



VERY REVEREND WILLIAM D. NOON, O.P., S.T.M.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE**  
**OF**  
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**WILLIAM DOMINIC NOON, O.P., S.T.M.**



HE VERY REV. William D. Noon, O.P., S.T.M., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by offering on March 5th a Mass of thanksgiving in St. Rose Church, New Lexington, Ohio.

Father Noon was born near Rehoboth, Perry Co., Ohio, on Feb. 22, 1875. He was the second of eleven children born to Charles Peter and Anastasia (Hammond) Noon and received his early education in the county schools of the neighborhood. Feeling that he had a vocation to the religious life, the young man entered St. Rose's Priory where, after his year of Novitiate, he was permitted to make profession on June 12, 1893. The next three years were spent studying philosophy at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. Though he began his theological course at St. Joseph's, his superiors soon recognized his extraordinary talents and he was sent to Rome to complete his studies at the Minerva. Father Noon was ordained to the sacred priesthood in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in the Eternal City on March 5, 1895 by the Most Rev. Archbishop (later Cardinal) Francis di Paola Cassetta, Vice-gerent of the Cardinal Vicar of Rome. After he had received the degree of Lector in Sacred Theology at the Minerva, Father Noon returned to this country to teach at St. Joseph's. There he remained for almost four years. When the new House of Studies was opened in Washington, D. C. in 1905, Father Noon was transferred to that house as a member of the faculty. In 1908 the young priest answered a call for volunteers to help the Spanish Dominicans in the Philippines teaching in the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. On his way to take up his new duties, Father Noon successfully passed the *ad gradus* examination taken in Rome in May of that year. He returned again to the faculty of the House of Studies in Washington in 1912 and, on the petition of the Provincial Chapter of 1913, received, in 1914, the degree of Master in Sacred Theology. Upon his own request, Father Noon was assigned to the parochial mission band with his headquarters at the House of Studies in Washington. After two fruitful years spent in this apostolate, he was sent in 1916 to work on the Pa-

cific coast. While there he made his home at St. Dominic's in San Francisco. He returned to the east in 1921 to become the President of Providence College, Providence, R. I. He held this post until assigned again to parochial missions in 1927. During the next five years he labored tirelessly until his health broke and he was forced to abandon the work which he loved so well. Assigned to Saint Dominic's Priory in Washington, D. C., in 1932, and to St. Peter's, Memphis, Tenn. in 1935, Father Noon became a member of the newly erected Province of St. Albert the Great in 1940. When his health permitted he was again assigned to parish work in St. Albert's Priory, Minneapolis, Minn. in 1942. From there he was sent to St. Pius' Priory in Chicago where he still remains

Father Noon is well known throughout the Province as an eloquent preacher. His work in the Houses of Studies earned for him a reputation of being a worthy scholar, well versed in both philosophy and theology. *Dominicana*, in the name of all the Fathers and Brothers, wishes to express sincere appreciation to Father Noon for his years of devoted labor in the Dominican apostolate and to assure him of our congratulations and prayers on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee.