



## SAINT JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

**CONDOLENCES** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy and prayers to the Very Rev. V. F. O'Daniel, O.P., the Rev. C. M. Mulvey, O.P., and to the Rev. A. A. Sibila, O.P., on the death of their sisters; to the Rev. L. D. Ross, O.P., on the death of his brother; to the Rev. G. B. Connaughton, O.P., the Rev. C. P. Forster, O.P., and to Brother Henry O'Brien, O.P., on the death of their fathers; to the Rev. B. G. Hart, O.P., on the death of his mother; and to the relatives of Michael Kennedy, recently deceased father of the late Rev. Damian Kennedy, O.P.

**NEW STAFF** The following Students form the *Dominicana* staff for the current year: Raymond Daley, Editor; Michael Stock, Associate Editor; Aquinas Powers, Book Review Editor; Thomas Kane, Associate Book Review Editor; James Breitfeller, Cloister Chronicler; Francis Connolly, Sisters' Chronicler; Joseph Gardner, Business Manager; Louis Sukovaty, Circulation Manager; Antoninus Fallon, Assistant Circulation Manager.

**DEGREES** In ceremonies at the House of Studies on December 8, 1949, the following members of the Province received the Degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology: the Very Rev. Fathers W. M. Conlon, O.P., P. F. Mulhern, O.P., and J. C. Kearney, O.P. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O.P.

**VESTITION** On December 14, 1949, the Very Rev. W. M. Conlon, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies, Washington, D. C., clothed the following lay-brother postulants in the habit of the Order: Brothers Augustine Flanagan, and Michael McCarthy.

**PROFESSION** On December 25, 1949, the Very Rev. W. M. Conlon, O.P., received the Solemn Profession of Brother Michael Stock, O.P. On January 31, 1949, the Very Rev. J. P. Kenny, O.P., received the Simple Profession of Brother Robert Disbolis, O.P., laybrother.

**ORDINATION** Brother Michael Stock, O.P., received First Tonsure and the four Minor Orders on February 6, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C.

**CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE** The seventeenth annual observance of the Chair of Unity Octave was held at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C., from January 18 to 25. The Dominican Students sang Benediction at the services on January 20.

**MISSIONS** With the Rev. M. T. Smith, O.P., presiding, the Mission Academia at the House of Studies, Washington, D. C., held its annual elections on February 3. The following officers were elected: Bro. Joseph Gardner,

President; Bro. Jordan Lacey, Secretary; Fr. Francis Chen, Treasurer-Librarian. The retiring officers are: Brothers William Hill, Martin Connors, and Justin Brodie.

APPOINTMENTS The Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General, has appointed the Rev. F. N. Halligan, O.P., as Pro-Master of Studies at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

### SAINT ALBERT'S PROVINCE

SYMPATHY The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Very Rev. J. A. Driscoll, O.P., and the Rev. J. S. McHatton, O.P., on the death of their brothers; to the Rev. W. D. Van Rooy, O.P., on the death of his mother and brother; and to the Rev. T. C. Donlan, O.P., on the death of his father.

ANNIVERSARY The tenth anniversary of the Province of St. Albert was observed on January 17. The Solemn Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., first provincial; and the sermon was delivered by the Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., present Provincial.

VISITOR The Most Reverend Finbar Ryan, O.P., Archbishop of Port of Spain, Trinidad, visited at the House of Studies for several days and gave the students an interesting account of his recent trip to Rome.

NEW BUILDINGS The new Priory of St. Dominic has been completed at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, and has room for fifty religious. New parish rectories have been completed at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, River Forest, and at St. Albert's Church, Minneapolis. A third floor addition has been made at Blessed Sacrament parish, Madison. All three buildings have a capacity of fifteen religious. Work has also been begun on the expansion of St. Anthony's Priory, New Orleans.

### HOLY NAME PROVINCE

SYMPATHY The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their deepest sympathies to Brother Leonard Cuevas, O.P., on the recent death of his father; and to Brother Celestine Spear, on the death of his father.

RECEPTION Brother Vincent Hughes was received to the habit of the laybrothers on December 29, 1949, at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Ross, California. He was received by the Very Rev. Peter C. Curran, O.P., subprior of the convent.

NEW SCHOOL Our new elementary school, Saint Peter Martyr, Pittsburg, California, was formally opened on January 23. Those teaching are the Sisters of the Holy Cross Congregation, Everett, Washington.

