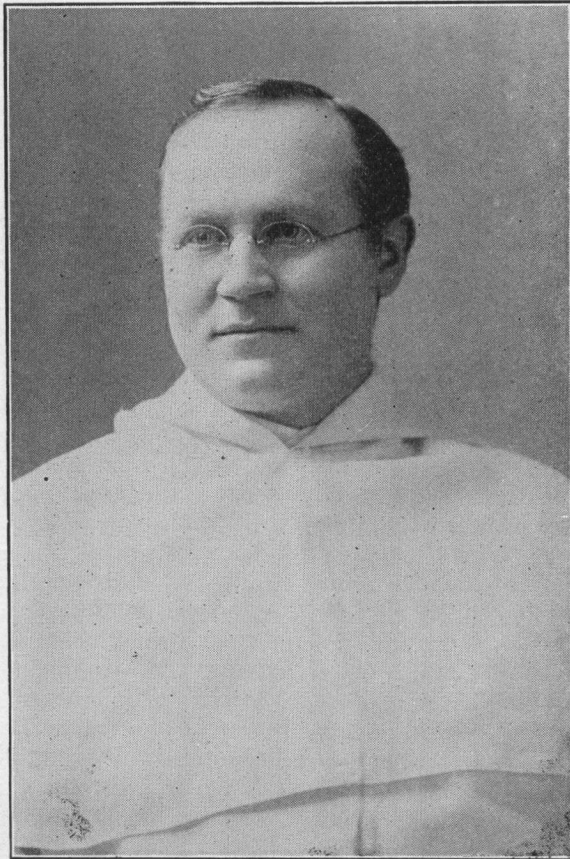


## THE VERY REVEREND VICTOR FRANCIS O'DANIEL, O. P., S. T. M.

**I**F it is an inspiring sight to kneel in the church and see the trembling young levite offer for the first time the adorable sacrifice of the Mass, how much more impressive is the scene when after a

morning, June 16, 1916, the beloved Archivist of Saint Joseph's Province celebrated the silver jubilee of his sacerdotal ordination.

Born in the Blue Grass State, which has given so many faithful ministers to



Very Rev. V. F. O'Daniel, O. P., S. T. M.

quarter century of service that same priest, now grown old in God's service, again stands before the altar to celebrate his Mass of jubilee.

The community of the House of Studies was privileged to be present at just such a spectacle when on Friday

the American Church, Father O'Daniel while yet a young man received a call to the religious life and entered the venerable Convent of Saint Rose, near Springfield, in his native State. Here at the very fountain-head of Dominican activities in the United States, he

imbibed the spirit of the Friars Preachers, and after a successful course of studies was ordained priest by the late Bishop Watterson of Columbus, Ohio.

Of a studious turn of mind, and endowed with exceptional ability as a theologian, the young religious soon became a Lector in Sacred Theology, which title he bore with distinction until it was exchanged five years ago for the degree of Master which is the highest scholastic honor in the power of our Order to confer.

During the twenty-five years of his ministry most of Father O'Daniel's time has been devoted to professorial duties, and in this capacity he has trained not only the students of Saint Joseph's Province, but also those of the Province of the Holy Name in California.

During the last few years much of the learned Jubilarian's time has been devoted to historical research work, and he has carefully collected and catalogued, with no small labor, the archives of the Dominican Province of Saint Joseph.

Identified as he has always been with the novices of the Order, it was the Reverend Father's desire to celebrate

his first Mass of Jubilee at the House of Studies; and so it came to pass that we were privileged to assist at this inspiring ceremony, and to hear from the lips of our Very Reverend Prior a well-merited tribute to the Father Jubilarian. The assisting ministers on this occasion were the Very Reverend D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., Father O'Daniel's former Novice Master and the Reverend Father McShane, O. P., S. T. Lr., a fellow student.

At the conclusion of this ceremony our Jubilarian departed at once for Kentucky, and on the following Sunday, June 18, in the historic old church of Saint Rose, near Springfield, another Mass was celebrated and again a glad "Te Deum" voiced the sentiments of his friends in "The Old Kentucky Home." Very Reverend Father Christmas, O. P., was the speaker on this occasion.

Father O'Daniel, the novices of the House of Studies Join with your religious brethren and friends in offering their heartfelt felicitations, and praying earnestly that you may again ascend the altar steps for a Mass of jubilee on that day when the ties which bind you to us are no longer silver but golden.

—The Novices.

