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The novices continued their classes in sacred oratory at their summer college, Ocean City, Md., under the direction of Prof. Charlemagne Koehler of Detroit, Mich.

Frs. Charles O'Neill, O. P., and William Owens, O. P., both professors at the House of Studies, were engaged during the summer months in writing explanations of various treatises of the Summa Theologica of St. Thomas, which will be embodied in a new commentary on the works of the Angelic Doctor.

Four of the young Fathers who recently completed their theological course have received their first assignments. Fr. Augustine Sullivan, O. P., has been assigned to St. Antoninus' Priory, Newark, N. J.; Fr. Antoninus Fox, O. P., to St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York City; Fr. Reginald Caién, O. P., to St. Catherine's Priory, New York City, and Fr. Jerome Treacy, O. P., to St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Conn.

The Faculty of Sacred Science of the Catholic University of America awarded last June, to Fr. Daniel M. Galliher, O. P., J. C. L., of the House of Studies, the degree of Doctor of Canon Law. The robes and insignia of the Doctorate were conferred on Fr. Galliher by His Lordship, Bishop Shahan, at the Commencement exercises of the University. This degree has been granted but once before in the history of the University. Doctor Galliher will pursue this year courses in Roman and civil law.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred at the same time by the Faculty of Letters on Fr. Luke Thornton, O. P., Fr. Cyprian McDonnell, O. P., Bro. Justin McManus, O. P., and Bro. Ferrer Kienberger, O. P., all of our community.

The names of two priests and twelve novices were drawn in the draft for the new National Army. All are exempt under the law freeing priests and theology students from war service.

The Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., Regent of the House of Studies, conducted the annual retreat for the priests of the diocese of Dubuque, Iowa, in June. He also preached a retreat for laymen of the same diocese at Dubuque College.

During the third week of the summer school at Cliff Haven, N. Y., two evening lectures were delivered by the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., prior of St. Catherine's Priory, New York City. The speaker took as his themes: "The Philosophy of St. Thomas in the Light of Modern Questions" and "The Seventh Centenary of the Dominican Order."

The Very Rev. Louis Theissling, O. P., Master General of the Order, was in attendance at the Centenary celebration held April 30 at the Dominican Church of the Holy Rosary, Houston, Texas. He was the guest of the Rt. Rev. N. A. Gallagher, D. D., Bishop of the Galveston diocese, of which Houston is a part, on the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Bishop's consecration.

August 15 to 19, a retreat was conducted at the Academy of Our Lady, Ninety-fifth and Throop Streets, Chicago, for the members of the local chapter of the Third Order. Fr. Clement M. Thuente, O. P., directed the exercises.

The retreat list of Fr. Thuente—who is well known throughout the country as a retreat master for priests and religious—is as follows: Dallas, Tex., clergy; San Antonio, Tex., clergy; San Scholastica, Tex., two retreats, Benedictine Sisters; Milwaukee, Wis., two retreats, clergy; Racine, Wis., Dominican Sisters; Seattle, Wash., Carmelite nuns; Seattle, Wash., clergy; Chicago, Ill., Third Order; Techny, Ill., Fathers of the Divine Word, and the Maryknoll community.

Father Thuente, who is in charge of the Bureau of the Holy Name Society established in Chicago, reports that the progress of the Society in the archdioceses of Chicago, Milwaukee and Dubuque is most gratifying. The heads of these sees are working energetically to advance the reign of Jesus Christ among the men of their flocks. Bishop McGavick, spiritual director of the Chicago Societies, also merits, he says, great praise for his ceaseless endeavors to behalf of the Society. The Holy Name Manual has been translated into Polish, and it is expected that this will help to further the work among the large Polish parishes.

Fr. Constance Doyon, O. P., of the Canadian Province, who is Captain-chaplain of the 22nd French-Canadian Battalion, has been publicly praised for his tireless efforts in the exercise of his priestly functions in the most perilous situations.

On July 27, the parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City, tendered a farewell reception to the soldier boys of the parish. There are 150 members of the men's societies enrolled among the different federalized forces.

In the death of the Very Rev. Dominic Ceslaus Gonthier, O. P., P. G., the Canadian Province loses one of its most notable Brothers. Père Gonthier is a brilliant figure in the history of our neighboring province. A zealous son of Dominic, he served the Order and the Church in a most fruitful apostolate until death. Dominicana extends in the name of the Fathers and novices of the Province of St. Joseph their sincerest sympathies to our Canadian brethren. R. I. P.

Fr. Francis Beckley, O. P., J. C. B., who recently obtained a chaplaincy in the Navy, has been assigned to duty at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Father Beckley, who before his appointment was a special student at the Catholic University, is probably the first religious to receive a commission of this kind since the days of the Civil War, and the youngest chaplain now with the colors.

