ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

With this issue a new staff undertakes the editing of DOMINICANA. The magazine has been, for the past two years, in the hands of a highly capable and zealous organization composed of Bro. Bernard Walker, O. P., Editor; Bro. Matthew Hanley, O. P., Associate Editor; Bro. Nicholas Walsh, O. P., Literary Editor; Bro. Leo Carolan, O. P., Chronicler for St. Joseph’s, Holy Name, and Foreign Provinces; Bro. Jordan Dillon, O. P., Chronicler for Dominican Sisterhoods; and Bro. Berchmans Affleck, O. P., Circulation Manager. We do not hesitate to say that under their management DOMINICANA has continued its steady growth and attained to a very high standard of excellence. On behalf of their brother Theological Students we extend to them our sincere thanks and appreciation for their excellent service.


The Fathers and Students extend their heartfelt sympathy to the Revs. F. D. McShane, O. P., C. C. McGonagle, O. P., and D. P. Coughlin, O. P., on the deaths of their sisters; to Rev. H. L. Martin, O. P., on the death of his mother; and to Bros. Paschal Regan, O. P., and David Donovan, O. P., on the deaths of their fathers.

His Eminence, Cardinal Ceretti, was the guest of the Fathers of St. Vincent Ferrer’s Priory, New York, on January 18. His Lordship, Thomas C. O'Reilly was also a guest of the Fathers for several days. A visit was likewise had from His Grace, Archbishop McNicholas.

His Grace, Archbishop Sinnott, has invited the Dominicans to conduct all the Lenten Missions in his diocese of Winnipeg, Canada.

The Very Revs. M. J. Ripple, O. P., and J. H. Healy, O. P., will preach every day during Lent in the Cathedral of Toronto, Canada.


Rev. V. R. Burnell, O. P., preached a two weeks' mission in St. Jeremias' Church, Detroit, and a retreat to the Holy Name Society of St. Catherine's Church, in the same city.
Very Rev. R. P. Cahill, O. P., and Rev. J. B. Hughes, O. P., were the preachers of a two weeks' mission in Croswell, Mich. Father Cahill and Father Mahoney directed a two weeks' mission at St. Patrick's Church, Kent, Ohio. Assisted by Father Martin, Father Cahill conducted a two weeks' mission in St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. H. L. Martin, O. P., was the director of a two weeks' mission at the Church of Our Lady, Louisville, Ky., and a week's mission at Glenwood Springs, Colo., and at the Church of the Presentation, Denver, Colo. Fathers Martin and Sullivan conducted a two weeks' mission at the Church of the Annunciation, Denver, Colo., while at the Churches of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Leo, in Denver, missions were given by Father Sullivan.

The Revs. V. R. Burnell, O. P., and L. A. Smith, O. P., were in charge of a mission in St. Matthew's Church, Norwood, Ohio. Father Burnell was the master of the retreat for the Dominican Tertiaries of St. Louis Bertrand's Church, Louisville, Ky.

A doctrinal mission was preached at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Dayton, Ohio, by the Revs. Bernard Hughes, O. P., and Ambrose Smith, O. P., and a parochial mission by these same Fathers at the Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio. Fathers Smith and Mahoney conducted a two weeks' mission at Midland, Pa., while, at the Church of St. John, Jackson, Mich., a mission was conducted by Fathers Hughes and Martin.


At the closing exercises of the Annual Convention of the Federation of Newman Clubs of the New York District held in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, New York City, Rev. Quitman F. Beckley, O. P., addressed a body comprising more than a thousand students. His sermon, broadcast over the Paulist Radio Station WLWL, was entitled, "The Catholic Student and His Religion."

Father Beckley was the master of the Annual Retreat of the lay-students at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., on February 15, 16, 17.


Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O. P., preached at the Holy Name Rally held in St. Peter's Cathedral, London, Ontario, on February 10. Father Kienberger also addressed the members of the Central Verein at their State Convention Mass in the Church of St. Boniface, Detroit, Mich., on November 14, 1928. His address was entitled, "Catholic Action."

