

THE NEW DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

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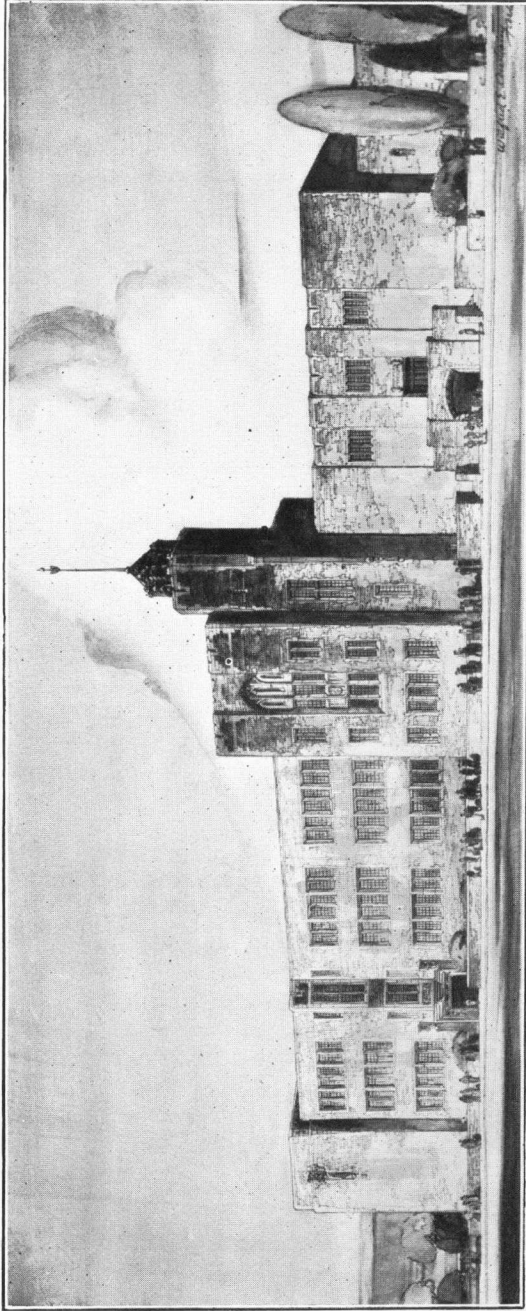


T. DOMINIC in founding the Order of Preachers established a body of men who besides preaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ would also teach to mankind the eternal truths and impart to them a knowledge of the arts and sciences. Numerous houses of philosophical and theological study have been founded by the descendants of the illustrious Dominic. Universities, colleges and high schools in almost every land throughout the world have ever had listed among their faculties, Dominicans renowned for their deep sanctity and profound learning.

Today, as in the past seven hundred years, the Dominican Order is taking a most active part in the cause of education and it is with the utmost pleasure that the Dominican Fathers of St. Joseph's Province announce that they have accepted the formal invitation of His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, to erect a new high school for boys at Oak Park, Illinois,—a suburb just outside the city limits of Chicago.

The site selected for the new high school is on Washington Boulevard where the entire block of property between Scoville and East Avenues has been acquired. The building will be a modern fireproof structure of Gothic design with a majestic central tower and will be constructed of rough seamed-faced Massachusetts granite with window and door facings and all trimmings in Indiana limestone. The plans for the new building were drawn by Wilfred E. Anthony, New York, and the construction work is in charge of the Frank A. O'Hare Construction Company.

The new school will be a three-story structure with a full English basement. It will provide accommodations at once for seven hundred students, with an ultimate capacity of over a thousand. The initial construction will provide seventeen class rooms, laboratories, library, cafeteria, swimming pool and gym-



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nasium and a large-sized auditorium. The chemistry, physics and biology laboratories, with their associated dark rooms and lecture halls will be located in the basement. The laboratories will be provided with modern ventilation and complete equipment. The basement of the gymnasium will contain a swimming pool with an encircling balcony to accommodate spectators. The pool will have a graduated depth and will be provided with continuous flowing water, a modern sterilizing, heating and ventilating plant. In this section of the building ample provision will be made for locker and shower rooms and for a gymnasium laundry and drying room. In other sections of the basement will be placed the oil burning vacuum steam heating plant and the miscellaneous power and refrigeration equipment.

The gymnasium will occupy the entire west end of the new building and will have a clear floor space of 80 x 125 feet. It will be provided with a permanent balcony at one end which will accommodate four hundred spectators, and demountable bleachers on the floor level will furnish flexible capacity for additional visitors. The gymnasium will also be used for a temporary school chapel and assembly hall.

The first floor of the school will contain five class rooms, the library, cafeteria, administration offices, student council room and athletic director's quarters. The library will provide shelf space for over 10,000 volumes and a seating capacity for two hundred readers. The cafeteria will be equipped with steam tables, full kitchen and refrigeration apparatus. The present seating capacity of three hundred students will be enlarged when the ultimate unit of the building is erected.

The second and third floors will be devoted exclusively to class rooms. Locker space will be furnished by steel equipment recessed into the corridor halls. All the class rooms will have hardwood floors and standard equipment and the corridor floors will be of terrazzo or tile composition.

The faculty of the new school will be housed, for the present, in two large three-story residences situated on the East Avenue side of the property. These houses have been remodeled interiorly for the needs of the faculty staff and the two buildings connected by an enclosed passageway. In due time these buildings will be replaced by a modern convent to harmonize with the school building.

The official title of the new school will be the "Dominican High School." The faculty, aside from the athletic director, will

be composed entirely of Dominican Fathers of the Province. It is planned to open the school in September of this year with the freshman and sophomore classes. The Junior year will be added in 1930 and the Senior year in 1931. A full four year course will be furnished in the Classical, Academic and Scientific branches. No provision is made to offer Commercial courses in the new school and the school is designed exclusively for day students.

The Rev. Leo C. Gainor, O. P., has been appointed President of the new high school and has taken up his residence at the school location. The other members of the Province who will compose the initial faculty of the new school have not yet been appointed.

SANCTE JOSEPH!

BRO. LOUIS BERTRAND DELANEY, O. P.

Pater Juste,
 Sponse Caste,
 Joseph, nostra gloria,
 Ut amemus
 Et laudemus
 Jesum, precor, impetra!

David Proles
 Et Sodales
 Inclytae Familiae,
 Esto Praeses
 Per virtutes
 Filiis Ecclesiae!

Joseph Prudens,
 Stella Fulgens,
 Custos Matris Virginis,
 Da ut omnes
 Domni Canes
 Fidi simus agminis!