Fourteen Fathers of the English Province are also working as chaplains among the British troops.

Frs. Raphael Fannan, O. P., and Michael Eckert, O. P., who have been on the Western Mission Band for sixteen and twelve years respectively, were promoted recently to a larger field of activity among their brethren on the Atlantic coast. Both are missionaries of the highest order, and it would be hard to realize the amount of good accomplished by these two earnest Preaching Friars during their long periods of labor in the Middle West. Fr. Fannan is famous for his polished sermons and dramatic delivery, while Fr. Eckert is known over the vast missionary territory as "the big honest Apostle." It is safe to say that they will be greatly missed by their brethren and friends in Minneapolis and the States covered by the Western Band. The loss of the West, however, is the gain of the East, and in their new and more densely populated field of activity, these tried and zealous missionaries will achieve great good in the cause of God and religion. Fr. Fannan has been assigned to St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Conn., and Fr. Eckert to Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, N. Y.

The French Dominicans are frequently mentioned in the orders of the day for heroism at the front. Frs. Antoninus Vuilmermet, O. P., and Louis Chauvin, O. P., are the latest to be commended for acts of bravery.

The Chicago "New World" is publishing in weekly installments "The Secret of Sanctity; or, True Devotion to Mary," composed by the celebrated Dominican Tertiary, Bl. Grignon de Montfort, and translated into English by the late Father Charles H. McKenna, O. P., of our province.

Among the speakers at the fourteenth annual convention of the Catholic Educational Association, held during the past summer at Buffalo, N. Y., may be mentioned the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, S. T. D., rector of the Catholic University, a Dominican Tertiary; Fr. Stanislaus Welsh, O. P., S. T. Lr., president of Aquinas College, Columbus, O., and Fr. Francis O'Neill, O. P., Ph. D., of Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, Minn. A learned and interesting paper on the Standardization of Women's Colleges, prepared by Sr. M. Ruth, O. S. D., of Saint Clara College, Sinsinawa, Wis., was also delivered before the assembly.

The following are other transfers that have been announced by the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., Provincial: Fr. Antoninus Wynn, O. P., of Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Mo., and Fr. Vincent Cleary, O. P., of St. Louis Bertrand's Priory, Louisville, Ky., have also been assigned to the Western Band. Both have worked for some years on the Southern missions. Fr. Raphael Scholz, O. P., from Hawthorne, N. Y., to St. Patrick's, Columbus, O., and Fr. John Berchmans Logan, O. P., from Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pa., to St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Ky., both to join the Southern Mission Band. Fr. Edward O'Hearn, O. P., from Southern Band to Eastern Band, Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Fr. Raymond Burnell, O. P., from Hawthorne, N. Y., to St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C.; Fr. Urban Cull, O. P., from St. Dominic's Church, Denver, Colo., to St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York City; Fr. Bernard Hughes, O. P., from Aquinas College to Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Fr. Raymond Bonniwell, O. P., from St. Rose's Priory, Ky., to St. Dominic's, Denver, Colo.; Fr. J. R. Volz, O. P., from St. Mary's of the Springs, Columbus, O., to Aquinas College, same city. Fr. Damian Pendergast, O. P., from St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, O., to succeed Fr. Volz. Fr. Dominic Sullivan, O. P., from St. Antoninus' Priory, Newark, N. J., to succeed Fr. Pendergast as Novice Master at St. Joseph's Novitiate.

In October, a two-weeks' bazaar will be held in San Francisco, Cal., for the benefit of the proposed new church of St. Dominic.

On September 1st the handsome new school erected by the Dominican Fathers in their parish of St. Vincent Ferrer, at Vallejo, Cal., was opened for regular class work. The Dominican Sisters from San Rafael are in charge.

Fr. Antoninus Lewis, O. P., recently returned from a lengthy session on the Eastern missions to his own province in California and conducted a very successful novena at the church of St. Ann in San Francisco. Frs. Dominic Noon, Thomas Barrett and Stanislaus Olsen have also been kept very busy during the summer months with retreat work.

From June 26 to 29, the Rev. Damian O'Brien, O. P., rector of St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Vallejo, Cal., conducted a mission at the Mare Island Navy Yard. Over 100 men received Holy Communion, and after the exercises came to an end, scapular medals, rosaries, etc., were distributed among the sailors. Fr. O'Brien intends to give missions at the Navy Yard regularly, as the forces there are being constantly changed.

On June 8th Pope Benedict XV sent a beautiful photograph of himself, with a lengthy autographed blessing written in Spanish to the Dominican Fathers at Lima, Peru, on the occasion of the tercentenary of the death of St. Rose.

