

Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, 1932-1947
Salcedo, D.R., 1947-1957
Marfa, Texas, June, 1957-November, 1957
New Britain, Connecticut, November, 1957-August, 1958
Norfolk, Connecticut, August, 1958-November, 1959
Tagaste Monastery, Suffern, November, 1959-December, 1961
San Cristobal, D.R., December, 1961-January 7, 1963
Salcedo, D.R., January 7, 1963-January 21, 1963
San Cristobal, D.R., January 21, 1963-September, 1968
St. Vincent de Paul Rest Home, Santiago de los
Caballeros, D.R., September, 1968-January 10, 1970

Offices: Pastor—Arroya, Adjuntas, and Salcedo, 1938-1957
Provincial Delegate—Dominican Republic, 1944-1948

Writings: Founded a monthly review *El Altar* in Adjuntas and was in charge of it from 1939 to 1943
Edited a diocesan catechism in Adjuntas for seventeen years and distributed over 350,000 copies

Works: Parish church, house, and a chapel in Maunabo
Rebuilt the church, bought a parish house, and built a hall and three chapels in Adjuntas
Remodeled the rectory in Salcedo

14. FR. GABRIEL SALINAS

Born: March 18, 1892
Amatriain (Navarre), Spain

Professed: October 13, 1909
Sos del Rey Catolico

Ordained: May 26, 1916
Villanova, Pennsylvania
Archbishop Edmond F. Prendergast

Died: November 18, 1972
Los Angeles, California

Buried: Community Plot
Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Kansas City, Kansas



Rev. Salinas Is Promoted

The Very Rev. Gabriel Salinas, O. R. S. A., pastor of Holy Ghost church, has been appointed provincial of the recently established province of St. Augustin for the Recollect, Augustinian Fathers.

Father Salinas will be installed later in the monastery in Kansas City, Kans.

Father Salinas is a graduate of Villanova college and is the first member of his order who came to the United States.

Long interested in better understanding between the Americas, he has made four trips to South America, each time bringing some new members to the Augustinian community here. In 1932 he



The Very Rev. Gabriel Salinas
... first Augustinian Father to
come to the United States.

brought 26 clerics from Spain and has educated them for the priesthood. Many of them are now in South America and will be under his jurisdiction for the new province embraces 16 houses in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Texas and California, and eight in Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo.

Father Salinas was ordained May 27, 1916, and went to Ralston July 7, 1917.

The mission developed into the larger parish of the Holy Ghost, and in 1918 the Augustinian Fathers began the parish buildings at Fifty-sixth and Q streets in Omaha.

He continued as pastor until 1939, when the burdens of the office of vice-provincial forced him to relinquish the pastorate.

When the Rev. Christopher Belber, pastor of Holy Ghost, became an army chaplain in April, 1942, Father Salinas resumed the pastorate.

"The Ledger" of
Glendale, Calif.

Cristo Rey Church Honors Retiring Father Salinas

A celebration is being held all day today at Cristo Rey Catholic Church, 4322 Perlita Ave., Atwater, honoring the Rev. Fr. Gabriel R. Salinas, 80, the pastor for 15 years, who has retired but is continuing in residence at the parish house and active in the church.

Father Salinas, who has been a priest for 55 years, was born in Spain's Navarre province and began his studies for the priesthood there.

He was among four Augustinian Recollect seminarians who came to the United States in 1914 to complete

their studies at Villanova University.

A year after his ordination, May 27, 1916, in Philadelphia, he was called to Omaha, Neb., to open an Augustinian house and establish a new parish.

At the same time he was appointed vicar delegate to his provincial, who was in Bogota, Colombia. As delegate he was superior of the three other Recollects then in the United States.

While he was the U.S. superior, he established more than a score of Augustinian Recollect foundations in Ne-

braska, Kansas, Missouri, California, New York, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

Father Salinas came to the Cristo Rey parish from Omaha. In 1961 he directed the building of an auditorium-youth center. In addition to his parish uses for confraternity classes, meetings and

socials, the center serves the community.

