



# CLOISTER + CHRONICLE



## ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

**CONDOLENCE** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy and their prayers to the Rev. F. B. Gorman, O.P., and to the Revs. J. B. and A. C. Sheehan, O.P., on the death of their fathers; to the Rev. T. P. Dowd, O.P., on the death of his mother; to the Rev. L. A. Ryan, O.P., on the death of his sister; to Brother Lawrence Costello, O.P., on the death of his brother.

**APPOINTMENTS** The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial, has appointed the Rev. C. M. Mulvey, O.P., pastor of St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, Ohio, and has re-appointed the Rev. J. J. Costello, O.P., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio.

The members of the province offer congratulations to the Very Rev. A. P. Curran, O.P., on his installation as Prefect Apostolic in Fukien, China, on October 12.

**PROFESSION** During August and September the following Brothers made simple profession at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky. and were transferred to the House of Philosophy, Somerset, Ohio: Urban Conte, Albert Farrell, Martin Reilly, Hugh Mulhern, Aloysius Driscoll, William Cronin, Andrew McPartland, Lawrence Keitz, Thaddeus Murphy, John Dominic Bartnett, Henry O'Brien, Stephen Angelini, Clement Burns, Joachim Curran, Daniel Nelan, Richard Grady, Denis Frain, Anthony Gallup, and Jude Ferrick.

**THEOLOGY FOR LAYMEN** The School of Theology for Laymen, conducted by the Fathers of the faculty of the Dominican House of Studies at the Catholic University in Washington, has begun its second year. The current lecturer is the Rev. T. U. Mullaney, O.P.

A course of theology based on the *Summa* of St. Thomas has been started at the Catholic Information Center in Columbus, Ohio. Sponsored by Bishop M. J. Ready, the course is taught by twelve priests from St. Joseph's House of Philosophy, Somerset, Ohio, Aquinas High School, St. Mary of the Springs College, and St. Charles College, Columbus. The Very Rev. R. E. Brennan, O.P., is chairman. The following Dominicans are among the lecturers: the Very Revs. R. E. Brennan and Paul C. Curran and the Revs. J. J. McLarney, D. J. McMahon, J. C. Taylor, V. J. Martin, J. R. Maloney of St. Joseph's; the Rev. J. F. Monroe of Aquinas; the Revs. M. P. F. Small and J. F. Whittaker of St. Mary's.

The Rev. W. D. Hughes, O.P., of the House of Studies, Washington, D. C. is giving a series of lectures in theology to lay groups at St. Matthew's Cathedral Club and at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington.

The following Brothers received First Tonsure on September 30 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C.: Clement McKeon, Dominic Rover, Louis Sukovaty, Joseph Gardner, Brendan Crowley, and Martin Connors. The following day these Brothers received the four Minor Orders.

On October 2, the Subdiaconate was conferred on Brothers 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 October 4, the following Brothers received the Diaconate: 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, Benedict Joseph, Urban Voll, Gregory Mullaney, Hyacinth Putz, and Maurice Gaffney.

The Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, D.D., Archbishop of Washington, conferred all the Orders.

## ST. ALBERT'S PROVINCE

**SYMPATHY** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. J. W. Curran, O.P., on the death of his father; and to Brother Leo Lande, O.P., on the death of his mother.

**VESTITIONS** On September 12, the following postulants were clothed in the habit by the Very Rev. J. E. Marr, O.P., Prior: Brothers Louis Bertrand Snyder, David Staszak, Jude Vander Hayden, Pius Zannoni, Timothy Sullivan, Anselm Fisher, Clement Collins, Edmund Bidwell, Luke Sablica, and Cajetan Chereso.

On September 6, Brother Jerome Fluary, O.P., laybrother postulant, received the habit from Father Marr.

**PROFESSIONS** Brother Ralph Powell, O.P., made solemn profession on September 19, and Brother Kevin O'Rourke, O.P., made simple profession on September 16.

