



SAINT JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

SMYPATHY

The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the following members of the Order in their recent bereavement: to Father J. M. Killian on the death of his sister; to Fathers Denis C. and Cornelius Kane and to Bro. Thomas Kane on the death of their brother; to Father P. A. Bagley on the death of his father; to Father J. J. McLarney on the death of his mother, and to Father W. J. McLaughlin on the death of his brother.

VISITATION

The Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, Master General, began his canonical visitation of the House of Studies at Washington on March 19. During Holy Week he presided at the Solemn Office of Tenebrae and at the morning services the last three days of the week.

On Holy Saturday following the Solemn Mass, the Master General received the first profession of Bro. Francis Leibold, O.P., lay-brother.

On April 16 the Master General arrived at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, to start his visitation. The following day he was present at a scholastic disputation held in the Studentate. The philosophical thesis, "De Analogia Entis," was defended by Bro. Michael Stock, with Bro. Raymond Daley, the objector. The Procurator General, the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, and the Master General's Socius for the English-speaking countries, the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, also attended the circle.

HONORARY DEGREES

On March 7 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on the Master General at Providence College by the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial and president of the college corporation. Following the conferral of the degree, Father Suarez blessed and set the cornerstone of the new science building, Albertus Magnus Hall. Civic leaders, educators and representatives of different universities and colleges as well as a large gathering of the clergy and laity were present. Following the ceremonies a reception in honor of Father Suarez was held in the lounge of Aquinas Hall.

At a special convocation on March 21, the Catholic University of America also bestowed on Father Suarez the Doctorate of Laws, *honoris causa*. The Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, D.D., Archbishop of Washington and Chancellor of the University, presided at the convocation and conferred the degree.

The election of the Rev. F. J. Baezler, O.P., as Prior of Sacred Elections and Heart, Jersey City, N. J., has been confirmed. The Rev. W. J. Appointments McLaughlin, O.P., has been appointed pastor of St. Dominic's, Detroit. The Very Reverend Provincial has also re-named the Rev. J. D. Enright, O.P., as pastor of St. Mary's, Johnson City, Tenn., and the Rev. J.

S. O'Connell, O.P., as pastor of St. Dominic's, Youngstown, Ohio.

The Rev. T. R. Gallagher, O.P., J.C.D., has been named as Secretary at the Apostolic Delegation in Washington to succeed the Most Rev. E. C. Daly, O.P., S.T.M., now Bishop of Des Moines, Iowa.

PROFESSION

The Very Rev. C. I. Litzinger, O.P., Prior of the Immaculate Conception Convent in Washington, admitted Bro. Giles Bisaillon, O.P., to his first profession of vows as a lay-brother on Ascension Thursday, May 6.

SILVER JUBILEE

The Fathers and Brothers of the Province offer congratulations to the following Fathers who celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their ordination to the sacred Priesthood on June 14: J. V. Dailey, F. N. Georges, J. R. Grace, J. F. McCadden, B. A. McLaughlin, J. G. O'Donnell, W. J. Olson, T. H. Sullivan and B. C. Werner. *Ad multos annos!*

MISSION ACADEMIA

The Academia of the House of Studies in Washington was privileged to have as guest speaker on March 5 the Most Rev. Arsene Turquetil, O.M.I., Titular Bishop of Ptolemais in Phoenicia and former Vicar Apostolic of Hudson Bay. His Excellency gave an inspiring talk on his former work as a missionary among the Eskimos.

On March 30, Fr. B. G. Schneider, O.P., Chinese missionary, spoke to the Brothers at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, and on April 19 to those at the House of Studies in Washington. Fr. B. C. Werner, O.P., formerly Vicar Provincial in China, showed slides of the missions to the latter Students on May 12.

THIRD ORDER CONVOCAION

On Sunday afternoon, April 25, a Convocation of the secular Third Order of St. Dominic was held at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church in New York City. The Master General presided, assisted by the Most Rev. P. A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial. Following an address of welcome by the Rev. F. N. Wendell, O.P., Provincial Director of the Third Order, Solemn Compline was sung at which the Very Rev. T. H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General, was celebrant. The sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Rev. J. J. McLarney, O.P. The Master General gave General Absolution and the Blessing of St. Dominic to the assembled tertiaries and concluded the convocation with a short address in English and Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. About 1,200 tertiaries from all over the eastern United States and several hundred Dominican Sisters were present.

DEDICATION

The Grotto of Our Lady of the Rosary, Providence College's Memorial to her dead of World War II, was dedicated during impressive ceremonies on Sunday, May 9, at Providence, R. I. The Most Rev. Master General blessed the shrine which is situated on the college campus and contains famed Carrara marble statues of St. Dominic receiving the rosary from the Blessed Virgin. The dedication sermon was delivered by the Very Rev. Harold C. Boyd, O.P., P.G.

ORDINATIONS

The Most Rev. John M. McNamara, D.D., Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Washington, ordained the following Students to the holy Priesthood on June 3 at the Chapel of the House of Studies in

Washington: Louis Durell, Leonard Fallon, Raymond Smith, David Moriarty, Bernard Jurasko, Hugh McBrien and Philip Forster.

VISITORS Recent visitors to the House of Studies in Washington include the Rev. B. C. Werner, O.P., formerly Vicar-Provincial in China, and the Very Rev. Lawrence Teeuwen, O.P., Provincial of the Netherlands province.

DEGREES CONFERRED Following a solemn Mass in the chapel of the House of Studies in Washington on May 28, the following academic degrees were conferred: Doctor of Sacred Theology: the Rev. D. A. O'Connell, O.P.

Lector and Licentiate in Sacred Theology: the Revs. Luciano Gonzales, O.P., Crescentio Espeso, O.P., F. F. Conway, O.P., R. M. Heath, O.P., J. R. Desmond, O.P., W. B. Ryan, O.P., and E. P. Farrell, O.P.

Licentiate in Sacred Theology: the Revs. F. C. Lehner, O.P., R. T. Imwalle, O.P., and W. B. Tarrier, O.P.

