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INTRODUCTION

The register presented here is one of the more valuable archival documents preserved by the Irish Dominicans of Rome, a volume which records the names of those who entered the religious life in their twin-convents between 1676 (a year before SS Sixtus and Clement were ceded to the Irish) and 1792, shortly before the French invasion of Rome temporarily disrupted the community. Since those called to witness the ceremonies of reception and profession were even more numerous than the candidates themselves, the register is rich in biographical information. The volume is entitled: *Liber receptionum ad habitum et professionum in conventu SS. Sixti et Clementis de Urbe ab a. 1676 ad a. 1787*. Its location in the San Clemente archives (=SCAR) is No. 53. The register measures 19 cms broad by 26 cms tall, and contains eighty leaves gathered as follows: 1¹⁰, 2¹, 3¹², 4¹², 5¹², 6¹², 7⁸, 8¹², 9¹. The cover, which is of parchment (in two layers) stiffened by boards, is a page from an old gradual (circa 1350) of North Italian provenance. There are two original consecutive paginations (1 to 80, and 1 to 75) which correspond to the two *libri*, one of receptions and one of professions, of which the volume is composed. The division of the register is as follows.

- p. 1 Title: *Liber primus continens receptiones novitiorum ad habitum*.
- pp. 2-7 Index, in chronological order, of those who received the habit, 1676-1788.
- p. 8 A modern note (23 January 1916) by Louis Nolan, O.P., describing how he recovered the volume from the Biblioteca Comunale of Ascoli Piceno (Italy) with the help of the British ambassador in Rome.
- pp. 9-44 Record of reception of the habit, 1676-1791, ending with the 'declaration of willingness to profess' made by Thomas Masdea in May 1792.

- pp. 45–46 Blank.
 p. 47 Continuation by L. Nolan of his note begun on p. 8 above.
 pp. 48–80 Blank.
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- p. 1 Title: *Liber secundus continens professiones novitiorum*.
 pp. 2–5 Index, in chronological order, of those professed 1678–1792, ending with Serafino Donati whose profession does not in fact occur in the register.
 p. 6 Blank.
 pp. 7–69 Record of professions, 1677–1789, ending with that of James M. Bushe in the latter year.
 pp. 70–75 Specimen petitions to the Pope and the vicar general of Rome, dimissorial letters, etc., exclusively bearing on the reception of Holy Orders.

The irregularities in this division are soon explained. The index of receptions is not complete, for it omits the reception of Serafino Donati in 1789 and of Thomas Masdea in 1791. If the record of receptions ends with an item (Masdea's declaration) which belongs by right to the second section of the volume, that is because by then (1792) the pages allotted to professions were already full. The same circumstance explains why the profession of Serafino Donati, though given in the index, is not recorded in the volume at all: there was room to note it in the index, but not to record the event itself at the end of the second section. Hence the date in the title of the volume should read 1676–1792, and not 1676–1787. A second volume (SCAR No. 54), which continues the record from 1793 to 1906, begins in fact with the missing profession of Serafino Donati on 8 April 1793.

One should note that the record is not entirely original. The details on the profession of candidates before 1718, as on their reception before 1719, were written up later in the same hand by someone who thought that a special volume should be devoted to these events and who began the record by transcribing the relevant information from earlier documents. We perhaps owe this first and invaluable part of the register to Father John Donnelly who was regent in the convent at the time. He is known to have been interested in history.

Since there is no absolute consistency with respect to the formulae used, it is sufficient to place before the reader a typical example of how the reception and profession of a candidate were normally recorded. With the changeover by 1721 to what is an original and authentic text, two new elements appear, namely the candidate's 'declaration of freedom' before profession and his later attestation that his profession had been freely made. Otherwise the formulae are constant, differing only in the extent to which they are abbreviated or tailored to meet the needs of particular candidates, such as those who required a dispensation because too young to take the habit. The example chosen to illustrate the text is that of the entry into the Order of the convent's greatest son, John Thomas Troy, later archbishop of Dublin. It contains the four typical elements: the record of reception of the habit, the declaration of freedom from canonical impediment made by the candidate prior to profession, the record of profession itself, and the later statement of the candidate that his profession had been freely made.

Die 25 Aprilis 1756 hora Italis vigesima cum quadrante coram patribus omnibus et fratribus in choro superiori ad S. Clementem capitulariter congregatis, indutus fuit habitu clericali pro conventu Dublinensi Dominus Joannes Troy cui additum fuit a S. Thoma, iuvenis Hibernus, ab A. R. P. Praesentato F. Joanne Francisco Nettervil huius SS. Sixti et Clementis de Urbe conventus priore, ipsique ab eodem assignatus fuit probationis annus ex tunc incipiendus, praemissis omnibus de iure praemittendis atque servatis servandis. In fidem etc. F. Joannes O'Neil, supprior et magister novitiorum.

Die 22 Aprilis 1757 ego infrascriptus vocatus ab A. R. P. Praesentato F. Joannes Francisco Netterville priore conventus SS. Sixti et Clementis de Urbe, ab eoque coram tribus patribus subscribendis interrogatus, an timore, coactione, aut violentia parentum vel consanguineorum meorum ordinem ingressus sim? an ullo essem canonico impedimento irretitus; et demum an in illo libere velim profiteri. Respondi me sponte et libere sine ulla vi, metu, et deceptione solemnem emissurum professionem die vigesima quinta Aprilis proxime futuri, nulloque ad illam emittendam canonico impedimento detineri. In quorum fidem hisce manu propria subscribo. F. Joannes Thomas Troy.

Ego f. Joannes O'Neil, supprior et magister novitiorum fui praesens.

Ego f. Vincentius O'Heyne, regens secundarius, fui praesens.

Ego f. Patritius Dalton, magister studentium fui praesens ad dictas interrogationes.

