



SAINT JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

SYMPATHY The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. G. Q. Friel, O.P., on the death of his father; to the Rev. G. D. Morris, O.P., and the Rev. B. C. Werner, O.P., on the death of their mothers; and to the Rev. J. C. Osbourn, O.P., on the death of his brother.

APPOINTMENTS The Very Reverend T. S. McDermott, O.P., has announced the appointment of the Rev. J. B. Larnen, O.P., as assistant executive secretary of the Legion of Decency. The Very Reverend Provincial has also announced the acceptance by the Province of the chaplaincy of St. Mary's Academy, Alexandria, Va., an institution conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The Rev. E. L. Phillips, O.P., has been appointed chaplain.

CHAPLAINS The Rev. J. D. Donovan, O.P., and the Rev. M. Q. Goldrick, O.P., have received commissions as chaplains in the Army, and the Rev. F. J. Fanning, O.P., has been commissioned a chaplain in the Navy.

ORDINATIONS On June 7, in the chapel of the House of Studies, Washington, D.C., the Most Reverend M. J. Lemieux, O.P., Bishop of Gravelbourg, Sask., ordained to the Holy Priesthood the Rev. Bernadine Conlon, O.P., the Rev. Hugh Loughery, O.P., the Rev. Urban Mullaney, O.P., the Rev. Louis Bertrand O'Connell, O.P., the Rev. Alan Smith, O.P., the Rev. Quintin McSweeney, O.P., the Rev. Antoninus Jurgelaitis, O.P., and the Rev. Robert Prout, O.P.

On the same day the Diaconate was conferred on the Rev. Brothers: Thomas Aquinas Collins, Albert Mahler, Patrick Sullivan, Denis Brackett, Xavier Finnegan, Timothy Dittoe, Terence Sullivan, David Kenny, Clement McKenna, Hubert Horan, and Augustine Dooley.

MISSION ACADEMIA On January 7, 1944, at the House of Studies in Washington, the "Mission Academia of the College of the Immaculate Conception" was organized. At the next meeting, Feb. 11, the Constitutions were adopted and the following officers elected: **President, Bro. Denis Brackett**; Secretary, Bro. Bertrand Ryan; Librarian, Bro. Aloysius McTigue. Bro. Joseph Mahoney was appointed Parliamentarian. The purpose of the Organization, in coöperation with the National Office of the Propagation of the Faith, is to foster the missionary knowledge and spirit of the young men who will soon be priests and missionaries. At the third meeting of the Academia, the members were addressed by one of our former missionaries, Father W. F. Cassidy, O.P., on our missions in the province of Fukien, China.

SAINT ALBERT'S PROVINCE

SYMPATHY The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. L. V. Nadeau, O.P., and Bro. Anthony Nadeau, O.P., on the death of their mother; to the Rev. R. V. Whalen, O.P., on the death of his mother; and to the Rev. B. A. Arend, O.P., on the death of his brother.

THOMIST ASSOCIATION The sixth annual convocation of the Thomist Association, closing the 1943-44 season of lectures, was held April 23 in Milwaukee at St. Mary's convent, motherhouse of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour. The Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Very Rev. William Curran, O.P. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Peter Brooks, S.J., president of Marquette University, who took as his subject "St. Thomas and the Present Day." During the Solemn Benediction which followed the Association was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Very Rev. Alexius Driscoll, O.P., read the principal paper at the general session, which he entitled "St. Thomas the Man." The Rev. Timothy Sparks, O.P., acting for the Director of the Association, The Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., presented certificates to those members who had pursued the lecture courses for three years. The convocation was closed with a special forum on "Post-War Problems" conducted by the Rev. Raphael Gillis, O.P.

This season lecture courses were given in Sacred Scripture, Theology, and Philosophy to eight Chapters in the following cities: Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Beloit, Oshkosh, and Chicago. The LaCrosse Chapter sponsored two special lectures. The lecturers included the Very Rev. Leonard Callahan, O.P., the Rev. Athanasius McLoughlin, O.P., the Rev. Edmund Marr, O.P., the Rev. J. J. McDonald, O.P., and the Rev. Gerard Joubert, O.P.

