CONDOLENCES


The General Chapter of the Order of Preachers was convoked at the General Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., on September 10. Definitors from thirty provinces attended with the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General, presiding. During the Chapter, the Master General together with the Most Rev. P. A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, the Very Rev. Emmanuel Montoto, O.P., Secretary General of the Chapter, and the Very Rev. T. M. Sparks, O.P., Socius of the Master General for the North American Provinces, was received by the President at the White House.

The Master General and professors from various general and provincial Studia of Theology assisted at the ad gradus examinations of the Rev. C. I. Litzinger, O.P., the Rev. P. F. Mulhern, O.P., and the Rev. R. J. Slavin, O.P.

The following Brothers received First Tonsure on September 30 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C.: Francis Connolly, Aquinas Powers, Raymond Daley, Jordan Lacey, Thomas Kane, James Breitfeller and Antoninus Fallon. The following day these Brothers received the four Minor Orders.

On October 3, the Subdiaconate was conferred on Brothers Dominic Rover, Louis Sukovaty, Joseph Gardner, Brendan Crowley, and Martin Connors.


The following Brothers received the Habit from the Prior on August 27: Linus Walker, Malachy De Augustine, Aquinas Gordan, Benedict McCaffrey, Raymond

The Rev. G. Q. McSweeney, O.P., who has been working with Catholic VISITORS Relief Agencies in Germany, spoke to the students on Oct. 11 about conditions existing in that country.

The Very Rev. J. M. Ramirez, O.P., S.T.M., noted theologian and Professor at the University of Salamanca, Spain, delivered a series of lectures before the students and faculty of the House of Studies from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4.

The Very Reverend Provincial has announced the following appointments: the Very Rev. J. D. Walsh, O.P., as pastor of Holy Name Church, Valhalla, N. Y.; the Rev. J. S. Dillon, O.P., as pastor of St. Monica’s Church, Raleigh, N. C.; the Rev. F. N. Reynolds, O.P., as Head of the Central Mission Band.

SAINT ALBERT’S PROVINCE

The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their prayers and sympathy to the Rev. E. S. Murray, O.P., on the death of his mother, and to the Rev. E. W. Conley, O.P., on the death of his father.


The degree of Master of Sacred Theology was conferred on the Very Reverend Peter O’Brien, O.P., by the Master General following the dedication ceremonies of the new Novitiate.

The following brothers received First Tonsure on October 27 and the orders of Porter and Lector on October 28: Brothers George Welch, Hilary Freeman, Leo McMahon, Bernard Davis, Lewis Shea and Bertrand Maurihan.

On October 28 the following were ordained to the Diaconate by the Most Rev. William D. O’Brien, D.D., auxiliary Bishop of Chicago: Rev. Brothers Thomas Sanner, Bartholomew Walsh, Martin Hopkins, Lawrence Kearney and Joachim Pender.
On September 29, the following Brothers pronounced simple vows to the Master General, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., at the novitiate of St. Peter Martyr: Louis Bertrand Snyder, David Staszak, Pius Zannoni, Timothy Sullivan, Anselm Fischer, Clement Collins, Edmund Bidwell, Luke Sablica, and Cajetan Chereso.


**HOLY NAME PROVINCE**

On Sept. 8, the Very Rev. Patrick Kelly, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies, Oakland, Calif., received the solemn profession of Brothers Bartholomew O'Brien, O.P., Nicholas Hayden, O.P., and Cyril Burns, O.P. On Sept. 19, Father Kelly received the solemn profession of Brother Ignatius Camporeale, O.P.

On Oct. 19, Brother Raymond Fitton, laybrother, was received to the Habit by the Very Rev. Peter Curran, O.P., Sub-prior of the Simple Novitiate, Ross, Calif.

The Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General, accompanied by the Most Rev. Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, visited the Simple Novitiate at Ross on the morning of October 14, and the House of Studies at Oakland on the afternoon of the same day.

New parochial schools are under construction in the parishes of Seattle, Vallejo and Pittsburg.
On October 10, the feast of St. Louis Bertrand, solemn high Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by Very Rev. Thomas E. Garde, O.P., assisted by Very Rev. Philip M. Caterini, O.P., Rev. Bernard Abbate-Rizzo, O.P., and three student priests from the Convent of Santa Maria supra Minerva as servers. In the afternoon solemn Benediction was given by Very Rev. Aelwin Tyndal-Atkinson, O.P., English Socius to the Master General, assisted by Fathers Caterini and Leamer.

