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Forward

Mother Mary's letters to the Sisters – what do we expect from such a publication? We want to know from them what concerned Mother Mary and the Sisters, what was important to them, and how was the relationship between Mother Mary and the Sisters.

Sister Sigrid Knors, SDS, who died in 1998, worked hard from 1987-1988, and with great patience and self sacrifice, to open up these letters for us. That meant not only transcribing the letters, which were often enough very difficult to read, but it also required an intensive study of sources and documents to discover: who were these Sisters to whom the letters were written, or who were those named in the letters? Where were they, when, and with whom? What was the situation being mentioned in the letters? If we are ready to dedicate time and effort to reading these letters, we shall certainly come to see Mother Mary and the life of our Congregation in its beginnings in a new way. We are sincerely grateful to S. Sigrid.

It is true, the letters assembled here are only a small part of Mother Mary's correspondence. The collection contains 90 personal letters from the twelve years between 1894 and 1906 (as well as quotations from three letters to S. Ludmilla Sendner, and one letter written by S. Elisabeth Albertzki at the direction of Mother Mary). Of these, 84 letters were written from 1899 onward; 25 in the Holy Year of 1900 alone, of which 16 were written while Mother Mary was traveling on visitation in August and September. Though comparatively few, they do give us a good insight into the joys and cares of those years.

If the transcription of the letters and the compilation of the footnotes cost S. Sigrid much effort and took up a great deal of her time, likewise a great deal of time has elapsed between the Study Group's first decision to begin work on this SHS project in 1995, till its publication in 2001 [and its appearance in English in 2008]. Now we hope that this contribution to understanding Mother Mary, our first Sisters, and our early history will enrich many.

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Introduction

After finishing her work on Mother Mary's letters to the Sisters, S. Sigrid Knors gave a report in Rome which we include here as an introduction.

It was my first and actual task here in Rome to concern myself with the letters of Mother Mary to the Sisters written between 1894-1906: to read them, to understand them, and to make them understandable for others.

In doing this, it was necessary to compare the transcription with the original, to decipher illegible parts – and there were very many of these, for one must take Mother Mary's increasingly bad eyesight into account. – In spite of my best efforts, I was not able to decipher them all. – The task meant asking questions about the content, and then indicating the answer, which was almost always found, in a footnote to the respective letter. For I felt that like me, other readers would also want to have their questions clarified as they read. In general, I have finished this work, in part defective, just as nothing is ever complete and perfect.

You have already heard much about Mother Mary, but all the same, I believe that her letters to the Sisters from 1894-1906 complete the picture, for from them emerges much more vividly a Mother Mary whom we (at least I myself) did not yet know so well. For letters do, after all, give us a picture of history and of persons that is much more alive than dry historical dates.

First, a few general clarifications

1. The style of writing: Mother Mary's writing style gives us an insight into her general mental agility. Her thoughts fly ahead before the pen, and these are often suddenly crossed by the rush of new ideas. These are frequently disconnected, unconventional, telegram-style. Spelling and even accuracy regarding names don't seem to matter much: in one place you find written S. Theresa, later

it is Terese; Petronilla, and then Petronella; Raphaela, and then Raphaelae ... Family names, place names, and the names of priests are also inexact. That made understanding and identification somewhat difficult. In the same way, Mother Mary could be inaccurate regarding dates: the day, and even the year ...

Her knowledge of current normal spelling (seen clearly enough in the letters) applies equally to punctuation (something obvious in many sentences, especially where the structure is complicated). But this too seemed not to matter much; she generally ignored commas and periods, and the reader must make the connection. Mother Mary replaces periods with dashes (where dashes should not be), and she was equally imprecise with commas. When writing parentheticals, there is a bracket either at the beginning or at the end, but seldom in both places.

2. *The factual content.* In those days the method of giving religious names was interesting. If a sister died, left, or was dismissed, the next candidate to enter was given that sister's name at investiture. E.g:

- a) S. Gertrud Meier died on July 7, 1895; Dorothea Fiedler entered on May 12, 1895, and received the name S. Gertrud at her investiture on Sept. 4, 1895.
- b) S. Benedikta Ruderich died on July 30, 1900; Hulda Weber entered on Sept. 22, 1900, and was named S. Benedikta at her investiture on Feb. 7, 1901.
- c) S. Paula Huber died on June 29, 1894; Dorothea Candrian entered on June 17, 1894, and received the name S. Paula at her investiture on Aug. 31, 1894.
- d) S. Bonifatia Rother was dismissed on Dec. 28, 1902; Helene Vaaßen entered on Nov. 21, 1902, and received the name S. Bonifatia at her investiture on July 1, 1903 (This time it was a bad omen as this S. Bonifatia, too, was dismissed.)
- e) S. Othmara Sträszle died on Sept. 1, 1896; Emma Gähwyler entered on April 22, 1896 and was named S. Othmara at her investiture. As she also died young, Josefa Scheffer (who entered June 2, 1900) received the name S. Othmara at her investiture on Nov. 2, 1900. The list goes on.

At those early days, in addition to their individual religious names, at investiture each candidate in the group also received a ‘family name:’ e.g., ...of the Comforter of the Afflicted, ...of the Presentation of Mary, ...of the Help of Christians, ...of the Queen of all Saints ...many of these names referred to Mary. This pious custom ceased after July 1901.

The duration of one’s vows was still rather arbitrary: some Sisters made first profession for one year and then renewed them for 3 years; others made them for 3 years immediately at first profession, and again for 3 years at the time for renewal. - Missionaries made final vows before going to their mission. E.g., S. Augusta Burkhardt was invested Nov..22, 1891, made first vows on Nov..30, 1892, and final vows on Aug. 6, 1893. S. Dominica Vieregg, who was invested one month later, made first vows on Jan. 4, 1893, and also made final vows on Aug. 6, 1893. There were also final vows made for one year and final vows which expired after three years. It seems that from July 1899 onward, first vows were usually made for one year and then renewed for 3 years; the missionaries were no longer treated differently.

3. *The most important aspect, the human content.* In the letters we meet a very impulsive, warm-hearted, patient/impatient Mother Mary – one who, alongside her other attributes, repeatedly and straightforwardly *said yes to the Cross* in whatever guise it appeared – such as “heat, cold, desolation, disappointment, weakness, faults of others...” “We all must suffer but in different ways,” she wrote to S. Caroline Dingler. After beginning convent life, none of her days was a bed of roses, nor did she in any way desire that.

On visiting Tivoli, one can perhaps begin to appreciate how the Cross must have weighed down when Mother Mary lived in this poverty and had to encourage the younger members to do the same. She suffered much under the many occasions of sickness and death in Tivoli, and often rebelled inwardly against them. Nevertheless, Mother Mary looked on every Cross as a blessing and as a necessary path to salvation– but acceptance was never easy. She once wrote to S. Bonaventura Zenker: “So we will no longer be fearful, hesitant or

apprehensive – no matter how steep the way, how unpleasant to nature and how draining of all our strength – the way to heaven is only from the Cross.” [L 21] She herself experienced whatever she wrote to the Sisters, and she demanded courage from herself when she called on the Sisters to have courage, to be happy and joyful, since “sadness is from the devil”.

Whether it was easy for Mother Mary to rise above her Crosses, she does not say, although she wrote: “Truly, in every cross and sorrow, care and anxiety, we have every reason to be full of gratitude and joy, to sing the Magnificat... a true soldier, and especially a soldier of Jesus Christ, must find joy in battle...” [L 12] Certainly, that was basically what she wanted, but she was also aware of her weakness and so in *none* of her letters does she forget to ask the Sisters to pray for her.

She needed strength and grace..., if she wanted to constantly encourage the others and be a *spiritual* mother to them all. She almost never signed herself as “Mother Mary of the Apostles,” but almost always as “Your faithful spiritual Mother.” She viewed the spiritual aspect as her main duty toward the Sisters and, in general, her letters are directed toward this even when she was traveling. She never wrote from a sense of duty but from a deep desire to let the Sisters share in everything. She described the smallest events in detail, how she was received, how nicely everything had been decorated ...; and she did this not for her own glory, but she, too, rejoiced when the Sisters were happy and received praise. Even from a distance, she wanted to be with her Sisters in spirit. She reminded and admonished them: “God loves us, he called us.” “When one thinks of it, now we will soon be 150 Sisters (letter to S. Thecla, 1902) and on Dec. 8, 1888, we were 5... Oh, how merciful God is to us. – But why? What does He want through it? The sanctification of souls, their salvation.” [L 66] “Self-sanctification,” that most important task for each of us, she understood only as sanctification for others, because who we are and not what we say matters; and our responsibility toward the world is great, arising as it does from gratitude for God’s call to us.

Gratitude in everything distinguished Mother Mary and belonged to the virtues which she repeatedly impressed on the Sisters: they had immediately to thank the sender whenever a parcel or gift arrived from their family, or from others. For her, that was self-evident.

If, on her travels, Mother Mary visited a holy place, she immediately thought of and wrote to whichever Sisters bore the name of that saint. She wrote to S. Apollonia after she had been to St. Peter's and seen the pincers which had been used to pull out the Saint's teeth: "S. Apollonia will certainly have something to suffer too. Will she then also have such joy? Well, I thought, dear God, at least give her patience." [L 4]

Mother Mary was warm-hearted and caring for her Sisters even from afar. In every letter she asked about the sick, was concerned about a chair placed in an unfortunate position in the sickroom, about the disinfection of the room, and that there were enough Sisters to change off for nursing care, and that the doctor's orders were carried out in every detail. – And she advised others to be careful about their own health: to eat, drink and sleep enough, to treat oneself wisely and with kindness [*cf. L 9*] while she herself lived without caring too much about her own health, and had to be told very often by Father Jordan and Fr. Bonaventura to take care of herself. – She also extended her concern to Fr. Jordan. Once, when she was in Drogens and caught a very bad cold, she advised him to take care when he came because it was cold there. She was sympathetic toward her own; happy when they were happy, and sad when one was suffering.

As she herself had an all-embracing, generous heart, she could show *understanding and sympathy* and was never stingy in doing so. Therefore, she consoled S. Thecla who was suffering separation from a beloved fellow Sister due to illness, and she mourned with those who experienced loss through death.

She also sympathized with the Sisters when she could not send the help they had asked for because she herself didn't have enough Sisters. She expressed this to a Sister in Drogens: "Oh, you

dear ones, you must have a lot of work now. If it were up to me, I would gladly send two, even three Sisters... But, patience!" [L 12] I think this sympathy and understanding would, in itself, strengthen the Sister concerned. In such situations, Mother Mary had to rouse herself to be more patient as well: "I also must have patience!"

She had the greatest patience with Sisters who caused her difficulty or disappointed her. She was frequently disappointed, and often by exactly those Sisters in whom she had placed much hope. She repeatedly granted their requests for a period of rest, was happy when they returned – and continued to hope. One Sister stayed away for 11 months, another for three years. She always kept them in her heart and took them back again. However, in the end, a dismissal was necessary (cf., L. 38).

Tivoli was actually the only cause of her impatience: If only we could finally go to Rome! Not only because it was her desire to have the Motherhouse located in the Eternal City, but because, "In Rome, the Sisters are healthy, in Tivoli they are sick!" And sometimes her insistence on this point got on the nerves of Fr. Jordan and the other responsible priests.

Her letters speak of a great *interest* in the Sisters and their families. She remembered everything. After years, she asked S. Apollonia, who had since gone to work in America: "How is your family? Your dear, good old mother? Is she still in good health? And your brothers and sisters? I have not heard any more about them all for a long time. I would really like to know how everything is there..." [L 76]

Mother Mary liked to tell the Sisters who were abroad about their novitiate companions or those who had entered with them or originated from the same place. She thought of herself as the connecting link among all her spiritual daughters. Her dearest wish was to visit the Sisters in America. Although she was not well and travel had a bad effect on her, she tried to prepare herself for the long journey by making trial voyages across the Adriatic Sea to Hungary and took seasickness in her stride. She was very courageous, not only in spiritual matters but also in relation to her body.

With a sense of humor, she also told of interviews with girls who wanted to enter: for example, she asked one postulant who talked without stopping what she thought about silence. “I like to be alone the best.” But Mother Mary nevertheless had good hopes for her.

Mother Mary was loyal and knew how to appreciate loyalty. She was, therefore, grateful for every letter and token of devotedness. She later confirmed that she read all the letters from the Sisters with real interest. “Later”, in fact, she herself was no longer able to write so much or to answer all the letters she received. Her increasing loss of sight, plus the growth of membership was a hindrance to that. She had to risk the loss of friends because: “Now, sometimes 20 letters arrive in one day needing a reply. As our Congregation is growing, our spirit of sacrifice must also increase, and a true heartfelt love must unite us closely, so that no mistrust or offence can take root among us.” [L 74] – As far as it was in Mother Mary’s power, she faithfully maintained every contact, at least in her heart. With very few exceptions, every departure or dismissal brought her sorrow, not relief.

Perhaps something should be said about Mother Mary’s connection with her relatives and friends from former times and similarly about her association with ecclesiastical and other dignitaries. The fact that she paid too much attention to the exterior, to titles, could give an embarrassing impression. However, in this she was a child of her times – in any case, she rose above it on many occasions with spontaneous reactions and affection.

It could also be disturbing that she made herself too dependent upon Fr. Jordan and the other Fathers, acting only after previous consultation and only with their approval (this is occasionally evident in the letters but more so in the Diary). But this, too, is characteristic of the times. In Mother Mary’s case it was, above all, an expression of her deep, unconditional, faith-based obedience to God’s call under a Founder whose mission she never doubted and, consequently, one whom she revered above all.

Some Comments Regarding the English Edition

1. An effort was made to keep the English translation of the *Letters* as close as possible to Mother Mary's unique style of writing (as described in the Introduction), while still producing a clear text for English readers. Therefore, the ordinary English rules for punctuation were not followed, except where punctuation marks were inserted to make the thought of the sentence clear. Also, some of the abbreviations used by Mother Mary were retained, since the accompanying footnote clarified the words.
2. References to individual letters and footnotes are made, not by indicating page numbers, but by giving the number of the Letter and footnote, e.g. L-36, fn. 9.
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4. Page references to volumes in the DSS series by Fr. Timotheus Edwein, are given both for the original German edition (e.g. DSS XV.II, p.726) and the corresponding English translation (i.e. *E-XV*, p.458). The latter is available only in DVD form. Please note that the English volumes are not subdivided – like the German – into parts “I” and “II”.
5. Dates, other than those in Mother Mary's text, are given according to the usage: *Month, Day, Year*.
6. The two lists of *Foundations* at the end of the book are called *Appendix 1* and *Appendix 2*. They are referred to as such in the footnotes, rather than by page numbers.
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**LETTER 1 – to S. Liboria Hansknecht, Tivoli
October 1, 1894**

- 1) **S. Liboria Hansknecht** *May 28, 1869; in 1894 Novice in Tivoli where she had entered on Dec. 6, 1893 as Elisabeth Hansknecht (from Sundern, Westphalia, Diocese of Paderborn). She made her first vows there on Jan. 29, 1895. S. Liboria then attended courses in the Teacher Training Institute at the Motherhouse for a while (cf., Diary, Feb. 8; Oct. 6 and 11, 1894) and, from the beginning of February, she was local superior there. From March 1899 (cf., Diary March 31, 1899) to the beginning of 1901, the novitiate in Tivoli was entrusted to her. As she often suffered from malaria, S. Liboria was transferred to America in June 1902, to teach in parish schools (cf., Diary June 18, 1902). From 1906 until 1921 (except for three years), S. Liboria was Commissary for the houses in North America and also local superior, first in Wausau, later in Portage and, in addition, she was almost always mistress of novices. In 1921, S. Liboria was elected third Superior General and held this office for over 25 years. She died in the Motherhouse on May 15, 1947 at the age of 78, shortly before the 8th General Chapter, which she had convoked.
- 2) **Fr. Konrad Hansknecht, SDS** (brother of S. Liboria) *April 11, 1867 in Röhre near Sundern, Westphalia. He entered the Society on Nov. 7, 1892 in Rome, made first profession on Oct. 4, 1894 and was ordained on June 29, 1899. From July 1899, he worked in the educational Institute at Drogens, Switzerland, where he was director from 1903 until the Salvatorian Priests and Brothers were withdrawn. He then directed the educational institute at Klausheide, Germany, with great success until 1934. From 1919 to 1925 he was also Provincial Superior. He died on December 2, 1939, esteemed by all as an exemplary religious and educator.
- 3) The outbreak of typhus at Tivoli in June 1894, had opened the way to Rome. Following the Founder's wish, Mother Mary went to Rome on June 22, to avoid the danger of infection. Beginning with June 27, the house on Via Lungara was rented for one year. At Father Jordan's instigation, Fr. Thomas Weigang had already

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Rome –1st 10
1894

Dear Sister Liboria!¹

Your letter made me happy as it shows you have courage, and you understand well the purpose of the novitiate. As you wish, I often pray for you. I hope to attend your pious brother's² profession of vows – he will certainly remember you especially then. Please write to him for this holy day.

Until the 24th I was always interiorly prepared to go to Tivoli;³ then, with Mary,⁴ I heard a change is sure ---. Perhaps you prayed for that with holy intentions ----. the good parish priest was least able to console himself,⁵ he always came to me in the church to ask.

Once I said: *non c'è posto per me a Tivoli*⁶ – and at that we both had to laugh. ---- once he said: *sarete richiamata a Roma quando vi pensate il meno*⁷ – then I thought: that would be right this very moment: *i momenti dell'umiliazione sono per lo più i momenti – il principio – della gloria.*⁸ ---- Remember also, good Sister, these Italian sayings.

Work hard at your perfection so that the time is well used ---- then, never forget how useful cheerfulness is to us and how meritorious it is before God. (But you hear enough good instructions.)

submitted an application at the end of May asking permission from the Cardinal Vicar Parocchi, i.e., from the Holy Father, for the Sisters to come to Rome (cf., Diary, May 17 and 30, 1894). The medical investigation on the part of the “Administration” (i.e., the local town administration of Tivoli; cf., Diary, June 24, 1894) resulted in the order to send 20 Sisters away due to overcrowding in Tivoli. This was obeyed from June 26-29. But at the audience held on Sept. 10, the Holy Father decided that the Sisters were not yet needed in Rome. So Father Jordan intended to send all of them back to Tivoli and most certainly the novices. On Sept. 14, Mother Mary sent all the novices back to Tivoli and was inwardly prepared to follow them with all the remaining Sisters (cf., Diary, June 22, 24, 27; and Sept. 10, 11 and 14, 1894).

- 4) On Sept. 24, the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom, Mother Mary received the good news that the Sisters could remain in Rome (due to the efforts of Frs. Jordan and Weingang, cf., Diary, Sept. 20, 1894); but they should never claim rights or privileges, and were to remain on good terms with the other Congregations (cf., Diary, Sept. 24, 1894).
- 5) Parish priest of Santo Spirito, Rome, the Parish to which the Sisters belonged (cf., Diary, June 30; July 16; Sept. 14, 1894).
- 6) Translation: There is no place for me in Tivoli.
- 7) Translation: You will be recalled to Rome when you least expect it.
- 8) Translation: The moments of humiliation are for the most part the moments, the beginning, of glory.

L-1, to S. Liboria, October 1, 1894

Stay healthy – love Jesus, imitate Mary, and St. Joseph
will help you!!!

Pray for

Your faithful spiritual
Mother Mary of the Ap.
S.D.S.



S. Liboria Hansknecht
1902

**LETTER 2 – to Novice S. Bonaventura Zenker, Tivoli
November 10, 1894**

- 1) **S. Bonaventura Zenker** *July 28, 1863. In 1894, she was a novice in Tivoli where, on Dec. 6, 1893, she had entered as Anna Zenker (together with Elisabeth Hansknecht), “coming from Westphalia.” She made first vows there on Jan. 29, 1895. S. Bonaventura was the superior at the Marocco Clinic, 1897-1900. From February 1901, she was novice mistress in Tivoli, and from 1904 in Rome; she held this office for many years, also in Meran. At the same time, she was a General Consultor for thirty years from February 1905 onward. S. Bonaventura died in the Motherhouse on March 30, 1949, at the age of 85.
- 2) Novices: Sisters Liboria Hansknecht, Mechtildis Klug, Columba Kohlmann, Veronika Schleicher; Sisters Cecilia Angelosante, Hilaria Poetsch, Gertrud Maier, Fridolina Roth, Hildegard Dombrowski, Bernarda Reichel, Hieronyma Schmerbeck, Christina Altmann, Othmara Sträsze, Gebharda Wäspe, Martina Eisenring; Sisters Kunigilde Meyer, Cunitrudis Richardt, Leonharda Siebenfächer; Sisters Coelestina Weber, Juliana Elgas; Sisters Vincenza Coccocchia, Paula Candrian, Seraphina Hald; S. Lioba Uebler died on July 2, 1894 (cf., Diary, Dec. 6, 1893; Jan. 23, 1994; March 18, May 26, Aug. 31, 1894).
- 3) **S. Othmara Sträsze (S. Ottmara Sträßle)** *Sept. 3, 1874. In 1894 she was a novice in Tivoli where she had entered on Nov. 24, 1893 as Rosa Sträsze (from Lüttisburg, Canton and Diocese of St. Gallen, Switzerland). She made first vows in Tivoli on Dec. 26, 1894. S. Othmara worked for a short time in the hospital of St. John Lateran. She went from Rome to Tivoli for health reasons and died there of tuberculosis on Sept. 1, 1896, at the age of 22 (cf., Diary, Nov. 24, 1893; Sept. 1, 1896).

My dear Sister Bonaventura!¹

Thank you for your good letter. It gave me joy; only, I am sorry that you are sometimes sad (a Westphalian oak does not bend). Don't ever give in to those bad, sorrowful thoughts. You can still do much good, through nursing, with children, through prayer, work and good example.

Perhaps the devil wants to hinder that, and also rob you of your joyful mood through misgivings, etc. Listen only to God's voice, to your confessor, etc.

I can assure you, I have never doubted your vocation to us in the slightest -----

Therefore, just be calm and cheerful – and prepare yourself well for your espousal with the Heavenly Bridegroom, through great trust, willingness for sacrifice and holy desire.

The dear Mother of God will surely lead you by the hand. You surely will not want to flee the Cross. No, I know you, I don't have to say a word about that.

Pray very zealously, pray also for me. For my part, I will pray still more for you and also for the other dear novices.² Please give really warm greetings to all. I will not write today to those I have already written to once: S. Ottmara,³ Mechtildis,⁴ Vincenza,⁵ etc. – but I thank for their kind letter --.

- 4) **S. Mechtildis Klug** *Aug. 23, 1859; was a novice in Tivoli in 1894. As Helene Klug (from Aschaffenburg, Diocese Würzburg), she had entered in Tivoli on Dec. 6, 1893. She made first vows in Tivoli on Jan. 29, 1895, and on that same day, was appointed to the novitiate as substitute for S. Aloysia Fischer. On March 25, 1897, S. Mechtildis was transferred to Milwaukee, where she at first did home nursing and, later, housekeeping. In September 1897, she became local superior in St. Nazianz. She and S. Margaretha Tritschler returned to Rome on Jan. 6, 1901, where she worked in the Marocco Clinic and made perpetual vows on Dec. 28, 1901 together with S. Margaretha. She was again transferred to the USA in November 1904, this time to Watertown, WI. From 1910 onward, S. Mechtildis served as novice mistress in Milwaukee for some years. At the age of 73, she died in Columbus, WI, on Aug. 14, 1933.
- 5) **S. Vincenza Coccorocchia** *Jan. 15, 1871; she began her novitiate in Tivoli in October 1894. As Rosa Coccorocchia (from St. Elia di Rapido, Diocese of Monte Cassino), she had entered in Tivoli on May 12, 1894. She made first vows in Tivoli on Sept. 4, 1895. After working in houses in Italy and Switzerland, at times as superior (in Campobello and Drognens), she went to North America in 1907, and worked in various parish schools as a house sister. Her final residence was St. Mary's Hospital in Wausau where she died on March 25, 1940, at the age of 69.

L-2, to S. Bonaventura, November 10, 1894

So then, my best regards to you, in the most Sacred
Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

May Jesus, Mary and Joseph live in us!

Your faithful spiritual Mother
S. M. of the Ap.

To dear Sister
Bonaventura
Through kindness



Tivoli
House of Foundation

**LETTER 3 – to Novice S. Carolina Dingler, Tivoli
August 5, 1895**

- 1) **S. Carolina Dingler** *Aug. 12, 1873; in 1895 novice in Tivoli. As Clara Dingler (from Leupolz, Württemberg, Diocese Rottenburg), she entered in Rome on March 22, 1895 and made her first vows in Tivoli on June 9, 1896. In 1899, she was sent to North America where, for the most part, she did house and sacristy work. From 1910–1929, she lived in Austria; she was sick for several years. In 1929, she returned to America. S. Carolina died in St. Joseph’s Hospital, Milwaukee, on May 18, 1943 in the 70th year of her life.
- 2) Mother Mary was more often in Tivoli to visit the novices there.
- 3) **S. Gabriela Bohnheim** *Oct. 15, 1868. As Apollonia Bohnheim (from Soyen near Wasserburg, Bavaria), she entered in Tivoli on April 29, 1891 and made her first vows there on May 24, 1892. In January 1896, S. Gabriela was sent to the mission in Assam (cf., Diary, Dec. 30, 1895) where she worked for the conversion of the Khasi women and children. After her return at the beginning of World War I, she worked in Meran, in the Rhineland, in Austria, and then in Börwang. She died there on Dec. 30, 1952 at the age of 84.
- 4) **S. Constantia (Constanzia) Ebert** *May 31, 1874. As Therese Ebert (from Matzenbach, Württemberg, Diocese of Rottenburg), she entered in Tivoli on Nov. 27, 1892 and made her first vows there on Jan. 23, 1894. In January 1896 she was sent to the missions, first to Akyab, Burma, then to Assam. In 1906, for health reasons, she went to America and there worked principally in nursing. She died in Milwaukee on Sept. 7, 1927 in the 54th year of her life.
- 5) Hospital of St. John Lateran. Mother Mary had asked that the Sisters might learn nursing there and in the Hospital of St. James (cf., Diary, March 21 and April 29, 1895).
- 6) *S. Othmara Sträszle*, L-2, ftn. 3.

My dear Sister Carolina!¹

As you recently sent me such a nice little letter – while I, as far as I remember, did not speak with you especially in Tivoli,² I will also send some words to you today - as I take time for the dear correspondence with Tivoli.

I have prayed earnestly for your dear sick sister, also had prayers said for her - Let us abandon ourselves in everything to the most holy will of God! He knows how to turn everything for the best.-

This life is only a time of testing ---- Oh! Let us use this short time well = to progress in interior perfection, to the greatest possible effectiveness in the vineyard of the Lord! Therefore it is necessary to make use of everything to become true Sisters of the Society = to refine oneself inwardly and outwardly with holy zeal and with joy ----- So, go ahead courageously! All the sorrows, which the Lord sends you are the most powerful means in his hand to teach you to follow him on the Way of the Cross - and so learn to save souls - We pray very much here for the dear sick Sisters in Tivoli -----

All the Sisters send you warmest greetings – Sister Gabriela³ is still the ever zealous laundry mistress – Sister Constanzia⁴ frequently goes to the hospital⁵ to nurse the sick. Yesterday, Sister Ottmara⁶ also went there for the first time, which gave her a great holy joy – now Sister Coelestina⁷ also has a special desire for it -----

- 7) **S. Coelestina Weber** *Feb. 9, 1875. She entered in Tivoli as Maria Weber (from Püttlingen near Saarlouis, Diocese of Trier) on April 27, 1894 and made her first vows there on May 28, 1895. S. Coelestina worked in Drognens, Rome and Tivoli and was the superior of the new foundation in Lommel, Belgium. Her last assignment was in Meran, where she died on August 30, 1922 at the age of 47.
- 8) “*All dear Novices*”: (*Investment Aug. 31, 1894*): S. Vincenza Coccorocchia, S. Paula Candrian; (*Jan. 29, 1895*): Sisters Josefa Skrzidlo, Margaretha Tritschler, Innocenza Zimmermann, Valentina Sigl, Ambrosia Vetter, Martha Storchenegger, Theodora Geser, Germana Steidel, Hyazintha Niclas, Apollonia Brehm, Rosa Schwarzmann, Thecla Ziesel, Lidwina Diegmann; (*April 5, 1895*): S. Lioba (Marianne) Uebler (sister of the deceased S. *Lioba [Margarete] Uebler*, cf., **L.28**, ftn. 16), Sisters Adelheid Clemenz, Cuny Sieghard, Ludmilla Sendner, Emilia Deutinger, Gonzaga Eichner, Marcella Flumeri; (*May 28, 1895*): Sisters Pancratia Blank, Evangelista Hofmann, Stefania Barthelmes, Nazarena Coianti, Filippina Coianti, Michaela Schakmann. (cf., *Diary*, Aug. 31, 1894; Jan. 29, April 5, May 28, 1895).

L-3, to S. Carolina, August 5, 1895

Give my warmest greetings to all the dear novices⁸ ---- I also ask you, dear Sister Carolina, to remember me often in prayer.

In the most Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Carolina Novice
S.D.S.



Novices, Tivoli

LETTER 4 – to S. Applonia Brehm, St. Nazianz
April 27, 1898

- 1) **S. Apollonia (Appollonia) Brehm** *Dec. 26, 1875. She entered as Marianna Brehm (from Forchheim, Diocese Bamberg) in Rome on Dec. 5, 1894 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896. In March 1896, S. Apollonia was sent to America where she did housework in St. Nazianz and cooking in Milwaukee for the members of the Society. Because of a stroke she was paralyzed for 25 years. She died on Sept. 14, 1959 at the provincial house in Milwaukee at the age of 83.



St. Nazianz, USA – 1902
Convent of the Salvatorian Sisters (right) and
of the Oswald Sisters (center)

Pr. be J. Ch.

Rome - 27 - 4 -
1898

Dear Sister Appolonia!¹

At last, a few words to you once again – but what shall I choose of the many things I want to tell you! On this little piece of paper – I want to wish you: great courage – the imitation of your holy patroness.

In St. Peter's the other day, I saw the pincers with which St. Appolonia's teeth were pulled out for Jesus' sake. I remembered you there – and Sister Appolonia will certainly have something to suffer too. Will she then also have such joy – Well, I thought, dear God, at least give her patience – at least that of obedience to the holy Rules. Patience in doing good – in love!

And now I ask an Ave for your faithful

spiritual Mother

To dear Sister Appolonia
Soc. Sisters D. Sav.
St. Nazianz

LETTER 5 – to S. Ludmilla Sendner, USA
July, 11, 1898

- 1) **S. Ludmilla Sendner** *Nov. 12, 1874. As Barbara Sendner (from Schlüsselfeld, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Jan. 24, 1895 and made first vows in Tivoli on April 24, 1896. S. Ludmilla was sent to USA in March 1897. At first, she did home nursing in Milwaukee and later spent many years in hospital nursing. Her final years were spent in St. Nazianz. She died there on Dec. 29, 1950, age 76.
- 2) *Fr. Ildefons Blank* from Bamberg, *Jan. 1, 1876; prof. Oct. 4, 1892; ord. July 10, 1898; left Nov. 15, 1902.
- 3) **Fr. Otto Hopfenmüller**. “Pastor Dr. Hopfenmüller from Bamberg has now made profession among our brothers in Rome as Fr. Otto.” (May 20, 1888; cf., Diary, before July 20, 1888). In the first months after the foundation, he was the extraordinary confessor for the Sisters. (cf., Mother Mary: “Foundation of the 2nd Order ...” of May 17, 1900). At the end of 1889, Fr. Otto traveled to Assam where he founded our Mission. He died already in the summer of 1890. (cf., Diary, Oct. 16, Nov. 9, Dec. 18, 1889 and Aug. 22, 1890; DSS XVI.1, pp. 87, 181; *i.e. E-XVI, pp. 61, 115*).
- 4) They were *S. Scholastica Hopfenmüller* and *S. Clara Rheinwald* (both had been invested with Mother Mary on Dec. 8, 1888; S. Clara died in Tivoli on July 26, 1892, at 37 years old), as well as *S. Benedikta Ruderich* and *S. Columba Weinsheimer* (invested on Dec. 18, 1888, S. Columba left again Dec. 2, 1889). Cf., Diary, Dec. 8, and 18, 1888; Dec. 2, 1889 and Mother Mary’s report on the “Foundation of the 2nd Order...” May 17, 1900.
- 5) *Maria Philipp* (S. Michaela, **L-86**, ftn. 8), *Sofia Stumpf* (S. Jakoba), *Anna Maria Kauppert* (S. Alexia, **L-53**, ftn. 4). Cf., Diary, Jan. 23, Feb. 26, March 12, July 2, 1898).
- 6) **Fr. Thomas (Tomasz) Weigang** was the first to be ordained priest in the Society and was distinguished by his goodness, humility and spirit of prayer. From 1890, he was the extraordinary confessor for

Pr. be J. Ch.

Rome 11 - 7
1898

Dear Sister Ludmilla!¹

A few lines from Rome from Mother's hand will certainly make you happy. Today, therefore, a few words.

To begin with, a little exhortation: In all you do, truly love the dear Savior– do everything for him, so that everywhere and in all situations you always preserve the religious spirit, remain content and happy – and in this way do much – especially through good example, and the evidence of a spirit of sacrifice ----- Now, something for you who come from Bamberg. Rev. Fr. Ildefons² was ordained yesterday – and gave all of us the first priestly blessing – and already in the evening, he left for his hometown of Bamberg, where he will celebrate his first holy Mass on Sunday. He is, I believe, the 1st priest from Bamberg after Fr. Otto³ of blessed memory – My first Sisters in 1888 were all from Bamberg⁴ – so it was a special joy for all of us -----

On the 1st, I took the 3 postulants⁵ to Tivoli where, this time, Rev. Fr. Thomas⁶ conducted the investment and vow ceremonies – (S. Therese,⁷ and S. Gregoria⁸ already a longer time ago, they are here now) – The names of the new ones are: S. Michaela (Silesia) S. Jacoba (Wasserburg) S. Alexia (Bamberg) of the Visitation. Share this news;⁹ as I can hardly write it twice ---- (S. Alexia had already wanted to enter with S. Scholastica¹⁰).

the Sisters and later became their ordinary confessor. He took care of everything for them and they thought very highly of him. Mother Mary already knew him from Neuwerk where, during his stay in Germany (cf., Diary, August 13-15, 1888) for collecting and preaching, he had lived at the St. Barbara Institute and had reported on the progress of the Sisters. He was born in Märzdorf near Glatz, Silesia on Aug. 25, 1843; entered in Rome on Dec. 12, 1883; first vows on Feb. 2, 1885; final profession on Feb. 2, 1886; ordained on Dec. 18, 1886. He worked in Rome for 25 years and helped build up the Society; he was also general consultor and personal secretary to the Founder for many years. In 1909, he was sent as superior to the first Polish foundation (Trzebinia) where he worked untiringly. He died in Piasniki, near Kattowitz, on Dec. 29, 1926 (cf., Diary, July 2, 1898, etc., DSS XVI.1, p. 237; *i.e. E-XVI, p.146; XVI.2, p. 907; English index not available*).

- 7) **S. Therese Maisinger** *May 14, 1875. As Maria Maisinger (from Munich) she entered in Rome on Jan. 6, 1897 and made her first vows in Tivoli on July 2, 1898. She was transferred to our house in Sta. Ninfa on Aug. 3, 1903; she was dispensed from her vows on May 5, 1904. But she stayed on in Sta. Ninfa. (cf., Diary, May 9, 1904; DSS XVI.2, p. 471; *i.e. E-XVI, p.261*).

- 8) **S. Gregoria Sauer** *Jan. 4, 1868. As Kunigunda Sauer (from Rossdorf near Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Feb. 11, 1897 and made her first vows in Tivoli on April 25, 1898. S. Gregoria was modest and unassuming. She worked in Rome and Tivoli doing home nursing and housework. In January 1900, she was transferred to Drogens and later was superior in Klausheide, Westphalia, where she died on July 10, 1924 at the age of 56.

- 9) To the Sisters in Milwaukee.

- 10) **S. Scholastica (Scholastika) Hopfenmüller** *January 17, 1855. As Maria Hopfenmüller (from Mindelheim, Diocese Bamberg), she traveled to Tivoli with Mother Mary and was invested with her on Dec. 8, 1888. Sister Scholastica made first vows in Tivoli on

L-5, to S. Ludmilla, July 11, 1898

Everyone here is fairly well again – S. Emilia¹¹ is still paralyzed in Tivoli. It is very sad to see – Still, crosses there must be.

(A good girl from Munich¹² just asked to enter) Let us pray – sincerely united in one Society – for Jesus, Mary, Joseph –

Your faithful
spirit. Mother
Mary of the Ap.

To dear Sister
Ludmilla
Soc. S.D.S.
Through kindness



S. Ludmilla Sendner
1897

Dec. 18, 1889. After making her final vows on Nov. 28, 1890, she went to the Mission in Assam in December 1890, and worked there until 1915 with devotion and success, mainly as superior. At the outbreak of World War I, Sister Scholastica was, like all the Salvatorians, deported from Assam. In Meran, she made herself useful in the kitchen, garden and the chapel. Shortly before her golden jubilee, she died in Meran on Nov. 24, 1938 in the 84th year of her life. (cf., Diary, Dec. 18, 1889, etc; SHS 9/1, pp. 84-87).

- 11) **S. Emilia Deutinger** *July 24, 1875. As Rosalia Deutinger (from Wartenberg, Diocese of Munich-Freising), she entered in Rome on Feb. 7, 1895, and made her first vows in Tivoli on April 24, 1896. During her short time in religious life, S. Emilia was almost always ill and she died of tuberculosis in Tivoli on Dec. 2, 1898 at the age of 23.
- 12) *Emilia Steer* from Munich. She had made written application to enter and did so Oct. 4, 1898. She left, however, on May 27, 1899. (cf., Diary, Oct. 4, 1898; May 23, 1899).

Note regarding the following page:

S. Ludmilla Sendner made excerpts from the letters addressed to her. They are kept in the archives as “**Letter 6.**”

Excerpts from various letters received from dear Rev. Mother

17th of Nov., 1897

Always remain cheerful, good, faithful and zealous, always keeping the eternal reward in view.

I commend you to the Heart of Jesus.

Rome 11/7 1898

In all you do, only love to please Jesus.

Everything for Him, so that everywhere and in all situations, you always preserve the religious spirit, remain content and happy and so do much, especially through your example and self-sacrifice.

Here, I have quite a few crosses, but crosses there must be.

Let us pray for one another.

7th of Feb., 1899

I congratulate you on being well again. Have the greatest trust, therefore, in the dear Mother of God. Life is so short. Take up the new life again with deepest gratitude and with all religious earnestness. Courage, perseverance, humility and continual self-mastery.

**LETTER 7 – to S. Gertrud Fiedler, Drognens
November 28, 1898**

- 1) **S. Gertrud Fiedler** *April 26, 1873. As Dorothea Fiedler (from Silberhausen, Diocese of Paderborn, Province of Saxony), she entered in Rome on May 12, 1895 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Oct. 2.1896. In January 1897, S. Gertrud was transferred to Drognens where she did housework. Later, she worked as a nurse in Vienna. She was a superior for several years, then the Commissary for the Italian-Austrian Commissariate (Provinces began only in 1926). From 1927-1932, she was a General Consultor and from 1932-1938 Provincial Superior of the Austrian Province. Sister Gertrud died in Vienna on Jan. 1, 1955. She was 82 years old.
- 2) Drognens, Switzerland, Educational Institute run by Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers, in which the Sisters worked (cf. Appendices: Foundations)
- 3) **S. Johanna Mai** *Oct. 15, 1857. As Therese Mai (from Silberhausen, Diocese Paderborn, Province of Saxony), she entered in Tivoli on May 22, 1891 and made her first vows there on July 2, 1892. S. Johanna was General Treasurer for many years and also General Consultor several years. Mother Mary appreciated her very much. She accompanied Mother Mary on her visitation journey of 1904 and was for the main part her nurse during her final illness. S. Johanna died in Meran on June 19, 1928 after a long illness. She was 71.
- 4) **S. Lidwina Diegmann** *Aug. 23, 1867. As Johanna Diegmann (from Zella near Silberhausen, Diocese Paderborn, Province of Saxony), she entered in Rome on Jan. 5, 1895 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896. She was one of the “eleven novices still living” whom Mother Mary took back to Rome after their profession (cf., Diary, Feb. 5, 1896). S. Lidwina worked as a cook at the Marocco Clinic and then was transferred to Uniontown, North America, in June 1902, and went the following August as cook to Luxemburg, WI. Later she did housework in schools and hospitals. S. Lidwina died on Jan. 26, 1948 in Columbus, WI, 81 years old.

J. M. J.

Rome - 28 - 11
1898

Dear Sister Gertrud!¹

Your dear letter gave me joy – all the Sisters here send greetings to the dear ones in Drognens,² esp. S. Johanna³ sends greetings to you, as well as S. Lidwina.⁴ S. Paula⁵ also went to Torri⁶ on 3/11 – she nurses the sick there, S. Cäcilia⁷ teaches piano to 2 young ladies, S. Theod.⁸ has 3 students --- In the greatest poverty, or just because of it, all is well there – I must go there soon ---.

I was in Tivoli – S. Emilia⁹ often close to dying. Not as resigned as our 2 angels: S. Ottmara¹⁰ and S. Alfonsa¹¹. ---- She still wants to live – to work. Therefore let us thank God that for us there is still the time of grace, the time of struggle – How much merit one can gather every day – also for the deceased ----

Therefore I wish everyone true holy zeal, much gratitude for the holy vocation – real fiery love = endurance – patience – and we are assured of heaven.

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Gertrud of the Soc. of
Sisters of the D.Sav.
Drognens

- 5) **S. Paula Candrian** *Jan. 20, 1839. As Dorothea Candrian (from Alvaschein, Canton Graubünden, Diocese Chur, Switzerland), she entered in Tivoli on June 17, 1894 (according to Diary, on June 15) and made her first vows there on Sept. 4, 1895. On Oct. 28, 1896 (cf., Diary), S. Paula was transferred to Brunate on Lake Como. After this house was closed, S. Paula returned to Rome where she stayed at first before being sent to Torri on Nov. 3, 1898. She always worked in home nursing and, when there were too few patients in Torri, she commuted back and forth between Torri and Rome (cf., Diary, April 23, 1899). She was very sought after and valued for nursing in the city (cf., Diary, June 1902). Later, she was entrusted with the role of portress in Rome and Meran. She died in Meran on Nov. 12, 1926, 87 years old.
- 6) Torri, a village in the Sabine mountains (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 7) **S. Cecilia (Cäcilia) Angelosante** *Nov. 8, 1875. As Margherita Angelosante (from St. Elia sul Rapido, Diocese Monte Cassino), she entered in Tivoli on July 24, 1893 and made her first vows there on Dec. 26, 1894. S. Cecilia's apostolic work was first carried out in the Marocco Clinic, Rome. Afterward, she was – with brief interruptions – a kindergarten teacher for almost 40 years in Torri where she was sent just after the foundation of the house in September 1898. S. Cecilia died in Meran at the age of 82 on April 8, 1958.
- 8) **S. Theodora Geser** *Sept. 7, 1873. As Hedwig Geser (from Obernzwil, Canton and Diocese of St. Gallen, Switzerland), she entered in Rome on Nov. 16, 1894 and made her first vows with the other eleven novices (cf., fn. 4) in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896. She renewed her vows on Feb. 10, 1899 in Torri where she had been sent as the first superior when the house was accepted in 1898. There she taught music, handwork and other subjects to children who had left school. (cf., Diary, Dec. 17, 1898). On Aug. 29, 1900, she had to be dismissed as, from Torri, she “had again fled to Switzerland” (cf., Diary, Aug. 5, 1900; **L-38**) Hedwig Geser reentered our Congregation on July 2, 1914 and was invested with

the name **S. Meinrada** in Meran-Obermais on Jan. 3, 1915. She made final vows in Berlin on Jan. 5, 1922; she died in Meran on May 30, 1959.

