



# CLOISTER + CHRONICLE



## ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

**CONDOLENCES** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy and prayers to the Rev. M. A. O'Connor, O.P., Rev. H. R. Ahern, O.P., and Rev. R. T. Imwalle, O.P., on the death of their fathers; to the Rev. J. V. Fitzgerald, O.P., on the death of his mother; to the Very Rev. C. A. Drexelius, O.P., Rev. M. A. Murray, O.P., Rev. E. J. Donovan, O.P., Rev. J. J. Costello, O.P., and Rev E. M. McDonald, O.P., on the death of their brothers.

**SIMPLE PROFESSION** On November 24, in the Chapel of the House of Studies, Washington, D. C., the Very Rev. W. M. Conlon, O.P., Prior, received the simple profession of two laybrothers: Malachy Cosgrove and Louis Bertrand Alvey.

**HONORS** In virtue of authorization by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, the Supreme Council for the Holy Year has conferred the silver medal, "Benemerenti," on the Very Rev. T. R. Gallagher, O.P.

**CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE** The twenty-first annual observance of the Chair of Unity Octave was held at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C., January 18-25. On January 23, the Rev. H. I. Smith, O.P., Dean of the School of Philosophy at Catholic University, preached the sermon, and the Brothers from the House of Studies served as ministers at the Solemn Benediction given by the Most Rev. Bryan McEntegart, D.D., Rector of Catholic University.

**NEW STUDENTS** Two members of the Holy Rosary Province, Brothers Agripino Franco-Herrero, O.P., and Ramon Perez-Rodriguez, O.P., arrived in November, from Avila, Spain, to pursue their courses in Theology, at the House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

## HOLY NAME PROVINCE

**CONDOLENCES** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy to Brother Basil Lamb, O.P., on the death of his father.

**ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES** The House of Studies welcomed the arrival of Fathers Luke Voesing, O.P., and Matthias Grewe, O.P., student priests from the Province of Germany, and Brothers Eladio Neira-Zamora, O.P., Dennis Cabezon-Garcia, O.P., and Rufino Cosgaya-Mencia, O.P., Spanish students for the Province of the Philippines.

Brother Cyprian Bryant, O.P., student of philosophy for this Province, has been sent to Hawksyard Priory, England, to continue his studies.

## ST. ALBERT'S PROVINCE

**CONDOLENCES** The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy and prayers to the Rev. Fathers F. L. Schneider, O.P., and J. B. Schneider, O.P., and to Brothers Kilian Downey, O.P., George Nintemann, O.P., and Melchior Wyss, O.P., on the death of their fathers; and to the Rev. J. P. Malvey, O.P., and to the Rev. J. S. McHatton, O.P., on the death of their mothers; and to Rev. A. M. Kavanagh, O.P., and the Very Rev. J. J. McDonald, O.P., on the death of their brothers.

**PROFESSION** On January 15, 1954, Brother Christopher Ferguson, laybrother, made simple profession to the Very Rev. G. R. Joubert, O.P., Prior, at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.

**DEGREE** On November 10, 1953, at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, conferred the degree of Master of Sacred Theology on the Very Rev. M. J. Clancy, O.P., professor of Canon Law at the House of Studies.

## FOREIGN CHRONICLE

**IRELAND** President Sean T. O'Kelly of Ireland headed a group of civic dignitaries who gathered in Tralee, County Kerry, to honor the memory of a martyred Dominican Prior, Father Thaddeus Moriarity, who was hanged by Cromwell's soldiers in Killarney in 1653. Bishop Denis Moynihan of Kerry was the celebrant of a Solemn High Mass to mark the anniversary.

**ITALY** The Dominican Nuns of Montepulciano have succeeded in restoring their historic convent, dedicated to Saint Agnes, which they regained in 1952.

On the day following his reception into the Third Order of St. Dominic by the Master-General, Cardinal Lecaro, Archbishop of Bologna, presided at a Mass for those of his city who have Blessed Martin De Porres as their patron.

## SISTERS' CHRONICLE

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

Sister Francis Gabriel, a member of the Art department of the College of St. Mary of the Springs did the art work and layout on a brochure entitled "Stars Shining Forever" presenting the history of the twenty-two religious communities in the Diocese of Columbus. Prepared during Ohio's Sesquicentennial celebration, the booklet carries a foreword by Bishop Michael J. Ready, D.D.

