



CLOISTER + CHRONICLE



ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

The Fathers and Novices of the Province offer their heartfelt sympathy to Rev. P. C. Perrotta, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., on the death of his mother.

The Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, D. D., Bishop of Detroit, celebrated the Mass at the completion of the annual retreat of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Detroit Diocese, December 21, held at St. Dominic's Church.

At the general meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hibernians, Minneapolis, Minn., February 4, Very Rev. E. J. O'Toole, O. P., was the speaker. Father O'Toole addressed the Hennepin Council, Knights of Columbus, Feb. 27.

The fiftieth anniversary of the first Mass offered in the parish of the Holy Rosary, Minneapolis, will be observed June 10 and 11. His Grace, Archbishop Austin Dowling, D. D., is to preside and preach the sermon at the Solemn Mass, Sunday, June 10.

During Lent, the Dramatic Society of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City, is putting on the Passion Play, *On the Slopes of Calvary*.

Professor Pietro Yon conducted an Organ Recital and Concert in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City, Sunday, January 15. The proceeds have been given for the tomb of St. Dominic, Bologna.

A new altar has been erected in the Holy Name Chapel of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church.

His Lordship, Thomas C. O'Reilly, D. D., Bishop of Scranton, was the guest of the Fathers of St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York.

The mission at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church during February was conducted by Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O. P., P. G., and Revs. T. F. Conlon, O. P., and W. C. Kelly, O. P.

At the annual banquet of the La Salle Academy Alumni Association, Providence, R. I., Very Rev. L. C. McCarthy, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., was one of the principal speakers.

The foundation of the addition to Providence College has been laid and by September the building will be ready for occupancy. In addition to the auditorium, library and laboratory, there will be seven classrooms and fourteen living rooms for professors.

A Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Cardinal Bonzano was celebrated in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Detroit. Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O. P., preached the eulogy. Seven hundred school children, delegates of the parochial schools of the diocese, received Holy Communion.

The two weeks' mission in the Church of St. Philomena, Denver, Colorado, January 11-29, was conducted by Revs. W. D. Sullivan, O. P., and C. M. Mulvey, O. P. Father Sullivan gave a week's mission in the Dominican churches at Hammond and Ponchatoula, La., February 5-19. He also was master of the retreat for the Holy Name Society of St. Paul's Church, Birmingham, Ala., February 23-26.

The Dominican parish of St. Thomas Aquinas, recently established at Cincinnati, Ohio, was the scene of a three weeks' mission, January 8-29, under the direction of Rev. H. L. Martin, O. P. The mission in the Church of Our Lord, Christ the King, February 19-29, was also given by Father Martin.

The retreat for the high school students of Sacred Heart Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., was given by Rev. J. B. Hughes, O. P., February 1-3. Father Hughes, with Fathers Mulvey and Martin, delivered a two weeks' mission, February 26-March 11, in the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The three weeks' mission in the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia, Pa., February 5-26, was directed by Fathers Burnell, Eckert, Sheil and Haverty.

Very Rev. R. P. Cahill, O. P., P. G., Revs. R. F. Larpenteur, O. P., and W. R. Bonniwell, O. P., preached the two weeks' mission, February 26-March 11, in the Church of the Assumption, Detroit, Mich. Father Cahill conducted the retreat for the Sisters of Mercy, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 28-January 1.

Revs V. R. Burnell, O. P., and H. L. Martin, O. P., were in charge of the mission in St. Dominic's, Denver, Colo., December 4-18. Fathers Burnell, Cahill, Martin and Hughes assisted on the mission, January 15-February 8, in St. Dominic's Church, Detroit. Father Burnell and Father Sullivan delivered the two weeks' mission in St. Jerome's Church, Cleveland, Ohio, February 26-March 11.

A series of talks on "Great Personalities" was delivered over the Paulist Radio, Station WLWL, by Dominican Fathers.

The sermon at the Holy Name Rally in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Columbus, Ohio, New Year's Day, was preached by Rev. V. R. Burnell, O. P. Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley, D. D., Bishop of Columbus, was seated in the sanctuary, and a large number of priests and laymen were present. Father Burnell was master of the annual retreat for the Holy Name Society of St. Louis Bertrand's Church, Louisville, January 4-8.

The retreat for the students of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., December 4-8, was under the direction of Rev. W. R. Bonniwell, O. P.