- 9) *S. Emilia Deutinger* (**L-5**, ftn. 11).
- 10) **S. Othmara (Ottmara) Gähwyler** *Oct. 15, 1874. As Emma Gähwyler (from Kirchberg, Canton and Diocese St. Gallen), she entered in Rome on April 22, 1896 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Oct. 10, 1897. Soon afterward, S. Othmara became ill (cf., Diary, Jan. 18, 1898) and died Sept. 15, 1898 in Rome of tuberculosis at age 23.
- 11) **S. Alfonsa Dengel** *June 28, 1874. As Maria Dengel (from Neubrunn near Würzburg), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 13, 1891 and made her first vows there on Nov. 30, 1892. S. Alfonsa suffered continually throughout her short religious life and she died in Rome from dropsy at the age of 26 years on Aug. 31, 1898.

LETTER 8 – to S. Agata Mangold, Akyab
December 5, 1898

- 1) *Date* – From the events mentioned, one can conclude that Mother Mary must have written the letter on Dec. 5, 1897.
- 2) **S. Agatha (Agata) Mangold** *July 5, 1871. As Margaretha Mangold (from Wachenroth, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 30, 1892 and made her first vows there on Dec. 10, 1893. S. Agatha began her apostolic work in Akyab and Dacca, Burma, where she was sent in January 1896. After the closure of the house in Akyab, she returned to the Motherhouse for a short period and was then transferred to St. Nazianz, in February 1899. In December 1905, she was appointed superior there. She was assistant to the novice mistress in Milwaukee for three years. S. Agatha was confined to bed for the last 10 years of her life. She died at St. Nazianz on Feb. 5, 1955 at the age of 83.
- 3) *Bishop Joseph Hurth*, Bishop of Dacca (cf., Diary, Nov. 16, 1894).
- 4) *Msgr. Falliz*, Bishop of Sweden – In spite of identical names, he was not related in any way to Msgr. Falliz, director of the Sisters in Akyab (cf., Diary, July 22, 1897).
- 5) *Msgr. Anton de Waal*, founder of the College of St. Boniface at the German Campo Santo in Rome. He served the German colony in Rome (cf., DSS XV.1, p. 63; *E-XV*, p.37; XV.2, p. 582, 609; *E-XV*, p. 368, 397; XVI.1, p. 83, *E-XVI*, p.59). He was a benefactor of the Sisters, obtained tickets for them to St. Peter's, to audiences, visits to the papal gardens (cf., Diary, May 30, July 28 and 29, Oct. 24, Nov. 11, 1895; Oct. 11, Dec. 20, 1898, etc.). In 1907, Msgr. de Waal conducted the burial of Mother Mary at the German Campo Santo (cf., letter of the Sisters' General Secretary, Rome, Jan. 1, 1908).
- 6) Cf., Diary, Dec. 20, 1897. (On this day the curtains were hung in the church of the Campo Santo.)
- 7) *S. Gertrud Fiedler* (**L-7**, ftn. 1).

Pr. be J. Ch.

Rome - 5 - 12
1898¹

Dear Sister Agata,²

Thank you for your dear letter – thank God that you are now better -, oh the beginnings in India have always demanded much sacrifice, afterwards, everything usually goes better.

Is the most Rev. Bishop³ already on his travels? – then I will probably see him here. Msgr.Falliz⁴, Bishop in Sweden, was here only briefly, I heard about it as he had just left – I was told that he visited his sister – a Benedictine – also only for a couple of hours.

Msgr.De Waal⁵ is very pleased with our large curtains, with embroidered angels, etc.⁶ – they do look very nice; however I am glad they are finished -----

Sister Gertrud⁷ lost both her father and mother within 3 months, she asks the Sisters to pray for them.

In Drogens there are now 3 priests⁸ – and they have moved into the new large building.⁹ There is also a Swiss postulant¹⁰ there for us. Initially, she must come here.

I thank you for all the news and responses. In everything have deep trust in God's providence. Yesterday, we began a 9-day devotion to the same. May no one of us ever be a hindrance to the fulfillment of the divine will in spreading His kingdom! – Ven. Father also especially recommended the spirit of faith – true and firm faith – considering the length of eternity, and fleeing every sin.

- 8) They were: *Fr. Damasus Louis* (*April 29, 1874; prof. Oct. 4, 1891; ord. March 9, 1895; left Jan. 1, 1899); *Fr. Michael Höss*, USA (*June 15, 1874; prof. Oct. 4, 1891; ord. March 13, 1897; + Oct. 10, 1930); *Fr. Edmund Vatterodt* (*March 18, 1875; prof. Oct. 4, 1892; ord. July 18, 1897; left June 5, 1906) cf., *Necrology SDS*.
- 9) On April 26, 1897, a fire destroyed everything (cf., DSS, XVI.1, p. 163: *E-XVI, p.105*).
- 10) Mother Mary meant the postulant from Freiburg whom she mentions in the Diary, Nov. 20, 1897.



Akyab, Burma, School – 1896

L-8, to S. Agata, December 5, 1898

Let us follow the voice of our superiors: then there will be the blessing of the 4th commandment =

Dear Sisters, pray for

Your faithful
spiritual Mother
Mary of the Ap.

To dear Sister
Agata – Soc. Div.
Savior
Through kindness

**LETTER 9 – to S. Bonaventura Zenker, Marocco Clinic, Rome
January 19, 1899 (incomplete)**

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, Superior at the Marocco Clinic from 1897 to 1900 (**L-2**, fnt. 1).
- 2) **S. Claveria Stadler** *March 24, 1868. As Maria Stadler (from Munich), she entered in Rome on Feb. 21, 1896 and made her first vows in Tivoli on April 25, 1897. S. Claveria spent the early years after profession doing home nursing in Rome, then, from March 1898 she worked as a nurse in the Marocco Clinic in Rome - from October 1900 - as superior. She was transferred to North America in January 1906, where she first worked at the new hospital in Wausau and later in Portage (founded 1916) as superior, since she possessed an aptitude for leadership. For a number of years, she was a provincial consultor as well. After a long illness, S. Claveria died in Portage, WI, on July 2, 1951 at the age of 83.

Pr. be J. Ch.

Rome - 19/1
1899

Dear Sister Bonaventura!¹

I cannot help sending you a few words which are meant to cheer you up a little more.

Superiors – leaders must be at the forefront of the battle – therefore, know how to endure more – where there is no suffering, no struggle, there can be no virtue, either ---- A natural meekness is generally just weakness – sensuality, and it sometimes shows itself in unguarded moments or in dismay in all its ugliness –

The meekness of all the meek saints was a virtue, a strength – founded on an ardent spirit ---- Therefore, thank God when you have opportunities for merits, for gain. (What costs nothing is worth nothing) never think of fleeing – and in all humility, let the superiors judge – I can tell you in confidence that I am glad when I see a little fire in you – because then the good God still has good things in store for you (It can also be that strained nerves are the cause – then do what you can to calm them = sleep – let Sister Clav.² take care – eat and drink well – one does have to deal wisely with oneself and not be responsible for any temptation) -----

**LETTER 10 – to S. Bonaventura, S. Leocadia, S. Claveria,
January 31, 1899** **Marocco Clinic, Rome** (incomplete)

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, ftn. 1.
- 2) **S. Leocadia (Leokadia) Kolb** *Aug. 5, 1863. As Lisette Kolb (from Großlangheim, Diocese Würzburg), she entered on Jan. 10, 1896 in Rome and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1897. Immediately after first profession, S. Leocadia went to work at the Marocco Clinic in Rome. In July 1900, she was transferred to St. Nazianz. She did excellent work in various parish schools as house sister. From 1911 until her death, she was at St. Mary's Hospital in Wausau. She died there on March 6, 1941 in the 78th year of her life.
- 3) *S. Claveria Stadler*, **L-9**, ftn. 2.



S. Bonaventura Zenker – 1908

J. M. J.

Rome - 31 - 3
1899

My dear Sisters,
Bonaventura,¹ Leocadia,² Claveria³!!!

With all my heart, I wish you a truly blessed, and joyful Feast of Easter with our dear Savior --- May you receive special graces on this day – in order to walk the way to heaven with renewed strength – in order to celebrate an eternal resurrection with Jesus in the future. May this way to our eternal fatherland be your whole joy on earth – and may you learn to understand how to carry out the command of the holy Apostle Paul: “Rejoice always – May your joy be complete”

In the hope that the true joys = the work, cares, sorrows for the interests of Jesus will never be lacking to you, I call out to you a jubilant Alleluia -----

**LETTER 11 – to S. Bonaventura Zenker, Marocco Clinic, Rome
May 20, 1899**

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, fn. 1.
- 2) *S. Claveria Stadler*, (**L-9**, fn. 2) and *Sister Leocadia Kolb* (**L-3**, fn. 2).
- 3) **S. Christina Altmann** *April 12, 1874. As Maria Altmann (from Passau), she entered in Tivoli on Nov. 13, 1893 and made her first vows there on Dec. 26, 1894. In January 1896, S. Christina was sent to Akyab, Burma, to teach the Burmese children there. When this house was discontinued, S. Christina was for a time in Rome (at the time of this letter, she was a patient in the Marocco Clinic, cf., Diary, May 14, 1899). Then, in August 1902, she was transferred to North America and worked as teacher and superior in various parish schools (cf., Diary, Aug. 16, 1902). S. Christina died in Portage, Wisconsin, on May 1, 1949, aged 75.
- 4) Because no Sister died around this time, prayers will have been offered for a dying patient of the Marocco Clinic.
- 5) **S. Pankratia (Pankrazia) Blank** *Aug. 11, 1872. As Barbara Blank (from Püttlingen, Diocese Trier), she entered in Rome on March 22, 1895 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Oct. 10, 1897 (cf., Diary, June 9, 1896). In August 1899, S. Pankratia was transferred to Drogens where her apostolate was in the sewing room. She died in the 39th year of her life, in Drogens on Jan. 22, 1910.

J. M. J.

Rome – 20/5
1899

Dear Sister Bonaventura!¹

I wish you and the other two dear Sisters,² as well as good Sister Christina³ a most holy Feast of Pentecost ---- I will pray for you especially because this feast will probably be a feast of sacrifice for you again and you will again be appointed to take on the sacrificial office in our spiritual family – for among us: One for All and All for One. Sacrifices are necessary on this earth – and, seen with the eyes of faith, it is just you who are the most privileged, and perhaps also the most happy interiorly – for our heart is not made for earthly consolation.

We have prayed for the dying⁴ in community – if only she may become blessed -----

I would otherwise gladly have had you here at least for the feast – however, Lord thy will be done ----- As soon as I can, I will gladly come one day. From every place, the news is quite good ----- So then, may the Spirit of strength, of consolation, of peace come to you especially ---- This the heartfelt wish

of your faithful spiritual Mother

I am unusually busy. I hope you can read my writing

Until we meet again

S. Pancrazia⁵ must tell you

LETTER 12 – to S. Thecla Ziesel, Drognens
June 14, 1899

- 1) **S. Thecla (Thekla) Ziesel** *April 16, 1873. As Franziska Ziesel (from Steinenthal, Oberamt Leutkirch, Diocese Rottenburg, Württemberg), she entered in Rome on Dec. 13, 1894 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896. In January 1897, she was transferred to Drognens, where she worked partly as superior and partly in the kitchen. Later, she worked in Austria in various houses, mostly in the kitchen. She died on Dec. 24, 1944 at Vienna-Hacking, age 72.



S. Scholastica Hopfenmüller – 1905
(see p. 20, no.10).

J. M. J.

Rome - 14 - 6
1899

Dear Sister Thecla!¹

At last, a word to you once again, and with particular joy. For, it goes without saying, that those far away, the most active spiritual children, must be the greatest consolation for me – In addition, I do have a special liking for the beautiful, zealous institute at Drognens – It is hard for me to understand how someone coming from there does not feel too confined in Rome.

Yes, truly, you can earn great rewards there – do much for the salvation of souls – How consoling to hear that everything has now been improved again – also that there are more boys there – Oh, you dear ones, you must have a lot of work now –

If it were up to me, I would gladly send 2 even 3 Sisters – because I know they would be well cared for in body and soul – fulfilling the purpose for which one must enter the Society and for which it was founded – But, patience – that is the main virtue of superiors.

Truly, in every cross and sorrow, care and anxiety, we have every reason to be full of gratitude and joy = = = to sing Magnificat – We have entered the army of Jesus Christ – a true soldier, and especially a soldier of Jesus Christ, must find joy in battle, in everything which the world hates ---



Drogens, Switzerland - 1913

L-12, to S. Thecla, June 14, 1899

And this is true especially of a new Order – this alone gives value to life – Therefore be happy, God will continue to help – dear Sister,

Your faithful
spiritual Mother
Mary of the Ap.

To dear Sister
Thecla Soc. Sisters D. S.
St. Nicolas

LETTER 13 – to S. Victoria Steuer, St. Nazianz
June 16, 1899

- 1) **S. Victoria (Viktoria) Steuer** *June 30, 1879. As Therese Steuer (from Stappenbach, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Nov. 13, 1895 (cf., Diary on Nov. 12.) and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1897. She was sent to America in March 1899, initially to Milwaukee, but very soon afterward to St. Nazianz, the seminary of the Society of the Divine Savior, where she remained for most of her life working in the sewing room, doing housework, playing the organ, serving as superior or treasurer. S. Victoria died on Dec. 5, 1961 at St. Mary's Hospital in Columbus, WI, USA, aged 82.
- 2) **S. Columba Kohlmann** *Dec. 25, 1876. As Barbara Kohlmann (from Großbuchfeld, Post Hirschaid, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Tivoli on Dec. 6, 1893 and made her first vows there on Jan. 29, 1895. S. Columba traveled to St. Nazianz, in February 1899. She worked as a teacher for 47 years in various parish schools and often served additionally as superior. She died, aged 74 years, in St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, on July 1, 1951.
- 3) Mother Mary seems to refer to the entrance applications of young girls from Bamberg since she writes about them in connection with the remark regarding a letter from S. Columba's father who wrote from Bamberg. S. Columba herself and S. Victoria were from Bamberg.

J. M. J.

Rome - 16 - 6 - 1899

Dear Sister Victoria!¹

I received your letter from Milwaukee – it gave me joy – Now I hear that you are in St. Nazianz – That will have made the Sisters happy – especially S. Columba² (I received such a nice letter from her father). There are again some from there³ who wish to enter; however it is still overcrowded here. Do thank God that you have received a genuine field of work – be it Milwaukee, be it St. Nazianz – Give solace to the Sacred Heart of Jesus who loved us so much, give joy to your superiors, edification to the Sisters - so, living in obedience and gentleness, you will gladly walk the way of the Cross – perhaps still do much good --

Pray also for me. I have heard all sorts of things going back and forth – I could only pray and trust. By and by, things will be well for all --- oh Eternity, oh Eternity!!! Everything passes, who then should look for anything other than God! – who should not always be happy, as St. Ignatius says!!

Especially in need of prayer your faithful

Spiritual Mother

To dear
Sister Victoria
Soc. Sisters of Div. Sav.
St. Nazianz
Through kindness

**LETTER 14 – to S. Bonaventura Zenker, Marocco Clinic, Rome
August 17, 1899** (incomplete)

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, fn. 1.
- 2) From time to time the Sisters in the clinic were overworked; at times there were too few patients. At those times the Professor sent the Sisters to do nursing in private houses.
- 3) *Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross*, founded in 1856 by the Capuchin priest, Theodosius Florentini and Mother Maria Theresia Scherer. (Motherhouse in Ingenbohl, Switzerland). Fr. Theodosius was at the same time co-founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Menzingen, Switzerland, together with Mother Maria Bernarda Heimgartner.
- 4) **S. Innocenza Zimmermann** *May 13, 1877. As Maria Zimmermann (from Munich), she entered in Rome on Oct. 25, 1894 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896. (cf., Diary). On Oct. 5, 1897, she was sent to the new house in Capolago. As her health was not good, she went to her home town of Munich to convalesce on several occasions. (cf., Diary, Sept. 22, 1898; June 14, 1899) When Mother Mary wrote this letter, Sister was staying in Munich. At the end of August 1899, S. Innocenza went to Hungary to study Hungarian together with other Sisters, but she returned at the beginning of September 1899. She continued to be in ill health and died in Rome on Feb. 26, 1902, aged 24.
- 5) *S. Claveria Stadler*, **L-9**, fn. 2.

J. M. J.

Rome - 17/8
1899

Dear Sister Bonaventura!¹

I thank you for yesterday's letter – I say only: serenity, divine providence – obedience ----

Wish for nothing else. No removal of a cross. Now, you certainly have a very good attitude – and I can be at peace - ---- I do not see that you have a real cross (we are in a struggling world) – unless it is this, that there are no patients there² – (however, as I heard, the Sisters of the Cross³ also had none from time to time)

Blessing and joy, help for the Society, of this I see much in you --- so just be confident and joyful –

Sister Innocenza⁴ wrote to me again just now (every few days) she is awfully homesick for here – and says that the new postulant from Munich is exactly like S. Claveria,⁵ in everything – perhaps she may come here with the latter.

I am writing to you especially today, in order to ask you to be so good as to go to the station tomorrow, at about 6 ½ (early) in order

**LETTER 15 – to S. Victoria Steuer, St. Nazianz
November 7, 1899**

- 1) *S. Victoria Steuer, L-13, ft. 1.*
- 2) *S. Columba Kohlmann, L-13, ft. 2.*
- 3) On her return trip from Vienna where she saw to the matter of the Theresien-Hospital, Mother Mary had visited Padua and Bologna and there venerated the local saints: St. Anthony and St. Catherine (cf., Diary, Oct. 16, 1899).
- 4) Here there is a play on words in the German: “*Gelehrte*” (learned) and “*Geleerte*” (emptied).



S. Victoria Steuer – 1904

J. M. J.

Rome 7/11, 1899

Dear Sister Victoria!¹

I gladly give you permission, as does Ven. Father also, to renew your vows. I hope that the day on which you, as a young, pure sacrifice, again consecrate yourself totally to Jesus, will be a day of blessing for our Society.

Also give my greetings to your cousin, S. Columba,² who is especially dear to me. Near St. Catherine of Bologna³ I saw the violin which she played, and I prayed for a religious spirit for all our educated [*gelehrte*] members so that they may not be empty-headed [*geleerte*]⁴

Therefore, pray for your

faithful spiritual Mother

To dear
S. Victoria
Soc. Sisters of D. Sav. 2nd Order
St. Nazianz
Through kindness

**LETTER 16 – to S. Thecla Ziesel, Drognens
November 30, 1899**

- 1) *S. Thecla Ziesel*, **L-12**, fn. 1.
- 2) Mother Mary probably meant the changes among the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers. Cf., DSS XVI.1, pp. 35f; 159ff; *E-XVI*, p.18f, p.102 (no reference to this is made in the Diary).
- 3) **S. Dominica Vieregg** *Oct. 27, 1870. As Maria Vieregg (from Munich), she entered in Tivoli on Nov. 26, 1891, was invested on Dec. 21, 1891 and made her first vows on Jan. 4, 1893. S. Dominica was one of the Sisters sent to Ecuador in August 1893. Due to the revolution, which broke out there, they returned to the Motherhouse two years later. (cf., Diary, July, 27, Nov. 12, 1895) In August 1896, Sister went to Drognens where, until 1904, she served either as 1st Assistant or as Superior. In June 1904, she became the 3rd General Assistant and was also superior in the Motherhouse for a time. In January 1906, she traveled to America where she was assigned to the new hospital in Wausau, WI. She was superior for 6 years at the Home for the Elderly in Portage. She died there Jan. 3. 1946 at the age of 75 (cf., Diary, Dec. 21, 1891; Jan. 12, 1906, etc.).
- 4) **S. Augusta Burkhard** *Nov. 24, 1862. As Katharina Burkhard (from Waldshut, Diocese Freiburg), she entered in Tivoli on Nov. 11, 1891 and made her first vows there on Nov. 30, 1892. She made final vows on Aug. 6, 1893 and was sent to Ecuador on Aug. 11, 1893 where she suffered much from fevers. After her return in November 1895, she was sent to Drognens in April 1896 as assistant in the kitchen and house and was soon appointed superior there. She was, however, sickly. In November/December 1899 she was hospitalized in Locarno (**L-18**, fn. 2; Diary, Jan. 29, 1900). She improved in health during 1900 (**L-28**, fn. 8), however, on Sept. 24, 1900, shortly after Mother Mary's visit to Drognens, she died of tuberculosis at the age of 38.
- 5) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, fn. 6.
- 6) *S. Gertrud Fiedler*, **L-7**, fn. 1.

Pr. be J. Chr.

Rome - 30 - 11
1899

Dear Sister Thecla!¹

It was a real joy to receive a letter from you again after all this time. I still remember with pleasure how you were so active and hard-working – and I cannot imagine that you should often be ill now. The cold weather is certainly the cause – many here also have a cough and are often in bed now.

There certainly has been a complete change² in dear Drogens now. What makes me happy is that S. Dominica³ – assistant – is so healthy and hard-working ---- The departure of Rev. Superior,⁴ whom you almost always nursed, has surely been particularly painful for you ----- But, dearest Sister, God allows everything only for our good – May we recognize in every superior the representative of God – also, every sorrow passes – and at last, at last we begin to understand how much gratitude we owe to Jesus – Therefore, remain cheerful, content – I pray very especially for you, I will also tell Rev. Father Thomas.⁵ Also, give my special greetings to S. Gertrud⁶ -----

With my whole heart I still call out to you: “A blessed most holy Feast of the Immaculate Conception.” Let us suffer with Mary, and please pray also for

Your faithful spiritual Mother

LETTER 17 – to S. Bonaventura, S. Leocadia, S. Claveria
December 23, 1899 **Marocco Clinic, Rome**

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, 6, ftm. 1.
- 2) *S. Leocadia Kolb*, **L-10**, ftm. 2.
- 3) *S. Claveria Stadler*, **L-9**, ftm. 2.
- 4) Marocco Clinic in Rome, cf., Appendices: Foundations.
- 5) The Holy Door which is opened by the Pope in Jubilee Years.
- 6) Cf., Diary, 24.12.99 (He gave the blessing.).
- 7) “This night we had Mass and Holy Communion” (Diary, Dec. 25, 1899).
- 8) Cardinal Vicar Jacobini took over from Cardinal Parocchi at the end of November 1899 (cf., Diary, Nov. 23, 1899), but died shortly afterward on Feb. 1, 1900. Thus, in April 1900, Cardinal Respighi succeeded Jacobini (cf. DSS XVI.1., pp. 176, 190; *i.e. E-XVI, 112, 120*; and Diary, Feb. 6, 1900).
- 9) *S. Augusta Burkhard* (**L-6**, ftm. 4); at the time in the hospital at Locarno.

J. M. J.

Rome - 23/12
1899

Dear Sisters Bonaventura,¹ Leocadia,² Claveria³!!!

As I will most certainly have to put off the visit to my dear Clinic,⁴ I wish you in writing, and with my whole heart, a really blessed, most holy Feast of Christmas. It is the last in this century; may it be full of blessings for you! May you then also experience the peace which the Divine Savior has promised to those of good will = and what is this, to be of good will = It is to really want to listen to the Savior's voice "Learn from me, I am gentle and humble of heart"

Yes, my special wish shall be: Be at peace with God: love him therefore – at peace with your neighbor: love him therefore. Fight only against yourselves = and you will always enjoy the priceless treasure of peace ----- I would love to see you here on the holy Feast of Christmas ---- see how you can arrange it.

The Holy Door⁵ is to be opened by the Holy Father at 12 o'clock – At the most, a 1,000 tickets will be given out = After the opening, the Holy Father may⁶ give the holy blessing in St. Peter's or return directly to the Vatican. Only afterwards is it possible to go into St. Peter's.

(It is not sure if we have holy Mass during Christmas Night⁷ – but certainly during New Year's Night)

We want to eat at 11 o'clock – afterward, I will allow those who can to try to get into St. Peter's.



S. Claveria Stadler – 1905

L-17, to Srs. Bonaventura, Leocadia, Claveria, Dec. 23, 1899

Today we had holy Mass again. Praise God in all humility! (The time had expired and so, with the new Cardinal Vicar,⁸ we had none the entire week.

May the sweet smiling Child Jesus give you many blessings on His birthday – where, in His holy temple – in St. Peter’s – all the doors will be open! May Jesus live in every heart!!!

(S. Augusta⁹
wrote sorrowfully
from the Italian Hospital
= greets all----)

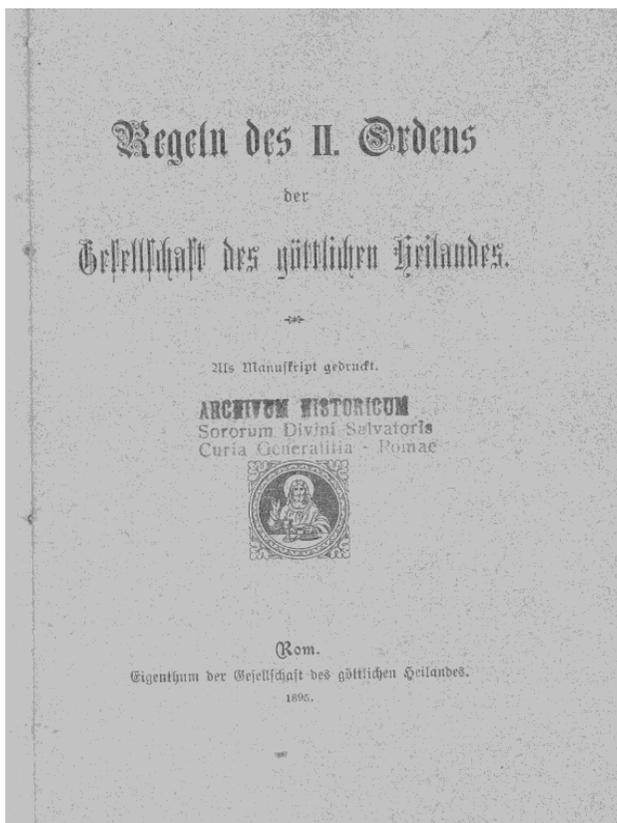
Your faithful spiritual
Mother Mary of the
Apostles



S. Leocadia Kolb – 1897

**LETTER 18 – to S. Thecla Ziesel, Drognens
January 29, 1900**

- 1) S. Thecla Ziesel, **L-12**, ftn. 1.
- 2) S. Augusta Burkhard, **L-16**, ftn. 4.
- 3) S. Gregoria Sauer, **L-15**, ftn. 8.



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J. M. J.

Rome – 29 - 1 - 1900

Dear Sister Thecla!¹

Since I have not written to you for a long time – you shall receive a few lines today – Now you are having a rather quiet time and so you will have double cause for rejoicing both at being able to help the sick Rev. Superior² once more and at receiving help yourself from the always obliging Sister Gregoria³ ----

All of you, be of good heart – hold faithfully to the holy Rule and to holy obedience. Then the peace of the Lord as well as his blessing will be with you. This is the dearest wish of

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Thecla – Soc. S. D. S.
Drogens
Through kindness

**LETTER 19 – to Novice S. Valeria Behr, Tivoli
February 23, 1900**

- 1) **S. Valeria Behr** *Oct. 30, 1875, Novice in Tivoli in 1900. As Berta Behr (from Gröbnitz, district of Leobschütz, Upper Silesia, Diocese Olmütz), she arrived in Vienna on Oct. 12, 1899 and traveled to Rome on Oct. 18, with Mother Mary who was there on business regarding the Theresien-Hospital (cf., Diary, Oct. 11, 1899). (Mother Mary stayed for three days in Torri, “Berta continued on,” Diary, Oct. 16, 1899). She was invested in Rome on Feb. 7, 1900 and made her novitiate in Tivoli. She made her first vows there on Feb. 8. 1901. In Rome, S. Valeria attended classes at the Teacher Training Institute (**L-53**) and in 1903 was transferred to St. Ninfa where she worked as a teacher. Following the closure of the house in May 1904 (cf., Diary, May 9, 1904), S. Valeria went to Tivoli as assistant Novice Mistress and then, on Nov. 21, 1904, to Rome with the Novice Mistress and all the novices (cf., Diary). Several times in 1904, Mother Mary dictated her Diary entries to her.

In January 1907, S. Valeria was sent to the Workers’ Home in the Pramergasse, Vienna, as temporary superior; in July 1907, she traveled to USA where she taught in parish schools. She returned to Europe in 1914, first to Vienna, then to Euskirchen as superior in a Social Home for children where the Sisters managed the household. In following years, S. Valeria did office work in Vienna. After World War II, she spent two years at the Donauhof, Passau, and was in Börwang from 1947-1950. At her own request, she was transferred to Meran where she died Dec. 15, 1966, at the age of 92.

- 2) *S. Liboria Hansknecht*, **L-1**, fn. 1.
- 3) For the days of Carnival, Mother Mary used to ask for permission to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed (cf., Diary, e. g. Feb. 17, 1895; Feb. 9, 1897). The letter was written around Carnival time.

J. M. J.

Rome - 23/2
1900

Dear Sister Valeria!¹

Your letter gave me joy – and I do hope that the Divine Savior – who chose you as his bride – and called you to our Society – will give you all the graces you need to correspond to his holy designs for you entirely to his glory.

To these graces however, dear Sister, also belong conflict, difficulties and spiritual afflictions – For where something good is to come into being, the chisel may not be spared. Therefore, be of good courage and, above all, trust and be cheerful - -

Yes, cheerfulness – this above all – let us not lose it – there is no greater evil, after sin, than sadness. Therefore, I was also so glad to hear of your cheerfulness from the Ven. Vicaress.²

In the days of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament³ I will pray especially for Tivoli – pray also, dear Sister, for your

faithful spiritual Mother
Mary of the Apostles

**LETTER 20 – to S. Bonaventura Zenker, Marocco Clinic, Rome
April 21, 1900**

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker, L-2, ftn. 1.*



S. Valeria Behr - 1910

J. M. J.

Rome 21/4
1900

Dear Sister Bonaventura!¹

Thank you for your consoling letter – Ven. Father asked me to thank you for your good wishes – You should strive courageously for holiness, let no difficulty stop you – He sends you his holy blessing -----

Until we meet again, dear Sister
Your faithful spiritual Mother

**LETTER 21 – to S. Bonaventura, S. Leocadia, S. Claveria
Easter 1900 Marocco Clinic, Rome**

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, ftn. 1.
- 2) *S. Leocadia Kolb*, **L-10**, ftn. 2.
- 3) *S. Claveria Stadler*, **L-9**, ftn. 2.
- 4) In the Marocco Clinic in Rome (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 5) *S. Liboria Hansknecht*, **L-1**, ftn. 1.
- 6) Torri in Sabina (cf., Appendices: Foundations).

J. M. J.

Rome
[Easter 1900]

Dear Sister Bonaventura!¹
Leocadia!² and Claveria,³

How much I would have liked to come personally to wish you, my dear Sisters, a most holy Feast of Easter – but, oh, so much prevents me in these holy days. But, I hope to visit you there⁴ very soon and I am already looking forward to it.

Now, however, I invite you to come here for Easter ---- Arrange it as best as you can. Meanwhile, I cannot refrain from wishing you wholeheartedly all the graces that are inherent in the celebration of the Resurrection, i.e., I promise to help you implore the same from the Divine Savior. May all three of you, dear Sisters, sing the Alleluia of holy Church at Easter with happy, trustful and courageous hearts ---- All sorrow is now overcome, buried in the past and written in heaven.

Now we understand better than ever – how “heaven is the prize” therefore, we will no longer be fearful, hesitant or apprehensive ---- no matter how steep the way, how unpleasant to nature and how draining of all our strength --- ---- “One goes to heaven only through the Cross”

Now we begin a new life Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
I would like to see such truths and convictions and holy resolutions made firm in you.

Therefore, I wish you renewed courage and zeal!
But pray for me also.

der lieben Schwester
Calasanzia
86

Rom 7/2 1903

„Kommen in Leid
und Leid
führt uns zur
Seligkeit“

Ap. Maria M. Maria
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To dear Sister Calasanzia, Rome 7/2 1903
“Faithfulness in love and in suffering, leads us to perfect happiness.”
Your faithful M. Mary of the Ap.

L-21, to Srs. Bonaventura, Leocadia, Claveria
Easter 1900

Accept these little pictures as a remembrance.
S. Lyboria⁵ should also come on Saturday.

Thus, with a true understanding of the *pax vobiscum*, let
us celebrate the holy Feast of Easter united with one another.

My cough has still not gone away – also I should, and
want to go to Torri⁶ around 21/4. – Please pray, dear Sisters

for your faithful
spiritual Mother



LETTER 22 – to S. Thecla Ziesel, Drognens
May 21, 1900

- 1) *S. Thecla Ziesel*, **L-12**, fn. 1.
- 2) There were many visitors at the Motherhouse in the Jubilee Year 1900, including these three pilgrims from Württemberg with pastor Kircher from the pilgrimage center of Gmünd (cf., Diary, May 2, 1900).
- 3) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, fn. 6.
- 4) Cf., Diary, May 18, 1900.
- 5) **S. Crescentia Bebel** *April 11, 1870. As Maria Bebel (from Kostke near Kostenthal, Silesia, Diocese of Breslau), she entered in Tivoli on April 29, 1892 and made her first vows there on May 30, 1893. She worked in Rome in the sacristy and house. After a lengthy period of ill health, she died in Rome on Nov. 28, 1907 in her 38th year of life, just a month before Mother Mary's death. The seriously ill Mother Mary was very affected by this event.
- 6) *S. Coelestina Weber*, **L-3**, fn. 7.
- 7) Jean Baptiste de LaSalle (cf., Diary, May 24, 1900).

Dear Sister Thecla!¹

I have not written to you for the longest time, therefore a few words. While the three ladies from Würtenberg² were staying here, your name was often mentioned. They were from Gmünd – from the pilgrimage place of the Rev. Pastor – a friend of Rev. Fr. Thomas.³

Hopefully you are really brave on the steep way to heaven – and try, as an apostolic Sister of our Society, to do very much for the honor of God --- to make yourself useful and to edify everyone. A short time ago, we had 9 pious persons⁴ from near Bologna here for breakfast. They wanted to have us = 3 Srs – in their place ----- Ven. Father is very much in favor of it – we pray in this intention.

The pilgrimage chaplain also spoke of the possibility of us coming to Würtenberg as Sisters ---- He was a simple, very pious man. He had much contact especially with S. Creszenzia,⁵ the first pilgrim mother – She had to mend his gown, spread butter on his bread, etc. He ended up calling her the butter-spreading Sister.

S. Creszenzia is now very well and happy in the midst of so much work –

Here there is now also a need for a real spirit of sacrifice --- It is good like this, says S. Coelestina⁶– then one learns what it is like in the missions. Happy are those who can do much – to serve and help the Divine Savior in his members.



Sisters' Meeting in St. Nazianz – 1905

- Row 1 (l. to r.):* S.Anna Albrecht, S.Simforosa Garofali, S.Franziska Kupfer,
S.Lioba Uebler, S.Adelheid Clemenz, S.Agatha Mangold,
S.Victoria Steuer;
- Row 2:* S. Luitgardis Hellmann, S.Berchmana Broenneke, S.Columba Kohlmann,
S.Liboria Hansknecht, S.Germana Steidel, S.Eleonora Wetzel, S.Kunigunda
Hubert, S.Sofia Wurm, S.Innocenza Stahl, Kand. Anna Noworatzky;
- Row 3:* S.Alfonsa Franke, S.Leopoldina Koberna, S.Apollonia Brehm, S.Blanche
Kinzer, S.Magdalena Franke, S.Leonia Gabriel, S.Andrea Grimm,
S.Cunitrudis Richardt.

L-22, to S. Thecla, May 21, 1900

Forward, then, to holiness – our goal “what rejoicing there is now among the School Brothers – their Father⁷ will be canonized on 24/5.” 18 thousand are said to be here – And how much this Father had to suffer!

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To dear S.
Thecla Soc. S. D. S.
Drognens

Through kindness

LETTER 23 – to “My dear good Sisters”
June 2, 1900

- 1) Probably the three Sisters in the Marocco Clinic: *S. Bonaventura*, *S. Leocadia*, *S. Claveria*. Mother Mary had written to them also at Easter; as at Easter, she gave them three small pictures and asked them to come to the Motherhouse on the Feast of Pentecost (**L-21**).
- 2) **S. Filippina Coianti** *Sept. 22, 1856. As Domenica Coianti (from Santa Croce, Diocese of Rieti), she entered in Rome on April 20, 1895 and made her first vows in Tivoli on June 9, 1896. (She had already been an Augustinian Sister for ten years; the government had closed down the Convent.) In June 1900, S. Filippina was transferred to Campobello (cf., Diary, June 9, 1900), but returned again in December, worked for many years in Rome doing home nursing and was very highly thought of. Later, she was in Torri where she died on October 14, 1926 at the age of 70.
- 3) Negotiations regarding the house at Campobello, Sicily, had been in progress since the end of April 1899.
- 4) *Bishop Giovanni Blandini* in whose diocese the Society also had a house in the vicinity of Noto and in Noto itself (cf., DSS XV.2, p. 448, 535, *i.e. E-XV, p.281, 342f*).
- 5) **S. Philomena (Filomena) Raich** *Nov. 22, 1842. As Cäcilia Raich (from Meran, Tyrol, Diocese of Trient), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 11, 1890 and made her first vows there on Nov. 29, 1891. In 1899, she was the superior for a short time in Muraszombat, the new foundation in Hungary (cf., Diary, July 1, 1899; June 8, 1900) After this, she lived in Rome where, on June 22, 1913, she died after an accident. She was in the 71st year of her life.
- 6) *S. Claveria Stadler*, **L-9**, fn. 2.
- 7) No doubt a well-known gentleman who had requested a place for two young ladies – pilgrims (cf., Diary, Oct. 11, 1890, etc.).

J. M. J.

Rome - 2/6 1900

My dear good Sisters!¹

I enclose 3 poor little pictures of the Hl. Spirit for you – With my whole heart I wish you very many graces on the Feast of Pentecost – and especially for each one just exactly that gift which will be of most use to her – On tomorrow's great holy feastday, let us be truly united in the Holy Spirit of love, like the holy Apostles – in prayer, work and suffering = then the blessings will not fail to arrive.

Tomorrow, do also come over – whenever you can.
(The Holy Father will also be seen again at 4 o'clock).

I have very much to do concerning S. Filippina's² journey to Sicily³ ---- she is to travel with the Bishop of Noto⁴ (Still not announced). We are also expecting S. Filomena⁵ today ---- whether? Also still a secret ----

The aunt is the one of S. Claveria⁶ – I said yes to Alderman Käufler regarding the place for 2 young ladies⁷ in October – Yesterday I was with the Most Reverend Bishop of Noto from 8 - 11 and from 3 - 6. Pray much for us, especially for me – (I now have a speck⁸ in front of the other eye as well – however, I can see alright – it comes from the blood – I take drops).

Until we meet again
in the most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

- 8) Mother Mary's eye trouble was worsening; she wants to say she had a dark speck also in front of her remaining healthy eye.
- 9) The three candidates: Anna Franke, Augusta Schröder, Josefa Scheffer (cf., Diary, June 2, 1900).

-- **S. Alfonsa (Anna) Franke, L-53**, ftn. 7;

-- **S. Emilia (Augusta) Schröder** *Nov. 30, 1875 in Sundern, entered in Rome on June 2, 1900; invested in Tivoli on Nov. 2, 1900, first profession in Tivoli on Nov. 3, 1901, died in Rome on Nov. 4, 1905.

-- **S. Othmara (Josefa) Scheffer** *Nov. 9, 1873, entered on June 2, 1900, began her novitiate on Nov. 2, 1900 in Tivoli, made first vows in Tivoli on June 3, 1901; left for USA in May 1902, where she was mostly engaged in household work. She died in St. Nazianz, on Nov. 21, 1965.

L-23, Letter of June 2, 1900

On the lower margin of the 4th page (written in reverse):

The three from Westphalia⁹ are expected today.



Campobello, Sicily

LETTER 24 – to S. Victoria Steuer, St. Nazianz
June 28, 1900

- 1) *S. Victoria Steuer, L-13*, ft. 1; at this time she was in St. Nazianz.
- 2) They were: S. Leopoldina Koberna, S. Stanislaus Raczkowska, S. Leocadia Kolb (cf., *Diary*, June 22; July 2, 6, 1900).
- 3) **S. Leopoldina Koberna** *April 17, 1864. As Anna Koberna (from Krtele, Bohemia, Diocese Budweis), she entered in Tivoli on Nov. 7, 1891 and made her first vows there on Nov. 30, 1891. In the early years, S. Leopoldina was in Rome. In July 1900, she was transferred to St. Nazianz where, for many years, she did housework and home nursing, but her main occupation was sewing and handwork. She died in Divine Savior Hospital, Portage, WI, on February 4, 1932 at the age of 67 years.



S. Ludmilla Sendner, S. Leopoldina Koberna,
S. Adelheid Clemenz – 1900

Dear Sister Victoria!¹

Now I rejoice with you that you will receive new Sisters² – You see, you prayed well. For, at first, it seemed as if no Sister should and could go along – however, God guided the hearts.

I also want to confess my guilt to you, dear youngest Sister = I also resisted in the case of S. Leopoldina³ – yet the sacrifice had to be made – Who will now handle the machine for knitting stockings? – Now, since I have made this confession, you must pray for this – for, one sister is too weak – the other cannot learn it. Still, flee you worrying thoughts = our Divine Savior takes care of us – also, we are one in Him. What doesn't happen here, happens in St. Nazianz instead – “So long as Christ is preached, what else matters” – says the holy Apostle Paul.

Yes, this true apostolic spirit we must – all of us – seek to acquire more and more – Only then can each one become a useful member – always hold fast to the main stem – the ‘I’ is of the world. Among us, our dear little Society should be the ‘I’ – But now, I am just preaching today. Please accept it in a good spirit – it shall also be a request to pray – for your

faithful spiritual Mother

**LETTER 25 – to S. Apollonia Brehm, St. Nazianz
June 28, 1900**

- 1) *S. Apollonia Brehm*, **L-4**, ftn. 1.
- 2) *Fr. Epiphanius Deibele*, *May 17, 1873; prof. Dec. 3, 1891; +Nov. 6, 1936. Superior of the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers in St. Nazianz; at the time of this letter, he was staying in Rome (cf., Diary, June 22 and 25, 1900).
- 3) Muraszombat – care of children (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 4) By Sept. 14, 1899, Mother Mary had traveled “over the sea” to Hungary; in August 1900, she was to visit the Sisters a second time, again over the Adriatic Sea to “get practice in traveling by sea.”
- 5) *Fr. Epiphanius Deibele* (cf., ftn. 2 above).
- 6) **L-24**, ftn. 2.