Die 25 Aprilis 1757 hora Italis vigesima cum quadrante coram patribus omnibus et fratribus in capitulo S. P. N. Dominici ad S. Sixtum capitulariter congregatis F. Joannes Thomas Troy, clericus Hibernus, solemnem emisit professionem pro conventu Dublinensi in Hibernia in manibus A. R. P. Praesentati F. Joannis Francisci Netterville, conventus SS. Sixti et Clementis de Urbe prioris, existente Generali ordinis R. P. F. Joanne Thoma de Boxadors, praemissis omnibus de iure praemittendis atque servatis servandis. In fidem etc. F. Joannes O'Neil, supprior et magister novitiorum.

Ego F. Joannes Thomas Troy emisi solemnem meam professionem, non vi aut metu coactus, vel quocunque modo deceptus, sed sponte et cum plena libertate. In cuius rei fidem manu propria subscribo die 25 Aprilis 1757.
F. Joannes Thomas Troy.

An integral edition of the text, with the repetition of such formulae which that would imply, is hardly demanded by the nature of the record. It has been thought sufficient to list the various candidates for the habit in the chronological order in which they appear, adding at once in each case the relevant details (culled from the second section of the volume) on their profession. The christian names printed within round brackets are their baptismal ones, and the others religious names assumed on entering the Order.

BROWN Adam A Scot. Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus on 18 Oct. 1676 from Card. Vincent M. Orsini, O.P. in the presence of cardinals Altieri and Howard and of the master general Roccaberti. Signed Andrew Troni, prior.

Professed at St Clement's on 18 Oct. 1677 for the English convent of Bornhem in Flanders in the hands of the prior and in the presence of Cardinal Howard. Signed Andrew Troni, prior, Francis M. a Pitio, lector and master of novices, Faustinus Bedusi de Brixia, vicar of the convent.

CASTELLI John Vincent Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus on 15 Jan. 1677 from Andrew Troni, prior.

Professed at St Sixtus on 15 Jan. 1678 for the convent of Chios in the hands of Thomas Craff, prior. Signed John Colman, subprior.

LUDOVICUS del Rosario Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 21 Sept. 1677 from Andrew Troni, prior.

Professed at St Clement's on 21 Sept. 1678 for the convent of St Dominic of Guatemala in the hands of John O'Connor, vicar general of the Irish province. Signed John a S. Dominico [O'Connor], Thomas Burke, John MacGuyre, Charles O'Connor, Thomas Dillon, John Dillon.

O'FLYNN Patrick (Christopher) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus on 19 Mar. 1678 at the age of 23, with the special permission of the vicar general of the Irish province, from Thomas Craff (alias Coffey), prior. Signed John Colman, subprior and master of novices.

Professed at St Sixtus on 20 Mar. 1679 for the convent of Athenry in the hands of Felix MacDowell, prior. Signed

Felix MacDowell, prior, and Thomas O'Flynn, master of novices.

MANSUETUS de S. Cruce Received the lay habit. No other details. Professed at St Sixtus on 11 Nov. 1679 for the convent of St Patrick of Tulsk in Ireland in the hands of Felix MacDowell who took the place of the master general de Monroy. Here styled 'Mansuetus de S. Cruce de civitate Curdalis'; and 'Mansueto di Santa Crozè della città di Cividol'. Signed Felix MacDowell, prior, Charles O'Connor, master of novices, Thomas O'Flynn, Ambrose MacDermott, professor of theology, and Thomas Burke.

ANGELUS de Fulmio Received the lay habit. No other details. Professed at St Sixtus on 1 Dec. 1680 for the convent of St Dominic of Trebio in the Roman province in the hands of the prior who took the place of the master general de Monroy. Signed Felix MacDowell, prior, and Ambrose MacDermott, lector of theology and master of novices.

ROCHFORD Dominic Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 9 Oct. 1680 from Felix MacDowell, prior. Professed at St Clement's on 9 Oct. 1681 for the convent of St Sixtus in the hands of Felix MacDowell, prior. Signed Ambrose MacDermott, S.T.L. and master of novices.

FELIDONIUS Dominic Received the lay habit. No other details. Professed on 1 May 1686 for the convent of Athenry in the hands of the prior. Signed Thomas Burke, prior, and Ambrose MacDermott *ut supra*.

O'CONOR Martin Received the lay habit at St Sixtus on 25 Mar. 1699 from Dominic Mulfyn, prior. Professed on 3 Aug. 1701 in the hands of Thomas Burke, prior. Signed Thomas Burke, prior, Antoninus Salle, regent, and Peter MacDermott, secretary.

GEORGIUS John Received the lay habit on 27 Oct. 1700 with the special permission of the master general. Signed Thomas Burke, prior, Antoninus Salle, first regent, and Peter MacDermott, secretary. No entry of profession.

CONRY Thomas Received the clerical habit on 28 Nov. 1700. Signed by Burke, Salle, and MacDermott *ut supra*. Professed on 28 Nov. 1701 for the Irish province in the hands of the prior. Signed Thomas Burke, prior, and Peter MacDermott, secretary.