Sister Thomas Albert, professor of Sociology at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, was recently elected Vice-President of the Catholic Association for International Peace at Washington, D. C.

At the meeting of the Modern Language Association in Chicago, December 28-30, Sister Vincentia represented Albertus Magnus College. Sister Amelia and Sister Mary Arthur represented St. Mary of the Springs. On the same dates in Chicago, Sister Natalie attended the Catholic and American Historical Society Meetings as a delegate from Albertus.

Forty-one Dominican students from St. Joseph's, Somerset, were guests of St.

Mary's on December 31. The Brothers presented an original entertainment written for the occasion.

Sister Maryanna has written the text for a box of Marian Year Greeting Cards to be released shortly by Stanley Greetings, Inc.

Sister Anita Duffy died at Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, on January 11. Sister would have celebrated her golden jubilee on July 10. Sister Mary James O'Connor died at the Motherhouse on January 17 in the thirty-third year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

Annual retreats for the college students were conducted at St. Mary of the Springs on January 25-27 by the Rev. Edward J. Finnin, O.P.; at Albertus Magnus on February 7-9 by the Rev. Harold R. Barrow, O.P.

### Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll, New York

The first novice was received into the new congregation being trained by Maryknoll Sisters in Nyegina, Tanganyika, British East Africa. Taking the name Sister Mary Letitia, this young African girl became the first of the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa. Sister Letitia has waited more than two years for her vestition day. The habit, as designed by Sister Mariana, consists of a dress of light grey cotton drill. The sleeves are three-quarter length and the skirt, lightly pleated, is about five inches from the ground. The elbow-length cape fastens in the front and has a detachable Buster-Brown collar. The veil is very simple. Fairly short, it ties around the head with a starched linen facing extending slightly to frame the face. Sandals complete the habit. Sister Rose Miriam (Dagg) of Cleveland, Ohio, has undertaken training of the new congregation.

The third refugee center for Chinese who have poured into the British Crown colony of Hong Kong is well on the way to completion at Tung Tau Village on the outskirts of Kowloontong, Hong Kong. The people here have been living in caves and crude shacks on the hillsides. The Hong Kong Government and the Maryknoll Fathers built some cottages and brought about better conditions in general. The convent is nearing completion. When this is finished, two Maryknoll Sisters will take up permanent residence there, Sister Mary Ignatia (McNally) of Dover, N. H., and Sister Maria Petra (Cazale) of New Orleans, La. The plan is to operate an elementary school and to give catechetical instruction to children and adults alike.

Sister Maria Jose (Cannon) of St. Paul, Minn., was flown from her mission station in Hawaii to compete with 100 other contestants in the Grand National Bake-Off held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, December 13. Sister Maria Jose's cookies (named Coconut Islands for her adopted mission land) was awarded Third Grand Prize of \$2,500. She also received a General Electric stove, mixer, and a washing machine. It was the first time that a Sister had been selected as one of the 100 Finalists at the Grand Bake-Off, much less had placed for one of the Grand Prizes.

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

The Most Rev. Louis LaRavoire Morrow, Bishop of Krishnager, India was a guest of the Motherhouse for three weeks shortly before Christmas.

Sister M. de Ricci, O.P., was appointed to the Nominating Committee of the Wisconsin Association of Record Librarians at their last meeting.

At the recent meeting of the Junior Auxiliary of St. Catherine's Hospital, Sister M. Clotilda, O.P., Supervisor of the Pediatric Department was the guest speaker.

Sister commended these young ladies for their fine work in this particular section of the hospital.

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

Rev. D. A. Balla, O.P., conducted a retreat for the Sisters at the Motherhouse during the Christmas holiday season.

Rev. Mother Mary Cleopha, O.P., in company with Rev. Mother M. Imelda, O.P., Springfield, Ill., attended a committee meeting on the Dominican Ceremonial at the Dominican Motherhouse, Tacoma, Washington, in mid-January.

