THE CLOISTER CHRONICLE

Province of St. Joseph

A solemn Te Deum in Thanksgiving for Peace closed the Forty Hours’ Devotion in the chapel of the House of Studies, November 17.


In the name of the novitiate and friends of Dominicana we wish to thank the retiring members, the Rev. Brothers Edward Hughes, O. P., Bonaventure Neitzey, O. P., and Bro. Martin McDermott, O. P., for the services they have rendered. What Dominicana is today is due for the most part to the untiring zeal of those to whom it was first intrusted. The demands of higher studies have made necessary their withdrawal from the staff but their presence will be a source of encouragement. May success attend them.

We wish to express our deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all who have helped in making “The Cloister Chronicle” a comprehensive review of the activities of the Order and its members throughout the world.

There are sixteen new arrivals at St. Rose Priory, Springfield Ky. They will begin their philosophical studies under Fr. John A. Dempsey, O. P., S. T. Lr., professor of Philosophy; Fr. J. R. Volz, O. P., S. T. Lr., professor of Church History and History of Philosophy, and Fr. J. H. Foster, O. P., S. T. Lr., professor of Fundamental Theology and Introduction to Sacred Scripture. Fr. Foster is Master of Novices.


Fr. V. C. Donovan, O. P., is professor of Plain Chant in the House of Studies. Fr. Donovan’s Primer of Plain Chant, something new in manuals of its kind, is expected from the press in a few weeks. It will be reviewed in the next issue of Dominicana.


During the influenza epidemic Frs. F. J. Welsh, O. P., and D. M. Galliher, O. P., J. C. D., of the House of Studies, attended to the spiritual wants of the temporary hospital for influenza patients in the city.

A Solemn High Requiem Mass was sung for the happy repose of the soul of Fr. McCarthy’s mother September 7; for the father of Bro. Marcolinus Della Penta, O. P., September 24, and for the father of Bro. Gabriel Knauff, O. P., October 1.
Fr. F. D. McShane, O. P., S. T. Lr., has been appointed chaplain for the Sisters' College, Catholic University.

The visit of Bishop McNicholas, O. P., to the House of Studies will long be remembered as coinciding with the declaration of peace. Shortly after his arrival in New York, November 2, where he was the guest at St. Catherine's Priory, the priests of New York honored him by presenting him with the late Cardinal Farley's ring. His pectoral cross is the gift of the Holy Father. It was a rare treat for the novices to be able to entertain the new Bishop during his brief stay in Washington; for the name of Fr. McNicholas, who was at one time, in fact the first, Novice Master in this convent, is intimately bound up with its sacred traditions. He left this city November 13, and arrived in Duluth the following Saturday. The prayers of the novices will follow the new Bishop to the scenes of his future labors. May they bear fruit a hundredfold for the honor and glory of God and the triumph of His holy Church.


We are indebted to Fr. Thomas a'Kempis Reilly, O. P., of the Angelico, Rome, who has very kindly sent us for our library a number of valuable pamphlets dealing with recent theological controversies, also a life of Ven. Vincenzo Pallotti by Mgr. Luigi Vaccani, O. S. B.

Patrick B. McEniry, who enlisted in the U. S. Signal Corps shortly after the outbreak of the war, died at the Base Hospital, France, from wounds received in battle August 21, 1918. Dominicans extends the heartfelt sympathy of the community to Bro. Ceslaus, O. P., his brother, and to his bereaved parents in Ireland.
Fr. Sebastian Gates, O. P., an English naval chaplain stationed at Gibraltar, visited the novitiate during his stay here as guest of the American Navy.

Bro. Albert Mueller, O. P., has five brothers in the army, three of them commissioned officers, and one brother in the navy, taken prisoner on the sinking of the Ticonderoga. His father is a veteran of the Indian and Spanish-American wars.

