

VERY REVEREND TERENCE STEPHEN McDERMOTT, O.P., S.T.Lr.

Prior Provincial of St. Joseph's Province

On October 8, 1947, the Provincial Chapter of St. Joseph's Province met in the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., and postulated the Very Reverend Terence Stephen McDermott, O.P., for the office of Prior Provincial. The postulation was confirmed in Rome by the Master General of the Order, the Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P. The office of Prior Provincial in the Dominican Order is a four-year elective office. The honor has been conferred on Father McDermott for the fifth successive time, a thing unique in the 700 year history of the Order.

Father McDermott was born at Eagle Grove, Iowa, on March 14, 1887. His early education was received in the public and parochial schools of that city. After the completion of his classical studies, he entered the novitiate of the Dominican Order at Somerset, Ohio, January 17, 1907. In the following year he made profession of simple vows and on January 23, 1911, profession of solemn vows. Having completed his philosophical and theological courses at the House of Studies in Washington, he was ordained priest, June 25, 1913, by the late Most Reverend Owen B. Corrigan, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore. From 1915 to 1917 Father McDermott was engaged in teaching philosophy and church history at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington. In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Army as chaplain, and, in this capacity, saw almost two years of active service in France.

Upon his return to America in 1919, Father McDermott was appointed Pastor of Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Missouri, where he laboured for eight years. In 1927 he was elected Prior of the Convent of St. Catherine of Siena in New York City. Two years later he was elected Prior of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. In addition to his duties as superior, he conducted classes in pastoral theology and sacred eloquence. On December 3, 1930, the Most Reverend Martin S. Gillet, O.P., Master General of the Order at that time, appointed him to the office of Prior Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, in succession to the Very Reverend Raymond Meagher, O.P.

During his long term of office, Father McDermott has proved well worthy of the confidence placed in him by Father Gillet and the

Provincial Chapters which reelected him. Under his able guidance and prudent direction, the Province made progress in every field of its endeavor. He has brought honor both to himself and the Order.

Dominicana offers sincere congratulations to our Provincial and prays that God may continue to bless his labours for the good of the Church and the Order.