



CLOISTER + CHRONICLE



ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

At the summer house of the Order at Ocean City, Md., the following novices made their solemn profession into the hands of the Prior, Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., on August 24th: Revs. William Vincent Lanctot, Rudolph Francis Vollmer, Dennis Bernardine McCarthy, Alfred Peter Bachand, Paul Augustine Skehan, Walter Gerard Martin, Raymond Jerome Dewdney, James Bartholomew McGwin, Joseph Cyril Dore, Thomas Ceslaus McGowan, and John Joachim Bauer. Rev. John Ambrose O'Mara made his temporary vows at the same time.

On September 21, at the House of Studies in Washington, D. C., Bros. Alban Austin Ryder, John Hugh Hartnett, and Francis Louis Kelly made their solemn profession into the hands of the Prior, Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr.

Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., gave a noonday course of lectures to non-Catholics in a Duluth Theatre from June 14-21; during the same week, he delivered a course of lectures in the evening at the Cathedral Auditorium to non-Catholics. From June 22-26, he was master of the retreat given to the senior clergy of Duluth and from June 29-July 3, he conducted the retreat for the junior clergy. The retreat to the missionaries of St. Joseph's Province, August 27-September 3 and the annual retreat to the community of the House of Studies in Washington, D. C., September 3-12 were both conducted by him.

Very Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. M., gave several missions during July and August to non-Catholics of Los Angeles, California.

Rev. Dominic McShane, O. P., S. T. Lr., conducted the following retreats during the summer:—Blauvelt, New York, June 25-July 2; Madison, Wisconsin, July 3-11; Cape May, New Jersey, July 29-August 5; Sea Isle City, New Jersey, August 22-29.

On August 14th took place the ceremony of installation of Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., in the Archiepiscopal See of Cincinnati, Ohio. His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago, presided at the services and Solemn Pontifical High Mass was sung by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph G. Pinten, of Superior, Wisconsin. The sermon was preached by the Most Rev. Archbishop Austin Dowling of St. Paul. With pride and joy the great family of St. Dominic congratulates their Brother religious upon the attainment of his new dignity.

The Fathers and Novices wish to offer their sincere sympathy to Revs. Dominic McShane, O. P., and Bernard O'Connor, O. P., upon the death of their mothers, and to Rev. Urban Cahill, O. P., upon the death of his father.

At the close of the school year at the Catholic University, the following students of the Dominican House were recipients of degrees: On

Revs. Louis Clark and Edward Brennan were conferred the degree—Doctor of Philosophy; Rev. Damian Goggins received the degree of Bachelor of Canon Law; Revs. Basil Cote, Leonard Callahan, John McGovern, Martin Shea, Christopher Perrotta, Philip Archdeacon, Urban Bergkamp, Theodore English, and Aloysius Georges were awarded the degree of Master of Arts.

The enrollment of students and novices in the various Houses of the Order for the present year number 78 for the House of Studies in Washington, D. C., including 12 student priests; the first registration for the new House of Philosophy in Chicago totals 102; at St. Rose's Priory in Springfield, Ky., there are 52; at Providence College, Providence, R. I., and at Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, where students are making their preparatory studies before entering the Order, there are 85 and 125 respectively.

On Sunday morning, September 13, His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, officiated at the blessing of the new Dominican House of Studies, at River Forest, Illinois. The sermon for the occasion was preached by Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., S. T. M. At three o'clock in the afternoon, solemn compline was sung by the novices, followed by an eloquent sermon from the lips of Rev. Henry Healy, O. P., P. G. Thursday of the preceeding week was known as Civic Day and Saturday was set apart for the various Sisters' Communities in order that all might have the opportunity of inspecting the building before its halls and corridors were formally constituted a cloister. The sermon on Saturday was delivered by Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G. The December issue of *Dominicana* will be dedicated to this new foundation.

