

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF
THE REVEREND CROCE IGNATIUS CAPPELLINO, O.P.

The Reverend Croce Ignatius Cappellino, O.P., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood by offering on March twenty-eighth a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Rose Church, Springfield, Kentucky. The Very Reverend Ralph Peter O'Brien, O.P., S.T.M., former Provincial of the Province of St. Albert the Great, acted as Deacon at the Mass, and the Very Reverend John Anthony Foley, O.P., Prior of St. Louis Bertrand Church in Louisville, served as Subdeacon. The sermon at the Mass was delivered by the Reverend Hugh J. McManus, O.P., former Prior of St. Rose. Approximately twenty-five Dominican Fathers were present at the celebration of the Jubilee.

Father Cappellino was born in Montemaggiore, Italy, on September 11, 1878, the second of seven children of Salvatore and Maria Anna (Minnecci) Cappellino. He received his early education at the public schools of Montemaggiore and went on for further studies at the Seminaries at Palermo and at St. Apollinaris in Rome where he pursued courses in Philosophy, Theology, Canon and Civil Law. He also attended the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome during this period. His graduate studies in Law were made at the Archiepiscopal Juridical School at Naples. Father Cappellino was ordained to the Priesthood at the Basilica of St. John Lateran at Rome on March twenty-third, 1901. He received the Doctorate in Philosophy from the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1899, the Doctorate in Theology from the University of St. Apollinaris in 1902, and Doctorate in Both Laws from the Archiepiscopal School at Naples in 1905. He is one of the few churchmen to hold the threefold degree of Doctorate in the Sacred Sciences.

After he completed his studies Father Cappellino served as Professor of Theology and Italian Literature at the Seminary of Patti, near Messina, Italy. Coming to this country, he was made Pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Rochester, New York, teaching at the same time at St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary in the same city. On Rosary Sunday in 1915 Father resigned his post as Pastor to enter the Dominican Order and received the



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habit at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1915.

During his years as a Dominican Father Cappellino has filled many offices. He has served as Professor of Theology and Philosophy in the Studia of the Province of St. Joseph's and has done a considerable amount of parish work, especially among the Italian speaking Americans. Father also played a part in the formation of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

For the last five years Father Cappellino has been stationed at St. Rose where he has spent much time writing on Theology and Church History. To a true Son of Dominic who has served God and his Order well *Dominicana* offers most sincere congratulations.