J. M. J.

Rome - 28/6 1900

Dear Sister Appolonia!¹

At last a few words to you – I would like so much to talk to you face to face. But the time has not yet come, says also Rev. Fr. Epifanius² – When once the ships arrive there in 4 days – when I shall have made a few more attempts at sea travel – then I could venture to come. (So, then, dear Sister, I intend to travel back from Muraszombat³ over the [Adriatic] sea⁴ again to test whether I can come to you in St. Nazianz – I won't die from it, and if I do – I am then close to Rome) — There are many here now who would like to go there – today I again had to refuse – saying, “Wait yet – we want to see more of how you get on here – why did you not tell Ven. Father⁵ – etc.” I think 3⁶ is enough for the time being.

I had so much joy from all the letters – Where there is love, there is peace, where there is peace there is blessing. Yes, let us always hold fast together – in complete self-denial – only seeking the interests of Jesus – This brings true interior happiness – this brings happiness at the hour of death – followed by an everlasting glorious eternity. Let us pray for this for one another – for this begs

your faithful
spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Appolonia – Soc.
Sisters Div. Savior
St. Nazianz
Through kindness

**LETTER (Postcard) 26 – to S. Clara Krauer, Via Lungara, Rome
August 6, 1900**

- 1) **S. Clara Krauer** *December 8, 1870. As Mathilde Krauer (from Lucarno, Diocese Basel, Switzerland), she entered in Tivoli on Aug. 23, 1892 and made her first vows there on Dec. 10, 1893. She was already a trained teacher before entering the convent and so was involved in the direction of the Teacher Training Institute in Tivoli and Rome. Very soon after first profession, she was appointed local superior at the Motherhouse (S. Liboria took over from her at the beginning of 1895); in November 1896, she became Assistant in the Motherhouse, and in 1900, General Consultor. In November 1900, S. Clara went as the representative of Mother Mary on visitation to the USA (Milwaukee and St. Nazianz, cf., Diary, Nov. 16, 1900). She returned to Rome in December 1901 and resumed her work as Assistant and in the Teacher Training Institute (cf., DSS XVI.2, pp. 498f; *i.e.XVI, p. 274f*). From March 9, 1904, S. Clara was again in North America; she worked in parish schools and was the first of our Sisters to receive a diploma (BA) from Marquette University. She died in Milwaukee on Aug. 2, 1946, aged 74.
- 2) Mother Mary traveled by train from Rome to Chiasso; the journey took 17 hours.
- 3) **S. Clementine Benz** *July 11, 1877. As Anna Benz (from Bräunlingen, Baden, Archdiocese Freiburg), she entered in Rome on Jan. 11, 1899 and took first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1900. Mother Mary took her to Rome where she had to go to bed immediately because of a fever (cf., Diary, July 30, Aug. 5, 1900). S. Clementine remained in Rome for the first ten years after first profession, working mainly in the sewing and embroidery room. She was also, at the same time, postulant mistress. From 1910-1914, she worked in Hungary (Obesce) and, after that, she was in the Austrian Province, mostly in Vienna, working as seamstress and wardrobe mistress. She died in Vienna-Hacking on July 7, 1962 at age 85.

J. M. J.

Chiasso - 6/8 00

Dear Sister Clara¹
and all dear Sisters!

The penance of sitting in one place² for 17 hours has been managed successfully – Now I am in peaceful Switzerland: “*Croce soave*” [Sweet Cross]: – Thanks be to God-

How is my very dear Sister Clementina³ = please send me very detailed news – What made the wound on her face open up? – Everyone should be really quiet with and near her – I hope that the chair at the top is not there anymore – then I entrust her, after God, to Sister Hyazintha⁴

(Just now a Most Rev. Bishop arrived – but he is staying elsewhere)

Respectful greetings to Ven. Father, Rev. Fr. Bonav.,⁵ Thomas⁶ – best wishes to all the Sisters – the Clinic,⁷ also Tivoli = be courageous, humble and full of love and zeal!!!

Pray for

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

To Ven. Sister Chiara
Asst. Gen. Soc. Sisters of the Div. Savior
(Via Lungara 112) Roma

- 4) **S. Hyazintha Löhlein** *April 16, 1854. Maria Christina Löhlein (daughter of a Protestant minister, from Birkenfeld near Hofheim, Diocese Würzburg), had become a convert in Sicily and entered in Rome on June 17, 1895. She made first vows in Tivoli on Oct. 3, 1896. S. Hyazintha worked at times in the Marocco Clinic as night nurse or in private nursing. In the Motherhouse, she made herself especially useful through fine handwork (cf., Diary, April 11, 1899) and, at the same time supervised the care given to sick Sisters (**L-36**). Her last year of life was full of intense suffering. S. Hyazintha died in Rome on Aug. 3, 1901, aged 47 years.
- 5) **Fr. Bonaventura (Bernhard) Lüthen**, the first and most faithful spiritual son and co-worker of the Founder. Born May 5, 1846 in Paderborn, Westphalia; ordained on March 15, 1872; castle chaplain for Baron von Brenken in Wewer; he was involved in pastoral work for mothers and produced the periodical “Monika.” He joined Ludwig Auer at the Cassianum in 1877 and was editor of the “Ambrosius”. He first met Father Jordan in 1881, and left the Cassianum in July 1881. He made private vows for 3 years at the foundation of the Society on Dec. 8, 1881. He produced “*Der Missionär*” and numerous writings about the Society. At its development into a religious community, he made a novitiate, and, on Oct. 17, 1884, final vows. He was the right hand of the Founder and his vicar, for many years also prefect of candidates and novice master. He was also a support to Mother Mary and the Sisters’ foundation. He died in Rome on Dec. 10, 1911.
- 6) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, fn. 6.
- 7) Marocco Clinic, Rome (cf., Appendices: Foundations).

**LETTER (Postcard) 27 – to Sisters in Rome (Via Lungara)
August 7, 1900**

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer* (**L-26**, fn. 1) and Sisters in Rome, Via Lungara.
- 2) *Rev. Bächele*, parish priest of Wohlenschwyl; *S. Clara Krauer* came from this parish (cf., Diary, May 1893).
- 3) Kässo? Kässan? (Difficult to read and not fully understandable) **L-47**, fn. 4.
- 4) *Rev. Haas*, Bishop Dr. Haas of Basel (cf., Diary, Feb. 15, 1891).
- 5) *Baroness Robiano*, superior of the “Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and Help for Poor Churches” in Rome, Via Nomentana 8. Mother Mary had been in the novitiate of the Sisters in Brussels and Liège 1869-1871.
- 6) In the letter dated Aug. 6, 1900 (**L-26**) the arrival of a bishop at Chiasso was mentioned.
- 7) *S. Clementine Benz*, **L-26**, fn. 3.
- 8) *Rev. Bächele*, cf., fn. 2 above.
- 9) Mother Mary visited Drognens near Romont (cf., Appendices: Foundations).

J. M. J.

Lucerne 7/8 00

Dear Sisters!¹

I have only just arrived at 9 in the evening – however, all went well (Rev. Bächele² brought me there = up to the ship). Needed Kasson³ today – bread, etc., yesterday just macaroni – bag and sack very comfortable. I was at holy Mass this morning for quite a long time. Yesterday, just before Milan, I saw and spoke to Rev. Haas⁴ – he is Swiss and very quiet. I traveled part of the way with Countess Robiano,⁵ Superior in Rome, Perpetual Adoration – Just as well that I didn't kiss the Bishop's ring.⁶ – He is no Bishop – proudly wears a cross and a ring. Excommunicated by all – he may do this only in Switzerland.

How is the little lamb⁷ – I repeat everything from yesterday's card. Rev. B.⁸ and *[his]* sister send greetings – by chance, he dropped by. (Everything is going better again.) Tomorrow 3 ½ in Romont⁹ – if it is God's will – I will not phone – Everything for Jesus through Mary!

faithful spiritual Mother Mary

On the left margin:

O dear Switzerland – I already feel better

To Ven. Sister Clara

Asst. Gen. Soc. Sisters Div. Savior

Via Lungara 112 Roma

**LETTER 28, 28a – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome, Via Lungara
August 9, 1900**

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 2) *S. Hyazintha Löhlein*, **L-26**, fn. 4.
- 3) *S. Clementine Benz*, **L-24**, fn. 3.
- 4) **S. Juliana Elgas** *June 2, 1877. As Carolina Elgas (from Püttlingen near Saarlouis, Diocese Trier), she entered in Tivoli on April 27, 1894 and made her first vows there on May 28, 1895. S. Juliana was assigned to teach in Hungary and prepared for this at the Motherhouse. Shortly before going there, she became ill with tuberculosis. She remained in Rome, was for a time in Torri and, after the illness confined her to bed for three months, she died in Rome on Oct. 24, 1900, age 23.
- 5) **S. Elisabeth Albertzki** *January 16, 1862. As Louise Albertzki (from Danzig, West Prussia), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 17, 1890, made her first vows there on Nov. 28, 1891 and her final vows on Dec. 26, 1894. S. Elisabeth was a trained teacher and directed the Teacher Training Institute in Tivoli and Rome. Between 1893 and 1895, she was assistant to the novice mistress and superior in Tivoli. Because of her knowledge, sense of responsibility and discretion, she was, for many years, a valuable help to Mother Mary in administration work. She was a General Consultor from 1896 as well as secretary general or treasurer general. She accompanied Mother Mary on visitation from Aug. 1, to Sept. 18, 1906 (cf., Diary). When Mother Mary's eyesight became so bad that she could not read or write herself, she dictated her letters from November 1903 onward to S. Hilaria Poetsch, S. Valeria Behr, but the majority to S. Elisabeth who also, from October 1908, and at the request of the new superior general, Mother Ambrosia Vetter, collected the notes of Mother Mary (cf., Diary, entries between July 30, and August 1907). During World War I, S. Elisabeth volunteered to care for the wounded. After the war, she did office work in Urft, Rhineland, where she died of tuberculosis of the lungs on July 25, 1919 at the age of 57.

Colony St. Nicolas
DROGNENS
near ROMONT (Switzerland)

9th of Aug.1900

Dear Sister Johanna,¹

In order to do everything at once and not write too much, I will start by wishing you with my whole heart happiness = true happiness, and a holy blessing on your nameday. I will pray for you especially on 21/8.

Now I will first answer the questions: S. Hyazinta's² letter reassured me about good S. Clementina³ – as one can see from my card – I continue to entrust the dear patient to her. In this however, I find no difficulty if Sisters Juliana⁴ and Elisabeth⁵ visit the patient now and then (To remove the chair from the head of the bed⁶ out of consideration for all, was also S. Hyazinta's wish – and in the carriage I still asked S. Elisabeth to remind you of it. All nurses know that one speaks as little as possible in the patients' rooms – and I hope and trust that all are, in love and holy obedience, careful about this – S. Hyazinta must and will keep good watch = obey the doctor in everything.

I arrived here⁷ safely at 3:40 p.m.– the dear Sisters had decorated too beautifully – a “large Sacred Heart – St. Joseph, in the refectory – beautiful large angels lead the way up the stairs to the bedroom that is really too nice – they also sang in German and French” Everything is going on very well and edifyingly here – The Sisters are healthy – S. Augusta⁸ is also much better. S. Gregoria⁹ and Pancrazia¹⁰ have become stout and rosy.

- 6) **L-26.**
- 7) In Drognens, St. Nicholas, **L-27** “tomorrow at 3½ in Romont” (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 8) *S. Augusta Burkhard*, **L-16**, ftn. 4.
- 9) *S. Gregoria Sauer*, **L-5**, ftn. 8.
- 10) *S. Pankratia Blank*, **L-11**, ftn. 5.
- 11) Mrs. Büchler had the same eye problem as Mother Mary.
- 12) Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Büchler. The young girl had contracted an infectious disease and had lived with her mother without contact with others.
- 13) **S. Hilaria Poetsch** *July 17, 1878. As Maria Poetsch (from Guttstadt, Diocese Ermland, East Prussia), she entered in Tivoli on Sept. 3, 1893 (Diary: Sept. 2) and made her first vows there on Dec. 26, 1894. She then attended the Teacher Training College, and traveled to Hungary at the end of April 1899 with S. Ambrosia Vetter (replacing S. Juliana, cf., ftn. 4 above). There she studied the Hungarian language and trained to teach in kindergartens and in schools (cf., Diary, June 22, 1900; June 23, 1903). S. Hilaria was in charge of the communities in Hungary from 1908 to 1926, and was then Provincial Superior of the Province from 1926 to 1948, except for 1935-38). With bravery and courage she endured the difficulties of the foundation that at times seemed almost insurmountable. By the time of her death, there were more than 200 Sisters whom she had accepted into our Congregation. In her final years, she had to experience the destruction of much of what she had built up. She died in Mariabesnyö on May 21, 1948, aged 70.
- 14) Ovoda – Kindergarten.
- 15) *Baroness Therese Györy*. In 1898, plans to begin in Hungary were discussed with her. On April 26, 1899, the first Sisters traveled to Budapest, and on July 1, 1899 to Muraszombat to Baroness



S. Hilaria Poetsch – 1908

Szapary, sister of Baroness Györy (cf., Diary, March 9, April 26, 1899; July 1, 1899; April 22, 1900; DSS XV.2, p. 726; Diary, June 13, 1901; DSS XVI.1, p. 265; *i.e. E-XV, p.458; XVI, p. 161*).

- 16) **S. Lioba Uebler** *March 16, 1873. As Marianne Uebler (from Pilgramshof near Sulzbach, Diocese Eichstätt), she entered in Rome on Jan. 23, 1895. *Her sister, Margarete*, born Dec. 27, 1874, had entered on Dec. 6, 1893, was invested on Jan. 23, 1894, taking the name Lioba, and died in Tivoli of typhus on July 3, 1894 (cf., Diary; Mother Mary, writing later, mistakenly gave the date of death as July 2).
S. Lioba made her first vows in Tivoli on April 24, 1896. As early as June 1896, she was transferred to America. She showed her worth particularly in regard to the new foundation in St. Nazianz where, in 1897, she was appointed superior (when the former superior, S. Anna, went to Uniontown). S. Lioba died at the age of 49 in Milwaukee on April 13, 1921.
- 17) **S. Antonia Kreppelt** *Nov. 11, 1868. As Kunigunde Kreppelt (from Forchheim near Bamberg), she entered in Tivoli on May 11, 1890, was invested on May 24, 1890, made first vows on May 24, 1891 and final vows on May 24, 1894. She worked in Tivoli as novice mistress and treasurer; in Drognens and Freiburg, Switzerland in the house and as superior, as she also did in Rome. In March 1899, she and other Sisters traveled to St. Nazianz. In December 1905, she took part in the First General Chapter as a delegate from America and afterward returned there. On Jan. 5, 1906, Mother Mary wrote to S. Hieronyma Schmerbeck in Milwaukee: "...S. Antonia ... also gives me many concerns." In January 1909, Mother Ambrosia sent her to Assam as commissary; in January 1910, she returned to Rome and was transferred to Austria. S. Antonia left the Congregation May 14, 1913.
- 18) **S. Franziska Kupfer** *June 20, 1862. As Barbara Kupfer (from Wachenroth, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 1, 1892 and made first vows there on Dec. 10, 1893. Initially, S. Franziska was stationed in Rome. At the end of November 1895,

L-28, to S. Johanna, August 9, 1900

Yesterday, 12 persons came from Freiburg, among them 5-6 Rev. Priests --- Life is busy here. ---- 53 boys, and the cooperation of the entire Society is represented – how should I not feel good here – I am relieved of the supervision of the very over-conscientious S. Johanna and feel grown up again = you have understood -, (the little sack was worn across the shoulders = all is well) – but it is really cold here – I had to ask for a skirt etc – (When Ven. Father comes, that he provides) I am really healthy ---

The good, sorely tried Mrs. Büchler¹¹ also had the same on her eyes = everything confirms what the doctors say: it will never become something serious – it comes and goes – at last it goes forever - or.

Little Josephine¹² is getting better now --- she gets up for a while in the afternoons – she still has no voice – she had a 42 degree fever- +

Good news from Pest – they don't know why I don't write and don't come – I am sending a postcard now –

S. Hilaria:¹³ is working hard in the Avoda¹⁴ – she has examinations in June. The Countess¹⁵ is very satisfied = many children.

S. Lioba¹⁶ writes very good news: a school and nursing have been offered. S. Antonia¹⁷ and Franziska¹⁸ are nursing far away – in a young woman's home, etc.

S. Columba¹⁹ should get a school soon – They are waiting for Rev. Fr. Superior²⁰ to decide ----- priests were there to ask for it, etc. let us thank God ----

she was transferred to Milwaukee, where she did private nursing. S. Franziska died in Columbus, WI on Dec. 22, 1926, at age 65.

- 19) *S. Columba Kohlmann*, **L-13**, fn. 2.
- 20) *Fr. Epiphanius Deibele*, Superior of the Salvatorians in St. Nazianz (**L-25**, fn. 2), at the time of this letter, he was in Rome.
- 21) *S. Coelestina Weber*, **L-3**, fn. 7.
- 22) **S. Alberta Franke** *Feb. 6, 1873. As Sofia Franke (from Sundern, Diocese Paderborn), she entered in Rome on May 12, 1895. As a postulant, she was injured by a falling wall on the upper loggia of the Motherhouse, breaking her shoulder bone and a rib, and suffering two large wounds on her head. News of the accident appeared in many newspapers (cf., Diary, Aug. 20, 1895). S. Alberta made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1897. In April 1901, she was transferred to the United States and taught in various parish schools there. S. Alberta died in St. Nazianz on June 1, 1940 at the age of 68, after a long period of ill health.
- 23) “She” – S. Coelestina Weber (cf., Diary Oct. 24, 1900; at this time she was often ill).
- 24) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1.
- 25) S. Fridolina Mayer was 1st Assistant.
- 26) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 27) *Fr. Konrad Hansknecht*, **L-1**, fn. 2.
- 28) Marocco Clinic, Rome (cf., Appendices: Foundations).

L-28, to S. Johanna, August 9, 1900

S. Coelestina²¹ wrote a very long letter. (the error with the stamps was noticed only just now) She complains about certain items to be sent along – and even a gray habit – perhaps she is right = tell S. Alb.²² Before November, the doctors will not let her²³ return --- she may not work = only learn the violin = S. Clara,²⁴ what do you say – in addition, she and teachers have discovered = she is made for study. Now, we don't want to make fun – She will surely learn from experience – she is to be pitied for her head – otherwise, she writes quite well – also from the entry of others.

Communicate everything necessary (everything to the 2 assistants²⁵) send a letter to inform Rev. Fr. Bonaventura²⁶ – I send my best greetings to all – with concerned motherly – totally zealous heart – especially to the novitiate – Rev. Fr. Conrad²⁷ is also looking very well. The good Clinic,²⁸ etc.

So, all are true Sisters of the Divine Savior - Where the Ego has been thrown away – when it is gone, love, endurance and fidelity are so easy -----

Then I count also on your prayer – and remain, if God so wishes,

Your faithful spiritual Mother

Page 5 top: [cf. FN 12] + Mrs. B. locked in with her for 1 month – she spoke to her husband only through the wall.

Page 5 left: She gave me 20 Goldfranks

Page 8 above: You did receive both cards, right?

**LETTER 29 – to S. Clara Krauer, Via Lungara, Rome
August 16, 1900**

- 1) *S. Klara Krauer, L-26*, fn. 1.
- 2) The content of both letters dated Aug. 16, 1900 to S. Clara and S. Hyazintha (**L-29, L-30**) is connected. Something must have collapsed or fallen at midday between 12:00 and 13:00; in the night it could have caused an accident.
- 3) *S. Philomena Raich, L-23*, fn. 5.
- 4) *S. Liboria Hansknecht, L-1*, fn. 1.
- 5) *S. Bonaventura Zenker, L-2*, fn. 1.
- 6) *S. Alberta Franke, L-28*, fn. 22.
- 7) “Vera Roma” – a Roman publication.
- 8) *Fr. Thomas Weigang, L-5*, fn. 6.
- 9) *S. Juliana Elgas, L-28*, fn. 4.
- 10) Due to the continually recurring cases of typhoid in Tivoli, the house, lifestyle and food of the Sisters were thoroughly investigated. S. Liboria, superior in Tivoli at the time, gave an exact account and wrote, among other things, to Fr. Bonaventura: “The wine is sent here from the Via Lungara, but it is of an inferior type ‘than the Sisters in Rome drink.’ She doesn’t know any reason for this but thought it might be that the wine ‘became more expensive due to transportation’.” (cf. DSS XVI.1, p. 200; *E-XVI, p.126*). Mother Mary’s remark may have reference to this.
- 11) Mother of **S. Agnes Heimgartner**. The latter, born on May 12, 1872, entered as Anna Heimgartner (from Waldshut, Diocese Freiburg), in Tivoli on Feb. 19, 1890, made first vows there on

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St. Nicolas 16/8 1900

Dear S. Clara!¹

Thank you for all your faithful news – it made me happy. (In the morning 12:00 – 13:00, thanks be to God, no one of us was hurt)² Yes – your pious prayer accompanied and saved my poor self!

I also thank Sisters Filomena,³ Lyboria,⁴ Bonaventura,⁵ Alberta⁶ for their dear letters, etc. I thank also for Vera Roma.⁷

Regarding holy Communion, give Rev. Fr. Thomas⁸ exact information concerning S. Juliana's⁹ condition and then follow his decision. If the wine¹⁰ from Rome is no longer a help in Tivoli – have them take the wine in Tivoli. But I hope that the old tampering doesn't happen again -----

I now intend, God willing, to leave dear, beautiful St. Nicolas on Monday. Sleep: Lucerne, Altenstadt, Innsbruck – possibly Bischofshaven – always 3rd class – Arrive in Vienna at 4 in the afternoon = Friday.

The Sisters wonder at my health = yes, I'm certainly old – certainly also rather weak = but healthy.

Your dear sister used cherry brandy to wash her eyes --- I have been doing it also since Tuesday – it seems really good = strength.

I greet now all in spirit and – all most warmly – more detailed news when I return, if God wills ---

March 19, 1891 and on Dec. 2, 1891 she died in Tivoli, the first Sister to do so, of tuberculosis at the age of 19 (cf., Diary, Feb. 19, 1890).

- 12) *S. Philomena Raich* (cf., above) to Baroness Szapary who had assumed patronage of Muraszombat and had taken steps to obtain the Bishop's approval. *S. Philomena* was transferred there but did not remain (cf., Diary, March 9 and July 1, 1899; June 8, 1900; DSS XVI.1, pp. 114ff; *i.e. E-XVI, 75-77*).
- 13) *Br. Kosmas Vaas*, *Oct. 13, 1859; prof. Sept. 16, 1888; +Jan. 18, 1933.



S. Clara Krauer – 1897

L-29, to S. Clara, August 16, 1900

Let us remain one in the love of the Divine Savior =
holy zeal – time goes only too quickly – It is a question of a
whole eternity.

Your faithful spiritual Mother

2nd page, right margin:

Mrs. Heimgartner¹¹ comes in the early days – but I am
away.

2nd page, above:

S. Fil. can write to the Countess.¹² In Vienna, I
announced only my departure. You do not have to notify⁺
- On Tuesday the carriage traveled in vain

2nd page, left margin:

⁺ the boys exercise daily, like soldiers, with Rev. Fr.
Cosmas¹³ – they sing beautifully according to the School
of St. Cecilia

LETTER 30 – to S. Hyazintha Löhlein
August 16, 1900

- 1) *S. Hyazintha Löhlein*, **L-26**, ftn. 4.
- 2) Compare the letter of the same day to S. Clara, **L-29**, ftn. 2.
- 3) *S. Clementine Benz*, **L-26**, ftn. 3.
- 4) *S. Juliana Elgas*, **L-28**, ftn. 4.
- 5) Ingenbohl, Switzerland, **L-14**, ftn. 3.



S. Hyazintha Löhlein

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St. Nicolas 16/8 1900

Dear Sister Hyacinta!¹

I must write a word to you, my very worried and zealous one. Today, the news of 14/8 arrived – that calmed me down again completely – according to yesterday's news I was afraid of what had happened – through the breaking iron² – in the night, it could have been very dangerous --- Give many cordial greetings to my dear patient little lamb³ whom I brought from Tivoli.

I thank you very much for all your concerns and faithful news. Whether one or another Sister watches or sleeps there – just arrange it – in love and peace. If there is a disinfection, I think it would be good if the other room would be cleaned thoroughly as well – perhaps by the Sisters themselves – so that, without any problem, even more Sisters can go in – Everything with calm as far as possible. But I hope, with a kind of certainty, that good S. Juliana⁴ may still remain with us.

How much one has to suffer through illness = I heard that in Ingelbohl⁵ 40 Sisters lie ill in bed, and others had to have their legs amputated! Oh, we still must be grateful – serve zealously out of love for God – then perfection comes by itself Pray also for

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

**LETTER (Postcard) 31 – to S. Clara Krauer, Rome,
August 19, 1900** **Via Lungara**

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer, L-26*, ftn. 1.
- 2) *S. Liboria Hansknecht, L-1*, ftn. 1.
- 3) *S. Valeria Behr, L-19*, ftn. 1.
- 4) It is probably a reference to the “Wednesday” letter (**L-28**) with its “collection” of news.
- 5) *Fr. Otmar (Othmar) Eckardt*, *Aug. 16, 1876; professed Oct. 4, 1893; ord. May 27, 1899; +Aug. 10, 1900. Cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 226; *i.e. XVI, 141*: The Freiburg Chronicles report that on August 10, 1900 ‘a 24 year old newly-ordained priest drowned while swimming in the nearby Saane’.
- 6) *Fr. Efrem (Ephrem) Bohnheim*, brother of S. Gabriela and S. Rafaela Bohnheim, *March 26, 1871; prof. Oct. 15, 1889; ord. Sept. 23, 1893, +June 3, 1930 (cf., Diary, May 24, 1892; Oct. 6, 1893, etc.).
- 7) *Fr. Albertus (Albert) Hauser*, *June 29, 1871; prof. April 6, 1890; ord. Dec. 23, 1893; +March 17, 1933. At this time, he was superior of the Salvatorians’ community in Vienna X, and Father Jordan had entrusted the ongoing negotiations to establish a Sisters’ community in Vienna to him. On March 30, 1901, Fr. Bartholomäus Königsöhr replaced Fr. Albert as superior in Vienna X (cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 267; *i.e. E-XVI, p. 162*). Later arrangements for a Sisters’ house in Vienna II (Kaisermühlen) were made by Fr. Theophilus Muth (cf., DSS, XVI.2, p. 423; *i.e. E-XVI, p.229*).
- 8) **S. Germana Steidel** *August 5, 1870. As Katharina Steidel (from Kaiserslautern, Diocese Speyer), she entered in Rome on Nov. 23, 1894 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896. (She belonged to the “eleven novices still living,” cf., Diary, Feb. 5, 1896.) After staying in Tivoli for a short period, S. Germana traveled to Akyab, Burma, in January 1897. Following the closure of the house in December 1897, S. Germana returned to Rome and

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St. Nic. 19/8

Dear Sister!¹

Still a word from here – because on 24/8 [I will be in] Vienna. I think to be in Lucerne tomorrow evening – Thank you for all the letters – also S. Lyb.² and Val.³ – Jelly-fish and chalk heal a swollen knee --- I'm afraid it has to be cut, etc. ---- as soon as I had sent my Wednesday⁴ letter to you with the collected news – there came the news of Rev. Fr. Otmar's⁵ accident – the poor good soul is a warning and spur for us!

Just now, all of us sisters had our photograph taken. Rev. Fr. Efrem⁶ was here also – Today I went to a First Mass in Lucerne ----- I did not receive a letter from Rev. Fr. Albertus⁷ concerning our foundation in Vienna – However, I can well imagine it (S. Germana⁸ writes it)

+ From Campobello⁹ Rev. (Don) Todor¹⁰ and the Redemptorist priest (confessor to the Srs) are asking for a legal acceptance of the matter there. = to sign the official papers when I come. If Mr. Ca. will not give Rev. Father 15 [L.], as he requests, then 12 L. will suffice.⁺

I wish that Franzisca¹¹ stays with S. Cl.¹² until the latter is just like the others.

+ Tuesday the 3rd – at 16:00 in the afternoon, I expect to arrive at the Altenstadt Convent.¹³

There are now 55 boys here – and 10 more are expected – but pious Rev. Fr. Otto¹⁴ is very sad (on 8.8. Rev. Fr. Otm. was still here, photographed by pious Tyrolean Fr. Fintamus.¹⁵) So the holy Cross had again to show itself as a sign from Heaven!

took part in the teacher training course at the Motherhouse. In November 1899, she was sent as superior to Vienna, and after this to Budapest where she made final vows on Feb. 10, 1902 (cf., Diary).

In June 1902, she went to Milwaukee. Until 1905, she worked in parish schools in North America. She came back to Rome as a delegate to the First General Chapter in December 1905, where she was elected General Consultor. She was also Secretary General and local superior in the Motherhouse. In 1908, she became General Treasurer. In 1912, S. Germana was appointed superior in Meran, then in Pingsdorf near Brühl in 1918, then Commissary of the German houses with residence in Berlin-Waidmannslust. In 1926, she became the first Provincial Superior of the German Province. The Fifth General Chapter in 1927 called her to be 1st General Consultor and Secretary General in Rome. She held these offices for 20 years. On June 27, 1961, S. Germana died at the age of 90 in the Motherhouse, Rome (cf., Diary, Nov. 23, 1894, etc.). At the time of this letter, S. Germana was superior at Theresien-Hospital in Vienna.

- 9) Campobello in Sicily, **L-23**, ftn. 3 (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 10) Don Rosario Todaro, Canon in Campobello (cf., Diary, July 26, 1899; DSS XVI.1, p. 37; *i.e.E-XVI,p.20*: Pastor Rosario); *Hr. Ca*: Rev. (lit. "Mr.") Canon.
- 11) **S. Dorothea (Franziska) Schaub** *March 8, 1872, Postulant from Bräunlingen, Archdiocese Freiburg. She entered on June 17, 1900 (cf., Diary, June 8, 1900: "previously she proved herself very capable in the large Clinic in Freiburg."). She received the habit on Nov. 3, 1900, made first vows in Tivoli on Nov. 3, 1901 and final vows on Nov. 3, 1907 in Vienna where she had been working since 1903. She died in Stockern on Dec. 9, 1929.
- 12) *S. Cl*: *S. Clementine Benz*, **L-26**, ftn. 3.
- 13) Convent Altenstadt in Austria.



Our First Sisters in North America – 1895

Row 1 (l.to r.): S. Walburga Sieghard, S. Raphaela Bohnheim,
S. Agnes Weber;

Row 2: S. Anna Albrecht, S. Franziska Kupfer;

Row 3: S. Hieronyma Schmerbeck, S. Leonharda Siebenfächer,
S. Seraphina Hald

- 14) *Fr. Otto Vogt.* *Dec. 20, 1874, prof. Oct. 4, 1892; ord. July 18, 1897. On Oct. 15, 1899, he was appointed superior in Freiburg, Switzerland. In April 1911, he was in Hamont. He then left the Society and in 1913 was in the novitiate of the Piarist Fathers in Vienna VIII., leaving the Society on Jan 1, 1918. As Fr. Franz Xaver, he worked and died there, on Feb. 18, 1925 (cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 322-326; *i.e. E-XVI, p.189-192*).
- 15) *Fr. Fintanus Tremel*, *March 17, 1879; prof. Oct. 4, 1896; ord. July 21, 1901; left July 8, 1904.
- 16) *Rev.* – Fr. Othmar Eckardt, cf., fn. 5 above.
- 17) *Fr. Trudbertus (Trudpert) Blank*, *Aug. 9, 1876; prof. Nov. 1, 1893; ord. April 1, 1892; +Dec. 10, 1947.
- 18) *S. Clementine Benz*, **L-26**, fn. 3; *S. Juliana Elgas*, **L-28**, fn. 4.
- 19) *Rev.* – probably Fr. Thomas Weigang, **L-5**, fn. 6.
- 20) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 21) **S. Wyborada Gemperle** *June 11, 1874. As Mathilde Gemperle (from Niederglatt, Diocese St. Gallen, Switzerland), she entered in Tivoli on May 4, 1892 and made her first vows there on May 30, 1893. S. Wyborada became a teacher and was superior in several new foundations: in Brunate on Lake Como, and after this was given up, in Capolago; when Capolago was also discontinued, in Campobello, Sicily. There S. Wyborada died after a long, serious illness on June 28, 1900. The 26-year old was “regarded as a saint.”
- 22) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, fn. 6.

L-31, to S. Clara, August 19, 1900

Rev. Father¹⁶ was buried with much sympathy. Rev. Fr. Trutbertus¹⁷ is in danger of losing his sight – both came together.

So I say goodbye to this place and to dear Switzerland, trusting in Jesus, Mary and in your prayer – May we all meet again richer in good works. Many greetings to all – esp. to S. Clem. and Jul.¹⁸ Inform Rev. Father¹⁹ esp. Rev. Fr. Bon.²⁰

Your faithful, concerned spiritual Mother

Diagonally over the postcard:

S. Wybor's²¹ father wrote beautifully. The one from Karlsruhe cannot be accepted – something is missing – (no reply = no address)

Thanks to Rev. Fr. Th.²² for the blessing

Rev. Father will give you the news about Rev. Fr. Otm. – Freiburg

On the reverse:

Italy

Ven. S. Clara Gen. Cons.

S. Sisters D. Savior

Rome

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**LETTER (Postcard) 32 – to S. Clara Krauer and Sisters,
August 22, 1900** **Via Lungara, Rome**

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1.
- 2) *S. Dominica Vieregg*, **L-16**, fn. 3.
- 3) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 4) *Ilanzes*, that is, with the Sisters of Divine Love in their Freiburg convent. The main house of that Society founded by de Pozzo was in Ilanz, Switzerland. In 1875, Mother Mary had asked Bishop Matthias of Trier (the Vallendar house belonged to this diocese) for information regarding the Society. He advised against entry, considering the situation at that time. In August 1878, the spiritual rector, Fr. Cramer, spoke with Mother Mary regarding a mutual arrangement. This link was realized after her visit to Ilanz in November 1878. It was, however, cancelled by Mother Mary herself in December 1879 (cf., Diary, August 26, 1878; Dec. 15, 1879).
- 5) **S. Stanislaus Raczowska** *May 24, 1857. As Antonia Raczowska (from Tuchel near Danzig, Diocese Kulm, West Prussia), she entered in Tivoli on Feb. 28, 1890 and made her first vows there on May 24, 1891 and her final vows on Aug. 6, 1893. In 1878, Antonia had been accepted at the St. Barbara Institute in Neuwerk (cf., Diary, June 1878). In August 1879, she was sent to Ilanz on exchange to the Teacher Training Institute there (cf., Diary, Aug. 13, 1879). In October 1889, she contacted Mother Mary again (cf., Diary) and then entered on Feb. 28, 1890. S. Stanislaus was sent to Ecuador in 1893 and returned to Rome in 1895 due to the revolution which had broken out. She worked in Rome as a teacher and in July 1900, went to St. Nazianz where she was to train Sisters for the teaching profession. From 1915-1918, she was the Commissary in America; from 1921-1927 General Consultor and Secretary in Meran and Rome. After being confined to bed during a long illness, S. Stanislaus died in Meran on July 8, 1944, age 88 (cf., Diary, Feb. 28, 1890, etc.).

J. M. J.

Altenstadt
22/8 00

Dear S. Clara¹ and all dear ones!

A few words from a welcoming convent – I am now in affectionate Austria. You are good and pray well and all is well with your mother! (Only, S. Dom.² packed the bags too full, after S. Joh. did so first³, – even though I protested: the leather broke, everything fell = useless.) In Freiburg with the Ilanzes⁴ – the Sisters with whom I was formerly connected = the S. Superior knew S. Stanislaus⁵ well – the former Sup.⁶ was with me in St. Barbara = much joy --

In Lucerne, I had something to eat with Rev. Fr. Stanislaus⁷ and the very worn-out Rev. Fr. Otto⁸ --- I stayed, as if in a convent, with Miss Büchler⁹ – Little Josephine is healthy, however she still cannot speak well: a great sorrow for the parents.

Pauline¹⁰ and Prelate Marty¹¹ send greetings – the former is very content though rather weak. The sister of S. Filomena¹² is a lovely, healthy, very young-looking little sister – but almost totally deaf – she also has a weak throat. They send their best greetings – greatly interested.

I will probably stay with S. Büs.¹³ Sup. today. Then travel through – or Salzburg - sleep - arriving in Vienna at 6 ½ on Friday in the evening.¹⁴ I continue to rely on your spiritual help – changed 4-5 times between Lucerne and here – however everything is good and well ---- Warmest greetings – esp. to the 2 dear sick ones¹⁵ to Tivoli and Clinic.

Respectful remembrances to Ven. Father, Rev. Fr. Bon.¹⁶ + Thomas¹⁷

+ (Did you receive the card dated 19/8?)

Your concerned faithful spiritual Mother

- 6) The “former superior” was probably S. Dominica (Wilhelmine) Gasteier (cf., Diary, July 13, 1879, etc.).
- 7) *Fr. Stanislaus Weber*, *Oct. 12, 1877; prof. Oct. 4, 1896; ord. July 29, 1900; +May 13, 1921.
- 8) *Fr. Otto Vogt*, **L-31**, ftn. 14.
- 9) Family Büchler, **L-28**, ftn. 12.
- 10) Pauline (Maria) Wyler from Lucerne (cf., Diary, May 16, 1897). She received three and a half months of instruction in the Catholic Faith from S. Clara Krauer, was baptized on May 16, confirmed, made her Confession to the Bishop of St. Gallen and received her First Communion.
- 11) Prelate Marty: chaplain to the Swiss Guard in Rome; a native of Switzerland (cf., Diary, July/August 1890).
- 12) *S. Philomena Raich* came from Tyrol (**L-23**, ftn. 5). Mother Mary probably visited the family there or met them.
- 13) The name can neither be established nor ‘guessed at.’ The reference must be to a Sister, a superior in another Congregation.
- 14) **L-29** from St. Nicolas to S. Clara: “Arrive 4 in the afternoon in Vienna = Friday.”
- 15) *S. Clementine Benz* (**L-26**, ftn. 3); *S. Juliana Elgas* (**L-28**, ftn. 4; Diary, Oct. 24, 1900).
- 16) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, ftn. 5.
- 17) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, ftn. 6.

L-32, to S. Clara, August 22, 1900

On the reverse

Italy

Ven. S. Clara

Gen. Cons. Soc. S. Div. Sav.

Rome

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Our First Sisters in Ecuador, South America - 1893

Row 1: (l. to r.): S. Katharina Schubert, S. Stanislaus Raczowska, S. Augusta Burkhard;

Row 2: S. Rosa Steinberger, S. Dominica Viereg

**LETTER (Postcard) 33 – to S. Clara Krauer, Via Lungara, Rome
August 23, 1900**

- 1) *Date*: it must be Aug. 24. In her letter (**L-31**) of Aug. 19, Mother Mary writes: “Just a word from here – because Vienna Aug. 24, I think tomorrow evening in Lucerne.” On Aug. 20, she was in Lucerne, stayed the night with Miss Büchler on 20/21 and 21/22. She arrived in Altenstadt during the day of the 22, and stayed there overnight from Aug. 22/23. On the 23, she traveled on in the morning but got only as far as Innsbruck where she lodged from 23/24 with the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. On Aug. 24, she arrived in St. Pölten at 8 o’clock in the evening and stayed with the Mary Ward Sisters (she also wrote from there, “leaving at 10 o’clock”, *cf.*, *lower margin of letter*) “because it was too late to travel to Vienna.” Instead of Aug. 24, (**L-31**) she arrived in Vienna on Aug. 25.
- 2) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, ftn. 1.
- 3) *S. Hyazintha Löhlein*, **L-26**, ftn. 4.
- 4) *Family Mayer*: Parents or relatives of S. Fridolina Mayer (**L-37**, ftn. 4), whom Mother Mary visited from Drogneus, as she also did to others in Fribourg, Switzerland (**L-32**).
- 5) *S. Clementine Benz*, **L-26**, ftn. 3; *S. Juliana Elgas*, **L-28**, ftn. 4.
- 6) *Fr. Albertus Hauser*, **L-31**, ftn. 7.
- 7) Fr. Albertus had directed the transactions regarding the Theresienhospital in Vienna. The first seven Sisters were sent there on Nov. 26, 1899 (*cf.*, Diary, Oct. 11 and 28, Nov. 26, 1899). Yet, there were difficulties: it seems, the Sisters were to live in the Feldgasse, but to devote themselves to private nursing (*cf.*, Diary, Dec. 24, 1899: the thanks from a private person for good nursing care; DSS XVI.1, p. 157; i.e. XVI, p. 115). Then it was reported: “The Cardinal does not give permission for Sisters. They can come as private persons. – The name causes difficulties ... (Sisters with the same name are already listed)” (*cf.*, DSS above). – Ecclesiastical

J. M. J.

St. Pölten 23/8¹
1900

Dear Sister!²

The all merciful God already rewarded my prudent habit – to be early at the station always = In Feldkirch, an express train left before the one I was waiting for – arrived in Innsbruck at 3 o'clock – a long time at Perp. Adoration. – Room ready – There I heard: the chapel will be closed – I stayed at St. Vincent = orphanage, they had traveled with me – I also went to Confession there, etc – Today again $\frac{3}{4}$ hour too early – earlier express train to Salzburg = so I journeyed on to St. Pölten – arrived 8 o'clock in the evening, am staying with the Mary Ward Sisters – because it was too late to go to Vienna = leave tomorrow 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the morning.

Everywhere as expected – so all is well - The Sup. Gen. of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent – 81 years old – also still travels alone to all the houses – The motherhouse [of the Sisters of Charity] for Hungary-Pest is here. Rev. Jesuits are here = retreats now. –

All is going very well for me on the pilgrimage – I think of the Sup. Gen. Miss. of the Sacra Casa – “who told me: I feel best when traveling and esp. during storms at sea.” S. Hyazintha³ heard it – In Freiburg, we were with the Mayer Family⁴ who esteem Ven. Father especially – Give all the news – oh, how are my dear ones – and the sick⁵ – I think there will be a letter in Vienna with Rev. Fr. Alb.⁶ – then there will be official business⁷ again – God bless you – pray for your faithful

spiritual Mother

(10 o'clock in the evening)

recognition came only in 1902 (cf., DSS XVI.1, pp. 319f; *i.e.E-XVI,p. 188*; DSS XVI.2, p. 424; *i.e. E-XVI, p.229*). – State recognition was also delayed due to this. Application for it was undersigned by Mother Mary on Nov. 9, 1907 on her sickbed (cf., Diary). At the same time, the Fathers made efforts to obtain Sisters for Kaisermühlen.

8) *S. Benedikta Ruderich*, L-34, ftn. 3.



The Salvatorian Sisters' Tombstone
in Shillong, North East India

L-33, to S. Clara, August 23, 1900

Diagonally across the postcard:

I hope to find letters in Vienna

Reverse:

Italy

Ven. S. Clara Gen. Cons.