The Provincial, Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., has appointed Rev. Albert Casey, O. P., S. T. Lr., Vicar of the new Chicago House. Rev. Ambrose Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., recently returned from the University of Louvain, has been assigned the office of novice-master, while Rev. John Dominic Walsh, O. P., has been made the first procurator of this institution.

The Venerable Convent of St. Rose in Springfield, Ky., has again been made the simple novitiate for the Province of St. Joseph.

Rev. Reginald Hughes, O. P., S. T. Lr., is at present, Editor-in-chief of the "Columbia Review," published by the American students at the University of Friburg. Rev. Joachim Walsh, O. P., S. T. Lr., is treasurer of "Columbia Reading Circle" at the same University.

Providence College inaugurated its first Summer School in July. Sessions continued six days a week throughout the month. One hundred Sisters were in attendance representing eight different congregations. In addition to these, six laywomen took advantage of the courses offered. The Professors engaged were Revs. R. J. Meaney, F. G. Lavel, M. S. Welsh, P. P. Heasley, D. M. Galliher, P. L. Thornton, V. F. Kienberger, P. E. Rogers, J. C. Kearns, all of the Order of Preachers.

Rev. D. M. Della Penta, O. P., gave a course in Philosophy to the Dominican Sisters at Watertown, Mass., and also pursued a special course in Philosophy at Harvard.

Rev. B. A. McLaughlin, O. P., took courses in English Literature at Columbia and in Stage Craft at the school of Dramatic Art in New York City.

Rev. K. U. Cahill, O. P., took courses in Economics and Sociology at Columbia University.

Rev. Jordan Baezler, O. P., has been assigned to the faculty of Providence College to teach in the Department of Education.

Rev. J. T. Fitzgerald, O. P., gave the retreat which ended August 4th at the Cenacle, Newport, R. I.

Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O. P., gave the retreat to the Sisters of Mount St. Dominic's Academy, Caldwell, N. J., August 4th to the 11th.

Rev. M. S. Welsh, O. P., was retreat master to the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, New York, August 4th to the 12th.

During August, thirty eight students of Providence College left for the Dominican novitiate at Springfield, Ky.

Providence College opens its eighth year with a registration of over five hundred students.

During the summer, the following reappointments were made: Rev. J. A. Hinch, O. P., pastor of St. Raymond's parish, in Providence, R. I.; Rev. R. F. Larpenteur, O. P., pastor of St. Dominic's, Denver, Colorado; Rev. T. S. McDermott, O. P., pastor of the Holy Name parish, Kansas City, Neb.; and Rev. J. L. Pastorelli, O. P., pastor of St. Peter's parish, Memphis, Tenn.

In a previous issue of *Dominicana*, mention was made of a new school opened at St. Pius' parish, Providence, R. I., which should have correctly read St. Raymond's. At St. Raymond's, there is also being erected at the present time, a magnificent Sister's convent.

The new St. Dominic's church in Denver, Colorado, presents an imposing appearance. It is built of white stone and is of Gothic architecture. The work of construction has so far progressed that its dedication is set for the near future.

Rev. Thomas Halloran, O. P., of the Holy Name Province, who was obliged to return home last spring because of serious illness, was raised to the dignity of the Holy Priesthood on June 29th, by the Rt. Rev. Vincent Wehrle, O. S. B., D. D., in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Bismark, North Dakota. He celebrated his first solemn Mass on July 5th. His former class mates at the House of Studies in Washington, D. C., congratulate him and wish him many happy and useful years in the service of the Divine Master.

August 4th, the feast of our holy father, St. Dominic, was appropriately celebrated at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C., and at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City. At Washington, pursuing an old custom, the Franciscan Fathers were the celebrants of the solemn High Mass. The ministers were as follows: Very Rev. John Forester Donegan, O. F. M., celebrant; Rev. Fr. Bernardine, O. F. M., dea-

con, and Rev. Fr. Paschal, O. F. M., subdeacon. Among those present in the chapel were Rt. Rev. Thomas Shahan, D. D., Rector of the Catholic University, Very Rev. Msgr. Marella, who represented the Apostolic Delegate, who was in Rome, professors of the Catholic University, and pastors of the city. Following the celebration of the Mass, a reception to the sixty-five visitors was held.

