



# CLOISTER + CHRONICLE



## SAINT JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

**SYMPATHY** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. P. C. McKenna, O.P., on the death of his mother; to the Rev. J. M. Sweeney, O.P., on the death of his father; to the Rev. J. U. Bergkamp, O.P., the Very Rev. A. B. Davidson, O.P., and Bro. Vincent Connell, O.P., on the death of their brothers.

**APPOINTMENTS** The Very Reverend Provincial has announced the appointment of the Rev. W. F. Cassidy, O.P., as Master of Students at St. Joseph's Studium, Somerset, Ohio. The Rev. J. D. Donovan, O.P., the retiring Master of Students, has been appointed to the faculty of Providence College.

**ORDINATIONS** The following Brothers received First Tonsure from the Most Rev. J. M. McNamara, D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore and Washington, in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C., on September 28 and the Minor Orders on September 29 from the same Prelate: Donald Danilowicz, Reginald Maguire, Justin Brodie, Chrysostom O'Brien, Richard Heath, Regis Heuschkel, Frederick Hinnebusch, Alan Morris, Flavian Morry, Edward Fallon, Stephen Murray, Hilary Kenny, Valerian Townsend, William Hill, Andrew Stickle and Gerard Maley.

On September 30, the Most Rev. Michael J. Keyes, D.D., Titular Bishop of Areopolis, ordained the following Brothers to the Subdiaconate: Louis Durell, John Outwater, Michael Murphy, Linus Sullivan, Kevin Connolly, Ferrer Kopfman, Theophane O'Brien, Jerome Conroy, Timothy Carney, Xavier Schwartz, Denis Plamondon, Terence O'Shaughnessy, Sylvester Willoughby, Adrian Dionne, Vincent Ferrer McHenry, John Dominic Scanlon, Urban Voll, Gregory Mullaney, Hyacinth Putz and Maurice Gaffney.

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JUBILEE** The Dominican Parish of St. Catherine of Siena in New York City, opened up, on Nov. 16, a week-long celebration of its 50th anniversary with a Solemn High Mass at which His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presided. The celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. T. M. O'Connor, O.P., pastor and prior of St. Catherine's, assisted by the Very Rev. R. M. McDermott, O.P., former pastor and prior of St. Catherine's and now pastor and prior of Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pa., as deacon, and the Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., pastor and prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's in New York City, as subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., dean of the School of Philosophy at Catholic University and former pastor and prior of St. Catherine's. The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial, and a large number of Dominican Fathers and Brothers were present in the sanctuary. Other Masses celebrated throughout the week

were: on Nov. 17 for the living members of the parish; on Nov. 18 for the dead of World Wars I and II; and the children's Mass on Nov. 19.

**DEDICATION.** The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D.D., Bishop of Raleigh dedicated the new Church of St. Monica in Raleigh, N. C., on Nov. 27. The Church which is of Quonset hut construction is the first Church which the mission, established for the Negro population in 1931, has had. The building of the Church crowns the labors of the Rev. Walter J. Tierney, O.P., who took over the mission in 1940, and his assistant, the Rev. John S. Dillon, O.P.

**THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.** A School of Theology for Laymen has been instituted by the Theological Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies at Washington. The course will consist of informal lectures and open discussions of the various topics under consideration. Courses are already being conducted by the Very Rev. Walter Farrell, O.P., on the Companion to the Summa and by the Rev. Ferrer Smith, O.P., on Contemporary Philosophy. Close to 600 people are enrolled in each course.

