ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE


The Very Rev. Terence S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial, returned, October 31, from the General Chapter held in Rome. During his absence the Very Rev. W. A. Marchant, O.P., was Vicar Provincial of the Province.

Friday night, November 15, the Rev. R. W. Farrell, O.P., began the second annual series of twenty weekly lectures at the Center Club, New York City. The purpose of the Club is to popularize the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas. This series is the first of four embracing the Summa of St. Thomas' Theology. The lectures, as last year's, will be available to Catholic college graduates.

The Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., began his series of seventeen weekly sermons at the Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, D. C., on Rosary Sunday, October 6. The general theme of the discourses, which are being broadcast over Station WOL, is: Civilization or Chaos—With Christ or Against Him.” The series is broadcast at 5 P.M. over Station WOL, Washington, D.C.

Father Smith also preached the sermon at the consecration ceremony of the Most Rev. Peter L. Ireton, in the Baltimore Cathedral, October 23.

The Very Rev. E G. Fitzgerald, O.P., spoke to the Virginia Chapter of the Catholic Alumnae of America, on Sunday, November 10.

In the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C., September 22-24, the following Brothers received the Tonsure and Minor Orders from the hands of the Most Rev. James H. Ryan, Bishop-elect of Omaha: Robert Barron, Benedict Heary, John Gaines, Jerome Bresnahan, Camillus Lillie, Gabriel Schneider, Luke Schneider, William Curran, Regis Ahern, Patrick Roney, Hilary McGinley, Andrew Fleming, Donald McMahon, Mathias Cain, Quintin Goldrick, Aloysius Segren, Sebastian Carlson, Arthur McInerney, Christopher Pino, Bartholomew Schaller, Maurice Conlon, Antoninus Quinn, Raphael Gillis, Victor Dwyer, Anselm Abbott, Fabian Mulhern, Marcellus McGowan, Urban Corigliano, Paschal Shaffer, Hugh Scola, Brendan Larnen and Edgar Schnell.

Bishop Ryan also conferred the diaconate on the following Reverend Brothers on September 24: Dominic Kearney, Vincent Ferrer Hartke, John Thomas Ford, Ignatius Bailey, Peter Morrissey, James McDonald, Walter Conway, Thomas a'Kempis McKenna, Vincent Fitzgerald, Michael Whelan, Lambert Shannon, Richard McQuillan, Leonard Grady, Basil

The Blackfriars' Guild of Washington, D.C., a non-professional theatrical group organized in 1932 by the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., began this new season by a very successful presentation of the "White Haired Boy." Other Guild productions to follow are: "The First Legion," and "Catherine the Valiant."

The Blackfriars' Guild of Providence College, Providence, R.I., has included in this season's program: "Catherine the Valiant" and "Barter" by the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P.; "Joyous Season," "The House Beautiful," and "Big Hearted Herbert."

Fifty Dominican Students formed one of the fifty groups of Religious and High School Students who marched in the beautiful parade in Washington, D.C., on the Feast of Christ the King. The parade was under the auspices of the Catholic University Unit of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. The twenty-five hundred marching Crusaders formed a colorful procession as they wended their way from the White House, through the downtown section of Washington, to St. Matthew's Church, where in the presence of the Most Rev. John M. McNamara, D.D., they paid tribute to the King of Kings in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The Fathers of the Eastern Mission have the following engagements for December:

**Novenas:**
- At St. Gregory's Church, New York City.
- At Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- At St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, E. Boston, Mass.
- At St. Alphonsus' Church, Auburn, N.Y.
- At St. Vincent's Church, Madison, N.J.
- At St. Michael's Church, Georgiaville, R.I.
- At St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn.

**Retreats:**
- At St. Brenden's Church, Riverside, R.I.
- At Holy Cross Church, Baltimore, Md.
- At St. Ambrose's Church, Endicott, N.Y.
- At St. Raphael's Church, Pawtucket, R.I.
- At the Dominican Monastery, Philadelphia, Pa.
- At St. Dominic's Academy, Caldwell, N.J.

Fathers and students from the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C., assisted at the Solemn High Mass on October 4 in honor of St. Francis, at the Franciscan College of the Holy Name, Washington, D.C. The Very Rev. E.G. Fitzgerald, O.P., was celebrant of the Mass.

Not a few Dominican Fathers helped to swell the ranks of the clergy in the annual Holy Name Parade in Jersey City, N.J., held this year on October 13.

Thirty students from the Dominican House of Studies chanted Solemn Compline at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D.C., October 20, at the annual Knights of Columbus' pledge to Christ their King. The Very Rev. Justin McManus, O.P., was the preacher on the occasion.

The Rev. G. B. Stratemeier, O.P., Professor of History and Religion at the Catholic University of America, has been appointed chaplain of the University.


Fathers of the Central Mission Band, the Rev. W. D. Sullivan, O.P., the Rev. P. G. Corbett, O.P., the Rev. R. R. King, O.P., the Rev. J. R. O'Connor, O.P., the Rev. B. C. Murray, O.P., and the Rev. J. C. Connolly, O.P., have concluded the present season with the following engagements:

Parish Retreats:
At Holy Angels' Church, Dayton, Ohio.
At St. Dominic's Church, Springfield, Ky.

Novenas:
In honor of St. Teresa, at the Carmelite Monastery, Wheeling W. Va.
In honor of St. Jude, at St. Jude's Church, Wauwatosa, Wis.
In honor of St. Jude, at St. Dominic's Church, Detroit, Mich.
In honor of the Holy Souls, at St. Dominic's Church, Detroit, Mich.
In honor of the Immaculate Conception, at St. Louis Bertrand's Church Louisville, Ky.

Third Order Retreat:
At the Fontbonne, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Missions:
At St. Catherine's Church, New Haven, Ky.
At Holy Trinity Church, Somerset, Ohio.
At St. Mary of the Knobs Church, Floyd Knobs, Ky.
At St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, Ohio.
At St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tenn.
At St. Francis of Assisi Church, Louisville, Ky.

Forty Hours:
At St. Peter's Church, Wheelersburg, Ohio.
At St. Patrick's Church, Wyandotte, Mich.

The Rev. C. L. Davis, O.P., of the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., preached three retreats to the clergy of the diocese of Toledo, at Carey, Ohio.