FOREIGN PROVINCES

The 7th Centenary of the Dominican Church (Black Abbey) in Kilkenny, Ireland took place August 2, 3 and 4th, the three day celebration closing on the feast of St. Dominic. The sermons each evening were preached by Very Rev. Raymond Murphy, O. P., Prior of Dominican College, County Kildare. Black Abbey is the very oldest Church in Ireland in use for Catholic worship, having been founded in the year 1225 by the first disciples of St. Dominic.

Summer school was opened at Cambridge University in England on July 25th. The subject for study was the Mystery of the Incarnation. Several Dominican Fathers took an active part. Rev. Thomas Garde, Prior of the Dominican Church of St. Clement's in Rome gave a conference on the "Blessed Virgin Mary in the the Primitive Church," and Rev. Hugh Pope, a conference on the "Church of the Resurrection at Jerusalem."

The conferences of R. P. Janvier, O. P., at Notre Dame of Paris form a complete work of 25 volumes, a great monument of Catholic Moral Theology. Besides a French edition, there is one in Spanish; another edition in Italian already contains several volumes and will be completed in the near future. The first volumes of the German translation undertaken by Dom Bede Ludwig, a Benedictine, are ready for the press.

The Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, after an absence of twenty years, have returned to Chateau Thierry, France, where they were established in 1891 at Rouen.

Very Rev. Albert Lepidi, O. P., S. T. M., Master of the Sacred Palace since the time of Leo XIII, died in Rome on July 31.

The Church of St. Dominic of Sienna, in which the head of St. Catherine of Sienna is venerated, has been declared a Basilica by the Holy See. The seventh centenary of the foundation of this church is celebrated this year for it was founded shortly after the death of our Holy Father, St. Dominic.

A committee is being formed at Rome, of which His Eminence Cardinal Merry Del Val is to be president, for the purpose of having a monument erected in honor of St. Catherine of Sienna in the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.

After an absence of more than a century, our Order has again come into possession of the Church of St. Agnes of Montepulciano where the body of this saint reposes. This Church has been under the care of the Dominican Fathers of the Congregation of St. Mark.

SISTERS' CHRONICLE**Convent of St. Dominic (Blauvelt, N. Y.)**

Two of the Sisters of St. Dominic's Convent have passed to their eternal reward. Sister M. Sylvester Murphy, O. S. D., died on May 21st, and Sister M. Carmelita Grace, O. S. D., died on June 5th. R. I. P.

At the close of a retreat, conducted by Rev. F. D. McShane, O. P., eleven novices were clothed in the holy habit. Rev. G. L. Whalen, O. P., presided at the investiture and preached an inspiring sermon on the religious life.

A third retreat, from August 10th to 17th, was given by Rev. R. P. Cahill, O. P., and closed with renewal of vows. Rev. M. S. Welsh, O. P., opened the last of the summer retreats on August 23rd, and at its close, on the feast of St. Rose of Lima, a number of Sisters pronounced final vows.

The summer session was very successful this year. Assisting the Sisters of the staff were Miss Agnes Leibell, M. A., and Miss Rose McQuade, M. A.

His Eminence, Cardinal Hayes, visited Blauvelt on June 13th, and confirmed over two hundred children. A new artesian well, 405 feet deep, was blessed, and the Sisters enjoyed a spiritual talk.

Rosary Hill Home (Hawthorne, N. Y.)

His Eminence, Cardinal Hayes, has approved the plans for building a new Rosary Hill Home, at Hawthorne. The building will be of fireproof material in Spanish mission style, and will supplant the old wooden house. The architects chosen for the work are Messrs. McKim, Mead & White.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary (West Hoboken, N. J.)