**PROVINCIAL CHAPTER.** On October 8, the Provincial Chapter met in the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. The following are the Capitular Fathers: The Very Reverend Ignatius Litzinger, O.P., Vicar of the Province; the Very Reverend Fathers, Diffinitors: Joseph McLaughlin, O.P., Edward O'Hearn, O.P., Francis Monroe, O.P., Robert Slavin, O.P.; the Very Reverend Fathers, Priors: Pius Johannsen, O.P., Bernard Walsh, O.P., Anthony Foley, O.P., Dalmatius Marrin, O.P., Paschal Shaffer, O.P., Basil Davidson, O.P., Raymond Burnell, O.P., Matthew O'Connor, O.P., Mannes McDermott, O.P., and James Conaty, O.P.; the Very Reverend Fathers, Masters of Sacred Theology: Francis O'Daniel, O.P., Lawrence McMahon, O.P., Gregory Fitzgerald, O.P., Jerome Callan, O.P., Ambrose McHugh, O.P., and Celestine Daly, O.P.; the Very Reverend Fathers, Ex-Provinceals: Raymond Meagher, O.P., Leo Heagen, O.P., and Stephen McDermott, O.P.; the Very Rev. Albert Drexelius, O.P., Privileged Ex-Master of Students; the Very Reverend Fathers, Preachers General: Henry Healy, O.P., Louis Rumaggi, O.P., Lawrence Finnerty, O.P., Berchmans Logan, O.P., Anthony Maher, O.P., Hugh Welsh, O.P., and Paul Doane, O.P. The Very Reverend Fathers Clement Thuente, O.P., and Edward Brennan, O.P., were excused.

The Reverend Fathers, Socii to Priors: William Owens, O.P., David Donovan, O.P., Andrew Nowlen, O.P., Camillus Boyd, O.P., Louis Mitchell, O.P., Ignatius Smith, O.P., Callistus Andres, O.P., Philip Hyland, O.P., Leo Farrell, O.P., Pius Alger, O.P., Antoninus Brady, O.P., and Damian Schneider, O.P.; The Reverend Fathers, Delegates: Maurice O'Leary, O.P., Luke Weiland, O.P., Bertrand Gorman, O.P., Arthur Kelly, O.P., Bernadine McCarthy, O.P., and Aquinas Hinnebusch, O.P.

The Chapter postulated the re-election of the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., as Provincial. The postulation was confirmed at Rome.

**SIMPLE PROFESSION.** On September 11, Brothers Leo Patten, Paul Haas, Robert Gannon and Fabian Cunningham made their simple profession into the hands of the Very Rev. L. P. Johannsen, O.P., Prior of the Convent of St. Rose, Springfield, Kentucky.

On October 6, Brother Peter Gearhart made his simple profession.

# SAINT ALBERT'S PROVINCE

**SYMPATHY** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. J. B. Walker, O.P., on the death of his mother.

**PROFESSIONS** The following novices recently made simple profession in the presence of the Very Rev. J. E. Marr, O.P., Prior: September 16, Brother Jerome Becker; September 13, Brother Jordan Bishop; September 18, Brother Giles Klapperick and Brother Stephen Smithers; September 13, Brother Barnabas Unruh made solemn profession.

**APPOINTMENTS** The Rev. W. J. Bresnahan, O.P., has been appointed pastor and superior of St. Chrysostom's, Canton, S. D.

**ORDINATIONS** Ordinations were held in the chapel of the House of Studies on October 23 and 24. The orders were conferred by the Most Rev. William D. O'Brien, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, on the following:

Tonsure, Porter, and Lector: Brothers Thomas Sanner, Bartholomew Walsh, Martin Hopkins, James Whalen, Joachim Pender, Lawrence Kearney, and Barnabas Unruh.

Diaconate: Reverend Brothers Joseph Angers, Benedict Ashley, John Marie Coburn, Patrick Brady, William Sherman, Timothy Froendhoff, Jude Nogar, Denis McAuliffe, Anthony Nadeau, and Clement McAndrew.

**THOMIST ASSOCIATION** The Thomist Association opened its tenth year of lectures on Sunday, October 21. Nine Fathers from the House of Studies will give courses in seven cities. Three courses will be given in Chicago and one each in Springfield, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Appleton, and Oshkosh.

**RECEPTION** On July 16, the Very Rev. J. E. Marr, O.P., Prior, clothed Brother Matthias Simlik in the habit of the Order.

# HOLY NAME PROVINCE

**SYMPATHY** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. P. J. Redmond, O.P., on the death of his mother, and to Bro. Michael Blanchard, O.P., laybrother, on the death of his father.

**RECEPTION AND PROFESSION** On September 9, 1947, the Very Rev. Gerard Martin, O.P., Prior of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Ross, California, clothed the following novices in the habit: Brothers Fabian Parmisano, Eugene O'Brien, Urban Bates, and Clement Buchanan.

On the same day Father Martin received the simple profession of Bro. John Klaia, O.P.