Visitors to the Monastery during the summer months included several Bishops and many priests and members of the laity on pilgrimage to Rome. Among the visitors in late summer were Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D.D.; Most Reverend Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator of the Order; Very Rev. Hilary Carpenter, O.P., Provincial of the English Province; Rev. Cyril Osbourn, O.P.; and Very Rev. Monsignor Philip Flanagan, Vice Rector of the Scots College in Rome.

The annual retreat was conducted by Rev. J. H. Hartnett, O.P., September 3-11. At the close of the retreat, Sister M. Francis Xavier pronounced temporary vows. The Right Rev. Monsignor Martin A. Scanlan, Pastor of St. John's Church, Bronx, N. Y., presided at the ceremony and preached the sermon. Other priests present were: Rev. William J. Ward, Rev. John J. Gordon and Rev. Thomas A. Donnellan, all of New York, and Rev. John J. Durkin, O.P., Chaplain to the Community. Solemn Benediction, given by Monsignor Scanlan closed the ceremony.

About two hundred Sisters assembled at Most Holy Trinity School, Brooklyn, on the first Saturday in September, to participate in the celebration commemorating the ninety-sixth anniversary of the arrival of our first Mothers in Brooklyn from Ratisbon Cloisters on September 2, 1853.

On the feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lady, forty-one postulants entered the Queen of the Rosary Novitiate.

Three volunteers from among the Sister-nurses at Mary Immaculate Hospital, Jamaica went to St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson, to help the Daughters of Wisdom in caring for the serious polio cases during the recent epidemic.

Many of the clergy, Sisters and several hundred graduate nurses attended the testimonial luncheon of the Alumnae Association of the School of Nursing of St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, in honor of Sister M. Ildephonse, O.P., Directress, for her many successful years of devoted, zealous and progressive service. Sister Margaret Marie, O.P., succeeds Sister Ildephonse, who received the appointment of Superior of Mary Immaculate Hospital in September.

Sister Jeanette, O.P., F.A.C.A., was a participant on the Faculty of the Pharmacy Institute, sponsored by the Catholic Hospital Association and St. Louis University, and more recently Sister James Anthony, O.P., participated in a panel discussion at Buffalo.

Sister M. Francis, M.D., a Medical Mission Sister who interned at Mary Immaculate Hospital, recently sailed for Karachi, East Pakistan.

The new convent attached to Dominican Commercial High School, Jamaica,
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was open for inspection by families and friends of the Sisters, as well as students, three days prior to occupancy by the faculty members. A booklet compiled by the Sisters explained the story behind each of the windows in the beautiful chapel.

Since September, 1949, five week-end retreats for laywomen have been conducted under the auspices of the Sisters of St. Dominic at Our Lady of Prouille Retreat House, Amityville.

Reverend Mother M. Charitas, O.P., who served as General Councillor of the Congregation of the Holy Cross under Reverend Mothers Antonine, Catherine and Augustine; as Secretary of the General Council for twenty years; as Vicarress of the Dominican missions in Puerto Rico for five years, and as Prioress General for fifteen years (1928-1943), had the distinctive privilege of observing her seventy-fifth anniversary of the reception of the Dominican habit on October 15, at Holy Cross Convent, Brooklyn. In honor of the diamond jubilarian, the six golden jubilarians and the thirty-three silver jubilarians of 1949, a musical program was presented in Dominican Commercial High School in December.

Distinguished visitors at Amityville included His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edwin V. Byrne, D.D., Archbishop of Santa Fe, and his chancellor, and several Dominican Fathers from Puerto Rico. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Stephen J. Donahue, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of New York visited St. Joseph's Convent, St. Josephs, Sullivan County.

Recent deaths in the community include those of Sisters Andrew, Clara, Leona, Antonine, and Pacifica.

