



## ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

**CONDOLENCES** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Revs. D. A. and L. B. O'Connell, O.P., and the Rev. P. G. Corbett, O.P., on the death of their fathers; to the Rev. E. H. Gallagher, O.P., Rev. W. L. Creahan, O.P., and the Rev. W. A. Dooley, O.P., on the death of their mothers; to the Most Rev. E. C. Daly, O.P., and the Rev. L. L. Bernard, O.P., on the death of their sisters; to the Very Rev. B. J. Johannsen, O.P., Rev. P. E. Rogers, O.P., Rev. A. B. Dionne, O.P., Rev. J. R. Smith, O.P., and the Rev. L. S. Cannon, O.P., on the death of their brothers.

**ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS** The Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial, has announced the following elections and appointments: the Very Rev. F. X. Finnegan, O.P., has been elected Prior of St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. B. P. Shaffer, O.P., has been appointed Pastor of St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, Ohio; the Rev. V. M. Raetz, O.P., has been appointed Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name, Valhalla, N. Y.; the Very Rev. W. B. Sullivan, O.P., has been elected Prior of St. Antoninus' Priory, Newark, N. J.

**PROFESSION, ORDINATION, AND VESTITION** On Christmas Day at the Chapel of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., the Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., Prior, received the Solemn Profession of Bro. Albert Broderick, O.P., cleric.

At the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic University, Washington, D. C., on February 6, Bro. Albert received Clerical Tonsure from Archbishop P. J. O'Boyle, of Washington, D. C. On the following evening Archbishop O'Boyle conferred the two Minor Orders of Porter and Lector on Bro. Albert. On the evening of February 8, Bro. Albert received the Minor Orders of Exorcist and Acolyte from Bishop P. M. Hannan, Bishop of Washington, D. C.

On March 12, in the Chapel of the House of Studies, Washington, D. C., the Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., Prior, clothed Melvin Raymond (Bro. Donald) with the habit of the laybrother. Bro. Roger Richardson, O.P., laybrother, made his Simple Profession into the hands of Fr. Reilly.

**PRISON CHURCH** Thanks to the determined zeal with which the Rev. C. J. Breitfeller, O.P., serves as chaplain for the four District of Columbia penal institutions, one, the reformatory at Lorton, Va., will be provided with a multi-purpose chapel. Long anxious to improve the church facilities, Fr. Breitfeller's efforts have been favorably judged by the District Commissioners. The plans, drawn up by two inmates under Fr. Breitfeller's directions, have been approved. Construction is to begin in the spring.

**NATIONAL SHRINE** The Chair of Unity Octave ceremonies concluded on Friday evening, January 25. The Rev. H. I. Smith, O.P., Dean of Religious at Catholic University, was the principal preacher. His topic: The Missionary Conquest of the World for Christ.

On Sunday, February 10, the annual Mission Mass was held at the Shrine. The Mass was sung by the choir from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington under the direction of Bro. Fabian Sheehy, O.P.

The annual St. Thomas Mass was held at the Shrine on Sunday, March 3. The Rev. H. I. Smith, O.P., Dean of Religious at Catholic University was celebrant. The Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., was deacon and the Rev. J. H. Loughery, O.P., was subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Leo Foley, S.M., Superior of the Marist Seminary, Washington, and a member of the Philosophy Department at Catholic University.

**RADIO** A series of 8 radio talks entitled "Understanding Catholics" was presented by Radio Station WGAY, Wheaton, Maryland, from January 6 to February 24. Broadcast under the auspices of the Washington Catholic Evidence Guild, and directed by the Rev. C. A. Hart of Catholic University, the scripts were written and produced by student Brothers from the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

**LECTURES** On January 24, the Rev. H. C. Sherer, Chairman of the Cana Conferences of the Newark Archdiocese, addressed the Fathers and Brothers of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. He spoke on practical problems facing the parish priest.

On February 7, the Very Rev. R. J. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College, addressed the same group. The noted educator talked on current difficulties facing institutions of higher education, with special reference to Providence College.

