



Historical Highlights

Fr. Joseph Felon O.F.M. Cap.

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In 1923, **Joseph Felon** was named Superior of the Irish Mission in America. That same year he took charge of the parish of the Most Holy Redeemer in Watts, Los Angeles. One of his first acts was to have the name of the Church changed to St. Lawrence of Brindisi (a Capuchin Saint). The Friars at Watts in the early days conducted novenas and parish missions both locally and distant, even to Bakersfield and Sacramento. On November 15, 1924 Joseph preached at the installation of Albert Bibby as first Capuchin pastor of Old Mission Santa Ines. In 1930 Joseph became the first Capuchin pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish in Los Angeles. In 1935 he built a new wing to St. Patrick Friary, Wilmington, Delaware. This became the first novitiate of the Irish Capuchins in the U.S. In 1937 Joseph was succeeded as Superior of the Irish Capuchin Mission by Stephen Murtagh. After many more years of ministry, Joseph retired to Ireland in the late 1940's. He lived out the rest of his religious life at Holy Trinity Friary, Cork. He died in 1963 and is buried at Rochestown Friary in Ireland.

In gratitude to our brother, Joseph, and the friars of the Mother Province of St. Patrick, please pray one *Glory be to the Father*.

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