

THE CLOISTER CHRONICLE

ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

The ordination ceremonies at the House of Studies will be held on June 12th, with the Rt. Rev. J. T. McNicholas, O. P., D. D., Bishop of Duluth, as ordaining prelate. Those who will be raised to the sublime dignity of the Eternal Priesthood are: the Rev. Brothers Charles Kelly, Anthony O'Connell, Celestine Daly, Innocent Smith, Athanasius Burke, Boniface Stratemeier, Ceslas McEniry, Dominic Dolan, Martin McDermott, Edmund Rogers, Raphael Burke, of St. Joseph's Province; and the Rev. Brothers Andrew Pope, Albert Muller, Aquinas McDonnell, of the Province of the Most Holy Name.

On May 21st, Rt. Rev. Bishop Shahan, D. D., Rector of the Catholic University, conferred Minor Orders on twenty-two of the Novices, the ceremony taking place in the Chapel at the House of Studies. On the same day Rev. Bro. Aquinas McDonnell was raised to the Diaconate and Bro. Cyril Therres received Tonsure.

The Very Rev. Antoninus Salvati, O. P., S. T. M., Vicar of St. Mary Major's, Rome, and ex-Provincial of the Roman Province, was the honored guest of the House of Studies during his stay in Washington. He has been in this country since last December, on business connected with his province.

A Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated in the Chapel at the House of Studies on April 7th for His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons. One of our most pleasant remembrances comes from a recollection of the active part which he took in helping us to commemorate fittingly the seventh centenary of our foundation. The most fitting tribute that we can pay him is to ask of God that He raise up in His Church more men of the same type and calibre. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Three new members have been admitted to the novitiate of the Lay Brotherhood. Their names, and the dates on which they received the habit, are: John J. Kaszczuk, April 5th, Bro. Hyacinth; Louis J. Bertrand, April 20th, Bro. Reginald; John T. Mooney, May 12th, Bro. Antoninus.

On Sunday, April 10th, a Solemn High Mass was offered up for the repose of the soul of Mr. Thomas McMahon, donor of the altars in the Chapel at the House of Studies.

The departure of Fr. Aida Elrington, O. P., Sc. D., for Europe on the 24th of April, terminated a series of lectures on Biology and Modern Psychology to which he was treating the Novices of the House of Studies, and in which special stress was laid on the relation of Albert the Great to the natural sciences. The Novices extend their heartiest thanks to Fr. Elrington for this interesting course and for his delightful sojourn among us.

A Chapter of Tertiaries, now numbering one hundred and twenty members, has been established at the House of Studies.

The heartfelt sympathy of the Novices is extended to the Very Rev. V. F. O'Daniel, O. P., S. T. M., on the death of his sister, who was a member of the community at St. Catherine's, Springfield, Ky.

A book bindery, in charge of the Lay Brothers, is in operation at the House of Studies. A printing press was recently added to the equipment.

"Mary in the Theology of St. Thomas" is the title of a book now being written by the Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M.

The monastic spirit surrounding the House of Studies has been enhanced by the erection of two outdoor shrines, one of which contains the Rosary group, the other a statue of the Sacred Heart. The artistic distribution of numerous flowerbeds has added greatly to the beauty of our well-kept grounds. The energy and ability of the Lay Brothers, to whom the execution of these improvements was intrusted, is to be commended.

On March 28th Bro. Raphael Kelleher made his simple profession at St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio; and on April 17th Louis Schoofs, now Bro. Raymond, and John Sheehan, who took the name of Bro. Berchmans, received the habit.

Fr. Pascal Robinson, O. F. M., is now in Rome editing his report of religious conditions in Palestine, for the Holy Father. When this work is completed he hopes to resume his lectures on Mediaeval Institutions, at the Catholic University of America.

The Bureau of the Holy Name is producing a photo-play. This is a part of the preparation that is being made for a nationwide drive, to be conducted next fall, to increase the interest of Catholic men in the Holy Name Society. This plan has already received the approbation and most enthusiastic endorsement of numerous Bishops. The photo-play will tell a dramatic story which moving picture experts of New York have declared will rival, in its gripping human interest, some of the greatest screen productions of the day.

Fr. Vincent Cleary, O. P., preached a triduum for the Knights of Columbus in St. Aloysius' Church, Washington, D. C., April 25-28.

An enthusiastic pastor, writing of a mission given in his church by the Dominican Fathers, said: "It is the talk not only of the city, but of the whole North Country; and is claimed by priests and people to be the best ever held here." At this particular mission there were more than 6,500 communicants.

The Lenten schedule of Eastern Mission for 1922 is completely filled and requests for reservations in 1923 and 1924 have been received.

The Cathedral at St. Johns, N. B., was packed, as never before, during a mission given by the Fathers of the Eastern Band. Thirty-seven invalid marriages were rectified.