Lenten courses of sermons will be given in St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, Ohio, as follows: on Wednesday evenings a series of moral sermons on "The Vital Subjects of Today," by the Rev. G. R. Scholz, O. P., and on Sunday evenings a series of dogmatic sermons on "Catholic Doctrines That Catholics Should Know," by the Rev. A. C. Therres, O. P. Father Scholz will likewise conduct a novena in honor of the Little Flower on Monday evenings during Lent.

The Fathers of the Southern Mission Band conducted missions at the following Dominican Churches: St. Dominic's, Youngstown, Ohio; St. Peter's, Memphis, Tenn.; St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Ky.; and Holy Rosary, Houston, Texas.

These same Fathers preached the Forty Hours Devotions in the following places: Fenton, Mich.; Wabash, Ind.; Hillsdale, Mich.; at St. Mary's Church, Lansing, Mich.; and in Detroit at the churches of St. Brigid, St. Dominic, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Francis of Sales.

A retreat for the men of St. Frances of Rome Church, Louisville, Ky., was conducted by the Rev. V. R. Burnell, O. P., February 13-17. A similar retreat will be conducted by Father Burnell, March 17-24, in St. Gregory's Church, Detroit, Mich.

Lenten missions will be preached by Very Rev. R. P. Cahill, O. P., and Rev. J. B. Hughes, O. P., at St. Mary's Church, Warren, Ohio, and in Roseville, Mich. Similar missions will be under the direction of Revs. V. R. Burnell, O. P., and C. M. Mulvey, O. P., in Holy Angels Church, Dayton, Ohio, and of Father Burnell, assisted by Father Sullivan, in the Church of Our Lady of Peace, Cleveland, Ohio.

A Lenten course of sermons is being preached by the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., in the Cathedral, Baltimore, Md.


Eucharistic Lenten sermons are being delivered each Tuesday evening in St. Leo's Church, New York City, by the Rev. V. C. Donovan, O. P., as follows: "The Blessed Eucharist and the Lenten Spirit"; "The Blessed Eucharist and Faith"; "The Mass, the Central Act of Life"; "The Blessed Eucharist, the Sacrament of Unity"; "The Blessed Eucharist, the Sacrament of Love."

Rev. R. E. Kavanah, O. P., conducted a retreat for the ladies of St. Theresa's Parish, Providence, R. I., at the close of which three hundred new members were received into the Sodality.

During the month of February, Father Kavanah delivered a series of three lectures to the St. Camillus' Guild of Catholic Nurses of Providence, R. I., under the following titles: "Nursing, a Vocation"; "Nursing, a Service"; "Nursing, an Apostolate."

On January 16, Rev. I. A. Georges, O. P., conducted a Holy Name Rally at the Church of St. James, Arctic, R. I.

The sermon at the Golden Jubilee Services of the Father Matthew Total Abstinence Society of Pittsfield, Mass., on February 7, was delivered by Rev. D. M. Galliher, O. P., Dean of Providence College.

On February 7, a new addition to Providence College was blessed by the Rt. Rev. W. A. Hickey, D. D., Bishop of Providence. Solemn High Mass was sung in the auditorium of the building by the Very Rev. L. C. McCarthy, O. P., President of the College, and the sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., National Director of the Holy Name Society. The addition contains an auditorium with a seating capacity of eleven hundred, a cafeteria, seven class-rooms, chemical and biological laboratories, a library, and rooms for members of the faculty.

HOLY NAME PROVINCE

Rev. Sebastian Bohan, O. P., was called to his eternal reward in November. His funeral was held from St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco, California, the final absolution being given by His Grace, the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco.

On January 8, Rev. J. A. Hunt, O. P., Pastor of St. Dominic's Church, Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, died at the Sisters' Hospital in that city. After a Solemn Mass of Requiem in the Los Angeles Cathedral the remains were sent to St. Dominic's Convent, Benicia, California, for burial.

Rev. Francis del Rio, O. P., of the Philippine Province, has been appointed professor at the House of Studies of the Province at Benicia, California.

Rev. Patrick Purcell, O. P., has been assigned to St. Vincent's Church, Vallejo, California.


FOREIGN CHRONICLE

In December Very Rev. Louis Nolan, O. P., Provincial of Lithuania and Socius to the Master General, was appointed Prior of the Collegio Angelico, Rome.