S. S. Div. Sav.

Rome

Via Lungara 112

In another handwriting on the address:

Is already in Vienna

(Fr. Albertus [?])

Also in that handwriting, to the left of the address:

Do you have the letter of + Benedicta?⁸

**LETTER 34 – to S. Clara Krauer, Rome, Via Lungara
August 31, 1900**

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1.
- 2) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.
- 3) **S. Benedikta Ruderich** *May 11, 1864. She belonged to those candidates who, in November 1888, traveled with Mother Mary to the foundation in Tivoli (cf., Diary, Dec. 1888, the report of Mother Mary regarding the foundation of the Congregation and **L-5**, fn. 4). Margaretha Ruderich (from Sassenfahrt, Diocese Bamberg), was invested as S. Benedikta in Tivoli on Dec. 18, 1888, made her first vows there on Dec. 18, 1889 and her final vows on Nov. 28, 1890. In December 1890, she was sent to the mission in Assam where her main activity was to care for the orphans. Following the great earthquake of June 12, 1897 (cf., Diary, Oct. 11, 1897; SHS 9/1, p. 88, etc.) and the weeks of rain, S. Benedikta's lungs were affected and she died of this illness in Shillong on July 30, 1900 at age 36.
- 4) *S. Liboria Hansknecht*, **L-1**, fn. 1.
- 5) **S. Claudia Schubert** *March 15, 1876. As Regina Schubert (from Lengfeld, Diocese Würzburg), she entered in Rome on Sept. 24, 1896 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 20, 1898. In November 1899, S. Claudia was sent to Vienna as 1st Assistant and studied nursing there. She remained in Vienna until 1912. As superior, she started the foundation in Kaisermühlen in 1904. In 1912, she was sent to North America and worked in the hospitals at Portage and Wausau. In 1930, S. Claudia founded the first house in England, Abbots Langley, where she died on May 16, 1941 at age 65. (cf., Diary, Sept. 24, 1896, etc.).
- 6) **S. Aurelia Zaremba** *March 12, 1876. As Ida Zaremba (from Süßenthal, Diocese Ermland, East Prussia), she entered in Rome on Oct. 1, 1896 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 20, 1898. She was transferred to Vienna in November 1899 where she studied nursing; then she went to North America. From 1908, she worked in the hospital at Wausau and then did home nursing in Milwaukee. During her last years, she helped with sewing. S. Aurelia died in St. Nazianz at age 73, June 25, 1949. (cf., Diary, Oct. 1, 1896, etc.).

J. M. J.

Budapest. 31/8 00

Dear Sister Clara,¹

For sharing – almost everything. You will have received the card from Tivoli. I arrived in the dear land of Hungary yesterday at 6 o'clock – (One can get here 4 times a day from Vienna in 4 ½ hours = however, 2nd class costs double) From (Feldkirch) Innsbruck there is a direct train, no changes, to Vienna – It costs: Inns. = Vienna 3rd class about 20 Lire – Best journey from Rome to Vienna via Innsp. Thanks = for S. Elisabeth)²

First, I will give you the sad news of the death of our dear missionary Sister Benedicta³ – a first companion (I don't know if I wrote it to S. Lyboria⁴) = pray and sacrifice ---

I will, God willing, give you the news from the very attractive city of Vienna. The Sisters are much praised – S. Claudia⁵ Aurelia⁶ and Gebharda⁷ are almost able to do the doctoral examination – The other 3 are also very efficient. They look good – esp. the first 3 look very bright. (S. Claudia, as the most skillful and conscientious, has everything in hand – unfortunately, after waiting for a long time, she traveled past me in the morning. S. Bernharda⁹ and S. Germana¹⁰ have become stout – however, Ven. S. Superior¹¹ has a declared secret health problem (hopefully not caries) does therefore very little (dusting, etc always), at the same time commands too much – is cheerful = but what will come --- S. Helene¹² invited me insistently = I wrote that I cannot come. S. Filippina¹³ seems to be doing very well now in Campobello (Relate this to S. Nazarena,¹⁴ with my greetings)

I hope that the postulant from Rev. Fr. Cyprian¹⁵ – received a reply after she applied to Rome (as I told her) – It

- 7) **S. Gebharda Dietmann** *June 16, 1876. As Ottilia Dietmann (from Großlangheim, Diocese Würzburg), she entered in Rome on Sept. 25, 1897 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 20, 1899. In November 1899, she was sent to Vienna and studied nursing there. She was superior in Theresienhospital for some years (cf., Diary, Dec. 6, 1904). From January 1909 until the outbreak of World War I, S. Gebharda worked in Assam. After her return in 1915, she went to Hungary and was superior in Nagyikinda and Gödöllő. Finally, she did nursing in the hospital at Budapest where she was loved and respected by the patients like a mother. She died on Feb. 4, 1935 at the age of 58 (cf., SHS 9/1, pp. 36, 135f, 164).
- 8) S. Bernarda Mathieu, S. Germana Steidel, S. Cleofa Rupp (?).
- 9) **S. Bernarda Mathieu** *Aug. 2, 1872. As Barbara Mathieu (from Fraulautern, Diocese Trier), she entered in Rome on April 22, 1896 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Oct. 10, 1897. S. Bernarda was a nurse and was transferred to the Theresienhospital in Vienna in November 1899. Due to illness, she returned to Rome in January 1903, but in December 1904, she traveled to the new foundation of Vienna-Kaisermühlen. During World War I, S. Bernarda nursed the wounded. She died in the Military Hospital, Vienna XIII on March 25, 1919, at age 46.
- 10) *S. Germana Steidel*, **L-31**, ftn. 8.
- 11) Superior: S. Germana Steidel (cf., Diary, 26.11.99).
- 12) **S. Helena Wrzodek** *April 15, 1870. As Anastasia Wrzodek (from Ratibor, Silesia), she entered in Tivoli on Nov. 7, 1891 and made her first vows there on Nov. 30, 1892. At first, Mother Mary was happy with S. Helena (cf., Diary, Feb. 19 and April 1893; Nov. 29, 1896; May 1900). In February 1893, she became Assistant Novice Mistress in Tivoli. From June 1894 to the end of 1896, she traveled back and forth between Tivoli and Rome for the needed change of air. In June 1900, she was sent home (Ratibor)

L-34, to S. Clara, August 31, 1900

arrived at my address in Vienna --- to Anna Kerzel¹⁶ – c/o Mrs. Mgd. Hänisch at Neisse - Kaiserstraße 21 – I also ask that Rev. Fr. Pancrazius¹⁷ be asked to reply = she says she has already been waiting for 5 weeks, has sent everything in – I will write to her to contact Rome once more = she has a good style and handwriting.

Here, the Sisters all look well – many children in the handwork classes and in Avoda¹⁸ – S. Hilaria¹⁹ studies hard – we'll see what happens; she can certainly take the Avoda exam in July 1901 –

- I am really healthy -

I will probably see some postulants – I didn't see the foundation near Vienna²⁰ – but it should be accepted. Rev. Fr. Albertus²¹ takes the matter in hand (I received a letter from Rev. Fr. Hermann in St. Nazianz²² = he was eagerly awaiting the arrival) who went along? not also Rev. Fr. Eustachius?²³ ---

I sent a short reply to S. Pia²⁴ = advising humility – but I also want, if necessary, to urge S. Elis.²⁵ – the good one – to be considerate = show this to her.

I think I will stay here until Wednesday – In Vienna, I made a particular point of visiting Clem. Hofbauer = Ursulines I saw everything and prayed for you, my dear one, for all and for Rev. Fr. Thomas.²⁶ I thank for all the dear letters: S. Juliana,²⁷ Johanna,²⁸ etc. Alberta²⁹ ----

Persevere in holy zeal – but especially in the work of smoothing away faults and of making progress in perfection. So I send you all my warmest greetings – I count on your prayer and I expect, in the week after 15/8³⁰ = to be with you--

Your faithful spiritual Mother

for convalescence where she remained until May 1901. (“When she intended to come, she always became ill. There was always an impediment!” Diary, May 13, 1901). At the end of June 1901, she was again sent to Silesia (“She wouldn’t eat anything and was totally down, physically and mentally.” Diary, June 24, 1901). In October 1901, she came back with two candidates and Mother Mary continued to hope. However, S. Helena left on Dec. 31, 1901 (cf., Diary, Nov. 7, 1891, etc.).

- 13) *S. Filippina Coianti*, **L-23**, fn. 2.
- 14) **S. Nazarena Coianti** *June 28, 1850. As Antonia Coianti (from Santa Croce, Diocese Rieti, Italy), she entered in Rome on April 20, 1895 with her sister Domenica (S. Filippina), and made her first vows in Tivoli on June 9, 1896. She had previously been an Augustinian choir Sister in good standing; however, the convent was closed by the government. In the early years, she did home nursing in Rome and was much appreciated (cf., Diary, June 1902). Later, she helped with the care of the aged and sick, especially in Torri. She died in Torri on April 12, 1929 at age 78 (cf., Diary, April 20, 1895, etc.).
- 15) *Fr. Cyprian Kramer*, *Jan. 9, 1878; prof. Oct. 4, 1896; ord. July 15, 1900; left May 16, 1911.
- 16) A prospective postulant, at that period living in Neiße, Silesia, with Ms. Hänisch (cf., Diary, Oct. 22, 1900; Tetzl=Kerzel) and who was invested on Feb. 7, 1901 as S. Fabiola (**L-58**, fn. 12).
- 17) **Fr. Pancratius Pfeiffer** *Oct. 18, 1872 in Brunnen, near Füssen, Allgäu. Entered the Society in Rome on March 21, 1889. Ordained on May 30, 1896, he was always one of the most faithful of Father Jordan’s collaborators and, later, his first successor in office. At the General Chapter 1902, he was appointed Procurator General, a post which brought him into contact with many important persons of the Roman Curia. Already in 1900, he had charge of the financial business of the Society. As Procurator General he often took care of the correspondence of the General Administration of the Sisters with church authorities. In 1903, he assisted Mother Mary with the purchase of the Motherhouse on the Salita S. Onofrio (cf., Diary, Oct. 6, 1903). During his 30 years in office as

Superior General of the Society, he always showed great interest in the development of the Sisters' Congregation. He was a source of help in many situations. Outside the circle of his own religious community, particularly during World War II, he gained the respect of many people through his sincere humanity, his honesty and his undivided engagement. Fr. Pancratius died, following an accident, in Rome on May 12, 1945. He was 75 years old. (Cf., DSS, XVI.2, p. 903 "Index of Persons" gives page references; Diary, June 20, 1905, etc. *not available in English edition*).

- 18) Ovoda – Kindergarten.
- 19) *S. Hilaria Poetsch*, **L-28**, ftn. 13.
- 20) Kaisermühlen.
- 21) *Fr. Albertus Hauser*, **L-31**, ftn. 7.
- 22) *Fr. Hermann (Joseph) Rogier*, *Feb. 12, 1874; prof. Feb. 13, 1890; ord. June 28, 1896; died Feb. 21, 1929 in St. Nazianz. He was waiting for the arrival of Ss. Leokadia Kolb, Stanislaus Raczkowska, Leopoldina Koberna (cf., Diary, June 22, July 2 and 6, 1900).
- 23) *Fr. Eustachius Goerlich* - *Aug. 15, 1870; prof. Oct. 4, 1893; ord. June 4, 1898; died Sept. 13, 1933 in the USA.
- 24) **S. Pia Bochynek (Bochenek)** *March 17, 1880; as Auguste Bochenek (from Roijs, Rybnik District, Diocese Breslau), she entered in Rome on March 20, 1896 and made her first vows in Tivoli on April 25, 1897. During her postulancy, she was confirmed by Archbishop Saluga in his house chapel (cf., Diary, April 10, 1896). Mother Mary allowed S. Pia to study music and languages. In 1902, S. Pia was transferred to Budapest and, some years later, to Vienna. In both places, she worked in the kindergarten. When the Congregation took root in Germany (Steinfeld was accepted in 1916, and Urft in 1917), S. Pia was sent there. She was organist in various houses and worked as portress and in the office. During her final years, she helped in the sewing room at Börwang. She died there on Dec. 7, 1961 age 81 (cf., Diary, March 20, 1896, etc.).

- 25) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.
- 26) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, fn. 6.
- 27) *S. Juliana Elgas*, **L-28**, fn. 4.
- 28) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 29) *S. Alberta Franke*, **L-28**, fn. 22.
- 30) Error: it must be Sept. 15. The last letter from the journey was written in Torri on Sept. 16.
- 31) **S. Cyrilla Patschka** *Jan. 5, 1874. As Anna Patschka (from Zabreh, district of Ratibor, Upper Silesia, Diocese Olmütz), she entered in Rome on March 11, 1896 and made her first vows in Tivoli on April 25, 1897. Until 1899, S. Cyrilla did housework in Rome. From August 1899, she was in Budapest (housework and teaching), and in Vienna. S. Cyrilla died in Mariabesnyö on Sept. 6, 1923 at the age of 49 years (cf., Diary, March 11, 1896, etc.).
- 32) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, fn. 1.
- 33) **S. Katharina Schubert** *August 30, 1868. As Gertrud Schubert (sister of *S. Claudia Schubert* (**L-34**, fn. 5) from Lengfeld, Diocese Würzburg), she entered in Rome on June 22, 1899 and, on Nov. 3, 1900, she made her first vows in Tivoli in the presence of her brother, Fr. Philibert Schubert, SDS (cf., Diary, Nov. 3, 1900). As Mother Mary was on her travels and wrote this letter from Budapest, nothing is noted in the chronicles regarding Sister Katharina. She was transferred to America in June 1901, and was superior there for almost the whole of her life (**L-34**, fn. 33; **L-37**, fn. 30). S. Katharina died in Portage on Nov. 22, 1944 at the age of 75 (cf., Diary, June 22, 99, etc.).

L-34, to S. Clara, August 31, 1900

First page upper right:

Write soon

The last letter was from 26/8 S. Johanna –

First page upper left:

S. Cyrilla³¹ also teaches a lot and well

First page left:

warm greetings from all. No one is allowed to think of a congratulation until I am there: Mary – deliverance from all dangers

Second page left:

I also thank S. Bonaventura,³² it just arrived

Second page above:

oh, how is S. Katarina³³ = what a worry---

**LETTER 35 – to S. Clara Krauer, Rome, Via Lungara
September 1, 1900**

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1.
- 2) Mother Mary probably refers to the departure of S. Theodora Geser (**L-7**, fn. 8; **L-38**).
- 3) *Fr. Prior Soosz (Soos)*, Carmelite (cf., Diary, April 22, 1900; end of April 1900; June 13, 1901).
- 4) *S. Hilaria Poetsch*, **L-28**, fn. 13.
- 5) Ovoda-examination – examination for kindergarten teachers.
- 6) **S. Petronilla Maira** *Dec. 20, 1875. As Giovannina Maira (from Canicatti in Sicily), she entered in Tivoli on Nov. 13, 1890 and made her first vows there on Jan. 25, 1892. Initially, S. Petronilla stayed in Rome. From July 1895, she worked there in a children's home run by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul to prepare herself for this work. In October 1896, she received a certificate, which entitled her to direct a children's home (cf., Diary, June 28, 1895; Oct. 4, 1896). At the end of October 1896, she and other Sisters were transferred to the new foundation at Brunate on Lake Como to take over a children's home. When this foundation was discontinued, S. Petronilla returned to Rome on Sept. 28, 1897 where she helped S. Hyazintha in the embroidery room. In December 1900, she traveled with Mother Mary to Sicily (Campobello) where she remained until February 1902. The final months of her life were spent in the Motherhouse where she died of a heart condition on Jan. 2, 1903 at the age of 27.
- 7) *S. Hyazintha Löhlein*, **L-26**, fn. 4.
- 8) *S. Germana Steidel*, **L-31**, fn. 8.
- 9) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.

J. M. J.

Budapest 1/9 1900

Dear Sister!¹

In everything *Fiat* – Let us think of the maxim of the great St. Ignatius – This did not upset me² – Let us cling to one another in humility.

You will have received the letter. Just now, Rev. Fr. Prior³ was here about his niece – hopefully, she will be the first Hungarian (She should write to Rome) Hopefully, S. Hil.⁴ will attend school and Ovoda next year = examination⁵ – I wish that S. Petr.⁶ remains with S. Hyaz.⁷ for embroidery.

(S. Germ.⁸ will send S. Joh.⁹ 50 Gulden)

I think I will go 13/9 over the sea = Torri – Rome – antica

Warmest greetings esp. to the dear patients

Pray much for

Your faithful spiritual M. Mary

Left margin:

From Campobello S. Ph.¹⁰ good news

Right margin:

Good spirit here

10) *S. Ph. – S. Filippina Coianti*, L-23, ftn. 2.

11) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, L-26, ftn. 5.

12) *Fr. Thomas Weingang*, L-5, ftn. 6.



Countess Szapary
Muraszombat, Hungary

L-35, to S. Clara, September 1, 1900

Diagonally across the postcard:

Most respectful greetings and a request for a holy blessing
from Rev. Fr. Bonav.¹¹ Rev. Fr. Thomas¹² especially dear
Ven. Father

Reverse of the postcard

Italy

To Venerable Sister Clara

Gen. Asst. Soc. S. D. S.

Via Lungara 112 Rome



S. Hilaria Poetsch with Teacher and School Children, 1910
Budapest

**LETTER (Postcard) 36 – to S. Clara Krauer, Rome,
September 5, 1900**

Via Lungara

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1.
- 2) *S. Hyazintha Löhlein*, **L-26**, fn. 4.
- 3) *S. Liboria Hansknecht*, **L-1**, fn. 1.
- 4) *S. Nazarena Coianti*, **L-34**, fn. 14. This refers either to the waiting for her assignment to home nursing in Rome or to her transfer to Torri, because there were, at the time, the difficulties with S. Theodora (cf., Diary, Aug. 5 – Sept. 9, 1900).
- 5) *S. Theodora Geser*, **L-7**, fn. 8; **L-38**.
- 6) The Sisters were offered a foundation in Munich-Pasing (cf., Diary, March 17, 1900). This offer seemed imminent, but was finally declined for the time being by the Bishop of Munich (**L-41**, fn. 13; Mother Mary's letter to Mr. Meier Flue dated Sept. 21, 1900, ASDS).
- 7) *Fr. Prior Sooz*, (**L-35**, fn. 3) and his niece.
- 8) *Countess Györy*, **L-28**, fn. 15.
- 9) **S. Salesia Staudinger** *April 12, 1852. As Elise Staudinger (from Winhoering, diocese Passau), she entered in Tivoli on June 7, 1891 and made her first vows there on July 2, 1892. A Diary entry dated Jan. 19, 1897 reveals that a vote was taken to decide if S. Salesia might renew her vows again for one year; the result was affirmative. On June 10, 1897, it was noted that S. Salesia was divested of the religious habit. Mother Mary and the Sisters cared and prayed for S. Salesia because, mentally ill, she lived at the Motherhouse and the prognosis was still unknown. In 1910, at the expense of the Congregation, she was brought to an institution for care in Lauterhofen, Bavaria.

Dear Sister!¹

Excuse my being so brief. – Everyone complains about my writing so much ----

- 1) S. Hyaz.² should continue to have the main responsibility for the sick ones – Do others do embroidery?
- 2) Use common sense about closing the window – take care = because of Jesus and the 5th [?] commandment.
- 3) I would like S. Lyb.³ to be at the celebration.
- 4) I thought immediately, for the time being it is better to wait with the otherwise good S. Naz.⁴ – S. Theod.⁵ wrote me the saddest letter 16/8 from Switzerland
- 5) I am very happy about Munich⁶ – I will reply = I cannot decide here

I saw several postulants here, 2 good ones. Today, Rev. Prior himself came with his niece whom he asked to travel 4 hours by train to get here. 15 year-old country girl – healthy, modest from relig. family = must like her. Most humbly, all the applications will be made to Rome. I was also a longer time with the Rev. Jesuits – who are great friends of the Countess,⁸ so that the Sisters have a support for study = These were very promising hours –

Yesterday the Sisters celebrated – in spite of my great resistance – my NAMEDAY. There is nothing to find fault with here. Only the good Sisters should take more care of their health in the winter – Now, all are fine. Leaving early tomorrow at 8 – arriving in 4 hours – God willing.

- 10) Marocco Clinic, Rome (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 11) *S. Johanna Mai*, L-7, ftn. 3.
- 12) *Bishop Count Maillot*, Siebenbürgen, who also made a request for Sisters (cf., Diary, Aug. 14, 1899; Nov. 9, 1900, etc.).
- 13) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, L-26, ftn. 5.
- 14) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, L-5, ftn. 6.



S. Ambrosia Vetter – 1905

L-36, to S. Clara, September 5, 1900

You will have received my card. We also prayed daily for S. Salesia.⁹ Give greetings especially to the Clinic,¹⁰ since I do not write. Thanks for all the letters – S. Joh.¹¹ reassured me a lot.

Count Exc. Bish. Maillot¹² was also here. If only we had Sisters – Now farewell, my very dear Sisters in Jesus – as courageous, cross-bearing Sisters. Since I am far away, it is still heavier for me, carrying it ahead.

Pray and trust

Your faithful spiritual Mother

Diagonally across the postcard:

Warmest greetings from + to everyone and I ask for a holy blessing from Ven. Father ---

Prayer Rev. Fr. Bonav.¹³ and Thomas¹⁴

Reverse:

Italy

To Venerable Sister Clara

Gen. Cons. S. S. D. Sav.

Rome

(Via Lungara 112)

**LETTER 37 – to S. Clara Krauer, Rome, Via Lungara
September 7, 1900**

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26** ftn. 1.
- 2) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, ftn. 5.
- 3) Assistants: **L-28**, ftn. 25; (In the meantime, S. Fridolina was already in Muraszombat.).
- 4) **S. Fridolina Mayer** *Dec. 25, 1867. As Babette Mayer (from Großlangheim, Diocese Würzburg), she entered in Rome on Sept. 25, 1897 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 20, 1899. In May 1899, S. Fridolina went from Tivoli to Rome to become 1st Assistant there. In June 1900, she was sent as superior to Muraszombat to replace S. Philomena Raich (cf., Diary, June 8 and 9, 1900). She was greatly valued there and bore the poverty of the early days with cheerfulness. She maintained humble contentment up to the end of her life, even when, due to the oppression of Communism, she had to give up the religious habit and go into a home for the elderly which was run by the State. S. Fridolina died there on Jan. 25, 1951 at the age of 83.
- 5) *Countess Szapary*, sister of Countess Györy.
- 6) *S. Fridolina Mayer*, cf., ftn 4 above.
- 7) *S. Philomena Raich*, **L-23**, ftn. 5.
- 8) *S. Theodora Geser*, **L-7**, ftn. 8. She had lent a watch to Mother Mary (more clearly stated in **L-38**).
- 9) **S. Ambrosia Vetter** *Oct. 21, 1866. As Ursula Vetter (from Freimarkt in Ermland, East Prussia, Diocese Ermland), she entered in Rome and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896. After her first profession, S. Ambrosia came to Rome, attended the Teacher Training Institute (cf., Diary, Feb. 5, 1896) and at the end of November 1896, became local superior

J. M. J.

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Dear Sister Clara!¹ for
Rev. Father Bonaventura²
the Assistants³ etc -----

I will keep this very short but I must write (and had and have nowhere the quiet for writing) – I arrived safely yesterday evening – and was met by S. Fridolina,⁴ who looks very well, with the Countess' carriage – First to the Castle – her Grace the Countess⁵ told me 3 times – and repeated with enthusiasm = I am very, very, very happy with this Superior⁶ (I must tell good S. Fil.⁷)

All the Sisters look well and happy and seem of good disposition – a great improvement over last year – Just now children sang and recited poems –

I enclose good S. Theodora's⁸ letter, and ask you to take care of whatever has to be taken care of --- I am wearing the watch – I will send it when I return and I will write a few kind words to her from here.

S. Ambr.⁹ wondered how I took the news so readily and quietly. Yes, because of many things, I had expected it (what I will still say) and also because of a weak character. I can be calm about that = this good one will never harm the Society – but it is sad and a warning --- the Countess¹⁰ is far too good – with gifts, etc. --- every prospect that we will get the hospital¹¹ – Countess Györy is also here – she wants to come – so I must certainly call on the holy Spirit¹² ---

(I held a chapter everywhere – the Sisters good) Just think the Sisters in Campo.¹³ sent 30 Lire in this simple letter – yes, I must visit them.¹⁴ I am also no longer afraid of any sea

at the Motherhouse. At the end of April 1899, S. Ambrosia was sent to Budapest for the opening of the first Hungarian convent (cf., Diary, March 9, April 26, 1899; letter of June 28, 1900, fn. 3). She overcame the difficulties with courage (cf., letter of Aug. 15, 1906, p. 275.) S. Ambrosia went to Rome for the First General Chapter (Dec. 1- 6, 1905) as the representative for Hungary; afterward, she returned to Budapest.. At the General Chapter of 1908, she was elected the second Superior General and guided the Congregation until 1921. World War I took place during her term of office. In May 1915, she had to leave Rome with the members of the Generalate and all the German Sisters. For two years, she was without a proper residence until she found a home for the Generalate, first at Stockern near Vienna and, in 1918, in Meran. Love of the truth and an incorruptible sense of justice were always mentioned as her main virtues. She was not strong physically, but she continued to serve the Congregation also in her later years as General Treasurer and Counselor. She died in the Motherhouse on June 25, 1925, aged 58.

- 10) *Countess Szapary*, **L-28**, fn. 15.
- 11) Hospital in Muraszombat (cf., Diary, July 24, 1901).
- 12) There were tensions with the Countess and also between her and the Carmelite, Prior Soosz, which are mentioned in the Diary under June 13, 1901 (cf., DSS, XVI.1, p. 59; *i.e E-XVI*, p. 38). Mother Mary's concern may refer to this or to the Teacher Training Institute exam "Ovoda" (kindergarten teachers) of S. Hilaria.
- 13) Sisters from Campobello in Sicily (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 14) It seems that it must read: "... yes, (I) must visit them, I am also no longer afraid of any sea ...".
- 15) It is possible that Mother Mary means the visit of the Bishop of Caltanissetta, Msgr. Antonio Intreccialagli, in Campobello,

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(What I had to write about Sicily you already know now¹⁵ – please, many letters to be given to Rev. Fr. Tad.¹⁶ – I can – from here – write only a few words. I still have to say that the directress in Vienna¹⁷ was also exceptionally friendly – In honor of my poor self – had everything cleaned – no operations while I was there – etc. – etc. – etc. and, sorry to say, served up too much – praised the Sisters very much ---

On the Saints' feastdays in Pest, a noble child is now talking – the beginning of a boarding school ---- the Rev. Jesuits are totally in favor of S. Hilaria¹⁸ taking the teaching exam, which includes the Ovoda-examination¹⁹ – they will convince the Countess.²⁰ She can also say nothing much against it: because: first she will easily manage the German teaching examination and then she only has to take another one on the Hungarian language (I will have much to tell you about that) Ovoda requires also much study of school subjects = in favor = taking this Ovoda examination is new. Thanks be to God, Countess --- otherwise she is obstinate, they say = narrow).

The church authorities now demand her registration²¹ – what praise! – for the postulants, they receive money from the chapter.²² I saw 5 quite good ones – (there are 2 good ones I didn't see – and one of high standing with poor health). In short: on the last day there still came, with Rev. Fr. Sos.²³ a kind of governess, orphan, 21 years old – knows Hung. and German – engagingly open – very lively and talks a lot (when I asked about silence – she replied – I prefer to be alone – the rest later – “may God enlighten, strengthen and guide this one to us” 2) the 15 year-old girl,²⁴ whose aunt is a Carmelite nun – just like a quiet sister of Rev. Fr. Sos. -- this one esp. may

cf., Diary, Sept. 6, 1900. (He was Apostolic Visitor of the Society 1894-1913 and of the Congregation, 1906-1913.)

- 16) *Fr. Thaddaeus Hofmann* was working in the mission of Assam. He returned there after a stay in Europe and should have taken along letters for the Sisters. Fr. Thaddaeus was a very zealous missionary; he died there on Nov. 13, 1902.
- 17) The directress of the Theresienhospital.
- 18) *S. Hilaria Poetsch*, **L-28**, ftn. 13.
- 19) Ovoda-examination – to qualify as kindergarten teacher.
- 20) *Countess Györy*, Budapest, **L-28**, ftn. 15.
- 21) *S. Hilaria's* registration for this examination (Diary, June 22, 1900).
- 22) Cf., Diary, June 22, 1900.
- 23) *Prior Fr. Soosz*, **L-35**, ftn. 3.
- 24) *Niece of Fr. Soosz*, **L-36**, ftn. 7.
- 25) *Rosa Holga, Helene Hader, Jos. Posznes*: girls who had applied for acceptance and of whom the latter had already been refused.
- 26) Cf., ftn. 25 above.
- 27) Cf., ftn. 25 above.
- 28) “Roccantico” in Sabina near Poggio Mirteto. A foundation there had been offered. (cf., Diary, July 26, 1900).
- 29) Munich: **L-36**, ftn. 6; Litschau: it is not known what Mother Mary is referring to.

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become very good (these two could complement one another)
The governess has sufficient means. Then (but one more thing, the father, like the Hungarian farmers in Rome, wants to give all 3 daughters to God = to us = in a spirit of sacrifice) the 3rd Holga Rosa²⁵ – already applied – the one in the kitchen of the Sisters of St. Vincent – makes a very good childlike impression - tall but somewhat pale, however, due to working too long underground –
4) Helene Hader²⁶ – 14 years old – for later? – with means – pious parents ---- 5) Jos. Posznes²⁷ already applied – illegitimate - -- tall – otherwise good and pious – weak eyes, cannot be accepted – was also refused by Rome already – she cried.

If I may give my opinion freely in this matter = I am for giving up Torri (parish priest not open, he also wants his previous Sisters of St. Vincent as teachers there) if it is possible, I would then favor Rockatico²⁸ – there one should be able to live and it is something for the future, when we are permanently in Rome = in the summer ---- but one should certainly try to take on Munich and Litschau²⁹ – in the novitiate, there are still some who will be suitable as superior. e.g. S. Katarina³⁰ ----- S. Claudia³¹ in Vienna, etc. – In everything, however, in humility, we don't want to be greater than we are – This is for me, as I am old – the hardest – Everything comes from above – but also thank God, that people have a high opinion of us - and truthfully all humiliations come to us from another side, also through S. Theodora,³² devout nun, to be called – Bride of Christ, that is everything – be what you are – then comes the blessing that only comes from above.

(That would have been an [*joyful*] experience for me to travel to Litschau and Munich – and yet, I think such desire

- 30) *S. Katharina Schubert*, **L-34**, ftn. 33.
- 31) *S. Claudia Schubert*, **L-34**, ftn. 5.
- 32) *S. Theodora Geser*, cf., ftn. 8 above.
- 33) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, ftn. 5.
- 34) *S. Hilaria Poetsch*, **L-28**, ftn. 13.
- 35) Torri in Sabina, cf., Appendices: Foundations.



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and such courage come from God – but I am also happy to stay quietly in Rome for God)

Warmest greetings to all – I ask for a blessing from Rev. Fr. Bonav.³³ and I humbly ask for the prayers of the Sisters

Your faithful spiritual Mother

First page, left margin:

I had S. Hilaria's³⁴ eyes tested again – can be cured – however not to be a child and to be sensible –

First page, right margin:

There is nowhere such a beautiful convent with garden and everything as there is here

Fourth page, upper margin: -----

I shall write from Torri³⁵ -----

Fourth page, left margin:

I plan to cross the sea Thursday to Friday --- now is a good time to travel by sea.

LETTER 38 – to S. Theodora Geser
September 8, 1900

- 1) *S. Theodora Geser*, **L-7**, ftn. 8.
- 2) *Rocca*: Rocca Sinibalda, a large convent and kindergarten in the Sabine Hills near Rieti, which belonged to the Sisters of Divine Love. They could no longer maintain it due to lack of Sisters, and it was, therefore, offered to the Salvatorian Sisters (cf., Diary, June 7, 1899). S. Theodora was assigned to this foundation and came from Torri to Rome to prepare for it (cf., Diary, Aug. 26, 1899). The undertaking came to naught, however, “due to lack of Sisters” (cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 229, on March 31, 1900; *i.e. E-XVI, p.31, FN 69*). Therefore, Mother Mary here probably referred to the foundation offered in “Roccantico” (shortened to “Rocca”; cf. **L-37**, ftn. 28).



S. Theodora (later: Meinrada) Geser

Copy!

J. M. J.

Nativity of Mary 1900
Beginning of her sorrows

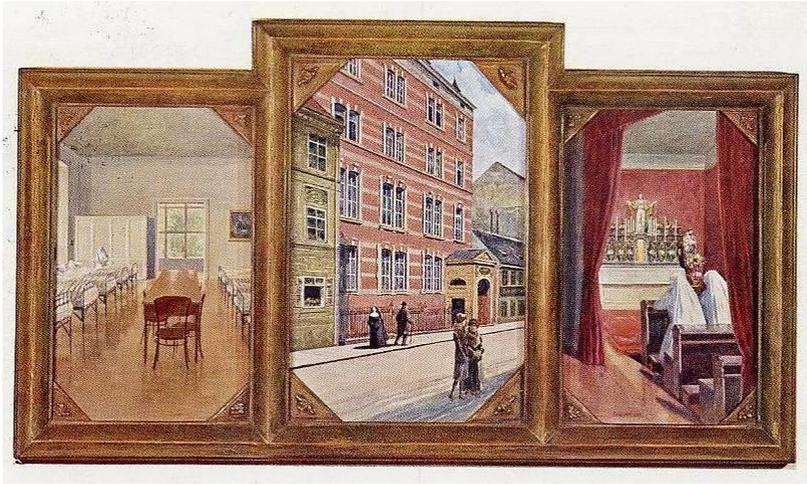
Dear Sister Theodora!¹

Here I received your last dear letter, which certainly, after everything I knew and heard of you, had to make me amazed and almost speechless from sorrow. I forgive you from my heart that you have now evaded the sorrows and cares which always accompany a new congregation and will go, perhaps, to a kind of martyr's death in Africa or under the safe wings of an old already established congregation (perhaps even a contemplative one as was your earlier inclination). Only pray for me, let us remain friends, as far as possible.

How often, just in dear Vienna, did I have to think of you "here would be a good place for my S. Theodora" and then, just at that time, you were seeking an entirely different place.

Certainly, you will still take an interest in our little Congregation and so, in all simplicity, I will gladly tell you that I had many consolations during the long journey, I found the Sisters everywhere healthy, happy, very religious, active and very much loved; we have had serious offers of several good foundations and numerous postulants asked to be admitted; - but my dear, dear Switzerland – what is happening to you? How I rejoiced with you when you were appointed to go to Rocca² – but *Fiat* – farewell! Live totally for the interests of Jesus – live happily in this vale of tears, as much as possible. –

I wrote to Rome immediately to send you what you wanted right away (in your usual goodness, you will allow me to wear the watch until I return, probably not until about the



Maria-Theresia-Hospital for Women, Vienna, Feldgasse
First Foundation in Austria

L-38, to S. Theodora, Nativity of Mary, 1900

18/9— otherwise I would have to buy another one. So then I remain, in the love of our Divine Savior, under the holy Cross

Your
faithful spiritual Mother
Mary of the Ap.

Muraszombat – Hungary.

Please do not forget to remember me to your esteemed relatives. -----

**LETTER 39 – to S. Clara Krauer, Rome, Via Lungara
September 13, 1900**

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1.
- 2) *Count Szapary*, cf., Diary, Aug. 5, 1900.
- 3) Stimigliano, railway station for Torri (cf., Diary, July 28, Dec. 17, 1898).
- 4) *S. Christina Altmann*, **L-11**, fn. 3.
- 5) *S. Crescentia Bebel*, **L-22**, fn. 5.
- 6) Sambuci, a small village near Tivoli.
- 7) Cf., **L-37**, fn. 11.
- 8) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 9) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 10) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, fn. 6.

J. M. J.

Fiume 13/9
1900

Dear Sister!¹

I arrived yesterday p.m. through the kindness of Excell.,² who never stopped kissing my hand, here – in the palazzo of Exc. S. (This morning Holy Mass, which I never had to omit on the journey – just as the Bl. Sacrament. Here, servants are buzzing around me – at 12 o'clock audience with His Excel. ----

otherwise I stay here quietly for once – until 6 p.m. on the ship) If very bad or very good, I will send a note about it in Ancona - ---- If just about well – at last to Loreto for once --- In the morning, 15/9 in Stimigl.³ ---

S. Christina's⁴ sister wrote, she wants to enter – and another one, 32 years old – I said: apply to Rome.

S. Cresz.⁵ wants to come with a Postulant from Sam.⁶ - accepted there – I said: ask for permission in Rome.

--- (With Rev. Chaplain in Murasz. I still had a long talk – also regarding the hospital⁷ there – afterward, with His Excellency = all of this better orally (Tell S. Joh:⁸ I will surely bring more with me than I said.)

And the good otherwise capable S. Clara wants to die – but I ask her to kill only the illusion.

Your serene⁺, always courageous poor faithful
spiritual Mother

Beside the address, referring to greeting:
(⁺ should mean: without illusion)



Ven. Father
Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen (*l*), Fr. Thomas Weigang (*r*)

L-39, to S. Clara, September 13, 1900

Across the text:

Very good until 5 o'clock ---- then sick ----
This also for Rev. Fr. Bonav.⁹
Thanks to Rev. Fr. Thomas¹⁰ for the blessing
(I think one is missing here. 2 rooms – too beautiful)

On the reverse of the postcard:

To Ven. S. Chiara Gen. Couns.
Soc. S. Div. Savior

Rome
Via Lungara 112

**LETTER (Postcard) 40 – to S. Clara Krauer, Rome, Via Lungara
September 13, 1900**

As a whole, this is a very unintelligible note; much cannot be deciphered, including that which is written diagonally and right across the text.

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer, L-26, ftn. 1.*
- 2) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen, L-26, ftn. 5.*



Rom, Via Lungara 112, 1986

Pr. be J. Chr.

Fiume, 13/9 1900

Dear Sister,¹ (2nd card)
(Inform Ven. Father)

Oh – how will this be possible – I wanted to be aboard the ship at 7 o'clock and = just now (12 noon) Excell. Viceroy came in – then went to the Emperor's brother = here – and with much ceremony invited me to dine at 7 o'clock – he wants to drive to the ship to get the ticket etc. (because I, too, courteously expressed my fears)

Excell. spoke about it: it is settled – and I simply wanted to go there quietly on foot – Oh, the magnanimous nobility – but I won't do it any more -----

Reverse:

To Ven. S. Clara Gen. Cons.
Soc. S. Div. Sav. II Ord.
Rome
Via Lungara 112

Beside the address:

In spite of study, I cannot make out everything.
Thanks and greetings Fr. B.²

Right across the front:

What will be the result – plans thwarted
but here I have to obey now.

Across – right:

I just heard a lot was paid – in order to travel grandly
out to sea.

Left: I am a poor little nun, devout [?] Mother ---

**LETTER 41 – to S. Clara Krauer and Sisters, Rome, Via Lungara
September 16, 1900**

- 1) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26** fn. 1.
- 2) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 3) Stimigliano, railway station for Torri.
- 4) After the departure of S. Theodora Geser on Aug. 29, 1900.
- 5) *S. Theodora Geser*, **L-7**, fn. 8.
- 6) *S. Cecilia Angelosante*, **L-7**, fn. 7.
- 7) *S. Cecilia Angelosante*, cf., above.
- 8) Archpriest.
- 9) In the original, this name is not clearly written; however, it seems to be *Can. Brandini*. In any case, Mother Mary did not know the name very exactly as, on writing it the first time (cf., letter) she placed a question mark after it.
- 10) *Rector Schmitz*, who was in contact with Msgr. De Waal through the Bonifatianum. The *Collegium Bonifatianum* (house of studies) was privately founded by De Waal (it closed in 1902 for financial reasons) and there was a branch in Torri (a holiday home for students) of which Msgr. Schmitz was the director. Through him, Msgr. De Waal arranged for the Sisters to begin a foundation (**L-21**, fn. 6; Diary, July 28; Sept. 6; Oct. 4, 1898; DSS XVI.1, p. 82f. *i.e. E-XVI, p.59f*).
- 11) It should probably read: “Roccantico – one can see it from here” (Roccantico: **L-37**, fn. 28).
- 12) *Bonif.* – Bonifatianum.

Dear Sisters.¹

(This is for Reverend Father Bonav.² especially)

Yesterday morning at 7½ I found a car at the station.³
The Sisters look well ---- not sick – and, of course, now happy⁴
---- there are also many children ---- But “how is and was it
possible = not to uncover these secrets of the devil = this is
really beyond my poor understanding = to help make the
superior unhappy, maybe for time and eternity! The people are
calm – they think she is absolutely needed at home⁵ ---- and
that the Sisters have always been in peace ----

Yesterday, I went to Confession⁺ to Rev. Canon
Brandini? (Confessor in the Vatican) = an old saint = he said:
you must leave this place. It is a pity, but it probably has to be
– As well as that, S. Cäc.⁶ wrote home that she is sick = her
mother and the parish priest there wrote she should come for 1
month = then solemnly make her holy vows – this was thought
first = This weak little person⁷ is not bad as superior – only
now, on thinking about it – worthy, fitting for it exteriorly – (I
said = in any case, wait, the decision comes from Rome – when
I am there = the archpriest⁸ is also against it, although to me she
denied it) ⁺was there yesterday!

S. Theod. went to Confession to Can. Brandini⁹ only
once – at the last she did not go to holy Comm. any more, she
wanted to sell the dress again = she never said she was going
home (therefore I also did not write that to her)

S. Cäc. cannot do embroidery at the moment = nerves =
still, this is necessary here for making a living (the 300 Lire are
again promised) Rect. Schm.¹⁰ only comes back 25/9 – therefore

- 13) *Msgr. Flue* – Mons: Monsieur – Mr. Meier Flue (Meier von Flue) from Munich, through whom came a request for Sisters for Munich (**L-36**, fn. 6). Msgr. Durreite (?) seems to be a gentleman from Munich who went to Vienna and took the letter along.
- 14) *S. Liboria Hansknecht*, **L-1**, fn. 1.
- 15) **S. Nicoletta Gargano** *April 25, 1873. As Reginalda Gargano (from St. Elia, Diocese Monte Cassino), she entered in Rome on Dec. 28, 1895 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1897, where she remained at first. In May 1900, S. Nicoletta went to Torri, from where, in June, she went home. In February 1901, she returned to Rome, happy to be in the convent once more (cf., Diary, Feb. 9, 1901); but in April she again went home as she felt that the air in Rome was detrimental to her health. In October 1902, in company with her confessor, she returned to Rome again. Mother Mary seems to have taken much trouble with S. Nicoletta, and to have valued her (**L-43**, fn. 4), but S. Nicoletta could not remain in the convent. She was dismissed on Feb. 6, 1904 instead of making final profession.
- 16) A Viennese Princess who visited Mother Mary in Rome (cf., Diary, March 17, 1900) and with whom Mother Mary stayed in Vienna on the occasion of her visitation (Aug. 5 – Sept. 18, 1900). Cf., Diary, under August 1900.
- 17) Director of Theresienhospital, Vienna (cf., Diary, Oct. 11, 1899).
- 18) Not clear; the reference could be to either Countess Szapary or Countess Györy.
- 19) *Count Szapary*, cf., Diary, Aug. 5, 1900; **L-39**.
- 20) *Count Szapary*.
- 21) It is not clear which institute is meant – Drogens?