The Providence College Forum on Courtship and Marriage opened its 11th consecutive year on March 10. Co-sponsored by the Rev. W. R. Clark, O.P., and the Rev. T. H. McBrien, O.P., the series ran for five successive weeks.

At the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., on March 12, the Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P., Director of Foreign Missions lectured and showed movies of our new mission fields in Lebanon and Pakistan.

On March 15, the Very Rev. F. A. Gordon, O.P., spoke to the same group on his China captivity.

## MISSION CHRONICLE

**PAKISTAN** In 1956 the Province of St. Joseph accepted a new mission field in West Pakistan. The area entrusted to the four priests and one lay brother assigned to this field totals 35,000 sq. miles, over which are scattered some 3,000 Catholics. The following excerpts are taken from letters received from the first contingent of missionaries to this Moslem land, located in what was formerly Northern India. Here is one of the first reports from Pakistan:

The official name of Pakistan, Islamic Republic, tells you that this is a Moslem country. Christians are a small minority, despised but tolerated by the Moslem people. Thus it is a real missionary country, and the proper place for our Dominican Province to resume missionary activities and to work for the Propagation of the Faith.

The mission personnel was quickly dispersed throughout the vast territory: Father Luke Turon, our doctor, is now practicing medicine at Holy Family Hospital in Rawalpindi. Father George Westwater is the pastor and mayor of Loreto, a Catholic village in the north. Father Scheerer, Father Hyacinth Putz and Brother Thomas Aquinas are at the central station, Bahawalpur, where we have acquired 12 acres of land on which we intend, God willing, to erect a real Catholic center with church, rectory, convent, hospital, girls' and boys' grade and high school. We have the same plans, though on a smaller scale, for Loreto and Rahimyar Khan, a large city to the far south. Both Muslim and Catholic patients and students will be accepted in these institutions when finished.

Since there are many small villages or Chaks as they are called, scattered throughout the territory, a traveling apostolate is inevitable. On one trip:

a single day of rain, the first since our arrival, changed even many of the main roads into quagmires. The catechist was stranded by mud in one of the villages and could not meet us. However, we did make two stops during which we administered 9 First Communions, 3 infant Baptisms, convalidated a marriage and said Mass twice. So when we arrived home at 1:30 AM after the trip of 280 miles, we felt our trip was far from being in vain. On tour we say Mass indoors and out, morning and evening on every manner of altar. Confessions we hear whenever we can.

The reaction of the people to this charity in action may be judged by the following exchange between the head of a sick family and one of the missionary Fathers:

Upon going out into the mud and mire of a rain soaked village, after having given medicine and a blessing to his children and wife, I asked the man what the people did before the priest came. Did they go to Leah or did the doctor come out here? He replied with the maturity of a man who knows his men, "Father, nobody comes to this area but the priest."

*Please Pray for our Missionaries in Pakistan.*

**LEBANON** On January 9, 1957, Father Alan Smith, O.P., and Father Louis Every, O.P., arrived in Beirut, Lebanon. They were joined on January 30 by Father Thomas Heath, O.P., and Brother Richard Long, O.P. This second mission project staffed by the Province of St. Joseph presents problems, and offers opportunities, not encountered in Pakistan.

Some of the rather unique problems were indicated in one of the first reports from Beirut:

In the city of Beirut alone, there are two Cardinals, one Archbishop, and thirty Bishops in union with Rome. They represent the Latin, Maronite, Armenian, Syrian, and Greek rites with the Maronites in the majority. The parish priests have some problems when marriage cases arise involving the different rites.

And in a lighter vein:

A new experience which has become an ordinary affair of daily life is shopping in the suc or native market place. You can buy just about anything you wish, and there you meet every possible type of character one can imagine. You have to be careful of pickpockets who are quite expert at their profession. One day I came home minus two pens.

Opportunities for a variety of apostolic labors very quickly came to the newly arrived American Dominican Fathers:

This coming Sunday (his first in Lebanon) Father Heath is going to say Mass for the Newman Club at the American University. We have already been asked to give a mission for the English speaking people during Holy Week.

Father Heath, by the way, has been invited to meet the American Ambassador, Mr. Heath, who has expressed a desire to see his namesake.