Sister M. Leocadia Biberger, O.P., died on December 18, 1953, and Sister M. Julia Burkell, O.P., on January 11, 1954. Both Sisters were in their forty-fifth year of religious profession. R.I.P.

### **Congregation of the Most Holy Cross, Everett, Washington**

The Motherhouse has imported a statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Portugal. Sculptured by the famous Casa Thedim, the statue was first brought to Fatima and blessed on the spot of the Apparitions by the Very Rev. Joseph Agius, O.P.

On November 11, Sister M. Gerard Lyons died suddenly. On the morning of her death, Sister Gerard had brought a bouquet to St. Joseph whom she greatly loved and honored, and remarked on the nearness of eternity. After lunch she prepared to complete her report cards and while she was busy for her Master, was stricken with an illness that lasted but two hours. R.I.P.

Shortly after Christmas, Father Mark Donnelly, O.P., of Portland, Oregon, conducted a ten-day course in Hospital Ethics for the sisters engaged in nursing.

The largest class of Postulants in our history has Father William Dooley, O.P., for weekly classes in an introduction to philosophy and the Summa in preparation for more advanced study in these fields.

Holy Cross Studio is preparing a special Marian Booklet in honor of Our Lady. Material for the booklet will be original contributions of the sisters for the sisters. It is hoped in this way not only to satisfy the devotion but also the artistic and creative ability of the sisters who will in a special way honor Our Lady.

### **Mt. St. Mary-on-the-Hudson, Newburgh, New York**

Christmas Midnight Mass was offered by Rev. O. D. Parent, O.P., chaplain, assisted by Rev. Hilary Kenny, O.P., and Rev. Alan Smith, O.P.

Rev. Mother Christina Marie, O.P., and Sister Margaret Michael, O.P., supervisor of schools, went by plane on January 21 to visit the community schools in San Lorenzo and Villa Caparra, Puerto Rico.

Plans are completed and contracts awarded for the Sisters' Infirmary, a 90-foot extension, with wing, of the Administration Building.

A Vocation Program under the direction of Sister M. Consilia, O.P., held at the Motherhouse on November 8, drew several hundred visitors to the conferences. In addition to the Sisters who presented papers, the Rev. Charles Calahan, spiritual director of the Sodality at St. Paul's, Jersey City, spoke.

A Forum on Religious Vocations, also under Sister Consilia's direction, was held in St. Paul's Parish Hall, Jersey City, on November 15. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. F. Monaghan, pastor at St. Paul's gave the opening prayer.

The Very Rev. Sebastian Tauzin, O.P., provincial of Brazil, spent several days at the Mount during his stay in the East.

Our Lady of Fatima Convent and School, staffed by the Newburgh Dominicans,

were dedicated on November 15 by His Eminence Francis Cardinal McIntyre, in place of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, who was ill.

Rev. Camillus Barth, C.P., who believes that devotion to St. Maria Goretti has the answer to most of the youth problems that harass society today, gave a series of conferences at Mt. St. Mary. From the Mount as his headquarters, in the one week spent in the Hudson River Valley, he gave seventeen lectures in the colleges and schools of the vicinity.

Sister M. Ann Dominic Griffin, O.P., died on October 24, in the 47th year of her Profession; Sister M. Stella Reilly, O.P., died on November 28 in the 70th year of her Profession; Sister M. Alypia Rinkenburger, O.P., died on December 20 in the 72nd year of her Profession; Sister Mary Concepta Thibault, O.P., died on January 3 in the 54th year of her Profession; Sister Mary Assumpta Dosch, O.P., died on January 20 in the 60th year of her Profession. R.I.P.

### **Saint Catharine of Siena Congregation, Saint Catharine, Kentucky**

On November first, the Most Rev. John L. Paschang, D.D., Bishop of Grand Island, dedicated the new school at Grand Island, Nebraska. The Rev. A. E. Egging is pastor; Saint Catharine sisters compose the faculty.

Sister Eileen Driscoll died on November seventh in the thirty-fourth year of religious profession. R.I.P.

The Marian Year was initiated with a Conventual High Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception. High Mass was chanted each day during the Octave of the Feast.

The Rev. Raymond Smith, O.P., preached a Marian Retreat to the college and academy students in preparation for the Year of Mary.

