

Aquinas High School in Columbus and the next three decades at Providence College. At Aquinas he was vice rector for a time and later rector. He was also vice rector at the college for eight years until his resignation in 1931, and later held the positions of historiographer and master of laybrothers there. He was then assigned to St. Stephen's Priory in Dover, Mass., before going to Plainville.

Dominicana congratulates Father Welsh on his jubilee in the name of the fathers and brothers of St. Joseph's province. May God continue to bless him with the fruit of his devoted and untiring service.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

OF

THE VERY REVEREND

JOHN LAWRENCE FINNERTY, O.P., P.G.



VERY REVEREND John Lawrence Finnerty, O.P., P.G., observed his fiftieth anniversary of ordination to the sacred priesthood on June 20, 1956, at St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Connecticut. After a solemn procession from the priory to the church, Father Finnerty celebrated a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving at St. Mary's, assisted by Rev. Lawrence R. Dolan, O.P., as deacon and by Rev. Timothy E. Quinlan, O.P., as subdeacon. Very Rev. T. F. Conlon, O.P., P.G., preached the congratulatory sermon.

Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, Archbishop of Hartford, presided at a dinner in the parish hall. Among those present at the dinner were Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., P.G., Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, Very Rev. C. W. Burke, O.P., Vicar General of the Dominican Order in Japan, Very Rev. V. R. Burnell, O.P., P.G., Prior of St. Mary's Priory and The Honorable Richard Lee, Mayor of New Haven. Many fellow Dominican priests, secular priests and sisters from various communities combined to make about 250 people present for the jubilee dinner.

Father Finnerty, the son of John and Hannah Sullivan Finnerty, was born in Albany, New York, May 15, 1877. He attended the

public grammar school and the Christian Brothers Academy in that city. Before entering the Dominican Novitiate at Springfield, Kentucky, he was employed as a newspaper reporter and in the State Department of New York. Father Finnerty began his novitiate at St. Rose Priory in 1900, and made his simple profession November 1, 1901. He began his study of philosophy at St. Rose and completed it at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio. His theological studies were made at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Ordination to the priesthood was received from the hands of James Cardinal Gibbons, in the Cathedral at Baltimore, Maryland, June 20, 1906.

He first served his Order as auxiliary chaplain of the Old Soldiers Home in Washington. Seven years of parish work in Washington and Newark, New Jersey then followed. Three years of this time Father Finnerty was secretary to the Provincial. In 1914 he was assigned to St. Louis Bertrand's Priory in Louisville, Kentucky, as a preacher on the Mission Band. He continued this work from his new house of assignment at St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, in 1927. Father Finnerty was made head of the Eastern Mission Band in 1936. Most Rev. M. S. Gillet, O.P., then Master General of the Order, honored Father Finnerty in 1939 with the title of Preacher General in recognition for his years of fruitful work in the service of the Church and the Order.

Mary's Story as Told in Her Rosary, written by Father Finnerty, was published in 1952. *Dominicana* sincerely wishes to congratulate Father Finnerty on the completion of his fifty years in God's holy priesthood.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

OF

THE REVEREND CHARLES FIDELIS CHRISTMAS, O.P.



T ST. RAYMOND'S RECTORY in Providence, Rhode Island, June 20th, 1956, Rev. Charles Fidelis Christmas, O.P., observed his fiftieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Father Christmas celebrated his jubilee with a Mass of thanksgiving in the Friar's Chapel in the