

EGYPT "The Committee for the Arabic Language," founded by the late King Faud I, has nominated as a member the Rev. Augustine Marmarij, O.P., professor of the Biblical School of St. Stephen's, in Jerusalem. Fr. Marmarij, a native of Iraq, made his novitiate in the Province of Toulouse.

ECUADOR The Very Rev. Hilary Albers, O.P., has been named Vicar General of the Province of St. Catherine, at Quito. Fr. Albers pursued studies in Dusseldorf, Cologne, and Salamanca, and has spent 20 years on the missions in China.

## SISTERS' CHRONICLE

### Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Catherine of Siena of Kenosha, Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Holy Father on November 12, 1951, the feast of All Dominican Saints, separated the American Vicariate of the Congregation of Dominican Sisters of Sintra in Portugal from that Congregation, and established it as a distinct and independent religious institute of pontifical right under the name of the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Catherine of Siena of Kenosha. To effect this the Holy See empowered the Master General of the Order, who in turn commissioned Very Rev. T. M. Sparks, O.P., for the task.

At a General Chapter convened at Kenosha, the new Congregation was canonically established on January 3, 1952, the seventh centenary of Blessed Zedislava; and the following General Officials were named: Mother M. Vincent, O.P., Mother General; Mother Amata, O.P., First Councilor and Vicaress; Sister Imelda, O.P., Second Councilor; Sister Finbar, O.P., Third Councilor; Sisters Dolorosa, O.P., Fourth Councilor and Secretary General; Sister Pauline, O.P., Procuratrix General. During the solemn thanksgiving ceremony the new Congregation was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Chapter rejoiced too in the telegram from His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate conveying the blessing of the Holy Father.

### Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

Recent deaths included those of Sisters Juliana Guiney, Monica Lacey, Mark Shaughnessy and Carmel Cumiskey. R.I.P.

Accompanied and introduced by the Very Reverend J. A. Driscoll, O.P., Prior of St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Father Gerald Vann the noted English Dominican writer and spiritual leader addressed the community on November 12.

En route to their new mission field, Kioto, Japan, Fathers Larscher, O.P., and Houlihan, O.P., were dinner guests and spoke to the community and academy on November 16.

The formal inauguration of the faculty of theology at St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, December 8, brought to our Motherhouse the privilege of receiving the Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General, with several distinguished American Dominican Fathers and accompanied by his socius, Very Reverend T. M. Sparks, O.P., and Most Reverend Paul A. Skehan, O.P., Procurator General, he was dinner guest on December 7 and later addressed the community and student groups, respectively.

The mid-year novitiate retreat was preached by Reverend H. F. Hoppe, O.P., and ended on February 2. The Very Reverend Edward L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial, conducted Reception rites for two postulants and preached the sermon.

### **Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mission San Jose, Calif.**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Theodore Suhr of Denmark, was a guest at the Motherhouse Convent at Mission San Jose on Sunday and Monday, December 2 and 3, 1951. On the afternoon of Sunday, December 2, the assembled community was privileged to hear an address given by the Bishop, and on Monday morning, all assisted at the Conventual Mass celebrated by His Excellency.

On December 8, Sister Imelda Marie Dibble of Los Angeles, California, and Sister Marie Rochelle Catlyn of Oakland, California, pronounced their First Vows in the Motherhouse Chapel. Reverend Conan R. Lee, O.F.M., assistant pastor at Old Mission Santa Barbara, was celebrant of the High Mass for the occasion, and Reverend Stanley J. Reilly of Los Altos, presided at the ceremony.

On December 21, the librarians of all the secondary schools conducted by the Congregation, assembled at Queen of the Holy Rosary College, Mission San Jose, for a special business meeting.

On February 22-23, a two-day institute was conducted by Sister Mary Dominic, Community Supervisor for all of the Grade School Principals of the Portland (Oregon), San Francisco and Los Angeles (California), dioceses. A similar regional meeting of the High School Principals was held on March 16-17.

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

Mother Mary Cleopha and Sister M. Gerold represented the community at the Solemn Funeral Mass for the Very Rev. Walter Farrell, O.P., at St. Pius Church, Chicago, on November 27th.

The Rev. David A. Balla, O.P., conducted a retreat for 105 Sisters at the Motherhouse December 25-January 1.

The annual retreat for aspirants and postulants was conducted by the Rev. Gilbert J. Graham, O.P., February 8-10.