L-41, to Sisters, September 16, 1900

I cannot go there now = Roccantico – one can see it¹¹ from here – and gets there in 2 hours = about 5 Lire there and back – one can also walk there – I'm going to the Bonif.¹² this afternoon (the people are again good natured toward the place, which Archpr. denies) – Here my kindly letter to S. Theod. – Here, a letter from Msgr. Flue,¹³ sent from Vienna to Murasz., from there to here + (Msgr. Durreite went to Vienna) yes, if I had received it – I would certainly have requested permission to go there --- please ask Rev. Fr. Bonav. to think over what I should answer her in Rome (the saintly letter to S. Theod. from S. Lyboria¹⁴ I wanted to send now but it is too heavy) – S. Nicol.¹⁵ wrote sincerely and well --- + (I wrote to Princess Kehvenhüller¹⁶ – to the hosp. director v. Estern¹⁷ – today, if God wills, to Excel. = Countess¹⁸⁺) “the Governor in Fiume¹⁹ wants the statutes of St. Nicolas = Switzerland = ask Ven. Father to please send – and Excl.²⁰ is soon going there himself ---- He already has 12,000 Gld. for the institute²¹ = Sisters to go there first – then Rev. Fathers – few Sisters, many Fathers, etc.

(The future Empress, they say, favors the Salv. Society = he is for us = Germans) I believe I have spoken prudently = humbly and after reflection = it seems that I found favor = Everything through Divine Providence.” = will be for boys and girls = therefore we remain friends of the Holy Cross = and God's blessing comes = # Please, let me go to Munich if the journey is paid for # but obedience above everything –

Here the accounts seem in order, however payment owing for flour = 41 Lire, was forgotten (I think, everything should be paid now and be put in order)

22) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, L-28, ftn. 5.

23) *S. Juliana Elgas*, L-28, ftn. 4.



S. Norberta Bufardecì, S. Valentina Wirth,
S. Zita Lotti – Torri

L-41, to Sisters, September 16, 1900

I expect to arrive in Holy Rome 18/9 at 5 o'clock =
make no reception – I come in trust⁺ and in humility – therefore
pray for your

faithful spiritual Mother

Page 1, above:

(Good news from Vienna – I shall tell you more)

Page 1, left margin:

S. Elis.²² will receive, will have received the postcard.
Warmest greetings to all the dear Sisters – esp. to S.
Juliana²³ – Thanks for all the letters – I ask a holy
blessing from _ _ _ _ _

Page 2, above:

+ here in the church.

Page 3, above:

journey still not paid
(in Oct. percentage to Rome)

Page 4, above:

(+ the terrible disclosures from S. Jul. were always in my
mind? = but I still cannot believe)

**LETTER 42 – to Sister
November 6, 1900**

- 1) The Sister's letter to Mother Mary has not been kept, so we do not know to whom she had sent the reply. Most likely to a Sister who was doing home nursing – probably in Vienna.
- 2) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, ftn. 1.
- 3) **Fr. Gregor Gasser** *Oct. 5, 1868 in Nals, Etschtal, South Tyrol. He entered the Society in Rome in December 1890; he was ordained on March 31, 1895 (cf., Index, DSS, XVI.2, p. 897; *English not available*). By 1896, he was already giving religious instruction to the Sisters three times a week. In November 1898, he became extraordinary confessor to the Sisters and ordinary confessor in December 1898 (cf., Diary, March 15, 1896; Nov. 16, Dec. 24, 1898, etc.). For a time, Fr. Gregorius was General Procurator and, for a longer period, General Consultor. In Vienna, he worked with the utmost success in ministry, as a teacher of religion and especially as initiator of Catholic Clubs and Associations for youth and people in general. He died in Meran on May 27, 1913.

J. M. J.

Rome – 6/11 00

Dear Sister!¹

I am happy that you are doing works of charity (I am now in a great hurry) Just now S. Clara² solemnly made perpetual vows in the presence of Ven. Father – a great grace.

Reply:

- 1) You are allowed to carry the money if there is no cupboard
(Jews calculate well = so be careful) -----
- 2) I wish you to eat alone – wherever possible – And if they give you nothing else – eat according to the Apostle’s advice, whatever is placed before you = of course, as is fitting for nuns = in a mortified way -----
But no meat on Friday and where it is possible, also not on Saturday ---

I came from Tivoli yesterday – I hope to see you once again soon. Everything for the interests of Jesus – and united – as Ven. Father said – then there will be – blessing and happiness

A good instruction yesterday – I hear – from Rev. Fr. Gregorius³

Your faithful
spiritual Mother
Mary of the Ap.

LETTER 43 – to S. Thecla Ziesel, Drogens
February 25, 1901

- 1) *S. Thecla Ziesel*, **L-12**, ftn. 1.
- 2) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, ftn. 6.
- 3) *Fr. Gregor Gasser*, **L-42**, ftn. 3.
- 4) *S. Nicoletta Gargano*, **L-41**, ftn. 15.



Tivoli, Sant'Antonio, Via Maggiore
1896-1899

J. M. J.

Rome 25/2 1901

Dear Sister Thecla!¹

Now I want to send you a few words once again, dear Sister. First of all, I thank you for your kind little letter – and I want to ask your prayers for a girl from Württemberg who has already been accepted - but seems to have some difficulties to come – (from the vicinity of Ehingen (don't ask).

Reverend Fr. Thomas² is still in Silesia – also Rev. Fr. Gregorius³ is in Vienna (so we have to go to Confession at St. Peter's = consequently an opportunity to live well the time of fasting, which should especially be aimed at interior mortification)

S. Nicoletta⁴ returned 8/2 – she is very happy to be in the convent again = a good Sister – her sister brought her here and stayed a few days ----- A few Sisters will probably be going to America again soon = then there is new work again –

This year a lot of snow fell here – and we were really freezing (it hasn't been like this for 100 years), on the loggia = a snowman, just imagine ----

Now, dear Sister, remain happy and hardworking = happy the one who will be able to meet the Heavenly Bridegroom with full hands – truly happy the one who can bring many sacrifices – therefore, pray for your

faithful spiritual Mother

To dear Sister Thecla
Soc. Sisters D. S.
St. Nicolas

**LETTER 44 – to S. Apollonia Brehm, Milwaukee
May 14, 1901**

- 1) *S. Apollonia Brehm*, **L-4**, ftn. 1.
- 2) *Fr. Vinzenz Linsner*, *Jan. 8, 1871; prof. Nov. 17, 1896; ord. June 9, 1900; +July 20, 1909. He was confessor to the Sisters for a time (**L-85**). At that period, Fr. Vinzenz was superior at Celimontana, a villa near the Colosseum, which the Baroness von Hoffmann and her husband allowed the Salvatorians to use, together with the surrounding land. She was an American, he was German. She lived in the Villa Paulina in Meran where the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers came to know them (cf., DSS, XV.2, pp. 646f. *i.e. E-XV, p. 411*).
- 3) Ss. Alberta Franke, Conrada Helg, Katharina Schubert, Jakoba Stumfall and Kunigunda Hubert (cf., Diary, June 5, 1901).

J. M. J.

Rome 14/5 1901

Dear Sister Appolonia!¹

When I heard the news of the death of your dear father – I immediately prayed for him – we also prayed together for him. It was surely very painful for you to make this sacrifice -- but think of the heavenly reward which your dear father will receive since he offered his daughter totally to God --- Also remember that the life of a true Christian and especially of a religious Sister should be one of continuous sacrifice ----- From sorrow comes consolation and eternal blessing – when it is accepted for God.

Rev. Fr. Vinzenz Linsener² has also lost his father recently – (he is now superior at the Villa here).

You will certainly be happy to get so many new Sisters³ now – All 5 are very good – and are happy to come. I hope that you will work together in sisterly love and sanctify one another – life is short – eternity long ---- Let us keep courage and trust, dear Sister – and pray also for your faithful

spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Appolonia Soc. Sisters
Div. Sav.
Milwaukee
Through kindness

**LETTER 45 – to S. Hieronima Schmerbeck, Milwaukee
May 16, 1901**

- 1) **S. Hieronima (Hieronyma) Schmerbeck** *Sept. 29, 1869. As Barbara Schmerbeck (from Haunersdorf near Deggendorf, Diocese Regensburg), she entered in Tivoli on Nov. 13, 1893 (after having been, for a longer period of time, a postulant with the Mary Ward Sisters) and made her first vows in Tivoli on Dec. 26, 1894. She then attended the Teacher Training Institute; afterward, she studied nursing at the Hospital of St. John Lateran (**L-3**, fn. 5), in preparation for the mission in Milwaukee (cf., Diary, Feb. 21, March 21, 1895). At the end of November, S. Hieronima was transferred to Milwaukee. She did home nursing there for 53 years. On Feb. 15, 1954, she died in St. Nazianz at the age of 84.

J. M. J.

Rome – 16/5 1901

Dear Sister Hieronima!¹

It is a real joy for me that today I can send you good wishes for your holy retreat – as preparation – and then for your perpetual vows ----- The day of perpetual vows is probably the most beautiful and most meaningful day in the life of a religious Sister. It gives double value to all we do during this time – and ensures for us (if we do not become unfaithful to our promises) eternal blessedness = it increases our joy and glory for all eternity, “they will sing a song that no one can sing.” But I also hope, relying on Mary’s protection and on your firm will, that you will now be an example for our Sisters in America – and always be a consolation for your superiors!

Therefore, dear Sister, thank God, prepare yourself well – and make good, effective but only short, resolutions. Remain happily courageous always (even if you should once fall) Humility will certainly be your protection – pray also for your faithful spiritual

Mother Mary of the Ap.

LETTER 46 – to S. Victoria Steuer
May 20, 1901

- 1) *S. Victoria Steuer*, **L-13**, fn. 1.
- 2) **S. Marcella Wunner** *Aug. 9, 1879. As Maria Wunner (from Arnstein, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Jan. 12, 1900, and made her first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1901. At first, she remained in Tivoli, then she attended the Teacher Training Institute in Rome. In April 1903, S. Marcella was transferred to the new foundation of Rosolini near Noto, Sicily (cf., Diary, April 12, 1903). On July 2, 1904, she renewed her vows for three years there. At the end of September 1905, due to ill health, she returned to Rome from Rosolini (cf., Diary, Sept. 20, 1905). At the end of February, S. Marcella was sent to Overpelt in Belgium which had been founded at the end of 1904 (on the way she visited her father in Bamberg, cf., Diary, Feb. 28, 1906). The conditions in Overpelt were difficult and S. Marcella left the Congregation in December 1913.
- 3) **S. Juliana Scheller** *Feb. 8, 1879. As Margaretha Scheller (from Stappenbach, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Nov. 15, 1900, was invested on July 2, 1901 and made her first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1902. In May 1903, S. Juliana was transferred to America and spent 33 years of her religious life in the seminary kitchen at St. Nazianz. From time to time, she visited and cared for the sick in their own homes. S. Juliana was almost 66 years old when she died in St. Nazianz on Jan. 8, 1945.
- 4) *S. Coelestina Weber*, **L-3**, fn. 7; Diary, June 5, 1901.
- 5) *S. Clementine Benz*, **L-26**, fn. 3; Diary, June 5, 1901.
- 6) *S. Hilaria Poetsch*, **L-28**, fn. 13.
- 7) The foundations were, more precisely: Welkenraedt, (*Mother Mary mistakenly spelled “Welkenraed”*) Hamont and Athus, Diocese of Namur.

J. M. J.

Rome – 20/5
1901

Dear Sister Victoria!¹

I am happy to write a few words to you today. I hear that all is well with you – and that you are really good and make yourself very useful there. Soon, once again, a Sister from Bamberg is due to make holy profession, S. Marcella Wummer², and another will be invested in Rome, Margareta Scheller³ – Pray for them.

S. Coelestina⁴ will probably have the great grace of perpetual vows on 5/6 – on the same date S. Clementina⁵ the grace of temporary vows (here in Rome (S. Coelestina comes here for this reason.))

S. Hilaria⁶ is taking the examination in Vienna these days. We pray daily for good success. – Oh – how much good the Sisters can do if only they all have the religious spirit – and remain strongly united with the superiors and among themselves!

Belgium also is asking us to come. The Rev. Brothers already have 3 foundations there. Welkenraed, Hamont, and Namur⁷.

Yes, let us pray and work much so that the will of Jesus “Thy kingdom come” may be fulfilled!

My dear good young Sister, pray for this also for

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

**LETTER 47 – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome, Via Lungara
End of July/beginning of August 1901**

- 1) From the original it is not clear whether it is 1900 or 1901. However, this letter from Mother Mary must have been written during her visitation trip of 1901, from July 24 to Sept. 9, 1901 (Drognens, Vienna, Budapest, Muraszombat). The visitation trip of 1900 began only on Aug. 5, and Mother Mary writes in the letter that she had already been ill for a few days before she went from Drognens to Freiburg where she again felt better. And it must have been after the death of S. Augusta (Sept. 24, 1900). It is true that neither the Diary nor the house chronicles mention a visit in Fribourg. But, as Mother Mary stayed almost two weeks in Drognens (cf., DSS, XVI.1, p. 264, No. 87; *i.e. E-XVI, p. 160, I.60/87*), it is very possible that she traveled once to Fribourg in between.
- 2) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 3) *S. Johanna Mai*, (**L-7**, fn. 3); she was General Treasurer at this time; she was concerned for Mother Mary's health.
- 4) In German: *Kässon? Kässan?* (this is very difficult to read and not really understandable) **L-27**, fn. 3.
- 5) *S. Dominica Vieregg*, **L-16**, fn. 3; from Aug. 25, 1896 to 1904, in Drognens, as superior or, at times, as substitute for the superior.
- 6) *Ms.– Miss Pauline (Maria) Wylér* from Lucerne (**L-32**, fn. 10).
- 7) *Fr. Edmund Vatterodt*; in 1901 at the community in Fribourg (**L-8**, fn. 8). (*Read: Welkenraedt*)
- 8) A foundation for the Sisters in Freiburg, Switzerland had already been discussed: an orphanage (cf., Diary, Aug. 5, 1895); house-keeping in a boarding school in Freiburg-Pérolles (cf., Diary, Aug. 11, 1898) and perhaps a school with a teacher training institute for women attached (cf. Diary, Nov. 10, 1898; Feb.7, 1899; DSS XVI.1, pp. 95f; *i.e. E-XVI, p. 65*). It could be that Fr. Edmund was the

1900¹

(This is not for everyone – but for Rev. Fr. Bonaventura²)

Dear Sister Johanna,³

Before I leave, I must still write a word to my good old S. J. – Yes, there was a moment when I wished she were here (now everything is alright again) I thought of returning to Rome – about death – more than usual. The cause lay mostly with an evening journey in a carriage open to wind and rain – and with a wet Kässon⁴ as well (I did permit myself to say: this is a mortal sin to sit on it – but, S. Dom.⁵ jumped onto it, so that she almost broke her neck and leg)

Although the summer heat is now here, I put on a thick woolen under-jacket 6 days ago and stopped shivering – (Another time, I will have to do this right away, then it is healthy here, even if rough – one sees snow always – Freiburg is mild in comparison).

Just imagine, eating nothing for at least 3 days – once in bed until 12 – this has never happened to me before) however, I should have put the jacket on earlier. I am too Italian. On 8/8 to Freiburg – there – traveling – I felt better again. When I returned there the good Sisters said: oh, how well you look! Otherwise, they would have almost declared me sick. “how old you have become – you are quite sleepy, or feverish” = naïve children!

In Lucerne, thanks be to God, Ms. Pauline⁶ said how well I was looking.

Rev. Fr. Edmund⁷ was here – he also spoke about Sisters – and it really becomes serious there – I would like it much better in Freiburg.⁸

“father of the idea” and that Mother Mary took it seriously and, as always, built “her houses” right away according to Father Jordan’s plans (cf., DSS, XVI.1, p. 95; *i.e. E-XVI, p.65*).

- 9) Douvaine, a village near Geneva. On June 20, 1898, Father Jordan went there because the people wanted members of the same Society, which was doing so well in Drognens, for a small educational institution. But the idea went no further (cf., DSS, XV.2, p. 663; *i.e. XV, p. 423*). Perhaps *Sisters* were thought of later for Douvaine?

The visit to the Bishop of Fribourg with this “discussion on kinship” took place, according to an entry in the Diary, in July/August 1896 as Mother Mary went to Drognens for the first time, made a side trip to Freiburg, Switzerland, and returned via Einsiedeln (cf., Diary, July 20 – Aug. 7, 1896).

- 10) *S. Crescentia Bebel*, **L-22**, fn. 5.
- 11) *S. Liboria Hansknecht*, **L-1**, fn. 1. She was novice mistress in Tivoli until February 1901; Mother Mary probably refers to a temporary substitution for the mistress.
- 12) *Fr. Konrad Hansknecht*, **L-1**, fn. 2; (also **L-28**, p. 87, fn. 27); director in Drognens from 1903.
- 13) *Fr. Otto Vogt*, **L-41**, fn. 14.
- 14) *Fr. Eusebius Zumkeller* *July 2, 1871; prof. Oct. 4, 1891; ord. April 3, 1897, + July 22, 1940. In 1898 he was procurator at the Salvatorians’ Motherhouse. The duties indicated in the Fribourg College – and still others – were delegated by the Ordinariate (cf., DSS, XVI.1, p. 226; *i.e. E-XVI, p. 141*).
- 15) *S. Augusta Burkhard*, **L-16**, fn. 4.
- 16) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.

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I was also with the most Rev. Bishop talking for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour. (S. Dom. conducted herself also quite well there) His Excellency also spoke of another foundation – one can hope: Douvaine⁹ or? He was very happy that my ancestors were French – from Geneva: Le Fort, and when I said: I have quite a French heart – something his Excellency also has – In Geneva, it is very mild. Here, you can get a ticket for 55 Lire which allows you to travel for 1 month, day and night, on all the trains and lakes of Switzerland. That would be healthy – but a nun! – and never alone. (I was shown one – very cheap) It was good that S. Creszenzia¹⁰ went to Tivoli. S. Lyboria¹¹ would not have been the right person there now anyhow ---- Here, dear Sister, one has to hear a lot about haute cuisine – Rev. Fr. Director,¹² Rev. Fr. Edmund – and Rev. Fr. Otto¹³ began speaking to me about it right away – but I said: how will the Fathers get used to Rome again when everything here is so refined ----- also: the Holy Father gave St. Gioachino to the Redemptorist Fathers because of their very religious discipline, etc. ----

The Rev. Fathers in Freiburg, however, do live in a very edifying and respected way there – God blesses them also – and therefore they could best give assistance to Rev. Fr. Eusebius¹⁴ – (I will tell you, as treasurer). Rev. Fr. Edmund receives 4000 Frcs (and everything free) – 2000 for French lessons – Rev. Fr. Otto 1500 Frcs for weekly Mass for the prisoners – and since $\frac{1}{8} = 1500$ for the honorary position of a canon. But the Rev. Fathers do also put it to good use: a new altar – monstrance – organ, piano = nearly 4000 Frcs – (S. Dom. placed the holy Rule in S. Augusta's¹⁵ grave – that was not right – but it should be noted) I again thank S. Elisabeth¹⁶ very much for the recent letters – but I do not understand why

- 17) (from Rome, residence in Beckenried, Diocese Chur), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 15, 1892 and made first vows there on Dec. 10, 1893. As a trained teacher, she helped in the direction of the Teacher Training Institute from October 1894 onward (cf., Diary, Oct. 11, 1894). At the end of March 1897, S. Engelberta was transferred to North America. Before leaving, she and the Sisters due to travel with her went on home visit; S. Engelberta went to Dresden where she had grown up (cf., Diary, March 25, May 19, 1897). In 1900 she became superior in Milwaukee. At the First General Chapter I, in December 1905, S. Engelberta was elected 1st General Consultor and worked as such in Rome and Meran until 1921. In 1922 she returned to America as Provincial Vicareess (Commissary). She died on May 8, 1929 in Milwaukee, 70 years old.
- 18) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, ftn. 1.
- 19) **S. Aloysia Fischer** *Dec. 25, 1870. As Maria Fischer (from Amberg, Diocese Regensburg), she entered in Tivoli on Sept. 21, 1889 and there made first vows on Oct. 23, 1890 and final vows on Dec. 6, 1893. At the end of January 1895, Mother Mary installed her as superior and novice mistress in Tivoli. Soon afterward her sickness began, and grew increasingly more evident over time (cf., Diary, Jan. 18, 1896), causing various difficulties (cf., Diary, April 15, 24, 30, 1896). In July, she went home for a rest and returned in mid October. The next entry in the Diary appears in 1902, stating that S. Aloysia's brother had called her home (Feb. 3, 1902); in June 1902 she asked for a dispensation from her vows and left the Congregation on June 21, 1902.
- 20) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, ftn. 5. – (*Salvatorianische Mitteilungen – a Bulletin of the Society*)
- 21) **L-32**, ftn. 4.
- 22) As a consequence of the brief connection between Mother Mary and *Ilanz*, and the exchange of Sisters in June 1879, Rosa Herrmann and Barbara Marxer came to the St. Barbara Institute in

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everything was sent to Vienna. Then, what is on the cards concerning S. Engelberta¹⁷ and Clara¹⁸ one should be so good as to copy just word for word. God forbid that S. Al.¹⁹ will become seriously ill – however, she will probably never be healthy again (All are healthy here) ---

Please ask S. Elis.²⁰ to send the interesting German *Salv. Mitt.* (Greetings and my address to the first one = very talented and pious – totally for the Association – Now healthy again) i.e., she was from Ilanz,²¹ with me in Neuwerk. “The Former Rev. Gen. Prioress – S. Dominica (Wilhelmine), Gasteier²² Ilanz, Cant. Graubünden, Switzerland. Rev. S. Sup. Raymonda (Barbara) at Gauenstein near Bludenz – Vorarlberg – Austria -----

Now there still remains for me, to give all of you, my dear ones, the most motherly greetings and thanks for prayers – I expect to arrive in Vienna on Wednesday evening, or, if I am not so very courageous, on Thursday afternoon. I am glad that all are so good – this is a consolation to me –

S. Clara’s story²³ could be somewhat disturbing (Now all the letters will have arrived, thanks: M.) God bless and protect you – may we all always do and understand his most holy will. In this hope –

faithful spiritual Mother

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The dear Sisters send all their best greetings ---

Neuwerk. On July 13, both had to leave again for Schönstatt (the Society of Divine Love had a house there as well). However, on July 29, Barbara came back with Wilhelmine Gasteyer (Gasteier), the superior of the house in Schönstatt. In December 1879, both left Neuwerk since Mother Mary had broken off relations with Ilanz (cf., Diary, June 4 – Dec. 15, 1879)

- 23) It is remarkable that Mother Mary had the “Salvatorianische Mitteilungen” sent to both Sisters of Divine Love who had been with her in Neuwerk in 1878/1879. (cf., also **L-32**).
- 24) Is S. Clara giving an account of her visitation trip in the USA? (Cf., Diary, Nov. 16, 1900; Aug. 19, Dec. 11, 1901).



Mother Mary and Sisters in Drogens – 1900

Row 1: (l. to r.) S. Augusta Burkhard, Mother Mary,
S. Dominica Viereg;g;

Row 2: S. Pancratia Blank, S. Gertrud Fiedler, S. Thecla Ziesel,
S. Gregoria Sauer

LETTER 48 – to S. Carolina Dingler, Uniontown
September 18, 1901

- 1) *S. Carolina Dingler*, **L-3**, fn. 1.
- 2) *Fr. Ludwig Müller*, *July 24, 1868; prof. Oct. 14, 1888; ord. Sept. 24, 1892; + Sept. 3, 1901, age 34, in the State of Idaho in Western USA (cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 258; *i.e. E-XVI, p.157*).
- 3) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1. At this time (November 1900 to December 1901) on a visitation trip in America as Mother Mary's representative (cf., Diary, Nov. 16, 1900).
- 4) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.
- 5) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 6) *S. Liboria Hansknecht*, **L-1**, fn. 1.
- 7) **S. Raphaela Bohnheim** *April 29, 1866. As Katharina Bohnheim (from Soyen near Wasserburg, Bavaria), she entered in Tivoli on April 29, 1891, together with her sister Apollonia (S. Gabriela, **L-3**, fn. 3), made her first vows in Tivoli on May 24, 1892 and was appointed Assistant Novice Mistress on that same day. In July, S. Elisabeth Albertzki replaced her in that post, and S. Raphaela remained in Rome. There she attended the Teacher Training Institute and in March 1895, went with other Sisters to the hospital of St. John Lateran (**L-3**, fn. 5) to learn nursing in preparation for the mission in America. In May 1895, S. Raphaela made final vows and left on May 30, 1895 for Milwaukee where she became superior and sent good reports to Mother Mary (cf., Diary, April 25, 1896, etc.). During her visitation in America, S. Clara Krauer temporarily took over her office (her term was finished) while S. Raphaela went to Uniontown, WA. She was soon recalled to Rome where she arrived on Nov. 9, 1901. In January 1902, she went home for a rest (cf., Diary, Jan. 1, 1902), returning only three years later (cf., Diary, Feb. 17, 1905). In the following period, there were many difficulties with her in Rome before she finally left on July 30, 1906 (cf., Diary, Jan. 12, 1906).

J. M. J.

Rome - 18/9 1901

Dear Sister Carolina!¹

I must also write to you once – I gladly prayed for your deceased sister – (What happened to Rev. Fr. Ludwig² that he died so suddenly - - -?) It is a real consolation for me to know that you, dear Sister, are so content and hard working in the kitchen, etc. = for it is certainly connected with sacrifice and a spirit of humility – and Jesus will bless and reward you. I have written to S. Clara³ several times to send you a 5th Sister (I hope she can do it soon now)

The nameday celebration was very beautiful – and during my 7 week trip, Sisters Elisabeth,⁴ Johanna⁵ and Lyboria⁶ took good care of everything. Here I found accumulated work (also, all S. Rafaela's⁷ locked cases were still standing there) I thanked God often on this day of Mary – for unity and childlike love. I hope now that good S. Paula⁸ can also have the grace of perpetual vows soon = the rescript (after more detailed investigation in her case) must arrive any day) His Em.⁹ is in Bologna just now.

Here I found it still terribly hot and was almost becoming unwell again, as I was in Drogens due to the cold which I am now no longer used to ---- If we only are true Brides of Christ = valuing and loving the holy Cross like He did ---- The Cross is the best file to make us acceptable for heaven ----- heat, cold, desolation, disappointments, weakness, faults of others --- All, all is a salutary cross – sent and willed for us by God – For, as a saintly = a truly enlightened person said: If the angels could envy us, it would be “because we can

- 8) *S. Paula Candrian*, **L-7**, fn. 5. The date of final profession is not given in the Diary; the main register lists Sept. 18, 1901. So there is an error in the date of the letter: on Sept. 15, Mother Mary's nameday was celebrated (cf., Diary) as she related. Therefore, she probably wrote on Sept. 16 or 17, as the permission for S. Paula's final vows had certainly arrived by then, so that the celebration could take place on Sept. 18, 1901.
- 9) *Cardinal Vicar Respighi* (successor to Cardinal Vicar Domenico Jacobini, **L-17**, fn. 8) had to give permission for the profession of perpetual vows.



Uniontown, USA

L-48, to S. Carolina, September 18, 1901

still suffer.” And oh, remain apostolic at all times = forgetful of self = helping others – edifying – working. “Whoever saves one soul, saves his own as well”

Therefore, long live Uniontown! – remain united and happy and pray for your

faithful spiritual Mother

First page, left margin:

Forgive the ink-blot which came when I finished

To dear Sister

Carolina S. S. D. S.

Uniontown

Through kindness

**LETTER 49 – to S. Claudia Schubert, Vienna
October 10, 1901**

- 1) *S. Claudia Schubert*, **L-34**, ftn. 5.
- 2) **Fr. Philibert (Filibert, Felisberto) Schubert** *Feb. 13, 1875; prof. May 26, 1896; ord. Aug. 10, 1900. In October 1901, he left for Brazil as “*Commissarius*” to arrange for a foundation of the Society there. He looked for a suitable place and, finally began his work on Sept. 14, 1902 in a parish in Rio de Janeiro. In addition, in March 1903, he took over the direction of a school (cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 297; XVI.2, pp. 490f. *i.e. E-XVI, p.176, and 271*). He held the office of Provincial or Pro-Provincial Superior of the Latin American Province from 1908 - 1915; from 1929 - 1935 he was Commissary for Brazil. Fr. Philibert died on April 12, 1959.
- 3) *Ss. Claudia and Katharina Schubert*, **L-34**, ftn. 5; ftn. 33.



Lizzie Kinzer and Katy Broenneke
The first Candidates from the USA

J. M. J.

Rome – 10/10
1901

My good Sister!¹

Thank you very much for your filial letter – It is better that the vows are made together, around Christmas time.

Yesterday your very zealous brother, Rev. Fr. Filib.² celebrated holy Mass here for the last time. In his honor, we also sang during it – afterwards, we had a long talk. He was very edifying and courageous (sails 14/10 – we all promised to pray) At the end, he said enthusiastically: Rev. Mother, tell my 2 Sisters³ “ my only wish would be that they always remain faithful to the Order, I know how great is the grace, but also how many are the temptations”

Therefore be one in prayer – suffering and endurance.

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Claudia – Asst.
Soc. Sisters D. S.
Vienna
Through kindness

**LETTER 50 – to S. Conrada (Konrada) Helg, Milwaukee
October 18, 1901**

- 1) **S. Conrada Helg** *Oct. 23, 1856. As Agatha Helg (from Schwarzenbach, Diocese St. Gallen), she entered in Rome on Sept. 4, 1896 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 20, 1898. In June 1901, S. Conrada was transferred to America (cf., Diary, June 5, 1901). She did home nursing in Milwaukee for a long time. In her last 20 years, she did house work in the Provincial House. S. Conrada died in Milwaukee on January 2, 1940.
- 2) **S. Margaretha Tritschler** *April 19, 1863. As Maria Tritschler (from Freiburg, Baden), she entered in Rome on Oct. 24, 1894 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896. (She also belonged to the “11 novices still living,” cf., Diary, Feb. 5, 1896). At the end of June 1896, S. Margaretha was sent to America and did home nursing in Milwaukee. She returned to Rome in January 1901, and did private nursing from time to time there also (cf., letter). In December 1901, she made final vows in Rome. In June 1902, she was transferred to do nursing in Budapest. During World War I, she helped with nursing the wounded in Munich; later, she was in Stockern, Austria, also employed in private nursing and, finally as nurse to the girls at the Donauhof. S. Margaretha died in Passau on July 12, 1929, 66 years old.
- 3) *S. Mechtildis Klug*, **L-2**, ft. 4.
- 4) *S. Claveria Stadler*, **L-9**, ft. 2.
- 5) *S. Helena Wrzodek*, **L-34**, ft. 12; Diary, 26.10.1901.
- 6) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, ft. 1. In the Diary under Sept. 19, 1901, it says that S. Clara returned from America via Germany and Switzerland. She certainly stayed longer in Germany since she arrived in Rome “from Switzerland” only on Dec. 11, 1901 (cf., Diary).

J. M. J.

Rome - 18/10
1901

Dear Sister Conrada!¹

For the first time a few words to you, my dear, from Switzerland to Milw. I am very glad that you are so efficient at nursing – also in the town of Milwaukee – That goes beyond my expectations. May Mary always protect you. S. Margareta² also still has one or the other patient to take care of here. (S. Mechtildis³ is in the Clinic – 5 Sisters are there – as S. Claveria⁴ was very ill) S. Helena⁵ wants to return these days with 2 postulants – she is now fine again, just as formerly.

Please, dear Sister, be of good courage for Jesus and the eternal heaven. Sorry to say, I believe S. Clara⁶ is still not in Switzerland.

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Pray for your faithful spiritual Mother who loves you

To dear
Sister Conrada

**LETTER 51 – to S. Thecla Ziesel, Drognens
January 10, 1902**

- 1) *S. Thecla Ziesel*, **L-12**, ftn. 1.
- 2) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, ftn. 6.
- 3) **S. Rosalia Gutschera** *Aug. 18, 1882. As Anna Gutschera (from Ehingen, Diocese Rottenburg, Württemberg), she entered in Rome on May 4, 1901 and made first vows in Tivoli on Nov. 29, 1902. Because she became ill during postulancy (cf., Diary, Nov. 3, 1901), she could not be invested with the others, but her investment was postponed until Nov. 29, 1901, therefore her vows were also made later. In December 1904, she was transferred to Overpelt near Hamont, Belgium, and became superior there in 1905. She was expelled from Belgium at the outbreak of World War I, and nursed the wounded in Munich from 1914-1918. From 1920-1930, she was again working in Belgium doing housework in the seminary at Neerpelt and as Superior in the Salvator Clinic in Hasselt. From 1930 onward, she did nursing in various houses in Germany. She was several times the superior in smaller houses. As she lost strength, she went to Börwang in 1957, where she died on Nov. 15, 1965, aged 83.

J. M. J.

Rome 10/1 1902

Dear Sister Thecla!¹

Hereby, I gladly give you, also on behalf of Venerable Father, the permission to make perpetual holy vows. Prepare yourself well. This is one of the greatest graces that one can have in this life – it guarantees the Bride eternal union with the Heavenly Bridegroom – I will also tell Rev. Fr. Thomas² so that he will pray.

S. Rosalia,³ the one from Württemberg, is quite well again, thank God.

Please, pray also for me – especially on the holy day.

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

To dear
Sister Thecla

LETTER 52 – to Elise Kinzer
January 25, 1902

1) **Elise Kinzer (Kintzel)** *Feb. 28, 1886, was the first American candidate. She entered in Milwaukee on July 30, 1901. (cf., Diary, July 30, 1903).

2) “Both of you” are *Elise Kinzer* and *Katy (Katharina) Broenneke*. They came to Rome with *Johanna Reichert* on July 27, 1903. The three were invested there on Nov. 2, 1903 with the names: S. Blanche (Blanka) Kinzer, S. Berchmans Broenneke (*Aug. 11, 1887) and S. Enrika Reichert (*July 11, 1876). S. Enrika was dismissed already on March 9, 1904. (cf., Diary, Nov. 2, 1903; March 2 and 9, 1904).

S. Blanche and S. Berchmans made their first vows in Tivoli on Nov. 3, 1904. On July 6, 1905, both Sisters were transferred to America, via Milwaukee to St. Nazianz.

S. Blanche taught in many parish schools. She became superior in several newly founded houses. From 1929-1935, she was Provincial Superior in North America. Later, she worked for many years in the office of St. Mary’s Hospital in Columbus and, from 1962, in the office at St. Nazianz. S. Blanche was a witness for the Informative Process regarding Mother Mary. In October 1968, she came to Rome for the Beatification. Soon afterward, her health began to fail. In August 1969, she was taken to St. Mary’s Hospital at Columbus where she died on March 30, 1970 at the age of 84.

S. Berchmans had already passed away long before, on Jan. 31, 1915, at the age of 28.

Copy
J. M. J.

(Via Lungara 112)
Rome - 25 / 1 / 1902

My dear Lizzie!¹

You have given me great happiness with your dear little letter. (I still understand English well – as I studied it very well as a child – but I don't trust myself to write in English.)

You two,² prospective candidates for the candidature – the first from America, are always the object of my prayer. I like your photographs very much. I have great hopes of getting to know you sometime – and that in holy Rome! May the Divine Savior guide and protect you and, if it is His holy will, make you true religious of the Sisters of the Divine Savior, so that as the first Americans, you may do very much for the salvation of souls. I love and esteem you from my heart – Remain so good and diligent. May Jesus bless you in a very special way – I am, hopefully, your future

faithful spiritual Mother

(Do continue also to study music
for the glory of God)

**LETTER 53 – to S. Apollonia Brehm, St. Nazianz
February 22, 1902**

- 1) *Apollonia Brehm*, **L-4**, ft. 1.
- 2) *S. Lioba Uebler* was superior (**L-28**, ft. 16), Assistants: *S. Franziska Kupfer* (**L-28**, ft. 8) and *S. Adelheid Clemenz* (**L-74**, ft. 11).
- 3) *Fr. Epiphanius Deibele*, **L-25**, ft. 2.
- 4) **S. Alexia Kaupert** *April 16, 1869. As Anna Maria Kauppert (from Wachenroth, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Rome on March 12, 1898 and made her first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1899. In November 1899, Mother Mary took her to Rome where she worked in the Marocco Clinic (cf., Diary, Oct. 31, 1900). In March 1902, S. Alexia was transferred to Vienna. (Cf., Diary, Jan. 30, 1902; she must have gone home beforehand, and have written from there how good the people in Bamberg were.) Due to her energy which didn't retreat before difficulties, S. Alexia was a prime favorite for transfer to poor, new foundations. Later, she worked for many years in Urft and Wurzach. She suffered paralysis of her legs and spent the last 13 years of her life in Börwang. She died there on April 4, 1949 at the age of 80.
- 5) *S. Valeria Behr*, **L-19**, ft. 1.
- 6) *S. Marcella Wunner*, **L-46**, ft. 2.
- 7) **S. Alfonsa Franke** *April 14, 1880. As Anna Franke (sister of S. Alberta (**L-28**, ft. 22) from Sundern, Diocese Paderborn), she entered in Rome on June 2, 1900 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Nov. 3, 1901. She then attended the Teacher Training Institute in Rome. In June 1903, she was transferred to Milwaukee. In November 1904, she went to the new foundation in Bloomer, Wisconsin (cf., Diary, Nov. 9, 1904), where the Sisters took care of the parish school, gave music lessons and served as organists. After that, S. Alfonsa worked in various houses in America doing

J. M. J.

Rome - 22/2 1902

Dear Sister Appolonia!¹

If I am not mistaken, you also asked permission to make perpetual vows and you apologized that it was too early. There, I was just checking: “According to our present holy Rule, you could really make perpetual vows on 12/3 1902, and I give you permission to do so – i.e., if the Ven. S. Superior² and asst. agree + Speak with Rev. Father Confessor and Rev. Fr. Epifanius³ – just ask the Most Rev. Bishop for the permission. – Please inform me, I will pray.

S. Alexia⁴ often writes how good the people in the Dioc. of Bamberg are toward us. Thanks be to God.

Here the Teacher Training Institute began again for 5 = Sisters Valeria,⁵ Marcella,⁶ Alfonsa,⁷ Augusta,⁸ Xaveria.⁹ All for Jesus, dear Sister, I remain in the most Sacred Heart, asking for your prayer – Your faithful

spiritual Mother

First page, left margin:

+ Also Ven. Father, of course

To dear
Sister Appolonia S. S.D.S.
Through kindness

housework and sewing. In 1956, she was called to Rome as a witness in the Beatification Process of Mother Mary. In 1965, she was transferred to Milwaukee where she died on Oct. 2, 1969, aged 89.

- 8) **S. Augusta Benz** *Sept. 18, 1882. As Katharina Benz (sister of S. Clementina – L-26, fn. 3, from Bräunlingen, Diocese Freiburg, Baden), she entered in Rome on Oct. 5, 1900 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1902. She attended the Teacher Training Institute in Rome and was sent to Vienna Kaisermühlen at the end of December 1904 (cf., Diary, Dec. 29, 1904). S. Augusta then did nursing in the Austrian Province and was also superior from time to time. She died at age 66, at Stockern, Austria, on Dec. 25, 1947.

- 9) **S. Xaveria Amrhein** *July 12, 1882. As Margaretha Amrhein (from Aschaffenburg, Diocese Würzburg), she entered in Rome on July 3, 1900 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Nov. 3, 1901. She attended the Teacher Training Institute in Rome and was transferred to Uniontown in America on June 4, 1903. She taught in various parish schools and served as organist. From 1918-1930 she worked in the office at the hospitals in Wausau and Portage. From 1925, she was in addition a consultor, and from 1930-39 local treasurer. S. Xaveria also compiled the chronicles of the American Province. Since she had known Mother Mary personally, she was called to Rome in 1956 as a witness in the Beatification Process. She died in Milwaukee on May 27, 1966, aged 83.



S. Alberta Franke and S. Alfonsa Franke

**LETTER 54 – to S. Carolina Dingler, Uniontown
February 25, 1902**

- 1) *S. Carolina Dingler*, **L-3**, fn. 1.
- 2) **S. Ottilia Haupeltshofer** *April 5, 1875. As Maria Haupeltshofer (from Augsburg), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 30, 1892 and made first vows there on Jan. 23, 1894. She was one of the first students to attend the Teacher Training Institute. On Dec. 30, 1895, she went to Akyab, British Burma. The Sisters were recalled on Dec. 21, 1897 and S. Ottilia traveled via Germany to Rome. In November 1899, she was transferred to Uniontown, USA. She taught in the school, which had opened there in 1897, and was also the superior. Because of great difficulties between some members of that Community and those in authority in the Congregation, the Sisters were withdrawn from Uniontown on June 25, 1909. S. Ottilia left the Congregation on Aug. 9, 1909 from Milwaukee. In 1919, together with *S. Josepha Skrzidlo*, she founded the “Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph of the Dying” at Monterey, California.

S. Josepha (Josefa) Skrzidlo *Aug. 14, 1874. She entered in Rome on Oct. 22, 1894, was invested in Tivoli on Jan. 29, 1895 and made first profession there on Feb. 5, 1896. She left Rome on March 25, 1897 to make a home visit before embarking for the USA. On Aug. 20, 1897, a school was opened in Uniontown, WA. S. Josepha belonged to this Community from the start, and made her final vows there on Aug. 31, 1902. After the Sisters were withdrawn from Uniontown, she (like S. Ottilia) left the Congregation with a dispensation on Aug. 9, 1909.

- 3) *S. Rosalia Gutschera*, **L-51**, fn. 3.
- 4) *S. Thecla Ziesel*, **L-12**, fn. 1.
- 5) **S. Walburga Sieghart** *Dec. 12, 1872. She entered in Tivoli (from Schlüsselfeld, Diocese Bamberg), on Nov. 2, 1890; was invested there on Dec. 26, 1890 and, on Jan. 25, 1892, made her first vows. From 1894, S. Walburga attended the Teacher Training Institute. In March 1895, she studied nursing at the hospital of St.

Dear Sister Carolina,¹

Today a few words to you – you often gave me the joy of a little letter – but it is difficult for me to reply to everyone. You will see from my news to Ven. S. Ottilia² how many cares and how much work we had – Oh how sheltered you are there in quiet Uniontown. Now I become increasingly interested in it – since much good is being done there now ----.

I felt deeply with you on the death of your poor sister – but I think she is an intercessor.

You will be interested to know that S. Rosalia³ is well and happy again as before – she is able to encourage all the others – she can speak with such conviction, with all cheerfulness, e.g., A soldier of Christ must persevere – where a person has set foot (i.e., in holy obedience) there she must remain steadfast –

Also S. Thecla⁴ has made holy vows forever with a spirit of sacrifice and joy – Dear Sister, what work, what holy obedience are you having now. S. Walburga⁵ has the kitchen, I suppose. But there must be a lot to do there. I should think one could still send some Sisters – But slowly. Patience

How do you spend holy Lent (is there strict fasting?) Probably, you are all dispensed. Here in Rome, the food during Lent is a real penance – But Easter will come again – The Cross usually is the precursor of triumph..