Bachelor in Sacred Theology: Brothers Louis Durell, Michael Murphy, Kevin Connolly, Jerome Conroy, Timothy Carney, Xavier Schwartz, Denis Plamandon, Terence O'Shaughnessy, Adrian Dionne, Vincent Ferrer McHenry, John Dominic Scanlon, Benedict Joseph, Urban Voll, Hyacinth Putz and Maurice Gaffney.

HOLY NAME PROVINCE

SYMPATHY The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy and prayers to the Rev. D. P. Kane, O.P., on the death of his brother; to the Rev. P. R. Starrs, O.P., on the death of his father.

NECROLOGY On March 12, Brother Bernard Connelly, O.P., lay-brother, died at St. Dominic's Convent, San Francisco, California. Brother Bernard was 90 years of age and had been professed 29 years. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on March 15, by the Very Rev. Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Provincial. He was assisted by the Rev. Joseph Asturias, O.P., and the Rev. Michael Porter, O.P., who acted as Deacon and Subdeacon respectively. The Very Rev. Francis H. Ward, O.P., Prior of St. Dominic's Convent, preached the sermon. Brother Bernard was buried in the Dominican Cemetery at Benicia, Calif. R. I. P.

ORDINATIONS On March 20, at Menlo Park, California, the Most Reverend Hugh A. Donohoe, D.D., auxiliary bishop of San Francisco, conferred Diaconate on the following students of the Order: Bros. Raphael Vela, Vitaliano Fontana, Vincent Cavalli, and Mark Donnelly.

RECEPTION Brother Michael Blanchard, O.P., lay-brother, received the habit on March 9, from the Very Rev. P. C. Curran, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies.

25TH ANNIVERSARY The members of the Province extend their congratulations to the Revs. G. M. Knauff, O.P., J. D. Mueller, O.P., L. A. Naselli, O.P., and J. J. Walsh, O.P., who celebrated the 25th anniversary of their ordination on June 14.

SAINT ALBERT'S PROVINCE

SYMPATHY The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. Ferrer Brown, O.P., on the death of his mother.

ORDINATIONS On June 4, the Most Reverend William D. O'Brien, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, conferred the Priesthood on the Reverend Brothers John Joseph Angers; Winston Benedict Ashley; Albert John Marie Coburn; Daniel Patrick Brady; John William Sherman; Paul Timothy Froendhoff; Raymond Jude Nogar; Robert Denis McAuliffe; Joseph Anthony Nadeau; and Thomas Clement McAndrew.

In ordination ceremonies April 30, the same prelate conferred the Subdiaconate on the Reverend Brothers Gregory Going, Dominic Tamburello, Athanasius Weisheipl, Michael Faraon, Hyacinth Brenda, Ignatius Reardon, Malachy Dooley, Richard Butler, Gilbert Graham, Henry Siebs and John Thomas Bonée.

The orders of Exorcist and Acolyte were conferred by Bishop O'Brien on Brothers Thomas Sanner, Bartholomew Walsh, Martin Hopkins, James Whalen, Joachim Pender, Lawrence Kearney, and Barnabas Unruh.

RECEPTIONS The Very Rev. J. E. Marr, O.P., Prior, clothed Brother Anthony Cortese, lay-brother, with habit on February 19 and Brother Martin Jensen, lay-brother, on March 3.

THOMIST ASSOCIATION The tenth annual convocation of the Thomist Association, closing the 1947-48 season of lectures, was held May 2, in Milwaukee at St. Mary's Convent, motherhouse of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour. The Mass was celebrated by the Reverend Richard T. Murphy, O.P. The Rev. Gerard Smith, S.J., head of the philosophy department at Marquette University, preached the sermon. Solemn Benediction followed the Mass. The Rev. Thomas M. Cain, O.P., acted as toastmaster at the program which followed. The principal address was given by the Very Reverend Peter O'Brien, O.P., director general of the Association and Provincial. Present at the Mass was the Very Reverend Timothy Sparks, O.P., Socius to the Master General, who was the first secretary general of the Association. The Rev. John A. Driscoll, O.P., is the present secretary general.

FAREWELL The Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General returned to the House of Studies on May 3 for a brief visit and farewell message before returning to Rome.

VISITORS Recent visitors to the House of Studies have included the Rev. Dominic M. Moreau, O.P., Belgian Province; Rev. Victor White, O.P., English Province; and the Rev. Denis Lewis, O.P., a native of India, member of the Roman Province. All three gave informal talks to the students.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY The Fathers and Brothers of the Province offer their congratulations to the Very Rev. R. P. O'Brien, O.P., Provincial, to the Very Rev. F. L. Vander Heyden, O.P., and to the Rev. D. M. Della Penta, O.P., and the Rev. V. R. Hughes, O.P., who on June 14 celebrated the 25th anniversary of their ordination to the Priesthood.

SISTERS' CHRONICLE

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

In February, the Novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette was conducted by Rev. J. S. Moran, O.P., and the sermons preached by Rev. G. J. Rourke, O.P. Many of the faithful who were unable to be present at these daily devotions took part in the Candlelight Procession to the Grotto on February 8. This ceremony was concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, after which the relic of St. Bernadette was venerated and the blessing of the sick imparted.

The Perpetual Rosary Novena of Sundays is conducted each Sunday in the Shrine Chapel at 3 P.M., and may be begun on any Sunday according to one's own choosing.

Congregation of the Most Holy Name, San Rafael, Calif.

On March 21, the students of the Dominican College of San Rafael presented an oratorio, *The Mysteries of the Rosary*, composed by Giulio Silva for women's voices, piano, harps and organ. Dr. Silva, who is a member of the School of Music of the College, also conducted the oratorio.

During Easter week, when the National Catholic Educational Association held its annual meeting in San Francisco, the Presidents and Deans of many Catholic colleges in the East and mid-West were guests of the Dominican Sisters.

Rev. Victor White, O.P., a member of the English Province and former editor of *Blackfriars*, lectured to the faculty and students on April 29. His subject was *Eric Gill and his place in the Catholic Literary Revival in England*.