Although in residence at Oxford for several years back, the Dominicans are soon to have the formal opening of their Oxford Priory, a house which restores the Order to Oxford at no great distance from the site of its early home there seven hundred years ago.
Very Rev. H. D. Noble has inaugurated his third priorate at the House of Studies of the Province of France at Le Saulchoir, Belgium.

Recently Very Rev. H. M. Donegan, O. P., Provincial of the Irish Dominicans, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, on which occasion he received from his Holiness, the Pope, the Apostolic Blessing.

Very Rev. M. M. Tuyaerts, O. P., has been appointed Regent of Studies of the Dominican Theologate at Louvain. This College, together with the House of Philosophy at Gand, constitutes the Studium Generale of the Province of Belgium.

The Dominicans of the Canadian Province have established at Montreal an association of prayer and charity entitled, “The Apostolic League for the Conversion of Japan.”

The number of students registered at the Collegio Angelico, Rome, for this scholastic year is four hundred and ninety, of whom seventy-three belong to the Order. Last year the total number of students registered was four hundred and twenty-nine.

The deaths have recently occurred at Rome of two distinguished members of the Order, namely, Father Buonpensiere and Father Hugon. Both men distinguished themselves as professors of theology and in the various theological and philosophical works which they wrote. Father Buonpensiere was the last Regent of the Minerva, before that institute was absorbed into the present Collegio Angelico. He was later Professor at the Lateran Seminary, Rome. Father Hugon has been for many years past a professor at the Collegio Angelico and was always active in ecclesiastical affairs in Rome.

SISTERS' CHRONICLE

Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor (New York City)

Four sisters have established the community’s latest (the sixth) foundation within the confines of St. Dominic’s Parish, Detroit, Mich. It is known as St. Vincent Ferrer Convent.

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

On Sunday morning, January 13th, at the motherhouse, Sister Mary Audrey departed from this life after a lingering illness, borne with unvarying patience and entire resignation. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder of Steubenville, Ohio, who have generously given two other daughters to the community, Sisters Beata and Frances.

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

Four sisters pronounced their perpetual vows at Rosary Shrine on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Very Rev. D. R. Towle, O. P., the convent chaplain, presided.

A series of novenas in honor of Blessed Imelda was begun on December 6th. Every Thursday the novena prayers are recited for the intentions of all Rosarians who submit their petitions. Many reports of favors obtained through her intercession are beginning to come in.
On January 26th, a novice pronounced her temporary vows in the presence of many relatives and friends. Father Towle presided at the ceremony and preached the sermon for the occasion.

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

Rev. C. I. Litzinger, O. P., was the celebrant of Midnight Mass on Christmas.

On January 31st, death claimed a member of the community, Sister Mary of the Assumption, who was in the thirty-third year of her religious life. May she rest in peace.

Two large adoring angels, beautifully carved in white marble, were installed on either side of the main altar of the chapel, on February 6th. They are a gift of a generous benefactress of the community.

On February 17th, Miss Lillian Deshais received the habit of the Order and Sister Mary Angela of the Sacred Heart pronounced temporary vows.

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

The Rt. Rev. John J. Dunn, D. D., V. G., on December 17th gave the Sisters and students a delightful account of his visit to the Eucharistic Congress at Sydney, and to the mission fields of China, the Philippines and other sections of the far East. Of special interest was his picture of the Dominican Fathers, Sisters, and Brothers laboring in China.

On January 17th, Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, who accompanied the Right Reverend Bishop on his trip, exhibited pictures covering every stage of the trip. For the first time, also, were shown the reels of the laying of the corner-stone and the blessing of the Greater Mount St. Mary, at which His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes officiated.

The first students’ retreat in the new Mount St. Mary was given January 25th to 29th by the Rev. John L. Finnerty, O. P.

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**Convent of St. Catherine (Racine, Wis.)**

On December 18th, Rev. Thomas a’Kempis Reilly, O. P., visited St. Catherine’s and gave an interesting conference on St. Catherine of Siena.

