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ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE


On June 4, in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the following students were ordained to the Diaconate: the Reverend Brothers Francis Connolly, Aquinas Powers, Raymond Daley, Jordan Lacey, Thomas Kane, James Breitfeller, Antoninus Fallon, Michael Stock.


Many members of religious orders attended the annual program in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, March 6, at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. Papers were read by the Rev. T. A. Collins, O.P., on "St. Thomas and the Prophecy of Caiphas" and the Rev. E. P. Farrell, O.P., on "St. Thomas and the Theology of Vocations."

On March 7, a Solemn Mass was celebrated at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the presence of the Most Reverend Rector of the Catholic University and members of the faculty in full academic robes. The Rev. H. I. Smith,
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O.P., was celebrant, the Rev. G. V. Hartke, O.P., deacon, and the Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert Mohan, S.S.

VISITORS


On April 8, the Rev. L. A. Springmann, O.P., spoke to the students on the courses of Theology for Laymen conducted by the professors at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky.


ST. ALBERT'S PROVINCE


The Rev. James M. Dempsey, O.P., has been appointed superior of the new Dominican Mission, Lagos, Nigeria. Assisting Father Dempsey at this new station are the Rev. Edward T. Lawton, O.P., and the Rev. Arthur L. Kinsella, O.P.

VESTITION


On April 12, Bro. Albert (Peter) O'Neill of Chicago, Illinois, received the clerical habit from the Very Rev. Vincent R. Hughes, O.P., Prior of St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minn.

PROFESSION

The Very Rev. John E. Marr, O.P., received the Simple Profession of the following laybrothers on March 2: Louis Abate, Ignatius Schrantz, and Marius Spaeth. Father Marr received the Simple Profession of Bro. John Bein on March 16.

ORDINATIONS

On the morning of May 14, 1951, the Most Rev. William E. Cousins, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, conferred the Minor Orders of Exorcist and Acolyte on Bros. Mark Sullivan, Raymond McNicholas, Austin Green, John Francis Jacobs, Jordan Bishop, Jerome Becker, Giles Klapperich, and Stephen Smithers.

On the same day, Bishop Cousins ordained the following to the Subdiaconate:
Bros. George Welch, Hilary Freeman, Bernard Davis, Lewis Shea, and Bertrand Morahan.

On June 1 the Most Rev. William E. Cousins, D.D., ordained the following students to the Priesthood: the Reverend Brothers James Whalen, Nicholas Ashenbrenner, Paul Mahoney, Vincent Blake, Humbert Determan, Alexius Goedert, Reginald Masterson and Ralph Powell. The ordination was held in St. Pius Church, Chicago, Ill.

**HOLY NAME PROVINCE**

**Vestition**

The Very Rev. Patrick Kelly, O.P., conferred the habit of the Order on Bro. James Henning and Bro. Vincent Alexander, laybrothers, on March 24 and April 16, respectively.

**Ordinations**

The following students will receive the diaconate this year: the Reverend Brothers Jordan Mellini (Roman Province), Ignatius Camporeale (Roman Province), Bartholomew O’Brien, Cyril Burns. Bro. Christopher Moschini of the Roman Province will receive the subdiaconate.

**Dedication**

Formal dedication of the two new wings of the House of Studies, Oakland, California, took place on March 8, with the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, D.D., Archbishop of San Francisco, presiding.

**Visitor**

On March 28, the House of Studies was honored by a visit from His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francis Benedict Cialeo, O.P., D.D., Bishop of Multan, Pakistan. The Bishop spoke to the assembled students on the missionary life of our fathers in Pakistan.

**FOREIGN CHRONICLE**

**Italy**

The Very Rev. L. A. Romoli, O.P., Provincial of St. Mark and Sardinia, has been named Bishop of Pescia.

**Brazil**

The Right Rev. Louis A. Palha, O.P., Apostolic Administrator of the Prefecture *nullius* of the Immaculate Conception of Araguaia, has been elevated to Titular Bishop of Lunda, retaining his duties as Apostolic Administrator. His Excellency is a member of the Province of Toulouse.

**Trinidad**

The Archdiocese of Port-of-Spain is celebrating its centenary this year. According to a report of *L'Osservatore Romano* for 3 March, 1951, this see, now under the care of the Most Rev. Finbar Ryan, O.P., D.D., numbers 300,000 faithful, with 74 churches and 164 primary schools.