The Rev. J. I. Reardon, O.P., and the Rev. D. G. O'Connor, O.P., are teaching Philosophy at De Paul University, Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. T. M. Sparks, O.P., is teaching Psychology at the Extension Course at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Ill.

The Rev. A. C. Therres, O.P., and the Rev. J. C. McDonough, O.P., members of the Western Mission Band, are now stationed at the House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.

The Rev. A. M. Driscoll, O.P., is inaugurating, on November 15 at Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., a series of philosophical lectures sponsored by the Catholic Truth Association.

The Very Rev. F. N. Georges, O.P., spoke on Blessed Martin de Porres to colored and white congregations at St. Monica's Church, Gary, Ind., and at St. Anselm's Church, Chicago, Ill.
The Rev. L. C. Gainor, O.P., lectured on the aims of Catholic Education on September 4, over Station WGN, Chicago, Ill.

The night classes in the Adult School at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Ill., began on October 5, with a greater selection of classes and larger attendance than last year, and continued for ten weeks.

The Saint Albert's Guild, organized by the theological students at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, for the purpose of making the Dominican Saints and Blesseds better known, has entered upon its third successive year. The subject of this year's papers and novena is Blessed Martin De Porres.

On Rosary Sunday, the sermon at St. Joseph's Church was preached by the Rev. J. J. Welsh, O.P.; and, at St. Thomas' Church, Zanesville, Ohio, by the Rev. C. I. Litzinger, O.P.

After conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on a large class at St. Joseph's Church, Somerset, Ohio, on the afternoon of October 9, the Most Rev. James J. Hartley, D.D., Bishop of Columbus, visited the Novices in their recreation room.

Two Passionist Fathers, the Rev. Marcellus White and the Rev. Reginald Arliss, stopped at St. Joseph's for a brief visit, October 24-25, on their way to the West coast where they are to embark for the Chinese missions.

A regional meeting of the Third Order of St. Dominic was held on Sunday, December 1, at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky.

Two of the young Fathers ordained last June, the Rev. T. A. Murphy, O.P., and the Rev. J. M. Egan, O.P., were sent to the College of the Angelico, Rome, to continue their studies.

The Rev. E. M. Heary, O.P., has been appointed as an Assistant Editor of the Holy Name Journal.

The Dominican Missions were represented at the Mission Exposition at Cleveland, September 23-26, and at Milwaukee, October 6-9.

The Clergy of the Country have responded with great enthusiasm to the Angelic Warfare campaign, begun this Fall by the Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P. Many communications have been received from all parts of the United States as well as one from China and New South Wales.

The first public novenas in this country in honor of Blessed Martin de Porres were those held at Union City, N.J., conducted by the Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P.; at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., conducted by the Rev. V. R. Burnell, O.P.; and the Rev. G. B. Neitzey, O.P.; and at Holy Name Church, Valhalla, N. Y., conducted by the Rev. E. L. Phillips, O.P.; St. Pius' Church, Providence, R. I., preached by Very Rev. J. P. Aldridge, O.P.

The Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., preached at Jersey City, N. J., on Oct. 6 at the dedication of Siena Hall, Catholic Action Center and residence for business women, conducted by the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, N. J. Father Hughes also addressed a group of Franciscan Tertiaries at a Communion Breakfast at the Hotel New Yorker. On October 13, he conducted a Holy Name Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Astoria, L. I., N. Y.

The Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P., conducted a three day retreat for ladies, September 13-15, at the Retreat House of Our Lady of Prouille, Elkins
Park, Philadelphia, Pa.; also a one day retreat for Third Order members at the Dominican Sisters Retreat House, on Rosary Sunday, October 6. Father Vahey preached at the St. Albert’s celebration held on November 7, at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn. He also conducted a one day retreat for the Central Organization for Catholic Women on December 1, at the Dominican Sisters Retreat House, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Fathers of the Southern Mission Band, the Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O.P., the Rev. L. M. Shea, O.P., and the Rev. L. A. Smith, O.P., had the following engagements for the Fall of 1935:

**Missions:**
- At St. Mel’s Church, Chicago, Ill.
- At Sacred Heart Church, Palestine, Tex.
- At Holy Rosary Church, Rosenberg, Tex.
- At St. Wenceslaus’ Church, Beasley, Tex.
- At St. Mary’s Church, Temple, Tex.
- At Sacred Heart Church, Charleston, S. C.
- At St. Mary’s Church, Augusta, Ga.
- At Immaculate Conception Church, Tyler, Tex.
- At St. Charles’ Church, Longview, Tex.

**Novenas:**
- At St. James’ Church, Chicago, Ill.
- At St. Lawrence’s Church, Chicago, Ill.

**Retreats for Religious:**
- At St. Mary’s Infirmary, Port Arthur, Tex.
- At St. Joseph’s Infirmary, Houston, Tex.
- At St. Mary’s Infirmary, Galveston, Tex.
- At Villa de Matel, Houston, Tex.
- At the Dominican Novitiate, Houston, Tex.

**Retreats for Students:**
- At St. Benedict’s College, Atchison, Kan.
- At McGill Institute, Mobile, Ala.
- At De La Salle Normal School, Lafayette, La.

A Special Sermon was delivered at the Diamond Jubilee of the Dominican Sisters, New Orleans, La.

The Rev. Thomas a’Kempis Reilly, O.P., is at present completing the following series of engagements on which he entered shortly after our last notice:

- At Cornwall, Ontario, two ten-day retreats for the Sisters Hospitallers of St. Joseph. At Springfield, Ill., an annual retreat for the Dominican Sisters, Academy of the Sacred Heart. At Milwaukee and Kenosha, Wis., and at Harrisburg, Pa., visits or conferences for the propagation of the Rosary, a work to which Father Reilly has recently been assigned. At Mount St. Florence, Peekskill, N. Y., an annual retreat for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Provincial House. At Oka, Ontario, a diocesan retreat for the clergy of Alexandria, followed by a private retreat at the Trappist Monastery. At Cleveland, Ohio, a solemn public novena in honor of Christ the Eucharistic Priest-King and St. Jude, at St. Paul’s Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. At Summit, N. J., an annual retreat for the cloistered Dominican Nuns at Rosary Shrine. At St. Paul, Minn., a ten-day retreat for the Good Shepherd Sisters at their Motherhouse.