On September 14, 1947, at St. Albert's College, Oakland, Bro. Hyacinth Carley, O.P., laybrother, received the habit from the Very Rev. P. C. Curran, O.P.

**ANNIVERSARY** The members of the Holy Name Province offer congratulations to the Rev. J. D. Maher, O.P., who on September 22, at Ross, California, celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his ordination to the holy Priesthood.

## SISTERS' CHRONICLE

**Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio**

August 4. His Excellency, Most Rev. Floyd L. Begin, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, officiated at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated in the Convent Chapel to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Sister M. Stella, O.P.

September 13. Sister M. Francis Harding, O.P., passed to her eternal reward in the fifteenth year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

September 21. The Catholic Daughters of America held their annual day of recollection at Our Lady of the Elms. The retreat was conducted by the Rev. William Cosgrove, assistant at St. Vincent Church, Akron.

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

October 4. The Community was honored by a visit from the Most Rev. Archbishop Mar Ivanios, Metropolitan of Trivandrum, India. His Excellency gave a short talk on his work in the Orient.

The Rev. T. P. Dowd, O.P., conducted the services on Rosary Sunday and preached the sermon.

October 17-26. The Community retreat was preached by the Rev. V. C. Donovan, O.P.

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

On August 4, Feast of St. Dominic, the following Sisters celebrated their silver jubilee of religious profession: Sr. Henry Dominic, O.P., Sr. Marie Constant, O.P., Sr. Jeanne d'Arc, O.P., and Sr. M. Ignatius, O.P.

At the close of the summer session at St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vermont, Sisters M. Matthew, O.P., Jeanne Marie, O.P., and Pauline, O.P., received their degree of Bachelor of Arts.

August 29. Three postulants received the habit.

September 23. The newly elected Provincial of St. Dominic's Province, Canada, the Very Rev. Gerard Pare, O.P., visited the Motherhouse.

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

August 31-September 9. Rev. F. N. Wendell, O.P., conducted the annual retreat. At its close, Miss Vera Troski (Sister Joseph Maria) and Miss Eleanor Piat (Sister M. Christopher) were clothed with the Habit, and Sister M. Imelda and Sister M. Bridgid pronounced their perpetual vows. Father Wendell presided at the ceremonies and preached the sermon for the occasion.

Other priests present were: Rev. Joseph H. Crew, Pastor of St. Ann's Church, Bronx; Rev. W. A. Darcy, Rev. Thomas A. Donnellan, Rev. J. J. Gordon, Rev. M. F. Dwyer, Rev. W. J. Ward, Rev. J. S. Kennedy, O.P., and the Rev. J. J. Durkin, O.P., chaplain.

**Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mission San Jose, Cal.**

October 11. Sister M. Henrietta, O.P., prioress of St. Albert's School for boys, Ukiah, read a paper on *The Problem Child in the Institution* before the National Catholic Charities Convention, meeting this year in New Orleans. She was accompanied by Sister M. Louise, O.P., General School Directress.

On the feast of the Patronage of St. Thomas, a symposium was held at Queen of the Holy Rosary College on the subject, *St. Thomas, Poet of the Blessed Sacrament*. The program was given in honor of Rt. Rev. William M. Burke, director of St. Vincent's School for boys, San Rafael, who has recently been appointed a member of the Papal household.

November 25 marked the Silver Jubilee of the Papal approbation of the Constitutions of the Congregation. For the occasion the student Sisters presented an original operetta, *Upon This Rock*, sketching the history of the Congregation for the assembled community.

### Mt. St. Dominic, Caldwell, N. J.

On our Holy Father's feast, a Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. P. C. Perrotta, O.P. On the same day eight Sisters celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Profession.

Recently nine postulants were invested in the Habit and six novices pronounced their first vows. Ten Sisters made their final vows.

The Third Order Dominican Chapter of Caldwell College presented an original drama, *The Last Pope*, in the auditorium. Rev. P. C. Perrotta, O.P., was the author and director.

At the close of Mission Week, Very Rev. Msgr. M. W. Stanton, Archbishop Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, honored the college with a talk and a moving picture on mission life in Alaska.

The following Sisters have been called to their eternal reward: Sister M. Charles, O.P., Sister Bertrand, O.P., Sister Anselma, O.P., Sister Reginald, O.P., and Sister Rosita, O.P. R.I.P.

