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■ St. Joseph's Province ■

Condolences The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy and prayers to the Rev. R. M. McCabe, O.P., on the death of his father; to the Rev. C. D. Martineau, O.P., the Rev. C. A. Musselman, O.P., and the Rev. J. A. Turzick, O.P., on the death of their mothers; to the Rev. L. D. Ross, O.P., the Rev. A. B. Dionne, O.P., and Bro. Gregory McBride, O.P., on the death of their sisters; to the Rev. E. L. Martin, O.P., the Very Rev. J. J. Costello, O.P., the Rev. J. R. Desmond, O.P., and Bro. Gregory McBride, O.P., on the death of their brothers.

Vestitions On November 1, 1959, at Saint Joseph's Priory, the Very Reverend Matthew Hanley, O.P., Prior, clothed Paul H. O'Connor of Charlestown, Massachusetts, with the habit of a Dominican Lay-Brother, and gave to him the name Brother Bertrand. The clerical habit was received by Anthony Vincent Digioia, who received the name Brother Antoninus, at Saint Joseph's Novitiate, on November 11, 1959. The Very Reverend Ferrer Cassidy, O.P., Novicemaster was delegated to give the habit. On December 20, 1959, at Saint Joseph's Priory, the Very Reverend Matthew Hanley, O.P., Prior, clothed Joseph H. Dyer with the habit of a Dominican Lay-Brother, and gave to him the name Brother Antoninus.

Professions On September 25, 1959, the Very Reverend Matthew Hanley, O.P., Prior of Saint Joseph's Priory, received the simple profession of Brother Brendan Cavanaugh. Father Hanley also received the simple profession of Brother Alexius McDonnell on October 23, 1959. On December 29, 1959, the Very Reverend Francis E. Yonkus, O.P., Subprior of Saint Joseph's Priory, received the simple profession of Lay-Brother Clement Schaefer.

Honored On November 18, 1959, the Very Reverend W. R. Dillon, O.P., superior of the Eastern Mission Band, had conferred on him the title of Preacher General, at Saint Vincent Ferrer's church, in New York City. On November 22, 1959, the Very Reverend W. F. Cassidy, O.P., Novicemaster of Saint Joseph's Novitiate, Somerset, Ohio, was instituted a Privileged Novice Master in a ceremony in the historic church there.

Vocational Meeting The first regional meeting of local Vocation Directors in the New England area was held recently at Guzman Hall, the pre-ecclesiastical department of Providence College. There was a total of twelve Fathers under the chairmanship of the Rev. Raymond Smith, O.P., Master of Students at Saint Stephen's House of Philosophy, Dover, Massachusetts, and Regional Director. Emphasis was placed on the fact that personal contact was the

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most important method of gaining vocations and that the burden of this fell on every member of the Province, not just local directors. The most interesting of the suggestions made was to have a monthly day of recollection for young men at Saint Stephen's, using the Priory as a "showcase" for attracting vocations.

Vocation The Reverend T. J. Ertle, O.P., used one of the recent Dominican feasts as an occasion to get in a "commercial" for vocations.

Publicity Writing in the parish bulletin of Saint Antoninus Priory, Newark, New Jersey, he encouraged the young men of the parish who were interested in the Dominican Order to come in and talk to one of the Fathers, or write directly to the Provincial Director of Vocations. This is certainly a good start in applying the "personal contact" method.

In this same line the Rev. R. L. Every, O.P., Provincial Vocational Director, has been conducting vocational tridua for parochial school children of the New York area, as part of an extensive plan to increase the vocation rate there.

Two new vocational brochures have been recently published by the Province of Saint Joseph. The brochures, which are in color, present in a very striking way the life of the Dominican Fathers and the Dominican Lay-Brothers. The project was initiated by the Rev. W. T. O'Shaughnessy, O.P., Chaplain of the Catholic University of America, formerly the Provincial Vocational Director, and completed by the present Director, the Rev. R. L. Every, O.P.

Shrine During the three days of dedication, large delegations of the
Dedication Dominican Province of Saint Joseph were in evidence at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Visitors at the House of Studies, Washington, during the days of dedication included the Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial of Saint Joseph's Province, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard McKenna, first director of the Shrine. He was responsible for the construction of the Crypt, upon which the new edifice was erected. The Very Rev. C. H. McKenna, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies, was Deacon of Honor to Cardinal McIntyre at the Mass for Religious on November 21st.

Lectures Given In true Dominican fashion, the Fathers of the Province have been very active in spreading truth, as is evidenced by the many lectures given recently. The Rev. J. F. Hinnebusch, O.P., of Providence College, addressed a group of Baptists at a school under the auspices of the First Baptist Church in Providence, Rhode Island. This lecture was part of a general series conducted by that church entitled "Adventures in Understanding." The title of his talk was "Interpreting Roman Catholicism."