In continuing his residence and activity at Cristo Rey Church, Father Salinas gives the assurance, "I have been active all my life and am not ready to stop."

His associate, the Rev. Fr. Augustin Cuartero, has become pastor.

Accident Takes Life Of Parish Founder

Services for the Very Rev. Gabriel Salinas, OAR, 80, founder and long-time pastor of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in South Omaha, are scheduled in Los Angeles Wednesday.

Father Salinas died in Los Angeles Saturday from injuries suffered Nov. 7 when he was struck by a car.

A native of Spain, Father Salinas founded the Holy Ghost parish at Fifty-second and Q Streets in 1918 with seven families. He

served as pastor until 1939, when the duties of vice provincial of the Augustinian Fathers forced him to resign. He resumed the pastorate in 1942 and served until 1957 when he accepted a pastorate in Los Angeles. He retired last May.

While serving in Omaha, Father Salinas made four trips to South America, each time bringing back new members to the Augustinian community in Omaha. In 1932 he brought 30 clerics from Spain and educated them for the priesthood.

Father Salinas was the first member of his order to come to the United States. In the 1930s he served as vicar provincial of the order in North America.

In 1925, Father Salinas was the driver of a car that struck and killed an 11-year-old Omaha boy. He was exonerated by a coroner's jury and celebrated the Mass and preached the sermon at the boy's funeral at Holy Ghost.

Funeral Mass for Father Salinas will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Cristo Rey Church in Los Angeles. Burial will be at the seminary in Kansas City.



Father Salinas
1949 Photo

MARY LANIGAN HEALY



Cristo Rey Says 'Adios' To Fr. Gabriel

12-4-72

North Atwater is a little community just enough over the edge of Glendale so that it is a part of Los Angeles. Along the streets are neat, well-kept homes where children play across the lawns and wheel their toys on the pavements and where roses bloom in abundance.

This area has an air of self-sufficiency about it with its small stores where Spanish is spoken and such good items as corn tortillas, pinto beans and pan dulces are to be had. Best of all, it has its own church, that of Cristo Rey.

But on the November afternoon I drove over to Atwater, the church was a place of sadness because the body of the beloved retired pastor, Father Gabriel R. Salinas, O.A.R., was lying in state and the Mass of the Resurrection was to be celebrated that evening.

BEFORE I made my way to pay respects at the church, I stopped at a home nearby and visited one of the parishioners who seemed to express what must have been a collage of memories of this 80-year-old priest, shared by many families.

It had been a great shock to all when a traffic accident on Nov. 7 had resulted in injuries which kept him in the hospital until his death, Nov. 18.

For 15 years, Father Gabriel had been pastor, coming to Cristo Rey after having served as American superior of the Recollect Augustinians. Everyone knew that he had accomplished many things for the church throughout the country and had friends in many places. Yet when he retired as pastor in May, it was his wish to remain among them and to continue his priestly ministry.

A letter from a priest who often visited in the parish, said of Fr. Gabriel: "He was extremely kind. I never heard him say a word that might in any way hurt anybody's feelings . . ." That simple statement was eloquent tribute.

BUT THE STORY this parishioner dwelt upon most fondly, had to do with a blue jay named "Pepin." It seems that this particular bird came every day to call upon Fr. Gabriel and to eat crumbs out of his hand and to hop about his feet.

Father would call "Pepin! Pepin!" and a flash of blue would come out of the bushes.

She wondered if Pepin had missed his friend and she thought maybe she'd go over to the rectory some day and call to him just in case he might be waiting.

SHE SAID she hoped I'd write something about Fr. Gabriel, but please, do not mention her name. She seemed to feel that he belonged to all the people and that her remembrances and her loss were only a part of the whole.

That morning at Mass she had noticed a little girl of about three come in with her mother and go up to the casket and carefully place a bunch of bottlebrush there. "I suppose it is still there," she said as I left to go over to the church.

Indeed the bottlebrush was there, bright and red. There was also another bouquet with that squished look flowers take on after being warmly clutched in the hand of a child.