Dominican missionaries of the Southern Mission Band will give missions during Lent in Sacred Heart Church, Dayton, Ohio; St. Bernard's Church, Akron, Ohio; St. Mary's Church, Piqua, Ohio; St. Paul's Church, Morgantown, W. Va.; St. Mary's Church, Royal Oak, Mich.; and St. Thomas' Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. Retreats will be given in St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tenn.; St. Elizabeth's Church, Detroit, Mich.; and St. Michael's Church, Flint, Mich.

Rev. Bro. Andrew O'Donnell, O. P., received the diaconate at the hands of the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D. D., at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, November 28.

Four sodalities have been erected for the youth of St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, Ohio. The little boys have been enrolled in the St. Thomas Sodality; the little girls into the Blessed Imelda Society; the young ladies into the St. Rose Circle under the protection of Our Blessed Lady; and the young men into the Junior Holy Name Society.

A triduum for the women of St. Dominic's parish, Youngstown, Ohio, was conducted by the pastor, Father Scholz, in February. The Rosary-Altar Society, as a result of it, increased its membership from two hundred to three hundred twenty-eight, giving the parish one hundred percent membership. The society has done much for the spiritual and material welfare of the parish during the past year. It has been actively engaged in the relief work for the miners of the state.

The attendance at the weekly Holy Hour at St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, Ohio, increased each week, including people from all parts of the city and nearby towns. On the nights of the devotion, suburban cars have orders to stop at the church street.

Revs. Gregory Scholz, O. P., and Cyril Therres, O. P., of St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, Ohio, attended the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. O'Reilly, D. D., as Bishop of Scranton, Pa., Diocese.

The special Sunday evening discourses being delivered by the Fathers of St. Dominic's Church are attracting large crowds.

A course of instructions was given to the students of Villa Maria, Lawrence County, Pa., during the month of November by Rev. Gregory Scholz, O. P.

A triduum for the men of St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, is to be conducted by the pastor, March 11-13. The object of this triduum is to re-establish the Holy Name Society in the parish and to enroll every man. The Blessed Virgin's Sodality has in its membership almost every unmarried lady of the parish.

At the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., read a paper on "The Place of Authority in St. Thomas." Father Smith was elected to the executive council for a three-year term.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of Roger Kearney, brother of the late Very Rev. Lawrence Francis Kearney, O. P., ex-Provincial. The funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, Lexington, Ky., January 23. Rev. J. P. Roach, O. P., sang the Solemn Requiem Mass, assisted by Rev. C. C. McGonagle, O. P., and Very Rev. R. G. Lyons, O. P., as deacon and subdeacon respectively. Very Rev. F. D. McShane, O. P., S. T. Lr., delivered the sermon. The Very Rev. J. P. Aldridge, O. P., S. T. M., prior of St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Ky., Very Rev. F. B. Gorman, O. P., prior of St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, and Rev. J. J. Kennedy, O. P., of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Cincinnati, were also present.

On December 11 and 12, Holy Trinity Parish of Somerset, Ohio, celebrated the centenary of its dedication, which took place on October 28, 1827. His Lordship, Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley, D. D., Bishop of Columbus, Ohio, graced the occasion with his presence. Perry County, in which the village of Somerset is located, has the honor of being "The Cradle of Catholicity in Ohio," and here for more than a hundred years the Dominicans have labored. On Sunday, December 11, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., LL. D., assisted by Rev. C. C. McGonagle,

O. P., deacon, and Very Rev. J. R. Caien, O. P., subdeacon. The sermon was delivered by Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M. In the evening Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by Rev. R. J. Meaney, O. P., assisted by Revs. Albert O'Brien, O. P., and J. D. Walsh, O. P., as deacon and subdeacon respectively. Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G., preached the sermon. On Monday, a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Kircher, O. P., assisted by Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., as deacon, and Rev. W. A. Marchant, O. P., as subdeacon. The sermon on the occasion was given by Very Rev. R. P. Cahill, O. P., P. G. In addition to those named above, more than thirty Dominicans and many secular priests were present from surrounding towns. Mother Stephanie, O. S. D., Mother General of St. Mary of the Springs' community, and twenty Dominican Sisters were in attendance.