The Rev. R. C. Boulet, O.P., was the guest of the Jesuit Fathers at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spoke on "The Philosophy of Communism and the American Catholic College Student."

The members of the faculty of Saint Stephen's House of Philosophy, Dover, Massachusetts, have resumed Newman Club and other similar activities, with lectures being given at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, the University of Connecticut, and the Rhode Island College of Education.

The Rev. Ambrose McNicholl, O.P., of the Irish Province, professor of philosophy at the Angelicum, Rome, delivered a series of lectures on contemporary philosophy to the students of the House of Philosophy, Dover, Massachusetts.

The Rev. Gerald Vann, O.P., of the English Province, famous author of many spiritual books, is lecturing at the Catholic University of America during the second term.

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The "beat generation" was linked with the early Christian heresy of Gnosticism by the Rev. T. D. Rover, O.P., professor of Sacred Eloquence at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, in a lecture entitled "A Dialogue Between Saint Thomas and a Beatnik." The dialogue, held in New York City, was sponsored by the Walter Farrell Guild, a non-parochial Catholic lay organization whose headquarters are in New York's Greenwich Village. Participating with Father Rover was a modern poet, Howard Hart, poetry editor of Exodus magazine. To back up his claim, Father Rover presented five characteristics which link the philosophy of the Beatniks to the philosophico-religious Gnostic systems of the past.

In the presence of seventy professors of Philosophy from various seminaries and colleges in the New England area, the Very Rev. J. C. Taylor, O.P., professor at the House of Philosophy in Dover, Massachusetts, read a paper on "The Subject of Metaphysics." The presentation was followed by comments and criticism by the Rev. W. A. Wallace, O.P., and the Rev. E. P. Farrell, O.P., also of the faculty of Saint Stephen's House of Philosophy.

New Publication A new and rather unique publication was issued by the editorial staff of The Thomist Press, Washington, D. C., beginning last September. Called *Current Quodlibetales*, the new publication was begun to stimulate a more vital interest and fruitful participation in contemporary discussions of philosophy and theology. According to the editors, this circular will contain topics for discussion; provocative questions about articles, books, lectures, etc., which might stimulate further research and written contributions to our periodicals; notes on the latest meetings of philosophical and theological associations with special emphasis on current trends; official releases from these associations; and a letter forum for individuals.

Information Center The Diocese of Miami, Florida, has established a Catholic Information Center to serve the rapidly growing number of Spanish speaking Catholics in the area. Father Hugh Flynn is in charge, assisted by two Spanish Dominican priests and four Dominican Sisters of the Convent of Saint Catherine de Ricci of Albany, New York.

Research Program Inaugurated The National Institutes of Health announced their approval of the Experimental Honors Research Training Program to be inaugurated at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island. Recognizing the urgent need for more, well-trained research workers in the fields allied to the health sciences, the Institutes will support, for five years, a new experiment in the undergraduate training of exceptionally able students.

The curriculum incorporates several innovations. Provision is also made for temporary transfer of students to other institutions for specialized training and advanced techniques.

The Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., in announcing the new program, appointed the Reverend Frederick C. Hickey, O.P., former director of Medical Research, as director, and William A. Fish, Professor of Biology, as assistant director. It is hoped that the results of the trial at Providence College will justify the extension of the program to many other colleges in the future.

Grants Awarded Several grants of varying amounts were awarded to Providence College recently. The first of these was for \$25,000 received from David A. Thomas, the Administrator of the Charles E. Merrill Trust. In his letter

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of donation, Mr. Thomas said, the grant was to be used as unrestricted funds at the discretion of the governing board of the College.

Other unrestricted grants of \$1,500 and \$2,000 have come from the Texas Oil Company and the Esso Standard Oil Company respectively.

Language Laboratory A language laboratory has been added to the facilities of the library at Providence College, Father E. A. Hogan, O.P., librarian, announced. The laboratory was organized last year for the use of modern language students. This year the laboratory proceeded on a larger scale and increased both its machines and recordings. A further expansion in this program is planned.

President Honored The American Council on Education during the business session of its annual meeting, held October 9, 1959, selected the Very Reverend R. J. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College, to a three year term as a member of the executive committee. Thus Father Slavin, long a leader in national Catholic educational circles, has achieved further recognition on a national scale.

President Eisenhower said in a telegram to the delegates, ". . . As leaders in the field of education you are aware of those challenges facing our nation and the free world. Those who bear responsibility for the training and morale of our citizens fill a vital role in our democracy. I am delighted to add my best wishes for a profitable and inspiring meeting."

Convocation and Dedication An academic convocation and dedication ceremony was held at Providence College on Sunday, November 29, 1959. The convocation marked the 40th anniversary of the opening of the College in 1919. The principal speaker was Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Bishop Russell J. McVinney, of Providence, Rhode Island, presided and gave the invocation.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred on the Apostolic Delegate, Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney, President of Brown University, and James A. Higgins, the first president of the Providence College Alumni Association. Citations were also awarded to two members of the original faculty still at the College, the Rev. D. M. Galliger, O.P., and the Rev. F. A. Howley, O.P., and to the Honorable Patrick P. Curran, secretary of the Providence College Corporation since it was founded.

