
On March 17, the Very Rev. Thomas E. Garde, O.P., S.T.M., of Rome, Italy, titular Provincial of Lithuania and legate of the Most Rev. Martin Stanislaus Gillet, Master General of the Order of Preachers, arrived for a visitation of the Dominican Provinces in the United States. Father Garde, a member of the Irish Province, was ordained to the priesthood in Rome in 1910. In 1929 he was named socius to the master general and in this office he represents the English-speaking provinces of the Order. He has been a consultor of the Sacred Congregation of Rites since 1930. Father Garde officiated at the Holy Week services at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. At St. Joseph's mother house, Adrian, Mich., he presided at a meeting of the mothers general of all the Dominican Third Order communities in the United States. He was also actively engaged, in Detroit, in the interests of the canonization cause of Blessed Martin de Porres, Negro Dominican laybrother.

Golden Jubilee

On April 12, the Rev. J. R. Higgins observed the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood at a solemn high military Mass in the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York. At the age of three he was brought to the United States by his parents from County Sligo, Ireland. As a missionary Father Higgins preached in all forty-eight States, as well as in Canada and Cuba. The jubilee Mass was sung by the Very Rev. J. A. Nowlen, who was assisted by the Very Rev. F. P. Nash and the Rev. J. R. Grace. The cadet corps of the Church's parochial school attended in uniform. The Very Rev. W. G. Moran, pastor of the Church of St. Antoninus, Newark, related the highlights of Father Higgins's life.

Ad Muktos Annos

The following Fathers are observing the silver anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood: the Reys. W. R. Bonniwell, J. A. Byrnes, J. T. Fitzgerald, E. L. Phillips and W. D. Sullivan.

Other Activities

The Rev. H. L. Martin, a former pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio, a Missionary, and formerly a member of Aquinas College faculty, has been appointed the pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Somerset, Ohio. He succeeds the Rev. J. B. Kircher, who is seriously ill.

In a communication from Vatican City, recently received at Aquinas College High School, Pope Pius XII granted his Apostolic Blessing to the students and faculty of the school. The greeting from the Pope came in
acknowledgment of prayers and Communions offered for him on the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, March 7, following his election as Pontiff.


The Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald delivered the eulogy for the late Pope Pius XI during the requiem Mass celebrated on board the liner “Rex” en route to Naples, bearing His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, and Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia.


At a meeting of the Catholic Association for International Peace held in Washington, D.C., April 10 and 11, the Rev. James M. Egan discussed the recognition of human rights on an international and national scale in his paper on “An International Bill of Rights.”


On April 20, the following Brothers were ordained to the Diaconate and on May 17 the same were raised to the priesthood by the Most Reverend James J. Hartley, D.D., Bishop of Columbus, at St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio: Dominic Nealy, Paul Doyle, Charles O’Connell, Richard McAveey, Anthony Norton, Miles Bond, John Francis Connell, Henry O’Callahan, Michael James Clancy, James Sullivan, Stephen McCormack, Laurence Creahan, Reginald Herlihy, John Dominic Skalko, Gerald Crombie, Vincent Ferrer Clancy, Edmund Connolly, Martin McDonald, Peter Farrell, Ignatius McGuinness, Boniface Halton, Ferrer Smith, Bonaventure Crowley, Henry Suso Hamel, Nicholas Hamilton, Berchmans Finnin, Kieran O’Regan, Louis Bertrand Hanley, George Holl, Bernardine Quirk, Justin Rourke, Joachim Murphy, Thomas A’Kempis Eulberg, Walter Hackett and Humbert Callan.


The tenth annual solemn novena in honor of St. Jude Thaddeus, “Patron of Difficult Cases,” opened in St. Pius Church May 1 and terminated May 9. The novena was dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and was in preparation for Mother’s
Day. The sermons at the services were delivered by the Rev. H. C. Boyd and the Rev. J. C. Connolly.

On May 10-18 the Revs. F. N. Georges and R. E. Vahey conducted a novena in honor of Blessed Martin de Porres at the Blue Chapel, Union City, N. J. A benefit program was rendered by the Blessed Martin Choral Guild, May 21, for the Dominican Sisters at the Blue Chapel. The Rev. F. N. Georges was speaker at an Interracial Meeting held at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn., in March.

Regional meetings of the Third Order were held at Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City, N. J., April 16, with the Rev. R. E. Vahey as preacher; Providence College, Providence, R. I., April 23, with the Rev. A. P. Regan as preacher and at St. Catherine of Siena Church, New York City, April 30, the Rev. E. J. O'Toole preaching.

