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**VERY REVEREND TERENCE STEPHEN McDERMOTT,  
O.P., S.T.Lr.,**

**Prior Provincial of St. Joseph's Province**

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*GERALD JOYCE, O.P.*



N December 3, 1930, the Most Reverend Martin Stanislaus Gillet, O.P., S.T.M., Master General of the Order of Preachers, announced the appointment of the Very Reverend Terence Stephen McDermott, O.P., S.T.Lr., as Provincial of the Province of Saint Joseph. Father McDermott succeeds the Very Reverend Raymond Meagher, O.P., S.T.Lr., who has governed the Province during the past seventeen years.

Very Reverend Terence McDermott, O.P., S.T.Lr., was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa, on March 14, 1887. His early education was received in the public and parochial schools of that city. After the completion of his classical studies he entered the novitiate of the Dominican Order at Somerset, Ohio, January 17, 1907. In the following year, 1908, he made profession of simple vows, and on January 23, 1911, his profession of solemn vows. Upon the completion of his philosophical and theological courses at the House of Studies in Washington, he was ordained a priest, June 25, 1913, by the late Rt. Reverend Owen B. Corrigan, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore. From 1915 to 1917, Father McDermott was engaged in teaching philosophy, history of philosophy, and Church history at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington. In 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army as chaplain, and, in this capacity, saw almost two years of active service in France.

Upon his return to America in 1919, Father McDermott was appointed Pastor of Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Missouri, where he labored for eight years. In 1927 he was elected Prior of the Convent of Saint Catherine of Siena in New York City. In April, 1929, he was elected Prior of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C. In addition to his duties as superior, he conducted classes in pastoral theology and sacred eloquence.

As Pastor, both in Kansas City and in New York, Father McDermott was loved and revered by all. His long experience, strong, natural endowments, and intellectual training, joined with a profound understanding of human nature, led him to great success in his parochial work. The various societies of these parishes found in him a willing leader and under his prudent and zealous guidance, great things were accomplished. In his new position as Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, Father McDermott will have under his jurisdiction not only many institutions of learning, parishes and convents, but also almost six hundred members of the Dominican Order. His varied experience and executive ability qualify him to discharge worthily these obligations.

DOMINICANA offers sincere congratulations to the new Provincial, assuring him of prayers that he may carry on the high ideals of his predecessors in the fields marked out by God for the sons of Saint Dominic.