UNE is the month of fruition, of the fulfillment of hopes. The conscientious tiller of the soil, eager graduates, the young husband and wife—all envision, in June, the realization of their ideals. To him alone who has been especially chosen and for whom June signifies Ordination, the future can be but a guess, the object of a constant and fervent hope. As he gazes fixedly at his consecrated hands he may try to conceive of the good that they will accomplish: of the Consecration, Elevation and giving of His Body and Blood, and of the blessing and anointing of His people. Only after he has entered upon “the eternal years” will he know for certain what has been written in heaven because of his priestly ministrations.

“Between the temple and the altar”: in this phrase of Jesus Christ Himself is contained an epitome of the function, of the reason for being of the priest. He is the mediator, the intermediary (“between”) of the people (“... the temple ...”) with their God (“... the altar”). “Taken from among men” he “is ordained in the things that appertain to God, that he may offer up gifts and sacrifices for sins.” He is constituted a dispenser of “the mysteries of God.” That is his high vocation. That is his liability. For, “taken from among men” much has been given him and that much more will be expected from him. He is truly a dedicated spirit, an instrument in the hands of God, Who has seen fit to choose him from among so many.

On Friday, June the eleventh, in the Church of Saint Dominic in Washington, D. C., the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley,

To these newly ordained priests of Jesus Christ go the blessings of those of their brethren who have already preceded them, the best wishes of those who hope to follow. May they ever prove themselves worthy of the divine commission which is theirs.

PRAYER FOR FERVOR

*PHILIP HYLAND, O.P.*

Only an ember,
Where once the young flames leaped and soared.
Lord, you remember.
Only a whisper,
Where once the strong voice thundered. Lord,
You were list'ner.

*Breathe on these ashes, make them flame again!*
*Rebuild this voice to shout Thy Name again!*