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WITHIN THE CLOISTER

During the last week of April Fathers Stanton, O. P., and Thuente, O. P., preached a retreat to the men of Dubuque, Iowa. In the words of the archbishop, the retreat was an unprecedented success.

The first Sunday of May was "Baby Day" at St. Catherine of Siena Church, New York City. Father Ignatius Smith, O. P., blessed approximately twelve hundred babies gathered from all parts of the city.

The Very Rev. Provincial Raymond Meagher, O. P., has been spending the past month in Providence, R. I., making preparations for the new college which the Dominicans are to open there in the near future.

In New York City a body of Tertiaries under the direction of Sister M. Catherine, O. S. D., are engaged in the charitable and self-sacrificing work of gathering up children who are neglectful of religious matters, instructing and bringing them to church and Sunday school.

In a letter to the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., Director General of the Third Order, the Most Rev. Lewis Theissling, O. P., Master General, approves the plan of grouping members of the Third Order in their respective parishes and their undertaking of charitable and social works under the supervision of the parish priest or bishop of the diocese.

Frs. McHugh, O. P., and Callan, O. P., have recently undertaken the work of editing the Homiletic Monthly, a magazine dedicated to the advancement of the preaching of the Word of God.

Fr. William Owens, O. P., was the Dominican objector at the annual disputation held at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md. Mr. Raymond McInnis, S. J., was the defendant, his theses covering the entire field of psychology.

The Very Rev. J. B. Connolly, O. P., prior of St. Joseph's Convent, Somerset, Ohio, has started the work of repairing and frescoing the church as a preparation for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of its founding.

Under the auspices of the Federation of Catholic Clubs, the Very Rev. Provincial Raymond Meagher, O. P., delivered a thrilling lecture before a capacity audience at the Bijou Theatre, Providence, R. I. His theme was "The Catholic Church and Questions of the Day."

At the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the first Council of the Knights of Columbus in the District of Columbia, held at Mount St. Sepulchre, Brookland, D. C., Fr. Thomas M. Schwertner, O. P., preached the sermon. The Very Rev. Fr. Shanahan, S. T. D., professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Catholic University and first chaplain of the newly established council, sang the Mass. Bishop Shahan, of the Catholic University, was present in the sanctuary.

Father Dunstan Sargent, O. P., a member of the English Province, whose account of the harrowing experiences undergone by the survivors of the Laconia, sunk by a submarine, appeared in the newspapers throughout the country, spent a week at the House of Studies while awaiting an opportunity to sail for Europe. On his appointment as chaplain in the English army with the rank of captain, his Provincial summoned him home from the missions in Grenada, British West Indies. Before entering the Dominican Order, Father Sargent was an officer in the English army. He took part in the Boer campaign, in which he had many thrilling adventures and many narrow escapes, being one of three survivors of his entire company. His pleasing personality and brilliant humor well fit him to minister to the suffering soldiery engaged in the world war.

Frs. J. M. Eckert, O. P., and C. M. Thuente, O. P., preached a retreat, in English and German, at St. Mary's Church, Dubuque, Iowa.

Fr. Thomas M. Schwertner, O. P., preached the retreat to the students of Mount St. Joseph's Academy, Dubuque, Iowa, April 25th to 29th.

Archbishop Scapardini, O. P., for the past few years Papal Nuncio to Chile and Peru with residence at Lima, has been promoted to the office of Apostolic Delegate at Brazil.

A branch Bureau of the Holy Name Society has been established in Chicago on the invitation of Archbishop Mundelein, and under the direction of the eminent Dominican missionary and retreat master, Fr. Clement M. Thuente, O. P.

On April 10, Brother Anthony O'Keefe, O. P., died at St. Dominic's Priory, San Francisco. For the past fifteen years he had acted as sacristan there, being in that capacity during the great earthquake of 1906. It was in great measure due to his efforts than many valuable vestments and church ornaments were saved from the wreckage. The funeral Mass was sung by the Very Rev. A. L. McMahon, O. P., Provincial of the California Province. Brother Anthony was in the sixty-eighth year of his age and the twenty-fifth of his religious profession. R. I. P.

To pray for the welfare of our country and the spread of the Faith in our midst is the object of the Crusade of Grace that has been inaugurated as a fitting commemoration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the death of America's first Saint—Rose of Lima. This anniversary occurs on the 30th of August, and will be celebrated during the ensuing year with great splendor in the saint's native Peru. Those who join the Crusade volunteer to offer up for our country and our Faith Masses, Holy Communion, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Rosaries and other good works. The number of times any of these good works are performed should be carefully noted, so that at the end of the centenary year we may lay at the feet of St. Rose a concrete testimonial of our faith in God and our love for and trust in her. Therefore all those who join the Crusade are asked to send their lists of good works to the Rosary Magazine, 871 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Under the direction of the Very Rev. J. R. Heffernan, O. P., the new Dominican church of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City, is being pushed rapidly to completion. When finished the edifice will rank with the best specimens of Gothic architecture in the world.

The Province of St. Joseph has been further honored by the Master General of the Order in his appointment of Father Thomas a'K. Reilly, O. P., to the professorship of Sacred Scripture at the Dominican International College, the Angelico, Rome. He is expected to complete a work on the Sunday Epistles and Gospels before his departure for the Eternal City which will be in a few months.