Major W. J. Donovan of the Old Fighting Sixty-ninth, brother of Fr. V. C. Donovan, O. P., of this community, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel last September at the time when he received the Distinguished Service Cross. And here it is interesting to mention that, while much has been said and written of Sgt. Joyce Kilmer of the same regiment, we learn from a letter of Lieut. Col. Donovan, that the poet-hero was killed in the act of giving his body as protection to Lieut. Col. Donovan, his superior officer.

Lieut.-Col. Chester A. Davis, of the Third Machine Gun Battalion, brother of Rev. Bro. Leo Davis, O. P., of this community, was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, for extraordinary bravery in the St. Mihiel Salient, September 12.

Fr. G. R. Carpentier, O. P., who had been assigned to the second and third Battalions of the 165th (the old 69th) under Chaplain Duffy, has been commended three times for bravery under fire.

Three-fourths of the novices have brothers in the service who have "done their bit" in khaki for the freedom of democracy.

Though the influenza was raging at the time, Frs. J. E. O'Hearn, O. P., D. A. Wynn, O. P., and J. M. Stanton, O. P., were allowed to bring to a close the mission at St. Mel's Church, Chicago, which ended October 20. St. Mel's is the largest church in that city, and the missionaries preached to crowded houses upstairs and down every night for three weeks.

After a most successful week under Fr. Clark, O. P., of the Southern Band, the mission at Holy Name Church, Steubenville, Ohio, had to be abandoned by order of the State Board of Health. However, the zealous pastor, the Rev. J. A. Weigand, is not to be daunted, and has arranged to have the Fathers return to his parish the first week in Lent.
In the words of the Reverend Pastor, J. B. Rooney, October 20 was a big “Dominican night” at St. Mary’s Church, Shawnee, Ohio. It was to do honor to the boys in the service that a service flag was solemn blessed. The flag is unique, the stars being arranged in the form of a Rosary, with the number of the boys, thirty-two, arranged in stars at the top. It is the design of the Dominican Fathers. “The Hymn for the Nation,” composed by Fr. John A. Reddy, O. P., of St. Antoninus’ Church, Newark, N. J., was sung on this occasion. The services were conducted by the Very Rev. J. B. Connolly, O. P., Prior of St. Joseph’s Convent, Somerset, Ohio; Rev. J. B. Kircher, O. P., Sub-Prior of St. Joseph’s, and Rev. J. B. Rooney, pastor of St. Mary’s. The sermon by Very Rev. Fr. Connolly, eloquent and patriotic, was truly characteristic of the eminent preacher whose years of experience on the missions have perfected his natural talents as an orator.

At the special request of Archbishop Harty, Fr. Thuente, O. P., will establish the Holy Name Society in the Diocese of Omaha. This work will make up Fr. Thuente’s program for the first four months of the new year. This invitation follows as the fruit of the Omaha Clergy Retreat last June, given by Fr. Thuente, at which he had the happiness of enrolling His Grace together with the entire body of the clergy, and of receiving their public and solemn pledges to work for the spread and glory of the Holy Name.

The Fathers of the Eastern Band recently conducted retreats in the Cathedrals of Portland, Me., and Baltimore, Md. They also gave missions in the Cathedrals of Hartford and Burlington.

Fr. J. E. O’Hearn, O. P., recently transferred from the East, is doing wonderful work on the Western Missions.

Again the missions scheduled for the Island of Trinidad have been postponed on account of the war.

Fr. Raymund Lawler, O. P., conducted the retreat at St. Catherine of Sienna, New York, for the communities of Fathers from St. Catherine’s and St. Vincent Ferrer’s.

A mission by the Dominican Fathers for many years has been a regular thing at the Holy Name Mission on the Bowery, N. Y.; and Fr. Healy, O. P., P. G., Head of the Eastern Mission Band, reports that this year will be no exception. The mission will open in January.
It is interesting to note that in the two years pastorate of the Very Rev. J. A. Hinch, O. P., P. G., at St. Antoninus', Newark, N. J., he has cleared off $30,000 from the debt of the new church.