- SHEE Michael** Received the clerical habit on 2 July 1702. Signed Thomas Burke, prior.
 Professed on 2 July 1703 in the hands of the prior. Signed Peter MacDermott, prior, and Humbert Burke, master of novices.
- CRONIN John** On 7 Mar. 1701 the house council permitted him to receive the tertiary habit. Signed Thomas Burke, prior, Ant. Salle, first regent, and Peter MacDermott, secretary. Note: he later received the lay habit.
 Professed on 2 July 1703 for the Irish province in the hands of the prior. Signed Peter MacDermott, prior, and Humbert Burke, master of novices.
- MACDERMOTT Thomas** Received the clerical habit on 25 Feb. 1703. Professed on 25 Feb. 1704 for the Irish province in the hands of Peter MacDermott, S.T.P. and prior. Signed Peter MacDermott, prior, and Humbert Burke, master of novices.
- BUTLER Vincent (Nicholas)** Received the clerical habit on 4 June 1705.
 Professed on 7 July 1706 for the Irish province in the hands of Peter MacDermott, prior. Signed Humbert Burke, secretary and master of novices.
- FITZGERALD Sylvester** Received the clerical habit on 6 Mar. 1706. Signed Humbert Burke, secretary.
 Note: after 8 months he laid aside the habit because of sickness.
- DOWDALL Stephen** Received the clerical habit on 13 June 1706. An Irish priest.
 Professed at St Clement's on 13 June 1707 for the Irish province in the hands of Bernard O'Berne, vicar *in capite*. Signed Bernard O'Berne, vicar *in capite*, A. Salle, S.T.M. and first regent, H. Burke, master of novices.
- GISBERT Antoninus (Leonard)** A Belgian. Received the lay habit at St Sixtus on 11 Feb. 1707 from the master general. Signed H. Burke, secretary.
 Professed at St Sixtus on 14 Feb. 1709 for the Irish province in the hands of the master general Cloche. Signed H. Burke, secretary of the council.
- FARRELL Thomas** Came to Rome from Belgium, wearing the religious habit, in company with John Dillon, the newly-elected prior. Received the clerical habit in Rome on 4 Oct. 1707. Signed H. Burke, secretary.
 Professed on 4 Oct. 1708 for the Irish province in the hands

of the prior. Signed John Dillon, S.T.M. and prior, and Dominic Kelly, master of novices.

HEDERMAN Thomas (Denis) Received the clerical habit on 7 Mar. 1709. Signed Humbert Burke, secretary.

Professed on 7 Mar. 1710 for the Irish province in the hands of the prior. Signed John Dillon, prior, and James Dillon, subprior and master of novices.

MACKEIGE Raymund Received the clerical habit at Louvain in the convent of Holy Cross. He came in the habit to Rome and began the year of probation at St Sixtus on 24 Dec. 1710 [*lege* 1709].

Professed at St Sixtus on 24 Dec. 1710 for the Irish province in the hands of the prior. Signed Antoninus Sale, S.T.M. and prior.

MACDERMOTT Charles Received the clerical habit at Louvain in the convent of Holy Cross. He came in the habit to Rome and began the year of probation at St Sixtus on 15 Jan. 1710. Professed at St Sixtus on 15 Jan. 1711 for the Irish province in the hands of the prior. Signed Antoninus Sale, prior.

MANERY Dominic Received the lay habit for the Irish province from Antoninus Sall, prior, in 1711. [The index says June 1712.]

Professed in Sept. 1714 in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior, who took the place of the master general Cloche. Signed at St Clement's by Humbert Burke.

CROLLIER John Baptist A Frenchman. Received the tertiary habit for the Irish province on 7 Mar. 1714. Signed Humbert Burke, secretary.

Professed at St Clement's on 30 May 1716 in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior. [The index notes: *obiit Romae ad S. Clementem die Dominica 22 Maii anni 1763.*]

BYRNE John Received the clerical habit on 21 Jan. 1714. Signed Humbert Burke, secretary.

Professed on 21 Jan. 1715 for the Irish province in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed Humbert Burke, first regent, and Michael Shee, second regent.

KELLY Thomas Vincent (Daniel) Received the clerical habit on 21 Jan. 1714. Signed Humbert Burke, secretary.

Professed at St Sixtus on 21 Jan. 1715 for the Irish province in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior.

O'NEAL Dominic (Eugene) Accepted for the clerical habit by the house council on 20 Jan. 1714 but, since he was four months

under age, he had to wait for a dispensation from the S.C. of Regular Discipline.

Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the Irish province on 8 Sept. 1714 from Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed Humbert Burke, secretary.

Professed at St Clement's on 8 Sept. 1715 in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed John O'Donnelly, first regent and master of novices.

PLUNKETT Antoninus (Patrick) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus on 15 May 1714 from the master general. Signed Humbert Burke, secretary.

Professed at St Clement's for the Irish province on 19 Sept. 1715 in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed John O'Donnelly, first regent and master of novices.

O'CONOR Michael An Irish priest. Received the clerical habit in April 1715 from Patrick O'Dugan, prior.

On 3 Nov. 1715 the house-council decided that his poor health forbade his remaining in the Order.

FORSTALL Michael Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 22 July 1715 from Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed John Donnelly, first regent.

Professed at St Clement's on 22 July 1716 in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed John Donnelly, first regent and master of novices. [Marginal note: *obiit Genuae 176-*]

GIOVANELLI Anthony Mary Received the lay habit in Dec. 1715 but left the Order again after a few months. From Bologna.

CUSACK James. An Irish priest. Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 2 July 1717 from Humbert Burke, prior. Signed John Donnelly, first regent and master of novices. Professed at St Clement's on 2 July 1717 [*lege* 1718] in the hands of Humbert Burke, prior. Signed J. Donnelly *ut supra*.

SMITH James An Englishman. Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 21 Nov. 1717 from Humbert Burke, prior. Signed J. Donnelly, first regent and master of novices. Professed at St Clement's for the Irish province on 21 Nov. 1718 in the hands of Humbert Burke, prior. Signed J. Donnelly *ut supra*.

PONCET Peter A Frenchman. Received the lay habit on 17 Mar. 1719 from Humbert Burke.

Professed at St Clement's for the Irish province on 3 May 1722 in the hands of Humbert Burke, prior. Signed James Moran, lector and secretary.

[From this point forward the text contains the original record both of receptions and professions.]