In the death of Miss Eleanor C. Donnelly the celebrated Catholic poetess, the Order has lost a devoted friend. Miss Donnelly, an ever faithful member of the Third Order, passed to her reward at Villa Maria, West Chester, Pa., on April 30. She was buried in the Dominican habit. Among her best works are to be found many poems, the inspiration of which was drawn from the lives and deeds of St. Dominic and his sons and daughters. She was a frequent contributor to Dominican publications.

The Revs. C. M. Mulvey, O. P., of Providence, R. I.; J. G. Cummins, O. P., of New York City; A. H. Chandler, O. P., of New Haven, Conn.; L. L. Farrell, O. P., of Minneapolis, Minn.; F. B. Gorman, O. P., of Washington, D. C.; T. J. Welsh, O. P., of Chester, Pa.; E. B. Farley, O. P., of Providence, R. I.; R. V. Walker, O. P., of Piedmont, W. Va.; T. F. Conlon, O. P., of Waterbury, Conn.; L. P. Johannsen, O. P., of Philadelphia, Pa.; P. L. Thornton, O. P., of Columbus, Ohio; E. J. Donovan, O. P., of Boston, Mass.; J. A. McKeon, O. P.; of San Francisco, Cal.; and E. C. McDonnell, O. P., of Dublin, Ireland, were ordained to the priesthood in the chapel of the House of Studies by the Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Shahan, on June 15th. The sub-deaconate was conferred on the Rev. Brothers, Robert Carroll, O. P.; Paul Curran, O. P.; Benedict M. Allen, O. P.; Damian M. Kennedy, O. P.; Justin McManus, O. P.; Philip Tham, O. P.; Theodore Finnegan, O. P.; Ferrer M. Kienberger, O. P.; Sylvester Considine, O. P.; Humbert M. Palmer, O. P.; Sebastian Bohan, O. P.; Stephen Connolly, O. P.; Bartholomew Reilly, O. P.; Stanislaus McDermott, O. P.; Wm. M. McClory, O. P., and Basil Saylor, O. P.

Fr. Richard Clark, O. P., of the Southern Mission Band has been called to the East to assist on the missions.

The Very Rev. Leonard Lehu, O. P., Vicar General of the Order during the Master General's absence from Rome, has been appointed Consultor of the Holy Office.

Archbishop Moeller, of Cincinnati, was the guest of the community during his visit to Washington to attend the meeting of the directors of the Catholic University.

Recently the students of St. Clara College, Sinsinawa, Wis., enjoyed an intensely interesting lecture on St. Catherine of Siena delivered by Father Thomas M. Schwertner, O. P.

The Very Rev. H. I. Smith, O. P., National Director of the Holy Name Society and editor of the Holy Name Journal, has been formally installed as prior of St. Catherine of Siena Convent, New York City.

Pope Benedict XV in a letter to the American Hierarchy declares that inasmuch as "it strives to secure that the revered majesty of God be honored in all holiness by all and at the same time that observance be given to all authority of men as it proceeds from God," the Holy Name Society shows itself preeminent in placing a barrier in the way of divorce, profanity and the many other great evils that beset the path of virtue and entice many to sin. In conclusion, he says, "much then, with God's help, has been accomplished by the work of this society, the praise of which the Dominican Fathers rightfully share with you."

The Most Rev. Lewis Theissling, O. P., Master General of the Order, spent two weeks in New York before beginning his official visitation of the houses of the Order in Japan, China, Tonkin, Central and South America. Leaving New York he went to Rosaryville, La., and thence to Vancouver via San Francisco, sailing from that port for the Orient where he has a special commission from the Holy Father to Japan and China. By August 4 he will be in Manila, where he will preside over the provincial chapter of the Holy Rosary Province. Brazil, Argentine, Peru, Venezuela and Columbia, where he has also a special mission to perform for the Pope, will be visited in turn. After covering the Central American countries he will return to Rome.

Miss Mary Gath and Miss Annie McLoughlin received the holy habit of St. Dominic, April 20, in the chapel of Holy Rosary Hospital, Ontario, Ore. They received the names, Sister Mary Louis Bertrand and Sister Mary Catherine de Ricci.

The Very Rev. Edward G. Fitzgerald, O. P., prior of the House of Studies, was the preacher at the annual meeting of the Holy Name societies of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, held in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., Sunday, April 29. Bishop Corrigan, who was present, requested that the sermon be printed and distributed among Holy Name men.

"A Militant Professor of the Biblical School," by Rev. Joseph A. Murphy of St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass., is the title of a very interesting article appearing in the May number of the Ecclesiastical Review. The subject of the article is Father Dhorme, a Dominican professor at the world-renowned biblical school of St. Stephen's in Jerusalem. Fr. Dhorme, known to the learned world as the author of a Commentary on the Books of Samuel and the Language of Assyria, became known to the world at large for his remarkable findings in the trenches of Gallipoli where he was serving in the French army as Sergeant Dhorme. Even the anti-clerical press of France has recognized the notable activity of this wonderful Dominican archaeologist. May his service be remembered in time of peace by the Republic for which he is so generously laboring in the maelstrom of war. Among other French Dominicans who have been honored for bravery on the line of battle are Fathers Guenin, a lieutenant, Jacquin Claverie, a corporal, and Bernard, also a corporal.