**APPOINTMENTS** The Rev. J. J. Regan, O.P., has been appointed pastor of St. John Chrysostom Church, Canton, S. D.; the Rev. D. H. Barthelemy, O.P., has been appointed pastor of St. Margaret's Church, Boyce, La.; the Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., has been appointed pastor of St. Dominic's Church, Denver, Colo. The Rev. A. H. Hamel, O.P., has been appointed Director of the Blessed Martin de Porres Mission, Amarillo, Texas and the Rev. J. S. Angers, O.P., has been appointed Provincial Procurator.

**DEGREES** In ceremonies at the House of Studies on September 13, the following members of the Province received the Degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology: Very Rev. Fathers Leo M. Shea, O.P., J. I. Reardon, O.P., J. A. Driscoll, O.P., J. E. Marr, O.P., J. J. McDonald, O.P., J. W. Curran, O.P., S. E. Carlson, O.P., J. R. Gillis, O.P., and G. R. Joubert, O.P. De-

grees were presented by the Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. L. Callahan, O.P.

On September 25, the title of Preacher General was conferred on the Very Rev. Fathers E. A. Baxter, O.P., and F. L. Vander Hayden, O.P.

**THOMIST ASSOCIATION** Nine Thomist groups began work in October in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Appleton, and Oshkosh in Wisconsin, and in Chicago and Springfield, in Illinois.

**NEW NOVITIATE** The Most Rev. Leo B. Binz, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop of Winona, Minn., presided at the religious rites which formally opened the construction work on the new Novitiate House of the Province. Attending the ceremony on August 27, were groups of Fathers from Chicago, Minneapolis, and Madison, Wis., headed by the Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., S.T.Lr., Provincial. The site of the new Novitiate is five miles west of Winona, on Stockton Hill, a 96-acre plateau commanding an impressive view. The building, of stone and brick construction, will contain a large chapel and rooms for 50 novices, 15 priests, and 10 lay brothers. The new novitiate is to be ready for the next class of novices.

## HOLY NAME PROVINCE

**ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS** The Very Rev. Bernard P. Condon, O.P., has been elected Prior of the Novitiate House at Ross, California. Father Condon had been formerly assigned to the Retreat Band.

The Very Rev. T. A. Feucht, O.P., has been appointed Pastor of the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Portland, Oregon.

The Rev. T. M. Porter, O.P., has been appointed a member of the Retreat Band.

**VESTITION AND PROFESSION** On August 14, at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Ross, California, the Very Rev. Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Provincial, clothed the following postulants in the habit: Brothers Andrew Knauber, Adrian Bridgehouse, Mathias Parun, Luke Borgstahl, Eugene O'Brien, Leo Thomas, Victor Kane, Felix Cassidy, and Philip Gigrich.

On September 10, the Very Rev. Provincial received the simple profession of Brothers Fabian Parmisano, O.P., Urban Bates, O.P., and Clement Buchanan, O.P.

On September 15, Brother Hyacinth Carley, O.P., laybrother, made simple profession to the Very Rev. Bernard P. Condon, O.P., Prior of the Novitiate.

**DEDICATION** On Wednesday, September 15, His Excellency, the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, D.D., Archbishop of San Francisco, presided over the dedication ceremonies of the new Novitiate at Ross, California. His Excellency was assisted by the Very Rev. Provincial, the Very Rev. F. H. Ward, O.P., Prior of St. Dominic's Convent, San Francisco, who acted as deacon, and the Rev. J. H. Servente, O.P., who acted as subdeacon for the occasion.

**ANNIVERSARY** On Sunday, October 10, St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its foundation. A Solemn Mass was celebrated for the occasion and presided over by

His Excellency, the Most Reverend John J. Mitty, D.D., Archbishop of San Francisco. The Very Rev. Provincial was the celebrant of the Mass, assisted by the Very Rev. P. C. Curran, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies, Oakland, who acted as deacon, and the Rev. Victor V. Cavalli, O.P., who acted as subdeacon. The sermon in honor of the anniversary was preached by the Rev. J. D. Fearon, O.P., Professor at the House of Studies, Oakland. After the Mass, Archbishop Mitty read a letter from the Apostolic Delegate extending the blessing of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII to all the members of St. Dominic's parish.