- PLUNKETT Augustine Pius (James) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 12 Sept. 1721 from the master general Pipia. Signed Antoninus Plunkett, second regent.
On 3 May 1723 he declared to the prior, James Fitzgerald, his willingness to make profession. Signed Humbert Burke, S.T.M., John Rochefort, and James Moran, lector and secretary.
Professed at St Sixtus for the Irish province on 5 May 1723 in the hands of the prior. Three signatories *ut supra*.
- BURKE Thomas Received the clerical habit on 14 June 1724 from James Fitzgerald, prior. Signed James Moran, second regent and secretary.
[The index reads: *Thomas (alias Darseus) de Burgo*.]
Began the year of his novitiate on 1 Mar. 1725.
Professed at St Sixtus for the Irish province on 2 Mar. 1726 in the hands of James Fitzgerald, prior. Signed Thomas Vincent Kelly, second regent and secretary, and John Brett, master of novices.
- ENNIS Vincent Mary Received the clerical habit on 5 Aug. 1726 from Patrick O'Dugan. Signed John Brett, lector of philosophy and master of novices.
[The index reads: *Vincentius Maria (alias Lucas) Ennis (alias MacEnnis)*.]
On 31 July 1727 he declared to Patrick O'Dugan his willingness to make profession. Signed Thomas V. Kelly, secretary, and John Brett.
Professed at St Clement's for the Irish province on 5 Aug. 1727 in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed John Brett, master of novices.
- SERLAULI Francis Christopher A Swiss. Received the lay habit on 8 Dec. 1726 from Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed John Brett, lector of philosophy and master of novices.
[Marginal note: *fuit habitu spoliatus*.]
- MARCHESI Dominic An Italian. Received the lay habit on 8 Dec. 1726 from Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed J. Brett *ut supra*.
Professed at St Sixtus for the Irish province on 16 Dec. 1729 in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed Thomas Branan, lector of philosophy and master of novices.
[Marginal note: *obiit ad S. Clementem*.]

- VISCARDI Thomas (John)** A Neapolitan. Received the lay habit on 20 Dec. 1727 from Patrick O'Dugan, prior, and for whatever convent should later be decided by Benedict XIII. Signed J. Brett, master of novices.
 Professed at St Sixtus on 17 Mar. 1729 for the convent of Fano in the province *Utriusque Lombardiae*, in the hands of Patrick O'Dugan, prior. Signed J. Brett, master of novices.
- GUGEMOS Michael** A German. Received the lay habit at St Sixtus on 28 Dec. 1728 from P. O'Dugan, prior. Signed J. Brett, second regent and master of novices.
 Professed at St Sixtus on 25 Jan. 1732 for the Irish province in the hands of P. O'Dugan, prior. Signed John Lynch.
- MAYR John** A German. Received the lay habit on 15 Sept. 1731 from P. O'Dugan, prior. Signed Thomas MacHugo Burke, lector of philosophy and master of novices.
 On 11 Sept. 1732 he declared to Stephen Dowdall, vicar *in capite*, that no canonical impediment prevented his profession. Signed Thomas V. Kelly, first regent, Patrick O'Dugan, master of novices, and Thomas Brennan, second regent.
 Professed at St Clement's for the Irish province on 15 Sept. 1732 in the hands of Stephen Dowdall, vicar *in capite*. Signed Patrick O'Dugan, master of novices.
 [Marginal note: *obiit ad S. Clementem die 9 Januarii 1770.*]
- VOGLER Mathias** A German. Received the lay habit on 6 Apr. 1733. Began his novitiate at St Sixtus on 23 Nov. 1734 in the priorship of John MacGhee. Signed Patrick O'Dugan, master of novices.
 Professed at St Clement's for the Irish province on 28 Nov. 1735 in the hands of John Brett, first regent and prior. Signed P. O'Dugan *ut supra*.
 [The index notes: *Obiit ad S. Clementem 27 Novembris 1763.*]
- NETTERVILLE Luke (Thomas)** Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 2 July 1737 from the master general Ripoll, for the Irish convent nearest to his birthplace (in accordance with the acts of the Irish provincial chapter of 1721). He took the name Luke in memory of Luke Netterville, archbishop of Armagh, who had founded the convent of Drogheda in 1224. Signed Thomas Burke, first regent and secretary. On 29 June 1738 he declared his willingness to make profession. Signed Thomas Burke, first regent, Thomas Nangle, second regent, and Richard Nugent.
 Professed at St Clement's on 2 July 1738 in the hands of

John Brett, S.T.P. and prior, taking the place of the master general. Signed (3 July) Thomas Burke, first regent and secretary.

NETTERVILLE John (Francis) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 24 June 1739 from Thomas V. O'Kelly, prior. Signed T. Burke *ut supra*.

On 21 June 1740 he declared before Thomas Burke, regent and vicar *in capite*, his willingness to make profession. Signed John Brett, penitentiary at St Mary Major's, Patrick Dugan, and Dominic Lynch, second regent and master of novices.

Professed at St Clement's on 24 June 1740 in the presence of Michael MacDonogh, bishop of Kilmore, and of other notables, and in the hands of Thomas Burke, vicar *in capite*, who took the place of the master general Ripoll. Signed Thomas Burke, first regent and vicar *in capite*.

CHIANI Philip James Benedict A Roman. Received the lay habit at St Clement's, with the permission of the master general, on 1 May 1745 from James Fitzgerald, prior. Signed Thomas Hope, master of students and secretary.

On 25 Feb. 1747, with a dispensation from the master general because it was less than two years since he took the habit, he began his novitiate at St Sixtus in the priorship of Peter MacKeon. Signed Mathew Casey, pedagogue and pro-master of novices.

On 29 Feb. 1748 he declared to Peter MacKeon, prior, his willingness to make profession. Signed Thomas Hope, sub-prior, Dominic Morragh, first regent, and Patrick Kirwan, lector of philosophy and master of novices.