On January 17th, Rev. Geo. A. Keith, S. J., gave a lecture on the Mass, its history and parts. The pictures accompanying it were clear and impressive. He is doing a commendable work, bringing the Mass and its significance before the people in an entirely original and interesting way.

A class of two hundred of the high school students were received into the Society of Knights and Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament. The object of the society is to give incentive to frequent Holy Communion, to foster a deep love and devotion for this great Sacrament, and to increase daily visits to the oratory.

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**Mount Saint Dominic Convent (Caldwell, N. J.)**

The annual community retreat was conducted by Very Rev. S. R. Brockbank, O. P.

On January 26th, Gottfried Galston, concert pianist, gave a recital for the pupils of the academy.
Through the kindness of Rev. Isidore Smith, C. P., Director, "Veronica's Veil," the American Passion Play, was presented for the benefit of the Sisters of St. Dominic at St. Joseph's Auditorium, Union City, N. J.

A course of doctrinal lectures is being given to the Novices by Rev. John A. Nowlen, O. P.

Monastery of the Immaculate Conception (115 Washington Ave., Albany, N. Y.)

Reverend Mother M. Emmanuel died on November 28th, 1928. She was one of the four foundresses who brought the Second Order of cloistered Dominicans from France in 1880 to open their first establishment in America at Newark, N. J. In 1889 she became Prior, in 1906 made a foundation at Detroit, Mich., and, lastly, in 1915 she opened another house in Albany, N. Y. An indefatigable worker, her kindliness and broad sympathy endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Her death is a great loss to the community and to her many friends far and near. Her body reposes temporarily in the receiving vault of St. Agnes' Cemetery, but will be placed in the vault under the chapel of the new monastery which is nearing completion.

The completion of the new convent, with its added facilities and expanded quarters, will enable the Sisters to receive postulants to the choir and lay sisterhood. Those wishing to join the community may either write to the Mother Superior or call at the present temporary address. No dowry is exacted of those postulants whose means are so limited that they cannot afford it. The Most Blessed Sacrament is perpetually exposed and the Sisters spend their lives in adoration.

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

Dominican Sisters stationed in Grand Rapids and vicinity assembled at Marywood, Saturday, February 9th, for the Second Annual Teachers' Convention held by the community. Papers, discussions, and demonstrations constituted an interesting program for the day. With one exception, all the speakers were Sisters. Such a convening of religious teachers has been found stimulating and encouraging in its effects.

The roll of Dominicans has been extended by nine names since February 12th, when nine young women received the habit in Sacred Heart Chapel, Marywood. The newly admitted religious are: Sisters Mary Judith, Jane Dominic, Frances Therese, Mary Simeon, Gertrude Ann, Rose Agnes, Rose Carlita, Rose Aloysia and Mary Laetitia.

A manifestation of the students interest in the liturgical movement is seen in their enthusiasm for the liturgical choir, recently formed. The special objective of the choir at present is to sing the Proper of the Mass for each day.

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

On the Island of Oahu, the Sisters teach in two schools in Honolulu and conduct a mission school at Heeia, on the opposite side of the Island. At Wailuku on the Island of Maui, they have accepted the care of St. Anthony’s School, with four hundred pupils, and of St. Anthony’s Orphanage, with over a hundred children. The number of Maryknoll Sisters in the Hawaiian Islands is now twenty-seven.

Since 1912 the community has been living in scattered frame buildings on the property of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America at Maryknoll, N. Y., and due to their rapid expansion are now planning a permanent motherhouse, which will be begun in the spring. It will be erected across the road from the Maryknoll grounds, on property which was purchased by the Sisters. The American Foreign Mission Sisterhood has grown to nearly three hundred and its further development urgently demands the construction of an adequate motherhouse.

Sacred Heart Academy (Springfield, Ill.)

At the close of the mid-year retreat conducted by Rev. F. D. McShane, O. P., nine young ladies received the habit and eighteen novices made their profession. Rev. E. A. Baxter, O. P., attended the ceremony, at which, Sister M. Verona, his niece, took first vows.

On January 20th, Mr. Edward Abner Thompson of Boston, read the French play “Cyrano de Bergerac” to an appreciative audience. An informal program for the faculty and student body, including the “Vision of Sir Launfal,” “The Bells,” and others was given the following day.

