



SAINT JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

CONDOLENCES The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy and prayers to the Rev. W. J. Hackett, O.P., the Rev. A. L. and H. B. Scheerer, O.P., Brothers William Cronin and Hugh Mulhern, on the death of their fathers; to the Rev. C. V. Lucier, O.P., on the death of his mother; to the Very Rev. H. C. Boyd, O.P., P.G., the Rev. H. P. Cunningham, O.P., the Rev. G. H. Callan, O.P., and the Rev. A. E. Vitie, O.P., on the death of their brothers.

NEW STAFF The following Students form the *Dominicana* staff for the current year: Chrysostom O'Brien, Editor; Richard Heath, Associate Editor; Alan Morris, Book Review Editor; Frederick Hinnebusch, Associate Book Review Editor; Regis Heuschkel, Cloister Chronicle; Justin Brodie, Sisters' Chronicle; Donald Danilowicz, Business Manager; Andrew Stickle, Circulation Manager; Flavian Morrey, Assistant Circulation Manager.

MISSIONS With the Rev. M. T. Smith, O.P., presiding, the Mission Academia at the House of Studies, Washington, held its annual elections on January 6. The following officers were elected: Bro. William Hill, President; Bro. Martin Connors, Secretary; Bro. Justin Brodie, Treasurer-Librarian. The retiring officers are: Brothers Hyacinth Putz, Timothy Carney, and Andrew Stickle.

JUBILEES The members of the Province extend their heartiest congratulations to the Rev. M. A. Murray, O.P., and Rev. J. J. Durkin, O.P., who celebrated the Golden Jubilee of their ordination on March 7.

APPOINTMENTS The Rev. P. F. Mulhern, O.P., has been appointed Pro-Regent of Studies of the Pontifical Faculty at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington.

The Very Rev. W. M. Conlon, O.P., has been appointed Sub-prior, succeeding Fr. Mulhern.

The Rev. T. J. Smith, O.P., has been appointed Pastor of Saint Peter's Church, Memphis, Tenn.

PROFESSION AND VESTITION On December 9, 1948, the Very Rev. C. I. Litzinger, O.P., received the simple profession of Bro. Anthony Bucci, laybrother. Bro. Robert Disbolis received the habit of the Order on January 30, 1949.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE The sixteenth annual observance of the Church Unity Octave was held at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C., from January 18 to 25. The Rev. Robert J. Slavina, O.P., President of Providence College, was the speaker at the services on January 22.

DEDICATION The new science building, Albertus Magnus Hall, at Providence College was formally blessed and dedicated on January 27. The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence, R. I., presided at the ceremonies which attracted large numbers of distinguished ecclesiastics and scientists.

CHINA The Reverend Fathers F. A. Gordon, O.P., E. F. Kelly, O.P., and B. G. Schneider, O.P., and Brother Francis Leibold, O.P., arrived at Foochow in the Dominican Mission territory of Fukien, China, on December 7. Because of a shipping strike they were forced to take an indirect route by plane, crossing via the Atlantic Ocean, Europe and Asia, a trip of over 12,600 miles.

SAINT ALBERT'S PROVINCE

SYMPATHY The Fathers and Brothers of the province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. J. A. Quinn, O.P., and Rev. A. H. Hamel, O.P., on the death of their mothers; and to Bro. Ralph Powell, O.P., on the death of his father.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS The Very Rev. J. E. Marr, O.P., has been re-elected Prior of the House of Studies, River Forest, Ill. The Rev. J. W. Conway, O.P., has been appointed Pastor of Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Mo. The Rev. T. L. Dolan, O.P., has been named Director of the Society for Vocational Support. The Rev. E. A. Baxter, O.P., has been appointed head of the Western Mission Band. The Rev. T. H. Dailey, O.P., has been appointed Pastor of St. Helena's Church, Amite, La.

REGENT OF STUDIES On January 4, the Very Rev. Edward S. Carlson, O.P., S.T.Bacc., S.T.D., was installed as Regent of Studies and President of the Pontifical Faculty of Philosophy. The Very Rev. J. W. Curran, O.P., S.T.Bacc., S.T.D., took office as Baccalaureus of the Studium and Vice-president of the Faculty; and the Very Rev. G. R. Joubert, O.P., S.T.Bacc., Ph.D., as Master of Studies. The Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., S.T.Lr., presided at the installation ceremonies and delivered the sermon.

