SAINT JOSEPH'S PROVINCE


The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial, has announced the following re-appointments: the Rev. Paul Curran, O.P., as pastor of St. Peter's, Memphis, Tenn.; and the Rev. L. M. O'Leary, O.P., as pastor of St. Andrew's, Cincinnati, Ohio.


On Sept. 10, the following Brothers received the habit of the Order at St. Rose: Pius Pitale, Jerome Brennan, Bertrand O'Toole, and Antoninus Fallon.

The "Mission Academia" has been inaugurated in the House of Studies, Somerset, Ohio. The Rev. W. M. Conlon, O.P., is moderator. On Saturday, October 13, an election of officers was held. Brother Reginald Maguire, O.P., was elected as Presiding Officer and Brother Leo Julien, O.P., as Secretary. The members of the Academia publish a paper called the "CUMAN TARTAR."

On Friday, Sept. 21, Fathers Aquinas Gordon, O.P., and Hyacinth Scheerer, O.P., spoke to the Students on the Missions.

PROVINCE OF SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT

The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to Bro. Denis McAuliffe, O.P., on the death of his father; and to Bro. Nicholas Ashenbrenner, O.P., on the death of his brother.


Bishop O’Brien also conferred the orders of Exorcist and Acolyte on Bro. Aquinas Barrett, O.P.

Solemn Vows were pronounced by Bro. Jude Nogar, O.P., on Sept. 15; by Bro. Denis McAuliffe, O.P., on Sept. 28; by Bros. Anthony Nadeau, O.P., and Clement McAndrew, O.P., on Oct. 4.


The Revs. A. D. Balla, O.P., and J. L. Kelley, O.P., have received commissions as army chaplains; the Rev. J. F. Connell, O.P., has received a commission in the navy.


The province has welcomed into the midwest the first foundation of Dominican Nuns of the Second Order of Perpetual Adoration. Stemming from the convent in Detroit, Mich., the new foundation is located at Lufkin, Texas.

Word has been received by the Very Rev. R. P. O’Brien, O.P., Provincial, that the Rev. J. L. Curran, O.P., arrived in San Francisco early in November and was hospitalized. Captured at the fall of Bataan, Father Curran was imprisoned at Cabanatuan Prison Camp until his voluntary departure for the Japanese mainland with American prisoners of war.

The Fathers of the Province are marking the eighth season of the Thomist Association. The lectures, preceded by Mass and sermon, are being given in eight cities of Wisconsin and Illinois, with courses this year in Ethics, Theology and Sacred Scripture.

Brother Mark Rodden, O.P., a lay-brother, died August 2 at the College of the Immaculate Conception, Ross, Calif., after a lingering illness. He was 85 years of age and had been professed 47 years. The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated August 4 by the Very Rev. Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Provincial. The Very Rev. Francis Ward, O.P., Prior of the Convent, and the Very Rev. Paul McCann, O.P., Subprior, acted as deacon and subdeacon. Father Ward preached the sermon. Brother Mark was buried in the Dominican Cemetery at Benicia, Calif.

On October 17, the Rev. Stanislaus McDermott, O.P., died suddenly at Holy Rosary Church, Portland, Ore., where he was stationed. After a Pontifical Requiem Mass October 19, celebrated by the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, D.D., Archbishop of Portland, the body was brought to Benicia where a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Dominic’s Church by the Very Rev. Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Provincial, on October 22. The Very Rev. Francis Ward, O.P., was deacon and the Rev. Peter Curran, O.P., subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Humbert Palmer, O.P. Burial was in the Provincial Cemetery in Benicia. Father McDermott during his years as a priest, served as Master of Postulants, Master of Students, Master of Novices at Benicia and Ross, Missionary and Prior of Portland, Pastor of Antioch, and Assistant at Vallejo, Eagle Rock and Portland.

Immaculate Conception Convent, Great Bend, Kansas

On August 12, in the convent chapel, Rev. L. E. Nugent, O.P., received the profession of Mr. Arthur Nicholson, whose name as a Dominican tertiary is Brother Dominic.

On August 17, Rev. J. M. Smith, O.P., received the profession of Mrs. Eleanora Schmid, whose name as a Dominican tertiary is Sister Anna Catherine.


On September 1, Rev. Frank Heyer assumed his duties as chaplain at the Motherhouse, and Rev. Anthony Burkhard, O.F.M.Cap., at the St. Rose Hospital.

