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GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE VERY REVEREND
JAMES RAYMOND MEAGHER, O.P., S.T.Lr.



HE Very Reverend James Raymond Meagher, O.P., S.T.Lr., of St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C., observed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on September 8.

Father Meagher was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on December 24, 1872, of the late William and Mary Meagher. Having received his primary education at the Dudley Public School in Boston and made further preparatory studies at the Boston Latin School, he began his Novitiate by receiving the habit at St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, on April 6, 1888. One year later he made profession to the Very Reverend D. J. Meagher, O.P., Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, at the same convent. After completing his philosophy and two years of theology at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, Father Meagher was assigned to the General House of Studies at Louvain, Belgium, where he received the degree of Lector in Sacred Theology in 1896. The Most Reverend Joseph Van Reeth, S.J., Bishop of Galle, Ceylon, had ordained him to the sacred Priesthood on September 8, 1895, in St. Ignatius's Church, Louvain.

Upon returning to the United States, Father Meagher became procurator and professor at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. Having served at St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tennessee, he was made pastor and superior at St. Antoninus's Church, Newark, New Jersey. He was named the first prior at that convent in 1906; in November of the same year he became prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City. Father Meagher returned to St. Antoninus's Church in 1909. The following year he was prior of St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C.

Father Meagher began his provincialate of seventeen years in October, 1913, establishing his headquarters at St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York City. During his term of office, he founded the Foreign Missions in China, initiated the Poor Boys' Priesthood Association, *Dominicana* and *The Torch* Magazines, and the Rosary Leaflets; and gained for St. Joseph's Province the following houses: Holy Rosary, Hawthorne; Holy Innocents', Pleasantville; and Holy Name, Valhalla—all in the state of New York; St. Mary's, Johnson, Tennessee (1915), Providence College and St. Pius' Parish, Provi-

dence, Rhode Island (1918); Sacred Heart Parish, Jersey City, New Jersey (1919); St. Pius' and Holy Trinity Parishes, Chicago, Illinois, and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Madison, Wisconsin (1921); St. Dominic's, Youngstown, Ohio, in 1922; the House of Studies at River Forest, Illinois (1925); St. Dominic's Parish, Detroit, Michigan, and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1927; and Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois, in 1929. Father Meagher received the degree of Doctor of Laws on two occasions—at Seton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey, in 1917; and at Manhattan College, New York City, in 1927.

At the termination of office, Father Meagher remained at St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York City. In 1933, he became pastor and superior at St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tennessee. He retired to St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C., in 1939. Here he has been doing work on the Dominican Liturgy. The *Dominican Altar Boys Manual*, which was published this past summer, is his work. He has been preparing an American edition of the Dominican Daily Missal which he hopes to have available shortly.

Dominicana congratulates Father Meagher on the completion of fifty years of that generous service which is characteristic of a true Dominican priest.