The Rev. Edmund A. Baxter, O.P., conducted a three-day retreat for students of Dominican College, January 29-31.

On February 2, Feast of the Purification, three Sisters made profession of perpetual vows.

Recent deaths in the community were: Sister M. Thaddea Bleidorn on December 14, in the 54th year of her religious profession; Sister M. Cunigunda Altweck on December 17, in the 48th year of her profession; Sister M. Camilla Martin on January 25, and Sister M. Veronica Schecher on January 29, both in the 54th year of their religious profession.

### **Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Illinois**

Mother Mary Imelda and Sister Mary Mildred attended the solemn inauguration of the Theological Studium at St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa, on December 8.

The Rev. Patrick M. Clancy, O.P., conducted the Christmas retreat at the motherhouse.

At the close of the Retreat, His Excellency, Most Rev. William A. O'Connor, celebrated Holy Mass in the Convent Chapel and presided at profession and reception ceremonies. Eleven postulants received the religious habit, fifteen novices made first profession and eight Sisters pronounced perpetual vows. Present for the

ceremonies were Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial; Rev. P. M. Clancy, O.P.; and Rev. R. J. Nogar, O.P.

On the feast of the Epiphany the Community observed the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Sister M. Virginia and Sister H. Teresita.

St. Dominic's School of Nursing, which opened in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1949, held its first graduation exercises on January 13. The Most Rev. R. O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez, gave the address and presented the diplomas. Shortly afterwards contracts were let for the construction of a \$2,000,000 hospital to replace the present St. Dominic's, and the new building is now under way.

In January Sister M. Amata and Sister M. Rupert represented the Memorial Hospital, Rogers, Arkansas, at the Regional Meeting of the National Catholic Hospital Association in Wichita, Kansas.

### **St. Dominic Convent, Everett, Washington**

The members of the Community and many friends of Everett and Seattle were deeply grieved by the sudden death of Sister M. Benvenuta who died on November 27, 1951, in Providence Hospital, Everett. Sister Benvenuta was born in Geldern, Germany in 1882 and came to America when very young. She entered the Dominican Novitiate in Newburgh, New York, in 1899 and was assigned to Everett in 1911. Of fifty years of religious life, thirty-four were devoted to teaching in Perpetual Help School, Everett. Had Sister lived just one month to the day, she would have celebrated her golden jubilee. Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered on December 1, and interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Seattle.

The Sisters and patrons of St. Joseph Hospital, Aberdeen, held open house in the new St. Joseph Hospital on February 2, 1952. The new building has a capacity of one hundred twenty-five beds and is a gift of the late Mr. Neil Cooney of Aberdeen. A new wing, with sixty beds added, is in construction at St. Helen Hospital, Chehalis.

An Institute of Sacred Theology for Sisters of the Congregation opened at Holy Angels Convent, Seattle, in 1950. At the close of the 1952 session about fifty members will have completed a cycle of three twelve-week quarters of study of St. Thomas, Sacred Scripture, and Canon Law. The Sulpician Fathers from St. Edward Seminary, Kenmore, have directed the Institute.

### **Congregation of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, San Rafael, California**

At the Dominican Convent of San Rafael, the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, on October 3rd, blessed St. Louis Bertrand Hall, a new classroom and dormitory building for the Lower School. The building was named in memory of Mother M. Louis, O.P., who governed the Congregation for many years. The same day the Archbishop blessed Albertus Magnus Hall, a new Chemistry building for the College.

A few days later Most Rev. W. Willinger, Bishop of Monterey-Fresno diocese, presided at a similar ceremony at Santa Catalina School for Girls, Del Monte. This school was opened by the Congregation in 1950, but increased enrollment has made expansion necessary and a new dormitory building and a classroom building were blessed.

On December 14, Rev. Gerald Vann, O.P., from the Province of the English Dominicans gave a lecture in the College auditorium in which he spoke on what a liberal arts education should mean to the students of a Catholic woman's college.

During the holidays after Christmas, the Community was privileged to have Father Vann conduct a ten-day Retreat.

Representatives of the College faculty attended the Western College Association meeting in November, and also the meeting of the Southwestern section of the N.C.E.A. Both were held at the University of Santa Clara. Sister H. Patrick, O.P., the President of the Dominican College, is the President of the N.C.E.A. unit.

As part of the Centennial program of Mills College, a neighboring institution, the American Association of University Women on January 22 held a panel on the Education of the Modern Woman. Sister M. Patrick was asked to represent the Catholic educator and to speak on the spiritual values in Education.