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

The five pioneer Maryknoll Sisters (all R.N.'s with overseas experience) assigned to Kandy, Ceylon, have begun their apostolate in that stronghold of Buddhism. Sister Mary Paul, Vicarress-General and mission superior in China from 1921 to 1946, journeyed with them. Their task is to supply nursing service for a government hospital with a six-hundred bed capacity. Upon their arrival, they found the twenty-five buildings (all on different levels on a picturesque hillside) occupied by 1119 patients. A sixth Sister, a dietitian, will soon join this preliminary staff.

The Maryknoll Sisters shared largely in the inspiring conference held at the Maryknoll Fathers' Seminary on September 6-8. Called by the directors of the Social Action and Education Departments of the N.C.W.C., Rev. R. A. McGowan and Rt. Rev. Monsignor Frederick G. Hochwalt, representatives of twenty-seven mission societies for priests and five for Sisters gathered together to discuss with experts from the United Nations Agencies and from the fields of labor, communications, social action and agriculture, problems and projects relating to mission lands and their underprivileged people.

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

The solemn ceremony of the erection of the stations of the Cross in the Adoration Chapel at Rosary Shrine, Summit, N. J., took place during the weekly Holy Hour services, conducted by Rev. E. L. Phillips, O.P., chaplain of the monastery, on Sunday, October 16 at three-thirty. Blessing of the new statues of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena followed the erection of the stations. The blessing of the statues and the sermon was given by the Very Rev. V. M. Raetz, O.P., Prior of St. Antoninus Church in Newark.

On November 12, Rev. William F. Furlong, Vice-President of Seton Hall College, presided at the ceremony of investiture of one postulant.
The annual retreat will be conducted this year by Rev. V. C. Donovan, O.P., Director of the Catholic Thought Association.

Recent visitors included the Very Rev. Terence Wholihan, O.F.M., Conv., and Rev. Walter G. Moran, O.P.

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

On September 25, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated to commemorate the silver jubilee of Sister Miriam, and the golden jubilee of Sister Mary of the Presentation. The Mass was sung by Rev. Roger T. Monson, C.P., who was assisted by Rev. Joseph M. Doyle as deacon and Rev. Hilarion Volteris as subdeacon. Rev. John J. Dougherty preached the sermon.

Rev. R. P. Nuttall, O.P., conducted the services on October 2, the feast of the Most Holy Rosary. A colorful procession took place and roses were blessed and distributed.

The annual community retreat opened on November 29, and was conducted by Rev. T. A. Joyce, O.P. On the closing day of the retreat Sister Mary Margarita of the Heart of Jesus made her final profession.

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

On September 24, Miss Jane Maria Daigle of Putnam, Conn., was invested with the habit of St. Dominic and received the name in religion, Sister Mary Luke of the Nativity, O.P. Very Rev. R. M. McDermott, O.P., Prior of Holy Name Priory, Philadelphia, presided at the ceremony and preached the sermon.

On Rosary Sunday, October 2, a vast throng took part in the solemn Rosary Pilgrimage. Rev. J. C. Rubba, O.P., of Providence College, Providence, R. I., preached the sermon for the occasion, taking for the theme of his talk the message of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima. The devotions concluded with the distribution of the blessed roses and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

On October 10, the feast of St. Louis Bertrand, solemn High Mass was celebrated at ten o'clock by Very Rev. R. M. McDermott, O.P.; he was assisted by Rev. A. C. Tierney, O.P., and Rev. R. M. McCabe, O.P. Also present in the sanctuary were Very Rev. C. M. Thuente, O.P., Rev. J. S. Moran, O.P., Rev. Thomas F. Kirk, Rev. Joseph T. Hanley and Rev. James J. Zegers.

St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tenn.

The Nashville Chapter of the National Council of Teachers of English met at St. Cecilia Academy on October 27. The speaker of the day was Dr. P. T. Claxton, former Commissioner of Education of Tennessee. Dr. Claxton's subject was: English as the Universal Language.

In the annual Mission contest held during October, Miss Shirley Sanford, a member of the junior class of St. Cecilia Academy, won first prize for her poster, and Miss Evelyn Seigenthaler, a member of the senior class, received honorable mention for her essay.

The annual Mission bazaar for the benefit of home and foreign missions was held in the auditorium of the Academy on December 3.