The Fathers at Providence, R. I., take not a little pride in the fact that out of fifty college magazines, submitted by the Boston College Stylus exchange department to a board of prominent judges, the Providence College Alembic, under the direction of Fr. Justin McManus, O. P., was chosen as one of four containing the best short story; it being "The Vagabond," by Francis Dwyer, '24, which appeared in the February issue.

Twenty-six non-Catholics are now taking instructions at St. Joseph's Church, Providence, R. I., as a result of the mission conducted there by the Dominican Fathers.

During the Lenten Season members of the Eastern Band gave missions at all the churches in Portland, Maine; this being their sixth consecutive appearance in the Cathedral of that city.

Fr. Jordan Foley, O. P., conducted retreats at Providence College and Mt. Loretto, Pa.

Fr. W. G. Scanlon, O. P., was one of the speakers at a reception held by the Knights of Columbus, in San Antonio, Texas, following the initiation of two hundred candidates into the Fourth Degree. His talk, "Impressions of the Day," evoked much favorable comment and was highly lauded by the secular press.

The Holy Name Societies throughout the country are celebrating, this year, the fiftieth anniversary of the first Branch canonically established in the United States; this being the one at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City. This Golden Jubilee Year will be signalized by a nation-wide revival of Holy Name interests—a National Rally—whereby the message of the Holy Name will be preached to every Catholic man in the United States.

The Rt. Rev. M. D. Harkins, D. D., Bishop of Providence, answered the final summons on May 25th. He was in the 75th year of his age, and 52nd of his Priesthood and the 34th of his Episcopacy. One of his last great public acts was the foundation of Providence College, the direction of which he entrusted to the Dominican Fathers.

During the coming months Fr. W. R. Lawler, O. P., Head of the Western Missions, is to give a series of diocesan clergy retreats, the first of which will be conducted for the priests in the diocese of Green Bay, Wis.

The Fathers of the Western Band opened up a new line of endeavor by conducting a regular mission at St. Thomas' College, St. Paul, Minn., for the students of that institution, which has an enrollment of nearly eight hundred. The results were most gratifying and more than justified the experiment. Archbishop Dowling opened the mission by enrolling more than four hundred of the students in the Holy Name Society, this Branch having been established twelve years ago by Fr. W. R. Lawler, O. P.

It is interesting to note the progress which our Tertiaries have already made in gathering funds for our Foreign Mission

energies. It is hoped that this Foreign Mission enterprise of the Province will take on the nature of a family affair, and that our Tertiaries in the world will cooperate with their Brothers and Sisters in the cloister to produce great fruit for God and for His Church.

The prayers of our readers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sister Brendan, late Superior of Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, who died at Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 18th. Frs. M. S. Welsh, O. P., J. D. Pendergast, O. P., and J. P. Roach, O. P., attended the funeral services at St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Ind., where she was buried on April 22nd. May she rest in peace.

Mgr. August J. Schwertner has been appointed Bishop of Wichita, Kansas, and will be consecrated on June 8th, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He is a brother of the Rev. T. M. Schwertner, O. P., S. T. Lr., Editor of the Rosary Magazine.

The Novices extend their heartiest felicitations to Fr. J. S. Caton, O. P., who will observe the silver jubilee of his ordination on June 26th.

PROVINCE OF THE MOST HOLY NAME

The Dominican Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Seattle, are organizing a Filipino Club for the students of that nationality attending the University of Washington, which institution is in that parish. The Newman Club, also under the direction of the Fathers, is in a very flourishing condition.

In the Diocese of Seattle there are thirty-two Holy Name Societies and a Holy Name Union, the first to be organized on the North Pacific Coast. Before the advent of the Dominicans only one society existed.

En route from Rome to San Francisco, the Very Rev. Father A. L. McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., Provincial of the Holy Name Province, visited the House of Studies in Washington, May 15th. To the great delight of the Novices he favored them with an interesting account of his travels abroad. Of especial interest was Father McMahon's portrayal of life at the Angelico, the Dominican House of Studies in Rome.

FOREIGN PROVINCES

The year 1921 will be especially memorable for the Fathers of the English Province. Besides being the seventh centenary of the death of St. Dominic, it is also the seven hundredth anniversary of their arrival in England. Moreover, it will witness their return to Oxford University, from which place they have been excluded since the time of the Reformation. The cornerstone of their new establishment at this University will be laid on August 15th. It was on this date in 1221 that the Dominicans made their first public appearance in England and, by a strange coincidence, Oxford is the place in which it was made.

The beatification of Blessed Dominic Spadafora, O. P., a priest of the sixteenth century, was approved and ratified by the Holy Father: thus adding another name to the already illustrious catalogue of Dominican Saints and Blesseds.