**Spain**

The theological Studium of the Province of Betica has been transferred from the Convent of the Most Holy Rosary, Almagro, to the venerable royal monastery of the Holy Cross at Granada. The monastery was the Studium of the Province in 1596 and is famed as the residence of the venerable Luis de Granada, O.P., the ascetic of the golden age of Spanish literature.
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SISTERS’ CHRONICLE

Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio

On March 4, His Excellency, The Most Rev. Floyd L. Begin, S.T.D., J.C.D., Vicar General for Religious of the Diocese of Cleveland, officiated at the solemn Reception ceremony held at Our Lady of the Elms in Akron. The following young women received the Dominican habit: Martha Leyden, Sister Mary Paula; Carol Lipps, Sister Mary Walter; Janet Weinsheimer, Sister Mary Vera; Mary Catherine Jakubiak, Sister Mary Bernadette; and Janet Drexler, Sister Mary Albert.

Mother Mary Clare, O.P., and Mother Mary Clarissa, O.P., attended the Ninth Dominican Mothers General Conference held at Springfield, Illinois, March 28-31.

Almost the entire Community attended the 48th Annual Convention of the National Catholic Education Association held at Cleveland, March 27-30.

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

On March 4, Miss Mary C. Greany (Sister Mary Patrick) of Brooklyn, N. Y., received the Dominican habit. The Rev. Arthur T. O’Brien, O.P., of Sacred Heart Priory, Jersey City, presided and preached the sermon. Other priests present were Rev. Ronald Murray, C.P., of Union City, Rev. Francis J. Fuchs of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rev. Anthony A. Bryce of Newark.


Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, L. I., New York

Reverend Mother M. Anselma, O.P., Prioress General, accompanied by Reverend Mother M. Hedwig, O.P., Secretary General, attended the Dominican Mothers-General Conference at Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Illinois, during Easter Week. Reverend Mother Anselma brought to the Reverend Mothers General from His Excellency, Most Reverend Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, S.T.D., Bishop of Brooklyn, an invitation to hold the next Conference in the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Brooklyn, since 1953 will mark the centenary of the initiation of the labors of the Sisters of St. Dominic in the Diocese of Brooklyn. The invitation was unanimously accepted. Reverend Mother M. Anselma was elected Vice President of the Mothers General Conference.

Delegates from the various levels of educational work of the Congregation attended the N.C.E.A. Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and took an active part in the discussions. Sister M. Dorothy, O.P., was elected Vice President of the National Catholic Business Education Department.

Reverend Mother Mary Pius, O.P., Prioress General of Queen of the Holy Rosary Congregation, California, visited the Mother House and various other convents of the Congregation, recently.

At the Catholic Round Table of Science on April 13, Sister Cherubim Rita read a paper on "Excursions for Biology Students." Teachers of High School English and Religion attended Round Tables in both subjects. Delegates from various high schools attended meetings of the Catholic Library Association in Ramsey, New Jersey; Eastern Arts Association, New York City; American Camping Association Convention, Manhattan; and of the Catholic Science Council in New York City.
At St. Thomas Aquinas Convent, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Reverend Mother Maria, O.P., Superior, was hostess to one hundred American missionaries of various congregations laboring in the Diocese of San Juan at their annual reunion. Among the congregations present were Sisters of St. Dominic from the Mother House at Adrian; Springfield, Kentucky; and Newburgh, New York.

Reverend Mother M. Agatha, O.P., received a personal invitation from His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner, O.F.M.Cap., Vicar Apostolic of Guam, to be present at the celebration on April 20 of the Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee of His Excellency. The Most Reverend Bishop is a graduate of St. Fidelis School, College Point, L. I., New York.


Since the last issue, Reverend Sisters M. Felix, M. Solana, M. Reparatrice and M. Aurelia departed this life. R.I.P.

Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas

Easter Monday was a day of triple significance at Sacred Heart Convent, marking, as it did, three milestones in Dominican life—Reception of the habit, first profession, and Silver Jubilee.

The six young postulants clothed in the white habit of St. Dominic on that day were: Miss Patricia White, who will be known as Sister M. Simeon; Miss Laura Ann Provost, Sr. M. Marcel; Miss Nancy Boddeker, Sister M. Julia; Miss Virginia Halden, Sr. M. Damian; Miss Henrietta Sachitana, Sr. M. Henrietta; Miss Patricia Seidel, Sr. M. Michele.

First vows were pronounced by Sisters Camilla Mitchelletti, Mary Joan Maynard, Josepha Serio, Joseph Marie Serio, Antoninus Hugger, Andrea Parker, Walter Poskey, Francis Marie Bordages, Celine Cota, Mary Jane Rynd, Mary Grace Theriot, and Eucharia Daleo.

Sister M. Matthew and Sister M. Andrew celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their first profession.