## SISTERS' CHRONICLE

## Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wisconsin

The community was recently honored by a visit from His Excellency, the Most Rev. Edwin V. Byrne, Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dominican College sponsored a Spanish Fiesta shortly before Christmas to provide a traditional Christmas celebration for the children of Spanish-Mexican families who reside in Racine.

The Rev. J. J. Eulberg, O.P., conducted a day of recollection on December 11 in the convent chapel for the Dominican Tertiaries of Holy Rosary Chapter, Racine.

A three-day retreat for the postulants and aspirants to the community was given by the Rev. J. Barron, O.P., between the semesters.

## Dominican College of San Rafael, San Rafael, California

The Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of the Most Holy Name of Jesus marked the opening of their hundredth year in California on January 21, when a solemn Dominican Mass for the students and their parents was celebrated at the motherhouse, The Dominican Convent of San Rafael, California. The Very Rev. P. K. Meagher, O.P., Vicar-Provincial, was the celebrant; the Rev. C. P. Curran, O.P., deacon; and the Rev. J. H. Servente, O.P., sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Paul Harney, S.J., of the University of San Francisco. The combined student bodies of the college and the high school sang the Mass.

The foundress of the Congregation was Mother Mary Goemare who came from the ancient Convent of the Cross in Paris in 1850, at the request of the Most Rev. J. S. Alemany, O.P., the newly appointed Bishop of Monterey. In that city the first convent of Sisters in California, Santa Catalina, was established and the first school for girls opened. In 1854 when the needs of the times made it wiser to move the motherhouse to Benicia then the capital of the state, the school in Monterey was closed.

A hundred years have passed since Mother Mary crossed an ocean and a continent and traveled the Isthmus of Panama on muleback to found the Convent of Santa Catalina at Monterey. The adobe building where she began her missionary work has crumbled; but in 1950 a new Santa Catalina will once again grace the old Spanish town of Monterey, where the spirit of St. Dominic took deep root in the native soil of California.

## Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas

The feast of the Immaculate Conception marked three milestones at Sacred Heart Convent—a silver jubilee, a reception of the habit, and a profession on the day following.

Sister M. Gregory Sullivan celebrated the Silver Anniversary of her first profession. On that occasion her brother, the Rev. Joseph Sullivan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Houston, offered high Mass. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Wendelin Nold delivered a beautiful and fitting eulogy on "Milestones in the Religious Life."

On the same day Miss Louise Zagst received the habit of the Order from Bishop Nold, and will henceforth be known as Sister Thomas Margaret. Sister M. Evangelina Novosad, on the following day, pronounced her first temporary vows.

Final arrangements are being made for the erection of a new chapel, which will have a seating capacity of 500.

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

Trinity College of Washington, D. C., conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Mother Mary Joseph (Rogers), Mother-Foundress of the Maryknoll Sisters, at a special convocation, November 5.

In order to lay the foundations for a new hospital in Pusan, Korea, three Maryknoll Sisters left the Motherhouse at Ossining, N. Y., on November 7 and arrived at Pusan on December 29. They spent Christmas Day with the Maryknoll Sisters in Kyoto, Japan, enroute to Korea. The Sisters are: Sister Rose Genevieve (Koll) R.N., of Belpre, Kansas, Superior; Sister Mary Andre (Seiler) of Covington, Ky.; and Sister Rose of Lima (Robinson) of Jersey City, N. J., a nurse and pharmacist. Their hospital will be the only one in Pusan, the largest port of Korea.

The records for 1949 show that the Maryknoll Sisters have opened new missions in three territories during the year—in Africa in January, Ceylon during the Summer, and Korea in December. A new Social Service house was also opened in Chicago to care for Negroes, Mexicans and other races. The most recent statistics show that the order numbers 994 Sisters, novices and postulants, in 65 houses, scattered in Hawaii, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, the Caroline Islands, Ceylon, Nicaragua, Panama, Bolivia, Africa and on the western coast of the United States.

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

The annual retreat for the Nuns was conducted by the Rev. T. F. Conlon, O.P., from December 9th to the 18th.

On December 18th, the Tertiaries and a large number of Perpetual Rosarians spent a Day of Recollection at the Monastery. Five new members were received and five members made profession in the Third Order.