By the choice of His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, another Friar Preacher has been raised to the episcopacy. The Dominican so honored is the Very Rev. Thomas Esser, O. P. He was consecrated Titular Bishop of Sidine on Sunday, July 8th, by His Eminence Cardinal Fröhwrth, also a Dominican. The ceremony took place in the chapel of the English Sisters, Rome. Fr. Esser is renowned as a theologian and was secretary of the Congregation of the Index, until lately, when the work of this institution was taken over by other congregations. Dominicana extends the heartiest congratulations of the American Dominicans to our new bishop.

Fathers Vaquero, Ruana, Garcia, Zavala, Perea and Silva, members of the Holy Rosary Province, Philippines, all eminent educators, were the guests during the summer of the Very Rev. Dr. Cavanaugh, C. S. C., president of Notre Dame University. The Dominican Fathers were en route from Spain to the Philippines.

The Very Rev. Lawrence Shapcote, O. P., ex-Provincial of the English Province, recently resigned the priorship of Holy Cross Priory, Leicester, to go on the foreign missions of Natal, Africa.

The Very Rev. Leonard Lehu, O. P., Vicar General of the Order during the absence of the Master General on his canonical visitations, was received in private audience by the Holy Father a few weeks ago.

A dispatch from Rome announces the appointment of Cardinal Frühwirth, O. P., as Protector of the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio.

The nuns of the Dominican Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, West Hoboken, N. J., had renewal of their vows on the feast of St. Dominic. The solemn ceremony took place in choir in front of the statue of our holy Founder.

Three members of the Dominican Congregation of Albany, N. Y., celebrated on June 24th their silver jubilee of religious profession. The jubilarians are Mother M. Bertrand, superioress of the house in Dayton, O.; Sr. M. Catherine, of the Philadelphia house, and Sr. M. Columba, of the house in New York City.

Sr. M. Borromeo, O. S. D., of the St. Mary's of the Springs Congregation, died at New Haven, Conn., on June 27th, in the twenty-fourth year of her religious profession. Her death came after a year of hard and earnest school work. Considered one of the most faithful members of her community, her loss is keenly felt. R. I. P.

On May 24th, fifteen young ladies were clothed in the habit of St. Dominic at St. Mary of the Springs, Shepard, Ohio. His Lordship, Bishop Hartley attended the ceremony and addressed the new novices. Twelve novices pronounced their first vows on July 12th. Over twenty Sisters renewed their profession and four postulants were received on the same day.

At the Perpetual Adoration Monastery, Newark, N. J., two Sisters made profession, one was clothed in the habit and another began her term as a postulant. The nuns' chapel is a center of Eucharistic devotion in Newark, 20,500 Communions being recorded for the past year. One hundred votive lights are perpetually burning for various intentions, thanksgivings, etc. A number of these lamps have been established in perpetuity, their founders being long since dead.

Eighteen Dominican nuns attended the summer school at the Catholic University. They represented the following communities: Adrian, Mich.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Caldwell, N. J.; Newburgh, N. Y.; Great Bend, Kansas; Springfield, Ill.; Sin-sinawa, Wis., and San Francisco, Cal.

The Dominican Sisters of New Orleans continue to sustain their well-earned and long-recognized reputation as educators of Catholic youth. The past year has been a singularly successful one in college and high school work. Vocations are on the increase in the South. Eight are in the novitiate, all of whom save one are Louisianans. The Sisters enjoyed a pleasant visit from the Master General while he was in that city.

On June 25th, twelve Sisters of the Brooklyn Congregation, celebrated their silver jubilee of profession. The Fathers of our province conducted four retreats for Sisters at Amityville, Long Island, the novitiate convent, and two for young ladies. After a retreat preached by Fr. F. J. Twohig, O. P., eighteen postulants received the habit on May 28th. Twenty-three novices made their first vows and eight Sisters their final vows on July 7th. Their retreat-master was Fr. Dominic McShane, O. P., of our community. The summer school of the Sisters was opened at St. Joseph's Convent, Sullivan County, New York, on July 16th. The Cathedral school at San Juan, Porto Rico, will be opened by these Sisters this month.

Mother Catherine, O. S. D., of the exiled Portuguese community, Ontario, Ore., reports that a new foundation will be opened in Kenosha, Wis., early this month. The Madison House of Kenosha has been rented for the present. Here three Sisters and a nurse will reside. A few patients can be accommodated. Later on, a first-class hospital will be built upon a beautiful tract of land facing Lake Michigan, the gift of benefactors. The Sisters' first parish school was opened in Hanfield, Cal., in August. On August 6th, five Sisters pronounced their first vows and one received the habit. They are Sr. M. Peter and Sr. M. Thomas of London, Eng.; Sr. M. Dolores, Philadelphia; Sr. Mary Inviolata, Miss., and Sr. M. Teresa, Munich, Bavaria. The postulant is Sr. M. Imelda (Miss Agnes Ludy) Reading, Pa.