

paternal benevolence and of the best favors from on high, a particular Apostolic blessing. Deign to accept, my very Reverend Father, the assurance of my religious attachment.

E. CARD. PACELLI."

After such testimony, which, more than all others, gives honor to Père Lagrange, there only remains for us to commend his soul to your prayers; to propose his life as an example for all; and to ask that you accept, with our paternal blessing, the assurance of our devoted affection in Saint Dominic.

BRO. MARTIN S. GILLET, O.P.  
Master-General.

New York, March 28, 1938.

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## ON THE EVE OF ORDINATION

RAYMUND VIVIER, O.P.

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No miser ever counted hoarded gold  
More eagerly than I the busy years.  
No fairer dreams could heaven itself unfold  
Of sinner saved, of penitential tears.  
How often hard the way, what bitter hours!  
The soul doubt stricken, temptation plagued, a prey  
To Darkness; a thing of sport for all its Powers  
Till shone again the Light, till came the day.

Tomorrow I ascend the altar stair.  
The sanctuary portals open wide,  
Embracing arms of welcome. O happy hour  
When earth and heaven meet! A thing so fair,  
Angelic Choirs pause and turn aside  
In wonderment at priesthood's awful power.