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## ORDINATION DAY

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EVERY student patiently awaits the actual beginning of his career. Long years of study and application, yet crowded with happy memories, have brought him to graduation day. What that event is to the average student, in a higher degree, the day of ordination is to the student for the priesthood. For a score or more of years he has been applying himself to spiritual and intellectual advancement. Now, as the Dominican Constitutions so fittingly express it, he is "to give to others" the fruit of his labors.

During long years of study he has lived in close contact with classmates of various temperaments and mental attainments. The knowledge acquired from this association will prove inestimable in judging diverse characters and appreciating the various intellectual gifts of those among whom he may be placed. Aided by grace he has learned patience, kindness and the rare trait of thoughtfulness. Thus the young priest enters upon his sacerdotal life with marked advantages that should carry him a long way on the road to success. Trained in discipline, he goes forth prepared for rebuff or rebuke. Imbued with a sincere love for the Church, her Sacraments and practices, he seeks, by example and eloquence, to increase the love for the Faith in the hearts of the faithful. To those not of his belief he hopes to help bring the priceless gift of knowledge of the true Church.

He will be a father to the poor, a counsellor to the wayward; he will bring solace to the sick and consolation to the afflicted; he will become "all things to all men," that he may win all and thus be the instrument of their eternal salvation.

Such is the future work that stretches ahead for the sixteen Dominican students ordained on Friday, June 4th, by Archbishop Curley in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C. These young men were: Revs. John McGovern, Zanesville, Ohio; Charles Gainor, Harrisburg, Pa.; Richard King, Washington, D. C.; Albert Drexelius, Buffalo, N. Y.; Anthony Foley, New Haven, Conn.; George Kinsella, New Haven, Conn.; Basil Sheehan, New York City; Andrew Nowlen, New York City; Gerald Corbett, Columbus, Ohio; Martin Shea, Memphis, Tenn.; William Roach, Fon du Lac, Wis.; Philip Archdeacon, County Cork, Ireland; Christopher Perrotta, New York City; Henry Barthelemy, Sauk Rapids, Minn.; Edmund Rocks, Providence, R. I.; and Sebastian Gillespie, Minneapolis, Minn.

Student days are essentially happy ones. It has been said that they are among the happiest in the life of a priest. Certainly he carries away from the seminary or house of studies fond recollections of joyful occasions and happy events that have lightened the burden of study and given impetus to fresh activity. While the students of the House of Studies, therefore, extend sincere good wishes to the Class of 1926 for a long life of fruitful labors for the Church and the Order, they likewise hope that in the years ahead memories of pleasant hours spent together may be the source of fond recollections and an inspiration to renewed endeavor.