HOLY NAME PROVINCE

NECROLOGY The Rev. Thomas C. Clancy, O.P., former pastor of St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco and St. Vincent's Church in Vallejo, died in St. Joseph's Hospital, San Francisco, at the age of 83. Father Clancy, a native of Jersey City, N. J., was for the past fifteen years in semi-retirement at the Novitiate of the Immaculate Conception in Ross. A Solemn Mass was celebrated at the Novitiate College, January 3. The Very Rev. Benedict M. Blank,

O.P., was celebrant, the Very Rev. Kevin Meagher, O.P., deacon, and the Rev. Aquinas Duffner, O.P., subdeacon. Interment was in the Dominican cemetery in Benicia.

Among recent visitors to our Province and studium have been the
 VISITORS Very Rev. Ambrogio Gullo, O.P., Provincial of the Province of
 OF NOTE Sicily, and His Excellency the Most Rev. Felix Hedde, O.P., Vicar
 Apostolic of Langson, French Indo China.

SISTERS' CHRONICLE

Congregation of St. Catherine di Ricci, Albany, N. Y.

Word was received from Rome confirming Mother Mary Gregory's election by postulation for a fourth term of office as Prioress General of the Congregation.

On December 19, four-hundred sixty-eight attended the fifteenth annual Communion Breakfast of the Louis Bertrand Retreat League at the Convent of Our Lady of Prouille, Elkins Park, Pa. Two high Masses were celebrated at 9:30. The Right Rev. Monsignor Bernard A. McKenna, S.T.D., LL.D., celebrated Mass in the Retreat House and the Rev. F. N. Wendell, O.P., celebrated Mass in St. Catherine's Chapel. At 10:45, amidst an attractive Christmas setting, breakfast was served by the Sisters. After breakfast there was an interesting talk entitled *The Pass to Peace* given by John B. Kennedy, nationally-known radio commentator. Rev. James Brennan awarded prizes to the Chief Promoters who had brought the largest number of retreatants to Prouille in 1948. Father Wendell gave an illuminating talk on the element of sacrifice necessary to the work of the Lay Apostolate. Monsignor McKenna addressed a few words to the retreatants and concluded breakfast with Grace.

On Wednesday, December 22, the Convent of Our Lady Help of Christians, Cuba, was visited by the Master General, the Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., who arrived by plane in Cuba on December 15. A large group of Dominican Fathers, Sisters and children greeted the Master General at the airport and then all repaired to the Dominican church where the *Te Deum* was sung.

The Sisters at the Convent of Our Lady of Prouille are attending a course in Ethics being given by Rev. Dom Benedict Brosnahan, O.S.B., of Washington, D. C.

The annual Promoters' Conference was held at Prouille during the week-end of January 8-9 with one hundred thirty present. Rev. Luke Missett, C.P., acted as Moderator. The theme of the Conference was *Under the Full Stature of Christ*, and the six papers read by various Promoters were written with the idea of how to attain this end through retreats. The purpose of the Conference is to discuss means and ways of furthering the retreat movement and to permit the Promoters to propose any changes for the improvement in the retreats. Many valuable suggestions were offered by the Promoters.

On January 12, the first 1949 Monthly Public Holy Hour for World Peace was held by The League of the Blessed Sacrament at the Albany convent. Rev. Basil Corbett, O.F.M., preached the sermon.

Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Syracuse, N. Y.

On September 24, all the professed members of the Community made profession of solemn vows. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Walter A. Foery, D.D.,

Bishop of Syracuse, presided and received the solemn profession of the Mother Prioress who then, in turn, received the solemn profession of the nuns. Following his inspiring sermon on this memorable occasion, His Excellency read the decree of the Holy See which imposed Papal Enclosure, and concluded the ceremony by giving solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Community, formerly of the cloistered contemplative Third Order, is now one of a Federation of Second Order Perpetual Rosary Monasteries with its own constitutional obligation of the perpetual recitation of the Rosary day and night in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and the propagation of the Rosary among the faithful.

