As found in the 1895 Liber Responsorialis, which was based on the research of Dom Joseph Pothier, even though Pothier himself had been moved (in 1893) to serve as Prior of Ligugé Abbey, since the previous prior had died. The request had come in 1892 from the abbat of Ligugé Abbey (Abbat Joseph Bourigaud). Cf. page 49 of The Politics of Plainchant published by Katharine Ellis in 2013. It’s not entirely clear how Dom Pothier became prior of Ligugé Abbey in 1893.

After all, in 1880 the monks had been driven from their abbey by the “Ferry Laws” (anti-clerical laws named in honor of Jules Ferry, a man who promoted immorality and the persecution of Catholic clergyman). Many of them, under the leadership of Abbot Joseph Bourigaud took refuge at the ancient Abbey of Santo Domingo de Silos in Spain, which they rebuilt and saved from extinction.


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