## SISTERS' CHRONICLE

### Immaculate Conception Convent, Great Bend, Kansas

Sister M. Imelda, O.P., passed away on August 11 at the age of fifty-eight, in the forty-first year of her religious profession. At the time of her death, Sister Imelda held the position of Secretary General of the Community, a capacity in which she had served since 1934.

On August 22, the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima was solemnly dedicated during impressive ceremonies.

On September 5, Sister M. Justina, O.P., received the Catholic Choirmaster's Certificate from the Gregorian Music Institute of America.

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

Sister Sybillina, O.P., and Sister Angela, O.P., attended the Teachers' Institute in Boston from August 23-27.

On August 30, the Professed Novitiate was transferred to the Convent of St. Rose in Acushnet, Mass. This change was made to accommodate the increasing number of postulants and simple novices at the Motherhouse. Mother M. Dominic, O.P., was appointed Superior of St. Rose's Convent.

During the summer, three other Sisters of the Community were appointed Superiors: Sister M. Ambrose, O.P., at St. Dominic's Convent, Plattsburg, N. Y.; Sister M. Dalmatius, O.P., at St. Ann's Convent, Mooers Forks, N. Y.; and Sister M. Villana, O.P., at St. Augustine's Convent, Peru, N. Y.

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

In September, three Maryknoll Sisters occupied a primitive convent at Korror, a principal settlement in the Southwest Pacific. As the first Sisters ever to labor on the Palau Islands, they augment the small number of missionary priests and Sisters in the Vicariate of the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

The Sisters stationed at the convent in New York's Chinatown are now conducting English classes for Chinese women, the majority of whom have just arrived from China. The Basic English Series and a set of records arranged by the Orthological Institute of Harvard are being used. That this contact is successful in bringing the Christian doctrine into the homes of these women is substantiated by the increasing enrollment of Chinese children in the parish school. Whereas there were only twenty-three in 1945, they now number sixty-five.

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

Rev. P. G. Corbett, O.P., conducted a retreat at Our Lady of the Elms in Akron, August 8-14.

On August 26, the following Sisters renewed their vows: Sisters Rosemary, Marie, Peter, Mariellen, Eloise, and Gerard.

Property adjoining the Convent of Our Lady of the Elms was recently purchased to be used as a Juniorate for prospective candidates. Known as Clarissa Hall, the building was formally opened on August 30 and the event commemorated with a high Mass and outdoor Benediction. Immediately after Benediction His Excellency, the Most Rev. Floyd L. Begin, S.T.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, broke ground for the proposed high school and auditorium.

On September 19, Rev. Robert E. Sheridan, M.M., preached the annual recollection day retreat at Our Lady of the Elms for the Catholic Daughters of America.

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

The annual retreat was conducted by the Very Rev. W. P. Doane, O.P. At its close on September 10, Miss Helen Creighton (Sister Mary Martin Kevin) of Washington, D. C., and Miss Kathryn Ann Mangen (Sister Mary Francis Xavier) of Minneapolis, Minn., were clothed in the Dominican habit, and Sister Joseph Maria and Sister Mary Christopher pronounced their temporary vows.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Martin A. Scanlan, Pastor of St. John's Church, Bronx, preached the sermon and officiated at solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with which the ceremony closed. Other priests present were: the Very Rev. Eugene F. Higgins, M.M., Rev. William J. Ward, Rev. Vincent J. Lonergan, Rev. J. S. Kennedy, O.P., Rev. A. L. McEneaney, O.P., and Rev. J. J. Durkin, O.P., Chaplain to the Sisters.

The Dominicanettes held their first meeting of the season on Rosary Sunday, at which Rev. John A. Goodwine presided.

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

During the latter part of the retreat in honor of St. Dominic, a triduum was preached by Rev. Ignatius McCormick, O.F.M. Cap.