In preparation for the feast of St. Dominic, a novena, offered for the success of the foreign mission work, was held at the Monastery. On the feast, August 4th, a solemn high Mass was sung by a Franciscan Father.

At the earnest request of the men Tertiaries, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese and the Very Rev. Father Provincial have granted permission for the wearing of the habit at all future meetings by all the professed members of the Third Order.

St. Mary of the Springs (East Columbus, Ohio)

The College of St. Mary of the Springs has successfully completed its first year. It has been granted its State Charter to confer degrees, and as a result of State and University examination of courses, teaching, etc., it has obtained official recognition of the courses taught. Thirty-two students received instruction in the College last year.

Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn., conducted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, will be formally opened the last week of September. The new College is situated on a magnificent estate in a beautiful section of the city. The College enjoys the advantage of having as members of its faculty some of the professors of Yale University.

The new parochial school of St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, Ohio, of which Rev. P. Maher, O. P., is pastor, will be opened this fall, under the charge of the Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs.

Three summer school courses were conducted at St. Mary of the Springs by professors from Ohio State University and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

St. Catharine's Academy (Springfield, Kentucky)

On Saturday, June 20th, a high Mass of requiem was sung in the chapel of the Convent of St. Catharine for the repose of the soul of the Rev. M. J. Kennedy, O. P., in grateful remembrance of his ministrations while chaplain at the Convent.

The annual summer school for the Dominican Sisters was opened, on June 18th, at St. Catharine's. The college work was directed by the Rev. J. J. Welsh, O. P., S. T. Lr.

In June, eight young ladies, who had just completed the normal course at St. Catharine's, received teachers' certificates issued by the State Board of Education.

The retreat for reception and profession was conducted by Rev. E. A. Baxter, O. P.

Dominican Sisters (Caldwell, N. J.)

Rev. Mother M. Mechtilde, O. S. D., Mother Provincial of the Western Province of Dominican Sisters whose Mother House is in Caldwell, N. J., celebrated her Golden Jubilee April 3rd, in Akron, Ohio. Solemn high Mass was celebrated in St. Bernard's Church by Rev. Dr. F. J. Zwierlein of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., assisted by Rev. F. S. Braering, deacon, Rev. S. J. Palm, subdeacon, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. O'Leary, master of ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Smith of Cleveland.

Mother M. Mechtilde was born in Cincinnati, January 27, 1859, and entered the Dominican Sisterhood when only fourteen years old. In 1894, she was elected General Superior of the New Jersey community, which office she held for eighteen years. During this period, she established many missions in Ohio and New Jersey. In August, 1923, Mother M. Mechtilde, as Mother Provincial, opened the new province in Ohio.

A special jubilee program was held at the Mother House, Caldwell, N. J., for Mother M. Mechtilde.

Corpus Christi House (Duluth, Minnesota)

Two Sisters, from Corpus Christi House, have joined those already working in Oklahoma City.

Sister Anne Mary, O. S. D., the local Superior, has contributed a series of articles to the "Catholic Charities Review" on the "Training of the Delinquent Girl." A paper by her on "The Work of a Rural Religious Community" appeared in the July issue of "Catholic Rural Life."

The Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., D. D., administrator of the diocese of Duluth, visited Corpus Christi House on June 30th.

Sacred Heart Convent (Galveston, Texas)

Plans are being formulated for a new novitiate house to be built in Houston. The building will cost \$150,000, and has a tract of twenty six acres surrounding it.

After the first retreat held in June, six Sisters left for De Paul University and four Sisters left for the Conservatory of Music at Chicago; two went to California to study Art and Music, and a large number left to attend Texas University at Austin, Texas.

At the close of the retreat which opened August 6th, two former pupils, Sister M. Xavier, O. S. D., and Sister Barbara, O. S. D., made their first profession, and Sister M. Theodosius, O. S. D., Sister M. Vincent, O. S. D., and Sister Anita, O. S. D., pronounced their final vows.

