SAINT JOSEPH'S PROVINCE


The Rev. F. N. Georges, O.P., has been appointed Editor of THE TORCH and Provincial Director of the Blessed Martin Guild, the Blessed Imelda Confraternity and the Angelic Warfare of St. Thomas Aquinas. The Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P., has been named Provincial Director of the Rosary Foreign Mission Society and the Rev. F. N. Wendell, O.P., is Provincial Director of the Third Order. The Rev. W. F. Cassidy, O.P., is to assist in the promotion of the Rosary Foreign Mission Society.

The Rev. L. F. Boppell, O.P., the Rev. J. P. Morrissey, O.P., the Rev. W. B. Sullivan, O.P., and the Rev. J. D. Kearney, O.P., have received commissions as chaplains in the Army. The Rev. J. B. Briggs, O.P., the Rev. C. B. Morrison, O.P., and the Very Rev. Walter Farrell, O.P., are serving as chaplains in the Navy. At a reception given by the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors, the 1942 Literary Award for the outstanding book of the year was made to Father Farrell for his Companion to the Summa.

On February 13, 14 and 15, the Most Reverend John McNamara, D.D., conferred First Tonsure and the Minor Orders on Brothers Hubert Horan, O.P., and Augustine Dooley, O.P., in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

On November 28, the Rev. R. E. Brennan, O.P., passed the ad gradus examination at the House of Studies in Washington. Upon the appearance of Essays in Thomism of which he is the editor, Father Brennan was named to the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors.

SAINT ALBERT'S PROVINCE

The Very Rev. J. A. Driscoll, O.P., has been re-elected Prior of the House of Studies at River Forest. The Very Rev. J. W. Curran, O.P., has been named Subprior.

The Very Rev. G. R. Scholz, O.P., was re-elected Prior of St. Anthony's Priory, New Orleans, La.

The Rev. J. I. Reardon, O.P., and the Rev. R. H. Grant, O.P., have been appointed chaplains with the Army.
The Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, New York, N. Y.

The General Chapter of the Congregation opened July 9, 1942. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, D.D., Archbishop of New York, presided at the elections held on the following day.

The Very Rev. M. L. Heagen, O.P., conducted the first annual retreat, June 29 to July 8; the second retreat, September 3 to 12, was directed by the Rev. J. M. Smith, O.P.

St. Cecilia Convent, Nashville, Tenn.

Sister Maria Goode, O.P., died at St. Cecilia Convent October 23, after a short illness. Sister Maria was in the twentieth year of her religious profession.

Sister Camillus Baldwin, O.P., passed to her eternal reward November 21. The Rev. J. T. Mulvin, O.P., of St. Louis Bertrand's Priory, Louisville, Ky., sang the requiem Mass for the deceased. On November 1, Sister Camillus had observed the golden jubilee of her religious profession. His Excellency, the Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., Bishop of Nashville, celebrated the Mass and preached the sermon on this occasion.

The Rev. Edward Dowling, S.J., of St. Louis University, conducted the academy students' retreat, February 10 to 12.

Miss Dorothy Scudder and Miss Gene Cabaniss received the habit February 28 in the St. Cecilia Chapel. His Excellency, the Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., Bishop of Nashville, presided at the investiture ceremony and preached the sermon.

Sisters Rosemary Cunningham, Margaret Mary Hessler, and Virginia Kern made their first profession March 7.

Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio


The Rev. M. A. Murray, O.P., of Somerset, was chaplain at Our Lady of the Elms Convent during the Christmas season.

At a recent sociological convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, December 27 to 29, Sister M. Bernice, O.P., assistant principal of St. Vincent's High School, took part in a panel discussion dealing with the importance of sociology in the high school program.