PONTIFICAL FACULTY The Most Reverend Martin S. Gillet, O.P., Master General of the Order, has been informed by His Eminence Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo and His Excellency Msgr. Ernesto Ruffini, prefect and secretary respectively, of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, that the Holy Father, Pius XII, has granted his request and raised the Studium General of St. Thomas at River Forest, Ill., to a Pontifical Faculty of Philosophy. The decree of the Holy See, which has just recently been received by the Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., was issued on the feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Patroness of Philosophers.

BLESSED MARTIN In a special letter to the pastors of every parish, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Samuel A. Stritch, D.D., has announced that the Holy See has granted his request for permission to expose the image of Blessed Martin de Porres for public veneration in the churches in the archdiocese of Chicago. His Excellency declared that "in a very emphatic way, Blessed Martin de Porres lights the way to the Christian concept of social solidarity."

NEW PRIORY Announcement has been made that the domus of St. Dominic at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Ill., was elevated on May 10 to the status of a Priory, with the Very Rev. T. G. Kinsella, O.P., designated as first Prior.

LECTURES Three Fathers of the House of Studies have delivered lectures before the Bishop Sheil School of Social Service within the recent months. Rev. J. J. McDonald, O.P., spoke on May 26 in the "Philosophy of Life" series, while Rev. E. S. Carlson, O.P., lectured on "Inter-racial Justice" on April 27, May 4 and 11. The Rev. J. R. Gillis, O.P., addressed the school on the "Nature of Work" on Feb. 22.

Father Gillis also spoke on March 9 before the Thomist Association at LaCrosse, Wisc., on "Causes of Peace," and delivered a lecture on St. Thomas Aquinas to students of Aquinas High School, LaCrosse, on March 10.

CHAPLAIN The Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, provincial, has received word that the Rev. S. J. Gaines, O.P., has been raised to the rank of Captain in the Army Chaplain Corps.

INTERRACIAL CENTER Rev. E. S. Carlson, O.P., director of the Blessed Martin de Porres Catholic Interracial Center on Chicago's West Side, announced that the Settlement now comprises three units. The original building at 2643 W. Fulton Street is used exclusively for boys and young men. The new building, located at 2655 West Fulton Street, serves as living quarters for the three Dominican tertiaries who are resident workers while a girls' center and the office occupy the first floor.

PROFESSION Bro. Ambrose Jura, O.P., laybrother, renewed his simple vows before the Very Rev. Alexius Driscoll, O.P., prior of the House of Studies, March 20. Bro. Albert Trujillo, O.P., also a laybrother, made his first simple profession there on March 7.

ORDERS The Most Rev. William D. O'Brien, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, presided at ordination services at the House of Studies, May 5. The subdiaconate was conferred on the following Brothers: Raymond Scullion, Bertrand Mahoney, Jordan Aumann, Matthew Erwin, Damian Sheehan, Leo Dolan, Bernard Deering, Donald Sherry, Philip Brady, and Ambrose McNamara.

The last two Minor Orders were received by Brothers John Dominic Corcoran, Valerian Flynn, Stephen Reidy, Justin Aldridge, Mark Verschure, Arthur Kinsella, and Raphael Comeau.

PROVINCE OF THE HOLY NAME

SYMPATHY The Province of the Holy Name wishes to extend its sincere regrets to the Rev. J. M. Osbourn, O.P., on the death of his brother and to the Rev. T. M. Porter, O.P., on the death of his father.

APPOINTMENT The Rev. Vincent McCarthy, O.P., has been appointed Procurator of the Province to succeed the Very Rev. Leo T. Halloran, O.P., now Prior of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Ross, California.

SISTERS' CHRONICLE

Marywood, Grand Rapids, Mich.