*Please pray for our Missions in Lebanon.*

## HOLY NAME PROVINCE

**ORDINATIONS** In ceremonies at Mission Dolores Basilica on December 15, the Most Rev. Merlin J. Guilfoyle, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. Timothy McCarthy, O.P., of this Province.

On December 22, at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Bishop Guilfoyle ordained Brother Pius Rummel, O.P., to the Diaconate. In the same ceremonies, Minor Orders of Porter and Lector were conferred upon Brothers Mark McPhee, Eugene Sousa, Paul Scanlon, Ambrose Toomey, Lawrence Foss, and Cyril Harney. Brother Cletus Kiefer, O.P., received the Tonsure.

**CONDOLENCES** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their deepest sympathies to Fathers F. H. Ward, O.P., and D. J. Ward, O.P., on the recent death of their mother; to Father D. J. Mueller, O.P., on the death of his brother; and to Brother Pius Rummel, O.P., on the death of his father.

## ST. ALBERT'S PROVINCE

**CONDOLENCES** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy and prayers to the Most Rev. Celestine Daly, O.P., Bishop of Des Moines, on the death of his sister; to the Rev. Gerard O'Connell, O.P., Bro. Simon Trutter, O.P., and Bro. Lambert Trutter, O.P., on the death of their fathers; to the Rev. Stanislaus Bernier, O.P., and to Bro. Vincent Bryce, O.P., on the death of their mothers.

**VESTITION** The Very Rev. George Kinsella, O.P., Prior of St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minnesota, gave the habit of the Order to Bro. Theodore Berquist on December 6.

Also during December two young men received the habit of the laybrother from the Very Rev. George Kinsella, O.P., Prior, at St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minnesota: on December 4, Bro. Joseph Dominic Smith, and on December 26, Bro. Thomas Aquinas Dunne.

On January 15, at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, the Very Rev. P. M. J. Clancy, O.P., Prior, clothed Bro. Edmund Frost in the habit of a laybrother.

**PROFESSION** The Very Rev. Humbert Kane, O.P., Sub-prior, received the following professions at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois: on November 4, the first simple profession of Bro. Ernest Fennell, O.P.; on February 7, the renewal of the simple vows of Bro. Joachim Thiel, O.P.

**ELECTIONS** The Very Rev. Edmund J. Marr, O.P., Provincial, has announced the election of the Very Rev. Stephen Redmond, O.P., as Prior of Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, Minnesota; the election of the Very Rev. Thomas M. McNicholas, O.P., as Prior of St. Anthony's Priory, New Orleans, Louisiana; the re-election of the Very Rev. Norbert Morgenthaler, O.P., Prior of St. Dominic's Priory, Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois; and the election of the Very Rev. Donald Sherry, O.P., as Prior of St. Pius Priory, Chicago, Illinois.

**APPOINTMENTS** The following appointments have been announced by the Very Rev. Edmund J. Marr, O.P., Provincial: the Rev. Aquinas B. Arend, O.P., as Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, River Forest, Illinois; the Very Rev. Lawrence Vander Heyden, O.P., as Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

The Rev. John Francis Connell, O.P., is the new Master of Novices at St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minnesota. The Rev. Raymond Scullion, O.P., has been appointed Master of Students at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, and the Very Rev. Leo Dolan has been appointed to the same office at St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa. The Rev. Matthias Mueller, O.P., has been named Master of Novices for the laybrothers at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois.

**ANNIVERSARY** On November 15, the Province observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of the canonization of its patron, St. Albert the Great.

**MEETING** On December 7 and 8 the Albertus Magnus Lyceum of Natural Science took part in a meeting with philosophers from many parts of the country and with prominent scientists from Los Alamos and Sandia. Sponsored by the Dominican-directed Newman Club of the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, the event's purpose was to discuss the re-integration of philosophy and science. The Rev. John Dominic Corcoran, O.P., Benedict Ashley, O.P., and John Thomas Bonée, O.P., read papers, which were followed by panel discussions. The sessions were given wide publicity, and attendance by the general public was large.