Father Urban Nagle, the Director-General of the Guild reports that interest in the Guild is increasing to the extent that the Guild will number about twenty-five chapters by June. Rochester, New York, will be the site for the annual convention of the Guild on June 23 and 24.

An inter-chapter magazine, Encore, under the joint editorship of Father Urban Nagle and Brendan Larnen, is being published bi-monthly. The first issue appeared in March.

The Holy See has conferred the dignity of titular archimandrite on Father Dumont, O.P., superior of the Dominican Centre of Russian studies ("Istina") at Paris.

Restoration of one of the pioneer edifices in Puerto Rico, the historic Dominican Convent erected at San Juan more than 300 years ago, has just been completed by the United States government. The building, which is now the property of the War Department, is being used for military purposes.

The Very Rev. Silvestre Sancho, O.P., Rector of the Pontifical University of St. Tomas, Manila, has recently departed for Spain and Rome, bearing vestments and burses destined for parishes and churches in devastated regions of Spain. The vestments are tokens of love from the Philippines to "Mother Spain," having been made by college girls and alumnae of Catholic academies. It is believed that the altar sets will satisfy the need of no less than 150 churches and chapels.

SISTERS' CHRONICLE

St. Catherine’s Hospital, Kenosha, Wis.

On the feast of the Annunciation, Mother Mary Antoninus observed her golden jubilee. The Rev. Hubert Van Meer celebrated the jubilee Mass, assisted by Fathers Thomey and Budde.

Sister M. Gabriel died on April 29. May she rest in peace!

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wis.

Eighteen American students of the Institute des Hautes Études, Fribourg, Switzerland, chaperoned by three Sinsinawa Sisters, attended the
coronation services of His Holiness, Pius XII, in St. Peter's on March 12.

The Rev. E. S. Murray, O.P. is the newly appointed chaplain of Saint Clara Convent.

**Mt. St. Mary-on-the-Hudson, Newburgh, N. Y.**

The Most Rev. James Kearney, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, N. Y., was a recent visitor at the Mount.

On April 2, the Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P., organized a Tertiary Chapter of St. Dominic at Mt. St. Mary's.

His Excellency, Bishop Paul Yu Pin, D.D., of Nanking, China, gave a lecture recently on the Church in China.

Sister Louis Marie Kiley died on March 6 in the fifteenth year of her religious profession. Sister Agnes Rose Ponce de Leon passed to her eternal reward in the thirty-second year of her religious profession. May they rest in peace!

**Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn.**

On April 27, Emmet Lavery gave a lecture on “Catholic Tradition in the Theatre.”

Dr. Otto Von Simson gave a lecture on “Christian Art” on May 7.

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

Among the spring publications of Sheed & Ward is a book written by Sister Mary Alma of Maryknoll, and published under her pen name, Marie Fischer.

**Siena Heights College, Adrian, Mich.**

The Sisters of St. Dominic, of St. Joseph College, Adrian, Michigan, announce that articles of incorporation have been filed, changing the name of the institution which will hereafter be known as Siena Heights College. The change of name involves no change in policy, administration, or faculty, but was made solely as a matter of expediency. The fact that the motherhouse, the college and the academy bore the name of St. Joseph tended to create much confusion. The academy will continue to operate under the name of St. Joseph.

Mother Mary Gerald was hostess to the Mothers General and companions at the Annual Conference of Dominican Mothers General in Archangelus Hall at a three day meeting under the direction of the Very Reverend Thomas E. Garde, O.P., assistant to the Master General.


April 26 was the date of the reception of fifteen postulants and the profession of twenty novices for the Order. The Very Reverend Thomas E. Garde, O.P., assistant to the Master General in Rome, presided.

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

An illustrated lecture on Puerto Rico was given by the Rev. Eugene J. Crawford, chaplain, after his recent trip.

A dramatic club of a neighboring parish church gave a splendid presentation of “The Masterful Monk” at the novitiate in April.
Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio.

On Pentecost Sunday, final professions of vows were made by Sisters M. Raymond, M. Catherine, M. Florence, M. Dennis, M. Benigna, M. Alma, M. Philip and M. Lucille; renewals of vows were pronounced by Sisters M. Augustine, M. Victorine and M. Ursula.

The summer day camp and craft school held yearly on the campus of Our Lady of the Elms will open June 19.

St. Catherine of Siena Convent, St. Catherine, Ky.

Mother Louis and Sister Francesca celebrated the golden jubilee of profession on March 7. On the same day Sisters Marjorie, Laurentia, Kevin and Edwina observed their silver jubilee of religious profession.

Sister Virgilia was called to her eternal reward on March 19. May she rest in peace!