Good S. Innocenza⁶ suffers from lying in bed – we all must suffer – but in different ways. Only, may no one shun the Cross ----- Love makes everything easy.

John Lateran (**L-3**, fn. 5) in order to prepare herself for the mission in Milwaukee. On June 22, 1895, she boarded ship for Milwaukee, together with other Sisters, to do nursing there (cf., Diary, May 30; June 22; July 22; Aug. 28, 1895). S. Walburga practiced home nursing in Milwaukee for 53 years with great zeal and success. At the age of 76, she was transferred to St. Nazianz. She lived there for 20 years until she returned to Milwaukee for the last two years of her life. There she died, almost 98 years old, on Nov. 10, 1970.

- 6) *S. Innocenza Zimmermann*, **L-14**, fn. 4.



S. Caroline Dingler

L-54, to S. Carolina, February 25, 1902

Therefore, please dear Sister, pray for

Your faithful
spiritual Mother

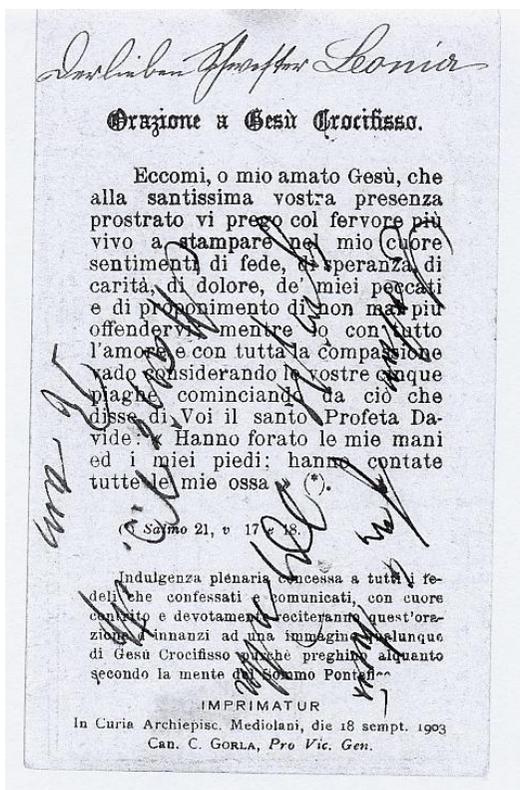
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all Sisters send best wishes ----

To dear Sister
Carolina S. S. D. S.
Uniontown
Through kindness

**LETTER 55 – to S. Leonia Gabriel, novitiate, Tivoli
February 26, 1902**

- 1) **S. Leonia Gabriel** *Feb. 3, 1876. As Maria Gabriel (from Bärddorf near Camene, Diocese Breslau, Silesia), she entered in Rome on Oct. 26, 1901 and made first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 9, 1903. In November 1904, S. Leonia was sent to America, first to Watertown, WI, later to Luxembourg, WI, then to Watertown again. From 1914 onward, S. Leonia was stationed at St. Mary's Hospital in Wausau and worked a long time as an efficient treasurer. She was confined to bed for the last 9 years of her life. She died in Wausau on Sept. 5, 1950, aged 74.



J. M. J.

Rome - 26/2
1902

Dear Sister Leonia!¹

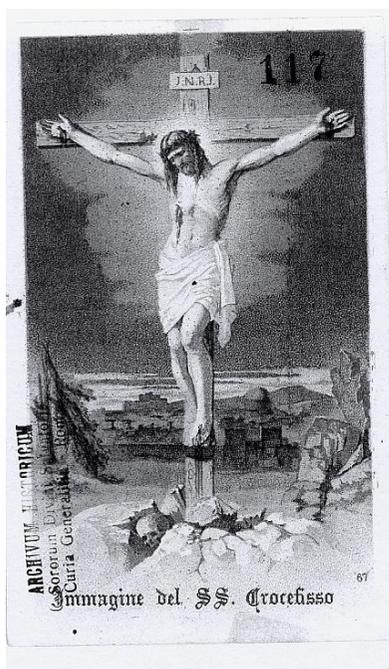
Thank you for your nice little letter – I am already looking forward to seeing you and everyone again.

Then I will certainly also see what effect the beautiful name: Leonia, and your holy habit and everything else has had on you. Whether you also give yourself with a lion's courage to the never-ending work of the sanctification of your soul and of striving for perfection!

Yes, joyous courage, may it always remain with you!
Pray also for

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Leonia, S. S.D.S.
Novitiate
Through kindness



LETTER 56 – to S. Thecla Ziesel, Drognens
May 16, 1902

- 1) *S. Thecla Ziesel*, **L-12**, fn. 1.
- 2) *Brother Probus Hörhammer*, *Aug. 24, 1872, prof. Dec. 10, 1896, died July 26, 1939.
- 3) *Brother Protus Reichmann*, *Feb. 28, 1863 in Wald Hilpersheim near Kreuznach, Diocese Trier. He entered on April 4, 1892 and made first profession on June 6, 1893. He died in Lochau on May 8, 1937. He spent 13 years in the mission of Assam.
His sister is *Elisabeth Reichmann*, who entered in Tivoli on July 4, 1902 and was invested as **S. Huberta** on Nov. 2, 1902 (cf., Diary, July 4; Nov. 2, 1902) made first profession on Nov. 3, 1903 and final profession on Nov. 3, 1909. She did sewing in the USA for 41 years until her eyesight failed. She died at Wausau on Dec. 22, 1965.
- 4) *S. Pankratia Blank*, **L-11**, fn. 5.
- 5) Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903). Mother Mary refers to the missions in the Diary (May 20, 1902), without however, mentioning anything about cruelties.

J. M. J.

Rome 16/5 1902

Dear Sister Thecla!¹

Today, then, I give myself the joy of writing to you once again. I am glad your health is improving now – and especially because I know that your courage and happiness contribute to it so much – I am also looking forward very much to seeing you all in Drogna within a few months. Always if God wills – but, please, don't worry too much. It is true that, as a Roman, I cannot bear the cold very well any more, as it seems – However, we will see how it goes. Here, the very cold air has made many hoarse (myself included) It is not the sister of Rev. Brother Probus² who has been accepted but the sister of Rev. Brother Protus³ – you can give him this reply –

You can thank S. Pancrazia⁴ once again in the name of the Motherhouse for her very zealous and apostolic collecting - please. I am really amazed at it.

Here I have had very little peace – there are always Polish and Bavarian women pilgrims to see in the parlor.

Now there are missions and holy hours in all the churches to thank God for preserving our Holy Father⁵ – and to atone for the terrible infamies that happened here in May – in the dear month of Our Lady (there was one suicide a day – also a well known, very generous, rich, otherwise pious, princess) the hatred of the devil!!! (if none of you felt this father of envy at Easter, it is something special (as one of your Sisters wrote to me)

Be firm, remain humble – and we will always receive the grace and the assistance of God in order to win. So, my

G. M. J. Rom 16/5 1902

Liebe Frau Thekla! 56

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L-56, to S. Thecla, May 16, 1902

dear Sister, I wish you a really happy Feast of Pentecost – may all the Sisters be united, with Mary – and the gifts of the holy Spirit will not be lacking (Now we also have daily May devotions with Benediction)

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To dear
S. Thecla
Sisters D. Sav.
St. Nicolas
Through kindness

**LETTER 57 – to S. Ludmilla Sendner, Milwaukee
June 17, 1902**

- 1) *S. Ludmilla Sendner*, **L-5**, fn. 1.
- 2) *Fr. Vinzenz Linsner*, **L-44**, fn. 2.
- 3) **S. Wyborada Wetzel** *Jan. 28, 1880. As Martina Wetzel (from Bräunlingen, Archdiocese of Freiburg, Baden), she entered in Rome and on Feb. 8, 1902 made first vows in Tivoli. As early as June 18, 1902, she was transferred to Milwaukee, where she did home nursing. Later, she went to Wausau where, on Dec. 1, 1905, the small St. Mary's Hospital was accepted (cf., Diary, Jan. 12, 1906), and she experienced all the difficulties connected with a new beginning. Later, she worked in the operating room at Wausau. S. Wyborada died at the age of 52, on March 9, 1932 in the hospital at Portage.
- 4) Postulant **Carmela Arnone** who had already been a candidate for a while at Campobello, arrived in Rome with S. Petronilla Maira (**L-35**, fn. 6) on Feb. 11, 1902 (cf., Diary, Feb. 11, 1902). She was invested on July 9, 1902 as *S. Crocifissa* (**L-58**, fn. 15).
- 5) *Archbishop Franz Xaver Katzer* of Milwaukee, (cf., Diary, May 11, 1902)

To dear Sister
Ludmilla, Sister
of Div. Sav.
Milwaukee
Through kindness

Dear Sister Ludmilla!¹

Warmest greetings on the greatest grace [one can have] before death in this life: the eternal espousal with the heavenly bridegroom already here on earth, following until death the surest way to heaven and the true means to earthly peace. Perpetual poverty, chastity and obedience means: to want for nothing, always to have enough, always to possess the only Beloved, always to be closely united with Him – always to know His will for certain – never to be in error by following holy obedience --- faithful until death, isn't it so – these are words to make you happy: now at last you belong totally to us – the test has been passed -----

Rev. Fr. Vinzenz² also speaks often to me about all the Sisters from Bamberg – he asked me to give you greetings – he brings us flowers daily in the month of May, since we buy milk from him.

S. Wyborada³ will tell you how she helped me to be photographed so that I appeared quite stout and almost unrecognizable (with Carmela)⁴ but just now I received news from Sicily – There they really like the heavy-looking Mother – I am however not so stout – but, thank God, quite healthy – I still hope to visit you – and often think of it with joy – For, with age, I have become healthier – “Until we meet in Milwaukee” said Archbishop Katzer.⁵ Until then, pray for your faithful

spiritual Mother

LETTER 58 – to S. Bonaventura Zenker, Tivoli
July 9, 1902

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, fn. 1.
- 2) *S. Coelestina Weber*, **L-3**, fn. 7.
- 3) In the Diary, Mother Mary (e.g. Sept. 10, 1899) mentioned that financial contributions arrived from the houses; that S. Raphaela paid the journey for five Sisters (Diary, April 25, 1896). Therefore, she would have been expecting a contribution from America.
- 4) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 5) The name and task of the lawyer are not documented.
- 6) *Elisabeth (S. Huberta) Reichmann*, **L-56**, fn. 3.
- 7) Missions – a periodical?
- 8) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, fn. 6.
- 9) The investment was on July 3, 1902: it is “The four new novices” who were to make their first profession on July 3, 1903: S. Basilissa (Hedwig) Sikierka, entered Nov. 23, 1901; S. Eleonora (Elise) Wetzel, Dec. 5, 1901; S. Irmengardis (Elisabeth) Lindgen, Dec. 5, 1901; S. Crocifissa (Carmela) Arnone, Feb. 11, 1902.
- 10) **S. Basilissa Sikierka** *Oct. 7, 1877. As Hedwig Sikierka (from Schönberg, Diocese Breslau, Upper Silesia), she entered in Rome on Nov. 23, 1901 and made first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1903. Right away, on July 5, 1903, she went to the new foundation: Sta. Ninfa near Palermo, Sicily. When this foundation was discontinued, S. Basilissa went to Campobello (cf., Diary, July 2, 1904), where she took over the care of the children. She returned to Rome on Dec. 23, 1906 and left for Wausau on Jan. 15, 1907 where she took care of the sacristy at St. Mary’s Hospital. S. Basilissa died there at the age of 52, on March 18, 1930.
- 11) A benefactor

J. M. J.

Rome 9/7 02

Dear Sister Bonaventura!¹

With all my heart I wish you a really holy nameday ---- through the intercession of the great St. Bonaventure, may you receive much inspiration, strength and all the graces which are necessary for the very beautiful and meritorious office given to you in holy obedience – Celebrate the 14/7 in sisterly love – adapt to the others – i.e., as far as the religious spirit allows – which must always be exemplary in the novitiate house – (even if for once – 14/7 – you stay up until 10 p.m.)

Give thanks, dear Sister, to the dear God, for all the humiliations that came to you – It, the self-knowledge is the foundation of all heavenly blessings and one's own perfection (which should be the only reason for our entry into a religious Order – because example is also the best means of sanctifying others) For the rest, I was really edified and happy about the good spirit and health in Tivoli – On your nameday I will certainly be with you in Spirit (I hope that after the same, S. Cölestina² will find subordination easier again (She means it well)

I enclose 100 Lire again (nothing of what was expected³ has arrived from America yet, but one must trust in God – although when I arrived, S. Johanna⁴ spoke to me right away regarding the visit of the lawyer on 4/7⁵ who rightly wanted = 900 Lire = (pray with me, for everything passes with time – but right now things are difficult)

Here I found Elisabeth R.⁶ – she arrived on Wednesday – she is very quiet and good, so it seems ---- on Sunday afternoon, unexpectedly, we all received = 29 tickets to see the Holy Father – in a spacious, beautifully decorated courtyard = Belvedere = of

S. Fabiola Kerzel *Aug. 10, 1873. As Anna Kerzel (mistakenly written as “Tetzal” in the Diary) she entered in Rome Oct. 22, 1900 (from Neisse, Silesia, **L-34**, ftns. 15, 16), was invested there on Feb. 7, 1901 and made first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1902. Afterward, she remained in Rome at first. On Dec. 28, 1904, she was transferred to Overpelt, Belgium as superior (cf., Diary, May 25, 1905). In September 1908, S. Fabiola was sent to America. For more than 42 years, she did nursing in Wausau and Milwaukee. From 1926-1939, she was Provincial treasurer. In 1950, due to failing health, she went to St. Nazianz where she helped with the sewing and housework. She died there on January 1, 1961 at the age of 87.

12) *Fr. Pancratius Pfeiffer*, **L-34**, ftn. 17.

13) Trans: “Long live good S. Bonaventura” - How is my S. Crocifissa? Is she happy? I long for news from Tivoli.

14) **S. Crocifissa Arnone** *May 27, 1873. As Carmela Arnone, she entered in Rome on Feb. 11, 1902 (**L-57**, ftn. 9). On July 5, 1903, she was sent to Sta. Ninfa near Palermo. Whereas S. Basilissa was transferred from Sta. Ninfa to Campobello, S. Crocifissa returned to Rome on May 9, 1904 and renewed her vows there for one year on July 2, 1904. She made final vows on July 3, 1909. In 1915, she left the Congregation with a dispensation.

15) *S. Coelestina Weber*, **L-3**, ftn. 7.

16) **S. Valentina Wirth** *Aug. 8, 1874. As Elisa Wirth (from Fraulautern, Diocese Trier), she entered in Rome on May 12, 1895 and made first vows in Tivoli on Oct. 2, 1896. Afterward, Mother Mary took her to Rome. From 1898 to 1900, she was assistant novice mistress in Tivoli. In October 1900, she was sent to Torri; she made final vows in 1902. Again and again she stayed in Rome suffering from ill health (cf., Diary, July 5, 1902; Aug. 3, 1904). On May 25, 1905, she became superior in Torri and, after that, she was superior in various houses for many years; from 1913-1921, she was also Secretary General. She spent her last years in Meran where she made herself useful doing handwork. S. Valentina died in Meran, aged 76, on Sept. 16, 1950.

L-58, to S. Bonaventura, July 9, 1902

the Vatican – His Holiness appeared on a splendid projecting balcony with 10 cardinals, etc. – he gave the holy blessing – and listened to the music, approximately 40,000 were there, they say – beforehand, 1500 persons had something to eat through the bounty of the Holy Father.

I will also see if I can send you the Missions⁷ this time through kindness of Rev. Fr. Thomas.⁸ Special greetings to the 4 new novices⁹ – but also warmest greetings to all.

S. Basilissa¹⁰ must thank the good Mrs. Matoschka¹¹ as soon as possible – there just arrived: 1) 4 meter white material – 2) 2 pairs of shoes (leather) – (S. Fabiola¹² thinks one pair could be sent when opportunity arises – because they are needed) 3) material for a veil, 4) 2 very light petticoats (thanks very much) -

Otherwise, I think I have said everything (Rev. Fr. Pancrazius,¹³ thanks be to God, is better) All the Sisters join in my nameday greetings for you, beloved Sister, - and I repeat the same here in spirit, and then before the tabernacle: “*evviva la buona Suora Bonaventura*” – *Come sta la mia S^{ra} Crucifissa*¹⁴ è ella allegra, smanio delle notizie da Tivoli.¹⁵ In the most Sacred Heart I greet you once again most warmly – also S. Coelestina¹⁶ in particular (S. Valentina¹⁷ left in good spirits on Saturday)

Through the help of Jesus

Your faithful spiritual Mother

LETTER 59 – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome
August 15, 1902

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 2) *S. Filippina Coianti*, **L-23**, fn. 2.
- 3) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.
- 4) From 1889 onward, Mother Mary regularly received interest from her inherited capital (cf., Diary, July 26, 1889; July 11, 1903); this time an accompanying letter was missing.
- 5) Already in 1889, Mother Mary wrote: “Once I also had to sketch our Sister (the habit) since it is to be mentioned, with illustrations, in the [*Apostel*] *Kalendar* for 1890” (cf., Diary, May 1889). Later, this habit was probably drawn repeatedly for brochures, and pockets were mentioned in the trousseau. This time, in 1902, the pockets troubled Mother Mary. In a letter to Father Jordan dated May 16, 1894, Mother Mary reported what the curate had said: “Because 2 dots follow ‘2 pairs of pockets’ in the Italian language trousseau list, some believe those are begging pouches. (I also think one can soon omit the pockets, or write dress pockets instead).”
- 6) *S. Christina Altmann*, **L-11**, fn. 3; she was transferred to Luxembourg, WI, on Aug. 16, 1902.
- 7) *S. Mechtildis Klug*, **L-2**, fn. 4.
- 8) *Veloziped* – Swiss expression for bicycle.
- 9) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 10) Msgr. Widmann (Widonann?) This can hardly be pastor, dean (maybe later Mons.) Wied(e)mann of Odenkirchen, with whom Mother Mary had dealings in Neuwerk, who sent the Sisters 90 Lire in September 1890 and visited them in May 1893 (cf., Diary). He must be a priest from Munich (S. Therese comes from Munich).

J. M. J.

Vienna 15/8 1902

Dear S. Joh.¹ Blessings for 21/8!

Just briefly again today. I received everything – Rome also? and S. Filippina?² – I received nothing at the moment from S. Elis.³ – and furthermore no letter came from my sister = everything through money?⁴ – The leaflet is a good improvement = only, the 2 pockets⁵ could still be omitted, if possible (not worth the trouble = only a suggestion).

Thanks for such a good letter from S. Christina.⁶ We pray every day for her journey – she can take the violin and the watch along – Also thank dear S. Mechtildis⁷ (it was surely the Veloziped's⁸ fault). Thank God that it is better – I am not for going home at the moment – if later on Rev. Fr. Bonav.⁹ thinks it good = yes (Msgr. Widmann¹⁰ sends greetings to S. Therese,¹¹ I met him in Feldkirch.)

Here everything seems to be fine – cheerful, and all look very well ----- At Easter, early holy Mass, Confession and holy Comm. through the kindness at the dear Sisters of St. Vincent, then, unfortunately, I got off 2 stations too early, they called out “Vienna” – It was a suburb. I arrived 1 hour later by another train: What a shock, but Mary helped. Someone must have told the Sisters¹² – Here, all were at the door = it was 10½ o'clock. I have a beautiful little room at their place. Thanks be to God – all send greetings.

Left margin:

Most cordial greetings! Love, patience –
faithful spiritual Mother

Right margin: Ven. Father was here.

- 11) *S. Therese Maisinger*, L-5, ftn. 7.
- 12) Can be read (Mother Mary often wrote in telegram style): – here, [in spite of the late hour] everyone was at [the] door ...– someone [who was it?] had said it to [the] Sisters.
- 13) A girl who had asked to enter.



S. Johanna Mai - 1908

L-59, to S. Johanna, August 15, 1902

Diagonally across the text:

Rosa Köhler¹³ cannot be accepted = unhealthy,
otherwise dear

On the reverse: **Italy**

Reverend Sister Johanna
Gen. Cons. Sisters of Div. Savior
Rome

Via Lungara 112

**Letter 60 – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome, Via Lungara
September 5, 1902**

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 2) From the context, it should read: *August [not Sept.]* 30. (Mother Mary was on her visitation trip from July 27 – September 22, 1902).
- 3) The large account book which the Cardinal Vicar asked Mother Mary to keep (*like all convents in Rome*), showing exact details of income and expenses (cf., Diary, after Sept. 5, 1894).
- 4) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.
- 5) *S. Coelestina Weber*, **L-3**, fn. 7.
- 6) *Countess Szapary* is probably the person meant here (cf., also Diary, 24.7.01).
- 7) *S. Philomena Raich*, **L-23**, fn. 5. Since she had been superior in Muraszombat from July 1, 1899 to June 8, 1900, she knew the route Mother Mary would take.

J. M. J.

Muraszombat 5/9 1902

Dear Sister Johanna!¹

I would have liked to have a quick answer to my letter of 30/9² and so I have started to write today already – I think the letter will be here tomorrow – I will finish then. “Just change all the German Stamps – otherwise there will be still more loss.” Then, please, as soon as you can, do the account for July and also for August if possible – for the large leger³ (as I always do – I can then translate them – and just copy them) S. Elis.⁴ can help. Go shopping and have a habit made for S. Coelestina.⁵

Her Excellency,⁶ in her 60s, always travels alone, she is very rich and of noble descent – storms at sea don't affect her very much - - - How I expect to travel, S. Filomena⁷ can tell. Thank you for your prayer.

Everything for God! We must work and suffer on earth in order to be happy and really become so. And always advance in perfection – all – therefore also S. Joh. – as well as I in patience – come what may – if God wills that I return!

Faithful spiritual Mother!

To dear Sister
Johanna Cons. Gen.

Rome

**LETTER 61 – to S. Johanna Mai and Sisters, Rome, Via Lungara
September 15, 1902**

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 2) Stimigliano, **L-39**, fn. 3.
- 3) “With the Rev. Brothers” (Mother Mary’s way referring to both, Salvatorian Priests and Brothers); they had a house in Meran which the Sisters later purchased.
- 4) *Fr. Chrysologus Raich*, *Dec. 19, 1860, prof. Oct. 4, 1890; ord. March 10, 1894; left March 17, 1913. From May 24, 1898 onward, he was superior in Meran, also known as the “begging Consulor General” (cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 165; *i.e. E-XVI, p.106*). *Fr. Chrysologus* gave religion classes, accepted vows ... (Diary, Oct. 22, 1894; April 25, 1897, etc.).
- 5) *Fr. Lucian Polomsky*, *Jan. 22, 1881, prof. Oct. 4, 1898, ord. Sept. 19, 1903, left April 5, 1909.
- 6) **Fr. Christophorus Becker**, *Oct. 22, 1875 in Elsoff, Hessen, entered Sept. 21, 1889, prof. Oct. 23, 1891, ord. in Rome on April 17, 1898; around 1901/1902, he was superior in Meran (cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 169; *i.e. E-XVI, p.108, FN; XVI.2, p. 894; not available in English*). He was Apostolic Prefect of the Assam Mission from 1906 to 1921 (cf., Diary, Feb. 17, 1906). In 1915, Priests, Brothers and Sisters had to leave the mission due to World War I. *Fr. Chrystophorus* then went on to found the Missionary Medical Institute in Würzburg. He died there on March 30, 1937.
- 7) *Fr. Thomas Weigang*, **L-5**, fn. 6.
- 8) *Fr. Hilarius, Franciscan*. Mother Mary knew him from Castle Myllendonk and from the St. Barbara Institute (Diary, July 27, 1902). She had previously visited him in Padua during her visitation trip of Sept. 14 to Oct. 23, 1899 (cf., Diary, Oct. 16, 1899).

J. M. J.

Orte 15/9 02

Dear Sisters!¹

I have to wait 3 hours here – I hope my overnight postcard has arrived – and 5½ train to Stimig.² Now the decision is this – if no change = 18/9 = 1 - 56 Tivoli – 21/9 - 3 - 50 Roma sancta.

In Meran it was very edifying – I was first with the Rev. Brs.³ (I spoke to Rev. Fr. Chrysol.⁴ and Lucian,⁵ etc.) They had retreat – I always spoke with Rev. Fr. Sup. Chris.⁶ A pious and fine old Barnabite Sup., etc. brought me to the French Missionaries of Mary in Assisi who said: “we are poor – there was very little.

I saw all the holy places (I took a carriage for the purpose) The Ven. German Sister Superior – formerly Jewish – sends special greetings to Rev. Fr. Thomas⁷ – they entertained me once most kindly (on recommendation of Rev. Fr. Hilarius⁸ – Friar Minor– always with Msgr. von Essen⁹ – often in my St. Barbara, at the Castle with Papa. Great joy at meeting again) On the way, I stayed in Klagenfurt. There 1902, always 3rd class – everything costs no more than in 1901. I hope a coach to Stimigl. – otherwise? ----

Give warmest greetings – esp. to S. Clara,¹⁰ Elisabeth¹¹ and esp. Rev. Fr. Bonaventura¹² – I look forward to meeting again for God – thank you for your prayer – all is well

faithful spiritual Mother Mary

Alla Riverenda Suora

Giovanna – Cons. Gen. Soc. S. Div. Salv.

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Roma

9) **Prelate Ludwig von Essen**, *Nov. 3, 1830. Doctor of Theology in 1853, ordained April 24, 1854. On Jan. 10, 1872, he was assigned to the parish of Neuwerk and became Mother Mary's confessor. Enthusiastic about the missions, he at first worked with Arnold Janssen for the foundation at Steyl but then withdrew. Under his direction, Mother Mary began the St. Barbara Institute in Neuwerk. During Father Jordan's visit to Neuwerk in early July 1882, von Essen made vows for three years in the First Degree of the Apostolic Teaching Society on the condition that he remain parish priest in Neuwerk. In August 1882, he took part in the "Conference of Four" at Munich. After the First Degree changed into a religious community (1883), he became a member of the Second Degree. Prelate von Essen died on Jan. 6, 1886 after a short illness.

10) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1.

11) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.

12) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.



The Salvatorian Fathers' „St. Mary's College“ in Obermais-Meran,
which became the Sisters' „Mater Salvatoris“ Convent
and was later enlarged.

**LETTER 62 – to S. Gertrud Fiedler, Drogens
September 26, 1902**

- 1) *S. Gertrud Fiedler*, **L-7**, fn. 1.
- 2) *S. Valentina Wirth*, **L-58**, fn. 17. She made final vows in Rome on Oct. 5, 1902 (cf., *Diary*, Oct. 5, 1902).



S. Gertrud Fiedler – 1908

J. M. J.

Dear Sister Gertrud!¹

I am really happy, that you are now making a holy retreat – and I hope that you are praying for me as well ----

Rome 26/9 1902 (I enclose a remembrance card for you)

Here, we are praying an Ave for you every day and one for S. Valentina² who is also on holy retreat for perpetual vows here. “Always maintain great and joyful trust.”

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To dear Sister Gertrud
Asst. Sisters of D. Savior

Drogens
Through kindness

LETTER 63 – to S. Gonzaga Foglietti (Colomba)
September 28, 1902

- 1) “Colomba” (Dove) – Colomba Foglietti, *Nov. 21, 1874. She entered in Rome on Dec. 8, 1902 and came from Santa Croce, Diocese Rieti (from where her friend, S. Filippina Coianti had also originated; **L-65**, ftn.s. 14 and 15). As **S. Gonzaga Foglietti**, she made first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1904. S. Gonzaga worked as a nurse for 44 years in Torri. She died in Meran on Feb. 23, 1953, at age 78.

- 2) *S. Filippina Coianti*, **L-23**, ftn. 2.

Translation of the letter from the Italian original

J.M.J.

Rome, September 28, 1902

My dear Colomba,

It was a comfort to receive your good news – and I am happy to be able to tell you that if everything else is satisfactory, we are content with the dowry as you have communicated it to me.

Now, my dear, you would have to send me the answers to the questions. Write to me in all simplicity and complete trust. Then the good Sister Filippina will also do her part. And I trust in Our Lady that I shall soon be able to embrace you as a spiritual daughter. (S. Filippina will have explained everything to you, right?, e.g. that we do not only pray, but must also work to do good to our neighbor – for the love of Jesus.

With all my heart I will pray for you. You pray also, my dear, and place yourself under the protection of our Heavenly Mother.

I enclose a holy picture – and remain, in the Heart of Jesus, dear Colomba,

*Your affectionate
Mother Mary of the Apostles
Sup. Gen., Sisters Div. Savior*

(Via Lungara 112)

G. M. G.

Roma 28/9 1902

Mia cara Colomba,¹

Ho sentito con consolazione delle sue buone notizie – e godo di potere comunicarle che, se tutto il resto non mancherà, per la dote saremo contente, come lei mi comunica. Dovrebbe, mia cara, adesso mandarmi le risposte alle domande --- Scriva mi [con] ogni semplicità e fiducia. Poi la buona Suora Filippina² farà pure il suo. Ed io spero nella Madonna di potere, dopo presto, abbracciarla come figlia spirituale (S^{ra} Fil. le avrà detto tutto, non è vero, p.es. che noi non solamente preghiamo ma pure dobbiamo lavorare per fare il bene al prossimo – per amore di Gesù.

Con tutto cuore pregherò per lei. Preghi pure lei, cara, e si metta sotto la protezione della nostra Madre celeste. Le aggiungo un immagine – e resto, nel cuore di Gesù, cara Colomba,

Vostra affezionata
Madre Maria degli Apostoli
Sup. Gen. S^{re} Div. Salv.

(Via Lungara 112)

LETTER 64 – to S. Rosa Schwarzmann
November 4, 1902

- 1) **S. Rosa Schwarzmann** *June 10, 1874. As Kunigunde Schwarzmann (from Stibarlimbach near Forchheim, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Tivoli on Dec. 5, 1894 and made first vows there on Feb. 5, 1896. Thereafter, she was in Rome. In October 1897, Mother Mary took S. Rosa with her to Tivoli where she stayed for the time being and – as everywhere – made herself useful in housekeeping. In September 1898, she was one of the pioneers of the new foundation in Torri. She made final vows in Rome on Dec. 8, 1902, but remained in Torri until March 1905. She then returned to Rome, remaining there until she was sent to St. Nazianz in January 1906. She worked there for 45 years and died there on Oct. 6, 1951, age 77.
- 2) Cf., Diary, Nov. 29, 1902: for the first time, votes were cast regarding first and final vows. S. Rosa made final vows on Dec. 8, 1902.
- 3) *S. Valentina Wirth*, **L-58**, ftn. 17. After final vows on Oct. 5, 1902, S. Valentina returned to Torri and became 1st assistant there.
- 4) This visit came about only in June 1903 (cf., Diary, June 4, 1903).
- 5) First vows were made there on Nov. 3. Mother Mary always went there on these occasions and afterward took the newly professed back to Rome with her.
- 6) Barbara Scheller, Anna Wurm, Agnes Bauernschmitt (cf., Diary, Oct. 31, 1902); they were invested on Feb. 7, 1903 as S. Petronilla, S. Sofia and S. Melania, and made first vows on Feb. 9, 1904. All three were sent to the USA in 1904 or 1905 (**L-65**, ftn. 4, S. Sofia; **L-75**, ftn. 1, S. Melania and S. Petronilla, **L-35**, ftn. 6).

J. M. J.

Rome 4/11 1902

Dear Sister Rosa,¹

I received your pious request with joy and consolation – Hopefully, we will be able to give you a favorable reply soon. (You do know that also here the consultors have a part in the decision)² Perhaps then I can tell you at the same time when there will be the holy retreat, and when you may come – I look forward to seeing you very much --- Meanwhile, dear Sister, pray very sincerely and continue to do everything for the love of God and, as formerly, to edify the people.

Ven. Father shows great interest in Torri – he says holy Church looks at it with joy especially now.

Because you want it so much and have asked me so often about it “I hereby appoint S. Valentina³ as first assistant” – You will certainly rejoice over her return --- and also --- over the many and beautiful big things she brings with her.

I am already looking forward to visiting you at Christmas⁴ – and also to seeing all that is new there

S. Valentina will tell you how little time I have today – yesterday from Tivoli⁵ – 3 came from Bamberg⁶ – some applications come every day – Pray earnestly for

Your faithful spiritual
Mother Mary of the Ap.

LETTER 65 – to S. Agatha Mangold
November 11, 1902

- 1) *S. Agatha Mangold*, **L-8**, ft. 2.
- 2) *S. Antonia Kreppelt*, **L-28**, ft. 17.
- 3) Cf., **L-64**, ft. 6; Diary, Oct. 15, 1902.
- 4) **S. Sofia Wurm** - *Oct. 22, 1886. As Anna Wurm (from Stappenbach, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Oct. 31, 1902. She was invested there on Feb. 9, 1903 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 9, 1904. In July 1905, S. Sofia was transferred to St. Nazianz where she was one of the most active supports. She died unexpectedly on Dec. 24, 1961 at St. Nazianz, aged 75.
- 5) Parish priest from home.
- 6) Frater Ulrich = Udalricus Tomiczek, born Aug. 9, 1880; ingr. April 20, 1895; prof. April 2, 1899; ord. June 24, 1903; egr. Feb. 28, 1913. (*The German edition lacks this information, due to the difference in name.*)
- 7) *S. Juliana Scheller*, **L-46**, ft. 3.
- 8) *S. Claveria Stadler*, **L-9**, ft. 2.
- 9) There were difficulties there between Salvatorian Priests and Sisters and some left.
- 10) *S. Petronilla Maira*, **L-35**, ft. 6.
- 11) **S. Norberta Bufardeci** *April 25, 1882. As Rosina Bufardeci (from Noto, the district from which S. Simforosa also came), she entered in Rome on Oct. 2, 1902. She made first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 9, 1904. In August 1904, she was sent to Torri but returned one month later as the air there affected her health. However, in March 1905, she was again transferred to Torri. S. Norberta spent

J. M. J.

Rome, 11/11 1902
Via Lungara

Dear Sister Agata,¹

To one of my first Sisters from Bamberg, to whom I so seldom wrote and who often wrote such kind letters to me, I want to send some words today – whatever it takes ---- (S. Antonia² also writes zealously and interestingly, and therefore deserves a note). However, tell her = today I cannot manage it any more and I often wrote to her. –

You, dear Sister, would be happy if you saw the last 4 Bavarians (3 from Bamberg)³ – looking so happy, courageous and strong. Anna Wurm⁴ could count for 30. (They nearly made a foolish journey because, putting aside the travel plan of the pious parish priest⁵, they wanted – incredibly, to reach Rome via the Bodensee, Zurich, (upwards), Chiasso – thanks be to God, a Rev. Frater Ulrich⁶ saved them – and so they arrived safely late in the evening of 31/10, accompanied by the Rev. Brother – Guardian Angel, but two days later than originally announced. (I myself went twice to the station, S. Juliana⁷ 4 times – S. Claveria⁸ 3 times in the night!) ----

There are about 10 asking to enter again – driven by holy desire – the eyes of their minds enlightened as to the illusions of earthly joys (oh, Sister, how I pray for St. Nazianz⁹ – that none of the little lambs called to us by God will be lost – I want to cry when I hear of doubts, however, I can write no more “Mary has helped.”

Here at the moment everything is going along in special peace and holy zeal (you can imagine it) only S. Petronilla¹⁰ is

many years of her religious life there as a kindergarten teacher and organist until she was called to Rome as General Consultor. She died in Rome on May 19, 1928, aged 46.

- 12) Trans: "The young teacher *Rosina* is always content, lively, diligent – she seems like 'a German Italian.'"
- 13) **S. Simforosa (Sinforosa) Garofali** *June 23, 1876. As Maria Nicoletta Garofali (from S. Martino in Pensilis, Diocese Larino), she entered in Tivoli on July 1, 1892 and made first vows there on Dec. 10, 1893. In June 1896, S. Simforosa was transferred to America, first to Milwaukee and later to St. Nazianz where she worked in the laundry and then in the sacristy. She died in St. Nazianz on Jan. 9, 1946, aged 69.
- 14) *S. Filippina Coianti*, **L-23**, ftn. 2.
- 15) *Colomba – S. Gonzaga Foglietti*, **L-63**, ftn. 1.
- 16) **Helene Vaassen** from Rheydt near Mönchengladbach, in the vicinity of Mother Mary's home. Born on Dec. 24, 1866, she entered in Rome on Nov. 21, 1902. There, she was invested on July 1, 1903 as **S. Bonifatia Vaassen**. On July 3, 1904, she made first vows in Tivoli. She renewed vows for 3 years on July 3, 1905 and, on July 24, 1905, traveled with Mother Mary via Liège to Overpelt where she remained and from where she left the Congregation on July 31, 1908.
- 17) **S. Benedikta Weber** *Feb. 24, 1849. As Hulda Weber (from Rheydt near Mönchengladbach) she entered in Rome on Sept. 22, 1900 and made first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1902. She renewed vows for 3 years on Feb. 9, 1905, but was not admitted to final vows and she left the Congregation on Feb. 19, 1908.
- 18) **S. Clotilde Bittner** *April 20, 1883. As Rosalia (Rosa) Bittner (from Mittelstein, Diocese Breslau), she entered in Rome on Dec. 5, 1902 and was invested there on July 1, 1903. On July 3, 1904, she made first vows in Tivoli. After the First General Chapter in 1905, S. Clotilde traveled with the American capitulars to St.

L-65, to S. Agata, November 11, 1902

sickly, as always— *La Maestra giovane: Rosina*¹¹ *è sempre contenta, vivace, diligente – pare “una Italiana tedesca”*¹² (Tell this to S. Sinforosa).¹³

A young friend of S. Filippina¹⁴ is coming soon: Colomba.¹⁵ Then a young friend¹⁶ of S. Benedicta¹⁷ from my immediate home area, then soon a “Rosa”¹⁸ from Silesia, etc., etc. S. Rosalia¹⁹ will make holy vows on 29/11 – we hope!!

Please, dear Sister, pray often for me. – I am very glad that S. Christina²⁰ is doing so well. (I always loved her)

faithful spiritual Mother

Fourth page, left margin:

(S. Bonifazia²¹ will probably have to leave; so it ends.)



S. Gonzaga Foglietti – 1897

Nazianz in January 1906, as it was hoped a change of climate would improve her weak health. But she died a very edifying death on May 21, 1906 in St. Nazianz, at age 23. She was the first Salvatorian Sister to die in the USA.

19) *S. Rosalia Gutschera*, **L-51**, fn. 3.

20) *S. Christina Altmann*, **L-11**, fn. 3.

21) **S. Bonifatia Rother** *Feb. 22, 1873. As Anna Rother (from Ratibor, Upper Silesia), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 26, 1891 and made first vows there on Nov. 30, 1892. In 1894, she went from Tivoli to Rome and attended the Teacher Training Institute. In January 1897, she was sent to Akyab, Burma, returning to Rome at the end of February 1898 when this house was discontinued. In June 1900, she was transferred to Budapest to assume S. Hilaria's work as the latter was assigned to study (cf., Diary, June 22, 1900). On Dec. 28, 1901, instead of making final vows, she made vows for one year (on Father Jordan's instruction). In April 1902, S. Bonifatia went home for a rest. On the expiration of her vows on Dec. 28, 1902, she was dismissed.

S. Rosa Schwarzmann
1897



S. Agatha Mangold
1908

**LETTER 66 – to S. Thecla Ziesel, Drognens
November 12, 1902**

- 1) *S. Thecla Ziesel, L-12*, ftn. 1.
- 2) *S. Rosalia Gutschera, L-51*, ftn. 3.
- 3) *Fr. Thomas Weigang, L-5*, ftn. 6.
- 4) *Br. Didacus Konieczny*, *Dec. 4, 1876; prof. Dec. 13, 1901; left Dec. 13, 1908.
- 5) *Br. Arnold Steigerwald*, *July 2, 1874; prof. Oct. 4, 1902; +Aug. 26, 1924.



Salita Sant'Onofrio
first house to the left:
Motherhouse
purchased 1903

J. M. J.

Rome 12/11 02

Dear Sister Thecla!¹

I do want to write briefly to you – even if only 2 words -
-- I thank God for all the good news from Drogens – Now
pray much for S. Rosalia² who can make her first holy vows on
29/11 ---- Then there is the 8/12 – this most beautiful feast of
holy Church ---- then our foundation feast.

When one thinks of it, now we will soon be 150 Sisters
– and on 8/12 1888 we were 5 – Then I was the first invested
in this holy habit Oh, how merciful God is to us – but why –
what does He want through it? The sanctification of souls,
their salvation ----: How well you especially can fulfill this
purpose. – Patience for your own good - sacrifice for the good
of others – Remain so happy and courageous. Rev. Fr.
Thomas³ also sends you greetings–

(How is Ven. Brother Didacus⁴ doing – my greetings to
him – Ven. Br. Arnold⁵ is now in Lochau.

Please, pray much for your

faithful spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Thecla S. D. S.

Through kindness

**LETTER 67 – to S. Conrada Helg, Milwaukee
March 24, 1903**

- 1) *S. Conrada Helg*, **L-50**, ftm. 1.
- 2) Cf., Diary, March 1, 1900; April 4, 1903, etc.
- 3) E.g. Colomba Foglietti (*S. Gonzaga*), 28 yrs. (**L-63**, ftm. 1; entered Dec. 8, 1902); Louise Pingel (*S. Severa*), 27 yrs. (entered Dec. 13, 1902); Mathilde Hohmann (*S. Natalia*), 33 yrs. (entered Dec. 19, 1902), Maria Wenzel (*S. Eulalia*), 39 yrs. (entered Jan. 9, 1903), Maria Agata Hall (*S. Bibiana*), 27 yrs. (entered Jan. 23, 1903).
- 4) *S. Benedikta (Hulda) Weber* (entered Sept. 22, 1900, **L-65**, ftm. 17); *Helene Vaassen (S. Bonifatia)*, (entered Nov. 21, 1902, **L-65**, ftm. 16); Louise Pingel (*S. Severa*), cf., above; *Katharina Jöbges (S. Sabina)*, (entered Feb. 21, 1903, **L-88**, ftm. 21).
- 5) **S. Bibiana (Agata) Hall** *July 18, 1875. She entered (from Aasen near Donaueschingen, Diocese Freiburg, Baden), in Rome on Jan. 23, 1903 and made first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1904. She was assigned to Vienna in December 1904 and began in the new foundation of Kaisermühlen. By 1906, she was in Drognens. In 1907, she made final vows in Vienna. *S. Bibiana* was superior in various smaller houses. In addition, she worked in the care of children, in home nursing and housework. She suffered from severe asthma, and died of this in Vienna-Hacking on May 10, 1943, aged 68.
- 6) *S. Wyborada Wetzell*, **L-57**, ftm. 3.
- 7) *S. Wyborada Gemperle*, **L-31**, ftm. 21.
- 8) *Helene Vaassen (S. Bonifatia)*, **L-65**, ftm. 16.
- 9) **S. Theodora Steinberg** *Jan. 5, 1867. As Aloysia Steinberg (from Zella near Silberhausen, Diocese Paderborn), she entered in Rome on Oct. 18, 1901, was invested there on Feb. 7, 1902 and made first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 9, 1903. Already on March 4, 1903,

J. M. J.

Rome 24 – 3 – 1903

Dear Sister Conrada!¹

I often think that I have not written to you for a very long time, so I am writing a few words especially to you today. Now, on my part, letters to the dear Sisters are increasingly becoming less. However, if someone has a special question or needs something in particular I will always try to write and will surely write monthly to the superiors.