On December 1, the National Council of Catholic Women had a day's conference at the College on Religious Music. At the program in the afternoon, the Dominican College Choral sang Francis Thompson's "*Hound of Heaven*" which has been set to music by Giulio Silva, the Choral Director. The Choral was invited to give a public performance of the same cantata at the San Francisco Legion of Honor and sang there on December 16.

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

Sister M. Roselyn, O.P., attended the Ohio Classical Conference in Cincinnati October 25-27.

The National Catholic Music Educators Association Ohio Unit Convention held in Columbus, Ohio, from November 29 through December 1 was attended by Sisters Miria and Mary Paul, O.P. The latter, as state president of N.C.M.E.A., presided at the general session.

On January 15, the faculty and students of Our Lady of the Elms Academy were hosts to the seventy members of the Cleveland Women's Orchestra under the direction of Hyman Schandler. A symphonic concert was given in the Elms Gymnasium.

### **Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Rome, Italy (American Foundation)**

The Midnight Mass of Christmas was sung by the Most Reverend Michael Browne, O.P., Master of the Sacred Palace.

The following were among the visitors to the Monastery: His Eminence, Cardinal F. Tedeschini, Datary to His Holiness; the Most Reverend Michael Browne, O.P., Master of the Sacred Palace; Very Reverend Father Beruti, O.P., Postulator General; Very Reverend Phillip Caterini, O.P., Sub-Prior of the Angelicum; Very Reverend I. McArdle, O.P., Prior of San Clemente; the Most Reverend Martin J. O'Connor, Rector of the North American College; Very Reverend John McMillan, Rector of the English College; Very Reverend Msgr. Phillip Flanagan, Vice-Rector, and Dr. Denis Meehan, Spiritual Director of the Scotch College; Very Reverend Msgr. K. Burns; Very Reverend Msgr. Joseph R. Lacey; the Reverend Fathers Edward McDonald, O.P., Terence Netherway, O.P., Aquinas Hinnebusch, O.P., Benedict Joseph, O.P.; Brothers David and Humbert of Santa Sabina; the Reverend Fathers Ignatius McGuiness, O.P., Bertrand Mahoney, O.P., Louis B. Cunningham, O.P., Richard Butler, O.P., Kevin Connolly, O.P., William Hill, O.P.

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

This year the Maryknoll Sisters are celebrating their fortieth anniversary, 1912-1952.

Three new missions in widely separated parts of the world were opened recently—in Bolivia, Southeast Asia and Japan.

At Guayaramerin, Bolivia, a parochial school started by the Maryknoll pastor of this jungle parish, was taken over by two Sisters, Sister Kateri (Peltier) of Milwaukee, Wisc., and Sister Elizabeth Ann (Altman) of Greensburg, Pa., on December 17. The new mission lies on the Beni River, on the Bolivian shore facing Brazil. Guayaramerin is just six or seven hours by jeep from Riberalta, a slightly larger center, but the road is impassible at times due to the dense undergrowth.

On December 8, a catechetical center at Otsu, Japan, was opened by two Sisters, Sister Mary Loyola (Vollet) of St. Louis, Mo., and Sister Agnes Mary (McLean) of Lowell, Mass.

The third new mission is at Macau, a Portuguese colony on the coast of Southeast Asia. Here, a number of Chinese Sisters have fled from the interior of China after the closing of their novitiates by Communists. Gathering a group of these, two Maryknoll Sisters are continuing the training of these native Sisters. The two Sisters here are: Sister Mary Moira (Reihl) of N. Bergen, N. J., and Sister Miriam (Schmidt) of Merrill, Wisc.

A total of six new houses of Maryknoll Sisters were opened during 1951. Besides the three above, Sisters went to Lima, Peru, where the first parochial school in Peru is now opening; to Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean, to begin an apostolate among the Chinese there; and to St. Louis, Mo., to open a school for Negroes.

On December 13, Sister Mary Paulita (Hoffman) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Sister Marion Cordis (Reitz) of Chicago, Ill., were expelled from China and arrived in Hong Kong. On January 9, Sister Barbara Marie (Rubner) of Milwaukee, Wisc., crossed the border into safety.