The Golden Jubilee of Sister M. Louise, O. S. D., and Sister M. Joseph, O. S. D., will be celebrated on the eighth of December. The jubilarians are the pioneer Sisters belonging to the band of twenty who established a boarding and day academy in Galveston in 1882.

Another St. Agnes Academy pupil carried off the State prize in the Chemical Contest again this year.

Sacred Heart Academy received several more credits from the State Department of Education, and Beaumont High School was accredited in nine subjects.

Congregation of St. Catherine Di Ricci (Albany, New York)

At the close of a triduum given by Rev. Vincent G. Cleary, O. P., the Dominican Sisters welcomed into their midst two novices, Miss Margaret Kelly of Williamsport, Pa., known in religion as Sister Mary di Lourdes, and Miss Mary O'Brien of Jersey City, N. J., known in religion as Sister Mary Martha. Father Cleary, delegated by the Rt. Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany, presided at the investiture.

Holy Rosary Hospital (Ontario, Oregon)

Mother M. Catherine, O. S. D., accompanied by Sister M. Peter, O. S. D., left for Portland, Oregon.

The annual retreat was held from June 14th to 22nd.

Congregation of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (San Rafael, Calif.)

On July 8th, His Grace, the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, celebrated the first Mass offered in the chapel of the new infirmary cottage, "Nazareth," recently acquired at San Rafael.

Plans have been drawn for a new building with complete modern equipment, to be used in place of the old St. Raphael's parochial school. It is hoped that the new school will be ready for the autumn term.

The community mourns the loss of Sister Mary of the Blessed Sacrament, O. S. D., who died at San Francisco in the thirteenth year of her profession, and of Sister Mary Camilla Cole, O. S. D., who died at San Rafael in the forty-seventh year of her profession. R. I. P.

The first annual retreat given for the Sisters at San Rafael by the Very Rev. A. L. McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., the Western Provincial, ended with the ceremony of clothing and profession. Seven postulants received the habit, and four novices made their final profession.

The summer school, held for the Sisters at San Rafael, closed on July 31st. Courses were given in education, science, moral philosophy, language, literature and music.

Sacred Heart Convent, Marywood (Grand Rapids, Michigan)

Under the direction of Mr. Arthur W. Van Eltinge, a normal course in music was conducted at Marywood by the Art Publication Society, beginning June 29 and closing July 17. About 150 students were enrolled.

The summer school opened on June 29th and closed August 1st. 200 Sisters were in attendance; 106 received State life certificates, while many others received degrees and life certificates at the State Normal, University of Notre Dame, and De Paul University.

The latest foundation made from Marywood is the mission house in Penasco, New Mexico. Four Sisters left for this new mission on July 20th.

Maynard Sullivan, pupil of Boys' Catholic Central High School, won the first prize of \$500.00 offered by The Michigan Trust Co., for the best essay on "Investments." This school is conducted by the Dominican Sisters.

Among the speakers at the lecture course given at Marywood were the Rev. Thomas a'Kempis Reilly, O. P., S. T. Lr., Rev. Charles D. White, D. D., Rev. A. M. Fitzpatrick, D. D., Rev. Joseph J. Vogl, and Rev. Leo Farquharson.

Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary (Mission San Jose, Calif.)

On August 3rd, the General Chapter of the Congregation was convoked for the purpose of electing a successor to Mother Pia, O. S. D., foundress and first Prioress General of the Congregation, who died on February 8th. Under the presidency of the Most Reverend Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco, the Chapter elected Mother Seraphina, O. S. D.

On May 5th, the ceremonies of reception and profession took place, at which the Very Rev. A. L. McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., presided.

Rev. Stanislaus McDermott, O. P., gave a very successful retreat for young ladies at the convent from June 25th to 29th.

The annual retreats for the Sisters were given by Rev. Fathers Connolly, O. P., and McDermott, O. P.