The community mourns the loss of Sister M. Agatha and Sister M. Loretta, who departed from this life in the month of January. May they rest in peace.

At the request of the Amateur Musical Club of Springfield, the academy orchestra presented a program at the Illinois Centennial Building on February 11th. The all-state orchestra, which played at the University of Illinois on November 27th, had among its members Miss Willamine Brennan, who represented the academy orchestra.

St. Mary’s Dominican College (New Orleans, La.)

The new school of St. Mathias was recently dedicated by Most Rev. Archbishop John W. Shaw, D. D., who also delivered the address for the occasion, attributing the major share of the success of Catholic schools to the work of the Sisters.

Sister Mary Gertrude was called to her eternal reward on the feast of St. John the Evangelist. After an illness of four days, an attack of pneumonia terminated her religious life of twenty-seven years of zealous work for the community. May her soul rest in peace.

Sister Mary John has been appointed to succeed Sister Mary Gertrude as Superior of the School of St. John the Baptist. Sister Mary John is Supervisor of Music in the parochial schools taught by the members of this community.

The Sisters teaching in the schools of St. Leo the Great and Our Lady of Lourdes have taken possession of their newly erected convents, which are architecturally beautiful and modern in all appointments.
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Inspirational talks were given to the student body by Rev. T. G. Gaffney, director of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and by Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S. J., on "Spiritual Leadership." A Students Council has been established and enthusiastic activities are in progress.

During the recent convention of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges held in Texas, St. Mary's Dominican High School was re-approved.

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


On the morning of December 23rd, while the Sisters were singing at her bedside the beautiful hymn, the Salve Regina, Sister Mary Vincent passed to her eternal reward. May her soul rest in peace.

The Christmas ceremonies were celebrated with full liturgical significance, due to the kindness of local Fathers. Midnight Mass was sung by Rev. N. Brust, Procurator of St. Francis Seminary, a devoted friend of the community, who also delivered a very practical sermon for the occasion; the same celebrant offered up the Holy Sacrifice at dawn; and at ten o'clock, Rev. Otto Boenki, P. S. M., chaplain, sang High Mass and followed it with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On January 28th, Sister Rose of St. Mary and Sister Mary of the Infant Jesus renewed their holy vows for life during the Solemn High Mass, which was celebrated in honor of the Silver Jubilee of their religious profession. Three Pallotini Fathers conducted the ceremonies: Rev. N. Franki, P. S. M., was celebrant, Rev. Otto Boenki, P. S. M., deacon, and Rev. N. Wilwers, P. S. M., subdeacon. Father Boenki delivered a very appropriate sermon. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament closed the ceremonies of the morning.

Rev. Ralph Altstadt, newly ordained, sang Holy Mass in the community chapel on February 5th, which was offered up for the Sisters. They are deeply grateful for this privilege.

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

Reverend Mother M. Celestine, the Sub-Prioress of the Congregation, died November 29th, 1928, after a short illness. For the past quarter of a century she was superintendent of the Nazareth Trade School, Farmingdale, N. Y., a home for orphan boys. She practically established the Trade School and helped to make it a home in the true sense of the word. Her kind and sympathetic nature was her greatest asset as mother of "her boys." She could never do enough for them and not a few who are now successful men testify to her exemplary qualities as a religious and as mother of the orphan boys. No better eulogy could have been uttered than the words of one of her former wards who attended the funeral, "We have lost our mother."

Sister M. Casimira and Sister M. Rose Ignatius passed to their eternal reward December 28th and February 1st, respectively. May they rest in peace.
Late in January, Rev. J. Steinmuller, S. T. D., S. S. L., completed his series of lectures on Holy Scripture, which he has been delivering to the novitiate.

Very Rev. S. R. Brockbank, O. P., gave an interesting talk on his experiences in the Holy Land, to the Novices and Postulants, bringing out many incidents often overlooked by travelers who walk in the beaten path.

Twenty-five Sisters are now receiving special training as counselors for the Girls' Camp which will be added to the activities of St. Joseph's Mountain School, Sullivan Co., N. J.