These recent expulsions leave four Maryknoll Sisters still in Red China. Sister Dominic Marie, a British national, and Sister Corazon, a Filipino, conduct a hospital at Toishan, Kwangtung Province. Sister Margaret Marie, an American-born Chinese and, therefore, an American citizen, has been retained in Kaying diocese. But in most serious circumstances of all is Sister Joan Marie (Ryan) of New York City. Since her removal last April from Rosary Convent at Kaying, no word has been heard from her.

### St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tennessee

Twenty-eight new members were received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary on February 1. The Rev. James E. Eiselein, Chaplain, presided at the ceremony of reception and preached.

St. Cecilia Academy was evaluated by a visiting committee on February 11-13. The Rev. John A. Elliott, principal of Catholic High School, Memphis, was coordinator. The Rev. James E. Eiselein, Chaplain of St. Cecilia Academy, and Sister Suzanne, O.P., principal of St. Agnes Academy, Memphis, were members of the evaluating committee. Since September, 1951, the members of the staff have been making a self-evaluation of the Academy, using the *Evaluative Criteria*, 1950 edition, prepared by the Coöperative Study of Secondary School Standards, Washington, D. C.

Miss Catherine Britton and Miss Marion Purdy, of Nashville, entered the St. Cecilia novitiate on February 11. They are graduates of St. Cecilia Academy.

The annual retreat for the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary was conducted



this year by the Rev. Thomas F. Cashin, Assistant Chancellor of the Nashville Diocese, February 20-22.

On March 2, five postulants were invested in the Dominican habit: Miss Jane Whitmore, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Mary Elizabeth Hannifin and Miss Bernadette Bickley, of Knoxville, Tennessee; Miss Maureen Bresnahan, and Miss Geraldine Schaefer, of Chicago, Illinois. The Most Reverend William L. Adrian, D.D., presided at the ceremony of investiture.

Four novices made first profession of vows on March 7: Sister Rosanne Tatum, Sister Maria Dixon, Sister Mary Brigid Mooney, and Sister Assumpta Long. The Most Reverend William L. Adrian, D.D., presided at the ceremony of profession.

The Very Reverend John H. Healy, O.P., of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City, visited the community in January.

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

The Very Rev. C. A. Musselman, O.P., pastor of Saint Rose, Springfield, Kentucky, has brought to completion the new school structure. On November 19, 1951, two hundred children were enrolled in the classes. His Excellency, the Most Rev. J. A. Floersh, Archbishop of Louisville, assisted by the Rev. B. H. Scheerer, O.P., on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, dedicated this substantial institution. To the parishioners assembled in the church, the Rev. R. G. Ferris, O.P., explained the symbolism of the dedication ceremonies taking place in the school.

The new Mary Immaculate Hospital and convent, Lebanon, Kentucky, under the administratorship of Sister Bertrand, O.P., was opened to the public after the dedication services by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Archbishop J. A. Floersh on December 8, 1951. The throng which had assembled for this occasion heard the address of the Rev. D. J. McMahon, O.P. On the morning of December 9 the Rev. L. A. Springmann, O.P., celebrated the first Mass in the new chapel; the Saint Rose philosophy students sang this Mass. At the civic ceremonies of this same afternoon the Rev. D. J. McMahon, O.P., spoke to those present, as did Doctor Duncan Salot, president of the hospital staff.

On November 27, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, D.D., dedicated the new school at Reading, Massachusetts. This beautiful new structure was named in honor of Saint Agnes of Montepulciano.

Ground was broken on December 31 for Saint Joseph Convent, Belmont, Massachusetts. Construction was begun immediately as the building will be ready for occupancy by August 15 of the current year.

On the feast of Saint Agnes the Rev. William Morgan, chaplain to Saint Agnes Academy, Memphis, Tennessee, blessed the ground, convent and kindergarten buildings. The Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., Bishop of Nashville, celebrated the Pontifical Mass and preached on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass was sung by Sisters and students. Following Holy Mass the ceremonies for dedicating the new school were performed by Bishop Adrian.

Sisters Loretto, O.P., and Seraphim, O.P., observed the fiftieth anniversary of their profession on March seventh; Sisters Gertrude, O.P., Jeanne, O.P., Edwardo, O.P., Maura, O.P., Norine, O.P., Mary Ralph, O.P., Rose Margaret, O.P., Teresita, O.P., Clementia O.P., Mary Claude, O.P., Alfreda, O.P., Frances Raphael, O.P., and Rosalie, O.P., the twenty-fifth anniversary of their profession.