Fr. G. R. Scholz, O. P., pastor of Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pa., recently established a chapter of the Third Order in his parish.

Sunday, October 27, the first services were held in the new Dominican parish, Providence, R. I., of which Rev. D. A. Casey, O. P., S. T. Lr., is pastor. It has been placed under the patronage of Saint Pius V.

Fr. Raymund Volz, O. P., S. T. Lr., continuing his enthusiasm for the Third Order, established a chapter of Tertiaries in Minnesota.

* * * * * * * * * *
Fr. Damian O'Brien, O. P., under the auspices of the ladies of the church has installed a beautiful stained-glass window in St. Vincent's Church, Vallejo, Cal., raised as a memorial to the late Rev. Father Louis, for many years in charge of the church.

Fathers Damian O'Brien and Thomas Lewis, O. P., of the California Province were visitors at the house of studies recently. Father O'Brien was obliged to shorten his stay on account of the influenza epidemic raging in his parish.

Owing to the illness of the news-correspondent of the Holy Name Province no further items have come to us. —G. K.

**Foreign Provinces**

The Most Rev. Louis Theissling, Master General of the Order of Preachers, passed through Spain after his absence of eighteen months in visiting many provinces of the Order. No sooner had he landed in Cadiz than the Spanish Government, hearing of his coming, issued orders that he was everywhere to be accorded full military and civil honors. He has been enrolled among the Grandees of the First Class.

On September 16 the Master General, together with his two companions, Very Rev. Gabriel Horn, O. P., S. T. M., and Bro. Louis Hageman, O. P., arrived in Rome. Two days later they were received in audience by the Holy Father.
In the Dominican Church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva, Rome, a Solemn High Mass of Requiem was offered up November 16 for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Farley, whose Titular Church it was. The Mass was arranged for by the Fathers of the Minerva and the Rector of the American College. Archbishop Cerretti pontificated, and Cardinal Vannutelli, Dean of the Sacred College, gave the absolution.

Fr. Voste, O. P., S. T. Lr., S. Script. Lic., Professor of Exegesis of the New Testament at the Collegio Angelico, who received praise from Scriptural scholars the world over for his very valuable Commentary on the Epistle to the Thessalonians, is at present engaged on a commentary on the other epistles of St. Paul.

Fr. Blat, O. P., S. T. Lr., J. C. D., Master of Students, and Professor of Canon Law at the Collegio Angelico, is writing a commentary on the Second Book (De Personis) of the new Code of Canon Law. It will appear some time in December.

On the feast of St. Francis in Rome the Master General of the Dominican Order, the Most Rev. Fr. Louis Theissling, O. P., following the time honored custom, sang the Solemn High Mass in the Church of St. Antony, the residence of the Minister General of the Franciscans in Rome. Very Rev. Fr. Hyacinth Leca, O. P., Italian Socius, was deacon of the Mass, and the Very Rev. Fr. Joannes Las Casas, O. P., Spanish Socius, sub-deacon.

Fr. Humbert McInerny, O. P., of the Irish Province, is acting as Vice-Postulator for the Beatification of the Irish Martyrs, whose cause was introduced in 1915. The Postulator is Mgr. O’Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome. The proceedings of the cause are at present going on at the Archepiscopal Curia in Dublin. Very Rev. Fr. Reginald Walsh, O. P., S. T. M., who has devoted many years to the cause of the Irish Martyrs, is also taking part.

Fr. Raymund Devas, O. P., of the English Province, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and heroic devotion to duty in the front line trenches. Fr. Devas is well known as an author who has made some valuable contributions to religious literature in England, among them being "Dominican Martyrs of Great Britain," and "Dominican Revival in the Nineteenth Century."
The Dominican novices of Spain have three publications: "Ideales," a literary and scientific review, published every two months by the theological students of the Convent of St. Stephen's, Salamanca; "Angelica," published by the philosophical students of the Convent of Corias; "Ensayos," by the students of the Province of Betica.

