religious life any one may imagine what the exhortation must have been coming from one who is a religious in full. Her name in religion is Mary Seraphina. In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock there were Vespers instruction by that zealous indefatigable father, thus was celebrated the feast of St Benedict as this day was that on which the election of Superior takes place Sr Mary Gertrude Thomas was /44/ elected mother Sr. Mary Directress of novices and Sr Mary Louisa assistant Superior.

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

Fest of all saints being on Saturday, in place of benediction there was Vespers for the dead. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> inst being the anniversary of the death of our Rev. founder, our Rev. Director said a mass of requiem for the repose of his soul, on the Friday following the same ceremony was performed for the deceased sisters.

Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> inst we had the happiness of having the holy sacrifice of mass offered in our Chapel, through the kind invitation of our Rev. Father by the Rev. Father Bohel, a Dominican, after mass, he addressed a few words to the sisters on the means of becoming saints, as it was the octave of that great festival.

I will here note down what was omitted in July not being put in its place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July the Church was commenced on the 22d the front wall was pulled down or commenced.

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

The stations being removed for the enlarging of the chapel, our Rev. Director chose this day to put them in their respective places. After his mass which was at 7 o'clock, he blessed the pictures of the stations also the crosses then placed them (they were blessed with the usual ceremony of incense, the following is a copy of the permission given to the Rev. Director by the most Rev. Archbishop Henrick.

Illustrissime ac Reverendissime Pater

Infrascriptus humillime petit ut vestra illustrissima reverent. illi facultatem erigendi viam Stae. Crucis quatuordecim Stationum in ecclesia Stae Franciscae pro Sororibus Oblatis divinae Providentiae et pro populo nigro concedere dignetur in scriptis.

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Humillimus et obediens servus

Thaddaeus Anwander  
CSSR

Facultatem petitam concedimus

+ Franciscus Patritius

Arch Balt. /45/

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti ad laudem et gloriam Jesus Christi crucifixi piam venerationem ejus passionis et mortis ac sanctissima Matris que dolorum.

Ego infrascriptus confessarius ac Verbi Dei praedicator approblatus legitime in scriptis commisus dec 20 Octobre 1851 a Rd P. Provinciali et de approbatione or facultate Illustissimi ac Revendissimi Archiepiscopi Baltimorensi Patritii Francis Henrich die 31 Octobre 1851 post missam in ecclesia Stae Franciscae Baltimore benedixi magnam Crucem cercam quatuordecim minores cruces ligneas et 14 imagines chartaceas et incipiendo cornu Epistolae et fixindo ad cornu Evangelicas sic iterum canone erexi prout per presentes eleclaro Viam crucis eum olis gratiis privilegiis ac indulgentiis a Romanis Pontificium ipsis adnexis ab scroribus divinae Providentiae et populo nigro utriusque sexus eas devote visitantibus lucrandi in ejus fidem hor testimonium reliqui a me propria mano et sigillo ecclesiae S. Alphons. signatum.

Datum Baltimore 31 octobre 1851.

P. Th. Anwander CSSR

Dec 8th

Festival of the Immaculate Conception, great feast for the community being the day on which the Srs renew their vows the Rev. Father Director sang high mass at 8 o'clock with exposition. After mass, the two novices who were to make their vows knelt at the railings and the Veni Creator was sung they then said a prayer to the Blessed Virgin, the Rev. Director gave an exhortation on the happiness of religious profession he after said a few prayers; they then pronounced their vows during which a hymn was sung suitable to the occasion. The professed sisters then renewed their vows according to their usual customs. Our Rev. Father gave the blessing with a few words of encouragement all retired. In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock our Rev. Father and two others gave solemn benediction.

25<sup>th</sup>

Christmas: our Rev. Director said his three masses in St Frances Chapel. The first was high mass at 5 o'clock the two others were low masses there was baptism before and after mass. Emily Berry made her first communion at the end of the first mass our Rev. Father preached in the afternoon at 4 o'clock there were Vespers and Benediction on Friday we had mass as usual on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> inst. our Rev. Director said mass in the Chapel and heard the confessions. /46/