As joint worker with the Rev. J. S. Moran, O.P., for the propagation of the Perpetual Rosary, Father Reilly will welcome all opportunities, openings or suggestions that may be brought to his notice for the promotion of devotion to the Rosary in any form. Communications relating to Rosary Novenas, Triduums, Conferences, Lectures or merely interested
inquiries will reach Father Reilly, if addressed to his present permanent residence—Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, 1500 Haddon Ave., Camden, New Jersey.

SISTERS CHRONICLE

Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll, N. Y.

The Maryknoll Sisters opened two new houses in the Orient this fall. At Pingnam, in the Wuchow Prefecture, Kwangsi, Province, two Sisters will conduct a catechumenate and catechist school for women, and a small dispensary. Their most important work, however, is a school in preparation for a native novitiate. Twenty Chinese girls await permission from Rome to enter upon their novitiate. This is the Sisters' first house in the Kwangsi Province. The Maryknoll Fathers, however, have been in charge of Wuchow since 1927. They hope to use more Sisters as soon as means permit.

The Sisters named to Pingnam are: Sr. Mary Gonzaga Rizzardi of New Rochelle, N. Y., and Sr. Moira Reihl of North Bergen, N. J. Sr. Gonzaga was transferred from the Congregation's house at Kowloon Hongkong, China and Sr. Moira from Loting, Kwantung, China.

At Hopei in Manchukuo, three Sisters are stationed. They are Sr. Veronica Marie Carney of Somerville, Mass., Sr. Paula Sullivan of Burlington, Vt., and Sr. Mary Fabiola Conyou of Spokane, Wash.

Sr. Miriam Louise Kroeger of Jefferson City, Mo., a Maryknoll Sister, was invested with the Paladin Jewel, honorary award of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, on the evening before she sailed for her mission in China, September 21. Sr. Henrietta Marie, Cunningham, Mass., was also invested. The award was granted for "outstanding service" at the Crusade Convention, August 6-9, at Dubuque, Ia., where the Sisters were in charge of an exhibit of the Congregation's work on the foreign mission field.

Sisters of Saint Dominic, Caldwell, N. J.

On September 8, a Convocation of Dominican Tertiaries was held in the Convent Chapel. Forty-two members were received and ten were professed.

Final vows were pronounced by the following: Sister M. Francesca Hackett, Sister M. Georgina Christiana, Sister M. Madonna Kelly, Sister M. Eugenia Fenton, Sister M. Dolerine Brosnahan, Sister M. Helena Flanagan, Sister M. Walter Proudfoot, Sister M. Rosina McTague, Sister M. Patricius Feury, Sister Maura Campbell, Sister M. Eleanor Fay, Sister M. Madeline Sorge, Sister M. Julian Coskren, on September 19.

On September 26, the Very Rev. J. L. Heagen, O.P., delivered his regular monthly conference. His subject was "The Holy Eucharist and the Eucharistic Congress." "Devotion to the Rosary," was the subject of his October conference.

On October 9, the Community was favored with a visit by the Very Rev. C. M. Theunte, O.P., who described his mission among the lepers in Molakai. On the following day he addressed the students of the Academy in the interest of the leper missions.

The first of a series of week-end retreats was given at Sienna Hall, Jersey City, N. J., by the Rev. J. M. Routh, O.P., on November 2 and 3. This new residence for business and professional women was dedicated on October 6, by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Bishop of Newark, N. J. All women wishing to spend a day in prayer and recollection are invited to attend these spiritual exercises.

From October 30 to November 2, a retreat for the pupils of the Academy was conducted by the Rev. R. B. Johannsen, O.P.

On August 31 a Requiem High Mass in the Chapel at the Motherhouse and Masses at every Mission House of the Community recalled to the minds of the Sisters the second anniversary of the death of the Most Rev. J. J. Dunn, D.D., V.G. A procession to the grave of the Bishop and the recitation of the rosary by the Sisters comprised the additional observance at the Mount.

On October 1, the Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, Ecclesiastical Superior of the Community, presided at an investiture ceremony, assisted by the Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. I. Hannon of Camden, N. J.

On Thursday, September 12, the formal opening of the school year was marked by the celebration of a Mass for the students by the Rev. Hugh N. Serror, O.P., of Providence College. In an inspiring talk, Father Serror urged the students to be faithful to Mary, their Patroness and Mother.

The Sisters and students at the Motherhouse observed with fitting ceremonies the three days of the Eucharistic Congress. On Wednesday and Thursday the Holy Hour was held; on the third day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the entire day came to close with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in which Sisters and students joined. The local alumnae were represented at the chapel by their President, Mae Flanagan.

In compliance with the wishes of the Holy Father, the chanting of the High Mass by the Community on Sundays and double feasts was begun for the year on Rosary Sunday. The Rev. T. M. Mulvin, O.P., was the celebrant of the Mass. In the afternoon after a brief explanation of the significance of the Feast by Father Mulvin and after the blessing of the roses, a procession of the students, sisters and altar boys terminated with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the Te Deum.

On September 20, the Most Rev. Bishop Hafey of the Diocese of North Carolina visited the Mount, where he gave a most thought provoking talk on the Southern missions and their heroic priests.

On October 27, the feast of Christ the King, a piano lecture-recital was given in the Domus Angelorum by Miss Emma Griscuolo, graduate of the Yale Conservatory of Music.

On October 26, the Rev. Wm. Kelly of the Catholic School Board and Dr. Wm. Dougherty of Yonkers visited the Mount after the sectional meeting of religious teachers in Newburgh, N.Y.

The Rev. Ambrose Brochu of Tuxedo Park, on October 29, addressed the Catholic students Mission League of the Academy on the Diocesan Student Mission Organization.

The devotion of Forty Hours at the Motherhouse began on Sunday, November 3, with High Mass celebrated by the Rev. T. M. Mulvin, O.P.

St. Joseph's College and Academy, Adrian, Mich.

October 4, marked the dedication of the new House of Studies recently erected on the campus of the Catholic University by the Sisters of
Dominicana

St. Dominic of Adrian, Mich. The Rev. Mother M. Gerald, O.P., of Adrian under whose direction the building was undertaken, the Rev. Mother M. Clarissa, O.P., of Akron, fifteen Adrian Dominicans and about thirty Sisters representing many other communities were privileged to be present at the simple but beautiful and impressive ceremonies.

