

## THE SEVENTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION

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**I**N the Book of Leviticus we read that the Lord told Moses to "sanctify the fiftieth year . . . because it is the jubilee."

Through many centuries this recurring jubilee has been celebrated in the Order of St. Dominic; but no anniversary has been observed with greater rejoicing in every province and convent than this seventh hundred year of our ecclesiastical approval by Rome. We trust that it is with pardonable pride when we say that no province has stood more in the forefront than has the Province of St. Joseph in its endeavor to celebrate the occasion befittingly.

An entire week was devoted to commemorating the seventh centennial at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. The event was brilliantly inaugurated on Cardinals' Day, Tuesday, November 14th. His Eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons was celebrant of the Solemn Pontifical Mass at ten o'clock in the chapel at the House of Studies. On a throne opposite that of the venerable celebrant sat His Eminence John Cardinal Farley of New York, whose titular church is that of Santa Maria supra Minerva, the great Dominican church in Rome. Other prelates who were present in the sanctuary during the Mass were: Right Rev. James J. Hartley, Bishop of Columbus, Ohio; Right Rev. Matthew Harkins, Bishop of Providence, Rhode Island; Right Rev. Ferdinand Brossart, Bishop of Covington, Kentucky; Right Rev. O. B. Corrigan, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore; Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, Bishop of Germanicopolis, Rector of the Catholic University of America, and the Monsignori, Right Rev. James F. Mackin, Right Rev. C. F. Thomas of Baltimore, Right Rev. Augustus Schwertner, V. G., of

the Toledo Diocese. Those assisting His Eminence, the Cardinal Celebrant were: The Very Rev. Godfrey Schillings, O. F. M., Superior of the Mount Sepulchre Monastery, Brookland, D. C., Very Rev. A. Skinner, C. S. P., Deacons of Honor; Very Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, C. S. P., Superior of the Apostolic Mission House, Brookland, D. C., Deacon of the Mass; Very Rev. Edward J. Strauss, O. M. I., Superior of the Oblates, Washington, Subdeacon; Rev. P. C. Gavin, S. T. L., Rector of Sacred Heart Church, Washington, Assistant Priest; Very Rev. J. A. Doherty, Vice Rector of the Catholic University, Master of Ceremonies. The sermon of the occasion was preached by the Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University. Many members of the religious Orders and the secular clergy were present at the Mass.

His Excellency, Most Rev. John Bonzano, Archbishop of Militene, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, was the celebrant of the Pontifical High Mass at ten o'clock, Wednesday, University Day. Seated in the sanctuary during the Mass were: Right Rev. Bishop James J. Hartley, of Columbus, Ohio; Bishop Ferdinand Brossart of Covington, Kentucky; Bishop Edward E. Allen of Mobile, Alabama; Bishop Charles E. McDonnell of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Monsignori, Right Rev. M. J. Lavelle, V. G., Rector of St. Patrick's Church, N. Y.; Right Rev. James F. Mackin, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Washington; Right Rev. William T. Russell, Rector of St. Patrick's Church, Washington; Right Rev. Thomas Lee, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Washington; Right Rev. M. Haggard, Rector of St. Joseph's Church, Akron, O.; Right Rev. Andrew Meehan, St. Bernard's Seminary, and the Right Rev.

Edward M. McGolrick, Rector of St. Cecilia's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The entire faculty of the Catholic University attended the Mass. The preacher of the occasion was the Very Rev. Dr. Peter Guilday, professor of Church History at the Catholic University.

At three-thirty o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, November 17th, which was Students' Day, the community of the House of Studies, together with a number of distinguished guests and friends of the Order, assembled in the cloister of the Convent to assist at the academic exercises, which were opened with an address of welcome by Bro. Basil Saylor, O. P., in the course of which he spoke of the important part which the Order played in scholastic debates from its very beginning. "The scholastic debate," he added, "as used to-day, had its root in the Philosophy of Aristotle, gradually developed in the dialectical pursuit of the early Christian schools, was more definitely shaped in Abelard's 'Sic et Non' and was finally perfected by Albert the Great and St. Thomas. . . . Its use in the Dominican schools has been founded on traditions that have never been forsaken." The Rev. Antoninus Marchant, O. P., then read a dissertation concerning St. Thomas' doctrine on the Active and Contemplative Life as exemplified in the Dominican Order. The final and principal feature of the afternoon's program was a theological disputation on St. Thomas' doctrine on the Sacraments as the Causes of Grace. The doctrine of St. Thomas was ably defended by the Rev. Bro. Richard Walker, O. P., against the objections proposed by Rev. Bro. John Welsh, O. P., and the Very Rev. Dr. Pace, Ph. D., of the Catholic University.

