

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE REVEREND ANSELM MURRAY, O.P.



ON THE Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, March 7th, 1949, Reverend Michael Anselm Murray, O.P., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood.

Father Murray celebrated the Solemn Mass in St. Joseph's Church following the procession of the entire community and guest clerics from the Priory. Very Rev. Paul C. Curran, O.P., was deacon, and Very Rev. Albert Drexelius, O.P., was subdeacon. The sermon was preached by Very Rev. John B. Walsh, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph's Priory. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Kellerman and the Very Rev. Msgr. H. E. Mattingly were present in the sanctuary.

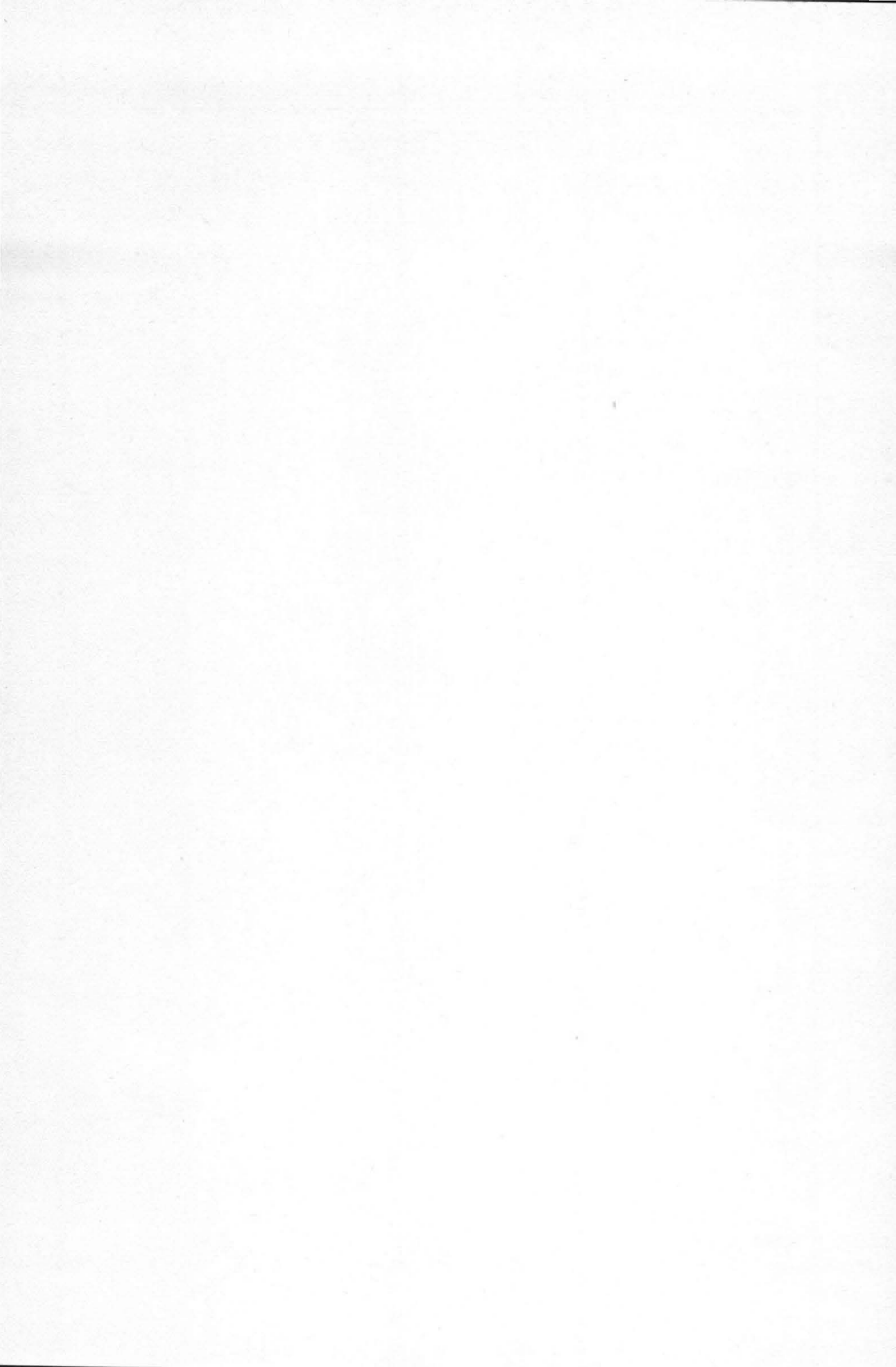
One of five children of James and Hanoria Murray, Father Murray was born at Dublin, Ireland, on August 19, 1873. He received his elementary education in the National Schools, Cabinteely County, in Dublin, after which he attended Blackrock College. Desiring to spend his life in the missions, Father Murray received the Dominican habit for the Province of Lyons on May 26, 1894, at the Priory of SS. Dominic and Cyprian, Poitiers, LaVienne, France. He was admitted to simple profession there a year later, and was then sent to the House of Studies of his Province, Rosary Hill, Hawthorne, N. Y. While there, Father Murray transiliated to St. Joseph's Province, and was sent to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, to complete his philosophical and theological studies before ordination. On March 7, 1899 he was ordained to the Priesthood by the Most Rev. John Ambrose Watterson, Bishop of Columbus, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Columbus, Ohio.

Father Murray was assigned immediately to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Port of Spain, Trinidad, where he acted as assistant pastor and also as Chaplain to His Grace, Patrick Vincent Flood, O.P., Archbishop of Trinidad. As a missionary, Father Murray then labored as parish priest in Toco, in Scarborough, and in other mission parishes in Trinidad.

In 1905, his health broken, Father Murray returned to the United States and became Chaplain first to the Sisters of Divine Compassion, White Plains, New York, and then to the Soeurs de la Miséricorde in Hartsdale, New York. From 1910 to 1919 he labored at St. Joseph's Priory in Ohio, and at Hawthorne, New York, acting



REVEREND MICHAEL ANSELM MURRAY, O.P.



also as Chaplain to the Dominican Sisters there. In 1919 Father Murray went to St. Antoninus Parish in Newark, N. J., where for fourteen years he assisted in the divine ministry and became renowned all over the city as a confessor of extraordinary ability. Because of poor health Father Murray was forced to retire from such intense work, and in 1933 went to St. Joseph's Priory in Ohio. Even there he has helped in the active ministry whenever he was needed. The deep spirit of Faith and the fidelity to regular observance which permeates his life are constant sources of edification to his brethren at St. Joseph's.

Dominicana joyfully offers congratulations to this beloved priest upon the completion of fifty years of his holy, priestly life.