From November 3-12, Rev. H. J. McManus, O.P., conducted the Nuns' annual retreat.

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

After many months of unsuccessful efforts to board an African-bound freighter, the four pioneer Sisters assigned to Tanganyikam, British East Africa, left Maryknoll on December 2, boarded a plane at La Guardia Airport and winged their way via London, Tripoli, Cairo, Khartoum and Nairobi, to begin their mission work among the Lua tribe. Their superior, Sister Mary Stanislaus, is a veteran with nineteen years of experience in Hawaii. The three others, Sisters Catherine Maureen, Margaret Rose and Joan Michel, are recruits on their first mission post.

Mother Mary Columba spent Christmas at Monrovia, Calif., with the Maryknoll Sisters' Mother Foundress, Mother Mary Joseph. Mother Mary Columba was on the coast making her first canonical visitation of the Community since becoming Mother General.

Candlemas Day, February 2, was selected as the annual date on which honor was paid to the Sister Jubilarians. This year, thirty-eight Sisters will celebrate their silver jubilee in widely far-flung mission posts—in South China, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Palau, Seattle, Los Angeles and cities in Eastern United States.

Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, N. Y.

Recent deaths in the Community include those of Sisters Domitilla, Praxedis, Brenda, Udalrica, Humberta and Francis.

The 1949 Convent Calendar carries ten retreats. Four take place between January 30 and April 23 at St. Joseph's Convent, Sullivan Co., N. Y.; Queen of the Rosary Convent, Amityville; and Villa Maria, Water Mill. The latter retreat is exclusively for Superiors.

The Motherhouse and Novitiate joined the Archdiocese of New York in a triduum of prayers in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception for more and better vocations to the priesthood and religious state. The same group of Sisters joined in the Church Unity Octave of Prayer, January 18-25.

Faculty members enjoyed meeting parents at the annual Open School Day held in the various elementary and high schools at the request of the Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools in Brooklyn.

More than a ton of clothing and three tons of food were sent to fifty-four convents, orphanages, hospitals and displaced persons' camps, and more than \$1747 was expended for postage and packing by the students of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, where twenty-three Sisters of this Congregation cooperate on the staff with religious of other orders. A Christmas toy drive for the foreign missions was also initiated. Accompanied by their history teachers, two hundred of

these students visited the Freedom Train. The Right Rev. Monsignor Edward A. Freking, S.T.D., Director of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade, spoke on *The Missions of the Catholic Church* to the Sisters at Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. The international Royal Grand Opera Company, directed by Rev. Leonardo Pavone, conducted a concert at Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School.

A representative number of Sisters attend the series of lectures by Rev. Declan Maher, C.P., at Dominican Commercial High School, which are sponsored by the Queens Institute of Industrial Relations. Men and women desirous of putting the directives of our Holy Father into practice in their workaday world were invited to participate.

Sister Rose Gertrude, O.P., acted as chairman of the regional meeting of the Catholic Business Educational Association, at which Sister Lawrence Joseph, O.P., gave a demonstration lesson in *Teaching Partnership with Interest Allowance*.

Sisters Cherubim Rita and Rene attended the first general meeting of the newly formed Catholic Science Council of the Archdiocese of New York.

Science teachers from all the high schools in which Sisters of the Congregation teach were among the members of the Catholic Round Table of Science, Brooklyn Chapter, who met at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School to discuss problems of science teachers and developments in the field of science.

At the fall meeting of the Brooklyn-Long Island Unit of the Catholic Library Association, there were present Sister-representatives from eight high schools and a number of elementary schools under the tutelage of the Sisters of St. Dominic.

For Holy Innocents' Day, the Sisters who made first profession in August, 1948, were privileged to return from their first mission house to the Novitiate. The over-night visit was well-planned, and the Sisters sang the Office of Matins and the Christmas carols as they did at Amityville before Midnight Mass on the feast of Christmas.

A unique feature of the Holy Hour on New Year's Eve in Queen of the Rosary Chapel, Amityville, was the profession in the Third Order of St. Dominic of Mr. Alejandro Santiago, a seminarian of Niagara University. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Eugene J. Crawford, chaplain, who is also a tertiary.

