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ON NOVEMBER 9, 1955, the Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., P.G., Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's Convent, New York, was elected Provincial of St. Joseph's Province by the Provincial Chapter assembled at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. Father Marrin succeeds the Very Rev. Terence S. McDermott, O.P., LL.D., S.T.M., who has governed the Province during the past twenty-five years.

Father Marrin, the son of the late Martin P. and Catherine Durkin Marrin, was born on December 2, 1897 in Minneapolis, Minn. His early education was received at Immaculate Conception and Holy Rosary parochial schools, Minneapolis, and at Cretin High School, St. Paul, Minn. Following his attendance at St. John's Benedictine University, Collegeville, Minn., he entered the Order of Preachers at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he was clothed in the habit of St. Dominic on November 6, 1921. After his profession on November 12 of the following year, he pursued his philosophical and theological studies at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. In 1927, while residing at this latter house, he received a degree of Master of Arts from the Catholic University of America. On June 21, 1928, in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., he was ordained to the sacred priesthood by the Most Rev. Thomas Shahan, D.D., then rector of Catholic University.

Upon the completion of his theological studies, Father Marrin was assigned to Aquinas College-High School, Columbus, Ohio, where he served as professor of English from 1929 to 1934. During his last two years at Aquinas he also acted as prefect of the pre-ecclesiastical students. During the next two years he was assistant pastor at St. Pius Church, Chicago, Ill. In 1936 he was appointed Prior of St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C., and in 1939 was elected to the same office. The Dominican Fathers of St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Conn., chose him as their superior in 1941 and again in 1944. In 1945 he was elected Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York, where he remained as superior until his election to the provincialate.

In recognition of Father Marrin's abilities, the Order and the Province have bestowed on him various honors. On June 15, 1953, at a ceremony conducted at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, he was given the degree of Preacher General by the late Master General, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., S.T.M. The Very Rev. Terence S. McDermott, O.P., S.T.M., appointed him Vicar Provincial during the time that Father McDermott was acting as Vicar General of the Order. Father Marrin has also served for many years as a member of the Provincial Council.

*Dominicana* offers sincere congratulations to Father Marrin, assuring him of fervent prayers to St. Joseph, patron of our Province, that through the intercession of this great Saint, Almighty God will fructify the efforts of all members of the Province unto the glory of God and our Order.