The Rev. J. B. Walsh, O.P., conducted the annual February retreat at the Motherhouse. Following the close of the spiritual exercises, Father Walsh presided at the ceremonies of investiture and profession of February 1 and 2.

At the Mass sung on the feast of the Purification the Rev. J. B. Walsh, O.P., was celebrant; Rev. J. R. Desmond, O.P., deacon; Rev. Raymond Smith, O.P., sub-deacon.

Aspirants entered the postulates of the Motherhouse and Dominican Academy, Plainville, Massachusetts, on February 2. The Rev. J. H. Conroy, O.P., Chaplain to Dominican Academy, addressed the young candidates, then gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Sister Stella Maris, O.P., has edited the 1952 *Catholic Booklist* for the Catholic Library Association.

Sister Albertina, O.P., and Sister Rose Imelda, O.P., were present November 10-12 for the Kentucky Chapter of the I.F.C.A. held in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Catholic Art Association, Regional Unit, met on November twenty-fourth at Ursuline Academy, Louisville, Kentucky. Sisters Alberta, O.P., Mary Fides, O.P., Judith, O.P., Ernestine, O.P., and Ellen Frances, O.P., attended this assembly.

Sister Julia, O.P., Sister Paracleta, O.P., Sister Agatha, O.P., and Sister Geraldine, O.P., were present in Lexington, Kentucky, for the annual meeting of the Kentucky Association of Colleges, Secondary Schools and Elementary Schools. The Association of Junior Colleges appointed Sister Agatha to the committee for drawing up a new constitution.

Sister Agatha, O.P., and Sister Marie Therese, O.P., were enrolled for three-day December Regional Congress of N.F.C.C.S. held at Ursuline College, Louisville, Kentucky. The Rev. E. D. Fenwick, O.P., spoke at the Mariology.

Present at the December 4-6 Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools held in Saint Petersburg, Florida, were Sister Julia, O.P., and Sister Paracleta, O.P. They likewise attended the December seventh South Regional meeting of N.C.E.A. in Miami, Florida.

At the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society, December 28-31, held at Catholic University, Sister Leo Marie, O.P., led a panel on "*Sociology in the Liberal Arts Program*."

During the month of February Sister Suzanne, O.P., was assigned to two Evaluation Committees appointed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Sister Catharine de Ricci Miller, O.P., died on January 4 in the 58th year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

### **Mt. St. Mary-on-the-Hudson, Newburgh, N. Y.**

Sister M. Consilia and Sister M. Anna Theresa attended the funeral of the Very Reverend Walter Farrell, O.P., S.T.M., at Chicago.

The Community enjoyed a visit from the Very Reverend T. M. Sparks, O.P., socius of the Master General, on January 16. The Sisters are appreciative of the thoughtfulness of Father Sparks in including them in his crowded schedule of pre-sailing days.

Mother Christina Marie, accompanied by Sister M. Ruth de Paul, flew to Puerto Rico in November. This was her first official visitation of the two Missions in which the Newburgh Sisters are working. The first was established at San Lorenzo, the second at Caparro.

The Dedication Exercises of Immaculata Catholic School in Durham, North Carolina, on November 2, 1951, gave great joy to the Community, which has

labored in this parish forty-two years. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D.D., Bishop of Raleigh, blessed the building. The Most Rev. Joseph L. Federal, Auxiliary Bishop of Salt Lake City, the Very Rev. Edward T. Gilbert, diocesan director of schools, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. O'Brien, pastor emeritus, and Mr. E. J. Evans, Mayor of Durham, spoke at the exercises.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop of Wheeling, W. Va., visited the Mount on December 29-30.

Sister M. Margaret Michael, community supervisor of schools, conferred in Boston on December 27-29, with Mrs. Gates, Dr. Anderson and other officials of Ginn and Company, educational publishers, to formulate plans for the Conference on the Revision of the Middle Grade Readers of the *Faith and Freedom Series*, under the direction of the Committee on American Citizenship of the Catholic University of America.

Previous to this Conference, Sister Margaret Michael had visited community schools in Raleigh, Elizabeth City, and Durham, North Carolina, and in Pensacola, Florida.

The Student Mission Activity, held at the Mount on November 30, netted \$3,911.11 for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. This amount, the highest realized to date, was the result of strenuous cooperative work by Sisters and students alike.

Players, Incorporated, National Repertory Company, will make their third annual appearance at Mt. St. Mary on February 15. *Twelfth Night* is their production, succeeding *Much Ado about Nothing* in 1950, *Macbeth* in 1951.