HOLY NAME PROVINCE

On February 19, His Grace, E. J. Hanna, D. D., Archbishop of San Francisco, formally dedicated the new St. Dominic's Church of that city. The Solemn Mass was sung by Very Rev. P. M. Driscoll, O. P., Provincial, assisted by Very Rev. A. L. McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., ex-provincial, as deacon, and Rev. J. B. O'Connor, O. P., subdeacon. Archbishop Hanna delivered the sermon. Special Gregorian music was rendered by a choir of one hundred and twenty-five men and boys, under the direction of Rev. E. Boyle. A large number of visiting priests and Religious were in attendance.

Rev. Sebastian Owens, O. P., of the Argentine Province, is preaching the Lenten course in the Dominican Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Antioch, California.

On January 17, Bro. Joseph Walsh, O. P., lay-brother, made solemn profession into the hands of Very Rev. V. C. Lamb, O. P., prior of the House of Studies, Benicia, Calif., changing his name to Francis. On February 26, Albert Perazzo was given the habit of a Dominican lay-brother by Father Lamb. He will be known as Bro. Albert.

FOREIGN PROVINCES

On December 20, the Dominican convent at Havre celebrated the centenary of the birth of the Very Rev. J. M. Monsabre, who for twenty years had occupied the pulpit of Notre Dame in Paris. At the Solemn Requiem Mass, the Very Rev. Father Janvier, O. P., successor to Pere Monsabre as Notre Dame preacher, delivered the eulogy. Father Monsabre died in 1907. His eloquence, theological knowledge and apostolic zeal show forth in his *Exposition of Catholic Dogma*. Chesnelong said of him, "never was the Church so attacked; but perhaps never was she so ably defended."

Rev. L. M. Perque, O. P., has been invited to give a series of lectures on sociology at the University of Oxford.

The Holy Father has been presented with a number of manuscripts and rare Syro-Chaldean works, as well as many other ancient works of great value, by the Very Rev. J. M. Voste, O. P., professor of Sacred Scripture, at the Collegio Angelico. These works are destined for the Vatican Library.

The Province of Paris has suffered the loss of three eminent members in the last year: Rev. Fathers Barges, Vuillermet, chevalier of the Legion of Honor and with the Croix de Guerre, was a veritable apostle of the home and youth, and his conferences of twenty years at the Church of St. Maurice, Lille,

together with his many writings, have done much for the Church. Father Eisenmenger was director of the *L'Anne Dominicaine*.

On November 7, Bro. Thomas Cadieux, O. P., lay-brother at the Convent of St. Anne, Fall River, died in the twenty-ninth year of his profession. For twenty years he had been sacristan at the church. Seated in the sanctuary was the Rt. Rev. D. F. Feehan, D. D., Bishop of Fall River. The church was filled with representatives of religious communities and with parishioners. May he rest in peace.

The Very Rev. H. Vincent, O. P., has been named national correspondent of the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres.

Sermons were preached in the churches of Cologne, on November 13, for the purpose of stimulating devotion to Blessed Albert the Great and forwarding the cause of his canonization. This day was one of four, November 13-16, devoted to solemn commemoration of the Blessed. The Union of Catholic Academies in its last congress drew up a petition for his canonization and sent Doctor Scheeben to Rome as delegate. That the raising of Blessed Albert to the altars of the Church will soon take place, is the fervent wish of the Union.

A statue of Blessed Albert has been placed in the Hall of Honor in the German Museum in Munich. This hall is devoted to men illustrious in the natural sciences and the statue of the Blessed is one of six in it.

The Very Rev. Louis Ferretti, O. P., S. T. M., professor of history of religious art and member of the Roman School of the Beaux Arts, has been named Bishop of Colle di Val d'Els, Florence.

The Catholic Theatrical Union, composed of French actors, has been organized with His Eminence Cardinal Dubois as protector, and Paul Claudel, Ambassador to the United States, as honorary president. Very Rev. Father Gillet, O. P., is spiritual director.

At the invitation of Bishop Fabregues of Pekin, the Dominicans have taken over two colleges in that city.

His Eminence Andrew Cardinal Fruhwirth, O. P., was nominated Chancellor of the Holy Roman Church in a private Consistory, December 19. While Cardinal Fruhwirth has been in office since the death of Cardinal Azevedo, this appointment must be made in a Consistory, and so the Holy Father appointed him at the Consistory on December 19. His Eminence took for his titular church, St. Lawrence in Damasus, the traditional church of the Chancellor.

The Rt. Rev. Ambrose Luddi, O. P., D. D., Bishop of Assisi, has been named Titular Bishop of Troy.