Sister Roberta, principal of St. Cecilia Academy, Sister Columba, principal of Notre Dame High School, Chattanooga, and Sister Perpetua, principal of St. Thomas Academy, Memphis, attended the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, and the Regional Meeting of the N.C.E.A., held in Houston, Texas, November 28 to December 2.
During vacation fourteen Religious Vacation schools were conducted in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Mother Mary Dominic, O.P., addressed the Fifth Annual Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine held in Alexandria in mid-October. The topic of the address was *The Use of the Religious Vacation School Manual*.

Sister Mary Peter, O.P., gave a demonstration before the Congress of *Classroom Methods of Teaching Religion*.

During the convocation ceremonies at Dominican College, Rev. E. A. Vitie, O.P., professor of Theology and Sociology, spoke on *Education, Its Purpose*, and Sister Mary Louise, O.P., president, delivered an address entitled: *A Challenge to Freshman of a Catholic College*.

Sisters Mary Cecelia, Fidelis, Clare and Grace were among the members of the Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome sponsored by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph F. Rummel, S.T.D., Archbishop of New Orleans.

Six young ladies entered the postulate in the summer; and Sister Mary George Williamson, O.P., pronounced her perpetual vows on the feast of St. Matthew.


In July, Sister Callista Bergin was elected to succeed Sister Coralita Cullinan as General Supervisor, and Sister Coralita was elected priore and president of Albertus Magnus College, New Haven.

The forty-seventh annual meeting of Catholic school principals and teachers of the Columbus diocese was held on September 6-8 at the College of St. Mary of the Springs.

On September 24, the Most Reverend Michael J. Ready, D.D., celebrated a solemn Pontifical Mass in the Chapel of Christ the King to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formal opening of the College of St. Mary of the Springs. At the anniversary luncheon, Dr. Bland L. Stradley, vice president of Ohio State University, was the principal speaker.

In October, the Tiffany Memorial Foundation of Oyster Bay, Long Island, donated the furnishing for the interior of a chapel to Albertus Magnus College.

The entire student body of Albertus Magnus College assembled in the foyer of Rosary Hall on October 4 to bid farewell and bon voyage to Rev. L. A. Springmann, O.P., their former professor of theology and philosophy. Father Springmann sailed for Rome on October 5 to attend the School for Novice Masters there.

Sisters Borromeo, Mercia, Callista, Clotildis, Elizabeth, Mary Ruth and Rose Lima attended the regional congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine held in Cincinnati October 22-24. At one of the sessions, Sister Borromeo, dean of the College of St. Mary of the Springs, spoke on *The Use of Picture, Chart and Sacred Story in the Classroom*.
The home economics department of the College of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, assisted in the preparation of foods and the arrangement of twelve “liturgical” tables displayed at the Neil House during the National Catholic Rural Life Conference Convention held in Columbus November 6-9.

Sister Mary Urban, head of the department of biology of the College of St. Mary of the Springs, and a member of the Yale Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society of America, was recently awarded a grant-in-aid for $250 to assist her in further research.

The entire student body of the College of St. Mary of the Springs attended, on October 19, the funeral Mass of Monsignor Joseph A. Cousins, Dean of Studies at the College of St. Charles Borromeo, and former professor at St. Mary of the Springs.

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

On August 27, Sister M. George Fendt, O.P., passed to her eternal reward in the forty-fourth year of her religious profession.

On August 30, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Floyd L. Begin, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, offered the first Mass in our new gymatorium. During Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Sisters M. Richard and Benita, silver jubilarians, renewed their vows. The following Sisters also renewed their temporary vows at this time: Sisters M. Michael, Hyacinth, Xavier, Conrad, Bridgit and Bernadine.

The new high school was completed for the opening of school on September 8. It contains six modern classrooms and includes a completely equipped gymatorium, with a seating capacity of five-hundred.

The Catholic Daughters of America held their annual day of recollection at Our Lady of the Elms on September 18. Father Alphonsus, O.Carm., served as retreat master.

**Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Ill.**

The Diocesan Teachers’ Institute was held August 29 at the new ultra-modern Little Flower School, which is in charge of the Sisters from Sacred Heart Convent.

Sister Mary Gabriel, Sister Mary Dominicus and Sister Mary Nicholas left August 25 for Winona, Minn., to take charge of the domestic duties at St. Peter Verona Novitiate.