On April 14, Aquinas College, conducted by the Dominican Sisters of Marywood, was host to the inaugural commemoration of Catholic Pan-American Day. The all-day celebration, co-sponsored by the faculties and students of Mount Mercy Academy, Catholic Central High School, Mercy Central School of Nursing and Marywood Academy, all of Grand Rapids, opened with a Mass for Pan-American peace. Following the Mass an assembly was held at which the senior students of Aquinas gave reasons for the celebration and talks on the good-neighbor policy. Exhibits of Latin American arts and crafts, books and pamphlets were on display all day. The evening program included moving pictures in color and sound, an original radio playlet entitled "Pan-Americanos," and a quiz program on Catholic Pan Americanism, in which the contestants were representative students of the participating schools. The day was brought to a close with a fiesta for the students.

Sisters of St. Dominic, Kenosha, Wisc.

On Feb. 8, Rev. P. W. Roney, O.P., began the semi-annual Retreat for the Sisters of St. Catherine's Hospital. At its close Sister M. Kathleen (Catherine Newell) and Sister M. Virginia (Mary Le Noir) received the Habit of St. Dominic. At the same time Sister M. Aloysius made Profession of Final Vows.

During March Sister M. Corita, of Racine, and Sister M. Angelica, of California, made their First Profession.

Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio

The Holy Week Retreat at Our Lady of the Elms Convent was conducted by Rev. J. H. Hartnett, O.P., of Zanesville, Ohio. Father also gave the **Tre Ore Services** on Good Friday and sang the Easter Mass on Sunday morning. At the close of this Retreat, Father Hartnett left immediately for St. Dominic's Parish in Youngstown, Ohio, where he gave another Retreat for the Sisters stationed there.

Coadjutor Bishop Edward F. Hoban, of Cleveland, feeling that the Sisters do not have sufficient opportunity to receive instructions and hear sermons that are suitable for their particular state of life, has arranged for various priests of the Diocese of Cleveland to give monthly conferences to the Sisters at their Convents and Missions. During April, Rev. Harold E. Meade of St. Mary's Parish, spoke to the Sisters at Our Lady of the Elms on the Vow of Obedience.

On St. Patrick's Day, the Sisters were entertained by the Academy Girls' Music and Dramatic Club, which gave a program featuring Irish music and dances.

The students of the Academy received a Certificate of Merit for their work in the Fourth War Loan Drive. The pupils, numbering 150, purchased \$8,600 worth of bonds and stamps. Their goal was \$4,200, the price of a mechanized medical unit.

Mother M. Clarissa and Sister M. Clare attended a meeting of the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and were happy to learn that Our Lady of the Elms Academy was approved by that Association. The meeting was held in Chicago during March.

Sisters of St. Dominic, San Rafael, Calif.

On April 2, the premiere performance of the oratorio, "The Mysteries of the Rosary," was given in Angelico Hall of the Dominican College in San Rafael. The oratorio, performed as the traditional Palm Sunday Concert of Sacred Music, was written by Dr. Giulio Silva and dedicated to the memory of Sister Mary Dominic McGettigan, O.P., who for many years was head of the School of Music at Dominican College, and whose sudden death last July was a source of sorrow and regret to her many former students and friends. Dr. Silva, who is director of liturgical music at the college and a composer of note, has received high praise for his work.

With a record attendance of over eighty delegates, the Ninth Annual Conference of the Western Regional Unit, College and University Department, of the National Catholic Education Association, met at the Dominican College of San Rafael on March 25-26. Meeting under the patronage of His Excellency, the Most Reverend John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, the Conference had as its general theme "Postwar Reconstruction of Liberal Arts Education." Among the papers read during the two day meeting was "The Curriculum of the Catholic Liberal Arts College," by Sister Mary Stephen, O.P., Dean of Studies of the Dominican College. The sessions closed with a business meeting at which resolutions were drawn up offering condolences in the loss by death during the past year of the Most Reverend Francis W. Howard, and the Most Reverend John B. Peterson, former presidents general of the N. C. E. A., and of Mother Mary Raymond, O.P., former Prioress General of the Sisters of St. Dominic of San Rafael, and former president of the Dominican College. It was further resolved that even greater cooperation, if possible, with our government be given by our Catholic Colleges and Universities, and that every effort be made to make our students even more appreciative of what a just peace should be.

Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas

On March 18, the Dominican Sisters to show their appreciation to Msgr. Louis J. Reicher for his twenty-five years of faithful devotion to duty as their chaplain, assisted at the celebration of a Solemn High Mass in the convent Chapel.

The Sisters were highly gratified at the success of the tenth annual observance of Liturgical Day, March 19. As a part of the program of the day, the pupils of the various Dominican schools joined in singing a High Mass.

The Most Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, LL.D., celebrated the Jubilee Mass in the Chapel of the Motherhouse on the occasion of the golden anniversary of the profession of Sister Mary Charles Murphy and Sister Margaret Mary Loughlin. His Excellency, after congratulating the jubilarians on their long years of faithful and devoted service, presented them with a blessing from Our Holy Father. At the same time Sister M. Constance Benke celebrated her silver jubilee. Present in the sanctuary were Rev. F. L. Vander Heyden, O.P., Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P., Rev. P. B. Pendis, O.P., Rev. J. J. Shahrigan, C.S., Rev. Michael Murray and Rev. M. Notzen.

The Reverend Mother Prioress General, Mother M. Angela, accompanied by Sister Margaret Mary left for California on a visitation of the convents in that state.

The members of the Senior Class of St. Agnes Academy, conducted by the Dominican Sisters, sponsored a very delightful entertainment which was highly gratifying in its presentation. The proceeds were given, as part of the annual donation, to the Red Cross.

Congregation of the Holy Cross, Brooklyn, N. Y.

During the present year twenty-one Sisters of the Community will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their reception and eleven will keep their Silver Jubilee. The Golden Jubilarians are: Sister M. Reinalda, Sister M. Ehrentrudis, Sister M. Christina, Sister M. Alcantara, Sister M. Lamberta, Sister M. Gotfrieda, Sister M. Florentine, Sister M. Praxedes, Sister M. Fidelia, Sister Udolrica, Sister M. Euphemia, Sister M. Fridoline, Sister M. Amadea, Sister M. Godoleva, Sister M. Solana, Sister M. Eustace, Sister M. Marina, Sister M. Eleuteria, Sister M. Wigberta, Sister M. Eustelia, Sister M. Felix. In the group of Silver Jubilarians are Sister M. Marguerite, Sister M. Martin, Sister M. John Joseph, Sister M. Regina, Sister M. Rose Columba, Sister M. Gertrude Dolores, Sister M. Guillerma, Sister M. Augusta, Sister M. Teresita, Sister M. Polycarp, and Sister M. Adele.

On March 25, Mother Catherine Herbert, O.P., died in the Hospital of Mary Immaculate, Jamaica, L. I., New York, where she had been superior until recently when an accident compelled her to resign this post. During the seventy-nine years of her religious life, Mother Catharine held many posts of honor and authority in the Community. For twelve years she was Prioress General of the Community, during which she was instrumental in founding Mary Immaculate Hospital and a number of other institutions in the Brooklyn Diocese. May she rest in peace.

St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio

In March of this year, four Sisters were sent to Amarillo, Texas, to open a school for the Colored in the Mission of Blessed Martin de Porres. There they will assist Rev. J. J. Regan, O.P., who has been working alone for the past four years. It is expected, later on, to open a nursery and a small hospital for the Colored.

During Holy Week, three Retreats were given at St. Mary of the Springs: one conducted by Rev. J. A. Manning, O.P., for the Sisters who will be engaged in teaching during the summer; one for the College students by Rev. E. F. Smith, O.P., and one for the Academy students by Rev. J. S. McCormack, O.P.

Sister Mary Michael Malloy died on Feb. 26; Sister Mary Catherine Keelty on March 12; and Sister Marie O'Donnell, on Easter Sunday. R. I. P.

Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, La.

Recent guests at the Motherhouse were the Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of the Province of St. Albert, and Very Rev. W. R. Lawler, O.P.