On December 27, the annual reunion of Golden and Silver Jubilarians of the year was held at Dominican Commercial High School, Jamaica, N. Y. Addresses were made by the Right Rev. Monsignor George A. Metzger, V.F., Spiritual Director, and Mother M. Anselma, O.P., Prioress General.

Sister Margaret Marie, O.P., of St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, ably conducted the panel discussion of *Professional Nursing in Modern Society*, at the third annual Conference Day of the Division of Health of the Brooklyn diocese.

Since December 25, the Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School of San Juan have moved into the Old Seminary which has been entirely renovated for convent and school purposes by His Excellency, the Most Reverend James Peter Davis, D.D.

The Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers, made a visitation to Puerto Rico, and thus brought joy to our Sisters laboring in the missions there.

Sisters Colombiere and Mary Robert attended the Convention of the Catholic Art Association at Mt. St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. M. Helfen, National President of the Catholic Dramatic Movement, gave a showing of motion pictures sponsored by the Catholic Motion Picture Guild to two hundred representatives from all the schools in the diocese taught by our

Sisters. In the address delivered, he explained the objectives and methods of the Catholic Motion Picture Guild.

Delegates from the various high schools in which our Sisters teach attended the meeting of the Regional Unit, N.C.E.A., February 17, at Seton High School, Baltimore, Md.

Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Camden, N. J.

Sister Mary Joseph, O.P., passed away after a short illness at the age of eighty-two.

On November 12, a double ceremony of solemn profession and first profession took place. Sister Mary of the Immaculate Heart Coyne, O.P., pronounced her solemn vows and Sister Louise Marie Tobin, O.P., pronounced her first vows.

St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tenn.

St. Thomas Academy, Memphis, Tenn., staffed by the Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation, was accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges at the annual meeting held in Memphis during the early part of December.

The Forty Hours Devotion was celebrated in the St. Cecilia chapel from January 9-11. On the evening of January 11, the solemn closing of the Forty Hours was attended by the Most Reverend William L. Adrian, D.D., and by a number of the Nashville clergy.

Dorothy Freemont Grant, Catholic author and lecturer, spoke to the Catholic high school girls of the city of Nashville in the St. Cecilia Academy auditorium on the morning of January 21. The subject of her lecture was *Christian Marriage*. Mrs. Grant's visit to Nashville was sponsored by the St. Mary's Parish Council of Catholic Women. In the evening, she spoke at the Father Ryan High School auditorium on *Free Speech and Peace*.

On March 6, Miss Mary Curran of Hampton, Va., and Miss Therese Giles of Chattanooga, Tenn., received the Dominican habit in the St. Cecilia chapel. On March 7, Sisters M. Richard Jernigan, M. Robert Manning, M. Leonard Colorigh, and M. Daniel Tingle made first profession of vows.

The Most Reverend William L. Adrian, D.D., presided at the ceremony of investiture on March 6, and Rev. Eugene Eiselein, chaplain, presided at the ceremony of profession on March 7.

Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, La.

The Very Rev. B. A. Arend, O.P., presided as representative of the Most Reverend Archbishop at the investiture with the holy habit of Miss Gloria Benoist (Sister Mary Norbert) and Miss Merryl Tanner (Sister Mary Bartholomew), both of New Orleans, at the house of the Novitiate, Rosaryville, Wadesboro, La., on the eve of the Epiphany. The following day, Sister Mary Denis Bourgeois pronounced her first vows.

A day of recollection for St. Margaret's Daughters, Catholic Welfare Association, was conducted by Rev. George Twelmeyer, S.J.

The Third Order of Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes parish, held their annual one-day retreat at St. Mary's Dominican College; Rev. Francis X. Kane, S.M., directed the exercises.

Rev. Francis Fox, O.P., of St. Anthony's Priory, recounted his experiences

during the First American Pilgrimage to Fátima, and his visit to Madrid and Rome; Sisters from all the schools taught by the Dominicans were interested and appreciative listeners.

Rev. Joseph Buckley, S.M., vice-rector of Notre Dame Seminary, is conducting a series of lectures on *Guidance referring to Matrimony, Sex and Purity*, for all religious teachers of secondary schools in New Orleans. St. Mary's Dominican High School is sponsoring the lectures with the highest approval of His Excellency, the Most Reverend John F. Rummel, D.D.