On the Saturday following Easter Sunday the altar in the beautiful new chapel was consecrated, and Holy Mass offered for the first time by His Excellency, Most Rev. Wendelin J. Nold, Bishop of Galveston.

Saint Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tenn.


Mother Annunciata, O.P., attended the centenary celebration of St. Agnes.
Academy, Memphis, during the week of April 8. She also attended the dedication of the new St. Catherine’s Church, Copperhill, Tenn., on April 15.

Sister Cornelia, O.P., superior of Holy Child Kindergarten, Memphis, and Sister Marie Justine, O.P., instructor in the pre-school department of Overbrook School, Nashville, attended the bi-ennial meeting of the National Catholic Kindergarten Association held in Chicago on April 20 and 21.

The members of the senior class of 1951 were guests of honor at the annual St. Cecilia Academy Alumnae banquet held in the Academy on May 26.

The ninety-first annual commencement exercises of St. Cecilia Academy were held in the Academy chapel on the morning of June 1. The Most Reverend William L. Adrian, D.D., celebrated the Mass and the Right Rev. Thomas P. Duffy, Chancellor of the Diocese of Nashville, delivered the commencement address. Diplomas and other awards were presented to the graduates by the Most Reverend Bishop.

St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio

Sister Clementine and Sister Philomena represented the community at the Centenary Celebration of St. Agnes Academy, Memphis, Tenn., the week of April 8.

Sister Aloyse, Secretary General, and Sister Robertine, Mistress of Novices, attended the Conference of Dominican Mothers-General at Springfield, Illinois, March 29 to April 1.

Sisters Amata and Mary Ruth represented the Academy and College of St. Mary of the Springs at the meetings of the Catholic Library Association and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools held in Chicago during Easter week.

Sister Maryanna participated in the Poets’ Forum of the Catholic Poetry Society of America held at Hunter College April 14 and 15. Delegates to the Congress of Poetry from Albertus Magnus College included Sisters M. Charles, Vincentia, Lucia, Maria Patricia, Mary Leah, and Marie Louise.

Sisters Callista and Clotildis attended the Third Bi-ennial Convention of the National Catholic Kindergarten Association in Chicago on April 20 and 21.

Sister Francis Gabriel addressed the Newman Club of Ohio State University on April 23. Her subject was “The Work of Teaching Religious.”

Recent deaths in the community were those of Sister Norine McCarthy at Bradford, Pa., on Feb. 5, and Sister Elizabeth O’Rourke at Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, on March 27.

Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wisconsin

The Thomist Association of this region closed its season of lectures on May 6. A High Mass was offered on that day by the Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., in St. Catherine’s Auditorium, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. S. B. Witkowiak, President of St. Catherine’s High School. At the Breakfast following Mass and Solemn Benediction, the Very Rev. Vincent R. Hughes, O.P., who began the courses in Racine in 1939, acted as toastmaster.

On May 8 the Dominican College held its first College Day to acquaint prospective students with the school and its activities. The program included Holy Mass, sermon, a special assembly, and an address by the Rev. Joseph J. Holleran, Director of the Archdiocesan Cana Conference.

Sister Mary James Burns, O.P., died on March 18, in the 40th year of her religious profession. R.I.P.
Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, New York, N. Y.

On March 29, Sister M. Loretto and Sister Barbara Marie made final profession. The Very Rev. P. L. Thornton, O.P., Chaplain to the community, presided at the ceremony.

On April 30, Sister M. Pauline Doherty of Denver, Colorado, pronounced temporary vows and the following postulants received the habit: Louise Pezzo, Pittsfield, Mass. (Sister M. Jacinta); Joan Morelli, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Sister M. Antonia); Elizabeth Kenney, New Rochelle, N. Y. (Sister M. Rose Lawrence); Ann Tumulty, Jersey City, N. J. (Sister Kevin Marie); Mary Ann Fix, Detroit, Mich. (Sister Ann Marie); La Verne Spinnenweber, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sister M. Margaret Clare); Mary Bergin, New York, N. Y. (Sister Maureen Michael); Frances Rottinghaus, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sister Margaret Mary).


The ceremony closed with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament by Msgr. Kelly, with Rev. J. V. Kenney, brother of Sister M. Rose Lawrence, as Deacon, and Rev. R. V. Barton, uncle of Sister Ann Marie, as Sub-Deacon.

Congregation of Saint Mary, New Orleans, La.

Mother Mary Dominic and Sister Mary Elizabeth attended the Ninth Biennial Meeting of the Dominican Mothers-General Conference in Springfield, Illinois. Mother M. Dominic was elected president of the Conference and will serve until the next meeting of the Conference in Brooklyn in 1953.