Professed at St Sixtus on 4 Mar. 1748 in the hands of Peter MacKeon, prior, who took the place of the master general. Signed Patrick Kirwan, lector of philosophy and master of novices.

DALTON Patrick Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 10 Sept. 1747 from Peter MacKeon, prior. Signed Patrick Kirwan, lector of philosophy, master of novices, and protonotary apostolic.

On 4 Sept. 1748 he declared to Peter MacKeon, prior, his willingness to make profession. Signed Dominic Morragh, Thomas Hope, and Patrick Kirwan.

Professed at St Clement's for the convent of Mullingar on 10 Sept. 1748 in the hands of Peter MacKeon, prior, who took

the place of the master general Bremond. Signed Patrick Kirwan, master of novices.

O'CONNOR John Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 5 Nov. 1747 from Peter MacKeon, prior. Signed P. Kirwan, lector of philosophy and master of novices.

On 2 Nov. 1748 he declared to Peter MacKeon, prior, his willingness to make profession. Signed Dominic Morragh, first regent, Thomas Hope, S.T.P., and Patrick Kirwan, master of novices and students.

Professed at St Clement's for the convent of Aghaboe on 5 Nov. 1748 in the hands of Peter MacKeon, prior, who took the place of the master general Bremond. Signed P. Kirwan *ut supra*.

[Note: he signs his own name simply as Connor.]

BECKER Bernard A Dutchman. Received the lay habit at St Clement's on 8 Sept. 1748 from Peter MacKeon, prior. Signed Patrick Kirwan, lector of philosophy and master of novices.

On 19 July 1749, with the master general's permission, he went to Viterbo to recover his health, and returned to the convent on 31 Oct. 1749. Signed Patrick Kirwan, master of students and novices.

On 24 Nov. 1750, again with the general's licence, he went to begin his novitiate at Viterbo. Signed Vincent O'Heyne, lector of philosophy and master of novices.

O'NEILL John Received the clerical habit at St Clement's on 28 May 1752 from Thomas Hope, prior. Signed William Clemens, master of novices.

On 24 May 1753 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession. Signed John F. Netterville, subprior and second regent, Vincent O'Heyne, master of students, and William Clemens, master of novices.

Professed at St Clement's for the convent of Cavan on 28 May 1753 in the hands of Thomas Hope, prior, who took the place of the master general Bremond. Signed W. Clemens *ut supra*.

[Marginal note: *obiit Pontanae mense Julii 1774.*]

CUMMINS Michael Received the clerical habit for the convent of Athy at St Clement's on 21 Nov. 1753 from Thomas Hope, prior. Signed William Clemens, master of novices.

On 20 Nov. 1754 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession. Signed Vincent O'Heyne, subprior and

second regent, John F. Netterville, first regent and master of novices, and Hyacinth Berrill, master of students.

Professed at St Clement's on 21 Nov. 1754 in the hands of Thomas Hope, prior, who took the place of the master general Bremond. Signed J. F. Netterville *ut supra*.

WARD Michael Received the clerical habit for the convent of Dublin on 21 Nov. 1753 with Cummins *supra*.

Began his novitiate on 15 Oct. 1754. Signed J. F. Netterville, first regent and master of novices.

On 15 Aug. 1755 was dispensed three months of his novitiate by the procurator general of the Order. Signed Patrick Dalton, lector of philosophy, master of novices, and secretary.

On 11 Oct. 1755 he declared to the prior, John F. Netterville, his willingness to make profession. Signed Vincent O'Heyne, subprior and second regent, Hyacinth Berrill, master of students, and Patrick Dalton, lector of philosophy and master of novices.

Professed at St Clement's on 15 Oct. 1755 in the hands of the same prior. Signed P. Dalton, lector of philosophy, master of novices, and secretary.

[Marginal note: *obiit Neapoli in conventu S. Catherine die Januarii 1759.*]

QUIRK Dominic (Francis) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Naas on 5 Jan. 1756 from John F. Netterville, prior. Signed Patrick Dalton, lector of philosophy, master of novices, and secretary.

On 2 Jan. 1757 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession. Signed John O'Neil, subprior and master of novices, Vincent O'Heyne, second regent, and Patrick Dalton, master of students.

Professed at St Sixtus on 5 Jan. 1757 in the hands of J. F. Netterville, prior. Signed John O'Neill, subprior and master of novices.

TROY Thomas (John) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Dublin on 25 Apr. 1756 from J. F. Netterville, prior. Signed John O'Neil *ut supra*.

On 22 Apr. 1757 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession. Signed John O'Neill, subprior and master of novices, Vincent O'Heyne, second regent, Patrick Dalton, master of students.

Professed at St Sixtus on 25 Apr. 1757 in the hands of the same prior. Signed J. O'Neil *ut supra*.