The Student Retreat, which will begin on Ash Wednesday, will be conducted by the Rev. John T. Carrigan, O.P.

### Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, New York

Four week end retreats for laywomen were conducted at Our Lady of Prouille Retreat House, Amityville, by Rev. Francis A. Fahey, S.J., Reverend Andrew Ansbro, C.P., Rev. Augustine Paul, O.F.M., and Rev. John Bertman.

The winter retreats for the Sisters of the Congregation were held at the Queen of the Rosary Mother House under the able direction of Rev. Charles Fallon, C.S.S.R.; at Saint Joseph's, Sullivan County, New York, by Rev. James T. Twomey, C.M. Rev. Hugh H. McGinley, O.P., conducted the retreat for the Superiors at the Dominican Juniorate, Water Mill, L. I., New York.

Reverend Mother M. Anselma, O.P., Prioress General, conducted the biennial visitation of the missions of the Congregation in Puerto Rico from December 6, 1951, to January 10, 1952. About eighty sisters are laboring in six parish schools, one junior high school, five senior high schools and two clinics. Eight Sisters conduct classes in the University of Santa Maria, Ponce. Numerous catechetical centers in the country districts are also in charge of the Sisters.

Reverend Mother Prioress was present for the dedication of the enlarged St. Rose Convent and presided at the Golden Jubilee of Sister M. Modesta at Holy Rosary Convent, Yauco and the Silver Jubilee of Sister Rose Marie at the same place.

The Community Festival to celebrate the Golden Jubilees of six Sisters and the Silver Jubilees of nineteen Sisters was held at Dominican Commercial High School. The Community Orchestra and Choristers entertained the Jubilarians. Addresses were made by Rev. Eugene J. Crawford, Spiritual Director of the Congregation and Reverend Mother Prioress.



At the Commencement Exercises held in the Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, Reverend Mother M. Bernadette de Lourdes, O.P., one of the General Councillors of the Congregation, delivered the Commencement Address.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop, Thomas J. Feeney, S.J., visited the Sisters at St. Thomas Aquinas Convent and narrated many interesting episodes and events of his long missionary career in the Marshall Islands.

Rev. E. Neufeld held a Cana Conference for young married couples residing in Suffolk County at the Dominican Juniorate, Water Mill, L. I.

Rev. Arthur R. McGratty, S.J., National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer, addressed the Novitiate members on the subject of devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Sister M. Teodosia, O.P., for more than forty years in charge of the sick Sisters of the Congregation and Sister M. Peregrine, O.P., a missionary in Puerto Rico for many years, departed this life since the last issue of *Dominicana*.

### Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas

Sisters M. Clarice, Leona, and Thomas Aquinas, who are teaching at St. Mary's School, Whittier, California, spent the Christmas holidays in Texas.

Sister Mary Stephen Halloran died in Galveston on January 27, in the 40th year of her religious profession. Previous to her illness she had been teaching in Sacred Heart Parochial School, Galveston. Funeral was from the convent chapel in Galveston, the Requiem Mass being offered by Rev. George Beck and burial taking place in Garden of Gethsemane Cemetery, Houston. Among Sister Stephen's survivors is Sister Mary Basil, O.P., her sister, who is at present residing at the Convent of St. Mary's of the Purification, Houston.

Preparation are being made for the investiture of fourteen postulants in the habit of St. Dominic on March 25; and for the first profession of four postulants on the following day.

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

Sister Margaret Ann, head of the Biology Department has received a fifteen hundred dollar grant from the Damon Runyon Fund for cancer research. Sister has been carrying on research in this field for the past seven years.

Sister Amelia has recently published two new works in medieval French literature, *Seven More Poems by Nicholas Bozon*, published by the Franciscan Institute, and "Liturgy and Allegory in Chrétien's Perceval," a monograph published at Chapel Hill. She has also written an article for a forthcoming issue of *Romance Philology* entitled "The Blanchefflor—Perceval Questions."

Sisters Angelita and Charles Anne from the College of St. Mary of the Springs and Sisters Coralita and Francis de Sales of Albertus Magnus College attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges held in Washington, January 8-10.

Sister Brigetta, head of the Home Economics Department is to be a member of the faculty of the Graduate School at St. Louis University for the summer session of 1952. She will conduct a Seminar course on Home Economics Education.