A NUMBER of people were reciting the Rosary in Spanish and the man who led the prayers was kneeling very close to the casket and he moved his hands and head as he spoke as though it was a conversation — personal like.

Two young girls with dark hair flowing over their shoulders were in the first pew and beside them was an elderly woman who wiped her eyes with a white handkerchief. Others knelt here and there and along the walls the colorful statues kept faithful vigil — Anthony, Joseph, Prague, Guadalupe, Roque . . . and more, unknown to me but well known where it counts.

WHEN THE ROSARY ended I approached the casket and gazed for a moment at the peaceful, noble countenance, framed by the black hood of the Augustinian habit. As I watched, a very old woman reached out and gently patted Fr. Gabriel's hand. It was a respectful and tender "Adios" to this priestly friend who had chosen to remain among the people of Cristo Rey until he was summoned home.

DISCOUNTS THAT COUNT

Pastor Resigns; Won't Retire

Very Rev. Gabriel R. Salinas, O.A.R., is resigning, effective May 30, as pastor of Cristo Rey Church near Griffith Park, but, he insists, he is not retiring. In this, he is following the pattern of many elderly priests in this period of priestly shortage.

The 80-year-old Augustinian Recollect will continue priestly work in the small Spanish-speaking parish where he has been pastor the past 15 years.

"I have been active all my life and am not ready to stop," he said. Los Angeles, he added, needs priests who can speak both Spanish and English.

Fr. Salinas maintains, however, that his memory is not what it was and that a younger man should have the responsibility of pastor.



FR. GABRIEL SALINAS

Born in Spain

During most of his 55 years in the priesthood, the Spanish-born priest was American superior of the Augustinian Recollect Fathers.

He was born March 18, 1892, in Spain's Navarre province and began his studies for the priesthood there. He was among four Augustinian Recollect seminarians who came to the United States in 1914 to complete their studies at Villanova University.

A year after his ordination May 27, 1916, in Philadelphia, he was called to Omaha, Neb., to open an Augustinian house and establish a new parish there.

At the same time he was appointed vicar delegate of his provincial, who was in Bogota, Colombia. As delegate, he was superior of the three other Recollects then in the U.S.

While he was the U.S. superior — as vicar delegate and later as vicar provincial and finally as provincial — Fr. Salinas made more than a score of Augustinian Recollect foundations in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, California, New York, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

He sent the first Recollect pastors to San Miguel and Cristo Rey parishes in Los Angeles; to Our Lady of Guadalupe (now Our Lady of the Pillar), Santa Ana, and to three parishes in San Diego, all at the invitation of the late Archbishop John J. Cantwell.

Most of his manpower came from Spain, seminarians who left during the Spanish civil war to continue their studies in the U.S. At the end of his 40 years as U.S. superior, in 1947, there were more than 50 Augustinian Recollects in the States. Today there are 120.

Worked in Omaha

All the while Fr. Salinas continued as pastor of Holy Ghost parish in Omaha. Starting with a five-acre alfalfa field and 50 Irish and German families, he built two churches, a large school and a business college there.

English classes and for Health Department well baby clinics.

"The best news I have received for a long time," Fr. Salinas said, "is that Archbishop Manning is pleased to have me continue in residence at Cristo Rey working for the glory of God."

Ordo Recollectorum Sancti Augustini



PROVINCIA RELIGIOSA: SANCTI AUGUSTINI

Cognomen Religiosi Salinas OlcozPatronus in Ordine Immaculae ConceptionNomen GabrielNomen Patris [REDACTED] Nomen Matris [REDACTED]Natus est die 18 mensis March anni 1892 in AmatriainProv., Dep. aut Stat. Navarra Dioecesis Pamplona Natio SpainHabitus Susceptio: die 12 mensis Octobris anni 1908 in Sos del Rey CatolicoProfessio Simplex: die 13 mensis Octobris anni 1909 in Sos del Rey CatolicoProfessio Sollemnis: die 14 mensis Octobris anni 1912 in Sos del Rey CatolicoSubdiaconatum suscepit die 24 mensis May anni 1916 in Overbrook Seminary Philadelphia, U.S.A.ab Excmo. D. Edward Mc CormickDiaconatum suscepit die 25 mensis May anni 1916 in Overbrook Seminary Philadelphia, U.S.A.ab Excmo. D. Edward Mc Cormick.Presbyteratum suscepit die 26 mensis May anni 1926 in Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Philadelphia, U.S.A.ab Excmo. D. Aloysius Prendergast