- BRAGAN Dominic (Christopher)** Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Mullingar on 7 Mar. 1760 from John O'Neill, prior. Signed Patrick Dalton, master of novices. On 4 Mar. 1761 he declared to Patrick Kirwan, prior, his willingness to make profession. Signed Hyacinth Berrill, second regent and subprior, Denis McGrath, professor of philosophy and arts, and John O'Neill, master of novices. [His profession on 7 Mar. 1761 is noted only in the index, but he further attested on 26 March that his profession had been free and spontaneous.]
- O'BRIEN Vincent (William)** Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Dublin on 12 July 1761 from Patrick Kirwan, prior. Signed Dominic Colgan, master of novices. On 9 July 1762 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession. Signed Hyacinth Berrill, second regent and subprior, Dominic Colgan, master of novices, and Michael Brennan. Professed on 12 July 1762 and signed a statement to that effect on the 13th. Signed H. Berrill, second regent and subprior, D. Colgan, master of novices, and Denis Magrath, master of students.
- LEVINS Thomas (Francis)** Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Drogheda on 18 Apr. 1762 from Patrick Kirwan, prior. Signed Dominic Colgan, master of novices. On 15 Apr. 1763 he declared to Patrick Kirwan, prior, his willingness to make profession on 18 April. Signed Michael Brennan, lector of philosophy and subprior, Dominic Colgan, master of novices, and Hyacinth Berrill, second regent. Professed on 18 Apr. 1763 at St Sixtus in the hands of the same prior. Signed D. Colgan, master of novices.
- DIAMOND Michael** Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Coleraine on 5 Nov. 1762 from P. Kirwan, prior. Signed D. Colgan, master of novices. On 2 Nov. 1763 he declared to Patrick Kirwan, prior and regent, his willingness to make profession on 5 November. Signed Michael Brennan, subprior, John Murphy, S.T.B., and John T. Troy, lector of philosophy. Professed at St Clement's on 5 Nov. 1763 in the hands of Patrick Kirwan, prior. Signed D. Colgan, master of novices.
- LANGAN Dominic (James)** Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Galway on 1 Aug. 1763 from

P. Kirwan, prior. Signed Dominic Colgan, master of novices. On 29 July 1764 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 1 August. Signed Michael Brennan, subprior, Dominic Colgan, master of novices, and John T. Troy, lector of philosophy.

Professed at St Clement's on 1 Aug. 1764 in the hands of the same prior. Signed J. T. Troy, lector of philosophy, pedagogue of the novices, and secretary.

COFFEY Eugene Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Naas on 12 Oct. 1763 from P. Kirwan, prior. Signed D. Colgan, master of novices.

On 9 Oct. 1764 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 12 October. Signed D. Colgan, master of novices, J. T. Troy, lector of philosophy, and Thomas MacDonagh.

Professed at St Clement's on 12 Oct. 1764 in the hands of the same prior. Signed J. T. Troy, lector of philosophy, pedagogue of the novices, and secretary.

HOPE James Received the clerical habit for the convent of Aghaboe on 12 Oct. 1763 and made his profession on 12 Oct. 1764, on both occasions in company with Eugene Coffey. All other details as in the preceding entry.

FRENCH Thomas (James) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Galway on 31 Oct. 1764 from Patrick Kirwan, prior. Signed J. T. Troy, lector of philosophy and secretary, and Dominic Colgan, master of novices.

With the permission of the master general he was sent to make his novitiate at the Minerva.

DONELAN Vincent (Patrick) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Longford on 30 Nov. 1764 from P. Kirwan, prior. With the permission of the master general he was sent to make his novitiate at the Minerva. Signed D. Colgan, master of novices.

STRONG Dominic (Simon) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Drogheda on 15 Jan. 1765 from P. Kirwan, prior. With the permission of the master general he went to the convent of S. Maria a Quercu at Viterbo where on 20 Jan. 1765 the prior admitted him to the novitiate. Signed D. Colgan, master of novices.

STRONG Vincent (John) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Dublin on 14 Jan. 1767 from John Murphy,

prior. Signed Michael Brennan, master of novices and *baccalaureus*.

On 11 Jan. 1768 he declared to J. Murphy, prior and regent, his willingness to make profession on 14 January. Signed George Plunkett, subprior, M. Brennan, master of novices and *baccalaureus*, and J. T. Troy, master of students.

Professed at St Sixtus on 14 Jan. 1768 in the hands of the same prior. Signed M. Brennan *ut supra*.

MCGRATH Dominic (John) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Lorrha on 5 Feb. 1769 from J. Murphy, prior. Signed George Plunkett, master of novices and students. On 2 Feb. 1770 he declared to Michael Brennan, prior and regent, his willingness to make profession. Signed Antoninus Biggs, subprior, J. T. Troy, *baccalaureus*, and Francis Thomas Levins, lector of arts and master of novices.

Professed at St Clement's on 5 Feb. 1770 in the presence of Thomas Burke, O.P., bishop of Ossory, and in the hands of M. Brennan, prior. Signed F. T. Levins, master of novices and lector of arts.

O'DONOGHUE Vincent (Michael) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus on 5 Feb. 1769 for the convent of Lorrha, and was professed on 5 Feb. 1770, on both occasions in company with John McGrath. All other details as in the preceding entry.

MCCONNIN Dominic (Laurence) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Drogheda on 23 Apr. 1769 from John Murphy, prior. Signed George Plunkett, master of novices and students.

On 20 Apr. 1770 he declared to Michael Brennan, prior and regent, his willingness to make profession. Signed Antoninus Biggs, subprior, J. T. Troy, *baccalaureus*, and F. T. Levins, master of novices and lector of philosophy.

Professed at St Sixtus on 23 Apr. 1770 in the hands of the same prior. Signed J. T. Levins, master of novices and lector of arts.

BERRILL Vincent (John) Received the habit for the convent of Drogheda on 23 Apr. 1769 and made profession on 23 Apr. 1770, on both occasions in company with Laurence McConnin. All other details as in the preceding entry.

MCMAHON Augustine Thomas (Bartholomew) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Dublin on 28 Aug. 1769 from the master general Boxadors. Signed Francis T. Levins, pro-master of novices.

He began his year of probation on 11 Aug. 1770. On 25 Aug. 1771 he declared to Michael Brennan, prior and regent, his willingness to make profession on 28 August. Signed F. T. Levins, subprior and master of novices, J. T. Troy, *baccalaureus*, and Antoninus Biggs, master of students. Professed at St Clement's on 28 Aug. 1771 in the hands of the master general Boxadors. Signed F. T. Levins, subprior, lector of arts, and master of novices.