During the new scholastic year sisters of the community are pursuing studies at the following institutions: St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Ill.; St. John’s Hospital, Springfield, Ill.; College of Mt. St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kansas; St. Mary’s College, Xavier, Kansas; Sacred Heart Junior College, Wichita, Kansas.

On September 8, Sister M. Rose of Lima, O.P., and Sister M. Paschala, O.P., of St. Catherine’s Convent, St. Catherine, Ky., were visitors at the Motherhouse. Sister M. Paschala enrolled in the St. Rose Nursing School at Great Bend.

On September 20, the clergy of the Great Bend Deanery under the leadership of Rev. Michael Lies held a meeting at the chaplain’s rectory.
Sister M. Aquinata, O.P., and Sister M. Constance, O.P., attended the Kansas State Sodality Union held at the Ward High School, Kansas City, Kansas, on October 6.

**Marywood, Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Aquinas College opened this fall at its beautiful new sixty-nine acre campus, 1607 Robinson Road, purchased last April by the Dominican Sisters of Marywood. The estate had been the site of the University of Grand Rapids since 1938.

There are two hundred and eighty-six students presently enrolled at the College. Of this number, one hundred and fourteen are student nurses from Mercy Central Training School, and thirty-seven are from the Dominican novitiate at Marywood. The new college campus is just outside the Grand Rapids city limits and is a ten-minute walk from the Motherhouse at Marywood.

Sister M. Thomas, O.P., head of the music department at Aquinas since the opening of the College, died last July 9, after a two months illness. Sister M. Annette, O.P., formerly of Catholic Central High School, has succeeded Sister Thomas at Aquinas.

Sister M. Malachi, O.P., Aquinas librarian, was requested by His Excellency Most Rev. Francis J. Hass, to co-ordinate the observance of Catholic Book Week (Nov. 4-10) in the diocese of Grand Rapids. The main feature of the celebration was an open house tea on Nov. 9, at which prominent Catholic authors of Michigan spoke on various phases of the development of Catholic literature. *Book Fair*, in imitation of those of medieval Europe, continued throughout the week. Besides displaying modern books, the fair conducted a sale of books including several personally autographed copies.

A group of Aquinas College students spoke at Book Week celebrations throughout the diocese.

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

The Annual Retreat (August 21-30) was conducted by the Very Rev. Jaques Surprenant, O.P., Prior of the Convent of Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal, Canada.

On August 20, two postulants were vested in the holy habit and took the names of Sister M. de Lourdes and Sister M. William. On the same day Sister M. Hyacinthe Paie took her Final Vows.

On August 30, three young ladies entered our Novitiate.

During the summer, a number of our Sisters attended the Course in Religion at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. Sister Angela Leritte and Sister John of the Cross Gagnon received the Bachelor of Arts degree during this summer session.

**Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas**

Saint Agnes Academy Pius X School presented the music for Benediction at the annual city-wide celebration of Christ the King. This annual celebration is under the auspices of the Holy Name Societies.

On Oct. 21, a reception was held at Annunciation Church for new Sodality members. The reception was sponsored by St. Thomas High School for all the Catholic High Schools of the city. Most Rev. C. E. Byrne, D.D., LL.D., addressed the students.

Saint Agnes Academy Alumnae presented their Alma Mater with a new kitchen range equipped with all modern conveniences.
Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

The death of Sister Mary Antonine Goodchile occurred on Sept. 6 after a year’s illness. Sister Antonine will be remembered for the several editions of *Course of Study in Music* written for adoption by the Archdiocese of Chicago; for her own compositions, *Ave Maria*, *Sub Tuum* and *Memorare*, as well as for *Gregorian Chant for Church and School*, Ginn, 1944. Her funeral Mass was sung by Very Rev. R. M. McDermott, O.P., pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, New York. Present also was Rev. J. P. McDermott, O.P., St. Vincent Ferrer’s Church, New York. The deceased was in the fiftieth year of her religious profession.


*Libraria*na, summer-session news-letter from the Rosary-Portland (Oregon) Library School Extension reported the attendance of fifty-seven Priests, Sisters and Brothers, an increase of twenty-two over that of 1944.

The catechetical center opened in St. Joseph’s Parish, Tuskegee, Ala., a year ago, has this year developed into a school of one hundred and eight colored children classified in six grades. Missionary prospects are suggested by the fact that only twenty-two of the children are Catholic. The Sisters continue their classes for adults and their visits to patients in the Veterans’ Hospital as features of their apostolate.