Sister M. Yolanda, O.P., died January 3 at Our Lady of the Elms Convent. She was in the fifty-sixth year of her religious profession. Sister Yolanda came to Akron in 1893 and established the first Catholic school in the city at St. Bernard's. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. G. N. Habig, Dean of Canton, celebrated the requiem Mass. The Rev. S. P. Lux of Akron, and the Rev. J. H. Rohner of Lorain, were deacon and subdeacon, respectively. The Rev. Hilary Zwisler of Akron spoke eloquently about Sister Yolanda's long and fruitful career. All four priests were her former pupils during the years she taught in Akron, Barberton, and Youngstown.
Immaculate Conception Convent, Great Bend, Kansas

The Rev. Peter Kaub, chaplain of St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend, attended the "Litur­gical Week" conference held at St. Meinrad's Abbey, Ind., October 12 to 16.

On January 1, the Rev. Peter Kaub succeeded the Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O.P., as chaplain at the Immaculate Conception Convent.

On January 6, the Rev. I. J. Strecker, ordained December 19, assumed his new duties as chaplain at the St. Rose Hospital.

Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas

Sister M. Benedicta Echenrode celebrated the golden jubilee of her religious profession December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. His Excellency, the Most Rev. C. E. Byrne, D.D., LL.D., offered the jubilee Mass. After the Mass, His Excellency extended his congratulations and read the Holy Father's blessing. The Rev. Father Nigh presented a copy of the Pope's message to the Jubilarian.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continued throughout the day as requested by His Excellency in a circular letter in which he exhorted all to unite in prayers for Peace.

Sister M. Ignatius Jacob pronounced her first vows December 8.

A special Christmas novena was held at Holy Rosary Church before an outdoor crib erected by the pastor, the Rev. F. L. Vander Hayden, O.P. The school children sang the carols.

Love of the Mass was the theme of the play supervised by the Dominican Sisters and presented as the closing program of the school for 1942. Forty Hours devotion, December 29 to 31, terminated the year's spiritual exercises at the Mother House.

The Rev. W. J. Conway, O.P., conducted the retreat for the high school pupils of St. Agnes Academy, Houston.

Sister M. Francis Graml was called to her eternal reward January 16, after forty-seven years spent as a teacher in the academies and parochial schools of the Galveston diocese.

St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio

Sister M. Winifred Lynch died October 27, after a long illness.

Sister de Chantal Nichols celebrated the golden jubilee of her religious profession December 20. The event was marked by the attendance of two of her former pupils, the Rev. J. R. McAvey, O.P., and the Rev. B. U. Fay, O.P., both of whom were ministers at the jubilee Mass.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati, paid the community a visit December 21.

Dr. Herbert Schwartz, Washington, D. C., spent several days at St. Mary of the Springs giving interesting and instructive lectures to the Sisters.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Camden, N.J.

The Tertiary-Perpetual Rosary Retreat took place December 13. There was a large attendance of Tertiaries and Perpetual Rosary members. In the afternoon, the annual meeting and reception of new members of the Perpetual Rosary was observed. All renewed their consecration to Mary as her Guards of Honor.

The Rev. J. S. Moran, O.P., Director of the Perpetual Rosary, conducted the
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retreat and instructive conferences were given by the Rev. W. T. Condon, O.P., of Holy Name Priory, Philadelphia, Pa.

On January 3, a large number of Perpetual Rosarians took part in the first monthly Perpetual Rosary Hour Pilgrimage of the year. The devotions consisted in the recitation of the fifteen decades of the Rosary, singing of Rosary hymns, followed by the indulgenced prayer to Mary's Immaculate Heart, and concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

_Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Rome, Italy_ (American Foundation)

Miss Maria Maddalena Zugno of Brescia, Italy, received the habit September 24. Miss Zugno took the name Sister M. Catalda of the Precious Blood. The Most Rev. Philip Caterini, O.P., Procurator General of the Order, presided at the ceremony and preached the sermon.

_Congregation of the Most Holy Cross, Everett, Washington_

Sister M. Artemia Beatty died November 3 at St. Joseph Hospital, Aberdeen, Washington, in her fifty-eighth year and the thirty-first year of her religious profession.