The convocation was followed by the dedication of the new Raymond Hall, and by a reception in the new dining hall, where the Very Rev. R. J. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College, welcomed the guests.

Radio Series The Rev. C. J. Breitfeller, O.P., and the Rev. D. F. Sheehy, O.P., have undertaken an extensive radio series. The weekly program, "This Nation Under God," is sponsored by the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The program is syndicated, and each broadcast is taped and made available for Knights of Columbus units throughout the United States to use in their own locale. On the program Fathers Breitfeller and Sheehy, chaplains to four correctional institutions in the Washington area, discuss such provocative topics as murder, prostitution, abortion, and capital punishment. Ably qualified through their intimate contact with basic human problems, and their specialized training, both chaplains have given numerous talks in the eastern states on various aspects of their apostolate.

Both Fathers are recognized experts in their field. Father Breitfeller was re-

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cently elected President of the National Prison Chaplains Association. The association is comprised of chaplains of all faiths. Father Sheehy has been appointed as a consultant on President Eisenhower's *White House Committee* to assist on juvenile delinquency problems. About 800 members will soon be added to their "parish" when a fifth institution, the District of Columbia's Youth Correction Center, will be completed and given to their care.

■ Letters from Chile ■

Beginnings We have had two representatives of the Legion of Mary to help arouse our people, one was from Dublin, Ireland, and the other from Santiago. They visited the homes of the more enthusiastic and also called a meeting. If there was any interest it was only a spark because only three parishioners showed up. We will have another meeting later and hope that the spark may grow into a flame. We had the same discouraging response when we tried to organize the Third Order, but now under the supervision of Father Burke as moderator it has grown into a chapter of twelve members. We have about sixty members who are active in the Rosary Confraternity; they are active not only in having raffles to assist the poor, those in our local prison and hospital, but they are active in a spiritual sense by saying the Rosary every hour on the hour publicly in Our Church on Thursdays when we have our weekly novena in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii.

We now have permission for an evening Mass at the Novena and Father Butler preaches the sermons. Our largest crowds attend this Novena coming in every conceivable kind of conveyance, a number of them being the old model T Ford. But the Novena attracts those who are still living in a more distant past, those who come by ox cart, country folks who often will bring a baby or two along to be baptized. Cowboys, too, often turn up at this time gaily dressed in bright colors and wide brim hats.

—Father Thomas Nagle, O.P.

■ Letters from Pakistan ■

Returning Home Brother Thomas Aquinas Dolan, O.P., has returned to the United States. He flew by Pan American jet plane out of Pakistan on the 11th of November, after a short stay in Rome he continued his flight to New York. He will remain in the United States until his Solemn Profession which will be on the 15th of June, 1960.

—Father Louis Scheerer, O.P.

Additions and Changes Two new additions to the mission family are the Rev. D. A. McCaffrey, O.P., and the Rev. W. B. Dennis, O.P. They sailed on a freight ship out of New York on the 3rd of November. They are

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due in Karachi during the first week of December. Both will live in Karachi to study the Urdu language. The address will be: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 73 Randle Road, Karachi (3) West Pakistan.

Two changes have been made in the missions:

- 1) Father Thomas Donoghue, O.P., is now living at Loreto. Father Terence Quinn, O.P., is in charge with Father Thomas Donoghue as assistant.
- 2) Father George Westwater, O.P., has been transferred from Loreto to Fatimapur. His new address is: Catholic Mission, Chak 74 Abbasia, Post Office Firoza, District Rahimyar Khan, West Pakistan. This is a big change for Father Westwater who did such a fine job to develop Loreto from the sand dunes to its present village standard.

—Father Louis Scheerer, O.P.

Missionaries Arrival I haven't stopped since I finally set foot on good old mother earth, after a month and two days at sea. It was a good trip, very calm waters and we both made many friends from the Captain on down. When we left they loaded us down with the essentials and a few accidentals. As you probably know by now we arrived with President Eisenhower, just in time to join in the biggest celebration this city has ever seen in its history. I met a gentleman on the streetcar today and he said the reception was warmer and more enthusiastic than for any other person or religious event.

Everyone here is top shape and the spirit is really inspiring. We are helping out in the parish of Our Lady of Fatima. The big thing for us now is the language study which is *the* most important necessity for missionaries.

The food, while not up to American standards, is quite good. We must boil all the water. Of course, up-country conditions are much worse, and we have yet to pass the heat test.