We will be happy to welcome to our novitiate the new periodical that is being published by the novices of the Irish Province, called the "Tallaght Record." It will appear in print for the first time in January, and thereafter three times a year.

Fr. Egidii Maccanti, O. P., the popular chaplain of the Alps Brigade, was killed on the French front several months before the close of the war. He was first with the Bersaglieri (Sharp Shooters), and later transferred to the famous Alps Brigade. Fr. Maccanti had been awarded August 4 the Silver Medal for extraordinary valor at the German attack of July 15 in the Ardre Valley; and was commonly called "The Fighting Chaplain," best loved in the Italian armies, and one of the most popular in the armies of the Allies.

The Very Rev. H. D. Delor, O. P., chaplain of the renowned French regiment popularly called the "Blue Devils," in addition to his five citations, has been named Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Among the citations of French Dominican chaplains we have received the following names: Frs. Michael Lubrano, O. P., Alban Sage, O. P., Stephen Bechaux, O. P., Paul Guillochon, O. P., Ferdinand Lesimple, O. P.

Fr. Francis Marin, O. P., S. T. D., J. U. D., formerly professor of Dogmatic Theology at Rosaryville, La., has been appointed by the Master General to succeed the late Fr. Norbert del Prado, O. P., at the University of Friburg, Switzerland.

The Very Rev. Fr. Maurice Andres, O. P., S. T. L., Sc. D., who until recently held the chair of Higher Mathematics and Architecture at the University of St. Thomas, Manila, has been installed as prior at Rosaryville, La.

Fr. Amadeo, O. P., of Trinidad has recently founded a new Order of Knights very much like the Knights of Columbus. The new order is called the "Catholic Knights."
Fr. Felix Hedde, O. P., a French naval chaplain, has received a gold medal for very valuable services in the medical world.

The former rector of Rosaryville, Very Rev. Fr. Roque, O. P., S. T. L., Sc. D., will spend some time studying in the School of Architecture, New York, and then replace Fr. Andres in the University at Manila.

Fr. Clement Martin, O. P., has begun his labors in Louisiana after twenty years of active missionary work in Tonkin, China.

Father Bernard, O. P., of the French army, who was decorated some months ago with the Legion of Honor, has been made a Knight of the Order of Leopold, the greatest distinction of the Belgian nation.

Fr. Harpin, O. P., of the Canadian Province, and until recently stationed at Fall River, Mass., has received his commission as a chaplain in the American Army and is stationed at the Naval Base, Haiti.

Fr. Menne, O. P., military chaplain of the Northern Colonial Division, has been enrolled in the Serbian National Order, with the title of officer, by the decree of his Royal Highness, Prince Alexander, Regent of Serbia.

Fr. Lamarre, O. P., Portland, Oregon, has succeeded Fr. Ollivier, O. P., chaplain of the military district of Ottawa, who has gone to Siberia with the Canadian troops.

Fr. Boulanger, O. P., died June 18 at Noix (Somme) after an attack of pneumonia caused by having been gassed.

Fr. Chauvin, O. P., has been named for the Military Medal.

Very Rev. Fr. Langlais, O. P., Provincial of the Canadian Province, preached the retreat this fall at the Seminary of St. Anne la Pocatiere.

The French Province has lost the Very Rev. Fr. Hurtaud, O. P., S. T. M., who died on June 3 at Triaize. He was renowned as an able theologian and an erudite professor, having taught theology and philosophy for twenty years.

Fr. Thomas a’Kempis Reilly, O. P., S. T. L., Script. Lic., Professor of Holy Scripture and Hebrew at the Collegio Angelico, Rome, recently conducted a retreat for the faculty and students of the English College.
Fr. Porcherot, O. P., has been named adjutant and has received the English Military Medal.