The House, which was constructed under the supervision of Gerald Barry, well-known Chicago architect, is built in modified Renaissance style, of light brick, with stone trimmings and provides accommodations for forty-four Sisters. Eleven Sisters from Adrian took possession on August 9, and since the opening of the University twenty-six Sisters from other communities have taken up their abode with them. Besides the sleeping rooms, the house includes a chapel, two community rooms, parlors, two refectories and a number of service rooms. The liturgical altar and the statues in the chapel are the work of the Daprato Statuary Company, and the complete set of Gothic vestments was made by the Sisters in Adrian.

The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, blessed the House on the afternoon of October 4, and after the blessing of the chapel, delivered a very fatherly address to the Sisters, congratulating them on the erection of the House of Studies and welcoming them to Catholic University. He spoke highly of the work done in the United States by all the teaching orders; of their astonishing progress along educational lines in the last twenty-five years in spite of immense difficulties; and of their notable contribution to the Church in America. On the following morning His Grace celebrated the first Mass offered in the chapel and gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Assisting the Archbishop at the dedication and at the Mass were the Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., the Rev. R. W. Farrell, O.P., the Rev. T. F. Carey, O.P., and the Rev. T. J. Smith, O.P.

Immaculate Conception Convent, Great Bend, Kansas

Immaculate Conception High School, a secondary school conducted for the Novices and Postulants, commenced its eighth scholastic year, September 9, with an enrollment of twenty-five students.

Since the month of August five postulants entered the Novitiate.

An event of great joy to this community was the appointment of the Rev. J. M. Smith, O.P., as its first Dominican Spiritual Director. Father Smith came to Great Bend on October 4, to take charge of his new duties.

The Feast of the Most Holy Rosary was celebrated with the usual solemnity. The ceremony of the blessing of the roses preceded the Conventual High Mass sung by the Rev. J. M. Smith, O.P. Father Smith preached an impressive sermon on St. Dominic and the efficacy of the Holy Rosary.

Throughout the Rosary month special Rosary devotions were held each evening in the Convent Chapel.

For the past few weeks this Community has enjoyed the privilege of a weekly Holy Hour on Thursday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

On October 9, the second anniversary of the death of Mother Rose, and on October 16, the seventh anniversary of the death of Mother Seraphine, a Requiem Mass was sung in the Convent Chapel.

St. Cecilia Academy, Nashville, Tenn.

Mother Reginald, O.P., and Sister Miriam, O.P., attended the Seventh National Eucharistic Congress held in Cleveland, Ohio, during the latter part of September.

Sister Mary Rose, O.S.B., of Guthrie, Okla., is spending the year at St. Cecilia while studying library science at George Peabody College for Teachers.

Sister Margaret, Prioress, and Sister Mary Luke attended the Dixie Conference of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, held in New Orleans, La., in October.

The first meeting of the year of the Nashville English Club was held at St. Cecilia during October.

The St. Cecilia Sodality sponsored their annual bazaar during the early part of December. The proceeds of the bazaar will be used this year, as is the custom, for the home and foreign mission.

Sisters Sebastian, Isabel, and Thomas Aquinas are spending the year at Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas, studying for their degrees.

Sisters Mary Luke and Anne Frances attended the State Convention of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, held in Memphis, during Thanksgiving week.

Convent of Saint Catherine, Racine, Wis.

The Very Rev. C. M. Thuente, O.P., was the guest of the Community for a few days of the first week of September. He spoke to the Sisters one evening on "A Good Philosophy of Life." His discourse was pithy and stimulating.

Sister Mary Gerard Hoffmann died on October 3. May she rest in peace!

Congregation of the Holy Cross, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sister Magdalen Proepster died August 18, and Sister Rosalene McGivney died September 28. May they rest in peace!

The Dominican Juniorate Guild gave a Euchre and Dance at the Colonial Hotel on October 23. It was well attended and was a social success.

The forty-nine Juniorites at Southhampton spent the Thanksgiving Recess at their own homes with their parents.

Congregation of St. Mary's, New Orleans, La.

The Very Rev. N. Dominguez, O.P., celebrated Mass in the convent chapel shortly before his departure for Manila, P. I.

On Rosary Sunday, Rev. Anselm Townsend, O.P., was celebrant at the High Mass. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament was held in the afternoon followed by a Rosary Procession on the campus and outdoor Benediction.

Portraits of Sidney Lanier, Poet, and of "Stonewall" Jackson, were presented to the College by the Julia Jackson Chapter, U.D.C. Miss Audrey McCarron, A.B. '38, a member of the Chapter made the presentation, and the gifts were accepted by Miss Maria Ajabita, A.B. '36.

Sister M. Michael, O.P., A.M., addressed the Dixie Conference, I.F.C.A., during the convention recently held in New Orleans. The topic of her talk was: "Social Aspect of the Federated Sister." Sister M. Elizabeth, O.P., Ph.D., Dean of St. Mary's Dominican College, led the Round Table discussion during the Education Session.

The Social Service Session of the Conference was held at Dominican College. The Rev. Joseph Buckley, S.M., S.T.D., delivered the invocation. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. J. Wynhoven, a national authority on Sociology, gave a splendid talk on the "Big Sister" movement. The Most Rev. Rummel, Archbishop, was the guest of honor. At a banquet after the session the entire convention body reassembled to listen to His Ex-
cellency's inspiring address on the "Importance and need of Catechists."

The Dominican Orchestra, under the direction of Professor Rene Solomon entertained the delegates with a select program. A notable feature was the harp solo of Mme. Lucienne Lavedan, a Dominican alumna.

Mrs. Cecile Cleary, President of the Dominican Alumnae, was chairman of the lay division of the Education Session, which stressed the teaching of Christian Doctrine. A catechetical display of unusual excellence and magnitude was exhibited in the college social rooms. At the request of the Archdiocesan Superintendent of Education, the Rev. E. Prendergast, the Exhibit was continued two days beyond the convention dates.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the coming of the Dominican Sisters to Louisiana occurred on November 5. Its observance was strictly en famille.

With devoted loyalty to their Alma Mater, the Alumnae have planned an imposing celebration for the third Sunday in December, when His Excellency will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass, assisted by the Pastors of the Schools in which the Sisters teach, and by the Very Rev. Michael Geehan, Chancellor of the Archdiocese. The sermon on this occasion will be preached by one of the Dominican Fathers of the Southern Mission Band. A commemoration program will precede the Mass, at which the President, Mrs. Cecile Cleary, in the name of the Alumnae, will present a token of appreciation to their beloved Sisters.