Sunday, November 19th, was Religious Order's Day. A Solemn High Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by the Rev. Alphonsus J. Donlon, S. J.,

President of Georgetown University. He was assisted by the Rev. Edward L. McDonnell, S. J., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Washington, D. C., Deacon of the Mass; James Dolan, S. J., Subdeacon; George Hanlon, S. J., Master of Ceremonies.

Right Rev. Denis J. O'Connell, Bishop of Richmond, Va.; Right Rev. Patrick J. Donahue, Bishop of Wheeling, W. Va.; Right Rev. Patrick Heffron, Bishop of Winona, Minn.; Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University of America; Right Rev. Ferdinand Brossart, Bishop of Covington, Ky., were present in the sanctuary.

The following Provincials and other members of religious Orders were present: Very Rev. Casimir Munecha, O. P., of New Orleans, Vice Provincial of the Spanish Dominicans in Louisiana; the Very Rev. A. C. Chamberland, O. P., S. T. L., prior of St. Anne's Convent, Fall River, Mass., representing the Canadian Province; Very Rev. E. S. Olsen, O. P., S. T. Lr., prior of Holy Rosary Convent, Portland, Ore., representing the Holy Name Province of California; Very Rev. Rudolph Bonner, O. F. M., Provincial of the Franciscans of the Province of Cincinnati; Very Rev. Philip Marke, O. F. M., representing the Franciscans of the Province of St. Louis; Very Rev. Joseph Isasi, O. C. D., Provincial of Discalced Carmelites, Brookland, D. C.; Very Rev. Leo Gruelisch, O. M. C., Provincial of the Minor Conventuals, Syracuse, N. Y.; Very Rev. P. McHale, C. M., Provincial of Vincentians, Philadelphia, Pa., Very Rev. J. Hild, C. SS. R., representing Redemptorists' Province of Maryland; Very Rev. A. Lechert, M. D. A., Superior of the Missionaries of Divine Love of Jesus, Brookland, D. C.; Very Rev. William Smith, O. M. I., Provincial of the Oblates, Lowell, Mass., Rev. Brother Philip, F. S. C.,

Provincial of the Christian Brothers of Maryland.

The Rev. Paschal Robinson, O. F. M., professor of Church History at the Catholic University, delivered an eloquent sermon on the occasion.

In the afternoon the laity had an opportunity to contribute to the celebration, which they did to a great advantage at Poli's Theatre. The Hon. John J. Fitzgerald, M. C., of New York, was chairman of the program, in which speakers of national repute took part.

The Hon. Wm. J. Kearns, of Newark, N. J., whose topic was "The Catholicity of Dominican Activity." Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, Md., delivered an address on "The World of St. Dominic and the World of To-day." The final speaker of the occasion was the Hon. W. Bourke Cockran, the golden-tongued orator of New York, delivered an address, "Representative Institutions—One of St. Dominic's Contributions to Civilization."

—Anthony O'Connell, O. P.

### CENTENARY CELEBRATION IN CANADA

**T**HE Seventh Centenary of the Order was commemorated on a large scale by the Province of Saint Dominic of Canada.

The chief celebrations were held at St. Hyacinth's Convent, Quebec and the House of Studies, Ottawa. These will be succeeded by appropriate ceremonies in the other Houses of the Province, both in Canada and the United States.

That of old St. Hyacinth's covered a period of three days. On October 27, the Provincial, the Very Rev. Father Alphonsus Langlais sang the Solemn Mass while the Very Rev. Father Bili viau, prior of the convent was the preacher. His Excellency, Msgr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, assisted in cappa magna. In the evening after compline, Rt. Rev. J. Guertin, V. G. spoke.

Very Rev. Father John-Joseph, Provincial and his Franciscan confreres officiated at the Solemn Mass on October 28. The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. M. D. Archambault, O. P. while after Vespers the pulpit was occupied

by Very Rev. Joseph Carrière, Provincial of the Jesuits.

The third day, October 29, Pontifical Mass was solemnized by the Bishop of St. Hyacinth, Rt. Rev. F. X. Bernard. The morning sermon was preached by Msgr. Brunault, Bishop of Nicolet, and Bishop Forbes of Poliette delivered the evening discourse. The jubilee was brought to a close by the Rosary Procession, Papal Blessing and Solemn Benediction.

The ceremonies at the House of Studies, Ottawa, were celebrated on November 10, 11 and 12. After High Mass, the first day, the French Tertiaries were addressed by the Very Rev. Dominican Provincial. The evening sermon was by the Vicar-Provincial of the Capuchins, Very Rev. Father Ernest-Mary.

Rev. D. A. Turcotte, O. P. preached in English on the second day. The Superior of the Redemptorists, Very Rev. P. Pinal delivered the compline discourse. At the concluding Pontifical Mass Rev. S. Corbeil, D. D., the Principal of the Normal School, preached. The evening sermon was given by Rev. G. Wevers, S. M.

—Ceslaus McEniry, O. P.