URING the Last Supper, our Divine Lord by His words: “Do this for a commemoration of me,” conferred upon His Apostles the power of continuing His Sacrifice in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Later, after His Resurrection, He declared to the same Apostles: “Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.” In this manner He bestowed upon them the power of absolution. Thus Christ instituted the Sacrament of Orders, making each of His ministers another Christ—*Alter Christus*!

From the time of the Apostles this Sacrament of Holy Orders has been conferred, by their successors, the Bishops of the Church, upon worthy candidates, in order that Christ’s command to “teach all nations” might be fulfilled. Thus on the seventeenth of June, in Saint Dominic’s Church, Washington, D. C., the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, D.D., Archbishop of Baltimore, elevated to the sacred priesthood twenty-two members of the Order of Preachers. The newly ordained are the Reverend Fathers Anthony Hannon, Chicago, Ill.; Charles Sheehan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Marcolinus Rascher, Chicago, Ill.; Leonard Curran, South Boston, Mass.; Chrysostom Donnelly, Providence, R. I.; Justin Costello, Middletown, N. Y.; Vincent Ferrer Fennell, Hartford, Conn.; Henry Grant, Memphis, Tenn.; Michael Reilly, New York City; Victor Williams, Lynn, Mass.; Paschal Kelly, Sayre, Pa.; Richard Clark, Shively, Ky.; Thomas McGregor, Cleveland, O.; Stephen Fitzgerald, New York City; Benedict Kelly, Sparrow’s Point, Md.; Ignatius Masterson, Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.; John Dominic Malone, Germantown, Pa.; Barnabas Briggs, Hemlock, Mich.; Maurice O’Leary, Barre, Vt.; Cornelius Hickey, Detroit, Mich.; Alphonsus Carosella, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and William Lannen, New York City.

To these newly ordained priests of God their brother religious extend their sincere congratulations. May they long perform their sacred office to the honor of God, and the joy of the angels, bringing peace and blessings to all the faithful.