**VISITOR** The Most Rev. E. Leven, Auxiliary-Bishop of San Antonio, was a recent visitor of the Province.

**WELCOME** The Rev. Athanasius Weisheipl, O.P., has returned to the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, after six years of teaching and study in Europe.

## FOREIGN CHRONICLE

**ROSARY CENTER** "Among the works of the apostolate, undertaken many centuries ago and confirmed by the approval of the Supreme Pontiffs, which our Order fulfills in the Church of God, not the least place, surely, is held by that distinguished and honorable task of promoting and stimulating devotion to the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary among our Christian people." This is an excerpt from a recent letter of the Most Rev. Michael Browne, O.P., Master General, to the Priors Provincial of the Dominican Order. The letter goes on to say: "Gladly then according to the wishes of the Promotor of the Rosary devotion, expressed in

their first International Congress held at Fatima from May 9-13, 1954, and approved by our General Chapter celebrated last year in Rome (1955), we propose to set up in our Convent at Fatima a Rosary Center, whose role it will be to zealously foster the works of the Rosary apostolate, which our Brethren in the different Provinces are striving for, to compile and publish accounts of these works, to offer the help which a sharing of mutual experience will provide, and to set to work at anything else that is likely to bring about a greater union of minds and strength of forces among those assigned to this apostolate."

**NEW BISHOP** The Most Rev. Juan Riofrio, O.P., has been named Bishop of Loja, Ecuador. He was Prior of St. Dominic's Priory in Ambato, Ecuador at the time of his elevation to the episcopate.

**HUNGARY** During the recent revolt in Russian dominated Hungary, Soviet officials arrested Bishop Bartholomew Badalik, O.P., of Veszprem. No official reason was given for the Bishop's arrest. He was released after three days because of strong protests from workers.

**SOUTH AFRICA** The mission school, known as St. James, established by Dominican Nuns 20 years ago, was refused permission to reopen 24 hours before the new term was to begin. The closing was forced by the government under the Group Areas Act which provides for segregation of various racial groups in separate zones. The action resulted in 177 native children being left without any school.

**VATICAN** The Holy See granted Bishop R. J. Dwyer of Reno, Nevada, permission to establish a new community of Religious Brothers in his diocese. The community will be affiliated with the Dominican Order. They will be engaged in clerical and teaching work in Reno.

**ROME** The 80th birthday of the Very Rev. R. Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P., was celebrated recently at the Angelicum. Two Cardinals and other members of the Roman Curia were present at the ceremony. A congratulatory letter from the Pope was read praising Fr. Lagrange "who has rendered the name Catholic illustrious through his intelligence and knowledge."

## SISTERS' CHRONICLE

### Our Lady of the Elms, Akron 13, Ohio

The new chapel of Our Lady of the Elms Motherhouse was formally opened on November 23 and was dedicated under the title of "Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary." The three altars were consecrated on this day by His Excellency, The Most Rev. John J. Krol, S.T.D., J.C.D.; assisting the bishop were a number of Diocesan priests.

His Grace, The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, Archbishop-Bishop of Cleveland, officiated at the Dedication ceremonies of the new chapel on December 15. The Archbishop also blessed the new wings which have been added to the Motherhouse. A Pontifical Low Mass was offered by His Grace.

Sister M. Loretta, O.P., of the faculty of St. Vincent High School, Akron, addressed the annual convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society at Marquette University, December 28-29.

### Congregation of Saint Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wisconsin

Sister M. Evangelist, O.P., gave an address on the Organization of High School Newspaper Staffs at the convention of the Catholic School Press Association held in Milwaukee November 16-18. A gold medal and a certificate were awarded to Sister Evangelist during the convention for her outstanding work in the Catholic School press and journalism.

Sister M. Vincent Fenrich died September 13, 1956, in the sixty-fourth year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

### Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Union City, New Jersey

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Justin J. McCarthy, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided at the Vestition Ceremony of Sister M. Joseph, on September 8. There were three Dominican Fathers in the Sanctuary, Rev. Clement Nagel, O.P., Rev. Louis Every, O.P., and Rev. Thomas A. Mullaney, O.P. Rev. Hubert Arliss, C.P., preached the sermon.