On December 14, an Apostolic Process on the virtues and specific miracles of Blessed Imelda, drawn up by the Bologna Curia, was shown to the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Already in the chancellery of the Sacred Congregation is another process on a wonder said to have been worked by the intercession of Blessed Imelda at Havana. Three miracles are required for the canonization of a Blessed; therefore, if it is possible to present in the very near future other processes of miracles, there is hope of the canonization of the little Blessed in a short time.

Announcement is made of the death of the Very Revs. Hyacinth Leca, O. P., S. T. M., and J. de Langen Wendels, O. P., S. T. M.

SISTERS' CHRONICLE

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary (Sinsinawa, Wis.)

Sister Mary Vincentia Williams died at St. Clara Infirmary on the 23rd of December, 1927, in the sixty-fourth year of her religious profession. The death of this venerable and exemplary religious was felt as a distinct loss, severing as it did a precious link with the historic past of the Congregation. As a pupil in St. Clara Academy, when it was first located at Benton, Wis., she knew the Very Reverend Founder, Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, O. P. Later she was one of his pioneer novices and Sisters and ever considered it one of the greatest privileges of her life to have received the habit at his hands. The Right Rev. John Martin Henni, D. D., the first Bishop of the Diocese of Milwaukee, presided at the ceremony of her profession. Sister Vincentia's long life in religion was spent in various missions in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Washington, D. C. About ten years ago she was obliged to give up active duty and retire to the motherhouse, where in her declining years she gave exemplification of every virtue becoming one grown old in the service of God. May her soul rest in peace.

Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic (Maryknoll, N. Y.)

Since the Maryknoll Sisters have taken over the direction of St. Paul's Hospital in Manila, they have been able to record a number of conversions due to their example and instruction. A recent conversion is especially noteworthy, since it is that of a Mohammedan, and converts from Islamism are very rare. The man had been deported from Singapore as a Filipino. When he reached the Philippine Islands, it was discovered that he was not a Filipino, but a Mohammedan. As he was gravely ill, he could not be sent away and was taken to St. Paul's Hospital, where the Sisters in the men's ward tried to prepare him for death by speaking to him of the truths of Christianity. Their efforts were apparently without result, but as the end grew near, he asked for Baptism. After his baptism by a Maryknoll Sister, he lived long enough to be anointed by Rev. Father Zillig, S. J. He died pronouncing the Name of Jesus.

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

One postulant was clothed in the habit and a novice pronounced her temporary vows in the chapel at Rosary Shrine on the 25th of January.

An unusually large gathering of pilgrims assembled in the chapel of the new basement on Sunday, the 5th of February to assist at the regular first Sunday devotions in honor of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. The many favors granted to Rosarians were read and surely inspired all present with great confidence in the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary (Union City, N. J.)

Rev. T. H. Sullivan, O. P., conducted the Christmas services in the Sisters' chapel and celebrated the midnight Mass. Father Sullivan also offered his two other Masses at the convent.

The death of Sister Mary of the Nativity occurred on the 31st of January in the thirtieth year of her religious profession. Rev. F. A. Fox, O. P., of Sacred Heart Parish, Jersey City, N. J., celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass and officiated at the funeral services on the 2nd of February. May her soul rest in peace.

Rev. Charles F. Christmas, O. P., presided and preached at the reception of Miss Catherine Tolle on the 12th of February.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary (Milwaukee, Wis.)

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception one postulant received the holy habit. Right Rev. Msgr. F. A. Rempe, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, officiated at the ceremony and delivered a very impressive sermon. Rev. J. D. Walsh, O. P., of the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., assisted Monsignor Rempe and presided at Compline.

Many relatives and friends of the community assisted at the midnight Mass on the Feast of the Nativity. The Holy Mass was offered for the community's benefactors by Rev. Nicholas Brust, Procurator of St. Francis Seminary.

The annual retreat was preached by Rev. Camillus Becker, O. M. Cap., from the 3rd to the 12th of February. At the close of the retreat, the ceremonies of temporary and perpetual profession took place at which the retreat master officiated and Rev. Francis O'Neil, O. P., Ph. D., preached. The large number of the faithful that attended the ceremony crowded the chapel to its capacity.

Mount St. Mary-on-the-Hudson (Newburgh, N. Y.)