Upon his return from Africa and Italy on the U. S. Hospital Ship Algonquin, Chaplain Ray visited his sister the Prioress of St. Mary Convent, and informally narrated his experiences overseas and on board the ship. During the talk, the Chaplain expressed the greatest admiration for the valiant and gallant spirit of our wounded men.

Rev. Fr. Merfeld, M.M., a repatriated American, gave an interesting talk to the faculty and student body on "Life in a Japanese Concentration Camp." Since Pearl Harbor, Father Merfeld has been held in two camps.

War bond sales by the students of Dominican College during the Fourth War Loan Drive reached the grand total of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The students of Dominican High School netted fifty-two thousand dollars in their sales.

Faculty and students of the college and high school made a "Victory Novena" in honor of St. Joseph at his grotto on the college campus. The novena was offered for the men in the armed forces and for peace.

Mercedes Kerrigan, college senior, was the winner of the Highest Honor in the oratorical contest sponsored by the New Orleans Union of College Sodalitys. Miss Kerrigan chose as her subject "International Institutions to Maintain Peace with Justice must be Established"—the fifth of the Seven Point Declaration.

Rev. F. N. Georges, O.P., Editor of *The Torch* and Promotor of the Cause of Blessed Martin de Porres, gave an illustrated lecture to the faculties and students of Dominican College and Dominican High School. "Blessed Martin and Lima, His Home" was the subject of Father's lecture.

Miss Mary Louise Hickey, literary interpreter and lecturer, presented Clarence Day's "Life With Father" at a recent college assembly.

The new college library was opened for a tour of inspection to a group of Louisiana State University Library School in the early spring.

During "China Book Week," the alumnae and friends were privileged to hear Rev. R. E. Kavanah, O.P., review "A Short History of Chinese Civilization" by Tsui Chi.

The annual retreat of the Alumnae was preached by Rev. Vincent O'Connell, S.M., professor of theology at Notre Dame University. Rev. Joseph Hoppe, O.P., conducted the annual high school students retreat.

The Star, edited by the High School students received Medalist rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Miss Lucille Borne of Baton Rouge, La., and Miss Phyllis Birrcher entered the Postulate in February.

Death claimed Sister Mary Loyola Cronan in the thirty-ninth year of her religious life; and Sister Mary Francis Lawlor in the fifty-seventh of her religious profession. May they rest in peace.

St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tenn.

On the Feast of the Annunciation, the patronal feast of Mother Annunciata, Prioresse General of the St. Cecilia Congregation, High Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel by Rev. George Rohling, Chaplain. On the eve of the feast, the students of the Academy presented a program in honor of Mother Annunciata, at the close of which they presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Rev. F. N. Georges, O.P., was a recent visitor at St. Cecilia Academy, and gave an interesting talk to the Sisters and students on Blessed Martin de Porres.

In a recent essay contest sponsored by The Tennessee *Register*, the diocesan weekly, Miss Dolores Winter, a seventh grade student in St. Cecilia Academy, won first prize for the best essay written by a grammar school student. Miss Frances Ann McGavock, a junior of St. Cecilia Academy, won second place among the high school students. The subject of the essay was "How to Read a Catholic Newspaper."

Sister Roberta, O.P., Vice-Chairman of the Mid-South Regional Unit of the Catholic Library Association, was one of the speakers at the third annual meeting of the Association held in Memphis on April 27. The subject of Sister Roberta's talk was "The Mid-South Regional Unit and Its Objectives." Sister Dorothea, O.P., librarian in Notre Dame High School, Chattanooga, Tenn., also attended the meeting.

The eighty-fourth annual commencement exercises of St. Cecilia Academy were held in the Academy chapel on May 30. The Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., celebrated the commencement Mass and awarded the honors to the graduates.

Sister Margaret Boeckman, O.P., and Sister James Marie Keegan, O.P., re-

ceived the B. S. degree from DePaul University, Chicago, at the close of the scholastic year, June, 1944.