Rev. Regis Ryan, O.P., new assistant Provincial Director of the Third Order, visited the two Chapters that have their headquarters at the Convent Hall, on the second and third Sundays of December

Sister Anna, a tertiary, who worked and lived as an extern at the Convent for many years, died November 6. She was laid out in the Sisters' Choir, inside the Cloister, and buried in the Sisters' cemetery. R.I.P.

### Convent of Saint Dominic, Blauvelt, New York

At the Third Eastern Regional Meeting of the Sister Formation Conference held at the College of St. Rose, Albany, New York on January 30, 31 and February 1, 1957. Rev. Mother M. Geraldine, O.P., was Chairman of the Panel Discussion on *Mental Prayer in Spiritual Formation*. Sister Lawrence Marie, O.P., Sister Philomena, O.P., and Sister Hildegarde, O.P., also attended the Conference.

The Dominican Junior College of Blauvelt was selected by the librarians of the Pro Deo Association meeting in December to vote on the location of their Union Catalog. Pro Deo is a cooperative enterprise, organized early in 1954, at the invitation of Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Voight, the Superintendent of Schools in the New York Archdiocese. The membership includes the following colleges: Ladycliff College, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Mercy Junior College, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Mother Celine House of Studies, Port Chester, N. Y.; Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, N. Y.; St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, N. Y.; and Dominican Junior College, Blauvelt, N. Y.

Rev. Louis Grenier, S.J., visited Blauvelt and showed pictures of Jamaica, British West Indies, where he is doing mission work and where we conduct a school and a hospital.

Rev. Francis Moriones, O.R.S.A., professor at Tagaste Seminary in Suffern, New York, and author of several works on St. Augustine, is giving a series of lectures to our young professed sisters on The Rule of St. Augustine.

### Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, St. Clara Convent, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

In November the Very Rev. J. B. Connolly, O.P., chaplain at St. Clara since 1945, was assigned to Blessed Sacrament Priory, Madison, Wisconsin, and the Very Rev. J. B. Walker, O.P., came to St. Clara Convent.

In November the Academy students gave a program honoring St. Cecilia with

harp and piano selections. The Choral Society assisted. In December the Dramatic Art Guild presented Henri Gheon's *The Journey of the Three Kings*.

Mother Mary Benedicta and Sister Mary Peter attended a meeting in Chicago of the major superiors of Women's Religious Institutes in the United States. In establishing a permanent conference organized along the lines of several geographical regions, Mother Benedicta was appointed temporary chairman for the Midwest Region.

Sister Myra recently attended a meeting of Wisconsin Novice Mistresses at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Forty Hours Devotion was observed at the Mother House on December 6, 7 and 8.

On December 30 a Mass of reparation for the past year was offered and on December 31 one of thanksgiving for the graces and blessings enjoyed during 1956.

A Day of Recollection, beginning on the afternoon of January 5 and concluding on Sunday, January 6, was held at St. Clara for young women considering the vocation to the religious state. One hundred and four participated in the exercises which were conducted by the Rev. T. L. Sanner, O.P., assistant chaplain.

Sister Mary George recently showed slides at the Mother House of scenes from the Holy Land which she took while on a pilgrimage there with a group of three hundred from France.

Ground has been broken at Edgewood College for Regina Hall, a new residence building and for St. Joseph Chapel.

Twenty-seven Sisters and Students of Pius XII Institute, Florence, Italy, were received in a private audience by His Holiness, Pius XII, on December 8.

Sisters Mary Alice Regina, Linus, Michelle, Assunta, Cecily, Marcellina, and Alicia died within the past few months. R.I.P.

### Saint Catharine of Siena Congregation, Saint Catharine, Kentucky

Before an audience of the Catholic Nurses of Kansas, Sister Ann Michael, O.P., participated in a panel discussion with five student nurses at Great Bend, Kansas. The topic was Saint Catharine of Siena.