The twenty-seventh annual Rosary Pilgrimage was held on the Monastery grounds on Sunday, October 3. The exercises began with an outdoor procession led by the Very Rev. H. H. Welsh, O.P. When the procession returned to the Chapel, four Holy Name men held the baldachin of Our Lady on their shoulders in the sanctuary while the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was read by Rev. E. L. Phillips, O.P., and a hymn to Our Lady of the Rosary was chanted by the Nuns. The sermon on this occasion was preached by Rev. M. M. Hanley, O.P., and devotions closed with solemn Benediction.

The annual Community retreat was preached by Rev. W. L. Whalen, O.P., from November 3 to 12.

On November 20, His Excellency, the Most Reverend James A. McNulty, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided at the investiture ceremony for one postulant. The accompanying sermon was delivered by Rev. Henry J. Murphy.

### **Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wis.**

On August 4, the feast of St. Dominic, the following Sisters celebrated the



Golden Jubilee of their religious profession: Sister M. Fulgence Franz, O.P., Sister M. Camilla Martin, O.P., Sister M. Germaine Mich, O.P., Sister M. Veronica Schlecher, O.P., and Sister M. Thaddea Bleidorn, O.P. The day also marked the Silver Jubilee of twelve other members of the Congregation.

The two retreats at the Motherhouse during August were given by Rev. T. H. Dailey, O.P., and Rev. T. J. Treacy, O.P.

Twelve novices made their first profession of vows on August 15, and seventeen postulants received the habit of the Order the following day.

Two floors of the new twelve-room addition to St. Catherine's High School were ready for use in September. The student enrollment for the current year is close to one thousand.

Rev. R. D. Goggins, O.P., has been appointed Head of the Religion and Philosophy Departments at the Dominican College of St. Catherine.

The Very Rev. W. R. Lawler, O.P., conducted a retreat for tertiaries at St. Catherine's, October 8-10.

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

*American Children Through Their Books*, which made its initial appearance last May, was so favorably received by educators and reviewers in this country and in England that it has recently gone into its second printing. The author of the book, Sister Monica Kiefer, O.P., formerly Dean of the College of St. Mary of the Springs, is now an instructor in History at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven.

In June, Sister Mary Urban Cullen, O.P., received a Ph.D. degree in Zoology from Yale University, and Sister Rita Mary McBride a Ph.D. degree in History from the same institution.

Death claimed two Sisters during the past few months: Sister Sabina Magruder, O.P., on August 21, in the thirty-eighth year of her religious profession, and Sister Madeleva Klaus, on September 13, in the twenty-first year of her religious life.

Sister M. Lucy, O.P., and Sister M. Celestine, O.P., attended the Convention of the Association of Ohio Registrars which convened from October 20-22 at the Universities of Akron and Kent State.

Sister Mary Ruth, O.P., was recently re-elected chairman of the Columbus Unit of the Catholic Library Association.

### Congregation of St. Thomas Aquinas, Tacoma, Wash.

Summer retreats were conducted at the Motherhouse by Rev. Bernard Condon, O.P., and Rev. P. M. Purcell, O.P. At the close of the first retreat Miss Angela Welch (Sister Mary Jude) received the habit, and Sister Mary Vincent and Sister Mary George made their final profession.

During the summer vacation the new Convent of Holy Rosary parish, Seattle, was completed, and the Convent attached to Holy Cross Church, Tacoma, renovated.

On August 10, Sister Mary Margaret McNerthney passed away after a brief illness. A solemn requiem Mass was sung at the Motherhouse for the repose of her soul.

On August 31, the Novitiate was transferred from Marymount to Mount St. Dominic Convent on the campus of Tacoma Catholic Junior College, recently converted into a Sisters' College.

With the commencement of the scholastic year in September, Our Lady of the Lake School in Seattle opened with eight grades and a kindergarten, while the parish

of St. Vincent de Paul, San Diego, inaugurated its School with six grades and a kindergarten.

A high Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on October 24 to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Congregation. Assemblies were held in the schools conducted by the Sisters of the Community to honor the pioneer founders, Mother Mary Thomasina, Mother Mary de Chantal and Sister Mary Aloysia.

