

the hour of death. He teaches religious the excellency of poverty, chastity, and obedience. And to the poor he furnishes an example of industry and contentment.

Saint Joseph, who, next to the Blessed Virgin is raised above all other saints in heaven, is a powerful protector against the attacks of the devil at the hour of death. And for this reason we should love and reverence him during life. What does it mean to have a protector and helper to come to our assistance in some grave necessity? We all know that as long as we enjoy prosperity we need not seek long for friends. They will come in troops of their own accord. But if the time of adversity comes upon us the most of our so-called friends will abandon us. Then we shall easily find out who are our true friends, and then, probably for the first time, we shall realize the truth of the proverb, "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Suppose, however, we find a friend whose sense of honor is upright in this respect, and who like a true friend stands by us in our necessity. Where in all this world shall we find any one to help us in the most dangerous of all plights—namely, the hour of our death? There is no one on this earth, no matter how near and dear to us, who can protect us then. Our rela-

tives and friends may stay near us; they may shed tears; they may grieve; but they cannot go with us into eternity and plead our cause before our Judge. Saint Joseph, whose feast we celebrate on the 19th of March, is such a helper. For long centuries past the Church has venerated him as the patron of a holy death, and each successive March presents him to her children as a perfect model of the virtues she desires them to practise. The month is set apart that they may know that a tender devotion to Saint Joseph is a great security in one's last moments.

It should be the desire of Catholics, on the feast of Saint Joseph, or on some day of his month, to receive Holy Communion with deep sentiments of humility, love, hope and contrition, so that he may obtain for them the grace to receive the last sacraments worthily at the end thus enabling them to meet their Judge without fear, and so receive the reward promised to those who die in God's favor.

Let us seek to know more and more of Saint Joseph. Let no day pass without some little prayer to him. And when the hour of trial, temptation, or even death comes, if we call on him he will hear us, he will assist us.

—Dalmatius Enright, O. P.

During the week Jan. 7th to 14th, the Rev. J. M. Stanton, O. P., preached a retreat to the men of the Chicago Cathedral.

The retreat for the students of St. Catherine's Academy, Springfield, Ky., was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Clark, O. P., of the Southern mission band.

The Dominican Sisters of Louisiana have opened a new school at New Orleans. Their Normal School has also been recognized by the State Board of Education.

The Caldwell Community commemorated the seven hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Order, Dec. 16th. The V. Rev. J. A. Hinch, O. P., P. G., sang the Mass. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. P. McHugh.

Two novices of the Portuguese Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena pronounced their first vows in the chapel of Holy Rosary Hospital, Ontario, Oregon. Two of the Sisters also renewed their vows.

WITHIN THE CLOISTER

The mission at the Holy Name Mission in the Bowery was given by the Dominicans.

During the first two weeks of Lent seventeen Dominican missionaries were at work in Greater New York.

In accordance with a requirement of the Dominican Constitutions, on Jan. 17, a solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by the V. Rev. Prior for the repose of the soul of the ex-Master General, the Very Rev. Hyacinth M. Cormier, O. P., who died in Rome, Dec. 17.

In an article by Hugh A. Allen, M. D., appearing in the February number of the Catholic World, Fr. Albert Reinhart, O. P., and Very Rev. T. L. Crowley, O. P., prior of St. Louis Bertrand's Convent, Louisville, Ky., are mentioned as having done yeoman service for religion in the field of art and letters.

The sincere condolences of the novices are extended to the Very Rev. W. D. Noon, O. P., on the death of his father; the Rev. D. P. Coughlin, O. P., on the death of his father; to the Rev. J. H. Foster, O. P., on the death of his sister; and to Bro. Alfred Sibila, O. P., on the death of his sister.

On Dec. 21, 1916, at Washington, D. C., occurred the death of Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald, the father of the Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., prior of the House of Studies, and the Rev. J. T. Fitzgerald, O. P., also of the House of Studies. The entire community was present at the Mass of requiem celebrated in St. Dominic's Church by the V. Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, with Fr. J. T. Fitzgerald as deacon and the V. Rev. Provincial, J. R. Meagher, O. P., sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by the V. Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P.

The Literary Digest of Feb. 3d reprinted the peace poem of Rev. Francis A. Gaffney, O. P., of St. Patrick's, Columbus, Ohio, as a sincere and seasonable "Prayer for Peace."

At the first public meeting of the recently organized American Association of Catholic Women, held in Milwaukee, December 3d, the Rev. C. M. Thuente, O. P., delivered an address on the aim and object of this society.

It is announced from Rome that the celebrated Dominican, Pèrre Nuygens, of Ghent, has been condemned by a German court martial to ten years' imprisonment as a sequel to a patriotic discourse he recently delivered in that town.

Rev. Wilfred Lescher, O. P., of the English Province, distinguished as a controversial writer, an ardent defender of the Dominican tradition concerning the founding of the Rosary and a staunch supporter of the Anti-Vivisection Society, died recently as a result of a stroke of paralysis.

A recent publication that should appeal to all those interested in things Dominican is a small volume entitled "St. Dominic and the Order of Preachers," by the Rev. John B. O'Connor, O. P., the noted missionary and writer. In his brilliant and scholarly style the author has admirably accomplished the work which he proposed to himself; namely, as he himself tells us in the foreword of the book, to supply a deficiency in the literature of the Dominican Order; to give to the public a work in English, treating in a brief yet comprehensive manner and in popular form of the biography of Saint Dominic and of the genius and achievements of his institute.

The mission for the men, in the Philadelphia Cathedral, was preached by the Dominican missionaries.

The first mission in the new St. Luke's Church in the Bronx was conducted by Dominican Fathers.