A notable contribution to Dominican literature is being made by Fr. Paulino Alvarez, O. P., of the Spanish Province, who is writing the lives of the "Saints, Blesseds, Venerables, of the Order of Preachers." This work embodies the result of nearly fifty years of patient and painstaking research, carried on, for the most part, by the author himself.

The statue of Bossuet now in the Cathedral at Dijon is to be set up, amid great ceremony, in a public square of that town. Père Janvier, O. P., himself a famous orator, will be the panegyrist on this occasion.

Père Mortier, O. P., is now engaged in producing "La Liturgie Dominicaine." In many respects this work, the first volume of which has already appeared, will be the Dominican counterpart of Dom Gueranger's well known "Liturgical Year."

Cardinal Vanutelli and the Most Rev. Archbishop Nasalli Rocca are the respective presidents of two committees which have been appointed to arrange for the fitting commemoration, in Rome, of the death of Saint Dominic, to be celebrated from August 4, 1921 to August 4, 1922.

Fr. Ceslas Paban-Segond, O. P., Professor of Moral Theology in the College of the Propaganda, was made a Consultor of the Sacred Congregation De Sacramentis.

His Eminence Cardinal Boggiani, O. P., enjoys the unusual honor of having been invested with the sacred pallium by the Holy Father himself. The solemn imposition took place in the Pauline Chapel of the Vatican, on the feast of the Annunciation. Previous to his appointment as Archbishop of Genoa, Cardinal Boggiani was Apostolic Administrator of that See. In addition to having been Apostolic Delegate to Mexico, he was Assessor of the Sacred Consistorial College and Secretary of the Conclave which elected Pope Benedict XV.

For the seventh consecutive time, the University of Oxford has awarded the Senior Classic to the English Dominican College of Theological Studies.

The mission bands in Mexico, Guatemala and Peru have been augmented by the arrival of nineteen Dominicans from the Spanish Province. The new-comers were accompanied by the Rt. Rev. Raymond Zubieta, O. P., Bishop and Apostolic Vicar of Urubamba, Peru, who made the journey from Spain with them.

Fr. Coll, O. P., has been appointed counsellor to the "Apostolado Social," a Spanish sociological organization, by the Bishop of Barcelona.

The mission schools conducted by the Dominican Fathers at Wuping have been recognized by the Chinese Government. This action confers on the Director of the mission the power of appointing teachers and of selecting text-books, and gives him permission to teach religion.

Selection from the works of Ven. Louis of Granada are being translated into Japanese by Fr. John Calvo, O. P., who is also the author of an original work in that language.

The Social Conferences of Fr. Ceslas Rutten, O. P., are continuing to attract widespread attention throughout Europe, and to exercise a profound influence on the minds of the people, especially in France and Belgium.

Fr. Finbar Ryan, O. P., has been elected Provincial of the Irish Province.

Fr. Sweeney, O. P., Professor of Moral Theology and of Liturgy at the Collegio Angelico, has been appointed Spiritual Director of the students.

Père H. Vincent, O. P., of the Dominican Biblical School at Jerusalem, has unearthed from the debris of centuries, the ground-floor of an ancient Jewish synagogue at Ain Douk. In this floor, which is a perfect specimen of mosaic workmanship, is contained the best reproduction of the "Minorah" (liturgical candelabrum of the Israelites) that has thus far been discovered. Two Hebrew inscriptions were also found.

Fr. B. Hespers, O. P., of the German Province, has been made Editor of Liturgical Books, and Cantor at the Angelico. He is well qualified for his new duties, having had previous experience along both these lines. The Most Rev. Master General has directed him to begin at once the preparation of the new Dominican Breviary.

DOMINICAN SISTERS

Congregation of St. Catherine of Sienna (Kentucky)

Sister Rosalia O'Daniel, after having labored for twenty-eight years in the mission houses of the Community, on March 26th was called to receive her eternal reward. When stricken with her last illness she was teaching in the Immaculate Conception Normal School at Hastings, Nebraska. Hoping that a change of climate would prove beneficial to her health she had been removed to the Motherhouse. Sister Rosalia was a sister of the Very Rev. V. F. O'Daniel, O. P., S. T. M., of the House of Studies at Washington, D. C.

From April 18th to the 21st, Father J. R. Clark, O. P., conducted a retreat for the young ladies of the Academy. Simultaneously, Forty Hours Devotion was in progress in the Convent chapel.

April 21st, Sister Mary Thomas O'Leary passed away in the fortieth year of her religious profession. For almost thirty years she had taught in the Archdiocese of Boston, at St. Francis de Sales, Charlestown, and at Sacred Heart, East Boston.

Congregation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

The Very Rev. Vicar-Provincial of the Province of the Most Holy Rosary, Father W. Martin, O. P., sang the Solemn High Mass for the Community on the feast of St. Catherine of Sienna. In the evening the Sienna Music Club gave a recital.

