


## TITLE AND ADDRESS

OFTY learning and priestly piety united to genuine humility are indeed blessings in the world today. In fact, we might truly say that they are the only levers by which life moves upwards. Hence, it was a real joy to the members of the Dominican Province of Saint Joseph to know that these qualities were to be honored by the conferring of the degree of Master of Sacred Theology on Father Edward Celestine Daly, O.P. During thirteen years of faithful service at the Apostolic Delegation and twelve years of teaching at the Dominican House of Studies, Father Daly has distinguished himself not only for his intellectual ability but also for his ready willingness to help all with whom he has come in contact.

The ceremony took place on September 28th in the Chapel of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C., before the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, and a distinguished gathering of priests and prelates. The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial, celebrated a Solemn High Mass assisted by Rev. G. B. Stratemeier, O.P., as deacon, and Bro. Aloysius Segren, O.P., as subdeacon. Immediately after the Mass, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate delivered an impressive address, paying tribute to Father Daly and the Dominican Order. At its conclusion, the Provincial, assisted by the Very Rev. A. M. McMahan, O.P., S.T.M., and the Rev. R. W. Farrell, O.P., S.T.D., as official witnesses, conferred the ring and biretta, the insignia of the degree, on the new Master.

Present in the sanctuary were the Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, the Most Rev. John M. McNamara; the Marquis Alberto Rossi Longhi, Charge d' Affaires of the Italian Embassy; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Corrigan, Rector of the Catholic University; Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Burke, C.S.P., National Secretary of the N. C. W. C.; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick McCormick, Vice Rector of the Catholic University; the Very Rev. Msgr. Egidio Vagnozzi; the Very Rev. Msgr. Francis Hyland, Auditor at the Apostolic Delegation; the Very Rev. Msgr. Leo Binz, Secretary at the Apostolic Delegation; the Very Rev. Henry Vagas Galindo, O.P., former socius of the Master General; the Very Rev. R. D. Goggins, O.P., Com-

missarius of the Provinces of Argentine, Chile, and Peru. The Very Rev. Justin McManus, O.P., and Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., Priors respectively of the Houses of Study in Washington, D. C., and River Forest, Ill., were deacons of honor to Archbishop Cicognani.

The text of the address of His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate follows:

"It is a delightful and inspiring ceremony which we witness today in this Dominican House of Studies, the conferring of the title 'Doctor and Master in Sacred Theology' on Father Celestine Daly. We who are present here, and all who know him, are happy to see him receive this distinction, which, in the Order of Preachers, is the highest recognition accorded for eminence in doctrine, exemplary religious observance, and the use of both for the advancement of the Catholic Faith. The presence, however, of the new Master of Sacred Theology, and even more his own modesty of demeanor, counsel me against any eulogy I might wish to make on his qualities and virtues. For that matter there is no need to speak of him, because he is well known to all of you, and his excellent qualifications as well.

"Even though I leave aside every personal consideration and comment I can very opportunely call attention to the fact that the conferring of the title 'Doctor and Master in Sacred Theology' means, according to the tradition faithfully observed in the Dominican family, that those who are chosen for it, have attained the very heights of the Dominican vocation; and the fact is ascertained beforehand with the greatest care. It means that they excel in a doctrinal apostolate of study and the contemplation of sacred things, as in the exercise of a ministry either of preaching or of teaching.

#### Truth: The Dominican Vocation

"The word 'Veritas' was chosen to express this sublime vocation of the Dominican. It includes within its meaning the vast program of the Order of Preachers: Truth—the Divine truths of faith and morals, the truth of a sound theology and of the 'philosophia perennis' which knows no hesitance nor doubt, the truth which makes use of revelation and of reason and of every means placed by God at man's disposal, that truth which Jesus Christ eulogized so eloquently when He declared, 'The truth shall make you free.'<sup>1</sup> The Dominican religious seeks with study and prayer to make his own this truth, not alone in an ordinary way, but in the highest degree

<sup>1</sup> *John*, viii, 32.

possible, to the end that he may be able to make use of it in the apostolate of leading and directing others to the God of truth.

"Saint Dominic desired thus to found his Order, and first of all gave himself the example. Besides the liberal arts he studied profoundly Theology and the Sacred Scriptures, and afterwards he dedicated himself to preaching the word of God, to combating the errors and heresies of the time: in a word to leading men to the truth. 'Athlete' and 'champion of the Faith' he was called, and his religious, 'the Preachers,' were honored as the 'Pugiles Fidei et vera mundi lumina.'

"The history is glorious through seven centuries of the Order he founded. Its glory is manifest on the outside not only in the impressive grandeur of its Saints like Vincent Ferrer, Peter the Martyr, and Pius the Fifth, nor even in the outstanding characteristics of its Doctors, like Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas, but in its many thousand works of every sort, its schools, its universities, its missions, its apostolate, its laborious service of the Holy See. And a particular characteristic of all these varied activities is the light of wisdom, a special imprint of intellectuality.