Through seventy-five religious vacation schools one hundred and fifty Sisters reached 3554 religiously underprivileged children in rural areas during the past summer. Other Sisters teaching at the Catholic Youth Center, Minneapolis, had four hundred pupils enrolled. Coöperation with the CYO teaching and recreational program carried out in Chicago city parks brought some eight hundred children under religious influences. Two Sisters accompanied three Rosary College students who did street teaching in various towns of North Carolina, Diocese of Raleigh, during July and August.

A spontaneous expression of the veneration in which the name of Very Rev. Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli, O.P. (1806-1864) is still held in the Iowa-Illinois-Wisconsin area, once the scene of his missionary labors, was the pilgrimage made to his grave in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Benton, Wisc., on Oct. 21, by two Mazzuchelli Councils of Knights of Columbus of the tri-state section, assisted by the Mazzuchelli Court of Foresters, Benton. After appropriate religious exercises in the church which included a sermon by Rev. Michael McQuail, pastor, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a cross of tribute was blessed and carried in procession to the grave where it was placed opposite the monument. Assisting in the exercises were Rev. E. L. Van Becelaere, O.P., Sinsinawa, and Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P., and Rev. M. J. Malley, O.P., both of Madison, Wisc.

Sister of Saint Dominic, Racine, Wisconsin

Sister M. Sybeline Straub, O.P., departed this life on July 30 in the forty-seventh year of her religious profession. May she rest in peace.


On August 4, ten postulants were received and six novices made their first vows. On August 6, Sister M. DeSales and Sister M. Jerome celebrated their diamond jubilee; Sister M. Leona and Sister M. Anselma celebrated their golden jubilee; and nine Sisters celebrated their silver jubilee.
On Rosary Sunday, three postulants were received into the Community.

Sister Honora, O.P., director of St. Catherine’s Players, Racine, was elected a member of the Executive Council of the National Theater Conference last June. At present she holds the position of chairman of High School Publicity for the Conference.

Prerequisite to the summer session of the Gregorian Institute of America in which two hundred and forty students participated under the able instruction of Rev. Ethelbert Thibault, S.S., Dr. E. Lapierre, Dom Ermin Vitry, O.S.B., and Dr. C. A. Bennett, is the Catholic Choir Master Correspondence Course which covers a period of two years and is corrected by the Dominican Sisters of St. Albertus College, Department of Music, Racine. In the summer sessions, Sister Marion, and Sister M. Cecilia, two of the correctors, taught Modality of Gregorian Chant.

Dr. Lapierre and Dom Vitry are engaged as guest teachers of organ and polyphony for the year 1944-1945, at St. Albertus School of Music.

Several of the Sisters are attending the Thomistic lectures given on Theology by the Very Rev. W. J. Curran, O.P., of River Forest, Ill.

**Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll, New York**

A cablegram dated September 12, from the Maryknoll Sisters’ Superior in South China, announced that the Sisters who were forced to evacuate their missions and find temporary quarters elsewhere, before the Japanese advance in the Spring of 1944, are now returning to their former posts in Kweilin, Pingnam and Loting. Five of these missioners found employment in a local Chinese hospital in Chaotung, and another group of nine established themselves in make-shift quarters in the Kunming area, some working in an American base-hospital. An additional five made their way into India where they were graciously received by the Loreto Sisters and invited to teach in their schools.

While the entire group has endured the hardships and perils of eight years of war in China, nine of their number are also survivors of the terrible siege of Hong Kong and subsequent internment.

Mother Mary Joseph, Superior General of the Maryknoll Sisters and twelve members of her community, arrived in Honolulu on September 20, after a ten day’s voyage by freighter from San Francisco.

The purpose of Mother Mary Joseph’s trip is to make a canonical visitation of the eight Maryknoll Missions scattered throughout the Hawaiian Islands. The Sisters accompanying her will supplement the personnel in these various missions.

Recent letters from Maryknoll Sisters in the Philippines indicate great progress in the re-establishment of their former works. Their school in Lucena has opened with an enrollment of over four hundred. In Malabon, prior to 1941, the school was for elementary grade pupils only. In July of this year, with a staff of five Sisters, thirteen lay teachers, and damaged equipment, an elementary and high school were opened, with eight hundred and forty pupils—double the number of that before the war. The demand upon the medical and social services of the Sisters has been multiplied many times over.

Concern for five Maryknoll Sisters in Manchuria and Korea was somewhat relieved on October 5, upon receipt of air-mail letters directed to the Motherhouse, the first word received from these missioners since 1941.