Progress in Loreto Off-hand I can't remember the exact number of houses built; for sure it was more than thirty-six and I think the total is thirty-nine. Of these, three or four are one-room affairs, about twenty have two rooms and the remaining fourteen or so have three rooms. All are equipped with verandas. In all there are about eighty-two families in Loreto, so our ultimate aim of housing all in decent quarters is about half achieved. Besides these houses there are other projects which are part of this "Loreto Project." Just recently we completed a boarding school and we also started a tree growing program. This was the third attempt. The other two times all the young trees were destroyed by either the intense heat or a sand storm. On the whole the people seem most appreciative of what has been done and, to some extent, have been given an incentive to make improvements on their own.

—Father Terrence Quinn, O.P.

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Vatican City A Dominican priest who taught in the United States is one of two churchmen named in major changes in the personnel of the Vatican's headquarters staff. He is Father Paul Philippe, O.P., commissary of the

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Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, who has been appointed secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Religious. Father Philippe taught at the Institutes of Spirituality at River Forest, Illinois, and Notre Dame University between 1951 and 1955.

Croatia A prayer has been recently released, and is being distributed by Vincent L. Knaus, Illinois state director of the Knights of Columbus' Ecumenical Committee. The prayer is to a Dominican Blessed, Osanna of Kotor, who was born in Croatia of dissident Orthodox parents. Blessed Osanna abjured the Orthodox schism and as a Dominican Tertiary led a cloistered life. The prayer appears timely in the light of the coming Second Vatican Council and its goal of Christian unity.

Belgium Father Pire, O.P., continues his wonderful work for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize. From the funds received from the sale of stamps commemorating the refugee villages, a new village is soon to be started. The Danish government has given Father Pire \$6,896 to help in his aid of the refugees under his care.

Canada Father Noel Mailloux, O.P., director of the Institute of Psychology of Montreal, has received a grant of \$22,500. The money will be used for research in the work of rehabilitating the mentally ill.

Oceania The Holy See has recently decided to divide the missionary territory of the Solomon Islands into three Vicariates. One of these, the western portion, has been assigned to the Dominican Order.

Rome From a bulletin published by the Secretariat of State in the *Osservatore Romano*, it was disclosed that the Holy Father has appointed Most Rev. Michael Browne, O.P., Master General of the Dominican Order, to the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, as a consultant.

Philippine Islands Father L. Hofstee, O.P., an American Dominican, Chaplain of the leprosarium of Tala, announced that six young students have received their diplomas in the science of education. It is the first time that such degrees have been issued to students from the college, which is exclusively for lepers.

Belgium Congo The inter-diocesan seminary of Niangara has been affiliated to the Dominican Order. The seminary now has 53 major seminarians, 31 of whom are in theology. This past June 11 Africans were ordained from this seminary.

Iraq For assurance of greater unity in the formation of the clergy of the Chaldean Rite, Saint John's Seminary in Bagdad has asked the Dominican Fathers of the Province of Paris to form a commission for the instruction of the clerics in the Chaldean and Syro-Catholic Rites. The Chaldean Rite embraces the majority of the Christians in Iraq, whose Patriarch resides in Bagdad.

Rome The remains of Father Joseph Larroca and Father Louis Theissling, former master generals of the Dominican Order, were transferred from the funeral chapel of the cemetery of Verano to the Basilica of Santa Sabina

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on November 26th. Most Rev. Michael Browne, O.P., Master General, celebrated a solemn requiem Mass on the occasion.

Puerto Rico After 54 years of missionary work in Puerto Rico, the Very Rev. Jordan Raemakers, O.P., died of a heart attack. Born in the Netherlands, Father Raemakers entered the Dominican Province of Holland in 1899, and came to Puerto Rico shortly after his ordination. Vicar Provincial from 1920 to 1928, Father Raemakers was a pioneer in founding the Holy Name Society on the Island of Puerto Rico. A gifted speaker in Dutch, English, Spanish and German Father Raemakers was well known for his sermons in many churches of the United States. R.I.P.

■ St. Albert's Province ■

Obituary The Rev. Eugene C. Monckton, O.P., died in an automobile accident on December 12, 1959. Father Monckton, ordained on May 24, 1959, had been studying at Saint Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa. The funeral Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. A. A. Norton, O.P., at Saint Vincent Ferrer's Church, River Forest, Illinois. The sermon was preached by the Rev. John T. Bonee, O.P. *Requiescat in Pace.*

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Ordinations On October 31, 1959, at Saint Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa, the following student Brothers received Clerical Tonsure from His Excellency Leo Binz, Archbishop of Dubuque: Fabian Champlin, Albert Judy, Thomas Aquinas O'Meara, Daniel Morrissey, Brendan Kelly, Hilarion Fenton, Athanasius McDonough, Aidan Shanahan, Vincent Ferrer Sist, Leonard Cochran, Raymond Motl, and Barnabas Shockey.

