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“You have not chosen Me: but I have chosen you.” These words appear in St. John’s narrative of Our Blessed Saviour’s farewell discourse to His disciples. They were uttered immediately after the Last Supper wherein Christ instituted the Sacrament of His Love and conferred on His Apostles that ineffable power to perpetuate in time the Sacrifice of the Cross; hence their significance is of peculiar importance on this auspicious occasion.

That man, howsoever exalted his station in life, should aspire to the sublime dignity of participating in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, is almost inconceivable. The tremendous powers, the terrifying responsibilities of the priestly office should overwhelm mere natural ambition, for the priest has an office denied to the angels of Heaven. How then is Christ’s priesthood perpetuated on earth? St. Paul tells us: “Neither doth any man take the honor to himself, but he that is called by God, as Aaron was.” That is why, year after year, increasing numbers of young men present themselves before the successors of the Apostles and assume obligations impossible of fulfillment by natural powers alone—because Christ has called them.

On June 21, fourteen sons of St. Dominic will respond to the call of the Master, and by the hands of Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, D. D., Archbishop of Baltimore, will be raised to the holy priesthood. The candidates are Reverend Brothers Antoninus Brady, Newark, N. J.; Vincent Lanctot, Harbor Springs, Mich.; Francis Vollmer, Minneapolis, Minn.; Peter Bachand, Providence, R. I.; Augustine Skehan, New York City; Jerome Dewdney, Providence, R. I.; Bartholomew McGwin, Providence, R. I.; Cyril Dore, New Haven, Conn.; Joachim Bauer, Crystal Falls, Mich.; Hugh Hartnett, Buffalo, N. Y.; Louis Kelly, Minneapolis, Minn.; Celestine Rooney, Charlestown, Mass.; Dalmatius Marrin, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Andrew O’Donnell, Minneapolis, Minn. On this, their day of days, they will not be unmindful of their debt of gratitude to the many generous benefactors whose sacrifices have made possible the attainment of their sacred calling.

To their fellow-students of many happy years the Students of the House of Studies offer their hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes. And with the prayer that the labors of the newly chosen ones will be blessed with abundant fruit in the service of the Great Master, may the glorious achievements of their white-clad brethren who have gone before them prove an inspiration to new and continued endeavors.