On the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, September 12, the new school year began at Sacred Heart Academy. On the following day, Very Rev. Monsignor W. F. Haug, chaplain, offered the Mass of the Holy Ghost for the students and faculty.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend William A. O’Connor, D.D., offered the community Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel on October 8, and was the guest of honor at a Vocation play produced by the postulants and novices.

The Springfield Chapter of the Thomist Association entered its third year, opening its annual course of lectures at Sacred Heart Academy, October 16. Rev. J. A. Driscoll, O.P., professor of moral philosophy and Aristotle’s ethics at St. Thomas Pontifical Faculty, River Forest, is teaching the course in Ethics.

Mother M. Imelda, accompanied by Sister M. Aurelia, attended the dedication of St. Peter Verona Novitiate, Winona, Minn., October 18.

Very Rev. Monsignor W. F. Haug, Director of the Sacred Heart Chapter of Dominican Tertiaries, officiated at the reception and profession ceremonies held at the regular October meeting of the chapter. Twelve new Tertiaries were received and five were professed.
On October 20-21, Mother M. Imelda and Sister M. Mildred attended the silver anniversary ceremonies of Rt. Rev. Richard O. Gerow's consecration as Bishop. While in Jackson, Miss., they visited the community's hospital located in that city.

During its stay in Springfield, the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima was brought to Sacred Heart Convent on the evening of November 7, and was left for the veneration of the Sisters and students of the academy until the following morning.

On November 20-21, the Sacred Heart juniors produced the delightful comedy "Meet Me in St. Louis" for large and appreciative audiences.

**Congregation of Saint Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wis.**

Sister M. Rosalia Ruetz, O.P., died August 21 in the forty-second year of religious profession.

On August 31, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Moses E. Kiley, D.D., solemnly blessed the new twelve-room addition to St. Catherine's High School. The priests of the city participated in the service.

Mother M. Louis Bertrand, O.P., and Sister M. Immaculata, O.P., from the Convent of the Perpetual Rosary, Rome, were guests at St. Catherine's recently.

Mother Mary Cleopha, O.P., and Sister M. Gerold, O.P., attended the dedication of the new St. Peter Martyr Priory and Novitiate at Winona, Minn., on October 18.

Recent charges taken over by the Community include the newly opened school of Holy Trinity Parish, Racine, and the archiepiscopal residence, Santa Fe, N. M.

**Immaculate Conception Convent, Great Bend, Kansas**

St. Dominic's Day was celebrated in accord with Dominican tradition. Five sons of St. Francis from the Capuchin Monastery at Hays, Kansas, honored us with their presence. Our Holy Father's feast day was commemorated with a solemn High Mass at nine o'clock and with solemn vespers in the afternoon. Among the Sisters, we had Maryknoll Dominicans, Oxford, Michigan, Dominicans, and our own Kansas Dominicans.

The annual summer retreat, August 6-15, was conducted at the Motherhouse by W. R. Barron, O.P.

The Liturgical Conference, held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 22-26, was attended by Mother M. Aloysia, O.P., and Sister M. Francesca, O.P.

With the commencement of the scholastic year in September, a new grade school was open and staffed by our Sisters in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. This is the Community's first out of state school.

Sister M. Magdalene, O.P., of St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend, and Sister M. Cunigunda, O.P., from St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City, Kansas, attended the National Hospital Conference in Cleveland, September 26-30.

The Community was honored with a visit from His Excellency, the Most Reverend Mark K. Carroll, D.D., Bishop of Wichita, who gave the Sisters an interesting account of his recent travels in Europe and of his visit with the Holy Father.

**Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas**

Mother M. Angela and Sister M. Agnes attended the opening of the new Novitiate in Winona, Minn., October 18-20.

Sisters M. Paul and M. Gregory attended the I.F.C.A. Convention in Chicago in August.
Sisters M. Juliana and Anthony have returned to their work after a summer's sojourn in Ireland, with a visit to Lourdes.
Sister Mary Bernard is spending the year at Manhattanville College, New York, where she is doing intensive work on advanced music and Gregorian chant.
Sister M. Dolores has been appointed head of the new school which was opened in Assumption Parish, Houston, in September.
On August 2, Sister M. Antoninus O'Connor was called by death after a brief illness.