LOCA UBI STUDIA PEREGIT:

Humaniores litteras in Sos del Rey Catolico, SpainPhilosophica studia in Sos del Rey Catolico, SpainTheologica studia in Villanova, Pa. U.S.A.

Studia specialia fecit in _____ et gradum _____ obtinuit in

Facultate _____ anno _____

Titulum Lectoris in Ordine assecutus est anno _____ et Jubilationem obtinuit _____

DOCUIT: (Hic adnotentur disciplinae et loca ubi docuit):

LOCA RESIDENTIAE (Indicentur cum adnotatione temporis per quod in unoquoque permansit):

Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A. from July 17, 1917 to December 1948

MUNERA ET OFFICIA QUAE IPSI COMMISSA SUNT (Cum adnotatione loci et temporis):

Pastor of Holy Ghost Church, Omaha, Nebr., March 18 1918 to November 19 1937. From March 20 1942 to December 1948.

Provincial Delegate in United States of N. America from 1925 October, to March 1944. First Provincial of St. Augustine's Province from March 7, 1944 to April 16, 1948. Assisted the Provincial Chapters at Bogota, Colmoba, September 1925-1929-1937. Assisted the General Chapter in Marcilla Spain, in 1938-1944. Assisted the Provincial Chapter in Kansas City, Kans. U.S.A., April, 1948. He is now Pastor of Holy Ghost Church, Omaha, Nebr. U.S.A.

SCRIPSIT ET EDIDIT: (Hic adnotentur libri, libelli et articuli cum loco editionis vel publicationis):

ACTIVITATES DIVERSAE (Hic indicentur v.gr.: Si templa, domus vel scholas aedificaverit. Si et quas disciplinas extra Ordinem docuerit

Si in Actione Catholica, operibus socialibus aliisque adlaboraverit. Aliaeque activitates notatu digniores).

Donum et scholam Omahae aedificavit.

Active in Catholic Action. Has given lectures about Religion, Spain, Communism, Our Lady of Fatima.

While he was Pastor a new stone church was built in Omaha, 1950-51

NOTA: Si locus ad omnia exprimenda non adsit alia folia necessaria adhibeantur

Augustinian (Salinas) 0007

Please type

Name: Gabriel Salinas Olcoz
 Patron in religion: Inmaculate Conception
 Father's Name: [REDACTED] ***** Dead
 Mother's Maiden Name: [REDACTED] ***** Dead
 Date of birth: March 18, 1892 Place of birth: Amatriain, Navarra, Spain
 Investiture date: October 12-1908 in Sos del Rey Catolico, Spain
 Simple Profession: October 13, 1909 in Sos del Rey Catolico, Spain
 (Date)
 Solemn Profession: _____ in _____
 Tonsure: March 29, 1915 in St. Charles B. Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa.
 from (name of bishop) John Joseph McCort, Auxiliary
 Minor Orders: March 30, 1915 in Overbrook Seminary, Philadelphia
 from _____
 Subdiaconate: March 28-1916 in Overbrook Seminary, Philadelphia
 from John Joseph McCort, Auxiliary
 Diaconate: April 5, 1916 in Overbrook Seminary
 from John Joseph McCort, Auxiliary of Philadelphia
 Priesthood: May 27, 1916 in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Philadelphia, Pa.
 from Archbishop of Philadelphia Edmond Francis Prendergast

STUDIES:

Grade school attended Larraga, Navarra in Spain
 date of graduation July 3, 1904
 High school attended Viana, Teruel, Sos in Spain
 number of years 4. Date of graduation Don't Remember
 College attended Sos del Rey Catolico 5yers. in Spain
 number of years _____ Date of graduation _____
 Philosophical studies Sos Del Rey Catolico in Spain
 Theological studies Villanova University in Pa. USA