The annual Christmas Novena which opened December 17th, closed with midnight Mass. The Feast of Christmas was observed with the solemn chanting of the entire office of the Nativity. The Devotion of the Forty Hours opened in the Monastery on Christmas Day.

### St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tenn.

Forty Hours Devotion was held in the St. Cecilia Convent chapel from January 8-10. At the closing exercises, the Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., and the clergy of the city of Nashville marched in the procession. After the services in the chapel, a banquet was served to the visiting clergy.

The buildings of St. Cecilia convent and Academy have recently undergone complete renovation.

Solemn reception of new members into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary took place in the St. Cecilia chapel on February 2. Seventeen new members were admitted. The Rev. James E. Eiselein, chaplain, presided. After the ceremony, a reception for the entire student body was held in the auditorium of the Academy.

Retreat for the Catholic students of St. Cecilia Academy was held February 15-17. The Rev. James E. Fitzpatrick, S.S.J., pastor of Holy Family Church, Nashville, was the retreat-master.

Miss Ann Alsobrook, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Miss Ann Barrett, of Nashville, Tennessee, received the habit of the Dominican Order in the St. Cecilia chapel on March 5. The Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., presided at the ceremony of investiture.

On March 7, Sister Helena Giles and Sister Mary Bernard Curran made first profession of vows. The Rev. James E. Eiselein, chaplain, presided.

### Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Rome, Italy (American Foundation)

The solemn opening of this Jubilee Year was celebrated by the community on Christmas. The solemn novena devotions in preparation for the Nativity of Our Divine Lord brought a good attendance of the laity to the monastery church every evening. The Very Rev. P. M. Caterini, O.P., officiated at Christmas Matins; and during the community procession and veneration of the statue of the Infant Jesus in the cloister, Father had the same ceremony in the church for the extern Sisters and the laity. Father Caterini celebrated the Christmas high Mass. On Christmas morning the Rev. S. C. Osbourn, O.P., and the Very Rev. F. Codato, Postulator General of the Barnabite Order, celebrated their three Masses in the monastery church.

For the Feast of the Circumcision the Very Rev. P. M. Caterini, O.P., officiated at Matins and Lauds which was immediately followed by a Missa Cantata at midnight.

During the months of November and December the community was honored by a visit from His Eminence Cardinal F. Tedeschi, Datary to His Holiness; His Grace, the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, D.D., Archbishop of Newark and His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, D.D., Bishop of Paterson; the Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert's Province who was accompanied by the Very Rev. T. H. Sparks, O.P., American Socius to the Master General and the Very Rev. E. M. Cuddy, O.P.; His Excellency, the Most Rev. William J. Smith, D.D., Bishop of Pembroke, Canada; His Excellency the Most Rev. Martin J. O'Connor, D.D., Rector of the North American College in Rome; Their Excellencies, the Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. Costello and Mrs. Costello; the Irish Foreign Minister, Mr. Séan T. McBride and the Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, Mr. Joseph P. Walsh; Very Rev. J. De Dainville, O.P., Director of the Rosary Crusade in France who brought a graph account of the great crusade and the great work accomplished by all the religious orders in France under the direction of the French Dominican Fathers; the Rev. P. Bonhomme, O.P., the Rev. Fathers F. C. Lehner, O.P., C. R. Auth, O.P., J. F. Connell, O.P., of Santa Sabina; Rev. N. M. Connell, O.P., Holy Name Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. S. C. Osbourn, O.P., and T. A. Murphy, O.P., of the Angelicum.

Very Rev. A. Tindal-Atkinson, O.P., English Socius to the Master General is preacher of conferences to the community.

On the first Sundays of December and January, Mass was offered in the monastery church by the Rev. S. C. Osbourn, O.P., and the Rev. T. A. Murphy, O.P., respectively and the Perpetual Rosary Pilgrimage took place in the afternoon. The Pilgrimage is always well attended—the devotions consisting of 15 decades of the Rosary, sermon, and Benediction. The Very Rev. P. M. Caterini, O.P., is preaching sermons on how to practice the devotion of the Rosary with profit by meditating on the Mysteries.



### Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wis.

Recent deaths included those of Sister Marie Lillian Kurtenacker, Sister M. Francesca McGlone, Sister M. Luciola Maroney, Sister M. Adella McGann, Sister Rose Marie Gorham, and Sister M. Jeremiah McCarty.