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

The Very Rev. Albert S. Lawler, O. P., is at present the chaplain of the Motherhouse.

Christmas holidays were gladdened by the generosity of kind friends who helped make the occasion one of joyful remembrance to the orphans entrusted to the Sisters' care. Among the benefactors were the Knights of Columbus, The Young Mens Institute and The Young Ladies Institute. The children in gratitude for the benefactions gave an entertainment for the visitors.

The pupils of the catechism classes of the neighboring towns presented the "Christmas Mystery" in tableau, accompanied by the reading of appropriate passages from Holy Scripture.

On December 30th, the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward D. Howard, D. D., of Portland, Oregon, conducted the dedication of the new Immaculate High School in Portland. About twenty members of the clergy escorted his Grace from the parochial residence to the new building. Rev. F. A. Pope, O. P., and Rev. W. A. Waitt were the assistants; Rev. W. A. Daly, pastor, was Master of Ceremonies. The Most Rev. Archbishop delivered an eloquent and scholarly address on "The Cause of Catholic Education." The new building is of solid masonry, brick and tile being used and contains five standardized rooms, a library and a gymnasium-auditorium. The cost approximated $50,000 unfurnished.

The community mourns the death of Sister Mary Emily, who died on November 21st. May she rest in peace.

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

Sister M. Alberta died in the early part of December. She was one of the most beloved members of the community, as well as one of the oldest in point of service. She celebrated her Golden Jubilee about a year ago. For fifty years she had been constantly in active service, laying aside her duties only a few months before her death. May she rest in peace.

On December 27th eighteen young women prostrated themselves at the foot of the altar in Holy Rosary Chapel to ask for the habit of St. Dominic and they are now numbered among the countless number of St. Dominic's children. Those who received the habit are: Mary Brennan, Chicago (Sister Eugenia Marie), Margaret McGinley, Chicago (Sister M. Helen Margaret), Frances Malloy, Flushing, Mich. (Sister Marie Frances), Lucile Mulloy, Detroit (Sister Miriam Teresa), Amelia Sheere, Detroit (Sister M. Boniface), Theresa Kane, Detroit (Sister Agnes James), Grace Kilbury,
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Detroit (Sister Marie David), Mary Godsil, Chicago (Sister Mary Lawrence), Marie McGoldrick, Willington, Del. (Sister Marie Jane), Mary Louise Tatreau, Port Huron, Mich. (Sister M. Ann Louise), Florence Racicot, Neenah, Wis. (Sister M. Colombiere), Mary Brady, Chicago (Sister Marie Rose), Stella David, Maybee, Mich. (Sister M. Tarcisius), Marjorie Bliss, Detroit (Sister Stella Clare), Grace Doran, Detroit (Sister Mary Patrick), Mary McDonald, Glengarry, Ont. (Sister Mary Regina), Bernadette Foley, Chicago (Sister Marie Bridget), Ruth Corson, Toledo (Sister N. Jean Gertrude).

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. J. Van Antwerp, D. D., V. G., of Detroit diocese presided at the ceremony of investiture. The sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. Michael O'Brien, C. P., of Chicago, who had conducted the retreat preceding the reception.

The Stratford Players of Utica, N. Y., an organization which devotes its entire time to interpreting Shakespearean plays to high school and college audiences, presented "Julius Caesar" to the students of St. Joseph's College and Academy on February 4th.

"Children's Literature" was the theme of a recent lecture given by Miss Blanche Emery of the English Department of Michigan State Normal College. She also gave some delightful excerpts from the poems of Rev. Leonard Feeney, S. J., and Miss Josephine Peabody.

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

The new chapel of the Perpetual Rosary was solemnly dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. McMahon, D. D., on September 30th, 1928. A large number of visiting cleararymen were in attendance. The sermon for the occasion was preached by the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., who paid glowing tribute to the memory of Father Saintourens, the founder of the community and the monastery at Camden. He spoke of the tremendous power of the united prayers of the Perpetual Rosary Nuns and its millions of associates throughout the world.