At a meeting held in the college library, the Right Rev. Monsignor Herman J. Jacobi, president of the National Catholic Charities, addressed delegates from the National Society for the Education of Exceptional Children.

Sister Nona, O.P., Sister Judith, F.C.S.P., and Dr. Mary Synon, members of the Commission of American Citizenship of Catholic University, were among the eminent speakers at the sixth annual Archdiocesan Teachers' Institute. While in New Orleans they were guests of Dominican College.

Under the chairmanship of Sister M. Liguori, O.P., the regional meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Catholic Business Education Association was held at Dominican College. Rev. Henry C. Bezou, Archdiocesan Superintendent of schools, Rev. Vincent O'Connell, S.M., Notre Dame Seminary, and Brother Salvator, C.S.C., addressed the assembly.

Sister M. Peter Casteix, O.P., one of the Archdiocesan supervisors, spoke on *Remedial Reading* at the Southern regional meeting of the N.C.E.A., held at Memphis.

Rev. E. C. Lillie, O.P., has been transferred from the chaplaincy at Rosaryville, the house of the Novitiate, to Dominican College where he is professor of Philosophy.

Rev. Brother Leo Landis, O.P., was master of ceremonies at the closing of the recent Forty Hours Devotion.

Rev. J. S. McHatton, O.P., college chaplain, conducted the services during the Church Unity Octave.

Loyola University of the South conferred the Key of Theta Beta, National Honor Science Society, upon Sister M. Englert, Ph.D., head of the Science department, Dominican College, at her recent induction as a member of the society.

St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio

Sister M. Amelia, O.P., head of the French Department of the College of St. Mary of the Springs, read a paper on *The Richelieu-Corneille Rapport* at the sixty-third annual meeting of the Modern Language Convention in New York City last December.

Sister Mary Ruth, O.P., gave the initial lecture at the Institute for Elementary School Librarians sponsored by the Columbus Unit of the Catholic Library Association.

Rev. J. A. Manning, O.P., conducted the retreat for the students of the College of St. Mary of the Springs, January 31 to February 2.

Albertus Magnus College has been designated as the clearing house for the business of the Connecticut Intercollegiate Student Legislature, formerly the Connecticut Intercollegiate Mock Legislature. At a legislative session to be held in the State Capitol March 18 and 19, each participating college will send fifteen representatives and two senators.

The following Sisters passed to their eternal rewards: Sister Hyacinth Martin, November 5; Sister Dominica Whitehead, December 4; Sister Frederica Kearney, January 6.

Congregation of St. Catharine of Siena, St. Catharine, Ky.

On January 15, a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of Sister Callista Kavanagh whose death occurred on January 12 at St. Catharine Hospital, McCook, Neb. Rev. J. R. Clark, O.P., chaplain at the Motherhouse, was celebrant of the Mass; Rev. J. B. Reese, O.P., Master of Novices at St. Rose Priory, was the deacon, and Rev. J. R. Desmond, O.P., professor of philosophy at St. Catharine Junior College, was subdeacon. Dominican novices from St. Rose Priory served as acolytes, thurifer and crossbearer.

A ten days' retreat for the novices and postulants was preached by Rev. J. A. Manning, O.P., in preparation for the ceremonies of profession and reception which took place on the feast of St. Thomas, March 7. The postulants from Rosary Academy, Watertown, Mass., came to St. Catharine's for this retreat, after which their strict novitiate at the Motherhouse was begun. A new group of postulants from the Archdiocese of Boston enrolled at Rosary Academy while those entering from the South and West began their postulancy at the Motherhouse.

On March 7, the feast of St. Thomas, Sisters Francis Joseph, Rose Marie, Huberta, Maureen, Athanasia, Austina, Ann and Georgine celebrated the silver jubilee of religious profession. Sister Zita celebrated her silver jubilee on January 11.

The solemn dedication of the new building at Mt. Trinity Academy in Watertown, Mass., will take place in April. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, will officiate at this ceremony.