LYNCH Thomas (Francis) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Dublin on 27 Mar. 1770 from M. Brennan, prior, and went with the permission of the master general to the Minerva where the prior allowed him to begin his year of probation on the very same day. Signed Francis T. Levins, lector of arts and master of novices.

CREIGHTON Dominic (Henry) An Englishman. Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Bornhem [Flanders] on 2 Sept. 1770 from Michael Brennan, prior. He set out with the master general's licence to begin his novitiate in the convent of S. Maria de Quercu at Viterbo. Signed Francis T. Levins, master of novices.

O'BRIEN Thomas (James) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Athy on 26 Nov. 1770 from M. Brennan, prior. Signed F. T. Levins, lector of arts, master of novices, and subprior.

On 24 Nov. 1771 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 26 November. Signed F. T. Levins, subprior, J. T. Troy, regent, and Antoninus Biggs, *baccalaureus*.

Professed at St Clement's on 28 Nov. 1771 [!] in the hands of the same prior. Signed F. T. Levins, subprior and master of novices and students.

O'DUNN Vincent (James) Received the clerical habit for the convent of Athy on 26 Nov. 1770 in company with James O'Brien; made his declaration on 24 Nov. 1771; and was professed on 26 Nov. 1771. All other details as in the preceding entry.

PARR alias McDONNELL Dominic (Francis) An Englishman. Received the clerical habit for the convent of Bornhem on 25 July 1771 from Michael Brennan, prior. Left with the master general's licence for Florence on the following day to begin his novitiate at the convent of St Mark. Signed F. T. Levins, subprior.

SHARP Vincent (James) An Englishman. Received the clerical habit for the convent of Bornhem on 25 July 1771, in company with Francis Parr, and likewise went to Florence for his novitiate. All other details as in the preceding entry.

NICHOLLS Thomas (John) An Englishman. Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Bornhem on 3 Dec. 1771 from M. Brennan, prior. He left for Florence with the general's licence on 6 December to begin his novitiate at St Mark's. Signed F. T. Levins, master of novices.

O'KELLY Dominic (Richard) Received the clerical habit for the convent of Newtownards at St Sixtus on 7 Feb. 1773 from John Thomas Troy, prior. Signed Luke Concanen, master of novices.

On 5 Feb. 1774 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 7 February. Signed Antoninus Biggs, subprior, F. T. Levins, and Luke Concanen, lector of arts. Professed at St Sixtus on 7 Feb. 1774, having completed his 25th year, in the hands of the same prior. Signed Luke Concanen, master of novices and lector of philosophy.

FITZGIBBONS Vincent (Patrick) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Dublin on 7 Mar. 1773 from J. T. Troy, prior. Signed L. Concanen, master of novices and cantor.

On 5 Mar. 1774 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 7 March. Signed A. Biggs, F. T. Levins, and L. Concanen.

Professed on 7 Mar. 1774, before completing his 19th year, in the hands of the same prior. Signed L. Concanen, master of novices.

BRENNAN Thomas (Walter) Received the clerical habit for the convent of Trim on 7 Mar. 1773 and professed on 7 Mar. 1774 before completing his 19th year. On both occasions in company with Patrick Fitzgibbons. All other details as in the preceding entry.

KINDELAN Pius Mary (Samuel) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Trim on 15 Aug. 1773 from J. T. Troy, prior. Signed L. Concanen, master of novices and secretary.

Note: the aforesaid was actually professed for the convent of Dublin. On 13 Aug. 1774 his profession was postponed. On 7 Sept 1774 he declared to the same prior his willingness

to make profession on 8 September. Signed F. T. Levins, L. Concanen, and Vincent O'Donoghoe.

Professed at St Clement's for the convent of Dublin (with the permission of that community and a dispensation from the master general) on 8 Sept. 1774 in the hands of the same prior, before the completion of his 17th year. Signed L. Concanen, master of novices and lector of arts.

MACDONAGH Dominic (George) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Urlar on 4 Aug. 1774 from John T. Troy, prior. Two days later he went to Florence with the licence of the master general to begin his novitiate at St Mark's. Signed Luke Concanen, master of novices and lector of arts.

RAMPASINI Albert (Paul) An Italian from Bergamo. Received the tertiary habit at St Clement's on 8 Sept. 1774 from J. T. Troy, prior. He was 30 years of age, a carpenter and mason by profession. Signed L. Concanen *ut supra*.

He left the Order and the house on 26 Jan. 1776 *omnium plausu* after a decision to that effect was taken by the house council under J. T. Troy, vicar *in capite*. Signed L. Concanen, subprior, master of novices and students.

O'DUNN Clement (Mathias) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Arklow on 12 Feb. 1778 from Francis T. Levins, prior. Signed L. Concanen, subprior, *baccalaureus*, master of novices, and secretary.

On 11 Feb. 1779 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 12 February. Signed John Connolly subprior, L. Concanen, *baccalaureus* and master of novices, and Dominic M. MacDonagh.

Professed at St Sixtus on 12 Feb. 1779, having just completed his 21st year, in the hands of the same prior. Signed L. Concanen *ut supra*.

O'KIERAN Sixtus (Patrick) Received the clerical habit for the convent of Drogheda on 12 Feb. 1778 and professed on 12 Feb. 1779, being then in his 19th year. On both occasions in company with Mathias O'Dunn. All other details as in preceding entry.

BIAGGIONI Antoninus (Anthony) An Italian from Tuscany. Received the tertiary habit at St Clement's with the licence of the master general, from Francis T. Levins, prior, being then in his 33rd year. Signed L. Concanen, *baccalaureus* and master of novices.

Began his novitiate on 24 June 1782 in the priorship of Luke Concanen. Signed Francis Thomas Lynch, master of novices. On 29 May 1783 he was expelled from the Order after an unfavourable vote of the house-council. Signed Peter Daly, *baccalaureus* and master of novices.