But I always read all the letters from the Sisters with real interest --- May you all advance toward perfection – and help others to do the same – that alone brings happiness for now and all eternity ----

Here at the moment everything is overcrowded – that means, when women pilgrims come = 6 of us must sleep downstairs in the workroom for as long as they stay² – the postulancy now occupies an entire floor. Among them are now also some older, more educated women³ – God be thanked – very pious.

Already 4 from close to my home⁴ – all at once they take courage – still more wish to come here. The 28 year-old Agata Hall seems to be an especially good one⁵ – half Swiss (S. Wyborada⁶ knows her) – she is very much like the first S. Wyborada⁷ – but healthier, also in mind: always happy and religious-minded – Now she has to teach two young professed sisters how to cook.

Postulant Helene⁸ is master embroiderer – S. Theodora⁹ is doing very well in Switzerland. It was hard for her to have to leave the beloved Motherhouse so soon – however, she is also older and more dependable.¹⁰

she was transferred to Drognens. The superiors sent her to America in autumn 1908 where, at first, she was assigned to do home nursing in Milwaukee. For the last 25 years of her life, she worked in all the household tasks at the Provincial house. S. Theodora died in Milwaukee on July 15, 1946, aged 79.

- 10) S. Theodora: *Jan. 5, 1867.
- 11) S. *Katharina Schubert*, **L-34**, ftn. 33.
- 12) *Fr. Filibert (Felisberto) Schubert*, S. Katharina's brother. He had gone to Brazil on Oct. 12, 1901, now he was getting assistance: Fr. Serapion Ewald arrived in Brazil on April 19, 1903; as 3rd member of the community there arrived on Oct. 9, 1903 Fr. Eucário Merker, newly ordained on Oct. 2, 1903. (**L-49**, ftn. 2,; DSS XVI.2, p. 491 ff. – *i.e. E-XVI, p.272*).

L-67, to S. Conrada, March 24, 1903

How is it going now in your homeland, St. Gallen. -
Please, dear Sister, pray often for me – I often console myself
by saying: “have confidence, the Sisters are praying for you.”

(The Sisters from Bamberg send special greetings to
those from Bamberg who are with you.) Tell S. Katarina¹¹ that
the Rev. Fathers have just left for Brazil to join Rev. Fr. Filib.¹²

I wish you an especially blessed Feast of Easter – Give
special thanks to all who have written to me – and I remain

faithful spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Conrada S. of D. Sav.
Sister of Mercy
Milwaukee



S. Conrada Helg
1938

**LETTER 68 – to S. Xaveria Amrhein, Uniontown
August 18, 1903**

- 1) *S. Xaveria Amrhein*, **L-53**, fn. 9.
- 2) *S. Valeria Behr*, **L-19**, fn. 1.
- 3) Sta Ninfa, Province Trapani, Italy (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 4) *S. Therese Maisinger*, **L-5**, fn. 7.
- 5) **S. Martha Storchenegger** *June 25, 1871. As Barbara Storchenegger (from Janschwil, District Untertoggenburg, Diocese St. Gallen), she entered in Rome and made first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 5, 1896 (as one of the “11 novices still living”). S. Martha was transferred to Capolago on Oct. 3, 1896 and from there (via Rome on July 18, 1899) to Campobello on July 26, 1899. In July 1903, she was sent from Campobello to Sta. Ninfa as superior. When this house was discontinued, she went to Drognens in June 1904 and took over from S. Dominica Vieregg as superior there (**L-16**, fn. 3). Although S. Martha was small of stature, she possessed so much energy and prudence that she was always entrusted with responsible tasks. As a talented seamstress, she practiced her craft along with her office as superior. S. Martha died in Drognens on March 6, 1953, aged 81.
- 6) *S. Crocifissa Arnone*, **L-58**, fn. 15.
- 7) ... *Banausen* (insensitive persons).
- 8) *Rosolini near Noto, Sicily* – the “three dear ones:” *S. Zita Lotti* (*Nov. 1, 1869, entered Sept. 26, 1901, prof. Feb. 9, 1903, cf., Diary); *S. Marcella Wunner* (**L-46**, fn. 2); *S. Hyazintha Leuner* (*Dec. 9, 1874; entered March 22, 1901; prof. Nov. 3, 1902. Cf., Diary).
- 9) *Bishop Giovanni Blandini*, Noto (cf., Diary, June 7, 1903, etc.), visited Father Jordan on June 3, 1903 and wanted to have Sisters and Brothers (cf., DSS XVI.2, p. 473 < i.e. E-XVI, p. 262).
- 10) It is not known which two sick Sisters in Tivoli are meant.

My dear Sister Xaveria!¹

I've been wanting to write you a few words for a long time – but this year I have had to let [*Sisters*] everywhere wait for letters. I thank you very much for your kind letter and also the other good Sisters for theirs. (Regarding your pious cousin, I have already interceded – it was also written to St. Nazianz)

Always thank God that you have come to a place that is really right for you and that they are so happy about you. Until the anxious S. Valeria² can do something with music, etc. there in St. Ninfa³, one must have patience – However, a happy spirit helps in everything ---- only try to preserve this treasure, dear Sister, but first it must take root in the Cross and in adversities – otherwise it is of no help.

S. Therese⁴ has already courageously set about playing the organ and teaching singing. S. Marta⁵ – superior – gives herself with humble courage to the direction of the large convent and its noble occupants – Thank God, S. Crucifissa⁶ keeps the 2 dear *Banausen* in tow,⁷ as she writes, in all humility. The 3 dear ones in Rosolini⁸ are also doing so well – We have again been offered 2 good foundations in Sicily⁹ –

Now, dear Sister, I ask you to earnestly pray for my 2 dear sick spiritual children in Tivoli¹⁰ – It saddens everyone – 25 Sisters are there – Thank God, there was more hope yesterday – Also I ask, my dear happy one, an Ave for my safe arrival in Rome, on 10/9 – Crosses are certainly necessary for us.

Your faithful spiritual Mother

**LETTER 69 – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome, Via Lungara
August 27, 1903**

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 2) *S. Theodora Steinberg*, **L-67**, fn. 9.
- 3) Siviriez, at that time the main post office for Drognens.
- 4) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 5) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, fn. 1.
- 6) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26** fn. 1. She was probably at home.
- 7) The successor to Fr. Otto Vogt (**L-31**, fn. 14) as superior in Freiburg, Switzerland was *Fr. Guerrikus Bürger*, *Sept. 14, 1869, prof. Oct. 4, 1897, ord. June 2, 1901, +Aug. 2, 1961.
- 8) “Ilanz Nuns”, **L-32**, fn. 4.
- 9) *S. Dominica Viereg*, **L-16**, fn. 3.
- 10) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.
- 11) *S. Christina Altmann*, **L-11**, fn. 3.
- 12) *S. Columba Kohlmann*, **L-13**, fn. 2.
- 13) *S. Martha Storchenegger*, **L-58**, fn. 5.
- 14) *S. Crocifissa Arnone*, cf., p. 196, fn. 15.
- 15) *S. Valeria Behr*, **L-19**, fn. 1; *S. Theodora Steinberg*, **L-67**, fn. 9.
- 16) The move into the new (community-owned) house: Salita Sant’Onofrio 11 (cf., Diary, April 3; June 12; Aug. 3; Sept. 15; Sept. 27, 1903). Cf., Appendices: Foundations).

J. M. J.

St. Nicolas 27/8 03

Dear Sister Johanna,¹

Today, I am encouraged to write to you again. I myself am going to the post with S. Theodora² this morning – will anything have arrived? – 5/4 hrs. to go there – to Sivrize³ – then to the parish priest – then ½ hr. return (the letter: marked “urgent” lay there undisturbed since yesterday – they had not delivered it -, they don’t know German: “*pressée*” Now, thank God – I can quickly answer – However, first of all, dear Sister, a belated nameday greeting in writing: “I wish you with all my heart every blessing, all true happiness, much strength to practice the virtues and fulfill all duties.

I very much wish – seriously – to hear – tomorrow; whether my letter of 17/8 to Rev. Fr. Bonaventura⁴ – to you, S. Bonaventura,⁵ and to another Sister – to Tivoli – and, 5thly, a letter from her to me have not arrived --- I am not going to Vienna and Pest (and Vienna), as you all know – for I have a return ticket etc. – if necessary to go there = in October – I’ve now decided to go to Lucerne on 1/9 in the morning – first to the Swiss S. Clara⁶ – then ---- otherwise sleep – 2/9 – 10½ a.m. from Lucerne to Chiasso – in the evening Red Cross – good and German there – to Milan in the morning – about 1 o’clock to Torri – 6¼ = 4/9 arrive in the morning – 7/9 to Tivoli – 10/9 to Rome – Please, communicate all the news, also, most respectfully, to Rev. Fr. Bonaventura ----- (I found it too bitterly cold to leave here at 3 o’clock in the night for Chiasso – in open carriage)

In Freiburg, I was also with the Most Rev. Bishop = General Vicar: Sellornio – very good – Rev. Superior S.D.S.⁷ had gone to Rüte – but I saw all the dear good Rev. Frs. there – and visited the Ilanz nuns⁸ (with S. Dominica)⁹ = I was glad to have communicated all the news from S. Elisabeth¹⁰ ----

S. Cleofa Rupp *March 20, 1868. As Anna Rupp (from Fraulautern, Diocese Trier), she entered in Rome on Oct. 23, 1895 and made first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1897. On Dec. 26, 1899, S. Cleofa was transferred to the Theresienhospital in Vienna. She worked as a nurse and was superior in various houses for a long time. S. Cleofa died in Vienna-Hacking on Oct. 14, 1946, aged 78.

17) **L-59**, ftn. 4.

18) *S. Fabiola Kerzel*, **L-58**, ftn. 12.

19) *S. Bernarda Mathieu*, **L-34**, ftn. 9.

20) Postulants: *Vincenza Fiaccaventi* (*S. Emmanuela*, entered June 23, 1903); *Elise Kinzer* (*S. Blanche*), *Katharina Broenneke* (*S. Berchmans*) and *Johanna Reichert* (*S. Enrika*). **L-52**, ftns. 1, 2.

L-69, to S. Johanna, August 27, 1903

I had good news from St. Nazianz – from Luxemburg [WI] somewhat better news – but S. Christina¹¹ vomited blood badly – but she is returning, also S. Columba¹² – S. Christ., they say, is pretty well now – let us pray

From Sta. Ninfa, S. Marta¹³ wrote good news in general, S. Crucifissa¹⁴ very fine: that she is happy, healthy – also, that the Administration is satisfied with Sisters Valeria¹⁵ and Theod. – with the music, embroidery, etc. why they are not happy, esp. S. Valeria!

S. Valeria wrote without courage as always – it is a misery, otherwise she wrote well (I will surely show these 3 letters to Rev. Fr. Bonaventura later) – I should come as soon as possible – may God grant it – If only, dear Sister, the moving in was finally completed¹⁶ – I look forward to it –

S. Cleofa¹⁷ when she can make perpetual vows – I regret I still don't know.

Pray please, for a good return journey, i.e., according to God's holy will (I do not know, why my sister does not send anything, I imagine the end of Sept.¹⁸) all 10.000 etc. together = I thank for all the letters, also S. Fabiola¹⁹ and 2 [from] S. Bernarda²⁰ and the postulants²¹ – Pray always – also in community for all our concerns.

Let us always reverence the cross – then love and joyousness come by themselves. Most motherly greetings to all (I wrote every 8 days – regarding the letter, God permitted it)

The Sisters here also send greetings –

faithful spiritual Mother

LETTER 70 – to S. Xaveria Amrhein
February 23, 1904

- 1) *S. Xaveria Amrhein, L-53, ftn. 9.*



S. Xaveria Amrhein (l) and S. Magdalen Franke

J. M. J.

Rome 23 - 2 - 04

Dear Sister Xaveria!¹

Thank you for your dear letter – but remain truly happy and courageous. The mistakes of others should only be an incentive and a warning for us – Pray for me. I am also happy, however, that you are becoming more serious – stronger and more mature – and thus more useful.

May these thoughts be a consolation to you.

Your loving

faithful spiritual Mother

To dear

S. Xaveria

LETTER 71 – S. Xaveria Amrhein
Feast of St. Mark (April 25) 1904

- 1) Judging by content, it must have been April 25, 1905. (S. Coelestina was sick in 1905, and the candidates from Großlangheim entered only in December 1904.)
- 2) *S. Xaveria Amrhein*, **L-53**, fn. 9.
- 3) *S. Coelestina Weber*, **L-3**, fn. 7; Diary, April 30, 1905, late entry for March 1. S. Coelestina went to the Clinic on March 1, and on April 30, 1905 she went home.
- 4) *Barbara Huber* and *Kunigunde Baus*; entered Dec. 17, 1904 and were invested July 3, 1905 with the names S. Rufina Huber and S. Nicoletta Baus (cf., Diary).
- 5) S. – Candidate Baus

J. M. J.

Rome St. Mark 1904¹

Dear Sister Xaveria!²

Oh how happy I am that you are back again in dear Uniontown – and healed – oh this operation – thank God that you have been spared from it – S. Coelestina³ is still in the Clinic = also here she has to wear a small steel corset around her body – The two from Großlangheim⁴ are cheerful and good – S. - Cand.⁵ - Banus (?) also shows promise of being good.

Now, cheer up, dear S. Xaveria. May St. Xavier always encourage and console you!

Your faithful spiritual Mother

Dear Sister
Xaveria S. D. S.

**LETTER 72 – to S. Bonaventura Zenker, Tivoli
July 12, 1904**

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker*, **L-2**, fn. 1.
- 2) The reference is to the *newly professed*: Ss. Bonifatia Vaassen, Clotilde Bittner, Gonzaga Foglietti, Severa Pingel, Natalia Hohmann, Afra Hanusch, Eulalia Wenzel, Bibiana Hall, Priska Vaasen, Florentina Dengler, Galla Linz, Irene Wilpert, Sabina Jöbges (cf., Diary, July 3, 1904) who, after making profession in Tivoli, went to Rome with Mother Mary. Cf., in contrast to what is said in this letter, Mother Mary's complaint of how "immature the novices returned to Rome after a year in Tivoli" (cf., DSS XVI.2, p. 549; *i.e. E-XVI. p. 299*; letter of Feb. 19, 1904).
- 3) **S. Magdalena Franke** *Dec. 22, 1879. As Augusta Franke (from Sundern, Diocese Paderborn), she entered in Rome on May 7, 1901 and made first vows on Nov. 3, 1902 in Tivoli. S. Magdalena was transferred to Luxembourg, WI, in June 1903, and later worked as teacher and superior in various parish schools. She spent the last years of her life in St. Nazianz. She went to Rome in 1956 as a witness in the Beatification process of Mother Mary. S. Magdalena died in St. Nazianz on Sept. 27, 1962, at the age of 83.
- 4) **S. Isabella Poller** *May 26, 1861. As Magdalena Poller (from Munich), she entered in Rome on Dec. 30, 1903 and made first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1905. She was sent to Drognens in August 1905. She did housework there and in other houses. S. Isabella died in Passau, Donauhof, on June 1, 1928 at the age of 67.
- 5) *S. Coelestina Weber*, **L-3**, fn. 7.
- 6) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5; DSS XVI.2, pp. 526f.; *i.e. E-XVI, p. 227, FN 38*, where his illness and exhaustion are mentioned.

J. M. J.

Rome 12 - 7 - 04

My beloved Sister Bonaventura!¹

In spirit I will be in Tivoli for the Feast of the great St. Bonaventura with little Sister Bonaventura who is full of good will, is good and zealous – I will pray for you for an increase in grace and enlightenment and holy steadfastness in doing good (It may make you happy when I tell you: “The 13 Sisters² give us – me much more holy joy. I will gladly offer holy Communion for you, dear Sister -----

I thank S. Magdalena³ wholeheartedly for the nice letter ---- S. Isabella⁴ --- Again, several are asking to enter. Hopefully, S. Coelestina⁵ will prepare a really enjoyable day on 14/7.

Best wishes to all dear Sisters

Your faithful spiritual Mother

Page 4, above:

All Sisters join me in sending greetings ----
(Rev. Fr. Bonav.⁶ goes out a little again)

**LETTER 73 – to S. Conrada Helg, Milwaukee
October 28, 1904**

- 1) From the facts given here, the date must be Oct. 28, **1903** (the vows: S. Conrada made first vows on Feb. 20, 1898, final vows on Feb. 20, **1904**) S. Clara Krauer went to America on March 9, 1904 (cf., Diary) and could, therefore, not have sent greetings from Rome on Oct. 28, 1904.
- 2) *S. Conrada Helg*, **L-50**, fn. 1.
- 3) S. Conrada made first vows on Feb. 20, 1898, but she renewed them on Nov. 21, 1899 and 1900 (cf., Diary); so she had to renew vows to cover the period Nov. 21, 1903 to Feb. 20, 1904 in order then to correspond with the first vows, and to make final vows on Feb. 20, 1904.
- 4) Cf., Diary, Nov. 29, 1902.
- 5) *S. Clara Krauer*, **L-26**, fn. 1.
- 6) *S. Engelberta Weinmann* (**L-47**, fn. 17). When this letter was written, S. Engelberta was superior in Milwaukee; so the final and only partly legible word could be “give news” or, at least, have such a meaning.

J. M. J.

Rome 28/10 04¹

Dear Sister Conrada,²

Your nice little letter gave me much joy – and I gladly accede to your pious request regarding your holy vows: i.e., “To renew 21/11 until 20/2 04³ then I hope to send you permission for final holy vows beforehand (the Consulta must first take place⁴)

Pray much for us also at your renewal (This must take place before a priest and in the presence of S. Superior – i.e. always public – then it is correct according to the Church = a Sister may not be one day without vows – then 20/2 04 solemnly – Everyone, including S. Clara⁵ send you warmest greetings – but esp.

Your faithful spiritual
Mother Mary of the Ap.

S. Engelberta⁶
will [?] from here

To dear Sister
Conrada S. Sisters D. S.
Milwaukee
Through kindness

**LETTER 74 – to S. Victoria Steuer, St. Nazianz
December 7, 1904**

- 1) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, ftn. 5.
- 2) *S. Victoria Steuer*, **L-13**, ftn. 1.
- 3) Sisters Mechtildis Klug, Felicitas Minges, Edmunda Krause, Petronilla Scheller, Florentina Dengler, Severa Pingel, Galla Linz, Melania Bauernschmitt, Aloysia Burkhardt, Leonia Gabriel, and Innocenza Stahl left for Watertown, WI on Nov. 4, 1904 (cf., Diary).
- 4) Rochetti near Torri (cf., Diary, Oct. 15, 1904); it seems this foundation came to nothing, as it is not mentioned again.
- 5) Cf., Diary, Nov. 21, 1904.
- 6) Vienna-Kaisermühlen (cf., Diary, December 6, 1904; Appendices: Foundations).
- 7) Cf., Diary, Dec. 6, 1904.
- 8) Owing to the visit of her sisters and the other pilgrims.
- 9) *S. Engelberta Weinmann*, **L-47**, ftn. 17.
- 10) *S. Franziska Kupfer*, **L-28**, ftn. 18.
- 11) **S. Adelheid Clemenz** *July 31, 1875. As Kunigunde Clemenz (from Sautenreuth, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Jan. 23, 1895 and made first vows in Tivoli on April 24, 1896. S. Adelheid was transferred to America in March 1897, at first to Milwaukee where she was assigned to nursing. While carrying out this work, she contracted her final illness. S. Adelheid died in St. Nazianz on Dec. 2, 1914, aged 39.
- 12) *S. Apollonia Brehm*, **L-4**, ftn. 1.

P. b. J. Chr.

Dictated to S. Elis.¹
Rome, 7. XII. 04

Dear Sister Viktoria²

From a motherly heart I wish you happiness and blessing for the holy feast of Christmas and the New Year. Please give these wishes in my name also to all the other dear Sisters who often asked me for letters. –

Good Sister! I don't remember having received requests from you otherwise you would certainly have received the answers you needed from me. I had already noted everything that had to be done before my Visitation trip in August.

Since my return, I have had no free moment left.

- 1) 11 Sisters to America.³
- 2) a new foundation to be inspected⁴
- 3) 10 days holy retreat
- 4) relocate the entire novitiate here from Tivoli which involved much contact with important persons, cardinals, etc.⁵
- 5) Investiture and vows.
- 6) 2nd foundation in Vienna.⁶
- 7) Women pilgrims, including my own sisters from far away.⁷

And all this in less than a month. Today, dear Sister, I had planned to write to you myself, as I want to from time to time; right now, however, that has been made impossible due to very special circumstances.⁸ Please, let me know once again what you need and I will let you have the necessary reply.

Times have changed, my dear. Now, sometimes 20 letters arrive in one day, needing a reply. As our Congregation is growing, our spirit of sacrifice must also increase and a true

- 13) *S. Simforosa Garofali*, **L-65**, ftn. 13.
- 14) *S. Agata Mangold*, **L-8**, ftn. 2.
- 15) **S. Cunitrudis Richardt** *March 20, 1860. As Franziska Richardt (from Niederorschl near Worbig, Diocese Paderborn), she entered in Tivoli on Feb. 2, 1894 and made her first vows there on April 5, 1895. In February 1899, she was sent to St. Nazianz. She worked there as a cook at Salvatorian Seminary. S. Cunitrudis died in St. Nazianz on Nov. 28, 1935, aged 75.
- 16) **S. Anna Albrecht** *Dec. 29, 1857. As Bertha Albrecht (from Langnau, Diocese Olmütz, Silesia), she entered in Tivoli on April 29, 1892 and made first vows there on May 30, 1893. She went to Milwaukee in November 1895 and was superior for those Sisters who went from Milwaukee to begin the new foundation in St. Nazianz (cf., Diary, Sept. 5; Oct. 28, 1896). When Uniontown was begun in August 1897, S. Anna went along to direct the housekeeping. She died in Columbus on Oct. 18, 1919, aged 62 years.
- 17) *S. Leopoldina Koberna*, **L-24**, ftn. 3.
- 18) **S. Andrea Grimm** *Nov. 22, 1872. She entered in Rome on Nov. 13, 1895 (on Nov. 12, according to the Diary) and made first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 8, 1897. At first, S. Andrea moved back and forth between Rome and Tivoli (cf., Diary, April 25; Oct. 1, 1897). In July 1898, she was sent to Milwaukee, where she was first assigned to do home nursing. She had to give up this work due to poor health, and she then helped with household tasks in St. Nazianz as far as she was able. S. Andrea died in St. Nazianz on March 19, 1935, at the age of 62.

L-74, to S. Viktoria, December 7, 1904

heartfelt love must unite us closely, so that no mistrust or offence can take root among us. - All Sisters should still receive a holy card from me by the way. You will already have received some through S. Engelb.⁹

We shall not see much of the important Feast of the Immaculate Conception; this also is a sacrifice for us and for the many visitors here. Remain courageous and greet all the Sisters for me: Sisters Franziska,¹⁰ Adelheid,¹¹ Apollonia,¹² Simforosa,¹³ Agatha,¹⁴ Kunitrud,¹⁵ Anna,¹⁶ Leopoldina,¹⁷ Andrea¹⁸ and do pray for

[Handwriting of Mother Mary:]

Your faithful spiritual
Mother Mary

To dear Sister
Viktoria – S. of the Div. Sav.
St. Nazianz
Through kindness

LETTER 75 – to S. Melania Bauernschmitt
January 7, 1905

- 1) **S. Melania Bauernschmitt** *March 4, 1886. As Agnes Bauernschmitt (from Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Oct. 31, 1902 and made her first vows in Tivoli on Feb. 9, 1904. She went to Watertown, WI (cf., Diary, Nov. 4, 1904) on Nov. 4, 1904, where she did household duties. She died in Milwaukee on Feb. 14, 1967, aged 80.
- 2) The Sisters renewed their vows on Feb. 13, 1905.
- 3) **L-74**, fn. 3. These Sisters had traveled to America with S. Melania and had written from there.



S. Melania Bauernschmitt

J. M. J.

Rome 7/1
1905

Dear Sister Melania!¹

I give you permission to renew your vows for 1 year.²
Thank everyone³ for the nice letters – They brought me much
consolation – so, work hard, be serious and obedient and pray
for

faithful spiritual Mother

To dear
S. Melania
Sisters of the D. Sav.

LETTER 76 – to S. Apollonia Brehm
February 24, 1905

- 1) *S. Apollonia Brehm*, **L-4**, ftm. 1.
- 2) *S. Lioba Uebler*, **L-28**, ftm. 16; she was superior in St. Nazianz at the time of this letter.
- 3) **S. Eugenia Ludwig** *Aug. 21, 1879. As Maria Barbara Ludwig (from Forchheim), she entered in Rome on Nov. 26, 1903 and made first vows there on Feb. 9, 1905. She was sent to Vienna on Oct. 1, 1905. S. Eugenia was a nurse and cared for the wounded in both World Wars. She died in Berlin-Waidmannslust on Oct. 15, 1944 at the age of 65.
- 4) **S. Calista Ulrich** *March 9, 1875. As Anna Maria Ulrich (from Geiselwind, Diocese Bamberg), she entered in Rome on Nov. 6, 1903 and made first vows there. On Feb. 12, 1908, she renewed her vows for three years and was transferred to the USA. She left the Congregation from St. Nazianz on Feb. 12, 1911.
- 5) *S. Sofia Wurm*, **L-65**, ftm. 4.
- 6) *Marie Kohlmann* arrived in Rome on May 16, 1905 (cf., Diary).
- 7) *S. Marcella Wunner*, **L-46**, ftm. 2.
- 8) Rosolini, Province Trapani, Sicily (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 9) *S. Agatha Mangold*, **L-8**, ftm. 2.
- 10) *S. Franziska Kupfer*, **L-28**, ftm. 18.
- 11) *S. Victoria Steuer*, **L-13**, ftm. 1.
- 12) *S. Andrea Grimm*, **L-74**, ftm. 18.
- 13) *S. Anna Albrecht*, **L-74**, ftm. 16.

P. b. J. Chr.

Dictation!
Rome, 24. II. 1905

My dear Sister Apollonia!¹

Now, how are you getting along? I have not received a letter from you for such a long time. So I shall have to get ahead of you; I also think that I have written to you only once. But good S. Lioba² will have shared news from the general letters.

Now we have here again 2 newly professed Sisters from Bamberg: S. Eugenia Ludwig³ and S. Calista Ulrich.⁴ S. Sofia Wurm⁵ from your home area has become quite hefty here. The sister of S. Columba⁶ has now been accepted here again.

How is your family? Your dear old mother? Is she still in good health? And your brothers and sisters? I have not heard any more about them all for a long time. I would really like to know how everything is there and whether you still receive many letters from them? Is your mother now really content?

Our good S. Marcella Wunner⁷ in Rosolini⁸ sends us interesting letters very often and asks about everyone, especially those from her home area. She has 100 small children in the school now and is said to be really perfect in Italian as well as in Sicilian.

Handwriting of Mother Mary

Everything is fine – however, as you know, we must make an effort toward perfection in virtue This one can do through everything – work, study, but especially through endurance, humility and faithfulness in everything.

- 14) *S. Leopoldina Koberna*, **L-24**, ftn. 3.
- 15) *S. Adelheid Clemenz*, **L-74**, ftn. 11.
- 16) *S. Simforosa Garofali*, **L-65**, ftn. 13.
- 17) *S. Cunitrudis Richardt*, **L-74**, ftn. 15.

L-76, to S. Apollonia, February 24, 1905

Give my warmest greetings also to: S. Agata,⁹
S. Franziska,¹⁰ Viktoria,¹¹ Andrea,¹² Anna,¹³ Leopoldina,¹⁴
Adelheid,¹⁵ Simforosa,¹⁶ Cunitrud¹⁷ – May we do everything +
offer ourselves up for Jesus

Faithful spiritual Mother Mary

To dear
S. Apollonia
S.of D.Sav.



S. Apollonia Brehm

LETTER 77 – to S. Leonia Gabriel, Luxembourg, WI, USA
June 6, 1905

- 1) *S. Leonia Gabriel*, **L-55**, ftn. 1.
- 2) The Sisters who began in Luxembourg, WI, in the summer of 1902: *S. Christina Altmann* (she had passed the English exam already on Sept. 22, 1902, and worked in a State school); *S. Liboria Hansknecht* as superior and, at the same time, teacher in the elementary school, together with *S. Columba Kohlmann*, and *S. Lidwina Diegmann*, cook.
- 3) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, ftn. 5.

J. M. J.

Rome 6/6 05

Dear Sister Leonia!¹

I wish you and all the dear Sisters² the fullness of the gifts of the holy Spirit = if someone feels unhappy, there is always a lack of light, strength or piety = oh, only have trust and fidelity!!! Your faithful

spiritual Mother Mary of the Ap.

Another handwriting:

To dear

S. Leonia

S. of D. Sav.

Luxembourg

Thank you also very much for your kind letter to me. It made me happy. S. Elis.³

LETTER 78 – to S. Carolina Dingler
June 26, 1905

- 1) *S. Carolina Dingler*, L-3, ftn. 1.
- 2) Maybe it was the plan to send Brothers to Brazil but, as can be seen from DSS XVI.2, p. 294; (*i.e.E-XVI, p. 273*) and other references, Father Jordan could not send either priests or brothers to Brazil, since the mission in Assam took precedence. Only at the end of August 1907, did a priest, originally destined for Assam, choose to go to Brazil. “So now there were four there, 3 priests and 1 brother (DSS XVII.1, pp. 87f; *i.e.E-XVII, p. 49*; there is no note regarding the date on which this brother arrived).
- 3) The reference is to the four candidates: Anna Iglä (S. Thaddäa), Anna Albrecht (S. Domitilla), Anna Maiß (S. Pudentiana), Anastasia Schebestik (S. Bartholomäa). Cf., Diary, May 14; July 3; Nov. 3, 1905.

J. M. J.

Rome 26/6 1905

Dear Sister Carolina!¹

With thanks for all the dear Sisters' letters, I am sending a few words to you since I have not written to you for a long time. No doubt you are still the sacristan and so you especially will enjoy if I tell you about a celebration in St. Peter's which touched me deeply.

“At the close of the Eucharistic Congress on 6/6, St. Peter's was completely full, all religious, in particular, were allowed in freely; the Holy Father was carried through St. Peter's while kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, holding the monstrance - He was followed by about 80 cardinals and prelates (wonderful singing – many cried, they were so moved)” = oh Sister = remain faithful to Jesus, the holy Church, in sorrow, work and death = 2 lay brothers are now going to Brazil² – likewise have zeal and courage – 4 young women from Silesia were confirmed in St. Peter's – they wore white veils ----

Before the Blessed Sacrament we are and remain united, Your faithful

spiritual Mother Mary of the Apostles

Another handwriting:

To dear

Sister Carolina

Procurator

S. of Div. Savior

(Through kindness)

**LETTER 79 – to S. Dominica Vieregg, Rome, Motherhouse
July 1905**

- 1) *S. Dominica Vieregg*, (L-16, ftn. 3). At this period, 1905, S. Dominica was 3rd General Consultor and local superior in Rome. As Mother Mary left on July 24 (for Liège, Overpelt, Castle Myllendonk ...) and returned to Rome only on September 5, she wrote a nameday greeting to S. Dominica before the trip and left it in Rome for her.



S. Dominica Vieregg - 1905

J. M. J.

Rome July 1905

Dear Sister Dominica!¹

With all my heart, I wish you many blessings and graces on the feast of your holy nameday patron. I am writing my greeting in Rome already – because I could easily forget to do it at the beginning of the journey. I will pray much for you on 4/8 – so that Jesus may strengthen you with holy courage to take upon yourself all the crosses destined for you = both interior and exterior ones, needed to achieve our destiny, and to accept them joyfully with love for God -.

United in God's will

Your faithful spiritual Mother Mary

**LETTER 80 – to S. Xaveria Amrhein, Uniontown
July 22, 1905**

- 1) *S. Xaveria Amrhein*, L-53, ftn. 9.
- 2) *S. Crescentia Bebel*, L-22, ftn. 5.



Cato Gijbels (S. Alexandra) – 1905
The first Belgian Candidate

J. M. J.

Rome 22/7 1905

Dear Sister Xaveria¹

Just now, S. Krezenia,² came and asked me to write to you: do you still have the treasure which she sent along with you?

Now, my first question: How is your health, dear Sister – please, tell me exactly how you feel – I was very anxious. Here the health of everyone is quite a bit better now.

All Sisters send you sisterly greetings especially

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To dear S.
Xaveria Amrhein
S.of D.S.
Uniontown

**LETTER 81 – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome, Motherhouse
August 21, 1905**

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 2) **Cato** (Catharina) Gijbels (Gybels - Gybbels), *Dec. 25, 1884, from Hamont, Diocese Liège, the first candidate from Belgium (cf., Diary, July 30, 1905). As **S. Alexandra Gijbels**, she made first vows on July 4, 1907 and later worked in Belgium. She died at Hasselt, May 9, 1939, age 54.
- 3) As Mother Mary went with S. Irmengardis from Overpelt to Castle Myllendonk and planned to make other visits, she wanted to meet Cato in Overpelt on her way back. She planned to travel with her to Drognens for the visitation. From there she would go by way of Milan to Torri, also to make the visitation (cf., Diary, July 30, 1905). She was considering whether or not to let Cato go alone from the station at Stimigliano to Rome.
- 4) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.
- 5) Parents of S. Irmengardis Lindgen (cf., Diary, July 30, 1905).
- 6) Mother Mary mentioned this because S. Johanna came from this area (Silberhausen, Province Saxony, Diocese Paderborn).
- 7) Corschenbroich, Municipality of Castle Myllendonk
- 8) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 9) **S. Irmengardis Lindgen** *Nov. 20, 1881. As Elisabeth Lindgen (from Buer-Resse, Diocese Münster), she entered in Rome on Dec. 5, 1901 (according to the Diary, on Nov. 26, 1901) and made first vows in Tivoli on March 7, 1903. In December 1904, she was transferred to the new foundation of Overpelt where she worked as a nurse. S. Irmengardis died in Hasselt on Dec. 23, 1944, aged 63.

Handwriting of Mother Mary

J. M. J.

Overpelt 21/8 1905

Dear Sister Johanna,¹

I have just arrived here – therefore I am dictating –
Hearty greetings for your holy nameday – I am thinking of
leaving on Wednesday 23/8 --- I will see if Cato² can go from
Stimigliano to Rome³ – a pity she is not here yet – she comes
tomorrow 22/8 ----

Dictation

I am looking forward to seeing you all again. S.
Elisabeth⁴ will have received my letter of 18/8 by now. To
console you on your nameday, I can tell you that St. Joseph
sent much money while I was with the 1st dear pious, rich
Lindgen⁵ Family so that, besides, they had to give me a new
purse for it. Her [*Their?*] brother had to drive us in a coach a
whole day from one noon to the next to see everything and also
to attend a large banquet, etc.

You will also be happy when I tell you that I saw nuns
from Heiligenstadt⁶ in a hospital.

The whole family from Castle Myllendonk came together
again at my cousin Hugo von Wüllenweber's at Corschenbruk⁷
from Saturday until today. There I sent a nun from Ikendorf a
special blessing, the sister of Rev. Fr. Bonaventura,⁸ medals, etc.
Please show this little letter to Rev. Fr. Bonaventura, S. Elisabeth.

Handwriting of Mother Mary

Please reply to the last letter (from S. Elis.) = how long, etc.
Pray much during the journey for

faithful spiritual Mother

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Regarding Cato – They liked Sister Irmengard⁹ a lot

**LETTER 82 – to S. Blanche Kinzer, St. Nazianz
September 26, 1905**

- 1) *S. Blanche Kinzer*, **L-52**, ftns. 1, 2; at this time, S. Blanche was in St. Nazianz.
- 2) *S. Lioba Uebler, superior*, **L-28**, ftn. 16; **L-53**, ftn. 2.
- 3) Wilhelm Schulte, the great industrialist, who employed workers from the settlement in his factory and built a large church for them, showed himself also as a benefactor to the Sisters in that he had a small convent built for them near the church and donated it to them. He also built them a lovely, practical school. (cf., Diary, Jan. 12; July 30, 1905).



Overpelt, Belgium - 1913

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Rome 26 / 9 / 05

My dear S. Blanca!¹

I am sorry that I cannot send you permission for the renewal of your vows before the agreement of Ven. Sister Superior² and her assistants arrives. --

I hope you are doing much good there and that you will soon write about your work and your intentions. We are happy anywhere if we are where God wants us to be, and if we expect happiness and peace from Him alone.

I still want to tell you how much consolation I had in Overpelt from the zealous Sisters, their homey little convent with a tabernacle, and the generous factory owner.³ (They have a school, a room for the sick – also a cow and pigs --- A faithful people.

Please pray for your

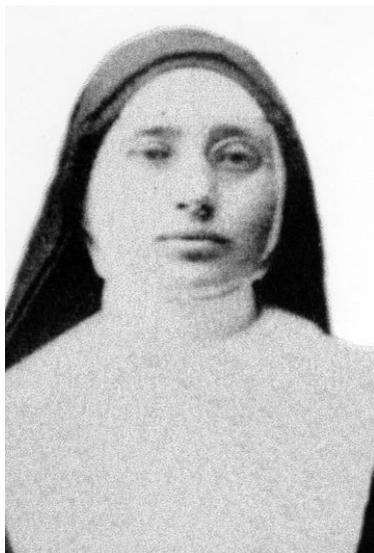
faithful spiritual Mother



S. Blanche Kinzer

**LETTER 83 – to S. Hieronyma Schmerbeck, Milwaukee
January 5, 1906**

- 1) *S. Hieronyma Schmerbeck*, **L-45**, fn. 1.
- 2) *S. Conrada Helg*, **L-50**, fn. 1.
- 3) *S. Antonia Kreppelt*, **L-28**, fn. 17.
- 4) In December, Mother Mary and a Hungarian Sister, *S. Praxedis Regula*, attended the episcopal consecration of the Hungarian Count Zichy in the Vatican (cf., *Diary*, Dec. 8, 1905; *S. Praxedis*, **L-92**, fn. 3).
- 5) *S. Walburga Sieghart*, **L-54**, fn. 5.



S. Hieronyma Schmerbeck - 1908

J. M. J.

Rome 5 - 1 - 06

Dear Sister Hieronima!¹

Hereby I appoint you as first assistant in Milwaukee – The 2nd is S. Conrada² (According to the Rule, you elect the procurator there.) Thank you for your punctual news, during the journey. (You surely have done much good.)

Since the Chapter, dear one, I sit daily among cares and written work (S. Antonia,³ who took nothing with her! also causes me many worries = Oh, let us pray as one – We again received the blessing of the Holy Father (i.e., I) = at New Year at the Episcopal consecration of Count Zichy⁴

(Our parish of Sto. Spirito came under St. Peter's on 1/1 – so we are now St. Peter's children! I pray for you every day – also the *Ave Maris Stella*

It is impossible for me to write more, I also have a bad cold. You, dear one, gave me much joy here – How is S. Walburga⁵ and the other sick ones – For today I can only send you all most motherly greetings and sincerely ask for prayers.

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To dear Sister
Hieronima – 1st Assistant
Milwaukee

LETTER 84 – to S. Leonia Gabriel, Watertown, USA
January 5, 1906

- 1) *S. Leonia Gabriel* (**L-55**, fn. 1). S. Leonia made first vows on Feb. 9, 1903 (for one year), renewed them on Feb. 8, 1904 and on Feb. 9, 1905, like her companions (cf., Diary, Feb. 9, 1905: S. Benedikta and six other professed Sisters). S. Leonia was in Luxembourg, WI, where she had been transferred in November 1904, and was now asking for renewal of vows (for three years) on Feb. 9, 1906.
- 2) Mother Mary refers to: *Anna Iгла* (S. Thaddäa) from Imielin, Silesia, and *Anastasia Schebestik* (S. Bartholomäa) from Silesia (cf., Diary, March 17 and 26, 1905; **L-78**, fn. 3). Both these candidates were, however, invested on Nov. 26, 1905. Therefore, Mother Mary had either made a mistake and meant the two new novices from Silesia, or she had intentionally written ‘candidates,’ as S. Leonia had known them as such from her home.
- 3) **S. Eleonora Wetzel** *Sept. 27, 1869. As Elise Wetzel (from Bräunlingen, Diocese Freiburg), she entered in Rome on Dec. 5, 1901 and made first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1903. S. Eleonora was transferred to St. Nazianz in March 1904. She later worked as house sister in various communities in the USA, and died in St. Nazianz on June 11, 1943, aged 73.

J. M. J.

Rome 5/1 06

Dear S. Leonia!¹

I enclose the permission for the renewal of your holy vows – prepare yourself well, and inform me about everything, and may Jesus strengthen and console you.

(The 2 new Silesian candidates² are very courageous.
In [*here, part of the original is missing*] you from
S. Eleonore³

Counting on your prayers

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To dear
S. Leonia Asst.
Watertown
Through kindness

LETTER 85 – to S. Ludmilla Sendner
January 7, 1906

- 1) *S. Ludmilla Sendner*, **L-5**, ftn. 1.
- 2) *S. Dominica Vieregg*, **L-16**, ftn. 3.
- 3) *Fr. Vinzenz Linsner*, **L-44**, ftn. 2.
- 4) **Fr. Rudolf Fontaine** *Oct. 2, 1878, prof. Nov. 11, 1897; ord. July 25, 1902. On Feb. 17, 1906, he traveled to Assam with the newly appointed Apostolic Prefect, *Fr. Christophorus Becker* (**L-61**, ftn. 6; Diary Feb. 17, 1906; DSS XVI.2, p. 823 ff; *i.e. E-XIV, p.449*) and *Fr. Bonifatius Brenning* (*Nov. 6, 1876; prof. Nov. 1, 1900; ord. July 11, 1904; +Feb. 27, 1954). He worked in Assam very successfully. In 1915, all Salvatorians had to leave Assam; Fr. Rudolf was sent to the USA where, from 1936-1939, he was Provincial Superior. He died on Nov. 14, 1943.

J. M. J.

Rome 7/1 1906

Dear Sister Ludmilla!¹

Hereby I appoint you as first assistant. Hopefully, you will also be an example for all in religious spirit and holy zeal = Greet everyone for me, not forgetting S. Dominica² ---- Since the General Chapter I have always had much work and worry.

Since 1/1, St. Spirito belongs entirely to St. Peter's Parish – I am very glad about it but there was much excitement connected with it – It is an honor. I twice received a special holy blessing from the Holy Father in the Vatican – each time, I also asked a special blessing for America –

Unfortunately, Rev. Fr. Vinzenz³ has a very sore throat at the moment – he cannot hear Confessions – sends you special greetings. Rev. Fr. Rudolf⁴ arrived here en route to Asia – he said he has many postulants for us. Oh, if only they were all Brides of Jesus – in this intention pray for

Your faithful spiritual Mother

To S. Ludmilla
Assist. S. D. S.