Present at the Thanksgiving Mid-South Conference meeting of the Catholic Library Association held in Memphis, Tennessee were Sister Stella Maris, librarian of Saint Catharine Junior College and Academy; Sister Perpetua Marie, Holy Rosary Academy, Louisville, Kentucky; Sister Esther Marie, Siena College and Sister Mary Margaret, Saint Agnes Academy, Memphis, Tennessee.

At the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society, held in Saint Louis during the Christmas recess, Sister Leo Marie participated in special panel discussions.

The faculties of Siena College and Saint Agnes Academy, Memphis, Tennessee attended the sessions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools held in that city early in October.

On the Feast of Holy Innocents the Rev. L. A. Springman, O.P., directed the philosophy students of Saint Rose Studium in a program composed of three one act dramas.

Sister Anna received the M.A. degree in English literature from De Paul University, Chicago, in January. Sister Mary Clare recently made a potent contribution to the Methods of Teaching Gregg Shorthand through the Faculty of Difficult Figure. Sister Stella Maris has edited the 1954 Catholic Booklist for the Catholic Library Association. Sister Paschala's "Hewn Harness" was included in "Why I Entered the Convent," a 1953 vocation symposium edited by the Rev. George L. Kane.

On the Feast of Saint Margaret the sisters and student body assembled for a High Mass offered for Mother Margaret Elizabeth, Mother General.

The Very Rev. Clifford Davis, O.P., conducted the annual January retreat. Following the close of the spiritual exercises, Fr. Davis spoke at the ceremonies of investiture and profession of February first and second. The Rev. M. S. Willoughby, O.P., presided at the ceremonies of reception and consecration by vow, Sister Marie



Francesca Cameron, Sister Thomas Leo Osbourn, Sister Rose Joseph Carroll, Sister Dorothea Marie, Sister Helen Joseph Callahan, Sister David Marie Dropski, and Sister Rose Nicholas Morris received the holy habit. On the morning of the Feast of the Purification Sister James Michael Hill, Sister Margaret William Buchanan and Sister Maria Theresa Zayas made first vows.

Sisters Mary Edward and Regina observed the fiftieth year of their profession on March seventh; Sisters Casimir, Rosalita, Natalie, Lorenz, Mary Jane, Frances Claire, Rosita, Mary Edna, Carina, Lucinda, Mary George, Rose Irma, Judith, Mary Alfred, Ulicia, Mary Samuel, and Marian marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of their profession.

### Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mission San Jose, California

On November 24, 1953, the "Constitution Day" of the congregation, the Junior Professed Sisters entertained the community at the Motherhouse, with an appropriate program.

As a fitting opening to the Marian Year, an original "Marian Pageant" was presented by the students of Queen of the Holy Rosary College, in the College Auditorium, on the evening of December 8, 1953.

On the evening of January 16, a lecture was given in the College Auditorium by Mr. Stephen Oraz, well-known writer and lecturer. The topic for the evening was "The Mercy of God." The address was followed by a privately produced film on the "Miracle of Fatima."

The Mid-year community retreat was held at the Motherhouse from January 25 to February 1, with Rev. A. T. Morrison, O.P., conducting the exercises.

On February 1, twelve postulants were clothed in the holy habit of Saint Dominic, and one novice from Japan (S. Marie Seraphine, O.P.,) made her first profession. The ceremonies, at which Rev. Stanley Reilley, representative of the Archbishop officiated, were preceded by a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving. Present in the sanctuary were Rev. Paul C. Egli, O.P., Motherhouse Chaplain, Rev. A. T. Morrison, O.P., Retreat-Master, and several other members of the local clergy.

On Friday, February 5, five new postulants entered the Community.

Plans have been completed for several Days of Recollectoin which will be held on the Motherhouse Convent grounds for various groups of young women of the San Francisco and East Bay Area. The first date is set for February 26, and the last on April 4.

### St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tennessee

At the solemn closing of the Forty Hours devotion held in the St. Cecilia convent chapel on January 12, the Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., and a large number of the Nashville clergy marched in the procession.

Dr. J. E. Windrow, professor of Education at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, addressed the St. Cecilia Academy student body during January.