The Rev. D. A. Casey, O. P., formerly president of Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, has been transferred to Providence, R. I. His successor has been named in the person of Rev. Stanislaus Welsh, O. P.

The V. Rev. L. F. Kearney, O. P., is to be one of the three missionaries who are to conduct a three weeks' mission at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. During the third week he will lecture on Catholic Doctrine.

The Master General has entrusted the office of Procurator General of Dominican causes for canonization and beatification to the V. Rev. Louis Fanfani, O. P., professor of Moral Theology at the Angelico. The post was made vacant by the death of Father Maurice Kaiser.

To the Rev. C. M. Thuente, O. P., the well known missionary and retreat master, has been assigned the work of establishing the Holy Name Society throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. On Jan. 7th, the feast of the Holy Name, he preached at the annual Vesper Service held in Holy Name Cathedral; Jan. 14th, he opened a three days' retreat for the men of St. Clement's parish; in the evening of the 21st, he spoke at a Holy Name rally at St. Nicholas' Church; Jan. 28th, he commenced a retreat at St. Mel's Church preparatory to establishing a society in the parish; Feb. 4th, he preached at all the Masses at St. Paul's and in the afternoon organized a branch of the society, while in the evening he addressed a rally of the society at St. Gabriel's Church.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine's Academy, Springfield, Ky., have begun the erection of an addition to their academy of Holy Rosary, at Louisville, Ky.

Dec. 8th, eight novices of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Caldwell, N. J., made their first vows. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. A. Reddy, O. P.

One of the humors of the censorship in Rome these days is the blotting out of the name of Cardinal Frühwirth, O. P., who is an Austrian, whenever it appears in any of the papers, excepting the *Osservatore Romano*. The censor even deleted his photograph on the occasion of the consistory.

The Roman celebration of the Seventh Centennary was begun in the central Dominican Church of Santa Maria supra Minerva, Sunday, December 17. Cardinal Boggiani, O. P., sang the Solemn Pontifical Mass. Cardinals Bilot, S. J., Bisletti, and Frühwirth, O. P., together with a large number of religious and civic dignitaries, were present. The Most Rev. Mgr. Sardi, Titular Archbishop of Ceserea, preached the sermon, while Cardinal Pompili, Vicar General of Rome, imparted the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Fathers of the English Province celebrated the seven hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Order at St. Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill, Dec. 21st. Cardinal Bourne was detained in Rome but King Manuel of Portugal, attended by the Marquis of Sampayo, occupied the place of honor in the sanctuary. The Mass was sung by the V. Rev. Fr. Shapcote, O. P., Prior of Holy Cross, Leicester. The sermon was preached by the V. Rev. Fr. Pope, O. P. It is interesting to note that in 1921 the English Province commemorates the seven hundredth anniversary of its foundation.

At the invitation of Bishop Walsh of Portland, Me., during Lent the Dominicans are to preach a mission in every church in the city.

The celebrated Dominican, Fr. Mary Raymond, formerly Prince Loewenstein, up to ten years ago the most prominent and wealthy Catholic in Germany, who renounced his wealth and titles to enter the Dominican Order, has sustained a stroke of paralysis and is lying dangerously ill at the Dominican Convent Trans Cedron, Venloo, Holland. Father Raymond is eighty-three years old.

Members of the Eastern Mission Band of the Order have recently conducted missions in the Churches of the Sacred Heart and Holy Family, Albany; in the Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City; in St. Malachy's, Brooklyn; in the Churches of St. Veronica, Ascension and Visitation, Philadelphia; for the Augustinian Fathers at Chestnut Hill, and for the Carmelite Fathers at Tarrytown. Saint Vincent Ferrer's in New York, St. Mary's, Stamford, and Newark, Schuylkill, and Ossining were also the scenes of the missionary labors.

On the occasion of the centennial Pope Benedict XV addressed a letter to the Master General in which he pays a glowing tribute to the Order. Adding his name to the long line of "the Popes of the Rosary," he affirmed "that undoubtedly it was from the hands of St. Dominic and children that the Church received the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin." He praises Dominican loyalty to the See of Peter and recalls the many contributions made to the world of knowledge by the sons of St. Dominic, notably among these St. Thomas Aquinas. In conclusion he congratulates the members of the threefold Order, and imparts the Papal Benediction.

Sister Mary Pius Nicholas, the oldest member of the community of St. Mary's of the Springs, died at the mother house, Jan. 10th, in the sixty-fifth year of her religious profession.

At Lemberg on the Lahn, Nassau, Germany, are about 2000 Irish soldier-prisoners of war. Recently they enjoyed the privilege of celebrating the silver sacerdotal jubilee of the chaplain, the Rev. Fr. J. T. Crotty, O. P.

At the invitation of the Most Rev. Archbishop Mundelein, of Chicago, the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wis., are contemplating the removal of the college department of their institution to that city.

The jubilee celebration at the Dominican Seminary for Foreign Missions, Rosaryville, La., was in the nature of a triduum. A unique part of the program was the exhibition of motion pictures of the life and work of St. Dominic.

The Rev. F. M. Ryan, O. P., has been appointed prior of St. Saviour's Convent, Dublin, Ireland. A native of Cork he spent some time in San Clemente, the Irish foundation in Rome, and was subsequently Dean of Newbridge College. He founded the White Star League to combat profanity, and has edited the *Imeldist* and the *Irish Rosary*.

It is certainly a sign of reviving interest in religion when non-Catholics are found ready to pay five shillings a ticket to hear a Dominican lecture on the *Summa Theologica* of St. Thomas Aquinas, and expound its theories and doctrines. Yet this experiment is being tried in London and has proved successful in the very highest degree, for the course of lectures, although requiring several weeks for its completion, has been delivered before a capacity audience.