The Right Reverend Bishop also expressed his appreciation for the work being undertaken at this shrine and the consolations and benefits derived therefrom. He then announced that he had received a cablegram from His Eminence Cardinal Gasparri, conveying the Papal Blessing to all those present.

Besides the Very Reverend Father Provincial, the Dominican Fathers were represented by the Very Reverend D. J. Kennedy, O. P., and Rev. John J. Welch, O. P., Very Rev. W. G. Moran, O. P., and Rev. Thomas M. Schwertner, O. P.

The unique design of the new chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary is particularly adapted to the Rosary Procession, which is solemnly made by all present on the first Sunday of every month. Beginning on the left hand side of the chapel are hung the fifteen large paintings of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, executed by the Roman artist Professor Raggi. The last painting of the Coronation hangs high above the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, where the Rosary pilgrimages terminate. The Rosary group in this shrine is a magnificent work of art wrought in Carrara marble and is placed above and behind the main altar and is approached...
by two wide staircases on either side. Emile G. Perrot, the architect who executed the design, has received worthy praises on all sides for his achievement.

On Rosary Sunday, October 7th, Rev. J. S. Moran, O. P., National Director of the Perpetual Rosary, conducted the annual solemn pilgrimage of the Rosary and the blessing and distribution of roses. An extraordinarily large throng took part in the procession which formed at the shrine on the front lawn, reciting the Rosary aloud as they proceeded to Rosary Glen, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Nowlen, O. P. The sermon was followed by Solemn Benediction and the distribution of roses.

The services of the public novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes held from February 3rd to the 11th in the new chapel, were conducted by Rev. C. F. Christmas, O. P. Afternoon and evening services were largely attended and at each an instructive and practical sermon was preached. The special individual blessing with the Blessed Sacrament, and the invocations and novena prayers were carried out on the same plan as at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. The grotto in the chapel, where the devotions took place, is a replica of the Grotto of Lourdes.

Immaculate Conception Convent (Great Bend, Kansas)

The Rt. Rev. August J. Schwertner, D. D., Bishop of Wichita, Kas., and his secretary, Rev. F. J. Morrel, paid the community a visit shortly after their return from the Eucharistic Congress in Australia.

The Sisters of this community mourn the loss of their beloved Mother Blanche, who died on Saturday evening, January 19th, after an illness of over two years. Her death brought to an end a long term of service in the community. She was in her sixty-first year of her life and the forty-third of her religious profession. Mother Blanche was the last of the little band of brave pioneers who gave up the security of a well established community in the East, to come to Great Bend to labor and suffer all the hardships concomitant with pioneer undertakings. Twenty-seven years ago the harvest was great and the laborers few. There were only seven, yet, due largely to their heroic work and solid piety, their undertaking has been blessed by Divine Providence, for today there are over one hundred members to continue their work.

Mother Blanche was for many years active at the hospital. She spent many years in the class-room, teaching not only secular knowledge but also the science of living well, which she could truly do, because, like Chaucer's loveable parish priest, "first she folwed it herselfe."

The funeral was held from the convent on January 22nd. Solemn Requiem High Mass was sung by the Rev. M. J. Reidy, of Arkansas City; Rev. John Butler, of Seward, and Rev. J. J. Steines, of Sharon, were deacon and subdeacon respectfully; Rev. Francis Lorenz, C. S. S. R., of Wichita, was Master of Ceremonies. Rev. T. J. O'Sullivan, of Wichita, preached the sermon, using for his text the words of Holy Scripture which exemplified the whole life of Mother Blanche, "Whether we live or whether we die, we live and die in the Lord."

Following the Libera the Rt. Rev. Bishop addressed the assembled clergy, sisters, and laity, outlining the fruitfulness of Mother Blanche's forty-three years in the religious life. He stressed the heroic poverty practiced in the early days of her arrival at Great Bend, without money, without home, without friends. He spoke of her unstinted and
wholehearted sacrifices, and how the present generation reaps the benefits of such unceasing, unostentatious labor in the cause of Jesus Christ. He emphasized her humility and obedience to her Rule, in virtue of which she held the office of Mistress of Novices.


Mother Blanche is survived by a brother and sister in this country and by other relatives in Germany.