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

The Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary were honored with a visit from the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., on March 17. Accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius of the North American Provinces, the Master General addressed the Sisters in the community room and then made his visitation of the Monastery.

On April 25, Sister Mary Stephanie of the Immaculate Conception and Sister Mary Agnes of Jesus pronounced their temporary vows. Rev. William F. Furlong of Darlington Seminary presided at the ceremony, and Rev. J. B. Affleck, O.P., preached the sermon.

A colorful procession was a feature of the May Crowning devotions conducted by the Very Rev. H. C. Boyd, O.P., who also delivered a most inspiring sermon.

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

The retreat preparatory to the Clothing and Profession ceremonies was preached by Rev. W. L. Whalen, O.P.

On March 29, the following were clothed with the Dominican habit: Sister Mary Carmelita (Barbara Cain), Sister Mary Charles Elizabeth (Constance O'Brien), Sister Mary Margaret Francis (Catherine Moons), Sister Mary Veronica (Margaret Himpel) and Sister Mary Martin de Porres (Ann McCarthy).

On the same day, Sister Mary Loretto and Sister Barbara Marie pronounced temporary vows for three years.

Present at the ceremonies were: Right Rev. Monsignor Martin A. Scanlan, Pastor of St. John's Church, Bronx, who preached the sermon and celebrated Solemn Benediction; also Rev. Thomas L. Graham, Rev. J. A. Goodwine, Rev. W. J. Ward, and Rev. J. E. O'Brien, S.J., all of New York, Rev. Robert Brown of Washington, D. C., and Rev. J. J. Durkin, O.P., Chaplain of the Sisters.

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

On March 7, at the Maryknoll Motherhouse, thirty-six postulants received the habit and fifty-two novices pronounced their first vows. This date also marked the pronouncement of final vows by twelve professed Sisters who are assigned to various mission stations throughout the world.

From the group which made simple profession, three Sisters were assigned to the Philippines and Hawaii and sailed on May 21 with a group of missionary Sisters who were on leave of absence and were returning to the Orient.

A group of three Maryknoll Sisters has arrived at Manapla, Occidental Negros, Philippines. Others are now in Manila and are preparing to go to Manapla to open a new hospital that will be one of the best equipped hospitals in that section of the Islands.

On April 9, the Silver Jubilee of Profession was marked by nineteen Sisters, many of whom worked in China, Hawaii or on the Pacific Coast missions.

Congregation of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tacoma, Wash.

On January 21, at Marymount Chapel, twelve postulants received the Dominican habit, two Sisters pronounced their first vows and two others made their final profession. The sermon for this occasion was delivered by Rev. J. J. Walsh, O.P., who also preached the preparatory retreat.

When the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Dominican Order, visited Blessed Sacrament Priory in Seattle on January 29, the Congregation was represented by Mother Mary Edwardine, O.P., Prioress General, and Sister Mary Philomena, O.P.

On March 7, the patronal feast of the Congregation, Aquinas Academy kept its traditional observance with a High Mass sung by the Treble Choir. Later in the day, the seniors sponsored a program in prose, poetry and song in honor of the Angelic Doctor.

Rev. Victor White, O.P., a member of the English Province and former editor of *Blackfriars*, gave a brilliant lecture on *God and the Unconscious* at Tacoma Catholic College.

Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Tex.

On March 29, seven young ladies were clothed in the habit of the Order, and the following novices pronounced temporary vows: Sister M. Ernest Schwerdtfeger, Sister M. Paula Enderle, Sister M. Francis Cabrini Heins, Sister M. Martin de Porres Galvani, Sister M. Emile Martin, Sister M. Eileen Knoblock, and Sister M. Elaine Placette.

On April 2, the first unit of the Dominican Convent of the Sacred Heart, St. Catherine's Hall, was blessed by His Excellency, the Most Reverend C. E. Byrne, D.D. The Bishop of Galveston then gave an encouraging address, stressing particularly the immense amount of good to be accomplished by the Institution.

Sister Margaret Mary Loughlin passed away suddenly on April 11. The funeral

for Sister Margaret Mary was conducted by the Most Reverend Wendelin Nold on April 13 at Sacred Heart Convent and burial was in Garden of Gethsemane Cemetery.

In the early part of April, the statue of the Pilgrim Virgin of Fátima was exhibited in Sacred Heart Convent and St. Agnes Academy.

Sisters of St. Dominic, Racine, Wis.

Sister M. Timothy Giedl, O.P., passed away on February 15, in the thirty-ninth year of her religious profession.

On February 28, St. Catherine of Siena Convent in Racine was honored by a visit of the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Dominican Order. Accompanying His Paternity were the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General of the Order, the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., North American Socius, and the Very Rev. Peter R. O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert the Great Province.

Sister M. Beatrice, O.P., Sister M. Theophila, O.P., and Sister M. Charles, O.P., attended the convention of the National Catholic Educational Association in San Francisco during Easter week.

On April 11, a vocational day of recollection was conducted at the Convent of St. Catherine of Siena for young girls of the vicinity interested in the religious life. About fifty-five girls attended the conferences given by Rev. J. W. Curran, O.P.

Rev. R. J. Aumann, O.P., conducted a retreat for the students of Dominican College, April 14-15.

Convent of St. Dominic, Blauvelt, N. Y.

On March 14, the Community was honored with a visit from the Master General, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., who was accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General of the Order, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., North American Socius. As the General and his party entered the Convent, they were greeted by the assembled Sisters who chanted the *O Lumen*. A short ceremony followed in the Chapel at which His Paternity spoke to the children and then to the Sisters. The General's visit, though short, was deeply appreciated by the Sisters and will be treasured by them for many years.

Rev. J. A. Manning, O.P., conducted the first of the Community's annual retreats from March 28 to April 4.