Immaculate Conception Convent, Gread Bend, Kansas

From Feb. 28 to March 4, Sister M. Emmanuel, O.P., attended the special course in Medical Protozoology for Laboratory Technicians held at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

On March 15, the Rt. Reverend Msgr. William Schaefer gave a lecture on the "Stigmatic of Konnersreuth." During a trip to Europe, Msgr. Schaefer had the privilege of being an actual eye witness to the sufferings of Theresa Neumann.

On March 16, the third class of Red Cross Nurses Aids held its graduation exercises in the auditorium of the Immaculate Conception Convent.

Sister M. William, O.P., and Sister M. Eugenia, O.P., attended, recently, the convention of the Kansas Dietetic Association held in Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Robert Heywood, a Seminarian of the Wichita Diocese, lectured to the sisters on the work done for the laboring classes by the Ladies of the Grail.

On May 2, the annual clerical conference of the Great Bend Deanery was held at the Immaculate Conception Convent, His Excellency, the Most Rev. C. H. Winkelmann, Bishop of Wichita, presided at this meeting.

St. Catharine of Siena Convent, St. Catharine, Ky.

On March 7, Sister Agnita Kavanaugh and Sister Margaret Kiley celebrated the golden anniversary of their religious profession. Those celebrating their silver anniversary were: Sister Paracleta Hastings, Sister Benvenuta Rooney, Sister Hilary Quinn, Sister Mary Mark Kelley, Sister Egedia Nevins and Sister Albertian Huston. On that day a Solemn High Mass was celebrated for the jubilarians with Very Rev. H. J. McManus, O.P., as Celebrant, Rev. J. R. Clark, O.P., as Deacon and Rev. L. L. Bernard, O.P., as Subdeacon.

Recent deaths at St. Catherine have been: Sister Ursula Greenwell, Sister M. Esther McGough, Sister Cecelia Kennedy, Sister Mary Laura Halpin, Sister Benven Hinton and Sister Carmelita Fisher.

Sister Raymunda, Dean of Siena College, Memphis, Tenn., Sister Ethelreda and Sister Clarita, Supervisors of Brooklyn and Boston schools, respectively, Sister Rosella, Principal of Sts. Simon and Jude School, Brooklyn, and Sister Dominic Marie, Principal of Mount Trinity Academy, Boston, attended the National Catholic Educational Convention at Atlantic City during Easter week.

Mother Margaret Elizabeth, O.P., made her visitation to the Mid-western houses during the latter part of April. She visited the Memorial Hospital opened recently at Spalding, Nebraska. The grounds, building and equipment are the gift of Miss Hannah Sullivan, in memory of her father, John Sullivan.

On March 25, Rev. F. N. Georges, O.P., editor of *The Torch*, lectured and showed slides illustrating the life of Blessed Martin.

The Catholic Committee of the South met in Memphis on April 25, 26, and 27. Siena College was host to the group on April 26. Students from Siena College acted as registrants, and students of St. Agnes Academy were ushers and messengers.

Plans for the Catholic University Summer School, sponsored by the Catholic Committee of the South, and held at Siena College for six weeks during the summer, have been completed. Prospects for an increased attendance over the past two summers are announced by Sister Jamesetta, Registrar.

The National Catholic Rural Life Conference will hold a two-day session at Siena College to discuss the rural South with the summer school students. At the meetings, Father Christopher Murray of Knoxville, Tenn., will be the Chairman; Father Rowe, S.J., and Mr. Emerson Hynes are to be the principal speakers. Sister Leo Marie, O.P., head of the Department of Sociology at Siena College, will be local director.

The Sociology Department of Siena College will present a program, a symposium, including such topics as "A Blueprint for Christian Families," "Working Mothers," during Family Week, May 7-14.

The Mid-South Regional Unit of the Catholic Library Association held its annual meeting at the Peabody Hotel on April 27. The Program Chairman was Sister Esther Marie, O.P., Librarian at Siena College. Rev. Francis R. Shea, Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Siena College, and Sister Mary Margaret, O.P., librarian at St. Agnes Academy, delivered addresses.