Five young ladies entered the postulate during the month of October.

St. Catherine's Hospital and Novitiate, Kenosha, Wis.

In July the Rev. Thomas a'Kempis Reilly, O.P., visited the Community and gave an instruction on the Holy Rosary, stressing its continual recitation.

The Very Rev. C. M. Thuente, O.P., conducted the annual retreat closing on the Feast of St. Rose with the ceremonies of first and final profession.

Sister M. Lucy Hennessy was admitted to first profession.

Those admitted to final profession were: Sister M. Veronica O'Sullivan, Sister M. Patrick McCarthy, Sister Margaret Mary Horgan, Sister M. Mathelda Moessens, Sister M. Ambrose Clear, Sister M. Agatha Lynch, Sister M. Victoria Marion.

Sister M. Bonaventure and Sister M. Agatha were transferred to the California Missions following the retreat.

St. Mary's of the Springs College, East Columbus, Ohio


Mother Stephanie, O.P., Superioress of the Community of St. Mary's of the Springs, is at present making her visitation of the Eastern houses.

One of the first members of the college faculty, the Rev. Stanislaus Olsen, O.P., who is now stationed in California, recently returned for a visit. Fr. Olsen had not seen the new halls which had sprung up since he was Professor of Sociology at the infant college. A tour of the buildings found Father pleased with all he saw. It was pleasant to recall his enthusiasm and unstinted praise.

A new House Council was recently organized in accordance with a cooperative plan of student government. It's objective is to legislate regarding matters pertaining to Sansbury Hall and to act as a point of contact between the faculty and student body.

On October 23, the Rev. Paul Glenn of St. Charles College, Columbus, addressed the student body, faculty and friends, in the first of a series of
Informal talks on "Why I am a Catholic." The lecture was a splendid exposition of the truths of the Catholic faith by one who is prominent as a priestly lecturer in Columbus, Ohio. The lectures will be open to the general public, Catholic and non-Catholic.

The last Sunday of October, the Feast of Christ the King, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel of Christ the King. The college students in cap and gown attended in a body. The Rev. J. Bauer, O.P., College Chaplain and member of the faculty, delivered an instructive address on the significance of the Feast for Catholics today, pointing out that moral courage and the development of a true conscience are necessary in establishing in one's heart the reign of Christ the King.

The Academy has increased its number of students over last year, the present enrollment being 250. The college enrollment is now one hundred, the Freshman class alone having forty-three members. These numbers evidence a remarkable stride in a college in whose first year, 1924, there was a membership of just ten in all classes.

Sister Borromeo, O.P., Dean of St. Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, attended a meeting of the Ohio Classical Association, held at Tiffin, Ohio, October 24-26. Sister read a paper on "Types of Parasites in Plautus and Terence."

Sister Mary Patrick Clancy, O.P., answered the final mission call on September 19, 1935, in the fifty-eighth year of her religious profession. May she rest in peace!

Sisters of St. Dominic, Blauvelt, N. Y.

The corporate title of the Congregation has officially been changed from "Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic," to "Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York."

On August 20, Sister Jordan, Sister Baptista, Sister Alberta and Sister Celestine celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their religious profession.

The last retreat for the year was preached during the last week of August by the Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., at the Motherhouse, Blauvelt, N. Y. A few days after the retreat four postulants received the holy habit, two novices pronounced their first vows and seven Sisters pronounced their perpetual vows.

Statistics for the scholastic year 1934-35 show that approximately 10,000 children were enrolled in the schools conducted by the Sisters of Blauvelt.

Sister M. Thomasina, principal of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Academy, Goshen, New York, has received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Fordham University. The subject of her dissertation is: "Lacordaire—a Classical and Romantic Teacher."

Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mission San Jose, Calif.

Venerable Mother M. Seraphina, Prioress General, accompanied by Sister M. Dolorosa, attended the conference of Dominican Sisters held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in July. They enjoyed the privilege of making the retreat conducted by the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., for the Sisters attending the conference.

On the Feast of our Holy Father St. Dominic, six Sisters celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their holy profession. The sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Paul K. Meagher, O.P.

The second retreat of the year, from August 5-12, was conducted by the Rev. T. Gabisch, O.P.

On August 12, six novices pronounced their first vows, and on the fifteenth, eight Sisters were admitted to their perpetual vows.

The Most Rev. J. M. Preciado, Bishop of Colon, Panama, honored the
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Motherhouse by a visit on September 3-4. His Excellency celebrated Mass in the convent chapel.

On October 15, Sister M. Gaudentia, O.P., was called to her heavenly reward in the fortieth year of her age and the eleventh of her religious profession. Death came after many months of great suffering, joyfully endured. May she rest in peace!

The participation of this Community in the National Eucharistic Congress, held recently in Cleveland, took the form of a Solemn Triduum with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the third day, concluding with the Holy Hour. Another Triduum was similarly held in preparation for the Feast of Christ the King.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Community was favored in having the Rev. C. M. Theunte, O.P., act in the capacity of Chaplain from August 15-21. During his stay a series of conferences on Dante's “Purgatorio” was given to the Sisters which was most helpful and instructive.


On September 14, a beautiful statue of St. Joseph was blessed and placed in the new Grotto in the Novitiate garden. This was the gift of the relatives of one of the Sisters in memory of their deceased mother.

The Solemn Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary was made by the Community. The conventual Mass was sung by the Rev. Fr. Schroer, P.S.M., a missionary from Africa, at which the Sisters solemnly renewed their vows. In the afternoon an unusually large gathering attended the impressive ceremony of the crowning of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. The children as usual were well represented and added much to the occasion all dressed in white with colored bands, symbolizing the Rosary Mysteries. One of their number read aloud the “Act of Consecration.” The Rev. A. H. Neal, O.P., of Oak Park, Ill., conducted the services and preached an inspiring sermon. Roses were blessed and distributed after Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

A Triduum in honor of the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Perpetual Rosary Association was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Kelly, O.P., from October 20-22. There were two services, each day at 3 and 8 p.m. All were well attended.

At the close of the Triduum, the Third Order of St. Dominic obtained their much desired permission to hold their monthly meetings at the convent instead of the Cathedral where they were formerly held. The Rev. Fr. Kutchera, himself a tertiary, graciously offered and received the faculties to act as Spiritual Director of the Chapter. Several new members were received.