At the outbreak of war, all American Maryknoll Sisters in Manchuria and Japan and Korea were interned and later repatriated to this country. There were also five Sisters in this area of Korean, Japanese and German citizenry who, although allowed their freedom, were held incommunicado with their own community.
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and the outside world. Though in constant danger and exposed to the horrors of war, these missioners were able to continue their labors among the natives these past few years, and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of re-enforcements to help in the vast amount of missionary work that confronts them.

The Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, New York, N. Y.

The annual retreat which closed on September 17, was conducted by Rev. A. P. McEvoy, O.P.

On August 28, Sister Mary Margaret Donnelly, passed to her eternal reward. R.I.P.

St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio

Courses in Religion were given during the summer at St. Mary of the Springs College by Rev. J. C. Taylor, O.P.; at Albertus Magnus College by Rev. J. S. McCormack, O.P.; and at Mary Immaculate School, Eagle Park, by Rev. C. B. Crowley, O.P.

Sister M. Evangelia Schilder, the oldest member of the congregation, died on September 2, in the seventy-sixth year of her religious profession. On September 29, death claimed Sister M. Servatius Moore.

On October 1, The Rev. John T. Mao, member of the Editorial Board of the China Monthly, gave an informal talk to the college students.

Frank O’Malley, professor of the philosophy of literature at Notre Dame University and managing editor of the publication Review of Politics, discussed “The Present State of Literature” in a lecture in the college auditorium on Friday, October 12. The lecture was sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio

Sisters M. Catherine, Dolorosa, Monica, Laura, and Joan of Arc attended the first Catholic Choirmasters Correspondence Summer School held in Milwaukee at St. Clare College from July 29 to August 11.

The week of August 5, Rev. J. A. Jordan, O.P., preached a retreat at Our Lady of Elms.

On August 26, His Excellency Most Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Coadjutor Bishop of Cleveland, officiated at the Reception and Profession ceremonies which took place in St. Bernard’s Church. The six novices who made first profession are: Sisters Rosemary, Marie, Peter, Mariellen, Eloise, and Gerard. The seven postulants who received the habit are known in religion as: Sisters M. Michael, Hyacinth, Xavier, Conrad, Bridgit, Charles, and Bernadine.

A Primary Teachers' Institute was held at the Elms on October 12. At the morning session Sister M. Marguerite, S.N.D., M.A., from Sisters College, Cleveland, Ohio, gave a conference on "Failures in Reading." In the afternoon Miss Clara Kemler, M.A., from Akron University, addressed the group on "Reading Readiness."

Saint Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tennessee

The Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation opened a kindergarten in Memphis, Tennessee, this fall. The new school has not yet been given a name. Formal dedication of the school will take place when the chapel has been completed.

Mother Annunciata, Priorress General, and Sister Miriam, supervisor of schools, attended the annual Teachers Institute of the Diocese of Richmond, held at St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond, Virginia, September 24 and 25. Immediately after the
Institute, they visited the schools of the Congregation in Virginia, Cincinnati, and Chicago.

In December, the St. Cecilia Academy Sodality held its annual bazaar for the benefit of the home and foreign missions in the auditorium of the Academy.

Rev. Eugene James Eiselein succeeded Rev. George Rohling as chaplain of the St. Cecilia Convent.

**Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, Louisiana**

During the Inter-American Institute of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Louisiana, Sister Mary Austin Cauvin, O.P., M.A., led the discussion of the paper entitled: *Education in the Americas, a Comparative Study*, presented by Rev. W. F. Cunningham, C.S.C.

At the request of the moderator, Rev. Robert E. Tracy, the Newman Club of Tulane-Newcomb universities held its initiation in the auditorium of Dominican college.

October marked the opening at Dominican college of the ninth year of the archdiocesan Normal School of Christian Doctrine for adults, with Rev. Robert E. Tracy as director.

Pickwick, the college literary society under the direction of Sister Mary Beatrice Daviet, O.P., presented a centenary program: "John Henry, Cardinal Newman," in honor of the hundredth anniversary of his reception into the Catholic Church.

Participating in the Rosary Procession at the college were religious from the numerous communities in New Orleans, parents and friends of the students, pupils from the parochial schools conducted by the Dominican Sisters, the high school students in uniform, and the entire college student body in academic robes. Solemn Benediction followed the blessing of the roses at the outdoor shrine erected on the campus. Rev. R. E. Kavanah, O.P., was celebrant, assisted by Rev. W. H. Albertson, O.P., and Rev. W. G. Roach, O.P.