The annual reception of new members into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary was held on February 2, in the St. Cecilia Academy chapel. The Rev. William E. Morgan, chaplain, presided and preached. Following the ceremony in the chapel, the new Sodalists were entertained by the student body in the assembly hall of the Academy.

Three young ladies received the Dominican habit in solemn ceremonies held in the convent chapel on the afternoon of February 28. They were: Miss Adele Poole,

of Jackson, Tennessee; Miss Dorothy Geist, of Nashville, and Miss Dolores Holzbach, of Newport News, Virginia. Rev. D. Richardson, pastor of Assumption Church, Nashville, preached.

On the feast of St. Thomas, March 7, the following novices made first profession of vows: Sister Marie Vianney Hamilton, Sister Judith Wright, and Sister Angelina Langston.

The Rev. William E. Morgan, chaplain, preached. The Most Reverend William L. Adrian, D.D., presided at both the reception and profession of ceremonies.

### **Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Buffalo, N. Y.**

On November 30, 35 members of the Immaculate Heart Chapter of the Third Order attended the first day of recollection to be held in the tertiary rooms of the Monastery. The conferences were given by the Chapter Director, the Very Rev. Albert Drexelius, O.P.

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, received fitting homage in the opening moments of December 8th by the Midnight Mass with which the Marian Year was commenced in this Monastery.

The traditional Holy Hour, comprising the last half hour of the old year and the first half hour of the new, was conducted in the chapel at New Year's. It included the chanting of the Miserere and the Te Deum by the Nuns and was closed with Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The officiators were the Very Rev. Albert Drexelius, O.P., Rev. Regis Barron, O.P., and Rev. Robert Prout, O.P.

On February 17, Sister Mary Martin of the Rosary made profession of Solemn Vows.

### **Convent of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Springfield, Ill.**

Five Confraternity Schools of Christian Doctrine among high school groups in public schools were opened in October. These schools are administered by Sisters M. Matthew and M. Edna who reside in Arcola, Ill.

In December, Father Brannigan, S.J., of the Russian Center, Fordham University, celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass according to the Byzantine Rite in the convent chapel.

In January, Sisters M. Eulalia, M. Damien, Francis Joseph, M. Anita, and M. Concepta, took over the administration of the *Alfred Fortin Villa*, a home for children in Bourbonnais, Illinois in the diocese of Joliet. The institution, which will accommodate forty children, was made possible through the bequest of the late Alfred Fortin.

The Silver Jubilee of religious profession was commemorated by fourteen sisters on January 2.

On January 3, eleven postulants received the holy habit. On January 4, eight sisters made profession for three years and fourteen sisters made profession of perpetual vows. The Most Rev. William A. O'Connor, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, presided on both occasions.

Recent deaths in the community were: Sister M. Theophilia Bierre, former Vicarress General and community school supervisor; Sister M. Benven Reidy, a patient during her last years at *Salve Regina Home*, Denver, Colorado; Sister M. Dominica Bergan, the oldest member of the community having been professed for seventy-two years. R.I.P.

### Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, Louisiana

On January 7, Sister Mary Raymond Frank, O.P., Sister Mary Alessandra Toledano, O.P., Sister Mary Virginia Bourgeois, O.P., Sister Mary Mark Torres, O.P., and Sister Mary Edmund Gibson, O.P., made perpetual profession in the Novitiate Chapel in Rosaryville, La.; Father Dominic H. Barthelemy, O.P., pastor of Holy Ghost Church, Hammond, La., presided.

January 12-14 Sister Mary Alexaidia, O.P., and Sister Mary Louise, O.P., attended the Conference of the Southern Region of the National Catholic Educational Association and the Association of American Colleges Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

January 22-23 Sister Mary Reginald attended the Conference of the Louisiana College Libraries held at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

January 22-23 Sister Mary Peter, O.P., Sister Mary Roberta, O.P., Sister Mary Germaine, O.P., and Sister Mary Giles, O.P., participated in the Teachers' Institute held in St. Peter's School, Reserve, Louisiana.

On January 28 the Sisters, College and High School students and friends welcomed the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima to Dominican Campus.

On February 10 Rev. Father Raymond E. Kavanah, O.P., gave an illustrated lecture on his recent visit to the Holy Land to the faculty and students of the College.