The annual Day of Recollection for the alumnae was conducted by Rev. A. Screen, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, New Orleans; the alumnae Holy Year Pilgrimage was led by Rev. E. A. Vitie, Chaplain and professor in St. Mary's Dominican College.

A series of retreats was conducted for the high school students. Rev. T. A. Dymek, O.P., Chaplain of St. Dominic's Hospital, Jackson, Miss., was retreat master for the freshmen. Rev. E. A. Vitie, O.P., conducted the retreat for the sophomores, and the junior-senior retreat was led by Rev. J. I. Reardon, professor in St. Mary's Dominican College.

Sister Mary Louise, president of the college and Sister Mary Alexaidia, academic dean, attended the Louisiana College Conference in Ruston, La. Sister M. Louise was elected president of the Conference, the first woman so honored.

Sisters M. John, Lawrence, Liguori, Louise and Hildegarde were delegates to the National Catholic Educational Association convention held in Cleveland. Sisters Mary John, Lawrence and Hildegarde also attended the National Catholic Music Education Association convention and Sister Mary Liguori attended the Catholic Business Education Association convention. These conventions were held in Cleve-
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land in conjunction with the National Catholic Education Association convention.

Among recent visitors may be mentioned: Bishop Cialeo, O.P., of Multan, Pakistan; Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert the Great Province; Rev. Raymond Kavanah, O.P.; Rev. Leo M. Shea, O.P.; Rev. Anselm Townsend, O.P.; and Rev. E. Lillie, O.P.

Sister Mary Leo Betpouey died suddenly on April 6. Sister had been superior at various times and had also served as vicaress of the Novitiate in Rosaryville, La.

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

Continuing a visitation of the congregation’s missions which is taking her around the world, Mother Mary Columba, Mother General of the Maryknoll Sisters, is now in Hawaii where she is visiting the nine Maryknoll convents in the islands. Mother Mary Columba is accompanied by her secretary, Sister Teresa Marie.

A medical team of seven Maryknoll Sisters were among the first civilians permitted to re-enter Korea. The team consists of two doctors, two nurses, a medical technician, a secretary and a teacher. They have set up a dispensary and in make-shift surroundings are ministering to the thousands of suffering.

“We had enough shipping crates to supply wood for most of the floor,” writes Sister Mary Mercy, M.D., superior of the group. “We will get some furniture and outfit the place as a pediatrics clinic. Our regular dispensary is working all day long.”

Two Maryknoll Sisters, arrested and held in prison for four months in Communist prison camps in China were released March 17 and expelled from the country. They were taken to Hong Kong. The two are Sister Mary Marcelline (Grondin) of Westbrook, Me., and Sister Paul Therese (Sticka) of New England, N. D. They had been engaged in forming a native novitiate in the Kaying Vicariate.

Another Maryknoll Sister has been taken prisoner and is still held. She is Sister Mary Rosalia (Kettl) of Altoona, Pa., superior of the Sisters at the Wuchow missions. Recent news is that she is well.

Sister Joan Marie (Ryan) of the Bronx, N. Y., was arrested in April at Kaying and is believed to be in Canton awaiting trial. Four other sisters are restricted to their own convent.

Two books by Maryknoll Sisters were published this spring. They are IMMORTAL FIRE by Sister Mary Just, published by B. Herder and Co., St. Louis, Mo., and PACIFIC HOPSCOTCH by Sister Maria del Rey, published by Charles Scribner’s Sons, New York.

Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Illinois

During March vocations were encouraged by appropriate displays and programs in the various schools of the Community, and Sister M. Kathleen and Sister M. Regina attended the Vocation Institute held in Chicago.

Rev. Raymond J. Nogar, O.P., conducted a Day of Recollection for the Dominican Tertiaries of Sacred Heart Chapter on March 11. About one hundred members attended the services.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop William A. O’Connor, spent March 12 at Sacred Heart Academy visiting the classes and addressing the students. He extended to them a cordial invitation to participate in the meeting of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine which took place May 18-20.

A three-day retreat for the students of Sacred Heart Academy was conducted by Rev. Robert Barron, O.P., March 14-16.
Sister M. Clarissa, Principal of St. John's High School, Carrollton, and Sister Agnes Clare, librarian of Sacred Heart Academy, Springfield, attended the Regional Meeting of the National Catholic Education Association in Chicago, March 17.

Sister Maureen, O.P., spoke before a large assembly of delegates in St. Louis at the meeting of the Rural Life Conference.