On the following evening these same Brothers received the first Minor Orders of Porter and Lector from Archbishop Binz. Also, on November 1, Archbishop Binz ordained the following Brothers to the Diaconate: Kenneth Hodgson, Valerian Thomas, Donald Pikell, Lambert Trutter, Fidelis Walker, Justus Polzrewinski, Bede Jogoe, Honorius Hunter, Hubert Riley, Marcellus Rooney, Benjamin Russell, Pius Stenger, Linus Up-de-Graf, Dalmatius Madden, Wilfred Leuer, Raphael Rearden, Kieran Redmond, Declan Keating, and Harold Ostdiek.

Professions On October 6, laybrother Reginald Marie Neu, O.P., made solemn profession into the hands of the Very Rev. A. A. Norton, O.P., Prior of Saint Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa. The following day, Father Norton received the renewal of simple profession from Brother Peter Martyr Boryca, O.P. On November 4, Brother Ernest Fennel, O.P., made his second simple profession, also into the hands of Father Norton.

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On December 20, at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, the Very Rev. Gerard J. O'Connell, O.P., received the simple profession of lay-brothers Antonio Rinaldo, Dennis Ekholm, and William Marie Green.

Departure Ceremony A departure ceremony was held at Saint Pius Church, Chicago, Illinois, for the first lay missionaries to go to our Nigerian Missions. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Raymond P. Hillinger, D.D., presided and preached. The departing mission helpers are: Dr. Thaddeus Cwalina of Pinole, California; Miss Martha J. McQuillan, R.N., of Boise, Idaho; and Miss Janice R. Dailey, a dental assistant, of Great Bend, Kansas. They will leave from New York on February 2, 1960.

Visitors On December 31, 1959, the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, was honored by a visit from His Excellency, the Most Rev. Dino Romoli, O.P., Bishop of Pescia, Italy.

The Rev. Matthias Mueller, O.P., addressed the students at the House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, on our missions in Bolivia.

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Congregation of Saint Catharine of Siena, Saint Catharine, Kentucky

Saint Catharine sisters were present for the consecration of the Most Rev. Thomas Joseph Riley, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston.

Sisters Margaret Elizabeth, Rose of Lima and Joachim participated in the dedication ceremonies of Xavier Hall, Siena College, Memphis, in November.

From December 29-31, the Junior College conducted an English Workshop for the Community's elementary, secondary and college teachers.

Rev. Mother Mary Julia attended the Major Superiors January Conference which was held in Houston, Texas.

The Rev. Francis Kelly, O.P., preached the January 20-22 retreat to the Academy students; the Very Rev. B. C. Werner, O.P., conducted the retreat for the College students.

On February 1, Sisters Alphonse Marie Di Girolamo, Maria del Socorro Perez, Deborah Ann Browne and Diane Marie Curran received the habit from the hands of the Rev. Lewis Springmann, O.P., Chaplain. On this occasion the Very Rev. B. C. Werner, O.P., who also conducted the ten-day preparatory retreat, preached.

Sisters Mary Gregory Lyons, Marietta MacDonald, Mary Winifred Miller, Gertrude Mary Christoffel, Immaculate Hanlon and Mary Lourdetta Gangemi made profession of simple vows in the hands of Mother Mary Julia on the Feast of the Purification.

On this same feast ground breaking ceremonies took place for the new infirmary home for the retired and ill members of the Congregation. This structure is being erected on Locust Avenue between the Chaplain's Rectory and Magdalen Memorial Chapel, a replica of the Congregation's first chapel.

Sister Huberta Cronin and Sister Mary Sadoc Wimsatt died recently. R.I.P.

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Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit, Michigan

In October Dr. Harry Sietz of Catholic University returned from his many summer engagements and resumed his weekly vocal and chant lessons to the Community.

On November 5, the Community was privileged to receive a visit from Rev. Theophane Mary R. F. Buu-Duong. Father, a native of Vietnam, related many stories of the sufferings of his valiant people at the hands of the Communists and his tireless efforts to rehabilitate them in safe Catholic settlements.

On November 15, the feast of St. Albert the Great, Sister Mary Thomas of the Holy Eucharist made her First Profession of Vows as a Choir Sister in a ceremony after Vespers.

Msgr. John A. Weier officiated and preached the sermon. Also present in the sanctuary were—Fathers Edmund J. Miathe, Francis Szsas, George Majewski and Edward Obuchowski.

The week preceding Christmas, Sister Mary Odelia, I.H.M., Ph.D., of Marygrove College, Detroit, visited the Community twice to lecture on Sister Formation.

The Most Rev. Henry E. Donnelly officiated and preached the sermon. Also present in the sanctuary were—Fathers J. L. Sullivan, O.P.; Rupert Dorn, O.F.M., Cap.; Marion J. Lesniak and T. J. Kerwin.

On December 16, in a ceremony after Vespers, Sister Mary of the Blessed Sacrament made her Profession of Solemn Vows as a Choir Sister.

During the Christmas Holidays Father Martin Egan, O.P., of Barry College, Florida, visited the Community. After officiating at Divine Office, he gave the Sisters a conference on the mysteries of the season.

Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, New Jersey

The Very Rev. J. J. McLarney, O.P., S.T.M., was appointed to give the Community a monthly conference on the spiritual life.

The classes in Sacred Theology for the Nuns continue with Father McLarney as the Instructor.

On November 21, feast of Our Lady's Presentation, Miss Mary Straub of Chester, New York, entered the enclosure as a Choir Postulant.

On January 5, after first Vespers of the feast of the Epiphany, Miss Cecelia Lydon of Princeton, New Jersey, entered the enclosure as a Choir Postulant.

Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, Union City, New Jersey

On Rosary Sunday Very Rev. Joseph A. Manning, O.P., preached the devotion at which the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary were depicted in a children dress of Dominican Friars and Nuns.

Sister Mary Joachim of the Trinity made her Perpetual Vows on November 4, in the presence of Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Costello, Vicar of Religious. Rev. Michael Jelly, O.P., preached and Rev. Edward Brodie, O.P., presided at Compline which preceded the ceremony.

The Annual Community retreat of ten days was preached by Rev. John Ryan, O.P., in November. Father delivered three conferences daily.

Rev. Edward Brodie, O.P., Director of the men's Chapter, received the Profession into the Third Order of five Tertiaries at a ceremony in the Convent Chapel.

The Community was visited by the Passionist Missionary, Rev. Dunstan Guzin-

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ski, C.P., of Jamaica, B.W.I., who recounted the difficult conditions and extreme poverty under which the missionaries are laboring.

Congregation of the Holy Cross, Amityville, New York

On January 2, 1960, Rev. Mother Bernadette de Lourdes, Prioress General, accompanied by Rev. Mother M. Adelaide, Subprioress, departed for Puerto Rico to attend the Mass and festivities commemorating the golden anniversary of the founding of the missions undertaken by the Sisters of our Congregation. Following the days of celebration, Rev. Mother also visited the convents and schools conducted by the Sisters. They returned to the Motherhouse, January 22, 1960.

A retreat for the Superiors of the Congregation was preached by Very Rev. Clifford L. Davis, O.P., P.G., from January 7-13 at the Motherhouse.

Dominican Commercial Auditorium was the scene of much rejoicing among the Sisters of the Congregation who had gathered to honor Rev. Mother Bernadette de Lourdes with song and music on the occasion of her feastday celebration which was held on February 22.

A weekend retreat was conducted between January 26-28 at Our Lady of Prouille Retreat House for Dominican Tertiaries of four chapters: Mary Immaculate Hospital, Jamaica; St. Peter Claver, Brooklyn; Queen of the Rosary, Amityville; and St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City.

Lay retreats were conducted by Rev. Harry Kelly, O.P., from Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., Rev. John Foley, S.J., and Rev. Clifford L. Davis, O.P., P.G.

Sister M. Rose Cecilia of St. Agnes Convent, College Point, has been selected as chairman of one of the panels to be conducted at the National Music Convention in Buffalo, New York during April.

Mother M. Mathilda, Sister M. Timothy and Sister M. Julianna died recently. R.I.P.

Corpus Christi Monastery, Hunts Point, New York City, N.Y.

During his visit here last fall, His Excellency Bishop Juan Maria Riofrio, O.P., D.D., of Loja, Ecuador, addressed the Community. Bishop Riofrio spoke of his work, especially in the light of the active Communist threat in his own area, and of his hopes for the future.

On January 9, Sister Mary Rose of Jesus renewed her vows as an Extern Sister. Very Rev. Msgr. Charles J. McManus offered Mass and preached. On January 13, Sister Mary St. John renewed her vows in the presence of Rev. John C. Taylor, S.J., who also gave Benediction.

Mr. Arthur Morris recently conducted a group of 45 boys from Sparkill who put on an entertainment for the Community.

During the Christmas holidays children carollers from St. Athanasius' School came to sing under the direction of Rev. Albert De Lucca. Another large group of girls and boys from Mt. Loretto, S. I., accompanied by Sister Davidica, O.S.F., and two other staff members, provided a program of Christmas music.

Congregation of Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll, New York

Four constructions in process and three completed marked recent months. In Hong Kong ground was broken for a new hospital where the Sisters will help care

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for the tens of thousands of refugees who have streamed into the British Colony from Red China. In Hong Kong, also, Bishop Lawrence Bianchi blessed the cornerstone for a new secondary school on Kowloon, and a new grade school is in process on the island itself. In Merida, Mexico, a new Rogers Hall (kindergarten, elementary, and secondary) is on the way up.

In Cochabamba, Bolivia, a new "center house" was built. Besides being the headquarters for the ten houses in Bolivia and Peru, it will serve as a language school for new Sisters assigned to the region and be a catechetical center for the district. Work among minority groups in the United States also progressed. A new chest hospital was built and equipped at Monrovia, California, where the Sisters have operated a sanatorium for Japanese for thirty years. In Kansas City, December 12 saw the dedication of Queen of the World Hospital's new wing. This addition expands the apostolate of Kansas City's first integrated hospital.