From November 20-30 Mother Mary Julia, O.P., accompanied by Sister Mary Charles, O.P., made a constitutional visitation to the sisters missioned in Aguadilla, and Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Sister Margaret Elizabeth, O.P., attended the late November Chicago conference of major superiors of the congregations of sisters in the United States.

Sisters Ann Raymond, O.P., Rose Imelda, O.P., Clarita, O.P., Jamesetta, O.P., and Jean Marie, O.P., represented Saint Agnes Academy, Memphis; Saint Catharine Academy, Kentucky; Siena College, Memphis and Saint Catharine Junior College, Kentucky at the December 3-6 Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools convention in Dallas.

The Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., preached the January 23-25 retreat for the students of the college and academy.

Sister Sheila, O.P., dean of Siena, is teaching Elementary Spanish over the educational television station of Memphis, Tennessee.

Four postulants were invested with the Dominican habit on February 1, after a ten day retreat conducted by the Very Rev. Clifford Davis, O.P.

Mr. Raymond McGuire, an honor graduate of the Catholic University of America, sang to an appreciative audience on February 1. Mr. Michael Cardovana accompanied him.

On the Feast of the Purification, Sisters Thomas Ann Ford, O.P., and Bernar-



dine Marie Egleston, O.P., pronounced first vows. The Very Rev. J. B. Reese, O.P., presided as representative of the Archbishop.

Sister Mary Casimir, O.P., was present for the February 10-13 Music Teachers National Association convention held at Congress Hotel, Chicago.

Mother Mary Julia, O.P., took part in the Southern Regional Conference for major superiors held at Siena College, Memphis, February 15-17, and Sister Catharine Gertrude, O.P., and Sister Margaret Thomasine, O.P., represented Mother at the Sister Formation Conference for the Southern Region held in conjunction with that of the major superiors.

The golden anniversary of religious profession was commemorated by Sisters Eulalia, O.P., Raymunda, O.P., and Marcella, O.P., on March 7.

At the March 29-31 Catholic Theatre Conference Dramatic Play Festival of the West Virginia region, Sister Hildegarde, O.P., will be judge. It will be held at the Bishop Donahue Memorial High School, McMechen, West Virginia.

Notre Dame has notified Sister Adrian Marie, O.P., that her research paper on viruses will be published in the April issue of *New Scholasticism*.

The Dominican Mothers General Conference will assemble at Saint Catharine Motherhouse, Thursday, April 25. The Rev. T. E. D. Hennessy, O.P., will preach at the Solemn Mass which will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. B. Reese, O.P.

The Conference Workshops on the Rule of Saint Augustine will be conducted by the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P. Following this, there will be a pilgrimage to Gethsemani, Kentucky.

On Friday, April 26, the Mothers General will assist at the Solemn Mass at Saint Rose Priory; the novices of Saint Catharine will compose the choir. This Mass will commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Dominican Friars coming to Saint Rose Priory, the first Dominican priory in the United States. As the Mothers General return to Saint Catharine from Saint Rose they will visit Siena Vale, the site where, 135 years ago, the Dominican Fathers established the first Dominican Sisters convent on U. S. soil.

Sister Mary Jordan MacDonald, O.P., died January 6, at Mary Immaculate Hospital, Lebanon, in the forty-eighth year of religious profession. R.I.P.

### **Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit 11, Michigan**

On November 21, Sister Mary of the Precious Blood celebrated her Silver Jubilee of profession. The Jubilarian is one of three sisters who joined St. Dominic's apostolic ranks, two of her sisters having entered the Third Order Sisters whose Motherhouse is in Adrian, Michigan. A Solemn High Mass was offered and many priests, religious and friends attended to offer Sister their felicitations.

On December 8, after the chanting of Vespers, Sister Mary of the Immaculate Conception pronounced her Solemn Vows. Rev. Timothy Dwyer, O.P., officiated and preached the sermon.

On December 16, Gaudete Sunday, Sister Mary of the Blessed Sacrament pronounced her temporary vows. Rev. Rupert Dorn, O.F.M., Cap., officiated and preached the sermon.