Sister M. Albertina and Sister Mary Jean attended the Catholic Book Fair in Spokane, Washington. Sister Mary Jean spoke on the history of silhouette making.

At the Catholic Northwest Library Conference of the Washington-Oregon area the Dominican Sisters were represented and took an active part in the two-day program.

An inter-community project which has attracted wide attention is the book of Christmas legends for children, _Littlest Angel_ written by Sister Maryanna, O.P., of St. Mary of the Springs, and illustrated by Sister Mary Jean, O.P., of the Everett community. The book was published in November by the Edward O'Toole Co., and enjoyed extensive sales in the few weeks it was available before Christmas.

The Rev. V. Lamb, O.P., of Ross, California, has been named resident chaplain at the Mother House. Prior to his arrival, January 9, the convent was attended by the parish priests.

The Rev. J. L. Asturias, O.P., of Seattle, gave the mid-year retreat at the Mother House and presided at the ceremony of final vows taken by three Sisters.

_Congregation of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tacoma, Wash._

Miss Josephine Ramaglia received the habit January 4, taking the name Sister Mary Celeste. On the same day Sisters M. Emmanuel M. Innocentia, and M. Timothy made their temporal profession.

Sister M. Mechtilde celebrated the silver jubilee of her religious profession January 26

The graduates of the Congregation's two accredited high schools, Holy Rosary (Seattle), and Aquinas (Tacoma), will have an opportunity to continue their education in the newly established Tacoma Catholic College recently opened by the same Congregation. The Sisters' college was formerly the residence of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weyerhaeuser. The new Tacoma Catholic College's gardens were designed by Olmstead of Boston and executed by F. B. Meade and James Hamilton, architect, of Cleveland. Excellent views of Puget Sound and Mount Ranier prompted the choice of the Weyerhaeuser Estate as the site of new college.

The Rev. Edward Koechel, M.M., recently returned from Japan, spoke of his experiences in the missions of the Far East.


Sister Patricia, Dorothea, and Januaria have gone to their eternal reward within the past few months.

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

January brought the news that eleven Maryknoll Sisters were on their way to the interior of China from Hong Kong, where they have been interned for many months after the fall of the Crown Colony.

It is thought that the Sisters will join other members of their community in one or several of their houses scattered throughout the Kongmoon, Kaying, Wuchow, and Kweilin areas of South China. In all of these territories, reinforcements are sorely needed, particularly in Kweilin, where the Sisters are working day and night among the thousands of refugees from North China.

To meet the high cost of living, Maryknoll Sisters in Free China have planted gardens and report harvesting good crops of green vegetables, sweet potatoes, and peanuts. The peanut patch is considered especially important since it serves the double purpose of enriching the Sisters' meatless diet and of providing a treat on holidays for Chinese boys and girls.

In the Kaying Vicariate, the Sisters have in some cases been without word from their families for two years, and they in turn have been unable to send letters because of prohibitive air-mail rates, one letter received bearing postage amounting to $7.20. There is no regular mail communication between the Maryknoll houses in China, although letters are occasionally brought from one house to another by refugees.

It happened one day in Hawaii that Maryknoll Sisters, unable to procure workmen, because of war demands on their time and skill, attempted, with the aid of some pupils to make much needed repairs on St. Augustine's School at Waikiki.

Perhaps it was one of the boy helpers who told the tale at Pearl Harbor close by, but regardless of how they learned of the Sisters' activities, a group of U.S. Defense Workers came to the school the following day after their labors at the Harbor, and took it upon themselves to do the entire repair job. There was enough painting and carpentry to engage the volunteers (all from Brooklyn, N. Y.) for many days, and they worked faithfully and diligently until the work was finished.

One day, during a period when food was especially scarce in the Islands, the young men arrived with a large bag of potatoes for the Sisters. Frequently they brought other donations of food; and "off and on," wrote one of the Sisters, "they would leave an offering in an envelope for our mission work."