Right Rev. John J. Dunn, D. D., V. G., Bishop Auxiliary of New York, visited the Greater Mount St. Mary on the 26th of December. His Lordship, the ecclesiastical superior of the Congregation, has manifested unflinching interest in the progress of the superb new structure since its inauguration on the 12th of November, 1926.

Hundreds of people of Newburgh and vicinity took advantage of the invitation extended to the public to visit the Mount and inspect the entire building, which includes a convent, chapel and high school for resident and day pupils. All visitors were impressed with the new foundation, which is Tudor-Gothic in design.

The first Mass in the Greater Mount was celebrated in the temporary chapel on the 6th of January, the First Friday of the New Year. The convent chapel, which was begun several months after the convent and school, will be completed in May. The interior of the chapel, the altars, shrines and stalls will be in harmony with the design of the building.

Congregation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Marywood, Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Sister Mary Aquino Peterson died on Sunday morning, January 15. May her soul rest in peace.

The Sisters and students of Marywood enjoyed a lecture on "St. Patrick's Garden" given by Mrs. Leo John Cleary on the 24th of January.

Dominican Sisters living in the vicinity of Grand Rapids assembled at St. Andrew's Cathedral School on February 11, for a Teacher' Institute. The program included a demonstration lesson in first grade reading and papers and discussions on the teaching of the elementary school subjects. The motivation of history was illustrated by an eighth grade history project and by a paper on the teaching of citizenship through problems. Later in February Dominican Sisters teaching in the Saginaw Valley held a similar institute at St. Mary's School, Saginaw.

The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the arrival of the Dominican Sisters in Michigan will be celebrated in May. Six members of the Congregation of the Holy Rosary, which at the time had its motherhouse in New York City,

initiated Dominican activities in Michigan in October, 1877. The commemoration of this event of fifty years ago will be simple and quiet.

St. Cecilia Academy (Nashville, Tenn.)

Mr. Donald Davidson, of the English department of Vanderbilt University, delivered a beneficial and entertaining lecture on "Poetry in Literature and Life" in the auditorium on the 6th of February. Mr. Davidson, who is fast winning recognition as one of the outstanding contemporary poets, illustrated his talk in an interesting manner by reading selections from a volume of his poems called *Tall Men*.

On March 5, the faculty and student body had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Louis H. Wetmore, former literary editor of the *New York Times*, deliver a lecture on "Heretics and Orthodox in Modern Literature." By a keen and scholarly analysis of his subject, Mr. Wetmore made the lecture one of unusual interest.

The Right Rev. Alphonse J. Smith, D. D., Bishop of Nashville, presided at the reception of six young ladies on the 4th of March. His Lordship was assisted by a number of local clergymen. The postulants who received the habit were: Miss Elizabeth Hennenfent, Monmouth, Ill. (Sister Alphonse), Miss Bertha Lynch, Phoebus, Va. (Sister Cecilia), Miss Lucile Temme, Nashville, Tenn. (Sister Mary Clement), Miss Elizabeth Anne Gobel, Nashville, Tenn. (Sister Dominica), Miss Delia Brew, Nashville, Tenn. (Sister Cornelia), and Miss Gertrude Roesslein, Chattanooga, Tenn. (Sister Louise Marie).

The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas marked the first profession of Sister Bonaventure Pohil, Sister Augusta Massa, Sister M. Vincent Rogan and Sister Agnes Clare Neuhoff.

Mount St. Dominic (Caldwell, N. J.)

The annual retreat for the community was preached by Rev. J. L. Finnerty, O. P., from the 26th of December to the 1st of January.

An illustrated lecture on St. Cecilia was given on February 7, by Rev. F. J. Zwierlein, D. Sc. M. H. (Louvain), professor of history at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

On the 13th of February, the Right Rev. Msgr. John A. Duffy, S. T. D., Administrator of the Diocese of Newark, dedicated the new chapel of the Villa of the Sacred Heart. The addition also provides a dining room and private rooms for guests and retreatants.

Jeanne D'Arc, a play arranged by one of the Sisters of the community, was produced recently by the pupils of the academy in Mercedes Hall, and at the request of patrons was repeated in St. Joseph's Hall, Union City, N. J.

St. Joseph's College and Academy (Adrian, Mich.)

Sister M. Alberta celebrated her Golden Jubilee at the motherhouse on the 27th of December. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Vincent Kienberger, O. P., of St. Dominic's Church, Detroit. The jubilarian was honored by a letter of congratulation from Right Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, D. D., Bishop of Detroit. A large number of priests and Sisters were present for the celebration.