The Sisters at Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, have moved to their new convent where they are anticipating arrival of Reverend Mother Margaret Elizabeth who will make her first visitation to this new foundation in May. Rev. Vincent Hefner, C.S.S.R., pastor of San Carlos parish in Puerto Rico where the Sisters are stationed, was a guest at the Motherhouse of St. Catharine during January. He paid glowing tribute to the work of the Sisters, and extended a warm welcome to the new recruits who will leave for Puerto Rico with the Mother General in May.

Rev. T. M. McGlynn, O.P., author of *Vision of Fátima*, visited St. Catharine Motherhouse in February and inspired students of the Academy and Junior College, as well as the Sisters, with a renewed desire to fulfill the requests of Our Lady with great faithfulness.

St. Catharine's Community of Kentucky was represented at the convention of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, held in Memphis, by Sister Julia of St. Catharine, Ky., and by Sisters Genevieve and Raymunda and faculty members of Siena College and St. Agnes Academy of Memphis, Tenn. At the Mid-south Regional Conference of the Catholic Library Association held also in Memphis, a paper on *The Substructure of Librarianship* was read by Sister Anne Mary of the Siena College faculty; while Sister Mary Margaret of St. Agnes Academy led a most interesting discussion on *Will Their Ideals be the Comics?*

Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Ill.

Ground was broken December 8 for the construction of a new residence hall at Sacred Heart Academy, Springfield, Ill. Built under the patronage of Our Lady of Fátima and called Siena Hall after our illustrious Saint Catherine, the building

is designed to house one hundred resident students during the school year and to accommodate the Sisters who return to the Motherhouse for retreats during the summer. The Right Rev. Monsignor J. B. Franz, administrator of the diocese, presided at the ceremony, assisted by the Very Rev. Monsignor William F. Haug, J.C.D., chaplain, and many other members of the clergy from the city and near-by towns. Sister M. Dominica, O.P., a member of the Community for over sixty years and the oldest living member, had the honor of helping to break the ground. This project is the first step in a long-range building program planned to enlarge and expand the facilities at both the Academy and Motherhouse in Springfield.

On January 3, reception and profession ceremonies were held at the Convent. Eight young women received the habit, nine novices made first profession and one Sister, Sister M. Christina, pronounced her final vows. The sermon for the occasion was preached by the Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great.

The Southern Illinois unit of the Catholic Theatre Conference is sponsoring a play festival at Sacred Heart Academy, February 19. Sister M. Isabelle, O.P., vice-regional chairman, assisted by Mother Gregory Joseph, O.S.U., of Marquette High School, Alton, Ill., is acting as hostess for the occasion. Ten high schools from the area have signified their intention of bringing plays to the festival and a competent board of critic-judges will discuss and evaluate the merits of the plays for both coaches and students.

The Right Rev. Monsignor William O'Connor, supervisor of charities of the Chicago Archdiocese, has been named Bishop of the Springfield diocese by Pope Pius XII. He will be consecrated in Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, on March 7, and will be installed in the diocese at Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Springfield, March 17. The Dominican Sisters, who have charge of the Cathedral school in the city, as well as many schools in the diocese, are happy to be blessed with such a capable and understanding Spiritual Father.

Students at Sacred Heart Academy had the privilege of hearing Frederic Sjobiarn in an unusual and enjoyable concert early in January. Mr. Sjobiarn, an educator and psychologist, as well as a dynamic pianist, called his recital a "key-board conversation." He played a program ranging from classical numbers, through American folk tunes, to modern jazz. Perfect programming plus musicianship and showmanship aroused his audience to exceptional enthusiasm.

The Red Mill, by Victor Herbert, produced by the music, speech and dancing departments of Sacred Heart Academy in November played to capacity audiences from Sunday until Tuesday. Superb singing choruses, talented and outstanding performers, original and clever dancers combined to make operetta history in Springfield.

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wis.

Recent deaths were those of Sisters M. Oliva Moran, M. Aquino Quille, M. Anna Daley, M. Britta Scanlan and M. Charles Brophy.

Rev. T. M. Cain, O.P., conducted the Academy girls' retreat during the three days preceding Rosary Sunday.

Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O.P., assisted by Rev. T. M. Cain, O.P., and Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P., sang a solemn high Mass on October 1 for the repose of the soul of Rev. J. D. Kavanaugh, O.P., former chaplain.