On September 28, “The Dominican Rosary Aides” held their annual meeting in the convent parlors, at which the election of new Officers took place. The Rev. J. J. Holleran of St. Sebastian's Church, Milwaukee, Wis., gave an excellent talk on Dominican Ideals and Catholic Action. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the chapel services.

On October 15, Miss Laura Gebman of Waukesha, Wis., entered the cloister as a postulant.

Congregation of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, San Rafael, Calif.

During the past year the Sisters of the Congregation of the Most Holy Name of Jesus have had their chapel renovated in accordance with
the strictest liturgical regulations. Miss E. Charlton Fortune of Monterey, Calif., has designed the altars and their appurtenances. On the dossal of the main altar she has wrought a mosaic in felt of St. Dominic and the Archangel Raphael on either side of the Dominican coat of arms. The statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph were designed by the French artist, Rouget de Villiers and subjected to a process of silver gilding under the direction of Miss Fortune.

A new Novitiate house has been founded at San Rafael, near the older convent. It has been named Santa Sabina at Edge Hill.

A new estate at San Rafael has been purchased for the Dominican College. It adjoins the main academic building, Guzman Hall, and Meadowlands, one of the older residences. In honor of St. Catherine of Siena it has been named Benincasa.

On the Feast of St. Raphael, October 24, as the most important ceremony of Shield Day, Msgr. Thomas F. Millet, in the presence of a large assembly blessed the new college house.

On November 13, a symposium in honor of St. Thomas, Patron of Schools, was held in Angelico Hall, the auditorium of the Dominican College of San Rafael.

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**Dominicans Sisters of the Sick Poor, New York, N. Y.**

On August 10, the Rev. Walter Maher, S.J., gave the Sisters an interesting lecture on St. Joan of Arc which was elucidated by slides. Later in the month the Rev. T. M. Sparks, O.P., entertained the Community by giving them an account of his recent travels in St. Dominic's country. This was also illustrated by pictures.

On August 30, the second annual retreat was opened being conducted by the Rev. V. C. Donovan, O.P.

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**Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Union City, N. J.**

The Rev. J. M. Routh, O.P., conducted the services and preached the sermon in the chapel on Rosary Sunday. The devotions consisted of the Rosary Procession, sermon, Act of Consecration to our Lady of the Rosary and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Roses were blessed and distributed after the services.

The annual retreat for the Community opened on October 18, and closed on the Feast of Christ the King, October 27. The Very Rev. C. M. Thuente, O.P., conducted the retreat.

The Most Rev. Cuthbert O'Gara, D.D., C.P., who is on a visit from China, celebrated the conventual Mass in the chapel on October 30, and paid a visit to the Community.

Through the kind offices of the Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., National Director of the Third Order, Editor of *The Torch* and Founder of the Blessed Martin Guild, the Sisters were singularly privileged to have the first public novena in honor of Blessed Martin De Porres, held in chapel. The novena opened on October 28, and closed on November 5, the Feast of Blessed Martin.

This novena, which marked the inauguration of public devotion to Blessed Martin in the United States, was conducted by the Rev. E. L. Hughes. Each day of the novena Holy Mass was offered for the intentions of all those joining in this Crusade of Prayer. The primary intention of the novena was the canonization of Blessed Martin. Two exercises were held daily, one at 4 P. M., the other at 7:30 P. M. During the entire novena every service was very well attended. Veneration of the relic of Blessed Martin took place after each service.

On Monday evening, November 4, the Rev. J. A. Shovlin, Pastor of Christ the King Church for the colored, in Jersey City, was celebrant at
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Benediction. His choir of about thirty colored children sang the Benediction hymns. His colored altar boys were the servers.

On Tuesday, the Feast of Blessed Martin, a Solemn High Mass was offered in the chapel at 10 A.M. The Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P., was celebrant; the Rev. Aegidio Rutolo, O.P., acted as deacon and the Rev. J. B. Affleck, O.P., acted as subdeacon. The Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., preached a stirring panegyric on the life of Blessed Martin. At the afternoon and evening service the Papal Blessing was imparted. At the evening service the girls from St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City, formed the choir. The Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P., was the celebrant at Benediction. In conclusion the Sisters' Choir chanted the Te Deum in thanksgiving to God for the great favor conferred on them in having this novena take place in their chapel.

The Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Summit, N. J.

The Rev. M. A. Murray, O.P., of Somerset, Ohio, said the conventual Mass for the Sisters on August 10.

The devotions of the Triple Novena to our Lady were held in the lower chapel on Rosary Sunday, September 1. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Welsh, O.P. During the course of the week, he gave most inspiring talks on the Spiritual Life to the cloistered Sisters.

The sixteenth anniversary of the foundation at Rosary Shrine was celebrated with a High Mass on October 2, the Feast of the Guardian Angels. The Most Rev. Amandus Bahlmann, O.F.M., Bishop of Para, Brazil, visited the Sisters and gave them a conference in the afternoon.

On October 3, the Rev. C. G. Moore, O.P., celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of religious profession.

A visit by letter was made by the Rev. T. L. Weiland, O.P., from Columbia, S. C., in appreciation for the help given him in his paramount work among the negroes. The following is an excerpt taken from his letter: "It is a great satisfaction that we shall be able to conduct services with becoming altar appointments because of the treasure chest sent by you."

Prayers for world peace was offered at the fifteenth annual Fall Pilgrimage on October 6, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. The solemn Rosary Procession made up of thousands of Rosarians carrying lighted candles, children dressed as angels, monks, and nuns, specially garbed altar boys and church societies with their vari-colored banners formed an impressive sight. "The Rosary, Hope of the Storm-tossed World" was the subject of the discourse of the Very Rev. Justin McManus, O.P., Prior of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. The entire pilgrimage was conducted out of doors on the monastary lawn.

A notable feature of the exercises was the testimony of several outstanding Catholic laymen, regarding the Rosary as a practical instrument of Catholic Action. Among the speakers were the Hon. W. J. Kearns, the Hon. John A. Matthews, James J. Carroll, Alexander I. Rorke, and John O'Connor. The Most Rev. Amandus Bahlmann, O.F.M., Bishop of Brazil, who was on a visit to the United States, was celebrant at the Solemn Benediction, the Rev. C. G. Moore, O.P., deacon, and the Rev. J. C. Murphy, O.P., subdeacon. The Papal Blessing was cabled, and read by the Rev. C. G. Moore, O.P.