Representatives from twenty-nine of the thirty-one communities of Dominican Sisters from the United States and Cuba met at Sacred Heart Convent, March 28-31, for the ninth biennial Mothers-General Conference. Mother Mary Imelda and the Sisters of Sacred Heart Convent were hostesses for the meeting. On Thursday morning His Excellency Bishop O'Connor offered a Solemn Pontifical Mass at which Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial of the St. Albert Province, preached. A Workshop on Poverty was conducted by Rev. Patrick M. J. Clancy, O.P. At the invitation of Mother M. Anselma, the next Conference will be held at Amityville, N. Y., in 1953. Newly elected officers are: President, Mother M. Dominic, New Orleans; Vice-President, Mother M. Anselma, Amityville; Secretary, Mother M. Victor, Grand Rapids.

Sister M. Aurelia, School Supervisor, and Sister M. Albert, head of the Music Department, Sacred Heart Academy, attended the National Catholic Educational Conference in Cleveland, March 28-31.

At the invitation of the Holy Cross Sisters of Our Saviour's Hospital, a group of voice and dramatic students from Sacred Heart Academy, accompanied by Sister M. Angela and Sister M. Isabelle, instructors, journeyed to Jacksonville, Illinois, to present a broadcast, "Salute to the Nurse," on April 18.

Sister M. Jeremiah, Catholic Grade School, and Sister M. Regina, Little Flower Grade School, attended the National Catholic Kindergarten Association Meeting in Chicago on April 20, 21.


Father John Reidy, O.P., concluded an interesting series of Thomistic lectures on April 22. About thirteen members of the association expect to go to Racine, Wisconsin to receive their certificates.

At the annual convention of the Texas Hospital Association held in San Antonio, April 24, Sister Josephine Therese, O.P., St. Joseph's Hospital, Wellington, opened the special sessions for small hospitals, discussing requirements for approval by the American College of Surgeons.

The Academy Glee Club and Music Students participated in a regional meeting of the National Catholic Music Educators Association at Cathedral Boys High School, Springfield, May 4. Sister M. Albert and Sister M. Angela sponsored the group.

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

On April 20, the feast of St. Agnes, one postulant received the holy habit and two novices made temporary profession. The Very Rev. Msgr. James F. Looney, Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese, presided as delegate of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Thomas J. Walsh. The Rev. Edward L. Phillips, O.P., celebrated the High Mass.

The Pentecost devotional retreat was preached by the Rev. A. B. Dionne, O.P., of the Dominican Mission Band.
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Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary,  
American Foundation, Rome, Italy

On March 2, the Rev. Richard B. Curtin of St. Joseph’s Seminary, Yonkers, N. Y., celebrated a Missa Cantata in the Monastery Chapel.

On March 12, the Holy Father blessed a marble statue of Our Lady, Mediatrix of all Graces, for which an outdoor shrine has been erected near the front entrance of the chapel. This statue and shrine is the gift of an American benefactor.

The Offices of Holy Week and Easter were carried out in the Chapel with the neighboring Barnabite Fathers and Students assisting Father Caterini, O.P., and the Community singing all the Choir parts.

The Extern Sisters were present at the Solemn Beatification Ceremony of the Spanish Dominican Martyrs at St. Peter’s, and the Solemn Celebration in honor of St. Catherine of Siena, at her tomb.


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

On April 24, His Excellency, Bishop Henry J. O’Brien, D.D., Bishop of Hartford, presided at ceremonies at which two nuns pronounced solemn vows, a third made temporary profession, and four postulants received the habit of St. Dominic. Sister Mary Martin of Jesus Crucified, O.P., of Claremont, N. H., and Sister Mary Theresa of the Passion, O.P., of Melrose, Conn., made solemn profession. Sister Mary of the Eucharist, O.P., of West Newton, Mass., completed her canonical year as a simple novice and made temporary profession for three years. The four postulants who exchanged their black dresses for the white Dominican habit with black cope were Sister Corinne, of Pawtucket, R. I., Sister Pauline, of Waterbury, Conn., Sister Dolores, of Rockville, Conn., and Sister Marie, of Woonsocket, R. I.


High Mass of the feast was offered by the Very Reverend J. B. Connolly, O.P., March 7, for the eighteen Golden Jubilarians of the year whose anniversaries range from the feast of St. Thomas to that of the Immaculate Conception. Novices and postulants were received to the Angelic Warfare, and a number of pupil-Tertiaries made profession.

Recent deaths include those of Sisters Esther, Alberto, Raphaella, Marina, Rosella Marie, Bonaventura, Appolonia, Faber and Walburga.


Mother Mary Evelyn and Sister Mary Amata attended the Mothers-General Conference held at Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Illinois, during Easter week.

Sister Mary Peter was chairman of the regional meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association, Chicago, March 16.