July 12 the Very Rev. Fr. Leonard Lehu, O. P., S. T. M., and Fr. Peter Machey, O. P., was received in audience by the Holy Father, and presented His Holiness with the thirteenth volume of the works of St. Thomas Aquinas, known as the Leonine Edition, the preparation of which together with the Commentary of Cardinal Cajetan, O. P., was intrusted to the Dominican Fathers by Pope Leo XIII in 1882. The present volume contains along with the classic Commentary of Fr. Sylvester Ferrariensis, O. P., the "Summa Contra Gentiles," of which a part of the autograph of the angelic author is still to be seen in the Vatican library. The Holy Father graciously accepted the precious volume and congratulated the reverend editors in words of the highest praise.

Fr. Alfred Fanjul, O. P., S. T. B., has been elected Provincial of the Province of Spain. He is a preacher of renown and was until his election Regent of Studies in the House of Studies, Salamanca.

The Holy Father sent a letter of congratulation to the Rt. Rev. Natalis Moriondo, O. P., Bishop of Cuniensis, on the silver jubilee of his consecration.

The Very Rev. Fr. Vincent Moreira, O. P., who was raised to the episcopacy some time last spring, through motives of sincere humility has resigned the honor. Fr. Moreira was the youngest bishop-elect in the Church, being only thirty-three years of age.

Fr. P. De Meyer, O. P., a Belgian missionary in Congo, writing to the Director General of the Society of St. Peter Claver, Rome, thanks him for material assistance, and gives a very interesting account of his Congo mission. He has 568 Christians and 827 catechumens. So far there have been 1486 baptisms in the Missione de Amadis and 414 marriages. Instruction is carried on under great difficulty, due to the distance between settlements.

The Island of Formosa, which has 3523 Christians scattered over its thirty-five towns, is cared for by the Dominican missionaries, to whom it was intrusted as far back as 1631. There are besides the Prefect Apostolic, twelve Fathers, assisted by Sisters and Tertiaries.
Fr. Louis Ferretti, O. P., one of the best archaeologists of Europe, whose classes at the Collegio Angelico are attended by bishops and cardinals, has been made Vicar General of St. Mark’s Congregation, Florence.

Fr. Adrian Suarez, O. P., S. T. L., sub-prior of the Convent at Cadiz, has been elected a member of the Royal Spanish-American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Madrid.

The Island of Shikoku, which was intrusted to the Dominicans in 1904, has 515 Catholics, under the care of one Prefect Apostolic and eight missionaries.

The sweat and blood of the sons of St. Dominic seems to have merited the blessing of the Lord of harvests in Araguay. Conception, now an episcopal city with a cathedral in the course of erection, was a wilderness fifteen years ago; but through the labors of Frs. Vilanova, O. P., and Daranarezt, O. P., it has been changed into a center of civil and religious activity.

The missions of Brazil are in a flourishing state; 150 Dominicans from the Province of Tolouse are laboring for the souls scattered over its large area.

For the support of the new mission at Beriberi the Peruvian Government has given two thousand dollars.

At Lima, Peru, the Fathers have started a new college for boys under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas, and a preparatory college for the Order at Arequipa.

**Dominican Sisters**

The Sisters of Saint Catharine of Sienna Convent, Springfield, Ky., the mother house of the oldest Congregation of Dominican Sisters in the United States, on April 26th of this year were the recipients of a very great blessing. On that day their Constitutions were approved of by the Holy See. On July 25th the Right Rev. Denis O’Donoghue, D. D., Bishop of Louisville, celebrated the Community Mass and shortly afterwards presided at the first election under the new Constitutions, which resulted in the choice of Mother-General Francesca Kearney. Following the election of the Mother-General took place the election of Counsellors.

The annual retreat at St. Catharine’s was conducted by the Dominican missionary Father C. A. Splinter.
On the feast of St. Dominic nine postulants were there clothed in the holy habit and on the following day eight novices pronounced their vows for one year. On Sept. 8, eighteen postulants began their test of Dominican life.

In September the Sisters of St. Catharine's Congregation took charge of the parochial school at McCook, Neb. In the same month a parochial school was opened at Elkins, W. Va. At Waverly, Mass., the St. Dominic's Academy for boys under twelve years of age was completed; the large number of boys enrolled gives evidence of its urgent need.

