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NCE again after the lapse of a century, another son of St. Dominic returns with Episcopal dignity to a territory rich in the annals of Dominican history. To the See of Cincinnati, made vacant by the death of the late beloved Archbishop Moeller, comes the Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., of Duluth, Minn.

Archbishop McNicholas was born in Ireland and came to this country when a young child. After his studies were completed at St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, he entered the Dominican Novitiate, then located near Springfield, Ky., and from thence he was sent to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, to complete his studies. He was ordained to the Priesthood at Somerset, Ohio, on October 10, 1901. By a strange coincidence, the ordaining prelate was the Most Rev. Henry Moeller, his predecessor in the See of Cincinnati, then Bishop of Columbus. Shortly after his ordination, Fr. McNicholas was appointed Novice Master. He has held at various times other important offices in his Order, at one time being Assistant to the Master General in Rome. His abilities as a writer and eloquent preacher, combined with his deep erudition and zeal for the Church in the land of his adoption, are widely known.

To the men of the Holy Name Society, this new honor to one of their past leaders will be a cause of great joy. It was largely through his efforts that the Society held its first National Convention in Baltimore in 1911, and it was he who compiled the official prayer book, or Manual of the Holy Name Society.

Archbishop McNicholas in being appointed to the Queen City comes back again to the cradle of the Dominican Order in the United States. It was here in Ohio that the Dominicans labored for the past century, and Cincinnati still holds in loving memory its first Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dominic Fenwick, O. P., who like his Master laid down his life in the service of his sheep.

The great work accomplished by Archbishop McNicholas among his people of Duluth, especially among the poor and among the Indian Missions, is well known throughout the country. He will bring to Cincinnati the same zeal for God's honor and glory that animated the lives of all his predecessors from Bishop Fenwick down to the late lamented Archbishop Moeller.

To Archbishop McNicholas, our brother in St. Dominic, the Novices extend sincere congratulations accompanied by an earnest prayer that he may be spared for many long years of fruitful service in his new dignity. The "Dominicana" has a special cause for rejoicing in the elevation of him who was its founder and who has ever been its staunchest friend. Ad multos annos.