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

The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation staff the new St. Lawrence School in Joelton, Tenn., which opened in the fall. The Sisters also teach Catechism on Sundays to children on Gallatin, Murfreesboro and Old Hickory, Tennessee towns which lack parochial schools.

Three young ladies from Mexico are enrolled in St. Cecilia Academy this year. Besides following a regular course of studies, they are especially interested in mastering the English language.

The Nashville English Club met at St. Cecilia Academy on October 21. Miss Catherine Winnia, instructor in Speech and Dramatics at Ward-Belmont College, Nashville, was the speaker for the occasion and chose as her subject *Trends in the Modern Novel*.

In the early part of December, Sisters Miriam, Roberta, Columba, and Perpetua attended the annual convocation of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, held in Memphis, Tenn.

The annual bazaar for the benefit of home and foreign missions was held on December 11 at St. Cecilia Academy. The affair was sponsored by the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the proceeds distributed to the missions in Tennessee and other parts of the United States. A check was sent to the Dominican missions in foreign countries.

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

The Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert's Province, visited the Motherhouse, Novitiate and College, and granted a holiday for all.

Rev. J. S. McHatton, O.P., succeeded Rev. J. A. McInerney, O.P., as Chaplain of the Motherhouse and College.

Rev. E. C. Lillie, O.P., Chaplain of the Novitiate, conducted the Holy Hour Triduum which was ordered by the Archbishop of New Orleans to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the National Eucharistic Congress. The Triduum was immediately followed by Forty Hours' Devotions during which sermons were preached by the Very Rev. E. A. Baxter, O.P., the Very Rev. B. A. Arend, O.P., and Rev. E. C. Lillie, O.P.

Rev. Joseph Buckley, S.M., Vice-Rector of Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, addressed the students at the Convocation of the College on *The Ultimate Goal of Education*.

Rev. Theodore Ray, S.J., of Loyola University, preached the sermon at the Mass which marked the annual homecoming day of Dominican alumnae.

Sister M. Louise, O.P., President of St. Mary's Dominican College, has been appointed to the state committee for the certification requirements for Louisiana teachers.

After three years leave of absence, Sister M. Monica, O.P., returned to the College as Head of the French Department.

On September 8, Misses Dorothy Dawes, Mary Maranto, Mary Ellen von Wolff and Rita May Marin entered the Postulate.

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

Rev. J. R. Desmond, O.P., Professor of Philosophy and Religion at St. Catharine Junior College, celebrated the Mass of the Holy Ghost on September 17. After Mass, Rev. J. R. Clark, O.P., Chaplain of the Sisters, gave a short talk to the faculty and student body on the value of a Catholic education.

On October 1, the traditional cap and gown ceremony was held in St. Catharine Chapel. Mother Margaret Elizabeth presented the eligible students to Rev. J. R. Clark, O.P., who conferred the academic awards. A sermon followed in which Father Clark reminded the students of the significance of the ceremony and exhorted them to fidelity in their college training.

Rev. Matthew Chen and Rev. Bartholomew Fu stopped briefly at the Motherhouse on their way to St. Rose Novitiate where they received the Dominican habit on October 4.

On October 11, the Mozart Trio, Hendrik de Boer, tenor, Claire Wellman, violinist, and Vierlyn Dueer, pianist, presented an appreciative interpretation of classic and contemporary music.

Twelve young women from the Boston archdiocese entered Rosary Academy, Watertown, Mass., to begin their postulancy of six months. After completing a semester of study and religious training they will leave for the Novitiate in Kentucky.

Courses for the Sisters are being given each Saturday at Rosary Academy, Watertown, Mass., by Rev. C. B. Morrison, O.P., a member of the Providence College faculty.

Recent letters from the Sisters in Puerto Rico recounted interesting activities in this new mission field of the Congregation.

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

On August 4, the feast of St. Dominic, Rev. Matthew Rigney, O.P., of the English Province, sang the high Mass and officiated at the entire Office of our Holy Father.