The semi-annual reception was held on December 29, at which twenty-three young ladies received the holy habit. Right Rev. Francis J. Van Antwerp,

P. A., D. D., LL. D., a Vicar General of the diocese, was delegated to preside at the ceremony in place of the Bishop, who was unable to attend. Monsignor Van Antwerp preached an eloquent sermon.

A Sister of the community, writing under the pen-name, Eileen Roche, won the unique distinction of carrying off both the first and fifth prizes in the National Short Story Contest sponsored by the Grimes Syndicate of Washington, D. C., which furnishes material for some three hundred Catholic newspapers and magazines in the United States. The winning stories were entitled *Minus the Velvet Glove* and *The Bishop's Dinner*.

An enthusiastic delegation of students represented St. Joseph's College and Academy at the Student School of Spiritual Leadership conducted by Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., at the University of Detroit from the 3rd to the 5th of February. Father Lord announced that the percentage of daily communicants at St. Joseph's exceeded all the records he had ever received. The school's average was ninety per cent.

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

At the request of Rev. J. D. O'Brien, O. P., the Sisters have taken charge of the catechism classes of St. Mary Magdalene's Parish, Berkeley, Calif. Owing to the zealous efforts of Father O'Brien, the pastor, the number of children is continually increasing. The present attendance is one hundred and fifty.

Two Sisters pronounced their final vows during the month of November. One novice made her first profession on the Feast of Holy Innocents.

His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, granted a private audience to Rev. Mother Seraphina, Prioress General of the Congregation, and her secretary, Sister M. Bernardina, on the 6th of December. The Holy Father sent his blessing to all the Sisters of the Congregation. Mother Seraphina and Sister Bernardina were present also at the Consistory held at Rome on the 22nd of December.

The Most Rev. Pedro y Vera, D. D., Archbishop of Pueblo, Mexico, accompanied by his secretary, Rev. Father Freiria, and Right Rev. Luis Altamirano Bulnes, D. D., Bishop of Jusuapan de Leon, Mexico, visited the motherhouse on the 6th of January. The prelates and the Reverend Father celebrated Mass in the convent chapel the next morning.

Rev. Patrick O'Neill, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Mill Valley, is conducting a course of Greek for the Sisters.

Congregation of St. Mary (New Orleans, La.)

The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at its recent session held in Jacksonville, Florida, accredited St. Mary's College and High School with full approbation. Dr. Lyons of Inham University and Inspector Lombard of the State University at Baton Rouge also favored the institution by commending its educational system. A further honor has been conferred on St. Mary's by the selection of the Sisters of the faculty as chairmen for the Advisory and Geography Committee and as members of other committees now revising the curriculum for the parochial schools of the archdiocese.

The following were the prominent activities that took place in the college auditorium during the winter months. An instructive and beneficial lecture on "Diseases of the Bones" was delivered by Dr. Gelpi of the State Medical Board. The Dramatic Society successfully presented the play *The Twig of Thorns* for

the benefit of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. M. Jacques-Jolas, the French-American pianist, gave a pleasing recital while on his southern concert tour.

The Sisters of the Congregation mourn the loss of their oldest and beloved member, Sister Mary Felix Reilly, who died lately in the ninety-first year of her age and in the sixty-seventh year of her religious profession. Sister Felix was one of the second band of Dominican Sisters that came to the United States in 1867. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord!

Along with the regular course in liturgical chant, which was begun at the opening of the school year, the Sisters now have the advantage of monthly supplementary lectures, conducted by the Reverend Cantor of the Dominican House of Studies, Ponchatoula, La., who recently returned from the Collegio Angelico, Rome.

Very Rev. Father Bonaventure Paredes, Master General of the Order of Preachers, honored the community with an autographed greeting for the New Year, accompanied with his blessing.

Congregation of the Holy Cross (Brooklyn, N. Y.)

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Divine Lord was observed at Queen of the Rosary Convent, Amityville, N. Y., the novitiate of the Congregation, by the solemn chanting of Matins before the midnight Mass and by the celebration of High Mass on Christmas morning by Very Rev. C. M. Thunte, O. P., P. G., who preached an inspiring sermon. The novices and postulants brought joy to the aged at St. Catherine's Infirmary, when they visited the institution and sang Christmas hymns during the Mass.