### Congregation of the Most Holy Cross, Everett, Wash.

August 23. The silver jubilee of Sister M. Rose Therese, O.P., of St. Joseph Hospital, Aberdeen, Wash., was celebrated at the Motherhouse in Everett.

August 18-21. Three Sisters from Seattle attended the sixth annual Liturgical Conference at Portland, Oregon.

In October, four Sisters left for Menlo Park, Calif., to staff the new retreat house Vallambrosa, opened for young women by the San Francisco Archdiocese.

Rev. L. M. Osbourn, O.P., of Oakland, Calif., conducted the retreat for young women at the Motherhouse, October 17-19.

The third annual Sisters retreat for the year was conducted by Rev. J. J. Walsh, O.P., of California. Two Sisters pronounced first vows at the closing of the retreat.

Sister Jerome Mary, O.P., entered St. Theresa's College, in Winona, Wisc., in October, where she will remain for the school year.

### Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, N. J.

October 5. The 27th solemn Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage was kept with an outdoor procession through the grounds led by the Very Rev. H. H. Welsh, O.P., P.G., of St. Catherine of Siena's Priory, New York. Later in the chapel, there took place the blessing of the roses, sermon and Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Rev. M. T. McGlynn, O.P., of Providence College, preached the sermon. The Rev. Edward L. Phillips, chaplain of the monastery, conducted the devotions.

September 20-29. Rev. J. H. Hartnett, O.P., was a guest of the monastery while Father Phillips was attending the Eucharistic Congress at Buffalo.



October 9-11. Rev. A. P. McEvoy, O.P., and Rev. T. C. Nagle, O.P., were guests of the monsatery.

November 3-12. The annual Community Retreat was conducted by Rev. A. B. Dionne, O.P.

### **Sisters of St. Dominic, Racine, Wisc.**

Rev. G. R. Lane, O.P., conducted the Retreat before the feast of St. Dominic. Rev. T. J. Kinsella, O.P., conducted the second summer Retreat, August 7-14.

Msgr. John J. Shanahan, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Milwaukee, officiated at the Investiture ceremonies on August 4, at which thirteen postulants received the habit of the Order.

August 5. Seven novices pronounced their first vows and eleven Sisters their final vows. On the following day, Sister M. Scholastica, O.P., celebrated the diamond jubilee of her Profession and Sister M. Hedwig, O.P., and Sister M. Antonia, O.P., their golden jubilee. Twelve Sisters observed their silver jubilee on the same day.

Very Rev. W. R. Lawler, O.P., gave a Retreat for Dominican Tertiaries at St. Catherine's, August 22-24.

September 2. Sister M. Donata Van Zeeland, O.P., died in the fiftieth year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

### **St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio**

Elections by the General Council included Sister M. Virginia, O.P., Prioress of St. Mary of the Springs; Sister Margaret Mary, O.P., Novice Mistress; Sister M. Angelita, O.P., President, and Sister M. Borromeo, O.P., Dean of the College of St. Mary of the Springs; Sister M. Irmira, O.P., President and Prioress, and Sister M. Francis De Sales, O.P., Dean, of Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Connecticut.

The Congregation is now teaching in three newly-established parochial schools: Christ the King School and Our Lady of Peace School, both in Columbus; and St. Anne School, Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Mother M. Bernardine, O.P., Sister M. Aloyse, O.P., and Sister M. Philomena, O.P., recently visited the mission schools of the Congregation in Texas and New Mexico.

September 2-5. Sister M. Thomas Aquin, O.P., and Sister Margaret Ann, O.P., attended the Eighth Annual Conference of the Institutum Divi Thomae in Cincinnati. Both presented papers on their research in cancer.

October 11. Sister Angelita, O.P., and Sister Borromeo, O.P., attended the Regional Conference of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae held in Cincinnati.

October 10. The Forty-fifth Annual Meeting of Catholic School Principals and Teachers for the Diocese of Columbus was held on the campus of the College of St. Mary of the Springs. Speakers for the occasion included His Excellency, Most Rev. Michael J. Ready, Bishop of Columbus.

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

The Maryknoll Sisters opened a new novitiate, the first one they have ever had outside of the Motherhouse at Maryknoll, N. Y., at Valley Park, Missouri, in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Sixty postulants entered the congregation here.