On October 27, the Feast of Christ the King, a pilgrimage of Rosarians from St. Joseph's Church in Bayonne, N. J., spent the entire day at Rosary Shrine. Devotions in honor of St. Jude were held in the afternoon with a short sermon by the Rev. C. G. Moore, O.P. In conclusion there was Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Miss Margaret McNally of Jersey City, N. J., entered the cloister as a postulant on the eve of All Saints.
The Rev. Thomas a'Kempis Reilly, O.P., gave the annual ten day retreat to the Sisters on November 1.

**Dominican Monastery, Catonsville, Md.**

The Mass on August 18, the Sunday in the Octave of our Lady's Assumption, was celebrated by the Rev. Father Brendan, C.P. Miss Minnie Malloy directed the St. Leo's choir in the singing of the Mass.

During the past months four postulants entered the Community. They are: Misses Frances di Liberto, of New York; Bernardine Cavanaugh, of Gloucester City, N. J.; Mary McHugh, and Elizabeth Eckhardt of Baltimore, Md.

An exquisite set of Pontifical Vestments, the gift of the Sisters of Mercy to the Most Rev. Bishop Ireton, Auxiliary Bishop of Richmond, was painted by the Nuns.

The First Sunday Pilgrimage of September was conducted by the Rev. Fr. Delea, of St. Cecilia's Church.

The Rev. J. J. Dwyer, O.P., of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., conducted the Rosary Sunday services. Mr. Hubert J. Sturm directed the choir of men and women from the various parishes of the city. Gerard M. Sturm of St. Ambrose Church was the Organist. Miss Marianna Tumminello, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Tumminello, of St. Francis Asissi Church, crowned the Blessed Mother.

On October 7, the Rev. George Tragesser of St. Joseph's Church, celebrated the High Mass. Immediately after the Mass Father Tragesser gave a conference to the Community.

The Rev. Daniel McGill, of Jersey City, N. J., visited the Community and celebrated Mass on the Feast of St. Louis Bertrand.

The usual first Sunday pilgrimage of November was conducted by the Rev. Charles Kerin, S.S., of St. Charles College.

The Very Rev. Leonard Walsh, O.F.M., Commissary of the Holy Land, of Washington, D. C., preached the Community retreat from November 8-17.

During the month of November a High Mass was sung for the repose of the souls of all deceased Benefactors of the Community, and during the month of December for all the living Benefactors.

A very fine macadam road has been installed on the property of the Monastery. The material for the road was donated by the Arundel Company, while the Rev. Bro. John Fidelis, C.F.X., of St. Mary's Industrial School, donated the labor, which was directed by Mr. J. T. Feeney.

**Congregation of the Sacred Heart, Grand Rapids, Mich.**

Mother Mary Benedicta (Mary Frances O'Rourke), third Mother General of the Dominican Sisters of the Grand Rapids Diocese, and well known in Grand Rapids through her activity here during the past forty years, died Monday evening at Marywood after an illness of seven weeks.

Born in Minden City, Michigan, March 17, 1871, she spent the first sixteen years of her life in that city, leaving there in 1887 to join the Sisters of the Order of St. Dominic at Holy Angels Convent, Traverse City. She received the Dominican habit there on April 26, 1888, and was professed on April 27, 1889. Teaching assignments called her during the next ten years at St. Mary's School, Muskegon; St. Francis', Traverse City; Sacred Heart Academy, Mt. Pleasant, and St. Alphonsus', Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In 1900, when the Sisters purchased the Matter property at Fountain Street and Ransom Ave., N.E., and established there an academy for girls, Mother Benedicta was appointed first principal of the Academy. Under her directorship the academy was accredited by the University of Michigan.
on March 21, 1906. In September of this same year, Girls' Catholic Central high school, the first Catholic Central in the United States, opened with Mother Benedicta as principal. This position she held until 1910, when she was called to the office of novice mistress of the Congregation.

In connection with her work of teaching, Mother Benedicta had for over thirty years some part in the general administration of the Congregation. She was bursar general from 1897 to 1903, novice mistress from 1910 to 1913, counsellor to Mother M. Aquinata, first Mother General of the Congregation from 1913 to 1915, and a assistant to Mather M. Gonsalva, second Mother General, from 1915 to 1919. When because of ill health, the latter resigned her office in November, 1919, her duties devolved upon Mother Benedicta, who completed the remaining two years of Mother Gonsalva's term of office. In August, 1921, the Congregation chose Mother Benedicta as its Superior General and reelected her for a second term in 1924.

The eight years of Mother Benedicta's administration were years of marked advance in the history of Grand Rapids Dominicans. Under the guidance and direction of the late Most Rev. E. D. Kelly, then bishop of Grand Rapids, Mother Benedicta undertook and completed the building of the beautiful new Motherhouse and academy at Marywood, which will ever be looked upon as a monument of her progressive spirit and genuine zeal. It was during these years, too, that the Catholic school question became a political issue. Mother Benedicta spared no effort in effecting the certification and higher education of the Sisters under her charge and in keeping the Dominican schools of the diocese in the fore rank among educational institutions in the state.

At the close of her term of office as prioress general in 1927, Mother Benedicta was appointed by Mother Eveline, her successor, to act as supervisor of schools. In this capacity she served until 1929, when she became principal of Marywood Academy. She has during the past three years been superior of the girls' division of Catholic Central, where, September 8, the evening before the opening of school, she was stricken with the illness which resulted in her death.

Funeral services for Mother Mary Benedicta, were held at 9:30 Saturday morning, November 2, in Marywood Chapel, with the Most Rev. M. J. Gallagher of Detroit, pontificating at the High Mass of requiem. At the end of the Mass the Rt. Rev. Msgr. K. J. Whalen, St. Mary's Church, Muskegon, who had known Sister M. Benedicta for over forty-five years, spoke briefly on her life and achievement. Present at the Mass were more than 400 Sisters and clergy from all parts of the state and friends and former pupils from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

Sisters of St. Dominic, Sinsinawa, Wis.

Five Sisters were appointed to the faculty of the newly opened St. Albert School, Minneapolis. The school was dedicated with impressive ceremonies on December 8.

