ORDINATIONS

ROM the angels’ song over Bethlehem to the darkened skies over Calvary was a short period. Christ’s course was soon run, His task quickly done. The brief years hastened to their culmination in the Sacrifice of the Cross, and He was soon gone from the sight of men. But Christ’s work was to overflow the narrow bounds of His earthly years, to extend out across the centuries to all times and all peoples. Having come as a man, to save men, it would be through men that the Son of God would offer Himself to the Father, until He came again to claim those whom His blood had saved. His bodily presence He took from the vision of His followers; in His priesthood He guaranteed the continuance of the sacrifice to which all His life had aimed.

Each priest means another Christ, another altar, another renewal of Calvary. Christ was born for the crucifixion; the priest is ordained for the Mass. Each Ordination, then, is another Bethlehem. Behind solemn words and the stately ceremony a new life is born; other saviours come into the world. Mere men no longer, the ordinands leave the hands of the Bishop, co-operators in a work which is infinite. In them the brief years of Mary’s Son are prolonged, the narrow limits of His earthly life are extended. Through them His sacrifice is renewed, until He comes again.

On Thursday, June the sixteenth, in Saint Dominic’s Church, Washington, D.C., the Most Reverend John M. McNamara, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore ordained to the sacred Priesthood the Reverend Fathers Jordan Minichiello, Boston, Mass.; Clement Nagle, Boston, Mass.; Timothy Shea, Fall River, Mass.; Augustine Carroll,
To these newly ordained priests, comprising the largest class ever to be ordained for St. Joseph's Province, their brethren in Saint Dominic offer best wishes for a happy and fruitful service in the ministry of Jesus Christ.