During Vocation Week, March 13-17, Sister Aquinata, O.P., Sister Angeline, O.P., and Sister Jamesetta, O.P., all of Siena College, spoke to the students of St. Agnes Academy on the advantages of a Liberal Arts education in a Catholic college. Other speakers during the week were Rev. Paul W. Clunan and Mrs. Paul Smith.

At the March meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association of St. Dominic School, Springfield, Sister M. Hildegard, O.P., gave a talk on "Catholic Poets and Catholic Poetry."

Plans for summer school at St. Catharine Junior College include a course in religion to be given by Rev. M. E. D. Gary, O.P.

Congregation of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tacoma, Washington

Sister M. Olivia departed this life on March 19, in the twenty-fifth year of her religious profession. R. I. P.

Sister M. Edwardine, Directress of Schools and Sister M. Ambrosia, Dean of Tacoma Catholic College, attended the Regional Meeting of the N. C. A. at San Rafael, Calif., on March 25 and 26.

On May 28, two young ladies were clothed in the Dominican Habit and Sister M. Bertrand and Sister M. Pius made their final profession. Rev. Edmond Barry, Chaplain at the Motherhouse, presided.

Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll, N. Y.

Early this summer, six Maryknoll Sisters will enter new fields in the Bluefields Vicariate of Nicaragua, which is under the jurisdiction of the Capuchin Fathers. In this territory of vast jungles and scattered mining centers, the Sisters will be engaged principally in educational and medical work among the natives of Spanish and Indian blood.

Letters from Maryknoll Sisters in Free China are more frequent of late and carry encouraging news of conversions made amid the ravages of war. Food is becoming more scarce daily, and prices are soaring to fantastic heights.

Word just received from the Maryknoll trio in the Canal Zone gives hope for the speedy erection of a school for colored children who predominate in one large section of the territory. Temporary quarters in a rented building will serve until the new school is completed.

In Hawaii, where they have labored for the past 17 years, Maryknoll Sisters in recent months have begun new labors among the sugar plantation settlers in

Waialua. Three weeks after arrival, the Sisters wrote: "We could use at least twenty more missionaries here." At that time the four Sisters had already established 25 doctrine classes, and had traveled 150 miles in three days. Home visitation and social service will add to their problems.

With the exception of brief notes brought back on the Exchange Ship Gripsholm last December, there had been no word from the 53 Maryknoll Sisters interned in the Philippines.

Sisters of St. Dominic, Caldwell, N. J.

On Jan. 25, Sister M. Angela, Sister M. Lavina, Sister M. Fortimata, Sister M. Andrea and Sister M. Marguerite celebrated the silver anniversary of their profession. The Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. W. Bachmann with Rev. W. Halliwell as Deacon and Rev. J. V. Fitzpatrick as Subdeacon. Rev. J. Gurmery and Rev. J. Beggins were present in the sanctuary.

On the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. P. C. Perrotta, O.P. Assisting him were Rev. C. C. Sullivan, O.P., as Deacon and Rev. T. C. Nagle, O.P., as Subdeacon. The sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. James Sullivan, first-assistant Curate of St. Aloysius Church of Caldwell, N. J. Present in the sanctuary was Rev. W. Halliwell.

During the month of February, God called to their eternal reward Sister M. Dorothea and Sister M. Albina. May they rest in peace.

Recently Rev. Mother Joseph, O.P., accompanied by Sister M. Norbert, O.P., made a visitation of the Alabama Missions in Crighton and Bayon la Batre.

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Adrian, Mich.

Sister M. Pius Wagner died in St. Clement's Infirmary on Feb. 13, after more than fifty years of service to the community. Having entered the year of its establishment, Sister Pius has been closely connected with the history of this Congregation. She taught in various schools of Michigan, Illinois and Ohio, and served in offices of responsibility as superioress, first counsellor and bursar-general, in which office she was serving at the time of her death. R. I. P.