February 27-28 Sister Mary Vincent, O.P., and Sister Mary Alexaidia, O.P., were delegates to the Louisiana College Conference held in Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

### Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, New York

On December 13, Sister Dorothy Ann, O.P., addressed the members of the Catholic Family Group who sponsored a Cana Conference at St. Angela Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y. Sister spoke on "How to Help Your Child in School."

During Christmas week, Rev. Mother M. Rose Gertrude, O.P., invited the Sisters of the Congregation to Dominican Commercial High School to a "Dominican Day" celebration.

The youngest group of Junior Professed returned to Queen of the Rosary Novitiate on Holy Innocents Day when the novices took over the functions of administration at the Mother House for the day.

Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, and Most Rev. John J. Boardman, Brooklyn Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, visited Queen of the Rosary Mother House, Thursday, January 14.

The interterm retreat, February 7 to 13, for the Sisters of the Congregation was conducted by Rev. Father Alphonsus Ryan, O.F.M., at St. Joseph's Convent, Saint Josephs, Sullivan County, N. Y.

The retreat for Superiors and Administrators of the various institutions of the Congregation was conducted at Queen of the Rosary Mother House during the same week by Very Rev. Matthew Hanley, O.P.

Four lay retreats for Catholic business women, high school students and nurses were given at Our Lady of Prouille Retreat House, Amityville, N. Y., during November to January. The Retreat Masters were: Rev. J. McDonough, O.P., Rev. F. Regan, O.P., and Rev. Joseph A. Manning, O.P.

The second volume of "Daughters of Dominic on Long Island" by Rev. Eugene J. Crawford, Spiritual Director of the Sisters of the Congregation, has been com-



pleted. This volume published by Benziger Bros., Inc., New York, continues the Community History from 1938 through the Centenary year 1954.

Sister Mary Jean, O.P., of Mary Immaculate Hospital, an intern dietitian at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota, acted as chairman on a panel discussion, Wednesday, January 27. During the first week of February, Sister was graduated from St. Mary's Hospital of the Mayo Foundation, with an affiliation of the American Dietetic Association.

### **Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Camden, New Jersey**

Camden Monastery Chapel has been designated by His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Eustace, as the Shrine of Our Lady where a daily plenary indulgence may be gained during the Marian Year. Bishop Eustace consecrated the Chapel on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Camden Foundation.

### **Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Syracuse, New York**

The new wing of the monastery was open to visitors for a week and then blessed by Most Rev. Bishop Foery, accompanied by Right Rev. Monsignor R. E. Dillon and Rev. J. Caien, chaplain. The nuns moved into their new quarters after the imposition of the Papal Enclosure.

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

A solemn novena was held in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the opening of the Marian Year.

Christmas midnight Mass was sung by Very Rev. Fr. Codato of the Barnabite College. Rev. R. G. Sampon, student Priest of the North American College, celebrated Mass on Christmas morning.

On January 13th, Very Rev. A. Tindal-Atkinson, O.P., began his course of bi-monthly conferences.

Visitors have included: His Eminence, Cardinal Tedeschini, accompanied by Monsignor Marchetti and Very Rev. P. M. Caterini, O.P.; Bishop M. J. O'Connor of the North American College; Bishop P. M. Cambiaghi of Crema; Very Rev. A. Tindal-Atkinson, English Socius to the Master General; Very Rev. E. Moran of the Angelicum; and a group of Dominican Sisters of the Institute of St. Joseph, Switzerland, just returned from China.

### **Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, Glasgow, Scotland**

The first ceremony of Profession of Dominican Nuns in Scotland since the so-called Reformation took place last October. Three Postulants received the Habit and two novices made temporary profession. His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Campbell presided at the Clothing ceremony, and the Very Rev. Hilary Carpenter, O.P., presided and preached at the Profession.

In December the Most Rev. Master General visited the community.

Rev. Gerald Vann, O.P., is giving the community a series of conferences.

### **Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Lancaster, Pa.**

The annual retreat for the Community was conducted by the Very Rev. Matthew Hanley, O.P., from November 29 to December 8.