Forty Hours' Devotion opened with a Solemn High Mass on April 15, the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, and closed the morning of April 17. Each morning the Sisters' Choir sang the proper of the Mass from the Dominican Gradual, and the entire Community chanted a Gregorian ordinary. During the nocturnal adoration the Sisters prayed particularly for the intentions of our Holy Father and for peace.

Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio

On March 1, Sister M. Catherine de Ricci, O.P., passed away at the age of seventy-two, in the fifty-sixth year of her religious profession.

On March 10, Rev. Dominic Moreau, O.P., gave an illustrated lecture, showing his achievements of twenty-six years of missionary work in the Belgian Congo.

Rev. M. L. McCaffrey, O.P., conducted the Holy Week retreat at Our Lady of the Elms.

On April 25, the Newman Club of Akron University held a one-day retreat at the Convent of Our Lady of the Elms. The conferences were preached by Rev. Thomas C. Corrigan, assistant at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Cleveland.

The Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers, accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General, visited the Motherhouse on April 29. Almost the entire Congregation was present at Our Lady of the Elms Convent to receive His Paternity's blessing. In the afternoon, the Master General officiated at Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament which was given out-of-doors in the Convent court.

Immaculate Conception Convent, Great Bend, Kans.

On February 22, Rev. Stephen Appelhans, S.V.D., gave an illustrated lecture on missionary activities and native life and customs in New Guinea.

Sister M. Francesca, O.P., and Sister M. Immaculata, O.P., attended the meeting of the mid-West region of the North Catholic Educational Association and the North Central Association, held in Chicago, March 9-12.

Sister M. Loretta, O.P., died on April 7 at the age of seventy-seven, in the fifty-seventh year of her religious profession. Sister Loretta was the oldest member of the Community, and was one of the pioneer Sisters from Holy Cross Convent, Brooklyn.

On March 29 and 30, the Very Rev. Peter R. O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert the Great Province, was a guest at the Motherhouse.

Sister M. Justina, O.P., attended the convention of the National Catholic Music Educators Association in Detroit, April 16-18. Sister Justina is Kansas State Treasurer of the Association.

On April 29, the new, two-story rectory at the Motherhouse was occupied for the first time by the Reverend Chaplains.

On May 2, a giant youth rally of the Kansas State Sodality Union and seventy-three youth groups was held on the campus of the Convent. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Mark K. Carroll, D.D., was the celebrant of the dialogue Mass, and Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., was the discussion leader.

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

On February 15, the new print shop, now located in the basement of the Monastery, was formally opened by Rev. Mother Mary, O.P., Prioress. A change of quarters was necessary as a result of a fire which broke out in the old shop on January 16.

On March 16, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers, made his visitation of the Monastery. His Paternity was accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General of the Order, the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General, and the Rev. E. L. Phillips, O.P., Chaplain of the Monastery.

The first issue of *The Cloister*, the Rosary Pilgrim in miniature, came off the press on March 22.

On April 30, one postulant received the Dominican habit, and one novice pronounced temporary vows.

The 27th Annual May Pilgrimage was held on the Monastery grounds on May 2. The exercises began with an outdoor procession led by the Very Rev. H. H.

Welsh, O.P., of the Priory of St. Catherine of Siena, New York City. Third Order Chapters, Holy Name Men, Mater Dolorosa and other Church societies formed special groups around the baldachin of Our Lady during the processional recitation of the Rosary. When the procession returned to the Chapel where Our Lady was crowned Queen of Nations, Rev. E. L. Phillips, O.P., read the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There followed a sermon by Rev. J. J. McLarney, O.P., of St. Joseph Priory, Somerset, Ohio. The Pilgrimage devotions closed with Solemn Benediction.

Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, North Guilford, Conn.

On January 21, the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace in North Guilford, Conn., celebrated its first anniversary. The Monastery was founded in 1947 by a small group of nuns from the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, N. J., under the leadership of Mother Mary of Jesus Crucified, O.P., Prioress. The foundation was made possible through the generosity of Miss Bridget Rice whose gift of the Samuel Chittendon property included 197 acres of land and a colonial farmhouse which adapted itself surprisingly well to monastery needs. Two old barns, dating from the American Revolution, were moved end to end beside the farmhouse and transformed into simple brown and white chapels, one public and the other the cloistered choir of the nuns. The novitiate of the Monastery is situated above the choir in the former hayloft. A second small house became the residence of the chaplain, Rev. C. G. Moore, O.P.

The first Mass was celebrated by Father Moore in the parlor of the farmhouse upon the arrival of the nuns about noon of January 21, 1947, and they received Holy Communion as their first act on the new foundation. On February 12, 1947, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Henry J. O'Brien, D.D., Bishop of Hartford, formally cloistered the establishment, and on August 16, dedicated the chapels.

The Monastery held well-attended public pilgrimages in May and October and offers a Eucharistic Holy Hour each Sunday afternoon. Three clothing ceremonies have already taken place, so that the completion of the first year has found the Monastery firmly established on a small scale but with all the essential requisites for the complete observance of the rule.

St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tenn.

On February 29, five postulants received the Dominican habit in the Chapel of St. Cecilia Convent. His Excellency, the Most Reverend William L. Adrian, D.D., Bishop of Nashville, presided at the ceremony of investiture, and the Very Rev. Arthur J. Spear, superior of the Paulist Mission House at Winchester, Tenn., preached.

Sister Mary Albert Eiseman, Sister Dorothy Northern and Sister Cyrilla Zarek made their first profession of vows on March 7. Rev. Francis Eiseman presided at the ceremony and Rev. Albert Henkel delivered the sermon for the occasion.

On March 27, Sister Carmelita Boyle, O.P., passed away in the thirty-sixth year of her religious profession. Sister Carmelita had been Novice Mistress for the past ten years.

Sister Marie Therese Charters, O.P., former principal of St. Joseph's School, Jackson, Tenn., was elected by the General Council of the Congregation to succeed Sister Carmelita, O.P., as Mistress of Novices.

Sister Miriam, O.P., and Sister Anastasia, O.P., attended the formal opening of the new convent to be occupied by the Sisters of the Congregation who staff St.