In the death of Sister Mary Vincenza Hughes on October 15, the Congregation lost a revered and saintly member. Sister Mary Vincenza was in the thirty-ninth year of her profession. She taught in high schools in Bloomington, Ill., Madison, Wis., and Omaha. In 1910 she was appointed novice mistress at the Motherhouse and continued in this important charge for twenty-two years, during which time over eight hundred Sisters received training under her guidance. The Very Rev. J. A. Foley, O.P., of Minneapolis was celebrant of the funeral Mass, assisted by the Rev. E. L. Van Becelaere, O.P., and the Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P. The Rev. J. D. Kavanaugh, O.P., preached.

Catholic Education Week was observed in the Academy, the principal
speaker being Mrs. Maisie Ward Sheed who held the interest of all by her account of the work of the Catholic Evidence Guild in England and elsewhere.

The course in Gaelic given at Rosary College by Professor Sean O'Briain, graduate of University College, Cork, Ireland, has aroused much interest within and without college circles. Night classes are now being held in Chicago under the auspices of the Illinois Club for Catholic Women.

The Rosary College plan of Education for Leisure has entered upon its second year with an enrollment of over six hundred. The following courses are offered this year: Current Problems in Philosophy; Liturgy; Representative Americans; The Essay; International Relations; Accounting; Clothing; Appreciation of Music; Food Preparation; Speech. An account of the program of Education for Leisure as initiated and worked out at Rosary College during the scholastic year, 1934-35, appears in the November issue of the "Bulletin of the Association of American Colleges."

The Rev. W. G. Scanlon, O.P., conducted the students' retreat at Rosary College during the first three days of November. A considerable number of students are voluntarily attending the class in preparation for Catholic Evidence work again being conducted weekly by the Rev. Reynold Hillenbrand of the Archdiocesan Mission Band of Chicago. It is hoped that the promising beginning made by three students during the past summer in Oklahoma will grow to ever greater proportions with each succeeding year.

Founder's Day at the College, November 4, was made memorable by the usual distinction and significance of a program commemorative of the coming of Father Mazzuchelli to Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin in 1835. The Rev. M. M. Hoffman, Columbia College, Dubuque, Iowa, was the principle speaker, and the program included also cordial messages of greeting and felicitation from the Hon. Henry Horner, Governor of Illinois, and from the Universities of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Each of these universities also sent a special representative to the College for the program.

Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas

The beautiful Feast of the Immaculate Conception ushered in the festive occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Sister M. Antoninus O'Connor, Sister M. Pius Dowling and Sister M. Jerome Devine. The chapel and the refectory were very tastefully adorned for the celebration; and the Jubilarians were the recipients of cordial congratulations and good wishes as well as of many appropriate gifts from pupils and friends. Immediately after the Mass Miss Catherine Voigt of Galveston, Texas; Miss Ray Marie Bernsen of Beaumont, Texas; and Miss Anna Lee Castle of Beaumont, Texas, clad in beautiful bridal attire entered the chapel to the sublime chant of the "O Lumen Ecclesiae" and proceeded to the altar rail. There after being questioned by the Most Rev. Christopher Edward Byrne, D.D., LL.D., and after listening to an eloquent exhortation on the duties of the religious life, the postulants were presented with the holy habit of St. Dominic.

The ceremony of making first profession followed the reception to the habit. The novices who pronounced their first vows were: Sister M. Mathias (Miss Alice Sheldon of Port Arthur, Texas); Sister M. Clarice (Miss Clarice Sparkman of Houston, Texas); Sister M. Joanna (Miss Kathryn Doherty of San Antonio, Texas); Sister M. Dorothea (Miss Irene Broussard of Orange, Texas); Sister Maureen (Miss Ellen Marie Shea of Riverside, California); Sister M. Teresita (Miss Theresa Von Dohlen of Galveston, Texas).
The retreat for the novices and postulants was conducted by the Rev. L. M. Shea, O.P.

Sister Mary Anna Gallagher was called to her reward, October 30, at the age of ninety-two years. This venerable religious was the sister of the late Most Rev. Nicholas Aloysius Gallagher who labored so many years in the Diocese of Galveston. Sister Mary Gallagher, like her saintly brother left the comforting and edifying memory of a life of exalted virtues. A Solemn Requiem Mass was said in the convent chapel and burial was in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Galveston, Texas.

Four of the Dominican Sisters attended the Dixie Conference held in New Orleans, November 26, 27, and 28. Sister M. Paul of Sacred Heart Academy, Galveston, Texas, read the response to the welcome. Sister M. Adeline and Sister M. Carmel of St. Anthony's high school, Beaumont, Texas, and Sister M. Perpetua of St. Agnes Academy, Houston, Texas, were at the Convention.

Ground was broken for a new addition to the Sacred Heart Convent on the Almeda Road, the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Texas. The new addition will be given over to the novices and postulants. The building will provide reception rooms, class rooms, novitiate and dormitories for the younger members. The ground was blessed by the Most Rev. Christopher Edward Byrnes, D.D., LL.D. Four months have been given for its completion.

St. Catharine Convent, Springfield, Kentucky

United in spirit with the thousands who honored our Eucharistic Lord in the great Congress at Cleveland, the Sisters and students at St. Catharine's assembled each evening for Holy Hour. Rev. P. P. Walsh, O.P., conducted the services and in a series of instructions took for his central theme the antiphon, O Sacrum Convivium.

Rosary Sunday was marked by the usual solemn procession and by a sermon delivered by Rev. P. V. Flanagan, O.P. Father Flanagan also preached at St. Catharine's on the Feast of Christ the King.

Sister Raphael Huber was called to her eternal reward October 30. Faithfully and well had she helped in the work of the Community for fifty-eight years, in Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska. She was a sister of Mother M. Rose, she was co-foundress with Mother Alphonse Lathrop, of Rosary Hill Home for incurables, Hawthorne, N. Y.

Sister Camilla joined the ranks of the Jubilarians when November 15 marked the fiftieth anniversary of her religious profession.

Education week was observed here according to the program outlined by the N.C.W.C. The Chaplain, Rev. W. A. O'Connell, O.P., spoke on the opening day, on the subject "World Peace." Father Flanagan, O.P., spoke on "St. Thomas and Christian Education"; Father Baverso, O.P., on "Religion Persecution in Mexico"; and Father Hall, O.P., on "Problems of Youth." As a part of each day's program, the students of the Junior College and Academy sang national anthems in chorus.