New foundations during 1949 were a mission school at Chickasaw, Alabama, and the primary schools, Our Lady of Peace, Madison, Wisconsin, and St. Thomas More, Chicago. St. Dominic Villa, Mazzuchelli Heights, Dubuque, Iowa, was opened in October as a home for retired and convalescent Sisters. First Mass was offered by the Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P., chaplain, on the feast of St. Luke, October 17th.

Civic and religious exercises marked the dedication on October 2nd of the new high school for day-pupils erected on the grounds of Bethlehem Academy, Fari-bault, Minnesota. The Most Rev. J. J. Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Paul, presided at the Mass of dedication and also preached the sermon.

The Very Rev. J. B. Reeves, O.P., Definitor from the English Province to the General Chapter held in Washington, D. C., in September, preached the Academy pupils' annual retreat preceding the feast of the Most Holy Rosary, and on the week-end of October 21 conducted two days of recollection for the novitiate.

The Very Rev. P. Robotti, O.P., P.G., of Turin, Italy, was a week-end guest in mid-November, and preached a Holy Hour conference.

Mother Mary Samuel and Sister Mary Nona returned on December 17th from a three-month sojourn in Europe.

The Rev. T. J. Treacy, O.P., Chicago, conducted the mid-year novitiate retreat which ended on the feast of the Purification. On February 3, eight novices made first profession. The Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial, presided.

On March 7th Sister M. Kathleen Moran and Sister M. Eileen Sullivan observed the fiftieth anniversary of their religious reception.

*Centennial Song*, an historical pageant, written by three members of Rosary College faculty, and staged as a centennial commemorative feature at our Mother-house last summer, has been prepared for screen production and will have its première in Chicago early in April.

### Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Ill.

Bishop William A. O'Connor, D.D., officiated at the reception and profession ceremonies held January 3 in Sacred Heart Convent chapel. At these services, which followed a ten-day retreat preached by the Rev. P. J. Clancy, O.P., of the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, nineteen postulants received the habit, eight novices made profession of temporary vows, and three Sisters pronounced their perpetual vows.

St. Dominic's hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, announces the capping of its second class of nurses, bringing the total of students in its new nursing school to seventeen.

Among those who attended the Convention of the Central Region of the Catholic Theatre Conference at Loyola Community Theatre, Chicago, February 4 and 5, were Sister M. Isabelle, O.P., and Sister Mary Blanche, O.P.

On January 15, the Springfield chapter of the Thomist association resumed its course of lectures. The Rev. J. A. Driscoll, O.P., professor of moral philosophy and Aristotle's ethics at St. Thomas Pontifical Faculty, River Forest, is delivering the lectures.

Sister Madonna, O.P., Illinois State Executive Secretary of the National Cath-

olic Music Educators Association is making plans to reactivate the state unit and place it on a solid working basis before the next national convention. This very worthwhile association fosters a program of liturgical music, clinic demonstrations, music festivals, all-state choruses, bands, and orchestras.

On January 3, Sister Mary Frederick, Sister Michael Marie, Sister Rose Therese, Sister Mary Albertine, Sister Frances Clare, and Sister M. Juliana celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their religious profession.

Members of the Sacred Heart Academy Glee Club and Speech Class presented a Christian Christmas broadcast over station WCVS, Springfield, December 18. On the following Tuesday evening, a cantata, made beautiful by the use of traditional songs and appropriate tableaux, was presented in the Academy auditorium.

### Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, La.

At the meeting in Houston, Texas, of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, St. Mary's Dominican College received full accreditation. Dominican college is the only accredited Catholic college for women in Louisiana.

Directed by the Rev. E. A. Vitie, O.P., a Theological Institute for Sisters will be held at Dominican college during the months of June and July. The Rev. Fathers of St. Albert the Great Province will comprise the faculty.

The Catholic Schools Music Guild gave their annual concert in the college auditorium in December.

The Rev. L. T. Dolan, O.P., gave the annual retreat.

A day of recollection for the Junior Newman club of the city was conducted by Rev. Father Gautreau, C.S.S.R.