The retreat for the student body was preached by the Rev. Superintendent of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese.

Sacred Heart Community (Texas)

On Easter Sunday afternoon, Miss Mary Kavanaugh of Austin was clothed in the habit of St. Dominic. Sister M. Pierre, formerly Miss Gladys McGuire of Lampasas, was admitted to simple profession. Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, D. D., and a number of the clergy of the diocese were present for the ceremonies.

St. Rose of Lima Congregation

Very Rev. Clement M. Thuente, O. P., called on the Community at Rosary Hill Home, Hawthorne, N. Y., March 30th. He had just returned from a visit to Rome and Bologna. He brought a relic of our holy Father St. Dominic, given him by the Dominican Sisters of San Sisto, Rome; and the blessing of the Pope with the indulgence for the moment of death.

St. Rose's Free Home for cancer patients is filled to capacity, eighty-five. A goodly portion of the patients have embraced the Faith.

St. Mary of the Springs

Seventeen postulants began their term of probation on May 19th.

May eternal rest be granted unto Sister M. Regis Maroney who passed away on March 11th and to Sister Clarita Westmeyer who died April 2nd.

Holy Cross Community (Brooklyn)

On Easter Monday the Very Rev. C. M. Thuente, O. P., visited the Novitiate at Amityville and in his inimitable way gave the novices a very interesting and instructive talk on Rome and the many Dominican shrines of Italy which places he recently visited. Before his departure he presented the Novitiate with an authenticated first class relic of the hand of St. Catherine of Sienna.

The fiftieth anniversary of Mother Augustine Fleck's entrance into the religious life will occur in August.

Mount St. Dominic Community

The faculty and patrons of Lacordaire School at Montclair, N. J., formed the audience to which Mr. T. O'Connor Sloan on April 25th gave an illustrated lecture on Joan of Arc. The following day Mr. Sloan lectured to the pupils and friends of the Academy at Caldwell on Leonardo da Vinci.

"The Sun Goddess," a Japanese pageant, was given by the elocution and dancing classes May 14th on the grounds of the Academy in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Academy.

Several hundred trees are being planted on the grounds of the Academy by the members of the graduating class of 1921.

Corpus Christi Chapter (Duluth, Minn.)

A new catechism center with eighty children was opened during the month.

Encouraging the children of wealthy Catholics to sew for the poor and to visit them in person, taking with them little hampers of food, is a new line of endeavor with the Chapter.

The Novitiate House is being prepared for early occupancy. A group of postulants will return from England with Mother Marie.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Congregation (California)

St. Mary's Home at Mission San Jose lost one of its beloved benefactors on March 25th, the Rev. Patrick Blake. A month's mind Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul on April 25.

Sacred Heart Convent School, Los Angeles, has recently been enlarged in order to care for the increased number of applicants for admittance.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary

A new sanctuary for pilgrims, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, at Summit, New Jersey, was dedicated on Sunday, May 22nd. Father Thomas a'Kempis Reilly, O. P., was the preacher of the day. As a souvenir of the first pilgrimage to the shrine, the Sisters have had struck a beautiful medal. It is of a distinctive Dominican design originated by the Sisters.

Grand Rapids Community

Mother Mary Gonsalva, Mother-General of the Congregation since 1915, passed away on February 23rd. For forty-three years she had worn the holy habit of St. Dominic. From Holy Rosary Convent, New York City, where she received the habit, she was sent to the mission field in Michigan. She held the office of Councillor to the late Mother Aquinata for eighteen years. The funeral services were held on February 26th. A Pontifical Requiem Mass was sung by his Lordship, the Rt. Rev. E. D. Kelly, D. D.

St. Cecilia's Community, Tennessee

At the close of the pious devotion of the Forty Hours, in preparation for the feast of St. Catherine of Sienna, the pupils of the Academy entered upon their annual retreat conducted by Father J. R. Fannan, O. P. At the close of the retreat nearly all were enrolled in the Confraternity of the Angelic Warfare, a number became Rosarians and seven assumed the obligations of Dominican Tertiaries.

The Children of Mary are supporting a Chinese baby which they have adopted, giving it the name of Mary Cecilia. Funds for the support of a Dominican catechist are being collected.

The sixty-first Annual Commencement of the Academy was held June 2nd.

Mother Frances Walsh is again enjoying good health after her recent illness. Mother Frances is the last of the original band which came to Nashville at the solicitation of Bishop Whelan, O. P., in 1860.

Foreign Missionary Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll

On May 24th, thirteen young women received the white habit of St. Dominic. They represent five different States and Canada. Financially, the young women of America have always been of great assistance to the Foreign Missioners. Many are now offering their personal services and soon will be working side by side with the Missionary Priests in the great field afar.