On March 7, the students of Siena Heights College and St. Joseph Academy united in honoring St. Thomas Aquinas in the annual symposium in Walsh Hall. The theme of this year's effort was "Beauty" in its various phases according to St. Thomas. The symposium was under the direction of Rev. E. C. La More, O.P., head of the department of Religion and Philosophy.

The Little Theater group of Siena Heights College, under the direction of Sister M. Leonilla, O.P., presented Father Nagle's "Barter" in Walsh Hall on April 2. A week earlier this same play was presented at the U. S. O. auditorium, Battle Creek, Michigan, for the benefit of the service men at Camp Custer.

On April 15, Miss Mary B. C. Byrne addressed the faculty and students of Siena Heights College and St. Joseph Academy in the interest of the future St. Mary School at Nanking, a teacher training institution for Chinese girls. This normal school has been suggested as a fitting contribution of American Catholic laywomen toward reconstruction in China.

On the feast of St. Catherine, Siena Heights College was the scene of the annual conference of the Detroit region of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. Papers and discussions were centered on the problems and means of achieving and maintaining a just and lasting peace. Guest speakers included Rev. E. V. Cardinal, C.V.S., professor of history at Loyola University of

Chicago, and Dr. Francis A. Arlinghouse, associate professor of history at the University of Detroit.

Sisters of St. Dominic, Racine, Wisc.

On March 20, Sister M. Bernadette Mertz, sacristan of St. Catherine's Convent for over forty years, died in the sixty-second year of her religious profession. And on March 27, Sister Alberta Feucht died in the sixty-fourth year of her religious profession.

Eight hundred children of the parochial schools of Racine, grades five to eight, and St. Catherine's Convent Schola Choir, composed of novices and candidates, sang the *Cum Jubilo* Mass on April 28 in St. Catherine's High School auditorium. The event, marking a demonstration of congregational singing, was under the direction of Sister M. Marian, O.P. After the Mass the Ambrosian Chant, *Christus Vincit* was sung antiphonally by the Schola Choir and the Children. Rev. Dr. Edmund J. Goebel, Archdiocesan superintendent of schools, was the celebrant of the Mass.

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wisc.

During April the following members of the Community passed to their eternal reward: Sister M. DeChantal Gilmartin, Sister M. Antoinette Reilly, Sister M. Baptista Fitzgibbons. May they rest in peace!

Sisters M. Marina McCarthy, M. Matthew McKenna, M. Omer Markle will celebrate their Golden Jubilee on the Feast of St. Dominic.

Eleven Sisters will observe their Silver Jubilee of Reception on June 29; twelve on August 4, and three on August 28.

The Motherhouse and Congregation in general mourn the recent death of the Most Rev. William R. Griffin, Auxiliary Bishop of LaCrosse, who during his short time in the diocese proved himself an interested friend and benefactor.

A summer session extension of the Rosary College, department of Library Science at the University of Portland is being planned. The courses, which will be held June 19-July 29, are designed to meet the needs of Religious, men and women, who desire professional training for the management of their school libraries.

Sister Vincent Ferrer of Rosary College received the first medal to be awarded by the Sheil School of Social Studies, Chicago, for noteworthy contribution in the field of social education. The medal, named in honor of Pope Leo XIII, was presented by Bishop Sheil on March 17 in the presence of the Sheil School Faculty.

Recently elected president of the Cowles Botanical Society, Chicago, Sister Mary Ellen has already conducted several successful meetings in the Chicago Academy of Sciences, Lincoln Park.

The Chicago Chapter of the Saint Clara Alumnae Association recently sponsored the first appearance in Chicago of the highly gifted family of singers, Baroness Van Trapp and her seven daughters, refugees from Austria.

The sixth annual meeting of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters' Educational Conference was held at Trinity High School, River Forest, on March 25. Eleven Sisters presented papers on various phases of academic problems, and a panel discussion of "What our Schools are Doing to Help Preserve Family Life" followed. The Rev. John T. Farrell, Chaplain of the Boys' Reformatory, Pontiac, Ill., was guest speaker.