On the eve of the feast of the Epiphany the Very Rev. B. A. Arend, O.P., V.F., delegated by His Excellency, Archbishop Rummel, presided at the clothing in the habit of the following young ladies: Misses Dorothy Frank (Sister Mary Raymond), Laurie Claire Toledano (Sister Mary Alessandra), Catherine Bourgeois (Sister Mary Virginia), Lorraine Torres (Sister Mary Mark), Rita Roussel (Sister Mary Zita), and Claudia Gibson (Sister Mary Edmund). The Rt. Rev. Columban Thuis, O.S.B., Abbot, preached the sermon to the novices and their parents.

The feast itself witnessed the temporary profession of Sisters Mary Norbert Benoist and Mary Bartholomew Tanner; and the pronouncing of perpetual vows by Sister Mary Kathleen Bourdreux and Sister Mary Michael O'Shaughnessy.

### Congregation of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tacoma, Wash.

The Congregation lost the last of its pioneer Sisters when Sister Mary Aloisia died on the anniversary of the death of Mother M. Thomasina. Sister was in her eighty-third year, and had been professed sixty-four years. Most of the Sisters of the Congregation were able to be present at the funeral services, which were held from the Convent of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tacoma.

On January 8 the Most Rev. Thomas A. Connolly, Coadjutor Bishop of Seattle, presided at the ceremonies of reception and profession at the novitiate house, Mount St. Dominic. The preceding retreat was conducted by the Rev. M. Osbourn, O.P. Six Sisters made perpetual profession, five novices were admitted to temporary vows, and eleven postulants received the habit.

On January 23 Sister Mary Hyacinth and Sister Mary Vincentia were honored on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their religious profession; the ceremonies were held at the Convent of St. Thomas Aquinas in Tacoma. The Rev. A.

Norton, O.P., sang the Mass, and conducted the impressive ceremony of the Golden Jubilee. Members of the local clergy were present; serving the Mass were two seminarian grand nephews of Sister M. Vincentia.

### Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, New York

The new convents for St. Frances de Chantal Parochial School, Brooklyn, New York, and St. Hugh, Huntington Station, Long Island, were blessed and occupied by the Sisters in December, 1949.

On December 11 the parish of St. Patrick, Fort Hamilton, celebrated the centennial of its foundation. The Sisters have been teaching in the school since 1877.

The Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas Convent, Brooklyn, were privileged to have the relic of the right arm and hand of St. Francis Xavier—which was brought from Rome to Japan for the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Saint in that country—brought to the Convent for private veneration.

The Reverend Fathers D. E. Casey, O.P., B. G. Schneider, O.P., and R. E. Vahey, O.P., visited the Novices and Postulants at Amityville. Father Vahey showed colored moving pictures of the Dominican missions in China and also pictures of the Leper Colony of Molokai.

The Novitiate Unit of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade is the proud owner of the Christopher Film "You Can Change the World." They are kept busy mailing the film to the Sisters of the Congregation for use in sodalities, clubs, classrooms, etc.

A Chapter of Tertiaries of the Third Order of St. Dominic was established at the Mother House in the late fall. Reception of twenty-two postulants took place at the end of November.

Three week-end retreats for laywomen were conducted at Our Lady of Prouille Retreat House, Amityville, by the Reverend Fathers F. N. Wendell, O.P., J. L. Devine, C.P., and Andrew Ansbro, C.P.

The winter retreats were held at Queen of the Rosary Mother House under the direction of the Reverend J. C. McDonough, O.P., of Washington, D. C., at the Dominican Juniorate, Water Mill, Long Island, by the Reverend Father Norbert, O.S.B., of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania and at Saint Joseph's by a Franciscan Father from Calicoon, New York.

Sisters of the Congregation attended Conferences and Meetings of the National Catholic Round Table of Science, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the New York Science Teachers Association, the Catholic Library Association, the Catholic Business Education Association, the Association of Mathematics Teachers, New York State League of Nursing and Women's Conference of Arts and Industry.

The Sisters studying at the Pius XII Institute of Fine Arts, Florence, Italy, visited St. Dominic's Church, the home of St. Catherine of Siena, and the Cathedral in Siena. In Bologna, they remained a few days in the Cloistered Convent of St. Agnes. Here, too, they venerated the remains of our holy father, St. Dominic, enshrined in a magnificent, beautifully carved white marble shrine and were present for the Salve Procession. A third pilgrimage was made to the Monastery of St. Vincent. Under the main altar lies the incorrupt body of St. Catherine de Ricci. The monastery is built in the form of a cross and in the days of St. Catherine de Ricci housed 160 nuns. At present there are 33 only.