**LETTER 86 – to Sister (Valentina Wirth?), Torri
April 4, 1906**

- 1) Probably to S. Valentina Wirth who was sent to Torri as superior on May 25, 1905. (cf., Diary; **L-58**, fn. 17).
- 2) Torri (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 3) Rosolini (cf., Appendices: Foundations)
- 4) Probably a representative of the Cardinal Vicar Pietro Respighi who guided the Diocese of Rome from 1900-1906 (cf., DSS XVI.1, p. 190; XVI.2, p. 447; *i.e. E-XVI, p.120; p.248*).
- 5) That would have been during the visitation trip from Aug. 1 to Sept. 18, 1906.
- 6) Cf., Diary, May 1, 1906 (“After about 6 weeks (April 1) the situation repeated itself...”).
- 7) From Jan. 1, 1906, the parish of Santo Spirito belonged completely to St. Peter’s.
- 8) **S. Michaela Philipp** *May 8, 1880. As Maria Philipp (from Kranowitz, Diocese Breslau), she entered in Rome on Jan. 23, 1898 and made first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1899. In February 1900, Mother Mary took her from there to Rome. At the end of June 1902, S. Michaela went to do nursing in Budapest. She was transferred to the new foundation of Obecse in Hungary as superior at the beginning of July 1905 (cf., Diary, July 7, 1905). The “many old men” for whom S. Michaela asks for prayers are certainly those to be found in the large poorhouse that was entrusted to the Sisters in Obecse. She was in Vienna nursing the wounded at the close of World War I, after that she was again in Hungary. In 1920, she went to Urft in Germany. From then on, S. Michaela worked in various communities of the German Province, partly as superior, partly in farming. She was closely associated with the Social Home Marienstift-Donauhof near Passau, and had experienced its difficult beginning. She died there on November 11, 1966 aged 86.

J. M. J.

Rome 4/4 1906

I wish you, my dear Sister,¹ from a truly maternal heart, a really blessed, happy most holy Feast of Easter – may you and all receive new courage and new strength – I also wish Alleluia to the Rev. Pastor = may Torri² soon flourish again now.

I had to close Rosolini³ for the 3rd time yesterday (the Rev. Canon fought against it, ---- it is a real anguish for me. Yesterday, a delegate of His Eminence⁴ was here ---- we will not close again soon in Italy – a closure in Italy does not please the holy Church (however, the General Chapter decided on this closure = therefore I can be at peace – and I hope that things will be better in the future – experience makes one wiser –I am looking forward even now, to coming to Torri again soon⁵

(Now there is much to write but I am healthy (however, 3 days ago I again had asthma⁶ during the night – now I know simple remedies against it – Everything for the love of Jesus – always have courage and a spirit of sacrifice.

Now a Father is here in S. Spirito / Mission⁷, may many now amend their lives. S. Michaela⁸ makes a special request for prayers for her many elderly men (we pray in community) S. Leocadia⁹ arrived here happily – I don't know yet where she will go later (possibly Drognens)

Thank God, Ven. Father is now well and courageous = the hostilities were only of benefit.¹⁰ *tanti sancti angeli – arriverci*¹¹

Madre Maria of the A.

- 9) *S. Leokadia Kolb* (L-10, fn. 2) arrived in Rome on March 30, 1906 from Bavaria where she had been on holiday, and left to return to America on July 19, 1906 (cf., *Diary*, March 30; July 19, 1906). The idea “perhaps to Drognens later on” remained just an idea.
- 10) Mother Mary refers to the hostility which Father Jordan repeatedly experienced – especially hard in this year – from discontented members or those who had left. (cf., *DSS XVI.2*, p. 733; *i.e. E-XVI*, p. 398).
- 11) “Many holy angels” (with the sense: may they protect you). “Till we meet again.”



S. Valentina Wirth - 1905



Chapel in the Motherhouse, Salita Sant'Onofrio

**LETTER 87 – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome Motherhouse
August 2, 1906**

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 2) Mother Mary, accompanied by S. Elisabeth, was on a visitation trip from Aug. 1 to Sept. 18, 1906 (Hungary, Vienna, Torri). The first stop was Padua to venerate St. Anthony (cf., Diary, Aug. 1, 1906).
- 3) Sanctuary of St. Anthony in Padua.
- 4) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 5) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, fn. 5.
- 6) For the first time an extant letter bears the address “Salita Sant’Onofrio.” The Sisters, however, had been living at the Motherhouse since September 1903, following the signing of the act of purchase on August 3, 1903.

Pr. b. J. Chr.

Rome Padua, 2nd of August, 06

Dear Sister Johanna¹ and all dear Sisters!

On behalf of dear Rev. Mother who, just at this moment is resting a little, these few lines, especially to dear S. Joh. who was so very worried!

Thanks be to God! Arrived here safely 1½ o'clock in the afternoon.² We traveled together with the 4 Madams of the Sacred Heart. Very hot on the journey and also here. But, in general, Rev. Mother withstood the journey better than I did because I cannot travel sitting backwards and so I traveled, sitting forwards on my suitcase. But now, all is well again. Just now (4 o'clock) we were at the shrine of St. Anthony³ to gain the Indulgence.

At 1 o'clock tomorrow noon, if God wills, we travel on and we count on your childlike resp. sisterly prayers.

Rev. M. says: "Just be good and strive faithfully!"

Rev. M. sends most respectful greetings to Rev. Fr. B.⁴ and many motherly greetings to all dear Sisters to which I join my own

your faithful fellow Sister,
S. Elisabeth⁵

Alla Riv. S^{ra} Giovanna

Cons. gen. delle Suore del Div. Salv.

(Prov. d. Roma)

Roma

salita di s. Onofrio 11⁶

LETTER 88 – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome Motherhouse
August 15, 1906

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, fn. 3.
- 2) *S. Vincenza Coccorocchia*, **L-2**, fn. 5; she arrived in Rome from Campobello on Aug. 7, 1906 and was transferred to Drogens on Aug. 16, 1906 (cf., Diary).
- 3) **S. Sebastiana Kiefer** *Aug. 14, 1884. As Regina Kiefer (from Püttlingen, Diocese Trier), she entered in Rome on Dec. 2, 1904, was invested there on July 3, 1905 and made first vows on July 3, 1906. S. Sebastiana died already on April 7, 1907 in Rome, aged 22.
- 4) *Countess Szapary* – there must have been difficulties in Muraszombat.
- 5) Cf., Diary, July 7, 1905.
- 6) *S. Ambrosia Vetter*, **L-37**, fn. 9.
- 7) Ss. Ambrosia Vetter, Hilaria Poetsch, Cyrilla Patschka, Margaretha Tritschler, Stefania Barthelmes, Jolanda Walter, Pudentiana Maiß, Praxedes Regula.
- 8) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, fn. 5.
- 9) *S. Engelberta Weinmann*, **L-47**, fn. 17.
- 10) *S. Germana Steidel*, **L-31**, fn. 8.
- 11) *S. Bibiana Hall*, **L-67**, fn. 5.
- 12) Obecse (cf., Appendices: Foundations).
- 13) Overpelt (cf., Appendices: Foundations).

Seemingly dictated:

Pr. b. J. Chr.

Budapest, 15/8 06

Dear Sister Johanna!¹

We arrived quite late yesterday. Today, I found many good letters awaiting me here. I hope all is well with you. I am worried about Sisters Vinc.² and Sebast.³ Otherwise, I try to write very little, as I was ordered, but I did have to write many letters in Muraszombat.

In Murasz. it is going quite well, better than previously. I also went to Her Excellency⁴ – it is not so bad (she kissed me) Here, the house is nice with larger rooms,⁵ but the Sisters, S. Ambrosia,⁶ must still have much courage before everything is consolidated. All 8 Sisters⁷ are here now and all are fairly well.

Handwriting of Mother Mary:

May we all always love the holy Cross – then everything goes well. Today, dear S. Johanna, I want to wish you especially much happiness and holy courage on your holy nameday – I thank for all the letters – I am quite healthy and pray and hope ---- I will tell you everything when I see you.

Dictation continued:

I especially thank Rev. Fr. Bonaventura,⁸ Sisters Engelberta⁹ and Germana.¹⁰ Can S. Vinc. go to Drognens? I agree with that. (Hopefully, S. Bibiana¹¹ will be there.)

Miss M. from France wrote nicely; she intends to come in the middle of October. I will travel to Obecse¹² on the 21st. Then, a few days later, to Vienna. – Pass on all the news. How is S. Sebastiana? Here, I must mostly content myself with praying for Rome.

In Overpelt¹³ a possible new foundation¹⁴ gives me much pleasure; but, hopefully, Sister B.¹⁵ will be gone from

- 14) Mother Mary is perhaps thinking of the 2nd foundation in Belgium: Lommel (cf., Diary, Oct. 14; Nov. 27, 1907). Both houses are situated close together in northeast Belgium. A total of 5 Sisters went to Overpelt (cf., Diary, Dec. 28, 1904; Feb. 28, 1906 and July 5, 1906). Up to Nov. 27, 1907, only the two mentioned in the Diary (S. Coelestina Weber as superior and S. Priska Vaassen) went to Lommel; S. Alexandra Gijbels came later.
- 15) *S. Bonifatia Vaassen*; **L-65**; ftn. 16 (in German edition by mistake: *S. Benedikta Weber*, **L-65**, ftn. 17).
- 16) *S. Fabiola Kerzel*, **L-58**, ftn. 12.
- 17) *S. Marcella Wunner* (**L-46**, ftn. 2); S. Marcella was transferred to Overpelt Feb. 28, 1906 (cf., Diary), but visited her father in Bamberg en route. Often these visits dragged on. Therefore, Mother Mary *hoped* that she was now in Overpelt.
- 18) Ss. Laurentia Heilmeyer, Leokadia Kolb, Hyazintha Leuner, Helene Kyzewska and Henrietta Glaser went to Milwaukee on July 19, 1906.
- 19) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, **L-28**, ftn. 5.
- 20) *Fr. Virgil (Virgilius) Koelmann*, (*June 25, 1870, prof. Oct. 4, 1893, ord. June 4, 1898, left Jan. 14, 1908) was superior in Hamont at the time. He made great efforts for the foundation in Overpelt (cf., Diary, Dec. 28, 1904; Feb. 17, 1905).
- 21) **S. Sabina Jöbges** *Nov. 30, 1860. As Katharina Jöbges (from Rheydt), she entered in Rome on March 21, 1903, made first vows in Tivoli on July 3, 1904, renewing them on July 3, 1905. S. Sabina left on July 3, 1906 (cf., Diary).
- 22) *S. Philomena Raich*, **L-23**, ftn. 5.

L-88, to S. Johanna, August 15, 1906

there soon; so writes S. Fabiola¹⁶ – and I hope S. Marcella¹⁷ is there now. But I am waiting especially for news of the 5 Sisters from New York – Milwaukee.¹⁸ I hope Ven. Father is well.

Yesterday, we again traveled 3rd class all day, a sign that I am well, and S. Elis.¹⁹ also held out just till the end. ----

All Sisters send greetings and wish you all the best. I think that all is going well there with you. From Vienna and from all sides, I received good letters (There should be 5 Sisters for the new foundation in Overpelt.) I also received a letter from Fr. Virgil²⁰ regarding S. Bened. Good S. Fabiola arrived and does not want to go to Rome until Sister has gone from there. ---- Hopefully, the ex Sab.²¹ and her brother are content now.

Handwriting of Mother Mary:

So, dear Sister, much interior joy for the 21/8 – Before the tabernacle, I also wish dear S. Filomena the same:²²
Children love one another – but especially Jesus, and pray for

faithful spiritual Mother Mary

Third page, left margin (dictation):

Here we heard that 20 gram can now be sent as one simple stamped letter to Italy. Please also make inquiries there about this.

**LETTER 89 – to S. Bonaventura Zenker, Rome, Motherhouse
August 26, 1906**

- 1) *S. Bonaventura Zenker, L-2, ftn. 1.*
- 2) The Community consisted of the Sisters who had been sent to Óbecse on July 7, 1905: Ss. Anastasia Mordeja, Natalia Hohmann, Afra Hanusch and Michaela Philipp, who joined them from Budapest as superior (cf., Diary, July 7, 1905).
- 3) In addition to the poorhouse, the Sisters now had to look after the district in which the poorhouse was situated.



Ó-Becse, Hungary – 1905

J. M. J.

Obecse 26/8 1906

Dear Sister Bonaventura!¹

Thank you for your letter – I am glad that everything is going better now = may each one do her share toward it.

(Here all is well as you heard – yet still concerns about one² = later (still secret). = nature. The Sisters have had to take on our district now as well³ --- Our best mother wants it like that, = holy Church – they thought.

All in holy zeal for Jesus – thank you also for the money. Here it is easy to be healthy.

Until I see you

Your faithful spiritual Mother Mary
of the Apostles

(A new one from Botzen
has asked here to enter)

To dear Sister
Novice Mistress Bonaventura
Rome

**LETTER 90 – to S. Johanna Mai, Rome Motherhouse
September 7, 1906**

- 1) *S. Johanna Mai*, **L-7**, ftn. 3.
- 2) The regular money sent (**L-59**, ftn. 4).
- 3) *S. Engelberta Weinmann* (**L-47**, ftn. 17); at this time, she was 1st General Consultor in Rome.
- 4) Mother Mary probably meant the “Child Welfare Home” for 50 poor girls ages 6-12 which, in May 1905, was taken over by the Society in Vienna II (cf., DSS XVI.2, p. 622; *i.e. E-XVI*, 336).
- 5) Vienna-Kaisermühlen, commenced on Dec. 8, 1904 (cf., Diary, Dec. 5, 6, 29, 1904; Jan. 14, 1905).
- 6) *Fr. Bonaventura Lüthen*, **L-26**, ftn. 5.

Dictation

Pr. b. J. Chr.
06.

Vienna-Kaisermühlen, 7 / IX.

Dear Sister Johanna!¹

Most probably you have not thanked my sister for the mailing,² therefore I thanked her with a card just now. So, thanks be to God, you now have everything finished in Rome as I also wrote to S. Engelb.³

I also thank S. Engelb. I am very happy about the orphanage.⁴ There is a great future for this foundation.⁵ I was always fine, but here I feel particularly well.

Handwriting of Mother Mary

I intend to go to Torri next week and then to Rome ----
Sincere greetings and an esp. respectful greeting to Fr.
Bonaventura⁶ pray for

faithful spiritual Mother

Italia!

Alla Rev.da S^{ra} Giovanna
Cons. gen. S^{re} del Div. Salv.

Roma

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**LETTER 91 – to S. Elisabeth Albertzki, Rome, Motherhouse
November 19, 1906**

- 1) *S. Elisabeth Albertzki*, L-28, ftn. 5.



S. Elisabeth Albertzki - 1908

J. M. J.

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Dear Sister Elisabeth,¹

Today I send you the very best wishes for a beautiful holy feast of your nameday: much grace, renewed courage, new strength, that always works gladly for God = He alone gives a great reward “Only be still and rejoice already”.

For all this I prayed for you – Pray also for your

faithful spiritual Mother
Mary of the Apostles

LETTER 92 – S. Lucia Siegmund
December 17, 1906

- 1) **S. Lucia (Luzia) Siegmund** *Dec. 1, 1875. As Anastasia Siegmund (from Ratibor, Upper Silesia), she entered in Tivoli on Oct. 15, 1892 and made first vows there on Dec. 10, 1893. She renewed vows for three years in Rome on Dec. 30, 1896 and then went to Tivoli, returning to Rome in July. On March 20, 1906, she was taken to “our former clinic” (Marocco Clinic), but an operation was found to be unnecessary. She must have been transferred to Muraszombat during the year 1906 (There is no Diary entry) since a letter indicates that S. Lucia is in Muraszombat. In 1911, she went to Vienna to do nursing in the Theresien-Hospital. S. Lucia died in Vienna-Hacking on August 27, 1963, aged 88.
- 2) This refers to a financial contribution (already in 1899, the Diary twice mentions financial contributions from Hungary: May, 14; Sept. 10, 1899).
- 3) *S. Fridolina Mayer* (L-37, ftn. 4), *S. Lucia Siegmund* (cf., above) and *S. Praxedis Regula*.
S. Praxedis Regula *April 2, 1875. As Anna Regula (from Hungary), she entered in Rome on March 1, 1904, made first vows there on Oct. 22, 1905 and was transferred to Muraszombat on Feb. 7, 1906. After almost thirty years of service, she died in Mariabesnyö, Hungary, on Nov. 22, 1935, aged 60.
- 4) **S. Barbara Lisson** *Nov. 24, 1867. As Katharina Lisson (from Schoppenitz, Kattowitz District, Diocese Breslau, Silesia), she entered in Rome on April 27, 1896 and made first vows in Tivoli on Oct. 10, 1897. Afterward, Mother Mary took her to Rome. S. Barbara was sent to Muraszombat on July 1, 1899; from there, she returned to Rome on May 29, 1906. The Diary also states, on Dec. 21, 1906, that: “S. Barbara Lisson arrived,” indicating that she had a home visit in the intervening period before being transferred to Wausau, WI, on Jan. 15, 1907. There, and later in Milwaukee, she did home nursing. In the last years of her life, she assisted with sewing. S. Barbara died in St. Nazianz on June 24, 1950, aged 82.
- 5) An error: Mother Mary means: first consultor (cf., address).
- 6) *S. Gonzaga Foglietti*, L-63, ftn. 1.

J. M. J.

Rome 17/12 06

Dear Sister Luzia!¹

Accept my most sincere thanks for the donation² which is so very welcome for us just now ---- Oh, I will pray much for the good pious donors, also in community.

I would gladly have written to you but I had first to wait to be sure (I have prayed in all the worries, that was the best – now all three of you³ in dear Muraszombat can begin anew (S. Barbara⁴ will go to America later on.)

Crosses and sacrifice you will, like myself, have to bring – and so you are now first procurator⁵ and also – until there are 4 – procurator – love and patience –

I also wish you many blessings for your nameday – I prayed for you. Good that you are in the right place = the dear little Jesus will now be with you (S. Gonzaga⁶ thanks for the letter – I have not been well for a week – now somewhat better again.

And so, in Jesus, a happy and holy Christmas and New Year – I hope to know more soon and to be able to write.
Pray

for faithful spiritual Mother Mary

Second page above:

I still thank you for the fine financial account ----

To dear Sister Luzia
1st Consultor

Appendix 1

Foundations of the Salvatorian Sisters 1888–1907

Listed Chronologically

Opened	Place	Apostolate	Closed
1888	Tivoli near Rome Piazza S. Francesco	General Administration, Novitiate, Study, Needlework, Catechism	1896
1891	Shillong, Assam (Meghalaya) India	School for girls, Home nursing, Orphanage, Hospital, Home for the elderly, Dispensary for the poor	1915
1893	Esmeraldas (Atacámes) Ecuador	School	1895
1894	Rome, Via della Lungara, Italy	General Administration, Candidature, Teacher training Institute, Vestment embroidery, Catechism, Home nursing	1903
1895	<i>Milwaukee, WI, USA</i> West Center Street	<i>Home nursing</i> 2001 1907 Novitiate, Provincial House	
1895	Drogens, Switzerland St. Nicholas	Housekeeping in educational institute of Soc. DS	1915
1896	Tivoli, Via Maggiore, Italy	Novitiate (transferred from Piazza S. Francesco)	1899
1896	St. Nazianz, WI, USA	Host baking, Housekeeping for SDS men, Care for the Oschwald Sisters	2001
1896	Shella, Assam (Meghalaya) India	Missionary work (Destroyed by an earthquake)	1897
1896	Akyab, British Burma, India	School	1897
1896	Brunate, North Italy	Kindergarten, School	1897
1897	Raliang, Assam (Meghalaya) India	Missionary work	1915

Opened	Place	Apostolate	Closed
1897	Laitkynsew, Cherrapunjee Assam (Meghalaya)	Missionary work, (community from Shella)	1908
1897	Uniontown, WA, USA	Parish school, lessons in music and needlework	1909
1897	Rome, Marocco Clinic	Nursing	1905
1897	Capolago near Como, North Italy	Kindergarten, Nursing	1899
1898	Torri in Sabina, Italy	Kindergarten, Catechism, Home nursing, Music and Needlework school	Exists
1899	Tivoli, Piazza Colonna	Novitiate (transferred from Via Maggiore)	1904
1899	Budapest, Huba utca, Hungary	Schools, Kindergarten	1950
1899	Muraszombat, Hungary	Needlework school, Home nursing	1917
1899	Campobello di Licata, Sicily	Teaching, Home nursing	1908
1899	Vienna VIII, Feldgasse, Austria	Nursing, Maria Theresia Women's Hospital	1947
1902	Luxembourg, WI, USA	State and Parish School	1907
1903	Rosolini, Sicily	Home nursing, School, Kindergarten	1906
1903	Rome, Salita Sant'Onofrio	General Admin. (1904 Motherhouse, Novitiate), Study, Catechism..	1915
1903	Sta. Ninfa, Sicily Prov. Trapani, Italy	Care of orphans, School	1904

Opened	Place	Apostolate	Closed
1903	Whitelaw, WI, USA	Parish school, Children's choir	1910
1904	Bloomer, WI, USA	Parish school, Organist duty, music lessons	1968
1904	Watertown, WI, USA	Housekeeping for "S. Heart College" of the Holy Cross Fathers	1913
1904	Vienna-Kaisermühlen, Austria	Elementary school for girls, Kindergarten and nursery, Organist duty, Music lessons, Home nursing, Care for the poor, Housekeeping for Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers.	Exists
1905	Overpelt, Belgium	Elementary school, Kindergarten, Needlework school, Nursing	1921
1905	Ó-Becse, Hungary (former Yugoslavia)	Home for the poor	1946
1905	Wausau, WI, USA	Hospital	1970
1906	Almena, WI, USA	Parish school, Organist duty	1951
1907	Vienna IX, Austria	Hostel for female workers, Home nursing	1914
1907	Schoolhill, WI, USA	Parish school, Organist duty, Music and needlework classes	1962
1907	Lommel, Belgium	Kindergarten, Elementary and Needlework school, Nursing	1919

Appendix 2

Foundations of the Salvatorian Sisters 1888 – 1907

Listed Alphabetically
(from an archive notebook in Rome)

Akyab, British Burma, 1896 - 1897

- 02.01.1896 Six Sisters arrived to start their work in school:
08.19.1896 Sisters Veronica Schleicher, superior, Agatha Mangold,
Constantia Ebert, Kunihilde Meyer, Christine Altmann..
02.03.1897 Two Sisters, Bonifatia Rother and Germana Steidel joined
them, traveling from Trieste.
12.15.1897 Released from their work, Sisters Veronica, Agatha, Bonifatia,
and Cristina returned to Rome.
02.21.1898 S. Germana returned to Rome, while Sisters Constantia and
Kunihildis moved to Assam. Later, S. Ottilia returned to
Rome via Germany.
12.15.1897 House closed.

Almena, Wisconsin, USA, 1906 - 1951

- 11.07.1906 Sisters Liboria Hansknecht and Constantia Ebert took charge of
a small parish school. S. Mathilde Maas was with them as
house sister.
1951 House closed.

Bloomer, Wisconsin, USA, 1904 - 1968

- 10.27.1904 S. Columba Kohlmann, superior, S. Kunigunda Hubert and
S. Alfonsa Franke took charge of a parish school here today.
1968 House closed.

Brunate, North Italy, 1896 - 1897

- 10.29.1896 Today, 3 Sisters began here: Ss Wyborada Gemperle (Swiss),
Petronilla Maria (Italian), Paula Candrian (Ital/Swiss), the first-
named as superior. They worked in a day center and school but,
sadly, had to leave these posts again as the authorities demanded a
qualified teacher. S. Wyborada was immediately transferred to a
new place, 'Capolago,' while the other sisters were recalled to Rome.
10.04.1897 House closed.

Budapest VI, Hungary, 1899 - 1950

- 04.26.1899 Two Sisters, Sisters Ambrosia Vetter and Hilaria Poetsch, left
the Motherhouse today to take up the work planned for them by
the very noble and pious Countess Therese Györy, which was
principally the care of several hundred children from the

Budapest VI, Hungary, cont.

- slum dwellings. As a temporary measure, they lived in the Countess' castle in Budapest, Szep utca 4.
- 08.25.1899 They moved into a small rented house, VI Csángó utca 11 (Carmelites)
- 07.16.1900 Commencement of the Ovoda.
- 08.01.1901 Separated from the Countess
- 05.01.1903 Moved to another house: Huba utca 16
- 08.1904 Moved into a separate house: Csábgó utca 19.
- 06.19.1906 Blessing of their own convent: Huba utca 6. Day nursery, elementary school, direction of a Sodality of Our Lady, formation of the Sisters.

Campobello di Licata, Sicily, 1899 - 1908

- 28.07.1899 3 Sisters arrived: S. Wyborada Gemperle, superior, Sisters Vincenza Coccorocchia and Martha Storchenegger, and were given the little house of Canon Rosario Todaro as a convent. In response to the pious wish of this noble man, they undertook the upbringing and education of the children of the local poor there, and, on occasion also did nursing. They lived for the most part from alms. (S. Wyborada died here 28.06.1900).
- 08.07.1899 A school was started.
- 09.15.1906 The Sisters moved into a larger house given for their use by a generous benefactor.
- 06.1900 2nd Superior: S. Vincenza Coccorocchia
- 12.27.1906 3rd Superior: S. Verena Schmidt. Meager support made it impossible for the Sisters to continue. Very reluctantly the Motherhouse was forced to withdraw the Sisters.
- 12.12.1908 House closed.

Capolago near Como, North Italy, 1897 - 1899

- 10.04.1897 3 Sisters arrived here: S. Wyborada Gemperle (from Brunate) as superior, with S. Vincenza Coccorocchia and S. Martha Storchenegger from the Motherhouse in Rome. In the little convent with its chapel, housing the Blessed Sacrament, given them by a very pious widow, Franziska Maderni Rossi, they took over the direction of a children's home and the care of the lady who, already old and sickly, lived in the same house. Sadly, as needed support could not be assured for the future, they had to leave and return to the Motherhouse.
- 07.17.1899 House closed.

Drogens, Switzerland, 1895 - 1915 (1934 - 1963)

- 11.12.1895 Sisters Antonia Kreppelt (superior), Fridolina Roth and Ida Widmer travelled to Switzerland to take charge of the house-keeping in the Colony St. Nicholas, a reform school for boys at Drogens near Romont, Canton Fribourg, which was directed by Salvatorian Priests and Brothers.
- 12.10.1895 S. Alfonsa Dengel and S. Gebharda Wäspe followed them.
- 04.01.1896 2nd Superior (Vicaress): S. Gebharda Wäspe
- 05.1896 3rd Superior: S. Augusta Burkhard+
- 10.1900 4th Superior: S. Dominica Viereg
- 12.18.1905 5th Superior: S. Martha Storchenegger
(In S. Avellina Tietz's handwriting: 21.06.1904!)
- 03.08.1915 6th Superior: S. Gregoria Sauer
- 03.01.1915 House closed.
(2nd start: 04.04.1934; in August 1963, moved to Montet)

Esmeraldas, (Atacámes) Ecuador, South America, 1893 - 1895

- 08.11.1893 5 Sisters left from Tivoli: Sisters Stanislaus Raczkowska, Augusta Burkhard, Katharina Becker, Dominica Viereg and Rosa Steinberger.
- 09.1893 Began school apostolate directed by S. Stanislaus (superior).
- 07.1895 Early in the month all Sisters fled (S. Rosa died 16.10.1894 in Puerto Viejo), owing to the general revolution which had broken out. After a long and circuitous journey in South America and a short stay in Cartagena, they left there on October 15, 1895.
- 11.12.1895 Arrived in the Motherhouse in Rome.

Laitkynsew, Cherra Poonje, Assam, India, 1897 - 1908

- Laitkynsew was more elevated, closer to Shillong and three hours from Shella which had been totally destroyed by a terrible earthquake.
- 06.13.1897 Two Sisters, Sisters Gabriela Bohnheim and Evangelista Hofmann began their difficult apostolate once again with great trust in God. A third sister, S. Kunihilde Meyer joined them later.
- 12.18.1905 Superior: S. Evangelista Hofmann
- 01.1908 House closed. To their great sorrow and that of the poor heathen people and especially that of the little orphans, the Sisters had to leave the Station in January 1908 due to lack of personnel and means, and moved to Shillong with some of the orphans.

Lommel, Prov. Limbourg, 1907 - 1919

- 12.20.1907 Today, Sisters Cölestina Weber, superior, Prisca Vaassen and Alexandra Gijbels, began their work in a large institution

Lommel, Prov. Limbourg, cont.

- 1919 newly built by Mr. Schulte: Children's home and nursing.
Closed due to World War I.

Luxembourg, Wisconsin, USA, 1902 - 1907

- 09.01.1902 Four Sisters, Sisters Liboria Hansknecht as superior, Columba Kohlmann, Christine Altmann, Lidwina Diegmann began work in the State and Parish Schools. Due to many problems with the State School, the entire apostolate was discontinued under S. Christina, and the Sisters were reassigned to the other houses in Wisconsin.
- 07.01.1907 House closed.

Milwaukee, Wis., USA, St. Mary's Convent, 1895 - 2001

- 05.30.1895 Three Sisters left for Milwaukee, North America, via Antwerp, to do home nursing: Sisters Raphaela Bohnheim, Walburga Sieghart and Agnes Weber (born in Bavaria).
- 07.02.1895 Community life in Milwaukee began under the 1st Superior, S. Raphaela, in a little rented house at 553, 2nd Avenue. About one year later, they moved into a house donated by the elderly childless couple Daegelen.
- 05.27.1900 The foundation stone was laid for their own new St. Mary's Convent at 35th and Center Street.
- 09.14.1900 About 10 Sisters moved into the new convent.
- 08.08.1901 Solemn dedication of the convent
2nd superior: S. Engelberta Weinmann
- 12.13.1905 3rd superior: S. Serafina Hald.

Muraszombat, Hungary, 1899 - 1917

- 07.01.1899 Today, the first three Sisters, Philomena Raich (as superior), Stefania Barthelmes and Barbara Lisson, left for Muraszombat where Countess Szápáry, the sister of Countess Györy, was waiting for them.
- 06.09.1900 S. Fridolina Mayer, superior.
Home nursing, teaching needlework.

Ó-Becse, Hungary (Yugoslavia), 1905 - 1946

- 07.08.1905 4 Sisters: S. Michaela Philipp, transferred from Budapest as superior, S. Anastasia Mordeja, S. Natalia Hohmann and S. Afra Hanusch from Rome, today took charge of a newly erected home for the poor owned by the State.
- 03.08.1910 2nd superior: S. Fridolina Mayer.

Overpelt, Prov. Limbourg, Belgium, 1905 - 1921

- 12.28.1904. Three Sisters: Fabiola Kerzel, Irmengardis Lindgen and Rosalia Gutschera, left the Motherhouse in Rome.

Overpelt, Belgium, cont.

- 01.18.1905 Began their work in the little convent built for them by Mr Schulte, owner of a metal factory: education of children in a day nursery, etc. and nursing.
- 04.12.1907 2nd superior: S. Rosalia Gutschera.
- 11.1917 Superior: S. Pulcheria Gotzmann. When the Germans retreated from Belgium in November 1918, she also had to leave Overpelt. From then on, only the two Belgian Sisters, S. Genoveva Stienen and S. Ludovika Gilkens, remained there.
- 05.01.1921 S. Alexandra Gijbels.
- 10.31.1921 House closed.

Raliang, P.O. Jowai, Assam, 1897 - 1915

- 03.19.1897 Three Sisters from Shillong began their difficult mission work here: Sisters Ignatia Greiner, superior, Brigitta Schneider, and Hildegard Dombrowski. Here also, much damage had been caused by the terrible earthquake in June 1897.
- 12.18.1905 2nd superior: S. Scholastica Hopfenmüller
- 12.16.1908 3rd Superior: S. Ignatia Greiner
- 11.1915 The Sisters were German citizens and, like the Sisters in Shillong, were deported to their homeland by the British administration.

Rome, Via Lungara 112, 1894 - 1903

- 06.27.1894 The house was rented for the Sisters as typhus had broken out in Tivoli.
- 09.14.1894 The novices returned to Tivoli.
- 09.24.1894 The Sisters received permission to remain in Rome; the postulants were also in Rome from October onward.
- 10.11.1894 The Teacher-Training Institute re-opened.
- 12.18.1894 Blessing of the house chapel: 19.12; reservation of the Blessed Sacrament, Catechism in Santo Spirito.
- 9.1903 Moved to the Salita Sant'Onofrio.

Rome, Salita Sant'Onofrio, Motherhouse, 1903 - 1915

- 08.03.1903 Contract of purchase was signed. Moved in during Sept./Oct.
- 11.14.1904 Rescript for the canonical erection of the Motherhouse and novitiate in Rome.
- 11.21.1905 The novitiate left Tivoli.
- 12.1-6.1905 First General Chapter.
- 12.25.1907 Death of Mother Mary

Rome, Marocco Clinic, 1897 - 1905

- 04.01.1897 3 Sisters, Sisters Bonaventura Zenker as the one in charge, Leocadia Kolb and Cäcilia Angelosanto, today began nursing

Rome, Marocco Clinic, cont.

service here and assisted at operations carried out by the doctors. Upon the order of the Apostolic Visitor, Rev. Fr. Esser, O.P., we had to give up this apostolate in Oct. 1905, and on 21.11.1905, S. Claveria Stadler, the sister in charge, and S. Martina Söllner went back to the Motherhouse. (S. Emilia Schröder became ill there and died in the Motherhouse on 4.11.1905)

10.30.1905 House closed.

Rosolini, Prov. Siracuse, Sicily, 1903 - 1906

04.17.1903 The 3 Sisters, Zita Lotti as superior, Marcella Wimmer, and Hyacintha Leuner, who had left the Motherhouse, Rome, on April 12 and arrived here via Noto on the 16th, began their work here: S. Zita with the sick, S. Marcella with the children, S. Hyacintha took care of the house. S. Emanuela Fiaccavento, a qualified teacher, joined them later. However, there were financial difficulties which were discussed at the First General Chapter (1905), and it was decided to close the house. The Sisters were assigned to other houses.

04.1906 House closed at the end of the month.

Schoolhill, Kiel P.O., WI, USA, 1907 - 1962

10.01.1907 S. Christina Altmann took charge of a little parish school. S. Martina Söllner was with her as house sister. After about a year, the school was entrusted to S. Valeria Behr.

Shella, Prov. Assam, East India, 1896 - 1897

01.29.1896 Three Sisters began their mission work: Sisters Bernarde Reichel as superior, Gabriela Bohnheim and Hildegard Dombrowski. They had left Europe on 30.12.1895 with 9 fellow-Sisters, some of whom were destined for Assam (Shillong), the others for Akyab.

06.12.1897 The mission was completely destroyed by a terrible earthquake and the house closed.

Shillong, Prov. Assam, East India, 1891 - 1915

12.10.1890 The first three Sisters left Tivoli for Assam via Rome: Sisters Scholastica Hopfenmüller, Benedikta Ruderich, Laurentia Heilmeyer.

01.01.1891 Beginning under S. Laurentia, superior

06.12.1897 Great devastation caused by a terrible earthquake.

Autumn 1892 2nd superior: S. Scholastica Hopfenmüller

12.18.1905 3rd superior: S. Ignatia Greinert (Commissary)

12.16.1908 4th superior: S. Antonia Kreppelt (Commissary)

Shillong, Assam, cont.

- 01.11.1912 5th superior: S. Scholastica Hopfenmüller
11.15.1915 All the Sisters were deported to their homeland by the British Administration because they were German citizens. After a two month voyage (around the Cape of Good Hope) they arrived in Germany via Holland in the middle of January 1916. Most of the Sisters went to nurse the war wounded in Austria or Germany.

St.a Ninfa, Prov. Trapani, Sicily, 1903 - 1904

- 07.08.1903 Three Sisters, Sisters Martha Storchenegger, superior, from Campobello, Valeria Behr, and Crocifissa Arnone from the Motherhouse, began caring for the seven orphan children of an elderly rich lady.
08.03.1903 A qualified teacher, S. Theresia Maisinger, was sent in response to a request from that place; she made herself gradually independent and was the cause that the other three Sisters were recalled to the Motherhouse in May 1904.
05.09.1904 Return to Rome.

St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, USA, 1896 - 2001

- 08.24.1896 3 Sisters from Milwaukee: Sisters Anna Albrecht as superior (transferred to Uniontown, 15.08.1897), Lioba Übler, and Leonharda Siebenfächer, took over direction of the household and the nursing of the already aged and sick members of the Oswald community here.
08.20.1897 2nd superior: S. Mechtildus Klug (transferred to Milwaukee 08.07.1898).
07.08.1898 3rd superior: S. Lioba Übler.
12.08.1905 4th superior: S. Agatha Mangold, appointed after the First General Chapter.

Tivoli, Piazza S. Francesco, Italy, Foundation House, 1888 - 1896

- 11.27.1888 Ven. Father accompanied Mother Mary and S. Ursula to their new home, which had been found for the Sisters by Bishop Celestino del Frate at the request of Ven. Father. The four other candidates, Maria Hopfenmüller, Margaretha Reinwald, Margaretha Ruderich and Laura Weinsheim followed in the evening of that same day.
11.29.1888 Beginning of the retreat
12.08.1888 **Foundation of the Congregation**, beginning of novitiate.
03.20.1888 First diocesan approval of the Congregation
03.25.1889 Mother Mary's public profession of perpetual vows
12.1890 Departure of the first three Sisters to Assam.
Apostolate in Tivoli: Religious formation, catechesis, language lessons, and embroidery work.

Tivoli, Piazza S. Francesco, cont.

- 02.08.1894 Opening of the Teacher Training Institute
06.1894 Typhus epidemic – Mother Mary and 20 Sisters went to Rome, Via Lungara; the novitiate remained in Tivoli
01.27.1896 Moved to Via Maggiore

Tivoli, Via Maggiore, Italy, 1896 - 1899

- Autumn 1895 The house with the chapel of St. Anthony (the hermit) was rented from The *Accademia dei Nobili*
01.27.1896 The Sisters and novices moved in
03.24.1899 Moved to the Piazza Colonna

Tivoli, Piazza Colonna, Italy, 1899 - 1904

- 02.20.1899 The first floor of the Palazzo Colonna was rented
03.24.1899 The Sisters and novices moved in
03.30.1899 S. Liboria Hansknecht vicaress (superior) and novice mistress
11.21.1904 Novitiate moved to the Motherhouse at Salita Sant'Onofrio, Rome

Torri in Sabina, Italy, 1898 to the present

- 08.29.1898 4 Sisters, S. Theodora Geser as superior, Sisters Cecilia Angelosanto, Rosa Schwarzmann and Marcella Flumeri (and later S. Perpetua), moved into the house which was small and poor, but pleasantly situated in a high location and began their work in the kindergarten, home nursing, etc.
09.1900 2nd superior: S. Cecilia Angelosanto
05.1905 3rd superior: S. Valentina Wirth...

Uniontown, Washington, USA, 1897 - 1909

- 08.20.1897 Sisters Engelberta Weinmann (superior), Hedwig Poetsch, Josepha Skrzidlo and Anna Albrecht, moved into a former convent of the Benedictine Sisters here and started a parish school (parish of St. Boniface) under the direction of the parish priest, Fr. Jöhren [*a former Salvatorian*].
S. Ottilia Hauptelshofer, superior and S. Josepha Skrzidlo, 2nd assistant, left the Congregation.
06.25.1909 House closed.

Vienna II, Kaisermühlen, Austria, 1904 to the present

- 12.08.1904 Three Sisters: Sisters Claudia Schubert, Eulalia Wenzel and Bibiana Hall – the first-named transferred from Hospital VIII, and the other two from Rome – moved into their small rented house in the Schüttaustraße to prepare a children's day care center.

Vienna II, Kaisermühlen, cont.

- 05.23.1905 Festive opening of "St. Joseph Children's Shelter". The Sisters soon began home nursing as well.
- 10.01.1907 A house was bought at Schüttaustraße 43 and they moved into their own home...

Vienna VIII, Theresien-Hospital, Austria, 1899 - 1947

- 12.01.1899 Today 7 Sisters: Sisters Germana Steidel as superior, Claudia Schubert, Bernarda Mathieu, Calasanza Goergen, Cleofa Rupp, Aurelia Zaremba and Gebharda Dietmann began nursing in the hospital for women at Feldgasse 9, which was under the protection of the Duchess von Württemberg.
- 1902 2nd superior: S. Claudia Schubert
- 12.18.1904 3rd superior: S. Gebharda Dietmann

Vienna IX, Home for Women Workers, Austria, 1907 - 1914

- 01.13.1907 S. Valeria Behr sent from Rome as temporary superior, S. Alexia Kauppert from the Hospital at Vienna, Feldgasse and S. Leonarda Daigger from Kaisermühlen took over the direction of the household in this large Catholic establishment, and the supervision of about 100 young women of various ages, levels of social standing, and occupations.
- 10.14.1907 2nd superior: S. Gebharda Dietmann
- 01.01.1910 3rd superior: S. Alexia Kauppert
Following a three months' notice by the Congregation [*who previously worked there*], the five Sisters of that Congregation left the Institution and moved to their new foundation at Voloska.
- 04.29.1914 Left the Institution.

Watertown, Wisconsin, USA, 1904 - 1913

- 11.21.1904 Today, the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8 Sisters took over the direction of the household in the large Institute (seminary) „Sacred Heart College“ belonging to the Holy Cross Fathers: Sisters Antonia Kreppelt, superior, Veronica Schleicher, Mechtildis Klug, Felicitas Minges, Edmunda Krause, Petronilla Scheller, Melania Bauernschmidt and Aloisia Burkhardt.
- 03.08.1910 2nd superior: S. Katharina Schubert
- 06.09.1913 3rd superior: S. Agatha Mangold
- 11.01.1913 House closed. The last 5 Sisters were withdrawn by the Ven. Commissary, S. Liboria Hansknecht SDS.

Wausau, Wisconsin, USA, 1905 - 1970

- 12.01.1905 Three Sisters (sent there from Milwaukee) took over the direction of the private hospital belonging to Dr. Sauerhering: Sisters Coletta Neumayer, superior, Ludmilla Sendner, Wyborada Wetzel.
- 09.19.1908 8 Sisters moved into our own newly built hospital and continued their apostolate there.
- 03.08.1910 2nd superior: S. Liboria Hansknecht
- 10.10.1916 3rd superior: S. Claveria Stadler...

Whitelaw, Wisconsin, USA, 1903 - 1910

- 09.19.1903 Sisters Germana Steidel and Columba Kohlmann, took over in a small parish school here today; S. Kunigunda Hubert was with them as house sister.
- 07.01.1910 The school and house were closed and the 3 Sisters, S. Clara Krauer, superior, S. Leonia Gabriel and S. Edmunda Krause, were transferred to other schools.

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Alberta Franke	-	28-22	53	29-6; 34-29; 44-3
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Aloysia Burkhardt	-	-	-	74-3
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Anastasia Mordeja	-	-	-	89-2
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Barbara Lisson	-	92-4	-	-
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Benedikta Ruderich	-	34-3	-	5-4; 33-8
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Claudia Schubert	49	34-5	-	37-31; 49-3
Claveria Stadler	10; 17; 21; 23	9-2	17	11-2; 14-5; 23-1,6; 50-4; 65-8
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