He sacrament of Holy Orders holds an important place in the life of the Church. Its position is shown to us by St. Thomas, in his discussion of the relation of the seven sacraments to each other (IIIa, q. 65). It is a sacrament ordained to the common good, as the sacrament of Matrimony is, but more perfect than that sacrament because it has directly for its object the spiritual good. In its relation to the Eucharist, it is more perfect than the other sacraments since it is ordained to the consecration of the Body and Blood of Christ. Considered from the standpoint of necessity, Holy Orders is simply and absolutely necessary for the Church, so that without it the end cannot be attained, for "where there is no governor, the people shall fall" (Prov. xi, 14).

On the fifteenth of June, the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, D.D., Archbishop of Baltimore, conferred the sacrament of Holy Orders on twenty-five members of the Province of St. Joseph, at St. Dominic’s Church, Washington, D.C. They were Reverend Fathers Theodore Smith, Providence, R.I.; Mark Scanlon, Somerset, Ohio; Augustine O’Connor, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Casimir Zvirblis, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Cleophas Connolly, New York City; Patrick Dowd, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Bonaventure Murphy, Minneapolis, Minn.; Urban Nagle, Providence, R.I.; Basil Davidson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Luke McCaffrey, Valley Falls, R.I.; Brendan Reese, Hawthorne, N.J.; Arthur Arnoult, Memphis, Tenn.; Philip Emmans, Yonkers, N.Y.; Anselm Townsend, Selma, Ala.; Eugene Holohan, New York City; Peter Nuttall, Norwood, Mass.; Sebastian O’Connell, Jersey City, N.J.; Bertrand Taylor, New York City; Antoninus Walsh, New York City; Walter Sadlier, Providence, R.I.; Hugh McKenna, Pawtucket, R.I.; Jerome Tierney, Pawtucket, R.I.; Daniel Van Rooy, Appleton, Wis.; Gerard Conway, Duluth, Minn.; and Gabriel Quinn, Boston, Mass.

To the young Levites, their brother students offer sincere congratulations and an earnest prayer that they may be blessed with a fruitful life in the exercise of their sacred duties.