A Golden Jubilee celebration took place at the novitiate after the Christmas holidays, when Mother Mary Cajetan, O. P., and Mother Mary Hilaria, O. P., observed the fiftieth anniversary of their holy profession. Right Rev. Msgr. George Hauptert, Vicar General of the Brooklyn Diocese, was celebrant at the Solemn High Mass, assisted by Rev. Geo. Sander and Rev. John Naab. Rev. Joseph M. Eckert, O. P., Rev. Jules Guibbert and Very Rev. Father Thunte, O. P., who preached the sermon for the occasion, were seated in the sanctuary during the Mass. Over two hundred friends of the jubilarians were present for the celebration.

A retreat was recently conducted at St. Joseph's, Sullivan County, under the direction of Father Thunte for the Sisters of the community, who were unable to make the annual retreat during the summer.

The news of the sudden and grave illness of Right Rev. Msgr. John L. Belford came as a shock to the novitiate where the Monsignor had been giving a series of lectures. During his absence, Rev. Jules Guibbert, chaplain of the convent, has been giving the conferences.

On the 11th of February, Mother M. Charitas Harth was elected Prioress General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross to succeed the late Mother Augustine Fleck, who died on the 22nd of November. The election was made at an extraordinary chapter convoked at the Holy Cross Convent, Brooklyn, New York.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary (Syracuse, N. Y.)

The regular monthly pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary held during the first days of December, January and February were very well

attended in spite of inclement weather. Rev. Joseph F. Ellis, chaplain at the Shrine, conducted the exercises of the January pilgrimage and preached on the Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Seven hundred pilgrims were present for the devotion on the first Sunday of February. The singing of the hymn in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes by the entire assembly was an edifying feature of this pilgrimage.

Sunday, the 18th of December, a retreat for the members of St. Louis Bertrand Chapter of the Third Order of St. Dominic was preached by Father Ellis. Many tertiaries availed themselves of the opportunities of grace during the exercises.

A successful novena in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity opened at the Shrine on the 16th of December and closed at the midnight Mass on Christmas.

Rev. R. Burke, O. P., conducted the exercises of a ten days' retreat, which opened for the community on the 14th of January. Father Burke also addressed the tertiaries at their meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month.

A novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes was preached by the chaplain from the 3rd to the 11th of February. The Mass of the feast was offered for the intentions of those making the novena. The novena was attended by one of the largest gatherings since the erection of the Shrine.

Immaculate Conception Convent (Great Bend, Kansas)

The joint celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the foundation of the Dominican Sisters in the Diocese of Wichita and the dedication of the new wing of St. Rose Hospital, held on the 25th of November, marks a memorable day in the history of the Dominican Sisters established at Great Bend, Kansas. Hundreds attended the morning services conducted at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception by the Right Rev. Augustus J. Schwertner, D. D., Bishop of Wichita. His Lordship assisted at the Solemn Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Stephen Hermans of Ellinwood, assisted by Rev. Egbert Hall, O. S. B., of Atchison and Rev. J. J. Steines of Sharon. Rev. Maurice Reidy of Great Bend and Rev. John Butler of Seward acted as Masters of Ceremonies. Bishop Schwertner preached the address for the double occasion in which he paid an impressive tribute to Christian womanhood and especially to the mission of the Sisterhood in the history of the Church. He praised the work of the Sisters of the community of Great Bend for their successful labors in his diocese for the past twenty-five years stating that their success was due to their unified, faithful and zealous human efforts enriched and blessed by God because of their prayerful lives. At the conclusion of the Holy Sacrifice, the Bishop dedicated the addition to the hospital passing through and blessing each room. A dinner was served by the Sisters to the reverend clergy and the hospital's staff after the dedication ceremonies.

About two thousand visitors took advantage of the invitation extended to the public to visit the hospital and inspect its modern equipment. The handsome furniture of the priest's apartment was given to the community by His Lordship as a jubilee gift. Rev. M. J. Reidy, spiritual director of the Sisters, donated the magnificent marble altar.

The little band of pioneer Sisters that established itself at Great Bend twenty-five years ago has developed into a flourishing community. At present the Congregation numbers seventy Sisters, sixteen novices and twelve postulants. Besides conducting schools in the diocese, the Sisters manage St. Rose Hospital, now one of the largest and best equipped hospitals in the West. The community are grateful to all who helped to make the double celebration a success and especially to the Bishop of the Diocese, who has ever watched over the Congregation with fatherly and generous interest.