Sister Maryanna addressed the Parent Teacher Association of St. Joseph's Academy on February 7 on the topic "Education for Wisdom" and the Communion breakfast of the Ohio State University Newman Club February 17 on the subject of Cardinal Newman.

Rev. Urban Fay, O.P., conducted the annual retreat for the College students

January 27-30 and Rev. James Maloney, O.P., will give a retreat for the Academy girls April 6-9.

The Congregation recently lost by death two of its younger members: Sister Louis Mary Bardone on January 15 and Sister Mary Jordan Di Sabatino on Feb. 1.

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

On January 21, 1952, the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, in North Guilford, Conn., quietly celebrated the fifth anniversary of its foundation. Between 1947 and the present, the foundation which began with eleven Nuns, a few postulants, and a lot of card-board cartons of odds and ends in a really old farm-house has been transformed into a complete, though temporary, monastery with a Community numbering 42, a public chapel accommodating 160 (soon to be enlarged), an exceptionally beautiful out-door Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima where several thousand people can gather comfortably for the May and October pilgrimages, and even a guest-house. An unexpected gift of carillon bells like those of the North American College in Rome completed the monastic charm of the foundation. The Monastery Eucharistic Hour on January 20, conducted by Rev. A. D. Frenay, O.P., Ph.D., Chaplain of the Monastery, and attended by many friends and benefactors, was offered in thanksgiving for the blessings God has poured on the monastery. On the anniversary day, the monastery came in possession of an exceptionally lovely imported painting for the Rosary Altar of the Chapel. This occasion also brought the Nuns the exceptional privilege of hearing an inspiring talk by Empress Zita of Austria, who, with her daughter, Archduchess Adelaide of Austria, was visiting one of the Nuns.

From February 7 to 9, a Triduum was made by the Nuns in preparation for the first anniversary of their Solemn Profession on February 10. Rev. Vincent Donovan, O.P., undertook the necessary traveling to divide his days between the Benedictine Monastery, Regina Laudis, where he is Chaplain, and the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace where he preached the Triduum.

### The Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, River Park, Ossining, N. Y.

Sister Bernard Marie Winters of Columbus, Ohio, and Sister M. Ann William Berberich of Covington, Kentucky, made temporary profession at the Convent of Queen of the Rosary-on-the-Hudson, December 9. The Rev. Albert A. Pinckney, pastor of St. Therese's Church, Briarcliff, New York, presided at the ceremony. Other clergy present were the Very Rev. L. P. Johannsen, O.P., Chaplain, the Reverends W. G. Cummins, O.P., James T. McKenna, O.P., William Ward, Thomas Donnellan and Lt. Joseph Z. Aud, U.S. Army Chaplain.

*The Sick Poor*, a new monthly magazine published by the congregation, was released during the first week of December. It will replace the quarterly known as *The Dominicanette* published for four years by the Dominicanettes of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The feast of Christmas was observed in the Motherhouse, and at the Novitiate, by the traditional singing of Matins, procession to the crib, and high Mass.

The Very Rev. T. M. Sparks, O.P., socius to the Master General, was a recent visitor.

The New York Dominicanettes celebrated their fifth anniversary on February 3. In a special ceremony preceding a Holy Hour conducted by Rev. J. T. Carrigan, O.P., ten young women received the official Dominicanette pin in recognition of

their having contributed 100 hours each to the nursing of the sick poor in their own homes. The Right Rev. Charles L. Giblin, president of Cathedral College, was in the sanctuary.

### **Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Rev. John de Marchi, I.M.C., director of the Seminary at Fátima, Portugal, at present in the United States establishing a Seminary for his Order in Batavia, N. Y., celebrated Mass in the Convent Chapel on February 12.

On his return from a Central American trip, Rev. A. M. Klink, director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, gave the Community an interesting account of his travels.

On March 19, Feast of St. Joseph, two Sisters pronounced their perpetual vows, and one novice made temporary profession. The ceremony was conducted by Very Rev. Wm. J. Bronner, Ecclesiastical Superior. The Solemn High Mass preceding the ceremony was celebrated by Rt. Rev. John J. Clark, pastor of St. Rose, assisted by Rev. Leonard Koehring, Convent Chaplain as deacon, Rev. A. M. Klink as sub-deacon, and Rev. Casimir Czaplicki, C.S.C., of St. Charles Boy's Home, Master of Ceremonies. The sermon was delivered by Rt. Rev. Henry Schmidt, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Racine.