The native novitiate in Africa where African girls are formed in the religious life has moved to a new mission at Makoko, Tanganyika, British East Africa. This is the sixth house to be opened in the ten years since the first Maryknoll Sisters arrived in Africa.

Six new houses opened recently. Majuro, a tiny atoll in the Marshall Islands, saw the opening of a new school when three Sisters landed there on February 10, 1959. This school session 177 children enrolled from Majuro and the nearby islands. On Taiwan, a new catechetical center was staffed by our Sisters. A Sister-doctor and Sister-nurse conduct a new clinic at Busia. Early in 1960, another new center will open at Taipei, capital of Free China. The department of Huehuetenango, Guatemala, witnessed the opening of two new houses. In both the Sisters will supervise elementary schools and assist with parish work. In November the Sisters in Guatemala were able to change from lay clothes to religious habits.

More than half a million patients were treated during the past year by Maryknoll Sisters on four continents. Convert work, catechumenates, and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine work reached 55,666 adults and children throughout the world.

December 17, four months to the day since her departure, Mother Mary Colman returned from her Latin American visitation which took her to Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Nicaragua, Panama, Guatemala and Mexico.

Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary, Sparkill, New York

Rev. Mother Mary Kevin, Mother Mary Beatrice, and Sister Regina Rosaire attended the dedication ceremonies at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington in November.

The Community was represented at the regional meeting of the Society of Catholic College teachers of Sacred Doctrine held at Marymount College, Tarrytown, in November.

Six art teachers of the Community attended the Catholic Fine Arts Society Annual meeting during the Thanksgiving weekend at Brentwood College, L. I. Sister Elizabeth Marie, art instructor at St. Thomas Aquinas College, served as panel chairman for the discussion of Liturgical Art.

Sister Alfred, College librarian, attended the annual meeting of the New York Library Association held at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, November 11-14.

On November 11, the Community was represented at the Catholic Business Education Association Eastern Regional meeting in Brooklyn, and at the annual

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general meeting of the Catholic Science Council of the Archdiocese of New York.

In December the College was represented at the Winter meeting of the *Pro Deo* Association for Catholic Colleges held at the Good Shepherd House of Studies, Peekskill.

Sister Martin Marie has become a Teaching Fellow of the Science Honors Program under the auspices of the Joint Program for Technical Education at the School of Engineering, Columbia University, New York. The program is administered under a grant from the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical & Petroleum Engineers.

Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio

Commemorating the golden jubilee of Sister M. Josepha, a High Mass of Thanksgiving was sung by the Rev. George L. Budimlic, Chaplain, on December 26. Sister's assignments in the past fifty years have included teaching positions in diocesan schools in New Jersey and Ohio. Sister Josepha is at present teaching the eighth grade in St. Matthew School, Akron, Ohio.

Sister M. Leo was made Treasurer of the Diocesan Mathematics Teachers' Association; Sister M. Bernard was appointed Chairman of the Diocesan Library Association; and Sister M. Diana has been elected Vice-President of the Diocesan Scholastic Press Association.

On January 24, Sister M. Loretta addressed the Newman Club of Akron University on "Education in the Future."

In January Sister M. Bernice, Dean in the Division of Education, St. John College of Cleveland, attended the Invitational Conference of National Commission for Teacher Education and Professional Standards in Chicago. Sister also served as Recorder for the discussion group at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago, February 10-13. In April Sister Bernice will be Chairman of the Teacher Education Sectional Meeting of the College and University Department of the N.C.E.A.

Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio

During the Christmas vacation, Rev. J. H. Callan, O.P., Somerset, Ohio, conducted a three-day Retreat for all the Sisters who have not been finally professed. Father Callan will also give the spring Retreat in Mohun Hall, the Community infirmary.

On January 6, Sister Bernadita and Sister Frances Cabrini pronounced their Final Vows before Rev. Mother Aloyse and the assembled Community. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Clarence G. Isenmann, D.D., presided over the ceremony. He was assisted by Rev. Joachim Bauer, O.P., and Louis Ryan, O.P.

Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Connecticut, broke ground for a new dormitory on January 10. The College of St. Mary of the Springs was represented by Sister M. Angelita, President, and Sister Thomas Aquin, Dean. Both of these Sisters also attended a conference in Boston.

On the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Mary Immaculate School, on the Hudson, broke ground for a new school to be equipped with 14 classrooms, laboratories, and a new gymnasium.

Doubleday & Doran have announced March as the publication month for Sister Maryanna's new adult book, *With Love and Laughter*.

Sister M. Eulalia Wehrle died recently at the Motherhouse. R.I.P.