The first Mass in the house was celebrated by his Excellency, Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, on October 7. In the afternoon of the same day, His Excellency, Most Rev. John P. Cody, Auxiliary Bishop of the same Archdiocese, presided at the formal opening, reception and Benediction. Mother Mary Joseph and Mother Mary Columba, Superior General, were present for the occasion. The novitiate has been named for Our Lady of Maryknoll.

Both novitiates have candidates from the country as a whole, nor is there any division into provinces. The 1947 group of postulants number ninety-nine, representing twenty-three States, Hawaii, Canada, Guatemala, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Panama.

The Maryknoll Sisters have recently undertaken the management of Victorias Hospital at Manapla, Occidental Negros, Philippines. Eight Sisters, most of them well experienced in Philippine hospital work, have been assigned to reopen the hospital and begin work there in the early part of 1948.

Although in operation before the war, the hospital, designed chiefly to care for laborers on the sugar haciendas of the island, must begin all over again on account of looting and destruction during the war years.

### St. Catharine of Siena Convent, St. Catharine, Ky.

The Golden Jubilee of Sister Baptista, O.P., and the Silver Jubilee of Sisters Charlesetta, O.P., Genevieve, O.P., Jamesetta, O.P., Oliver, O.P., and Victoria, O.P., were celebrated August 4.

The summer retreat was conducted by Very Rev. J. A. Foley, O.P.

Reception to the habit for nine postulants was held August 14. Ten novices made first profession August 15. Rev. J. R. Clark, O.P., chaplain, officiated at both ceremonies. The sermon for each occasion was preached by Very Rev. J. A. Foley, O.P.

Added to the usual summer program of college courses for Sisters was a course in natural theology given by Rev. T. E. D. Hennessy, O.P.

Three elementary schools opened this fall under the care of the Sisters, are in Fulton, Ky., in Hopkinsville, Ky., and in Campti, La.

Recent visitors to St. Catharine were Most Rev. James A. Duffy, retired Bishop of Grand Island, Nebr.; Rev. Paul F. Izzo, S.J., Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.; Rev. M. A. Feeney, Greeley, Nebr.; and Rev. J. Skeeahan, Rapid City, S. Dakota.

Work by the Sisters who are writing and editing Catholic textbooks has been completed on a Primary Numbers Workbook, by Sisters Ethelreda, O.P., and Benita, O.P.

November 4. Rev. Theophane McGuire, C.P., noted missionary, writer and lecturer, gave a lecture on *Communism* to an audience of the Sisters and students.

December 5. Brother George Shuster, S.M., well-known educator, writer and lecturer, gave a lecture on *Catholic Literature*.

### St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tenn.

The Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation assumed charge of St. Thomas School, Memphis, this fall. The school, composed of kindergarten, elementary school, and high school, is one of the largest parochial schools in the Nashville diocese. Steps are being taken to have the high school department accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools.

October 23. The Nashville English Club held its first meeting of the current

school year at St. Cecilia Academy. Mrs. Eleanor D. Fossick, president of the Mothers Club, was the principal speaker of the afternoon. Her subject was: *Writing for Radio*.

October 28. A Rosary program in which all the students of the Academy participated, was held in the auditorium. A picture of Our Lady of Fátima was on display on the stage, and the mysteries of the Rosary were typified by living pictures.

November 9-15. Catholic Book Week was carried out by the faculty and students of the Academy. Book displays in the library, book reviews and discussions during the English class periods, and a general Catholic Book program were main features of the week's observance.

Sister Roberta, O.P., principal of St. Cecilia Academy, and Sister Dorothea, O.P., principal of Notre Dame School, Chattanooga, attended the meeting of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges held in Louisville, the first week in December.

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Cecilia Academy held its annual bazaar during December. The proceeds of the bazaar are given to home and foreign Missions.

### Immaculate Conception Convent, Great Bend, Kans.

May 29. Sister M. Emeline, O.P., R.N., Assistant Instructor of the St. Rose Hospital Nursing School, received her B.S. degree with a major in biology from St. Mary's College, Leavenworth, Kans.