During the epidemic which recently swept the country St. Catharine's Sisters volunteered their services and did heroic work among the sick of Boston, Mass., and at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky. God seems to have blessed their work; none contracted the disease.

On Oct. 4th, Rt. Rev. Bishop Hartley, D. D., visited St. Mary of the Springs to present a most beautiful rosary to Sister Mary Vincentia, the gift of His Holiness Pope Benedict XV. The rosary was blessed and given by him in recognition of her fidelity to duty during her twenty-six years as Mother-General. Intrusted to Rt. Rev. J. T. McNicholas, O. P., D. D., the gift was forwarded to Bishop Hartley. The whole community of St. Mary of the Springs must feel honored by this distinction conferred on Sister Vincentia by the Holy Father.

Necrology, October—On Oct. 13, died Sister Adrien Healy; Oct. 15, Sister Clotilde Daugherty; Oct. 21, Sister Ursula Wagner and Sister Victoria Leonard; Oct. 24, Sister Mary Austin Rush. R. I. P.

The Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wis., have opened a House of Higher Studies for Young Women at Fribourg, Switzerland. It is affiliated to the University of Fribourg, and can confer baccalaureate degrees and certificates for proficiency in languages.

Necrology, 1918—On Feb. 27 died Sister Mary Alexius Duffy; on March 5, Sister Mary Leonora Ashe; on May 18, Sister Mary Doniella Brick; on Aug. 20, Sister Mary Amata Quinn and Sister Mary George Adamson (at Fribourg, Switzerland); Oct. 3, Sister Mary Evangelista Kennedy; Oct. 15, Sister Mary Catherine de Ricci McKenna. R. I. P.
On the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross at the novitiate of the Servants of Relief for Incurable Cancer, Congregation of St. Rose of Lima, two postulants were clothed in the habit by Father J. A. McHugh, O. P. One novice was professed and one Sister pronounced her perpetual vows. Father C. J. Callan, O. P., preached the sermon.

At St. Rose’s Free Home, the city house of the Servants of Relief, conversions are frequent. This is a great consolation to the Sisters who work so long and laboriously.

Four Sisters of Amityville, N. Y., sailed for Porto Rico on Aug. 17, to reinforce the teaching staff in San Juan, Bayamon and Isabella. That brings the number of Sisters laboring there up to twenty-two, four of these being native Porto Ricans.

A beautiful statue of Our Lady of Grace has been erected on the recreation grounds of the novices at Amityville.

On Aug. 8, after sixty years’ service, Sister Mary Vincent Young of the Order of St. Dominic died at Sacramento, Cal., at the age of eighty-five years. A high Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. J. D. O’Brien, O. P., of Vallejo, on Saturday morning, Aug. 10. Present in the sanctuary were Fathers O’Connor, Skelly, Olsen, Lewis and Barret, O. P., of St. Dominic’s, San Francisco, Father Waldron, O. P., of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Robert Sesnon. The interment took place in Benicia, Fathers Olsen, Hunt, Netterville, Warren, O. P., chanting the prayers of requiem at the grave. R. I. P.

Sister Rose Mariam of the Dominican Sisterhood, Sparkhill, N. Y., departed this life and was buried on Oct. 14, from the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Yonkers, N. Y. R. I. P.

During the past summer Fr. D. McShane, O. P., S. T. L., gave retreats to the following communities of Dominican Sisters: The community of East Boston, Mass.; Sea Isle City, N. J.; Hastings, Neb.; Sinsinawa, Wis., and Madison, Wis.

During the past summer Fr. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., gave retreats to the following communities of Dominican Sisters: Sacred Heart Academy, Watertown, Mass.; Mary Immaculate School, Eagle Park, Ossining, N. Y.; St. Joseph’s, Academy, Adrian, Mich.; Novitiate at Amityville, L. I., and Perpetual Rosary Convent, Hoboken, N. J.