Ailbe School, Chicago. The formal dedication took place on April 4. Sister Anastasia, O.P., is one of the four Sisters who opened the School in 1927.

On April 5, the Sisters at the Motherhouse celebrated the feast day of Mother Annunciata, O.P., Prioress General of the Congregation. A special program was also provided by the students of St. Cecilia Academy.

On April 17, 19 and 20, Miss Margaret Manges, of Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., held piano auditions in St. Cecilia Academy for students of the Academy, Holy Name School and Overbrook School. The music teachers of these schools are members of the National Guild of Piano Teachers which sponsors the auditions.

The eighty-eighth annual commencement exercises of St. Cecilia Academy were held in the Chapel on the morning of June 2. His Excellency, the Most Reverend William L. Adrian, D.D., celebrated the Mass and presented the diplomas and honors to the graduates. The Very Rev. Joseph H. Siener, Pastor of Holy Name Church, Nashville, delivered the address.

Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Rome, Italy

(American Foundation)

The Perpetual Rosary Hour Pilgrimages of March and April were very well attended. On March 7, the sermon was delivered by the Very Rev. P. M. Caterini, O.P., ex-Procurator General of the Order; the preacher on April 4 was the Very Rev. Fr. Cinelli, O.P., Master of Students in the Convent of the Minerva. These sermons were deeply appreciated by the faithful who afterwards held discussions on the Rosary.

At these Pilgrimages, the picture of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompei is usually carried by two laybrothers from Santa Sabina. A group of Barnabite students from the nearby International College sings the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and the Rosary Hour closes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Every Rosary pilgrim in the Church of the Monastery is a member of the Perpetual Rosary, and the greater number are faithful attendants at the Rosary processions and devotions held at the Grotto of the Apparitions at *Three Fountains*. Rumors that the reported Apparitions and the devotions at the Grotto have been condemned are without foundation, since the Church has neither condemned nor approved them. Hence, crowds are to be found daily at the Grotto making Rosary processions, and extraordinary cures and conversions have taken place. The Rosary is recited in the Grotto almost perpetually, and lay committees make every effort to keep it so by calling for volunteers from the crowd if two members are not already listed to say the Rosary for the hour.

On April 12, an unusual celebration took place to mark the first anniversary of the Apparitions. A large gathering of the faithful took part in the Rosary Procession in which the people walked twenty abreast for a mile or more. For this occasion, the Nuns made two beautiful white satin sashes, bearing in Italian the words, *Mary's Guard of Honor*. They also painted the picture of *Our Lady of the Revelation* on a large banner.

The beautiful ceremonies of Holy Week were carried out in the traditionally solemn manner. A number of priests and students from Barnabite College officiated each morning, and on Easter Sunday the student choir alternated with the Sisters in singing Solemn Vespers which closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

During the Octave of Easter, Rev. Luigi Vy, a newly ordained priest and a native of Indo-China, celebrated Mass in the Monastery Church.

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wis.

The Congregation was saddened by the recent deaths of two of its members, Sister M. Placidia Concannon and Sister M. Carolus Fales.

St. Clara Convent, the Community's Motherhouse at Sinsinawa, was visited on February 21 by the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General. After a private dinner, His Paternity made his visitation of the Convent and was entertained by short programs given by several of the departments. To each group he spoke words of appreciation and encouragement, and then imparted the blessing of St. Dominic. The Master General concluded his visit by celebrating Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, assisted by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General.

Mother Samuel and seven other Sisters attended the NCEA convention in San Francisco, March 31 to April 2. Sister Mary Peter, President of Rosary College, was one of four panelists who discussed President's commission on higher education.

On April 9, Rev. J. B. Connolly, O.P., Chaplain of the Motherhouse, celebrated the Mass which concluded the novena for the successful outcome of the Italian election. The results of these elections gave hope that Villa Schifanoia, the Pius XII Institute at Florence for the study of the fine arts, will receive student registrations during the summer and resume activities in September.

On April 14, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Henry P. Rohlman of Dubuque, turned the first sod for the erection of St. Dominic's Villa, Mazzuchelli Heights, Dubuque, as a prospective sanitarium and rest home for the Sisters.

The Central Region of the Catholic Theatre Conference met on April 17 at St. Clara Academy. The day's activities commenced with a high Mass sung by the President, Rev. Karl Schroeder, of Dubuque. The Play Festival which followed attracted more than three hundred drama-minded high school boys and girls and their sponsors, and featured play presentations by five high schools.

The second annual meeting of the Sinsinawa Dominican Educational Conference was held at Rosary College, April 17. A book of proceedings was approved by the delegates and plans were inaugurated for regional meetings throughout the year.

The Sisters and students of St. Clara Academy were favored with visits from two Dominican missionaries, Rev. Dominic Moreau, O.P., from the Belgian Congo, Africa, and Rev. Denis Lewis, O.P., of Multan-Pakistan, India. Father Moreau's lecture summarized the results of twenty-six years' work by Belgian Dominicans in Africa, while Father Lewis anticipated similar success in harvesting souls in his own country once he establishes a house of the Order in India where native Dominican vocations can be fostered.

St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio

On February 4, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael J. Ready, D.D., Bishop of Columbus, was the guest of the faculty and students at a tea in the Colonial Room of Sansbury Hall, College of St. Mary of the Springs.

On March 6, Rev. John Mao, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Nanking, China, spoke to the students of the College on the urgent and immediate need of aid to China. Father Mao also brought to Brenda and Joyce Hsu, students at the College, news of their parents in China where their father, Kan Hsu, is Minister of Foods.

Sister M. Irmina and Sister Francis de Sales of Albertus Magnus College, New

Haven, attended the convocation at Providence College on March 7, at which the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Sister M. Irmira, President of Albertus Magnus College, also participated in a panel discussion of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life which met at Hartford, Conn., March 8-10.

Sister M. Angelita, President of the College of St. Mary of the Springs, and Sister M. Lauranna, of St. Mary's Academy, attended a series of conventions held in Chicago, March 9-14.

