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HE heavy wheels of world traffic roll on without ceasing; men take little notice, but the hosts of Heaven pause with bated breath as the rite of Ordination slowly and majestically unfolds itself. Men spun from the dust of the earth are being raised even above the spirits about the eternal throne, to sit in the very councils of God. There is heard no “sound as of a mighty wind coming,” “parted tongues, as it were of fire” appear not; yet, as the consecrating Bishop places chalice and paten in the hands of the young men before him, and delivers to them the power of the Priesthood, “all are filled with the Holy Ghost.” Again the Cenacle is made to exist; the Last Supper and Pentecost are relived. Men, of themselves nothing, are identified with the Son of God; empowered to do what He did, to offer Eternity to Eternity for sins of the world, to loose the sins of that world when it chooses to repent them. Quietly, the ceremony moves to its finish. When all is done, the young priests go forth, to the eye unchanged, yet different with a difference which neither Heaven nor Hell can change. Deep within them is burned the mark of the Holy Spirit; upon their lips dwell powers which reach across time and space to move the very realms of Eternity.

On the tenth of June, in the Church of St. Dominic, Washington, D.C., His Excellency, the Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, D.D., the Apostolic Delegate, raised to the splendors of the Priesthood thirty-two sons of Saint Dominic. The Reverend Fathers are: (front row seated, left to right) Humbert Dailey, Penfield, Ill.; Vincent Fitzgerald, Philadelphia, Pa.; John Thomas Ford, Chicago, Ill.; Dominic Kearney, Vailsburg, N. J.; the Rev. P. L. Thornton, Master of Students; the Very Rev. Justin McManus, Prior; Vincent Ferrer Hartke, Chicago, Ill.; Cyril Fisher, Salem, Ohio; Peter Morrissey, Danville, Ill.; Walter Conway, Sioux Falls,
To the newly ordained priests, their brethren offer their sincere felicitations, and pray, as Christ prayed for His first priests, that the Blessed Trinity in whose councils they are now so intimately joined, may ever "sanctify them in truth."