"All this appears from without. Within, the Dominican family prepares for its external works according to a golden norm, which is a watchword in the Order, and which sets forth the system of formation for every son of St. Dominic: 'Contemplari, et contemplata aliis tradere'—'To contemplate, and to give to others the fruits of contemplation'—'To contemplate in study and prayer, and to give to others the fruits of this labor.'<sup>2</sup> It means not to be content, with any kind of study at all, but to ponder everything and weigh it in an examination which is at once deep and calm and which makes use of intellect and will and every human power. More than that, it means to join with study the exercise of supernatural virtue, to lead a spiritual life illuminated by grace, to act through love of religious vocation, and to have the zeal of real apostles. With such a preparation, the true Dominican cannot fail to give to others the benefits of contemplation, the fruits of prayer and study, and to do this with special success and wondrous efficacy.

### The Great Master: St. Thomas of Aquin

"It is your privilege, my dear Dominican students, to be trained in this school, a school which has most noble traditions in every part of the world. God willed to give to it a unique honor, a Master who

<sup>2</sup> Constit., O.P., Nr. 134, p. 2.

was more an angel than a man, St. Thomas of Aquin, a teacher whose exposition of the truth shines forth more splendidly than any other the world has ever known. He is the great, even I should say, the greatest of the Masters. The Holy See has in very many documents proclaimed him the heavenly patron of all our Catholic schools. Philosophy and theology in all our seminaries and ecclesiastical houses are by explicit prescription of the Code of Canon Law to be treated 'ad Angelici Doctoris rationem, doctrinam, et principia.'<sup>3</sup> It should be your specially chosen task to study and to solve even the problems of our times with his principles and teaching. Keep up, my dear students, the beautiful traditions of your Order. Be among the first to advance the truth and to defend the faith with every means at your disposal. Cultivate your vocation with the piety and the zeal which are essential to your ecclesiastical and Dominican formation. You cannot but succeed if you carry on in this spirit of St. Dominic.

### Eminent Distinction

"The honor which has been conferred today upon Father Daly is a worthy recognition of the right direction which the Dominican Superiors have given and continue to give their houses and schools in America. I am happy to share in your joy, and to join in offering the congratulations which with one voice are poured forth on this occasion by the many who know your worth and admire your faithful work.

"In particular I rejoice with the new Doctor and Master, and I desire to thank him publicly for the valuable help which for thirteen years he has rendered the Apostolic Delegation. His counsel has always been wise and sound, inspired by his rare virtue and the profound knowledge of Canon Law, which you know so well from his years of teaching here.

"It is you, his immediate Superiors, and his students of the House of Studies, who know best his merits and his worth, rather than the public generally. His daily duties and the class-room, the religious life and teaching, these are his constant occupation. They are little esteemed by the world perhaps, but they have the highest value for the direction of others along the pathways of virtue and of truth. It is the kind of life so many others of your Order have followed through the seven centuries of its history; and it is particularly due to such men as these, to their patient studies and their qualities of soul, that true theology has been preserved. It has been

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<sup>3</sup>Can. 1366, § 2.

by their silent activity that sound doctrine has ever been imparted to the great benefit of human society.

"To this worthy son of St. Dominic, to this deserving disciple of the Dominican school which has been able to focus the light of the 'Summa' of St. Thomas upon every sacred science, and not least of all upon Canon Law, to Father Celestine Daly we extend our blessing, our best wishes for his well-being and for his continued success."

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### "HOSTIS HERODES"<sup>1</sup>

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Hostile Herod, cruel king,  
 Why fear lest Christ be born?  
 He who gives eternal crowns  
 Your shadow-throne would scorn.

Starlight shows the Magi Light.  
 From farthest East they bring  
 Gifts that tell a stable-child  
 Is God and Man and King.

Jordan's stream the Lamb's first touch  
 Has purged, and to its wave  
 —More than cleansing only flesh—  
 'Tis given souls to save.

Power never seen or heard  
 Bursts forth in wondrous sign:  
 Water lays its nature down  
 And blushes—it is wine!

Jesus to the Gentiles shown,  
 Glory be to Thee,  
 To Father and the Holy Ghost,  
 Throughout eternity.

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<sup>1</sup>Hymn for first Vespers of the Feast of the Epiphany. The Liturgy on this day commemorates the threefold manifestation of Christ to man: to the Gentiles in the Magi's visit to Bethlehem; to the Jews in the first miracle at Cana; and to the whole world as Son of God at His baptism in the Jordan. The Church, overlooking accidental differences—as she often does in her Liturgy—contemplates the essential oneness of the manifestation of Christ to men.