On March 10, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers, accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General of the Order, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General, visited Albertus Magnus College.

On March 22, Sister Clarissa Kreber passed away at the Motherhouse after a short illness. On March 24, Rev. T. L. Weiland, O.P., offered the solemn requiem Mass, assisted by Rev. J. J. Bauer, O.P., as deacon, and Rev. M. P. F. Small, O.P., subdeacon.

Two retreats were conducted at St. Mary of the Springs during Holy Week. Rev. J. J. Jurasko, O.P., of St. Joseph Priory, Somerset, conducted one for the Academy students; the other for the College students was preached by Rev. M. M. Hanley, O.P., of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

From March 31 to April 2, Sister Coralita, Sister Borromeo, and Sister Mary Aquin of St. Mary of the Springs, and Sister Francis de Sales of Albertus Magnus College, attended the National Catholic Education Association meeting in San Francisco.

Members of the College faculty of St. Mary of the Springs attended a meeting of the Ohio College Association, held in Columbus, April 9-10.

On April 16, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers, accompanied by the the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., visited the Motherhouse of St. Mary of the Springs.

The annual retreat for the students of Albertus Magnus College was given by Rev. J. P. Sullivan, O.P., of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

Congregation of St. Catharine of Siena, St. Catharine, Ky.

On March 7, Sister Bernard Marie Burke passed away in the thirty-sixth year of her religious profession at Mattoon, Ill., where she was teaching in St. Joseph's School. When the colored school of Holy Rosary Church, near Springfield, Ky., was opened in 1930, Sister Bernard Marie became its first principal, a position she occupied until 1939. At her funeral a token of devotedness was expressed by nine young men, her former pupils, who acted as pallbearers.

On April 8, Sister Mary Elizabeth Sheehan died in St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville. Since her religious profession thirty-five years ago, Sister Mary Elizabeth had been assigned to parochial school teaching in the Archdiocese of her native Boston.

On April 19, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., visited the Motherhouse at St. Catharine. After being received at the entrance to the Convent by the Sisters and the college and academy students, the Master General, in the company of the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General of the Order, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., North American Socius, repaired to the common

room where he spoke to the Sisters in Latin. He then visited the infirmary, the novitiate, and the students in their assembly hall. On his way to the rectory before dinner, His Paternity paused at the cemetery to pray for the Community's departed.

On the Feast of St. Catharine of Siena, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated to honor the Patroness of the Congregation. This was also the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the religious profession of Sister Johanna Rowan and Sister Mary William Whelan. After this Mass, Sister Margaret Marie Hofstetter renewed her religious vows for the second time, and first profession was made by Sisters Charles Francis and Rose Francis McCosker.

Rev. Bernard C. Krimm, C.S.S.R., visited the Motherhouse on his way from Philadelphia to Aquadilla, Puerto Rico, where Sisters of the Congregation will help to open a parochial school in the fall.

The Community Chapel has been redecorated recently by the Greiwe Company of Cincinnati. Special features of the newly-painted interior are: two murals on the side walls of the sanctuary, the one representing the espousal of St. Catharine of Siena, the other St. Catharine and Blessed Raymond in the presence of Pope Gregory XI at Avignon; twelve symbols depicting the articles of the Creed on each of the upper wall arches along the nave; a design of the Tree of Life over the high altar and representations of the Tree of Jesse above each side altar. A baldachin of green and gold satin has been erected over the main altar against a dossal of red velvet.

Mary C. Barber, a junior of the Academy, won first prize in the Spring essay contest sponsored by the Bardstown Chapter of the C.S.M.C. for her essay on *How to Christianize America*.

Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Ill.

The Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the Master General, was a welcome guest of the Community during the first weeks of October. He spoke to the Sisters and the students of the Academy on the apparitions of Our Lady of Fátima. As a visitor to the Shrine and by reason of his chats with many who were present on the occasion of the miracle of the sun, Father Sparks was capable of rendering a vivid account of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother in 1917.

On October 19, the Thomist Association opened another year of lectures. At this meeting, Rev. T. M. Cain, O.P., gave an intellectually stimulating and informative address.

Rev. Gerald Vann, O.P., noted English writer and lecturer, was a guest speaker at the Motherhouse and Academy during December.

The Diamond Jubilee year of the Community opened with profession-reception ceremonies in the Convent chapel, January 3. His Excellency, the Most Reverend James A. Griffin, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, Ill., celebrated the Pontifical Mass and presided at ceremonies during which ten young women received the Dominican habit and eight pronounced temporary vows. Also present at the services were: Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Rev. J. M. Nugent, O.P., and Rev. T. H. Dailey, O.P.

On February 17, the Sisters were honored with a visit by the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers. Accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General, His Paternity attended an assembly for the Academy students at which Betty Chong, a pupil from Honolulu, delivered a welcome address in Spanish and presented him with a spiritual bouquet. The Master General then spoke to the Sisters and imparted the Papal and Dominican blessings.

As representatives of Sacred Heart Academy, Sister M. Mildred, O.P., and Sister M. Elizabeth, O.P., attended the NCEA and NCA meetings in Chicago during March.

To commemorate the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, members of the Speech class of Sacred Heart Academy gave a series of tableaux illustrating principal scenes in the life of the Angelic Doctor while a student narrated the incidents. Choral singing of several hymns composed by St. Thomas gave variety to the program which closed with the recitation of his prayer before study.

On March 21, Rev. J. M. Nugent, O.P., gave a one-day retreat for the tertiaries of Sacred Heart Convent. Eighteen new members were received and seventeen made profession.

A Day of Recollection for the Ladies of Charity was conducted by Rev. James A. Suddes at the Convent, April 11.

Rev. James Kelly, C.S.S.R., gave an inspiring and instructive retreat for the students of Sacred Heart Academy, April 15-16.

Sister Madonna, O.P., Secretary of the National Catholic Music Educators' Association, and Sister Margaret Alice, O.P., attended a convention of the Association in Detroit, April 16-18. The Sisters were accompanied by two students who sang in the chorus.