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Special studies (here list any other colleges or universities attended since profession)

College	Location	Dates	Subjects studied
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Field of educational specialty: _____

Degrees	Date	Institution granting degree	Place
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Obtained title of Lector _____ (date) and Lector Jub. _____

Subjects Taught: (here list subjects taught and the institution in which they were taught and their dates)

Subjects	Institution	Place	Dates
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PLACES OF RESIDENCE: (here list all the houses of the Order in which you have been stationed together with the dates of this residence)

Omaha , Nebr. June 6, 1917 to May 18 , 1957

Los Angeles , Calif. - Crsito Rey Church, May 21 till now -April 1962

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OFFICES HELD: (Here list all the offices you have discharged together with indication of place and dates)

Office	Place	Dates
Pastor	Holy Ghost Church, Omaha Nebr.	from March 14, 1918 to Nov. 1, 1937. From March 20, 1942 to May 18, 1956.
Vicar Delegate and Vic. Provincial		from Sept. ,1918 to Sept. ,1922
		From Sept, 19 1926 to March 6, 1944.
Provincial		: March 6, 1944 to April 24m 1948.

WRITINGS: (Here list books you have published or articles you have contributed together with the place and date of publication and the name of the journal to which contributed)

OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Here list any noteworthy activity you have carried out not covered by one of the above classifications, e.g., churches, schools, houses you have built, offices held or subjects taught outside of the Order, special ministries which have been committed to you, etc., together with places and dates)

Have built: Fisrt Recory and church Combination ,Omaha, March 18 1918 was finished.

The School - church combination, Holy Ghost, coenær stone by Msgr, Colanery, V.G., October 16, 1921 .

Blessing of school and opening: Sept. 22, 1922

The New Church-Holy Ghost. First spade of earth broaken by Father Gabriel Salinas, Augsut 22, 1950.

Corner Stone was layed by His Excy. Gerald T. Bergan

same Bishop, Oct. 28, 1951. F. of R. Octo. 29, Feast of Christ the King, 1950 . Dedication

CHAPTERS ATTENDED: (Here list Gen. or Provl. Chapter you have attended as a vocal. Give dates and state in what capacity you attended.)

Provincial Chapter at Bogota Colombia, as Delegate from U.S.A. Vicariate: Sept. 1915, Sept, 1929, Sept. 1933.

General Chapater, as Procincial: Definitor from O.L of Candelaria, June 19 32

General Chacpter " : June 1938

General Chapter as Provinvial of this Pov. June 1944.

Genearl Chapter as Definitor of this Pro. June 1956.

From 1951

SALINAS, Gabriel of the Immaculate Conception

LOCA RESIDENTIAE.

Parish of the Holy Ghost, Omaha, Nebraska, April, 1951 to 1957. Cristo Rey parish, Los Angeles, Calif., May, 1957 to

MUNERA ET OFFICIA.

First Definitor of the Province, April, 1951 to May, 1954.

Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish, April, 1951 to 1957

Member of the committee for propaganda about the Order, April, 1951 to May, 1954. Definitor to General Chapter, elected by Prov. Chap. of 1954.

Pastor Cristo Rey parish, Los Angeles, May, 1957 to

Commissary Provl, June 1960-June, 1963;

SCRIPSIT ET EDIDIT.

ACTIVITATES DIVERSAE.

Stone church of the Holy Ghost built, October, 1951, School and Convent (for Servants of Mary teaching in the school), renovated, enlarged and modernized, July, 1951. In the fall of 1951, Fr. Gabriel was made a member of the Board of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Omaha. In the spring of 1952, he was made a member of the archdiocesan Building Committee. Moderator of two societies of the parish of the Holy Ghost. Since his transfer to the pastorate of Cristo Rey in Los Angeles, Fr. Gabriel has done much to modernize the rectory, enlarge it and make it more comfortable. Also he has made certain artistic changes in the interior of the church.