Midnight Mass on Christmas was sung by the Rev. Charles J. Weaver, Chaplain

of the Monastery. On Christmas morning two Masses were celebrated in the Monastery Chapel by the Very Rev. Thomas Tobin, C.S.S.R., Rector of the Redemptorist House at Ephrata, Pa.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. George L. Leech, Bishop of Harrisburg, broke ground for the new Chapel and Monastery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The new building is being erected on the plot of land adjacent to the present, provisional Monastery and directly south of it. Present at the ground-breaking ceremony besides the Pastors and other clergy of the local Churches, was the Right Rev. Monsignor Daley of Philadelphia. The Student Council of Lancaster Catholic High School also attended in a body, with the Rev. Bernard Mattern, Principal and some of the faculty members.

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

On October 14 Rev. Lawrence Tebbe, pastor of St. John's Church, Fryburgh, Ohio, showed colored slides which he had taken on a recent trip throughout the Holy Land.

The Rev. Sebastian Louian, O.P., provincial of the Brazil province, visited our convent of St. Mary Magdalene. The Master General has only recently erected Brazil to the status of a province and Father Louian requested the prayers of all Dominicans for its success.

Recent visitors at Queen of the Rosary were Father Dennis Kane, O.P., a navy chaplain just home from duty in Africa and Father Francis N. Wendell, O.P., editor of *The Torch*.

Anne Cawley Boardman, author of *Such Love is Seldom*, the biography of Mother Mary Walsh—foundress of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, visited the Ossining convent for the first time.

Two members of our Community were present at a meeting of vocation directors working the Archdiocese of New York held at the Convent of the Helpers of the Holy Souls in New York City. One of the Sisters has served on the Archdiocesan Vocation Committee for the past year. Vocation programs have also been attended in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Cincinnati and Columbus.

Sister M. Cecelia Galligan celebrated her Silver Anniversary on December 8.

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

Recent deaths were those of Sisters Mary Scholastica Fox, Imelda Payant, Solana Lyons, and Liguori Claffey. R.I.P.

New elementary schools opened this year are: St. John Vianney, Dishman, Washington; St. Philip, Apostle, Northfield, Illinois; and Holy Family, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin.

During the meeting of the American Catholic Historical Society in Chicago, December 28-30, Sister Albertus Magnus gave an address, "The Function of History: The Tradition of Western Scholarship."

Rosary College was host to the French national Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi, for its national triennial meeting in December. Representatives from thirty colleges and universities attended. Among the guests were: M. Pierre Donzelot, representative of French universities in the United States; M. Francois Briere, French consul in Chicago; and Mlle. Helene Harvitt, editor of the *French Review*.

On December 10, Rev. Jerome C. Hastrich, Chancellor of the Diocese of Madison, erected a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at Edgewood College, Madison.

A group of 100 young women interested in religious life had a day of recol-

lection at St. Clara on January 2-3, under the direction of Rev. Thomas C. Donlon, O.P.

Rev. Charles J. D. Corcoran, O.P., of River Forest, Illinois, conducted the mid-year novitiate retreat. At its close, February 2, two postulants received the holy habit from Very Reverend J. B. Connolly, O.P., Chaplain. On February 5 one novice made profession, *ad triennium*.

Developing the theme, "What the Sisters Expect of the Reverend Superintendents of Catholic Schools," Mother Evelyn spoke at the November meeting of Reverend Superintendents of Catholic Schools held in Washington, D. C. During February, Mother Evelyn visited our convents in Fribourg, Switzerland, and Florence, Italy. The second regional meeting of the NCC on Home Economics was held at Rosary College, February 13, with Sister Juliette as program chairman. The theme of the meeting, "Strengthening Family Bonds through Mary," will vitalize later meetings through the year.

On February 12, Sister Melchior gave a talk, "Italian Summer," at the Illinois Classical Conference which was held at Decatur, Illinois.

Our novitiate is this year a haven for two young refugees from the present Communist fury in Vietnam. Their coming sponsored by their Ordinary, Bishop Pham-ngoc-Chi of Bui Chu, Sister Mary Anna Nguyen thi Ninh, O.P., recently professed, and Rose Lima Ngoc Huong Dinh Thi, an aspirant, arrived on November 3 and are continuing their religions and academic studies.