August 4-13. The Rev. J. J. Regan, O.P., conducted a Retreat at the Motherhouse. At the close of the Spiritual Exercises, eight candidates received the Habit, four novices pronounced first vows, and two Sisters made their final vows. On the same day Sisters M. Benigna, O.P., M. Cunigunda, O.P., M. Benedicta, O.P., and M. Perpetua, O.P., celebrated their silver jubilee of Religious Profession. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. King of Andale, Kans., presided at the ceremonies.

August 24-30. Sisters M. Theodosia, O.P., and Sisters M. Emeline, O.P., attended the summer school session of Catholic Action, held at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago.

September 30. His Excellency, Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll, new Bishop of the Wichita Diocese, honored the Community with a visit. In the evening His Excellency officiated for the Benediction services and spent the recreation period with the Sisters.

September 22-25. Sister M. Florence, O.P., and M. Hilaria, O.P., attended the forty-ninth annual convention of the American Hospital Association and the 14th annual convention of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, in St. Louis.

October 16-18. Sister M. Aquinata, O.P., and Sister M. Germaine, O.P., attended the Nurses Administrators' meeting, held at Wichita.

On October 9, and 16, anniversaries of the deaths of Mother M. Rose, O.P., and Mother M. Seraphine, O.P., a Missa Cantata was offered for the repose of their souls.

### Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wisc.

In mid-August, Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P., was appointed assistant chaplain at St. Clara, succeeding Rev. J. A. Eulberg, O.P., who was assigned to St. Dominic's Denver.



Rev. P. J. M. Clancy, O.P., preached the Academy pupils' pre-Rosary Sunday annual retreat.

During September the Sisters welcomed as week-end guest the Rev. J. D. Kavanaugh, O.P., former chaplain, who is now at St. Pius Convent, Chicago.

The distinguished English writer, Rev. Gerald Vann, O.P., was guest-speaker to various groups at the Motherhouse during the last week-end of October.

October 19. Rev. J. B. Connolly, O.P., chaplain, sang a high Mass of Exposition in thanksgiving for the confirmation recently received from Rome of our privilege of having daily Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, *in perpetuum*.

On the Feast of Christ the King, His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, honored St. Clara by a visit, his first visit in the new Diocese of Madison. In the Cardinalatial party were also Archbishop Rohlmann and Coadjutor-Bishop Fitzgerald of Dubuque; Auxiliary Bishop W. A. O'Brien of Chicago; Coadjutor J. M. Mueller of Sioux City; and our own Ordinary, Bishop O'Connor of Madison. In a brilliant discourse in which were mingled thoughts prompted by the Feast and by the century-old traditions of the Mound, His Eminence paid tribute to our Founder, praising Father Mazzuchelli not only for what he had accomplished but also for "the dreams, unfinished, he left us to share." The Cardinal officiated at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

For a second year the semi-annual, regional meetings of our grade-teachers' organization, the Sinsinawa Dominican Educational Conference, began in various centers during the Thanksgiving recess. The theme to be developed by discussion and demonstration is *Religion in the Curriculum*.

### Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, La.

More than a hundred Dominican High School\*students formed a unit in the choir of sixteen hundred Catholic school children who, under the direction of Rev. Robert Stahl, S.M., sang the Mass at the opening of the National Catholic Charities Conference, when His Eminence Cardinal Spellman officiated at the Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Municipal auditorium.

Forty-three Sisters, delegates to the Conference, were guests of St. Mary's Dominican college.

While in the United States Rev. Dennis Fitzgerald, O.P., of New Granada, B.W.I., spoke to the community on *Dominican Life in the Indies*.

In November Rev. Gerald Vann, O.P., noted English writer and lecturer, was the guest of the college and delivered an inspiring lecture on *Man, the Maker*.

Deeply appreciated was the visit of the Very Rev. R. E. Kavanah, O.P., pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Houston, Texas. For the past nine years, Fr. Kavanah served as Professor of religion and economics on the college faculty, and his election as pastor was a great loss to the community.

Rev. J. G. Masterson, O.P., addressed the students and guests on the *Significance of the Academic Garb* at the investiture ceremonies on Cap and Gown Day.

Forty-Hours Devotions began at Rosaryville on Rosary Sunday, and during the devotions sermons were given by the Very Rev. B. A. Arend, O.P., Rev. J. S. Angers, O.P., and the Rev. J. H. McHatton, O.P.