With the instruction of April 18, Rev. T. M. Cain, O.P., brought the Thomistic lectures to a close for the year.

Sister M. William, O.P., President of the Springfield Diocesan Kindergarten Association, reports that two hundred teachers attended the workshops and demonstrations of Kindergarten activities at the last meeting. Rev. Joseph Murray, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, gave a heartening talk on the spiritual values of the Kindergarten, and Doctors James Graham and E. R. Evelof spoke on the physical and mental growth of the five year old child.

Rev. W. R. Barron, O.P., recently visited the Sisters at Sacred Heart Convent.

Sister M. Ernestine, O.P., will teach two courses in Spanish at St. Norbert's College, Green Bay, Wisc., during the summer session.

Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, N. Y.

On March 15, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Dominican Order, accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General, spent several hours at the Motherhouse and Novitiate in Amityville. One of the novices delivered an address of welcome in Spanish to which the General replied in Spanish. His Paternity then spoke to the assembled Community in Latin which Father Sparks translated. Afterwards, as each postulant and novice was introduced, an interchange of Spanish took place to the delight of all concerned. Before departing, the Master General gave his own blessing to the Sisters and left a picture carrying the Papal Blessing.

Recent visitors at the Novitiate included: the Very Rev. Lawrence Teeuween, O.P., Dominican Provincial in the Netherlands, who was accompanied by Rev. Father Cajetan, O.P., who labored with the Sisters in Puerto Rico some twenty years ago; the Right Rev. Monsignor John J. Casey, Pastor of the Church of the Incarnation, New York City, who gave an address at the April mission meeting; and Rev. Dr. A. Huebsch, who lectured on the origin and development of languages.

Sister Miriam Joseph, O.P., was a member of the discussion program at the Commercial Teachers' Convention in New York City. Sister M. Dorothy, O.P., acted

as chairman of the morning session of the National Catholic Business Education Association which met in New York City. And Sister Margaret Marie, O.P., was a member of the panel discussion of Nursing Education in a Convention of the School of Nursing held in Boston.

A delegation of Sisters attended the sessions of the National Catholic Education Convention in San Francisco. Mathematics Teachers in the high schools of the Community attended the meeting of the Mathematical Association of America in New York City. Business Education Teachers met in New York City for the Conventions of the Commercial Education Association and the Catholic Business Education Association.

The Sisters who teach in Manhattan College in New York attended the Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral to commemorate the American Centenary of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

The Easter retreat at Amityville was conducted by Rev. Eligius Rainer, C.S.S.R.

More than one hundred members of the St. Peter Claver, St. Charles Borromeo and Mary Immaculate Hospital Chapters of Dominican Tertiaries held their annual Day of Recollection at Mary Immaculate Hospital, April 4. This one-day retreat was conducted by Rev. J. T. Sullivan, O.P., and the conferences given by Rev. W. L. Whalen, O.P.

The faculty and students of Bishop McDonnell High School in Brooklyn were honored with a letter from His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, commending the efforts of their committee for Europe. The letter also conveyed the Pope's blessing on the students, faculty and benefactors.

On April 18, the following Sisters celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Reception: John Dominic, Pauline Marie, Rose Dominic, Teresa Angela, Joseph Alma, Thom-asina, Bernadette Concepta, Gertrude Imelda, Sinclética, Ubalda, Erma, Mary, Dominica, Egbert, Justitia, Emily Ottilia, Flavia, Cunegunda, Benita, Melita, Rose Monica and Virginia Marie.

Sisters Julitta, Liberata, Ladislaus, Loyola, Rosamund, Gilbertus, Antoinette, Anicetus, Maud and Emma observed the Golden Jubilee of their Reception on April 28.

Sister M. Euphrosyne and Sister M. Euphrasia passed to their eternal reward. Both were Golden Jubilarians.

All the Sisters of the Congregation recently pledged their prayers and good works for the cause of the canonization of His Holiness, Pope Pius X, and forwarded a Spiritual Bouquet to the Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

St. Joseph's Summer Villa and Retreat House for the Sisters laboring in the missions of Puerto Rico was recently opened near Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, La.

On March 2, the Novitiate at Rosaryville was honored by a visit of the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Dominicans, accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Socius to the General. After being welcomed by Mother Mary Dominic and the Community and greeted by Rev. E. C. Lillie, O.P., Chaplain, His Paternity addressed the group in English and extended his blessing, toured the house, and visited the cemetery of the Congregation as well as the old cemetery where many of the Fathers of the Most Holy Rosary Province are buried.

On March 4, the Master General and his party were greeted at the Mother-house and College by an outdoor gathering of the Sisters, members of the faculties and students of the college and high school. After His Paternity was introduced to

the Sisters by Mother Mary Dominic, he gave an inspiring talk and imparted his blessing. Then, he was escorted to the college auditorium where Miss Ely Lara of Yucatan addressed the Master General in Spanish, after which a select program was presented, with Rev. J. R. Comeau, O.P., of the College serving as master of ceremonies. His Paternity addressed the assembly in English and bestowed his blessing.

Recently, Rev. Denis Lewis, O.P., a native of India, who is presently touring the country in an effort to collect funds for establishing a house of the Order in Pakistan, was a guest at the Motherhouse and gave an enlightening talk on the growth of the Church in India.

Rev. B. G. Schneider, O.P., brother of Rev. F. L. Schneider, O.P., St. Mary's spiritual director, visited the Motherhouse and deeply impressed all with his account of present conditions in the mission province of Fukien, China, where he labored since 1938.

The Very Rev. Peter R. O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of the Province of St. Albert, was also a recent guest at the Motherhouse.

En route to Puerto Rico, Mother Christina Marie, O.P., and Mother Mary de Lourdes, O.P., of Newburgh, N. Y., visited St. Mary's for a few days.

Rev. J. R. Comeau, O.P., opened the annual vocation week with a talk to the college students on *The Universal Vocation: union with Christ now and in eternity*. Rev. J. G. Masterson, O.P., also addressed the students on the subject of matrimony. For the final exercise of the week, delegates from twenty different religious communities in New Orleans accepted Mother Mary Dominic's invitation to speak on the purpose and work of their particular community.