On November 4, the cornerstone of St. Dominic's Villa, Dubuque, private

sanitarium and rest home for the Congregation, was laid by the Most Reverend Henry P. Rohling, D.D., Archbishop of Dubuque.

With impressive ceremonies begun by Pontifical High Mass, sung by the Most Reverend Giovanni Giorgis, Bishop of Fiesole, in which he was assisted by the Very Reverend Priors of San Marco and San Domenico Convents, Florence, the Institute of Pope Pius XII was blessed and dedicated on Sunday, October 10. His Eminence Elia Cardinal Dalla Costa, Archbishop of Florence, presided, blessed the rooms and later gave an address during the reception program. Among the distinguished guests of Church and State were the Most Reverend Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Reverend Timothy M. Sparks, O.P., North American Socius to the Master General. Work of the first academic year of the Institute began the following morning, the courses offered including: Philosophy, History of Art, History of Music and Italian Culture.

On Sunday, December 12, the chaplains, Rev. J. B. Connolly, O.P., and Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P., solemnly blessed the Stations of the Cross recently erected in the cemetery at our Motherhouse.

Sister M. Marcus, O.P., of Trinity High School, River Forest, Ill., has just published two musical compositions which will be found easily singable in upper grades and high schools: *Salve Regina*, dedicated to Our Lady of Fátima, a devotional hymn; and *Crusaders' Song*, a chorus in two parts, octavo in form.

Rev. C. M. Breen, O.P., conducted the mid-year Novitiate retreat, ending February 2 when ceremonies for a small reception to the habit were carried out.

Sister M. Beatrice McKelly and Sister M. Angelique Sabourin observed the Golden Jubilee of their Reception on March 7.

Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wis.

Two Sisters were recently called to their eternal reward. Sister Michaeline Brechtel died October 20, in the fourteenth year of her religious profession, and Sister Marcella Wachter on December 11, in the sixty-seventh year of religious profession.

The tenth season of Thomistic lectures for the laity conducted in this vicinity was opened in October. The lectures, held in St. Catherine's High School, are this year under the leadership of Rev. T. M. Cain, O.P. *Mariology* is the subject under discussion.

Rev. P. B. Pendis, O.P., preached the annual retreat at the Motherhouse during the Christmas holidays.

The inauguration of Sodality officers for Dominican College took place in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel on December 7.

Students of Dominican College held a Crib and Candlelight ceremony on the evening of December 17, during which the Infant was carried processsionally from the Chapel to an outdoor Crib erected on the grounds.

Congregation of the Most Holy Name, San Rafael, Calif.

In the fall of 1948 the Congregation had the great joy of opening a new school on the Monterey peninsula almost a hundred years after the original foundation there under the Most Reverend Joseph Sadoc Alemany, O.P., Bishop of Monterey. Since the abandonment of the first foundation in 1854 there has been no Dominican convent on the peninsula. When, therefore, an invitation came during the past year to open a school there, it was accepted gladly and the dream of

returning to the site of the first convent in California has been realized on the very eve almost of the centennial.

In November, a lecture was given in the College Auditorium by Rev. Francis B. Thornton on *Reading and Personality*. Father Thornton is an authority on Francis Thompson and his visit prefaced as it were a cantata of *The Hound of Heaven* which was presented by the Dominican College Choral on December 5. The music was written by Dr. Guilio Silva, a member of the faculty. The cantata was conducted by the composer.

Recent visitors to the Convent include the Very Rev. Gerard Pare, O.P., Provincial of the Canadian Province, and the Very Rev. Ambrose Gullo, O.P., Provincial of the Sicilian Province.

Congregation of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tacoma, Wash.

On December 1, Sister M. Dolores was called by death in the forty-fifth year of her religious life after over a year's illness. Solemn Requiem Mass was sung in Aquinas Convent Chapel, with interment in Calvary Cemetery.

The retreat in preparation for the ceremonies of Reception and Profession was conducted at the Novitiate, Mount Saint Dominic, by Rev. T. M. Porter, O.P., from December 26 to January 4. Seven postulants received the habit, twelve novices made first profession and three Sisters pronounced final vows.

The Sisters are teaching Sunday School Catechism classes in seventeen parishes near those in which there are parochial schools. Applications are already in for twenty-one vacation schools, to be conducted in the months of June and July.