Two postulants recently entered the Cloister: Miss Dorothy Edgar of Brooklyn, N. Y., on August 22, and Miss Elizabeth Eenterlin of Middle Village, L. I., on September 8.

The Community was honored with a visit from His Excellency, the Most Reverend George Leech, Bishop of Harrisburg, Pa., who said the Community Mass, gave an inspiring talk to the Sisters and imparted his blessing to all.

The solemn high Mass on September 12 was celebrated to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Sister M. Hyacinthe and Sister M. Constance. The Mass was sung by Rev. James Keenan, O.F.M., who was assisted by Rev. Robert Savage, S.C., as deacon, and Rev. Connor Smith, C.P., as sub-deacon. The sermon on this occasion was delivered by Rev. Roland Burke, O.F.M.

On September 19, Rev. Anthony Bryce sang a solemn high Mass to honor another Silver Jubilarian, Sister M. Alberta. Father Bryce was assisted by Rev. William Harding, C.P., deacon, and Rev. Damian Reed, C.P., sub-deacon. Father Harding preached the sermon.



Rev. M. A. Snider, O.P., conducted the services on October 3, the feast of the Most Holy Rosary. As usual, roses were blessed and distributed to all, and a colorful procession of children followed.

The annual Community retreat was conducted by Rev. C. L. Davis, O.P., from December 10-19.

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

The seventeenth session of the Pacific Coast branch of the Catholic University of America was held at the Dominican College of San Rafael this summer. The opening was deferred a day to permit the faculty and students to attend the consecration of His Excellency, the Most Reverend James T. O'Dowd, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, who had been a member of the summer session faculty for several years. Later in the summer, Bishop O'Dowd visited the campus, addressed the members of the session and officiated at solemn Benediction.

Toward the end of the summer session a signal honor was conferred on the Right Rev. William J. McDonald, a faculty member, who, together with the Right Rev. Martin J. Higgins, was raised to the dignity of Domestic Prelate by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. Both are priests of the archdiocese of San Francisco and both serve on the regular faculty of the Catholic University of America. The investiture services were conducted at the Dominican College by His Excellency, the Most Reverend John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, on August 6 in conjunction with the graduation exercises of the summer session.

The regular series of concerts at Dominican College was resumed on September 21 with Luigi Silva, internationally known cellist, as the guest artist, and Carl Fuerstner at the piano.

On October 12, Jan Popper, former conductor at the Prague Opera House, lectured on folk dancing and was capably assisted by his wife and a group dressed in native Czech costumes. Dr. Popper is well-known in the West for the production of *Peter Grimes* which he directed in the San Francisco Opera House last June.

### Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, N. Y.

Sister Irma and Sister Judith, members of the Social Mission of the Holy Ghost in Budapest, Hungary, who are soliciting funds for their Order, spent a week in retreat at Queen of the Rosary Convent, Amityville.

Fifty-seven postulants entered the Novitiate on September 8, the feast of Our Lady's Nativity.

On October 10, ground was broken for the erection of a retreat house for the Sisters of Holy Cross Congregation. The proposed building is expected to accommodate one hundred twenty Sisters.

In response to the request of His Excellency, the Most Reverend James Manus, C.S.S.R., Bishop of Ponce, Puerto Rico, that several Sisters staff the newly-founded University of Santa Maria of Puerto Rico, Mother M. Anselma assigned Sister M. Teresa Gertrude to teach English and Sister M. Verona the methods in teaching Elementary Science and Arithmetic. Mother Anselma also attended the solemn Mass of the Holy Ghost on October 12 when the University was formally opened and dedicated by His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The Convent attached to the Dominican Commercial High School, Jamaica, N. Y., is nearing completion and the Sisters hope to occupy it sometime in December.

A Biblical Institute, sponsored by the Catholic Biblical Association of America for the High School Teachers of Brooklyn, was conducted for three days in Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. More than six hundred high school teachers attended the lectures given by the Very Rev. John E. Steinmuller, S.S.L., Consultor of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, Rev. Matthew P. Stapleton, S.S.L., Rev. Richard Kugelman, C.P., and Rev. George Denzer.