On December 9, a Holy Hour was conducted by Rev. Walter Heary, O.P., Pastor of St. Dominic's Parish, Detroit. This Hour was held with the specific intention of making our Chapel of Perpetual Adoration more widely known among the devout Catholic people of Detroit.

On January 4, the Michigan Catholic newspaper ran a front page picture, another full page of pictures, and a write-up about the community, appealing for

funds for our new Monastery which will be situated at Thirteen Mile and Middle Belt Roads.

On January 27, the Detroit Free Press newspaper gave six full pages of their Rotogravure Section to the publication of pictures and articles of the community, as their contribution to the Building Fund Drive.

### **Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Buffalo, New York**

For several weeks the Monastery was privileged to have as visitor the most recently consecrated Dominican Bishop in the Western Hemisphere. The Most Rev. Juan Maria Riofrio, O.P., was attending the Conference of Christian Doctrine in this city when his appointment to the Episcopal See of Loja, Ecuador was announced to him. Many citizens of Buffalo responded generously to the appeal made by His Excellency's friends to help him and his people.

Immaculate Hall, the Tertiary section of the Monastery has been doubled in size by the exlaustration of additional space in the Monastery basement. The Hall has witnessed new Dominican activities recently in the forming of the men's Little Office Group, more sewing groups for the relief of the cancerous poor and numerous committee meetings to further the works of charity which benefit the Fathers and Nuns of the Order overseas. Shortly the members of the ladies' Little Office group will wear the Dominican habit for their meetings.

### **Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, New York**

On January 11, 1957, the Congregation suffered a great loss when Rev. Mother M. Anselma, O.P., Prioress General from 1943 to 1955, died at Mary Immaculate Hospital. Three Dominican Mothers General were present at the funeral, Rev. Mother M. Aloysia, O.P., of Great Bend, Kansas, Rev. Mother Christine Marie, O.P., of Newburgh, and Rev. Mother Mary Kevin, O.P., of Sparkill, New York. Rev. Mother M. Claudia, O.P., Vicarress of the Congregation's Puerto Rican missions, accompanied by Sister Maria Joseph, O.P., returned to the States for the funeral. Many Dominican Fathers were also present at the Mass. R.I.P.

Sister M. Teresa Margaret, O.P., of Molloy Catholic College for Women, Rockville Centre, N. Y., attended the National Convention of the American Historical Association during Christmas week.

On January 6 and 13 and February 12, the Sisters' Orchestra and Glee Club performed at a Musicale held specifically for their relatives to raise money for the Building Fund. Plans are being considered for the construction of a new and larger novitiate building at Amityville, besides the contemplation of the Administration Building and Convent of Molloy Catholic College.

Sister M. Helen Therese, O.P., received the M.S. degree in Chemistry from Fordham University at the end of January.

Science and mathematics teachers of the Congregation attended the Teachers' Institute conducted by the New York Archdiocese at Manhattan Center on Feb. 6.

The Sisters assembled at Dominican Commercial Auditorium, Jamaica, N. Y., on February 22 to honor Rev. Mother M. Bernadette de Lourdes, O.P., Prioress General, on the occasion of her feast day.

Sister M. Gabrielle, O.P., and Sister M. Floribert, O.P., died recently. R.I.P.

### **Congregation of the Sacred Heart, Caldwell, N. J.**

Rev. John A. Foley, O.P., conducted the annual Retreat held at the Motherhouse from December 26 to January 2 for 120 members of the Community.

In conjunction with the AAAS Convention in New York City during the Christmas holidays, on Thursday, December 27, four members of the Science Department of Caldwell College attended a joint meeting of the Catholic Round Table of Science, Metropolitan Chapter, and the Albertus Magnus Guild, in the Hotel Statler; and on Sunday, December 30, a Pontifical Mass for the Guild in St. Patrick's Cathedral at which his Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman presided.

Sister M. Thomasine, O.P., died at the Motherhouse after a long illness on December 5, 1956, in the sixty-first year of her profession. Sister held the office of superior and principal in many missions of the Order, Villa of the Sacred Heart, Caldwell, N. J., Assumption Convent, Lawrence, Mass., St. Mary's Convent, Dover, N. J., St. Mary's Convent, Rutherford, N. J. and Blessed Sacrament Convent, Bridgeport, Conn.

### Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, North Guilford, Connecticut

On December 15, Sister Mary Bernard received the habit, Sister Marie of the Trinity, O.P., made profession of temporary vows as a choir Sister; and Sister Marie Madeleine of Jesus, O.P., made profession of solemn vows as a Lay Sister. Rev. John B. Mulgrew, O.P., Professor of Theology at St. Joseph's Cistercian Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts, sang the High Mass and Father Thomas Heath, O.P., preached the sermon. Among the guests was Rev. Peter Garrity, Director of the Blessed Martin Center in New Haven, with whom Sister Marie Madeleine had worked during her career as a registered nurse.

On January 26, an Anniversary Mass was celebrated by Rev. Reginald Craven, O.P., Chaplain, for the three nuns who died in the fire. Father Craven also preached the sermon. Over thirty relatives of the deceased nuns were present, and many received Communion despite having to travel for hours to reach the "monastery." The guests remained after the Mass for a visit with their "adopted" Sisters.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new Monastery of Our Lady of Grace was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 10, the sixth anniversary of the taking of solemn vows by the Community. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vincent J. Hines, J.C.D., Vicar of Religious for the Archdiocese of Hartford, turned over the first shovelful of earth, and Rev. Reginald Craven, O.P., Chaplain of the Community, turned over the second. Rev. Charles W. Sadlier, O.P., of Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, was the speaker. Msgr. Hines and Father Craven also spoke briefly to the approximately five hundred people who attended despite very cold weather. Cameramen from both local and state-wide papers took pictures and Station WNHC televised the ceremony.

On February 11, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, actual construction of the new monastery, under the supervision of the firm of Polak and Sullivan, architects, was begun. The generosity of the Fusco-Amatruda Co., Contractors, who are giving all materials at cost and donating the entire contractors' percentage, has enabled the Dominican Nuns to go ahead with the basic structure of a four-wing, one-story, brick monastery. The most essential parts will be built first, and the others will be added as the Community is able to pay for them.

Permission to build was given on February 4 by Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien, D.D., Archbishop of Hartford, whose personal sympathetic interest and support has been the nuns' greatest aid during their "exile" as a result of the fire of December 23, 1955. Archbishop O'Brien's personal gift to the Community towards the re-building of the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace was \$10,000.

### St Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tennessee

On the feast of the Purification, February 2, the Rev. Roger Mary Charest, S.M.M., editor of QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS Magazine, conducted a seminar for the Sisters of the city of Nashville at St. Cecilia Convent. The theme of the seminar was: True Devotion and Total Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Father Charest was the principal speaker. Others who took part in a panel discussion were Sister Dominica, O.P., principal of St. Cecilia Academy; Sister Marie David, R.S.M., principal of St. Bernard Academy; Sister Mary Helen and Sister Mary Pius, Daughters of Charity from St. Thomas Hospital.

Thirty-four new members were received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary on February 2, in the St. Cecilia Academy chapel, the Rev. Robert Hofstetter, chaplain, presiding.

Mother Joan of Arc, O.P., Prioress General, and Sister Isabel, O.P., Mistress of Novices, attended the annual Sister Formation Conference held at Siena College, Memphis, February 15-17.

Miss Alice Siegenthaler and Miss Bertha Geist received the Dominican habit in the St. Cecilia chapel on Sunday afternoon, March 3. The Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., presided at the ceremony of investiture, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Siener preached the sermon.

On the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, six novices made profession of temporary vows in the convent chapel: Sister Eugenia Ertola, Sister Mary Victor Pretti, Sister Moira Blumenthal, Sister Julia Malenovsky, Sister Mary Herman Horn, and Sister Valerie Born. The Rev. Robert Hofstetter presided at the ceremony of profession.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Siener, pastor of St. Henry Church, Nashville, gave the retreat for the postulants and novices in preparation for the reception to the habit and profession of vows, respectively.

Sister Mary Magdalene Kearney, O.P., died December 12. R.I.P.