Rev. J. R. Comeau, O.P., gave the Solemn Benediction on the college campus after the Rosary Procession. Very Rev. R. M. McDermott, O.P., and Rev. J. G. Masterson, O.P., were the assisting priests. Fr. McDermott delivered the sermon on *Mary, the Mother of God*.

Rev. J. G. Masterson, O.P., was the celebrant of the Mass and greeted the

alumnae on their annual Home-Coming Day, which was marked by the largest attendance in fifteen years.

Under the supervision of Sister M. Louise, O.P., and sponsored by the Future Teachers of America, a Handwriting Forum was conducted by Miss Nelle Atsberger, M.A., in mid-November at the college.

### Queen of the Rosary Convent, Amityville, N. Y.

Delegations of Sisters from St. Catherine's and Mary Immaculate Hospitals attended the Hospital Convention in Boston and Schools of Nursing Convention in Seattle, Wash.

Forty-two young ladies entered the Queen of the Rosary Novitiate.

Rev. Mother Anselm, O.P., Prioress General, Mother Matilda, Mother Pulcheria, and Sister Honorata represented the Community at the Eucharistic Congress in Buffalo, and at the same time greeted our cloistered Sisters in Buffalo.

At the National Conference of Catholic Charities, New Orleans, Sister Joan Margaret, O.P., presented an institutional program for the aged with particular emphasis on intake policies, health and leisure-time programs, and care for aged couples.

His Excellency, Most Rev. James P. Davis, Bishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico, visited the Motherhouse and Novitiate at Amityville.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Francis T. Roche, S.J., Bishop of Tuticoram, India, whose ancestors were baptized by St. Francis Xaxier, visited St. Catherine's Hospital and various Convents of the Congregation. Bishop Roche is the first Bishop of the Latin Rite to be consecrated in India.

The Sisters of Holy Rosary Convent, Yauco, Puerto Rico, attended the installation ceremonies of His Excellency, Most Rev. James E. McManus, C.S.S.R., Bishop of Ponce, Puerto Rico, in the Cathedral of his See, dedicated to our Lady of Guadalupe.

Sister M. Rose Gertrude, O.P., was elected a member of the Executive Board and Sister Dorothy, O.P., was elected Chairman of the Regional Chapter of the National Business Education Association.

Dr. J. Taliath, Superintendent of the General Hospital, Travancore, S. India, is observing in the Departments of Surgery and Plastic Surgery in St. Catherine's Hospital.

Groups of Sisters from various convents of the Congregation attended the Solemn Ceremonies in honor of the Canonization of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, Dominican Tertiary, on Rosary Sunday, in Our Lady Gate of Heaven Church, in charge of the De Montfort Fathers.

Sisters of the Congregation are attending Graduate Classes in the Catholic University, Fordham University, St. John's University, St. Joseph's College and various other Colleges and Universities.

### Congregation of St. Catherine di Ricci, Albany, N. Y.

A series of lectures is being presented at Our Lady of Prouille Retreat House, Elkins Park, during the fall and winter months of 1947-48, to give our friends who are not of the faith a simple and clear explanation of the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church. These lectures were designed to inform those who seriously desire to possess a clear understanding of the Church's principles, so that they will know what a Catholic does or does not believe. Three of these lectures have already been addressed to an enthusiastic and well-attended gathering: *The*

*Word in the Flesh*, presented by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cletus J. Benjamin, D.D.; *The Word in the World*, by the Rev. Howard P. Lawton; *The Message of the Word*, by the Rev. J. J. McLarney, O.P. Since these lectures are given to inform and to educate, they are of non-controversial, non-proselytizing character.

In Elkins Park, Rosary Sunday was celebrated according to Dominican custom with a procession to Our Lady's shrine in the afternoon where roses were blessed and distributed to 125 retreatants who participated in the ceremony. Rev. P. F. Mulhern, O.P., spoke on the beauty of Our Lady and the miraculous power of her rosary.

At the Loretta, Dayton, Ohio, Rev. J. S. McCormack, O.P., conducted a Day of Recollection for members of the Third Order on Rosary Sunday.

September 6. Sister M. Clara, O.P., celebrated the golden jubilee of her religious profession at the convent of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Albany, N. Y. Rt. Rev. Msgr. McGinn sang the solemn high Mass and Rev. J. I. McGuiness, O.P., delivered the sermon.