Within the past two months, the students have been favored with interesting lectures from the following: Mr. Lionel Vasse, Consul General of France who spoke on *The Economic Situation in France*; Dr. Maurice Barret, visiting professor of architecture at Tulane University, who gave an interesting lecture on *The Cathedrals of France*; and Dr. Eileen MacFarlane, associate professor of biology at the Institutum Divi Thomae, who expounded on the *Importance of Interest in Science on the Part of Women*. Dr. MacFarlane also addressed the alumnae on *Research Work in the Field of Cancer*.

Dominican College was hostess to the Louisiana unit of the NCMEA in concert during the month of January and February.

The following Sisters represented Dominican College at various conventions held during the past two or three months: Sister Mary Hildegard, music instructor, attended the NCMEA convention in Detroit; Sister Mary Vincent and Sister Mary John went to San Francisco for the NCEA meeting; Sister Mary Eugene, academic dean, accompanied the student delegate to the NFCCS which met in Philadelphia; and Sister Mary Kevin and Sister Mary Alphonsus, the College's delegates to the National Convention of Teachers of Mathematics which was held at Southwestern Louisiana Institute in Lafayette, La.

Fourteen members of the College faculty also attended the Louisiana Teachers' Convention in Lafayette.

Sister Mary Ligouri, Head of the Business Education department at the Dominican College, has been appointed chairman of the Southern regional unit of the NCBEA, embracing the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Louisiana.

On the Friday preceding the elections in Italy as well as on election day itself, Dominican College, in union with the NFCCS, had Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day and Benediction in the evening.

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

The last in a series of lectures for non-Catholics was held at the Dominican Convent of Our Lady of Prouille, Elkins Park, Philadelphia, on March 4. The subject of the lecture, given by Rev. William F. Drobel, was *Marriage, a Great Sacrament*. As a supplement to these lectures, Rev. Howard Lawton began a series of weekly classes in Christian doctrine for non-Catholics at Prouille.

On March 16, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers, in the company of the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General, visited Our Lady of Prouille Convent. Following a brief address, His Paternity congratulated the Sisters on their work in the retreat movement and then bestowed on them the Papal blessing and his own.

From March 19-27, Rev. Thomas Mahoney, O.S.A., conducted the annual retreat for the Sisters at Our Lady of the Rosary Convent, Cienfuegos, Cuba.

Rev. F. N. Wendell, O.P., and Rev. W. R. Clark, O.P., conducted Tenebrae services at Elkins Park. All night watch was kept at the Repository on Holy Thursday, and, on Good Friday, Fr. Wendell preached a Day of Recollection for the Sisters.

Holy Week services at the Loretta, Dayton, were conducted by Rev. J. M. Stanton. All night vigil was observed on Holy Thursday, and the *Tre Ore* services were given by Fr. Stanton on Good Friday.

On Good Friday, the Sisters of Our Lady of Victory Convent, Philadelphia, had their monthly Day of Recollection under the spiritual direction of Rev. Dante Girolami, O.S.A.

Rev. Gerald K. Kirwin, editor of the *Evangelist*, conducted a retreat for members of the Legion of Mary at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Convent, Albany, during March.

In compliance with the wishes of His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia, a novena for the protection of the Holy Father and the triumph of Christianity in Italy was held with services each morning at the Convent of Our Lady of Prouille, April 5-13. These services consisted of the recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

On April 6, Sister Mary Gertrude, O.P., passed away at the Convent of St. Catherine of Siena, Philadelphia.

From April 21-30, Rev. Fr. Clifford preached the annual retreat for the Sisters at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Convent, Philadelphia.

April 25 was Pope's Day at the Academy of Our Lady Help of Christians, Havana, Cuba. The Most Reverend Antonio Taffi, D.D., Apostolic Delegate to Cuba, visited the Academy and presided at the Mass and other ceremonies of the day. At the Community House, the students presented a musical program and dramatization of the story of Our Lady of Fátima, entitled *The Eternal Way*. This all-day celebration in honor of the Holy Father closed with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The members of the Third Order of St. Dominic had their semi-annual retreat at Our Lady of Victory Convent, Philadelphia, on May 2, under the guidance of Rev. W. T. Condon, O.P., spiritual director of the chapter. The ceremonies of reception and profession were concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Our Lady's Day was celebrated at Elkins Park on Sunday, May 16. Services consisted of a sermon at Our Lady's Shrine by Rev. P. L. McQuillan, O.P., a pro-

cession to the front of the house and solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament celebrated by Right Rev. Bernard A. McKenna.

Rev. James Brennan, Professor of English at Roman Catholic High School, has initiated a series of classes in creative writing at Our Lady of Prouille Convent. The purpose of these weekly classes is to stimulate interest in Catholic writing.

A novel idea in retreats was inaugurated at Our Lady of Victory Convent, Philadelphia, when the members of the Drexel Newman Club participated in a mixed retreat.

The Mother General of the Congregation has announced the purchase of a fourteen room house in Niskayuna, near Schenectady, New York, for use as a retreat house for young women. Plans are being made to open the house shortly.

Monastery of the Holy Name, Cincinnati, Ohio

On Wednesday afternoon, April 21, the entire Community assembled at the enclosure entrance to welcome the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General of the Order of Preachers, who was accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the General. After the chanting of the response, *Cives Apostolorum*, the Master General and his party made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. The guests then proceeded to the Chapter Hall where each Sister was presented individually to His Paternity. Following the singing of a Spanish hymn in honor of the Blessed Mother, the Master General greeted the Sisters in Latin which was afterwards summarized in English by Father Sparks. The Papal Benediction and St. Dominic's Blessing were then imparted, after which His Paternity spoke to the Sisters in English, remarking how intimately he shares their hope that soon the construction of their new Monastery may get under way. A visit to the Infirmary completed the Master General's visitation.