Provincial Files (1950-1962): Reverend James W. Stakelum, C.M.
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History

Rev. James W. Stakelum, C.M., began his term as Superior of the Western Province of the Congregation of the Mission in late January 1950. The Bossarelli Case continued to involve the province (See Rev. Marshall Winne's Provincial Files for the September 28, 1947 letter from Fr. Slattery). Beginning in 1947, the two American provinces had borrowed funds needed to pay the entire congregation's debt to the Papal Commission, and they continued paying a share of that debt. During the first year of his administration, Fr. Stakelum accompanied Rev. William Slattery, C.M., Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission and Rev. Pierre Dulau, C.M., Secretary General, throughout the Western Province. He used this occasion to acquaint himself with the province's members, establishments, and activities.

Due to the expanding Catholic population in the United States, the community was asked to conduct major, minor, and preparatory seminaries and to erect new parishes in dioceses within the confines of the province. Major building projects took place in Montebello, California; St. Louis and Perryville, Missouri; Dallas and San Antonio, Texas; and at DePaul University and Lemont, Illinois. The province established two apostolic schools: St Vincent's Seminary at Montebello, California, on land donated to the province and supported by grants from Countess Doheny and after her death by her foundation; and St. Vincent DePaul Seminary, Lemont Illinois, on property owned by Arthur J. Schmidt. At the request of the new bishop of Oklahoma/Tulsa, the province withdrew from Bethany Seminary in 1958. The building and establishment of the DeAndreis Institute of Theology at Lemont, Illinois, and the expansion and building programs at the province's largest academic unit, DePaul University in Chicago were major achievements.

The provincial council, concerned by the distances, number of personnel and establishments, petitioned the Superior General to establish two vice provinces in the western and the southern geographical sections of the province. At the dedication of St. Vincent's seminary in Montebello on July 19, 1958, Rev. John Zimmerman, C.M. announced the establishment to two Filial Vice-Provinces in the western and southern regions of the Western Province. The vice-province of the South faced the prospect of racial conflicts after a Supreme Court decision outlawed segregation in parishes, schools, and seminaries.

The Communist advancements in China seriously endangered the province's missions. In May 1950, two Vincentian missionaries obtained passage to the United States, but four others were not able to leave their villages. In Bishop Quinn's area, the local authority imposed restrictions on all gatherings for religious services. Fr. Stakelum worried that the Vincentians remaining in China might be sent to labor camps. Although the U.S. government had earlier advised all American to leave China, Bishop Quinn and three others chose to remain. In May 1951, Fr. Stakelum sought Fr. Slattery's approval for a house in Hong Kong as a refuge for Vincentians expelled from China. On September 27, 1951, Bishop Quinn cabled that he and the remaining priests from the Western Province had been expelled and were returning to the U.S.A. via Hong Kong, Paris, and Rome. Many of the missionaries forced out of China wished to work with Chinese exiles in Formosa. Rev. Paul Lloyd, C.M., director of the Vincentian Foreign Mission

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Society in St. Louis, traveled to Formosa where he obtained approval of the Prefect Apostolic for a house at Tainan. This mission was to be made up of both experienced Chinese missionaries and younger priests interested in learning Chinese and engaging in mission work. In this way, the province would have a contingent of missionaries ready when and if they could return to mainland China. The first two missionaries from the Western Province traveled to Hong Kong in January 1952, obtained passports, and arrived in Formosa. In March 1955, Fr. Stakelum traveled to Hong Kong and Formosa for visitations and obtained agreement with the Prefect Apostolic of Kaoshuing. Bishop Quinn received permission to work in Formosa in June 1956 and served there until his untimely death in 1960. Fr. Stakelum made additional visits to Formosa in 1959 and 1961.

The twelve year period of Fr. Stakelum's tenure was distinguished by the expansion of Communism, the decrease of social activism, threats to national security due to nuclear expansion, and war in Korea. The twelve years also reflected the changes wrought during the post-war period and the Eisenhower years (1953-1961) when the Catholic population of the United States grew to twelve million. When Fr. Stakelum left office in January 1962, the Western Province had four major seminaries, seven minor or preparatory seminaries, DePaul University, a house of study in Washington, sixteen parishes, three missions in Formosa, a house in Hong Kong, seven apostolates, and priests studying at Catholic University and abroad.

Description

Fr. Stakelum's Provincial Files are divided into fifteen series: Superior General, Western Province, Vice-Provinces (Los Angeles and New Orleans), Seminaries, Preparatory Seminaries, DePaul University (includes DePaul Academy), Houses and Apostolates, Parishes, Foreign Missions, Vincentian Personnel – Western Province, U.S.A Vincentian Provinces, and Foreign Vincentian Provinces, Archdioceses, Dioceses, and Subject Correspondence.

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