The curriculum of the fourth year high school students of the American Dominican Academy, Havana, Cuba, includes a marriage course which is being given by Rev. Victor Ortino, O.S.A., Dr. Carlo Fernandez, and Senorita Sanmiquel. This course, the first of its kind to be taught in any academy or college in Havana, was begun last year as an experiment. It proved so successful that several other schools are taking steps to have the course introduced into their curriculum.

September 29. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Antonio Taffi, Apostolic Delegate to Cuba, visited the American Dominican Academy. His Excellency spoke to the faculty of his plan for a special day dedicated to honoring the Pope, so that each school in Havana will have its own day to pay homage to Our Holy Father which will take place sometime in March.

November 3. Sister M. Angela, O.P., passed to her reward at Our Lady of Victory Convent, Philadelphia, in the 55th year of her religious profession.

### **Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Rome, Italy (American Foundation)**

October 10. His Paternity, Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, Master General of the Order of Preachers, celebrated a Solemn High Mass—the first in the recently completed Monastery Church of Our Lady of the Rosary in the Monastery of the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary on the Janiculum Hill in Rome; Father General was assisted by the Most Rev. P. A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General of the Order and by Very Rev. T. A. Garde, O.P., Prior of the Athenaeum Angelicum, acting as Deacon and Subdeacon respectively. Also present as guests of the Nuns were twenty-five other Dominican dignitaries. The singing of the Mass was rendered by a Choir of Fathers from Santa Sabina and San Clemente, under the direction of Father Pius Bonhomme, Cantor of Santa Sabina. In singing the Ordinary, the Nuns alternated with the Fathers.

On October 23rd which marked the fourth Centenary of St. Louis Bertrand's First Mass, His Excellency, Most Rev. Aloysius Traglia, titular Archbishop of Coesarea and Vicegerent of the Vicariate of Rome, solemnly consecrated the same Church in an impressive ceremony which lasted three and a half hours and was terminated by Solemn Pontifical Mass; His Excellency was assisted by the Barnabite Fathers and students of the nearby College of St. Anthony Zaccharia. Most Rev. P. A. Skehan attended the ceremonies of Consecration as the representative of Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., and received from the Conse-

crating Prelate the consignment of the new church. Guests of the Nuns on this occasion included four Dominican Fathers of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Rev. Father Burns, Vice Rector, and Rev. Father Lacey, Economo of the North American College, together with several Secular, Franciscan and Servite Priests and Clerics. The new Monastery Church, delicately beautiful in its simplicity, is a gem of beautiful marble and paintings. The cupola over the Sanctuary is decorated with symbols of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary entwined in a large Rosary of red, white and yellow roses originally designed by the Venerable Founder of the Perpetual Rosary Nuns, Father Saintourens, O.P. On either side of the Apse is a life-size fresco of St. Dominic and St. Louis Bertrand. On the four corners of the sanctuary Arches are frescoes of the four Evangelists; these are the work of Professors Erdi Bros. of Rome.

This Monastery formerly of the Cloistered Contemplative Third Order is now together with Camden and Syracuse Monasteries, one of a Federation of Second Order Perpetual Rosary Monasteries with its own Constitutional obligation of the perpetual recitation of the Rosary day and night in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the propagation of the Perpetual Rosary among the faithful.

On Sunday, October 26th, all the Nuns of this Monastery made profession of Solemn Vows. His Eminence Cardinal Aloysius Lavitrano, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Religious, assisted by the Most Rev. Procurator General, Father Skehan, and the Ex-Procurator General, Father Caterini, received the Solemn profession of Very Rev. Mother M. Louis Bertrand. The Cardinal was then formally received in the Monastery where he gave a beautiful response to a welcoming address, and, after a pleasant visit, left for a function elsewhere, accompanied by several of the Monsignori of the Sacred Congregation of Religious. The Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, ~~is~~ Delegate of His Paternity, the Master General, then presided at the Solemn Profession of the Community, after which Father gave a very encouraging message from Father General which together with the expression of his own sentiments and congratulations gave great joy to all present. The Most Rev. Procurator General then officiated at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and read the Decree of the Holy See imposing Papal Enclosure.