Dominican Convent, Mission San Jose, Calif.

On March 7, Professor J. L. Hagerty of St. Mary's College, Moraga, California, was a visitor at the motherhouse.

On May 3, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Joseph Byrne, C. S. Sp., Bishop of Mochi, Tanganyika, East Africa, spoke to the Sisters at the motherhouse on the missionary life in his diocese.

St. Cecilia Academy, Nashville, Tenn.

On March 25, the patronal feast of Mother Annunciata, Prioress-General of the Congregation, was observed.

Dr. R. J. DeFerrari, Secretary-General of Catholic University, was a recent visitor at the Academy.

On Palm Sunday, the St. Cecilia Academy students, assisted by members of the Father Ryan High School, presented the sacred drama, "Barter," written by the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P.

Sister Rose Joy died on April 16, in the sixty-seventh year of her religious profession. May she rest in peace!

St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio.

The Erskine Lecture Series terminated on April 27 with a talk by Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins, President of the University of Chicago, who spoke on, "What is Education For?"

On July 10, the silver jubilee of religious profession will be observed by Sisters Alonzo Ward, Charlotte Mahoney, Jane Magruder, Cleophas Mourin de Lourdes Mayrand, Grace Beaulac, Margery Mullen, Edmund Gordon, Gervase Tumelty, Casilda Fitzsimons, Euphemia Casko, Pancratia Duffy, Immaculata Ulzheimer, Justin Martin di Ricci Zink, Dolorita Car- ton and Florence Hndres.

Congregation of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tacoma, Wash.

On May 5, reception and profession ceremonies were held at Marymount. Sister M. Dolorita pronounced temporary vows. Sisters M. Columba, M. Regina and M. Kathleen made their final profession.

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

On March 28, the Very Rev. Thomas Garde, O.P., Socius to the Master General, preached at the services in honor of Blessed Martin.

Sister Mary Benigna recently pronounced her perpetual vows.

Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas.

On March 25, the Misses Mary Rynd, Phyllis Messina, Mary Cota, and Ursulee Rahe received the habit. Sisters M. Louise Dolson, M.
Dominican Sisters of St. Dominic, Racine, Wis.

The golden jubilee of Mother Mary Romana, Prioress General, was celebrated on May 21. A pageant, "A Dominican Odyssey," written by Sister M. Demetria in honor of the jubilarian, was presented by the students of St. Albertus College.

Two of the congregation's golden jubilarians were called to their eternal reward within the past two months: Sister M. Gabriel died on March 19 in the fiftieth year of her religious profession; Sister M. Clara died on April 27 in the fifty-third year of her religious profession. May they rest in peace!

Immaculate Conception Convent, Great Bend, Kans.

The Rev. T. J. Smith, O.P., director of St. Rose Nursing School, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Wichita Diocesan Unit of the Catholic Library Association held at Sacred Heart Junior College on April 28.

On May 12, five nurses graduated from St. Catherine's Hospital, Garden City, Kans.

Seven members of St. Rose Nursing School graduated on May 15. Sisters M. Bernadette and M. Emeline were among the graduates.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Milwaukee, Wis.

On April 30, Miss Mamie Ruffalo received the habit. She has taken for her name in religion, Sister M. Catherine de Ricci.

Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Rosary, Sparkill, N. Y.

On March 19, sixteen postulants received the habit. The Very Rev. Arthur Scanlon, S.T.D., President of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York, presided and gave the sermon.

Sister M. Bernard has been chosen Bursar General. Sister M. Evangelista has been appointed fourth councillor.

Since the beginning of 1939, three of the community's Sisters have passed to their eternal reward: Sister M. Antoninus on January 6, Sister M. Rose on January 28, and Sister M. Genevieve on February 8. May they rest in peace!

St. Catherine's Convent, Fall River, Mass.

On March 7, The Rev. I. A. Georges, O.P., gave an address on St. Thomas Aquinas to the Sisters and students.

The senior class presented "Pontia, the Daughter of Pilate" in the auditorium on April 3 and 4.

St. Mary's Dominican College, New Orleans, La.

The feast of St. Catherine of Siena, patroness of the Mother General, was fittingly observed. The ceremonies in honor of Mother Mary Catherine extended over the week-end. The college glee club presented "The Enchanted Isle," an operetta based on themes of Chopin.

Sister M. Evangelist Helm recently pronounced her final vows.

Sister M. Winifred Nihon died on March 31. May she rest in peace!

Sister Marguerite Veronica, S.N.D., sister of the late Rev. James C. Timony, O.P., died on May 7 at the novitiate of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. May she rest in peace!