Solemn closing of the Forty Hours Devotion at the House of the Novitiate, Rosaryville, was conducted by Rev. J. J. Madrick, O.P., chaplain, assisted by Very Rev. Pelegrin De La Fuente, O.P., and Rev. C. C. Johnston, O.P. Very Rev. M. A. McDermott, O.P., was also present at the ceremony.

Very Rev. Pelegrin De La Fuente, O.P., visited St. Mary's, prior to sailing for Spain where he will be installed as Prior of the Convent of Friars Preachers in Madrid, an office to which he was elected after his release from the Japanese internment camp in Manila, P. I.

After the port for the U.S. hospital ships at Charleston, S. C., was closed, Chaplain Ray, A.U.S., visited his sister Mother Mary Dominic, O.P., while on his way to the Pacific coast.

After having spent thirty-five months in Panama, Chaplain Kleck, A.U.S., visited St. Mary's as he was returning home to Chicago.

Two graduates of Dominican college and two graduates of Dominican High School became postulants on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Nearly three hundred alumnae were present at the Mass celebrated by Rev. R. E. Kavanah, O.P., on Home Coming Day in October. In the meeting which followed new officers were installed and a program entitled "Victory Parade" was presented.

In November, Sister Mary Reginald, O.P., college librarian, was hostess to the New Orleans Literary Club. At the meeting Harnett Kane, author of *Bayous of*

John Churchill Chase, nationally known cartoonist, addressed the Freshman Class on: The Importance and Significance of Cartoons.

Founders Day, November fifth, marked the eighty-fifth anniversary of the coming of the Dominican Sisters to New Orleans from Cabra, Dublin, Ireland. High Mass was followed by the traditional Torch and Shamrock ceremony on the campus, and a program in the auditorium, in which the life of Mother Mary Magdalen O'Farrell, O.P., subprioress of the little band of Founders, and pioneer in higher education for women, was reviewed. Rev. B. A. Arend, O.P., addressed the assembly. The sororities of Dominican college presented a gift to the college endowment fund.

St. Catherine of Siena Convent, St. Catherine, Kentucky

Sister M. Gonzalez O'Connor, professed fifty years on the feast of St. Mary Magdalene, celebrated her golden jubilee at St. Catherine's on August 4.

On August 18, Sister Agnita Kavanaugh, O.P., passed to her eternal reward in the fifty-second year of her religious profession.

From August 5 to August 14 the annual retreat was conducted by Rev. J. A. Manning, O.P.

On August 14, at the close of the annual retreat, ten young ladies were clothed in the holy habit.

On August 14, Rev. J. R. Clark, O.P., was celebrant of the High Mass which was followed by the profession, both temporary and final, of thirty-five sisters.

St. Agnes Academy, Memphis, Tennessee, now in its ninety-fifth year on the present campus, is shortly to be transferred to a new site, where a convent and an academy will be erected.

Siena College, formerly Saint Agnes College, whose buildings occupy the adjoining campus, will move, at the same time, to another section of the city.

Rev. J. R. McAvey, O.P., formerly professor at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., is this year attached to the philosophy department of Siena College, succeeding Rev. E. M. McDonald, O.P.

A Christmas cantata, sung by the Angelus Club of Siena College, under the direction of Lillian C. Martin, will usher in the holiday season.

Roy J. Deferrari, Ph.D., Secretary-General of the Catholic University of America, visited Siena College during the month of October.

Sister Albertus Magnus, O.P., is on leave of absence from the College this year completing requirements for the doctorate at George Peabody College for Teachers, at Nashville, Tennessee. Sister Bonaventure, O.P., is at Catholic University completing graduate studies there.

Rev. W. R. Barclay is the new chaplain at St. Agnes Academy and Siena College, succeeding Rev. F. R. Shea in the department of religion and philosophy. Fr. Shea is the new Principal of the Father Ryan High School at Nashville.

Sister Julia, O.P., Principal of St. Agnes Academy, was appointed Prioress of St. Catherine of Siena Convent, Springfield, Kentucky. Sister Suzanne, O.P., succeeds Sister Julia as Principal.

National Catholic Book Week was fittingly observed at Siena College. Displays were placed in the college, in the conservatory building, and in the library. A play "Wings for Words," several book reviews, a contest, and a tea in the library were featured on the program which extended throughout the entire week.