Reverend Mother M. Anselma, O.P., Prioress General, accompanied by Mother M. Dafrose, O.P., and Sister Francis Regis, O.P., conducted the biennial visitations



of the 8 convents on the Island of Puerto Rico. At present, the 63 Sisters in the Mission are in charge of 6 elementary schools, 4 Junior High Schools and 5 Senior High Schools with registers totalling 3,457. Four Sisters teach mathematics, science and English in the University of Santa Maria in Ponce.

The Right Reverend Abbot Charles V. Coriston, O.S.B., of St. Paul's Abbey, Newton, New Jersey, visited the Mother House and addressed the Sisters.

Sisters Fridolina, Genevieve, Saturnina and Bernard died since November, 1949.

### Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Union City, N. J.

The beautiful set of cards of the Dominican Saints by Sister Mary of the Compassion, O.P., has been reprinted and are now available. Sister, an artist of international repute, also supplies holy cards, Christmas and greeting cards, water-colors and paintings. Address all orders to:

Dominican Sisters, Blue Chapel, 14th and West Streets, Union City, N. J.

### Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, St. Catherine, Ky.

During the past few months, St. Catherine's Community has suffered the loss of three of her outstanding members, all of whom were members of the first General Council.

On October 12 occurred the death of Sister Margaret Hamilton, who is well remembered throughout the West and South where she labored indefatigably to promote the cause of Catholic education. On October 26 Sister Alexia O'Sullivan died. Two months later there occurred the sudden passing of ex-Mother General, Sister Mary Louis Logsdon. Sister Mary Louis' two sisters, Sisters Gertrude and Athanasius, O.P., members of the Dominican Community of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio, were present at the Solemn Requiem Mass for her soul.

The passing of these three members of the community in close sequence was a poignant reminder of the successful efforts made by St. Catherine's Sisters to re-organize the Dominican Sisters' Constitutions in conformity with the then New Code of Canon Law, an undertaking which was to be of great significance to Dominican Sisters of all congregations in the United States.

In preparation for the solemnities of the feast of St. Thomas on March 7, a 10-day retreat was conducted by the Rev. E. B. Finnin, O.P. On the feast day, nineteen novices pronounced their first vows, renewed yearly vows, or made final profession of vows. The usual ceremony of reception to the habit was this year postponed until August 14 in order to allow the postulants now entering in September to complete one full year of their college course before entering into the novitiate. The postulancy has been extended from a period of six months to a year. Hereafter, postulants entering in March, will receive the habit the following March 7; those entering in September, on August 14. This change has been inaugurated to further the education of the Sisters, so essential to the needs of our times. The new postulants from the West and South will enter St. Catherine's in Kentucky; those from New York and New England will enter the postulate in Plainville, Massachusetts, on March 25 instead of the customary time in February. Plans are now being made for the expansion of the Massachusetts postulate, in order to accommodate the numbers entering from the eastern section of the country.

Rev. Mother Margaret Elizabeth, Mother General, and Sister Paschal, Vicar General, will represent St. Catherine's at the holy year services in Rome.

The new residence hall of Siena College was opened for the fall semester on the site of the new college. Sister Leo Marie, O.P., was appointed dean of Siena College in August, succeeding Sister Angeline, O.P. Sister Leo Marie's new book, *Sociology, With Social Problems Applied to Nursing*, was recently published. Sister Eucharista, O.S.F., who collaborated with Sister Leo Marie in the sections devoted to the science of nursing, is dean of the College of Nursing, Niagara University, Niagara, N. Y.

The Catholic Library Association's Booklist of 1950 has been published this year at St. Catherine's Junior College under the editorship of Sister Stella Maris, College Librarian. At the convention of the Mid-South Conference of the Catholic Library Association, held in Louisville, December, 9, Sister Catherine Marie, O.P., Librarian of Holy Rosary Academy, and chairman of the Louisville Unit, read a paper, *The Library Apostolate in the High School*. Sister Esther Marie, O.P., of Siena College, Memphis, Tennessee, chairman of the Memphis unit, read a report. Sister Mary Margaret, O.P., discussed the bookfair recently held at St. Agnes Academy, Memphis.

Several members of St. Catherine community will attend the New Orleans convention of the National Catholic Education Association in April.