St. Catherine's Hospital in Brooklyn recently obtained a \$10,000 grant for cancer research.

A new Catholic High School, Santa Teresita, was opened at Naranjito, Puerto Rico, with a registration of ninety students.

### Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Ill.

The Sisters of Sacred Heart Convent were saddened by the death of His Excellency, the Most Reverend James A. Griffin, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, who passed away on August 5. Many of the distinguished members of the hierarchy who attended the funeral were guests at the Convent, among them His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edward C. Daly, O.P., Bishop of Des Moines, and the Very Rev. Timothy H. Sparks, O.P., Socius to the Master General.

Mother M. Imelda and Sister M. Ceslaus attended the ceremonies in St. Pius Church, Chicago, when the title of Preacher General was conferred on the Very Rev. E. A. Baxter, O.P., and the Very Rev. F. L. Vander Heyden, O.P.

On August 19, Rev. Monsignor William F. Haug, Chaplain of Sacred Heart Convent, sang a high Mass of Thanksgiving in commemoration of the seventy-fifth year the Sisters of the Community have labored in Illinois. The Sisters spent the day in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in gratitude to Almighty God for the countless graces and blessings bestowed on them during that span of years.

Sister M. Pauletta is the Principal of the new parochial school in Little Flower parish under the care of the Dominican Sisters.

Sister M. Isabelle and Sister M. Domitilla attended a meeting of the Central Region of the Catholic Theatre Conference, held in September at Loyola University. The President of the Association, Rev. Karl Schroeder, presided at the meeting which discussed the activities for the coming year and strongly urged the members to attend the National Convention in Los Angeles next June. Many representatives declared their intention to produce *Lady of Fátima*, a new play by Rev. E. U. Nagle, O.P.

On October 10, the Thomist Association of Springfield held its first meeting of the 1948-49 series at Sacred Heart Academy. An excellent lecture on *The Meaning and Scope of Metaphysics* was given by the Very Rev. J. L. Callahan, O.P.

### Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Milwaukee, Wis.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima, erected on the Convent grounds, has become a favorite place of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of Milwaukee and the surrounding districts.

On September 21, Rev. S. J. Gaines, O.P., conducted an all-day Pilgrimage at the Shrine for five hundred members of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. These services included a Mass at the Shrine, a Rosary procession in which the statue of Our Lady was carried around the block, a Question Box, and the Holy Hour which concluded the Pilgrimage.

Sixty Christian mothers from Holy Name Parish, Racine, made a Day of Recol-

lection at the Shrine on September 28, under the direction of Rev. A. M. Klink, archdiocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith.

On Rosary Sunday, the annual Rosary procession was conducted at the Shrine by Rev. S. J. Gaines, O.P. Fifteen hundred people attended these services, and fifty girls took part in the procession.

Many volunteer families recited the Family Rosary every evening during October at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima.

Rev. S. J. Gaines, O.P., preached the annual Fátima novena from October 4-12.

The Ave Maria Guild and the Mantle Guild made a Day of Recollection at the Shrine on October 10, under the guidance of Rev. S. J. Gaines, O.P.

On October 12, the yearly procession from St. Anthony's School to the Shrine was held. Five thousand people marched in the procession and recited the fifteen decades of the Rosary. There followed a sermon by Rev. A. M. Klink, and the services closed with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On the following day, which marked the thirty-first anniversary of Our Lady's last appearance at Fátima, a solemn high Mass was celebrated by Monsignor George Meyer, assisted by Rev. James Kelley as deacon, and Rev. Richard Baer as subdeacon. The sermon on this occasion was delivered by Rev. Francis Schneider, Rector of St. Francis Seminary.

In the evening, the Blessed Sacrament was carried in procession to the outdoor Shrine where solemn Holy Hour was conducted. The sermon at this closing of the Fátima festivities was preached by Rev. S. J. Gaines, O.P.