[At this point in the register there is a series of notes on the succession of masters of novices.]

Luke Concanen, regent, resigned as master of novices on 9 December 1779, having held that office for seven years. John Connolly, subprior *in capite*, with the consent of the council and a dispensation from the master general, then appointed Anthony Vincent Conway, master of students, to take his place.

Anthony V. Conway freely resigned as master of novices on 25 June 1781. Luke Concanen, prior, with the consent of the council and a dispensation from the master general, appointed Francis Thomas Lynch, master of students, to take his place on 29 June 1781. On 24 May 1783, Francis T. Lynch, master of novices and students, left for Ireland *ob negotia domestica* with the master general's licence.

Luke Concanen, prior, with the consent of the council and a dispensation from the master general, then named Peter Daly, *baccalaureus*, as master of novices on 28 May 1783. Signed Peter Daly, *baccalaureus* and master of novices.

HALL Ignatius (Michael) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Newtownards on 9 June 1784 from Luke Concanen, prior. Signed Peter O'Daly, *baccalaureus* and master of novices.

On 7 June 1785 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 9 June. Signed Daniel Kennedy, subprior, John Connolly, regent, and Peter O'Daly, master of novices.

On 12 June 1785 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

MCGRANE Raymund (Thomas) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Drogheda on 9 June 1784 in company with Michael Hall *supra*. He freely left the Order on 14 June 1784. Signed Peter O'Daly, master of novices.

PLUNKETT John Thomas Received the clerical habit at Louvain for the convent of Arklow. On 3 Aug. 1784 he began his novitiate with the approval of Luke Concanen, prior. Signed P. O'Daly *ut supra*.

On 6 Aug. 1785 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 7 August. Signed Daniel Kennedy and John Connolly. On 7 Aug. 1785 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

STACK Pius (Garrett) Received the clerical habit at Louvain for the convent of Tralee. On 6 Aug. 1784 he began his novitiate with the approval of Luke Concanen, prior. Signed Peter O'Daly *ut supra*.

On 6 Aug. 1785 he declared his willingness to make profession on 7 August. Signed Daniel Kennedy and John Connolly, regent.

On 7 Aug. 1785 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

CLARKE Albert (Edmund) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Clonshanvill on 8 Dec. 1784 from Luke Concanen, prior. Signed Peter O'Daly, master of novices.

On 7 Dec. 1785 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 8 December. Signed John Connolly, regent, Peter O'Daly, master of novices, and Mathias Clement Dunne, lector of philosophy.

On 8 Dec. 1785 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

O'DONNELL Constantine Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Derry on 6 Jan. 1786 from Luke Concanen, prior. Signed P. O'Daly *ut supra*.

On 6 Jan. 1787 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 7 January. Signed John Connolly, subprior, Peter O'Daly, master of novices, and Daniel Kennedy, master of students.

On 14 Jan. 1787 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

ROCK Benedict (Thomas) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Newtownards on 23 Apr. 1786 from Luke Concanen, prior. Signed Peter O'Daly, *baccalaureus* and master of novices.

On 2 Oct. 1787 he declared to John Connolly, prior, his willingness to make profession that very day. Signed Mathias

Dunne, subprior, Peter O'Daly, regent, and Daniel Kennedy, master of students.

On 4 Oct. 1787 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

CLARKE Hyacinth (John) Received the clerical habit at St Sixtus for the convent of Newtownards on 23 Apr. 1786 with Thomas Rock *supra*.

On 27 June 1787 he declared to Luke Concanen, prior, his willingness to make profession *die praesentis Junii* [!]. Signed P. O'Daly, regent and master of novices, and Mathias C. O'Dunne, subprior.

On 2 Oct. 1787 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

DONNELLY Clement (Henry) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Coleraine on 22 Nov. 1786 from Luke Concanen, prior. Signed Peter O'Daly, *baccalaureus* and master of novices.

On 30 Dec. 1787 he declared to John Connolly, prior, his willingness to make profession that very day. Signed M. C. O'Dunne, subprior, and P. O'Daly *ut supra*.

On 2 Jan. 1788 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

MCDONOUGH John Luke (Paul) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Coleraine on 22 Nov. 1786 in company with Henry Donnelly *supra*.

On 30 Dec. 1787 he declared to John Connolly, prior, his willingness to make profession. Signatories *ut supra*.

On 2 Jan. 1788 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

BUSHE Peter (Francis) Received the clerical habit at St Clement's for the convent of Dublin on 5 Oct. 1788 from John Connolly, prior. Signed Peter O'Daly, regent and master of novices. On 10 Oct. 1789 he declared to the same prior his willingness to make profession on 11 October. Signed Peter O'Daly, master of novices, and John Thomas Plunkett, lector of philosophy.

On 11 Oct. 1789 he attested that his profession had been freely made.

BUSHE Michael (James) Received the clerical habit for the convent of Dublin on 5 Oct. 1788 in company with Francis Bushe. Made his declaration of willingness on 10 Oct. 1789 and his

attestation of freedom on 11 October. All other details as in preceding entry.

DONATI Seraphinus (Gregory) An Italian of Lucca. Received the lay habit at St Clement's on 22 July 1789.

On 8 Apr. 1792 he began his novitiate at the request of John Connolly, prior. Signed Mathias Clement Dunne, master of novices.

MASDEA Thomas He came to begin his novitiate at St Sixtus on 27 Feb. 1791, with the licence of the master general, having received the habit that very day at the Minerva. Signed M. C. Dunne, master of novices.

On 1 May 1792 [ms *die Maii*] he declared to John Connolly, prior, his willingness to make profession on 27 May. Signed Daniel Kennedy, subprior and regent, M. C. Dunne, *baccalaureus* and master of novices, and John T. Plunkett, lector of philosophy.

[Marginal note: he left the Order freely.]