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Congregation of St. Cecilia, Nashville, Tennessee

The Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., and a large group of clergy assisted at the closing exercises of the Forty Hours Devotion in the St. Cecilia Convent chapel on January 12. Afterwards, the Bishop and clergy were the guests of the Sisters at a banquet given in their honor.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Duffy, Ph.D., pastor of Christ the King Church, Nashville, who has recently returned from an extended trip to Rome and the Holy Land, addressed the faculty and student body of St. Cecilia Academy on January 14. He implemented his lecture with slides depicting the high lights of his trip.

John L. Seigenthaler, Assistant City Editor of *The Nashville Tennessean*, gave a lecture on *Journalism* to the faculty and students of St. Cecilia Academy on January 21.

Dr. George F. Donovan of the faculty of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., evaluated the St. Cecilia Normal School on March 4. The Normal School is affiliated with the Catholic University.

Eight postulants received the Dominican habit on March 6: Misses Lorraine Lavin, Joan Seigenthaler, Kathleen Murphy, Beverly Ann Karlovic, Ann Masserano, Jeanette Potts, Sammie Cable, and Susan Chandler. Bishop Adrian presided at the investiture ceremony, and Father Werner, O.P., delivered the sermon.

On the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, March 7, four novices made profession of temporary vows: Sister Charlotte Marie Ferguson, Sister Eleanor Marie Baltz, Sister Mary Kevin Cronin, and Sister Mary Pius Martin. The Rev. Thomas F. Cashin, chaplain, presided at the profession ceremony, and preached.

Sister Basilia Fleming died recently. R.I.P.

Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wisconsin

On October 4, the Racine chapter of the Thomist Association opened its twenty-first season with Holy Mass in the convent chapel. Father Thomas D. Sheehan, O.P., is lecturer for this year's series.

On November 15, ceremonies in connection with the cornerstone laying of a new administration and classroom building for Dominican College were held on the new campus. The address was given by Father Jordan Aumann, O.P., representing the Very Rev. John E. Marr, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert Province. The Hon. Jack Humble, Mayor of Racine, and other civic officials also spoke. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy by the fall term of 1960.

On December 5, His Excellency, the Most Rev. William E. Cousins, blessed the new convent and classroom addition of St. Edward School, Racine, which is staffed by our Community.

Father Walter Conway, O.P., conducted a retreat at the Motherhouse during the holiday season. Smaller retreats were held simultaneously at St. Benedict Convent, Milwaukee; SS. Peter and Paul Convent, Green Bay; and at St. Clement Convent, Center Line, Michigan.

Sister M. Hermana Welch and Sister M. Germaine Mich died recently. R.I.P.

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

Msgr. Gerhard A. Fittkau, Director of the American St. Boniface Society, lectured at St. Clara Convent on his experiences as a prisoner in Russian concentration camps. He spoke also of the resurgence of the Catholic Church, the revival

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of the liturgy and the reunion of Christians. His experiences are related in his recently published book, "My Thirty-third Year."

A solemn High Mass of Requiem, a month's mind, was offered on November 17, for Mother Mary Samuel. The Very Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O.P., was celebrant; the Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., deacon; and the Very Rev. J. B. Walker, O.P., subdeacon. Father Hughes preached.

A triduum in preparation for the dedication of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception began in all the convents of the Congregation of November 18. The Act of Consecration was recited daily throughout the remainder of the month.

Early in November ground was broken for De Ricci Hall at Edgewood College. This new building will serve for classrooms and administration purposes.

Last Spring Rosary College received a grant from the Lilly Foundation to inaugurate a program to instill in the college students a greater awareness of spiritual and moral values. The series of lectures forming the core of this "Christian in Society" project was opened formally in the Fall with a lecture "Thomism as a Religious Philosophy" by Dr. Anton Pegis of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto, Canada. Among other lectures in the series have been two in French: "Freedom and the New Testament" and "The Bible" by the Rev. Ceslas Spicq, O.P., of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland; "Christian Humanism" by the Rev. Gerald Vann, O.P.; "Grace" by the Rev. William Murphy, O.P.; and "The Christian as Artist" by the Rev. Ambrose McNicholl, O.P., of the Angelicum, Rome.

Founder's Day was chosen for the dedication of the new wing of the St. Albertus Magnus Science Building at Rosary College. Solemn High Mass was offered and at a convocation later Dr. Charles Herzfeld, professor of physics at the University of Maryland and physicist for the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., spoke on "The Christian as Scientist." To honor Father Samuel Mazzuchelli as a scientist there was an exhibit of some of his scientific achievements on loan from the St. Clara Convent Archives.

The Most Rev. Dino L. Romoli, O.P., Bishop of Pescia, Pistoia, Italy, visited the Motherhouse on January 1.

On January 16, the Rev. James Conway, O.P., offered High Mass at the Motherhouse for the lay missionaries who will form the first group of lay apostles assisting the Dominican Fathers and Sisters in Nigeria. The Rev. James Gillis, O.P., preached on the meaning and the significance of the work and the necessary motivation for it.

Sister Mary Perpetua died recently. R.I.P.